

## Supporting Information

### Syntheses of Optically Active Trifluoro-norcoronamic Acids

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### Experimental Section

**General.** Unless otherwise stated, all non-aqueous reactions and distillations were carried out under atmosphere of dry nitrogen or dry argon. All commercially available reagents and solvents were employed without further purification. Dry THF was distilled from benzophenone-Na ketyl solution just prior to use.

Chromatography on silicagel was performed using a forced flow of the solvent system on E. Merck silica gel (Kieselgel 60, 230-400 mesh). HPLC analyses were performed using Shimadzu HPLC-10A system ( $\lambda = 254$  nm) connected to Daicel Chiralcel OJ column. GC analyses were performed using Shimadzu GC-12A system connected to GL-Science CP-Cyclodex- -256M Capillary column. Melting points were obtained on Yanagimoto MP-S3 apparatus and are uncorrected.

$^1\text{H}$  (200 MHz),  $^{19}\text{F}$  (188 MHz), and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (50.3 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on Varian VXR-200 spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (0.0 ppm for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR) and  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_6$  (0.0 ppm for  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR). For quantitative analyses of yields, 1,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene was used as an internal standard for  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR. Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are reported in hertz. Optical rotation was measured in a cell with 50 mm length and 1 ml capacity using a Horiba High Sensitive Polarimeter SEPA-300. Elemental analyses were performed on Perkin Elmer series II CHNS/O Analyzer 2400. GC/MS was performed on a Hewlett-Packard HP5971A. Intensity measurements for X-ray crystallographic analyses were made on a Rigaku RAXIS-IV imaging plate area detector with graphite monochromated Mo-K radiation.

### 1-(cyanomethyl)-2,5-dimethylpyrrol

To a refluxed solution of KOH (0.35 g) in MeOH (2.8 ml)-H<sub>2</sub>O (0.14 ml) was added dropwise a mixture of aminoacetonitrile sulfate (0.5040 g) with hexanedione (0.70 ml) dissolved in MeOH (2.8 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 12 hours. The reacting solution was cooled, then diluted by Et<sub>2</sub>O, and washed with brine, sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq., and again brine. The solvent was removed from the mixture and crude product was distilled in vacuo using Kugelrohr distillation apparatus. The pure product, 1-(cyanomethyl)-2,5-dimethylpyrrol was obtained in 63% yield as a white solid.

M.p.: 74-77 °C; IR (KBr): 2250 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.29 (s, 6H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 5.84 (s, 2H); EI-MS (rel. int) 134 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 106 (60); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 71.61; H, 7.51; N, 20.88. Found: C, 71.26; H, 7.39; N, 20.98. [Bruekelman, S. P.; Leach, S. E.; Meakins, G. D.; Tirel, M. D. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans I*, **1984**, 2801; Green, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, 3rd ed", pp568]

### **5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-2-(2,5-dimethyl-1-pyrrolyl)pentanenitrile (3a)**

To a solution of 1-(cyanomethyl)-2,5-dimethylpyrrol (0.67 g, 5 mmol) in 15 ml THF, an 1.2 eq. amount of 40% NaHMDS / THF solution was added at -40 °C. The mixture was stirred at the temperature for a while, then added 2,3-epoxy-1,1,1-trifluoropropane **2** (0.56 g, 5 mmol) to the solution dropwise. After 3 hours reaction the mixture became brown. The reacting solution was quenched by NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq., extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O, and washed with brine. Then the crude product was submitted to column chromatography. The 5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-2-(2,5-dimethyl-1-pyrrolyl)pentanenitrile (**3a**, 0.9 g), which was the 7:3 mixture of two diastereomers containing a small amount of AcOEt eluent, was obtained in 73% yield as a colorless oil.

IR (Neat): 2280 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.0-2.7 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 3.44 (ddq, J = 11, 2, 6, 0.7H), 3.8 (br, 1H), 4.27 (ddq, J = 11, 2, 6, 0.3H), 5.34 (dd, J = 11, 4, 0.7H) 5.41 (dd, J = 11, 4, 0.3H) 5.82 (s, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 81.9 (d, J = 6); EI-MS (rel. int) 246 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 134 (100), 119 (33), 94 (60).

The compound was rather unstable thus used for the next reaction without further purification.

### **2-trifluoromethyl-1-(2,5-dimethyl-1-pyrrolyl)cyclopropyl cyanide (4a)**

To a solution of p-TsCl (0.40 g, 2.1 mmol) and NaH 60% in oil (0.31 g, 7.5 mmol) in THF (10 ml), solution of **3a** (0.47 g, 1.9 mmol) in THF (3 ml) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 96h at 0 °C, then reacting solution was quenched by NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq., and extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude 2-trifluoromethyl-1-

(2,5-dimethyl-1-pyrrolyl)cyclopropyl cyanide **4a** (0.35 g, 1.6 mmol) with one diastereomer of 75% ee was obtained in 82% yield. The compound was then submitted for the first recrystallization to eliminate the racemate and the second recrystallization to obtain the 0.25 g of colorless plates **4a** with >98% ee (70% from crude **4a**).

M.p.: 77-79 °C; IR (KBr): 2260 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.04 (dd(q), *J* = 7, 7, <1, 1H), 2.23 (dd, *J* = 7, 7, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.55 (ddq, *J* = 10, 7, 6, 1H), 5.82(s, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 97.7 (d, *J* = 6); EI-MS (rel. int) 228 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 213 (27), 159 (64), 145 (27), 77 (27); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.89; H, 4.86; N, 12.27. Found: C, 57.76; H, 4.95; N, 12.33.

The compound was submitted for X-ray crystallographic analysis (tentative sample and file name is irie-4). The CIF file for the analysis are attached at the end of this supporting informations.

### **1-acetamido-2-trifluoromethylcyclopropyl cyanide (5)**

A solution of **4a** (0.114 g, 0.5 mmol), periodic acid (1.283 g, 6.0 mmol), and ruthenium trichloride hydrate (0.0015 g, 1 μmol), in carbon tetrachloride (2 ml), acetonitrile (2 ml), and water (5 ml) was stirred in room temperature for 1 day. Ether was added (a deep black color appeared at this point), then stirred vigolously for 10 min. The organic phase was separated and was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. A column chromatography on silica gel gave 1-acetamido-2-trifluoromethylcyclopropyl cyanide **5** (0.072 g, 0.38 mmol) as a white solid in 71% yield.

M.p.: 93-96 °C; IR (KBr): 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.74 (ddq, *J* = 10, 8, 1, 1H), 1.96 (dd, *J* = 7, 8, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.14-2.35 (ddq, *J* = 10, 7, 7, 1H), 6.82 (br, 1H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 97.2 (d, *J* = 7); EI-MS (rel. int) 192 (5, M<sup>+</sup>), 150 (9), 43 (100); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 43.76; H, 3.67; N, 14.58. Found: C, 43.97; H, 3.78; N, 14.87.

### **trifluoro-norcoronamic acid hydrochloride (6)**

A 0.072 g of nitrile **5** was allowed to react with 4 ml of conc. HCl solution at 60 °C for 24 hours. Water was evapolated in vacuo, and residue was submitted for column chromatography on silica gel with acetone eluent. A 0.054 g of trifluoro-norcoronamic acid hydrochloride monohydrate **6** was obtained as a white powder in 70 % yield.

M.p.: 200 °C (decomp.); [ ]<sup>20</sup>D +13.6 (*c* 1.2, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (KBr): 3448, 3040, 1618 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O): 1.58 (ddq, *J* = 10, 8, 1, 1H), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 8, 7, 1H), 2.28 (ddq, *J* = 10, 7, 7, 1H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 106.9 (d, *J* = 7); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 26.86; H, 4.06; N, 6.26. Found: C, 27.08; H, 4.32; N,

6.47.

### **2-trifluoromethyl-1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclopropyl cyanide (**4b**)**

To a solution of 3,4-dimethoxyphenylacetonitrile (8.9 g, 50 mmol) in 110 ml THF, an 1.2 eq. amount of n-BuLi solution was added dropwise at -78 °C. The mixture became green to orange, within 30 minutes, then added 2,3-epoxy-1,1,1-trifluoropropane **2** (5.6 g, 50 mmol) to the solution dropwise. After 22.5 hours the reaction mixture became black. The reacting solution was quenched by NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq., extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O, and washed with brine. Then the crude product was submitted for column chromatography. Crude 5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)pentanenitrile (**3b**), was used for further reaction as it was.

Successive cyclization was undertaken as followings: To a solution of p-TsCl (9.5 g, 50 mmol) and NaH 60% in oil (8.0 g, 200 mmol) in THF (100 ml), solution of crude **3b** in THF (100 ml) was added dropwise at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature, then reacting solution was quenched by NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq., and extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was distilled in vacuo to give slightly yellowish blocks, **4b** (8.25 g, 33.4 mmol) with 90% de mixture of two diastereomer of 75% ee was obtained in 67% yield from epoxide **2**.

Twice recrystallization of crude **4b** from benzene gave 2.7 g of colorless needles with >99% ee (33% from crude **4b**).

M.p.: 71-72 °C; IR (KBr): 2240 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.81 (ddq, *J* = 8, 7, <1, 1H), 2.02 (dd, *J* = 7, 6, 1H), 2.25 (ddq, *J* = 6, 6, 8, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 6.81-6.88(m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 97.4 (d, *J* = 6); EI-MS (rel. int) 271 (30, M<sup>+</sup>), 240 (100), 69 (30); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.57; H, 4.46; N, 5.16. Found: C, 57.17; H, 4.58; N, 5.52.

The compound was submitted to X-ray crystallographic analysis (tentative sample and file name is irie-3). The copy of X-ray-structure report, the FoFc table, and the CIF file for the analysis are attached at the end of this supporting informations.

### **2-trifluoromethyl-1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclopropylcarboxamide (**7**)**

A solution of **4b** (2.1 g, 1.1 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30%, 4 ml), KOH aq. (7 mol/l, 0.4 ml) in ethanol (5 ml) was refluxed for 12 hours, then the reacting solution was extracted by Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. Recrystallization of crude product gave 1.8 g of

**7** in 79% yield.

M.p. : 64-67 °C; IR (KBr): 3440, 3240, 1690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.36 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.27 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 5.58 (br, 1H), 6.12 (br, 1H), 6.80-7.40 (m, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 100.8 (d, *J* = 6); EI-MS (rel. int) 289 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 274 (32), 245 (20), 230 (30), 214 (18), 44 (18); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 53.98; H, 4.88; N, 4.84. Found: C, 54.11; H, 5.09; N, 4.77.

### N-Boc Trifluoro-allo-norcoronamic acid (**9**)

A mixture of **7** (0.47 g, 1.6 mmol), Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> (1.01 g, 1.6 mmol), and t-BuOH (10 ml) was stirred at 40 °C for 24 hours. To the reacting solution, sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. was added, then was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. Organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The compound was rather unstable and was thus used for the next reaction without further purification. Crude **8** was purified by column chromatography just prior to the successive reaction.

A mixture of **8**, carbon tetrachloride (6 ml), acetonitrile (6 ml), water (15 ml), periodic acid (4.2 g, 20 mmol), and ruthenium trichloride hydrate (0.01 g, 0.02 mol) was stirred in room temperature for 20 hours. Ether was added (a deep black color appeared at this point), then stirred vigorously for 10 min. The organic phase was separated and was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. Recrystallization of crude product gave N-Boc trifluoro-allo-norcoronamic acid, **9** (white powder) in 30% yield from **7**.

M.p.: 158-159 °C; [ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> -25.5 (*c* 3.2, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr): 3370, 1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 5.15 (br, 1H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 100.5 (d, *J* = 6); EI-MS (rel. int) 169 (17, M<sup>+</sup>-Boc), 59 (33), 57 (100), 41 (27); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 44.61; H, 5.24; N, 5.20. Found: C, 44.69; H, 5.05; N, 5.58.

### CIF files

#### CIF file for 2-trifluoromethyl-1-(2,5-dimethyl-1-pyrrolyl)cyclopropyl cyanide (**4a**) data\_irie 4a

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