# Interaction of perfluoropent-2-ene and its 2-amino-4-imino derivative with ethylenediamine and with diethylenetriamine

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## Abstract

5,7-Trifluoromethyl-6-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-1,4-diazepine has been prepared by the reaction of perfluoropent-2ene (or 2-amino-4-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene) with ethylenediamine. Both perfluoropent-2-ene and 2-amino-4iminoperfluoropent-2-ene were found to react with diethylenetriamine to form 1,9-trifluoromethyl-3,4,6,7-tetrahydro-2*H*-pyrazino[1,2-*a*]pyrazine (established by X-ray study). Some salts and the complex with BF<sub>3</sub> of this bicyclic compound are described.

## Introduction

It is well known that perfluoropent-2-ene reacts with ammonia to give 2-amino-4-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene [1]. This 1,3-amino vinylimine is an azo analogue of heptafluoroacetylacetone although it could not be synthesized by the direct interaction of fluoroalkyl-containing 1,3-diketones with amines. It seems to us that the reactivity of 2-amino-4-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene may be comparable with that of fluoroalkyl-containing 1,3-amino vinyl ketones, particularly in transamination reactions. These reactions are well known for fluorinated 1,3-amino vinyl ketones [2, 3]. In our view both perfluoropent-2-ene and its 2-amino-4-imino derivative may serve as key precursors to a variety of novel heterocycles.

This paper describes the interaction of perfluoropent-2-ene and 2-amino-4-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene with ethylenediamine and diethylenetriamine.

# Experimental

Melting points were measured in open capillaries and are reported uncorrected. Infrared spectra were measured on a Specord 75 IR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Tesla BS-567A instrument (<sup>1</sup>H: 100 MHz) in CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub> using TMS as an internal standard. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Tesla BS-587A instrument (<sup>19</sup>F: 75 MHz) in CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub> using CFCl<sub>3</sub> as an internal standard. All chemical shifts are reported in ppm and wavenumbers in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Mass spectral data were obtained using a MAT-311a mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel L 100/250. Thin-layer chromatography was performed on 'Silufol-UV-254' plates in methanol.

## X-Ray crystallographic study of compound 6

Crystal data: M=275.20, monoclinic, a = 14.116(4), b = 10.128(3), c = 7.699(2),  $\beta = 103.54(3)^{\circ}$ , V = 1070.1(9)Å<sup>3</sup>,  $P2_1/a$ ,  $D_x = 1.708$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>, Z = 4, F(000) = 560.0,  $\lambda$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) = 0.71069 Å,  $\mu$  (Mo K $\alpha$ ) = 1.96 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

A prismatic crystal  $(0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.2 \text{ mm})$  was selected and mounted on a Philips PW-1100 diffractometer. Unit cell parameters were determined from the automatic centring of 25 reflections ( $8 \le \theta \le 16^{\circ}$ ) and refined by the least-squares method. Intensities were collected using graphite monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$  radiation employing the  $\omega/2\theta$  scan technique. 2748 reflections were measured in the range  $2 \le \theta \le 30^{\circ}$ , of which 1608 were considered as observed according to the condition  $I \ge 2.5\sigma(I)$ . Three reflections were measured every 2 h as a means of orientation and intensity control, but no significant intensity decay was observed. Lorentz polarization, but no absorption, corrections were made.

The structure was solved by direct methods using a SHELXS computer program [4] and refined by the fullmatrix least-squares method using the SHELX-76 computer program [5]. The function minimized was

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 $\sum w[|F_o| - |F_c|]^2$ , where  $w = \sigma^{-2}(F_o)$ . The quantities f, f'and f'' were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* [6]. Two fluorine atoms were located in disordered positions and an occupancy factor of 0.5 was assigned according to the peak heights arising from difference synthesis. The position of all the H atoms was computed and refined with an overall isotropic temperature factor using a riding model. The final *R* factor was 0.061 ( $R_w = 0.061$ ) for all observed reflections. The number of refined parameters was 182. Maximum shift/e.s.d = 0.08, with the maximum and minimum peaks in the final difference synthesis being 0.3 and -0.2 e Å<sup>-3</sup>, respectively.

TABLE 1. Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for compound 6

C(8)–F(1)	1.346(5)	C(5)-N(3)	1.368(5)
C(8)-F(2)	1.317(6)	C(6)-N(3)	1.434(6)
C(8)-F(3)	1.420(23)	C(2) - C(1)	1.536(7)
C(9) - F(4)	1.307(6)	C(4) - C(3)	1.462(5)
C(9)-F(5)	1.353(12)	C(8) - C(3)	1.504(5)
C(9)-F(6)	1.375(5)	C(5) - C(4)	1.384(5)
C(1)-N(1)	1.469(5)	C(9) - C(5)	1.472(6)
C(4)-N(1)	1.403(5)	C(7) - C(6)	1.542(6)
C(7)-N(1)	1.459(5)	F(3)' - C(8)	1.297(16)
C(2)-N(2)	1.499(5)	F(5)'-C(9)	1.355(17)
C(3)–N(2)	1.269(5)		
C(4)-N(1)-C(1)	116.4(3)	F(2)-C(8)-F(1)	104.8(4)
C(7)-N(1)-C(1)	113.3(3)	F(3)-C(8)-F(1)	101.2(11)
C(7)-N(1)-C(4)	115.8(3)	F(3)-C(8)-F(2)	119.1(10)
C(3)-N(2)-C(2)	113.5(3)	C(3)-C(8)-F(1)	114.6(3)
C(6)-N(3)-C(5)	118.7(3)	C(3)-C(8)-F(2)	114.4(3)
C(2)-C(1)-N(1)	110.4(4)	C(3)-C(8)-F(3)	102.4(9)
C(1)-C(2)-N(2)	107.4(3)	F(3)'-C(8)-F(1)	106.2(8)
C(4)-C(3)-N(2)	123.7(4)	F(3)'-C(8)-F(2)	102.4(10)
C(8)-C(3)-N(2)	111.7(3)	F(3)'-C(8)-C(3)	113.3(7)
C(8)-C(3)-C(4)	123.8(3)	F(5)-C(9)-F(4)	108.2(7)
C(3)-C(4)-N(1)	113.8(3)	F(6)-C(9)-F(4)	106.8(4)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)	118.4(3)	F(6)-C(9)-F(5)	103.1(8)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	127.8(4)	C(5)-C(9)-F(4)	116.4(3)
C(4)-C(5)-N(3)	122.3(4)	C(5)-C(9)-F(5)	109.5(7)
C(9)-C(5)-N(3)	113.9(3)	C(5)-C(9)-F(6)	111.9(4)
C(9)-C(5)-C(4)	123.3(4)	F(5)'-C(9)-F(4)	104.9(9)
C(7)-C(6)-N(3)	109.9(4)	F(5)'-C(9)-F(6)	103.8(9)
C(6)-C(7)-N(1)	106.6(3)	F(5)'-C(9)-C(5)	112.1(9)

TABLE 2. Final hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) for compound 6

	x/a	y/b	z/c
H(1)	8019(3)	5557(5)	7771(6)
H(1)A	8011(3)	4075(5)	6555(6)
H(2)	6863(4)	5674(4)	4778(6)
H(2)A	6248(4)	5811(4)	6518(6)
H(4)	5656(3)	3225(3)	8430(5)
H(6)	7719(3)	4042(5)	13148(6)
H(6)A	7960(3)	2742(5)	11789(6)
H(7)	8414(3)	4878(4)	10648(6)
H(7)A	7224(3)	5482(4)	10482(6)

TABLE 3.	Final	atomic	coordinates	$(\times 10^4)$	for	compound	6
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	<i>x</i> / <i>a</i>	y/b	z/c
F(1)	5396(2)	1015(2)	6942(4)
F(2)	4658(3)	2003(3)	4602(5)
F(3)	6288(18)	1278(22)	5073(33)
F(4)	4379(2)	2965(3)	7983(4)
F(5)	4590(9)	3480(17)	10764(16)
F(6)	4838(3)	1498(3)	10031(5)
N(1)	7332(2)	3966(3)	8688(4)
N(2)	6084(3)	3952(3)	5198(4)
N(3)	6508(3)	3203(4)	11490(4)
C(1)	7591(3)	4704(5)	7223(6)
C(2)	6667(4)	5161(4)	5874(6)
C(3)	5977(3)	3176(4)	6432(5)
C(4)	6394(3)	3415(3)	8330(5)
C(5)	5986(3)	3130(4)	9755(5)
C(6)	7511(3)	3598(5)	11838(6)
C(7)	7655(3)	4608(4)	10424(6)
C(8)	5523(4)	1888(4)	5696(6)
C(9)	4954(3)	2787(4)	9564(6)
F(5)'	4540(14)	3492(21)	10689(26)
F(3)′	6016(15)	1276(15)	4718(24)

## Preparation of compounds 1 and 2

Perfluoropent-2-ene (1) was prepared by the method described previously [7] and was found to contain *trans* and *cis* isomers in a ratio of 81:19.

2-Amino-4-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene (2) was prepared according to the literature method [1].

# Synthesis of 2,3-dihydro-6-fluoro-5,7-trifluoromethyl-1H-1,4-diazepine (3) (nc)

# Method A

To the solution of ethylenediamine (15.0 g, 250 mmol)in 250 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added compound **1** (25.0 g, 100 mmol) over a 30 min period under stirring and cooling at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 24 h at 20 °C when the precipitated en 2HF was filtered off. Removal of the solvent gave compound **3** as a crude product which was dissolved in 20 ml of methanol. Pure **3** (18.5 g, 74%) (m.p. 98–99 °C) was obtained by precipitation through the addition of water.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.26 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.06 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>); 4.34 (1H, w s, NH) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -66.03 (3F, d, CF<sub>3</sub>, J(F-F) = 19.5 Hz); -69.33 (3F, d, CF<sub>3</sub>, J(F-F) = 19.5 Hz); -159.61 (1F, m, CF, J(F-F) = 19.5 Hz) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3200, 1580, 1530 (NH); 1710, 1640 (C=N, C=C). MS *m/e* (relative intensity, ion): 250 (100.0%, M); 231 (19.2%, M-F); 222 (99.2%, M-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 202 (47.8%, M-HF, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 153 (16.0, M-CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>); 69 (42.3%, CF<sub>3</sub>). Analysis: Found: C, 33.70; H, 2.48; F, 53.16; N, 10.78%. Calc. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 33.61; H, 2.07; F, 53.17; N, 11.20%.

## Method B

A mixture of anhydrous ethylenediamine (0.3 g, 5 mmol) and 2 (1.1 g, 5 mmol) in 50 ml of anhydrous alcohol was heated under reflux for 16 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue recrystallized from hexane to give 0.8 g (65%) of compound 3 (m.p. 98–99 °C). Analysis: Found: C, 33.65; H, 2.31; F, 53.10; N, 10.95%. Calc. for  $C_7H_5F_7N_2$ : C, 33.61; H, 2.07; F, 53.17; N, 11.20%. The physicochemical data were identical to those listed above.

# Reaction of 2,3-dihydro-6-fluoro-5,7-trifluoromethyl-1H-1,4-diazepine (3) with diethylenetriamine

A mixture of anhydrous diethylenetriamine (2.5 g, 25 mmol) and 3 (1.25 g, 5 mmol) in 30 ml of chloroform was refluxed for 0.5 h when the precipitated dien  $\cdot$  3HF was filtered off. After removal of the solvent from the residue using column chromatography (chloroform as the eluant), followed by recrystallization from hexane, 1.0 g (86%) of compound 4 (m.p. 109–110 °C) was obtained. Analysis: Found: C, 36.11; H, 2.73; F, 49.03; N, 12.53%. Calc. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 36.22; H, 2.60; F, 49.11; N, 12.07%. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and IR spectra were identical to those reported previously [3, 8].

# Synthesis of 1,9-trifluoromethyl-3,4,6,7-tetrahydro-2Hpyrazino[1,2-a]pyrazine (6) (nc)

Method A

To a solution of diethylenetriamine (24.0 g, 230 mmol) in 250 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added compound 1 (25.0 g, 100 mmol) over 0.5 h with cooling at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 24 h at 20 °C when the precipitated dien.3HF was filtered off. After removal of solvent from the residue using column chromatography (methanol as the eluant), recrystallization from CCl<sub>4</sub> gave 6.9 g (25%) of compound 6 as orange coloured crystals (m.p. 129–130 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.10 (4H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.42 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH); 3.76 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>=N); 1.64 (1 H, w s, NH) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR  $\delta$ : -63.1  $(3F, q, CF_3, J(F-F)=11 Hz); -64.4 (3F, q, CF_3)$ J(F-F) = 11 Hz) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3280, 1580 (NH); 1600 (C=N, C=C). MS m/e (relative intensity, ion): 273 (100%, M); 254 (11.5%, M-F); 245 (6.9%,  $M - C_2H_4$ ; 244 (8.0%,  $M - CH_2NH$ ); 204 (19.8%, M-CF<sub>3</sub>); 69 (6.4%, CF<sub>3</sub>). Analysis: Found: C, 39.03; H, 4.03; F, 41.79; N, 14.81%. Calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: C, 39.28; H, 4.03; F, 41.42; N, 15.27%.

## Method B

A mixture of anhydrous diethylenetriamine (0.5 g, 5 mmol) and compound **2** (1.1 g, 5 mmol) in 50 ml of anhydrous alcohol was heated under reflux for 24 h. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. From the residue using column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the eluant) with recrystallization from CCl<sub>4</sub>, 0.6 g (44%) of compound **6** (m.p. 129–130 °C) was

obtained. Analysis: Found: C, 39.14; H, 3.65; F, 41.83; N, 14.97%. Calc. for  $C_9H_9F_6N_3$ : C, 39.28; H, 4.03; F, 41.42; N, 15.27%. The physicochemical data were identical to those listed above.

# Synthesis of 1,9-trifluoromethyl-3, 4, 6, 7-tetrahydro-2Hpyrazino[1,2-a]pyrazine monohydrochloride (7) (nc)

Hydrogen chloride was bubbled into a solution of compound **6** (1.37 g, 5 mmol) in 50 ml of ether. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with ether and dried under reduced pressure to give 1.3 g (84%) of compound 7 (m.p. 120 °C decomp.) as dark red crystals. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ : 3.50 (4H, t, CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>, J(H-H)=4.4 Hz); 3.96 (4H, t, CH<sub>2</sub>=N<sup>+</sup>, J(H-H)=4.4 Hz); 1.3 (1H, m, NH or CH) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR  $\delta$ : -63.6 (6F, s, 2CF<sub>3</sub>) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3300, 1585 (NH); 2700 (C=N<sup>+</sup>H); 1610 (C=C); 720 (Cl). Analysis: Found: C, 34.70; H, 3.61; F, 36.52; Cl, 11.64; N, 13.48%. Calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>·HCl: C, 34.91; H, 3.26; F, 36.81; Cl, 11.45; N, 13.57%.

# Synthesis of 1,9-trifluoromethyl-3, 4, 6, 7-tetrahydro-2Hpyrazino[1,2-a]pyrazine hexafluorophosphate (8) (nc)

To a solution of compound **6** (1.37 g, 5 mmol) in 30 ml of methanol was added a solution of NaPF<sub>6</sub> (1.68 g, 10 mmol) saturated with gaseous HCl in 20 ml of methanol. The resulting precipitate was collected and washed with chloroform to give 1.7 g (81%) of compound **8** (m.p. 198–199 °C) as red crystals. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ : 3.02 (4H, t, CH<sub>2</sub>–N–CH<sub>2</sub>, J(H–H)=4.6 Hz); 3.48 (4H, t, CH<sub>2</sub>=N<sup>+</sup>, J(H–H)=4.6 Hz); 1.20 (1H, m, NH or CH) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR  $\delta$ : -63.60 (6F, s, 2CF<sub>3</sub>); -74.70 (6F, s, PF<sub>6</sub>) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3630, 3550, 1520 (NH); 2650 (C=N<sup>+</sup>H); 1640, 1540 (C=C); 530, 550 (PF<sub>6</sub>). Analysis: Found: C, 26.04; H, 2.61; F, 53.96; N, 10.24%. Calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>·HPF<sub>6</sub>: C, 25.79; H, 2.41; F, 54.39; N, 10.02%.

# Synthesis of 1,9-trifluoromethyl-3, 4, 6, 7-tetrahydro-2Hpyrazino[1,2-a]pyrazine trifluoroborane (9) (nc)

To a solution of compound 6 (1.37 g, 5 mmol) in 50 ml of ether was added  $BF_3 \cdot O(Et)_2$  until violet crystals precipitated. The resulting precipitate was collected and washed with ether and then dried under reduced pressure to give 1.2 g (88%) of compound 9 (m.p. 178-180 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ: 3.10 (4H, t, CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>, J(H-H) = 4.6 Hz; 3.60 (4H, t, CH<sub>2</sub>=N<sup>+</sup>, J(H-H) = 4.6Hz) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR  $\delta$ : -60.30 (6F, s, 2CF<sub>3</sub>); -158.20 (3F, s, BF<sub>3</sub>) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3280; 1520 (NH); 1540 (sh), 3050 (C=C); 1000–1060 (BF<sub>3</sub>). MS m/e (relative intensity, ion): 273 (100%, M); 258 (25%, M-F); 254  $(19\%, M-BF_3, F); 245 (62\%, M-C_2H_4, BF_3); 244$  $(24\%, M-BF_3, CH_2NH); 233 (53\%, M-BF_3,$  $CH_2-C=N$ ; 204 (92%, M-BF<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>); 202 (78%,  $M-BF_3$ ,  $H_2C=NCH_2CH_2-NH$ ; 184 (18%,  $M-BF_3$ , CF<sub>3</sub>, HF); 175 (38%, M-BF<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH); 136 (50%, M-BF<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>-CH=CHN-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH=N); 96 (42%, HC=N-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-N=CH-CH<sub>2</sub>); 69 (90%, CF<sub>3</sub>). Analysis: Found: C, 31.39; H, 2.91; F, 50.21; N, 12.52%. Calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>·BF<sub>3</sub>: C, 31.70; H, 2.66; F, 50.14; N, 12.32%.

## **Results and discussion**

# Reaction of perfluoropent-2-ene and 2-amino-3-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene with ethylenediamine

In the present work, it has been found that perfluoropent-2-ene (1) forms 2,3-dihydro-6-fluoro-5,7-trifluoromethyl-1H-1,4-diazepine (3) by reaction with ethylenediamine (Scheme 1). A transamination reaction of 2-amino-4-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene (2) with ethylenediamine also gives the same compound (3) (Scheme 1).

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** exhibited only methylenic protons corresponding to ethylenediamine and one proton of a secondary amine. In the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of compound **3**, two doublets at  $\delta$  – 66.03 and – 69.33 ppm with a coupling of 19.5 Hz were attributed to the fluorine atoms of the non-equivalent CF<sub>3</sub> groups. A multiplet at  $\delta$  – 159.64 ppm in the expected ratio was found for the C-6 fluorine atom of **3**.

Heating compound 3 with diethylenetriamine (which is a stronger base than ethylenediamine [9, 10]) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> did not lead to a further transamination reaction, but gave the known 1,4-diazepine (4) (Scheme 1). Compound 4 may result from the nucleophilic substitution of the vinylic fluorine of 3 (by analogy with previously reported reactions of perfluoro-1-methylcyclopentene with amines [11]), followed by transformation of the unstable intermediate. 2-Chloro- and 2,2dibromo-polyfluoroacylacetic esters [12, 13] were similarly transformed into 2-unsubstituted polyfluoroacylacetic esters.

# Reaction of perfluoropent-2-ene and its 2-amino-4imino derivative with diethylenetriamine

Interaction of perfluoropent-2-ene (1) with diethylenetriamine leads to 1,9-trifluoromethyl-3,4,6,7-tetrahydro-2H-pyrazino[1,2-*a*]pyrazine (6), similar to that produced by the transamination reaction of 2-amino-4-iminoperfluoropent-2-ene (2) with diethylenetria-





To support the structure assigned to 6, this compound was subjected to single-crystal X-ray analysis. The structure of compound 6, as determined by this study, is shown in Fig. 1. Both amino-imine and imino-imine isomers are possible in structure 6. X-Ray crystallographic analysis confirmed the existence of the iminoimine form in structure 6 in the solid state. However, the infrared spectrum of this compound displayed typical NH stretching absorption at 3280  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (s) attributable to the amino-imine form. Consequently, in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6 three multiple resonance signals in the expected ratio were attributed to the methylene protons as follows:  $CH_2 - N - CH_2$  at  $\delta$  3.10 ppm; CH<sub>2</sub>-NH at  $\delta$  3.42 ppm; and CH<sub>2</sub>=N at  $\delta$  3.76 ppm. The last two signals were transformed into a singlet when CD<sub>3</sub>COOD was added to the system. In this case, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6 ex-







Fig. 1. Structure of compound 6.



Scheme 3.

hibited two equivalent signals as quartets at  $\delta$  3.10 and 3.60 ppm, respectively. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of product **6** showed two equivalent quartets of fluorine atoms for the CF<sub>3</sub> groups, which also transformed to a singlet when CD<sub>3</sub>COOD was added.

Compounds 7–9 were derived directly from heterocycle 6 under anhydrous conditions, since they are destroyed by water (Scheme 3). Of these, the most unstable is compound 7; it decomposed when stored at room temperature for 3 weeks. The most stable was complex 9.

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