A Strategy for Isotope Containment During Radiosynthesis -Devolatilisation of Bromobenzene by Fluorous-tagging/Ir-Catalysed Borylation en route to the 4-Phenylpiperidine Pharmacophore

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Experimental Procedures: General Directions: All reactions were performed under anhydrous conditions and an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically (¹H-NMR) homogenous materials, unless otherwise indicated.

Solvents and reagents: All solvents were distilled before use. 'Petrol' refers to the fraction of light petroleum-ether boiling at 40-60 °C. Commercial grade solvents used for chromatography were distilled before use. Anhydrous THF and Et₂O were distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen immediately prior to use. Anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ was distilled from CaH₂ immediately prior to use. Anhydrous DMF and octane were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All chemicals were handled in accordance with COSHH regulations. All reagents were used as commercially supplied. *Chromatography:* Flash chromatography (FC) was always performed on silica gel (Merck Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ 230-400 mesh) according to the method of W.C. Still.¹ Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck aluminium-backed plates pre-coated with silica (0.2 mm, 60 F₂₅₄) which were visualized either by quenching of ultraviolet fluorescence ($\lambda_{max} = 254$ and 366 nm) or by charring with 10% KMnO₄ in 1M H₂SO₄ or by charring with 10% Ce(SO₄)₂ and 15% H₂SO₄. Melting points: These were determined on a Khofler hot stage. Infrared spectra: These were recorded as thin films, on a Perkin-Elmer Paragon 1000 Fourier transform spectrometer. Only selected absorbances (v_{max}) are reported. ¹*H NMR spectra*: These were recorded at either 270, 300, 400 or 500 MHz on Jeol GSX-270, DRX-300, DRX-400, AMX-400 or AM-500 instruments respectively. Chemical shifts ($\delta_{\rm H}$) are quoted in parts per million (ppm), referenced to the appropriate residual solvent peak. Coupling constants (J) are reported to the nearest 0.5 Hz. The abbreviation app = "apparent", p = "para substituent", m = "meta substituent". ¹³C NMR spectra: These were recorded at 100 or 125 MHz on Bruker AMX-400 or AM-500 instruments respectively. Chemical shifts (δ_C) are quoted in ppm, referenced to the appropriate residual solvent peak. Degenerate peaks are suffixed by the number of carbons. Mass spectra: Low resolution mass spectra (m/z) were recorded on either a VG platform II or

VG AutoSpec spectrometers, with only molecular ions (M^+ , MH^+ , MNH_4^+) and major peaks being reported with intensities quoted as percentages of the base peak. High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS) measurements are valid to ±5ppm.

General procedure for fluorous solid-phase extraction (F-SPE)

Pre-packed fluorous solid-phase extraction (F-SPE) cartridges were purchased from FLUOROUS Technologies Inc. and pre-conditioned with 50:50 MeCN-H₂O. Crude reaction mixtures were loaded on the cartridge using CH_2Cl_2 and eluted by 50:50 MeCN-H₂O (10 ml), 70:30 MeCN:H₂O (10 ml) as fluorophobic solvents followed by using MeCN as fluorophilic eluent. Compressed air flow was employed in a manner as described by Curran.²

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)-

dimethylgermane



To a solution of *dichloro-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecvl)(4*methoxyphenvl)germane³ (1.20 g, 1.72 mmol) in THF (20.0 mL) was added methylmagnesium chloride (2.86 ml, 8.6 mmol, 3M) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and then at rt for 16 h. The resulting solution was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL) and a solution of 1.0 M NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with $(2 \times 20.0 \text{ mL})$ of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo* to give yellow oily residue which was purified by FC (hexane/EtOAc, 97/3) to give 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10heptadecafluorodecyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)dimethylgermane as a pale yellow oil (1.07 g, 95 %). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2905, 1592, 1511, 1246, 1180, 1035, 818; ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): $\delta 0.41$ (s, 6H, 2xCH₃Ge), 1.07-1.21 (m, 2H, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.98-2.12 (m, 2H, C₈- $F_{17}CH_2CH_2Ge$, 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.94 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.35 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ -4.0 (2q), 5.3 (t), 26.9 (t, J = 23.8 Hz), 55.1 (q), 110.1 (s), 110.6 (s), 110.9 (s), 111.0 (2s), 111.1 (s), 111.3 (s), 114.0 (2d), 118.3 (s), 130.4 (s), 134,3 (2d), 160.2 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.0 (s, 2F), -122.1 (s, 2F), -121.7 (s, 2F), -120.8 (m, 6F), -115.0 (s, 2F), -79.9 (quintet, J = 9.7 Hz, 3F); IR v_{max} (neat) 3024 (C-H), 2980 (C-H) 1598 (C=C), 1507, 1421 (C-F), 1265, 896, 744 cm⁻¹; m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 658 (M⁺, 45), 643 (30), 409 (30), 389 (35), 211 (90), 86 (100); HRMS calc'd. for C₁₉H₁₇F₁₇GeO (M⁺) 658.0220, found 658.0228, Δ 1.3 ppm.

Bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermane 3

C₈F₁₇ Ge. Br C₁₂H₁₀BrF₁₇Ge Exact Mass: 629.89062 Mol. Wt.: 629.72465

3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecvl)(4-То of solution a methoxyphenyl)dimethylgermane (1.0 g, 1.52 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10.0 mL) was added a solution of conc. HBr (5.0 mL, 48% wt.). The resulting biphasic reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 20.0 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to give bromo-(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermane 3 as a brown amorphous solid (0.957 g, 100 %). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2950, 1246, 1200, 1037, 818; ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 0.87 (s, 6H, 2xCH-₃Ge), 1.37-1.45 (m, 2H, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.19-2.34 (m, 2H, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 3.8 (2q), 11.1 (t), 29.7 (t); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -126.1 (s, 2F), -123.2 (s, 2F), -122.7 (s, 2F), -121.9 (m, 4F), -121.7 (s, 2F), -115.5 (s, 2F), -80.7 (quintet, J =9.5 Hz, 3F); m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 615 [(M-CH₃)⁺, 15], 551 (30), 389 (50), 243 (90), 214 (100); HRMS calc'd for $C_{11}H_7BrF_{17}Ge~614.8671~(M-CH_3)^+$, found 614.8687, $\Delta 2.5$ ppm.

(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylphenylgermane 4



To a solution of bromobenzene (50 μ L, 0.475 mmol, 74.55 mg) in THF (5mL) was added *t*-BuLi (720 μ L, 1.045 mmol, 1.45 M) dropwise at -78 °C for 30 min to achieve lithium-bromo exchange to generate phenyl lithium solution *in situ*. To a solution of *bromodimethylgermane* **3** (449 mg, 0.713 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was cooled at -78 °C and cannulate into the phenyl lithium solution at this temperature and stirred for 16 h. The resulting solution was diluted with Et₂O (20.0 mL) and a solution of 1.0 M NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture until no effervescence occurred. Following extraction with (2 × 20.0 mL) of Et₂O, the combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo* to give yellow oily residue which was purified by F-SPE cartridge to give (3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylphenylgermane **4** as a yellow oil (288.8 mg, 97 %). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2904, 1511, 1245, 1038, 819; ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 0.44 (s, 6H, 2xCH-3Ge), 1.11-1.15 (m, 2H, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.00-2.13 (m, 2H, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 7.33-7.40 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.42-7.45 (m, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ -4.1 (2q), 5.1 (t), 26.9 (t, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 110.2 (s), 110.8 (s), 110.8 (s), 110.9 (2s), 111.2 (s), 111.3 (s), 118.4 (s), 128.3

(2d), 128.8 (d), 133.1 (2d), 139.5 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -125.2 (s, 2F), -122.2 (s, 2F), -121.8 (s, 2F), -120.8 (m, 6F), -115.0 (s, 2F), -79.8 (quintet, J = 9.8 Hz, 3F); ν_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2904, 1511, 1245, 1038, 819; *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 613 [(M-CH₃)⁺, 50], 593 (20), 409 (30), 389 (25), 185 (100); HRMS calc'd for C₁₈H₁₅F₁₇Ge 612.9879 (M-CH₃)⁺, found 612.9870, Δ -1.5 ppm.

Di-µ-chlorodi-(η⁴-1,5-cyclooctadiene)diiridium⁴



According to the method of Herde, a 250-mL, three-necked, round-bottomed flask containing a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 2.01 g of *iridium trichloride hydrate* (IrCl₃·H₂O, 57.0 mmol). One neck of the flask was equipped with an inlet for nitrogen, another neck was equipped with a water-jacketed condenser and the third neck was equipped with a nitrogenbubbler. EtOH (96%, 34.0 mL), water (17.0 mL) and *cyclooctadiene* (6.0 mL, 48.9 mmol) were added and a stream of nitrogen was passed through the system for 15 min. The solution was then refluxed (90°C) with stirring for 24 h during which time the solution turned from brown to orange-red. The mixture was then left to cool to RT, the precipitate was filtered off, rinsed with ice cold MeOH (20 mL) and then dried *in vacuo* for 24 h to give *di-µ-chlorodi-*(η^4 -1,5-cyclooctadiene)diiridium as red-orange crystals (1.26 g, 66%). v_{max} (KBr disk)/cm⁻¹ 2978, 2934, 2878, 2829, 1472, 1447, 1322, 940, 831, 531 [lit.⁵ (KBr disk) 2958, 2914, 2874, 2830, 1475, 1451, 1329, 972, 834]; MS (EI+) *m/z* 672 (M⁺, 100), 632 (19), 590 (43), 486 (15), 295 (15).

2-{3-[(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermanyl]phenyl}-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolane 5*m* and 2-{4-[(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-Heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermanyl] phenyl}-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-[1,3,2]dioxaborolane 5*p*



A sealed tube containing *dimethylphenylgermane* **4** (316 mg, 1.0 mmol), $[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$ (1.5 mol%, 10 mg, 0.015 mmol), 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (dtbpy) (3 mol%, 8.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) and B₂pin₂ (254 mg, 1.0 mmol) was flushed with nitrogen and then charged with

octane (1.9 mL). The mixture was then stirred at 125 °C for 48 h. The reaction residue was then concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by F-SPE to give a mixture of monoborated arylgermanes 6, diborated arylgermane 7 and unreacted starting material 5 (70:16:14 respectively, NMR ratio). The mixture was further purified by FC (EtOAc/hexane, 1:19) to give *m*- and *p*-perfluoroarylgermane bronic ester **5** as a colourless oil (mg, 62 %, $m:p \sim 2:1$ by NMR). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2978, 2932, 1590, 1512, 1355, 1245, 1145, 819, 710; ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): $\delta 0.44$ (s, $6H_p$, 2xCH₃Ge), 0.45 (s, $6H_m$, 2xCH₃Ge), 1.26-1.32 (m, 2H_m+2H_p, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.34 (s, 12H_p, Bpin), 1.35 (s, 12H_m, Bpin), 2.04-2.13 (m, $2H_p+2H_m$, $C_8F_{17}CH_2CH_2Ge$), 7.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, $1H_m$, C^5H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.6 Hz, $2H_p$, $C^{2'}H+C^{6'}H$, 7.51-7.55 (m, 2H_m, C⁴H+C⁶H), 7.78 (dd, J = 7.6, 2.6 Hz, 2H_n, C^{3'}H+C^{3'}H), 7.89 (s, 1H_m, C²H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ -4.1 (2q_p), -4.0 (2q_m), 5.1 (t_p), 5.2 (t_m), 24.8 $(4q_p+4q_m)$, 26.9 (t, J = 23.9 Hz, t_p+t_m), 83.78 (2s_p), 83.82 (2s_m), 110.2 (s_p+s_m), 110.6 (s_p+s_m), 110.7 (s_p+s_m) , 110.8 $(2s_p+2s_m)$, 111.2 (s_p+s_m) , 111.3 (s_p+s_m) , 118.4 (s_p+s_m) , 127.5 (d_m) , 128.2 (2d_p), 128.8 (d_m), 133.1 (2d_p), 135.3 (d_m), 135.9 (d_p), 136.0 (s), 138.6 (s), 139.4 (s), 142.2 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -126.1 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -123.2 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -122.7 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -122.7 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -122.7 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -123.2 (2s_{p+2}, -123.2 (2s_{p+2}, -123.2 (2s_{p+2}, -123.2 (2s_{p+2}, -123.2 (2s_{p+2}, -123.2 (2s_{p+2}, -123.2 (2s_p} 4F), -121.8 ($6s_p+6s_m$, 12F), -115.9 ($2s_p+2s_m$, 4F), -80.7 (quintet, J = 9.6 Hz, 6F, $3F_p+3F_m$); m/z (EI^{+}) (rel. intensity) 739 [(M-CH₃)⁺, 10], 433 (60), 307 (100), 207 (20); HRMS calc'd for $C_{24}H_{26}BF_{17}GeO_2$ 739.0731 (M-CH₃)⁺, found 739.0726, Δ -0.7 ppm.

1-Benzyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate 7⁶



To a flask containing activated LiCl (896, 21.14 mmol) was added a solution of *1-benzylpiperidin-4-one* (1 g, 5.28 mmol) in THF (5 mL). The mixture was cooled to -78 °C and a solution of LHMDS (7.9 mL, 1M in hexane, 7.9 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was then added. The mixture was stirred for 50 min at -78 °C before adding a solution of *N*-phenyltrifluoromethane sulfonimide (2.25 g, 6.34 mmol) in THF (10 mL). The reaction was gradually allowed to warm to rt for 16 h (retaining the cooling bath). The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in EtOAc and the organic layer was washed with brine (3 × 10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a pale yellow oil. This oil was absorbed onto a pad of neutral alumina, eluted with EtOAc/hexane, 1:9 and the eluant concentrated *in vacuo* to give *vinyl triflate* 7 as a clear pale yellow oil (1.44 g, 85 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 2.34-2.47 (m, 2H, C³H₂), 2.72

(t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H, C²H₂), 3.12 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, C⁶H), 3.13 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, C⁶H), 3.63 (s, 2H, NCH₂Ph), 5.72-5.75 (m, 1H, C⁵H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.31-7.36 (m, 4H, ArH); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -73.9 (s).

Thallium hydroxide⁷

According to the method of George, aqueous solution of 6 N thallium formate and 10 N sodium hydroxide were prepared using degassed water. To a solution of thallium formate (700 μ L, 6 N, 4.2 mmol) was added dropwise a solution of sodium hydroxide until the yellow precipitate was formed. The crystals were filtered and washed with cold degassed water. Thallium hydroxide was obtained as yellow needles (686 mg, 74%). A 10% aqueous solution was made up and used immediately.[†]

1-Benzyl-4-{3-[(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermanyl]phenyl}-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine 8*m* and 1-Benzyl-4-{4-[(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermanyl]phenyl}-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine 8*p*



Perfluoroarylgermane bronic esters **5** (*m*:*p*~2:1, 150 mg, 0.199 mmol), vinyl triflate **8** (221.9 mg, 0.597 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (34.4 mg, 0.0299 mmol) and anhydrous LiBr (34.5 mg, 0.398 mmol) were dissolved in freshly distilled THF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min at rt before adding the freshly prepared solution of 10% (*w/w*) TIOH (1.32 mL, 0.597 mmol). The orange solution became cloudy. The mixture was stirred for 48 h at rt before adding CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (sat. aq., 10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then purified by FC (EtOAc/pentane, 1:19) to yield *perfluorogermyl styrene* **8** as a colourless oil (144.7 mg, 91 %, *m*:*p*~2:1). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2924, 2854, 1732, 1512, 1456, 1245, 799; ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 0.44 (s, 6H_{*p*}, 2xCH₃Ge), 0.45 (s, 6H_{*m*}, 2xCH₃Ge), 1.27-1.33 (m, 2H_{*m*}+2H_{*p*}, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.00-2.04 (m, 2H_{*p*}+2H_{*m*}, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.58-2.62 (m, 2H_{*p*}+2H_{*m*}, C³H₂), 2.78-2.82 (m,

[†] The solution can be stored in the fridge, however a brown precipitate separates and the efficiency of the solution to promote the cross-coupling decreases with the age of the solution.

2H_p+2H_m, C²H₂), 3.23-3.26 (m, 2H_p+2H_m, C⁶H₂), 3.62 (s, 2H_m, NCH₂Ph), 3.65 (s, 2H_p, NCH₂Ph), 6.08 (m, 1H_m, C⁵H), 6.09 (m, 1H_p, C⁵H), 7.25-7.42 (m, 9H_p+9H_m, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ -4.1 (2q_p), -4.06 (2q_m), 5.1 (t_p), 5.2 (t_m), 26.9 (t, J = 23.9 Hz, t_p+t_m), 49.9 (t_p+t_m), 53.3 (t_p+t_m), 62.2 (t_p+t_m), 68.0 (t_p+t_m), 110.2 (s_p+s_m), 110.6 (s_p+s_m), 110.7 (s_p+s_m), 110.8 (2s_p+2s_m), 111.2 (s_p+s_m), 111.3 (s_p+s_m), 118.4 (s_p+s_m), 122.2 (2d), 124.7 (2d), 127.2 (2d), 128.1 (2d), 128.3 (5d), 129.3 (3d), 129.8 (2d), 131.7 (2d), 133.1 (s), 135.2 (2s), 138.1 (s), 139.4 (s), 140.8 (2s), 144.9 (s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -126.2 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -123.3 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -122.6 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -121.7 (6s_p+6s_m, 12F), -115.8 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -80.6 (quintet, J = 9.3 Hz, 6F, 3F_p+3F_m); m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 799 (M⁺, 50), 708 (10), 352 (20), 233 (20), 91 (100); HRMS calc'd for C₃₀H₂₈F₁₇GeN 799.1162, found 799.1146, Δ -2.0 ppm.

1-Benzyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine 9



To a solution of pinacolato-4-tolylboronate (50.1 mg, 0.229 mmol),⁸ vinyl triflate 7 (220.5 mg, 0.686 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (39.7 mg, 0.0344 mmol) and anhydrous LiBr (39.8 mg, 0.458 mmol) were dissolved in freshly distilled THF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min at rt before adding the freshly prepared solution of 10% (w/w) TIOH (1.52 mL, 0.687 mmol). The orange solution became cloudy. The mixture was stirred for 48 h at rt before adding CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (sat. aq., 10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then purified by FC (EtOAc/pentane, 1:19) to vield *tetrahvdropvridine* **9** as a colourless oil (54.2 mg, 90 %). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3027, 2919, 2799, 1688, 1516, 1454, 1126, 798; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.34 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.57 (2H, m, C³H₂), 2.74 (2H, t, J=6.0, C²H₂), 3.19 (2H, dd, J=6.0, 3.0, C⁶H₂), 3.67 (2H, s, CH₂-Ph), 6.04 (1H, m, $C^{5}H$), 7.13 (2H, m, $C^{3''}H + C^{5''}H$), 7.28-7.31 (3H, $C^{2''}H + C^{6''}H + C^{4'}H$), 7.33-7.35 (2H, $C^{2'}H + C^{6'}H$), 7.39-7.42 (2H, $C^{3'}H + C^{5'}H$); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.0 (q), 27.3 (t), 49.9 (t), 53.2 (t), 62.6 (t), 120.9 (d), 124.8 (2d), 127.1 (d), 128.3 (2d), 128.9 (2d), 129.2 (2d), 134.8 (s), 136.6 (s), 138.0 (s), 138.1 (s); MS (CI+): *m/z* 264 (M+H⁺, 100), 186 (1), 172 (6), 145 (2), 108 (3), 91 (4); HRMS (CI+): calc'd for C₁₉H₂₂N 264.1752, found 264.1757, Δ 1.8 ppm.

Sodium-bis[N-salicylidene-2-aminoisobutyrato]cobaltate(III): Co(sdmg)₃⁹



According to the method of Carreira,⁹ NaOH (202 mg, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in absolute EtOH (10 mL). Salicyladehyde (1.1 mL, 10.0 mmol) was then added followed by 2-aminoisobutyric acid (1.037 mg, 10.1 mmol). The thick yellow suspension was cooled to 0 °C. A precooled solution (0 °C) of cobalt nitrate (1.47g, 5.0 mmol) in absolute EtOH (10 mL) was added to the suspension. The orange suspension was then stirred 20 min at 0 °C before adding hydrogen peroxide (35% solution, 7mL) dropwise over 20 min. The reaction turned dark brown and a gas was evolved. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and then warmed to RT overnight. The resulting dark solution was filtered, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was co-evaporated with MeOH (3 × 10 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The resulting brown residue was triturated in Et₂O (10 mL) for 3 h and the residue was dried *in vacuo* at 70 °C for 16 h to give the active catalyst *Co(sdmg)*₃ as a fine dark brown powder (2.49 g, 100%).

Tris(dipivaloylmethanato)manganese (III): Mn(dpm)₃¹⁰



According to the method of Carreira,¹⁰ 2,2,6,6-tetramethylhept-3,5-dione (1.3 mL, 6.1 mmol) was added to a solution of manganese(II) acetate tetrahydrate (500 mg, 2.0 mmol) in degassed MeOH (4.5 mL). The solution turned yellow. A solution of sodium hydroxide (245 mg in 1.25 mL of degassed water) was then added and a solid immediately precipitated. The solution was diluted with degassed MeOH (5.5 mL) and the mixture was stirred at RT for 20 h. A green-brown precipitate (1.72 g) was filtered off and dried *in vacuo* at 60 °C for 4 h. This was then dissolved in hot *i*-PrOH (15 mL) and upon cooling, followed by addition of water (3 mL), a precipitate was formed. The precipitate was filtered off, suspended in pentane (10 mL) and filtered to remove some brown-red impurities. The pentane was then removed *in vacuo* at dark green powder (755 mg, 62%). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 2964, 2867, 1592, 1570, 1497, 1402, 1358, 1223, 1135, 872; MS (EI+): *m/z* 604 (M+H, 15), 421 (dimer+H, 100), 368 (63), 238

(22), 127 (31); HRMS (EI+): calculated for $C_{22}H_{38}O_4Mn$ 421. 2151 (dimer), found 421.2166 Δ -3.6 ppm.

1-Benzyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)piperidin-4-ol 11



Method 1: manganese(III)-catalysed hydration (Table 1, entry 1):

To a 2-neck flask containing $Mn(dpm)_3$ (1 mg, 0.0017 mmol) and tetrahydropyridine 9 (20) mg, 0.076 mmol) under an oxygen atmosphere was added cold (0 °C) *i*-PrOH (350 µL), CH_2Cl_2 (50 µL) and finally phenylsilane (19 µL, 0.153 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h. A saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (1 mL) was then added and the mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h. Brine (2 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 2 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then triturated with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium pyrophosphate for 14 h. Brine (2 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FC (EtOAc/pentane, 3:7) to give *alcohol* 11 as a colourless oil (19 mg, 88 %). Rf 0.36 (*i*-PrOH/CHCl₃, 1:9). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3361 (br), 2923, 2853, 1634, 1456, 1133, 698; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.77 (2H, dd, *Japp*=14.0, 2.5, $C^{3}H_{ea2}+C^{5}H_{ea2}$), 2.19 (2H, td, Japp=13.5, 4.5, $C^{3}H_{ax2}+C^{5}H_{ax2}$), 2.37 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.51 (2H, td, Japp=12.0, 2.0, C^2H_{ea2} + C^6H_{ea2}), 2.81 (2H, m, C^2H_{ax2} + C^6H_{ax2}), 3.62 (2H, s, CH_2 -Ph), 7.20 (2H, d, J=8.0, $C^{3''}H + C^{5''}H$), 7.27-7.32 (1H, $C^{4'}H$), 7.34-7.48 (4H, $C^{2'}H + C^{3'}H + C^{3'}H$ $C^{5'}H + C^{6'}H$, 7.43 (2H, d, J=8.0, $C^{2''}H + C^{6''}H$), 1H missing (OH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.0 (q), 38.6 (2t), 49.6 (2t), 63.3 (t), 71.2 (s), 124.5 (2d), 127.0 (d), 128.2 (2d), 129.0 (2d), 129.2 (2d), 136.6 (s), 138.5 (s), 145.6 (s); MS (CI+): *m/z* 282 (M+H⁺, 100), 264 (22), 190 (12), 146 (5), 108 (5), 91 (6); HRMS (CI+): calculated for C₁₉H₂₄NO 282.1858, found 282.1859, Δ 0.4 ppm.

Method 2: cobalt(III)-catalysed hydration (Table 1, entry 2):

To a 2-neck flask containing $Co(sdmg)_3$ (2.7 mg, 0.0057 mmol) under an oxygen atmosphere was added EtOH (1.8 mL), then a solution of *tetrahydropyridine* **9** (30mg, 0.114 mmol) in

EtOH/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 480 μ L) and finally phenylsilane (28 μ L, 0.228 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT under an oxygen atmosphere for 3 d. A saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (2 mL) was then added and the mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h. Brine (3 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FC (EtOAc/pentane, 3:7) to give *alcohol* **11** as a colourless oil (25 mg, 78 %). Spectroscopic data as described above.

1-Benzyl-4-{3-[(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermanyl]phenyl}-piperidin-4-ol 10*m* and 1-Benzyl-4-{4-[(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,9,9,10,10,10-heptadecafluorodecyl)dimethylgermanyl]phenyl}-piperidin-4-ol 10*p*



Table 1, entry 3

Using *method 2*, to a 2-neck flask containing $Co(sdmg)_3$ (1.5 mg, 0.0033 mmol) under an oxygen atmosphere was added EtOH (2 mL), then a solution of *perfluorogermyl styrene* **8** (52.1 mg, 0.065 mmol) in EtOH/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 500 µL) and finally phenylsilane (14.1 mg, 0.13 mmol, 9 µL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt under an oxygen atmosphere for 24 h. A saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (2 mL) was then added and the mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. Brine (3 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 3 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FC (EtOAc/pentane, 3:7) to give *alcohols* **10** as a colourless oil (32.5 mg, 61 %, *m:p* ~2:1). v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3436 (br), 3028, 2933, 2833, 1611, 1511, 1245, 1042, 818; ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ 0.44 (s, 6H, 2xCH₃Ge), 0.45 (s, 6H, 2xCH₃Ge), 1.10-1.27 (*m*, 2H_{*m*}+2H_{*p*}, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 1.74 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 4H, C³H_{2eq}+ C⁵H_{2eq}), 2.00-2.14 (*m*, 2H_{*p*}+2H_{*m*}, C₈F₁₇CH₂CH₂Ge), 2.20 (td, *J* = 12.0, 4.4 Hz, 4H, C³H_{2eq}+ C⁶H_{2eq}), 3.62 (s, 2H_{*p*}+2H_{*m*}, NCH₂Ph), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H, ArH_{*p*}), 7.31-7.39 (*m*, 12H, ArH), 7.45-7.51 (*m*, 2H, ArH), 7.58-7.61 (*m*, 2H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ -4.02 (2q_{*p*}), -4.0

 $(2q_m)$, 5.2 (t_p+t_m), 26.8 (t, J = 23.5 Hz, t_p+t_m), 38.4 (2t_p+2t_m), 49.4 (2t_p+2t_m), 63.2 (t_p+t_m), 71.4 (t_p+t_m), 110.2 (t_p+t_m), 110.6 (t_p+t_m), 110.7 (t_p+t_m), 110.8 (2t_p+2t_m), 111.2 (t_p+t_m), 111.3 (t_p+t_m), 118.4 (t_p+t_m), 125.2 (2d), 127.2 (2d), 127.7 (2d), 128.2 (4d), 129.0 (2d), 129.3 (4d), 131.7 (2d), 138.1 (2s), 139.6 (2s), 148.1 (2s); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz; CDCl₃): δ -126.2 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -123.3 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -122.7 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -121.9 (6s_p+6s_m, 12F), -115.8 (2s_p+2s_m, 4F), -80.8 (quintet, J = 9.6 Hz, 6F, $3F_p+3F_m$); m/z (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 817 (M⁺, 60), 799 (50), 726 (20), 370 (20), 146 (50), 91 (100), HRMS calc'd for C₃₀H₃₀F₁₇GeNO 817.1268, found 817.1249, Δ -2.3 ppm.

N-(1-Benzyl-4-phenylpiperidin-4-yl)acetamide 1



To a suspension of *alcohosl* **10** (20 mg, 0.0245 mmol) in acetonitrile (100 µL) at 0 °C was added *c*.H₂SO₄ (25 µL) dropwise. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt over 19 h before being poured onto ice and basified with sat. aq. NH₄OH until pH = 10 was attained. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FC (*i*-PrOH/CHCl₃, 1:19) to give *acetamide* **1** as a white solid (7.5 mg, 100 %). R_f 0.30 (*i*-PrOH/CHCl₃, 1:19); v_{max} (neat)/cm⁻¹ 3294 (br), 3061, 2941, 2810, 1651, 1548, 1368, 1303, 738; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.03 (3H, s, CH₃-CO), 2.11-2.39 (6H, C²H_{eq2}+ C³H₂+ C⁵H₂+ C⁶H_{eq2}), 2.81 (2H, m, C²H_{ax2} + C⁶H_{ax2}), 3.57 (2H, s, CH₂-Ph), 5.67 (1H, brs, NH), 7.21-7.45 (10H, C^{2' to 6'}H + C^{2'' to 6''}H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.4 (q), 35.7 (2t), 49.7 (2t), 56.5 (s), 63.2 (t), 125.1 (2d), 126.7 (d), 127.1 (d), 128.3 (2d), 128.3 (2d), 129.1 (2d), 138.4 (s), 145.8 (s), 169.1 (s); MS (CI+): *m/z* 309 (M+H⁺, 100), 248 (6), 219 (10), 176 (4), 158 (8), 79 (9); HRMS (CI+): calculated for C₂₀H₂₅N₂O 309.1967, found 309.1927, Δ 2.0 ppm; mp=172.9-173.7°C.

1-Benzyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-4-phenylpyridine 2¹¹



To a solution of *perfluorogermyl styrene* **8** (45 mg, 0.0564 mmol) in TFA (10 mL) was stirred at rt for 16 h. The reaction mixture was basified with sat. aq. NH₄OH until pH = 10 and

extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by FC (EtOAc/hexane, 1:6) to give *phenylpyridine* **2** as a yellow oil (14.0 mg, 100 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.59 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.75 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.20 (m, CH₂), 3.68 (s, 2H, NCH₂Ph), 6.06 (m, 1H, CH), 7.20-7.41 (m, 10H, ArH); 28.0 (t), 50.1 (t), 53.4 (t), 62.7 (t), 122.1 (d), 124.9 (2d), 126.9 (2d), 127.0 (2d), 128.19 (d), 128.23 (d), 129.3 (2d), 134.9 (s), 138.3 (s), 141.2 (s); *m/z* (EI⁺) (rel. intensity) 249 (M⁺, 80), 172 (20), 158 (15), 91 (100); HRMS calc'd for C₁₈H₁₉N 249.1517, found 249.1511, Δ -2.6 ppm.

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