Ligand-enabled γ -C–H Olefination and Carbonylation: Construction of β -Quaternary Carbon Centers

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General Information: Octafluorotoluene was obtained from Oakwood Chemical. Other solvents and chemicals were from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros and Alfa Aesar and used directly without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F254. Visualization was carried out with UV light and Vogel's permanganate. Preparative TLC was performed on 1.0 mm silica gel (Analtech). Columns for flash chromatography (FC) contained silica gel (32-63µ, Dynamic Adsorbents, Inc.). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-400 instrument (400 MHz) or Varian Inova 400 (400 MHz), Bruker DRX-600 instrument (600 MHz). Chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Coupling constants, J, were reported in Hertz unit (Hz). ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-600 instrument (150 MHz), and were fully decoupled by broad band proton decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to the center line of a triplet at 77.0 ppm of chloroform-d. In the ¹³C NMR analysis, peaks that correspond to those of the polyfluoroarylamide auxiliary appeared as nearly invisible, complex sets of multiplets; they are omitted in the following spectroscopic analysis. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent Mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight).

Experimental Section

2.1 Synthesis of Starting Materials



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General Procedure for the Preparation of Amide Substrates:

An acid chloride (10 mmol), prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acid and oxalyl chloride, was added to a solution of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethlyl)aniline (10 mmol) in toluene (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h under reflux. After cooling to room temperature, the product mixture was concentrated in vacuum and was recrystallized from ethyl acetate/hexane to give the amide.



3,3-dimethyl-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.83 (br s, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 2 H), 1.13 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 50.1, 31.3, 29.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}F_7NO$ [M-H]⁻: 330.0729; found: 330.0740.



3,3-dimethyl-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.91 (br s, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 2 H), 1.44 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.07 (s, 6 H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 47.8, 34.8, 33.9, 26.5, 8.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅F₇NO [M+H]⁺: 346.1042; found: 346.1037.





¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.91 (br s, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 2 H), 1.44 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4 H), 1.03 (s, 3 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 45.4, 36.6, 31.1, 24.0, 8.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₇NO [M+H]⁺: 360.1198; found: 360.1189.



3-benzyl-3-methyl-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.15 (m, 5 H), 7.01 (br s, 1 H), 2.79 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.32 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.25 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.58-1.41 (m, 2 H), 1.04 (s, 3 H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 138.1, 130.7, 128.0, 126.2, 44.9, 44.3, 37.6, 31.7, 24.2, 8.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉F₇NO [M+H]⁺: 422.1355; found: 422.1351.



3-cyclopentyl-3-methyl-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92 (br s, 1 H), 2.38 (s, 2 H), 2.09-1.97 (m, 1 H), 1.70-1.49 (m, 9 H), 1.40-1.25 (m, 2 H), 1.03 (s, 3 H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 47.1, 44.0, 38.4, 30.4, 26.8, 26.5, 25.7, 21.2, 8.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁F₇NO [M+H]⁺: 400.1511; found: 400.1500.





¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (br s, 1 H), 3.46 (s, 3 H), 3.28 (s, 2 H), 2.49 (s, 2 H), 1.07 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 81.2, 59.3, 46.4, 34.8, 25.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅F₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 362.0991; found: 362.0991.



5-methoxy-3,3-dimethyl-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.50 (br s, 1 H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 2.48 (s, 2 H), 1.76 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.09 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 70.2, 58.9, 47.7, 39.4, 33.0, 29.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇F₇NO [M+H]⁺: 376.1148; found: 376.1145.



2-(1-methylcyclopentyl)-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.93 (br s, 1 H), 2.46 (s, 2 H), 1.76-1.48 (m, 8 H), 1.15 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 48.1, 41.9, 39.5, 25.7, 23.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₇NO [M+H]⁺: 358.1042; found: 358.1039.



2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95 (br s, 1 H), 2.37 (s, 2 H), 1.56-1.34 (m, 10 H), 1.11 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 48.6, 37.9, 33.9, 26.0, 25.1, 22.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇F₇NO [M+H]⁺: 372.1198; found: 372.1185.



2-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-N-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (br s, 1 H), 3.81-3.64 (m, 4 H), 2.44 (s, 2 H), 1.76-1.66 (m, 2 H), 1.58-1.49 (m, 2 H), 1.24 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 63.7, 48.6, 37.6, 31.6, 23.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_{15}H_{15}F_7NO$ [M+H]⁺: 374.0991; found: 374.0991.



2-(4-methyl-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)piperidin-4-yl)-*N*-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (br s, 1 H), 4.02-3.92 (m, 1 H), 3.80-3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.56-3.37 (m, 2 H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.78-1.60 (m, 4 H), 1.27 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 155.5 (q, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 116.5 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 47.6, 42.1 (q, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 39.8, 37.1, 36.5, 32.5, 23.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₅F₁₀N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 469.0974; found: 469.0968.



3,3-dimethyl-N-(perfluorophenyl)butanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.70 (br s, 1 H), 2.31 (s, 2 H), 1.12 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 50.1, 31.2, 29.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}F_5NO [M+H]^+$: 282.0917; found: 282.0910.



N-(4-cyano-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (br s, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 2 H), 1.12 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 147.4 (ddt, $J_1 = 259.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 15.0$ Hz, $J_3 = 4.4$ Hz), 141.7 (ddt, $J_1 = 251.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 12.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 4.3$ Hz), 122.7 (t, J = 14.2 Hz), 107.3 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 91.1 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 50.0, 31.3, 29.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃F₄N₂O [M+H]⁺: 289.0964; found: 289.0969.



N-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,3-dimethylbutanamide

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (s, 1 H), 7.59 (s, 1 H), 7.44 (s, 1 H), 2.27 (s, 2 H), 1.12 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 139.2, 132.3 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J* = 271.1 Hz), 119.4, 117.5 (quint, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 51.5, 31.4, 29.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₆NO [M+H]⁺: 328.1136; found: 328.1132.

2.2 Synthesis of Quinoline Ligands

The ligand L2, $L7 \sim 15$ were prepared according to the literature with small modifications.



1. Synthesis of 7^1

A mixture of aniline (30 mmol), dioxinone (42 mmol), and NaOAc (30 mmol) in THF (6 mL) were heated under reflux for 24 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with AcOEt, washed with H_2O and brine. The organic phase was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc 5/1 to 2/1).

2. Synthesis of 8^2

To a 250 mL of round bottle flask were added **7** (20 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (46 mmol) and DMF (50 mL). After stirring for 1 h, 1,4-dibromobutane (22 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for additional 12 h (monitored by TLC) before it was poured into water (150 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (40 mL × 3). The combined organic layers was washed with HCl (3 M, 40 mL × 2) and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated under vacuum affording the crude product which could be used without further purification.

3. Synthesis of L2, L7- 15^2

To a 100 mL of round bottle were added **8** (~ 20 mmol) and 15 mL of H_2SO_4 . The mixture was stirred at 50 °C until full conversion of **8** (about 1.5 hours). The reaction mixture was carefully poured into ammonia/ice (ammonia: 28%, 50 mL; ice: ~ 100 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (60 mL × 3). The combined organic layers was washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtrated and concentrated affording the crude product which was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc 4/1 to 1/1).



8-methoxy-2,5-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrano[2,3-*b*]quinoline (L9)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (dd, *J*₁ = 9.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.38-4.31 (m, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 2.93 (ddd, *J*₁ = 16.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.9 Hz, *J*₃ = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.85-2.76 (m, 1 H), 2.48 (s, 3 H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 1 H), 1.82-1.73 (m, 1 H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 160.2, 147.4, 144.1, 124.4, 120.0, 116.0, 113.4, 106.5, 73.0, 55.3, 29.0, 23.2, 21.3, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 244.1338; found: 244.1340.



2,5-dimethyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrano[2,3-*b*]quinolone (L10)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1 H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.48-4.37 (m, 1 H), 3.08-2.82 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (s, 3 H), 2.23-2.13 (m, 1 H), 1.90-1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.54 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 147.2, 145.0, 128.9, 125.5 (q, J = 32.1 Hz), 124.6 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 124.5 (q, J = 270.3 Hz), 124.1, 121.3 (q, J = 4.4 Hz), 117.7, 73.6, 28.7, 23.5, 21.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₃NO [M+H]⁺: 282.1106; found: 282.1113.



9-fluoro-2,5-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrano[2,3-b]quinolone (L11)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2 H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 1 H), 3.01 (ddd, $J_1 = 16.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.3$ Hz, $J_3 = 2.9$ Hz, 1 H), 2.94-2.83 (m, 1 H), 2.56 (s, 3 H), 2.20-2.12 (m, 1 H), 1.88-1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 157.0 (d, J = 252.6 Hz), 144.3 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 135.9 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), 126.9 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 123.0 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 118.8 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 117.3, 112.9 (d, J = 18.5 Hz), 73.3, 28.7, 23.6, 21.3, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅FNO [M+H]⁺: 232.1138; found: 232.1140.



2,5-dimethyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrano[2,3-*b*]quinolone (L12)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1 H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.48-4.34 (m, 1 H), 3.10-2.80 (m, 2 H), 2.56 (s, 3 H), 2.24-2.10 (m, 1 H), 1.90-1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 144.9, 144.1, 130.5 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 126.7, 125.5 (q, *J* = 4.2

Hz), 124.4, 124.1 (q, J = 270.6 Hz), 119.3 (q, J = 2.9 Hz), 118.5, 73.5, 28.6, 23.6, 21.3, 14.0; Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₃NO [M+H]⁺: 282.1106; found: 282.1105.



8-(tert-butyl)-2,5-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrano[2,3-b]quinolone (L14)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.45 (dd, $J_1 = 9.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 4.42-4.28 (m, 1 H), 2.96 (ddd, $J_1 = 16.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 2.8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.90-2.78 (m, 1 H), 2.51 (s, 3 H), 2.16-2.07 (m, 1 H), 1.86-1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.50 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.39 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 151.9, 145.7, 143.7, 123.5, 123.0, 122.7, 122.3, 115.3, 73.0, 34.8, 31.1, 29.0, 23.3, 21.3, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺: 270.1858; found: 270.1861.



7-(*tert*-butyl)-2,5-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrano[2,3-*b*]quinoline (L15)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (dd, $J_1 = 9.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 4.41-4.31 (m, 1 H), 2.99 (ddd, $J_1 = 16.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 2.8$ Hz, 1 H), 2.92-2.80 (m, 1 H), 2.56 (s, 3 H), 2.18-2.09 (m, 1 H), 1.87-1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.51 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 146.3, 143.97, 143.95, 127.5, 124.5, 118.1, 115.9, 73.0, 34.9, 31.4, 29.0, 23.6, 21.4, 13.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺: 270.1858; found: 270.1856.

2.3 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

General: The reactions were conducted using 0.1 mmol of substrate **1a** in the indicated conditions in 1 mL of solvent. The temperature is the oil bath temperature. All yields were determined by ¹H NMR using CH_2Br_2 as internal standard.

Ligand Screening



Solvent Screening:

	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) L2 (20 mol%)	Y FO
+ ∕⊂CO ₂ Et	AgOAc (2 equiv) K ₂ HPO ₄ (1.1 equiv) solvent 120 °C	CO ₂ Et

Entry	Solvent	NMR Yield (%)
1	$C_6F_5CF_3$	45
2	PhCF ₃	16
3	C_6F_6	30
4	Hex	33
5	Toluene	37
6	DCE	28
7	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	32
8	<i>t</i> -BuOH	35
9	DMF	Trace
10	DMSO	0
11	EA	19
12	Hexafluoro-2-propanol	Trace
13	THF	16
14	Dioxane	27

Ag Salt Screening:

Х ^О NHAr	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) L2 (20 mol%)	+ fo
+ CO ₂ Et	Ag salt (2 equiv) K ₂ HPO ₄ (1.1 equiv) C ₆ F ₅ CF ₃ 120 °C	CO ₂ Et
Entry	Ag	NMR yield (%)
1	AgOAc	45
2	Ag ₃ PO ₄	11
3	Ag ₂ O	25
4	AgO	12
5	AgTFA	trace
6	AgOPiv	27

Base Effect:

	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) L2 (20 mol%)	$\gamma = 0$
+ CO ₂ Et	AgOAc (2 equiv) Base (1.1 equiv) C ₆ F ₅ CF ₃ 120 °C	CO ₂ Et
Entry	Base	NMR Yield (%)
1	Na ₂ HPO ₄ ·6H ₂ O	29
2	NaOAc	29
3	NaHCO ₃	28
4	NaOTs	40
5	Na ₂ CO ₃	33
6	K ₂ HPO ₄	45

Auxiliary Groups:



Amount of K₂HPO₄:

X NHAr	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) L15 (20 mol%)	740
+ CO ₂ Et	AgOAc (2 equiv) K ₂ HPO ₄ (equiv) C ₆ F ₅ CF ₃ 120 °C	NAr CO ₂ Et
Entry	K ₂ HPO ₄ (Equiv)	NMR Yield (%)
Entry 1	K ₂ HPO ₄ (Equiv) 1.1	NMR Yield (%) 71
Entry 1 2	K ₂ HPO ₄ (Equiv) 1.1 2	NMR Yield (%) 71 71

Additional Base:

Х		Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol%) . 15 (20 mol%)	7 FO
/ ``. //	CO ₂ Et	AgOAc (2 equiv) K_2HPO_4 (1.1 equiv) Base (2 equiv) $C_6F_5CF_3$ 120 °C	CO ₂ Et
Entry		Base	NMR Yield (%)
1		-	71
2	Li ₂ C	CO ₃ (1 equiv)	64
3	Na ₂ 0	CO ₃ (1 equiv)	77
4	K ₂ C	O ₃ (1 equiv)	58
5	NaH	CO ₃ (2 equiv)	82
6	NaHCO ₃ (2 eo	quiv) (without K ₂ HPO ₄)	63
7		KHCO3	64
8		NaOTs	68
9		LiOAc	72
10		CsF	32
11	K ₃ P	O ₄ (1 equiv)	71
12		LiCI	39
13		NaOAc	51
14	Na ₂	HPO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	67
15		NaTFA	52
16		NaCl	69
17		NaNO ₂	45

TEMPO and O₂:



with 10 mol% of TEMPO: 95% (NMR)

Ligand Screening in *γ*-carbonylation reaction:



^{*a*} *t*-butyl peroxide (2 equiv) was used instead of TEMPO in 150 °C. ^{*b*} Neither TEMPO nor *t*-butyl peroxide was used.

2.4 General Procedure for the Olefination of Amides



To an oven dried 50 mL Schlenk-type tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added substrate **1a** (33.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol), **L15** (10.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), TEMPO (1.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), AgOAc (33.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), K₂HPO₄ (19.2 mg, 0.11 mmol), NaHCO₃ (16.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), and 1 mL of C₆F₅CF₃ followed by 0.05 mL of ethyl acrylate. The mixture was frozen with a dry ice/acetone bath. The reaction tube was evacuated and back-filled with O₂ (3 times, balloon) and heated to 120 °C for 20 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent.



Ethyl 2-(4,4-dimethyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-yl)acetate (2a)

Substrate **1a** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1), **2a** was obtained as a white solid (37.3 mg, 87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.35 (sext, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.05-3.91 (m, 2 H), 2.50-2.34 (m, 4 H), 1.99 (ddd, *J*₁ = 13.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.6 Hz, *J*₃ = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.71 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.13 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 169.8, 61.1, 53.6 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 45.7, 42.0, 40.3, 30.4, 29.8, 24.5, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 430.1253; found: 430.1254.



Ethyl 2-(4-ethyl-4-methyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2yl)acetate (2b)

Substrate **1b** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1), **2b** was obtained as colorless oil (30.1 mg, 68%). The isomeric ratio (major/minor) was determined to be 56:44 by ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.45-4.23 (m, 1 H), 4.06-3.91 (m, 2 H), 2.54-2.30 (m, 4 H), 2.12 (ddd, $J_1 = 13.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.0$ Hz, $J_3 = 3.0$ Hz, 0.44 H), 1.97 (ddd, $J_1 = 13.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.2$ Hz, $J_3 = 2.5$ Hz, 0.56 H), 1.68-1.36 (m, 3 H), 1.23-1.16 (m, 3 H), 1.14 (s, 1.68 H), 1.05 (s, 1.33 H), 1.00-0.87 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 170.2, 169.80, 169.75, 61.1, 53.4 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 53.2 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 44.8, 43.8, 40.4, 40.3, 40.0, 39.6, 35.7, 32.44, 32.37, 29.4, 26.3, 21.4, 13.93, 13.91, 8.1, 7.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 444.1410; found: 444.1420.



Ethyl 2-(4,4-diethyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-yl)acetate (2c)

Substrate **1c** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1), **2c** was obtained as colorless oil (32.1 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.29 (sext, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.08-3.94 (m, 2 H), 2.53-2.27 (m, 4 H), 2.08 (ddd, *J*₁ = 13.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.8 Hz, *J*₃ = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.62-1.50 (m, 3 H), 1.48-1.31 (m, 2 H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.96-0.84 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 169.7, 61.0, 53.0 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 42.6, 40.3, 37.8, 34.8, 30.7, 25.6, 13.9, 7.5, 7.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 458.1566; found: 458.1567.



Ethyl 2-(4-benzyl-4-ethyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2yl)acetate (2d)

Substrate **1d** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1), **2d** was obtained as yellow oil (25.2 mg, 49%). The isomeric ratio (major/minor) was determined to be 54:46 by ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.23 (m, 3 H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 2 H), 4.62-4.51 (m, 0.46 H), 4.32-4.22 (m, 0.54 H), 4.06-3.94 (m, 2 H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 0.47 H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 0.47 H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 0.53 H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 0.53 H), 2.56-2.30 (m, 4 H), 2.14 (ddd, *J*₁ = 13.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.0 Hz, *J*₃ = 3.2 Hz, 0.54 H), 2.05 (ddd, *J*₁ = 13.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.5 Hz, *J*₃ = 2.9 Hz, 0.46 H), 1.75-1.50 (m, 1.82 H), 1.40-1.31 (m, 1.18 H), 1.23-1.15 (m, 3 H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.59 H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.41 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.34, 170.27, 169.71, 169.68, 136.7, 136.2, 130.5, 130.4, 128.3, 126.8, 126.6, 61.12, 61.07, 53.37 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 52.85 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 44.1, 42.4, 41.5, 40.6, 40.2, 39.8, 37.5, 37.0, 36.5, 35.9, 30.9, 27.0, 13.9, 7.9, 7.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₅F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 520.1723; found: 520.1724.



Ethyl 2-(4-cyclopentyl-4-ethyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2yl)acetate (2e)

Substrate **1e** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1), **2e** was obtained as colorless oil (25.6 mg, 51%). The isomeric ratio (major/minor) was determined to be 55:45 by ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.40-4.31 (m, 0.45 H), 4.30-4.22 (m, 0.55 H), 4.06-3.96 (m, 2 H), 2.55-2.30 (m, 4 H), 2.23-1.95 (m, 2 H), 1.78-1.50 (m, 8 H), 1.47-1.23 (m, 3 H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.00-0.88 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 171.1, 169.78, 169.75, 61.09, 61.06, 53.5 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 52.8 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 45.0, 44.7, 40.6, 40.3, 40.1, 39.1, 36.6, 36.5, 35.5, 27.7, 27.5, 26.4, 26.3, 26.2, 25.9, 25.6, 25.54, 25.49, 25.4, 13.9, 8.0, 7.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₇F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 498.1879; found: 498.1888.



Ethyl 2-(4-(methoxymethyl)-4-methyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) piperidin-2-yl)acetate (2f)

Substrate **1f** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1), **2f** was obtained as yellow oil (28.3 mg, 62%). The isomeric ratio (major/minor) was determined to be 61:39 by ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.45-4.30 (m, 1 H), 4.05-3.90 (m, 2 H), 3.45-3.90 (m, 5 H), 2.72-2.16 (m, 4 H), 2.00-1.85 (m, 1.39 H), 1.72-1.64 (m, 0.61 H), 1.25-1.06 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 170.1, 169.85, 169.77, 80.8, 78.5, 61.1, 61.0, 59.4, 59.3, 53.5 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 53.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 41.8, 40.6, 40.9, 40.32, 40.30, 38.6, 37.0, 34.1, 34.0, 26.0, 20.7, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁F₇NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 460.1359; found: 460.1359.



Ethyl 2-(4-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-methyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-yl)acetate (2g)

Substrate **1g** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1), **2g** was obtained as colorless oil (24.2 mg, 51%). The isomeric ratio (major/minor) was determined to be 52:48 by ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.45-4.30 (m, 1 H), 4.06-3.90 (m, 2 H), 3.56-3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.33 (s, 3 H), 2.60-2.31 (m, 4 H), 22.19 (ddd, J_1 = 13.7 Hz, J_2 = 4.5 Hz, J = 3.3 Hz, 0.48 Hz), 2.07 (ddd, J_1 = 13.7 Hz, J_2 = 4.7 Hz, J = 2.3 Hz, 0.52 Hz), 1.90-1.64 (m, 3 H), 1.27-1.09 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 169.9, 169.8, 169.7, 68.8, 68.6, 61.1, 61.0, 58.7, 58.6, 53.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 53.2 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 45.4, 44.5, 42.2, 40.6, 40.30, 40.28, 36.0, 31.92,

31.89, 27.2, 22.2, 13.92, 13.89.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_{20}H_{23}F_7NO_4$ [M+H]⁺: 474.1515; found: 474.1516.



Ethyl 2-(9-oxo-8-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-7-yl)acetate (2i)

Substrate **1i** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1), **2i** was obtained as white soid (30.0 mg, 66%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.31 (sext, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.05-3.92 (m, 2 H), 2.59-2.38 (m, 4 H), 2.05 (ddd, *J*₁ = 13.5 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.3 Hz, *J*₃ = 2.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.85 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.81-1.50 (m, 8 H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 169.8, 61.1, 54.2 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 44.1, 40.6, 40.4, 40.3, 40.0, 34.7, 24.4, 23.8, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 456.1410; found: 456.1411.



Ethyl 2-(4-oxo-3-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-azaspiro[5.5]undecan-2yl)acetate (2j)

Substrate **1j** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 5/1), **2j** was obtained as white solid (32.1 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.32 (sext, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.05-3.92 (m, 2 H), 2.64 (dd, *J*₁ = 17.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.50-2.38 (m, 2 H), 2.32-2.17 (m, 2 H), 1.65-1.35 (m, 11 H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 169.8, 61.0, 52.8 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 43.6, 40.3, 39.5, 39.1, 32.7, 32.4, 25.9, 21.6, 21.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 470.1566; found: 470.1569.



Ethyl 2-(10-oxo-9-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-oxa-9-azaspiro[5.5]undecan-8-yl)acetate (2k)

Substrate **1k** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1), **2k** was obtained as yellow oil (39.2 mg, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.34 (sext, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.08-3.92 (m, 2 H), 3.84-3.62 (m, 4 H), 2.83 (dd, *J*₁ = 17.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.55-2.41 (m, 2 H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.28 (ddd, *J*₁ = 14.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz, *J*₃ = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.90-1.45 (m, 5 H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 169.2, 63.3, 63.1, 61.2, 52.4 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 42.5, 40.1, 39.7, 38.4, 32.8, 30.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁F₇NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 472.1359; found: 472.1361.



Ethyl 2-(4-oxo-3-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-9-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)-3,9diazaspiro[5.5] undecan-2-yl)acetate (2l)

Substrate **11** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 2/1), **21** was obtained as yellow oil (42.5 mg, 75%). The isomeric ratio (major/minor) was determined to be 1:1 by ¹³C NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.32 (hept, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.08-3.96 (m, 2 H), 3.95-3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.80-3.65 (m, 1 H), 3.65-3.50 (m, 2 H), 2.78 (dd, *J*₁ = 17.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.55-2.37 (m, 3 H), 2.31-2.22 (m, 1 H), 1.86-1.72 (m, 3 H), 1.69-1.59 (m, 2 H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 169.4, 168.54, 168.51, 155.4 (q, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 155.3 (q, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 116.4 (q, *J* = 286.1 Hz), 61.32, 61.30, 52.5 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 52.4 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 41.9, 41.7, 41.6, 41.38, 41.36, 39.8, 39.3, 39.1, 39.0, 38.9, 38.2, 37.2, 32.5, 31.5, 31.4, 31.3, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁F₁₀N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺: 567.1342; found: 567.1345.



Benzyl 2-(4,4-dimethyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-yl)acetate (2aa)

Substrate **1a** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1), **2aa** was obtained as yellow oil (39.2 mg, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.26 (m, 5 H), 4.99 (s, 2 H), 4.31 (sext, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.54-2.30 (m, 4 H), 1.93 (ddd, *J*₁ = 13.7 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.1 Hz, *J*₃ = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.72-1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.15 (s, 3 H), 1.09 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 169.4, 134.9, 128.65, 128.63, 128.47, 66.8, 53.5 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 45.7, 41.7, 40.1, 30.4, 29.7, 24.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₁F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 492.1410; found: 492.1410.



4,4-dimethyl-6-(2-oxobutyl)-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-one (2ab)

Substrate **1a** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1), **2ab** was obtained as colorless oil (26.4 mg, 64%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.42 (sext, J = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.55 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.44-2.24 (m, 4 H), 2.00 (ddd, $J_1 = 13.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.1$ Hz, $J_3 = 2.6$ Hz, 1 H), 1.54 (dd, $J_1 = 13.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 11.8$ Hz, 1 H), 1.19 (s, 3 H), 1.11 (s, 3 H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.2, 170.3, 52.7 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 47.6, 45.8, 42.1, 36.7, 30.5, 29.8, 24.5, 7.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉F₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 414.1304; found: 414.1305.



4,4-dimethyl-6-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2one (2ac)

Substrate **1a** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1), **2ac** was obtained as white solid (32.2 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79-7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 1 H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 2 H), 4.70 (sext, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (dd, *J*₁ = 17.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (dd, *J*₁ = 16.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.48-2.37 (m, 2 H), 2.08 (ddd, *J*₁ = 13.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz, *J*₃ = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.70 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (s, 3 H), 1.13 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 170.2, 135.8, 134.0, 128.8, 127.6, 53.7 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 45.8, 43.5, 42.6, 30.5, 29.9, 24.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉F₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 462.1298; found: 462.1299.



2-(4,4-dimethyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-yl)acetonitrile (2ad)

Substrate **1a** was olefinated following the general procedure. After purification by preparative TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1), **2ad** was obtained as white solid (27.9 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.17 (sext, J = 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.55-2.35 (m, 4 H), 2.09 (ddd, $J_1 = 13.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.2$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 1.87 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.19 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 115.2, 52.9 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 45.5, 41.5, 30.2, 29.8, 24.30, 24.28; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄F₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 383.0994; found: 383.0983.

Gram Scale Synthesis



Ethyl 2-(4,4-dimethyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidin-2-yl)acetate (2a)

To an oven dried 350 mL Schlenk-type tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added substrate **1a** (1.3202 g, 4.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (89.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), **L15** (431.1 mg, 1.6 mmol), TEMPO (62.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), AgOAc (1.3401 g, 8.0 mmol), K₂HPO₄ (766.4 mg, 4.4 mmol), NaHCO₃ (672.0 mg, 8.0 mmol), and 20 mL of C₆F₅CF₃ followed by 1.0 mL of ethyl acrylate. The mixture was frozen with a dry ice/acetone bath. The reaction tube was evacuated and back-filled with O₂ (3 times, balloon) and heated to 120 °C (oil bath) for 20 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = $10/1 \sim 2:1$) to afford 1.4814 g of **2a** (86%) and 353.8 mg of **L14** (82%).

2.5 Procedure for Cleavage of Auxiliary



To an oven dried 50 mL Schlenk-type tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added lactam (128.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 1 mL of anhydrous THF. After cooling to -78 °C, LiHMDS (0.5 M in 2-methyltetrahydrofuran, 1.5 mL, 0.75 mmol) was added dropwise within 5 minutes. The mixture was warmed up to -20 °C naturally in 40 minutes. Then Boc₂O (0.24 mL, d = 0.95 g/mL, 1.05 mmol) was added in -78 °C followed by warming up to room temperature naturally in 2 hours. EtOH (2 mL) and KO'Bu (168.3 mg, 1.5 mmol) were added at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 5 hours, the reaction was quenched with saturate NH₄Cl (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (6 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄, filtrated and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc (10/1) as the eluent to afford 52.2 mg of **3a** (72%) as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21-6.92 (m, 1 H), 5.85 (dt, *J*₁ = 15.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.25 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ =

1.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.21 (s, 2 H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.05 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 167.2, 146.2, 125.0, 61.0, 60.9, 46.6, 45.2, 34.7, 28.2, 15.11, 15.09; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₃H₂₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 243.1596; found: 243.1594.



2.6 Procedure for Construction of Poly-functionalized Quaternary Carbon Centers

4,4-dimethyl-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidine-2,6-dione (4a)

To an oven dried 350 mL Schlenk-type tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added substrate **1a** (1.3207 g, 4.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (89.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), **L15** (215.3 mg, 0.8 mmol), *Di*-tert-butyl peroxide (1.47 mL, d = 0.794 g/mL, 1.1698 g, 8 mmol), AgOAc (1.3350 g, 8.0 mmol), KH₂PO₄ (1.0887 g, 8.0 mmol) and 20 mL of hexanes. The mixture was frozen with a dry ice/acetone bath. The reaction tube was evacuated and back-filled with CO (3 times, balloon) and heated to 150 °C (oil bath) for 20 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to afford 873.2 mg of **6a** (61%) as yellow soild. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.74 (s, 4 H), 1.24 (s, 6 H);

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.7, 45.9, 29.6, 27.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_{14}H_{11}F_7NO_2$ [M+H]⁺: 358.0672; found: 358.0673.



3,3-dimethyl-5-oxo-5-[2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylamino]-pentanoic acid methyl ester (5a)

To a 100 mL of round bottle flask was added **6a** (714.4 mg, 2.0 mmol), MeOH (15 mL) and KO⁴Bu (336.6 mg, 3.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL × 3). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄, filtrated and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to afford 708.9 mg of **7a** (91%) as white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.15 (br s, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 2.54 (s, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 2 H), 1.14 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 168.9, 52.2, 46.7, 44.4, 34.1, 28.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₇NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 390.0940; found: 390.0939.



Ethyl 2-(4-(2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl)-4-methyl-6-oxo-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)piperidin -2-yl)acetate (2h)

To an oven dried 250 mL Schlenk-type tube (with a Teflon high pressure valve and side arm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added substrate **7a** (389.3 g, 1.0 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (22.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), **L15** (107.7 mg, 0.4 mmol), TEMPO (15.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), AgOAc (334.0 mg, 2.0 mmol), K₂HPO₄ (191.6 mg, 4.4 mmol), NaHCO₃ (168.0 mg, 2.0 mmol), and 5 mL of C₆F₅CF₃ followed by 0.43 mL of ethyl acrylate. The mixture was frozen with a dry ice/acetone bath. The reaction tube was evacuated and

back-filled with O₂ (3 times, balloon) and heated to 120 °C (oil bath) for 20 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and then filtered through a small pad of Celite. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford 332.1 g of **2h** (68%) as yellow oil. The isomeric ratio (major/minor) was determined to be 1:1 by ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.45-4.30 (m, 1 H), 4.05-3.91 (m, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 1.5 H), 3.71 (s, 1.5 H), 2.70-2.15 (m, 7 H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 0.5 H), 1.73 (dd, *J*₁ = 14.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 11.2 Hz, 0.5 H), 1.35-1.10 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 170.9, 169.6, 169.5, 169.3, 169.1, 61.14, 61.12, 53.31 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 53.10 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 51.71, 51.66, 46.5, 45.0, 43.7, 40.9, 40.08, 40.06, 39.6, 39.5, 32.2, 32.0, 27.2, 22.5, 13.90, 13.89; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁F₇NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 488.1308; found: 488.1306.



(*E*)-5-(2-oxo-2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)ethyl-5-methyl-2-heptenedioic acid 1-ethyl 7-methyl ester (6a)

To an oven dried 50 mL Schlenk-type tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added lactam (49.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 1 mL of anhydrous THF. After cooling to -78 °C, LiHMDS (0.5 M in 2-methyltetrahydrofuran, 1.0 mL, 0.50 mmol) was added dropwise within 5 minutes. The mixture was warmed up to -20 °C naturally in 40 minutes. Then the reaction was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl/AcOH (V/V = 20/1, 2 mL) in -78 °C and extracted with ethyl acetate (6 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄, filtrated and concentrated. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC using hexanes/EtOAc (3/1) as the eluent to afford 45.7 mg of **8a** (93%) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.06 (s, 1 H), 7.04-6.90 (m, 1 H), 5.93 (dt, *J*₁ = 15.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.41-2.25 (m, 2 H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.15 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.1, 168.6, 166.0, 142.8, 125.7, 60.4, 52.2, 44.7, 43.2, 42.8, 37.1, 25.5, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁F₇NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 488.1308; found: 488.1307.

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