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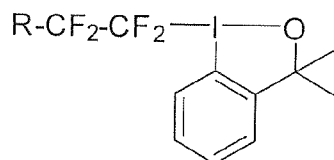
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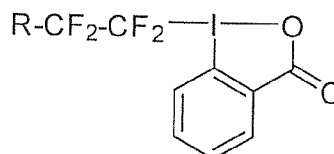
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Alcohol-type reagent (I)



Acid-type reagent (II)

(57) Abstract: A hypervalent iodine of formula (I) or formula (II) wherein R is a nucleophile and a method for their production is described. Such compounds can be used for fluoroethylation of compounds carrying a reactive group. A preferred compound carrying a reactive group is cysteine in any environment such as peptide targets.

Hypervalent Iodine CF₂CF₂X Reagents and their use

Cross References to Related Applications

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This application claims the priority of European patent application no. 14 180 136.5, filed August 7, 2014, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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Technical Field

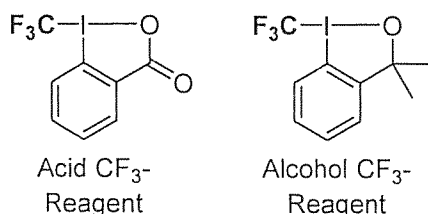
The present invention concerns the field of fluoroalkylation by hypervalent iodine and coupling reactions using such hypervalent iodine.

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Background Art

The hypervalent cyclic CF₃-iodine reagents[1]

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known as Togni reagents (herein referred to as acid CF₃ reagent and alcohol CF₃ reagent) turned out to be extremely versatile donors of the formally electrophilic CF₃-synthon. The success story of the Togni reagents also inspired other research groups to develop other fluoroalkylated analogues of them and explore their potential in electrophilic fluoroalkylation.

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In 2008, Hu *et al.* reported a synthesis of a related (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethyl hypervalent iodine reagent, utilizing the Umpolung concept known from the Togni reagents. The (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethyl trime-

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thylsilane, which has shown competence in several examples of nucleophilic difluorosulfonylation and indirect difluoromethylation, [2] was subjected to Umpolung with acetoxy-iodane to give (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethyl hypervalent iodine reagent in good yield. [3]

In their original report, the stable alcohol PhSO_2CF_2 -reagent could be employed in electrophilic (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethylation of a variety of thiol substrates in up to 87% yield.

In 2012, Hu et al. demonstrated that the (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethylation hypervalent iodine reagent can be used for electrophilic (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethylation of α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acids in the presence of catalytic amounts of an in-situ formed copper complex. Under the applied reaction conditions, acrylate substrates underwent decarboxylation followed by phenylsulfonyldifluoromethylation. [4]

In a publication that followed very soon, the same research group could show that β,γ -unsaturated carboxylic acids undergo decarboxylation/phenylsulfonyldifluoromethylation to give allylic phenylsulfonyldifluoromethylated products in good yields. The resulting products could be further transformed into useful difluoromethylated and difluoromethylenated products. [5]

Apart from the (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethylation hypervalent iodine reagent, perfluoroethyl analogue of acid CF_3 reagent was synthesized by Studer et al. who showcased that the resulting reagent can be used similarly as acid CF_3 reagent in tandem radical fluoroalkylation/aminoxylation. [6]

Perfluoroethylation is also mentioned in further documents. Mizuta et al. disclose trifluoromethylation of allylsilanes under photoredox catalysis with an indication that also some perfluoroethylation at the allylic position was successful. [13] Zhang et al. discuss mechanistic aspects of perfluoroalkylation. In particular trifluoromethylation. [14] Carboni et al. also deal with

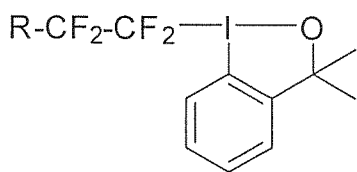
perfluoroalkylation, in particular trifluoromethylation, of enecarbamates with one example concerning perfluoroethylation.[15]

While the (phenylsulfonyl)difluoromethyl substituted reagent has been shown suitable for producing some trifluoromethylated and difluoromethylenated olefins, there is still a need for further fluoroalkylated products.

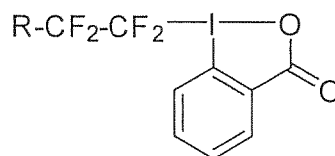
Disclosure of the Invention

Hence, it is a general object of the invention to provide a reagent that is suitable for fluoroalkylating a broad variety of compounds and having broad applicability.

Now, in order to implement these and still further objects of the invention, which will become more readily apparent as the description proceeds, the fluoroalkylation reagent of the present invention is a hypervalent iodine of formula (I) and/or formula (II)



Alcohol-type reagent (I)

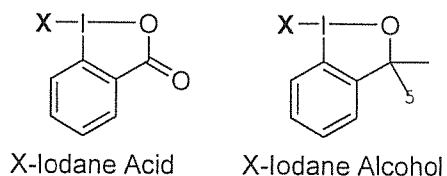


Acid-type reagent (II)

wherein R is a nucleophile other than fluorine or perfluoroalkyl.

Compounds of formula (I) or formula (II) with a specific R will later on be termed (specific R)-I or (specific R)-II, i.e. for e.g. R = PhS the compounds will be termed PhS-I and PhS-II.

Compounds with the basic structure



wherein X may be any group are also termed iodanes or more specific X-iodane acid and X-iodane alcohol.

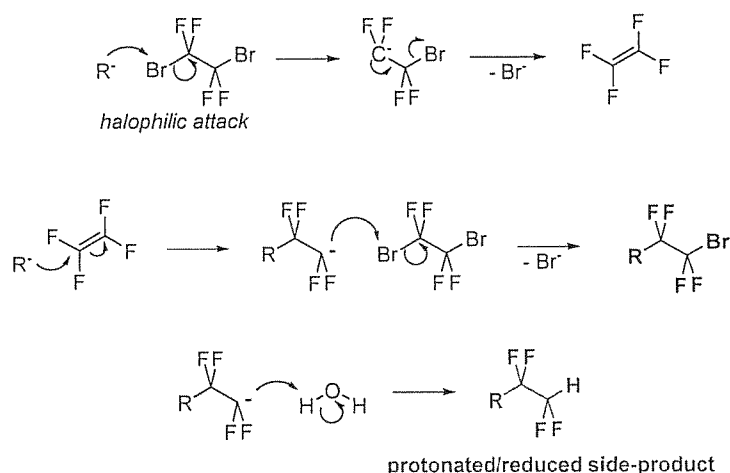
10 In the compounds of formula (I) or formula (II) preferred nucleophiles are selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted or substituted imidazoles, unsubstituted or substituted pyrazoles, unsubstituted or substituted benzimidazoles, unsubstituted or substituted
15 thiophenols, unsubstituted or substituted phenols, like 4-methoxyphenols, ethyl-4-hydroxybenzoates, 4-bromophenols, unsubstituted or substituted pyridine-thiols, unsubstituted or substituted 2-mercaptobenzothiazoles, potassium cyanide and dieth-
20 ylphosphite, more preferred imidazole, pyrazole, benzimidazole, thiophenol, 4-methoxyphenol, ethyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, 4-bromophenols, pyridine-2-thiol, 2-mercaptobenzothiazoles, potassium cyanide and dieth-
ylphosphite, even more preferred imidazole, pyrazole,
25 benzimidazole, thiophenol, 4-methoxyphenol, ethyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, 4-bromophenols and pyridine-2-thiol.

Suitable substituents can independently from each other be small groups like halogens, linear or branched, unsubstituted or halogen substituted C1 to C4
30 alkyl or C1 to C4 alkenyl or C1 to C4 alkynyl or C1 to C4 alkoxy or C1 to C4 alkyl carboxylate groups. In specific cases a substituent can also be a linker or spacer coupled to a desired group such as a functional group, said linker preferably being an optionally halogen substituted
35 aliphatic group.

In general the R listed above will be unsubstituted (i.e. the - R will not be further substituted than explicitly indicated above).

A preferred synthesis involves an intermediate compound of type $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_3-x$ wherein Ph is phenyl and x is 0 to 3, preferred $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiMe_3$. This intermediate can be produced via different routes. One of these routes uses 1,2,-dibromo-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane (also termed Halon 2402) that can be readily prepared but that for its ozone depleting potential is not easily commercially available in high amounts.

Starting from R-H and $Br-CF_2-CF_2-Br$, in a first step $R-CF_2-CF_2-Br$ is formed, possibly via a mechanism as follows:



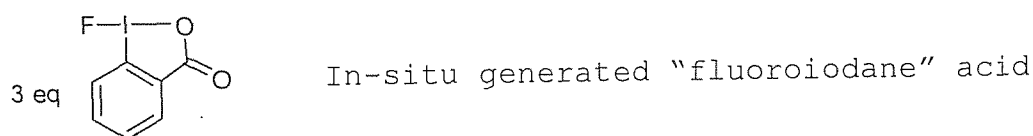
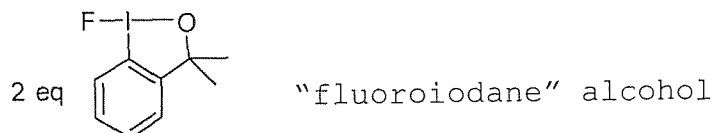
In a second step, $R-CF_2-CF_2-Br$ is reacted to $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_3-x$ using $Hal-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_3-x$ as reagent wherein the halogen (Hal) suitably is Cl.

In an alternative method avoiding $Br-CF_2-CF_2-Br$ a nucleophile R-H is reacted with tetrafluoroethylene (CF_2-CF_2) in the presence of a catalyst, e.g. NaH/n-Bu₄NI, to yield $X-CF_2-CF_2-H$ that - in a second step - is reacted to $X-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_3-x$ using $Hal-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_3-x$ as reagent in the presence of a base.

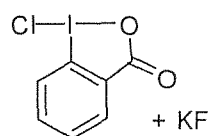
$X-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_3-x$ or its use in the preparation of hypervalent iodine-fluoroalkyl rea-

gents and in the preparation of fluoroalkyl and fluoroalkylene compounds is also an object of the present invention.

In a final step, $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-$
 5 $alkyl)_3-x$ is reacted with an "iodane" alcohol or acid such as

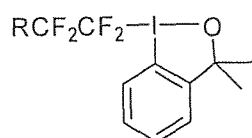


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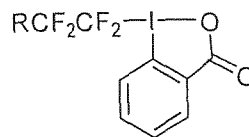
to yield

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(I)

or



(II)

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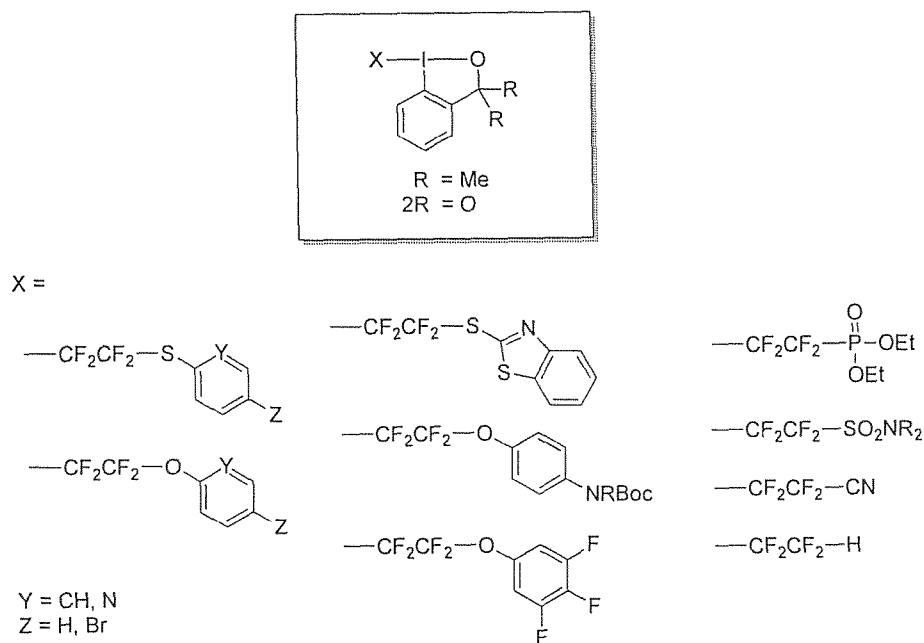
For the same or similar R groups, the compounds of formula (I) usually distinguish from the reagents of formula (II) in that those of formula (I) have
 35 better solubility and higher basicity while those of formula (II) are the better oxidants.

Since R must be a nucleophile, it may be necessary to provide a desired group with a nucleophilic

substituent such as -SH or -OH, possibly via a linker in order to retain the original features of the desired group. In this case R in compounds of formula (I) or formula (II) is "desired group - linker - nucleophilic substituent". In e.g. biological applications such desired groups can e.g. be fluorescent groups or biotin.

Some examples of compounds of formula (I) and/or formula (II) are azole-tetrafluoroethyl-based reagents, phenoxytetrafluoroethyl and thiophenoxytetrafluoroethyl-substituted reagents. These represent the families that can be most easily tuned and functionalized. Halogen or heteroatom substitution on the aromatic nuclei of fluoroalkylated moieties can provide additional vectors for further functionalization in carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bond-forming reactions.

Some of such compounds are illustrated below:



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Compounds of formula (I) and/or formula (II) can be used for producing a broad variety of R-CF₂-CF₂-substituted compounds like compounds of all classes that have already been trifluoromethylated, e.g. by reacting compounds of formula (I) and/or compounds of formula (II)

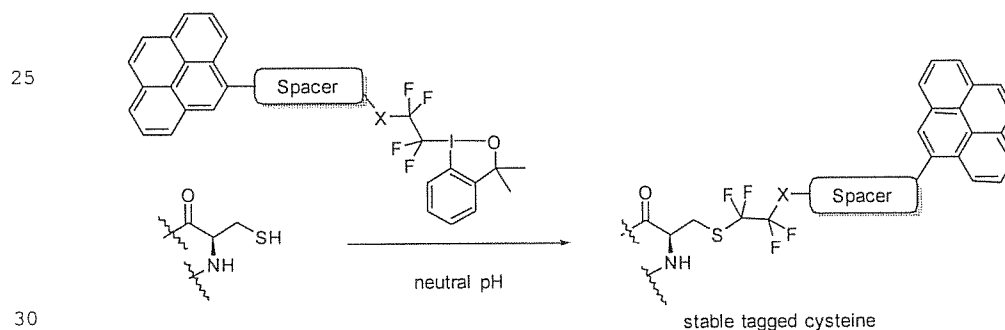
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with reactive groups such as reactive groups of the following types:

- sulfur centered nucleophiles, like -SH,
- carbon-centered nucleophiles, like silyl enolethers, silyl ketene imines and active methylene compounds, such as 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds,
- oxygen-centered nucleophiles, like -OH, hydroxylamines such as *N*-monosubstituted or preferably *N,N*-disubstituted hydroxylamines and sulfonic acids,
- nitrogen-centered nucleophiles, like cyclic aromatic heterocycles with at least 2 nitrogens, such as imidazoles, pyrazoles and triazole derivatives,
- phosphorous centered nucleophiles, like primary phosphines and secondary phosphines.

One preferred group to be reacted with the compounds of formula (I) or formula (II) are cysteins in any biological environment.

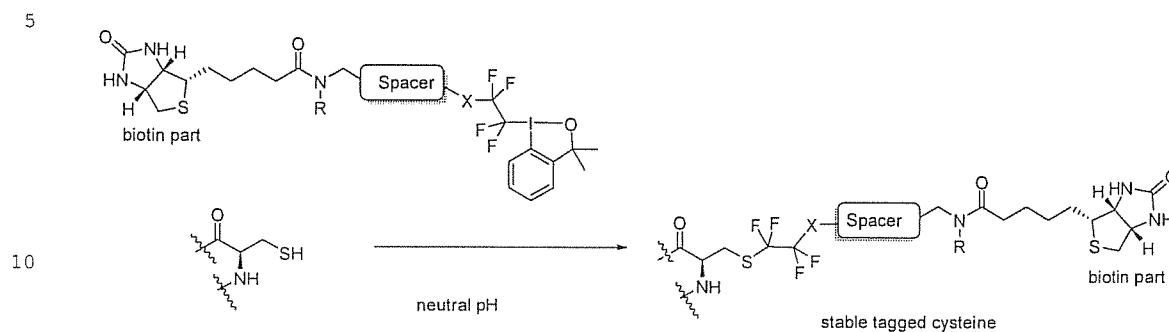
For example a cysteine group can be labelled with a fluorescent group in a very selective and close to quantitative manner according to the reaction scheme



Such stable adduct can be used for the determination of reduced glutathione (GSH). In combination with HPLC fluorimetry GSH can be determined in blood

plasma. The method allows the detection of free cysteine, homocystein, coenzyme A etc. in one single analysis.

In another application R comprises a biotinyl group



15 The introduction of the biotin moiety into cysteine comprising peptides and in cysteine rich domains allows use of Pull-Down Assays due to the high affinity of biotin to streptavidin.

20 Brief Description of the Drawings

This description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

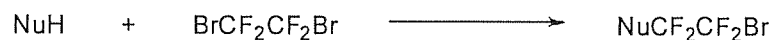
25 Fig. 1 shows so far isolated compounds of formula (I) and formula (II). The numbers written under the reagents denote the isolated yields of successive steps in their syntheses (1. synthesis of $\text{XCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{Br}$, 2. conversion of $\text{XCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{Br}$ to $\text{XCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{TMS}$ and 3. the final

30 "Umpolung" step leading to the hypervalent iodine- $\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{X}$ reagent.

Modes for Carrying Out the Invention

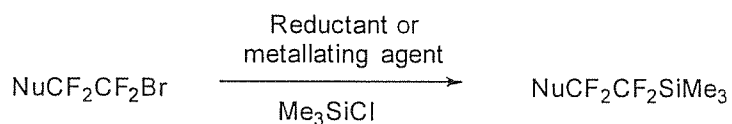
One method for producing compounds of formula (I) and compounds of formula (II) is via the following synthetic approach (below R = Nu):

1. Bromotetrafluoroethylation



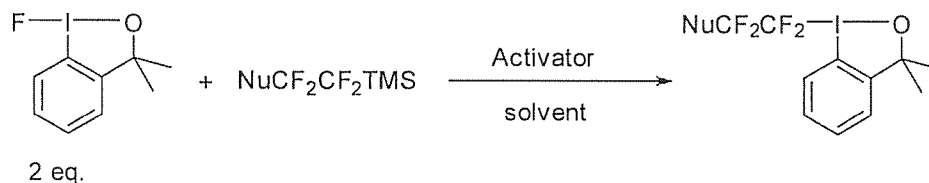
Nu = Nucleophile

2. Reduction / Trimethylsilylation

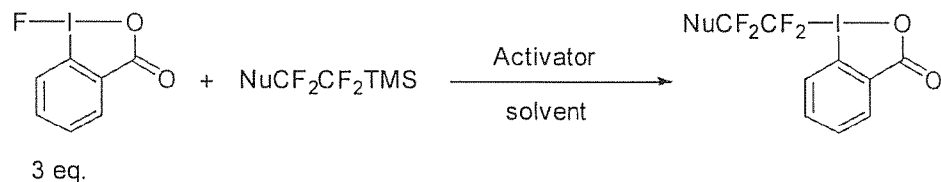


3. Umpolung

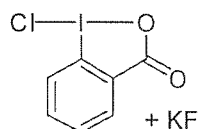
a) alcohol reagent:



b) acid reagent:

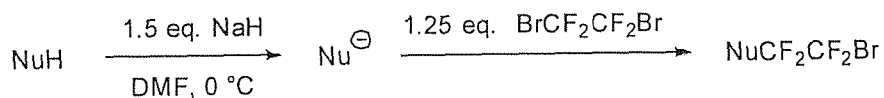


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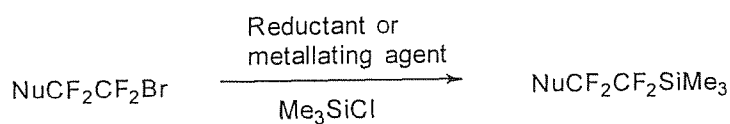


In preferred embodiments, the following more detailed reaction conditions are used:

5 1. Bromotetrafluoroethylation

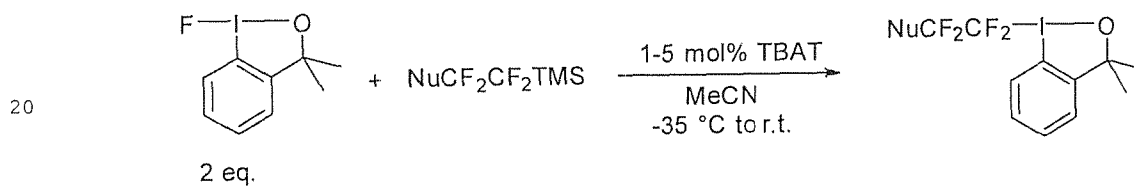


10 2. Reduction / Trimethylsilylation

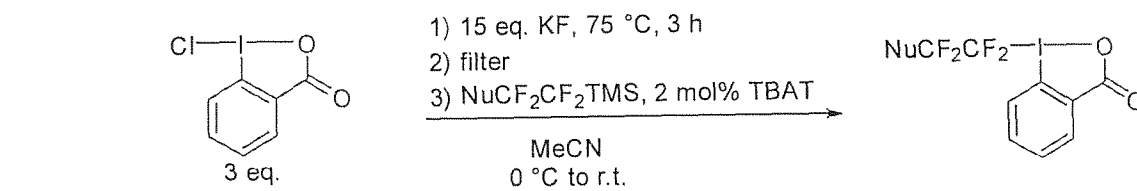


15 3. Umpolung

a) alcohol reagent:



25 b) acid reagent:



TBAT = tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate
r.t. = 20°C to 25°C

35 Suitable reducing or metallating agents/methods are e.g. metallic magnesium, metallic aluminum, metallic zinc, tris-dialkylaminophosphines, tetrakis-dialkylaminoethylenes, *i*-propylmagnesium chlo-

ride-lithium chloride complex, Grignard reagents, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl lithiums, and cathodic electroreduction.

Other activators that can be used are generally ate complexes of fluoride anion and an inorganic or organic Lewis acidic organic acceptor, sources of naked anhydrous fluoride anion, such as tetraalkylammonium fluorides, tetraalkylphosphonium or tetraarylphosphonium fluorides, cesium fluoride, combination of alkali metal fluorides and alkali metal chelators such as crown ethers or related structures.

Solvents other than acetonitrile are THF, higher nitrile analogues of acetonitrile, halogenated aliphatic and aromatic solvents, tertiary carboxamides.

The Umpolung of the alcohol compound of formula (I) can be performed at temperatures up to 25°C. In general, however, it is performed at temperatures of at most 0°C. Often improved purity is obtained at temperatures significantly below 0°C such as below -10°C or even below -20°C such as -35°C. Due to its lower reactivity, the Umpolung of the acid compound usually is performed at higher temperature, usually at temperatures from about 0°C up to ambient temperature (rt), usually 20°C to 25°C.

Experimental Part:

In the following experimental part trimethylsilanes are used as $\text{Ph}_x(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-alkyl})_{3-x}$ silanes. Trimethylsilanes are preferred silanes because they are comparably cheap and readily available.

I. Synthesis of R-CF₂CF₂-X reagents

I.1. Optimization of the synthesis of compound of formula (I) with R = -SPh

Using $\text{PhSCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$, an optimum protocol for smooth and high yielding Umpolung reaction was elaborated.

The comparison of the result of Umpolung of Ruppert-Prakash reagent with chloriodane acid and fluoroiodane alcohol indicated that chloriodane acid is not sufficiently reactive and that even in situ formation of fluoroiodane acid as mere intermediate results in poorer yields than starting from isolated fluoroiodane alcohol. The best result was obtained with the combined use of excess fluoroiodane alcohol and a well soluble fluoride source (e.g. tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT)) (see Table 1) as activator.

Table 1: Results of the Umpolung of PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ with fluoroiodane alcohol

en try	activator	equiv. of PhSCF ₂ CF ₂ SiMe ₃	equiv. fluoroiodane alcohol	solvent	t [°C] reaction time	yield ^e	scale
1	excess of spray dried KF	1.2	1 eq. = 0.25M	MeCN	0°C to 25°C 6 h	22% (18%)	100 mg
2a	10 mol% TBAT	1	2 eq. = 0.25M	THF	-10°C to 25°C 3 h	(40%)	100 mg
3b	10 mol% TBAT	1	2 eq. = 0.33M	THF	0°C	26%	100 mg
3c	1 mol% TBAT	1	2 eq. = 0.4M	MeCN	-20°C to 0°C 2 h	69% (68%)	100 mg
4d	1 mol% TBAT	1	2 eq. = 0.4M	MeCN	-35°C to 0°C 1 h	93% (85%)	1 g

^a PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ was added in three portions during 1 h.

^b PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ was added with syringe pump within 8 h.

^c PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ was added at once at -20 °C.

^d PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ was added within 10 minutes

^e the yields not in parenthesis are NMR yields measured with internal standard PhCF₃, those in parenthesis are isolated yields.

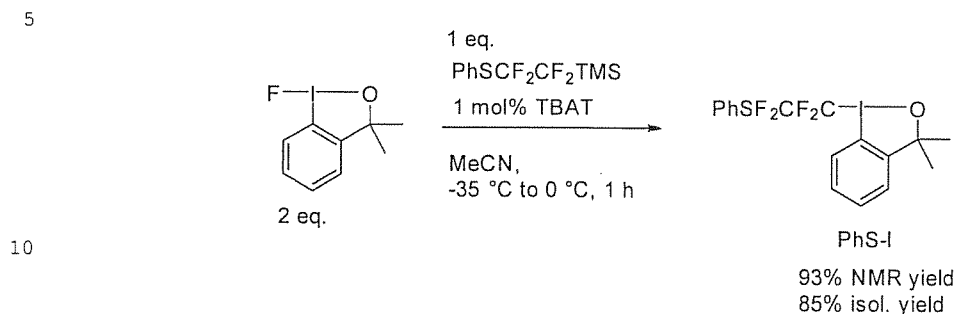
TBAT = tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate

The worst result was obtained with KF. The Umpolung was slow and incomplete (entry 1). Switching to the use of isolated fluoroiodane alcohol in THF in combination with 10 mol% TBAT improved the yield to 40% (entry 2). During the conditions of entry 2, an instantaneous color change to orange was observed after the addition of the first portion of $\text{PhSCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ to the mixture of fluoroiodane alcohol and TBAT. This rapid color change might possibly be interpreted as an accompanying decomposition of $\text{PhSCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ in the presence of highly reactive fluoride activator. Therefore, in a next approach the reaction temperature was lowered to $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and less activator was used (entry 3). This appeared to be a fruitful intervention leading to 69% NMR yield of PhS-I. Pleasingly, performing the reaction on a 1 g scale, lowering the reaction temperature to $-35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and adding $\text{PhSCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ within 10 minutes gave 93% NMR yield of PhS-I. A quick TLC analysis of the reaction mixture revealed that the reaction was essentially complete in 5 minutes after the silane $\text{PhSCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ had been added.

These observations support the following hypothesis that, however, shall not be construed as limiting the invention in any way:

- (i) highly soluble fluoride source is the best activator
- (ii) fluoroiodane alcohol is the best acceptor of the fluoroalkylated carbanion
- (iii) catalysis is mediated only by the fast dissolving fluoride such as TBAT throughout the whole catalytic Umpolung process ("pure fluoride catalysis") (This is astonishing since in a number of fluoride-catalyzed nucleophilic fluoroalkylations, for example additions of fluoroalkylated silanes to benzaldehydes, the catalytically relevant activator responsible for major part of the conversion is the intermediate alkoxide and not the fluoride.)

(iv) instability of activated fluoroalkylated silanes can be minimized by using excess of the acceptor fluoroiodane alcohol.



Optimized synthesis of PhS-I

15 I.2.Optimization of the synthesis of PhS-II

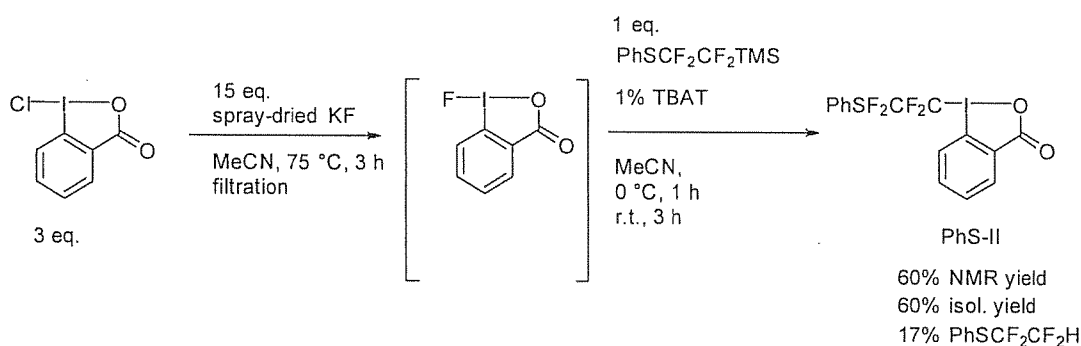
Having optimized the synthesis of PhS-I, also the synthesis of the related "acid" reagent PhS-II was further investigated.

20 First the potential of acetoxyiodane acid as the precursor for synthesis of PhS-II was explored. However, the acetate of the acetoxyiodane acid proved to have insufficient activating power.

Thus, the poorly stable fluoroiodane acid was
25 chosen. The fluoroiodane acid in pure form can only be obtained in solution, preferably as a solution in MeCN. Treatment of 2 equivalents of 1-chloro-benziodoxol-3-one (chloroiodane acid) with 10 equivalents of spray-dried KF in MeCN at 75 °C provided a suspension of KCl, KF and
30 dissolved fluoroiodane acid. The solution of fluoroiodane acid was carefully cannula-filtered under Ar from one into another Schlenk flask and treated with 10 mol% TBAT and 1 equivalent of PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ at 5 °C. Formation of PhS-II in 59% NMR yield together with 28% protodesilylation
35 product of PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ was observed.

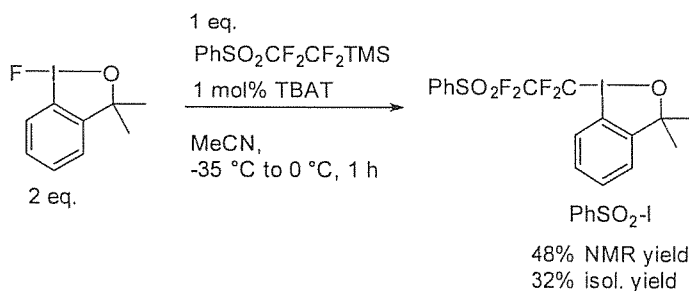
In the next experiment, 3 equivalents of in-situ formed fluoroiodane acid together with 1 mol% TBAT was used. First the Umpolung of PhSCF₂CF₂SiMe₃ was per-

formed at 0 °C, but even after 1 h, only low conversion of the silane $\text{PhSCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ was detected. After warming up to 20°C to 25°C, much faster progress of the reaction was observed; within 3 h, the starting material could no longer be detected on TLC anymore. ^{19}F NMR examination of the crude reaction mixture revealed formation of PhS-II in 60% NMR yield together with 17% $\text{PhSCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{H}$. PhS-II could be then isolated by flash chromatography in 60% yield, with chromatographic behaviour similar to the related acid CF_3 reagent.



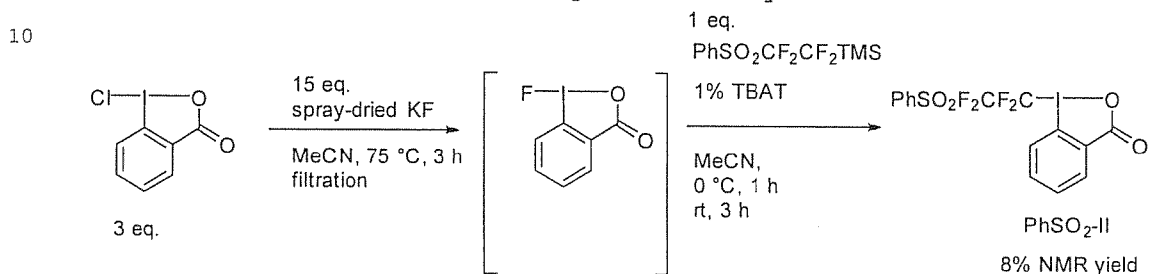
Preparation of $\text{PhSO}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2$ -Alcohol-reagent PhSO_2 -I

The reaction of $\text{PhSO}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{TMS}$ with 2 equivalents of fluoroiodane alcohol in the presence of 1 mol% TBAT at -35 °C in MeCN gave 48% NMR yield of PhSO_2 -I. Pure PhSO_2 -I could be obtained in 32% isolated yield.



Preparation of $\text{PhSO}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2$ -Acid-reagent PhSO_2 -II

When $\text{PhSO}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ was subjected to 3 equivalents of in-situ formed fluoroiodane acid in the presence of 1 mol% TBAT, formation of the desired reagent $\text{PhSO}_2\text{-II}$ could be detected only in 8% NMR yield after 3 h at ambient temperature (20°C to 25°C). The lower nucleophilicity of the silane in combination with lower purity of $\text{PhSO}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ used is assumed to be the reason of failure. The silane used in these experiments, namely, was contaminated with 15% protodesilylated material.



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Synthesis of $\text{PhSO}_2\text{-II}$

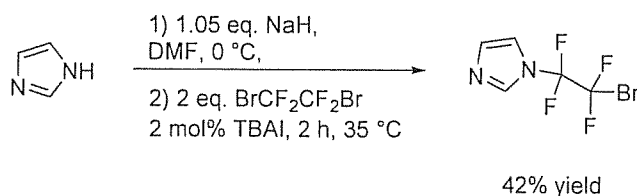
1.4 Synthesis of 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-bromo)-1H-imidazole and respective trimethylsilane

Nitrogen-based heterocyclic functionalities are of high importance in medicinal chemistry and agrochemistry. Therefore compounds of formula (I) and formula (II) with R comprising nitrogen-containing heterocyclic groups are of high interest in these fields.

Im-I and Im-II were used as representatives of this class.

The synthesis of the desired reagents required access to the corresponding 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-trimethylsilyl)ethyl]-1H-imidazole. Following the synthesis reported by Petko et al.^[7], imidazole was deprotonated with 1.05 equivalents of sodium hydride in DMF and treated with 2 equivalents $\text{BrCF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{Br}$ (see also [8]) in the presence of 2 mol% TBAT to give 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-bromo)-1H-imidazole in 42% yield (Lit. 68% yield). In a second experiment, in order to

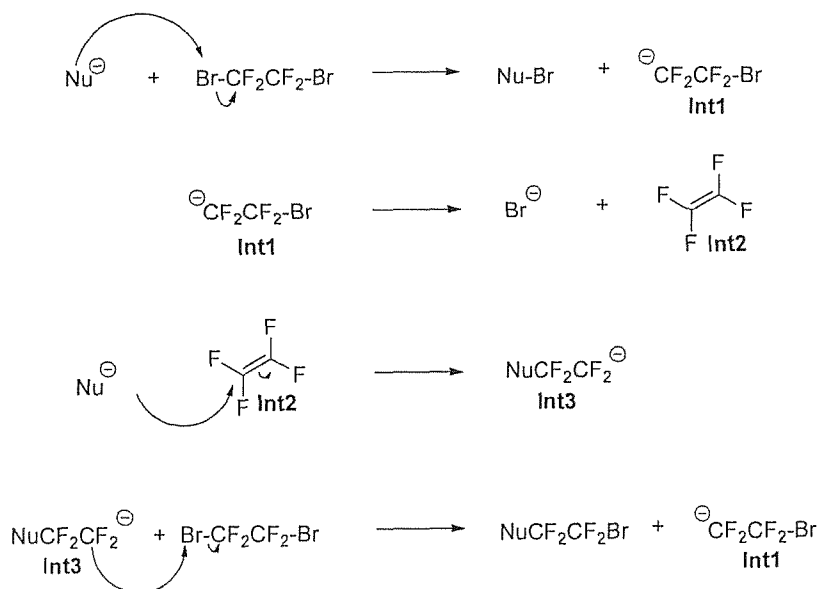
need less dibromotetrafluoroethane, its excess was reduced to 1.5 equivalents and simultaneously the reactivity of the imidazolidine anion was increased by increasing the amount of phase transfer catalyst (activator) to 7 mol%. Combination of these two adjustments provided 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-bromo]-1H-imidazole in 68% yield which represents a certain improvement in comparison to the synthesis reported in the literature.



with 1.5 equiv BrCF₂CF₂Br / 7 mol% TBAI.....68% yield

Synthesis of 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-bromo)-1H-imidazole by reaction of imidazolyl sodium with BrCF₂CF₂Br under PTC catalysis

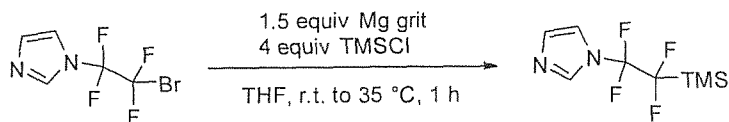
Although the bromotetrafluoroethylation of imidazole formally represents a nucleophilic substitution, it actually comprises a combination of several elementary steps. The generally accepted mechanism is depicted in the Scheme below. The overall process is initiated by bromophilic attack of the nucleophile on BrCF₂CF₂Br, providing the brominated nucleophile and the highly unstable bromotetrafluoroethyl anion Int1 which quickly loses bromide anion to give the intermediate tetrafluoroethylene (Int2). Tetrafluoroethylene then behaves as the actual acceptor of the nucleophile, forming fluoroalkylated carbanion Int3. This carbanion is then finally brominated by a further bromophilic attack of BrCF₂CF₂Br, initiating a new reaction cycle with the release of new Int1.



**Mechanism of bromotetrafluoroalkylation of nucleophiles
with BrCF₂CF₂Br**

5 The next step in the synthesis of 1-
 [(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-trimethylsilyl)ethyl]-1H-
 imidazole was a debrominative reductive silylation under
 Barbier conditions. 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-bromo]-1H-
 imidazole was treated with 1.5 equivalents Mg grit and 4
 10 equivalents of TMSCl in THF to provide the corresponding
 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-trimethylsilyl)ethyl]-1H-
 imidazole in 71% yield after Kugelrohr distillation. Dur-
 ing the aqueous workup of the silane, care had to be tak-
 en to work under neutral conditions and in the cold, oth-
 15 erwise extensive protodesilylation of 1-[(1,1,2,2-
 Tetrafluoro-2-trimethylsilyl)ethyl]-1H-imidazole was ob-
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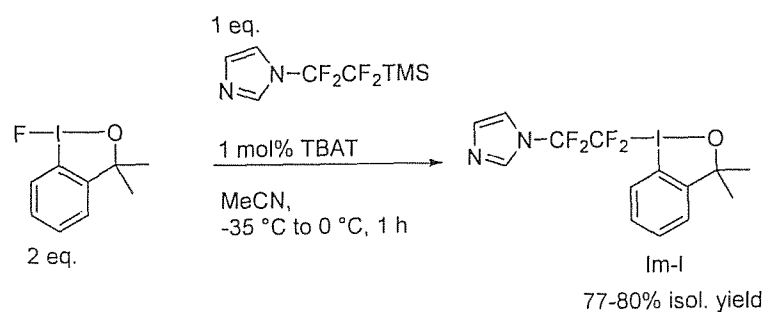
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71% yield

**Reductive silylation of 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-bromo)-
1H-imidazole under Barbier conditions**

I.5 Synthesis of Imidazole-I (Im-I)

1 equivalent of 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-trimethylsilyl)ethyl]-1H-imidazole was treated with 2 equivalents of fluoroiodane alcohol in the presence of 1 mol% TBAT in acetonitrile at a temperature of -35°C to 0°C for 1 hour providing Im-I in 77-80% isolated yield. Similarly as in the case of synthesis of PhS-I, the Um-polung of 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-trimethylsilyl)ethyl]-1H-imidazole with fluoroiodane alcohol was essentially finished within 10 minutes after addition of silane was complete (as evidenced by TLC analysis). Reagent Im-I was obtained as a viscous yellowish liquid that soon crystallized at ambient temperature (20°C to 25°C).



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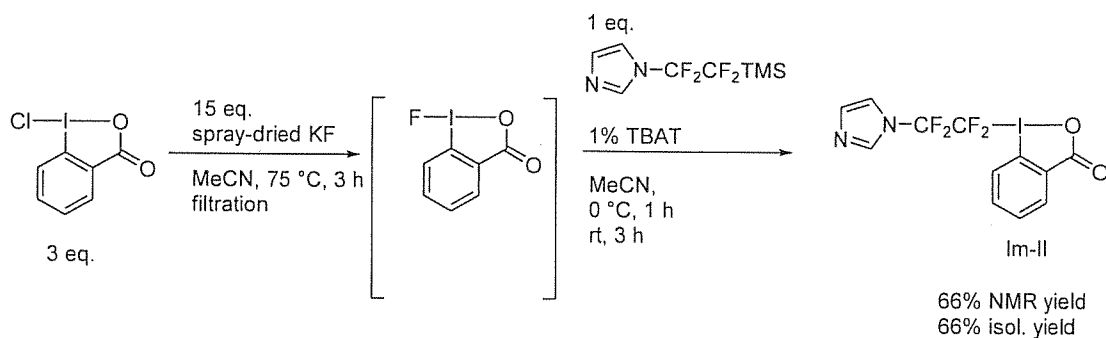
Synthesis of "Alcohol-CF₂CF₂-Im reagent" imidazole-I (Im-I)

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I.6 Synthesis of imidazole-II (Im-II)

The synthesis of the related "acid-type" reagent Im-II was conducted along the lines of the previously optimized protocol. Reaction of 1 equivalent of 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-trimethylsilyl)ethyl]-1H-imidazole with 3 equivalents of an in-situ formed fluoroiodane acid in the presence of 1 mol% TBAT gave Im-

II in 66% NMR yield. The compound could be isolated by flash chromatography in 66% isolated yield.



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Synthesis of "Acid-CF₂CF₂-Im reagent" imidazole-II

According to the methods described above so far the compounds of formula (I) and formula (II) shown in Figure 1 have been prepared in the indicated isolated yields.

In detail: The numbers written under the reagents denote the isolated yields of successive steps in their syntheses (1. synthesis of XCF₂CF₂Br, 2. conversion of XCF₂CF₂Br to XCF₂CF₂TMS and 3. the final "Umpolung" step leading to the hypervalent iodine-CF₂CF₂X reagent.

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II. Solvent dependence of ¹⁹F NMR spectra of CF₂CF₂-X reagents

When measuring the ¹⁹F NMR spectra of PhS-I in CDCl₃ on the one hand and in acetonitrile on the other hand an interesting phenomenon was observed. The crude reaction mixture showed in MeCN a well resolved pair of triplets at -83.1 ppm and -92.4 ppm. However, the isolated PhS-I re-dissolved in CDCl₃, gave one triplet at -82.2 ppm and a broad resonance at -89.9 ppm instead.

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The same compound in d₃-MeCN at ambient temperature (20 °C to 25 °C), gave again a clearly developed pair of triplets at -83.1 ppm and -92.4 ppm.

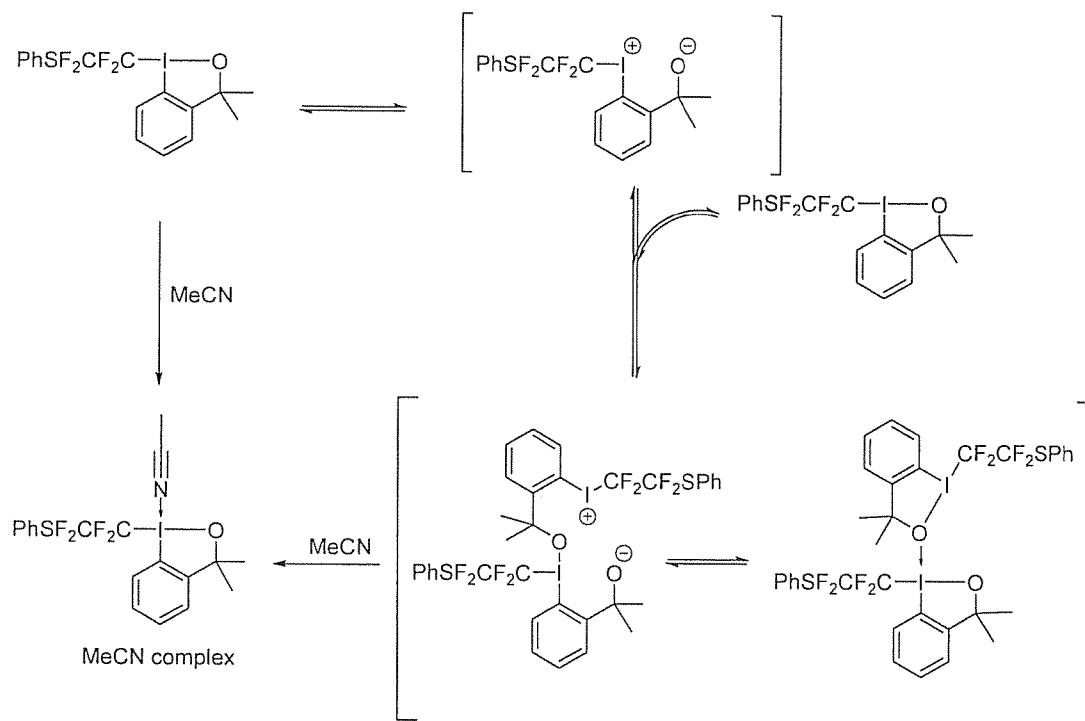
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A similar solvent-dependent behaviour, only less pronounced, was observed for other reagents as well.

A not limiting interpretation of this behaviour might be as follows:

Reagent PhS-I is assumed to be in dynamic equilibrium between its cyclic and open iodonium-alkoxide form. It can be also conceived that the open iodonium-alkoxide form can coordinate the alkoxide moiety of a second molecule of PhS-I.^[9] In a solvent with poor donor ability (represented by CDCl₃), the rate and extent of such dynamic processes is expected to be significant enough to lead to signal broadening. The more broadened ¹⁹F NMR resonance is assumed to correspond to the -CF₂-moiety directly attached to the hypervalent iodine center where the changes of electronic properties are most pronounced during these chemical exchange processes. Addition of solvent with good donor properties (represented by MeCN) is equivalent to addition of large excess of a ligand that effectively freezes the ligand exchange equilibria, whereby only the MeCN complex of PhS-I is observed (see below). A similar behaviour was observed for arylsulfur trifluorides where exchange of axial and equatorial fluorides was "frozen" by addition of diethyl ether, although the original nature of signal broadening is not exactly the same. ^[10]

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Again this interpretation shall by no means be construed as limiting the scope of the present invention.

III. Storage stability of the new $\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_2\text{-X}$ reagents

Only preliminary stability tests of reagents PhS-I, PhS-II, $\text{PhSO}_2\text{-I}$, Im-I and Im-II in the solid state and in solution in deuterated solvents (CDCl_3 and $d_3\text{-MeCN}$) were performed.

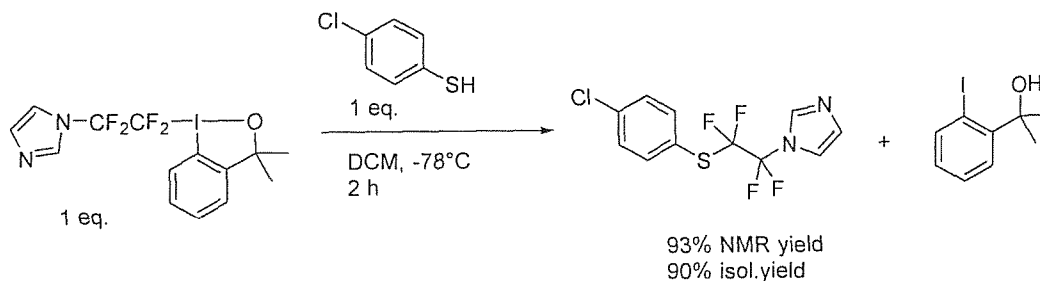
All reagents could be handled for a few hours at room temperature without any decomposition. The well crystallizing reagent Im-II was stored at 25°C for 5 days without decomposition.

However, as a solution in both CDCl_3 and $d_3\text{-MeCN}$, significant decomposition (more than 50%) was detected after 24 h at room temperature, in standard borosilicate glass NMR tubes under air without exclusion of light. In the case of reagent PhS-I, severe stability problems were experienced. Partial decomposition could already be detected within 1 hour when using $d_3\text{-MeCN}$ that was not dry.

During storage of reagents PhS-I, PhS-II, PhSO₂-I, Im-I and Im-II for 4 months at -20 °C no decomposition was observed. It is therefore recommended to store the reagents in tightly sealed containers with exclusion of moisture at -20 °C.

IV. Application of the compounds of formula (I) and formula(II) in formally electrophilic fluoroalkylation reactions

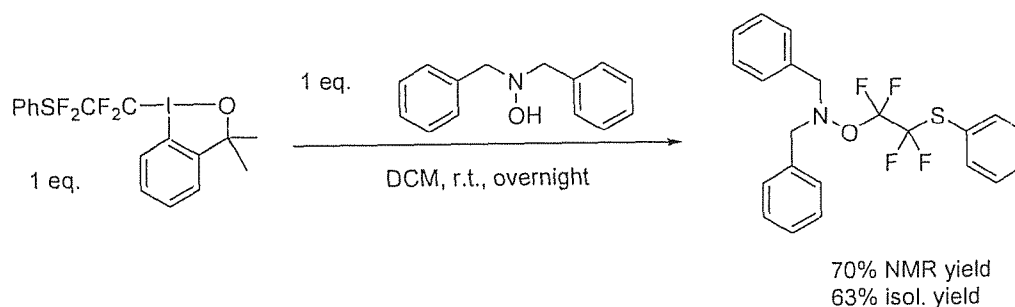
Based on the literature precedence of successful mild trifluoromethylation of thiols with alcohol CF₃ reagent,[11] the reactivity of Im-I towards 4-chlorothiophenol was investigated. Upon addition of a solution of 1 equivalent of 4-chlorothiophenol to 1 equivalent of Im-I in DCM (dichloromethane) at -78 °C, the reaction mixture instantaneously turned yellowish-green. In the trifluoromethylation reaction of thiols, this greenish coloration was assumed to be caused by intermediary formation of charge transfer complex between the reagent and the thiol substrate. This could also be the case with Im-I. Within a minute, the yellowish-green solution turned colorless and a crystalline white solid formed. After warming up to ambient temperature (20°C to 25°C), an almost colorless solution was obtained. ¹⁹F NMR analysis with internal standard revealed clean formation of the corresponding fluoroalkylated product in 93% yield (see Scheme below). Subsequent chromatographic isolation provided 1-[(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-(4-chlorophenyl))-1H-imidazole in 90% isolated yield as white needles.



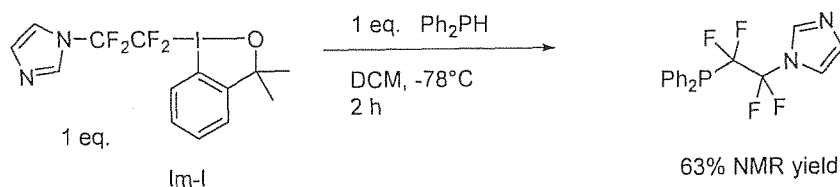
Fluoroalkylation of 4-chlorothiophenol with imidazole-I

Another test reaction was the fluoroalkylation of *N,N*-disubstituted hydroxylamines.

Treatment of 1 equivalent of *N,N*-dibenzylhydroxylamine with 1 equivalent of PhS-I in DCM at ambient temperature (20°C to 25°C) gave after overnight reaction 70% NMR yield of the corresponding fluoro-alkylated hydroxylamine. Isolation by flash chromatog-
10 raphy yielded *O*-fluoroalkylated *N,N*-dibenzylhydroxylamine in 63% yield.

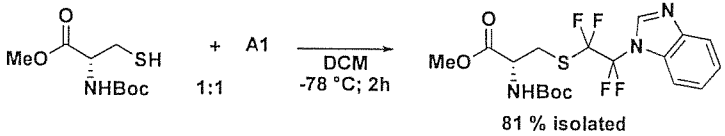
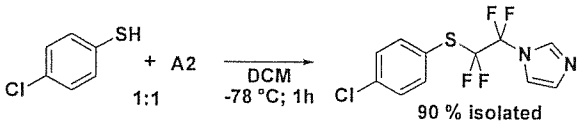
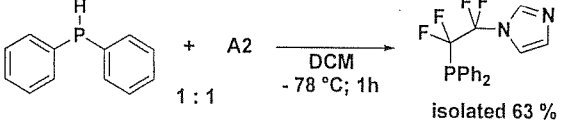
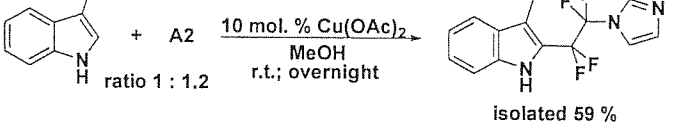
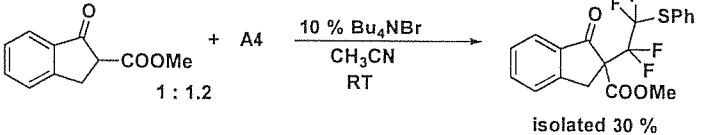
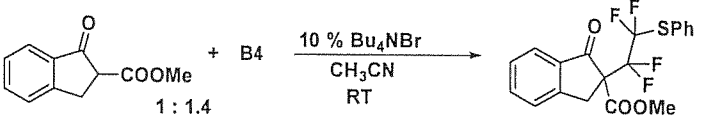
Fluoroalkylation of *N,N*-dibenzylhydroxylamine with PhS-I

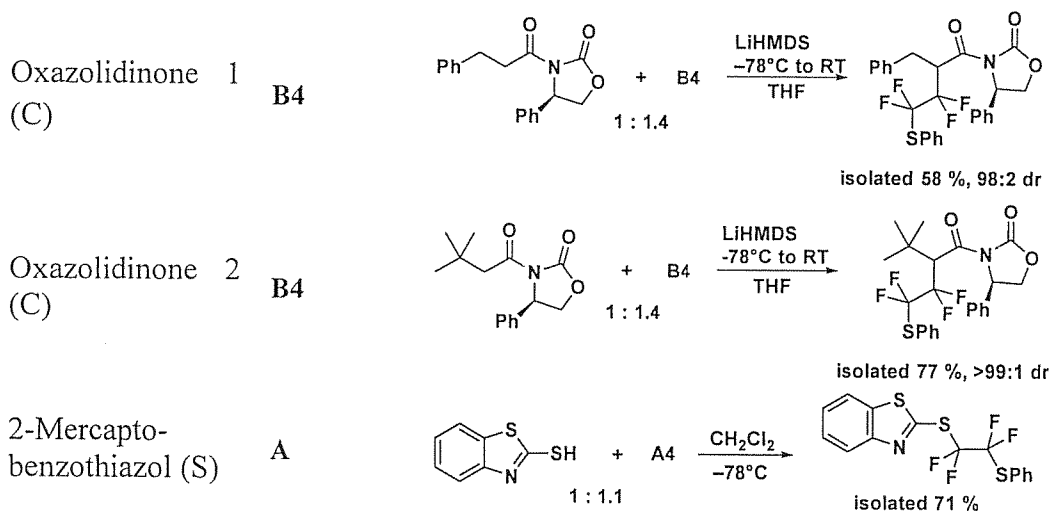
A further test reaction was fluoroalkylation of diphenylphosphine. Upon mixing 1 equivalent of diphenylphosphine with 1 equivalent of **Im-I** fast conversion to the corresponding fluoroalkylated diphenylphosphine was observed by ^{19}F NMR. The NMR yield was 62%. Isolation has to be performed under non-oxidizing conditions.



Reactions with further substrates have also already been examined. A list with reaction conditions is given in the following Table 2. The reagents are designated as in Figure 1:

Table 2:

Substrate (type)	Reagent	Reaction
Bn ₂ -hydroxylamine (O)	A4	 ratio 1:1 DCM r.t.; 20h 63 % isolated
N-Boc-cysteine ester (S)	A1	 1:1 DCM -78 °C; 2h 81 % isolated
4-Cl-thiophenol (S)	A2	 1:1 DCM -78 °C; 1h 90 % isolated
Diphenylphosphine (P)	A2	 1:1 DCM -78 °C; 1h isolated 63 %
Skatole (C)	A2	 ratio 1:1.2 10 mol. % Cu(OAc)₂ MeOH r.t.; overnight isolated 59 %
β-Keto ester (C)	A4	 1:1.2 10 % Bu₄NBr CH₃CN RT isolated 30 %
β-Keto ester (C)	B4	 1:1.4 10 % Bu₄NBr CH₃CN RT isolated 42 %



V. Conclusions

Fluoroiodane alcohols and fluoroiodane acids
 5 are the best Umpolung partners for fluoroalkylated
 silanes.

Pure fluoride catalysis with 1 mol% TBAT is
 able to mediate the very rapid Umpolung of nucleophilic
 fluoroalkylsilanes within minutes at -35 °C.

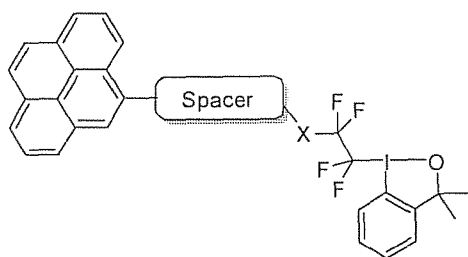
10 Use of excess fluoroiodane alcohols and
 fluoroiodane acids helps to improve the yields of the de-
 sired hypervalent fluoroalkyl-iodine reagents (compounds
 of formula (I) and formula (II)).

15 VI. Useability of the compounds of formula (I) and formula (II)

In the so far performed reactions "alcohol-
 type" reagents PhS-I and Im-I showed very promising po-
 20 tential, as thiols, *N,N*-disubstituted hydroxylamines,
 secondary phosphines and carbon centered nucleophiles
 proved to be receptive substrates in electrophilic
 fluoroalkylation. Further reactions wherein the compounds
 of the present invention are of interest are for example
 25 the diastereoselective fluoroalkylation of chiral Evans-
 type acyl oxazolidin-2-ones, fluoroalkylation of trime-
 thylsilyl ketene acetals derived from lactones, enanti-

oselective Cu-catalyzed fluoroalkylation of cyclic β -keto esters, fluoroalkylation of terminal acetylenes, alkenes and aryl- and alkenylboronic acids. Fluoroalkylation of heteroatom-centered nucleophiles like azoles and secondary phosphines is assumed to provide highly interesting ligand scaffolds applicable in homogeneous metal-catalyzed transformations.

The exceptional reactivity towards thiol substrates can be employed in selective tagging of cysteine residues in the context of highly complex peptide targets. For example, a reagent comprising a fluorescent moiety attached through a linker to the CF_2CF_2 -moiety will serve as a double tag, suitable for both fluorimetric assay and NMR spectrometric detection.[12]



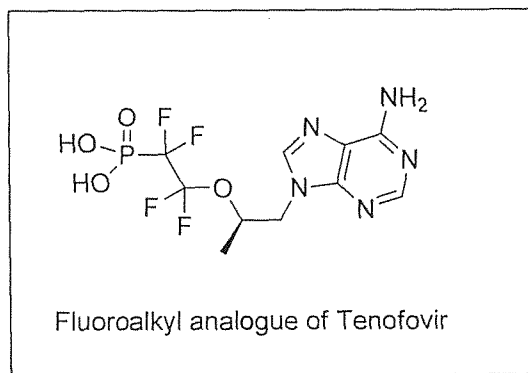
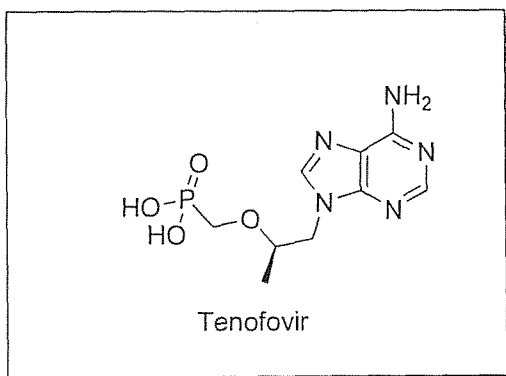
Pyrene containing reagent for fluorescence tagging of cysteine residues

Seen from a more general perspective, hypervalent fluoroalkyl-iodine reagents of formula (I) or formula (II) can function as highly thiol-selective carriers of a variety of moieties attached to the hypervalent iodine center.

From the life- and material science perspective, thanks to their excellent tunability, the compounds of formula (I) and formula(II) have broad application in discovery of new drugs, modification of existing lead structures and in the design of new functional materials (liquid crystals, fuel cell membranes, donor-acceptor mo-

lecular wires for solar electrochemical cells). For example, fluoroalkylation of existing drugs can improve some of their properties, for instance acidobasic behaviour or bioavailability. As an example of a modification with a compound of formula (I) or formula (II) Tenofovir may be mentioned. Tenofovir, marketed by the company Gilead Sciences, is an antiretroviral drug (reverse transcriptase inhibitor) effective against HIV1 and hepatitis B infections.

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Example for use of a tetrafluoroethylphosphonate moiety in the design of modified drugs

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While there are shown and described presently preferred embodiments of the invention, it is to be distinctly understood that the invention is not limited thereto but may be otherwise variously embodied and practiced within the scope of the following claims.

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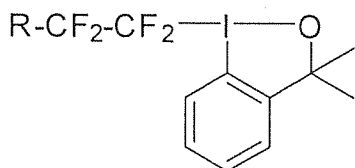
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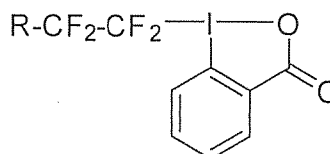
Claims

1. A hypervalent iodine of formula (I) or formula (II)

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Alcohol-type reagent (I)



Acid-type reagent (II)

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wherein R is a nucleophile other than fluorine or perfluoroalkyl.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R is selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted or substituted imidazoles, unsubstituted or substituted pyrazoles, unsubstituted or substituted benzimidazoles, unsubstituted or substituted thiophenols, unsubstituted or substituted phenols, like 4-methoxyphenols, ethyl-4-hydroxybenzoates, 4-bromophenols, unsubstituted or substituted pyridine-thiols, unsubstituted or substituted 2-mercaptobenzothiazoles, potassium cyanide and diethylphosphite.

3. The compound of claim 1 or 2, wherein, R is selected from the group consisting of imidazole, pyrazole, benzimidazole, thiophenol, 4-methoxyphenol, ethyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, 4-bromophenols, pyridine-2-thiol, 2-mercaptobenzothiazoles, potassium cyanide and diethylphosphite, more preferred imidazole, pyrazole, benzimidazole, thiophenol, 4-methoxyphenol, ethyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, 4-bromophenols and pyridine-2-thiol.

4. The compound of claim 2 or 3, wherein R is substituted with a substituent independently from each

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other selected from the group consisting of halogens, linear or branched, unsubstituted or halogen substituted C1 to C4 alkyl or C1 to C4 alkenyl or C1 to C4 alkynyl or C1 to C4 alkoxy or C1 to C4 alkyl carboxylate groups, or
5 the substituent may be a linker or spacer coupled to a desired group such as a functional group, said linker preferably being an optionally halogen substituted aliphatic group.

10 5. The compound of claim 2 or 3, wherein R is unsubstituted.

6. A method for the production of a compound of formula (I) or formula (II) of one of claims 1 to 5
15 comprising an Umpolung wherein

(a) fluoroiodane alcohol is reacted with R-CF₂-CF₂-SiPh_x(C₁-C₃-alkyl)_{3-x}, preferably R-CF₂-CF₂-SiMe₃ in the presence of at least one fluorine source as activator to give a compound of formula (I), or wherein

20 (b) chloroiodane acid or fluoroiodane acid is reacted with R-CF₂-CF₂-SiPh_x(C₁-C₃-alkyl)_{3-x}, preferably R-CF₂-CF₂-SiMe₃, in the presence of at least one fluorine source as activator to give a compound of formula (II),

wherein the activator preferably is selected
25 from ate complexes of fluoride anion and an inorganic or organic Lewis acidic organic acceptor like tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT), sources of naked anhydrous fluoride anion, such as tetraalkylammonium fluorides, tetraalkylphosphonium or tetraarylphosphonium fluorides, cesium fluoride, combination of alkali
30 metal fluorides and alkali metal chelators such as crown ethers or related structures, more preferred tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT).

35 7. The method of claim 6 wherein

(a) is performed with 2 eq. fluoroiodane alcohol per equivalent R-CF₂-CF₂-SiPh_x(C₁-C₃-alkyl)_{3-x},

preferably $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiMe_3$, 1 to 5 mole % of one or more activators, preferably tetrabutylammonium tri-phenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT) in a solvent, preferably acetonitrile, THF, higher nitrile analogues of acetonitrile, halogenated aliphatic and aromatic solvents, tertiary carboxamides, more preferred acetonitrile, at a temperature below $0^\circ C$, preferably below $-10^\circ C$, more preferred below $-20^\circ C$, most preferred at about $-35^\circ C$,
or wherein

(b) is performed with 3 eq. chloroiodane alcohol per equivalent $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_{3-x}$, preferably $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiMe_3$, one or more activators, preferably KF and about 2 mole % tetrabutylammonium tri-phenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT), in a solvent, preferably acetonitrile, THF, higher nitrile analogues of acetonitrile, halogenated aliphatic and aromatic solvents, tertiary carboxamides, more preferred acetonitrile, at a temperature between about $0^\circ C$ and 25° .

8. The method of claim 6 or 7, wherein $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_{3-x}$, preferably $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiMe_3$, is produced by a combined reduction and phenylalkylsilylation reaction, preferably trimethylsilylation reaction, of $R-CF_2-CF_2-Br$ in the presence a reducing or metallating agent, preferably metallic magnesium, metallic aluminum, metallic zinc, tris-dialkylaminophosphines, tetrakis-dialkylaminoethylenes, *i*-propylmagnesium chloride-lithium chloride complex, Grignard reagents, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl lithiums or applying cathodic electroreduction, and chlorophenylalkylsilane, preferably chlorotrimethylsilane (TMSCl).

9. The method of claim 8, wherein $R-CF_2-CF_2-Br$ is produced by bromotetrafluoroethylation.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the bromotetrafluoroethylation is performed by first reacting

R-H with a hydride to form R^- and then reacting R^- with $Br-CF_2-CF_2-Br$ to form $R-CF_2-CF_2-Br$.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the
5 bromotetrafluoroethylation is performed by first reacting $R-H$ (or $Nu-H$) with about 1.5 eq. of sodiumhydride in a solvent, preferably DMF, preferably at about $0^\circ C$, to form R^- and then reacting R^- with about 1.25 eq. $Br-CF_2-CF_2-Br$ to form $R-CF_2-CF_2-Br$.

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12. The method of claim 6 or 7, wherein $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_{3-x}$, preferably $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiMe_3$ is produced by reacting $R-H$ with tetrafluoroethylene ($CF_2=CF_2$) in the presence of a catalyst, e.g. $NaH/n-$
15 Bu_4NI , to yield $R-CF_2-CF_2-H$ that - in a second step - is reacted to $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_{3-x}$ or $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiMe_3$, respectively, using $Hal-SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_{3-x}$ or $Hal-SiMe_3$, preferably $ClSiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_{3-x}$ or $ClSiMe_3$, as reagent in the presence of a base.

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13. Use of a compound of formula $SiPh_x(C_1-C_3-alkyl)_{3-x}$, in particular $R-CF_2-CF_2-SiMe_3$, wherein R is a nucleophile as defined in any of claims 1 to 5 in the production of compounds of one of claims 1 to 5.

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14. Use of a compound of one of claims 1 to 5 for producing fluoroethylated substrates.

15. The use of claim 14, wherein the sub-
30 strate is cysteine or a cysteine comprising peptide or, protein.

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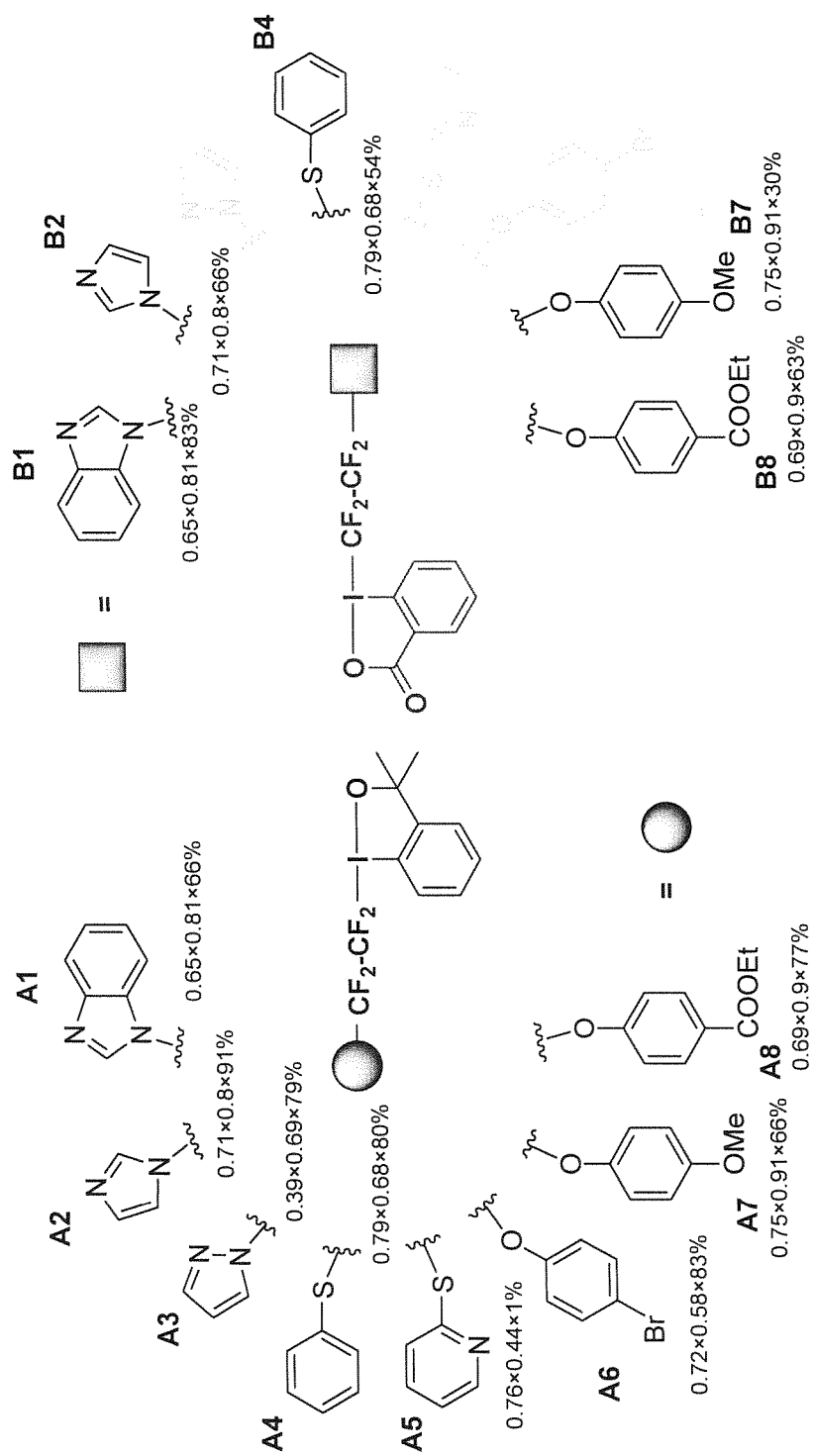


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