

Simple access to novel β -hydroxy- β -trifluoromethyl imines[☆]

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Abstract

Selected imines reacted with three different trifluoromethyl group-containing ketones in a non-catalyzed manner at ambient temperature to give the corresponding β -hydroxy- β -trifluoromethyl imines in good to excellent yields. With 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone a 1:1 and a 2:1 reaction product was obtained. The reduction of 2-isopropylimino-4-phenyl-5,5,5-trifluoropentan-4-ol led to a 5:1 diastereomeric mixture of the corresponding amine, whose dominant form was found to be (2*S*, 4*R*) 4-isopropylamino-4-phenyl-2-trifluoromethyl-butan-2-ol in the solid state. Hydrolysis in one case gave the respective β -hydroxy ketone. © 2002 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

Recently the reaction of trifluoroacetaldehyde ethyl hemiacetal with several imines [1] and enamines [2] was reported to give the corresponding β -hydroxy- β -trifluoromethyl ketones in good yields after hydrolysis. Earlier, lithiated imines have been used and, e.g. hexafluoroacetone to obtain β -hydroxy- β -bis(trifluoromethyl) ketones or the respective aldehyde after an acidic workup [3,4]. β -Hydroxy- β -trifluoromethyl imines are precursors for β -hydroxy- β -trifluoromethyl ketones and α -trifluoromethyl- γ -amino alcohols. For the latter, to the best of our knowledge only four examples have been reported [5,6]. β -Fluoroalkyl β -amino and α -trifluoromethyl- β -amino alcohols however, are versatile bioactive compounds [7,8]. Here, we describe a simple and general new route to synthesize β -hydroxy- β -trifluoromethyl imines in good to excellent yields from various ketimines or aldimines and activated ketones, like trifluoroacetone, trifluoroacetophenone or 2-hydroxy-trifluoroacetophenone [9] *without* previous lithiation at ambient temperature.

2. Results and discussion

The acyclic imines **1–4** [10–12], the cyclic imines **5** [13], **6** [11] and *N,N'*-diisopropylidene-ethane-1,2-diamine [14–16] **7**, were prepared from the corresponding ketone and isopropylamine, ethylene diamine were allowed to react with an equimolar amount of the fluorinated ketones **8–10** (Scheme 1). In an enamine mediated addition (cf. [1,2]) non-moisture sensitive β -hydroxy- β -trifluoromethyl imines **11–18** were obtained in good to excellent yields as solids or analytically pure viscous liquids (Scheme 1, Table 1). (For compounds **17–21**, in the ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectra the HO resonances could not be observed. For **17**, ν (C=N) was found at 1666.5 cm⁻¹, δ_C (C=N) = 161.0).

Surprisingly, when aldimine **3** is reacted with trifluoroacetone in a 1:1 ratio in the NMR spectra, compound **15** along with traces of the disubstituted product **20** were found which led us perform the reaction in a 2:5 stoichiometry. In this case, a mixture of the mono- and disubstituted product (due to a second enamine mediated addition) was obtained, separated by recrystallization and sublimation to give a diastereomeric mixture of **20** in 28% yield. In compound **20** probably the intramolecular OH...N hydrogen bridge locks the adjacent CF₃ group above or below the resulting plane giving rise to at least two diastereomers each with two different resonances in the ¹⁹F NMR spectra. Upon warming the intensities of one set of signals decreases.

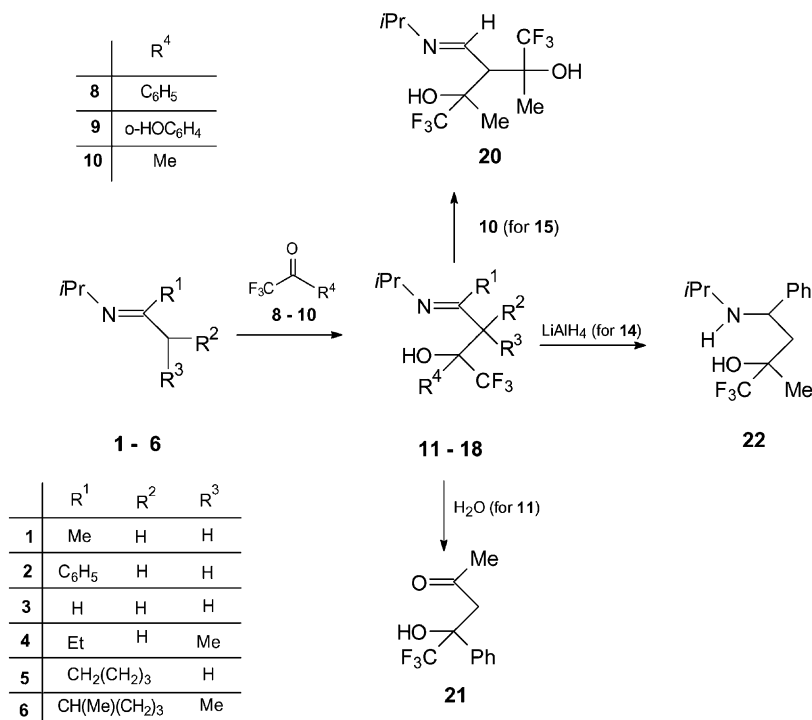
Hydrolysis of compound **11** yielded the corresponding β -hydroxy ketone, 2-hydroxy-2-phenyl-1,1,1-trifluoropentan-

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Scheme 1.

Table 1
Starting compounds, products and yields

Entry	R^1	R^2	R^3	Ketone	R^4	Product	Yield (%)
1	Me	H	H	8	C_6H_5	11	92
2	Me	H	H	9	$o\text{-HOC}_6H_4$	12	56
3	C_6H_5	H	H	8	C_6H_5	13	96
4	C_6H_5	H	H	10	Me	14	98
5	H	H	H	10	Me	15	76
6	Et	H	Me	8	C_6H_5	16	63
7	$CH_2(CH_2)_2CH_2$	H	H	8	C_6H_5	17	35
8	$CH(Me)(CH_2)_2CH_2$	H	Me	8	C_6H_5	18	100

4-one **21**, already synthesized by the lithiation of acetone and treatment with trifluoroacetophenone [17]. The reduction of compound **14**, having *one* chiral centre, using lithium aluminium hydride proceeds stereoselectively to furnish a 5:1 diastereomeric mixture of 4-isopropylamino-4-phenyl-2-trifluoromethyl-butan-2-ol **22A,B**.

The single crystal structure determination of the dominant diastereomer **22A** revealed four molecules in the unit cell. Very weak intermolecular hydrogen bonding $N-H \cdots O(1)$ 318.5 pm, and shorter intramolecular distances $N(H) \cdots H-O$ 266.3 pm were observed; $N(1)-C(5)$ 145.6, $C(2)-O(1)$ 141.9, $C(5)-C(4)$ 153.1 and $C(4)-C(2)$ 152.7 are single bonds [18]. The (*2S*, *4R*) configuration in the 4-isopropylamino-4-phenyl-2-trifluoromethyl-butan-2-ol molecule was confirmed Fig. 1.

Diimine **7** reacted similarly to the other imines and added two equivalents of trifluoroacetophenone to give the white solid diol **19** (Scheme 2).

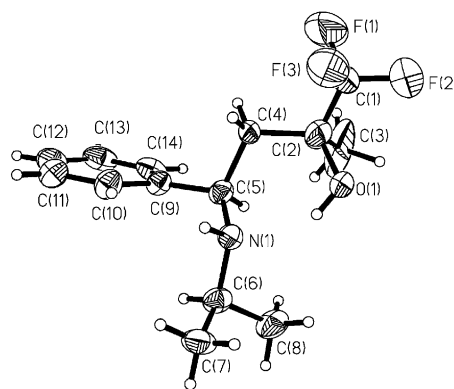
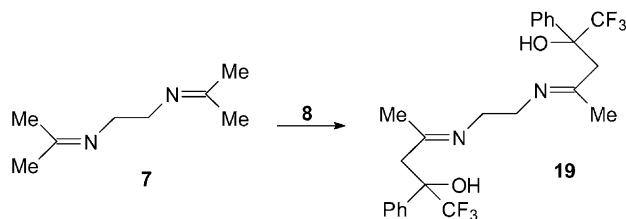


Fig. 1. Selected bond lengths (pm) and bond angles ($^\circ$) for compound **22A** (thermal ellipsoids with 50% probability): $C(1)-C(2)$ 145.2(16), $C(2)-O(1)$ 141.9(9), $C(2)-C(4)$ 152.7(10), $C(2)-C(3)$ 169.4(18), $C(5)-N(1)$ 145.6(8), $C(5)-C(9)$ 152.1(8), $N(1)-C(6)$ 149.5(9), $C(9)-C(14)$ 139.3(9); $O(1)-C(2)-C(1)$ 105.3(9), $O(1)-C(2)-C(4)$ 112.6(7), $C(1)-C(2)-C(4)$ 111.7(8), $C(4)-C(2)-C(3)$ 107.6(8), $C(2)-C(4)-C(5)$ 113.1(6), $N(1)-C(5)-C(9)$ 116.5(5), $N(1)-C(5)-C(4)$ 109.4(5), $C(14)-C(9)-C(10)$ 119.0(6).



Scheme 2.

3. Conclusion

In a straightforward enamine mediated C–C bond formation fluorinated ketones add to some ketimines and one aldimine to furnish the respective β -imino alcohols precursors for fluorinated β -amino alcohols and β -hydroxy ketones (shown in one case each). Further studies are in progress.

4. Experimental

NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AC 80 instrument operating at 75.39 MHz (^{19}F , internal standard CCl_3F) and a Bruker DPX-200 spectrometer operating at 200.13 MHz for ^1H (TMS), 188.31 MHz for ^{19}F (CFCl_3) and 50.32 MHz ^{13}C (TMS). The IR spectra of compound **17** was recorded on a Perkin–Elmer Aragon 500 FT-IR between KCl plates. MS spectra were obtained on a Varian MAT CH7A instrument at 70 eV. All reactions and manipulations were conducted under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. The X-ray structural study was carried out on a Siemens P4 diffractometer using graphite monochromated Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 71.073$ pm). The structure was solved by direct methods and anisotropically refined based on F^2 using the SHELX-97 program package [19]. The C–H hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions, assigned common isotropic thermal parameters and allowed to ride on their parent atoms. Crystal data for **22A**, colorless crystals, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$, $M = 275.31$, tetragonal, $P4_3$, $a = b = 1046.8(2)$, $c = 1303.1(2)$ pm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma 90^\circ$, $V = 1.4279(4)$ nm 3 , final R values ($I > 2\sigma(I)$), $R_1 = 0.0940$, $wR_2 = 0.2341$, R values (all reflections) $R_1 = 0.0973$, $wR_2 = 0.02405$; crystal size $1.0 \times 0.7 \times 0.6$ mm 3 with $Z = 4$, reflections measured 2030, unique reflections 1591 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0403$). The structure was refined as a merohedric twin. A possible disorder at the CF_3 group was not resolved. CCDC deposit number CCDC 171580. See <http://www.rsc.org/suppdata/>.

4.1. Typical procedure

To a solution of 10 mmol imine in 10 ml diethylether 10 mmol trifluoromethylated ketone in 10 ml diethylether were added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and all volatile substances were removed under reduced pressure. The remaining colorless solids (entries 1, 2, 5–7) were recrystallized from petroleum ether.

The remaining oils (entries 3, 4 and 8) were obtained analytically pure.

4.2. 2-Isopropylimino-4-phenyl-5,5,5-trifluoropentane-4-ol (**11**)

The mp is 30°C . ^1H NMR (200.13 MHz, TMS, CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.91$ (*iPr*, 6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 1.76 (CH_3 , 3H, s), 2.92 (CH_2 , 2H, AB-system, $J_{\text{AB}} 17.0$ Hz), 3.46 (*iPr*, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 7.33 (Ph, 5H, m), 8.57 (OH, 1H, s). ^{19}F NMR (188.31 MHz, CFCl_3 , CDCl_3): $\delta = -83.8$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 273 (M^+ , 36), 258 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, 35), 204 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 62), 84 (*iPrNCCCH}_3^+*, 100). Analysis: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 273.30), calcd.: C 61.51, H 6.64, F 20.87; found: C 61.46, H 6.80, F 21.00.

4.3. 2-Isopropylimino-4-phenyl-5,5,5-trifluoropentane-4-ol (**12**)

The mp is 68°C . ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -63.1$, -74.5 , -75.9 , -82.4 . MS: m/e (%) = 289 (M^+ , 28), 231 ($M^+ - i\text{Pr} - \text{CH}_3$, 59), 220 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 37), 120 ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OHCO}^+$, 100).

4.4. 1-Isopropylimino-1,3-diphenyl-4,4,4-trifluorobutan-2-ol (**13**)

^1H -NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.93$ (*iPr*, 6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 3.21 (CH_2 , 2H, AB-system, $J_{\text{AB}} 16.8$ Hz), 3.28 (CH *iPr*, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 7.34 (Ph, 5H, m), 8.55 (OH, 1H, s). ^{19}F MR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -83.6$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 335 (M^+ , 100), 320 ($M^+ - \text{H}_3$, 8), 292 ($M^+ - i\text{Pr}$, 9), 277 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, $-i\text{Pr}$, 11), 266 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 26). Analysis: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 335.37), calcd.: C 68.05, H 6.01, F 16.99; found: C 68.15, H 6.11, F 16.95.

4.5. 1-Isopropylimino-1-phenyl-2-trifluoromethyl-butan-2-ol (**14**)

^1H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.01$ (CH_3 *iPr*, 6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 1.44 (CH_3 , 3H, s), 2.70 (CH_2 , 2H, AB-system, $J_{\text{AB}} 17.2$ Hz), 3.49 (CH *iPr*, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 7.22 (Ph, 5H, m), 8.23 (OH, 1H, s). ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -85.7$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 272 (M^+ , 15), 258 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, 14), 204 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 6), 160 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, $-i\text{Pr}$, 54), 104 (PhCO^+ , 100). Analysis: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 273.30), calcd.: C 61.53, H 6.64, F 20.85; found: C 61.35, H 6.78, F 21.30.

4.6. 4-Isopropylimino-2-trifluoromethyl-butan-2-ol (**15**)

The mp is 86°C . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.01$ (CH_3 , *iPr*, 6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 1.27 (CH_3 , 3H, s), 2.54 (CH_2 , 2H, m), 3.32 (CH *iPr*, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}} 6.2$ Hz), 6.51 (OH, 1H, s), 7.94 (=CH, 1H, m). ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -86.3$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 197 ($M^+ - \text{H}$, 6), 182 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, 38), 128 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 13), 70 (CF_3H , 100). Analysis: $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 197.20), calcd.: C 48.73, H 7.12, F 28.93; found: C 48.71, H 7.05, F 28.90.

4.7. 4-Isopropylimino-3-methyl-2-phenyl-1,1,1-trifluoro-heptan-2-ol (**16**)

The mp is 30 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.71$ (CH_3 , 3H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.7 Hz), 1.10 (CH_3 Et, 3H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.2 Hz), 1.24 (CH_3 *i*Pr, 6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 2.17 (CH_2 Et, 2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 7.2 Hz), 3.09 (CH , 1H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.7 Hz), 3.82 (CH *i*Pr, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 7.33 (Ph, 5H, m), 8.88 (OH, 1H, s). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = -78.9$ (CF_3 , s). Analysis: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 301.35), C 63.75, H 7.36, F 18.92, found: C 63.28, H 7.43, F 19.25.

4.8. 1-Isopropylimino-2-(1'-hydroxy-1'-phenyl-2',2',2'-trifluoroethyl)-cyclohexane (**17**)

The mp is 66 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.20$ (CH_3 *i*Pr, 6H, d; $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 1.54 (CH_2 , 8H, m), 2.26 (CH , 1H, m), 3.04 (CH *i*Pr, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 7.25 (Ph, 5H, m). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (C_6D_6): $\delta = -77.9$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 313 (M^+ , 35), 270 ($M^+ - i\text{Pr}$, 17), 244 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 28), 202 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, -*i*Pr, 13), 139 ($M^+ - \text{PhCOCF}_3$, 100). Analysis: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 313.36); calcd.: C 65.15, H 7.08, F 18.19; found: C 64.95, H 7.13, F 17.91.

4.9. 2,6-Dimethyl-2-(1'-hydroxy-1'-phenyl-2',2',2'-trifluoroethyl)-1-isopropylimino-cyclohexane (**18**)

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.07$ (CH_3 , 12H, m), 1.88 (CH_2 , CH, 7H, m), 3.82 (CH *i*Pr, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 7.70 (Ph, 5H, m). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = -75.7$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 341 (M^+ , 22), 284 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, -*i*Pr, 52), 273 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 100). Analysis: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 341.42); calcd.: C 66.84, H 7.68, F 16.69; found: C 67.35, H 7.79, F 16.30.

4.10. Ethylen-bis-[2-hydroxy-4-imino-2-phenyl-1,1,1-trifluoro-pentane] (**19**)

In 10 ml diethylether 15 mmol **7** were dissolved and 30 mmol trifluoroacetophenone were added. All volatile substances were removed under reduced pressure to give a white solid recrystallized from petroleum ether. Yield: 50%, mp 128 °C. The data for $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.7$ (CH_3 , 6H, s), 2.9 (CH_2 , 4H, s), 3.2 (NCH_2 , 4H, s), 7.3 (Ph, 5H, m). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = -84.0$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 488 (M^+ , 7), 418 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3\text{H}$, 8), 314 ($M^+ - \text{PhCOCF}_3$, 14), 244 ($M^+/2$, 100), 176 ($M^+/2 - \text{CF}_3$, 32). Analysis: $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ (MG 488.47); C 59.01, H 5.36, F 23.34; found: C 58.87, H 5.40, F 23.22.

4.11. 3-Isopropylmethyliden-2,4-bis(trifluoromethyl)-pentan-2,4-diol (**20**)

To a solution of 50 mmol trifluoroacetone in 20 ml diethylether were added 20 mmol aldimine **3** in 20 ml diethylether at 0 °C and stirred for 1 h. After removal of the solvent the

remaining white solid was recrystallized from *n*-hexane/THF 2:1. Selected data for: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.08$ (CH_3 *i*Pr, 6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 1.54 (CH_3 , 6H, s), 3.23 (CH *i*Pr, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 4.77 (CH , 1H, s), 7.80 (=CH, 1H, s). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = -79.5$, -86.3 , -89.2 , -89.7 (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 309 (M^+ , 11), 294 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, 100), 240 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 37), 196 ($M^+ - \text{HOC}(\text{CF}_3)_2$, 14), 44 (C_3H_7^+ , 85). Analysis: HRMS (for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_6\text{NO}$): calcd.: 309.11636; found: 309.11710.

4.12. 2-Hydroxy-2-phenyl-1,1,1-trifluoro-pentan-2-on (**21**)

To a solution of 5 mmol **11** in 10 ml ethanol 5 ml HCl (20%) was added and refluxed for 1 h. Diethylether (3x 20 ml) was added, the organic layer separated and dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. A white solid remained. Yield 56%, mp 51 °C. Selected data for: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 2.08$ (CH_3 , 3H, s), 3.24 (CH_2 , 2H, s), 7.32 (Ph, 5H, m). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = -84.4$ (CF_3 , s). MS: m/e (%) = 232 (M^+ , 21), 175 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2$, 11), 163 ($M^+ - \text{CF}_3$, 46), 105 ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}^+$, 100).

4.13. 4-Isopropylamino-4-phenyl-2-trifluoromethylbutan-2-ol (**22A,B**)

Compound **11** (8 mmol) in 20 ml diethylether was added dropwise at 0 °C to a suspension of 18 mmol LiAlH_4 in 30 ml diethylether. Afterwards, water is added to the mixture and the residue is filtered and washed with diethylether. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO_4 , and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to leave a white solid recrystallized from *n*-hexane. The data for two diastereomers **A**:**B** = 5:1): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.95$ (**B**), 1.12 (**A**) (*i*Pr, 6H, d, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 1.27 (**B**), 1.50 (**A**) (CH_3 , 3H, s), 1.92 (**B**), 2.14 (**A**) (CH_2 , 2H, ABX-system), 2.65 (**B**), 2.71 (**A**) (*i*Pr, 1H, sep, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.2 Hz), 4.24 (**B**), 4.26 (**A**) (PhCH, 1H, m), 7.20 (**B**), 7.25 (**A**) (Ph, 5H, m). $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = -83.1$ (**B**), -88.8 (**A**) (CF_3 , s), MS: m/e (%) = 276 ($M^+ + \text{H}$, 18), 260 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, 22), 217 ($M^+ - \text{CH}_3$, -*i*Pr, 12), 148 ($M^+ - \text{HOCCH}_2\text{CF}_3$, 100). Analysis: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ (MG 275.31); calcd.: C 61.07, H 7.32, F 20.70; found: C 61.01, H 7.13, F 20.60.

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