**2-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-2-methoxyethanol, OSM-S-331**



Representative Example: <http://malaria.ourexperiment.org/uri/5a1>

Lithium aluminium hydride (28 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (2 mL) and then stirred at 0 ˚C. **OSM-S-330** (108 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (1 mL) and added dropwise to the solution at 0 ˚C and then stirred whilst reaching rt for 1.5 h. On completion, the reaction mixture was quenched by the dropwise addition of HCl (2M aq. soln., 2 mL) and then extracted with EtOAc (2 × 12 mL), washed with brine (6 mL), dried (MgSO4), filtered and evaporated to give a pale yellow oil (81 mg, 0.43 mmol, 86%) that was used as crude in the subsequent reaction; **1H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl­3) δ: 7.20–6.97 (3H, m), 4.18 (1H, t, *J* 6.0), 3.53 (2H, d, *J* 6.0), 3.23 (3H, s), **HRMS** (ESI+) found 211.05422 [M+Na]+, C9H10F2O2Na requires211.05411.

*FC1=C(F)C=C(C(CO)OC)C=C1*

*InChI=1S/C9H10F2O2/c1-13-9(5-12)6-2-3-7(10)8(11)4-6/h2-4,9,12H,5H2,1H3*