Supplementary Material

Solvent-free synthesis and *in vitro* cytotoxicity of fluorinated chalcones against HepG2 cells

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1. ¹H, ¹³C NMR and ESIMS data of known compounds 1a-1e, 1g, 2a, 2c, 3a, 3e

(E)-1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1a)



Yield 50%; white solid; mp 80-81 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 7.18 (dd, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, *J*(H,F) 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-3',5'), 7.42-7.43 (m, 3H, H-2,4,6), 7.49 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H-α), 7.64-7.65 (m, 2H, H-3,5), 7.80 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H-β), 8.05 (d, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 8.06 (d, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, 1H; H-6'); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 115.67-115.84 (d, *J*(C,F) 25.5 Hz, 2C, C-3',5'), 121.67 (1C, C-α), 128.47 (2C, C-3,5), 129.00 (2C, C-2,6), 130.65 (1C, C-4), 131.06 (d, *J*(C,F) 10.5 Hz, 2C, C-2',6'), 134.81 (1C, C-1'), 145.0 (1 C, C-β), 188.87 (1 C, >C=O). ESIMS calcd. for [M + H]: 227.1; found: *m/z* 226.9 (M + H]⁺).

(*E*)-3-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (**1b**)



Yield 72%; yellow powder; mp 77-79 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 7.13-7.16 (m, 1H, H-3), 7.20 (dd, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, *J*(H,F) 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-3',5'), 7.17-7.22 (m, 1H, H-5), 7.38-7.40 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.61 (d, *J*(H,H) 16.2 Hz, 1H, H- α), 7.62-7.65 (m, 1H, H-4), 7.88 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H; H- β), 8.05 (d, *J*(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 8.06 (d, *J*(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 115.9 (d, *J*(C,F) 22.5 Hz, 2C, C-3',5'), 116.3 (d, *J*(C,F) 22.5 Hz, 1C- C-3), 122.9 (d, *J*(C,F) 12.0 Hz, 1C, C-1), 124.26 (1C, C- α), 124.5 (d, *J*(C,F) 5.5 Hz, 1C, C-5), 129.9 (d, *J*(C,F) 3.0 Hz, 1C, C-4), 131.1 (d, *J*(C,F) 9.0 Hz, 2C, C-2',6'), 131.9 (d, *J*(C,F) 9.0 Hz, 2C, C-6), 134.4 (1C, C-1'), 137.8 (1C, C- β), 162.6 (d, *J*(C,F) 246.0 Hz, 1C, C-2), 164.9 (d, *J*(C,F) 252.0 Hz, 1C, C-4'), 188.8 (1C, >C=0). ESIMS calcd. for [M + H]: 245.1; found: *m/z* 244.9 ([M + H]⁺).

(E)-3-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1c)



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Yield 43%; white solid; mp 80-81 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 7.11-7.14 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.19 (dd, J(H,H) 8.4 Hz, J(H,F) 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-3',5'), 7.33-7.34 (m, 1H, H-4), 7.34-7.41 (m, 2H, H-5,6), 7.47 (d, J(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- α), 7.75 (d, J(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- β), 8.05 (d, J(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-2'), 8.06 (d, J(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-6'). 13C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 114.40 (d, J(C,F) 27.0 Hz, 1C, C-4), 115.77-115.95 (d, J(C,F) 27.0 Hz, 2C, C3',5'), 117.49 (d, J(C,F) 27.0 Hz, 1C, C-2), 121.54 (1C, C-1), 122.76 (1C, C- α), 124.60 (d, J(C,F) 3.0 Hz, 1C, C-6), 130.53 (d, J(C,F) 10.5 Hz, 1C, C-5), 131.11-131.19 (d, J(C,F) 12.0 Hz, 2C, C-2',6'), 134.29 (1C, C-1'), 143.52 (1C, C- β), 162.10 (d, J(C,F) 294.0 Hz, 1C, C-3), 172.66 (1C, C-4'), 188.49 (1C, >C=O). ESIMS calcd. for [M + 4H₂O]: 316.1; found: *m/z* 316.1 ([M + 4H₂O]⁺).

(E)-1,3-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1d)



Yield 67%; white solid; mp 102-104 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 7.12 (dd, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, *J*(H,F) 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-3',5'), 7.18 (dd, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, *J*(H,F) 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-3,5), 7.41 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- α), 7.62 (d, *J*(H,H) 9,0 Hz, 1H, H-2), 7.63 (d, *J*(H,H) 9,0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.76 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- β), 8.04 (d, *J*(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 8.05 (d, *J*(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 115.71-115.88 (d, *J*(C,F) 25.5 Hz, 2C, C-3',5'), 116.11-116.28 (d, *J*(C,F) 25.5 Hz, 2C, C-3,5), 121.32 (1C, C- α), 130.35-130.42 (d, *J*(C,F) 10.5 Hz, 2C, C-2,6), 131.04-131.11(d, *J*(C,F) 10.5 Hz, 2C, C-2',6'), 134.46 (1C, C-1'), 143.74 (1C, C- β), 164.65 (1C, C-4), 165.15 (1C, C-4'), 188.63 (1C, >C=O) ppm. ESIMS calcd. for [M + H]: 245.1; found: *m/z* 244.9 ([M + H]⁺).

(*E*)-3-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (**1e**)



Yield 49%; white solid; mp 117-119 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.20 (dd, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, *J*(H,F) 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-3',5'), 7.20-7.24(m, 1H, H-5), 7.36 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.40 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- α), 7.45-7.50 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.70 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- β), 8.04 (d, *J*(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 8.05 (d, *J*(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta_{\rm C}$ 115.80-116.59 (d, ²*J*(C,F) 27.0 Hz, 2C, C-3',5'), 116.45 (d, *J*(C,F) 21.0 Hz, 1C, C-6), 117.90 (d, *J*(C,F) 21.0 Hz, 1C; C-5), 122.42 (C-1), 122.44

(C-α), 125.36 (dd, J(C,F) 7.5 Hz, J(C,F) 4.5 Hz, 2C; C-2), 131.09-131.17 (d, J(C,F) 12.0 Hz, 2C, C-5',6'), 134.22 (d, J(C,F) 3.0 Hz, 1C, C-1'), 142.54 (1C, C-β), 149.76 (1C, C-3), 150.66 (1C, C-4), 164.76 (d, J(C,F) 304.5 Hz, 1C, C-4'), 188.23 (1C, >C=O). ESIMS calcd. for [M + 3H₂O]: 316.1; found: *m/z* 316.1 (M + 3H₂O]⁺).

(E)-1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1g)



Yield 41%; yellow solid; mp 102-104 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 3.99 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 5.97 (s, 1H, -OH), 6.99 (d, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.15 (d, *J*(H,H) 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-2), 7.18 (dd, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, *J*(H,F) 8.4 Hz, 2H, H-3',5'), 7.24 (dd, *J*(H,H) 8.4 Hz, *J*(H,F) 1.8 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.35 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- α), 7.76 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- β), 8.05 (d, *J*(H,H) 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-2'), 8.06 (d, *J*(H,H) 7.8 Hz, 1H, H-6'); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 56.05 (1C, -OCH₃), 110.11 (1C, C-2), 114.93 (1C, C-5), 115.59 (d, *J*(C,F) 21.0 Hz, 2C; C-3',5'), 119.34 (1C, C- α), 123.41 (1C, C- β), 127.40 (1C, C-1), 130.95 (d, *J*(C,F) 9.0 Hz, 2C, C-2',6'), 134.83 (1C, C-1'), 145.41 (1C, C- β), 146.85 (1C, C-3), 148.42 (1C, C-4), 166.41 (1C, C-4'), 188.94 (1C, >C=O) ppm. ESI MS calcd. for [M- H]: 271.1; found: *m/z* 270.8 (M – H]⁻).

(E)-1-(3-Fluorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (2a)



Yield 58%; white solid; mp 62-64 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 7.29 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.43-7.44 (m, 3H, H-2,4,6), 7.46 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- α), 7.47-7.51 (m, 1H, H-3'), 7.64-7.66 (m, 2H, H-3,5), 7.69-7.71 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.80 (d, *J*(H,H) 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 7.82 (d, *J*(H,H) 16.2 Hz, 1H, H- β); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 115.30 (d, *J*(C,F) 22.5 Hz, 1C, C-6'), 119.76 (d, *J*(C,F) 22.5 Hz, 1C, C-4'), 121.61 (1C, C- α), 124.17 (1C, C-2), 128.55 (2C, C-2,6), 129.04 (2C, C-3,5), 130.30 (d, *J*(C,F) 7.5 Hz, 1C, C-3'), 130.81 (1C, C-4), 134.71 (1C, C-1), 140.39 (d, *J*(C,F) 6.0 Hz, 1C, C-1'), 145.60 (1C, C- β), 162.11 (d, *J*(C,F) 246.0 Hz, 1C, C-5'), 189.19 (1C, >C=0). ESIMS calcd. for [M+H]: 227.1; found *m/z* 226.9 ([M + H]⁺).

(*E*)-1,3-Bis(3-fluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (**2c**)



Yield 58%; white solid; mp 83-84 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{H} 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.33-7.34 (m, 1H, H-4), 7.38 (m, 2H, H-5,6), 7.45 (d, J(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- α), 7.48 (m, 1H, H-3'), 7.69-7.71 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.76 (d, J(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- β), 7.79 (m, 1H, H-2') ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 114.50 (d, J(C,F) 25.5 Hz, 1C, C-4), 115.25 (d, J(C,F) 27.0 Hz, 1C, C-6'), 117.60 (d, J(C,F) 25.5 Hz, 1C, C-2), 119.94 (d, J(C,F) 25.5 Hz, 1C, C-4'), 122.72 (1C, C- α), 124.19 (d, J(C,F) 3.0 Hz, 1C, C-2'), 124.63 (d, J(C,F) 3.0 Hz, 1C, C-6), 130.35 (d, J(C,F) 9.0 Hz, 1C, C-3'), 130.56 (d, J(C,F) 10.5 Hz, 1C, C-5), 136.94 (d, J(C,F) 9.0 Hz, 1C, C-1), 140.05 (d, J(C,F) 7.5 Hz, 1C, C-1'), 144.03 (1C; C- β), 162.0 (d, J(C,F) 295.5 Hz, 1C, C-3), 162.12 (d, J(C,F) 294.0 Hz, 1C, C-5'), 188.84 (1C, >C=0). ESIMS calcd. for [M]: 244.1; found: *m/z* 243.9 ([M]⁺).

(E)-1-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (3a)



Yield 51%; white solid; mp 81-82 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H, H-3'), 7.43-7.45 (m, 3H, H-2,4,6), 7.44 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H-β), 7.64-7.66 (m, 2H, H-3,5), 7.80-7.81 (m, 1H, H-2'), 7.82 (d, *J*(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H-α), 7.85-7.89 (m, 1H, H-6'). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta_{\rm C}$ 117.48 (d, *J*(C,F) 18.0 Hz, 1C, C-3'), 117.81 (d, *J*(C,F) 18.0 Hz, 1C, C-6'), 120.96 (1C, C-α), 125.31 (d, *J*(C,F) 7.5 Hz, 1C, C-2'), 128.57 (2C, C-3,5), 129.06 (2C, C-2,6), 130.91 (1C, C-4), 134.59 (1C, C-1), 135.26 (1C, C-1'), 145.80 (1C, C-β), 187.71 (1C, >C=O). ESIMS calcd. for [M + H]: 245.1; found: *m/z* 244.9 ([M + H]⁺).

(E)-1,3-Bis(3,4-Difluorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3e)



Yield 32%; white solid; mp 132-133 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_H 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H, H-5), 7.28-7.32 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.35 (d, *J*(H, H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H-α), 7.36-7.39 (m, 1H, H-2); 7.46-7.49 (m, 1H, H-

3'), 7.72 (d, J(H,H) 15.6 Hz, 1H, H- β), 7.79-7.82 (m, 1H, H-2'), 7.85-7.88 (m, 1H; H-6'). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ_{C} 116.56 (d, J(C,F) 21.0 Hz, 1C, C-3'), 117.59 (d, J(C,F) 21.0 Hz, 1C, C-6), 117.82 (d, J(C,F) 25.5 Hz, 1C, C-6'), 117.97 (d, J(C,F) 22.5 Hz, 1C, C-5), 121.74 (1C, C- α), 125.34-125.53 (m, C-2,2'), 131.78 (1C, C-1), 134.93 (1C, C-1'), 143.26 (1C, C- β), 149.52-152.66 (4C, C-3,4,4',5'), 187.13 (1 C, >C=O). ESIMS calcd. for [2M - H]: 559.1; found: m/z 559.0 ([2M - H]⁻).

2. ¹H, ¹³C NMR, HSQC and HRESIMS/ESIMS spectra of all fluorinated chalconoids











Figure S2b. ¹H-NMR spectrum of **1b**.





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Figure S3b. ¹H-NMR spectrum of **1c**.









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Figure S5a. ¹H-NMR spectrum of **1e**.









Figure S5g. MS of 1e.



Figure S6b. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 1f.

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Figure S8d. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 2a.










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Figure S10b. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 2c.





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Figure S12c. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 2e.















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Figure S14c. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 2g.

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Figure S15e. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3a**.



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Figure S16c. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of **3b**.















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Figure S19b. ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3e**.





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Figure S21h. HRMS of 3g.



Figure S22. TLC result of the base-catalyzed reaction between acetophenone and benzaldehyde after stirring in ethanol for 24 h at reflux condition. Eluent: *n*-hexane/EA (9/1). Ac: acetophenone. B: benzaldehyde. M: Michael addition product. Thô: crude mixture. Spots were visualized at 254 nm.



Figure S23b. ¹H-NMR spectrum of Michael addition product (expanded).

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Figure S23c. ¹H-NMR spectrum of Michael addition product (expanded).