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Fluorous-Tagging: Enabling Isolation Technique for Indium-Mediated Allylation Reactions in Water

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General:

¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ¹⁹F NMR, GC-MS and IR were performed in the department of Chemistry of Tulane University. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Unity Inova 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃ solution and the chemical shifts were reported in parts per million relative to internal standard (TMS $\delta = 0$). The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; ddt, doublet of doublet of triplet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. The coupling constants, J, are reported in Hertz (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz and reference to the internal solvent signals (central peak is 77.00 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at 376 MHz and referenced to the internal standard C₆F₆ signal -164.9. GC-MS data were obtained by Varian Saturn 2100D GC/MS/MS mass spectrometer IR were recorded by FT-IR Perkin Elmer instrument and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). F-SPE technique was performed using FluoroFlash® silica gel bonded with perfluorooctylethylsilyl chains, 40µm, 60A particle size from Fluorous Technologies Inc. and flash chromatography was performed using Kiesegel 60, 230-400 mesh purchased from Sorbent Technologies. 1H, 1H-Perfluorohexan-1-ol was purchased from Matrix Scientific. All other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. and used without further purification. All reagents were weighed and handled in air unless otherwise stated. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF) was obtained by distillation from benzophenone and sodium metal.

Using perfluorinated allyl ether for separation technique:

Preparation of 6-(2-Chloromethyl-allyloxy)-1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-undecafluoro-hexane: A solution of 1H, 1H-perfluorohexan-1-ol (2.4 g, 8 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) was added slowly over 10 minutes to a stirred solution of sodium hydride (0.23 g, 9.7 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min after which 3-chloro-2-chloromethyl-1-propene (1.5 g, 12 mmol) was added and allowed to mix for 6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with ice water and then extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 20 mL). The combined extracts were dried and concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue purified by column chromatography on silica using hexane/diethyl ether (50:1) as eluent to give **1** (1.72 g, 55 %) as a colorless oil.

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6-(2-Chloromethyl-allyloxy)-1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-undecafluoro-hexane (1): colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 5.30 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.88 (t, J = 14Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 140.8, 118.3, 72.8, 67.3 (t, OCH₂, $J_{C-F} = 26$ Hz), 44.8 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); GC-MS (Relative Intensity): 388 (M⁺), 51, 77, 113, 141, 177.

Representative example for allylation of aldehydes with perfluorinated allyl ether: 6-(2-(chloromethyl)allyloxy)-1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4,5,5-decafluoro-4-methylhexane (117 mg, 0.3 mmol), benzaldehyde (0.45 mmol) and 4 mL water were mixed in a test tube followed by the addition of In powder (52 mg, 0.45 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C in air for 24 h. At the end of the reaction, the aqueous mixture was added to the column and the desired product was eluted with 100 mL 50/50 mixture of acetone/water followed by 20 mL of a 70/30 mixture of acetone/water; and finally an 80/20 mixture of acetone/water eluted the desired product.



3-(2,2,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Decafluoro-3-methyl-hexyloxymethyl)-1-phenyl-but-3-en-1-ol) (4a): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 7.38-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.84 (dd, J = 5.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t, J= 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (dd, J = 4.8, 14.4 Hz, 1H) 2.47 (dd, J = 8.4 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 144.2, 141.4, 128.7, 127.9, 125.9, 117.3, 75.8, 72.8, 66.9 (t, OCH₂, $J_{C-F} = 25.9$ Hz), 43.5 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling).

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3-(2,2,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Decafluoro-3-methyl-hexyloxymethyl)-1-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (4b): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 7.18-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.59 (m, 3H), 5.80-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.06-4.94 (2H), 3.34-3.29 (m, 2H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.21 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 141.2, 140.9, 121.8, 118.2, 117.4, 117.2, 115.0, 114.8, 76.0, 71.7, 67.0 (t, OCH₂, *J*_{C-F} = 26 Hz), 43.8 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling).



1-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-3-(2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyloxymethyl)-but-3-en-1-ol (4c): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 7.37 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.04 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 5.15, (s, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, J = 13.6Hz, 2H), 2.46 (dd, J = 3.6, 14.4Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J = 9.2, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.27 (m, 6H), 1.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 141.9, 139.4, 137.2, 134.4, 131.4, 127.2, 125.2, 117.1, 75.8, 69.1, 66.9 (t, -OCH₂, $J_{C-F} = 26$ Hz), 42.2, 21.1, 18.9 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); GC-MS (Relative Intensity): 488 (M⁺, 1), 471 (10), 171 (60), 135 (100), 107 (80).



2-[1-Hydroxy-3-(2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyloxymethyl)-but-3-enyl]phenol (4d): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.16(ddd, J = 2, 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 1.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.80 (m, 2H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 4.4,

This journal is (c) The Royal Society of Chemistry 2007 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dt, J = 1.2, 12 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 2.64 (ddd, J = 0.8, 9.6, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (ddd, J = 0.8, 4.4, 14 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 155.6, 140.8, 129.2, 127.3, 126.7, 120.1, 118.7, 117. 5, 76.1, 74.5, 65.4 (t, OCH2, $J_{C-F}=26$ Hz), 42.2 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling).



3-((2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Undecafluorohexyloxy)methyl)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)but-3-en-1-ol (4e): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 7.59 (dd, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 1.6, 8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 1.6, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24-5.21 (m, 2 H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.15 (dt, J = 3.6, 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 14 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (dd, J = 2, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 1H), 2.31 (dd, J = 4.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 141.5, 141.4, 131.7, 129.6, 128.7, 127.3, 127.1, 117.5, 75.9, 69.5, 67.1 (t, OCH₂, $J_{C-F} = 25.1$ Hz), 41.8 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling).



1-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-3-(2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyloxymethyl)-but-3-en-1-ol (4f): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 7.58 (dd, J = 2, 8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 1.2, 8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, J = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (ddd, J = 2, 8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 5.16 (dd, J = 3.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (t, J = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (dd, J = 2.4, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.28 (ddd, J = 0.4, 9.6, 14.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 143.0, 141.4, 132.8, 129.1, 128.0, 127.4, 121.8, 117.4, 75.9, 71.8, 67.1 (t, OCH₂, $J_{C-F} = 25.2$ Hz), 41.9 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); GC-

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5-Ethyl-2-(2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyloxymethyl)-hept-1-en-4-ol (4g): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 5.17 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dt, J = 1.6, 14 Hz, 2 H), 3.77-3.72 (m, 1H), 2.30 (dd, J =2, 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 (dd, J = 10, 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.65(s, 1H), 1.45-1.23 (m, 5 H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.2, 3 H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.2, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 142.6, 116.7, 75.8, 71.0, 66.9 (t, OCH₂ $J_{C-F} = 25.1$ Hz), 46.9, 38.2, 22.1, 21.6, 11.9, 11.9 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); GC-MS (Relative Intensity): 454 (M⁺), 354 (25), 137 (100), 95 (27).



2-(2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Undecafluoro-hexyloxymethyl)-tetradec-1-en-4-ol (4h).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz): δ (ppm) 5.17 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.14 (d, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dt, J = 1.6, 14 Hz, 2H), 3.74-3.70 (m, 1H), 2.31 (dd, J = 2.8, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dd, J = 9.2, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 1H), 1.46-1.19 (m, 18H), 0.88-0.84 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz): δ (ppm) 142.0, 116.8, 75.9, 69.9, 66.9 (t, OCH₂, $J_{C-F} = 26.7$ Hz), 41.7, 37.6, 32.1, 29.8, 29.5, 25.9, 22.9, 14.3 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling).

Using 2-bromomethyl-acrylic perfluoroester for separation technique

Preparation of 2-Bromomethyl-acrylic acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyl ester: 2-(bromomethyl)acrylic acid (5.0 g, 0.03 mol) and *1H*, *1H*-perfluorohexan-1-ol (15.0 g, 0.05 mol) were combined and heated at 50 °C until a complete solution was

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formed. Concentrated sulfuric acid (1.0 g) was then added slowly while mixing and after the completion of addition, the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 15 min and then the temperature was increased to 130 °C and heated for a 6 h. The product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using hexane: ethyl acetate (20:1) and isolated as a colorless oil (8.7 g, 65 % yield).



2-Bromomethyl-acrylic acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyl ester (2). colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 4.69 (t, J = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.4, 136.2, 131.4, 60.4 (t, O-CH₂ $J_{C-F}= 27.5$ Hz), 28.5 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, C₆F₆ -164.9, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) -83.98 (3F), -122.64 (2F), -126.22 (2F), -126.71 (2F), -129.47 (2F); GC-MS m/z (rel. intensity), 447 (M⁺, 65), 367 (100), 147 (45); IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3000, 1750 cm⁻¹.

Representative example for the allylation of aldehydes: To a solution of 2-bromomethylacrylic acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyl ester 2(135 mg, 0.3 mmol) and benzaldehyde 3a (48 mg, 0.45 mmol) in 4 mL water, indium powder (52 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature in air for 24 h. At the end of the reaction, the crude reaction mixture was added to the column containing FluoroFlash[®] silica gel and washed with 100 mL of a 50 % mixture of acetone and water. This was followed by 60 mL of a 70/30 mixture of acetone/water. An 80/20 mixture of acetone and water eluted the desired product 5a in high purity.



4-Hydroxy-2-methylene-4-phenyl-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluorohexyl ester (5a): colorless oil.

This journal is (c) The Royal Society of Chemistry 2007 ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.34-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.87 (dd, J = 4.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68-4.59 (m, 2H), 2.78 (ddd, J = 1.2, 4.4, 14Hz, 1H), 2.70 (ddd, J = 0.8, 8.4, 14.4Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 143.8, 135.6, 130.9, 128.7, 128.0, 125.9, 73.1, 60.2 (O-CH₂, t, $J_{C-F}= 26.7$ Hz), 42.2 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, C₆F₆ -164.9, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) -83.97(3F), -117.98 (1F), -122.62 (2F), -126.20 (2 F), -129.47; IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3500-3250, 3050, 2900, 1750 cm⁻¹.



4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methylene-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6undecafluoro-hexyl ester (5b): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.86 (dd, J = 4.8, 8.4Hz, 1H), 4.73-4.57 (m, 2H), 2.75 (ddd J = 0.8, 4.4, 14Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, J = 0.8, 8, 14Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 143.8, 135.6, 130.9, 128.7, 128.0, 125.9, 73.1, 60.2, (O-CH₂, t, $J_{C-F}=26.7Hz$), 42.2 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, C₆F₆ -164.9, 376 MHz): δ (ppm) -83.97(3F), -117.98 (1F), -122.62 (2F), -126.20 (2 F), -129.47; IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3500-3250, 2900, 2800, 1750 cm⁻¹.



4-(3,4-Difluoro-phenyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methylene-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6undecafluoro-hexyl ester (5c): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.19-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.83 (dd, J = 4.4, 8.4Hz, 1H), 4.74-4.57 (m, 2 H), 2.74 (ddd, J = 0.8, 4, 14Hz, 1H), 2.62 (ddd, J = 0.8, 8.4, 14Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

This journal is (c) The Royal Society of Chemistry 2007 CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 151.8, 151.7, 151.2, 151.1, 149.4, 149.3, 148.7, 148.6, 140.9, 140.8, 140.8, 135.1, 131.4, 121.9, 121.8, 121.8, 121.8, 117.4, 117.3, 114.5, 114.8, 71.9, 60.3 (t, O-CH₂, J_{C-F} = 27.4 Hz), 42.4 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3500-3250, 2900, 2850, 1750, 1550 cm⁻¹.



4-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methylene-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6undecafluoro-hexyl ester (5d): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.36 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 5.07(dd, J = 3.6, 9.2Hz, 1H), 4.68-4.59 (m, 2 H), 2.74 (dd, J= 4, 14.4Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd, J = 8.8, 14Hz, 1H), 2.31-2.29 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 139.1, 137.3, 135.8, 134.6, 131.4, 130.8, 127.2, 125.2, 69.1, 60.2 (O-CH₂, t, $J_{C-F} = 26.7$ Hz), 41.1, 21.1, 19.0 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3500-3250, 2900, 1700 cm⁻¹.



4-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methylene-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6undecafluoro-hexyl ester (5e): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.53 (dd, J = 1.6, 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 1.2, 8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, J = 1.6, 7.6, 7.6Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 0.8Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, J = 0.8Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 4, 8.4Hz, 1H), 4.64 (t, J = 13.2Hz, 2H), 2.85 (ddd, J = 0.8, 4, 14.4Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 1H), 2.69 (ddd, J = 0.8, 8, 14Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.3, 142.6, 135.4, 132.9, 131.0, 129.2, 127.9, 127.6, 122.0, 72.3, 60.3 (t, O-CH₂, $J_{C-F} = 27$ Hz), 40.1 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3500-3250, 3050, 2900, 2850, 1750 cm⁻¹.

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4-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methylene-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6undecafluoro-hexyl ester (5f): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.83 (dd, J = 4.4, 8.4Hz, 1H), 4.72-4.56 (m, 2H), 2.74 (ddd, J = 0.8, 4.4, 14Hz, 1H), 2.64 (ddd, J = 0.8, 8.4, 14Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 142.7, 135.2, 131.8, 131.2, 127.7, 121.7, 72.4, 60.3 (t, O-CH₂, $J_{C-F} = 26.7$ Hz), 42.3 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3500-3250, 2900, 2800, 1750 cm⁻¹.



4-Hydroxy-4-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylene-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6undecafluoro-hexyl ester (5g): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1 H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 5.6, 7.6Hz, 1H), 4.70-4.55 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.73 (dd, J = 4.4, 14.8Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 7.6, 14Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 159.3, 135.9, 135.7, 130.7, 127.2, 114.0, 72.7, 60.2 (t, O-CH₂, J_{C} . F = 26.7Hz), 55.4, 42.1 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3500-3250, 2900, 2800, 1750 cm⁻¹.



4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4-hydroxy-2-methylene-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6undecafluoro-hexyl ester (5h): yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.30-7.23 (m, 4 H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.71 (s,

This journal is (c) The Royal Society of Chemistry 2007 1H), 4.83 (dd, J = 4.8, 8.4Hz, 1H), 4.72-4.56 (m, 2H), 2.73 (dd, J = 4.8, 14.4Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, J = 4.8, 14.4Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 142.2, 135.2, 133.6, 131.2, 128.8, 127.3, 72.4, 60.2 (t, O-CH₂, J_{C-F} = 27.5 Hz), 42.3 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling).



2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Undecafluorohexyl 5-ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methyleneheptanoate: (5i): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 6.35 (d, J = 1.2Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, J = 1.2Hz, 1H), 4.69-4.61 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.71 (m, 1H), 2.58 (ddd, J = 1.2, 2.8, 14Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 0.8, 10.4, 14.8Hz, 1H), 1.58-1.22 (m, 6H), 0.91(t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.9, 136.9, 129.9, 71.9, 60.2 (t, O-CH₂, $J C_{-F} = 27.4$ Hz), 47.2, 37.1, 22.1, 21.5, 11.9, 11.8 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling); IR (liquid film): v_{max} 3700-3200, 3000-2800, 1800, 1250, 1125 cm⁻¹.



2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Undecafluorohexyl 4,5-dihydroxy-2-methylenepentanoate (5j): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ (ppm) 6.37 (d, J = 1.2Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 1.2Hz, 1H), 4.67-4.61 (m, 2 H), 3.86-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 3.6, 11.6Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 6.4, 11.2Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.52 (dd, J = 4.8, 14.4Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, J = 8, 14.4Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.0, 135.4, 130.8, 71.0, 66.2, 60.3 (t, O-CH₂, $J_{C-F} = 27.4$ Hz), 36.1 (The chemical shifts of the rest carbons could not clearly be identified due complicated C-F coupling).

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Representative example for the preparation of α -methylene- γ -butyrolactones: Diethyl ether (2 mL) was added to 4-hydroxy-2-methylene-4-phenyl-butyric acid 2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluoro-hexyl ester **5a** (139 mg, 0.30 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (2.0 mg, 5 mol %) and the solution was stirred at room temperature in air for 24 h. At the end of the reaction the ether was removed, and the residue was diluted with hexane and added on to the column. The desired product **6a** was eluted (with hexane/ethyl acetate= 10: 1) as a white solid (52 mg, 88 %).

Purification of 6 (a-j)

At the end of the reaction, the ether was removed from the reaction mixture using a rotary evaporator, the residue was diluted with hexane and added onto the column. The desired product was eluted with hexane/ethyl acetate = 10: 1.



3-Methylene-5-phenyl-dihydro-furan-2-one (6a): white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.39-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.26 (t, J = 3.2Hz, 1H), 5.67 (t, J = 2.4Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dd, J = 6.8, 6.8Hz, 1H), 3.38 (ddt, J = 2.8, 8, 17.2Hz, 1H), 2.89 (ddt, J = 2.8, 6.4, 17.2Hz, 1H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 170.5, 140.0, 134.4, 129.1, 128.8, 125.6, 122.8, 78.2, 36.5.



5-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-methylene-dihydro-furan-2-one (6b): white solid

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2 H), 6.29 (t, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 5.68 (t, J = 2.4Hz, 1H), 5.48 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 3.38 (ddt, J = 2.4, 8, 17.2Hz, 1H), 2.86 (ddt, J = 2.8, 6.8, 17.2Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm):

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5-(3,4-Difluoro-phenyl)-3-methylene-dihydro-furan-2-one (6c): colorless oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.19-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.05-7.01(m, 1 H), 6.30 (t, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 5.70 (t, J = 2.4Hz, 1H), 5.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (ddt, J = 2.8, 8, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (ddt, J = 2.8, 6.8, 17.2Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d-Acetone) δ (ppm): 169.4, 135.2, 122.9, 122.8, 122.8, 122.8, 121.4, 118.0, 117.8, 115.4, 115.2, 76.8, 36.0; GC-MS (Relative Intensity) 211 (M⁺ 1, 12), 68 (100), 39 (50).



5-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-3-methylene-dihydro-furan-2-one (6f): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.30 (t, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 5.69 (t, J = 2.4Hz, 1H), 5.46 (t, J = 6.8Hz, 1H), 3.39 (ddt, J = 8, 17.2, 2.4Hz, 1H), 2.84 (ddd, J = 3.2, 9.6, 17.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d-Acetone): 169.5, 140.3, 135.3, 132.0, 128.0, 122.0, 121.4, 77.3, 36.0.

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5-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-methylene-dihydro-furan-2-one (6g): white solid.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.20-7.16 (m, 2 H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.23 (t, J = 3.2Hz, 1H), 5.62 (t, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 5.41 (t, J = 6.8Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.29 (ddt, J = 2.8, 7.6, 16.8Hz, 1H), 2.85 (ddt, J = 2.8, 6.8, 16.8Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 170.5, 160.0, 134.8, 131.8, 127.3, 122.5, 114.4, 78.3, 55.6, 36.4.



5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-methylene-dihydro-furan-2-one (6h): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.28 (t, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 5.68 (t, J = 2.4Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 6.8, 6.8Hz, 1H), 3.38 (ddt, J = 8, 16.8, 2.4Hz, 1H), 2.83 (ddt, J = 3.2, 6.4, 17.2Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, d-Acetone): 169.6, 139.8, 135.3, 133.8, 129.0, 127.7, 121.3, 77.3, 36.0; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 170.2, 138.5, 134.6, 134.0, 129.3, 127.0, 123.1, 77.0, 36.4; GC-MS (Relative Intensity) 211 (M + 2, 32), 209 (M⁺, 100), 173 (52), 68 (80), 39 (55).



dihydro-3-methylene-5-(pentan-3-yl)furan-2(3H)-one (6i): colorless oil.

This journal is (c) The Royal Society of Chemistry 2007 7.2Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 170.8, 135.3, 121.9, 79.4, 45.8, 31.54, 21.2, 21.0, 11.3, 11.0.

Dihydro-5-(hydroxymethyl)-3-methylenefuran-2(3H)-one (6j): colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ (ppm): 6.21(t, J = 2.8Hz, 1H), 5.64 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.66-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 3.2, 12.8Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 5.2, 12.8Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddt, J = 2.8, 8.4, 17.2Hz, 1 H), 2.84 (ddt, J = 3.2, 5.6, 17.2Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 170.7, 134.4, 122.7, 77.5, 64.4, 29.0.