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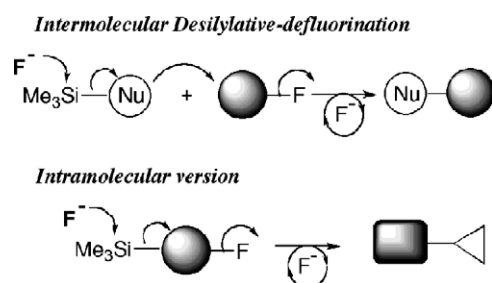
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### Fluoride ion-catalyzed desilylative-defluorination for synthetic organic chemistry

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Fluoride ion-catalyzed desilylative-defluorination (intermolecular and intramolecular) has been reviewed.



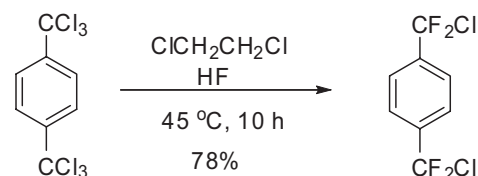
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### Efficient synthesis of *p*-bis-(chlorodifluoromethyl)benzene

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Selective, high yield partial fluorination of hexachloro-*p*-xylene to *p*-bis-(chlorodifluoromethyl)benzene has been accomplished by warming a slurry of the hexachloro-*p*-xylene in anhydrous HF which also contains a small quantity of inert solvent, such as 1,2-dichloroethane.



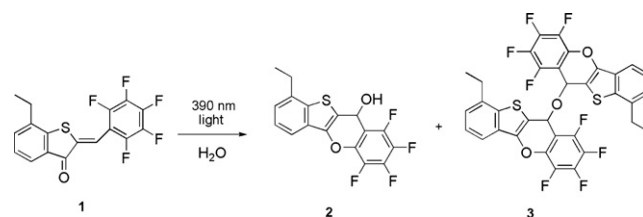
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### Novel photoinduced cyclization of pentafluorophenylhemithioindigo

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Photoirradiation of **1** causes a novel type of photoinduced cyclization, to produce the intramolecularly cyclized alcohol **2** and its dehydrated ether **3**, instead of the *Z*-*E* isomerized product.



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## Synthesis of 1,1-difluoroethylsilanes and their application for the introduction of the 1,1-difluoroethyl group

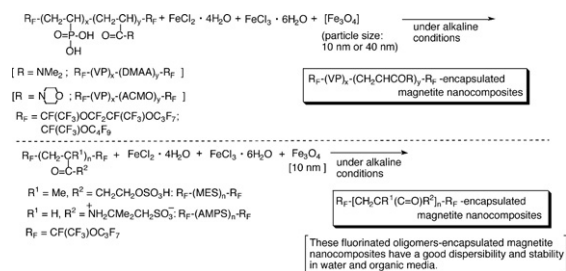
Ryo Mogi<sup>a</sup>, Kazuo Morisaki<sup>a</sup>, Jinbo Hu<sup>b</sup>, G.K. Surya Prakash<sup>c</sup>, George A. Olah<sup>c</sup><sup>a</sup>Mizushima Research Laboratory, Kanto Denka Kogyo Co. Ltd., 4-4-8 Matsue Kurashiki, Okayama 712-8533, Japan<sup>b</sup>Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Science, 345 Fenglin Road, Shanghai 200032, China<sup>c</sup>Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute, Department of Chemistry, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-1661, United States

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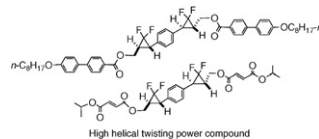
## Preparation of fluoroalkyl end-capped oligomers/magnetite nanocomposites possessing a good dispersibility and stability

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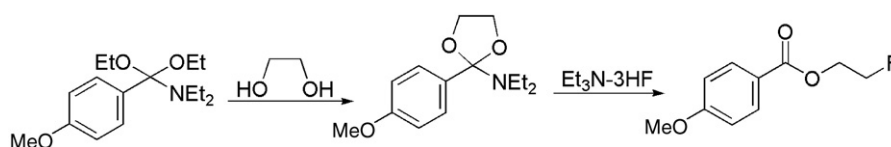
*gem*-Difluorocyclopropane as core molecule candidate for liquid crystal compoundsToshiyuki Itoh<sup>a</sup>, Manabu Kanbara<sup>a</sup>, Masakazu Ohashi<sup>a</sup>, Shuichi Hayase<sup>a</sup>, Motoi Kawatsura<sup>a</sup>, Takashi Kato<sup>b</sup>, Kazutoshi Miyazawa<sup>b</sup>, Yumiko Takagi<sup>c</sup>, Hidemitsu Uno<sup>d</sup><sup>a</sup>Department of Materials Science, Faculty of Engineering, Tottori University, 4-101 Koyama-minami, Tottori 680-8552, Japan<sup>b</sup>Chisso Petrochemical Corporation, Goi Research Center, Research Laboratory I, 5-1 Goi-kaigan, Ichihara-shi, Chiba 290-8551, Japan<sup>c</sup>Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Education, Kagawa University, 1-1 Saiwai-cho, Taka-matsu 760-8522, Japan<sup>d</sup>Integrated Center for Sciences, Ehime University, 2-5 Bunkyo-cho, Matsuyama 790-8577, JapanThe synthesis of a novel chiral *gem*-difluorocyclopropane building block has been accomplished using chemo-enzymatic reaction protocol and used it as a chiral dopant for achiral nematic liquid crystal.

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Selective mono-fluorination of diols *via* a cyclic acetal of *N,N*-diethyl-4-methoxybenzamide

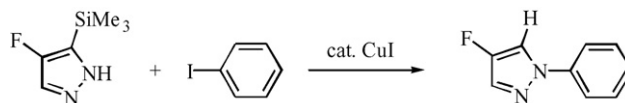
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*J. Fluorine Chem.*, 128 (2007) 1126***N*-Arylation of 4-fluoro-5-trimethylsilyl-1*H*-pyrazole**

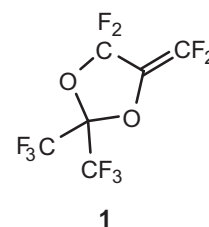
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*Department of Chemistry and Applied Chemistry, Saga University, Honjyo-machi 1, Saga 840-8502, Japan**J. Fluorine Chem.*, 128 (2007) 1131**Synthesis and polymerization of a novel perfluorinated monomer**

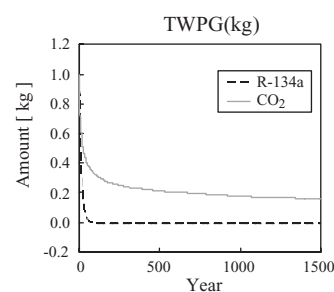
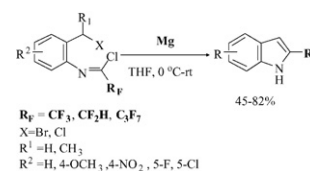
Eisuke Murotani, Susumu Saito, Masanori Sawaguchi, Hiromasa Yamamoto, Youji Nakajima, Tatsuya Miyajima, Takashi Okazoe

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The novel perfluorinated monomer was successfully synthesized via a direct fluorination reaction. It polymerized with tetrafluoroethylene to give a highly thermally stable polymer.

*J. Fluorine Chem.*, 128 (2007) 1137**The evaluation of time variation global warming effects, TWPA and CWP, for CFC alternatives**

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*National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) 5-2-1-1-1, Higashi, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8565, Japan**J. Fluorine Chem.*, 128 (2007) 1143**Fluorinated *N*-[2-(haloalkyl)phenyl]imidoyl chloride, a key intermediate for the synthesis of 2-fluoroalkyl substituted indole derivatives *via* Grignard cyclization process**Zengxue Wang<sup>a</sup>, Fenglian Ge<sup>a</sup>, Wen Wan<sup>a</sup>, Haizhen Jiang<sup>a</sup>, Jian Hao<sup>a,b</sup><sup>a</sup>*Department of Chemistry, Shanghai University, 99 Shangda Road, Shanghai 200444, China*<sup>b</sup>*Key Laboratory of Organofluorine Chemistry, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 354 Fenglin Road, Shanghai 200032, China*

Fluorinated *N*-[2-(haloalkyl)phenyl]imidoyl chloride, which was readily available from the corresponding anilines by using Uneyama's one-pot synthesis of fluorinated imidoyl chloride, was found to be a key intermediate for the facile synthesis of 2-fluoroalkyl substituted indole derivatives *via* the Grignard cyclization process. The bromination of 3-methyl group of 3-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl indole with NBS/CCl<sub>4</sub> led to the formation of 3-bromomethyl substituted indole which can be further utilized to synthesize some new and biologically interested indole derivatives.

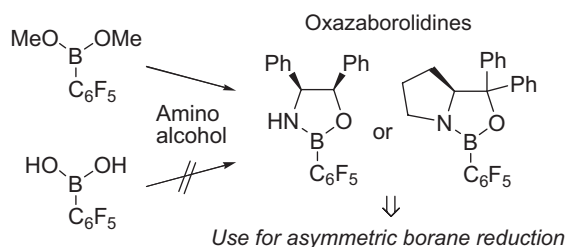
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### Synthesis of novel oxazaborolidines $B-C_6F_5$ and their effectiveness as asymmetric catalysts

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Novel oxazaborolidines  $B-C_6F_5$  were synthesized by modified protocol from  $C_6F_5B(OMe)_2$  in place of usual  $C_6F_5B(OH)_2$  for investigation of the effect of  $C_6F_5$  group in asymmetric reduction of ketones.

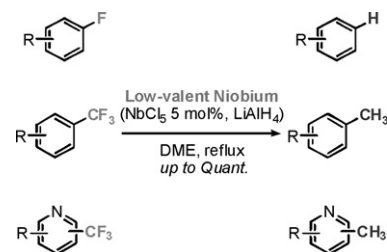
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### Hydrodefluorinations by low-valent niobium catalyst

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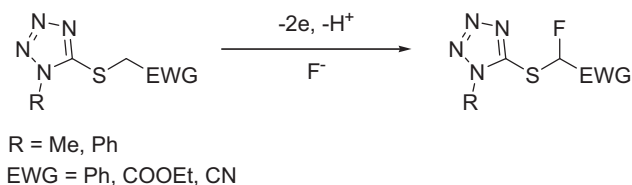
Catalytic hydrodefluorinations of organofluorine compounds by low-valent niobium catalyst were developed. In the presence of niobium(V) chloride (typically, 5 mol%), fluorobenzenes,  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluorotoluenes and (trifluoromethyl)pyridines were hydrodefluorinated with lithium aluminum hydride to give the corresponding benzenes, toluenes and methylpyridines in good yields, respectively.

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### Electrolytic partial fluorination of organic compounds. 89: Regioselective anodic fluorination of tetrazolyl sulfides

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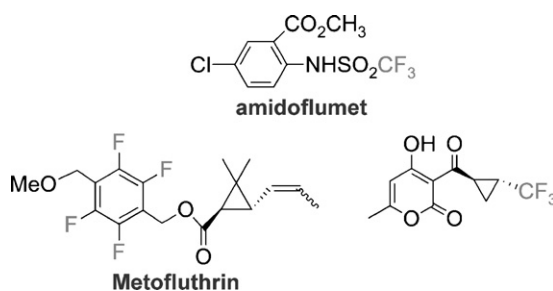
### Synthetic studies of fluorine-containing compounds for household insecticides

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The discovery stories of three fluorine-containing insecticides in our laboratory are described.



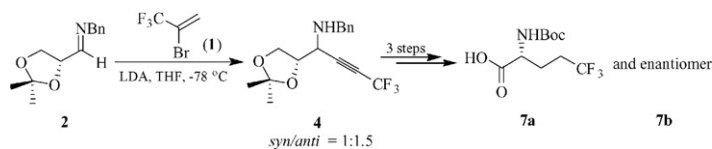
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### Nucleophilic addition of 3,3,3-trifluoropropynyllithium to D-glyceraldimine: Concise synthesis of both enantiomers of 5,5,5-trifluoronorvaline

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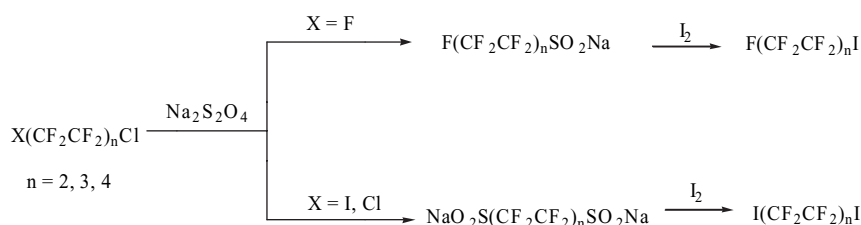


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### Practical and efficient synthesis of perfluoroalkyl iodides from perfluoroalkyl chlorides via modified sulfinatodehalogenation

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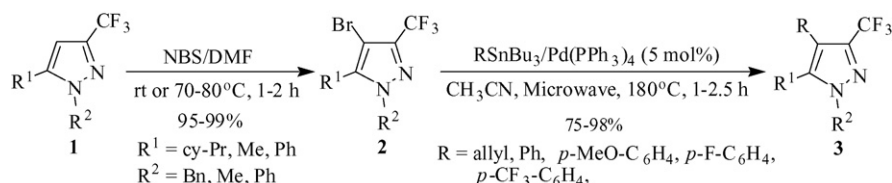
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### Synthesis of novel 1,4,5-trisubstituted 3-trifluoromethylpyrazoles via microwave-assisted Stille coupling reactions

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### The preparation of HCF<sub>2</sub>CdX and HCF<sub>2</sub>ZnX via direct insertion into the carbon halogen bond of CF<sub>2</sub>HY (Y = Br, I)

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$$\text{HCF}_2\text{X} \xrightarrow{\text{M}} \text{HCF}_2\text{MX} \xrightarrow[\text{-50}^\circ\text{C}]{\text{CuX}} \text{HCF}_2\text{Cu}$$

$$\text{X} = \text{Br, I} \quad \text{M} = \text{Cd, Zn}$$

Difluoromethylcadmium is readily prepared by oxidative addition of cadmium with iododifluoromethane and bromodifluoromethane. The difluoromethylcadmium reagent is thermally stable to 65–70 °C; rapid decomposition occurs at temperatures >105 °C. At room temperature the reagent is stable for weeks and only loses 31% of its activity after 2 months at RT. The difluoromethylcadmium reagent reacts readily with allylic halides at RT to give products of both α- and γ-attack in good yields. Metathesis of the difluoromethylcadmium reagent with Cu(I)X (X = Cl, Br) in DMF at –55 °C readily gives the difluoromethylcopper reagent. The copper reagent is stable only at low temperatures (–30 to –55 °C) and rapidly decomposes to HCF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>H and *cis*-CFH=CFH above these temperatures. However, HCF<sub>2</sub>Cu is more nucleophilic than HCF<sub>2</sub>CdX, and the copper reagent readily reacts with allylic halides at –55 °C. The regioselectivity of HCF<sub>2</sub>Cu is vastly superior to HCF<sub>2</sub>CdX and most of the reactions of HCF<sub>2</sub>Cu with allylic halides occur regioselectively. When HCF<sub>2</sub>CdX is reacted with propargylic halides or tosylates, the predominant product is the corresponding allene. The HCF<sub>2</sub>Cu reagent again is more reactive, completely regioselective, and in most cases gives good isolated yields of the allenes. The HCF<sub>2</sub>Cu reagent also readily couples with 1-iodoalkynes and 1-iodoperfluoroalkynes to give good yields of the corresponding difluoromethylalkynes. The HCF<sub>2</sub>Cu reagent only undergoes alkylation with reactive alkylating agents, such as chloromethyl ethyl ether and benzyl bromide. Reaction with allylic halides, propargyl halides and 1-iodoalkynes provides HCF<sub>2</sub>-substituted allylic halides; HCF<sub>2</sub>-allenes and HCF<sub>2</sub>C=CR(R<sub>p</sub>).

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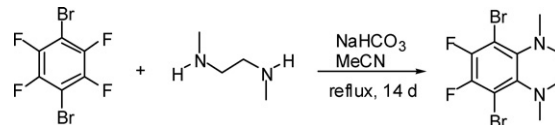
### Functional tetrahydroquinoxalines from perfluoroaromatic precursors

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Polyfluorobenzene derivatives gave tetrahydroquinoxaline systems upon reaction with *N,N'*-dimethylethylene diamine.



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### Liquid crystals with partially fluorinated side chains: Highly polar materials with very low birefringence

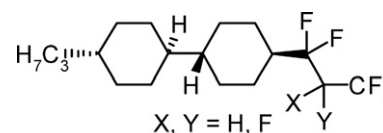
Peer Kirsch<sup>a</sup>, Marc Lenges<sup>b</sup>, Andreas Ruhl<sup>b</sup>, Florian Huber<sup>b</sup>, Richard D. Chambers<sup>c</sup>, Graham Sandford<sup>c</sup>

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Highly polar liquid crystals with very low birefringence were synthesized and characterized. Their mesophases and electrooptical properties were interpreted using a detailed computational analysis of the conformational equilibrium.



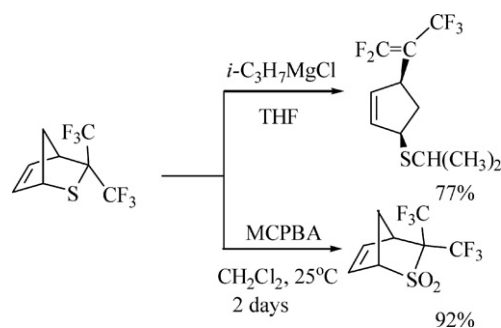
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### Reactivity of fluorinated sulfur-containing heterocycles towards nucleophilic and oxidizing reagents

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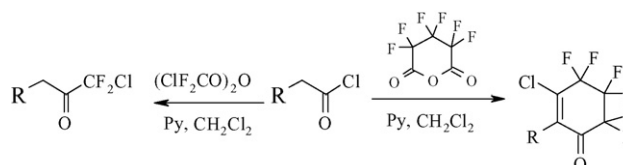


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### Evaluation of Zard trifluoromethylketone synthesis for the preparation of potential bifunctional fluorinated synthons

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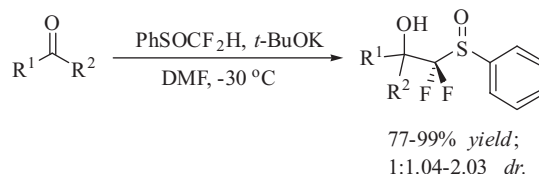
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### Nucleophilic (phenylsulfinyl)difluoromethylation of carbonyl compounds with difluoromethyl phenyl sulfoxide

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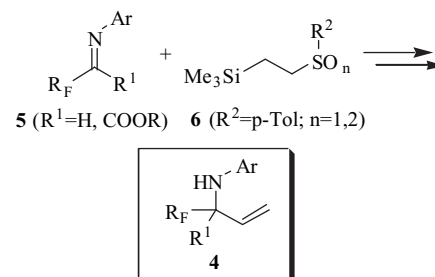
### Synthesis of fluorinated allylic amines: Reaction of 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl sulfones and sulfoxides with fluorinated imines

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A new synthesis of fluorinated allylamines through the reaction of 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl sulfones and sulfoxides with imines and imino esters is described.

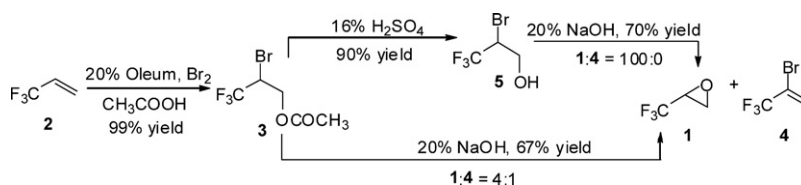
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### Preparative-scale synthesis of 3,3,3-trifluoropropene oxide

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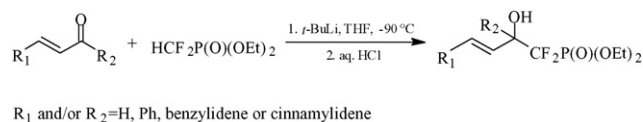
Bromination of 3,3,3-trifluoropropene in 20% oleum, followed by treatment with acetic acid furnishes 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropyl acetate in quantitative yield, which upon acid hydrolysis and cyclization with alkali affords 3,3,3-trifluoropropene oxide (TFPO) in 63% overall yield.

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### Simple synthesis of some unsaturated 1,1-difluoro-2-hydroxyethylphosphonates

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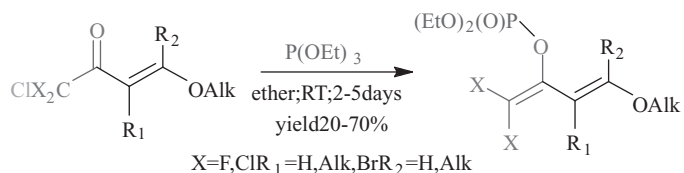
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Reactions of  $\beta$ -alkoxyvinyl trihalogenomethyl ketones with triethyl phosphite

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The Perkow reaction of triethyl phosphite and  $\beta$ -alkoxyvinyl trihalogenomethyl ketones, which have common acyclic or cyclic structural fragment:  $-\text{O}-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CX}_2\text{Cl}$ , yielded dienyl phosphates:  $-\text{O}-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{C}[\text{OP}(\text{O})(\text{OEt})_2]=\text{CX}_2$  where  $\text{X} = \text{F}$  or  $\text{Cl}$ .

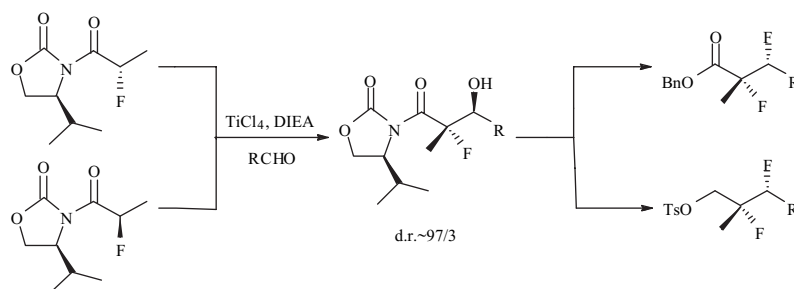


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Titanium mediated asymmetric aldol reaction with  $\alpha$ -fluoropropionimide enolates

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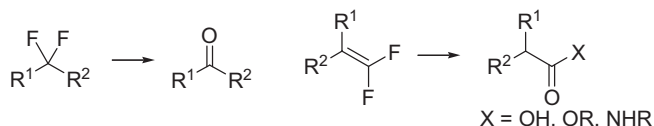
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## Difluoromethylene compounds as precursors to ketones, carboxylic acids, esters, amides and carbonates

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A review of difluoromethylene compounds as precursors to carbonyl compounds. Many ketones, carboxylic acids, esters, amides and carbonates, especially trifluoroalanine dipeptides, can be easily achieved due to the reactivity of difluoromethylene compounds or generated through the reactive difluoromethylene intermediates.



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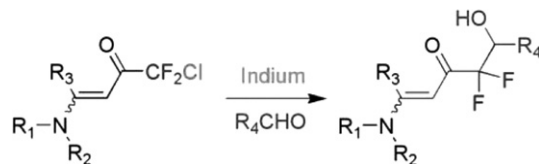
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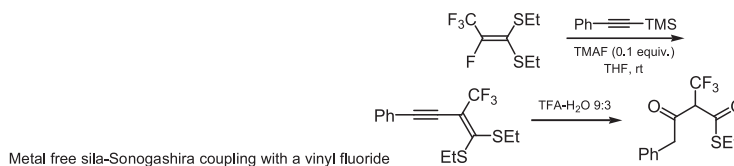


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### Fluoride-induced coupling of perfluoroketene dithioacetals with silyl alkynes: A way towards new polyfunctionalized trifluoromethyl building blocks

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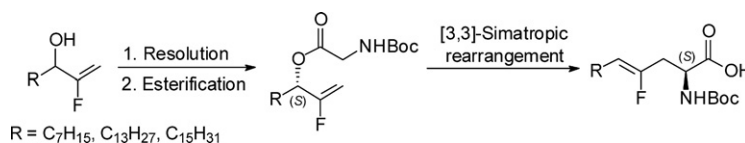
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### Synthesis of optically active 2-fluoroalk-1-en-3-yl esters and chirality transfer in their Claisen-type rearrangements

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### Nucleophilic trifluoromethylation of aryl halides with methyl trifluoroacetate

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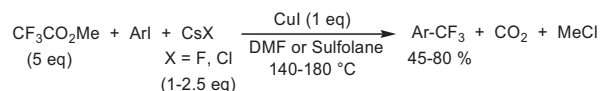
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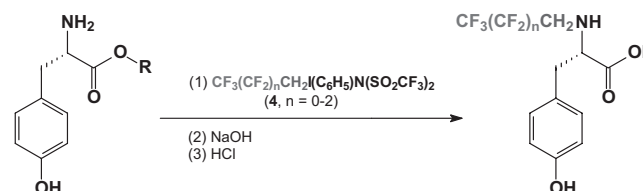
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### Syntheses and lipophilicity measurement of *N*<sup>α</sup>/*N*-terminus-1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkylated $\alpha$ -amino acids and small peptides

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Preparation of *N*<sup>α</sup>-1,1-dihydroperfluoroalkylated (L)tyrosines.

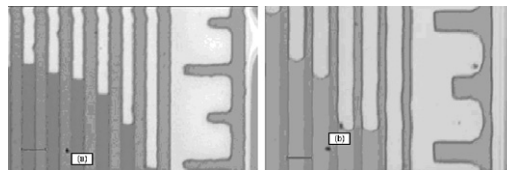


## Microfluidic behaviour of perfluoropolyether fluids in poly(dimethylsiloxane) micro-channels

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The behaviour of different perfluoropolyether-based fluids has been studied in a microfluidic setup. It has been compared with the behaviour of a low viscosity, high-fragility polyurethane structural adhesive commonly used for the fabrication of sub-micrometer structures.