Synthesis of α , α -Difluoro- β -amino Amides using Aldimines and Bromodifluoroacetamides via Reformatsky Reaction

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General Remarks

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Brucker AVANCE III 400 spectrometer (400.15 MHz) at ambient temperature. High-resolution mass spectra were taken with a JEOL AccuTOF LC-plus 4G. Commercially available organic and inorganic compounds were used without purification. Compound **1** was prepared by adding MS4A, based on the report of L. Silverberg *et al.* ^{SI 1} Compounds **2** was prepared according to the literature procedures.^{SI 2,3}

General Procedure of α,α-Difluoro-β-amino Amides



Imine 1 (1 mmol) and Zn (2.3 mmol) were charged in a 10 mL test tube sealed with a rubber septum. The test tube was evacuated and backfilled with argon. This sequence was repeated three times. Then, THF(1.5 mL), Bromoacetamide 2 (1.5 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol) was added via the rubber septum with syringe. In an argon flow, the rubber septum was replaced with a Teflon liner screw cap. The test tube was placed into an oil bath preheated at 50 °C. After the reaction mixtures stirred for 24 h. The reaction was carefully quenched by NH₄Cl aq. Then the mixture was extracted with AcOEt and the extract was washed with NaHCO₃, brine and dried over Na₂SO4. Then the extract was concentrated in vaquo, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a AcOEt/hexane/toluene eluent. **Characterization Data of Amides 3**

2,2-Difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholino-3-phenylpropan-1-one 3a



Using Zn (0.154 g, 2.35 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylmethanimine **1a** (0.212 g, 1.00 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.362 g, 1.48 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 95 % yield (0.356 g, 0.95 mmol) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.46 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.35–7.29 (3H, m), 6.70–6.67 (2H, m), 5.04 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.8, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 4.64 (1H, bs), 3.66 (3H, s), 3.59–3.46 (8H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.6 (t, *J* = 28.1 Hz), 152.9, 140.1, 135.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 117.1(t, *J* = 257.9 Hz), 115.6, 114.8, 66.5, 62.6(t, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 55.6, 46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -100.9(d, *J* = 270.9 Hz), - 105.9(d, *J* = 270.8 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₂F₂N₂O₃: 377.1671. Found: 377.1646.

2,2-Difluoro-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholinopropan-1-one 3b



Using Zn (0.153 g, 2.35 mmol), (*E*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine **1b** (0.214 g, 0.887 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.3661 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 70 % yield (0.2829 g, 0.70 mmol) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.28–7.23 (1H, m), 6.95–6.88 (2H, m), 6.70–6.67 (2H, m), 6.60–6.56 (2H, m), 5.60 (d, 2H, *J* = 19.0 Hz), 4.60 (1H, bs), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.68–3.58 (11H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.9 (t, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 157.9 ,152.8 ,140.1 , 129.7 , 129.0 , 123.3 , 121.0 , 116.8 (t, *J* = 256.2 Hz) , 115.3 , 114.8 ,114.2 , 110.8 ,66.6 ,55.8 ,55.6 ,55.1 (dd, *J* = 23.2 Hz, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 46.7 , 43.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -102.0 (d, *J* = 266.7 Hz), -110.0 (d, *J* = 266.6 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₁H₂₄F₂N₂O₄: 407.1777. Found: 407.1757.

2,2-Difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholinopropan-1-one 3c



Using Zn (0.151 g, 2.31 mmol), (*E*)-*N*,1-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine 1c (0.241 g, 1.0 mmol), 2bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one 2a (0.367 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 85 % yield (0.344 g, 0.85 mmol) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.37 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.86 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.72–6.68 (2H, m), 6.60–6.57 (2H, m), 4.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 4.59 (1H, bs), 3.76 (3H, s), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.62–3.51 (8H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.7 (t, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 159.7, 152.9, 140.1, 129.9, 127.0, 117.0 (t, *J* = 258.3 Hz), 115.7, 114.8, 114.0, 66.5, 62.0(t, *J* = 24.5 Hz), 55.6, 55.2, 46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -101.1 (d, *J* = 270.2 Hz), -105.9 (d, *J* = 269.9 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₁H₂₄F₂N₂O₄: 407.1777. Found: 407.1764.

Methyl 4-(2,2-difluoro-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-morpholino-3-oxopropyl)benzoate 3d



Using Zn (0.153 g, 2.35 mmol), (*E*)-4-(((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)methyl)phenyl acetate **1d** (0.296 g, 1.10 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.366 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 74 % yield (0.355 g,0.82 mmol) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.01 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.57 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 6.59 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 5.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 4.70 (1H, bs), 3.88 (3H, s), 3.67–3.56 (11H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 166.6 , 161.2 (t, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 153.1, 140.5, 139.7, 130.3, 129.7, 129.0, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.6 Hz), 115.7, 114.8, 66.5, 62.4 (t, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 55.6, 52.2, 46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -100.0 (d, *J* = 277.1 Hz), -105.4 (d, *J* = 276.8 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₂H₂₄F₂N₂O₅: 435.1727. Found: 435.1732.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholinopropan-1-one 3e



Using Zn (0.153 g,2.35 mmol), (*E*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine **1e** (0.246 g, 1 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.367 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 87 % yield (0.359 g, 0.87 mmol) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.42 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.31–7.29(2H, m), 6.72–6.68 (2H, m), 6.60–6.56 (2H, m) 5.03 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.9, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 4.67 (1H, bs), 3.67-3.56 (11H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.2 (t, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, *J* = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, J = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, J = 259.4 Hz), 153.1, 139.7, 134.4, 133.9, 130.3, 128.7, 116.8 (t, J = 259.4 Hz), 153.1,

Hz), 115.7, 114.9, 66.6, 62.0 (t, J = 24.7 Hz), 55.6, 46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -100.1 (d, J = 277.2 Hz), -105.4 (d, J = 277.3 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₁ClF₂N₂O₃: 411.1282. Found: 411.1284.

4-(2,2-Difluoro-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-morpholino-3-oxopropyl)benzonitrile 3f



Using Zn (0.152 g, 2.33 mmol), (*E*)-4-(((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)methyl)benzonitrile **1f** (0.236 g, 1.00 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.365 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 78 % yield (0.315 g,0.78 mmol) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.61 (s, 4H), 6.73–6.69 (2H, m), 6.60–6.56 (2H, m), 5.12 (1H, bs), 4.76 (1H, bs), 3.68–3.63 (11H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 160.8 (t, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 153.2, 140.9, 140.9, 139.4, 132.1, 129.8, 118.6, 116.6 (t, *J* = 260.4 Hz), 115.7, 114.9, 112.3, 66.6, 62.3 (t, *J* = 24.8 Hz), 55.6, 46.5, 43.5 ; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -99.3 (d, *J* = 281.9 Hz), -104.7 (d, *J* = 281.8 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₁H₂₁ClF₂N₃O₃: 402.1624. Found: 402.1620.

2,2-Difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholino-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)propan-1-one 3g



Using Zn (0.153 g, 2.35 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)methanimine **1g** (0.261 g, 1.00 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.367 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 63 % yield (0.267 g,0. 63mmol) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.80–7.77 (3H, m), 7.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.45–7.43 (2H, m), 6.69–6.62 (4H, m), 5.21 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.8 Hz, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 4.76 (1H, bs), 3.63 (3H, s), 3.55–3.39 (8H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.6 (t, *J* = 28.1 Hz), 153.0, 140.1, 133.4, 133.2, 132.7, 128.1, 127.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.1, 117.2 (t, *J* = 258.7 Hz), 115.8, 114.9, 66.5, 62.8 (t, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 55.6,

46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -100.6 (d, J = 271.7 Hz), -105.4 (d, J = 271.7 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₄H₂₄F₂N₂O₃: 427.1828. Found: 427.1846.

3-Cyclohexyl-2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholinopropan-1-one 3h



Using Zn (0.151 g, 2.31 mmol), (*E*)-1-cyclohexyl-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine **1h** (0.217 g, 1.00 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.367 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 25 % yield (0. 094 g, 0.25 mmol) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 6.76 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.63 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 3.84–3.47 (13H, m), 1.95–1.63 (6H, m), 1.28–1.08 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 162.3 (t, J = 28.6 Hz), 152.4, 142.0, 118.8 (t, J = 258.8 Hz), 114.9, 114.7, 66.6, 62.2 (t, J = 23.0 Hz), 55.7, 46.7, 43.4, 39.2, 31.5, 28.3, 26.4, 26.1, 26.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -100.4 (d, J = 270.0 Hz), -106.1 (d, J = 269.9 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₈F₂N₂O₄: 383.2141. Found: 383.2128.

2,2-Difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholino-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one 3i



Using Zn (0.153 g, 2.35 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)methanimine **1i** (0.218 g, 1.00 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.367 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 66 % yield (0.252 g,0.65 mmol) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.24 (dd, 1H, J = 1.2 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz), 7.11 (d, 1H, J = 3.4 Hz), 6.95 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz, J = 3.6 Hz), 6.75–5.65 (4H, m), 5.31 (dd, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 10.1 Hz), 4.52 (1H, bs), 3.68–3.58 (11H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.2 (t, J = 27.9 Hz), 153.3, 139.9, 139.1, 139.1, 127.3, 127.0, 126.1, 116.5 (t, J = 259.6 Hz), 116.0, 114.8, 66.6, 59.3 (t, J = 26.1 Hz), 55.6, 46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -100.4 (d, J = 270.0 Hz), -106.1 (d, J = 269.9 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₁₈H₂₀F₂N₂O₃S: 383.1236. Found: 383.1194.

2,2-Difluoro-3-(furan-2-yl)-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholinopropan-1-one 3j



Using Zn (0.152 g, 2.31 mmol), (*E*)-1-(furan-2-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine **1j** (0.201 g, 1.00 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.367 g, 1.51 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 64 % yield (0.236 g,0.64 mmol) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.61 (s, 4H), 6.73–6.69 (2H, m), 6.60–6.56 (2H, m), 5.12 (1H, bs), 4.76 (1H, bs), 3.68–3.63 (11H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.3 (t, *J* = 27.9 Hz), 153.4, 149.1, 149.1, 142.7, 139.9, 116.6 (t, *J* = 259.6 Hz), 116.2, 114.8, 110.7, 109.6, 66.6, 57.4 (t, *J* = 26.1 Hz), 55.6 , 46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -101.5 (d, *J* = 275.6 Hz), -106.6 (d, *J* = 275.6 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₁₈H₂₀F₂N₂O₄: 367.1464. Found: 367.1486.

3-(Benzylamino)-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholino-3-phenylpropan-1-one 3k



Using Zn (0.155 g, 2.36 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-benzyl-1-phenylmethanimine **1k** (0.227 g, 1.16 mmol) and 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-morpholinoethan-1-one **2a** (0.3665 g, 1.74 mmol), TMSCl(175 μ L, 1.38mmol) and THF(1.75 mL), the product was obtained in 37 % yield (0.156 g, 0.43 mmol) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.43–7.20 (10H, m), 4.29 (dd, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz, J = 8.4 Hz), 3.77 (d, 1H, J = 13.3 Hz), 3.61–3.38 (9H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 162.0 (t, J = 28.3 Hz), 139.4, 134.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 117.2 (dd, J = 255.5 Hz, J = 255.3 Hz), 66.6, 66.5, 64.2 (dd, J = 22.1 Hz, J = 21.7 Hz), 51.0, 46.5, 43.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -101.5 (d, J = 272.8 Hz), -109.0 (d, J = 272.8 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₂F₂N₂O₂: 361.1723. Found: 361.1726.

N,N-Diethyl-2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamide 31



Using Zn (0.153 g,2.34 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylmethanimine **1a** (0.211 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-bromo-*N*,*N*-diethyl-2,2-difluoroacetamide**2b** (0.345 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 77 % yield (0.277 g,0.77 mmol) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.46 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 7.34–7.28 (3H, m), 6.70–6.66 (2H, m), 6.61–

6.57 (2H, m), 5.06 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.74 (1H, bs), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.38–3.12 (4H, m), 1.08 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.07 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 162.3 (t, J = 27.8 Hz), 152.7, 140.3, 135.5, 128.8, 128.4, 117.0 (t, J = 258.9 Hz), 115.5, 114.8, 62.7 (t, J = 24.7 Hz), 55.7, 42.2, 41.9 (t, J = 6.7 Hz), 14.4, 12.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -102.4 (d, J = 267.5 Hz), -106.8 (d, J = 267.3 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₄F₂N₂O₂: 363.1879. Found: 363.1897.

2,2-Difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-phenyl-1-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)propan-1-one **3m**



Using Zn (0.153 g, 2.33 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylmethanimine 1a(0.211 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoro-1-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)ethan-1-one 2c (0.479 g, 1.50 mmol) and TMSCl (150 μ L, 1.19 mmol), the product was obtained in 74 % yield (0.335 g,0.74 mmol) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.49 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.35–7.22 (5H, m), 6.90–6.84 (3H, m), 6.69 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 6.60 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 5.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.8, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 4.65 (1H, bs), 3.75–3.66 (7H, m), 3.10–3.00 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 161.5 (t, *J* = 28.1 Hz), 152.9, 140.1, 135.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 120.7, 117.8 (t, *J* = 259.1 Hz), 116.6, 115.7, 114.8, 62.7 (t, *J* = 24.5 Hz), 55.7, 49.5, 49.2, 45.7, 43.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ -100.7 (d, *J* = 271.5 Hz), -105.6 (d, *J* = 271.5 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₆H₂₇F₂N₃O₂: 452.2145. Found: 452.2114.

General Procedure of 1,3-diamines 4 or y-amino alcohol 5



Use of solid-reductant such as LiAlH₄ or NaBH₄

 β -amino- α , α -difluoroacetamide **3a** (1 mmol) and LiAlH₄ or NaBH₄ (6 mmol,) added in 50 mL Two-necked Nass flask. The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon. This sequence was repeated three times. Then, THF (10 mL) was added via the rubber septum with syringe. After the reaction mixtures stirred at r.t. for 2 h, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. Following the solution was filtrated through Celite with diethyl ether, the filtrate was extracted with AcOEt and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with AcOEt/hexane eluent.

Use of liquid-reductant such as BH₃·Me₂S

 β -amino- α , α -difluoroacetamide **3a** (1 mmol)was added in 50 mL Two-necked Nass flask. The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon. This sequence was repeated three times. Then, THF (10 mL) and BH₃·Me₂S (6 mmol) were added via the rubber septum with syringe. After the reaction mixtures stirred at r.t. for 2 h, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. Following the solution was filtrated through Celite with diethyl ether, the filtrate was extracted with AcOEt and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with AcOEt/hexane eluent.

Use of NaBH₄ and BF₃·Et₂O as a reductant

 β -amino- α , α -difluoroacetamide **3** (1 mmol) and NaBH₄ (6 mmol,) added in 50 mL Two-necked Nass flask. The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon. This sequence was repeated three times. Then, THF (10 mL) and BF₃·Et₂O (6 mmol) were added via the rubber septum with syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h, and then at 75 °C for 2 h. After the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. the solution was filtrated through Celite with diethyl ether. The filtrate was extracted with AcOEt and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with AcOEt/hexane eluent.

Characterization Data of 1,3-Diamine 4

N-(2,2-Difluoro-3-morpholino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-methoxyaniline 4a



Using 2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholino-3-phenylpropan-1-one **3a** (0.376 g,1.00 mmol), NaBH₄ (0.228 g,6.02 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.605 g,4.26 mmol), the product was obtained in 94 % yield (0.3397 g,0.94 mmol) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.44 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.30–7.22 (3H, m), 6.67 (4H, m), 4.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 4.83 (1H, s), 3.66 (4H,t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 3.59 (3H, s), 2.99–2.88 (1H, m), 2.69–2.58 (1H, m), 2.57–2.46 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 152.3, 141.0, 137.0, 128.6, 127.8, 127.6, 123.4 (t, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 114.9, 114.4, 66.8, 60.5 (dd, *J* = 22.7 Hz, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 59.6 (dd, *J* = 25.2 Hz, *J* = 25.2 Hz), 54.8, 54.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ -114.8 (d, *J* = 254.4 Hz), -119.9 (d, *J* = 254.4 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₄F₂N₂O₂: 363.1879. Found: 363.1868.

Methyl 4-(2,2-difluoro-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-morpholinopropyl)benzoate 4b



Using methyl 4-(2,2-difluoro-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-morpholino-3-oxopropyl)benzoate **3d** (0.434 g,1.00 mmol), NaBH₄ (0.227 g, 6.00 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.565 g, 3.98 mmol) and the reaction was carried out at room temperature for 2 h, the product was obtained in 63 % yield (0.263 g,0.63 mmol) as clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.95–7.92 (2H, m), 7.56 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 6.67–6.61 (4H, m), 5.10 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.5 Hz, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 4.83 (1H, s) , 3.83 (3H, s), 3.66 (t, 4H, *J*=4.7 Hz), 3.60 (3H, s), 3.06–2.94 (1H, m), 2.73–2.64 (1H, m), 2.61–2.47 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 166.9, 152.5, 142.8, 140.6, 129.4, 128.9, 123.4 (t, *J*=4.7 Hz), 114.8, 114.4, 66.7, 60.0 (dd, *J* = 22.5 Hz, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 59.4 (dd, *J* = 24.5 Hz, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 54.7, 54.3, 51.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm) δ -100.6 (d, *J* = 256.8 Hz), -107.6 (d, *J*=256.6 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₂H₂₆F₂N₂O₄: 421.1934. Found: 421.1970.

N-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-morpholinopropyl)-4-methoxyaniline 4c



Using 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholinopropan-1-one **3e** (0.411 g, 1.00 mmol), NaBH₄ (0.227 g, 6.00 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.569 g, 4.01 mmol), the product was obtained in 93 % yield (0.370 g,0.93 mmol) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.42 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.29–7.26 (2H, m), 6.68–6.60 (4H, m), 5.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.83 (1H, s), 3.65 (4H, t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 3.61 (3H, s), 3.02–2.91 (1H, m), 2.71–2.62 (1H, m), 2.59–2.46 (4H, m) ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 152.4, 140.7, 135.9, 133.3, 130.2, 127.9, 123.3 (t, *J* = 246.5 Hz), 114.9, 114.4, 66.7, 59.7 (dd, *J* = 27.8 Hz, *J* = 29.3 Hz), 59.5 (dd, *J* = 29.1 Hz, *J* = 30.5 Hz), 54.7, 54.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm) δ -104.7 (d, *J* = 256.2 Hz), -111.2 (d, *J* = 256.3 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₃ClF₂N₂O₂: 397.1489. Found: 397.1509.

N-(2,2-Difluoro-3-morpholino-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propyl)-4-methoxyaniline 4d



Using 2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholino-3-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one **3i** (0.517 g, 1.35 mmol), NaBH₄ (0.306 g,8.10 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.738 g,5.20 mmol), the product was obtained in 88 % yield (0.436 g,1.18 mmol) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.24 (1H, dd , *J* = 1.2 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 7.10 (1H, d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 6.92 (1H, dd , *J* = 3.6 Hz, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 6.71–6.65 (4H, m), 5.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.81 (1H, s) , 3.65–3.61 (m, 7H), 3.03–2.92 (1H, m), 2.74–2.65 (1H, m), 2.59–2.46 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 152.7, 140.8, 140.5, 126.7, 126.4, 125.1, 123.0 (t, *J* = 246.7 Hz), 115.0, 114.5, 66.8, 59.3 (dd , *J* = 24.9 Hz, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 57.0 (dd , *J* = 24.4 Hz, *J* = 24.3 Hz), 54.8, 54.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ -105.1 (d, *J* = 254.6 Hz), -110.3 (d, *J* = 254.6 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₁₈H₂₂F₂N₂O₂S: 369.1443. Found: 369.1432.

N-(2,2-Difluoro-1-(furan-2-yl)-3-morpholinopropyl)-4-methoxyaniline 4e



Using 2,2-difluoro-3-(furan-2-yl)-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholinopropan-1-one **3j** (0.387 g, 1.06 mmol), NaBH₄ (0.240 g,6.33 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.604 g, 4.25 mmol), the product was obtained in 76 % yield (0.284 g,0.81 mmol) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.41 (1H, dd ,J = 7.9 Hz, J = 7.9 Hz), 6.71–6.71 (4H, m), 6.37 (1H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 6.32–6.31 (1H, m), 5.14 (1H, dd, J = 6.8 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.81 (1H, s), 3.66–3.64 (7H, m), 3.05–2.94 (1H, m), 2.73–2.64 (1H, m), 2.62–2.45(4H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 152.8, 150.7, 142.2, 140.8, 123.1 (t, J = 246.6 Hz), 115.2, 114.4, 110.1, 108.7, 66.8, 59.3 (dd ,J = 24.3 Hz, J = 24.2 Hz), 55.1 (dd ,J = 24.1 Hz, J = 24.2 Hz), 54.8, 54.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm) δ -106.0 (d, J = 255.0 Hz), -111.1 (d, J =254.9 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₁₈H₂₂F₂N₂O₃: 353.1672. Found: 353.1650.

 N^3 , N^3 -Diethyl-2, 2-difluoro- N^1 -(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1, 3-diamine 4f



Using *N*,*N*-diethyl-2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamide **31** (0.362 g,1.00 mmol), NaBH₄ (0.227 g, 6.00 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.559 g, 3.93 mmol), the product was obtained in 95 % yield (0.3154 g,0.905 mmol) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.43 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.27–7.18 (3H, m), 6.64–6.57 (4H, m), 4.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.60 Hz, *J* = 5.68 Hz), 4.85 (1H, s), 3.56 (3H, s), 3.15–3.03 (1H, m), 2.88–2.79 (1H, m), 2.68–2.58 (4H, m), 0.98 (4H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 152.4, 140.7, 137.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 123.0 (t, *J* = 246.6 Hz), 115.0, 114.9, 61.6 (dd, *J* = 23.4 Hz, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 56.0 (dd, *J* = 25.5 Hz, *J* = 25.3 Hz), 55.6, 47.8, 11.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm) δ -105.4 (d, *J* = 253.5 Hz), -113.0 (d, *J*=253.6 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₂₆F₂N₂O: 349.2086. Found: 349.2099.

N-(2,2-Difluoro-1-phenyl-3-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)propyl)-4-methoxyaniline 4g



Using 2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-phenyl-1-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)propan-1-one **3m** (0.452 g, 1.00 mmol), NaBH₄ (0.2258 g, 5.97 mmol) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.5677 g, 4.00 mmol), the product was obtained in 90 % yield (0.394 g,0.90 mmol) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.46 (2H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.32–7.21 (5H, m), 6.96–6.94 (2H, m), 6.83 (1H, t, J = 7.3 Hz), 6.67–6.61 (4H, m), 5.02 (1H, dd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.86 (1H, s), 3.62 (3H, s), 3.16 (4H,t, J = 4.9 Hz), 3.08–2.96 (1H, m), 2.79–2.67 (5H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 152.3, 151.3, 141.0, 137.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.5, 123.4 (t, J = 246.3 Hz), 119.7, 116.1, 114.9, 114.4, 60.6 (dd, J = 23.2 Hz, J = 23.1 Hz), 59.1 (dd, J = 25.2 Hz, J = 25.4 Hz), 54.7, 53.9, 49.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ -105.6 (d, J = 255.7 Hz),

-110.8 (d, *J*=255.7 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₂₆H₂₉F₂N₃O: 438.2351. Found: 438.2335.

2,2-Difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3-phenylpropan-1-ol 5



Using 2,2-difluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-1-morpholino-3-phenylpropan-1-one **3a** (0.376 g,1.00 mmol) and NaBH₄ (0.2278 g, 6.02 mmol), the product was obtained in 49 % yield (0.145 g,0. 56mmol) as clear oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 7.45 (2H,d, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.30–7.20 (3H,m), 6.63 (3H,s), 4.94–4.85 (2H,m), 3.98–3.88 (1H,m) 3.76–3.67 (1H,m), 3.58 (3H,s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm): δ 152.4, 140.9, 136.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 122.0 (t, J = 246.0 Hz), 115.2, 114.3, 61.3 (dd, J = 28.6Hz, J = 28.3 Hz), 59.6 (dd, J = 22.4 Hz, J = 22.4 Hz), 54.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD, ppm) δ -114.6 (d, J = 254.3 Hz), - 119.7 (d, J = 254.0 Hz); HRMS (DART) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd. For C₁₆H₁₇F₂NO₂: 294.1301. Found: 294.1297.

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