Supporting Information

Immobilized Prolinamide-Catalyzed Highly Enantioselective Aldol Reactions in Continuous-Flow Systems: Effect of Water for Catalyst Lifetime and Application to Synthesis of Chiral Fenpentadiol Analogue

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Supporting experiments Synthesis of PS-Pro catalysts (Schemes S1-3)



Firstly, we chose the copolymerization strategy of a catalyst monomer and styrene previously developed by our group.¹ The polystyrene part in **PS-Pro 1** was installed far from the catalyst active site, which might have small steric hindrance and retain the similar catalytic reactivity with the homogeneous catalysis. The monomer **Pro 1** derived from commercially available L-Proline and L-Leucine was synthetized in one pot procedure according to the previous reported route.² The low isolated yield suffered from the undesired polymerization problem in the acid treatment step. The final polymerization step could give an almost quantitative yield. The catalyst loading in the **PS-Pro 1** was identified by the nitrogen value in elemental analysis. Unexpected formed diastereomers in the polymerization step led to the decrease of the enantioselectivity albeit with the high catalytic reactivity. (Scheme S1)

Scheme S2 Synthesis of PS-Pro 2



Next, we moved to the synthesis of **PS-Pro 2** derived from commercially available L-Proline and L-Tyrosine. The monomer **Pro 2** was synthetized in one pot procedure according to the previous reported route.² The next polymerization could successfully give the desired **PS-Pro 2** in a quantitative yield. The catalyst loading in the **PS-Pro 2** was identified by the nitrogen value in elemental analysis. The examination in the batch system showed lower catalytic reactivity and enantioselectivity than the homogeneous example. The decrease in reactivity and enantiocontrol might come from the change of an isopropyl group to a phenyl group. (Scheme S2)

Finally, **PS-Pro 3** was chosen as our best catalyst due to the highest enantioselectivity. However, the catalyst reactivity slightly decreased compared with the homogeneous example. This drop of catalytic ability might arise from the increased steric hindrance or loss of active sites in the

polymerization step. The monomer **Pro 3** was synthetized in one pot procedure according to the previous reported route.^{2,3} The **Pro 3** was successfully obtained in 97% isolated yield. The catalyst loading in the **PS-Pro 3** was identified by the nitrogen value in elemental analysis. (Scheme S3)



Additional condition screenings in a heterogeneous batch system (Tables S1-3)

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Ph	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0$	PS-Pro additive solvent	3 (10 mol 1mL, 25 °C	F_3C F_3C Ph	OH O Ja		
Entry	Solvent	Additive	Time (h)	Yield $(\%)^{b}$	Ee (%) ^c		
1	acetone		6.5	85	87		
2 ^a	acetone/toluene		12	89	74	0	
3 ^a	acetone/DCM		14	93	55		
4 ^a	acetone/CHCl ₃		20	57	ND		
5 ^a	acetone/CH ₃ CN		11	97	82		
6	acetone	celite ^d	6.5	89	88	PS-Pro 3	
7	acetone	sea sand ^e	6.5	93	86	Но	

Table S1 Effect of solvents and solid additives

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (0.2 mmol), PS-Pro 3 (0.02 mmol) in dry solvent (1.0 mL) under air at RT. V/V (acetone/other solvent) = 0.17.
[b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC. [d] Celite 13 mg. [e] Sea sand 13 mg.

As shown in the Table S1, solvent screenings failed to give the better results than entry 1. And sea sand and celite (entries 6 and 7) in the heterogeneous batch were examined and almost the same result with entry 1 was obtained. We chose celite as a solid support in a flow reactor to dilute the **PS-Pro 3** and avoid undesired side reactions.

As shown in the Table S2, acid additive screenings (entries 2-6) failed to give the better results than entry 1. As we documented in the main text, this aldol reaction was reversible, and sensitive to the acid additives. The acid additives accelerated the target reaction and also simultaneously promoted the undesired reverse reaction leading to decreased enantioselectivity.

The effect of phenol derivatives (Table S3) was further tried to achieve high efficiency. However, similar racemization to Table S1 was observed.

The catalyst reuse experiment was conducted and it was found that the reactivity could be totally recovered at the second run. (Table S4) But the next third run gave only 47% isolated yield. It was not difficult to say that some of the polymer **PS-Pro 3** deactivated at this moment. Within this process, a sequential washing method (HCOOH 2 h, 1M NaOH 1 h, H₂O, MeOH, THF, DCM, Vacuum) was employed. (Scheme S4)

Table S2 Effect of acid additives

O Ph 1a	$CF_3^+ \xrightarrow{O}_{2a}^{I}$	PS-Pro 3 (additive (10 acetone, 2	10 mol %) 0 mol %) 5 °C	F ₃ C OH O Ph 3a	
Entry	Additive	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b	Ee (%) ^c	
1		6.5	85	87	0
2 ^a	AcOH	2	73	55	
3 ^a	PhCOOH	2	59	53	
4 ^a	4-NO ₂ PhCOOH	2	79	42	H NH-
5 ^a	4-NO ₂ Phenol	3	81	63	
6 ^a	TFA	12	ND	ND	F3-F10 3 HO

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **PS-Pro 3** (0.02 mmol) and additive (0.02 mmol) in dry acetone (1.0 mL) under air at RT. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC.

Table S3 Effect of phenol derivatives as additives

O Ph CF ₃	$\begin{array}{c} PS-Pro\\ additive \\ H_2O(1)\\ \hline acetor\\ 2a \end{array}$	● 3 (10 mol ● (10 mol % .0 equiv) ne, 25 °C	%) ⁶⁾ F ₃ C → Ph	OH O Ja	
Entry	Additive/Pka	Time (h)	Yield $(\%)^{b}$	Ee (%) ^c	
1		6.5	84	86	
2 ^a	2,6-diertbutylphenol /16.8	6	88	79	
3 ^a	2,6-ditertbutyl- 4-bromophenol/16	5	85	82	PS-Pro 3
4 ^a	2,6-ditertbutyl- 4-nitrophenol/10.8	2	89	82	

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **PS-Pro 3** (0.02 mmol), 1.0 equiv H_2O and additive (0.02 mmol) in dry acetone (1.0 mL) under air at RT. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC.

Catalyst recovery and reuse in a heterogeneous batch system (Tables S4-S5 and Scheme S4)

Table S4 Catalyst recovery and reuse within limited reaction time

Ph 1a	CF_3^+ $2a$	PS-Pro	<mark>3</mark> (10 mol ⁰ , Ar, 25 °C	%) ^F ₃ → Ph	C OH O	9
Run	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b	Ee (%) ^c	TON	TOF (h ⁻¹)	
1 ^a	8 h	84	89	8.4	1.05	
2 ^a	8 h	14 ^e	nd	1.4	0.18	
2 ^{a,d}	8 h	86	90	8.6	1.08	Ph
3 ^{a,d}	8 h	47	89	4.7	0.59	PS-Pro 3 HO

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **PS-Pro 3** (0.02 mmol) in dry acetone (0.5 mL) under argon at RT. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC. [d] Sequential washing method: HCOOH 2h, 1M NaOH 1 h, H₂O, MeOH, DCM, Vaccum. [e] NMR yield. Durene as the internal standard.



We performed catalyst recovery and reuse experiments in prolonged reaction time. (Table S5) Interestingly, the catalyst **PS-Pro 3** was still reactive after 8 runs. However, the reaction time was prolonged to 35 h for completion of the reaction, which indicated some catalyst deactivation during

recovery experiments. The catalyst in the 5% mol% amount was used to achieve reliable enantioselectivities.

O Ph 1a	CF ₃ ⁺	PS-Pro acetone	3 (5 mol % e, Ar, 25 °C) F₃C ➤ Ph´	OH O Ja	
Run	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b	Ee (%) ^c	TON	TOF (h ⁻¹)	
1 ^a	14 h	86	89	17.2	1.23	
2 ^a	24 h	85	90	17.0	0.71	
3 ^{a,d}	14 h	90	78	17.9	1.28	
3 ^{a,e}	16 h	90	88	17.9	1.12	
4 ^{a,e}	31 h	86	86	17.0	0.55	
5 ^{a,e}	33 h	92	87	18.5	0.56	H NH Ph
6 ^{a,e}	35 h	88	86	17.5	0.50	PS-Pro 3 HO
7 ^{a,e}	35 h	93	86	18.5	0.53	

Table S5 Catalyst recovery and reuse using prolonged reaction time

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **PS-Pro 3** (0.01 mmol) in dry acetone (0.5 mL) under argon at RT. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC. [d] Sequential washing method: HCOOH 2 h, 1M NaOH 5 times, H₂O, MeOH, THF, DCM, Vaccum. [e] Sequential washing method: HCOOH 2 h, 1M NaOH 1 h, H₂O, MeOH, THF, DCM, Vaccum.

Additional condition screenings in flow system (Tables S6-S8)

Tal	ole S6 E	ffect of	10% HFIP add	ditive		
	O Ph 1a + H ₂ !	$CF_3 + 2a$ $CF_3 + 2a$ $CF_3 + HFIP$	PS-Pro Celite	3 676 mg 4.1 g, 25 °(00 mm	F ₃ C C Ph 3a	
_	Time (h)	Volume (ml) Flow rate (mL/mi	in) Yield (%) ^b Ee (%)	^c TOF (h ⁻¹)
	3-4.3 ^a	3.2	0.052	87	82	0.24
	4.3-5.2 ^a	2.7	0.055	86	82	0.27
	5.2-6.3 ^a	7	0.098	85	84	0.43
	6.3-7.5 ^a	8	0.12	84	82	0.51
	7.5-8.7 ^a	10.5	0.14	64	84	0.48
	8.7 - 9.6 ^a	8.5	0.16	60	81	0.48

[a] 0.05 M **1a**, 10% HFIP additive and 1 equiv. H_2O in acetone **2a** was degassed for 10 min in advance. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC.

In the presence of 10% volume of HFIP and 1 equiv of water, the TOF value was improved to 0.48 h^{-1} (Table S6). However, the enantioselectivity dropped to 81% ee from 90% ee because of the existence of reversible reaction. The HFIP additive could promote the target catalytic cycle, but the reverse catalytic cycle was also accelerated at the same time.



[a] acetone/water mixture (4:1) was used to stablize the system for 10 h. 0.05 M
1a in acetone and water (4:1) was feeded into the flow system. [b] Isolated yield.
[c] Determined by HPLC.

Continuation of the above flow process, the acetone solvent was changed to a mixture of acetone and water (4:1) (Table S7). When the flow rate was increased to 0.095 mL/min, much amount of starting material remained. We could not isolate the chiral product **3a** and expected enantioselectivity wasn't detected. In the main text (Scheme 3), we found that the water could promote the hydrolysis reaction on the polymer surface and guarantee the life-time of the flow process. However, excess amount of water couldn't accelerate the catalytic reaction and improve the efficiency.

Table S8	B Effect of	10% 4-nitrophene	ol addi	tive	
0 Ph CF 1a + H ₂ O	0 	PS-Pro 3 676 Celite 4.1 g, 2 D→ 10x100 mm	° ^{mg} ^{25 °C} F −−−− P	₃ C OH O h 3a	~
Time (h)	Volume (mL) Flow rate (mL/min)	Yield (%) ^b Ee (%) ^c	TOF (h ⁻¹)
25.5-26.5 ^a	5.4	0.093	85	82	0.39
26.5-28 ^a	9.0	0.1	87	81	0.44
28-29.3 ^a	11	0.14	82	81	0.58
29.3-31 ^a	6	0.15	84	81	0.64

[a] Acetone, H₂O and 4-nitrophenol mixture was used to stablize the flow system for 5 h. Then, 0.05 M **1a**, 10% 4-nitrophenol and 1 equiv H₂O in acetone **2a** was feeded into the flow system. [b] Isolated yield. [c] Determined by HPLC.

Continuation of the above flow process, similar phenomenon was observed with the HFIP additive. (Table S8) In our hypothesis, the 4-nitrophenol could accelerate the target aldol reaction and the reverse reaction simultaneously.

Investigation of catalyst deactivation using IR and fluorine elemental analysis (Schemes S5-6)

Scheme S5 Fluorine elemental analysis study for catalyst deactivation in flow system



Elemental analysis: F 0%, C 84.26%, H 7.76%, N 2.43% Elemental analysis: F 0.33%, C 71.01%, H 6.45%, N 1.78%

In the main text (Scheme 2), we noticed some deactivation of the flow process in the absence of water additive. The deactivated polymer was recovered from the polymer and celite mixture by extraction method (EtOAc/H₂O). And the polymer was further washed with methanol, DCM. Further evaporation under vacuum gave the final polymer. The polymer was submitted to elemental analysis. We found that 0.33% F in the deactivated polymer was observed. And IR analysis also indicated the C-F absorption peak around 1100 cm⁻¹. A possible structure of deactivated polymer **PS-Pro 3** in the flow process was proposed to explain the deactivation pathway, which could be further suppressed by the addition of water. Within the extraction process, the hydrolysis reaction of the deactivated polymer might happen and lead to the loss of F element in the polymer. (Schemes S5-6)

Scheme S6 IR study for catalyst deactivation in flow system



Experimental Procedures General considerations

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on JNM-ECX600 spectrometers in CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as internal standard ($\delta = 0$) for ¹H NMR, chemical shift values are listed in parts per million (ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm) on the δ scale), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet), coupling constant J (Hz), and integration. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz) chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to the CDCl₃ served as internal standard (δ = 77.0). Trifluorotoluene served as internal standard ($\delta = -63.2$) for ¹⁹F NMR. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded with an electrospray ionization time-of-flight (ESITOF) mass spectrometer. IR spectra were measured by Shimadzu IRSpirit-T with QART-S. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was carried out with a SHIMADZU LC-20AB instrument (liquid chromatograph). Optical rotation Elemental analysis experiments were conducted with an Analytic Functional Testing VarioMICRO CHNS instrument. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) was carried out using Wakogel B-5F. CF₃TMS, Methyl ketones 1, Benzaldehydes, Grignard reagents, dry and deuteride solvents were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industrials, Merk Co. and Tokyo Chemical Industries (TCI) Ltd. Trifluoroacetophenone and its derivatives 2 were prepared according to the previously reported synthetic method.⁴ Styrene and divinylbenzene were purified with a short silica column before use.

Catalyst synthesis General procedure for the monomer synthesis²

To a suspension of Boc-L-proline (2.15 g, 10 mmol) and Et₃N (3.0 mL, 22 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was slowly added ethyl chloroformate (0.95 mL, 10 mmol) at 0 °C resulting in the formation of triethylammonium hydrochloride as a white precipitate. Upon completion of the addition, the resulting slurry was stirred for an additional 30 min. The crude amino alcohol prepared from the L-Leucine (10 mmol) was then added in portions by means of a funnel (rinsing with dry CH₂Cl₂). Upon completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C to room temperature overnight, followed by evaporation of volatiles under reduced pressure to provide the crude N-Boc proline amide as a pale-yellow solid. MeOH (16 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) were then added to the crude N-Boc proline amide, followed by slow addition of HCOOH (4 mL). The resulting slurry was heated to 50 °C and stirred for 7 h. During this time, the mixture became homogeneous (after ~2.5 h). After the

reaction was complete (TLC analysis), the resulting solution of the **Pro 1**·HCOOH salt was evaporated under reduced pressure and diluted with H₂O (20 mL) and EtOAc (30 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and made slightly basic (pH 8–9) with 6 N NaOH (~7 mL), with vigorous stirring, to give **Pro 1**. After separation of the organic layer, the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 1 N NaOH, H₂O, and brine and were dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was filtered through a short pad of silica (Hexane/Ethyl estate = 3:1-1:1) and concentrated in vacuo to afford **Pro 1** as a white solid.

General procedure a for the polymer synthesis¹

Toluene (0.5 mL) was degassed under nitrogen atmosphere during 30 min. Addition of the mixture of monomer **Pro 1** (334 mg, 1.0 mmol), styrene (1.1 mL, 9.6 mmol) and AIBN (11 mg, 0.07 mmol) in 0.5 mL of toluene was carried out. After that, the mixture was degassed for another 30 min at 20 °C. The temperature was then raised to 80 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 24 h. The resulting polymer beads were filtered and washed with methanol several times, then with, THF and CH₂Cl₂, followed by drying under reduced pressure for 4h, which afforded the desired cross-linked chiral polymer **PS-Pro 1**. For **PS-Pro 2** and **3**, degassed divinylbenzene (DVB) was introduced in an indicated equivalent. The catalyst loading in polymer was modified by changing the ratio of monomer/ styrene/DVB.



(*S*)-*N*-((*S*)-1-Hydroxy-4-methyl-1,1-bis(4-vinylphenyl)pentan-2-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (Pro 1) Following the general procedure, monomer Pro 1 (334 mg) (1 mmol) was obtained in 8% yield as a white solid. The low isolated yield suffered from the undesired polymerization problem of the di-styrene in the acid treatment step. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.69 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 5.72 – 5.64 (m, 2H), 5.36 (br, 1H), 5.22 – 5.10 (m, 2H), 4.61 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dt, *J* = 10.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.75 (m, 3H), 1.62 – 1.39 (m, 3H), 1.34 – 1.16 (m, 2H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.1, 146.1, 144.6, 136.4, 136.3, 135.9, 135.8, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 113.7, 113.5, 80.8, 60.2, 56.4, 47.0, 37.5, 30.5, 25.7, 25.3, 23.8, 21.5 ppm; IR 3480.28, 3257.50, 2959.03, 2870.48, 1636.60, 1508.08, 1446.67, 1132.48, 1081.07, 903.99 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁶ – 34.6 (c 0.50, CHCl₃); HRMS (DART): m/z calcd. for C₂₇H₃₄N₂O₂ [M + H⁺] 419.2698; found 419.2690.



Following the general procedure, **PS-Pro 1** (652 mg) was obtained as a colorless solid. Polymerization yield was 89% according to the polymerization degree of monomer. **Elemental analysis:** %C, 83.76; %H, 7.95; %N, 2.50

Actual loading was 0.89 mmol/g; Target loading was 0.70 mmol/g **IR analysis:** 2969.02, 2921.90, 2866.20, 1650.89, 1492.37, 1453.81, 1055.37, 1032.52, 1015.38, 754.04 cm⁻¹



(*S*)-*N*-((*S*)-1-Hydroxy-1,1-diphenyl-3-(4-((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)phenyl) propan-2-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (Pro 2) Following the general procedure, monomer Pro 2 (4.2 g) was obtained in 80% yield as a white solid. 532 mg of Pro 2 (1 mmol) was used in the polymerization step. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (br, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 4.53 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dt, *J* = 9.8, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.33 (tt, *J* = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (td, *J* = 12.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (dt, *J* = 12.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.5, 157.2, 146.7, 145.1, 137.2, 136.6, 136.4, 132.1, 130.0, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 125.6, 125.6, 114.7, 114.0, 80.3, 69.7, 62.1, 60.0, 46.8, 33.1, 30.3, 25.4 ppm; IR 3648.80, 3346.04, 3277.49, 2929.04, 2867.63, 1639.46, 1510.93, 1446.67, 1406.68, 825.44, 749.75 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁶ – 68.8 (c 0.50, CHCl₃); HRMS (DART): m/z calcd. for C₃₅H₃₆N₂O₃ [M + H⁺] 533.2804; found 533.2778.



Following the general procedure, **PS-Pro 2** (2.3 g) was obtained as a colorless solid. Polymerization yield was 92% according to the polymerization degree of monomer.

Elemental analysis: %C, 84.62; %H, 7.21; %N, 1.11

Actual loading was 0.40 mmol/g; Target loading was 0.38 mmol/g

IR analysis: 3648.80, 2970.45, 2923.32, 2866.20, 1650.89, 1558.06, 1509.50, 1490.94, 1452.38, 1103.95, 754.04 cm⁻¹



(2*S*,4*R*)-*N*-((*S*)-1-Hydroxy-4-methyl-1,1-diphenylpentan-2-yl)-4-((4-vinylbenzyl)oxy)pyrrolidie-2-carboxamide (Pro 3) Following the general procedure, monomer Pro 3 (2.7 g) was obtained in 54% yield as a white solid. 500 mg of Pro 3 (1 mmol) was used in the polymerization step. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (br, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 3.79 (br, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.15 (m, 1H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 146.7, 145.0, 137.6, 137.1, 136.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 126.3, 125.7, 125.5, 113.9, 80.9, 80.0, 70.3, 59.5, 52.2, 37.2, 36.0, 25.4, 23.8, 21.5 ppm; IR 3314.62, 2953.31, 2867.63, 1633.75, 1525.21, 1493.79, 1448.09, 1062.51, 826.87, 744.04 cm⁻¹; [α]_D²⁶ – 42.6 (c 0.10, CHCl₃); HRMS (DART): m/z calcd. for C₃₂H₃₈N₂O₃ [M + H⁺] 499.2961; found 499.2944.



Following the general procedure, **PS-Pro 3** (1.16 g) was obtained as a colorless solid. Polymerization yield was 97% according to the polymerization degree of monomer.

Elemental analysis: %C, 86.08; %H, 7.56; %N, 0.95.

Actual loading was 0.34 mmol/g; Target loading was 0.37 mmol/g.

Elemental analysis: %C, 81.97; %H, 7.36; %N, 2.22.

Actual loading was 0.79 mmol/g; Target loading was 0.81 mmol/g.

Elemental analysis: %C, 82.62; %H, 7.50; %N, 2.40.

Actual loading was 0.86 mmol/g; Target loading was 0.81 mmol/g.

Elemental analysis: %C, 84.26; %H, 7.76; %N, 2.43.

Actual loading was 0.87 mmol/g; Target loading was 0.81 mmol/g.

IR analysis: 3026.15, 2923.32, 2866.20, 1649.46, 1600.90, 1512.36, 1492.37, 1449.52, 1053.94, 751.18 cm⁻¹

Continuous-flow synthesis for the chiral trifluoromethyl carbinols (Scheme S7-8)

To examine the substrate scope, 676 mg **PS-Pro 3** (0.86 mmol/g) and 4.1 g celite were packed into the flow reactor (10×100 mm). For all samples, degassed toluene under argon atmosphere was fed into the flow column in 1 mL/min for 1 h. After this rinsing process, the bubble in the flow reactor could be completely removed. To examine the substrate scope, all the flow samples were pre-prepared by mixing the ketones (2 mmol, 1.0 equivalent), H₂O (2 mmol, 36 mg, 1 equivalent) and acetone (40 mL), and further degassed in the ultrasonic instrument for 10 min. In low flow rate case, this degassing procedure could effectively solve the blocking problem caused by the bubble gathering in the flow pipe. Flow rate was set as 0.05 mL/min. All data collected could match the previously reported results. The sequential synthesis of chiral trifluoromethyl carbinols was conducted at room temperature under argon atmosphere. One batch of **PS-Pro 3** was employed for the samples from **3a** to **3a**'. After pumping each solution for 10 h, the system was rinsed by pumping acetone/H₂O for 30 min. The collected sample was evaporated, and further purified with the PTLC (Hexane/Ethyl estate = 5:1). Flow efficiency slightly dropped by contrast of isolated yields and ee values between the beginning **3a** and the end **3a**'. The deactivated **PS-Pro 3** was recovered with above introduced washing method, and reused for the unsymmetric ketones. (Scheme S7)

The recovered **PS-Pro 3** and celite were repacked intro the flow reactor for the unsymmetric ketones. After pumping each solution for 5 h, THF/H₂O mixture was introduced to wash the flow system in 1 mL/min for 30 min, and Toluene/H₂O mixture for another 30 min. The collected sample was

evaporated, and further purified with the PTLC (Hexane/Ethyl estate = 5:1). (Scheme S8)





F₃C OH O

(*S*)-5,5,5-Trifluoro-4-hydroxy-4-phenylpentan-2-one (3a) 3a (252 mg) was obtained in 89% yield and 91% ee using the freshly prepared PS-Pro 3 packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁵ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 94.3, 17.2 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.9, 137.4, 128.8, 128.4, 126.1, 123.5, 76.0 (d, *J* = 29.1), 45.07, 32.06 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.8 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OD-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (95:5), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm, t_R minor = 8.3 min, t_s major = 10.6 min.



(*S*)-5,5,5-Trifluoro-4-hydroxy-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)pentan-2-one (3b) 3b (355 mg) was obtained in 93% yield and 89% ee using the freshly prepared PS-Pro 3 packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.37 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.0, 159.7, 139.0, 129.4, 125.8, 124.4 (q, *J* = 285.3 Hz), 118.2, 114.0, 112.5, 76.0 (q, *J* = 29.0 Hz), 55.3, 45.1, 32.1 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.8 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OD-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (95:5), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 16.6 min, t_s major = 20.5 min.



(*S*)-5,5,5-Trifluoro-4-hydroxy-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentan-2-one (3c) 3c (452 mg) was obtained in 89% yield and 83% ee using the freshly prepared PS-Pro 3 packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (3:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.39 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.9, 137.4, 128.8, 128.4, 126.1, 123.5, 76.0 (d, *J* = 29.1), 45.1, 32.1 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.5 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (90:10), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 5.6 min, t_s major = 6.2 min.



(*S*)-4-(3-Bromophenyl)-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxypentan-2-one (3d) 3d (590 mg) was obtained in 90% yield and 87% ee using the freshly prepared **PS-Pro 3** packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.41 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCL₃) δ 208.7, 139.8, 132.0, 123.0, 129.5, 124.8, 123.3, 122.8, 75.6 (d, *J* = 30.2), 44.9, 32.0 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.7 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (90:10), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 8.0 min, t_S major = 9.0 min.



(*S*)-5,5,5-Trifluoro-4-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)pentan-2-one (3e) 3e (394 mg) was obtained in 88% yield and 83% ee using the freshly prepared PS-Pro 3 packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (3:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.4, 148.2, 144.5, 127.4, 124.0 (q, *J* = 286.2 Hz), 123.6, 77.2, 75.5 (d, *J* = 151.2 Hz), 44.91, 31.91 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.1 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (90:10), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 21.4 min, t_s major = 23.8 min.



(*S*)-5,5,5-Trifluoro-4-hydroxy-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)pentan-2-one (3f) 3f (257 mg) was obtained in 81% yield and 89% ee using the freshly prepared PS-Pro 3 packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.50 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.0, 134.8, 133.2, 132.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 126.1, 123.6, 123.3, 76.2 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 45.2, 32.1 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.5 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OD-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (95:5), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm. t_R minor = 9.3 min, t_S major = 13.7 min.

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Methyl (*S*)-2-hydroxy-4-oxo-2-phenylpentanoate (3g) 3g (175 mg) was obtained in 63% yield and 9% ee using the freshly prepared **PS-Pro 3** packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.43 (br, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.8, 174.3, 140.2, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 124.8, 76.3, 53.1, 53.0, 30.6 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (90:10), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_s major = 18.8 min, t_R minor = 20.8 min.



(*S*)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-hydroxybutan-2-one (3h) 3h (107 mg) was obtained in 44% yield and 74% ee using the freshly prepared **PS-Pro 3** packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.13 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 3.37 (br, 1H), 2.87 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.9, 141.7, 131.6, 127.4, 121.4, 69.2, 51.7, 30.8 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (90:10), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_s major = 12.0 min, t_R minor = 12.7 min.



(*S*)-6,6,6-Trifluoro-5-hydroxy-5-phenylhexan-3-one (3i) 3i (119 mg) was obtained in 74% yield and 91% ee using the recovered PS-Pro 3 packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.32 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.59 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.8, 137.5, 128.8, 128.4, 126.1, 124.5 (q, *J* = 285.9 Hz), 76.0 (q, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 44.0, 38.2, 7.1 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.7 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (95:5), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 9.0 min, t_s major = 12.2 min.

F₃C, OH O

(*S*)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-phenylheptan-4-one (3j) 3j (137 mg) was obtained in 78% yield and 86% ee using the recovered **PS-Pro 3** packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁶ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.36 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.4, 137.5, 128.7, 128.4, 126.1, 124.5 (q, *J* = 283.4 Hz), 75.9, 46.8, 44.3, 16.5, 13.3 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.7 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (95:5), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 7.3 min, t_s minor = 10.2 min.



(*S*)-4-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxypentan-2-one 27% NMR yield was obtained using the freshly prepared **PS-Pro 3** packed flow reactor. Durene (0.25 equivalent) was used as the internal standard. Crude ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.60 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 11H) ppm.

Formal continuous-flow synthesis of chiral Fenpentadiol analogue 4 (Schemes S9-10)

676 mg **PS-Pro 3** (0.86 mmol/g) and 4.1 g celite were packed into the flow reactor (10×100 mm). Degassed toluene under argon atmosphere was fed into the flow column in 1 mL/min for 1 h. After this rinsing process, the bubble in the flow reactor could be completely removed. Flow sample were pre-prepared by mixing the **1i** (3 mmol, 1.0 equivalent, 0.05 N), H₂O (3 mmol, 54 mg, 1 equiv) and acetone (60 mL), and further degassed in the ultrasonic instrument for 10 min. In low flow rate case, this degassing procedure could effectively solve the blocking problem caused by the bubble gathering in the flow pipe. Flow rate was set as 0.05 mL/min. All data collected could match the previously reported results. This flow process was conducted for 20 h, and the collected sample was evaporated and purified with PTLC (Hexane/EtOAc = 5:1). (Scheme S9)

Scheme S9 Continuous synthesis of chiral 3k under the optimal flow condition



Next Grignard reaction of 3k (592 mg, 2.2 mmol) and methyl magnesium bromide (4 equivalent) at 50 °C smoothly delivered the desired Fenpentadiol analogue 4 (600 mg). Crude ¹H NMR analysis of analogue 4 showed 7% of 3k remained. Further crystallization (200 mg 4) in hexane/DCM could produce 108 mg of 4 with improved enantioselectivity. (Scheme S10)

Scheme S10 Fenpentadiol analogue 4



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(*S*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxypentan-2-one (3k) 3k (592 mg) was obtained in 87% yield and 83% ee using the freshly prepared PS-Pro 3 packed flow reactor. Purification was carried out by the preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc (5:1) as the eluent. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁷ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 3.25 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.8, 136.0, 135.0, 128.7, 127.6, 124.2 (q, *J* = 286.0 Hz), 75.7 (q, *J* = 30.1 Hz), 44.9, 32.0 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 80.9 ppm; HPLC Chiralcel OJ-3 column, hexane/i-PrOH (90:10), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 8.2 min, t_S minor = 13.2 min.



(*S*)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-methylpentane-2,4-diol (4) 4 (108 mg) was obtained in 54% yield and 96% ee with one step Grignard reaction. Crystallization in hexane/DCM was conducted to improve the enantioselectivity. All spectroscopic data matched results previously reported in the literature.⁷ ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (br, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (br, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.6, 134.4, 128.4, 126.0, 124.1, 73.6, 42.4, 33.9, 28.5 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃, PhCF₃) – 82.5 ppm; HPLC Chiralpak AD-H column, hexane/i-PrOH (95:5), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm. t_R minor = 6.6 min, t_S minor = 7.8 min.

Proposed transition state for the target aldol reaction (Scheme S11)

Scheme S11 Proposed anti-re face attack transition state for the target aldol reaction



To explain the stereochemical outcome of the aldol reaction, four different possible transition states were proposed in Newman projection. (Scheme S11) Syn transition states are very likely higher in energy than anti transition states, and successfully excluded according to the previous DFT investigation⁸. The aldol reaction of acetone to trifluoroacetophenone proceeds more preferably through anti-re transition state giving (S)-**3a**, because anti-si transition state is destabilized by steric

repulsion between the bulky trifluoromethyl group and methyl or phenyl groups in enamine intermediate. 9

NMR and IR spectra of catalysts



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2	10.592	8099984	517734	95.380
‡Œv		8492290	556483	100.000











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1	8.931	15612239	1049144	43.713
2	12.538	20102797	1009010	56.287
‡Œv		35715036	2058153	100.000





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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
1	9.246	6841405	621905	46.844
2	13.329	7763115	459029	53.156
‡Œv		14604521	1080935	100.000

























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