Catalyst Free and High Selective Electrophilic Mono-fluorination of Acetoacetamides: Facile and Efficient Preparation of 2-Fluoro Acetoacetamides in PEG-400

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I. General Remarks:

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further treatment, unless otherwise indicated. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance/400 (¹H: 400 MHz, ¹³C: 100 MHz at 25 °C) and TMS as internal standard. Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, h = hepetet, m = multiplet), coupling constants in Hertz (Hz). The mass spectra (EI) were measured on a Waters LC-MS system. Elemental analysis was performed on a Perkin-Elmer-2400 CHN elemental analyzer, the C, H and N analysis were repeated twice. Melting points were measured on a YuHua X-5 melting point measurement instrument from YuHua Instrument Co., Ltd. Microwave irradiation experiments were carried out using the XH-100 B optimizer microwave (an internal thermometer can be insert into the reaction system to control the temperature) from XiangHu from Xiang Hu Technology Co., Ltd, and the power range was up to 800 W. IR spectra were recorded on a Bio-Rad FTS-40 FT-IR spectrophotometer as KBr pellets. All reactions were monitored by TLC with GF254 silica gel coated plates. Flash column chromatography was carried out using 200-300 mesh silica gel at increased pressure.

II. Typical Procedure:

(I) For 2 (2j as an example):



The mixture of 3-oxo-*N-p*-tolylbutanamide **1j** (191 mg, 1.0 mmol), selectfluor (390 mg, 1.1 mmol) was well stirred for 8 h in PEG-400 (3.0 mL) at 60 °C oil bath, then to the mixture was added water (10 mL), extracted with diethyl ether (15 mL×4). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by a short flash silica gel column chromatography to give compound **2j** (199 mg, 95%) (Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1).

III. Analytical data of compounds 2

2-fluoro-3-oxo-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)butanamide (2j)

Light yellow solid; mp: 55-57 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47-2.40 (m, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.58 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 161.21 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 135.15, 133.70, 129.62, 120.35, 92.94 (d, J = 200.8 Hz), 26.62, 20.91; MS: calcd *m/z* 209.1, found 210.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3338, 1735, 1683, 1541, 1516, 1095, 811; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FNO₂: C, 63.15; H, 5.78; N, 6.69. Found: C, 63.22; H, 5.70; N, 6.74.



2-fluoro-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutanamide (2k)

Yellow solid; mp: 57-59 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.33 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.68 (d, J = 20 Hz), 161.25 (d, J = 19.6 Hz), 157.05, 129.29, 122.16, 114.14, 92.92 (d, J = 200.5 Hz), 55.37, 26.49; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 225.1, found 226.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3353, 1730, 1672, 1604, 1560, 1412, 824; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FNO₃: C, 58.66; H, 5.37; N, 6.22. Found: C, 58.58; H, 5.42; N, 6.26.



2-fluoro-3-oxo-N-(o-tolyl)butanamide (2l)

Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 48.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.87 (d, J = 20.3 Hz),161.43 (d, J = 19.7 Hz), 133.83, 130.52, 130.08, 126.56, 126.08, 123.22, 92.76 (d, J = 199.7 Hz), 26.34, 17.25; MS: calcd *m/z* 209.1, found 210.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): v 3324, 1739, 1685, 1538, 1459, 1360, 754; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FNO₂: C, 63.15; H, 5.78; N, 6.69. Found: C, 63.28; H, 5.84; N, 6.77.



2-fluoro-N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutanamide (2m)

Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.46 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.06 (d, J = 19.9 Hz), 160.83 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 148.27, 125.96, 124.98, 120.89, 119.82, 110.15, 92.92 (d, J = 201.3 Hz), 55.71, 26.45; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 225.1, found 226.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3410, 1740, 1695, 1549, 1463, 1255, 1118, 752; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FNO₃: C, 58.66; H, 5.37; N, 6.22. Found: C, 58.74; H, 5.39; N, 6.30.

N-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide (2n)

White solid; mp: 53-54 °C ; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.42 (m, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.67 (d, J = 20.2 Hz), 161.40 (d, J = 19.6 Hz), 136.08, 131.41, 131.31, 129.94, 127.42, 123.27, 93.03 (d, J = 200.5 Hz), 26.67, 20.92, 17.44; MS: calcd *m/z* 223.1, found 224.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): v 3307, 1598, 1540, 1506, 1140, 1115, 875, 808; Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄FNO₂: C, 64.56; H, 6.32; N, 6.27. Found: C, 64.69; H, 6.38; N, 6.20.



2-fluoro-3-oxo-N-phenylbutanamide (20)

Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.42 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.38 (d, J = 19.7 Hz) 161.28 (d, J = 16.0, Hz), 136.27, 129.25, 125.54, 120.32, 92.94 (d, J = 201.2 Hz), 26.71; MS: calcd *m/z* 195.1, found 196.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3330, 1738, 1684, 1601, 1541, 1446, 755, 692; Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₀FNO₂: C, 61.53; H, 5.16; N, 7.18. Found: C, 61.43; H, 5.20; N, 7.15.



N-(5-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide (2p)

Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.48-2.40 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 198.95 (d, J = 20.0 Hz), 161.00 (d, J = 19.4 Hz), 146.83, 126.80, 125.90, 124.50, 119.79, 110.99, 92.82 (d, J = 201.6 Hz), 56.11, 26.62; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 259.0, found 260.0 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3408, 1740, 1698, 1598, 1533, 1485, 1254, 804, 645; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁ClFNO₃: C, 50.88; H, 4.27; N, 5.39. Found: C, 50.97; H, 4.22; N, 5.40.



N-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide (2q)

Yellow viscous liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, J = 48.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43-2.51 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.10 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 161.14 (d, J = 19.6 Hz), 133.01, 129.24, 127.73, 125.82, 123.65, 121.71, 92.70 (d, J = 201.1 Hz), 26.50; MS: calcd m/z 229.0, found 230.0 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): v 3401, 1699, 1596, 1548, 1444, 1361, 753; Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₉ClFNO₂: C, 52.30; H, 3.95; N, 6.10. Found: C, 52.35; H, 4.00; N, 6.12.



N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide (2r)

Yellow solid; mp: 56-57 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39-2.32 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.56 (d, J = 20 Hz), 161.37 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 134.83, 130.44, 129.08, 121.60, 92.79(d, J = 200.8 Hz), 26.55; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 229.0, found 230.0 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3325, 1738, 1683, 1670, 1558, 1493, 820; Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₉ClFNO₂: C, 52.30; H, 3.95; N, 6.10. Found: C, 52.33; H, 3.89; N, 6.15.

N-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide (2s)

White solid; mp: 106-108 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.94-7.92 (dd, $J_I = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.51-5.39 (d, J = 48.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.49-2.43 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.39 (d, J = 20.0 Hz), 197.18, 161.55 (d, J = 19.7 Hz), 140.64, 133.79, 129.80, 119.61, 92.81 (d, J = 201.2 Hz), 26.79, 26.58; IR (KBr, neat): v 3324, 1736, 1690, 1674, 1556, 1493, 824; Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂FNO₃: C, 60.76; H, 5.10; N, 5.90. Found: C, 60.75; H, 5.05; N, 5.88.



Ethyl 4-(2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamido)benzoate (2t)

Colourless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.03-8.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.54-5.42 (d, J = 48.8 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.34 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50-2.45 (m, 3H), 1.41-1.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.45 (d, J = 19.5 Hz), 166.01, 161.53 (d, J = 19.7 Hz), 140.39, 130.80, 126.99, 119.46, 92.82 (d, J = 201.3 Hz), 61.11, 26.73, 14.32; IR (KBr, neat): v 3326, 1748, 1693, 1530, 1526, 1428, 834; Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄FNO₄: C, 58.42; H, 5.28; N, 5.24. Found: C, 58.45; H, 5.36; N, 5.19.

2-fluoro-3-oxo-*N*,*N*-diphenylbutanamide (2g)

Yellow solid; mp: 97-98 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.26 (m, 10H), 5.27 (d, J = 49.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.22 (d, J = 26.1 Hz), 164.48 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 141.62, 141.02, 130.07, 129.25, 129.00, 128.85, 127.10, 126.17, 89.91 (d, J = 191.4 Hz), 26.71; MS: calcd *m/z* 271.1, found 272.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 1693, 1492, 1354, 1094, 700; Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄FNO₂: C, 70.84; H, 5.20; N, 5.16. Found: C, 70.80; H, 5.26; N, 5.20.

2-fluoro-N,N-dimethyl-3-oxobutanamide (2h)

Light yellow liquid; 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3): δ 5.50 (d, J = 49.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.24 (d, J = 4 Hz); 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ 201.73 (d, J = 24.1 Hz), 163.49 (d, J = 20.4 Hz), 90.99 (d, J = 192.9 Hz), 36.75, 36.71, 35.70, 25.86; MS: calcd m/z 147.1, found

148.1[(M+1)]+; IR (KBr, neat): v 2962, 2876, 1718, 1653, 1261, 1110, 803; Anal. Calcd for $C_6H_{10}FNO_2$: C, 48.97; H, 6.85; N, 9.52. Found: C, 49.01; H, 6.86; N, 9.55.



N,*N*-diethyl-2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide (2i)

Light yellow solid; mp: 92-94 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.32 (d, J = 50.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35-3.17 (m, 4H), 2.17-2.16 (m, 3H), 1.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.87 (t, J = 23.9 Hz), 162.98 (t, J = 20.1 Hz), 91.33 (d, J = 193.6 Hz), 41.59, 40.52, 14.00, 12.30; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 175.1, found 176.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 2978, 2940, 1740, 1642, 1464, 1360, 1084; Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₄FNO₂: C, 54.84; H, 8.05; N, 7.99. Found: C, 54.80; H, 8.11; N, 8.02.



N-benzyl-2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide (2u)

Colourless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.40 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.33 (d, J = 19.4 Hz), 163.32 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 137.06, 128.85, 127.87, 127.79, 92.96 (d, J = 199.6 Hz), 43.37, 26.62; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 209.1, found 210.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3338, 1736, 1684, 1539, 1455, 1360, 1093, 700; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FNO₂: C, 63.15; H, 5.78; N, 6.69. Found: C, 63.20; H, 5.84; N, 6.72.



2-fluoro-4-methyl-3-oxo-N-phenylpentanamide (2v)

Light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, J = 49.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (h, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 205.86 (d, J = 18.6 Hz), 161.56 (d, J = 19.7 Hz), 136.40, 129.22, 125.41, 120.27, 91.52 (d, J = 200.7 Hz), 37.36, 18.42, 17.23; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 223.1, found 224.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3323, 2976, 1733, 1684, 1541, 1446, 755, 692; Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄FNO₂: C, 64.56; H, 6.32; N, 6.27. Found: C, 64.62; H, 6.28; N, 6.24.

2-fluoro-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(p-tolyl)propanamide (2w)

Yellow solid; mp: 91-93 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, J = 48.8 Hz, 1H),2.33-2.29 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.59 (d, J = 17.7 Hz),161.88 (d, J = 19.3 Hz), 135.01, 134.65, 133.83, 133.62, 129.92, 129.56, 128.74, 120.27, 90.45 (d, J = 198.6 Hz), 20.88; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 271.1, found 272.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3346, 1698, 1657, 1530, 1107, 731, 684; Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄FNO₂: C, 70.84; H, 5.20; N, 5.16. Found: C, 70.82; H, 5.24; N, 5.11.

N,*N*'-(1,4-phenylene)bis(2-fluoro-3-oxobutanamide) (2x)

Light yellow solid; mp: 185-187 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.50 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 4H), 5.69 (d, J = 48.4 Hz, 2H), 2.48-2.32 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.43 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 162.15 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 134.12, 120.70, 92.92 (d, J = 193.6 Hz), 26.45; MS: calcd *m*/*z* 312.1, found 313.1 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): *v* 3323, 1732, 1683, 1568, 1515, 1407, 1095, 824; Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄F₂N₂O₄: C, 53.85; H, 4.52; N, 8.97. Found: C, 53.93; H, 4.56; N, 9.01.

N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-fluoro-2-methyl-3-oxobutanamide (2y)

Light yellow solid; mp: 105-107 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 1.81 (d, J = 22.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.09 (d, J = 24.5 Hz), 164.91 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 135.15, 130.29, 129.13, 121.47, 99.56 (d, J = 196.4 Hz), 25.20, 20.84 (d, J = 22.7 Hz); MS: calcd *m/z* 243.0, found 244.0 [(M+1)]⁺; IR (KBr, neat): v 3330, 1739, 1683, 1653, 1541, 1495, 1403, 833; Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁ClFNO₂: C, 54.22; H, 4.55; N, 5.75. Found: C, 54.22; H, 4.49; N, 5.77.

IV. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra copies







Compound 2m





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