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ABSTRACT: Incorporation of a trifluoromethyl group into the structure of 4-(alkoxycarbonyl)vinyldiazocarbonyl compounds greatly decreases the tendency of the carbenoid intermediates formed during Rh(II)-catalyzed reactions to undergo intermolecular processes. Instead, they are prone to experience intramolecular [1,5]- and [1,3]-electrocyclizations to produce reactive cyclopropenes and furans, and these are capable of further transformations.

## ■ INTRODUCTION

Vinyldiazocarbonyl compounds are broadly useful synthons and have been applied to the synthesis of a number of natural and biologically active compounds.<sup>1a−d</sup> The Davies group has demonstrated that one of the synthetically most useful reactions of vinyldiazocarbonyl co[mpou](#page-5-0)nds is their interaction with unsaturated substrates, such as alkenes, alkynes and dienes.<sup>2</sup> Even though with most rhodium-stabilized vinylcarbenoids the reactive site is the carbenoid center, it is possible to cau[se](#page-5-0) the carbenoid to display a different reactivity profile. Introduction of a bulky ester substituent or having no substituent at the vinyl terminus can cause attack to occur at the vinylogous position of the vinylcarbenoid, whereas introduction of a bulky internal substituent blocks intermolecular reactions at both the carbenoid and the vinylogous position.3a,b,4 This behavior has been illustrated in the reaction of vinyldiazocarbonyl compounds with cyclic dienes, such as furan an[d cyc](#page-5-0)lopentadiene (Scheme 1). Reactions of internally unsubstituted vinyldiazocarbonyl compounds 1 generate [3.2.1] bicyclic products 2 derived from tandem cyclopropanation/Cope rearrangement. In contrast, the reaction of the 3 phenyl-substituted diazocarbonyl 3 generates the cyclopropene 4, which is rapidly trapped by cyclopentadiene to form the tricyclic product 5.

The impetus for the collaborative study between the Nikolaev and the Davies groups described herein, arose from attempts to understand the apparently inconsistent reports on the reaction between trifluoromethyl-susbstituted vinyldiazocarbonyl derivatives with furans. The trifluoromethyl group would be expected to sterically limit attack of the furan at the carbene site, leading to greater preference for the formation of cyclopropene derivatives. Zhu and co-workers reported that

## Scheme 1. Divergent Reaction Pathways of Vinyldiazocarbonyl Compounds with Cyclic Dienes



trifluoromethyl-substituted 4-(alkoxycarbonyl)vinyl diazoacetate 6 on reaction with 2,5-dimethylfuran gave rise to 8 oxa[3.2.1]bicyclooctadiene 7 and cyclopropene 8 (Scheme 2).<sup>5</sup> The [3.2.1]bicyclic compound 7 would be the expected product of a tandem cyclopropanation/Cope rearrange[me](#page-1-0)[nt](#page-5-0) between the vinylcarbenoid and the 2,5-dimethylfuran. The relative configuration of the assigned isolated compound 7 was not unambiguously established by the authors [5]; however, according to their speculations they assumed the Cope rearrangement product 7 has to possess an exo-configuration.

Nikolaev and co-workers reported that trifluoromethylsubstituted 4-(alkoxycarbonyl)vinyldiazoketones 9 revealed distinctly different reactivity under comparable reaction conditions.<sup>6</sup> In the presence of 2,5-dimethylfuran the only isolable products were the tricyclic derivatives 10 and the 2,3,5-

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trisubstituted furans 11 (Scheme 2). The tricyclic adducts 10 would be the expected products of the  $[4 + 2]$  cycloaddition between the furan and the cyclopropenes derived from the vinylcarbenoids. In the Zhu example, the cyclopropene is apparently isolable but in the Nikolaev case, the initially formed cyclopropene is trapped by the 2,5-dimethylfuran. In order to understand these apparent inconsistencies, we decided to reanalyze the reactions of trifluoromethyl-substituted 4- (alkoxycarbonyl)vinyldiazocarbonyl derivatives with furans.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The study began by exploring the reaction of vinyl diazoacetate 12, the methyl ester derivative of the vinyl diazoacetate 6 used by Zhu. The reaction was conducted in cyclohexane as solvent in the absence of a furan trapping agent (Scheme 3). Dirhodium tetraacetate (2 mol %) catalyzed decomposition of the vinyl diazoacetate 12 required relatively vigorous conditions (10 h at 80  $^{\circ}$ C). This is quite different from nonfluorinated vinyl diazoacetates, which typically react in the presence of a rhodium catalyst at room temperature or below.3a,b

Two products were isolated in this reaction, the furan 13 and the tr[icyc](#page-5-0)lic product 15, presumably derived from a cycloaddition between the furan 13 and the cyclopropene 14. The structures of 13 and 15 were confirmed using  $^{1}$ H,  $^{13}$ C,  $^{19}$ F NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry. In addition, the structure of compound 15 was unambiguously determined by X-ray crystallographic analysis (the ORTEP Figure 1 for the compound 15 is available in the Supporting Information). The X-ray data also demonstrated that cycloaddition between cyclopropene 14 and the furan 13 [occurred stereosele](#page-4-0)ctively to produce only one stereoisomer of tricyclic product 15 with *endo-configuration*<sup>4,7</sup> and regioselectively giving rise to only one regioisomer that had the  $CF_3$  group adjacent to carbon atom  $C^3$ bearing the least [bulk](#page-5-0)y substituent (OMe).

The next series of experiments examined the reaction of vinyl diazoacetate 12 in the presence of 2,5-dimethylfuran. These reactions were carried out with three different catalysts, dirhodium tetraacetate, dirhodium tetraoctanoate, and the chiral catalyst  $Rh_2(S\text{-DOSP})_4$  (Table 1).

When the reaction was carried out with 2 mol % of catalyst, dirhodium tetraacetate gave a differe[nt](#page-2-0) result to the other two catalysts. The reaction catalyzed by dirhodium tetraacetate gave a mixture of the furan 13 and the cyclopropene cycloadduct 16, whereas the reaction catalyzed by either dirhodium tetraoctanoate or  $Rh_2(R\text{-DOSP})_4$  gave only the furan 13. Dirhodium tetraacetate was only sparingly soluble under the reaction conditions, and it is well-established that dirhodium complexes are capable of catalyzing the rearrangement of cyclopropenes to furans.<sup>10,11</sup> Therefore, as a control experiment, the dirhodium tetraoctanoate catalyzed reaction was repeated with 0.2 mol % of cat[alyst,](#page-5-0) and under these conditions a mixture of the furan 13 and the cyclopropene cycloadduct 16 was formed. None of these reactions showed any evidence for the formation of the 8 oxa[3.2.1] bicyclooctane products similar to 8.<sup>5</sup>

One more series of experiments explored the dirhodium tetraacetate catalyzed reactions of the vinyldia[zo](#page-5-0)ketones 9 with furans (Scheme 4). The reactions of 9a and 9b with 2,5 dimethylfuran were confirmed $6$  to generate a mixture of the cycloadducts 10a [an](#page-2-0)d 10b and furans 11a and 11b, respectively. Similarly, the reaction of the te[rt](#page-5-0)-butyl vinyldiazoketone 9c gave a mixture of cycloadduct 10c and furan 11c. All three vinyldiazoketones 9a−c gave similar results in the dirhodium tetraacetate catalyzed reactions with 2-methylfuran. A mixture of the furan 11 and the cycloadduct 17 was formed in each case.

In order to confirm unequivocally the structural assignments of the products, the structures of several products (10a, 10b, 11a, and 17b) were established by X-ray crystallography (the ORTEP Figures 2−5 for the compounds 10a, 10b, 11a, and 17b are available in the Supporting Information). The Diels− Alder cycloaddition between the cyclopropene and 2 methylfurans form 17b [as a single regioisomer,](#page-4-0) in which the bulky  $CF_3$  group is adjacent to the  $C<sup>5</sup>$ -H from the furan. A pronounced heteronuclear NOE by the  $CF_3$ -group to the adjacent position revealed that 17a and 17c had the same regiochemical arrangement as 17b. Usually, the exo,endostereoselectivity in the Diels−Alder reactions of cyclopropenes with dienes is a function of different variables,  $3b,4,8a-c$  beginning from the nature and steric bulk of substituents in the structure of cyclopropene and/or diene<sup>3b,4,8a</sup> and up to [the p](#page-5-0)i[vo](#page-5-0)tal role of the reaction conditions used. $8b,c$  Similar to observations by the other authors, $8c$  high *endo-ste[reosele](#page-5-0)ctivity* of the cyclopropenes 18 (Scheme 5) cycloadditio[ns w](#page-5-0)ith furans, established in our reactions, is [ap](#page-5-0)parently derived from lesser steric repulsion between  $CF_{3}$ [-](#page-2-0) or  $COR<sup>2</sup>$  group of cyclopropene 18 and Me-

Scheme 3. Catalytic Decomposition of the Vinyldiazoacetate 12 in the Absence of Trapping agent<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Yield of isolated product. The yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy are given in parentheses.

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<sup>a</sup>Yields of isolated products. The yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR are listed in parentheses.  $(Rh_2(S\text{-DOSP})_4 = \text{tetrakis}[1-[[4\text{-alkyl}(C_{11}-C_{12}])^2]$  $C_{13}$ )phenyl]sulfonyl]-(2S)-pyrrolidinecarboxylate]dirhodium(II)).

Scheme 4. Reactions of the Vinyldiazoketones 9 with Furans



Scheme 5. Mechanistic Proposals for Catalytic Decomposition of Fluorinated Vinyldiazoketones 9 and 12 with Furans



groups of furans 3c,d in the endo-activated complex as compared to the exo-isomer.

Having obtained a definitive structural assignment for the furan 11a by X-ray crystallography, a spectral comparison was made between the assigned furan products 11a−c and 13 and the assigned "cyclopropene 8".<sup>5</sup> The basic spectral characteristics  $({}^{1}H$  and  ${}^{13}C)$  of the furans 11a–c and 13 are very co[n](#page-5-0)sistent (Table 2). Most diagnostic is the furan proton  $\mathrm{C}^4\text{-}\mathrm{H}$ at 5.59–5.73 that is in the typical range for furans<sup>14a–d</sup> and quite distinct fr[o](#page-3-0)m the  $sp^3$  proton of a trisubstituted cyclopropene, which is normally localized in th[e a](#page-5-0)r[e](#page-5-0)a of  $2.25-2.45$  ppm.<sup>15a-d</sup> Although only <sup>1</sup>H NMR data were available from Zhu's studies, $5$  the values for the "cyclopropene" 8" are very simil[ar to f](#page-5-0)uran 13. Therefore, it is very likely that a furan product was generated in the above-mentioned research and the compound was missassigned as cyclopropene 8. Similarly, we saw no evidence for the formation of 8 oxa[3.2.1]bicyclooctadienes and the spectral data reported in the article<sup>5</sup> for the assigned 8-oxa<sup>[3.2.1]</sup>bicyclooctadienes 7 is very similar to the spectra of the unambiguously assigned cycloprop[en](#page-5-0)e cycloadducts 10, 15, and 17 observed in this current study.

These studies demonstrate that cyclopropene and furan products are generated in the Rh(II)-catalyzed reactions of the 3-CF<sub>3</sub>-vinyl diazoacetate 12 and vinyldiazoketones 9a-c (Scheme 5). The cyclopropene products 18 are highly reactive under the reaction conditions and undergo a facile  $[4 + 2]$ cycloaddition with furans to give Diels−Alder cycloadducts 10, 15, 16, and 17 and are susceptible to dirhodium-catalyzed ring expansion to produce trisubstituted furans 11 and 13. When typical loadings of catalyst are used (2 mol %) in the presence of a furan trapping agent, only the trisubstituted furan derived from the vinylcarbenoid 19 is isolated. When a low catalyst loading (0.2 mol %) or the sparingly soluble dirhodium tetracetate catalyst is used, the cyclopropene cycloadduct is also obtained. Presumably in the presence of 2 mol % of catalyst cyclopropene 18 formed rearranges to the furan before the cycloaddition can occur but with low catalyst loading, cycloaddition competes with the cyclopropene rearrangement to the trisubstituted furan.

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Conversion of cyclopropenes into isomeric furans is welldocumented process in the transition-metal-catalyzed chemistry of cyclopropenes.9,12,13 It is assumed that ring-opening of cyclopropene occurs by the attack of electrophilic Rh(II) catalyst on the car[bon at](#page-5-0)oms  $C<sup>1</sup>$  or  $C<sup>2</sup>$  of cyclopropene from the less hindered side of the ring, providing the observed regioselectivity of the subsequent cyclization into furan.<sup>14a-c</sup> The most bulky substituent in the structure of the cyclopropenes C' is  $CF_3$ -group at the atom  $C^1$  and so attack [of the](#page-5-0) Rh(II)-catalyst has to be directed on the atom  $C^2$  of the carbocycle double bond. The succeeding processes in accordance with the known literature speculations<sup>14a-c</sup> should give rise to predominant formation of the regioisomers 11 and 13, as was actually demonstrated in the current r[esearc](#page-5-0)h.

# ■ CONCLUSIONS

The comparison study of Rh(II)-catalyzed reactions of 3- (fluoroalkyl)-containing 4-(alkoxycarbonyl)vinyl diazoacetate 12 and vinyldiazoketones 9a−c with furans enables us to conclude that reactivity of these diazo compounds is virtually alike and solely intramolecular  $\lceil 1,5 \rceil$ - and  $\lceil 1,3 \rceil$ -cyclizations of intermediate Rh(II)-vinyloxocarbenoids are observed. Introduction of the  $3$ -CF<sub>3</sub>-group in the structure of 4-(alkoxycarbonyl)vinyl diazocarbonyl compounds gives rise to a dramatic lowering the tendency of intermediate vinyloxocarbenoids toward intermolecular reactions.

## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

**General Methods.**  ${}^{1}H, {}^{13}C,$  and  ${}^{19}F$  NMR spectra were recorded at 200, 300, and 600 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H), 50, 75, 150 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C), 188, 282 MHz  $(^{19}F)$ , and 81 MHz  $(^{31}P)$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution using TMS, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, or  $H_3PO_4$  as internal standards. Single crystals of the  $CF_3$ -group containing compounds 10a, 10b, 11a, 15, and 17b suitable for X-ray diffraction were selected from analytical samples. Crystallographic measurements were made using an IPDS1 diffractometer [graphite monochromated Mo–K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  0.71073 Å)]. The structures were solved by direct methods using the program SIR2002<sup>16a</sup> and were refined using anisotropic approximation for the non-hydrogen atoms using SHELX-90 software.<sup>16b</sup> All hydrogen atoms were c[alcu](#page-5-0)lated and refined in riding modus. CCDC 912997 for 10a, 912998 for 10b, 912996 for 11a, and 91[299](#page-5-0)6 for 17b contain the supplementary crystallographic data. Commercially available catalysts  $Rh_2(OOct)_4$ and  $Rh_2(S\text{-DOSP})_4$  were used without additional purification,  $Rh<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>4</sub>$  from Aldrich was carefully purified and dried or newly prepared according to the known procedure.<sup>17</sup> Fluorinated vinyl-diazocarbonyl compounds 12 and 9a−c were prepared using the described protocols,<sup>18a−d</sup> and cyclohexane, [2](#page-5-0)-methylfuran, 2,5dimethylfuran, and benzene were distilled over  $P_2O_5$ . All reactions were monitored by t[hin](#page-5-0)-l[a](#page-5-0)yer chromatography (TLC) on the plates Silufol UV/vis 254 nm using UV light and iodine as visualizing agents.

Preparative column chromatography was carried out on the neutral silica gel (70−230 mesh) with petroleum (40−70 °C) and diethyl ether as eluents in gradient regime.

General Procedures of Rh(II)-Catalyzed Reactions of Vinyldiazocarbonyl Compounds 12 and 9a−c in the Presence of Cyclohexane and 2-Methyl- and 2,5-Dimethylfurans. Procedure a. A mixture of vinyl diazoacetate 12 or diazoketone 9a−c (1−4 mmol, 1 equiv), Rh<sub>2</sub>L<sub>4</sub> catalyst (0.1–2% mol), and furan or cyclohexane (10– 40 mmol, 10 equiv) was placed into a flame-dried 20 mL flask and stirred under reflux and argon atmosphere over 1–15 h until <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F NMR or TLC indicated completion of the reaction. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and separated using flash chromatography (eluent hexane/EtOAc) on silica gel.

Procedure **b**. To a flame-dried 10−20 mL flask containing  $Rh_2L_4$ (2% mol) and 2-methylfuran or 2,5-dimethylfuran (10−40 mmol, 10 equiv) in dry benzene (5−10 mL) under argon atmosphere was added a solution of vinyl diazoacetate 12 or diazoketone 9a−c (1−4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry benzene (3−6 mL) by syringe pump over 3−5 h under reflux. The resulting reaction mixture was heated for an additional 2-5 h under reflux until <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F NMR or TLC indicated completion of the reaction and then worked up similarly to procedure a.

Rh(II)-Catalyzed Decomposition of Vinyl Diazoacetate 12 in the Presence of Cyclohexane. The reaction was carried out according to procedure a with vinyl diazoacetate 12 (1 g, 4 mmol, 1 equiv),  $Rh_2(OAc)_4$  (36 mg, 2% mol), and cyclohexane (4 mL, 40 mmol, 10 equiv) during 10 h at 80−81 °C. After separation of the reaction mixture using column chromatography (eluent hexane/EtOAc) on silica gel (50 g) and recrystallization of the main fractions from hexane with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  furan 13 and tricyclooctane 15 were isolated.

Methyl 5-Methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-2-furoate (13). Yield: 230 mg (51%). Colorless solid. Mp: 35−36 °C. R<sub>f</sub> 0.37 (petroleum ether/ Et<sub>2</sub>O 3:1). IR (neat): 1728, 1567, 1437 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ: 5.59 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H). 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 161.8, 157.1, 131.6, 125.7 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C−F</sub> 38.9 Hz), 120.9  $(q, {}^{1}J_{C-F} 269.3 \text{ Hz})$ , 82.9  $(q, {}^{3}J_{C-F} 3.0 \text{ Hz})$ , 58.3, 52.1. HRMS (ESI-GCT): calcd for  $C_8H_8O_4F_3$   $(M + H)^+$  225.0374, found 225.0398.

Trimethyl 5-Methoxy-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)-8-oxatricyclo- [3.2.1.0<sup>2,4</sup>]oct-6-ene-1,2,3-tricarboxylate (15). Yield: 120 mg (11%). Colorless solid. Mp: 67–68 °C. R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 2:1). IR (neat): 1750 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> . 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ: 7.16−7.13 (m, 1H), 3.90  $(s, 3H)$ , 3.76  $(s, 3H)$ , 3.75  $(s, 3H)$ , 3.61  $(s, 3H)$ , 3.21  $(s, 1H)$ . <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 34.6, 43.0 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C−F</sub> 36.2 Hz), 50.1, 52.8, 53.0, 53.5, 55.1, 82.6, 111.2, 120.4  $(q, {}^{1}J_{C-F}$  270.1 Hz), 123.0  $(q, {}^{1}J_{C-F}$ 275.4 Hz), 142.5, 143.9  $(q, {}^{2}J_{C-F}$  38.2 Hz), 162.7, 163.2, 164.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: −58.40, −61.63. HRMS (ESI-GCT): calcd for  $C_{16}H_{14}O_8F_6Na (M + Na)^+$  471.0491, found 471.0496.

Reaction of Vinyl Diazoacetate 12 with 2,5-Dimethylfuran. The reaction was carried out according to procedure a or b with vinyl diazoacetate 1 (0.5−4 mmol, 1 equiv),  $Rh<sub>2</sub>L<sub>4</sub>$  (0.2−2% mol), and dimethylfuran (5−40 mmol, 10 equiv) during 2−19 h at 80−94 °C. After separation of reaction mixtures by column chromatography on silica gel (10−25 g; eluent hexane/EtOAc) furan 13 (105−277 mg,

<span id="page-4-0"></span>30−47%) and cycloadduct 16 were isolated. More details of the specific experiments are given in Scheme 4.

Dimethyl 1,5-Dimethyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-8-oxatricyclo- [3.2.1.0<sup>2,4</sup>]oct-6-ene-2,3-dicarboxylate (16). Yield: 101−387 mg (16−30%). Colorless oil.  $R_f$  0.38 (hex[an](#page-2-0)e/Et<sub>2</sub>O 2:1). IR (neat): 1742 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 6.55 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H−H</sub> 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dq,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$  5.4 Hz,  ${}^{5}J_{H-F}$  2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 1H), 1.60 (br. s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 14.9, 15.1, 34.1 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C−F</sub> 3.5 Hz), 50.2 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C−F</sub> 34.1 Hz), 51.1, 52.3, 52.5, 86.8, 87.6, 124.4  $(q, 'J_{C-F}$  275.0 Hz), 141.3, 165.8, 166.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: −57.22. HRMS (ESI-GCT): calcd for  $C_{14}H_{15}O_5F_3Na$   $(M + Na)^+$  343.0769, found 343.0770.

Catalytic Reactions of Vinyl Diazoketones 9a−c in the Presence of Furans. The reactions were carried out using procedure b (the details of individual experiments are given in the Scheme 5). To a boiling solution of 2-methylfuran or 2,5-dimethylfuran (10 mmol) and benzene (5 mL) with 9 mg of  $Rh_2(OAc)_4$  was added dropwise a solution of vinyldiazoketone 9a−c in 1.5 mL of benzene duri[ng](#page-2-0) 3−4 h. The reaction mixture was refluxed 3−8 h more until disappearance of the initial diazo compound (by TLC), benzene and furan were completely removed in vacuo, and the obtained residue was separated by column chromatography on silica gel (using petroleum and diethyl ether as eluents) to give furans 11a−c and Diels−Alder cycloadducts 10a−c and 17a−c.

5-Acetyl-2-methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)furan (11a).<sup>6</sup> Yield: 0.096 g (46%) (in reaction with 2-methylfuran), 0.067 g (32%) (with 2,5 dimethylfuran). Colorless solid. Mp: 58−60 °C (petrol[eu](#page-5-0)m ether). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 5.63 (s, 1H).<br><sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 185.3, 161.8, 140.1, 124.4 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C−F</sub> 39.6 Hz), 121.4 (q,  $^{1}$ J<sub>C−F</sub> 269.0 Hz), 84.2 (q, <sup>3</sup>  $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −60.14. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z = 208.1  $(M)^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_8H_7F_3O_3$ : C, 46.17; H, 3.39. Found: C, 46.06; H, 3.17.

Methyl 2-Acetyl-1-methyl-4-trifluoromethyl-8-oxatricyclo- [3.2.1.0<sup>2,4</sup>]oct-6-en-3-oate (17a). Yield: 0.125 g (43%). Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.62 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.91 (d, J 2 Hz, CH), 6.50 (d, J 6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 200.0, 166.9, 140.7, 139.5, 124.9 (q,  $^{1}J_{C-F}$  274.5 Hz), 89.7, 78.5 (q,  $^{3}J_{C-F}$  2 Hz), 58.7, 52.9, 48.0  $(q, {}^{2}J_{C-F}$  34.8 Hz), 35.0, 31.2, 15.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −57.48. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z = 290.1 (M)+ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{13}F_3O_4$ : C, 53.80; H, 4.51. Found: C, 53.55; H, 4.63.

5-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-2-methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)furan (11b).<sup>6</sup> Yield: 0.058 g (19%) (in reaction with 2-methylfuran), 0.052 g (17%) (with 2,5-dimethylfuran). Colorless solid. Mp: 67−70 °[C](#page-5-0) (petroleum ether). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 4.00 (s, 3H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 7.43−7.45 (m, 2H), 7.90−7.93 (m, 2H). 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ :: 178.8, 161.7, 143.8, 139.3, 134.7, 130.9, 128.7, 126.7 (q,  $J_{\rm C-F}$  39.3 Hz), 121.0 (q,  $^1\!J_{\rm C-F}$  269.3 Hz), 84.1 (q,  $^3$  $^{19}$ F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −60.25. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z = 305.1  $(M)^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_8ClF_3O_3$ : C, 51.25; H, 2.65. Found: C, 51.23; H, 2.69.

Methyl 2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-1-methyl-4-trifluoromethyl-8 oxatricyclo[3.2.1.0<sup>2,4</sup>]oct-6-en-3-oate (17b). Yield: 0.271 g (70%). Colorless solid. Mp: 75−81 °C (petroleum ether). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ: 1.49 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 5.12 (d, J 2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J 5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (m, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 8.00 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 189.9, 166.4, 140.4, 139.3, 139.1, 136.5, 131.3, 128.7, 125.1  $(q, {}^{1}J_{C-F} 274.3 \text{ Hz})$ , 90.0, 78.4  $(q, 3L - 2 H_7)$ , 52.03, 51.9, 46.9  $(q, {}^{2}L - 346 H_7)$ , 36.2, 16.3,  ${}^{19}E$  NMR  $J_{\rm C-F}$  2 Hz), 52.03, 51.9, 46.9 (q,  $^2J_{\rm C-F}$  34.6 Hz), 36.2, 16.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −58.23. MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z = 387.1(M)^+$ . . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}ClF_3O_4$ : C, 55.90; H, 3.65. Found: C, 55.82; H, 3.53.

5-(tert-Butylcarbonyl)-2-methoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)furan (11c). Yield: 0.073 g (29%) (in reaction with 2-methylfuran), 0.038 g (15%) (with 2,5-dimethylfuran). Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ: 1.32 (s, 9H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 5.60 (s, 1H). 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 192.6, 161.9, 140.0, 125.9 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C−F</sub> 39.2 Hz), 122.4 (q, <sup>1</sup> JC−<sup>F</sup> 266.0 Hz), 83.8, 59.4, 43.8, 29.8. 19F NMR (282 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −60.33. MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z = 250.0$  (M)<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{11}H_{13}F_3O_3$ : C, 52.80; H, 5.24. Found: C, 52.91; H, 5.27.

Methyl 2-(tert-Butylcarbonyl)-1-methyl-4-trifluoromethyl-8 oxatricyclo[3.2.1.0<sup>2,4</sup>]oct-6-en-3-oate (1**7c**). Yield: 0.163 g (49%). Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) δ: 1.28 (s, 9H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.88 (d, J 1 Hz, CH), 6.28 (d, J 6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 208.4, 167.0, 139.5, 139.3, 124.6  $(q, {}^{1}J_{C-F}$  274.3 Hz), 90.5, 77.8  $(q, {}^{3}J_{C-F}$  2 Hz), 56.1, 52.7, 46.8  $(q, {}^{2}J_{C-F}$  34.6 Hz), 45.3, 35.7, 28.0, 18.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −57.46. MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z = 332.1(M)^+$ . . Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 57.83; H, 5.76. Found: C, 57.95; H, 5.73.

Methyl 2-Acetyl-1,5-dimethyl-4-trifluoromethyl-8-oxatricyclo-  $[3.2.1.0^{2/4}]$ oct-6-en-3-oate (10a). Yield: 0.110 g (36%). Colorless solid. Mp: 48–50 °C (petroleum ether). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 2.2[7 \(](#page-5-0)s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 6.48 (d, J 6 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 199.7, 166.8, 142.4, 140.9, 124.7 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C−F</sub> 274.9 Hz), 88.2, 87.2, 58.7, 52.6, 50.6 (q,  $^{2}$ J<sub>C−F</sub> 33.9 Hz), 34.0, 30.8, 15.6, 15.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −56.76. MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z = 304.0$  (M)<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 55.26; H, 4.97. Found: C, 55.38; H, 4.89.

Methyl 2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-1,5-dimethyl-4-trifluoromethyl-8-  $\alpha$ xatricyclo[3.2.1.0<sup>2,4</sup>]oct-6-en-3-oate (10b).<sup>6</sup> Yield: 0.273 g (68%). Colorless solid. Mp: 85-89 °C (petroleum ether). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H), [3.5](#page-5-0)1 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 6.41 (d, J 6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (m, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 8.07 (m, 2H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 190.4, 167.0, 142.7, 141.6, 139.8, 137.0, 132.0, 129.3, 125.9  $\left(q, \frac{1}{10}\right)_{C-F}$  274.8 Hz), 89.5, 87.8, 56.3, 52.5, 49.8  $\left(q, \frac{1}{10}\right)$  36.6, 171, 154, <sup>19</sup>E NMP (188 MH<sub>7</sub>, CDCL) 8.  $^{2}$ J<sub>C−F</sub> 34.0 Hz), 36.6, 17.1, 15.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ :  $-57.10$ . MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z = 401.0$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}ClF_3O_4$ : C, 56.94; H, 4.02. Found: C, 55.79; H, 4.05.

Methyl 2-(tert-Butylcarbonyl)-1,5-dimethyl-4-trifluoromethyl-8 oxatricyclo[3.2.1.0<sup>2,4</sup>]oct-6-en-3-oate (10c). Yield: 0.208 g (60%). Colorless solid. Mp: 67-70 °C (petroleum ether). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ: 1.27 (s, 9H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 6.33 (d, J 6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (m, 1H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 206.10, 167.8, 142.4, 141.1, 125.8 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> 274.7 Hz), 90.2, 87.0, 57.8, 52.8, 49.7  $(q, {}^{2}J_{C-F} 33.2 \text{ Hz})$ , 45.4, 35.8, 28.2, 18.0, 15.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : −56.58. MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z = 346.1$  $(M)^+$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{21}F_3O_4$ : C, 58.95; H, 6.11. Found: C, 58.76; H, 6.19.

### ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### **S** Supporting Information

Spectroscopic data for the compounds 10a, 11a, 11b, 13, 15, 16, 17a and crystallographic data for the compounds 10a, 10b, 11a, 15, and 17b (CIF). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org. The X-ray data is avaiable from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk[/data\\_request/cif\).](http://pubs.acs.org)

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