# Supporting Information

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### Synthesis of fluorinated $\delta$ -lactams via cycloisomerization of gem-

### difluoropropargyl amides

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#### **General information**

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 instrument at 500, 126 and 470 MHz respectively. The deuterium solvents used for NMR are mentioned in the parentheses of their NMR assignments in the experimental section. The chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) values relative to the internal standard. Coupling constants are reported in Hertz (Hz). GC/MS analyses were performed on a Varian Saturn 2000 system. Infrared spectra were recorded using a Mattson Infinity Series FTIR or a Mattson Galaxy Series FTIR 5000 spectrometer. All air and/or moisture sensitive reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere. Solvents (THF, Et<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, DMF) were dried using a PureSolv PS-400-4 purification system (Innovative Technology, Inc.). Benzene, toluene and 1,2-dichloroethane were distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>. 1,4-Dioxane was distilled over Na/benzophenone. All other reagents obtained from major chemical

suppliers were used without any purification. <sup>19</sup>F NMR yields in mixture were obtained using  $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha$ -trifluoromethylbenzene or hexafluorobenzene as the internal reference. Silica gel column chromatography was performed using #R12030B, SiliaFlash<sup>®</sup> P60, 40–63 µm obtained from SiliCycle Inc. TLC was developed on Merck silica gel 60 F254 aluminum sheets. Prep. TLC was conducted on DC-fertigplatten SIL RP-18W/UV254 by Alltech Associates Inc. Elemental analysis was performed at Atlantic Microlabs Inc., Norcross, Georgia. HRMS was performed at Kyoto Institute in Japan.

The synthesis of 2, 5 and 7 has already been described. See reference [1].

### 2-Fluoro-3-(1-phenylvinyl)phenol(3)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.11 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 6.73 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 7.0 Hz), 6.89–6.96 (m, *2*H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 5H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –142.11 (s, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 116.5, 117.1, 122.6, 124.2 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 126.8, 127.9, 128.3, 129.7 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 140.4, 143.7, 143.8 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 148.6 (d, *J* = 238.9 Hz); IR (neat) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3526, 3398, 3056, 2926, 1614, 1469, 1334, 1216; MS *m*/*z* (%): 214 (23, M<sup>+</sup>), 193 (15), 165 (24); HRMS (FAB) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FO (M<sup>+</sup>): 214.0794, found: 214.0784.

### 1-Benzyl-3,3-difluoro-4-styryl-3,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyridin-2-one (9a)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 4.04 (bs, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.40 (m, 8H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -95.36 (s, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 46.9, 50.0, 107.7 (t, J = 237.5 Hz), 120.6, 126.1 (broad d, J = 3.9 Hz), 128.2, 128.4 (overlapping 2C), 128.7, 129.0, 131.2 (t, J = 24.0 Hz), 133.2, 135.1, 136.3, 160.3 (t, J = 30.2 Hz).





<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.03–7.06 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.37 (m, 5H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –95.31 (s, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 47.2, 50.3, 55.5, 108.0 (t, J = 237.5 Hz), 112.2, 114.4, 119.7, 121.2, 126.6, 128.5, 128.6, 129.2, 129.9, 131.4 (t, J = 25.4 Hz), 133.3, 135.3, 138.0, 160.1, 160.5 (t, J = 29.7 Hz).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.02 (bs, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.40 (m, 7H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -95.37 (t-like, J = 3.3 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 46.9, 50.0, 55.3, 107.8 (t, J = 237.0 Hz),

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114.1, 118.4, 125.11 (broad d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 128.0, 128.2, 128.3, 128.9, 129.1, 131.7 (t, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 132.6, 135.1, 159.8, 160.3 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3728, 2916, 2836, 2354, 2339, 1673, 1510, 1367, 1249.

1-Benzyl-3,3-difluoro-4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl]-3,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyridin-2-one (9d)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 4.03 (bs, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.38 (m, 9H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –95.34 (s, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 46.9, 50.0, 107.6 (t, J = 237.6 Hz), 121.3, 126.7 (broad d, J = 3.8 Hz), 127.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.9, 129.9, 131.0 (t, J = 24.3 Hz), 131.9, 134.1, 134.9, 135.0, 160.2 (t, J = 29.8 Hz); IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3063, 3034, 2942, 1895, 1684, 1490.

#### 1-Benzyl-3,3-difluoro-4-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl]3,6-dihydro-1*H*-pyridin-2-one (9e)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.94 (m, 2H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93– 6.98 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.36 (m, 7H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –95.35 (s, 2F), –113.27 (s, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 46.9, 50.0, 107.7 (t, J = 237.6 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 119.1, 120.4, 126.3, 128.3 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 128.4, 129.0, 131.1 (m), 131.9, 132.6, 135.1, 160.2 (t, J = 29.8 Hz), 162.8 (d, J = 248.5 Hz). Acetic acid 3-(1-benzyl-3,3-difluoro-2-oxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)allyl ester (9f)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.10 (s, 3H), 3.94–4.00 (m, 2H), 4.67 (d, J = 5.00 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 6.17–6.30 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.39 (m, 5H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –95.78 (t-like, J = 6.6 Hz, 2F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 21.2, 47.0, 50.3, 64.5, 107.7 (t, J = 237.6 Hz), 125.6, 127.7 (broad d, J = 3.8 Hz), 128.5, 129.3 (overlapping 2C), 129.3, 130.5 (t, J = 24.5 Hz), 135.3, 134.1, 160.4 (t, J = 30.3 Hz), 170.9.

## 8-Benzyl-6,6-difluoro-2,4-diphenyl-4,6,8,9,9a,9b-hexahydro-3a*H*-pyrrolo[3,4*h*]isoquinoline-1,3,7-trione (10a)



An oven-dried microwave vial (10 mL size) equipped with a stirring bar and under an argon atmosphere was charged with compound 9a (1.0 equiv) and 6 (1.5 equiv) in toluene (0.15 M). The vial was then capped under argon and placed in a CEM Discover microwave synthesizer at 115 °C for 1 h (at 150 W, 250 psi max), and the temperature was monitored by computer during the reaction. After cooling to room temperature, the solvents were removed by a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified on a silica gel column chromatography to afford the compound 10a as a liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.47 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (bs, 1H), 3.08 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (bs, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 13.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.12–7.34 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –104.52 (m, 15H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

= 271.1 Hz, 1F), -109.99 (d, *J* = 270.6 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 34.0, 41.4, 42.0, 45.9, 47.1, 51.0, 109.2 (t, *J* = 245.6 Hz, 1H), 126.1, 127.6, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 128.8, 129.0, 129.0 (overlapping 2C), 129.2, 131.1, 131.6 (t, *J* = 20.3 Hz, 1H), 135.6, 141.8, 161.9 (t, *J* = 30.2 Hz, 1H), 175.5, 175.8.

Acetic acid 8-benzyl-6,6-difluoro-1,3,7-trioxo-2-phenyl-2,3,3a,4,6,7,8,9,9a,9b-decahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,4-*h*]isoquinolin-4-ylmethyl ester (10b)



The compound 10b was synthesized by the same procedure used for compound 10a.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.18 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.64 (bs, 1H), 2.70 (bs, 1H), 3.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, J = 11.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18–7.41 (m, 8H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -103.06 (d, J = 271.1 Hz, 1F),-112.97 (d, J = 271.1 Hz, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 20.9, 33.9, 36.2, 42.0, 42.3, 43.9, 50.7, 63.6, 108.5 (t, J = 246.2 Hz), 126.5, 128.06, 128.12, 128.9, 129.2, 129.4, 131.1, 131.8, 132.3 (t, J = 21.4 Hz), 135.4, 161.7 (t, J = 29.7 Hz), 170.7, 174.7, 174.9.

Important cross peaks in COSY of 7a.



Important cross peaks in NOESY of 7a.



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