



Perfluoroacylation of Alkenes

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Abstract: Reaction of direct electrophilic perfluoroacylation of different structure alkenes with trifluoroacetic anhydride activated by $BF_3 \cdot SMe_2$ complex leads to trifluoromethylalkenylketones with different structure of alkenyl group. Possible composition of the reactive species is considered on the basis of IR and NMR data. Dependence of the reaction course on the substrate structure is discussed.

Organic fluorine chemistry is one of dramatically developing fields of organic chemistry. This is due to some unique properties of fluorine containing compounds, particularly their biological activity^{1,2}.

There are many examples of perfluoroacylation of different S, O, N nucleophiles with active hydrogen atoms^{1,2} and of organometallic compounds³⁻⁵. However, perfluoroacylation of carbon-carbon double bonds is known only for electron rich alkenes, *i.e.* enamines^{6,7}, vinyl thioethers^{8,9}, vinyl ethers¹⁰ but such reactions with non-activated alkenes were not described previously. Perfluoroacylating reagents are restricted in trifluoroacetic anhydride and other derivatives of trifluoroacetic acid. However, electrophilicity of these reagents is insufficient for acylation of alkenes. Attempts of their activation by Lewis acids (as in the case of aromatic hydrocarbons' trifluoroacylation¹¹⁻¹³) lead to cationic polymerization of unsaturated substrates. Perfluorinated acylium salts which could be used for the perfluoroacylation of unsaturated hydrocarbons are unstable and decompose readily with decarbonylation^{14,15}.



Recently we have proposed a novel method of direct electrophilic perfluoroacylation of alkenes, which is based on usage of trifluoroacetic anhydride (or other anhydrides of

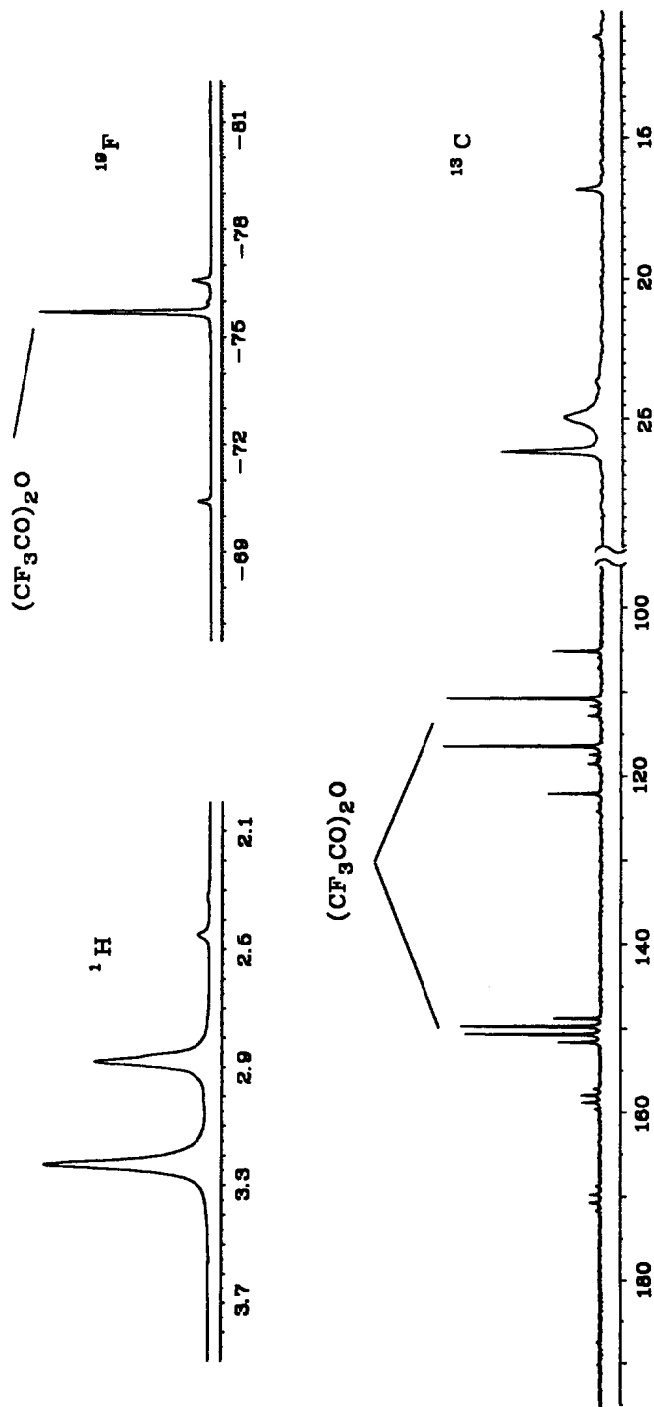


Figure 1. NMR spectra of system $(CF_3CO)_2O-BF_3-SMe_2$ at $-70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

It is known that sulfonium salts with two methyl groups in presence of dimethyl sulfide²² have a propensity to transform via remethylation to trimethylsulfonium salts, therefore formation of products **I** and **II** can proceed analogously.

In the IR spectrum of the suspension active in trifluoroacylation reaction taken at $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, together with two bands characteristic for free trifluoroacetic anhydride at 1880 and 1810 cm^{-1} , two new bands at 1790 and 1720 cm^{-1} were observed. These bands differ from those of final products at 1710 (**I**) and 1770 (**II**) cm^{-1} . Shift down 50 - 120 cm^{-1} is characteristic for carbonyl group coordinated with Lewis acid on oxygen atom.²³

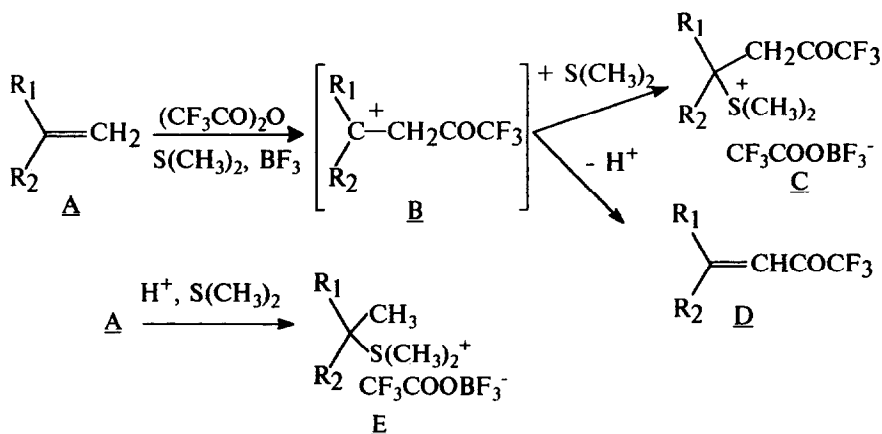
We have also recorded ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F of a mixture of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{SMe}_2$ complex with the excess of trifluoroacetic anhydride in a mixture $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2 - \text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ (nitromethane was added to increase homogeneity of the solution), these spectra are presented in Figure 1. In all three spectra two sets of signals are observed which do not belong to any of the starting compounds or final reaction products **I** and **II**. Signals of carbonyl carbon atoms in ^{13}C NMR spectra are significantly low-field shifted ($\Delta\delta = 8$ and 20 ppm) compared to the same signal of trifluoroacetic anhydride²⁴, that corresponds to a proposal about additional polarisation of $\text{C}=\text{O}$ bond after complexation with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{SMe}_2$. Signals of methyl groups at 3.3 - 2.9 ppm in ^1H NMR and 26 - 24 ppm in ^{13}C NMR are characteristic for sulfonium methyls. Significant downfield shift indicates a considerable positive charge at sulfur atom. Further NMR investigation has shown, that coordination compounds of the type **III** or **IV** forming in the system $(\text{CF}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O} - \text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{SMe}_2$ are very labile, that manifests in intense spectral dynamics in the temperature interval $-70 \pm 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Therefore NMR data do not indicate any definite structure of a reactive species of the trifluoroacylation reaction. Nevertheless, both IR and NMR studies allow to conclude, that activation of trifluoroacetic anhydride is achieved by coordination of a $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{SMe}_2$ complex on its $\text{C}=\text{O}$ bond.

Scope of trifluoroacylation

To study scope and limitations of trifluoroacylation we have investigated behaviour of different type alkenes in this reaction, *i.e.* alkenes containing mono-, 1,1-di-, 1,2-di-, tri- and tetra-substituted double bonds as well as alkenes with exo- and endo-cyclic double bonds. Results are summarised in Table 1.

Trifluoroacylation of styrene **1** and vinylcyclopropane **2** proceeds stereospecifically, yielding E-isomers of corresponding α,β -unsaturated ketones **15** and **16**. In the case of styrene a product of conjugated addition of CF_3CO moiety and SMe_2 was detected by NMR spectrum (the yield is 11%, but the sulfonium salt was unstable and quickly decomposed in one day)¹⁶. Conjugated addition of an electrophile (CF_3CO moiety) and nucleophile (SMe_2) in the considered reaction is not characteristic, since the process of spontaneous proton elimination from the forming cation **B** is more common (Scheme 2). Proton forming by elimination from cation **B** react with alkene to produce sulfonium salt **E**, which is a product of conjugated addition of proton and dimethyl sulfide.

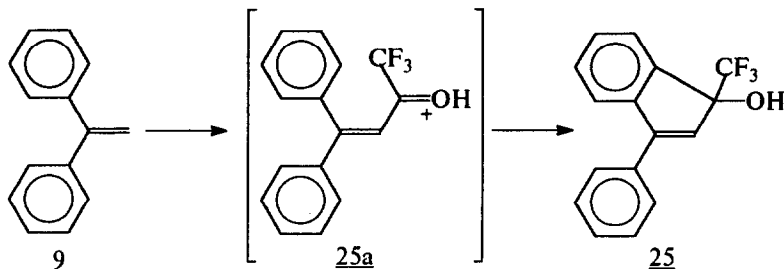
Trifluoroacylation of alkenes containing monosubstituted double bond takes place only in the case of cation stabilising substituents, for example phenyl or cyclopropyl moiety. Alkenes with terminal double bond such as 1-hexene and 1-octene or alkenes with cyclic double bond as cyclohexene or cyclopentene do not react with the reagent. The perfluoroacylation of these alkenes does not take place under usual conditions, raise of the temperature leads to destruction of the reagent.



Trifluoroacylation of 1,1-disubstituted alkenes easily proceeds under low temperatures. These alkenes are very reactive due to formation of stable tertiary cations. Reaction products in this case are corresponding unsaturated ketones. Acylation of methylenecyclobutane **3** with trifluoroacetic and pentafluoropropionic anhydride in the presence of dimethyl sulfide boron trifluoride complex proceeds in a similar way resulting in corresponding α,β -unsaturated ketone with perfluorinated group **17**, **18**. Nevertheless, formation of β,γ -unsaturated ketones can also take place as in the case of methylenecycloheptane **4**. If some orientation factors are present, for example, conjugation in α -methylstyrene **8** or propensity to have exo-cyclic double bond in methylenecyclobutane **3** the only products are corresponding α,β -unsaturated ketones.

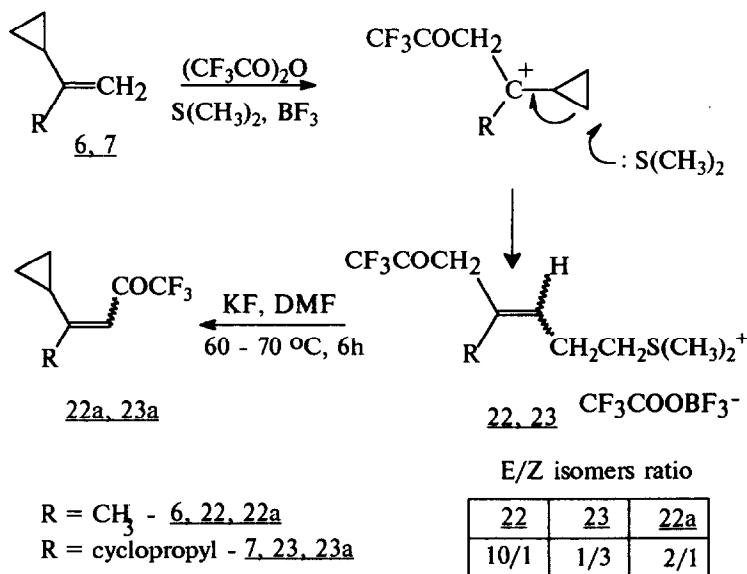
Trifluoroacylation of 1,1-diphenylethylene **9** proceeds unusually, reaction does not terminate on formation of a corresponding ketone. The latter undergoes an acid (boron trifluoride or proton) catalysed intramolecular cyclization to corresponding indenol **25**. Carbonyl group in **25a** is near to aromatic ring and the rate of electrophilic substitution is therefore very high. (Scheme 3.)

Trifluoroacylation of cyclopropane-containing alkenes such as isopropenylcyclopropane **6** and 1,1-dicyclopropylethylene **7** proved to proceed differently¹⁸. The reaction leads to formation with high yields of corresponding sulfonium salts **22** and **23**, which are the products of trapping of the homoallyl cation formed by cyclopropane ring opening (Scheme 4.).



Scheme 3.

Trifluoroacylation of both alkenes 6 and 7 turned out to proceed stereoselectively. In the case of trifluoroacylation of alkenes 6 and 7 formation of corresponding α,β -unsaturated ketones does not take place due to the cation centre being removed from the CF₃CO moiety after ring cleavage. Sulfonium salts 22 and 23 are produced in quantitative yields. Skeletal rearrangements in the trifluoroacylation reaction of alkenes 6, 7 indicate the considerable electrophilicity of the reagent which is used for trifluoroacylation. The presence of electron withdrawing COCF₃ and leaving SMe₂ group in the molecules of the sulfonium salts 22 and 23 leads to the possibility of base-promoted intramolecular nucleophilic substitution. The elimination process was successful with potassium fluoride in DMF resulting in corresponding cyclopropane-containing ketones with trifluoroacyl group (Scheme 4).

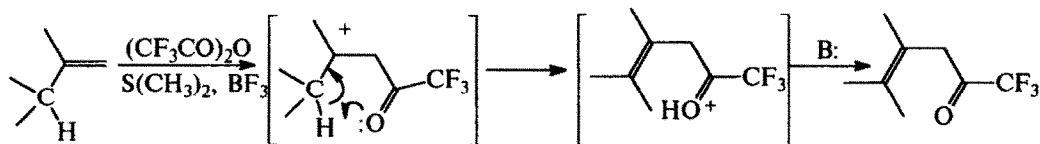


Scheme 4.

Trifluoroacylation of indene **10** proceeds regiospecifically. Only product of acylation in the 2 position **26** is formed. Low yield of the target product in this case is caused by polymerisation of unsaturated hydrocarbon.

Trifluoroacylation of trimethylethylene **11**, 1-methylcyclopentene **12** and 1-methylcyclohexene **13** proceeds at -20 – -0 °C. In spite of the formation of stable tertiary cation, trisubstituted alkenes are less reactive in the reaction compared with 1,1-disubstituted alkenes. We assume that this phenomenon is connected with space hindrance of double bond.

It should be noted that trifluoroacylation of some alkenes leads to corresponding β,γ - unsaturated ketones rather than to thermodynamically controlled α,β - unsaturated ketones, e.g. in reaction with alkenes **4**, **11**, **13**. These products form in spite of greater acidity of protons in α - position near strong electron withdrawing group CF_3CO in cation **B** compared to acidity of protons in γ - position (Scheme 2). It was suggested earlier that acylation of alkenes by acylim salts leading to corresponding β,γ - unsaturated ketone proceeds as ene-reaction via six-membered transition state^{25,26}. We propose analogical mechanism for trifluoroacylation, i.e. elimination of proton proceeds via six-membered transition state (Scheme 5.).



Scheme 5.

α,β -Unsaturated ketones can be obtained in pure form by isomerisation with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid. Thus, reaction with alkene **11** gives rise to formation of mixture of α,β - and β,γ - unsaturated ketones in a ratio 1/1.5, following reflux during 10h in dichloromethane with catalytic amount of toluenesulfonic acid gave pure α,β - unsaturated ketone.

It is interesting to note, that acylation of 1-methylcyclopentene **12** results in α,β - isomer of corresponding ketone **29** with only small admixture of β,γ - unsaturated ketone, but trifluoroacylation of 1-methylcyclohexene **30** gives mixture of corresponding α,β - and β,γ - unsaturated ketones **30**, **31**, **32**, i.e. in spite of a similar structures of alkenes **12** and **13** a considerable difference in the course of the reaction takes place. We associate this phenomenon with the different geometry of intermediate cations forming in trifluoroacylation from alkenes **12** and **13**. The molecular model analysis shows that in the case of 1-methylcyclohexane conformation of intermediate cation permits to realize six-membered transition state for proton elimination from γ - position either elimination from methyl group (if CF_3CO group is equatorial) resulting in ketone **32**, or elimination from 3-methylene group (if CF_3CO group is axial) resulting in ketone **31**. In the case of 1-methylcyclopentene due to more rigid conformation of cation the distance between carbonyl oxygen and γ - hydrogen atoms is greater and possibility of elimination via sixmembered transition state is lower.

Thus, this reaction direction takes place in the case of alkenes having appropriate geometry for elimination of the proton from γ - position. However, as a rule, mixture of α,β - and β,γ - unsaturated ketones is formed because this direction competes with elimination of more acidic proton α - position to CF_3CO .

We hoped that trifluoroacylation of tetrasubstituted alkenes could proceed as conjugated addition of CF_3CO group and dimethyl sulfide. Tetramethylethylene does not have proton in α - position to the CF_3CO group in cation 14a. Therefore, we supposed that elimination of proton would not take place and cation 14a would be stabilized by addition of nucleophile $\text{S}(\text{CH}_3)_2$. In such case product should be sulfonium salt 33a. We investigated in detail sulfonium salts forming in the reaction. However, formation of the conjugated addition product did not take place. We have found that in this case a mixture of trimethylsulfonium trifluoroacetyltrifluoroborate forming in process of reagent remethylation and product of conjugated addition of proton and dimethylsulfide 34 is formed together with corresponding β,γ - unsaturated ketone (Scheme 6). We attribute this reaction direction to a considerable space hindrance for reaction of dimethyl sulfide with cation 14a.

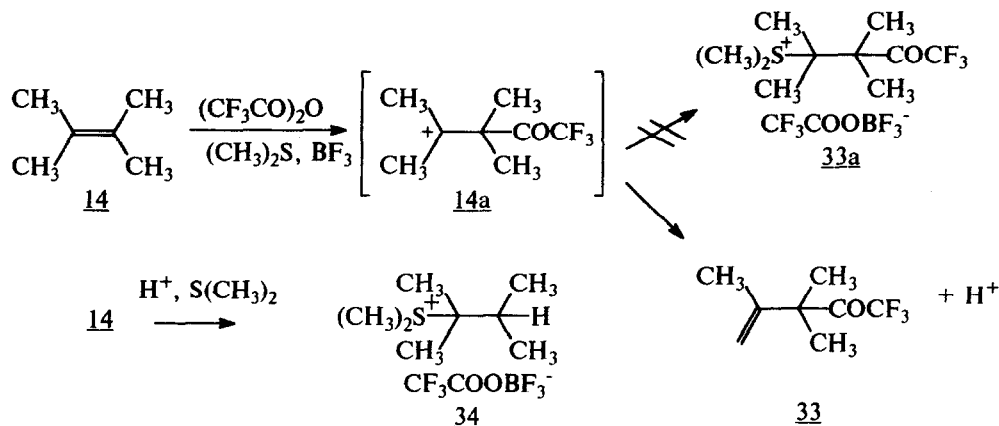
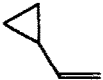
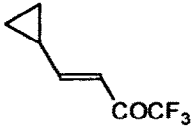
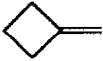
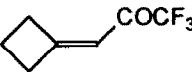
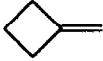
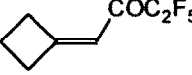
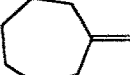
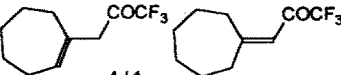
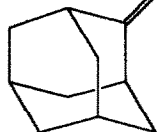
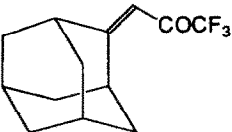
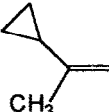
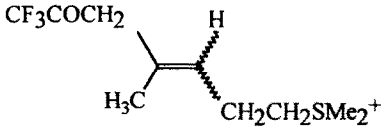
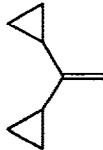
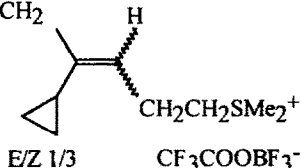
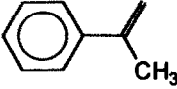
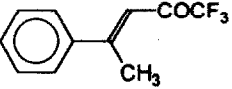
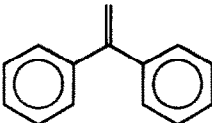
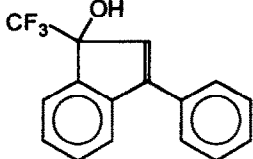
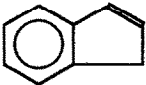

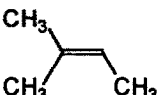
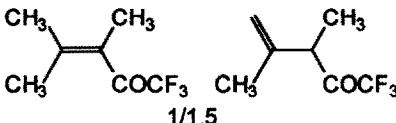
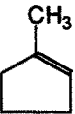
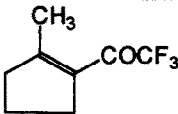
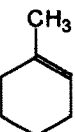
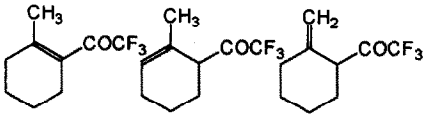
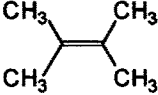
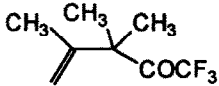


Table 1. The structure of trifluoroacylation products

Substrate	t, °C	Product	Yield, %
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 <u>2</u>	- 40	 <u>16</u>	32
 <u>3</u>	-50	 <u>17</u>	28
 <u>3</u>	-50	 <u>18</u>	32
 <u>4</u>	-40	 <u>19, 20</u>	27
 <u>5</u>	-40	 <u>21</u>	49
 <u>6</u>	-60	 <u>22</u>	95
 <u>7</u>	-60	 <u>23</u>	91

 <u>8</u>	-50	 <u>24</u>	28
 <u>9</u>	-50	 <u>25</u>	46
 <u>10</u>	-50	 <u>26</u>	19
 <u>11</u>	0	 <u>27, 28</u>	28
 <u>12</u>	-20	 <u>29</u>	30
 <u>13</u>	-20	 <u>30, 31, 32</u>	31
 <u>14</u>	-30	 <u>33</u>	26

Thus, trifluoroacylation of alkenes of various structure with trifluoroacetic anhydride (or other anhydrides of perfluorinated acids) in the presence of dimethyl sulfide - boron trifluoride complex leads to corresponding unsaturated ketones containing a perfluorinated group with the

yields 19-49%. Corresponding sulfonium salts forming as products of conjugated addition of proton (eliminated from the primary produced cations) and dimethyl sulfide to a double bond are by-products in this reaction. Under the reaction conditions a half of unsaturated substrate reacts with acylating reagent and a half of alkene reacts with proton, *i.e.* highest theoretically possible yield of ketone is 50%. The latter statement was confirmed by the results of trifluoroacylation of methylenadamantane **5**. This alkene can not give products of polymerization or oligomerization due to space hindrance of double bond. The yield of target α,β -unsaturated ketone in this case 49% is close to the maximum possible yield.

The reaction takes place only for alkenes giving cations with stabilized groups - phenyl or cyclopropyl or forming tertiary cations. Thus, the electrophilicity of the reagent used in this investigation exceed the electrophilicity of trifluoroacetic anhydride which react only with electron rich alkenes having heteroatoms at double bond. In spite of a considerable increase of synthetic possibilities of this method compared with other perfluoroacylating reagent the reactivity of this new reagent is not sufficient to react with all alkenes. Another demerit of this reaction is moderate yield of ketones due to specific chemistry of acylation which restrict yield in 50%.

Experimental Section

NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-400 and Bruker AC 200P spectrometers with Me₄Si as an internal standard. The IR spectra were obtained with UR-20 spectrometer as films. Chromato-mass experiments were performed on Finnigan MAT 112S spectrometer, capillary column 50000-0.25 mm, OV-101, ionization energy 80 eV.

General procedure for perfluoroacylation of olefins

Well-stirred solution of 0.02 mole of dimethyl sulfide in 50 ml of dichloromethane was saturated by gaseous BF₃ at -60 °C. Then 0.02 mole of trifluoroacetic anhydride or pentafluoropropionic anhydride was added, the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min. at -60 °C and then 0.02 mole of corresponding alkene dissolved in 10 ml of dichloromethane was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. at -40 °C and the temperature was raised up to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h, and then was added to the mixture of ether and aqueous Na₂CO₃. The organic layer was separated, the aqueous one was extracted with ether (2*50 ml). The organic solvents were removed in vacuo, the residue was mixed with 50 ml of ether, passed through short silica-gel column followed by evaporation and distillation in vacuo.

Products I and II was obtained by following procedure: 0.02 mole of dimethyl sulfide was saturated by gaseous BF₃ at -60 °C. Then 0.01 mole of trifluoroacetic anhydride was added dropwise and reaction mixture was stirred 3h at room temperature. Reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo (30 mm Hg), S-methyl trifluorothioacetate was collected in bulb cooled to

-100 °C. Crude S-methyl trifluorothioacetate was distilled under 760 mm Hg. Sulfonium salt II obtained after evaporation of I was dried in vacuo (1mm Hg).

S-Methyl trifluorothioacetate I, yield 87% (1.2 g), b.p. 67-68°C, n_D^{18} 1.3528. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 1710 (CO), 1050-1300 (CF_3), ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 2.42 q (3H, CH_3 , $^5J_{\text{HF}}$ 0.63Hz). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 184.46 q (CO, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 39.22 Hz), 115.85 (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 289.55 Hz), 11.75 (CH_3). ^{19}F NMR (187.2 MHz, CD_3COCD_3 , δ_{F} ppm (CCl_3F): -76.11 (CF_3). Mass spectrum (m/z , (I,%)): 144 (15)- M^+ , 97 (3), 75 (100), 69 (60), 47 (33), 45 (25).

Trimethylsulfonium-(trifluoroacetoxy)trifluoroborate II, yield 96% (2.6 g), oil, IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 1770 (CO), 1450 (COO^-), 1000-1300 (CF_3), ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CD_3COCD_3 , δ ppm): 2.89 s (9H, $3(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{S}^+$). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CD_3COCD_3 , δ ppm): 157.71 q (COO^- , $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 39.50 Hz), 115.94 q (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 287.32 Hz), 2705 ($(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{S}^+$), ^{19}F NMR (187.2 MHz, CD_3COCD_3 , δ_{F} ppm (CCl_3F): -76.11 (CF_3), -146.98 (BF_3). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 23.21; H, 4.02; Calc. for $\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{F}_6\text{BSO}_2$: C, 23.28; H, 3.52.

(E)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one 15, yield 45%, the compound was earlier described¹⁶.

(E)-1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-cyclopropyl-3-buten-2-one 16, yield 32%, the compound was earlier described¹⁷.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-cyclbutilidenpropan-2-one 17, yield 26%, the compound was earlier described¹⁶.

1,1,1,2,2-Pentafluoro-3-cyclbutilidenbutan-2-one 18, yield 32% (1.3g), b.p. 47-48°C (18 mm Hg), n_D^{20} 1.4028. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 1720 (CO), 1640 (C=C), 1210, 1230 (C_2F_5). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 6.20 broadened s (1H, CH=), 3.40-1.90 m (6H, 3CH_2). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 183.73 t (CO, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 25.7 Hz), 118.19 qt (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 293.04 Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 34.2 Hz), 115.00 (C-3), 107.62 tq (CF_2 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 267.5 Hz, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 37.6 Hz), 38.43 and 36.38 (2CH_2), 20.74 (CH_2). ^{19}F NMR (93.6 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ_{F} ppm (CCl_3F): -122.97 (CF_2), -81.02 (CF_3). Mass spectrum (m/z , (I,%)): 214 (6)- M^+ , 199 (20), 145 (5), 95 (100), 67 (75). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 45.06; H, 3.20, Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{F}_5\text{O}$: C, 44.86; H, 3.27.

Trifluoroacetyl-cyclohept-1-ene 19 and 1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-cycloheptylidenpropan-2-one 20, mixture 4/1, yield 27% (1.11g), b.p. 60-62 °C (10 mm Hg), n_D^{20} 1.4480. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 1710 (CO) for **19**, 1770 (CO) for **20**, 1600 (C=C), 1040-1300 (CF_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): signals for **19** 5.64 t (1H, CH, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.33 Hz), 3.32 s (2H, CH_2CO), 2.09 m (4H, 2CH_2 -allyl), 1.72-1.40 m (6H, 3CH_2), signals for **20** 6.28 broadened s (1H, CH=), 2.90 t (2H, CH_2 , $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 5.8 Hz), 2.46 t (2H, CH_2 , $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 5.8 Hz), 1.72-1.40 m (8H, 4CH_2). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃, δ ppm): signals for **19** 189.84 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 34.10 Hz), 134.23 (C-1), 133.58 (C-2), 115.67 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 293.04 Hz), 47.50 (CH₂CO), 32.94 and 32.09 (CH₂-3 or CH₂-7), 28.46 and 26.68 (CH₂-4 or CH₂-6), 26.16 (CH₂-5) signals for **20** 179.60 (Cq-4), 179.20 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 33.61 Hz), 116.17 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 292.29 Hz), 114.93 (CH-3), 40.08 (C-10), 34.05 (C-5), 29.74 (C-9), 29.21 (C-6), 27.74 (C-7), 25.94 (C-8). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 53.59; H, 5.20; Calc. for C₈H₉F₃O: C, 53.94; H, 5.09.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{1,7}]decylidenpropan-2-one **21**, yield 49% (2.4g), b.p. 102-104 °C (2 mm Hg), n¹⁸_D 1.4858, IR (ν, cm⁻¹): 1720 (CO), 1050-1250 (CF₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 6.16 broadened s (1H, CH-3), 4.09 broadened s (1H, CH-allyl), 2.48 broadened s (1H, CH-allyl), 2.03-1.76 m (12H, adamantyl fragment), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 184.70 (C-4), 180.05 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 33.26 Hz), 116.13 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 292.89 Hz), 108.59 (C-3), 42.57 (CH-allyl), 40.61 (2CH₂), 39.64 (2CH₂), 36.50 (CH₂), 34.39 (CH-allyl), 27.62 (2CH); Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 63.99; H, 6.34; Calc. for C₁₃H₁₅F₃O: C, 63.93; H, 6.19.

(E) - Dimethyl - (4 - methyl - 6 - oxo - 7,7,7 - trifluorohept - 3 - enyl) - sulfonium - (trifluoroacetoxy)trifluoroborate **22**, yield 95%, the compound was earlier described¹⁸.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-cyclopropylpent-3-en-2-one **22a**, (mixture of isomers E/Z - 3/1), yield 34%, the compound was earlier described¹⁸.

(E,Z) - Dimethyl - (4 - cyclopropyl - 6 - oxo - 7,7,7 - trifluorohept - 3 - enyl) - sulfonium - (trifluoroacetoxy)trifluoroborate **23**, yield 91%, the compound was earlier described¹⁸.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-4,4-dicyclopropylbut-3-en-2-one **23a**, yield 31%, the compound was earlier described¹⁸.

E-1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenylpent-3-en-2-one **24**, yield 32% (1.3g), b.p. 93-95 °C (7 mm Hg), n²⁰_D 1.5215. IR (ν, cm⁻¹): 1720 (CO), 1605 (C=C), 1080-1320 (CF₃). ¹H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.6-7.2 m (5H, H-phenyl), 6.65 broadened s (1H, CH=), 2.62 broadened s (3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (25 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 179.34 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 34.2 Hz), 165.12 (Cq-4), 141.52 (Cq-arom.), 130.46 (CH-arom.), 128.56 (2CH-arom.), 126.47 (2CH-arom.), 116.43 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 293.0 Hz), 114.77 (CH=), 19.05 (CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (93.6 MHz, CDCl₃, δ_F ppm (CCl₃F)):-76.59. Mass spectrum (m/z, (I,%)): 214 (57)-M⁺, 145(100), 117(78), 115(95), 91(48). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 53.59; H, 5.20, Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 61.30; H, 4.30; Calc. for C₁₁H₉F₃O: C, 61.68; H, 4.24.

3-Phenyl-1-trifluoromethylidene-1-ol **25**, yield 46% (2.73g), b.p. 142-144 °C (1 mm Hg), n²⁰_D 1.4480. IR (ν, cm⁻¹): 3000-3600 (OH), 1000-1300 (CF₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.50 - 7.05 m (9H, H -arom.), 6.11 s (1H, CH-2), 4.32 s (1H, OH). ¹³C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 149.54, 142.33, 141.86, 133.46 (C-3 or C-8 or C-9 or C_q-arom.), 129.56 and 128.88 (CH-5 or CH-6), 128.51 and 127.39 (2CH-m. or 2CH-o.), 128.48 (CH), 127.22 and 124.05 and 121.45 (CH-2 or CH-4 or CH-7), 125.11 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 283.99 Hz), 82.51 q (C-1, ²J_{CF} 30.86 Hz). Mass spectrum (m/z, (I,%)): 276 (35)-M⁺, 256 (10), 228 (10), 207 (100), 178 (25). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 69.14; H, 4.00; Calc. for C₁₆H₁₁F₃O: C, 69.56; H, 4.01.

2-Trifluoroacetylindene 26, yield 19% (0.80g), b.p. 90-92 °C (1 mm Hg), n_D²⁰ 1.5526. IR (v, cm⁻¹): 1710 (CO), 1590 (C=C), 1050-1300 (CF₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 7.86 qt (1H, CH=, ⁵J_{HF} 1.86 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} 0.76 Hz), 7.51 dm (1H, CH-4, ⁴J_{HH} 1.05 Hz, ³J_{HH} 7.31 Hz), 7.42 dm (1H, CH-7, ⁴J_{HH} 1.28, ³J_{HH} 7.41 Hz), 7.34 ddd (1H, CH-5, ⁴J_{HH} 1.28 Hz, ³J_{HH} 7.41 Hz), 7.28 ddm (1H, CH-7, ⁴J_{HH} 1.05 Hz, ³J_{HH} 7.31 Hz), 3.61 d (2H, CH₂, ⁵J_{HF} 1.72 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} 0.82 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 177.33 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 35.4 Hz), 147.22 q (CH=, ⁴J_{CF} 2.96 Hz), 145.21 (C-9), 142.21 (C-8), 137.81 (C-2), 129.95, 127.54, 125.18, 124.52 (C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7), 116.70 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 290.77 Hz), 37.80 (CH₂). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 62.70; H, 3.50; Calc. for C₁₁H₇F₃O: C, 62.27; H, 3.33.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-3,4-dimethylpent-3-en-2-one 27 and **1,1,1-Trifluoro-3,4-dimethylpent-4-en-2-one 28**, mixture 1/1.5, yield 28% (0.93g), b.p. 110-113 °C, n_D²⁰ 1.3703. IR (v, cm⁻¹): 1720 (CO) for **27**, 1770 (CO) for **28**, 1100-1320 (CF₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): signals of **27** 1.99 q (3H, CH₃, ⁵J_{HF} 1.50 Hz), 1.94 m (3H, CH₃), 1.91 broadened s (3H, CH₃), signals of **28** 5.02 m (1H, CH=), 4.88 m (1H, CH=), 3.64 q (1H, CH-3, ³J_{HH} 6.97 Hz), 1.76 dd (3H, CH₃, ⁴J_{HH} 1.46 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} 0.88 Hz), 1.30 d (3H, CH₃, ³J_{HH} 6.97 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): signals of **27** 184.84 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 33.40 Hz), 151.55 (C-4), 124.53 (C-3), 116.33 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 293.31 Hz), 23.38 (CH₃), 22.85 (CH₃), 13.77 q (CH₃, ⁴J_{CF} 3.04 Hz). signals for **28** 192.00 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 33.33 Hz), 141.18 (C-4), 116.02 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 293.18 Hz), 115.56 (C-5), 48.51 (C-3), 20.46 (CH₃), 15.03 (CH₃). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 50.36; H, 5.41; Calc. for C₇H₉F₃O: C, 50.61; H, 5.46.

Isomerization of Ig isomers mixture by reflux during 10h in dichloromethane with catalytic amount of toluenesulfonic acid followed by distillation gave 0.78g (78%) pure α,β - unsaturated ketone **27**, b.p. 110-113 °C, n_D²⁰ 1.3743. IR (v, cm⁻¹): 1720 (CO), 1100-1320 (CF₃). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR are as above. Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 50.44; H, 5.42; Calc. for C₇H₉F₃O: C, 50.61; H, 5.46

1-Trifluoroacetyl-2-methylcyclopent-1-ene 29, yield 30% (1.06g), b.p. 60-63 °C (40 mm Hg), n_D²⁰ 1.4203. IR (v, cm⁻¹): 1720 (CO), 1605 (C=C), 1080-1320 (CF₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 2.75 m (2H, CH₂-5), 2.54 t (2H, CH₂-3, ³J_{HH} 7.6 Hz), 2.16 broadened s (3H, CH₃), 1.88 dt (2H, CH₂-4, ³J_{HH} 7.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 179.10 q (CO, ²J_{CF} 34.68 Hz), 167.87 (C-2), 128.50 (C-1), 116.24 q (CF₃, ¹J_{CF} 291.68 Hz), 41.14 (CH₂-5), 32.16 q (CH₂-3, ⁵J_{CF} 2.92 Hz), 22.06 (CH₂-4), 17.47 (CH₃). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 53.59; H, 5.20; Calc. for C₈H₉F₃O: C, 53.94; H, 5.09.

1-Trifluoroacetyl-2-methylcyclohex-1-ene 30, **1-Trifluoroacetyl-2-methylcyclohex-2-ene 31**, **1-Trifluoroacetyl-2-methylcyclohexane 32**, mixture 3/ 4/ 1, yield 31% (1.2g), b.p. 60-62 °C (15 mm Hg), n_D^{20} 1.4255. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 1720 (CO) for **30**, 1760 (CO) for **31** and **32**, 1620 (C=C) for **30**, 1120-1300 (CF_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): signals of **30** 2.25 broadened s (3H, CH_3), 2.0-1.45 m (8H, 4CH_2), signals of **31** 5.65 m (1H, $\text{CH}=\text{}$), 3.45 t (1H, $\text{CH}-1$, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 5.39 Hz), 2.14 broadened s (3H, CH_3), 2.0-1.45 m (6H, 3CH_2), signals of **32** 4.82 s (1H, $\text{CH}=\text{}$), 4.60 s (1H, $\text{CH}=\text{}$), 3.57 t (1H, $\text{CH}-1$, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 5.02 Hz), 2.0-1.45 m (8H, 4CH_2). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): signals of **30** 184.95 q (CO, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 33.54 Hz), 152.74 (C-1), 126.63 (C-2), 115.78 q (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 293.54 Hz), 25.62 (C-3), 24.50 q (C-6, $^4J_{\text{CF}}$ 2.88 Hz), 22.04 (CH_3), 22.23 and 18.55 (C-4 and C-5) signals of **31** 193.16 q (CO, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 33.23 Hz), 128.02 (C-2), 127.2 (C-3), 116.25 q (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 293.26 Hz), 46.82 (C-1), 33.90 (C-4), 24.45 (C-6), 21.79 (CH_3), 21.66 (C-5), signals of **32** 192.01 q (CO, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 33.31 Hz), 143.95 (C-2), 115.59 q (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 293.74 Hz), 111.60 ($\text{CH}_2=\text{}$), 50.46 (C-1), 33.96 (C-3), 28.81 (C-6), 27.52 and 22.93 (C-4 and C-5). Mass spectrum of **30** (m/z, (I,%)): 192 (15)- M^+ , 123 (100), 95 (90), 67 (62); Mass spectrum of **31** (m/z, (I,%)): 192 (10)- M^+ , 123 (5), 95 (100), 67 (25); Mass spectrum of **32** (m/z, (I,%)): 192 (35)- M^+ , 123 (40), 95 (100), 80 (100), 67 (80). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 56.08; H, 5.85; Calc. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}$: C, 56.25; H, 5.77.

1,1,1-Trifluoro-3,3,4-trimethylpent-4-en-2-one 33, yield 26% (0.73g), b.p. 110-113 °C, n_D^{20} 1.3983. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 1770 (CO), 1100-1300 (CF_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 4.96 s (1H, $\text{CH}=\text{}$), 4.79 s (1H, $\text{CH}=\text{}$), 1.67 s (3H, CH_3-4), 1.31 s (6H, 2CH_3-3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 194.30 q (CO, $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 31.21 Hz), 144.47 (C-4), 116.22 q (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 295.01 Hz), 113.15 (C-5), 51.25 (C-3), 22.93 (CH_3-4), 14.36 (2CH_3-3). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 53.00; H, 6.24; Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}$: C, 53.33; H, 6.15.

Dimethyl-(1,1,2-trimethylpropyl)-sulfonium-(trifluoroacetoxy)trifluoroborate 34 and **trimethyl-sulfonium-(trifluoroacetoxy)trifluoroborate II** mixture 1/1.45 with, yield 46% (3.3 g), IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 1770 (CO), 1000-1200 (CF_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , δ ppm): signals of II 2.89 s (9H, $3(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{S}^+$), signals of **34** 2.72 s (6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{S}^+$), 2.05 hept (1H, $\text{CH}-2$, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.8 Hz), 1.42 s (6H, 2CH_3-1), 1.08 d (6H, 2CH_3-2 , $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 6.8 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , δ ppm): 157.71 q (COO^- , $^2J_{\text{CF}}$ 39.50 Hz), 115.94 q (CF_3 , $^1J_{\text{CF}}$ 287.32 Hz), 63.83 (C-1), 34.58 (C-2), 2705 ($(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{S}^+$), 19.87 ($(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{S}^+$), 18.62 (2CH_3-2), 17.49 (2CH_3-1). Elemental analysis: found (%): C, 28.92; H, 4.82; Calc. for the mixture N/N 1/1.45: C, 29.71; H, 4.63.

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