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Synthesis of α -Fluoro- β -hydroxy Esters by an Enantioselective Reformatsky-type Reaction

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Product	Ar	R	(2S,3S)/(2R,3R)	(2R,3S)/(2S,3R)
1	Dh	Мо	$\delta_{ m F}$ -194.5	$\delta_{ m F}$ -192.0
1	1 11	IVIC	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.9 (d, ¹ $J_{\rm CF}$ 194.2 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 93.5 (d, ¹ <i>J</i> _{CF} 199.2 Hz)
2	Dh	Ft	$\delta_{ m F}$ -196.4	$\delta_{ m F}$ -193.4
2	Γ II	Ľι	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 93.0 (d, ¹ J _{CF} 193.2 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$ 201.2 Hz)
3	Ph	Pr	$\delta_{ m F}$ -196.2	$\delta_{ m F}$ -193.1
5	1 11	11	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 93.0 (d, ¹ $J_{\rm CF}$ 193.3 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.5 (d, ¹ <i>J</i> _{CF} 201.2 Hz)
4	Ph	iso-Bu	$\delta_{ m F}$ -195.4	$\delta_{ m F}$ -192.1
4	1 11	<i>iso-</i> Du	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 93.4 (d, ¹ $J_{\rm CF}$ 193.2 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.8 (d, ¹ J _{CF} 198.1 Hz)
5	2-MeOC/H	Me	$\delta_{ m F}$ -197.0	$\delta_{ m F}$ -195.1
5	2-1010006114	IVIC	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 91.2 (d, ¹ $J_{\rm CF}$ 188.1 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.5 (d, ¹ <i>J</i> _{CF} 189.2 Hz)
6	∕I-MeOC∠H.	Me	$\delta_{ m F}$ -193.9	δ_{F} -191.9
U	4-101000 ₆ 114	IVIC	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.9 (d, ¹ $J_{\rm CF}$ 194.2 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.5 (d, ¹ J _{CF} 198.1 Hz)
7	A CIC H	Мо	$\delta_{ m F}$ -194.5	$\delta_{ m F}$ -191.9
,	4-0106114	IVIC	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 91.6 (d, ¹ $J_{\rm CF}$ 194.2 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 93.1 (d, ¹ <i>J</i> _{CF} 199.2 Hz)
8	1_indanone		$\delta_{ m F}$ -196.4	$\delta_{ m F}$ -193.5
0			$\delta_{\rm C}$ 92.3 (d, ¹ J _{CF} 192.2 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 90.7 (d, ¹ J _{CF} 193.2 Hz)
0	1_tetralone		$\delta_{ m F}$ -198.0	$\delta_{ m F}$ -191.4
7			$\delta_{\rm C}$ 93.6 (d, ¹ J _{CF} 191.2 Hz)	$\delta_{\rm C}$ 91.8 (d, ¹ J _{CF} 196.2 Hz)

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Figure 3. Molecular structure of ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)butanoate 5a showing 50% displacement ellipsoids.



Figure 4. Molecular structure of ethyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-butanoate 7a showing 50% displacement ellipsoids.

Table 5. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) with estimated standard deviations (e.s.d.s.) in parenthesis for compounds **1a** (R= Me), **2a** (R = Et), **4a** (R = ^{*i*}Bu), **5a** (Ar = 2-MeOC₆H₄) and **7a** (Ar = 4-ClC₆H₄).

	1a	2a	4 a	5a (Ar =	7a (Ar =
	(R = Me)	(R = Et)	$(R = {}^{i}Bu)$	2-MeOC ₆ H ₄)	$4-ClC_6H_4)$
C(1)-O(1)	1.417(3)	1.417(2)	1.4188(19)	1.419(2)	1.424(4)
C(1)-C(6)	1.521(3)	1.523(2)	1.529(2)	1.529(2)	1.527(4)
C(1)-C(12)	1.522(3)	1.538(2)	1.533(2)	1.530(2)	1.517(4)
C(1)-C(2)	1.556(3)	1.551(2)	1.549(2)	1.548(2)	1.539(4)
C(2)-F(1)	1.386(2)	1.3920(18)	1.3937(17)	1.3927(19)	1.393(3)
C(2)-H(2)	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
C(2)-C(3)	1.520(3)	1.517(2)	1.509(2)	1.511(2)	1.511(4)
C(3)-O(3)	1.202(3)	1.208(2)	1.201(2)	1.2048(19)	1.207(4)
C(3)-O(2)	1.322(3)	1.3261(19)	1.3345(19)	1.326(2)	1.324(4)
O(2)-C(4)	1.465(3)	1.454(2)	1.446(2)	1.4569(19)	1.451(4)
O(1)-C(1)-C(12)	110.8(2)	110.50(14)	110.98(12)	109.37(13)	110.1(3)
O(1)-C(1)-C(6)	107.79(19)	107.91(13)	107.16(12)	107.09(12)	107.4(2)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	108.4(2)	108.48(13)	109.05(13)	107.66(12)	108.5(2)
C(12)-C(1)-C(6)	111.6(2)	112.86(13)	111.90(13)	110.81(14)	110.8(2)
C(12)-C(1)-C(2)	109.4(2)	108.83(14)	108.42(13)	111.26(13)	109.9(3)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	108.8(2)	108.14(13)	109.29(12)	110.51(12)	110.1(2)
C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	108.70(19)	108.41(13)	107.69(12)	108.46(12)	108.5(2)
C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	109.8	110.0	109.9	110.1	109.5
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	112.0(2)	112.14(14)	112.33(13)	111.46(12)	113.1(3)
F(1)-C(2)-H(2)	109.8	110.0	109.9	110.1	109.5
F(1)-C(2)-C(3)	106.57(19)	106.33(12)	107.03(13)	106.66(13)	106.8(2)
H(2)-C(2)-C(3)	109.8	110.0	109.9	110.1	109.5
C(2)-C(3)-O(3)	124.5(2)	124.27(16)	125.80(15)	125.16(14)	124.6(3)
C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	110.6(2)	110.11(14)	109.79(14)	109.96(13)	110.5(3)
O(3)-C(3)-O(2)	124.9(2)	125.62(16)	124.38(16)	124.89(14)	124.9(3)
C(3)-O(2)-C(4)	116.13(19)	117.70(13)	116.31(14)	116.60(12)	117.3(2)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	71.9(2)	-65.29(16)	-63.88(16)	-73.25(14)	72.6(3)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	-171.07(18)	177.92(12)	179.28(12)	170.12(12)	-170.2(2)
C(12)-C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	-48.9(3)	54.98(17)	57.07(16)	46.58(17)	-47.9(3)
F(1)-C(2)-C(3)-O(3)	-12.3(3)	18.2(2)	20.2(2)	12.8(2)	-6.8(4)
F(1)-C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	165.89(18)	-161.94(13)	-161.38(12)	-167.31(12)	172.9(2)

Table 6. Intermolecular hydrogen bond distances and angles as well as intermolecular H···F bond distances and angles with symmetry codes for compounds **1a** (R= Me), **2a** (R = Et), **4a** (R = i Bu), **5a** (Ar = 2-MeOC₆H₄) and **7a** (Ar = 4-ClC₆H₄).

Product	D-H····A ^a	<i>d</i> (D-H) (Å)	<i>d</i> (H…A) (Å)	<i>d</i> (D····A) (Å)	<dha (°)<="" th=""></dha>
1a	$O(1)H(1)\cdots O(3)^{i}$	0.84	2.04	2.865(2)	168.3
2a	$O(1)H(1)\cdots O(3)^{ii}$	0.84	2.11	2.9378(18)	166.6
4a	$O(1)H(1)\cdots O(3)^{iii}$	0.84	2.01	2.847(2)	172.1
5a	$O(1)H(1)\cdots O(3)^{ii}$	0.84	2.07	2.855(2)	155.0
7a	$O(1)H(1)\cdots O(3)^{iv}$	0.84	2.08	2.889(3)	162.5
1a	$O(1)H(1)^{}F(1)^{i}$	0.84	2.62	3.122(2)	119.5
2a	$O(1)H(1)^{}F(1)^{ii}$	0.84	2.46	2.9250(16)	115.9
4a	$O(1)H(1)^{}F(1)^{iii}$	0.84	2.60	3.010(2)	111.2
5a	O(1)H(1) F(1) ⁱⁱ	0.84	2.53	3.029(2)	119.5
7a	O(1)H(1) F(1) ^{iv}	0.84	2.42	2.979(3)	124.3

^{*a*} Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (i) -x+1, -y+2, -z+2; (ii) -x+1, -y, -z+1; (iii) -x, -y+1, -z; (iv) -x+2, $y+\frac{1}{2}$, $-z+\frac{3}{2}$.



Figure 5. Molecular structure of 2(*R*)-fluoro-3(*R*)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-*N*-((*S*)-1-phenylethyl)butanamide 10b showing 50% displacement ellipsoids.

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Figure 6. Molecular structure of 2(*S*)-fluoro-3(*R*)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-*N*-((*S*)-1-phenylethyl)butanamide **10d** showing 50% displacement ellipsoids.

Table 7. Intramolecular and intermolecular hydrogen bond distances (Å) and angles (°) with symmetry codes for amides **10b** and **10d**.

Product	D-H···A	d(D-H) (Å)	<i>d</i> (H···A) (Å)	<i>d</i> (D····A) (Å)	<dha (°)<="" th=""></dha>
10b	$O(1)H(1)\cdots O(2)^{a}$	0.84	2.00	2.727(5)	144.3
10d	$O(1)H(1)\cdots O(2)^a$	0.84	2.13	2.831(2)	140.8
10b	$N(1)H(1A)^{}O(2)^{bi}$	0.88	2.58	3.347(6)	146.0
10d	$N(1)H(1A)^{}O(2)^{bii}$	0.88	2.19	2.985(3)	150.8

^{*a*} Intramolecular hydrogen bonding; ^{*b*}Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (i) x, y-1, z; (ii) -x+1, $y-\frac{1}{2}$, $-z+\frac{1}{2}$.

	10b	10d
C(1)-O(1)	1.441(6)	1.419(3)
C(1)-C(6)	1.516(7)	1.531(3)
C(1)-C(12)	1.521(6)	1.531(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.523(7)	1.551(3)
C(2)-F(1)	1.389(6)	1.392(2)
C(2)-H(2)	1.0000	1.0000
C(2)-C(3)	1.485(7)	1.515(3)
C(3)-O(2)	1.249(6)	1.238(3)
C(3)-N(1)	1.341(7)	1.329(3)
N(1)-C(4)	1.463(6)	1.460(3)
O(1)-C(1)-C(12)	108.3(4)	105.43(19)
O(1)-C(1)-C(6)	105.7(5)	111.85(19)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	108.0(4)	107.49(19)
C(12)-C(1)-C(6)	113.4(5)	111.8(2)
C(12)-C(1)-C(2)	111.1(4)	109.6(2)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	110.0(4)	110.51(17)
C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	108.4(4)	109.75(18)
C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	107.9	108.8
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	114.0(4)	110.78(19)
F(1)-C(2)-H(2)	107.9	108.8
F(1)-C(2)-C(3)	110.5(5)	110.02(18)
H(2)-C(2)-C(3)	107.9	108.8
C(2)-C(3)-N(1)	118.1(6)	117.3(2)
C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	120.0(6)	118.2(2)
N(1)-C(3)-O(2)	121.9(5)	124.4(2)
C(3)-N(1)-C(4)	122.2(5)	123.2(2)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	179.8(4)	-168.85(18)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	65.0(6)	68.8(2)
C(12)-C(1)-C(2)-F(1)	-61.5(5)	-54.8(2)
F(1)-C(2)-C(3)-N(1)	1.1(7)	-8.8(3)
F(1)-C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	-177.4(5)	174.2(2)

Table 8. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) with estimated standard deviations (e.s.d.s.)

 in parenthesis for amides 10b and 10d.

Experimental

Proton, ¹⁹F and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX 400 spectrometer at 400.13, 376.46 and 100.62 MHz respectively and were referenced to external SiMe₄ (¹H), external CFCl₃ (¹⁹F) and to external SiMe₄ (¹³C) using the high frequency positive convention. Electron impact (EI) and fast atom bombardment (FAB) mass spectra were recorded on a Kratos concept 1 H, double focussing, forward geometry mass spectrometer. 3-Nitrobenzyl alcohol was used as the matrix for the FAB spectra. Electrospray mass spectra were obtained on a Micromass Quatro LC. High performance liquid chromatography was carried out on a Perkin Elmer HPLC Liquid Chromatograph supported with either an OD-H (Daicel) or an AS (Daicel) column and a UV-VIS detector. X-ray crystallography data were collected on a Bruker Apex SMART 2000 diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). Preparative, centrifugally accelerated, radial thin-layer chromatography was carried out on a Harrison Research Chromatotron Model 79240.

THF was obtained dry from a distillation machine model PuresolveTM, and was stored in sealed ampoules over 4Å molecular sieves under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. (1*R*,2*S*)-1-Phenyl-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)propan-1-ol was dried using the Kugelröhr oven at 100 °C under oil pump vacuum for 30 min. After cooling, the crystals of the chiral aminoalcohol were dissolved in dry diethyl ether and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The second step was not a purification process and the only aim was to obtain small crystals that were convenient to use. The dry aminoalcohol was stored in a flushbox under nitrogen.

General Procedure for Table 1.

Under an argon atmosphere a dry three neck flask was charged with THF (8 mL), the required ketone (1.0 mmol) and ethyl iodofluoroacetate (0.20 mL, 0.35 g, 1.5 mmol). After 30 min of stirring the reaction mixture at 0 °C, diethylzinc (1.5 mL, 1.0 M solution in hexane, 1.5 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for another 4.5 h at 0 °C. After quenching the reaction mixture with 1 M HCl (10 mL), it was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1 M HCl (10 mL), brine (10 mL) and water (10 ml) before being dried over magnesium sulphate. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

Preparation of ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate 1



The title compound was prepared using acetophenone (0.12 mL, 0.12 g, 1.0 mmol). After purification by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel, the pure product was obtained as a colourless oil (0.22 g, 98 %). Crystals were formed from the pure product and were recrystallised

from hexane to give the pure (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-diastereoisomer **1a** as colourless crystals (0.12 g, 53 %). M.p. 76-78 °C (lit.,^{10a} 76.5-78 °C). The characterisation data was in agreement with the literature.^{10a} $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.00 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.65 (3H, d, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HF}$ 2.0 Hz, CH₃), 3.15 (1H, br s, OH), 4.02 (2H, q, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 4.84 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HF}$ 47.7 Hz, CHF), 7.22 (1H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.29 (2H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.40 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.29 (2H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.40 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -194.54 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm FH}$ 48.2 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.8 (CH₃), 25.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm CF}$ 2.1 Hz, CH₃), 61.6 (CH₂), 74.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 20.1 Hz, C), 92.9 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$ 194.2 Hz, CH), 125.4 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 142.1 (C), 168.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 24.1 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 227.10787 (MH⁺. C₁₂H₁₆FO₃ requires 227.10795). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 1 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t = 12.68 min (ethyl-2(*S*)-fluoro-3(*S*)-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate), 14.90 min (ethyl-2(*R*)-fluoro-3(*R*)-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate).

The of (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3pure sample OHC phenylbutanoate 1b was obtained as a colourless oil after purification on the OFt Ē chromatotron with 5 % Et₂O in hexane (0.012 g, 5 %). The characterisation (2R, 3S)data was in agreement with the literature.^{10a} $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.99 (3H, t, ³J_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.60 (3H, d, ⁴J_{HF} 2.7 Hz, CH₃), 3.40 (1H, br s, OH), 4.00 (1H, dq, ²J_{HH} 10.6 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₄H_B), 4.05 (1H, dq, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH}$ 10.6 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH_AH_B), 4.93 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HF}$ 47.7 Hz, CHF), 7.21 (1H, tt, ³J_{HH} 7.4 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} 2.3 Hz, ArH), 7.27 (2H, dt, ³J_{HH} 7.0 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} 2.3 Hz, ArH), 7.41 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 8.2 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ 1.2 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -192.00 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.8 (CH₃), 26.1 (d, ³J_{CF} 2.1 Hz, CH₃), 61.8 (CH₂), 75.0 (d, ²J_{CF} 20.1 Hz, C), 93.5 (d, ¹J_{CF} 199.2 Hz, CH), 125.1 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 142.8 (C), 168.5 (d, ²J_{CF} 23.1 Hz, CO). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 1 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. $R_t = 9.65 \text{ min (ethyl-2(S)-fluoro-3(R)-hydroxy-3$ phenylbutanoate), 11.27 min (ethyl-2(*R*)-fluoro-3(*S*)-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate).

Preparation of (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl 2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpentanoate 2a



The title compound was prepared using propiophenone (0.13 mL, 0.13 g, 1.0 mmol). After initial purification by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel, the sample was purified using the chromatotron (5 % Et₂O in hexane) to give colourless crystals (0.101 g, 40 %). M.p. 60-61 °C.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.69 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.93 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.93 (2H, qd, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HF}$ 2.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.94 (1H, br s, OH), 3.97 (2H, q, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 4.88 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HF}$ 47.7 Hz, CHF), 7.21 (1H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ArH), 7.28 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4, ArH), 7.35 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 2.0 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -196.37 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 7.0 (CH₃), 13.6 (CH₃), 30.4 (CH₂), 61.5 (CH₂), 77.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 20.1 Hz, C), 93.0 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$ 193.2 Hz, CH), 125.9 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 139.7 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm CF}$ 2.0 Hz, C), 167.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 26.2 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 239.1084 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₃H₁₆FO₃ requires 239.1083). Crystals of **2a**, suitable for X-ray diffraction, were grown by slow evaporation from hexane. The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t= 20.60 min (major enantiomer), 23.18 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpentanoate 2b

The product was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give a colourless oil (0.097 g, 40 %). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.80 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.95 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.94 (2H, 2x qd, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, OCH₄H_B), 4.02 (1H, dq, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH}$ 11.0 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, OCH₄H_B), 4.02 (1H, dq, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH}$ 11.0 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, OCH₄H_B), 4.02 (1H, dq, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH}$ 11.0 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, OCH₄H_B), 4.97 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HF}$ 47.7 Hz, CHF), 7.19 (1H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.26 (2H, td, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.38 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -193.36 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 7.2 (CH₃), 13.8 (CH₃), 31.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm CF}$ 3.0 Hz, CH₂), 61.8 (CH₂), 77.0 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 19.2 Hz, C), 92.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$ 201.2 Hz, CH), 125.5 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 141.5 (C), 169.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 22.1 Hz, CO); *m*/*z* (FAB) 239.1076 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₃H₁₆FO₃ requires 239.1083). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t= 9.77 min (minor enantiomer), 10.86 min (major enantiomer).

Preparation of (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl 2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylhexanoate 3a



The title compound was prepared using 1-phenylbutan-1-one (0.15 mL, 0.15 g, 1.0 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give colourless crystals (0.14 g, 57 %) which contained < 3 % of the (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-diastereomer. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.79 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.87-1.00 (1H, m, CH₄H_BCH₃), 0.93 (3H, t,

³*J*_{HH} 7.4 Hz, OCH₂C*H*₃), 1.24-1.36 (1H, m, CH_A*H*_BCH₃), 1.86-1.98 (2H, m, C*H*₂CH₂CH₃), 2.98 (1H, br s, O*H*), 3.95 (2H, q, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OC*H*₂CH₃), 4.87 (1H, d, ²*J*_{HF} 48.1 Hz, *CH*F), 7.20 (1H, tm, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, ArH), 7.28 (2H, tt, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0, ⁴*J*_{HH} 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.35 (2H, dt, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} 2.0 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -196.15 (d, ²*J*_{FH} 47.6 Hz, *CF*H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.6 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃), 16.1 (CH₂), 39.9 (CH₂), 61.5 (CH₂), 77.3 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 19.2 Hz, C), 93.0 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} 193.3 Hz, CH), 125.8 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 140.1 (C), 167.9 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 25.6 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 277.1216 (MNa⁺. C₁₄H₁₉FO₃Na requires 277.1216). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t= 17.52 min (minor enantiomer), 21.90 min (major enantiomer).

Preparation of (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylhexanoate 3b

The product was purified using 5 % diethyl ether in hexane on the chromatotron to give a colourless oil (0.054g, 20%). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.81 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.94 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.04-1.17 (1H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₃), 3.50 (1H, br s, OH), 3.95 (2H, m, OCH₄H_BCH₃), 4.96 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HF}$ 47.7 Hz, CHF), 7.18 (1H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.2 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 2.3 Hz, ArH), 7.25 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0, ArH), 7.35 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.2 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 2.3 Hz, ArH), 7.25 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0, ArH), 7.35 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.2 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 2.3 Hz, ArH), 7.25 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0, ArH), 7.35 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.2 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$ 1.2 Hz); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -193.06 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 20.1 Hz, C), 92.5 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$ 201.2 Hz, CH), 125.4 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 141.8 (C), 169.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 23.1 Hz, CO). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t= 9.57 min (minor enantiomer), 10.46 min (major enantiomer).

Preparation of (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-3-phenylhexanoate 4a



The title compound was prepared using 3-methyl-1-phenylbutan-1-one (0.17 mL, 0.16 g, 1.0 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (5 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give colourless crystals (0.11 g, 46 %). M.p. 70-72 °C. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.62 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} 6.6 Hz, CHCH₃), 0.85 (3H,

d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.6 Hz, CHCH₃), 0.91 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HF}}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.42-1.55 (1H, m, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.81 (1H, ddd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}}$ 14.5 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HF}}$ 2.3 Hz, CH₄H_BCH(CH₃)₂), 1.95 (1H, ddd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}}$ 14.5 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 4.7 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HF}}$ 1.2 Hz, CH_AH_BCH(CH₃)₂), 2.99 (1H, s, OH), 3.93 (2H, q, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.4 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 4.80 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HF}}$ 48.1 Hz, CHF), 7.21 (1H, tt, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}}$ 2.3 Hz, ArH), 7.28 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.4, ArH), 7.36 (2H, dm, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.4 Hz, ArH); δ_{F} (CDCl₃) -195.35 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{FH}}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 13.6 (CH₃), 23.8 (CH₃), 23.9 (CH₃), 24.5 (CH), 45.6 (CH₂), 61.4 (CH₂), 77.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{CF}}$ 19.1 Hz, C), 93.4 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\text{CF}}$ 193.2 Hz, CH), 126.0 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 140.2 (C), 167.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{CF}}$ 24.1 Hz, CO); *m*/*z* (FAB) 267.1389 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₅H₂₀FO₃ requires 267.1396). Crystals of **4a**, suitable for X-ray diffraction, were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of 5 % diethyl ether in hexane. The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t= 12.84 min (minor enantiomer), 14.75 min (major enantiomer).

Preparation of (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-3-phenylhexanoate 4b



The product was purified by column chromatography (5 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give a colourless oil (0.058 g, 22 %). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.66 (3H, d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.6 Hz, CHCH₃), 0.88 (3H, d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.6 Hz, CHCH₃), 0.93 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.56-1.66 (1H, m, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.74 (1H, ddd, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH}$ 14.5 Hz,

 ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.4 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HF}}$ 1.2 Hz, $CH_{4}H_{B}CH(CH_{3})_{2}$), 1.93 (1H, ddd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}}$ 14.5 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 5.1 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HF}}$ 2.7 Hz, $CH_{A}H_{B}$ CH(CH₃)₂), 3.55 (1H, br s, OH), 3.91-4.07 (2H, m, OCH₄H_BCH₃), 4.92 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HF}}$ 47.7 Hz, CH_{F}), 7.16 (1H, m, ArH), 7.25 (2H, tm, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.39 (2H, dt, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ 8.2 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}}$ 1.2 Hz, ArH); δ_{F} (CDCl₃) -192.14 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{FH}}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 13.7 (CH₃), 23.8 (CH), 24.2 (CH₃), 24.4 (CH₃), 46.4 (CH₂), 61.8 (CH₂), 77.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{CF}}$ 17.1 Hz, C), 92.8 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\text{CF}}$ 201.2 Hz, CH), 125.5 (d, ${}^{4}J_{\text{CF}}$ 3.0 Hz, CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 141.8 (C), 169.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{CF}}$ 23.1 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 267.1396 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₅H₂₀FO₃ requires 267.1396). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_I= 7.88 min (minor enantiomer), 8.64 min (major enantiomer).

Preparation of (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)butanoate 5a



The title compound was prepared using 2-methoxyacetophenone (0.14 mL, 0.15 g, 1.0 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give colourless crystals (0.15 g, 58 %). M.p. 62 °C. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.92 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.65 (3H, d,

⁴*J*_{HF} 2.0 Hz, CH₃), 3.60 (1H, br s, O*H*), 3.82 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.92 (1H, dq, ²*J*_{HH} 10.6 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH_{*A*}H_{*B*}CH₃), 3.97 (1H, dq, ²*J*_{HH} 10.6 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH_{*A*}H_{*B*}CH₃), 5.43 (1H, d, ²*J*_{HF} 48.5 Hz, C*H*F), 6.84 (1H, dd, ³*J*_{HH} 8.2 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} 1.2 Hz, ArH), 6.90 (1H, td, ³*J*_{HH} 7.4, ⁴*J*_{HH} 1.2 Hz, ArH), 7.22 (1H, ddd, ³*J*_{HH} 8.2 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} 7.4 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.43 (1H, dd, ³*J*_{HH} 7.8, ⁴*J*_{HH} 1.6 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -196.95 (d, ²*J*_{FH} 47.6 Hz, C*F*H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.7 (CH₃), 25.7 (d, ³*J*_{CF} 4.0 Hz, CH₃), 55.42 (CH₃), 61.0 (CH₂), 75.1 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 21.1 Hz, C), 91.2 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} 188.1 Hz, CH), 111.1 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 130.2 (C), 156.3 (C), 168.0 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 25.2 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 255.1032 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₃H₁₆FO₄ requires 255.1033). Crystals of **5a**, suitable for X-ray diffraction, were grown by slow evaporation from cold hexane (5 °C). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 1 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t = 12.57 min (major enantiomer), 15.33 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-butanoate 5b



After initial purification by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel, the sample was purified using the chromatotron (5 % Et₂O in hexane) to give a colourless oil (0.051 g, 20 %). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.07 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.61 (3H, d, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HF}$ 2.0 Hz, CH₃), 3.82 (3H, s

OCH₃), 3.95 (1H, br s, OH), 3.90-4.11 (2H, m, OCH₂CH₃), 5.40 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{HF}$ 48.5 Hz, CHF), 6.85 (1H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.4 Hz, ArH), 6.94 (1H, td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.4, ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ 1.2 Hz, ArH), 7.22 (1H, td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 8.0 Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.37 (1H, dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.8, ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ 1.6 Hz, ArH); δ_{F} (CDCl₃) -195.08 (d, ${}^{2}J_{FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 13.9 (CH₃), 22.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CF}$ 5.0 Hz, CH₃), 55.5 (CH₃), 61.2 (CH₂), 75.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF}$ 21.1 Hz, C), 92.5 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CF}$ 189.2 Hz, CH), 111.3 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 130.2 (C), 156.6 (C), 167.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF}$ 24.1 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 255.1042 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₃H₁₆FO₄ requires 255.1033). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 1 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t = 22.08 min (major enantiomer), 36.74 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-butanoate 6a



The title compound was prepared using 4-methoxyacetophenone (0.12 mL, 0.15 g, 1.0 mmol). After initial purification by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel, the sample was purified using the chromatotron (Et₂O:hexane = 1:5) to give a

colourless oil (0.154 g, 60 %) containing 11 % of (2*R*,3*S*)/(2*S*,3*R*)-diastereoisomer. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.15 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.69 (3H, d, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HF}$ 2.0 Hz, CH₃), 3.21 (1H, s, OH), 3.83 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.15 (2H, qd, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, ${}^{5}J_{\rm HF}$ 1.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 4.89 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HF}$ 47.7 Hz, CHF), 6.89 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 9.0 Hz, ArH), 7.41 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 9.0, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -193.89 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.9 (CH₃), 25.3 (CH₃), 55.3 (CH₃), 61.7 (CH₂), 74.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 21.1 Hz, C), 92.9 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$ 194.2 Hz, CH), 113.6 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 134.3 (C), 159.1 (C), 168.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 24.1 Hz, CO). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t = 46.93 min (major enantiomer), 67.96 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-butanoate 6b



After initial purification by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel, the sample was purified using the chromatotron (Et₂O:hexane = 1:5) to give a colourless oil (0.064 g, 25 %). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.12 (3H, t, ³J_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.67 (3H, d, ⁴J_{HF} 2.7 Hz,

CH₃), 3.43 (1H, br s, OH), 3.82 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.09-4.17 (2H, m, OCH₄H_BCH₃), 4.98 (1H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HF}$ 48.1 Hz, CHF), 6.89 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 9.0 Hz, ArH), 7.42 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 9.0, ArH); δ_{F} (CDCl₃) -191.86 (d, ${}^{2}J_{FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 13.9 (CH₃), 26.1 (CH₃), 55.2 (CH₃), 61.8 (CH₂), 74.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF}$ 20.8 Hz, C), 92.5 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CF}$ 198.1 Hz, CH), 113.6 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 134.8 (C), 159.1 (C), 168.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF}$ 24.0 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 256.11060 (M⁺. C₁₃H₁₇FO₄ requires 256.11066). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t = 32.32 min (major enantiomer), 37.30 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-butanoate 7a



The title compound was prepared using 4-chloroacetophenone (0.13 mL, 0.15 g, 1.0 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give the product as colourless crystals (0.004 g, 5 %). M.p. 62-63 °C. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.06 (3H, t, ³J_{HH} 7.0

Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.60 (3H, d, ${}^{4}J_{HF}$ 2.3 Hz, CH₃), 3.20 (1H, br s, OH), 4.07 (2H, q, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 4.79 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{HF}$ 47.3 Hz, CHF), 7.26 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 9.0 Hz, ArH), 7.35 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ 9.0, ArH); δ_{F} (CDCl₃) -194.45 (d, ${}^{2}J_{FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); δ_{C} (CDCl₃) 12.8 (CH₃), 24.3 (CH₃), 60.8 (CH₂), 73.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF}$ 20.1 Hz, C), 91.6 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CF}$ 194.2 Hz, CH), 126.0 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 132.7 (C), 139.7 (C), 166.9 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF}$ 24.1 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 259.0538 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₂H₁₃CIFO₃ requires 259.0537). Crystals of **7a**, suitable for X-ray diffraction, were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of 5 % diethyl ether in hexane. The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel AS column eluted with 10 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t= 6.66 min (minor enantiomer), 13.71 min (major enantiomer).

Preparation of (2*R*,3*S*)/(2*S*,3*R*)-ethyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-butanoate 7b



The product was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in POEt hexane) on silica gel to give the product as a colourless oil (0.05 g, 20 %). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.03 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.57 (3H, d, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HF}$ 2.3 Hz, CH₃), 3.49 (1H, br s, OH), 3.99-4.10 (2H, m, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz,

OCH_AH_BCH₃), 4.89 (1H, d, ²J_{HF} 47.7 Hz, CHF), 7.24 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} 9.0 Hz, ArH), 7.35 (2H, d, ³J_{HH} 9.0, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -191.88 (d, ²J_{FH} 47.6 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.8 (CH₃), 26.3 (d, ³J_{CF} 3.0 Hz, CH₃), 62.0 (CH₂), 74.7 (d, ²J_{CF} 19.1 Hz, C), 93.1 (d, ¹J_{CF} 199.2 Hz, CH), 126.7 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 133.7 (C), 141.4 (C), 168.5 (d, ²J_{CF} 22.1 Hz, CO); *m*/*z* (FAB) 259.0539 ((M-H)⁺. C₁₂H₁₃ClFO₃ requires 259.0537). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel AD column eluted with 2 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t= 12.86 min (major enantiomer), 15.53 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of ethyl-2-fluoro-2-(1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate 8



The title compound was prepared using indanone (0.13 g, 1.0 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel gave the pure product containing a 54:46 mixture of (2S,3S)/(2R,3R):(2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-diastereoisomers as a colourless oil (0.20 g,

84 %). δ_H (CDCl₃) 1.14 (3H, t, ³J_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃) and 1.18 (3H, t, ³J_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₃),

2.04-2.14 (2H, m, CH*H*), 2.51-2.66 (2H, m, CH*H*), 2.75-2.87 (2H, m, C*H*H), 2.93-3.03 (3H, m, CH*H* and O*H*), 3.15 (1H, br s, O*H*), 4.11 (4H, m, OCH_AH_BCH₃), 4.91 (1H, d, ²J_{HF} 47.7 Hz, C*H*F) and 5.03 (1H, d, ²J_{HF} 47.7 Hz, C*H*F), 7.15-7.26 (6H, m, ArH), 7.32 (1H, d, ³J_{HH} 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.36 (1H, d, ³J_{HH} 7.8 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -193.48 (1F, d, ²J_{FH} 47.6 Hz, C*F*H) and -196.39 (1F, d, ²J_{FH} 47.6 Hz, C*F*H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.9 and 14.0 (CH₃), 29.5 and 29.7 (CH₂), 35.9 (CH₂) and 36.5 (d, ³J_{CF} 3.0 Hz, CH₂), 61.8 and 61.9 (CH₂), 83.4 (d, ²J_{CF} 21.1 Hz, C) and 83.7 (d, ²J_{CF} 20.1 Hz, C), 90.7 (d, ¹J_{CF} 193.2 Hz, CH) and 92.3 (d, ¹J_{CF} 192.2 Hz, CH), 123.7 (CH), 124.37 (CH), 124.40 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 141.9 (C), 142.5 (C), 143.8 (C), 144.1 (C), 167.9 (d, ²J_{CF} 24.1 Hz, CO); *m*/*z* (ES⁺) 221.0982 ((M-OH)⁺. C₁₃H₁₄FO₂ requires 221.0978). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 1 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t for (2*R*,3*S*)/(2*R*,3*R*)-diastereomer = 19.09 min (major enantiomer), 22.14 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of (2*R*,3*S*)/(2*S*,3*R*)-ethyl-2-fluoro-2-(1-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1yl)acetate 9b



The title compound was prepared using tetralone (0.13 mL, 0.15 g, 1.0 mmol). The product was purified by column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give the pure product as a 54:46 mixture of diastereoisomers (0.24 g, 96 %). The pure sample of the (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-diastereoisomer was

(2*R*,3*S*) separated by chromatotron (20 % Et₂O in hexane) to give a colourless oil (0.055 g, 22 %). $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.21 (3H, t, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₂C*H*₃), 1.75-1.89 (3H, m, *CH*₂C*H*H), 2.09-2.17 (1H, m, CH*H*), 2.65-2.80 (2H, m, *CH*₂), 3.08 (1H, br s, O*H*), 4.18 (1H, dq, ²*J*_{HH} 13.7 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₄H_BCH₃), 4.25 (1H, dq, ²*J*_{HH} 13.7 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₄H_BCH₃), 4.25 (1H, dq, ²*J*_{HH} 13.7 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} 7.0 Hz, OCH₄*H*_BCH₃), 5.07 (1H, d, ²*J*_{HF} 47.3 Hz, *CH*F), 7.03-7.07 (1H, m, ArH), 7.14-7.18 (2H, m, ArH), 7.44-7.49 (1H, m, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -191.36 (d, ²*J*_{FH} 47.6 Hz, *CF*H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 14.1 (CH₃), 18.9 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 62.0 (CH₂), 72.4 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 21.1 Hz, C), 91.8 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} 196.2 Hz, CH), 126.3 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 136.1 (C), 138.4 (C), 169.0 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 24.1 Hz, CO); *m/z* (ES⁺) 275.1067 (MNa⁺. C₁₄H₁₇FO₃Na requires 275.1059). The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t = 35.82 min (major enantiomer), 44.38 min (minor enantiomer).

Preparation of (2*S*,3*S*)/(2*R*,3*R*)-ethyl-2-fluoro-2-(1-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1yl)acetate 9a



The spectral properties of the (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-diastereoisomer were assigned from the sample still containing 40 % of the (2S,3R)/(2R,3S)-diastereoisomer. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.08 (3H, t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.84-2.04 (3H, m, CH₂CH_AH_B), 2.19-2.29 (1H, m, CH_AH_B), 2.68-2.90 (3H, m, CH₂ and OH), 4.08 (1H, dq, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH}$ 17.2 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz, OCH_AH_BCH₃), 4.15 (1H, dq, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH}$ 17.2 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.0 Hz,

OCH_A*H*_BCH₃), 5.19 (1H, d, ²*J*_{HF} 48.1 Hz, *CH*F), 7.12-7.16 (1H, m, ArH), 7.24-7.27 (2H, m, ArH), 7.54-7.60 (1H, m, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -198.13 (d, ²*J*_{FH} 47.6 Hz, *CF*H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 13.7 (CH₃), 19.3 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 33.0 (d, ³*J*_{CF} 4.0 Hz, CH₂), 61.4 (CH₂), 73.2 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 21.1 Hz, C), 93.6 (d, ¹*J*_{CF} 191.2 Hz, CH), 126.1 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 135.9 (C), 137.7 (C), 167.5 (d, ²*J*_{CF} 25.2 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 235 (M-OH)⁺, 215 (M-OH-HF)⁺. The enantiomers were separated on a chiralcel OD-H column eluted with 0.5 % IPA in hexane. The flow rate of the mobile phase was set at 1.0 mL/min. R_t = 68.02 min (major enantiomer), 78.87 min (minor enantiomer).

General Procedure for Table 2

Each reaction was run in duplicate and the average yield and enantiomeric excess is reported. Under an argon atmosphere a dry three neck flask was charged with THF (8 mL), acetophenone (0.12 mL, 0.12 g, 1.0 mmol), the required amount of ethyl iodofluoroacetate and (1R,2S)-1-phenyl-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)propan-1-ol (0.205g, 1.0 mmol). After 30 min of stirring at the stated temperature, the required amount of a 1.0 M solution of diethylzinc was added and the reaction mixture was left to stir for another 4.5 h. After quenching the reaction mixture with 1 M HCl (10 mL), it was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1 M HCl (30 mL), brine (30 mL) and water (30 ml) before being dried over magnesium sulphate. The solvent was removed and the pure product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

General Procedure for Table 3

Each reaction was run in duplicate and the average yield and enantiomeric excess is reported. Under an argon atmosphere a dry three neck flask was charged with THF (8 mL), (1*R*,2*S*)-1-phenyl-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)propan-1-ol (0.205g, 1.0 mmol), the required ketone (1.0 mmol) and ethyl iodofluoroacetate (0.29 mL, 0.47 g, 2.0 mmol). After 30 min of stirring the reaction mixture at -40 $^{\circ}$ C, diethylzinc (3.5 mL, 1.0 M solution in hexane, 3.5 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -40 $^{\circ}$ C for another 4.5 h. After quenching the reaction mixture with 1 M HCl (10 mL), it was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1 M HCl

(30 mL), brine (30 mL) and water (30 ml) before being dried over magnesium sulphate. The solvent was removed and the product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

Determination of the absolute configuration of the new chiral centres in ethyl-2-fluoro-3hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate 1

The two diastereoisomers of ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate (**1a** and **1b**) were separated and for each reaction the pure racemic diastereoisomer was used. A dry 25 mL two neck round-bottomed flask was cooled to 0 °C and charged with the required amount of THF, (*S*)-(1-phenylethyl)amine and *n*-butyllithium (1.6 M solution in hexane). After 30 minutes of stirring at 0 °C, the solution of ester in THF (1 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was then quenched with water (5 mL), acidified to pH 5 with 1 M HCl and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL). The organic fractions were combined and dried over MgSO₄ before the solvent was removed. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel.

Preparation of 2(R)-fluoro-3(R)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-butanamide 10b



The title compound was prepared by a modification of Braun's method^{9b} using racemic (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate **1a** (0.05 g, 0.22 mmol), THF (3 mL), (*S*)-(1-phenylethyl)amine (0.07 mL, 0.07 g, 0.55 mmol) and *n*-butyllithium (0.5 mL, 1.6 M solution in hexane, 0.8 mmol). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (5 % EtOAc in hexane) on silica gel to give colourless crystals **10b** (0.023 g, 8 %). M.p. 114-116 °C. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 1.46 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.47 (3H, d, ³J_{HH} 7.6 Hz, CH₃), 4.68 (1H, d, ²J_{HF} 47.7 Hz, CHF), 4.70 (1H, br s, OH), 5.11 (1H, quintet, ³J_{HH} 7.0 Hz, CHCH₃), 6.60 (1H, br s, NH), 7.22-733 (8H, m, ArH), 7.45 (2H, dt, ³J_{HH} 8.2 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} 1.6 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -191.67 (d, ²J_{FH} 47.6 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 21.6 (CH₃), 22.8 (CH₃), 48.8 (CH), 73.9 (d, ²J_{CF} 19.2 Hz, C), 93.1 (d, ¹J_{CF} 196.5 Hz, CH), 126.0 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 142.2 (C), 143.0 (C), 168.8 (CO); *m/z* (FAB) 302.1558 (MH⁺. C₁₈H₂₁FNO₂ requires 302.1556). Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown by slow recrystallisation from hexane.

Preparation of 2(S)-fluoro-3(R)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)butanamide 10d



The title compound was prepared using racemic (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3phenyl-butanoate **1b** (0.09 g, 0.4 mmol), THF (5 mL), (*S*)-(1-phenylethyl)amine (0.13 mL, 0.12 g, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-butyllithium (1.0 mL, 1.0 M solution in hexane, 1.6 mmol). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (40 % Et₂O in hexane) on silica gel to give 2(*S*)-fluoro-3(*R*)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-N-((*S*)-1-phenylethyl)-butanamide **10d** as colourless crystals (0.016 g, 13 %). M.p. 140-142 °C. $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl₃) 0.87 (3H, d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 1.63 (3H, d, ${}^{4}J_{\rm HF}$ 2.3 Hz, CH₃), 4.75 (1H, quintet, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.4 Hz, CHCH₃), 4.81 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HF}$ 48.5 Hz, CHF), 4.99 (1H, s, OH), 6.13 (1H, br s, NH), 7.09 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 6.4 Hz, ArH), 7.15-7.31 (6H, m, ArH), 7.41 (2H, d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 8.2 Hz, ArH); $\delta_{\rm F}$ (CDCl₃) -191.28 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm FH}$ 47.6 Hz, CFH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (CDCl₃) 20.6 (CH₃), 26.6 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm CF}$ 3.0 Hz, CH₃), 48.1 (CH), 74.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 18.0 Hz, C), 93.8 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$ 201.2 Hz, CH), 125.5 (d, ${}^{4}J_{\rm CF}$ 3.0 Hz, CH), 126.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 141.6 (C), 142.5 (C), 168.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$ 19.1 Hz, CO); *m/z* (FAB) 302.1552 (MH⁺. C₁₈H₂₁FNO₂ requires 302.1556). Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were grown by recrystallisation from Et₂O/hexane solution (40/60).

Determination of the absolute configuration of the new chiral centres in ethyl-2-fluoro-3hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate 1

The diastereoisomers of enantiomeric ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-phenylbutanoate **1** were isolated by column chromatography (20 % Et₂O in hexane) on silica gel. The procedure above was repeated separately with (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-diastereoisomer **1a** (86 % ee) and (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-diastereoisomer **1b** (73 % ee) using (*S*)-(1-phenylethyl)amine (0.2 mL, 0.19 g, 1.5 mmol), *n*-butyllithium (1.4 mL, 1.6 M in hexane, 2.2 mmol), THF (6 mL) and the ester **1** (0.11 g, 0.5 mmol). The crude product obtained in the reaction with (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-diastereoisomer **1a** consisted of a 91:9 mixture of (2S,3S)-(**10a**):(2R,3R)-(**10b**) diastereoisomers according to the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum. The crude product obtained in the reaction with (2R,3S)/(2S,3R)-diastereoisomer **1b** consisted of a 88:12 mixture of (2R,3S)-(**10c**):(2S,3R)-(**10d**) diastereoisomers according to the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum.

Structure solution and refinement

Tables 9 & 10 summarise the crystallographic data for (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl 2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3phenylpentanoate 2a, (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-3-phenylhexanoate 4a, (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)-ethyl-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)butanoate 5a. (2S,3S)/(2R,3R)ethyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-3-hydroxy-butanoate 7a, 2(R)-fluoro-3(R)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-butanamide **10b** and 2(S)-fluoro-3(R)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)butanamide **10d** respectively. The data for all of the compounds were collected on a Bruker APEX 2000 CCD diffractometer using graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects, and empirical absorption corrections were applied. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares cycles on F^2 for all data, using SHELXTL version 6.10.¹² All hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions (C-H = 0.95-1.00 Å) riding on the bonded atom with isotropic displacement parameters set to 1.5 Ueg(C) for methyl H atoms and 1.2 Ueg(C) for all other H atoms. All non hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structures reported in this paper have been deposited with The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and allocated the deposition numbers CCDC: 859759 -859764. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

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Table 9. Crystallographic data for compounds **2a** (R = Et), **4a** ($R = ^{i}Bu$), **5a** (Ar = 2-MeOC₆H₄) and **7a** (Ar = 4-ClC₆H₄).

	2a	4a	5a	7a
	(R = Et)	$(\mathbf{R} = {}^{i}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u})$	$(Ar = 2-MeOC_6H_4)$	$(Ar = 4-ClC_6H_4)$
Formula	$C_{13}H_{17}FO_3$	$C_{15}H_{21}FO_3$	$C_{13}H_{17}FO_4$	$C_{12}H_{14}CIFO_3$
Formula weight	240.27	268.32	256.27	260.68
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/n	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions				
a (Å)	12.166(4)	9.898(6)	11.620(8)	13.326(4)
b (Å)	8.639(3)	5.655(3)	8.862(6)	5.5683(19)
$c\left(\mathrm{\AA} ight)$	12.008(4)	26.387(15)	12.963(9)	17.049(6)
$lpha(^{\circ})$	06	06	06	06
$\beta^{(\circ)}$	101.599(6)	97.357(10)	101.478(12)	92.031(7)
$\chi^{(o)}$	06	06	06	06
$U(Å^3)$	1236.4(7)	1464.8(15)	1308.1(16)	1264.3(7)
Temperature (K)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
Ζ	4	4	4	4
$D_c ({ m Mg}{ m m}^{-3})$	1.291	1.217	1.301	1.369
μ (Mo-K α) (mm ⁻¹)	0.100	0.091	0.104	0.308
$F\left(000 ight)$	512	576	544	544
Dimensions (mm ³)	0.32 x 0.25 x 0.10	0.33 x 0.24 x 0.16	0.32 x 0.29 x 0.16	0.29 x 0.11 x 0.08

Data collection range (°)	1.71 - 25.00	2.12 - 25.00	2.80 - 26.00	1.53 - 25.00
Index ranges	$-14 \le h \le 14$	$-11 \le h \le 11$	$-14 \le h \le 14$	$-15 \le h \le 15$
	$-10 \leq k \leq 10$	$-6 \le k \le 6$	$-10 \le k \le 10$	$-6 \le k \le 6$
	$-14 \le l \le 14$	$-31 \le l \le 31$	$-15 \le l \le 15$	$-20 \le l \le 20$
Reflections	8620	9931	9707	8734
Unique reflections (R_{int})	2181 (0.0571)	2584 (0.0636)	2555 (0.0541)	2236 (0.0788)
$ heta_{ m max}$ (% complete)	25.00 (100.0)	25.00 (99.9)	26.00 (99.7)	25.00 (99.9)
Absorption correction	Empirical	Empirical	Empirical	Empirical
Max/min transmission	0.969 / 0.706	0.969 / 0.664	0.969 / 0.653	0.969 / 0.617
Data/restraints/parameters	2181 / 0 / 156	2584 / 0 / 175	2555 / 0 / 166	2236 / 0 / 156
Goodness of fit on F^2	1.029	1.019	1.038	0.981
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$				
R_1	0.0465	0.0468	0.0449	0.0675
wR_2	0.1113	0.1118	0.1054	0.1519
R indices (all data)				
R_1	0.0621	0.0609	0.0586	0.0951
wR_2	0.1188	0.1192	0.1128	0.1654
Largest diff. peak, hole ($eÅ^{-3}$)	0.246, -0.188	0.211, -0.178	0.192, -0.192	1.119, -0.327

	10b	10d
Formula	C ₁₈ H ₂₀ FNO ₂	C ₁₈ H ₂₀ FNO ₂
Formula weight	301.35	301.35
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	C2	P2(1)2(1)2(1)
Unit cell dimensions		
<i>a</i> (Å)	19.119(6)	8.306(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	5.5114(16)	9.746(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	15.207(4)	18.935(6)
α (°)	90	90
$\beta(^{\circ})$	109.351(6)	90
γ(°)	90	90
$U(\text{\AA}^3)$	1511.9(8)	1532.7(8)
Temperature (K)	150(2)	150(2)
Z	4	4
D_c (Mg m ⁻³)	1.324	1.306
μ (Mo-K α) (mm ⁻¹)	0.094	0.093
F (000)	640	640
Dimensions (mm ³)	0.20 x 0.10 x 0.04	0.26 x 0.14 x 0.07
Data collection range (°)	2.23 - 26.00	2.15 - 25.99
Index ranges	$-23 \le h \le 23$	$-10 \le h \le 10$
	$-6 \le k \le 6$	$-12 \le k \le 11$
	$-18 \le l \le 18$	$-22 \le l \le 23$
Reflections	5986	11981
Unique reflections (R_{int})	1648 (0.1603)	1750 (0.0879)
$\theta_{\rm max}$ (% complete)	26.00 (99.8)	25.99 (99.9)
Absorption correction	Empirical	Empirical
Max/min transmission	0.969 / 0.412	0.969 / 0.795
Data/restraints/parameters	1648 / 1 / 203	1750 / 0 / 202
Goodness of fit on F^2	0.826	0.995
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$		
R_1	0.0608	0.0417
wR_2	0.0819	0.0774
R indices (all data)		
R_1	0.1326	0.0505
wR_2	0.0972	0.0801
Largest diff. peak, hole (eÅ ⁻³)	0.215, -0.220	0.191, -0.210

Table 10. Crystallographic data for 2(R)-fluoro-3(R)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-butanamide 10b and 2(S)-fluoro-3(R)-hydroxy-3-phenyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-butanamide 10d.

























