Synthesis of Gem-difluorocyclobutane/pentane/hexane Building Blocks – Useful Reagent For Drug Discovery

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Introduction and Aim

Fluorinated cycloalkane building blocks are important structural motifs which become increasingly important in various areas, and most of all in drug discovery and agrochemistry. One of the most prominent examples of this concept is related to development of Maraviroc (1), an antiretroviral drug approved by FDA in 2007. In this case, using 4,4-difluorocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (2) as a building block for the modification of optimized substance resulted in the compound with unique antiviral profile and lack of affinity for the hERG channel.1-4

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Results

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