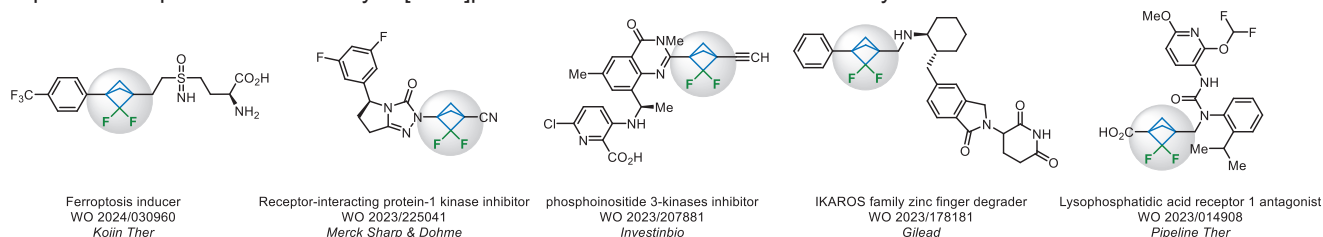


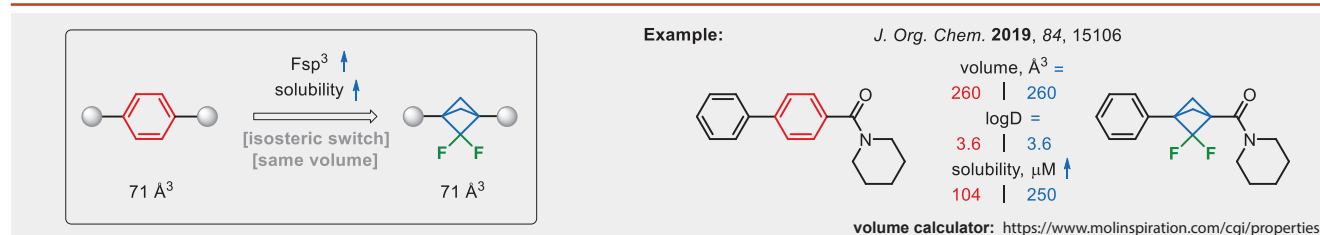
# Benzene Perfect Match

## Introduction

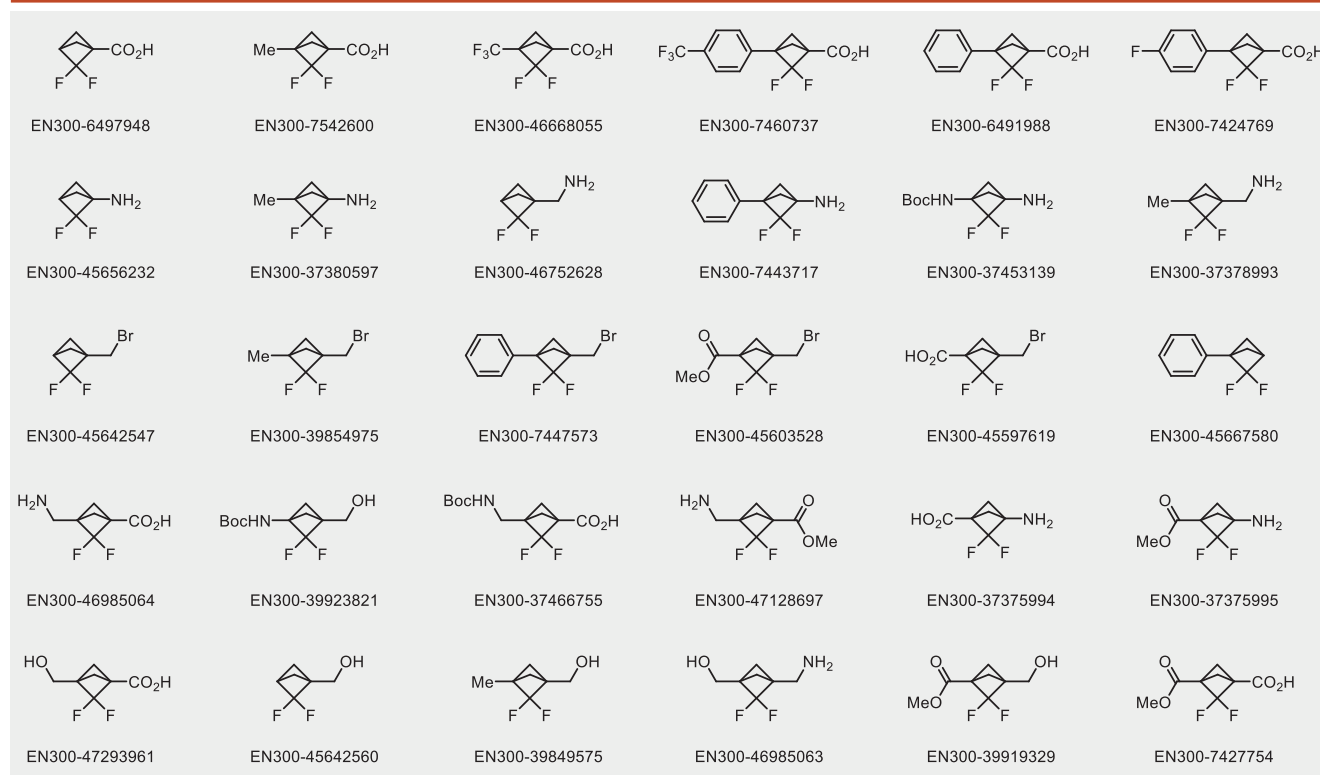
The benzene ring is the most common structural fragment in drugs. In 2019, two groups, one from Enamine<sup>1</sup> and another from Merck,<sup>2</sup> independently introduced difluorobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane, a structure that matches the exact molecular volume of benzene. The isosteric replacement of a phenyl ring with difluorobicyclo[1.1.1]pentane maintains the molecular volume while substantially increasing the  $sp^3$ -character and elevating the solubility of the molecule.<sup>1-4</sup> Since 2019, our chemists have expanded the panel of difluorobicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes for use in medicinal chemistry.



## Concept



**We offer:** over 50 difluorobicyclo[1.1.1]pentanes from stock on 5-10 gram scale.



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