



# The reactions of 3,7-dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane, norbornadiene and *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene with pentafluoro- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanyl chloride

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## ABSTRACT

Radical transannular cyclizations of the non-conjugated dienes, such as 3,7-dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane and norbornadiene with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl upon UV-irradiation led to the corresponding SF<sub>5</sub>-substituted 3,7-noradamantane and nortricyclanes with high yields. Radical reaction of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl led to a product of SF<sub>5</sub>Cl addition to one of the diene double bonds either UV-irradiation or triethylborane were used for radical initiation.

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## 1. Introduction

Introduction of a SF<sub>5</sub> group into organic compounds has been known for over 50 years ago, but the number of SF<sub>5</sub>-containing compounds is limited by SF<sub>5</sub> sources or building blocks. Compounds containing SF<sub>5</sub> group possess unique properties due to the low surface energy, high chemical resistance, thermal stability, high electronegativity and lipophilicity [1–6]. These properties could lead to potential biological activity of SF<sub>5</sub>-based compounds. A number of patents describe the properties of SF<sub>5</sub>-derivatives as fungicides, herbicides and insecticides [4,7,8]. An SF<sub>5</sub> analogue of the insecticide Fipronil [9] has a significantly higher activity than the corresponding CF<sub>3</sub> compound.

Important and convenient methods for the addition of the SF<sub>5</sub> group into organic compounds are based on radical addition of SF<sub>5</sub>Cl to unsaturated substrates using thermolysis [10], UV-irradiation [5] and (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>B as a low-temperature initiator [11–12]. The prepared addition products are widely used for the synthesis of various classes of SF<sub>5</sub>-based compounds (alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, acids, aromatic, alkenes, acetylenes, hetero-

cycles); but only a relatively few SF<sub>5</sub>-carbocycle compounds with norbornane cage have been synthesized [5,13].

Among the alkenes, the non-conjugated polyenes are of special interest because their transformations lead to various biologically active polycyclic compounds [14,15]. Polycycles with adamantyl and noradamantyl moieties are often used as building blocks for new drugs with various types of physiological activity [16–19]. Derivatives including nortricyclane and norbornane bridged cycles are structurally similar to natural terpenes. A number of such polycycles show activities for the treatment or the prevention of neurologic diseases [20–23].

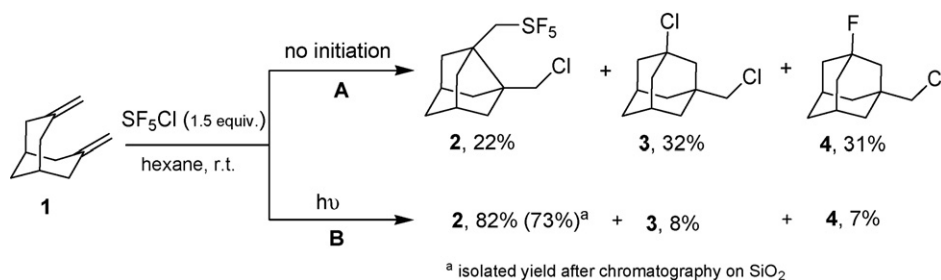
Convenient and selective preparations of functional derivatives of adamantane and noradamantane are based on transannular cyclizations of bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane dienes with electrophilic [24–28] or radical agents [29–31]. The transannular cyclizations of norbornadiene with electrophilic and radical reagents [32–36] are used for selective preparation of nortricyclane derivatives. In contrast to norbornadiene reactions, the selectivity of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene reactions and structure of the formed products depend strongly on the nature of the reagents, solvents and the presence of catalysts or initiators [35–39]. Products of the addition to one double bond along with the cyclization products to bicyclo[3.3.0]octane derivatives are characteristic for radical reactions of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene [35–38].

To the best of our knowledge no reactions of non-conjugated dienes with SF<sub>5</sub>IHg (Hlg = Cl, Br) leading to cyclization products have been reported. The purpose of this work was to examine the

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**Scheme 1.** The yields were determined by NMR and GS-MS.

effectiveness of electrophilic SF<sub>5</sub> radicals in reactions of non-conjugated dienes with different cyclization possibilities, such as 3,7-dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane, norbornadiene and *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene.

## 2. Results and discussion

### 2.1. Transannular cyclization 3,7-dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl

Cyclization of 3,7-dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (**1**) with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl in dry *n*-hexane proceeded for 3 h at ambient temperature without any special initiation and gave a mixture of three products **2–4**, in similar yields: the desired SF<sub>5</sub>-substituted noradamantane **2** and two adamantane derivatives, **3** as Cl<sub>2</sub> addition product and **4** as a “Cl–F” addition product (Scheme 1, path A).

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of product **2** shows two characteristic signals, a singlet of the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl group at 3.55 ppm and a pentet for the CH<sub>2</sub>SF<sub>5</sub> group at 3.94 ppm (*J* = 9.0 Hz). In the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **2** the typical appearance of the AB<sub>4</sub>-spin system for the SF<sub>5</sub>-substituent was observed with nine lines for the apical fluorine atom (A-part) at 85.1 ppm and a doublet of multiplets of the basal fluorines (B<sub>4</sub>-part) at 69.4 ppm (*J* = 143.0 Hz). The characteristic signals of adamantanes **3** and **4** in NMR spectra {<sup>1</sup>H NMR: **3** (s, 3.28 ppm CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), **4** (s, 3.32 ppm CH<sub>2</sub>Cl) and <sup>19</sup>F NMR **4** (s, –133.8 ppm the fluorine atom in the bridgehead position)} are in agreement with those reported for **3** [40] and **4** [28].

It has been previously shown, that transannular cyclization of bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane dienes with radical agents (CCl<sub>4</sub>/AIBN [29], C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>SH, CH<sub>3</sub>PhSO<sub>2</sub>Hlg (Hlg = Cl, Br) [30]) and with polyfluoroalkyl radicals [31] gives mainly noradamantane derivatives. Using the DFT method, we have established that formation of noradamantane derivatives at cyclization of diene **1** with electrophilic trifluoromethyl radical corresponds to kinetic control [31]. This allowed us to assign of noradamantane product **2** forming through the radical mechanism. We consider, that formation of radicals without special initiation of reaction diene **1** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl (Scheme 1, pathway A), proceeds through the reagents interaction in accordance to olefin-induced homolysis [41]. The latter can be proved by a considerable increased yield of the SF<sub>5</sub>-product **2** by carrying out the reaction of **1** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl upon irradiation with a Hg lamp in quartz apparatus (Scheme 1, path B and Fig. 1).

The formation of products **3** and **4** with the adamantane framework points to a polar mechanism of the electrophilic transannular cyclization of diene **1** with molecular chlorine and “F–Cl” accordingly (Fig. 1). This mechanism is well known for many Ad<sub>E</sub> reactions of bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane dienes with electrophilic agents [24–28]. We suppose, that molecular chlorine was formed by recombination of chlorine atoms or reaction of Cl<sup>•</sup> and SF<sub>5</sub>Cl. Participation of the molecular chlorine in the formation of product **3** is confirmed by the data from paper [42], in which dichloride **3** was obtained by dry chlorine passing through a solution of diene **1** in CCl<sub>4</sub>. In contrary, cyclization of diene **1** with a

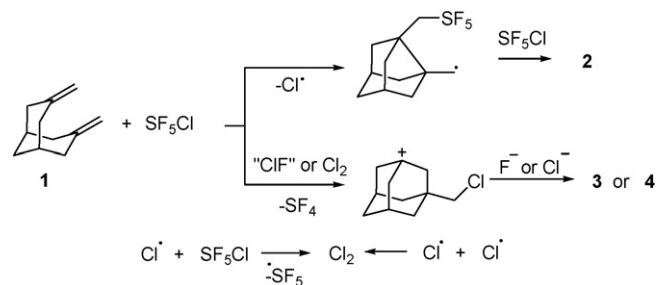
chlorine atom and a <sup>•</sup>CCl<sub>3</sub> radical obtained by homolysis of CCl<sub>4</sub> with AIBN [29] gives mostly a chloronoradamantane derivative as the major product. The formation of “F–Cl” addition products in reactions of SF<sub>5</sub>Cl [10] with olefins has been well known. This is supported by DFT computation that showed that the SF<sub>5</sub>Cl molecule dissociates easier to the interhalogen FCl and SF<sub>4</sub> than to the radical products <sup>•</sup>SF<sub>5</sub> and Cl<sup>•</sup> or <sup>•</sup>SF<sub>4</sub>Cl and F<sup>•</sup> [43].

So, carrying out the reaction of **1** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl upon UV-irradiation (Scheme 1, way B) is an effective route for increasing the yield of product **2**, and for decreasing the yields of **3** and **4** in the electrophilic reactions.

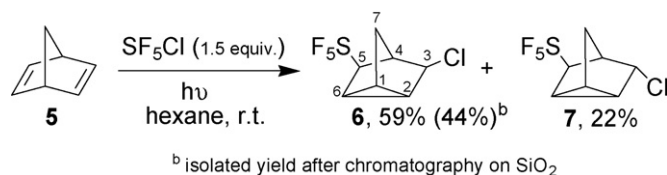
### 2.2. The transannular cyclization of norbornadiene with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl

Norbornadiene **5** and SF<sub>5</sub>Cl upon irradiation with a Hg lamp in quartz apparatus led to formation of cyclization products **6** and **7** in high yields (Scheme 2).

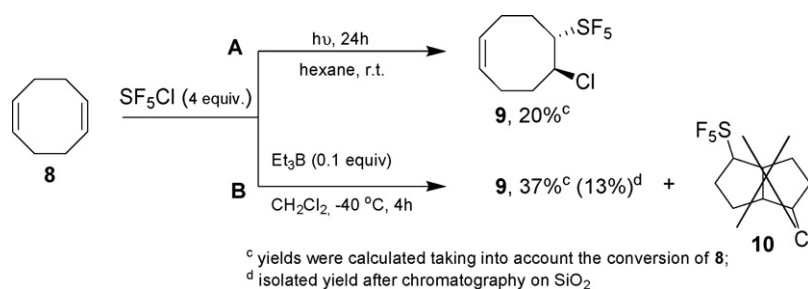
Products of the “F–Cl” addition were not observed in the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra. Nortricyclane **6** was separated from the reaction mixtures by silica gel column chromatography. The formation of the product **7** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra. It is well known from the literature that proton signals H–C<sup>5</sup> for *endo*-3-halogen,*exo*-5 substituted nortricyclanes are downfield shifted relative to H–C<sup>5</sup> signals of *exo*-3-halogen,*exo*-5 isomers [33,35,36]. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **7** the pentet of the H–C<sup>5</sup> proton signal (4.54 ppm, *J* = 8 Hz) is downfield shifted relative to H–C<sup>5</sup> proton signal of **6** (3.81 ppm, *J* = 8 Hz). Moreover, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of product **6** and **7** show the characteristic singlets of the C<sup>3</sup>HCl group protons, at 3.88 and 3.99 ppm respectively. In the <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of **6** and **7** the typical appearance of the AB<sub>4</sub>-spin system for the



**Fig. 1.** The cyclization mechanism of 3,7-dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (**1**) with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl without initiation.



**Scheme 2.** The yields were determined by NMR and GS-MS.



**Scheme 3.** The yields were determined by NMR and GS–MS.

SF<sub>5</sub>-substituent were observed with nine lines for the apical fluorine atom (A-part, at 83.2 ppm for **6** and 84.4 ppm for **7**), and the doublets of multiplets of the basal fluorines (B<sub>4</sub>-part, at 59.1 ppm with  $J = 144.9$  Hz for **6**, and at 61.8 ppm with  $J = 144.9$  Hz for **7**).

It should be pointed out that the ratio of *exo*-3,*exo*-5 substituted norbornadiene **6** and *endo*-3,*exo*-5 substituted norbornadiene **7** (**6**/**7** = 2.7) in the reaction of diene **5** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl (Scheme 2) is higher than for most of the well known radical reactions of norbornadiene, e.g. *exo*-3,*exo*-5/*endo*-3,*exo*-5 product ratios lie in the range of ~0.94–1.3 for reactions of **5** with perfluoroalkylhalides (chloro, iodo) [32,36], HlgCCl<sub>3</sub> (Hlg = Cl, Br) [35] or RSO<sub>2</sub>Cl [35]. Probably, the sterically demanding SF<sub>5</sub> group increases the stereoselectivity of radical addition reaction to norbornadiene and leads to the high ratio of the isomers **6**/**7** = 2.7.

### 2.3. The reaction of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl

The reaction of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene (**8**) with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl upon UV-irradiation could not be completed for 24 h even when a four-fold excess of the reagent was used. Conversion of this reaction was 60%. The complicated mixture of products was observed in the <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (Scheme 3, path A). From the four SF<sub>5</sub>-substituted products (<sup>19</sup>F NMR) the main product **9** originates from the SF<sub>5</sub>Cl addition to the one double bond of the starting diene (<sup>19</sup>F NMR: B<sub>4</sub>-part at 54.1 ppm with  $J = 143.1$  Hz, nine lines of A-part, at 85.8 ppm). The SF<sub>5</sub>Cl (four-fold excess) addition reaction to diene **8** was rather more effective (93% conversion of **8**) using triethylborane (0.1 equiv.) for radical initiation in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution at –40 °C, this method was proposed by Dolbier and co-workers for improving the addition reaction of SF<sub>5</sub>Cl to alkenes and alkynes [11,12]. Only the SF<sub>5</sub>-product **9** was observed in <sup>19</sup>F NMR of the complicated reaction mixture (Scheme 3, path B). There was no SF<sub>5</sub>-substituted cyclization product **10**, and in the <sup>19</sup>F NMR of the reaction mixture multiplets of C–F products were observed (range –169 to 177 ppm for comparison [39]). The use of a 1.5-fold excess of SF<sub>5</sub>Cl in the paths A and B (Scheme 3) led to lower conversions (~30–40%) of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene, the latter was observed in <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the corresponding reaction mixtures after the reactions.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of product **9** shows a broad singlet of the CHCl group at 5.12 ppm, a multiplet of the CHSF<sub>5</sub> group at 4.31 ppm ( $J = 9$  Hz) and two multiplets of HC=CH group at 5.63 and 5.90 ppm.

Similar to our data with an excess of sulfur chloride pentafluoride, only one equivalent reacts with butadiene [10]. Furthermore, products of the addition to the only one double bond of the diene **8** along with cyclization products were reported in the literature [35–39]. It might be supposed that the addition of the second equivalent of the reagent and especially a bulky radical •SF<sub>5</sub> is hindered by steric interference with the substituents in the cyclooctene ring.

So, we see the opposite tendencies of the dienes **1**, **3** and **8** to cyclization and it is consistent with empiric Baldwin rules.

According to them both 6- and 7-*endo-exo-trig*-cyclizations are favorable, but neither of 3- and 5-*endo-exo-trig*-cyclizations are favorable [44]. The physical sense of these rules lies in the stereo-electronic requirements to the transitional cyclization state. According to the Fukui's orbital mixing rule [45], the favorable steric arrangement for transannular cyclization is not only spatial closeness of the two π-bonds, but also their position in the same plane. Thus, UV and photo-electronic spectra data prove interaction of double bonds and splitting of π-levels for the dienes **1** [46] and **3** [47], that favors their transannular cyclization. On the contrary, the conformational mobility of the diene **8** proved by unlimited number of conformations and in particular twist-boat form for its close analogue 1,7-dibromo-*cis,cis*-cycloocta-1,5-diene determined by X-Ray structural analysis [48] hampers transannular cyclization of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene.

### 3. Conclusion

We have studied the radical transannular cyclizations abilities of non-conjugated dienes, such as 3,7-dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane, norbornadiene and *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl. It has been shown that the use of UV-radiation for the reactions of the dienes **1** and **5** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl is an efficient route to increase yields of the radical cyclization products. The reaction of *cis,cis*-1,5-cyclooctadiene with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl is less selective and leads mainly to the formation of the product of SF<sub>5</sub>Cl addition to one double bond in low yields, using triethylborane (0.1 equiv.) for radical initiation was rather more effective than UV-irradiation.

### 4. Experimental

The <sup>1</sup>H (200.13 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C (50.32 MHz) and <sup>19</sup>F (188.31 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-200 spectrometer using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent and TMS or CCl<sub>3</sub>F as internal standards. MS (EI) and HRMS spectra were obtained on a Varian MAT CH7A instrument at 70 eV. All reagents from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. 3,7-Dimethylenebicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (**1**) was prepared by the known procedure (Ref. [29]). All reactions were carried out under the inert atmosphere (nitrogen) and monitored by TLC and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy.

#### 4.1. Reactions dienes **1**, **5**, **8** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl upon UV-irradiation: general procedure

A mixture of dienes (0.012 mol) and SF<sub>5</sub>Cl (0.018 mol, and 0.048 mol for diene **8**) in anhydrous *n*-hexane (20 ml) contained in a quartz tube were irradiated for 3 h (24 h for diene **8**) with a high-pressure Hg vapour lamp at ambient temperature. Volatiles were removed by evaporation giving a light yellow oil of mixtures of the corresponding products. The pure products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel using *n*-hexane or pentane as an eluent.

Reaction diene **1** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl without initiation was carried out in a similar manner but without UV-irradiation and in a Pyrex flask.

#### 4.1.1. 3-Chloromethyl-7-[(pentafluoro-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfanyl)methyl]tricyclo[3.3.1.0<sup>3,7</sup>]nonane (**2**, 73%)

Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.62 (m, 2H, norAd), 1.67 (m, 2H, norAd), 1.84 (m, 4H, norAd), 1.97 (m, 2H, norAd), 2.29 (m, 2H, norAd), 3.55 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 3.94 (p, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>SF<sub>5</sub>, J = 9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 34.2 (s, C-9), 35.6 (s, C-1,5), 47.8 (s, C-2,4), 49.6 (p, J = 1.9 Hz, C-6,8), 50.1 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 50.2 (p, J = 1 Hz, C-3), 55.4 (p, J = 1.6 Hz, C-7), 78.9 (p, J = 9.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>SF<sub>5</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 69.4 (dm, J = 143 Hz, B<sub>4</sub>-part), 85.1 (9 lines, A-part); MS (EI) m/z (%): 275 [M–Cl]<sup>+</sup> (3%), 185 [M+2–SF<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (30%), 183 [M–SF<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (100%), 147 [M–SF<sub>5</sub>–HCl]<sup>+</sup> (20%); HRMS for [M–Cl]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>5</sub>S): calculated 275.0893, found 275.0888; for [M–SF<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl): calculated 183.0941, found 183.0936.

#### 4.1.2. 3-exo-Chloro,5-exo-(pentafluoro-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfanyl)tricyclo[2.2.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>]heptane (**6**, 44%)

Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 2.12 (d, 1H, H-7, J<sub>AB</sub> = 10 Hz), 2.24 (d, 1H, H-7, J<sub>AB</sub> = 10 Hz), 2.65 (s, 1H), 3.81 (p, 1H, CHSF<sub>5</sub>, J = 8 Hz), 3.88 (s, CHCl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 13.9 (s), 20.7 (p, J = 4.3 Hz), 21.2 (p, J = 1.2 Hz), 29.2 (p, J = 0.8 Hz), 42.1 (p, J = 2.8 Hz), 61.3 (p, J = 3.1 Hz, CHCl), 86.2 (pd, J = 12.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, CHSF<sub>5</sub>); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 59.1 (dm, J = 144.9 Hz, B<sub>4</sub>-part), 83.2 (9 lines, A-part); MS (EI) m/z (%): 256 [M+2]<sup>+</sup> (13%), 254 [M]<sup>+</sup> (28%), 129 [M+2–SF<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (20%), 127 [M–SF<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (62%), 91 [M–SF<sub>5</sub>–HCl]<sup>+</sup> (100%); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClF<sub>5</sub>S: C, 33.0; H, 3.2; Cl, 13.9; S, 12.6. Found: C, 33.0; H, 3.1; Cl, 13.8; S, 12.5.

4.1.2.1. 3-endo-Chloro,5-exo-(pentafluoro-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfanyl)tricyclo[2.2.1.0<sup>2,6</sup>]heptane (**7**). Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.60–1.75 (m, 3H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 2.13 (d, 1H, H-7, J<sub>AB</sub> = 10 Hz), 2.56 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, CHCl), 4.54 (p, 1H, CHSF<sub>5</sub>, J = 8 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 61.8 (dm, J = 144.9 Hz, B<sub>4</sub>-part), 84.4 (9 lines, A-part).

#### 4.1.3. trans-5-Chloro-6-(pentafluoro-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfanyl)cyclooctene (**9**)

Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.75–2.85 (m, 8H), 4.31 (m, 1H, CHSF<sub>5</sub>, J = 9 Hz), 5.12 (br.s, 1H, CHCl), 5.63 (m, 1H), 5.90 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.9 (s), 23.1 (p, J = 1.6 Hz), 29.5 (p, J = 3.7 Hz), 36.9 (s), 61.1 (p, J = 4.7 Hz, CHCl), 89.4 (pd, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 Hz, CHSF<sub>5</sub>), 128.6 (s), 132.2 (s); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 54.1 (dm, J = 143.1 Hz, B<sub>4</sub>-part), 85.8 (9 lines, A-part); MS (EI) m/z (%): 272 [M+2]<sup>+</sup> (8%), 270 [M]<sup>+</sup> (21%), 143 [M–SF<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (8%), 107 [M–SF<sub>5</sub>–HCl]<sup>+</sup> (61%), 79 [M–SF<sub>5</sub>–HCl–C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (100%); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF<sub>5</sub>S: C, 35.5; H, 3.5; Cl, 13.1; S, 11.9. Found: C, 35.4; H, 3.5; Cl, 13.0; S, 11.8.

#### 4.2. Reaction diene **8** with SF<sub>5</sub>Cl using triethylborane

Into a three-necked flask equipped with a dry ice reflux condenser and a nitrogen inlet diene **8** (3 g, 0.0277 mol) in anhydrous *n*-hexane (40 ml) was added and cooled to –40 °C. Then SF<sub>5</sub>Cl (18.2 g, 0.112 mol, 4 equiv.) was condensed to the solution. The solution was stirred at –40 °C and Et<sub>3</sub>B (2.8 ml, 1 M in *n*-hexane) was added slowly using a syringe. The solution was vigorously stirred for 4 h at –30 °C, and then the mixture was warmed up to room temperature. The mixture was hydrolyzed with aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10%) and the organic layer dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed, and the purity product **9** (0.98 g, 13% yield) was isolated by column chromatography on silica gel using pentane as an eluent.

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