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Ir-Catalysed Formation of C–F Bonds. From Allylic Alcohols to α -Fluoroketones.

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General

Air and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. Reagents were used as obtained from commercial suppliers without further purification. THF was used as obtained from supplier (puriss. p. a., stabilized with 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol ~250 mg/l). The undistilled THF used in the reactions tested negative for peroxides (0% by Quantofix peroxide). A potassium dihydrogen phosphate/disodium hydrogen phosphate buffer (pH 7; per litre: $3.54 \text{ g KH}_2\text{PO}_4/14.7\text{g Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$) was used as obtained from supplier. Flash chromatography was carried out on 60 Å (35-70 µm) silica gel. Spectra were recorded at 400 or 500 MHz for ¹H NMR, at 100 or 125 MHz for ¹³C NMR, and at 376 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR on a Bruker Advance spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard, (CDCl₃: δ_{H} 7.26 and δ_{C} 77.16). ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts (δ) (¹H-decuopled) are reported in ppm from CFCl₃ with C₆H₃F (δ -113.15) as internal standard. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker microTOF ESI-TOF mass spectrometer.

Preparation of allylic alcohols

Alcohols **1a** and **1e** were used as obtained from supplier. Allylic alcohols $1c^{1}$, $1f^{2}$, and $1h^{3}$ were prepared as described in the literature.

Allylic alcohols 1b-d were prepared in a similar manner to 1h:3

The corresponding aldehyde (1 equiv) was added to a solution of vinylmagnesium bromide (1M in THF, 1.1 equiv) at 0 °C, and then the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature. On consumption of the aldehyde (as monitored by TLC: EtOAc/Pentane 1:20), the reaction was quenched with NH₄Cl (aq), extracted with EtOAc (x 3) and washed with brine. The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/Pentane 1:20 – 1:5) afforded the pure allylic alcohols.

Synthesis of 2-Methylnon-1-en-3-ol (1g):



A solution of hexylmagnesium bromide (2M, in diethylether, 20 mmol) was added to a suspension of methacrolein (20 mmol) and CeCl₃ (20 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction was left to slowly warm to room temperature overnight (15 h). The mixture was quenched with NH₄Cl (aq), extracted with Et₂O (x 3) and washed with brine. Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/Pentane 1:30 – 1:10) afforded **1g** as a colourless oil.

Synthesis of (*E*)-4-Phenyl-3-buten-2-deuterium-2-ol (1f-*d*₁):



NaBD₄ (172 mg, 4.1 mmol) was added in portions to a solution of benzylideneacetone (585 mg, 4 mmol) and CeCl₃·7H₂O (372 mg, 4.5 mmol) in MeOH (25 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h before the addition of HCl (aq, 1M). The methanol was removed under reduced pressure, and the product extracted repeatedly with Et₂O. The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, and solvents were evaporated. Purification by column chromatography (Pentane/EtOAc 10:1) afforded **1f**-*d*₁ as a white solid (540 mg, 92 %, 96 %[D] (D content determined by ¹H NMR and HRMS-ESI).

Characterization data of allylic alcohols (1b, 1d, 1g and 1f-*d*₁):

4-Ethyloct-1-en-3-ol (1b)



Yellow oil, 73 % isolated yield as a mixture of 2 diastereomers (dr = 1:1): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, mixture of diastereomers): δ 4.87 (ddd, J_{HH} = 17.0 Hz, J_{HH} = 10.5 Hz, J_{HH} = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 5.25-5.20 (m, 2H), 5.16-5.13 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.10 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.16 (m, 16H), 0.92-0.87 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, mixture of diastereomers): δ 139.9, 139.8, 115.2, 115.1, 74.8, 74.7, 45.1, 45.0, 29.6, 29.5, 23.0 (2C), 22.3, 21.8, 14.1 (2C), 11.7, 11.5.

1-(Benzyloxy)but-3-en-2-ol (1d)



Colourless oil, 76 % isolated yield: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.84 (ddd, $J_{HH} = 17.2$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 10.5$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dt, $J_{HH} = 17.2$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 1.5$ Hz,1H), 5.20 (dt, $J_{HH} = 10.5$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 1.5$ Hz,1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.55 (dd, $J_{HH} = 9.6$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 3.4$ Hz,1H), 3.39 (dd, $J_{HH} = 9.6$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 7.9$ Hz,1H), 2.51 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 137.9, 136.7, 128.6 (2C), 128.0, 127.9 (2C), 116.6, 74.1, 73.5, 71.6; HRMS-ESI: m/z 201.0884 ([M+Na]⁺, calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄O₂Na₁: 201.0886)

The NMR data were identical to those previously reported for this compound.⁴

2-Methylnon-1-en-3-ol (1g)



Colourless oil, 53 % isolated yield: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 4.93 (m, 1H), 4.83 (m, 1H), 4.04 (t, J_{HH} = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.22 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t,

*J*_{*HH*} = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): *δ* 147.8, 111.1, 76.2, 35.1, 31.9, 29.4, 25.7, 22.7, 17.6, 14.2.

The NMR data were identical to those previously reported for this compound.⁵

(E)-4-Phenyl-3-buten-2-deuterium-2-ol (1f-d₁):



White solid, 92% isolated yield: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.56 (d, J_{HH} = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, J_{HH} = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 1H), 1.37 (s, 3H) ; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 136.8, 133.6, 129.4, 128.7 (2C), 127.7, 126.5 (2C), 66.6 (t, J_{CD} = 22 Hz), 23.4; HRMS-ESI: m/z 172.0840 ([M+Na]⁺, calcd. for C₁₀H₁₁D₁O₁Na₁: 172.0843).

General procedure for the isomerization/fluorination of allylic alcohols

[IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (4 mg, $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ mmol, 1 mol%) was dissolved in a mixture of THF (2.5 mL) and H₂O (0.5 mL) at 30 °C. Selectfluor® (0.63 mmol, 1.25 eq) and the corresponding allylic alcohol (0.5 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was stirred at 30 °C for the time indicated in Table 3. On completion (as monitored by TLC) water (1 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3x2 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the solvent afforded a mixture of α -fluorinated ketone (**2a-h**) and non-fluorinated ketone (**3a-h**). The yield and F/H ratios were determined by ¹H NMR using 1,4-dimethoxybenzene (0.25 mmol) as an internal standard. Isolated products were purified by column chromatography (EtOAC/Pentane or Et₂O/Pentane 1:40 – 1:20). TLC plates were developed with KMnO₄ or Cerium Molybdate (Hanessian's stain).

<u>Characterization data of isolated α-fluoroketones 2c, 2d, 2f and 2h</u>:

4-Fluoro-1-phenylpentan-3-one (2c)



Pale yellow oil, 77% isolated yield: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 3H), 4.87 (dq, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz J_{HF} = 49.6 Hz, 1H), 2.99-2.89 (m, 4H), 1.44 (dd, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz J_{HF} = 23.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 209.4 (d, J_{CF} = 24 Hz), 140.9,

128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 126.4, 92.7 (d, J_{CF} = 181 Hz), 39.2, 28.9 (d, J_{CF} = 2 Hz), 17.6 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz): δ -184.5; HRMS-ESI: m/z 203.0837 ([M+Na]⁺, calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃O₁F₁Na₁: 203.0843).

1-(Benzyloxy)-3-fluorobutan-2-one (2d)



Pale yellow oil, 74 % isolated yield: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.37-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.05 (dq, $J_{HH} = 6.9$ Hz, $J_{HF} = 48.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.49-3.97 (m, 2H), 1.52 (dd, $J_{HH} = 6.9$ Hz, $J_{HF} = 24.3$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 206.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 23$ Hz), 137.1, 128.7 (2C), 128.3, 128.2 (2C), 92.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 179$ Hz), 73.6, 71.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 4$ Hz), 17.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 21$ Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz): δ 191.3; HRMS-ESI: m/z 219.0782 ([M+Na]⁺, calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃ O₂F₁Na₁: 219.0792).

3-Fluoro-4-phenylbutan-2-one (2f)



Pale yellow oil, 67 % isolated yield: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.34-7.22 (m, 5H), 4.94 (ddd, J_{HH} = 3.8 Hz, J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, J_{HF} = 49.9 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (ddd, J_{HH} = 3.8 Hz, J_{HH} = 14.7 Hz, J_{HF} = 28.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (ddd, J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, J_{HH} = 14.7 Hz, J_{HF} = 26.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (d, J_{HF} = 4.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz: δ 208.1 (d, J_{CF} = 26 Hz), 135.4, 129.6 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 96.0 (d, J_{CF} = 185 Hz), 38.2 (d, J_{CF} = 21 Hz), 26.5; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz): δ 188.2; HRMS-ESI: m/z 189.0694 ([M+Na]⁺, calcd. for C₁₀H₁₁O₁F₁Na₁: 189.0686).

The NMR data were identical to those previously reported for this compound.⁶

2-Fluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one (2h)



Colourless oil, 68 % (contaminated with ~4 % propiophenone): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 5.73 (dq, J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, J_{HF} = 48.6 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (dd, J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, J_{HF} = 24 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 197.1 (d, J_{CF} = 19.3 Hz), 134.2, 133.9, 129.1 (J_{CF} = 3.7 Hz, 2C), 128.9 (2C), 90.4 (d, J_{CF} = 180 Hz), 18.4 (d, J_{CF} = 23 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz): δ -181.4; HRMS-ESI: m/z175.0537([M+Na]⁺, calcd. for C₉H₉O₁F₁Na₁: 175.0530) The ¹H NMR data were identical to those previously reported for this compound.⁷

Litt ¹⁹F NMR: -180.6,7 -181.9 to -182.3⁸ and -183.5⁹

Selected NMR data of α -fluoroketones 2a, 2b, 2g and 2f-d¹:

 α -Fluoroketones **2c-d**, **2f** and **2h** were not isolated due to difficulty of separation, volatility and difficulty of detection by TLC. Yields were calculated using 1,4-dimethoxybenzene or fluorobenzene as internal standard and are shown in Table 3. Selected ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR peaks are presented here:

2-Fluorooctan-3-one (2a)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 4.85 (dq, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz, J_{HF} = 49.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dt, J_{HH} = 3.7 Hz, J_{HF} = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.46 (dd, J_{HF} = 24 Hz, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.37-1.20 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 210.7 (d, J_{CF} = 24 Hz), 92.7 (d, J_{CF} = 181 Hz), 37.5, 31.5, 22.54, 22.53, 17.8 (d, J_{CF} = 23 Hz), 14.0; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz): δ -184.2

4-Ethyl-2-fluorooctan-3-one (2b)



Mixture of 2 diastereomers (dr = 1:1): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, two diastereomers): δ 4.88 (dq, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz J_{HF} = 49.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dq, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz J_{HF} = 49.5 Hz, 1H), 2.93-2.87 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.53 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.34 (m, 4H), 1.46 (dd, J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz J_{HF} = 23.8 Hz, 6H), 1.33-1.14 (m, 8H), 0.89-0.81 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, two diastereomers): δ 213.70 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz), 213.67 (d, J_{CF} = 23 Hz) 92.58 (d, J_{CF} = 182 Hz), 92.56 (d, J_{CF} = 182

Hz), 48.0, 47.9, 30.6, 30.2, 29.8, 29.7, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9 (2C), 17.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 22$ Hz), 17.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 22$ Hz), 14.0 (2C), 12.0, 11.8; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz, 2 diastereomers): δ - 184.56, -158.57

3-fluoropentan-2-one (2e)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 4.67 (ddd, J_{HH} = 4.5 Hz, J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, J_{HF} = 50.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, J_{HF} = 4.8 Hz, 3H), 1.93-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 208.5 (d, J_{CF} = 26 Hz), 97.0 (d, J_{CF} = 184 Hz), 26.2, 25.3 (d, J_{CF} = 21 Hz), 8.9 (d, J_{CF} = 4.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz): δ -191.1

2-Fluoro-2-methylnonan-3-one (2g)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 2.64 (dt, J_{HH} = 7.4 Hz, J_{HF} = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.18 (m, 8H), 1.43 (d, J_{HF} = 23 Hz, 6H), 0.92-0.82 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 212.8 (d, J_{CF} = 28 Hz), 99.1 (d, J_{CF} = 179 Hz), 36.6, 31.7, 29.0, 24.3 (d, J_{CF} = 24 Hz, 2C), 23.0 (d, J_{CF} = 2 Hz), 22.6, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz): δ -149.0

3-Fluoro-4-deuterium-4-phenylbutan-2-one (2f-d₁)



Mixture of 2 diastereomers. Deuterium content was 95% as determined by ¹H NMR and ¹⁹F NMR. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, two diastereomers): δ 7.34-7.22 (m, 10H), 5.01-4.85 (m, 2H), 3.25-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.138 (d, J_{HF} = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 2.136 (d, J_{HF} = 4.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 208.1 (d, J_{CF} = 26 Hz), 135.4, 129.6 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 127.3, 90.0 (d, J_{CF} = 187 Hz), 37.9 (dt, J_{CF} = 20 Hz, J_{CD} = 20 Hz), 26.5; ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.4 MHz, two diastereomers): δ : -188.44 (t, J_{DF} = 4.4 Hz), -188, 47 (t, J_{DF} = 4.0 Hz). Minor peak (5%) from non deuturated **2f** at -188.2; HRMS-ESI: m/z 190.0749 ([M+Na]⁺, calcd. for C₁₀H₁₀D₁O₁F₁Na₁: 190.0749)





















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Control experiment: fluorination of allylic alcohol 1c (1 equiv) in the presence of ketone 3a





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Crossover experiment of 1f-d₁ and 1i:



Analysis of the reaction mixture by ¹H , ¹⁹F and ¹³C NMR showed $2f \cdot d_1$ and 2i as only products. However, due to the difficulty of detecting minor amounts of deuturated 2i by NMR (overlapping signals), the ketones were reduced to the corresponding alcohols (4f, 4i) with NaBH₄ in THF/H₂O, and analysed by HRMS-ESI (unreduced 2i and $2f \cdot d_1$ did not give sufficient intensities accurate detection of small amounts of deuterium).

The height of m/z peaks were corrected for the natural 13 C content .



HRMS-ESI: <i>m/z</i> 205.1009 ([M+Na]	, calcd. for $C_{11}H_{15}F_1O_1Na_1$: 205.0999)	100 %
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HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd. for C₁₁D₁H₁₄F₁O₁Na₁: 206.1062 0 %



HRMS-ESI: m/z 192.0913 ([M+Na] ⁺ , calcd. for C ₁₀ H ₁₂ D ₁ F ₁ O ₁ Na ₁ : 192.0905)	95 %
HRMS-ESI: m/z 191.0851 ([M+Na] ⁺ , calcd. for C ₁₀ H ₁₃ F ₁ O ₁ Na ₁ : 191.0843)	5 %

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