Reactions of Donor-Substituted Furans with Electrophilic Ethylenes

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2-Methoxyfuran and 2-p-tolyloxyfuran were attacked at the 5-position by tetracyanoethylene or the superelectrophilic 2,2-bis(trifluoromethyl)ethylene-1,1-dicarbonitrile affording (Z)-3-cyclopropylacrylic esters, substituted in the 3-membered ring. Initially formed zwitterions undergo simultaneous opening of the furan and closure of the cyclopropane ring. In the presence of pyridine, 1,3-prototropy converts the zwitterion to 5-substitution products of the furans.

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Introduction.

We reported recently on a novel ring opening of donorsubstituted furans 1 with the electrophilic 2,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)fumaronitrile (2) furnishing (Z)-3-cyclopropylacrylic esters 4 and 5, substituted by pairs of CN and CF₃ groups in the three-membered ring [2]. Electrophilic attack at the 5-position of 1 led to the zwitterion 3 as a plausible intermediate which undergoes intramolecular

nucleophilic substitution; the ester group functions as a leaving group. Under base catalysis, the opening of the heteroring is suppressed in favor of a 1,3-prototropy providing the disubstituted furans 6. The formation of 4 and 5 from the reactants is for 2-methoxyfuran (1a) 85 times faster than for the less nucleophilic 2-p-tolyloxyfuran (1b); 94% conversion was observed for the formation of 4b and 5b from 1b and 2 after 14 days in deuteriochloroform at 25°, 6% of 2 still being unconsumed.

When the reactions were monitored by ¹⁹F nmr spectroscopy after shorter periods, a rapid equilibration of the reactants with (2+2) and/or (4+2) cycloadducts was revealed [3]. Adducts 7 and 8 could conceivably be formed via the same zwitterionic intermediate as 4-6. However, 9 would require an initial attack at position 3 of 1. Cis-annellation would allow 7-9 in four diastereoisomers each. Diagnosed by the F,F coupling, four trans- and one cis-adduct with respect to the CF₃ groups occurred. Measurements of the equilibrium constants over a range of 90° provided cycloaddition enthalpies and entropies [3].

$$CH_{3}O \xrightarrow{O} CH_{3} \xrightarrow{+TCNE} CH_{3}O \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O$$

$$Ar = C_{6}H_{4}NO_{2}-p$$

$$CC(CN)_{2}$$

$$CH_{3}O \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O$$

$$CH_{3}O \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O$$

$$CH_{3}O_{2}C \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O$$

$$CH_{3}O_{2}C \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O$$

$$CH_{3}O_{2}C \xrightarrow{+} CH_{3}O$$

Ibata et al. [4,5] described "abnormal Diels-Alder reactions" of substituted 5-alkoxyoxazoles with tetracyanoethylene; e.g., 10 was converted to 83% of adduct 12 with 11 and a second intermediate, a nitrilium betaine, being proposed. The major difference to the reaction observed by us lies in the stabilization of the initially formed zwitterion. Analogous reactions of 5-alkoxyoxazoles with N-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione [6], thioacetaldehyde [7], diethyl azodicarboxylate [8], and nitrosobenzene [9] were reported.

Results and Discussion.

Tetracyanoethylene (TCNE) exceeds 2 in electrophilic activity. The deep violet charge-transfer (CT) color with 2-methoxyfuran (1a) disappeared in a few seconds, and 67% of the crystalline product 14a was isolated. In the 'H

$$(CN)_{2}C = C(CN)_{2}$$

$$+ C(CN)_{2} = C(CN)_{2}$$

nmr spectrum, two vinyl protons at δ 6.20 and 6.58 show with 11.0 Hz a *cis*-vinylic coupling. These protons absorb in 2-methoxyfuran (**1a**) itself at δ 5.07 (3-H) and 6.20 (4-H) and couple with 3.5 Hz. The 5-H of **1a** (δ 6.80) is converted to the high-field 3'-H (δ 4.59) at the cyclopropane ring of **14a**. In accordance with a plane of symmetry in **14a**, the δ_C of C-1' and C-2' are identical, and the CN groups are pairwise so; δ_C 37.8 for C-1' and C-2' and 23.0 for C-3' are the high-field absorptions expected for cyclopropane C-atoms. Amusingly, δ_C 161.9 for C-2 of furan **1a** comes close to 165.1 for the carbonyl C-atom of adduct **14a**, but the ir stretching frequency of the carbonyl group at 1717 cm⁻¹ for **14a** is that of an α,β -unsaturated ester.

Correspondingly, 2-p-tolyloxyfuran (1b) was converted by TCNE into the (Z)-3-cyclopropyl-substituted p-tolyl acrylate 14b. The fading of the CT color - somewhat slower than for 1a - signaled a still fast consumption of TCNE. In contrast to the reaction of 1 with 2 [3], eventual (2+2) or (4+2) cycloadducts of type 7-9 must be of fleeting existence.

In the mass spectra, m/z = 131 is the base peak for adduct 14a and occurs with 32% for 14b; probably it is $(CN)_2C = CH - CH = CH - C \equiv O^+$, disclosing the main fragmentation of the radical cation.

1 +
$$\frac{F_3C}{F_3C}$$
 CN $\frac{CH_2Cl_2}{0^{\circ}C}$ RO $\frac{:\bar{C}(CN)_2}{H}$ C(CF₃)₂

15 16

16 $\frac{H_2^2}{C=C}$ $\frac{H}{C}$ CN $\frac{J}{C}$ \frac{J}

2,2-Bis(trifluoromethyl)ethylene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (15) is a "superelectrophile" [10]; its (2+2) cycloaddition with butyl vinyl ether is 2 400 times faster than that of TCNE (benzene, 25°) and exceeds the rate of the isomeric 2 42 000-fold [11,12]. In the interaction of furan 1b with 15

in dichloromethane at 0°, the yellow CT color disappeared in seconds, and the CT color became hardly visible in the reaction of the more nucleophilic furan 1a with 15, The 'H nmr analysis indicated a 90:10 mixture of 17a and 18a as well as a ratio of 86:14 of 17b and 18b (dichloromethane, 0°; ratio 95:5 in deuteriochloroform), respectively. Thus, despite the high rate, 1,3-prototropy of the assumed intermediate 16 can compete to a minor extent with the intramolecular nucleophilic substitution furnishing 17. In the presence of 1.9 equivalents of pyridine as a base, furan 1a afforded only 18a, the result of electrophilic aromatic substitution, whereas 1b gave rise to 17b and 18b in a 10:90 ratio.

The purification of 17 was achieved by thick-layer chromatography (tlc) on silica gel and subsequent distillation at 10^{-3} torr; 17a was obtained crystalline, 17b was oily.

The acrylic esters 17 lack an element of symmetry. In the 13 C nmr spectrum of 17b, the singlet at δ 14.5 was assigned to C-1' and the septet at 43.8 with 2 J_{C,F} 33.6 Hz to C-2'; C-3' absorbs at δ 32.1. With δ _C 107.5 and 108.9 the CN groups absorb slightly different, as do the CF₃ groups with 120.0 and 121.1 (1 J_{C,F} = 281.1 Hz).

The vinylic 3-H of 17b is not only coupled by 2-H ($J_{2,3}=11.1$ Hz) and 3'-H ($J_{3,3'}=6.7$ Hz); in addition, the neighboring CF₃ group splits the doublet of doublets into quartets with $J_{3,F}=2.2$ Hz. Due to the 1:3 ratio of two J values, the expected 12 lines perfectly appear at $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.26. Fluorine couplings are transmitted through space; only the cis-CF₃ group is engaged in this interaction. F,F coupling generates quartets at $\delta_{\rm F}-59.8$ and -64.8 with $^4J_{\rm F,F}=8.7$ Hz in the $^{19}{\rm F}$ nmr spectrum; only the first is further split by 3-H into doublets. Characteristically, this cis-CF₃ group is deshielded by two cis-vicinal substituents on the cyclopropane ring and occurs at lower field. The nmr assignments are buttressed by corresponding ones for the methyl acrylate 17a.

The cyano group stabilizes the carbanion to a higher extent than CF_3 . The structure 16 of the intermediate zwitterion contains a terminal anion of malononitrile type. It was confirmed by the nmr spectra of 18 which originates from the pyridine-catalyzed 1,3-prototropy. Due to a plane of symmetry, the CF_3 groups occur as a singlet at $\delta_F - 67.1$ (18a) and -66.7 (18b), not coupled by the aliphatic proton (1-H). The broadened singlets at $\delta_H 4.81$ (18a) and 4.85 (18b) - slow exchange by deuterium oxide - were assigned to 1-H. In the study of ene products from alkenes and 15 [13], the proton of $-C(CF_3)_2-C(CN)_2$ H was found as singlet at $\delta_H 4.3-4.8$, whereas $-C(CN)_2-C(CF_3)_2$ H gave rise to a septet at $\delta_H 3.4-3.8$.

The 3'-H and 4'-H signals of **18** are of furan type, e.g., two doublets at δ_H 5.32 and 6.72 with J = 3.6 Hz for **18a** ($J_{3,4} = 3.5$ Hz for **1a**); the doublet of 4'-H is broadened by an unresolved long range H,F coupling.

The base peak in the mass spectrum of methyl ester 17a is m/z = 98, probably the radical cation of methyl allene-carboxylate (19), suggesting the neutral 15 as the second fragment. In the *p*-tolyl ester 17b, the radical cation of *p*-cresol (m/z 108) constitutes the base peak and M^+ - C_7H_7O (m/z 281) occurred with 14%. The furan ring in 18b induces another type of fragmentation. The benzyl type cation 20, highly stabilized by the oxygen functions, is the base peak and results from the elimination of $CH(CN)_2$.

The intramolecular substitution of zwitterions 13 and 16 offers a satisfactory mechanistic pathway to 14 and 17; the carboxylic ester acts as a leaving group. The reversible formation of cycloadducts of type 7-9 (observed with 2) is conceivable here, too. The ¹⁹F nmr spectra, taken after 10 minutes reaction of 1a or 1b with 16, reveal complete formation of the final products, thus reducing the passing occurrence of cycloadducts to even shorter periods.

EXPERIMENTAL

Instruments and Techniques.

The nmr spectra (in deuteriochloroform, unless otherwise stated) were recorded on a Varian VXR 400S spectrometer: 'H 400 MHz, '3C 100 MHz, '9F 376 MHz. The J values in '3C spectra refer to C,H couplings, unless stated otherwise. Quantitative '9F nmr analyses were carried out with trifluoroanisole (C₆H₅OCF₃) as a weight standard. Infrared spectra (potassium bromide disks) were recorded on a Bruker IFS 45 Fourier spectrometer, mass spectra on a Finigan MAT 90 instrument with 70 eV.

Silica gel Merck 60 PF₂₅₄, 2 mm, served the thick-layer chromatography (tle). High-vacuum (hv) distillation was carried out in microflasks under 10⁻³ torr.

Methyl (Z)-3-(1',1',2',2'-Tetracyanocycloprop-3'-yl)acrylate (14a).

2-Methoxyfuran (la, Aldrich, freshly distilled, 216 mg, 2.2 mmoles) was added dropwise to the stirred solution of 256 mg (2.0 mmoles) of tetracyanoethylene (TCNE) in 4 ml of dichloromethane during 15 minutes at room temperature. After 30 minutes the solvent was removed, and the light yellow residue crystallized from ethanol, 305 mg (67%) of colorless prisms, mp 159-161° dec (pentane/ether); ir: ν 699, 725 (cis-CH = CH wagging), 1203, 1258 (C-O), 1646 (C=C), 1717 (C=O), 2264 cm⁻¹ weak (C = N); ¹H nmr (acetone-d₆): δ 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.59 (dd, 3'-H), 6.20 (dd, 2-H), 6.58 (dd, 3-H) with $J_{2,3} = 11.0 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{2,3'} = 1.8$ Hz, $J_{3,3'} = 5.8$ Hz); ¹³C nmr (acetone-d₆, ¹H-decoupled, dept): δ 23.0 (C-3'), 37.8 (C-1', C-2'), 52.6 (OCH₃), 108.0 (2 CN), 109.5 (2 CN), 130.3, 131.5 (C-2 and C-3), 165.1 (C=0); ms (50°): m/z (%) 226 (M⁺, 0.1), 195 (M-OCH₃, 21; ¹³C Calcd. 2.4, Found 2.2%), 162 (M-C(CN)₂, 37), 131 (162 -OCH₃, 100; ¹³C Calcd. 8, Found 9%), 103 (131 -CO, 27), 98 (M -TCNE, 27), 76 (radical cation of $NC-C \equiv C-CN, 28$).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_6N_4O_2$ (226.2): C, 58.41; H, 2.67; N, 24.77. Found: C, 58.49; H, 2.87; N, 24.55.

p-Tolyl (Z)-3-(1',1',2',2'-Tetracyanocycloprop-3'-yl)acrylate (14b).

Starting from 2.2 mmoles of 2-p-tolyloxyfuran (**1b**) [14] and 2.0 mmoles of TCNE, 560 mg (93%) of **14b** were analogously obtained, colorless, mp 190-192° dec (acetone). The decolorization of the violet CT color was somewhat slower here; ir: ν 695, 726 (cis-CH = CH w), 782, 802, 835 (C_6H_4 w), 1166, 1175, 1198, 1231 (C-O), 1508 (C_6H_4 ring), 1642 (C = C), 1738 (C = O), 2270 cm⁻¹ w (C = N); ¹H nmr (acetone-d₆): δ 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.84 (dd, 3'-H), 6.58 (dd, 3-H), 6.91 (dd, 2-H) with $J_{2,3}$ = 11.2 Hz, $J_{2,3'}$ = 2.0 Hz, $J_{3,3'}$ = 6.9 Hz, 7.1-7.3 (AA'BB', C_6H_4); ¹³C nmr (acetone-d₆, ¹H-decoupled, dept): δ 20.8 (CH₃), 24.5 (C-3'), 38.8 (C-1', C-2'), 109.6 and 111.0 (2 CN each), 122.0, 130.4 (4 arom CH), 131.1, 133.9 (C-2, C-3), 136.9, 149.1 (2 arom C_q), 164.3 (C = O); ms (50°): m/z (%) 302 (M⁺, 3), 238 (M -C(CN)₂, 10; ¹³C Calcd. 1.5, Found 1.4%), 131 (238 -OC₇H₇, 32; ¹³C Calcd. 2.5, Found 2.2%), 108 (CH₃C₆H₄OH, 100), 107 (CH₃C₆H₄O, 52).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{10}N_4O_2$ (303.3): C, 67.54; H, 3.34; N, 18.54. Found: C, 67.46; H, 3.30; N, 18.54.

Methyl (Z)-3-[1,1'-Dicyano-2,2'-bis(trifluoromethyl)cycloprop-3'-yl]acrylate (17a).

The solution of 2.0 mmoles of furan la in 2 ml of dichloromethane was dropwise added to 428 mg (2.0 mmoles) of 2,2'-bis-(trifluoromethyl)ethylene-1,1-dicarbonitrile (15) [15] in 2 ml of dichloromethane, stirred in an ice-bath. Hy distillation at 70° gave an oil which contained 17a and 18a in a 90:10 ratio ('H nmr). Tlc with dichloromethane/petroleum ether (6:4) and renewed hy distillation afforded 454 mg (73%) of 17a as a colorless oil which solidified, mp 72-73° (pentane, -15°); ir: ν 705, 718 (cis-CH = CH w), 1188, 1229, 1253, 1269 (C-F, C-O), 1656 (C = C), 1725 (C = O), 2260 cm⁻¹ w (C = N); ¹H nmr: δ 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.40 (dd, 3'-H), 6.14 (ddq, 12 lines, 3-H), 6.42 (dd, 2-H) with $J_{2,3}\,=\,11.0$ Hz, $J_{2,3'}\,=\,1.7$ Hz, $J_{3,3'}\,=\,6.4$ Hz, $J_{3,F}\,=\,2.2$ Hz; ¹³C nmr (fully coupled): δ 14.7 (s, C-1'), 32.4 (dd, ¹J = 175.6 Hz, ²J = 13.2 Hz, C-3'), 43.7 (septet, ${}^{2}J_{C.F}$ = 34.3 Hz, C-2'), 52.5 (q, OCH_3), 107.7 (d, ${}^3J = 4.6$ Hz, CN), 109.3 (d, ${}^3J = 6.9$ Hz, CN), 120.2 and 120.3 (2 q, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 280.8 \text{ Hz}$, 2 CF₃), 129.6 (dd, ${}^{1}J =$ 169.5 Hz, ${}^{2}\text{J} = 1.6 \text{ Hz}$, C-2 or C-3), $130.3 \text{ (dd, } {}^{1}\text{J} = 167.8 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}\text{J} =$ 3.1 Hz, C-3 or C-2), 165.2 (s, C=0); 19 F nmr: δ -59.46 (dq, 4 J_{F,F} = 8.9 Hz, ${}^{3}J_{F,H} \sim 2$ Hz, cis-CF₃), -64.45 (q, ${}^{4}J_{F,F} = 8.9$ Hz, trans-CF₃); ms (25°): m/z (%) 312 (M⁺, 0.3), 281 (M -OCH₃, 47), 98 (C₅H₆O₂, **19**, 100), 83 (98 -CH₃, 22), 69 (CF₃, 54).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_6F_6N_2O_2$ (312.2): C, 42.32; H, 1.94; N, 8.97. Found: C, 42.31; H, 2.02; N, 8.75.

2-(2'-Methoxyfur-5'-yl)-2,2-bis(trifluoromethyl)ethane-1,1-dicarbonitrile (18a).

As described for 17a, 2.0 mmoles of 1a and 2.2 mmoles of 15 were reacted in dichloromethane at 0°, but now in the presence of 0.20 ml (3.8 mmoles) of pyridine. Hv distillation at 70° provided 583 mg (93%) of 18a as a colorless oil which crystallized at -20° , prisms (hexane/ether 1:1), mp 33-35°; ir: ν 675, 745, 762 (arom CH w), 1035, 1158, 1225, 1323 (C–O, C–F), 1567, 1613 (furan ring vibr); 2114 cm $^{-1}$ in the film spectrum of the fresh distillate suggested some ketene imine tautomer; 1 H nmr: δ 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.81 (br s, 1-H), 5.32 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 3'-H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, broadened by H,F coupling 4'-H); 13 C nmr (fully coupled): δ 24.2 (br s, C-1), 57.4 (septet, 1 J $_{\rm C,F}$ = 28.4 Hz, C-2), 58.4 (q, J = 147.2 Hz, OCH₃), 82.3 (dd, 1 J = 181.4, 2 J = 3.6 Hz, C-3'), 108.2 (s, 2 CN), 117.6 (d septet, 1 J $_{\rm H}$ = 178.3 Hz, 4 J $_{\rm C,F}$ = 1.8 Hz, C-4'), 121.7 (q, 1 J $_{\rm C,F}$ = 287.3 Hz, 2 CF₃), 126.6 (symm. m, 2 J $_{\rm L}$ = 3 J $_{\rm C,F}$

8.3 Hz, C-5'), 163.5 (ddq, 12 lines visible in expanded spectrum, ${}^2J = 9.4$ Hz, ${}^3J_{C,H3} = 4.3$ Hz, ${}^3J = 6.7$ Hz, C-2'); ${}^{19}F$ nmr: $\delta - 67.1$ (s, F,H coupling unresolved, 2 CF₃).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{11}H_6F_6N_2O_2$ (312.2): C, 42.32; H, 1.94; N, 8.97. Found: C, 42.43; H, 2.10; N, 8.94.

p-Tolyl (Z)-3-[1',1'-Dicyano-2',2'-bis(trifluoromethyl)cycloprop-3'-yllacrylate (17b).

The reaction of 2.0 mmoles of 1b with 2.0 mmoles of 15 at 0° was run as described for 17a; the yellow CT color disappeared after each drop in a few seconds. After 10 minutes the 'H nmr spectrum indicated consumption of 1b and formation of 17b and 18b; the ratio of 86:14 remained unchanged on hy distillation at 130°. The pure 17b was obtained by tlc (dichloromethane, petroleum ether 1:1) from the faster moving zone and subsequently hv distilled (colorless oil, 503 mg, 65%); ir (film): v 693, 710 (cis-CH = CH w), 819 (arom CH w), 1174, 1201 (C-F), 1294, 1343 (C-0), 1507, 1552 (conjugated C_6H_4), 1647 (C=C), 1737 (C = O), 2260 cm⁻¹ w (C = N); ¹H nmr: δ 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.44 (br d, 3'-H), 6.26 (ddq, 12 lines, 3-H) and 6.61 (dd, 2-H) with $J_{2,3}$ 11.1 Hz, $J_{2.3'} = 1.7$ Hz, $J_{3.3'} = 6.7$ Hz, $J_{3.F} = 2.2$ Hz; 7.00-7.23(AA'BB', C₆H₄); ¹³C nmr (fully coupled): δ 14.5 (s, C-1'), 20.9 (qt, ¹J = 126.6 Hz, ${}^{3}J$ = 4.2 Hz with 2 o-H of tolyl, CH₃), 32.1 (dd, ${}^{1}J$ = 178 Hz, ${}^{2}J = 14.0$ Hz, C-3'), 43.8 (septet, $J_{C.F} = 33.6$ Hz, C-2'), 107.5 (d, ${}^{3}J = 4.5$ Hz, CN), 108.9 (d, ${}^{3}J = 6.5$ Hz, CN), 120.0, 120.1 (2 q, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 281.1, 2 CF_{3}$), 120.9, 130.0, 130.2, 131.3 (4 dd, 2 olefinic and 4 arom CH), 136.4 (q, ²J = 6.4 Hz, C-4 of 4-tolyl), 147.7 (s, C-1 of 4-tolyl), 163.4 (d, ${}^{2}J = 13.8 \text{ Hz}$, C = O); ${}^{13}F$ nmr: δ -59.8 (qd, ${}^{4}J_{EF} = 8.7$ Hz, $J_{EH} \sim 2$ Hz, cis-CF₃), -64.8 (q, trans-CF₃); ms (50°): m/z (%) 388 (M⁺, 24; ¹³C Calcd. 4.6, Found 4.2%), 361 (M -HCN, 11), 281 (M -C₇H₇O, 14), 254 (281 -HCN, 17), 108 (C,H,OH, 100%).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{10}F_6N_2O_2$ (388.3): C, 52.59; H, 2.60; N, 7.22. Found: C, 52.68; H, 2.76; N, 7.33.

We wished to monitor the reaction of 0.48 M 15 with 0.66 M 1b by ¹⁹F nmr in the presence of trifluoroanisole ($C_6H_5OCF_3$) as a weight standard; 10 minutes were required until the first spectrum was recorded. The electrophile 15 was already consumed, and the comparison of integrals indicated 97% 17b and 5% 18b (standard deviation $\pm 4\%$ rel).

2-(2'-p-Tolyloxyfur-5'-yl)-2,2-bis(trifluoromethyl)ethane-1,1-dicarbonitrile (18b).

The preceding experiment was repeated in the presence of 0.20 ml (3.8 mmoles) of pyridine and furnished a 90:10 mixture of 18b and 17b ('H nmr analysis). Because 18b was not stable on

silica gel, we contented ourselves with the spectral characterization after hv distillation at 130° (610 mg, 79%, oil); ir (film): 733, 845 (arom CH w), 1164, 1207, 1256, 1320 (C–F, C–O), 1505, 1552 (conjugated C_6H_4), 1606, 1628 cm $^{-1}$ (furan ring), no $C\equiv N$; 1H nmr: δ 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.85 (br s, slow exchange by deuterium oxide, 1-H), 5.56 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3'-H), 6.77 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 4'-H), 6.96-7.17 (AA'BB', C_6H_4); ^{13}C nmr (1H -decoupled): 20.7 (CH₃), 24.1 (C-1), 57.4 (septet, $^2J_{C,F}=28.0$ Hz, C-2), 89.7 (C-3'), 107.9 (2 CN), 117.5 (C-4'), 121.6 (q, $^1J_{C,F}=288.4$ Hz, 2 CF₃), 128.5 (C-5'), 130.2, 135.0 (4 CH of 4-tolyl), 136.5, 153.4 (C-4 and C-1 of 4-tolyl), 159.5 (C-2'); ^{19}F nmr: 66.7 (s, 2 CF₃); ms (25°): m/z (%) 388 (M*, 28%), 323 (M -CH(CN)₂, 20, 100, ^{13}C Calcd. 15.7, Found 14.8), 213 (34), 108 (C₇H₇OH, 30), 91 (tropylium, 77).

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{10}F_2N_2O_2$ (388.3): C, 52.59; H, 2.60; N, 7.22. Found: C, 52.55; H, 2.71; N, 7.20.

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