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SYNTHESIS OF PERFLUOROBICYCLIC ETHERS [2]. THE ELECTROCHEMICAL FLUORINATION OF α -CYCLOHEXENYL-SUBSTITUTED CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES*

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SUMMARY

The electrochemical fluorination of α -cyclohexenyl-substituted carboxylic esters [CH(R)CO₂R' (R=H, CH₃, C₂H₅, C₃H₇; R'=CH₃, C₂H₅, C₃H₇)] afforded both perfluoro(9-alkyl-7-oxa-bicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s and perfluoro(8-alkoxy-9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s in fairly good yields. As the driving force for the ring-closure in this fluorination, a mechanism which involves a resonance stabilized intermediate radical is proposed. Perfluoro(8-chloro-8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) and perfluoro(8,8-dichloro-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) were obtained by the controlled chlorination of perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) with anhydrous aluminum chloride in low yields. Some new fused perfluorobicyclic ethers and a perfluoroacid fluoride obtained in this experiment have been characterized by infrared, mass and ¹⁹F nmr spectra and elemental analysis.

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INTRODUCTION

It was demonstrated in a preceding paper that new fused perfluorobicyclic ethers and perfluorospiro ethers consisting of 5-5 and 5-6 rings could be obtained in fair yields from the fluorination of cycloalkyl-substituted carboxylic acids [1]. During the course of studies for it, we found that the fluorination of methyl cyclohexen-2-yl-n-butyrate afforded not only perfluoro(9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) but also perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) as the cyclization products in fairly good yields [2]. The finding that the ester linkage of the starting carboxylic acids resisted solvolysis in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride during fluorination and afforded a kind of acetal compound $[-C(=O)OCH_3 \rightarrow -CF(-O-)OCF_3]$ focused our attention on an application of this reaction to other more available perfluoro(8-alkoxy-9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s. One of the major purposes of this work was to produce new perfluorocarbon candidates for the promising artificial blood in place of perfluorodecalin by incorporating the oxygen atom into the bicyclic skeleton to improve the emulsion stability [3].

In this paper, we wish to describe the experimental details with new results about the synthesis of perfluoro(8-alkoxy-9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s and/or perfluoro(9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s by fluorinating such carboxylic acid derivatives as methyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate (1), 2-cyclohexenylacetyl chloride (2), methyl 1-cyclohexenylacetate (3), methyl 2,3-dibromocyclohexylacetate (4), S-methyl 2-cyclohexenylthiolacetate (5), N,N-dimethyl 2-cyclohexenylacetamide (6), ethyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate (7), propyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate (8), methyl 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-propionate (9), methyl 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-butyrate (10), methyl 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-valerate (11), 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-butyrylchloride (12) and dimethyl 2-cyclohexenyl-n-propylmalonate (13).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

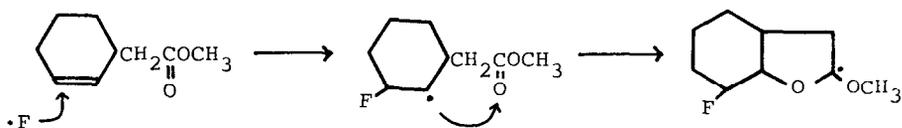
The reaction conditions and the results of the fluorinations are shown in Table 1.

In Run 1, the fluorination of methyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate (1) afforded perfluoro(7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (14) and per-

fluoro(8-methoxy-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (17) as cyclization products in yields of 19.3% and 8.8% respectively, which were higher than those obtained from the fluorination of methyl cyclohexylacetate (11.8% for 14 and 4.3% for 17, respectively) [1].

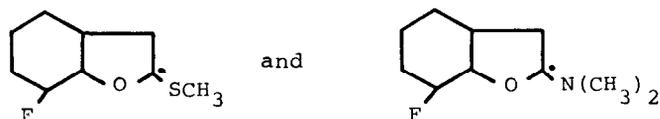
On the other hand, in Run 2, the fluorination of 2-cyclohexenylacetyl chloride (2) afforded 14 as the sole cyclization product naturally, but its yield was considerably lower ($\gamma=6.9\%$). It was found that the position of the double bond in the cyclohexane ring at the 1-position as in 3 instead of the 2-position of 1 affected slightly the amount of the cyclization products formed (Run 3), but yields were still higher than those from methyl cyclohexylacetate.

The fluorination of methyl 2,3-dibromocyclohexylacetate (4), which was prepared by saturating the double bond of 1 by Br_2 , resulted in lowering of the yields of 14 and 17 almost to the level attained by the fluorination of methyl cyclohexylacetate (Run 4). So, in the fluorination of 1, which afforded an increased amount of bicyclic ethers than those from 2 and 4, the cyclization would be reasonably explained by considering an initial formation of a resonance stabilized intermediate radical, which in turn is fluorinated to give 14 via a cleavage of the C-OCH₃ bond, and 17 if it survives.



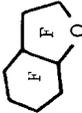
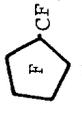
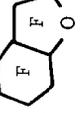
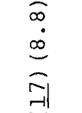
Scheme 1

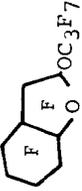
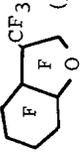
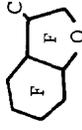
In order to ascertain whether or not similar intermediate radicals as below are operative as a driving force for this kind of



Scheme 2

TABLE 1
Results of fluorinations of α -cyclohexenyl-substituted carboxylic acid derivatives

Run	Sample g (mol)	Electricity passed (Ahr)	Fluorinated compds obtained (g) ^a	Carboxylic acid Na salts (g)	Products obtained ^c (Yield %)
1	$\frac{1}{2}$, 34.5 (0.224)	222	2.6 (13.8) [38.4]	0.5 ^b	 (14) (19.3),  (15) (1.4),  (16) (2.4),  (17) (8.8)
2	$\frac{2}{3}$, 28.2 (0.178)	158	0.2 (12.8) [19.1]	0.3 ^b	<u>14</u> (6.9), <u>15</u> (1.8), <u>16</u> (3.1)
3	$\frac{3}{4}$, 33.3 (0.216)	190	2.2 (13.2) [27.8]	0.8 ^b	<u>14</u> (13.1), <u>15</u> (1.3), <u>16</u> (2.1), <u>17</u> (5.6)
4	$\frac{4}{5}$, 54.2 (0.175)	258	1.6 (11.4) [18.6]	0.4 ^b	<u>14</u> (10.4), <u>15</u> (1.5), <u>16</u> (1.5), <u>17</u> (4.3)
5	$\frac{5}{6}$, 28.8 (0.196)	172	10.4 ^d (16.5) [13.9]	0.4 ^b	<u>14</u> (6.8), <u>15</u> (1.6), <u>16</u> (1.5)
6	$\frac{6}{7}$, 27.5 (0.165)	197	10.6 ^e (12.7) [11.7]	0.3 ^b	<u>14</u> (6.6), <u>15</u> (1.4), <u>16</u> (1.6)
7	$\frac{7}{8}$, 33.3 (0.198)	235	4.6 (14.1) [36.3]	7.4 ^f	<u>14</u> (16.9), <u>15</u> (2.1), <u>16</u> (1.6), <u>18</u> (5.4)

8	$\frac{8}{(0.178)}$, $\frac{32.4}{(0.178)}$	226	4.8 (9.8) [25.7]	6, 8 ^g	$\frac{14}{(16.7)}$, $\frac{15}{(1.5)}$, $\frac{16}{(0.9)}$	 $\frac{19}{(2.2)}$
9	$\frac{9}{(0.196)}$, $\frac{33.0}{(0.196)}$	208	2.6 (4.8) [54.2]	0.4 ^h	 $\frac{21}{(9.7)}$, $\frac{22}{(5.6)}$	
10	$\frac{10}{(0.174)}$, $\frac{31.6}{(0.174)}$	220	4.4 (5.3) [51.8]	0.6 ⁱ	 $\frac{24}{(9.5)}$	
11 ^j	$\frac{11}{(0.157)}$, $\frac{30.7}{(0.157)}$	214	— (3.2) [46.0]	—	 $\frac{26}{(6.4)}$	
12	$\frac{12}{(0.172)}$, $\frac{32.1}{(0.172)}$	148	0.8 (2.2) [18.9]	0.4 ⁱ	$\frac{23}{(6.3)}$	
13 ^j	$\frac{13}{(0.100)}$, $\frac{25.4}{(0.100)}$	191	— (2.5) [14.6]	—	$\frac{25}{(1.6)}$, $\frac{26}{(1.2)}$	

a Product collected in the -196 °C trap at the top; product in the -78 °C trap in (), and cell drainings in [] are shown respectively. b It consisted of sodium trifluoroacetate (29) (48~85 mol%), sodium pentafluoropropionate (30) (13~41%) and sodium perfluorobutyrate (31) (3~11%). c Other degraded products formed were omitted in this Table. d CF₃SF₅ (3.5 g) was obtained. e A mixture of CF₄ and NF₃ (9.2 g) was obtained. f 29 (95 mol%), 30 (4%) and 31 (1%). g 29 (8 mol%), 30 (91%) and 31 (1%). h 29 (41 mol%), 30 (50%) and 31 (8%). i They consisted of 29 (42~46%), 30 (28~30%) and 31 (25~30%). j In these Runs, products collected at H₂O trap and in the -196 °C trap were not analyzed.

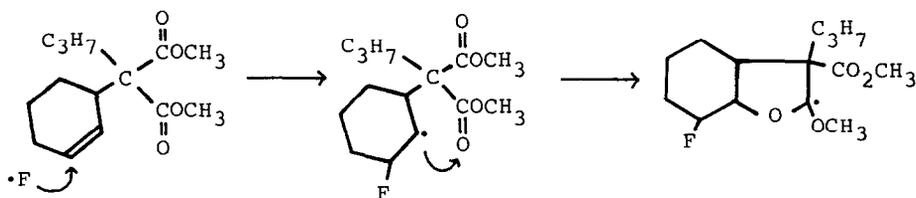
cyclization, the fluorinations of S-methyl 2-cyclohexenylthiolacetate (5) and N,N-dimethyl 2-cyclohexenylacetamide (6) were also carried out (Run 5 and 6). However, it was found that perfluorobicyclic ethers containing sulfur and/or nitrogen atoms were not formed giving only 14 as the cyclization product in low yields (6.5% from 5 and 6.7% from 6, respectively), which suggested that the scission of the C-S bond of thioester of 5 and the C-N bond of amide of 6 occurred in an earlier stage of the fluorination before cyclization was completed.

In Runs 7 and 8, ethyl- and propyl esters of 2-cyclohexen-1-acetic acid (compounds 7 and 8, respectively) were fluorinated to produce perfluoro(8-alkoxy-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s. Thus, from 7 and 8, respectively, perfluoro(8-ethoxy-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (18) and perfluoro(8-propoxy-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (19) were obtained in rather small yields (5.4% and 2.2%, respectively) along with 14 (6.9% from 7 and 16.7% from 8, respectively).

The introduction of an another alkyl group (CH_3 , 9; C_2H_5 , 10; C_3H_7 , 11) to the α -carbon of the starting methyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate to be fluorinated resulted in the formation of perfluoro(9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s and perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s, both of which had an alkyl group of CF_3 (from 9), C_2F_5 (from 10) and C_3F_7 (from 11), in yields of 21.9% and 9.7% from 9, 22.9% and 9.5% from 10, and 17.1% and 6.4% from 11, respectively. Among them, maximum yields of cyclization products were attained from 10, of which the alkyl group was C_2H_5 .

Comparatively, the fluorination of acid chloride (12) of cyclohexen-2-yl-n-butyric acid was attempted (Run 12). As expected, compared with the result obtained from 10 (Run 10), the amount of the cyclization product (23) formed was depressed due to the lack of an intermediate radical as driving force as shown in Scheme 1 and also due to the formation of a tarry material.

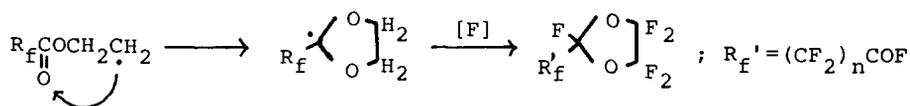
In Run 13, the fluorination of dimethyl 2-cyclohexenyl-n-propylmalonate (13) was attempted to study another possibility of favouring the cyclization through the use of one of the two available carbonyl groups.



Scheme 3

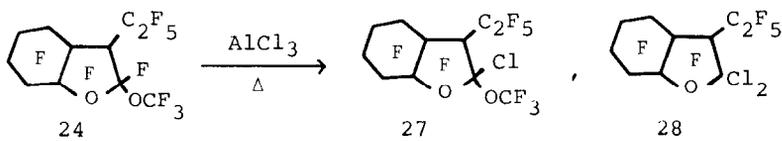
However, this fluorination resulted only in the formation of decreased amounts of 25 and 26 together with carbon-like material. The formation of the carbon-like material was also observed in our former experiment dealing with the fluorination of gaseous carbon dioxide [4]. So, it was suggested that in the fluorination of 13 decarboxylation of the malonic acid moiety occurred to a great extent.

Novel perfluoro(8-alkoxy-9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s are stable for long periods of shelf storing at room temperature. The formation of this kind of compound having a hemi-ketal structure from fluorinations of esters is not unprecedented. It has been shown in the patent literature that perfluorodioxolanes are produced from ethyl esters of several perfluorodibasic acids: $\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CF}_2)_n\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ ($n=1\sim 6$) [5]. However, in this case, cyclization was effected by an attack of the radical produced on the ethoxy group in a backward manner toward carbonyl oxygen intramolecularly, *viz*



In the ^{19}F nmr spectra of perfluoro(8-alkoxy-9-alkyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane)s, the absorption peaks due to CF at the 8-position appeared at $\delta 80 \sim 83$ ppm, which is considerably lower than the usual value for CF ($\delta 160 \sim 190$ ppm). Though a parent peak was not detected in the mass spectra of these compounds, fragments corresponding to $[\text{M}-\text{OR}_f]^+$, where $-\text{OR}_f$ represents the perfluoroalkoxy group at the 8-position, were always observed at intensities of 3~15%.

These perfluorobicyclic compounds having an acetal structure were found to give mono- and di-chlorinated compounds more easily than other perfluorobicyclic ethers when treated with anhydrous aluminum chloride. For example, from perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (24), perfluoro(8-chloro-8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (27) and



Scheme 4

perfluoro(8,8-dichloro-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (28) were obtained in yields of 32.1% and 19.6% respectively by the reaction with AlCl₃ at 100 °C for 20 hrs. No reaction took place under comparable conditions with perfluoro(9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (23). This reaction provided us with the key to confirm the identification of the perfluorobicyclic ethers having the perfluoroacetal structure. Characteristically, in their nmr spectra, signals for the methin fluorine at the 9-position shifted to lower field from δ 172.4 ppm for 24 to δ 154.3 ppm for 27, and to δ 143.9 ppm for 28 as the degree of chlorine substitution for α -fluorines progressed. Detailed results obtained by the reaction of other perfluorobicyclic ethers with AlCl₃ will be described in a subsequent paper.

EXPERIMENTAL

Reagents

The 2-cyclohexenylacetic acid, 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-propionic acid, 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-butyric acid, 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-valeric acid and dimethyl 2-cyclohexenyl-n-propylmalonate were prepared by the malonic acid synthesis in the usual manner by the reaction of 1,2-dibromocyclohexane with the corresponding malonic acids [6]. The 1,2-dibromocyclohexane was obtained by the addition of Br₂ to cyclohexene according to the method described in the literature [7]. The 1-cyclohexenylacetic acid was prepared by the hydrolysis of 1-cyclohexenylacetonitrile (Aldrich Chem.

Co.). The methyl 1,2-dibromocyclohexylacetate was prepared by the addition of Br_2 to methyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate in an almost quantitative yield. All carboxylic acids were converted into acid chlorides, and subsequently into appropriate esters and such derivatives as S-methyl ester and N,N-dimethyl amide, which were purified by fractional distillation before use. Starting carboxylic acids had the following boiling points: methyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate, 101.3~101.9 °C/26 mm Hg; 2-cyclohexenylacetyl chloride, 116.0~118.5 °C/56 mm Hg; methyl 1-cyclohexenylacetate, 103.0~107.0 °C/26 mm Hg; methyl 1,2-dibromocyclohexylacetate, 138.5~142.3 °C/5 mm Hg; S-methyl 2-cyclohexenylthiolacetate, 103.2~106.5 °C/9 mm Hg; N,N-dimethyl 2-cyclohexenylacetamide, 126.5~127.5 °C/9 mm Hg; ethyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate, 91.8~92.1 °C/13 mm Hg; propyl 2-cyclohexenylacetate, 103.2~105.6 °C/13 mm Hg; methyl 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-propionate, 114.5~115.0 °C/30 mm Hg; methyl 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-butyrate, 124.5~125.0 °C/29 mm Hg; methyl 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-valerate, 133~135 °C/30 mm Hg; 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-butyryl chloride, 92.0~94.3 °C/8 mm Hg; dimethyl 2-cyclohexenyl-n-propylmalonate, 138~140 °C/8 mm Hg.

The anhydrous hydrogen fluoride (Daikin Co.) used was more than 99.9% pure.

Apparatus

The electrolytic cell used was the same as described previously [1].

Analytical work was carried out with a Shimadzu GC-2C gas chromatograph using stainless columns (3 mm dia) packed with 30% 1,6-bis(1,1,12-trihydroperfluorododecyloxy)hexane on Chromosorb PAW (6.4 m) (Col.A) and 26% Kel F #90 on Chromosorb PAW (4.1 m) (Col.B). For semi-preparative work, a Shimadzu GC-1C gas chromatograph was used employing stainless columns (10 mm dia) packed with 30% 1,6-bis(1,1,12-trihydroperfluorododecyloxy)hexane on Chromosorb PAW (4.9 m) (Col.C) and 30% Fluorolube HG 1200 on Chromosorb PAW (4.1 m) (Col.D). The carrier gas was helium in all cases.

Infrared spectra were measured on a Hitachi EPI-G3 spectrometer, using a 6 cm gas cell with KBr windows unless otherwise stated. ^{19}F nmr spectra were measured on a Hitachi R-20 high

resolution spectrometer operating at 56.46 MHz using trichlorofluoromethane as an internal standard. Mass spectra were taken on a Shimadzu GCMS-7000 instrument at 20 eV.

A Pyrex vacuum line equipped with a Heise burdon tube gauge was used for handling the volatile compounds in the reaction of perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) with anhydrous aluminum chloride.

As a typical example of the fluorination of carboxylic acids, the fluorination of methyl 2-cyclohexen-2-yl-n-propionate (9) (Run 9) will be described.

Fluorination of 9 (Run 9)

Sample 9 (33.0 g, 0.196 mol) was charged into the cell which contained 1% electrochemically purified anhydrous hydrogen fluoride, and the solution was subjected to fluorination with an anodic current density of 3.5 A/dm², a cell voltage of 5.6~8.5V and a cell temperature of 5~6 °C over a period of 385 min (208 Ahr).

The effluent gases from the cell were passed over NaF pellets, a cold trap cooled at -78 °C, and then bubbled through two consecutive bottles containing water (for collection of perfluorocarboxylic acids which were formed as a result of the hydrolysis of perfluoroalkanoyl fluorides). The gaseous products which did not react with water were further guided into an alkaline solution of potassium sulfite, and finally collected in traps immersed in liq. nitrogen. The products sunk at the bottom of the cell were drained from it after the completion of the electrolysis. The products condensed in cold traps and cell drainings were subsequently analyzed by comparison of their infrared spectra and retention times on a gas chromatogram with those of authentic samples. In the case of new compounds, they were separated from other products by use of semi-preparative GLC (Col.C), and their structure was determined on the basis of their infrared, ¹⁹F nmr and mass spectra and elemental analysis.

The compounds (2.6 g) condensed in the -196 °C trap consisted primarily of CF₄, and small amounts of C₂F₆ and C₃F₈. The products (compound number, g yield) (4.8 g) condensed in the -78 °C trap consisted of perfluorocyclohexane (0.3 g), perfluoro(1,2-

dimethylcyclopentane) (0.2 g), perfluoro(ethylcyclohexane) (0.2 g), perfluoro(9-methyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (20) (1.4 g), perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-methyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (22) (0.1 g), and unidentified (2.2 g). Cell drainings (54.2 g) consisted of 20 (16.9 g), 21 (9.3 g), 22 (4.6 g) and unidentified (23.4 g). The acids formed in polyethylene bottles were worked up to give sodium salts (0.4 g) and were analysed by the method described previously. They consisted of 42 mol% of sodium trifluoroacetate (29), 50 mol% of sodium pentafluoropropionate (30) and 8 mol% of sodium perfluorobutyrate (31).

The yields of 20, 21 and 22 were 21.9%, 9.7% and 5.6% based on the sample fed respectively.

Perfluoro(8-methyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (20) (nc) had bp 116.5~118.5 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3040 and d_4^{20} 1.8760. IR: 1326 (s), 1303 (m), 1281 (s), 1264 (vs), 1244 (s), 1234 (ms,sh), 1214 (ms), 1191 (s), 1176 (m), 1159 (ms), 1103 (ms), 1062 (m), 1045 (s), 1004 (w), 989 (ms), 956 (s), 859 (w), 817 (m), 739 (m), 662 (w), 631~639 (w), 607 (w), 565 (w), 506 (w). Mass: 409 [M-F]⁺ 10.3, 281 C₆F₁₁⁺ (17.4), 243 C₆F₉⁺ (14.5), 181 C₄F₇⁺ (24.9), 131 C₃F₅⁺ (86.1), 100 C₂F₄⁺ (20.4), 69 CF₃⁺ (100). ¹⁹F nmr: $\phi(\alpha \text{ CF}_2)$ 73.2 and 79.6 [J_{AB}=143 Hz]; $\phi(\text{CF}_3)$ 73.1 (mult); $\phi(\text{CF-CF}_3)$ 173.9 (mult); $\phi(-\text{CF}-)$ 185.7 (mult). Found: C, 25.01%. Calculated for C₉F₁₆O: C, 25.25%.

Perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-methyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (21) (nc) had bp 127.5~128.5 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3023 and d_4^{20} 1.8685. IR: 1320 (s), 1291 (s), 1279 (s), 1258 (s), 1243 (s,sh), 1236 (vs), 1223 (s,sh), 1208 (ms,sh), 1194 (s), 1165 (ms), 1160 (s), 1085 (m), 1060 (m), 1043 (s), 1005 (w), 984 (m), 959 (ms), 899 (w), 811 (m), 743 (m), 658 (w), 649 (w), 508 (w). Mass: 409 [M-OCF₃]⁺ (3.9), 243 C₆F₉⁺ (6.8), 181 C₄F₇⁺ (9.3), 131 C₃F₅⁺ (15.3), 69 CF₃⁺ (100), ¹⁹F nmr: $\phi(\text{OCF}_3)$ 55.5 (mult); $\phi(\text{O-CF-O})$ 80.1 (mult); $\phi(\text{CF}_3)$ 72.5 (mult); $\phi(\text{CF-CF}_3)$ 171.6 (mult); $\phi(-\text{CF}-)$ 185.5 (mult). Found: C, 24.11%. Calculated for C₁₀F₁₈O₂: C, 24.29%.

Perfluoro(2-cyclohexylpropionyl fluoride) (22) (nc) had bp 118.9~119.8 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3061 and d_4^{20} 1.8554. IR: 1891 (ms), 1887 (m,sh), 1318 (m), 1288~1303 (s ms), 1258~1268 (vs ~s), 1226 (s), 1152 (m), 1134 (m), 1085 (w), 1065 (w), 1008 (m), 989 (m), 958 (w,sh), 944 (w), 933 (w), 869 (w), 818 (w,sh), 809 (w),

758 (w), 728 (w), 696 (w), 638 (w), 623 (w), 596 (w). Mass: 409 $[M-F]^+$ (3.0), 362 $[M-COF_2]^+$ (4.2), 243 $C_6F_9^+$ (6.4), 231 $C_5F_9^+$ (7.3), 181 $C_4F_7^+$ (17.3), 150 $C_3F_6^+$ (11.5), 131 $C_3F_5^+$ (37.3), 100 $C_2F_4^+$ (15.1), 69 CF_3^+ (100). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(-C(O)F)$ -32.6 (mult), $\phi(CF_3)$ 72.1 (mult), $\phi(CF-CF_3)$ 183.1 (mult), $\phi(-CF-)$ 174.0 (mult). Found: C, 25.10%. Calculated for $C_9F_{16}O$: C, 25.23%.

The other results of fluorinations including that of 1 are summarized in Table 1 and the data characterizing new perfluoro-bicyclic ethers are given below.

Perfluoro(8-ethoxy-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (18) (nc) had bp 122.5~123.0 °C, n_D^{20} 1.2997 and d_4^{20} 1.8175. IR: 1343 (w), 1315 (m,sh), 1323 (m), 1284 (s), 1245 (vs), 1213 (ms), 1188 (s), 1176 (s), 1159 (s), 1148 (s), 1073 (ms), 1054 (s), 1035 (w), 994 (ms), 965 (s), 868 (w), 846 (m), 833 (w), 798 (w), 825 (w), 658 (w), 629 (w). Mass: 359 $[M-OC_2F_5]^+$ (4.9), 281 $C_6F_{11}^+$ (3.5), 243 $C_6F_9^+$ (11.1), 212 $C_5F_8^+$ (18.3), 131 $C_3F_5^+$ (27.7), 119 $C_2F_5^+$ (100), 69 CF_3^+ (65.1). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(CF_3)$ 87.4 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 190.8 (mult). Found: C, 24.22%. Calculated for $C_{10}F_{18}O_2$: C, 24.29%.

Perfluoro(8-propoxy-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (19) (nc) had bp 145.0~146.4 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3004 and d_4^{20} 1.8569. IR: 1326~1335 (m,broad), 1285 (ms), 1246 (vs), 1221 (ms), 1189 (s), 1176 (ms,sh), 1160 (ms), 1140 (m), 1085 (w), 1056 (s), 1028 (w,sh), 1018 (w,sh), 1008 (m), 987 (m), 978 (w,sh), 966 (ms), 941 (w), 741 (w), 660 (w), 630 (w). Mass: 359 $[M-OC_3F_7]^+$ (15.0), 243 $C_6F_9^+$ (13.0), 212 $C_5F_8^+$ (20.8), 166 $C_3F_6O^+$ (56.1), 131 $C_3F_5^+$ (19.3), 100 $C_2F_4^+$ (19.5), 69 CF_3^+ (100). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(CF_3)$ 81.9 (mult); $\phi(CF_3-CF_2-)$ 130.0 (mult); $\phi(-CF_2-O-)$ 83.6 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 190.8 (mult). Found: C, 24.25%. Calculated for $C_{11}F_{20}O_2$: C, 24.27%.

Perfluoro(9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (23) (nc) had bp 137.5~137.7 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3061 and d_4^{20} 1.8901. IR: 1348 (w,sh), 1336 (m), 1259 (vs), 1238 (s), 1213 (ms), 1186 (ms), 1151 (m), 1125 (m), 1085 (w,sh), 1073 (m), 1058 (m), 1026 (ms), 986 (m), 973 (m), 962 (w), 926 (w), 895 (w), 853 (w), 805 (w), 795 (w), 742 (m). Mass: 459 $[M-F]^+$ (10.2), 412 $[M-COF_2]^+$ (3.3), 409 $C_7F_{16}^+$ (3.3), 393 $C_9F_{15}^+$ (4.3), 343 $C_8F_{13}^+$ (5.1), 331 $C_7F_{13}^+$ (7.0), 293 $C_7F_{11}^+$ (7.0), 281 $C_6F_{12}^+$ (5.8), 243 $C_6F_9^+$ (14.4), 231 $C_5F_9^+$ (16.7), 193 $C_5F_7^+$ (8.5), 181 $C_4F_8^+$ (19.3), 169 $C_3F_7^+$ (7.8), 162 $C_4F_6^+$ (10.2), 143 $C_4F_5^+$ (8.5), 131 $C_3F_5^+$ (77.2), 119 $C_2F_5^+$ (29.1), 100 $C_2F_4^+$ (24.6),

93 $C_3F_3^+$ (13.6), 69 CF_3^+ (100), 47 COF^+ (8.2). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(CF_3)$ 81.0 (mult); $\phi(CF-C_2F_5)$ 174.7 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 183.7 (mult). Found: C, 25.13%. Calculated for $C_{10}F_{18}O$: C, 25.11%.

Perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (24) (nc) had bp 138.0~138.5 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3052 and d_4^{20} 1.8873. IR: 1339 (m,sh), 1310 (ms), 1294 (m), 1234~1254 (s~vs), 1224 (s), 1188 (m), 1156 (s), 1121 (m), 1049 (m), 1025 (m), 993 (w), 973 (m), 925 (w), 869 (w), 804 (w), 791 (w), 744 (m). Mass: 459 $[M-OCF_3]^+$ (5.9), 343 $C_8F_{13}^+$ (4.1), 309 $C_7F_{12}O^+$ (5.3), 297 $C_6F_{12}O^+$ (4.3), 247 $C_5F_9O^+$ (6.9), 231 $C_5F_9^+$ (7.8), 193 $C_5F_7^+$ (4.0), 181 $C_4F_8^+$ (5.9), 169 $C_3F_7^+$ (4.2), 131 $C_3F_5^+$ (19.1), 119 $C_2F_5^+$ (8.6), 100 $C_2F_4^+$ (7.8), 69 CF_3^+ (100), 47 COF^+ (6.0). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(OCF_3)$ 55.3 (mult); $\phi(O-CF-O)$ 80.7 (mult); $\phi(CF_3)$ 80.7 (mult); $\phi(CF-C_2F_5)$ 172.7 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 184.2 (mult). Found: C, 23.16%. Calculated for $C_{11}F_{20}O_2$: C, 24.27%.

Perfluoro(9-propyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (25) (nc) had bp 160.5~161.0 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3095 and d_4^{20} 1.9149. IR (capillary film): 1352 (m), 1330 (m), 1319 (m), 1303 (s), 1290~1170 (s~vs), 1149 (s), 1143 (s), 1091 (s), 1056 (m), 1045 (s), 1006 (s), 992 (m), 981 (m), 953 (s), 938 (m,sh), 875 (m), 860 (w), 850 (w), 834 (w), 799 (m), 790 (w), 779 (w), 733 (m), 726 (s), 682 (w), 630 (w). Mass: 509 $[M-OCF_3]^+$ (11.4), 443 $C_{10}F_{17}^+$ (12.2), 409 $C_9F_{15}O^+$ (10.6), 381 $C_8F_{15}^+$ (16.7), 343 $C_8F_{13}^+$ (11.4), 293 $C_7F_{11}^+$ (16.7), 281 $C_6F_{11}^+$ (16.2), 243 $C_6F_9^+$ (19.5), 231 $C_5F_9^+$ (18.4), 193 $C_5F_7^+$ (13.3), 181 $C_4F_7^+$ (26.3), 169 $C_3F_7^+$ (35.4), 162 $C_4F_6^+$ (11.4), 143 $C_4F_5^+$ (12.2), 131 $C_3F_5^+$ (79.2), 119 $C_2F_5^+$ (35.4), 100 $C_2F_4^+$ (18.8), 93 $C_3F_3^+$ (12.5), 69 CF_3^+ (100). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(CF_3)$ 81.3 (mult); $\phi(CF-C_3F_7)$ 175.2 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 183.2 (mult). Found: C, 24.97%. Calculated for $C_{11}F_{20}O$: C, 25.00%.

Perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-propyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (26) (nc) had bp 167.5~168.0 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3076 and d_4^{20} 1.9015. IR (capillary film): 1351 (m), 1330 (s), 1308 (s), 1288 (s), 1265~1190 (s~vs), 1167 (s), 1150 (vs), 1145 (s), 1080 (s), 1057 (m), 1037 (s), 1005 (s), 985 (m), 962 (s), 897 (w), 872 (w), 869 (m), 860 (w), 849 (w), 836 (w), 802 (w), 792 (w), 773 (w), 764 (m,sh), 736 (m), 687 (w), 661 (w). Mass: 509 $[M-OCF_3]^+$ (10.2), 443 $C_{10}F_{17}^+$ (7.4), 393 $C_9F_{15}^+$ (11.3), 359 $C_8F_{13}O^+$ (7.4), 343 $C_8F_{13}^+$ (11.3), 293 $C_7F_{11}^+$ (11.0), 243 $C_6F_9^+$ (11.3), 231 $C_5F_9^+$ (11.2), 193 $C_5F_7^+$ (8.5),

181 $C_4F_7^+$ (18.6), 169 $C_3F_7^+$ (19.7), 159 $C_4F_5O^+$ (7.9), 131 $C_3F_5^+$ (52.9), 119 $C_2F_5^+$ (19.7), 100 $C_2F_4^+$ (16.9), 93 $C_3F_3^+$ (8.5), 69 CF_3^+ (100), 47 COF^+ (7.9). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(OCF_3)$ 55.5 (mult); $\phi(CF_3)$ 81.3 (mult); $\phi(CF-C_3F_7)$ 172.5 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 183.2 (mult). Found: C, 24.25%. Calculated for $C_{12}F_{22}O_2$: C, 24.24%.

Reaction of perfluoro(8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]-nonane) (24) with anhydrous aluminum chloride

A reaction mixture of 24 (4.9 g, 9.0 mmol) and an equal molar amount of $AlCl_3$ (1.36 g) was held in a 30 ml Hoke bomb at 100 °C for 23 hrs. The products were subjected to fractional condensation using traps cooled at -196 °C and -78 °C. The low bp compounds retained in the -196 °C trap were primarily HCl and small amounts of $COCl_2$. The compounds in the -78 °C trap (4.70 g) were found to consist of $COCl_2$ (0.23 g), CCl_4 (0.21 g), unreacted 24 (1.58 g), C_2Cl_6 (0.18 g), perfluoro(8-chloro-8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (27) (1.03 g), perfluoro(8,8-dichloro-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (28) (0.57 g) and others (0.19 g) by GLC analysis (Col.B). New compounds (27 and 28) were isolated by semi-preparative GLC (Col.D), and were characterized spectroscopically.

Perfluoro(8-chloro-8-methoxy-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (27) (nc) had bp 147.0 ~ 147.7 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3263 and d_4^{20} 1.8962. IR (capillary film): 1337 (ms), 1321 (m), 1285 (s), 1218 ~ 1268 (vs), 1163 ~ 1208 (vs), 1155 (vs), 1143 (s), 1115 (s), 1058 (ms), 1051 (m), 1021 (vs), 969 (s), 938 (w), 918 (w), 881 (w), 871 (w), 861 (w), 846 (w), 823 (w), 796 (w), 774 (w), 745 (w), 740 (ms), 648 (w), 636 (w). Mass: 525 $[M-Cl^{35}]^+$ (6.2), 475 $[M-OCF_3]^+$ (3.4), 69 CF_3^+ (100). ^{19}F nmr: $\phi(OCF_3)$ 54.6 (mult); $\phi(CF_3)$ 80.0 (mult); $\phi(CF-C_2F_5)$ 154.3 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 182.5 (mult). Found: C, 23.49%. Calculated for $C_{11}F_{19}O_2Cl$: C, 23.55%.

Perfluoro(8,8-dichloro-9-ethyl-7-oxabicyclo[4.3.0]nonane) (28) (nc) had bp 183.0 ~ 183.5 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3537 and d_4^{20} 1.9223. IR (capillary film): 1344 (s), 1319 (ms), 1288 (ms), 1270 (s,sh), 1168 ~ 1253 (vs), 1159 (s), 1145 (s), 1124 (ms,sh), 1113 (vs), 1059 (m), 1013 ~ 1033 (vs ~ s), 966 (vs), 939 (m), 923 (m), 903 (s), 855 (ms), 830 (m), 809 (m), 780 (ms), 771 (m), 743 (s), 734 (s), 703 (w), 658 (ms), 643 (m), 635 (m), 593 608 (w), 573 (w), 405

(m). Mass: 492 $[M-F]^+$ (8.3), 476 $[M-Cl^{35}]^+$ (41.7), 69 CF_3^+ (100). In its ^{19}F nmr spectrum, two absorption peaks appeared at ϕ 77.1 and ϕ 78.4 ppm which were clearly assignable to those of CF_3 groups in a ratio of 1 : 2.5. This observation will be interpreted by the presence of stereoisomers. Other ^{19}F nmr spectral data were as follows; for the major component of an isomer, $\phi(CF-C_2F_5)$ 143.9 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 180.6 (mult). for the minor one, $\phi(CF-C_2F_5)$ 159.2 (mult); $\phi(-CF-)$ 176.8 (mult). Found: C, 23.50%. Calculated for $C_{10}F_{16}OCl_2$: C, 23.48%.

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