**Ethyl 2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)acetate, OSM-S-XXX**

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Representative Example:http://bit.ly/2jRWo5V

3,4-Difluorophenylacetic acid (5.0 g, 29.1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and *p*-TsOH (50.0 mg, 0.29 mmol, 0.01 equiv.) were dissolved in EtOH (66 mL) and the reaction was heated to reflux for 18 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to rt and the solvent was removed to give the crude title compound as a pale yellow oil (5.95 g, quant. yield) that was used without further purification in the subsequent reaction; **IR** νmax (film) /cm-1 XX;**1H NMR** (X MHz, CDCl3) δ: XX; **13C NMR** (X MHz, CDCl3) δ: XX; **HRMS** (XX) found XX [M+X]+, XXrequiresXX.

*FC1=C(F)C=CC(CC(OCC)=O)=C1*

*InChI=1S/C10H10F2O2/c1-2-14-10(13)6-7-3-4-8(11)9(12)5-7/h3-5H,2,6H2,1H3*