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Abstract:

2-piperidinone (δ -lactam), a bio-interesting nitrogen-containing six-membered ring compound, has attracted much interest from researchers both in synthetic and medicinal chemistry. Polysubstituted piperidine derivatives, such as the δ -lactam, serve as a synthon for numerous biologically relevant structures and pharmaceutical agents. A novel one-pot asymmetric Michael/Mannich/Lactamization sequence promoted by recyclable fluorous bifunctional cinchona alkaloid–thiourea organocatalysts is introduced for the synthesis of polysubstituted 2-piperidinones bearing four contiguous stereocenters, one of which is a fluorinated quaternary chiral center with excellent stereoselectivities (ee up to >99%, dr up to >20:1).

Introduction:

Ever since their discovery, heterocyclic compounds have been widely synthesized as the building blocks for numerous natural products and pharmaceuticals. Among the bio-interesting nitrogen-containing six-membered heterocycles, 2-piperidinone (δ -lactam) has especially attracted much attention both in synthetic and medicinal chemistry. Polysubstituted piperidine derivatives, such as chiral 2-piperidinones,^[1] serve as substructures for numerous biologically relevant structures and pharmaceutical agents. Examples of compounds containing the δ -lactam moietv include natural products awajanomycin 1,^[2] tedanalactam 2,^[3] and meloscine 3 (Figure 1).^[4] Other biologically active compounds containing δ -lactam are MDM2 inhibitor AM-8553 **4**^[5] prostaglandin agonists **5**^[6] and HIV protease inhibitors **6** (Figure 1).^[7] In the synthetic endeavor of drugs and more natural products, chiral polysubstituted 2-piperidinone has been utilized as an efficient fundamental adduct for the synthesis of antimalarial (+)-febrifugine, antibiotic and anesthetic prosopis alkaloid (+)-prosophylline, and clinical agent (+)-CP-99,994, which is involved in several biological mechanisms such as neurogenic inflammation, pain transmission, and regulation of the immune response.^[8] With its extensive use as a synthon for the synthesis of medicinally interesting compounds, further developments of novel asymmetric syntheses of polysubstituted 2-piperidinones are a highly desirable topic of study in both synthetic and medicinal chemistry.



Figure 1. Biologically active 2-piperidinones

Organocatalysis is becoming an increasingly important tool for asymmetric synthesis, as it possesses the capability to construct complex frameworks with multiple stereogenic centers in a highly stereoselective manner from simple substrates. Compared to metal catalysis, organocatalysis has the advantages of being free from toxic heavy metals, having mild reaction conditions, and possessing easy structural modifications. However, high catalyst loading (up to 20 mol%) coupled with the difficulty in catalyst recovery is the major drawback of organocatalysis. Appropriately, organocatalyst recycling is highly desirable. Among related organocascade catalyses, the Michael-initiated cascade reactions play a significant role in the sequence, in which the chiral Michael adducts could efficiently serve as synthons for subsequent reactions of Michael, Aldol, Darzen, Mannich, Henry or for triple cascade reactions like Michael-Henry and Mannich-Cyclization.^[9]

In the development of organocatalytic asymmetric synthesis of 6-membered carbon and nitrogen-containing heterocycles,^[9] there have been numerous reports detailing such reactions. Recently, bis-nucleophilic 1, 3-dicarbonyl compounds were found to be versatile Michael donors

for nitroolefines resulting in Michael adducts that are capable of undergoing intermolecular triplecascade reactions to afford polysubstituted compounds with multiple stereogenic centers.^{[9],[10]} The Enders group, in 2012, were the first to introduce a series of highly diastereoand enantioselective one-pot 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds-initiated cascade reactions^[10] that entailed a consecutive three-component sequence, such as the Michael/Michael/aldol sequence, for the synthesis of hexasubstituted cyclohexanols 1^[11] and spirocyclohexanepyrazolones 2 (Scheme 1).^[12] In 2014, P. Chauhan and coworkers also introduced a Michael/aza-Henry/cyclization sequence to make tetrahydropyridines 3.^[13] Some other compounds that were created using cascade reactions involving Michael, Mannich, Henry, and Aldol reactions^[14] are



Scheme 1. Previous work by Enders group.

dihydropyridinones,^[15] piperidinones,^[16] and dihydroquinolinones.^[17] To the best of our knowledge, the asymmetric synthesis of chiral polysubstituted 2-piperidinones via Michaelinitiated reactions between 1, 3-dicarbonyl compounds and nitroolefines followed by intermolecular cascade reactions is not known. With organofluorine chemistry also being an active topic in medicinal and agricultural chemistry,^[18] we would like to introduce here a recyclable fluorous organocatalyst-catalysed one-pot Michael/aza-Henry/lactamization sequence for the synthesis of fluorinated 2-piperidinones **4** bearing four stereogenic centers (scheme 2).



Scheme 2. 1,3-Dicarbonyl compounds for asymmetric cascade reactions

Atom and step economic one-pot synthesis, toxic transition metal-free organocatalysis, and catalyst recycling are important green synthetic techniques. As part of our continuous efforts to develop recyclable fluorous organocatalysts^[19] for the asymmetric synthesis of organofluorine compounds,^[20] we have recently reported one-pot fluorination and Michael addition reactions for the synthesis of α -fluorinated and alkylated 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.^[20c] The reactions were promoted by fluorous bifunctional cinchona alkaloid–thiourea organocatalyst **cat-1**, which was recovered by fluorous solid-phase extraction (F-SPE) with >98% purity. Since the fluorinated carbon of the 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds is more nucleophilic and thus favourable for the Michael addition, we envisioned that such compounds could be used in the development of Michael/aza-Henry/lactamization sequence for the synthesis of fluorinated 2-piperidinones.

Experimental Method:

A solution of fluorous catalysts (0.025 mmol) in toluene (0.5 mL) and trans- β nitrostyrene (0.25, mmol) was stirred at room temperature for 20 min., and then fluorinated 1,3-diester (0.3 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h followed by the addition of ethanol (1 mL), benzaldehyde (0.25 mmol), NH₄OAc (0.3 mmol) as well as 4 drops of piperidine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 40 °C. The purification by Yamazen AI-580 flash column system with Agela silica gel columns (EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) afforded fluorinated 2-piperidinone.

The chemicals and solvents used for the reactions were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 300 MHz Varian NMR spectrometer. The ratios of the diastereomers were determined by ¹H NMR. Only the peaks from the major diastereomer are given below. LC-MS was performed on the Agilent 2100 system with a C₁₈ column for separation. Mass spectra were recorded in APCI (atmospheric pressure chemical ionization). Flash chromatography separations were performed on Yamazen system with Agela silica gel columns. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed using an ESI-TOF/MS instrument.

Results and discussion:



	O F O Eto F OEt Ph ^W NO ₂ 7a (99%ee)	Et cat-1 (10 mol%) PhCHO (8a) NH₄OAc 48 h	tO ₂ C F ¹¹ Ph ¹¹ N	OMe OMe NH O2 a		C ₈ F ₁₇ at-1
Entry	Base (equiv)	Solvent	T (°C)	Yield (%) ^b	dr ^c	ee (%) ^d
1	$K_2CO_3(0.5)$	EtOH	25	trace	ND	ND
2	$Cs_2CO_3(0.5)$	EtOH	25	trace	ND	ND
3	NaOH (0.5)	EtOH	25	23	5:5:1	ND
4	piperidine (0.5)	EtOH	25	42	6:1	98
5	piperidine (0.5)	EtOH	40	72	6:1	98
6	piperidine (0.25)	EtOH	40	36	6:1	98
7	piperidine (0.75)	EtOH	40	68	6:1	98
8	piperidine (0.5)	EtOH	0	75	1.25:1	93(89) ^[e]
9	piperidine (0.5)	EtOH	60	75	1.25:1	ND
10	piperidine (0.5)	MePh	40	27	5:1	98
11	piperidine (0.5)	CH_2Cl_2	40	12	ND	ND
12	piperidine (0.5)	MeCN	40	10	ND	ND
13 ^f	piperidine (0.5)	EtOH	40	68	5:3:1	25
^a Reaction of 0.25 mmol 7a in 1.0 mL of solvent, 1:1:1.2 of 7a:8a:NH ₄ OAc. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c						

Determined by ¹H NMR. ^d Determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H column with 90:10 hexane/*i*-PrOH as the eluent. ^e ee of the minor diastereoisomer. ^f Without catalyst

By following our previous study on the asymmetric Michael addition between α -fluoro β ketoesters and nitroalkenes in the presence of recyclable fluorous thiourea catalysts, we synthesized the Michael adduct **7a**. We first explored the asymmetric aza-Henry and sequential lactamization reactions using enantiomerically pure Michael adduct **7a** (99% ee),^[20a,b] benzaldehyde **8a**, and NH₄OAc as substrates and previously reported recyclable fluorous bifunctional cinchona alkaloid–thiourea **cat-1** as a catalyst (Table 1).^[20c] During our initial study and condition optimization, it was found that carbonates (entry 1 and 2) could not serve as effective bases to promote this cascade reaction and a more basic NaOH afforded the product to only 23% yield after 48 h with three diastereomers in a ratio of 5:5:1 (entry 3). When piperidine was screened, a product with an excellent 98% ee and a good 6:1 dr was achieved with 42% yield (entry 4) making it an effective choice of base for the reactions. When the effects of temperature were examined in entries 4, 5, 8, and 9, reactions at lower temperatures (25 °C) led to reduced yields, but good disatereoselectivity (6:1) (Table 1, entry 4), while higher temperatures (50 or 60 °C) increased product yields to 75% but decreased the diastereomeric ratios to 1.25:1 (entries 8 and 9). It was found that a moderate temperature of 40 °C (entry 5) could give both good stereoselectivities and yield. A reaction with MePh as a solvent gave the product in high dr and ee but low yield (entry 10). Further optimization for solvents indicated that EtOH was the best choice and the desired product was obtained in excellent diastereo- and enantioselectivities (entry 4). A control reaction without using a catalyst afforded 68% product yield, but gave three diastereomeric products (5:3:1) in low ee (25%) (entry 13). After screening bases (K₂CO₃, Cs₂CO₃, NaOH, and piperidine), solvents (EtOH, MePh, CH₂Cl₂, and MeCN), and reaction temperatures (25-60 °C), we found that the reaction with 0.5 equiv. of piperidine as a base and EtOH as a solvent at 40 °C for 48 h gave fluorinated 2-piperidinone 4a in 72% yield with a good diastereoselectivity (6:1) and excellent enantioselectivity (98% ee) (Table 1, entry 5).

Table 2. Optimization of Michael/aza-Henry/lactamization reactions ^a

Eto +F Ph	O OEt cat- 5 (10 mo MePt NO ₂ 25 °C, 2 6a	$ \frac{1}{1\%} $ $ \frac{1}{24} h $ $ \begin{array}{c} 0 & F & 0 \\ \hline EtO & F & 0 \\ \hline EtO & F & 0 \\ \hline Ph^{(1)} & F & 0 \\ \hline Ph^{(1)} & 7a \\ \end{array} $	$\begin{bmatrix} OEt \\ NO_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} PhCHO \\ NH_4OA \\ piperidin \\ MePh/E \\ 40 \ ^{\circ}C, 2 \end{bmatrix}$	(8a) EtO ₂ C re F` tOH 24 h	NH NO ₂ 4a		
Entry	5:6a	MePh /EtOH ^b	Yield (%) ^c	dr ^d	ee (%) ^e		
1	1:1	1:0	22	5:1	98		
2	1:1	1:0.5	39	5:1	98		
3	1:1	1:1	47	6:1	99		
4	1:1	1:1.5	65	6:1	99		
5	1:1	1:2	67	6:1	99		
6	1:1	1:2.5	65	6:1	99		
7	1.25:1	1:2	72	6:1	99		
8	1.5:1	1:2	78	6:1	99		
9	2:1	1:2	69	6:1	99		
^a Reaction of 0.2	25 mmol of 6a in	0.5 mL of MePh. ^b	Ratio of solvents	for the 2 nd reac	tion. ^c Yield of		
isolated product 4a. ^d Determined by ¹ H NMR. ^e Determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H column							
with 90:10 hexane/ <i>i</i> -PrOH as the eluent							

With the optimized reaction conditions for the successful aza-Henry and sequential lactamization reactions, we started to develop an organocatalytic asymmetric one-pot process for the synthesis of 2-piperidinones by combining the aza-Henry reaction with the Michael addition of the fluorinated dicarbonyl compounds to the nitroalkenes.^[20c] Commercially available 2-fluoro-1,3-diester **5** was used as the Michael donor and the same fluorous bifunctional cinchona alkaloid–thiourea **cat-1** was used as a catalyst for the cascade reactions. The solvent for the one-pot reaction had to be modified because while MePh was effective for the Michael addition,^[20c] EtOH displayed the best results for the aza-Henry reaction. We found that after the Michael reaction was carried out in MePh, EtOH could be added to the reaction mixture for the sequential aza-Henry reaction. The best ratio of solvents was 1:2 MePh:EtOH (Table 2, entry 8) and the best ratio of reactants was

1.5:1:1:1.2 **5:6a**:PhCHO:NH₄OAc for the one-pot cascade reactions. The time for the aza-Henry and lactamization reactions could be reduced from 48 h to 24 h.

		O ₂ C	
$ \begin{array}{c} F 5 \\ F 5 \\ R^{1} NO_{2} \\ 6 \end{array} $	cat-1 (10 mol%) MePh 25 °C, 24 h	R ² C ₆ H ₄ CHO (8) NH ₄ OAc piperidine MePh/EtOH 40 °C, 24 h	F ¹ , NH R ¹ , R ² NO ₂ 4

Table 3. Scope of one-pot Michael/aza-Henry/lactamization reactions^{a, b}

Entry	Product	R^1	R^2	Yield (%) ^c	dr ^d	ee (%) ^e
1	4a	C ₆ H ₅	Н	78	6:1	99
2	4b	C_6H_5	4-F	85	8:1	98
3	4c	C_6H_5	4-Br	87	10:1	96
4	4d	C_6H_5	$4-NO_2$	83	10:1	96
5	4e	C_6H_5	$4-CF_3$	85	15:1	97
6	4f	C_6H_5	4- ^t butyl	35	4:1	97
7	4g	C_6H_5	4-OMe	30	4:1	95
8	4 h	C_6H_5	2,3-Cl	55	3.5:1	90
9	4i	C_6H_5	4-F,3-OMe	62	2:1	93(90) ^f
10	4j	3-ClC ₆ H ₄	Н	65	3:1	90
11	4k	$4-BrC_6H_4$	Н	68	3.5:1	93
12	41	$4-MeC_6H_4$	Н	55	5:1	95
13	4m	$4-OMeC_6H_4$	Н	69	3:1	91(90) ^f
14	4n	2-Furyl	Н	62	3.5:1	$99(99)^{\rm f}$
15	40	$4-BrC_6H_4$	4-Br	67	4:1	99
16	4p	4-OMeC ₆ H ₄	4-Br	65	3:1	98(99) ^f
^a Reaction of 0.25 mmol of 6 in 0.5 mL of MePh. ^b Add 1.0 mL of EtOH for the aza-Henry reaction, 1.5:1:1:1.2 of 5:6:8 :NH ₄ OAc. ^c Yield of isolated product. ^d Determined by ¹ H NMR. ^e Determined by HPLC on Chiral column with hexane/ <i>i</i> -PrOH as the eluent. ^f ee of the minor diastereoisomer						

A variety of nitroalkenes **6**, as well as benzaldehydes **8** were tested to explore the scope of the one-pot Michael/aza-Henry/lactamization reactions (Table 3). The employment of both electron-donating and -withdrawing (entries 2-9) groups at the *para*-position of the aryl rings in benzaldehydes showed little effect on the enantioselectivities of the products. Benzaldehydes with electron-withdrawing groups (F, Br, NO₂, CF₃) at the *para*-position gave products **4b-e** in 83-87% yields with >8:1 dr and >96% ee (Table 3, entries 2-5). These higher product yields may be attributed to easy formation of imines

of theses aldehydes with NH₄OAc. On the contrary, benzaldehydes with an electrondonating group, such as *t*-Bu and OMe or disubstituted groups, gave products **4f-i** with reduced yields (30-62%) and dr (2:1 to 4:1) due to unfavourable electronic and steric effects (Table 3, entries 6-9). Reactions with nitroalkenes bearing different R¹ groups resulted in the desired products **4j-m** in good and consistent yields (55-69%) and dr (3:1 to 3.5:1) (entries 10-13), while keeping excellent ee values. Furthermore, a reaction with a nitroalkene bearing a furyl ring gave product **4n** in good yield and enantioselectivity (entry 14). Similar results were obtained from the reactions with 4-bromobenzaldehyde and other substituted nitroalkenes (entries 15-16). A reaction using formaldehyde and vinyl amine was also attempted. Highly reactive formaldehyde reduced the time for the aza-Henry reaction to 3 h and gave *N*-vinylated 2-piperidinone **4r** in 57% yield with a good dr and ee (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3. One-pot synthesis of 4r

The relative configuration of the final products was determined by NOE contacts between the concerning hydrogen atoms, whereas the absolute configuration of the four stereogenic centers of 2-piperidinone products was assigned by investigating the configurations of related Michael addition and 6-membered products reported in literature^{[15]-[17],[21]} and also by obtaining the single X-ray crystal structure of **4c** (Figure 2).

In the Michael/aza-Henry/lactamization reaction process, fluorous **cat-1** with a (S)-C9 stereogenic center induces the formation of a (S)-2 stereogenic center in the Michael addition product (Scheme 4). This compound undergoes the aza-Henry reaction with benzaldehyde and NH_4OAc to form compound **5** and is then cyclized to form 2-piperidinone **4** bearing four contiguous stereogenic centers. The results in Table 3 and Scheme 2 indicated that fluorous **cat-1** is a good catalyst that is responsible for excellent product stereoselectivities.



Figure 2. X-ray crystal structure of 4c



Scheme 4. Stereochemistry of the one-pot reactions

We tested the efficiency of fluorous catalyst recovery by performing fluorous solid-phase extraction (F-SPE).^[22] After the completion of the reaction, the concentrated reaction mixture was loaded onto a fluorous silica gel cartridge. The cartridge was first eluted with 80:20 MeOH/H₂O for the product and other non-fluorous components. The fluorous catalyst remained on the cartridge until it was eluted with MeOH. The catalyst was recovered in 94% yield and 98% purity, and could be reused without further purification.

Conclusion:

Using recyclable fluorous bifunctional cinchona alkaloid–thiourea as a catalyst, which was recovered in 94% yield and 98% purity, a protocol optimized with green techniques was introduced for the one-pot asymmetric synthesis of 2-piperidinone. In summary, we have developed a recyclable fluorous bifunctional cinchona alkaloid–thiourea promoted one-pot asymmetric Michael/Mannich/Lactamization triple cascade reaction of fluorinated 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds, β -nitro-olefins, aldehydes and amines to provide potentially bioactive fluorinated poly-substituted 2-piperidinones in very good yields and up to high diastereo- and excellent enantioselectivities.

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Analytical Data of Products:

Ethyl -3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-4,6-diphenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4a):





White solid, yield: 32 mg (78%), 6:1 dr, 99% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 28.90 min, t_{major} = 16.90 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.28 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.28 (m, 8H), 7.26–7.11 (m, 2H), 5.53 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, J = 33.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F (282 MHz, CDCl3): δ 162.88 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 416.1 (M+1). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉FN₂O₅[M+Na]⁺ 409.1176; found 409.1170.





White solid, yield: 34 mg (85%), 8:1 dr, 98% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (80:20) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 11.66 min, t_{major} = 8.50 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.19 (m, 7H), 7.13 (d, J=4.6 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 5.35 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 30.6, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.91, 50.19, 50.44, 59.93, 62.98, 87.71, 116.75, 117.04, 128.81, 128.92, 129.03, 129.17, 129.59, 215.98 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 110.22, 162.80 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 405.1 (M+1).

Ethyl 6-(4-bromophenyl)-3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4c):



White solid, yield: 40 mg (87%), 10:1 dr, 96% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 25.62 min, t_{major} = 19.97 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.04 (m, 7H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.35 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (dd, J = 30.7, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.81, 49.85, 50.37, 59.92, 63.04, 87.72, 124.82, 128.46, 129.02, 129.59, 132.90, 133.96, 162.63, 164.43, 178.44, 215.96 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.83 ppm.MS (ACPI) m/z: 467.1 (M+1). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈BrFN₂O₅[M+Na]⁺ 487.0281; found 487.0293.

Ethyl 3-fluoro-5-nitro-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4d):



White solid yield: 35 mg (83%), 10:1 dr, 96% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 97.22 min, t_{major} = 67.28 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 5.45–5.15 (m, 2H), 4.59–4.26 (m, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 215.96, 201.71, 141.94, 129.76, 129.12, 128.08, 124.99, 87.65, 63.22, 60.03, 50.30, 50.05, 13.97 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.09 ppm MS (ACPI) m/z: 432.1 (M+1)

Ethyl3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)piperidine-3carboxylate (4e):



White solid, yield: 38 mg (85%), 15:1 dr, 97% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 26.56 min, t_{major} = 12.73 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.10 (m, 5H), 5.44–5.11 (m, 2H), 4.40 (dd, J = 30.7, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.58, 164.25, 163.10, 162.81, 129.66, 129.37, 129.14, 129.11, 129.06, 127.41, 126.72, 126.67, 88.05, 63.30, 60.31, 50.34, 50.10, 13.84 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ - 63.75, -163.34 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z 455.1 (M+1)

Ethyl 6-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4f):



White solid, yield: 15 mg (35%), 4:1 dr, 97% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 19.42 min, t_{major} = 13.77 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.06 (m, 7H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 5.80 (dd, J = 12.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.48–5.18 (m, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 30.9, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.90, 163.54, 153.13, 131.11, 130.28, 128.93, 128.62, 128.60, 126.99, 126.53, 126.17, 125.86, 83.69, 62.98, 57.03, 44.76, 44.52, 34.70, 31.16, 13.92.ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -63.75, -163.50 ppm MS (ACPI) m/z: 443.1 (M+1)

Ethyl 3-fluoro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4g):



White solid, yield: 12 mg (30%), 4:1 dr, 95% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (85:15) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 52.40 min, t_{major} = 25.26 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.21 (m, 7H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.35 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H) 4.38 (dd, J = 30.7, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.69, 129.49, 129.16, 128.98, 128.22, 118.72, 114.53, 63.21, 60.59, 55.13, 50.30, 13.82, 8.01 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -163.09 ppm MS (ACPI) m/z: 417.1 (M+1)

Ethyl 6-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4h):



Colorless oil, yield: 25 mg (55%), 3.5:1 dr, 90% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (80:20) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 13.62 min, t_{major} = 11.28 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.57 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.15 (m, 7H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.70–5.46 (m, 1H) , 4.42 (dd, J = 31.0, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 216.15, 201.46, 132.45, 129.80, 129.32, 129.29, 129.24, 128.71, 86.00, 63.21, 57.57, 50.34, 50.10, 13.99 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -164.16 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 456.1 (M+1).

Ethyl 3-fluoro-6-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4i):



White solid, yield: 27 mg (62%), 2:1 dr, 93% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (95:5) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 25.02 min, t_{major} = 6.36 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.22 (m, 5H), 7.11 (dd, J = 10.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.74 (m, 2H), 5.45–5.22 (m, 1H), 5.17 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 30.8, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.57, 163.09, 155.16, 152.21, 129.57, 129.49, 129.12, 129.01, 128.56, 119.60, 119.50, 117.13, 116.88, 111.37, 87.70, 63.03, 60.39, 56.42, 50.41, 50.16, 13.86 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -131.85, -132.67, -162.56, -164.68 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 435.1 (M+1).

Ethyl 3-fluoro-6-(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4i):



White solid, yield: 27 mg (65%), 3:1 dr, 90% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 31.12 min, t_{major} = 23.62 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.50–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.33 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.06 (m, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.79 (dd, J = 12.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, 1H), 4.59 – 4.14 (m, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.88, 133.16, 130.51, 130.23, 129.95, 129.51,

129.38, 129.32, 128.94, 127.66, 127.19, 126.74, 126.72, 83.46, 63.29, 57.29, 44.53, 44.28, 13.97.ppm ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl3): *δ* -163.19 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 421.1 (M+1).

Ethyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-6-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4k):



White solid, yield: 32 mg (68%), 3.5:1 dr, 93% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (80:20) as the eluent. Flow rate: 0.6 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 22.54 min, t_{major} = 13.57 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 5H), 7.32 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 5.77 (dd, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H) , 4.54 – 4.08 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.32, 133.09, 132.62, 129.78, 129.62, 129.31, 129.21, 128.66, 124.82, 87.90, 63.23, 60.37, 50.56, 50.31, 14.07.ppm ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ – 164.83 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 466.1 (M+1).

Ethyl 3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-6-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (4l):



White solid, yield: 22 mg (55%), 5:1 dr, 95% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (85:15) as the eluent. Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 13.38 min, t_{major} = 10.54 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 5H), 5.78 (dd, J = 12.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56–4.11 (m, 3H) , 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.80, 133.53, 129.94, 129.65, 129.17, 128.42, 127.81, 127.24, 118.50, 83.76,

62.96, 57.18, 44.37, 44.12, 21.06, 13.92 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* -164.85 ppm MS (ACPI) m/z: 401.1 (M+1).

Ethyl 3-fluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitro-2-oxo-6-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4m):



White solid, yield: 28 mg (69%), 3:1 dr, 91% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 45.22 min, t_{major} = 39.45 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 2H, 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.32 (dd, J = 12.2, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.10 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.65, 163.18, 162.88, 160.42, 135.43, 130.51, 129.83, 127.19, 127.00, 121.58, 114.55, 88.36, 63.13, 60.85, 55.37, 49.95, 49.70, 14.17. ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -163.30.MS (ACPI) m/z : 417.1 (M+1)..

Ethyl 3-fluoro-4-(furan-2-yl)-5-nitro-2-oxo-6-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4n):



White solid, yield: 23 mg (62%), 3.5:1 dr, 99% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/i-PrOH (95:5) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 24.66 min, t_{major} = 22.90 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.9 Hz, 4H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.33 – 6.29 (m, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (dd, J = 11.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, J = 29.2, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 215.55, 201.27, 143.95, 143.40, 134.78, 130.46, 129.68, 126.89, 110.81, 86.64, 73.17, 63.32, 60.41, 44.36, 41.60 ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -161.22, -170.03. MS (ACPI) m/z: 377.1 (M+1). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FN₂O₆[M+Na]⁺ 399.0968; found 399.0978.

Ethyl 4,6-bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxopiperidine-3-carboxylate (40):



White solid, yield: 36 mg (67%), 4:1 dr, 99% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 49.20min, t_{major} =22.47 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.01 (m, 5H), 5.32 – 5.21 (m, 1H), 5.16 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 30.4, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 199.78, 164.57, 162.66, 133.87, 132.91, 132.49, 132.30, 132.24, 130.70, 130.21, 128.80, 128.43, 124.82, 124.03, 87.53, 63.24, 60.05, 49.80, 49.55, 13.93. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -163.05, -164.70 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 545.1 (M+1). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₁₇Br₂FN₂O₅[M+Na]⁺ 564.9386; found 564.9384.

Ethyl 6-(4-bromophenyl)-3-fluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-nitro-2-oxopiperidine-3-carboxylate (4p):



Colorless oil, yield: 28 mg (65%), 3:1 dr, 98% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Venusil Chiral OD-H with hexane/*i*-PrOH (90:10) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 30.16 min, t_{major} = 20.45 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (s, 1H) , 5.76 (dd, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd,

7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 134.22, 132.91, 132.55, 132.47, 130.34, 129.80, 129.61, 128.80, 128.45, 124.61, 121.23, 118.54, 114.41, 87.97, 63.02, 60.12, 55.20, 49.71, 49.47, 13.97. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -165.28 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 435.1 (M+1).

Ethyl 1-allyl-3-fluoro-5-nitro-2-oxo-4-phenylpiperidine-3-carboxylate (4q):



Colorless oil, 20 mg (57%), 5:1 dr, 92% ee. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Regis (R,R)-Whelk-O1 with hexane/*i*-PrOH (80:20) as the eluent. Flow rate: 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm: t_{minor} = 12.34 min, t_{major} = 9.52 min. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62–7.03 (m, 5H), 5.79 (ddd, J = 12.5, 10.4, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (ddd, J = 11.4, 8.4, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, J = 21.1, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.43 – 4.11 (m, 3H), 4.10 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 131.16, 130.95, 130.37, 129.27, 129.19, 129.01, 128.10, 120.15, 81.29, 62.81, 49.64, 49.41, 48.39, 13.87. ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -158.92, -165.17 ppm. MS (ACPI) m/z: 351.1 (M+1). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₉FN₂O₅[M+H]⁺ 351.1356; found 351.1354.

X-Ray Report of 4c:



Crystallographic data (excluding structural factors) for compound **4c** also has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre under the deposition number CCDC 1043112.



LC-MS, ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F NMR Spectra of Products:





























































































































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