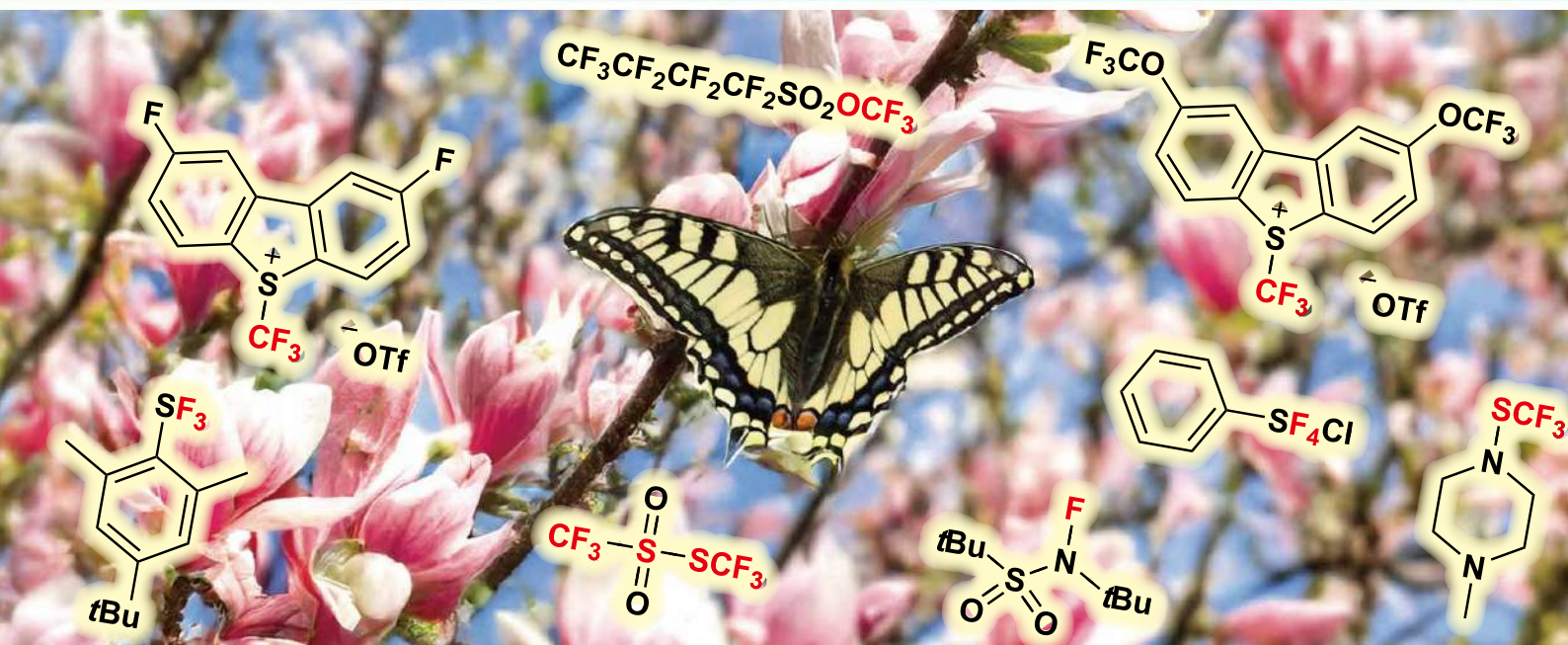


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Research Article

Development of Easy-to-handle and Useful Fluorine-introducing Reagents

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1. Introduction

I started my career in fluorine chemistry in 1978, 47 years ago. At that time, fluorine chemistry was still a very specialized field. A fluorine atom had outstanding properties, such as maximum electronegativity, a size close to that of a hydrogen atom, and the ability to form a strong C-F bond, and a wide range of applications for fluorine atoms had already been shown - in medicine, agrochemicals, and functional materials. At that time, the Sagami Chemical Research Institute, where I was working, was active in synthetic organic chemistry, especially organic synthesis using the properties of the sulfur atom, and I started fluorine chemistry with the idea of following it. Although fluorine chemistry was perceived as a dangerous field represented by fluorine gas (F₂), which has the highest reactivity and is extremely toxic and corrosive, I believed that if I started fluorine chemistry, I would have to overcome this to open up a new field. On the other hand, since organofluorine compounds, with a few exceptions, are virtually nonexistent in nature, the development of useful fluorine atom-introducing methods is essential for the development of fluorine chemistry, and the development of easy-to-use fluorine-introducing reagents is essential for the development and

popularization of organofluorine chemistry. Based on the above ideas, I have developed a number of fluorine-incorporating reagents. I first developed high-valent iodine reagents, electrophilic perfluoroalkylating agents (FITS)¹⁾ and electrophilic 2,2,2-trifluoroethylating agents (FMITS)^{1c,2)}; radical trifluoromethylating agents (TNS-B,³⁾ TNS-Tf⁴⁾); the first stable and reactive F₂-based electrophilic fluorinating agents, *N*-fluoropyridinium salt series⁵⁾ (including F-Plus reagents), *N*-fluoropyridinium-3-sulfonate salt series,⁶⁾ and *N,N'*-difluorobipyridinium salt series⁷⁾ (including MEC-31/SynFluor); and electrophilic trifluoromethylating agents, *S*-, *Se*-, and *Te*-(trifluoromethyl)dibenzothio-, seleno- and tellurophenium salt series⁸⁾ (including Umemoto reagents) and their intramolecular salt series⁹⁾; as well as the development of highly reactive CF₃-oxonium reagents, *O*-(trifluoromethyl)-dibenzofuranium salts,¹⁰⁾ and the stable and highly reactive electrophilic fluorinating agents, 1,4-difluorodiazonia-bicyclo[2.2.2]octane salts.¹¹⁾ For more information on these reagents, please see my papers. Due to space limitations, this article will focus on reagents **1-9 (Figure 1)** with which we have been involved since the beginning of this century.

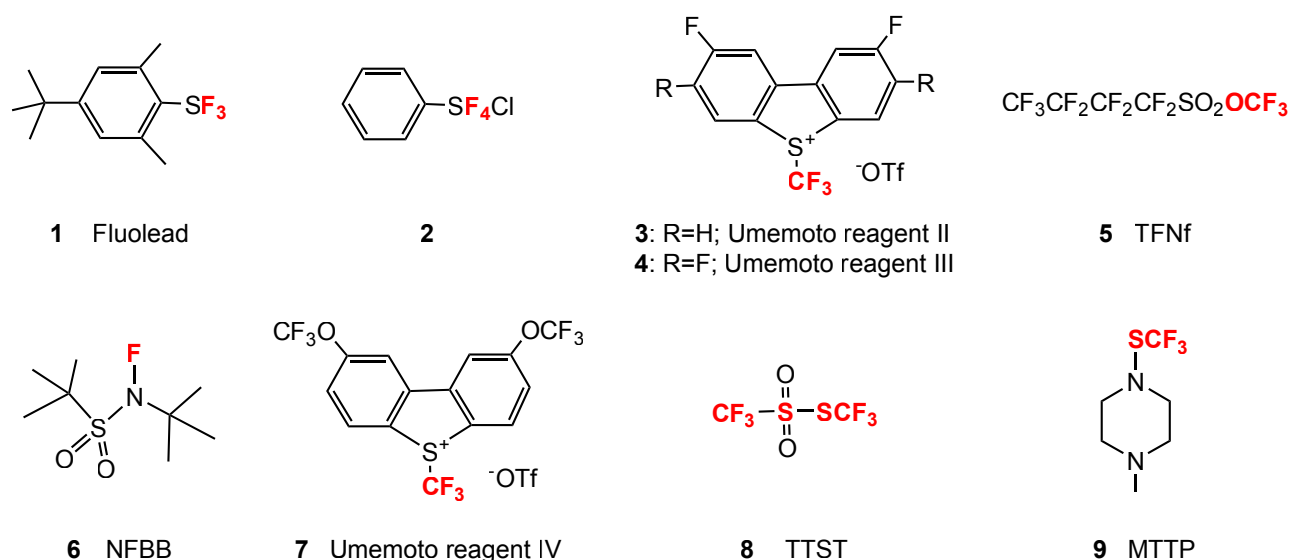


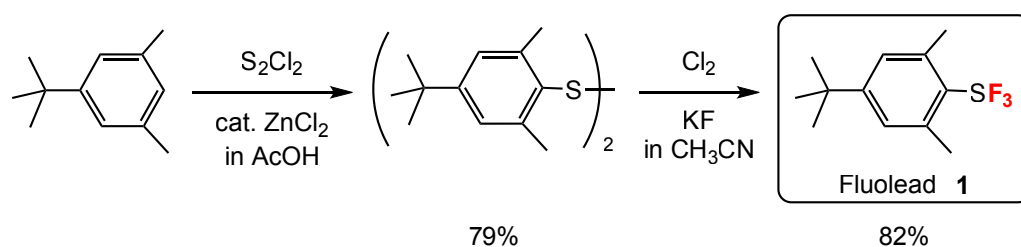
Figure 1

2. Development of fluorine-introducing reagents since 2000

2-1. Development of Fluolead[®]: 4-(*tert*-Butyl)-2,6-dimethylphenylsulfur trifluoride **1**¹²⁾

The first reagent for deoxofluorinating agents that took advantage of the properties of the sulfur atom was SF₄,¹³⁾ but this was a difficult reagent to use with a highly toxic gas. The reagent that solved this problem was liquid diethylaminosulfur trifluoride Et₂N-SF₃ (DAST)¹⁴⁾ published in 1975, which was highly reactive and could be handled under dry conditions, but, in addition to its strong fuming properties, DAST was a self-heating explosive, a fatal flaw. Fluolead[®] **1**¹²⁾ is a solution to these problems of smoke generation and explosiveness. **1** has high thermal stability, with a decomposition point of 232 °C.

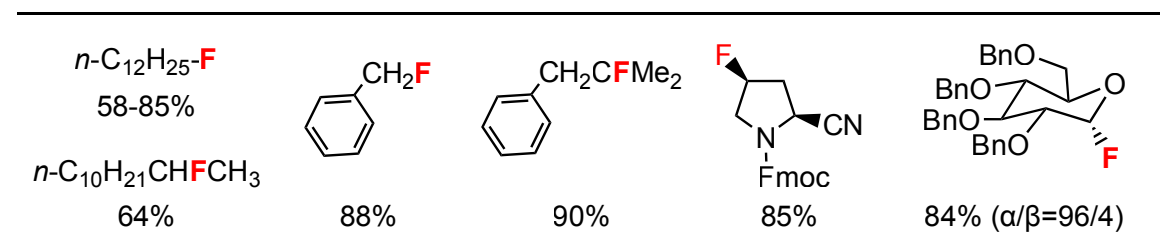
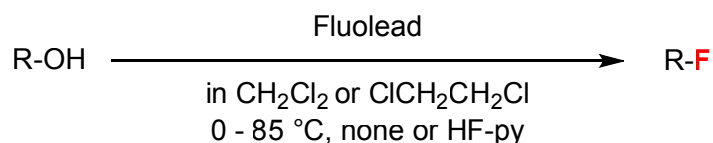
Unlike DAST, **1** does not fume and can be handled in air. However, since it decomposes slowly in air by absorbing moisture, the trick is to finish handling it in air in as short a time as possible. **1** is intended for industrial use and is prepared in two steps with good yields using very inexpensive raw materials (**Scheme 1**). Dry conditions are required for production. Commercially available Fluolead is labeled as having a purity of 90% or higher, but this is because some hydrolysis occurs with moisture during the isolation process of production.



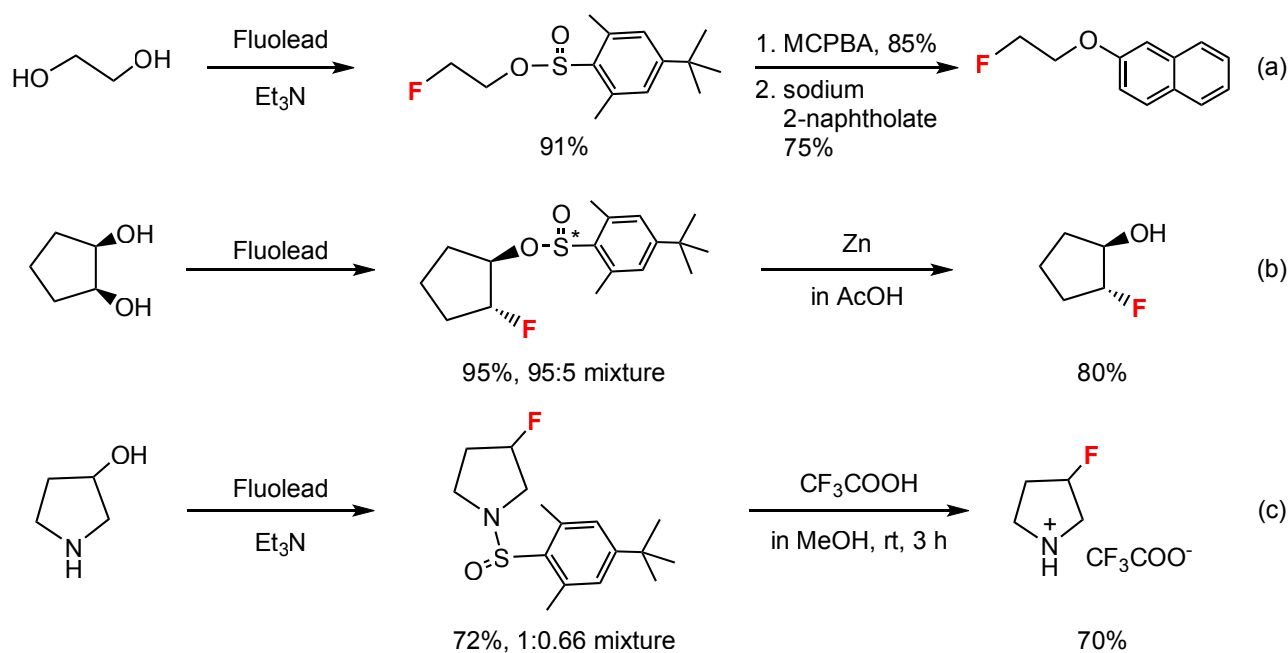
Scheme 1

The high thermal stability of **1** was demonstrated by the fact that the temperature at which **1** begins to self-heat by pyrolysis is 170 °C, according to the evaluation of the Thermal Runaway Hazard Test (Accelerating Rate Calorimeter (ARC) method) for the production and storage of **1**.¹⁵⁾ Since **1** can withstand such high temperature in practice, its reactions have a very wide range of applications. Alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, and carboxylic acids can be fluorinated in high yields.

Fluoropolymer reactors are highly recommended. **Scheme 2** shows examples of fluorinating alcohols. Fluorination with **1** requires an acid catalyst (HF), but the fluorination of alcohols does not require HF because it is generated in the first step of the reaction. Addition of HF-py (7:3) (Olah reagent) can accelerate the reaction and give the fluoro products in high yields. The fluorination of alcohols with **1** proceeds with steric inversion.



Scheme 2



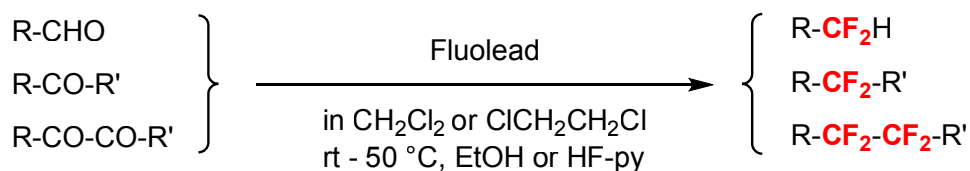
Scheme 3

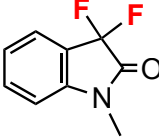
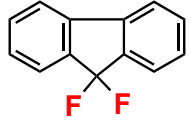
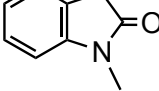
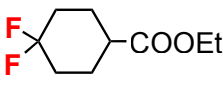
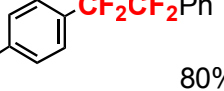
The reaction of **1** with diols or aminoalcohols results in highly selective deoxyfluoro-arylsulfonylation, affording fluoro-arylsulfonylated compounds in good yields. (Scheme 3a-c). The arylsulfonyl group is an activating or protecting group. As shown in Scheme 3a, it is oxidized

and converted to a strong leaving group, arylsulfonate, from which it can be derived into other useful compounds. It can also be desulfonylated with zinc or trifluoroacetic acid (Scheme 3b, c).

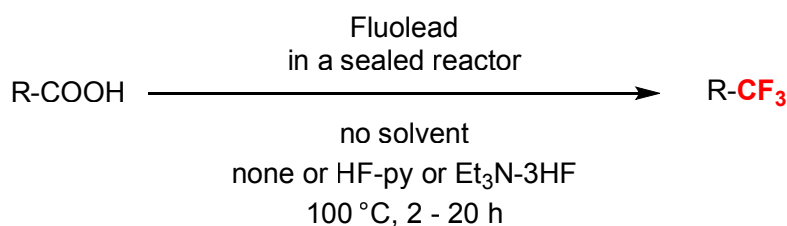
Scheme 4 shows examples of the difluorination of a carbonyl group with **1**. DAST has difficulty to fluorinate non-enolated ketones, whereas Fluolead can afford the desired difluorinated products in high yields with the addition of a catalytic amount of ethanol (HF generation) or an acid additive such as HF-py (7:3).

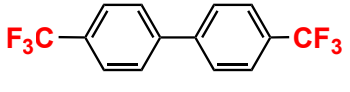
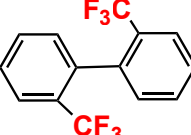
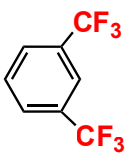
Fluorination of diketones (-COCO-) is also easy, yielding tetrafluoroethylene (-CF₂CF₂-) compounds in high yields. Halogenated solvents such as dichloromethane and dichloroethane are commonly used as reaction solvents, but nonpolar solvents such as hexane and toluene can also be used.¹⁶⁾



PhCF ₂ H	90%	PhCF ₂ CF ₂ CF ₂ Ph	89%		86%
<i>n</i> -C ₅ H ₁₁ CF ₂ H	91%		70%		
<i>n</i> -C ₁₀ H ₂₁ CF ₂ CH ₃	90%		80%		80%
PhCF ₂ CH ₃	89%				
PhCF ₂ Ph	89%				
PhCF ₂ COOEt	90%				

Scheme 4



PhCF ₃	89%	C ₆ H ₄ CH=CHCF ₃	75%	CF ₃ -(CH ₂) ₈ -CF ₃	95%
<i>n</i> -C ₁₁ H ₂₃ CF ₃	91%	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ CH=CHCF ₃	75%		92%
(with HF-py, 50 °C, 24 h)		(with 0.3 eq Et ₃ N-3HF)			90%
<i>n</i> -C ₆ H ₁₃ CH=CH-CF ₃	80%	Ph-C≡C-CF ₃	42%		
4-(<i>n</i> -C ₇ H ₁₅)C ₆ H ₄ CF ₃	88%		87%		
4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ CF ₃	82%				

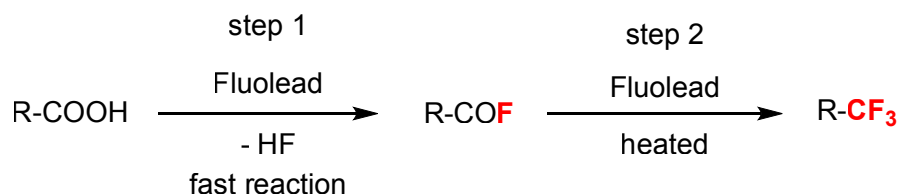
Scheme 5

Scheme 5 shows examples of the conversion of carboxylic acids to trifluoromethyl products with **1**. **1** can convert many carboxylic acids to trifluoromethyl compounds in high yields under simple reaction conditions. This conversion is the main advantage of **1**.

This was difficult with DAST and only possible with SF₄. However, SF₄ is a toxic gas and in many cases requires a high temperature reaction that requires skill and is very difficult to achieve in a standard laboratory.

Since this reaction is catalyzed by the vaporous HF (boiling point 19 °C) produced by the reaction of carboxy groups with **1** in the first step, a sealed reactor is essential (**Scheme 6**). And this reaction gives CF₃ compounds in

good yields without steric hindrance even when there is a large substituent (e.g. phenyl group) at the *ortho*-position of the aromatic nucleus (**Scheme 5**, the last example).



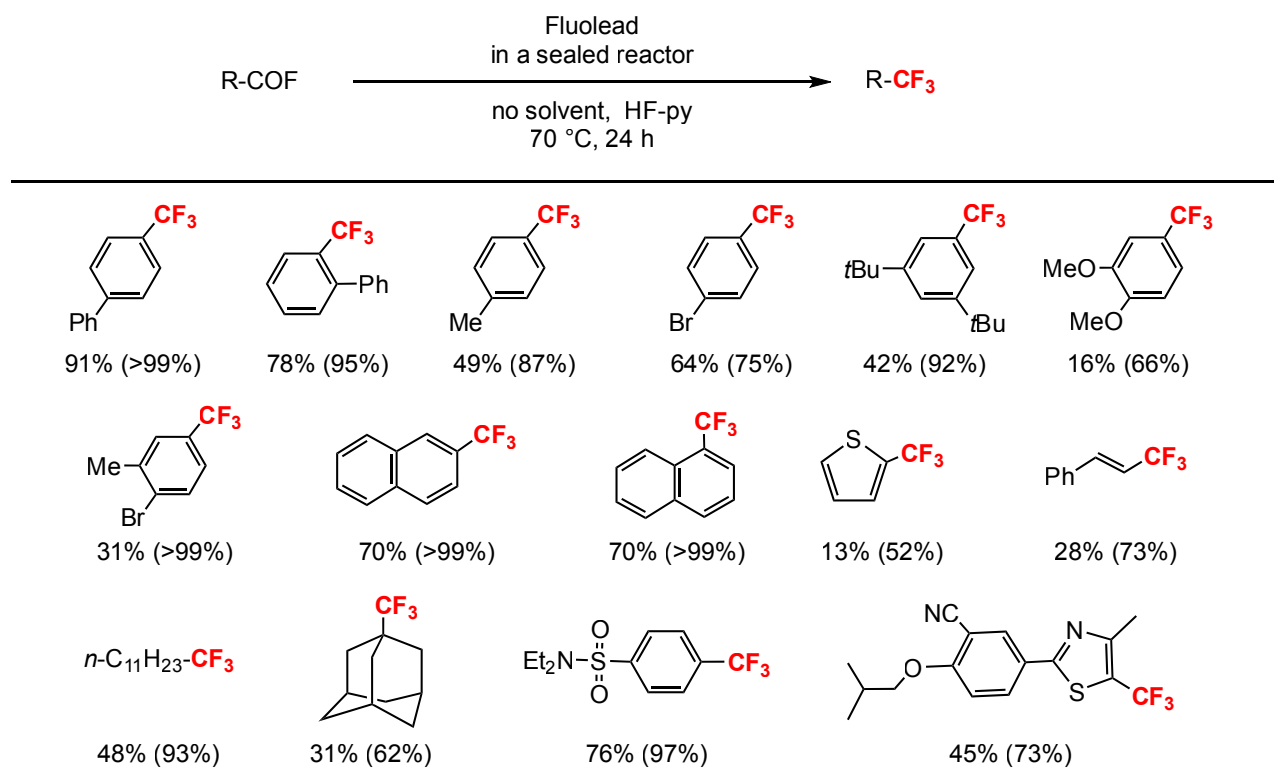
Scheme 6

Since the first step of the reaction is very fast, it is critical to mix the carboxylic acid with **1** at room temperature or under ice bath cooling, seal the reactor immediately, and then heat to 100 °C. Thus, the reaction can be performed without additives, but when additives such as HF-py (7:3) are added as the HF source, the reaction effectively occurs at 50 °C. As an interesting example, the reaction of cinnamic acid gave the target compound (PhCH=CHCF₃) in good yield (75%) under

solvent-free reaction conditions without an additive, whereas the same conditions for 4-methoxycinnamic acid gave a complex mixture. However, when 0.3 equivalents of Et₃N(HF)₃ was added, the desired product was obtained in 75% yield. The reason for this is thought to be that Et₃N(HF)₃, which is less acidic than HF, suppressed side reactions, resulting in the formation of the target product in good yield.

The conversion of a carboxylic acid to a CF₃ compound is a reaction via an intermediate acid fluoride, and Shibata et al. later obtained trifluoromethyl compounds in high yields from acid fluorides as the starting materials under mild conditions (70 °C, 24 h) in solvent-free using Fluolead **1** and HF-py (7:3) (Olah

reagent).¹⁷⁾ **Scheme 7** shows examples of the reactions. In many cases the reaction is almost quantitative or close to it. Note that there are cases where the yield is low in the isolation yield, but this is a result of partial loss in the isolation process because fluorine compounds are generally highly volatile and sublime.

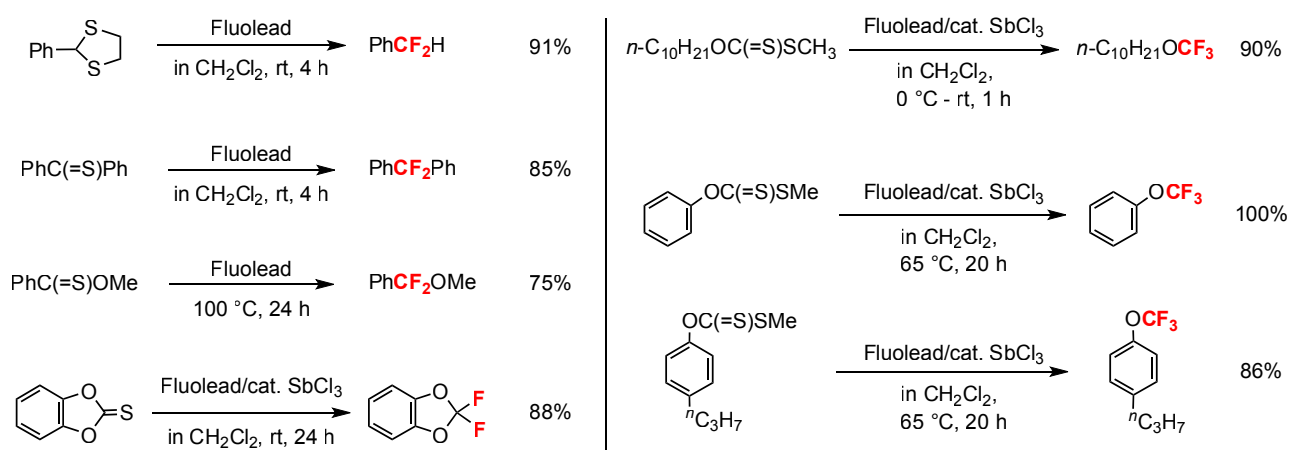


Yields are isolated yields. The parentheses are ¹⁹F NMR yields.

Scheme 7

Fluolead **1** can also provide the desulfurization fluorination (dethiofluorination) of sulfur compounds in high yields. Examples are shown in **Scheme 8**. **1** easily gives the desired difluorinated compounds in high yields at room temperature from thioacetals and thioketones in dichloromethane. It gives the corresponding difluorinated

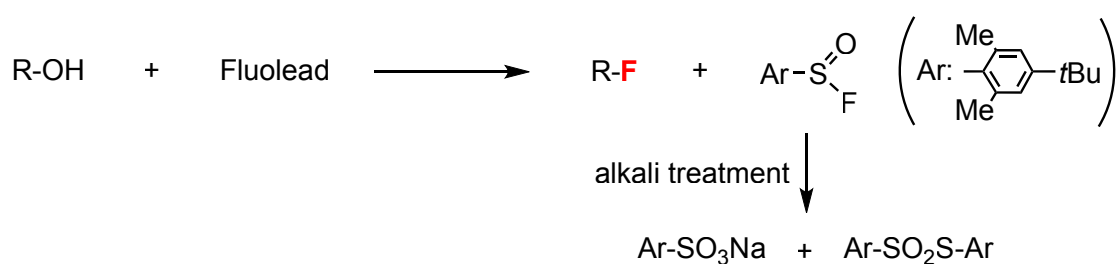
compounds at 100 °C from the thioesters without catalyst and at room temperature from the thiocarbonates with SbCl₃ catalyst. And it converts *S*-methyl-dithiocarbonates to the CF₃O compounds in high yields in the presence of SbCl₃ catalyst.



Scheme 8

As described above, Fluolead **1** is an easy to use and extremely versatile deoxo- and dethioxo-fluorinating agent, which is commercially available from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (TCI). When using **1**, there is an important thing to know about reaction post-treatment. After the fluorination, **1** gives ArS(O)F [Ar=4-(*tert*-butyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl] as a by-product, which has a highly lipophilic *tert*-butyl group and two methyl groups on the benzene ring, so the character is very different from normal PhS(O)F. Alkaline hydrolysis is slow and the

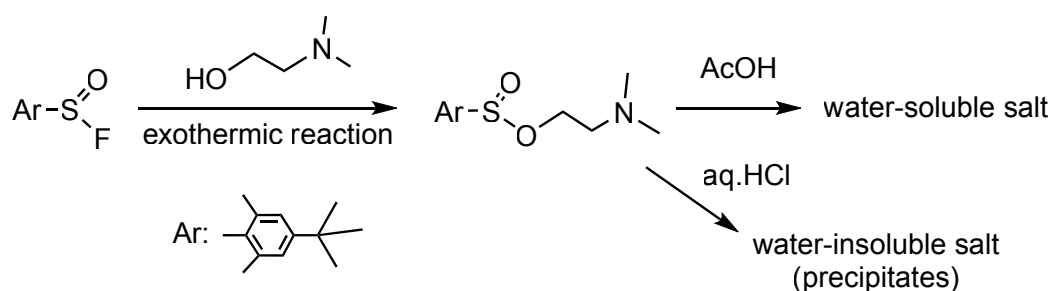
disproportionation reaction happens to produce ArSO₃Na and ArSO₂SAr (**Scheme 9**). Since ArSO₃Na is a kind of surfactant, the layer separation is not good in the water washing process, and a large amount of ArSO₂SAr remains in the organic layer with fluorinated products. Note that, on a small scale, if the targeted fluorine compound is even slightly polar, so it can be easily separated by column chromatography on silica gel because ArSO₂SAr is readily soluble in hexane and very nonpolar.



Scheme 9

For this reason, there are several post-treatment methods for reactions with **1**. After the reaction, an appropriate amount of ethanol is added to the reaction solution and the reaction mixture is stirred to convert ArS(O)F to ArS(O)OEt, followed by a post-treatment step (Method 1).¹⁶⁾ Alternatively, after the process of Method 1,

the reaction mixture was treated with 30-35% H₂O₂ water-acetic acid (ArS(O)OEt → ArSO₃Et) followed by alkaline hydrolysis to convert ArSO₃Et to water-soluble ArSO₃Na, followed by a washing step to remove all ArS(O)-part from the organic layer (Method 2).¹⁶⁾



Scheme 10

As Method 3 (**Scheme 10**), the necessary amount of 2-(dimethylamino)ethanol is added to the reaction solution in an ice bath and the reaction mixture is stirred to convert ArS(O)F to ArS(O)OCH₂CH₂NMe₂, then acetic acid is added to form the water soluble acetate salt and the reaction mixture is washed with water to remove the acetate salt, or hydrochloric acid is added

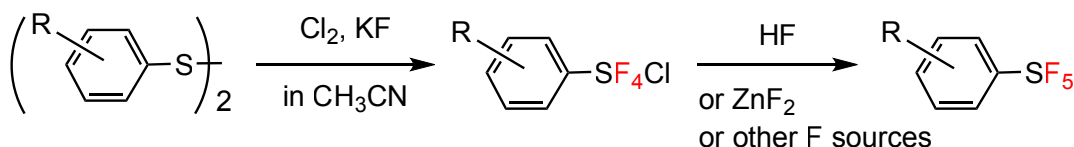
and the hydrochloride salt insoluble in water is removed by filtration.¹⁸⁾ Method 3 is recommended because it is simple and effective.

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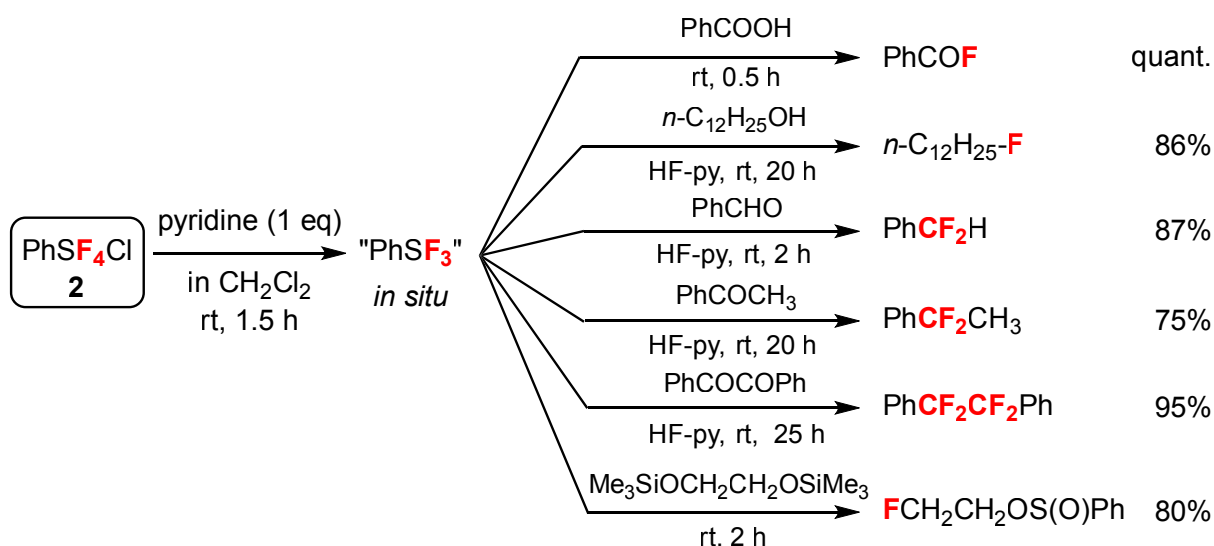
2-2. Development of a new reagent, phenylsulfur chlorotetrafluoride (PhSF₄Cl) **2** ¹⁹⁾

Phenylsulfur trifluoride (PhSF₃) was synthesized as long ago as 1960 and its reactivity was reported,²⁰⁾ but it was neglected because the synthesis method used expensive AgF₂ and its reactivity was low. We found Fluolead to be a very good fluorinating agent, and using this knowledge, we reexamined the reactivity of PhSF₃ and found that it has the same high reactivity as Fluolead. However, unlike Fluolead, PhSF₃ is extremely

sensitive to moisture, which makes it difficult to produce and store. Meanwhile, we have developed the first practical (industrial) two-step process for arylsulfur pentafluorides (ArSF₅) from diaryl disulfides²¹⁾ (**Scheme 11**). The intermediates of the new process, arylsulfur chlorotetrafluorides (ArSF₄Cl), were easy-to-handle substances, so we focused on their reactivity.



Scheme 11



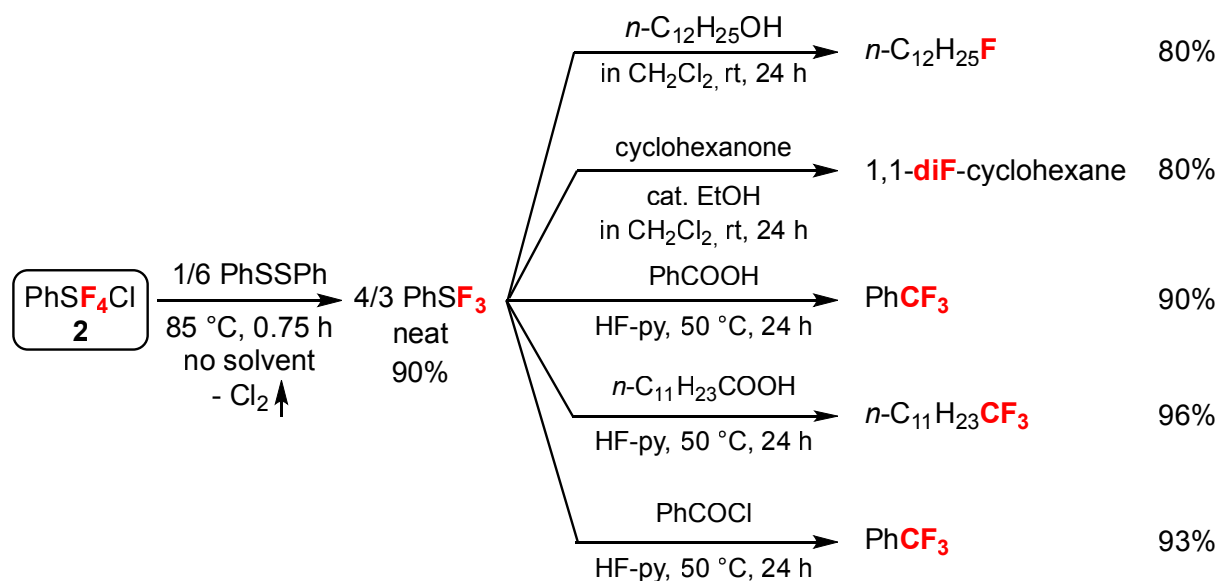
Scheme 12

Examination revealed that phenylsulfur chlorotetrafluoride **2** (PhSF₄Cl) readily reacts with pyridine, the reducing agent, to form PhSF₃. This led to the development of a method for producing and using extremely moisture-sensitive PhSF₃ in a reaction system

from **2** that is easy to handle. **Scheme 12** shows example reactions using this method. In many cases, at room temperature, HF-py (7:3) is used as an accelerator and fluorination can be achieved in high yields.

We also found that **2** in solvent-free form readily disproportionates with 1/6 equivalent moles of PhSSPh when heated to 85 °C, producing PhSF₃ (4/3 molar amount) in high yields with chlorine generation (**Scheme 13**). This has successfully led to the synthesis of highly reactive neat PhSF₃ (chlorine Cl₂ generated by this reaction is a gas and is readily released by the flow of

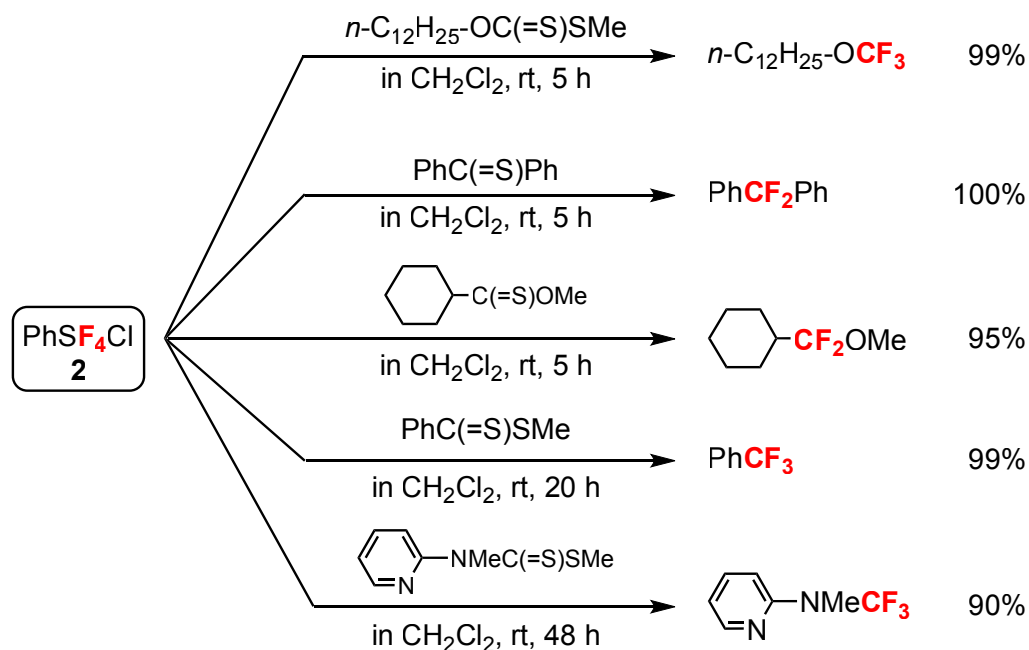
nitrogen gas). Using this neat PhSF₃, the alcohols were fluorinated in high yields without the accelerator HF-py. In addition, the conversion of carboxylic acids and acyl chlorides to trifluoromethyl compounds was achieved in high yields under mild conditions at 50 °C using HF-py (**Scheme 13**).



Scheme 13

We also found that, since **2** has strong oxidizing power, **2** itself can be an excellent reagent for the dethiofluorination of sulfur compounds. **Scheme 14** shows examples of the reactions. These reactions are

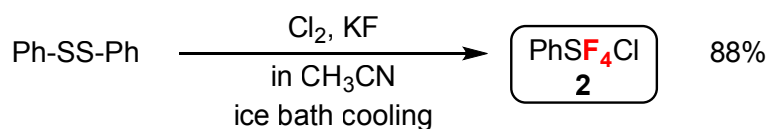
extremely efficient because the high valence energy (VI) of the sulfur atom can be used for the oxidation reaction required to cleave the C-S bond.



Scheme 14

Since **2** can be produced industrially at low cost as an intermediate in the production of PhSF₅ (**Scheme 15**),²¹ this method is particularly useful as an industrial process. Unfortunately, **2** is not yet commercially available as a

reagent, but it is relatively easy to synthesize in the lab and can be stored for long periods at room temperature in a fluoropolymer container, although it does require dry conditions for the preparation.



Scheme 15

2 is resistant to air humidity and does not decompose immediately when water is added to a chloroform-*d* solution, with a half-life time of 5 to 8.3 hours. However, it should be noted that the addition of 2-3 drops of water to an acetonitrile solution of **2** would cause complete

decomposition within one hour. The thermal stability of **2** is high and no decomposition occurs after heating at 100 °C for 134 hours and at 150 °C for 48 hours in a fluoropolymer container.

2-3. Development of Umemoto reagents II and III: *S*-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,8-difluoro and -2,3,7,8-tetrafluorodibenzothiophenium triflates **3** and **4**²²⁾

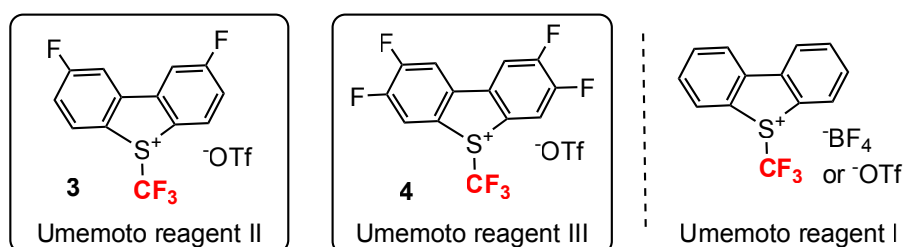
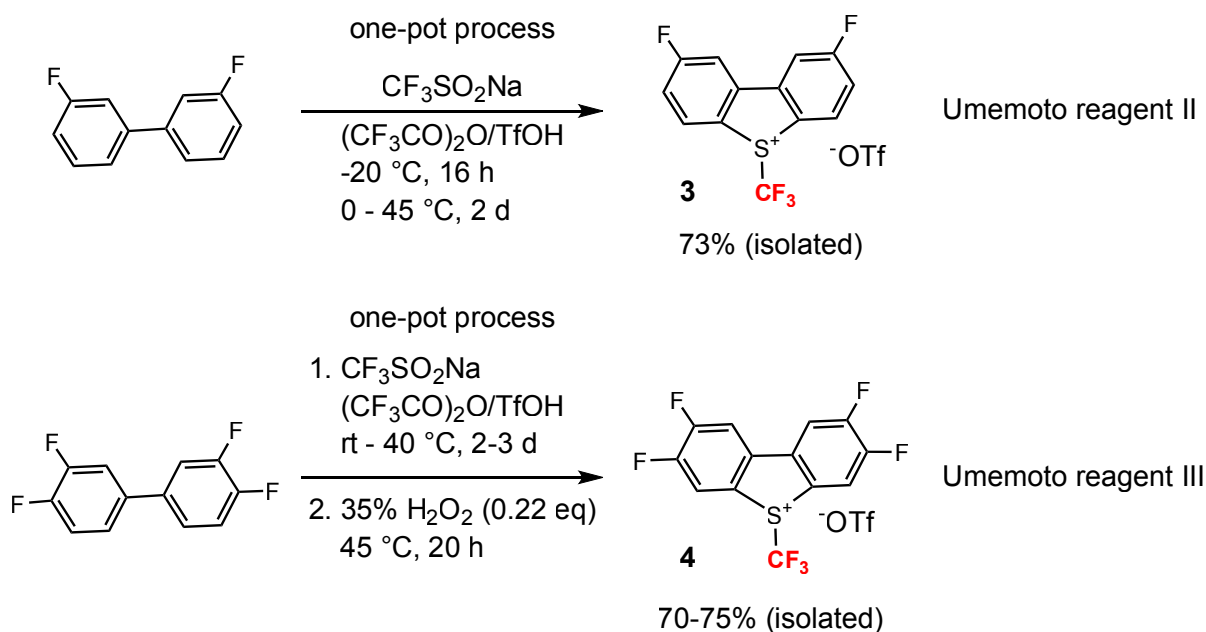


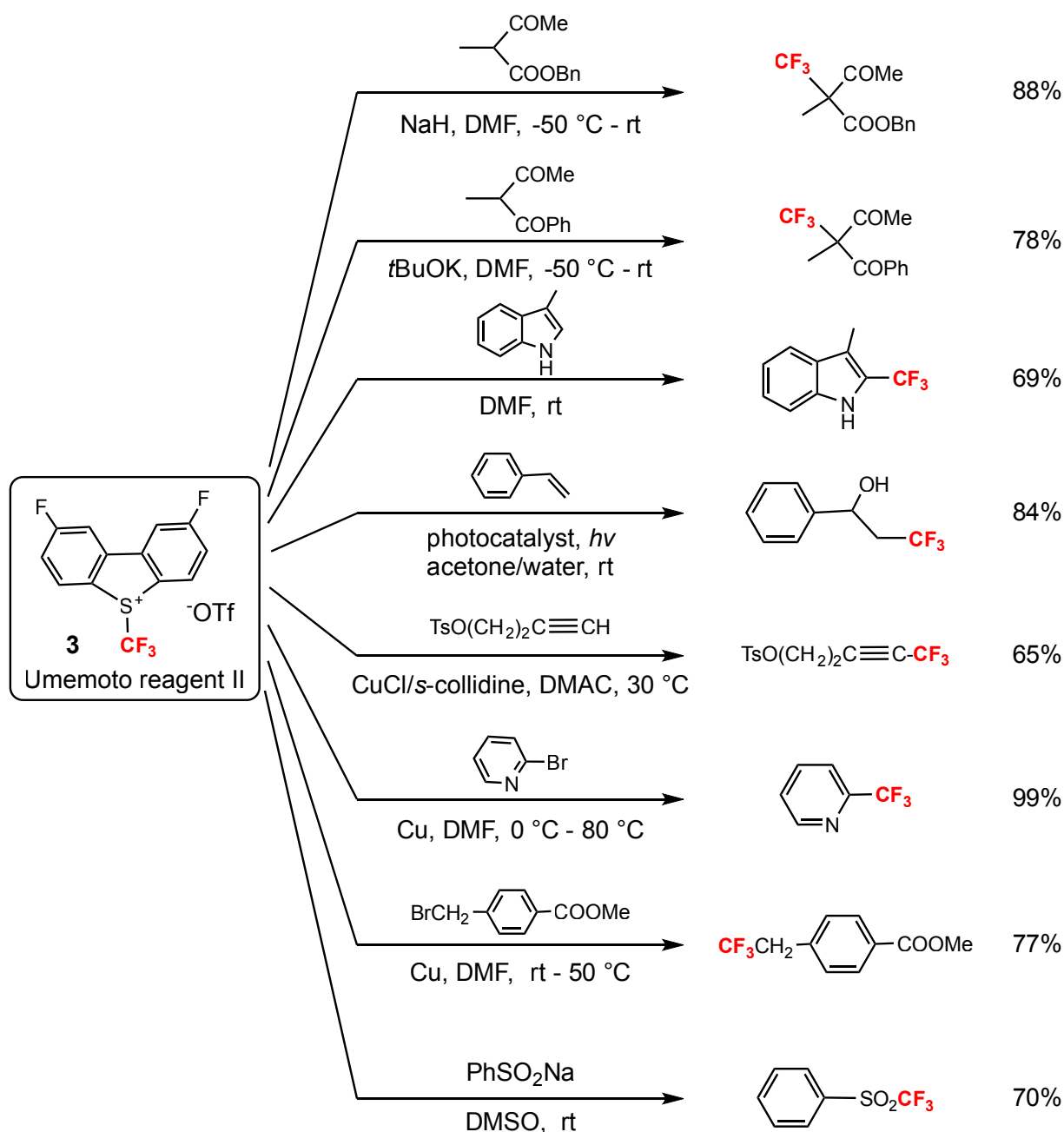
Figure 2

For the electrophilic trifluoromethylating agent, our *S*-(trifluoromethyl)dibenzothiophenium salt (TfO⁻, BF₄⁻) is well known as Umemoto reagent I,²³⁾ but the synthesis of this reagent required a multi-step process.^{8d)} We have developed new Umemoto reagents II^{22a)} and III,^{22a,b)} which can be synthesized in a one-pot procedure

using biphenyls having fluorine substituents at specific positions (Scheme 16). Their reactivity is higher than that of Umemoto reagent I, in the order of Umemoto reagent I < II < III. Umemoto reagent II is commercially available due to its high synthetic efficiency and ease of mass production.



Scheme 16



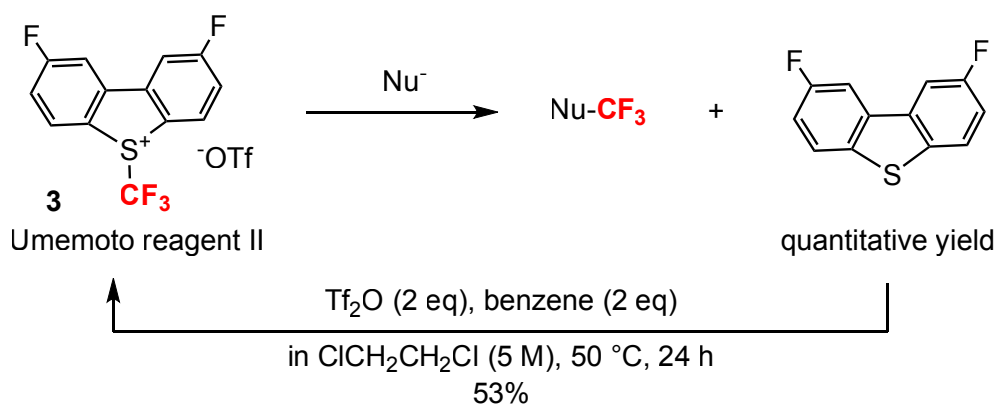
Scheme 17

The thermal stability of Umemoto reagent II (decomposition point 204 °C, endotherm 38 J/g) is significantly higher than that of Umemoto reagent I (decomposition point 153 °C, endotherm 67 J/g) and, since the decomposition is endothermic, it is suitable

Umemoto reagent II is capable of a wide variety of trifluoromethylation reactions similar to Umemoto reagent I.^{8,23)} Representative reaction examples of Umemoto reagent II are shown in **Scheme 17**. It can be a good trifluoromethylating agent for a variety of nucleophilic substrates. When Umemoto reagent II is used,

for industrial use where large quantities are used. Umemoto reagent III has not yet been commercialized due to disadvantages in raw material cost and synthesis efficiency.

2,8-difluorodibenzothiophene is quantitatively produced along with the trifluoromethylated product, which can be easily regenerated to Umemoto reagent II using Tf₂O and benzene in a small amount of dichloroethane solvent, as shown in **Scheme 18**.²⁴⁾



Scheme 18

A number of interesting applications of Umemoto reagent II have been reported,²⁵⁾ as well as its industrial production and use.²⁶⁾

2-4. Development of TFNf : Trifluoromethyl nonafluorobutanesulfonate 5²⁷⁾

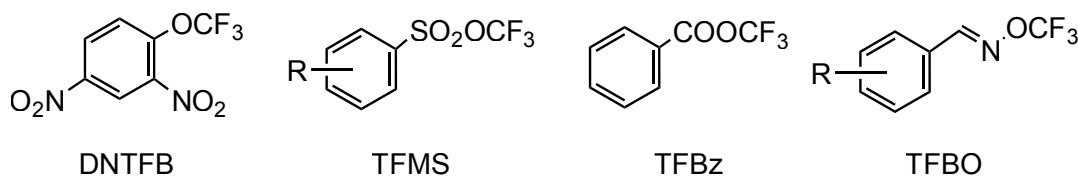
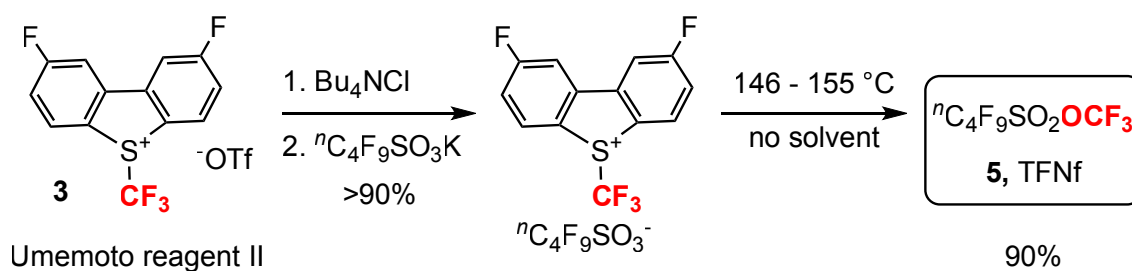


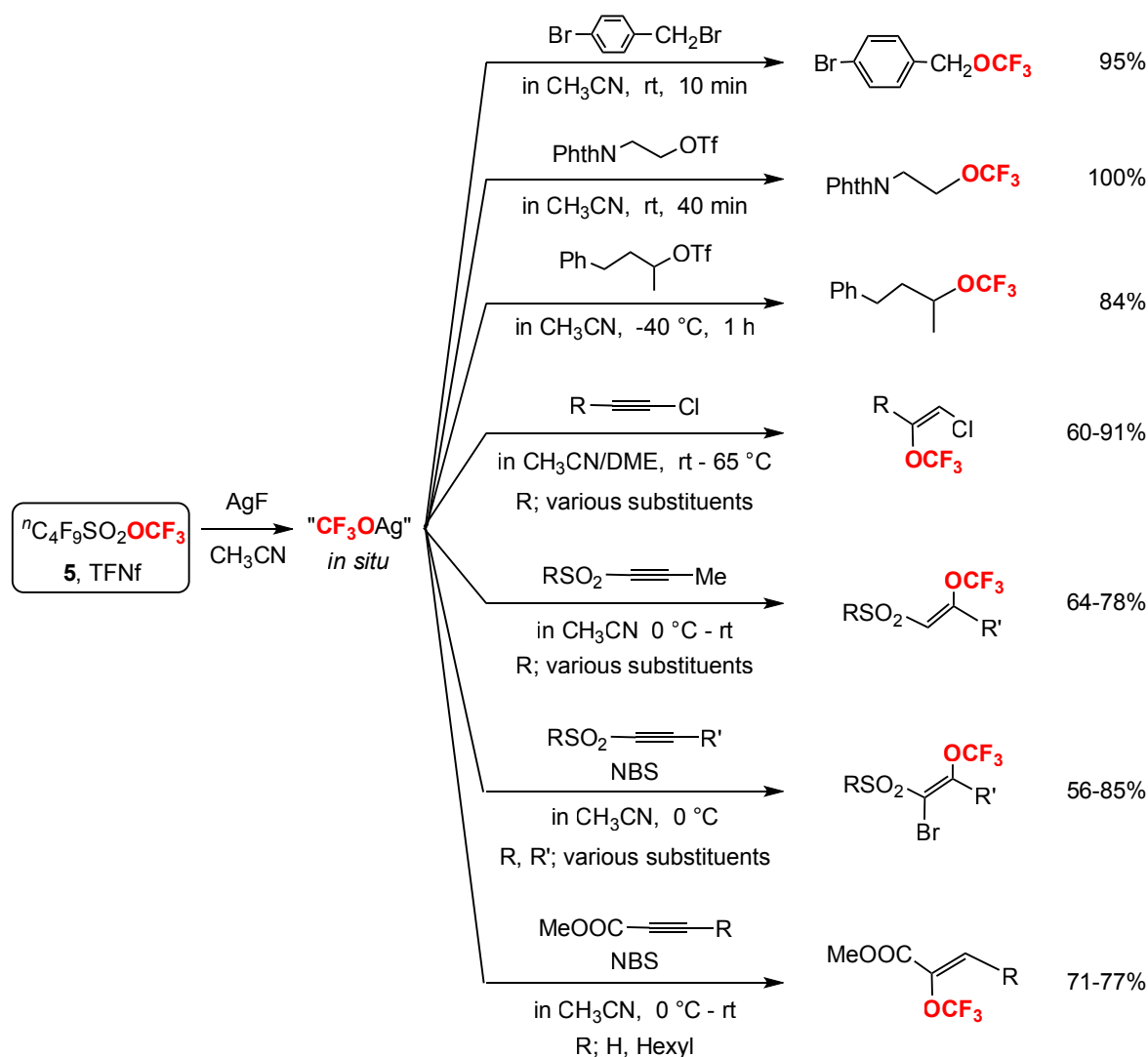
Figure 3

In recent years, the trifluoromethoxy (CF₃O) group has also attracted interest. Reagents for its introduction have been actively researched. It was reported that trifluoromethyl triflate (CF₃SO₂OCF₃)²⁸⁾ could be used as a CF₃O-introducing agent, but this compound was highly volatile (boiling point; 19 °C) and difficult for organic

chemists to use. Subsequently, several easy-to-use CF₃O-introducing agents were developed, including DNTFB,²⁹⁾ TFMS,³⁰⁾ TFBz,³¹⁾ and TFBO,³²⁾ as shown in **Figure 3**. However, they all had drawbacks in syntheses and reactions.



Scheme 19



Scheme 20

We have developed an easy-to-handle and reactive reagent, TFNf **5**, using industrially produced Umemoto reagent II (Scheme 19).²⁷⁾ This synthetic method involves three steps starting with Umemoto reagent II, and each

5 has high reactivity. It can easily generate CF_3OAg in solution using an activator such as AgF , and various

step is easy to do on a large scale. In particular, the final step is a solvent-free pyrolysis, so product **5** can be easily obtained by distillation. **5** is an easy-to-handle, odorless, colorless liquid with a boiling point of $87\text{-}89^\circ\text{C}$.

CF_3O reactions can be achieved as shown in Scheme 20. **5** is commercially available from TCI.

2-5. Development of NFBB : *N*-Fluoro-(*N*-*tert*-butyl)-*tert*-butanesulfonamide **6**³³⁾

NFBB **6** is extremely effective in fluorinating reactive anion species, especially aryl lithium and alkenyl lithium species. Previously, NFSI ($\text{PhSO}_2\text{NFSO}_2\text{Ph}$) was used to fluorinate aryl lithium and alkenyl lithium species, but unfortunately the yield was often low.³⁴⁾ The reason is that NFSI has many reactive sites to strongly basic lithium reagents that also act as hydrogen abstractors, so that in

addition to the desired fluorination reaction (a), hydrogen abstraction reactions (b) and nucleophilic attack on sulfur atoms (c) coexist (Figure 4). In contrast, NFBB is blocked by bulky *tert*-butyl groups at both ends and therefore undergoes only the fluorination reaction (a), resulting in an extremely high yield of fluorination.

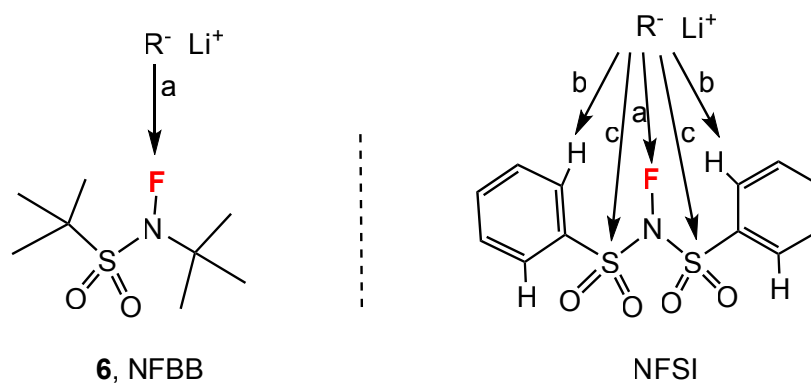
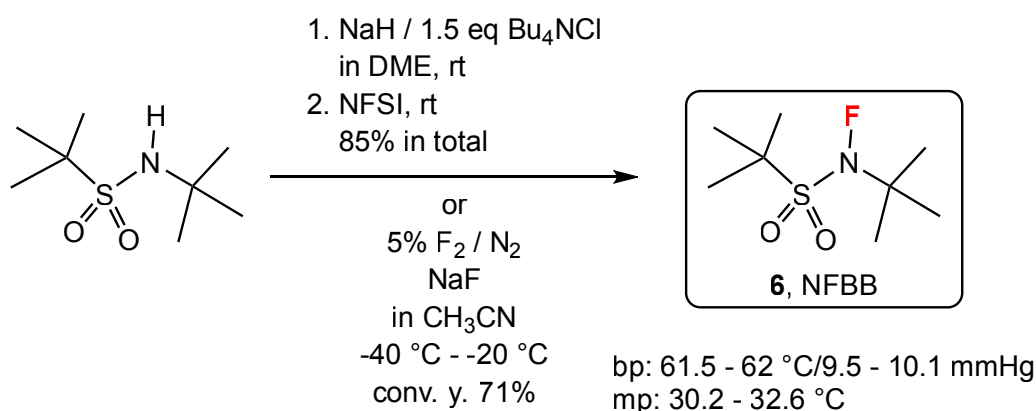


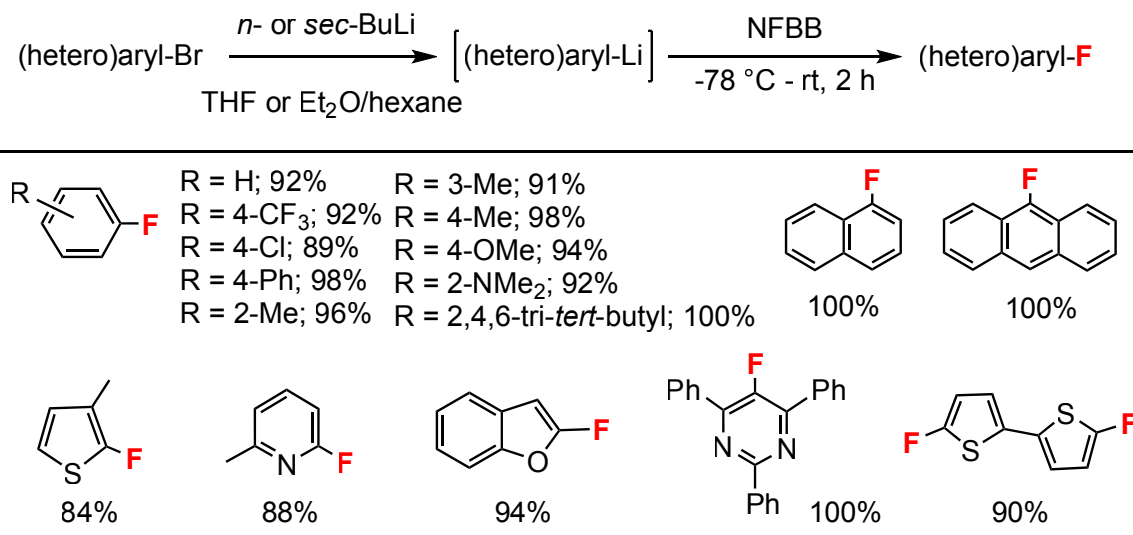
Figure 4



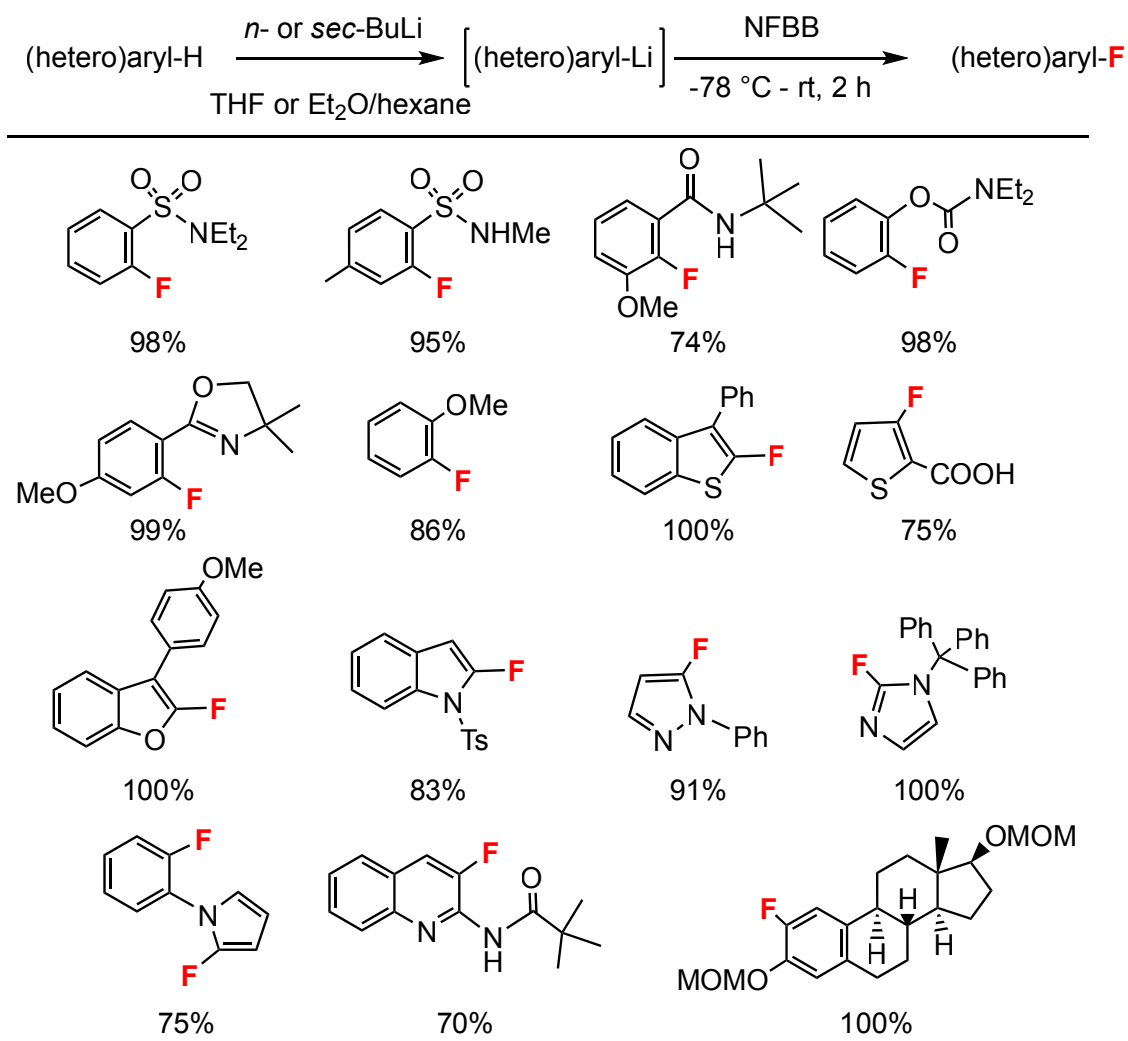
Scheme 21

For the synthesis of NFBB, it is recommended to use inexpensive F₂ for industrial production, but in the laboratory, NFBB can be synthesized in high yields (85%) using easy-to-handle NFSI (**Scheme 21**). Although the *tert*-butylsulfonamide group is normally easily cleaved by the highly reactive F₂, fortunately, when both ends are protected with bulky *tert*-butyl groups such as

NFBB, cleavage is suppressed and fluorination can be performed in good yield (71% conversion yield). NFBB is a thermally stable compound that can be purified and isolated by conventional distillation under reduced pressure, making it suitable for large-scale preparation. NFBB is commercially available from TCI.



Scheme 22



Scheme 23

NFBB acts as an excellent electrophilic fluorinating agent for aryl and alkenyl lithium species. There are several methods for generating organolithium species. **Scheme 22** shows examples where (hetero)aryl lithium

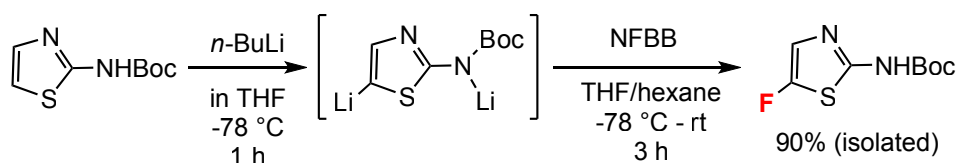
species generated from (hetero)aryl bromides by halogen exchange reaction with *n*- or *sec*-BuLi were fluorinated with NFBB. In all cases, the fluorine compounds can be obtained in quantitative or near quantitative yields.

Scheme 23 shows examples of the fluorination of (hetero)aryl lithium species obtained by direct regioselective deprotonation of the *ortho*-position of (hetero)arenes bearing various activating groups.

The desired fluorine compounds can be obtained regioselectively in high yields. This method is very effective because the desired fluorine compounds can be obtained directly from (hetero)arenes.

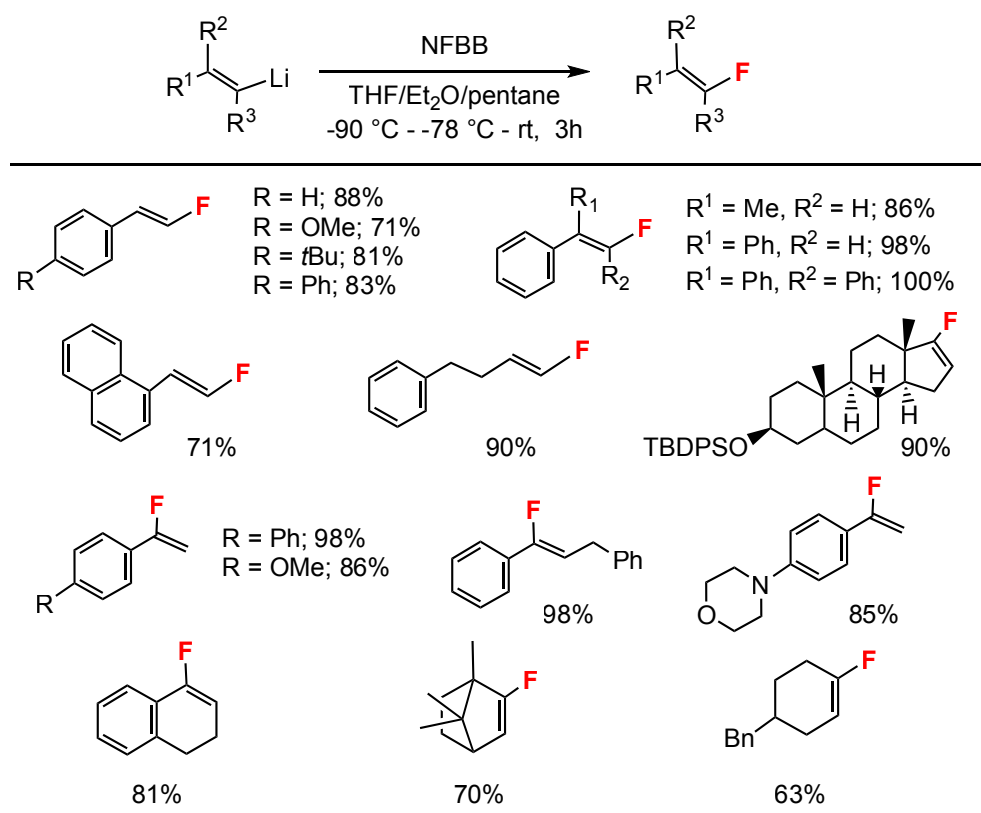
As a useful application example of this method, the synthesis of a pharmaceutical intermediate using NFBB is shown in **Scheme 24**. This is obtained in high yield

(90%). This synthesis was previously performed using NFSI, but the yield was low.³⁵⁾



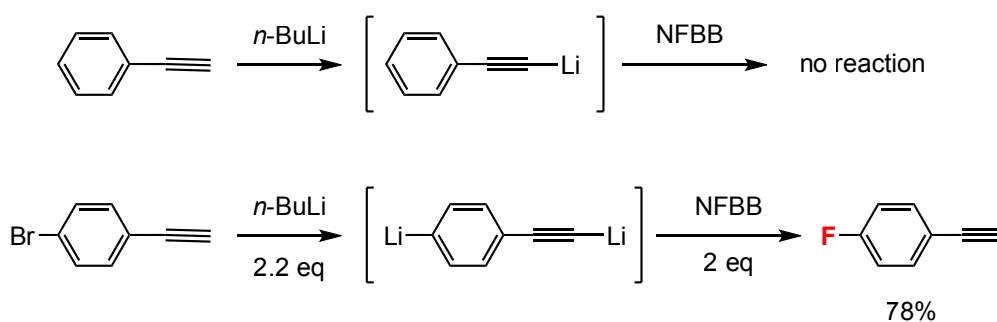
Scheme 24

NFBB can also fluorinate alkenyl lithium species in high yields (**Scheme 25**).

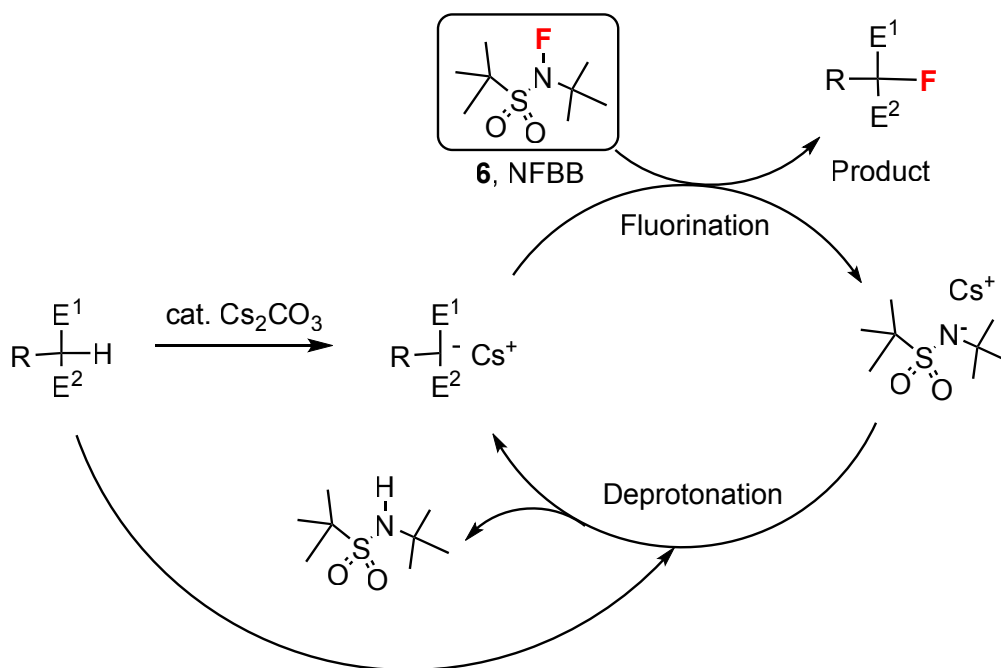


Scheme 25

Interestingly, triple-bonded lithium acetylides cannot be fluorinated, so only aromatic lithium species can be selectively fluorinated (**Scheme 26**).



Scheme 26



Another advantage of using NFBB is that it has very low oxidizing power, so NFBB does not react with Et_3N . Therefore, the target fluorine compound can be obtained in good yields even from an active methylene compound with an amino substituent. In contrast, when a highly

oxidizing fluorinating agent such as Selectfluor[®] is used, an oxidation reaction of the amino group occurs.

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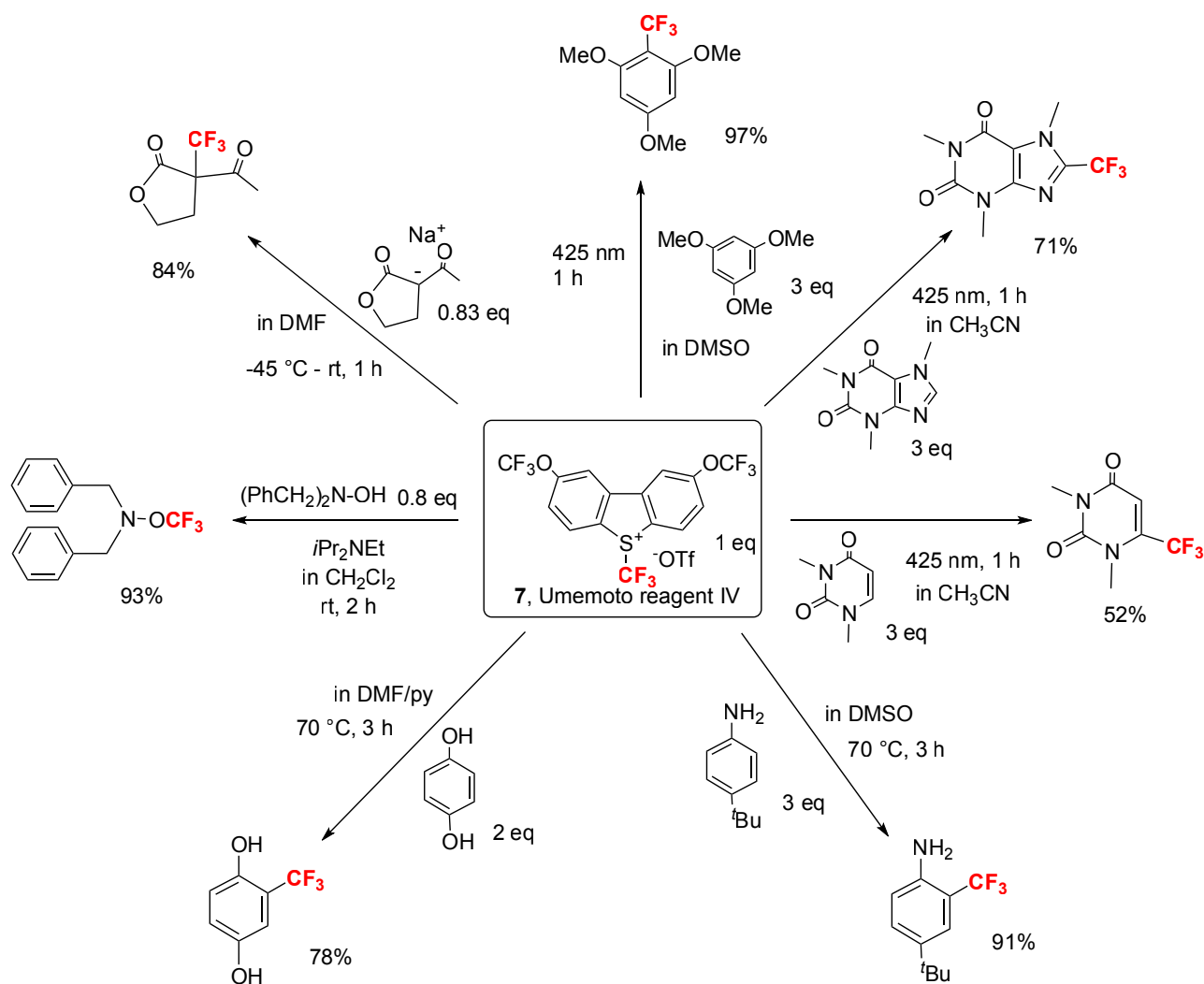
2-6. Development of Umemoto reagent IV: *S*-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,8-bis(trifluoromethoxy)-dibenzothiophenium triflate 7²⁴⁾

As described in Chapter 2-3, Umemoto reagents II and III, which can be synthesized in one pot from the di- and tetrafluorobiphenyl compounds by utilizing the electronic effect of fluorine atoms, were developed, and Umemoto reagent II was commercialized because of its ease of synthesis. However, Umemoto reagent II is proprietary (US 10,155,739 B2), and others need permission from the owner to use it for commercial purposes. Since many other users needed a new, more active Umemoto reagent, we developed Umemoto reagent IV 7, which is more reactive than Umemoto reagent

II, by focusing on the new CF_3O group, which has an effect that overcomes the (electron) effect of the F atom. Although its reactivity is inferior to that of Umemoto reagent III, it is as easy to synthesize almost similarly to Umemoto reagent II. The starting material, 2,2'-bis(CF_3O)-biphenyl, can be synthesized in high yield from 3- CF_3O -bromobenzene. Since Umemoto reagent IV is more reactive than Umemoto reagent I or II, it is expected to be more effective in many of the previously reported trifluoromethylation reactions. Examples of the reactions are shown in **Scheme 30**.

Active methylene compounds are trifluoromethylated equally effectively, and trifluoromethylation of (hetero) aromatic nuclei is superior to that achieved with Umemoto reagent II. The notable difference was that the reaction

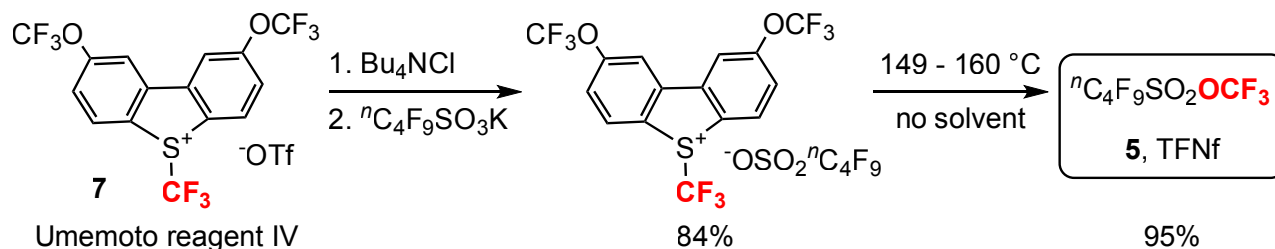
with *N,N*-dibenzylhydroxyamine afforded the *O*- CF_3 compound in high yield of 93%, whereas the yield was only 39% when Umemoto reagent II was used.



Scheme 30

The CF₃O-introducing agent TFNf 5 described in Section 2-4 above can be synthesized using Umemoto reagent IV (Scheme 31). Each step is performed in high

yield, and the final product, TFNf, can be easily isolated and purified.



Scheme 31

One advantage of Umemoto reagent IV is that it is non-proprietary and can be used for commercial purposes without any issues. In addition, Umemoto reagent IV has a highly lipophilic CF₃O group and therefore has excellent

solubility in organic solvents. Therefore, it is expected to be more widely applicable. Umemoto reagent IV is commercially available from TCI.

2-7. Development of TTST : *S*-(Trifluoromethyl) trifluoromethanesulfonylthioate **8**³⁸⁾

The trifluoromethylthio (CF₃S) group has strong electron withdrawing properties and the highest level of lipophilicity, making it of particular interest in research for the development of new pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals. Therefore, there is a need for an effective

reagent to introduce the CF₃S group. In particular, the development of electrophilic CF₃S-introducing reagents with a wide range of applications has been actively pursued.

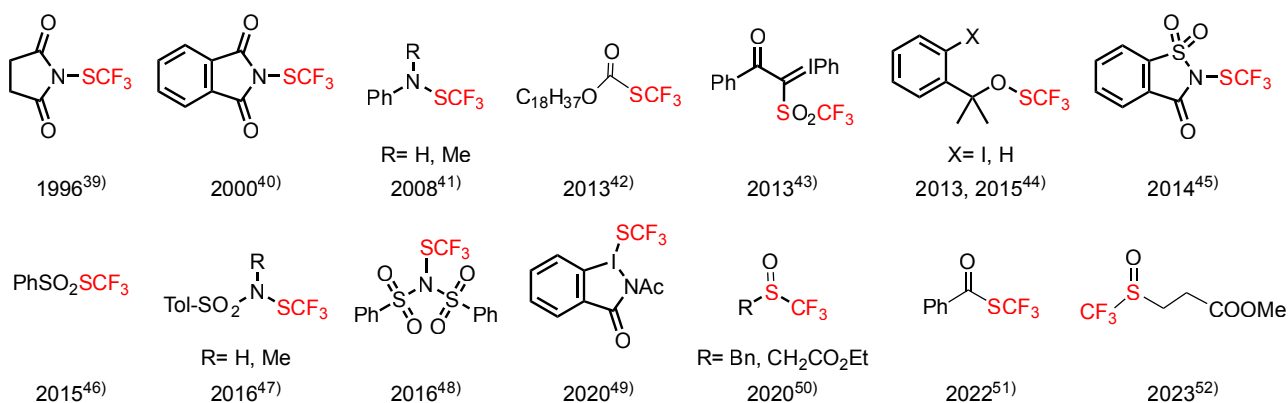
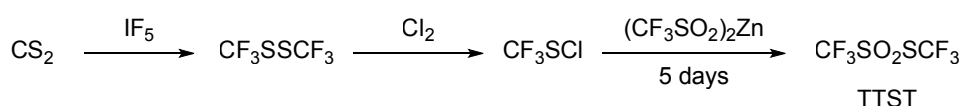


Figure 5

In the past, CF₃SCl and CF₃SSCF₃ were used, but these are toxic gases and are very difficult to handle. As a result, a large number of new CF₃S reagents have been developed in recent years as alternative, easy-to-handle CF₃S-introducing reagents.³⁹⁻⁵²⁾ They are shown in **Figure 5** along with the years of development. The development of these reagents has greatly advanced the CF₃S synthesis reactions. However, from the point of view of synthesizing CF₃S compounds, these reagents have drawbacks, such

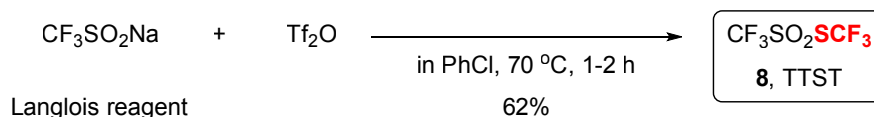
as the multi-step synthesis, the need for expensive raw materials, and the large molecular weight of the reagents, which results in a low atom efficiency. As a result of our investigations to solve these problems, we developed a new reagent, TTST **8**. Although TTST was synthesized as early as 1955,⁵³⁾ its reactivity had not been studied. Its synthesis involved a three-step process, as shown in **Scheme 32**, and many of the reactants and intermediates used were hazardous to handle.⁵³⁾



Scheme 32

We have discovered a one-pot synthesis method for TTST from inexpensive Langlois reagent and trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (Tf₂O)³⁸⁾ (**Scheme 33**).

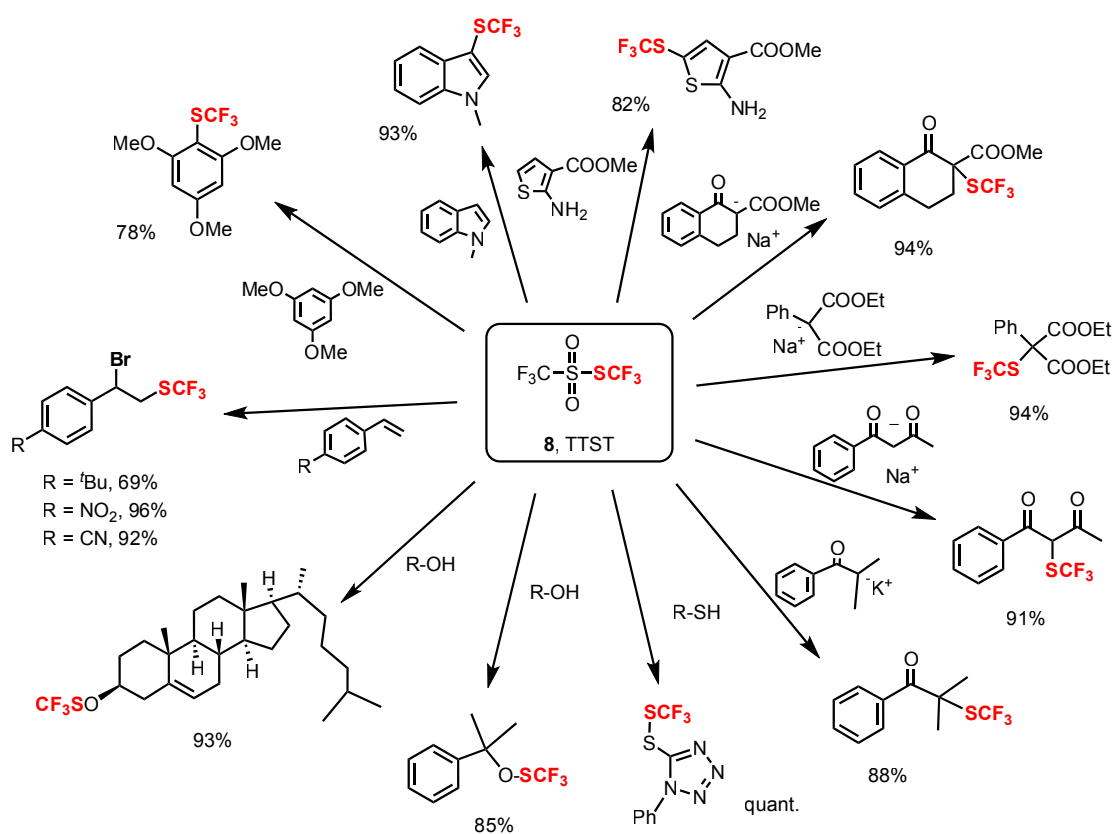
TTST is a thermally stable, colorless, transparent liquid with a boiling point of 66-69 °C and can be handled in air.



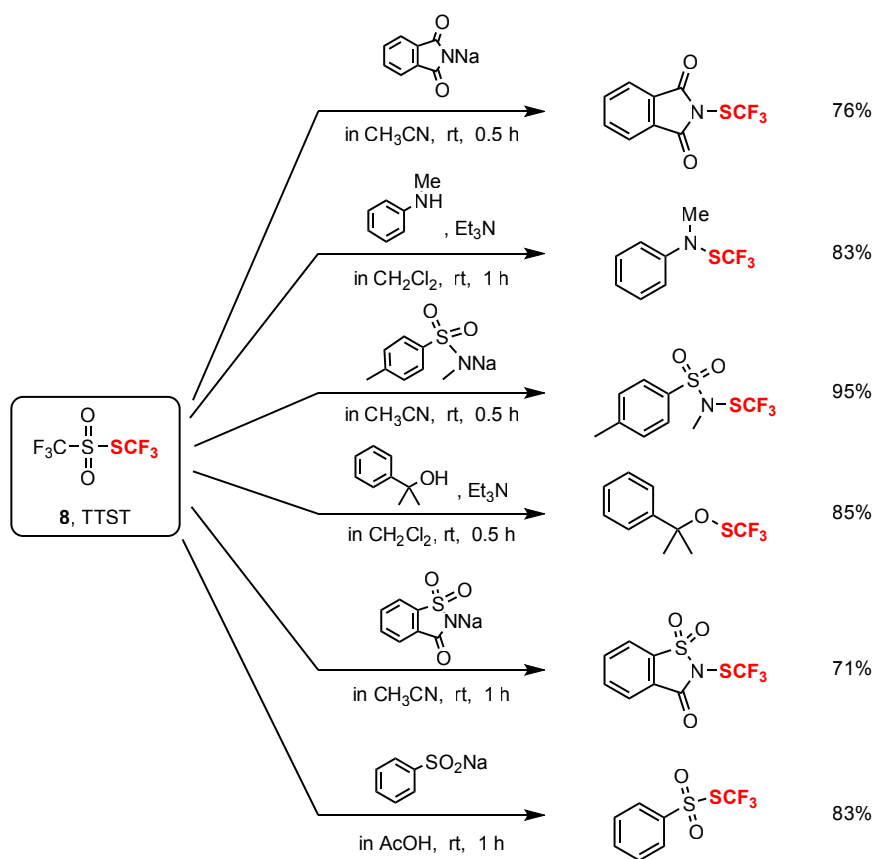
Scheme 33

We found TTST to be a very versatile reagent that acts as a source of CF₃S cations, anions, and radical

species. Examples of these reactions are shown below

2-7-1. As a generator of CF₃S cationic species³⁸⁾

Scheme 34



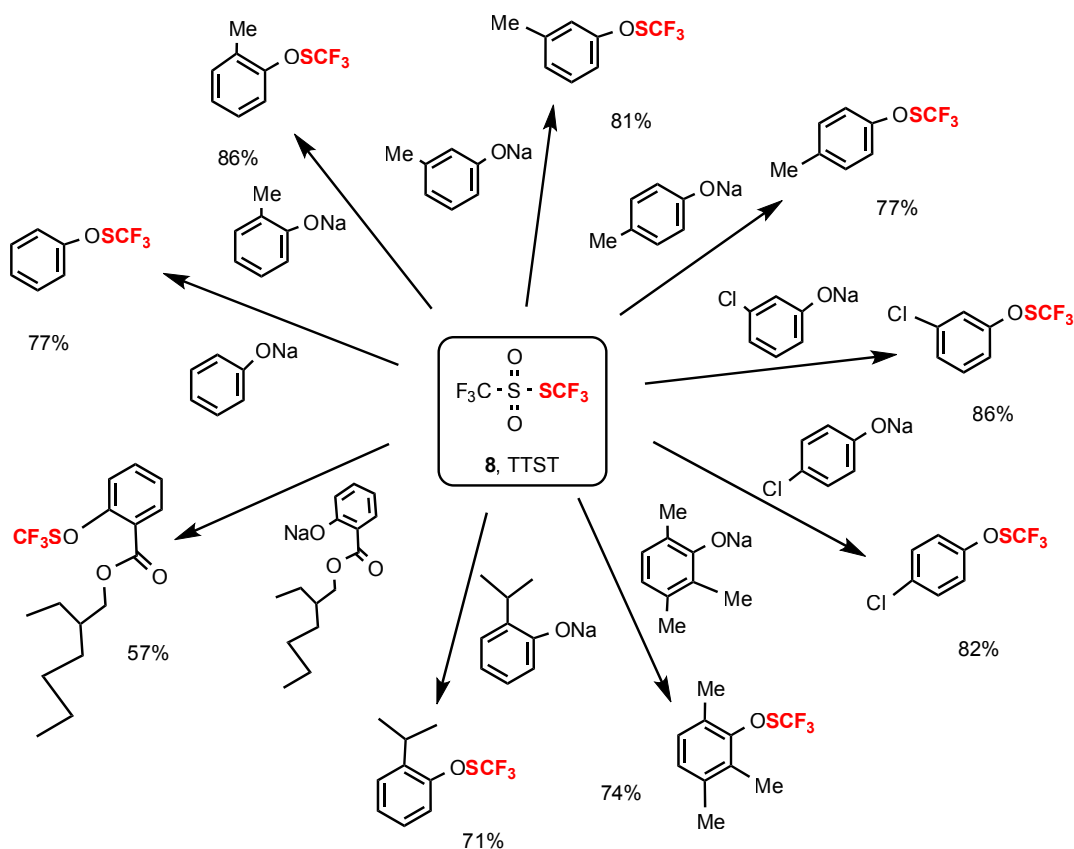
Scheme 35

As shown in **Scheme 34**, TTST introduces a CF₃S group to electron-rich aromatic, unsaturated bond, carbanion, thiol, and hydroxy sites in high yields under mild conditions. One of the advantages of TTST is that

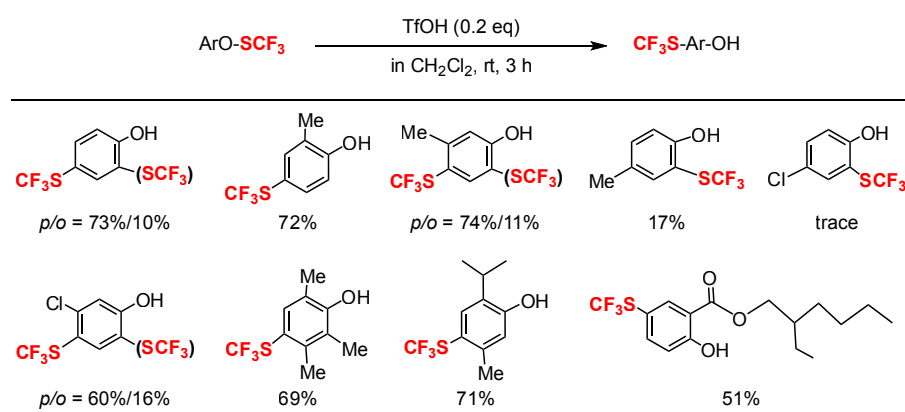
many of the CF₃S reagents already developed can be synthesized in a single step with high yields from readily available raw materials, as shown in **Scheme 35**.

TTST does not react with phenol, but it was found to react with phenoxide anions (ArO⁻) in ether solvents

at low to room temperature to produce a series of new ArOSCF₃ in good yields (**Scheme 36**).



Scheme 36



Scheme 37

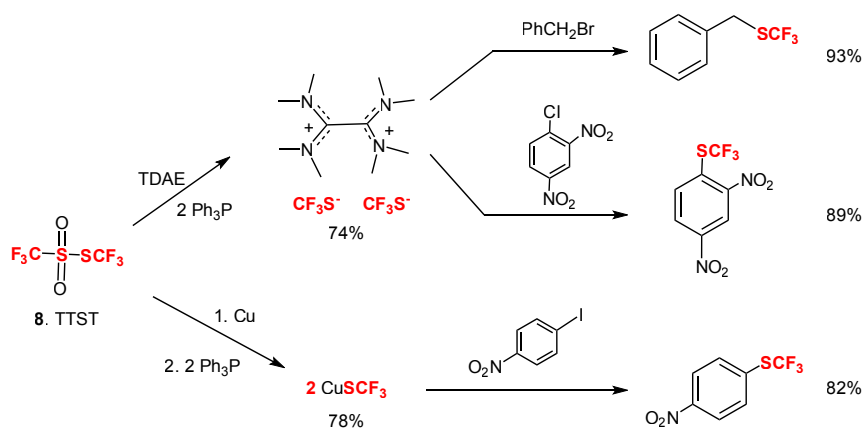
Furthermore, we found that the CF₃S group of ArOSCF₃ readily undergoes a rearrangement reaction at room temperature in the presence of an acid catalyst

(TfOH), yielding mainly *para*-substituted products (**Scheme 37**).

2-7-2. As a generator of CF₃S anion species³⁸⁾

TTST generates the CF₃S anion species by combining Ph₃P with a reducing agent. The following two reaction examples are shown in **Scheme 38**. When TTST reacted with two molecules of Ph₃P and one molecule of tetrakis(dimethylamino)ethylene (TDAE), TDAE²⁺(CF₃S⁻)₂ with two CF₃S anions was formed from TTST in 74% yield. It was reacted with the electrophilic substrates, benzyl bromide and 1-chloro-2,4-dinitrobenzene to give the corresponding CF₃S

compounds in high yields, respectively. In addition, by reacting TTST with Cu and then with two molecules of Ph₃P, two molecules of CuSCF₃ were obtained in 78% yield, and then, by reacting this with an aryl halide, the desired CF₃S-substituted aromatic compound was obtained in 82% yield. As seen, TTST is a source of two CF₃S anion species, so it can be said that TTST is a reagent with extremely high atom efficiency.

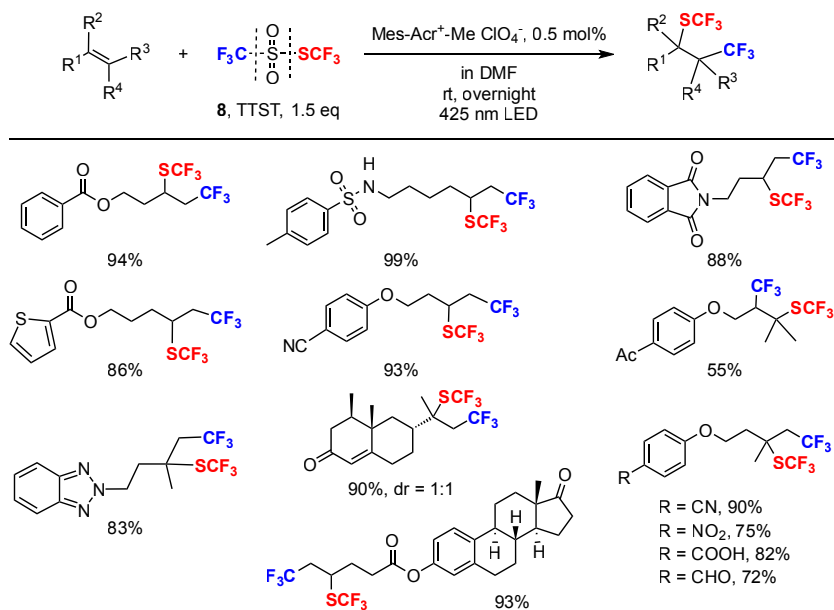


Scheme 38

2-7-3. As a source of CF₃S and CF₃ radical species³⁸⁾

We found that TTST served as a simultaneous source of CF₃S and CF₃ radical species. As shown in **Scheme 39**, TTST was irradiated with 425 nm light in the presence of olefins and the photocatalyst Mes-Acr⁺-MeClO₄⁻ (0.5 mol%) to give the regioselective addition products of CF₃S and CF₃ radicals in high yields.

Previously, two types of reagents, a CF₃S reagent and a trifluoromethylating reagent, were required to obtain a similar compound, but by using TTST, only one type of reagent is required. TTST is commercially available from TCI.

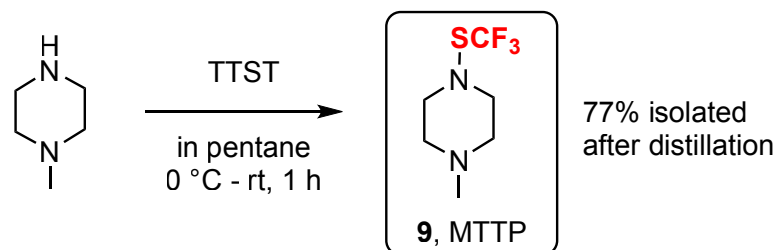


Scheme 39

2-8. Development of MTTP : 1-Methyl-4-(trifluoromethylthio)piperazine **9** ⁵⁴⁾

Although many easy-to-use electrophilic CF₃S reagents have been developed, it has been difficult to directly introduce CF₃S into inactive or electron-deficient aromatic rings. We have developed a heterocyclic CF₃S diamine MTTP **9** which is the most reactive generator of

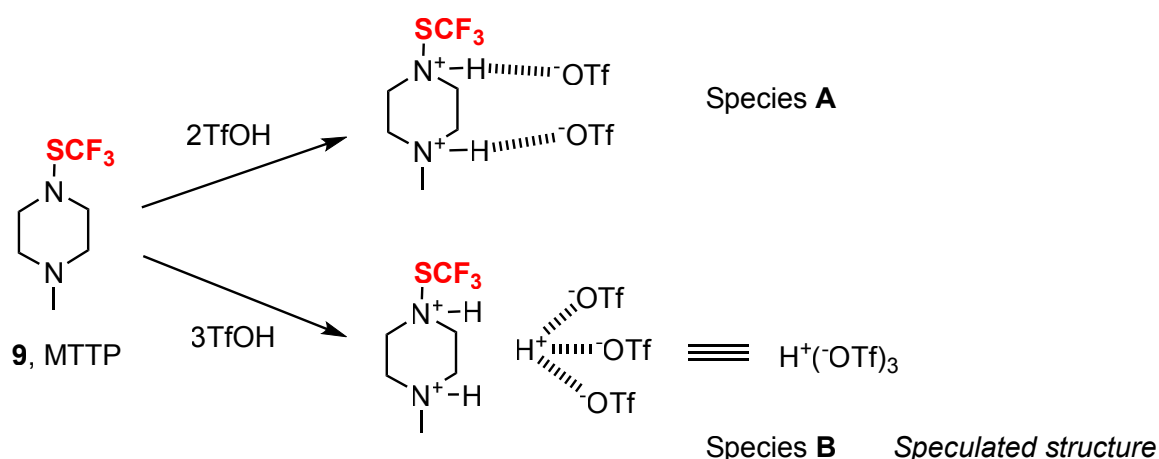
CF₃S cationic species. As shown in **Scheme 40**, MTTP can be easily synthesized in high yields from TTST and is a stable, easy-to-handle, colorless liquid with a boiling point of 67-69 °C/51-52 mmHg.



Scheme 40

From the study of reactivity using TfOH as an activator, we discovered a very interesting phenomenon. We found that there is a large difference in reactivity between reactive species **A**, which uses two molecules of

TfOH, and reactive species **B**, which uses three molecules, against the MTTP molecule. The reactive species **B** is much more reactive than **A**.



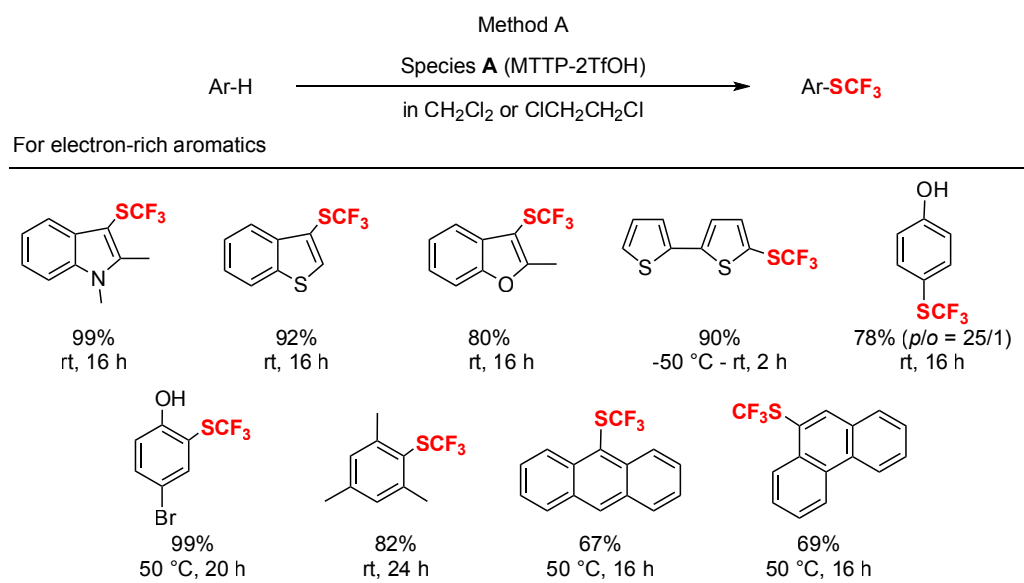
Scheme 41

We proposed that this can be explained by the difference in the degree of bonding between the protons attached to the two nitrogen atoms. That is, in reactive species **B**, the proton from the third TfOH interacts with the three TfO anions, causing the remaining two protons to bind strongly to the respective nitrogen atoms, thereby reducing the electron density of the nitrogen atoms more. Consequently, reactive species **B** produces a stronger CF₃S cation species than reactive species **A** (**Scheme**

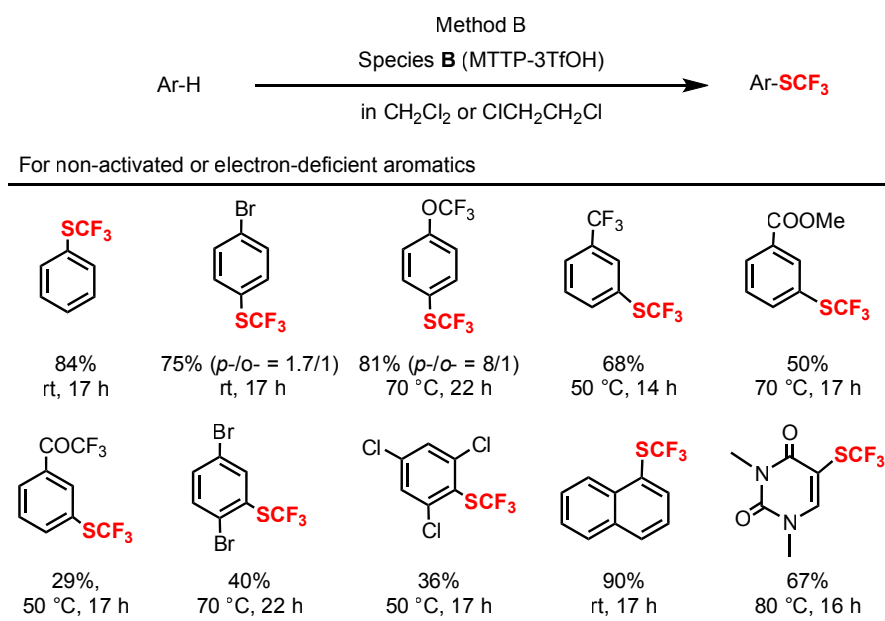
41). As a result, reactive species **A** is an excellent CF₃S reagent for electron-rich aromatic nuclei, while reactive species **B** is an excellent CF₃S reagent for non-activated or electron-deficient aromatic nuclei. **Scheme 42** shows examples of the reactions of electron-rich aromatic compounds with reactive species **A**. Various electron-rich aromatic compounds can be substituted with CF₃S groups in good yields.

Although TTST also trifluoromethylthiolates electron-rich aromatic compounds (**Scheme 34**), TTST does not react with phenols. The reactive species **A** from

MTTP is an excellent CF₃S reaction reagent for phenols as shown in **Scheme 42**.



Scheme 42



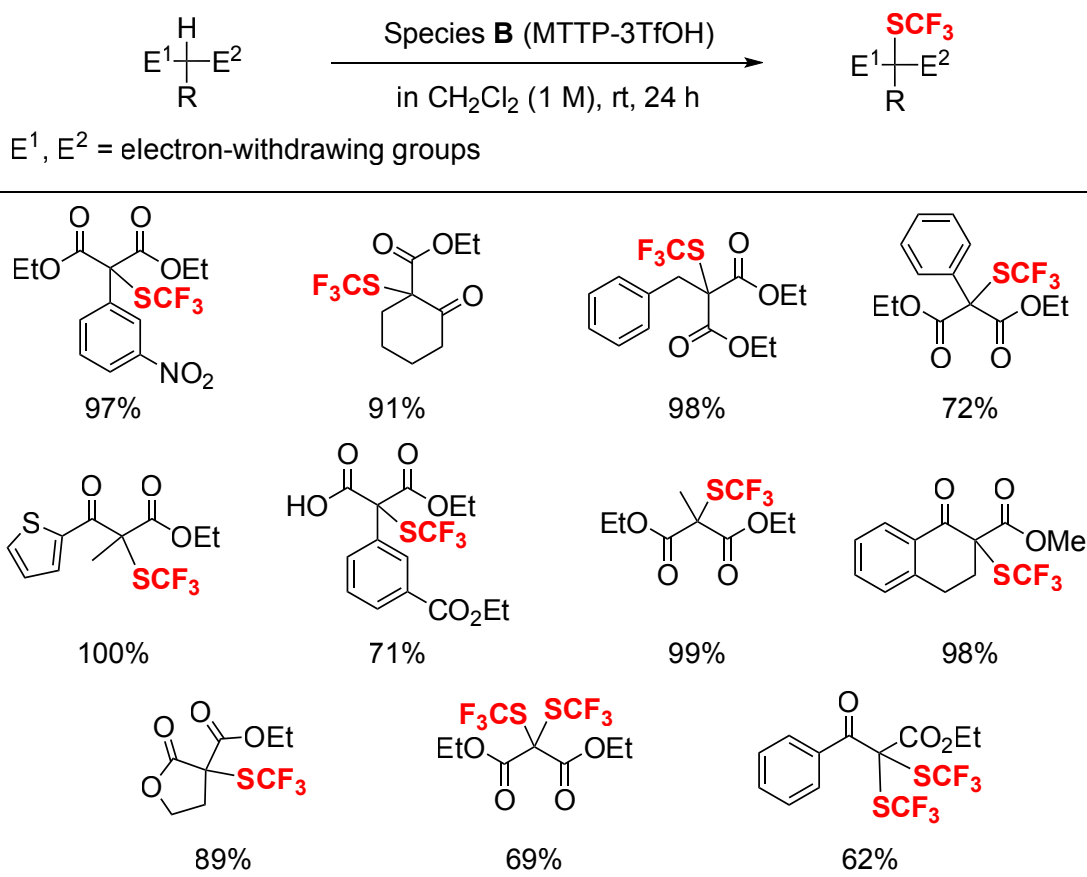
Scheme 43

Figure 43 shows examples of the reactions of non-activated or electron-deficient aromatic compounds with reactive species **B**. In most cases, the CF₃S compounds were obtained in good yields. Trifluoromethylthiations

of these electron-deficient aromatic rings have been scarcely reported. Thus, the combination of MTTP with an acid (TfOH) makes it possible to trifluoromethylthiolate a wide range of aromatic compounds.

Although many reactions have been reported for trifluoromethylthiation of active methylene compounds under basic conditions, there have been few reports for trifluoromethylthiation of active methylene compounds under acidic conditions. As shown in **Scheme 44**, the reactive species **B** trifluoromethylthiolates many active

methylene compounds in very good yields at room temperature. In addition, bistrifluoromethylthiations can be achieved in a single step with good yields. This method is useful when reactions under acidic conditions are required. MTTP will be available from TCI.



Scheme 44

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Related Products

(Diethylamino)sulfur Trifluoride (= DAST)	5g	25g	100g	D1868
4- <i>tert</i> -Butyl-2,6-dimethylphenylsulfur Trifluoride (= Fluolead®)	1g	5g	25g	B3664
Triethylamine Trihydrofluoride			10g	T2022
Trifluoromethyl 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,4-Nonafluorobutane-1-sulfonate (= TFNF)		1g	10g	T4150
<i>N</i> -(<i>tert</i> -Butyl)- <i>N</i> -fluoro-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (= NFBB)		1g	10g	F1345
Umemoto Reagent IV		1g	10g	T4082
<i>S</i> -(Trifluoromethyl) Trifluoromethanesulfonothioate (= TTST)		1g	5g	T4211

Chemistry Chat

Reductive Character of Hydroiodic Acid

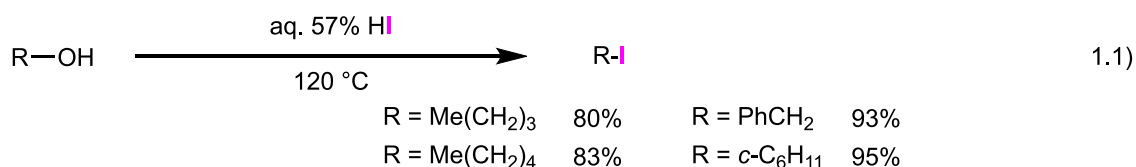
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Hideo Togo

Electronegativity of fluorine atom, chlorine atom, bromine atom, and iodine atom decreases as follows: 4.0, 3.0, 2.8, and 2.6, respectively. However, polarizability of fluorine atom, chlorine atom, bromine atom, and iodine atom increases as follows: 10.4, 36.6, 47.7, and 71.0, respectively. Moreover, pK_a of hydrofluoric acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, and hydroiodic acid is as follows: 3.2, -7, -9, and -10, respectively. Thus, among those four halogen atoms, electronegativity of iodine atom is the smallest, polarizability of iodine atom is the biggest, and hydroiodic acid is the strongest acid. Hydroiodic acid has mild reducing ability, and therefore,

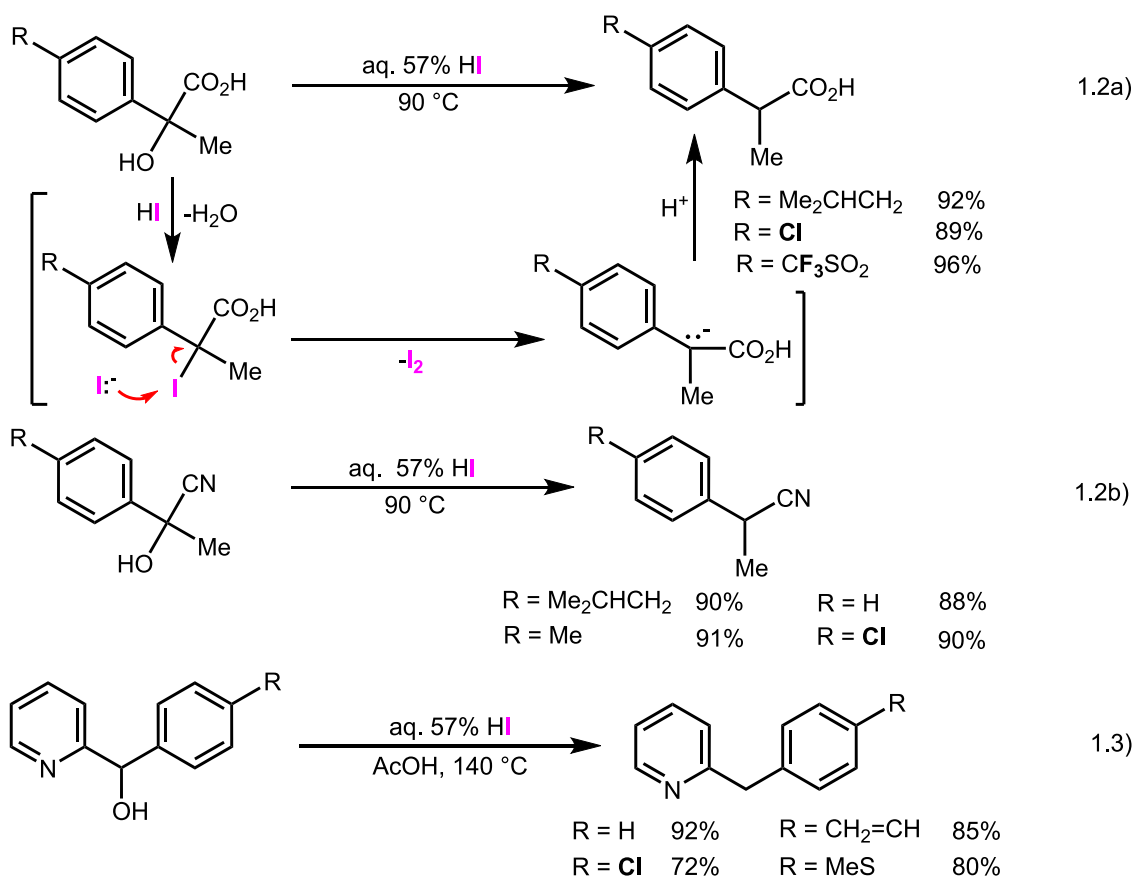
colorless liquid hydroiodic acid slowly changes to a yellow solution and then a brown solution, together with generation of molecular iodine, under atmospheric conditions. Hydrogen iodide (HI) is a colorless gas at room temperature (mp: $-50.8\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, bp: $-35.1\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, and density: 2.85 g/cm^3 ($-47\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)). 57% Hydroiodic acid (aq. 57% HI) is a colorless liquid and is prepared by distillation (bp is $127\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$). It is commercially available.

Warming treatment of alcohols with aq. 57% hydroiodic acid generates the corresponding alkyl iodides in good yields efficiently, as shown in Eq. 1.1.¹



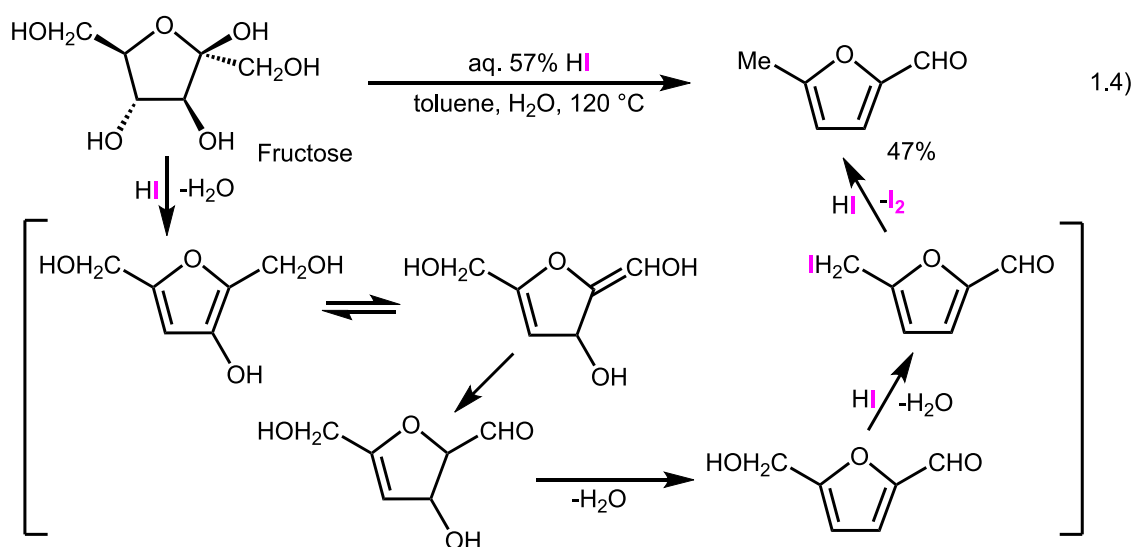
Warming treatment of α -aryl- α -(hydroxy)propionic acids with excess amounts of aq. 57% hydroiodic acid generates α -(aryl)propionic acids, as shown in Eq. 1.2a.² This reaction proceeds through formation of α -aryl- α -(iodo)propionic acid from α -aryl- α -(hydroxy)propionic acid with aq. 57% hydroiodic acid, and then reduction of

α -aryl- α -(iodo)propionic acid by aq. 57% hydroiodic acid, together with generation of molecular iodine. Similarly, warming treatment of α -aryl- α -(hydroxy)propionitriles with aq. 57% hydroiodic acid generates α -(aryl)propionitriles, as shown in Eq. 1.2b.²



Warming treatment of benzyl alcohols bearing a 2-pyridyl group at the α -position with aq. 57% hydroiodic acid in acetic acid generates aryl(2-pyridyl)methanes, as shown in Eq. 1.3.³ Moreover, warming treatment of

fructose with aq. 57% hydroiodic acid in a mixture of toluene and water generates 5-methyl-2-furaldehyde, as shown in Eq. 1.4.⁴

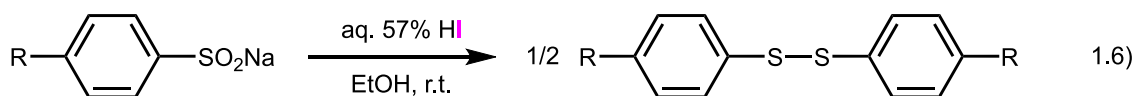
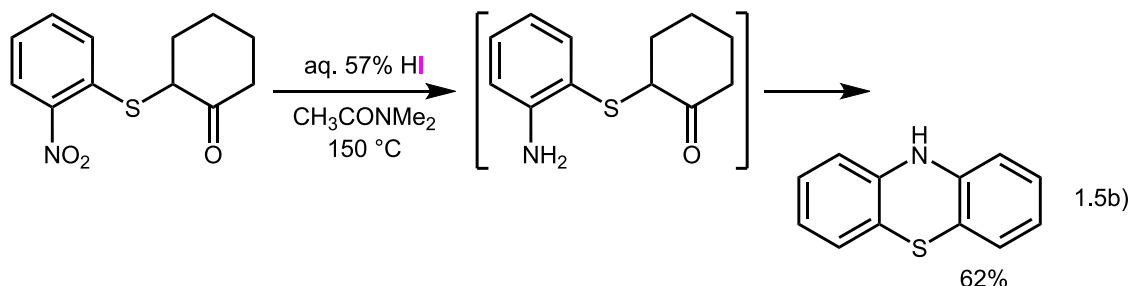


Microwave irradiation (MW) or warming treatment of nitroarenes bearing a cyano group or ketone group with aq. 57% hydroiodic acid generates anilines bearing a

cyano group or acetyl group, as shown in Eq. 1.5.^{5,6} Here, nitrile and ketone groups are not reduced at all under the conditions.



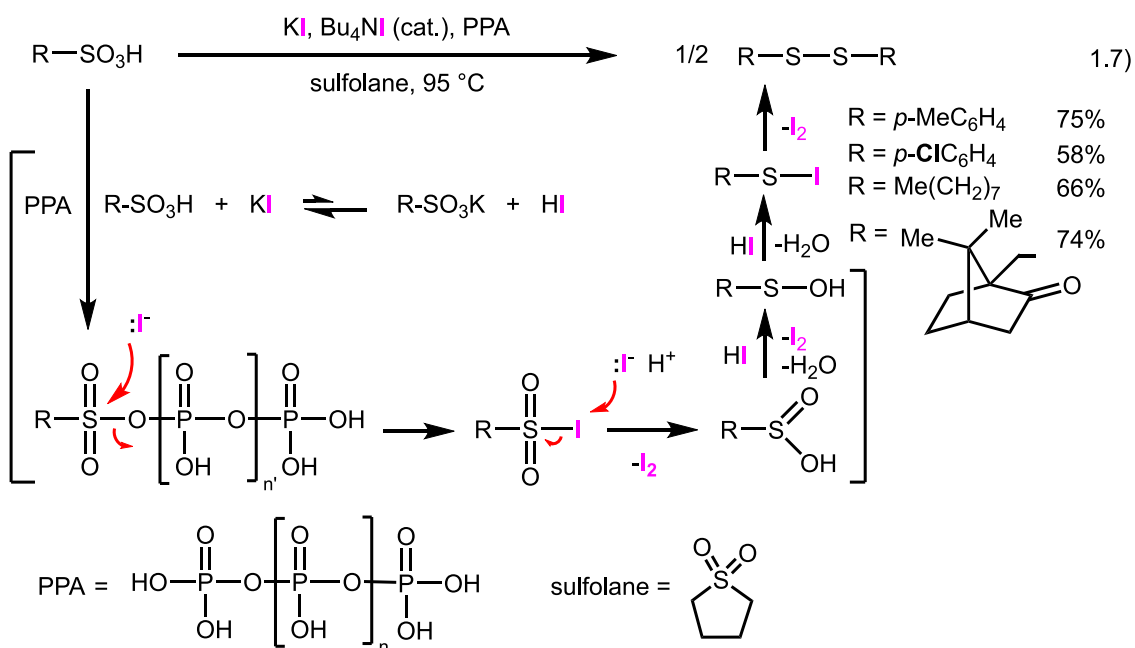
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R = CN 97%

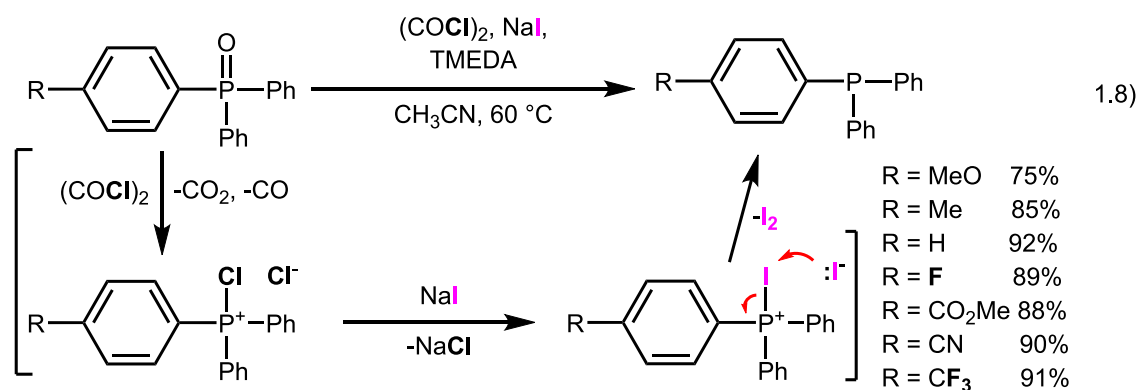


R = Me 95% R = Cl 72%
R = H 92% R = Br 81%
R = F 92% R = NO₂ 83%

Sulfoxides can be exothermically and rapidly reduced to the corresponding sulfides at room temperature by aq. 57% hydroiodic acid. Sulfinic acids (RSO₂H) and sulfonyl chlorides (RSO₂Cl) can be also reduced to the corresponding disulfides under warming conditions by aq. 57% hydroiodic acid. Treatment of sodium arenesulfonates with aq. 57% hydroiodic acid at room temperature generates the corresponding diaryl disulfides smoothly, via formation of arenesulfinic acid (pK_a ~2), as shown in Eq. 1.6.⁷

Sulfonic acids and sulfonate salts are not reduced at all by LiAlH₄ or ^tBu₂AlH under warming conditions. However, warming treatment of sulfonic acids or sodium sulfonates with KI and PPA (polyphosphoric acid) in the presence of Bu₄NI (cat.) in sulfolane generates the corresponding disulfides, as shown in Eq. 1.7.⁸ Here, the ketone group is not reduced at all. Treatment of (triaryl)phosphine oxides, oxalyl chloride, and NaI in the presence of TMEDA in acetonitrile generates the corresponding (triaryl)phosphines efficiently, as shown in Eq. 1.8.⁹





The above-mentioned reductive reactions by hydroiodic acid or iodide salts are reflected in the reducing character of hydroiodic acid or iodide anions. This character comes from the high polarizability and high

nucleophilicity of iodine atoms. Therefore, the above-mentioned reductive reactions cannot be carried out at all with hydrofluoric acid, hydrochloric acid, or hydrobromic acid.

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Related Products

Hydroiodic Acid (57%)			300mL	H1221
Potassium Iodide			300g	P1721
Tetrabutylammonium Iodide	25g	100g	500g	T0057
Sulfolane		25g	500g	T0115
Oxalyl Chloride	25g	100g	500g	O0082
Sodium Iodide			300g	S0564
<i>N,N,N',N'</i> -Tetramethylethylenediamine (= TMEDA)	25mL	100mL	500mL	T0147

New Products Information

Chlorinating and Brominating Reagents Suitable for Medicinal Chemistry

2-Chloro-1,3-bis(methoxycarbonyl)guanidine (1)

Product Number: **C4028**
1g 5g 25g

N-Acetoxy-N-chloro-4-nitrobenzamide (2)

Product Number: **A3694**
1g 5g

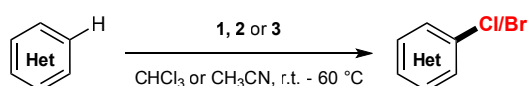
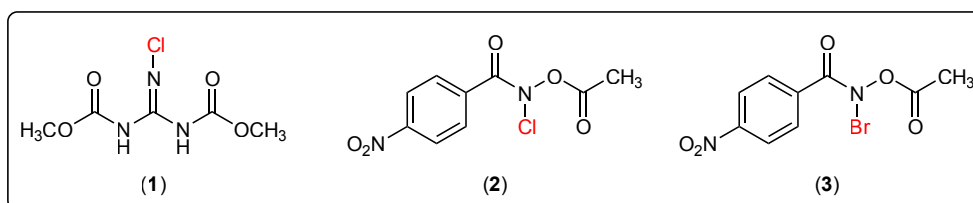
N-Acetoxy-N-bromo-4-nitrobenzamide (3)

Product Number: **A3695**
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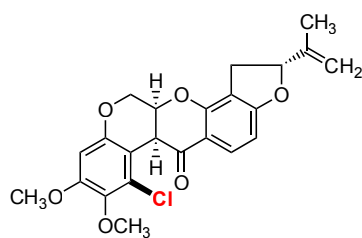
The electrophilic halogenation reaction is one of the most used reactions in organic synthesis and pharmaceutical chemistry.¹⁾ Halogen groups not only serve as starting points for coupling reactions but also significantly impact biological activity.²⁾ Along with fluorination, the effect of the chloro group, known as the “magic chloro effect”,²⁾ has gathered considerable attentions in recent years.

Conventional halogenation methods have relied on reagents such as elemental halogens, NBS, NCS, TCCA and activation by Lewis acids. However, these methods face challenges in terms of operability and reactivity, particularly when applied to complex compounds or late-stage functionalization, such as pharmaceuticals.

1 is a chlorinating reagent with a guanidine framework and allows for regioselective chlorination under mild conditions.³⁾ Additionally, **2** and **3** are chlorinating and brominating agents respectively with an anomeric amide scaffold.⁴⁾ There are specific advantages for **1** and **2** in that **1** is more affordable than **2**, but **2** shows higher reactivity than **1** in most cases. Furthermore, extra additives are not required, so the procedure is just mixing and stirring. So, these reagents enable halogenation of complex bioactive compounds with excellent regioselectivity and yields.

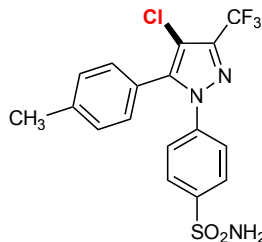


Chlorination with **1**³⁾



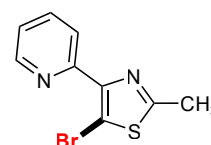
from Rotenone (pesticide)

Chlorination with **2**⁴⁾



from Celecoxib (COX-2 inhibitor)

Bromination with **3**⁴⁾



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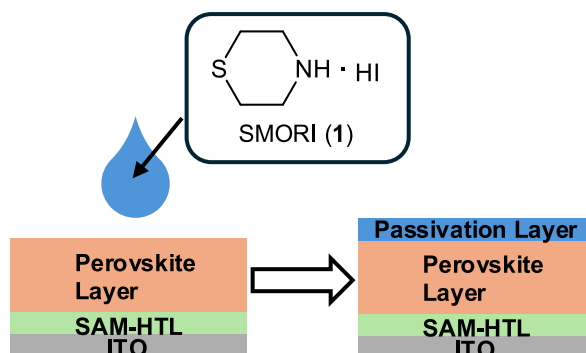
N-Bromosuccinimide (= NBS)	25g	100g	500g	B0656
1,3-Dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin		25g	500g	D1265
N-Chlorosuccinimide (= NCS)	25g	100g	500g	C0291
Trichloroisocyanuric Acid (= TCCA)		25g	500g	T0620
1,3-Dichloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin	25g	100g	500g	D1783

Ammonium Salt Suitable for Passivation of *p-i-n* Perovskite Solar Cells

Thiomorpholine Hydroiodide (1)

Product Number: **T4375**
1g 5g

Perovskite solar cells, which can be manufactured by solution process and exhibit high photoelectric conversion efficiency (PCE), are entering the phase of commercialization as next-generation solar cells.¹⁾ *n-i-p* type perovskite solar cells use a technique called “passivation”, in which structural defects on the layer surface are repaired by applying an ammonium salt such as 2-phenylethylamine hydroiodide after forming the perovskite layer. The passivation technique not only improves PCE, but also improves resistance to external degradation factors such as heat and moisture. On the other hand, in *p-i-n* type perovskite solar cells, passivation of the perovskite layer has been reported to cause electron blocking. Thiomorpholine hydroiodide (SMORI, **1**) is a passivation reagent suitable for *p-i-n* type perovskite solar cells.²⁾ After deposition and annealing of **1** onto a perovskite layer, a quasi-2D perovskite layer can be formed, which is advantageous to the high durability of the perovskite layer. Compared to an untreated perovskite layer, the layer treated with **1** has a conduction band energy level closer to the LUMO of the electron transport layer, which allows for smooth electron transfer. *p-i-n* perovskite solar cells treated with **1** exhibit a PCE of 24.55% ($V_{OC} = 1.187$ V, FF = 82.11%, and $J_{SC} = 25.19$ mA cm⁻²).²⁾ In an accelerated degradation test at 85 °C, the PCE of the device without **1** was reduced by more than 30% from the initial PCE at 200 hours, whereas with **1**, 90% of the initial PCE was maintained after 800 hours.



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Related Products

2-Phenylethylamine Hydroiodide	1g	5g	P2213
2,2'-(1,2-Phenylene)bis(ethan-1-amine) Dihydroiodide	1g	5g	B6569
1,4-Benzenediethanamine Dihydroiodide	1g	5g	B6570
Dimethyl(phenethyl)sulfonium Iodide (Low water content)	1g	5g	D6365
Picolinimidamide Hydroiodide	1g	5g	A3754
3-Pyridinecarboximidamide Hydroiodide	1g	5g	P3188

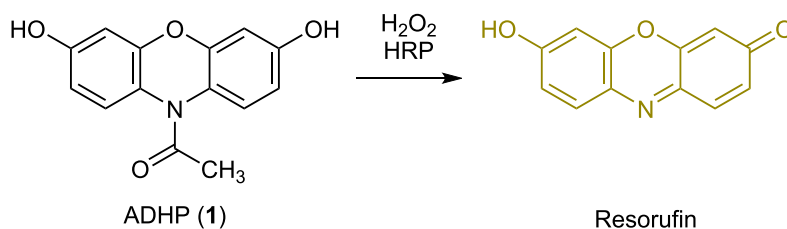
Fluorescent Probe ADHP to Detect Hydrogen Peroxide



ADHP (1)

Product Number: **A3630**
5mg

Hydrogen peroxide is an oxidative stress factor in cells, and the detection of hydrogen peroxide in cell culture supernatant is widely used as an indicator of oxidative stress. ADHP (1) is a fluorescent probe for detecting hydrogen peroxide; in the presence of HRP (horseradish peroxidase), it is oxidized by hydrogen peroxide to form resorufin, which exhibits fluorescence with an excitation maximum at 563 nm and an emission maximum at 587 nm.¹⁾ Leveraging this characteristic, 1 is also used to detect reactive oxygen species within cells.²⁾



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Related Products

Hydrogen Peroxide (35% in Water)		300mL	H1222
Peroxidase from Horseradish		100mg	P3192
Resorufin	1g	5g	R0012

Modulators of the JNK Signaling Pathway



SP 600125 [Optimized for Cell Culture] (1)

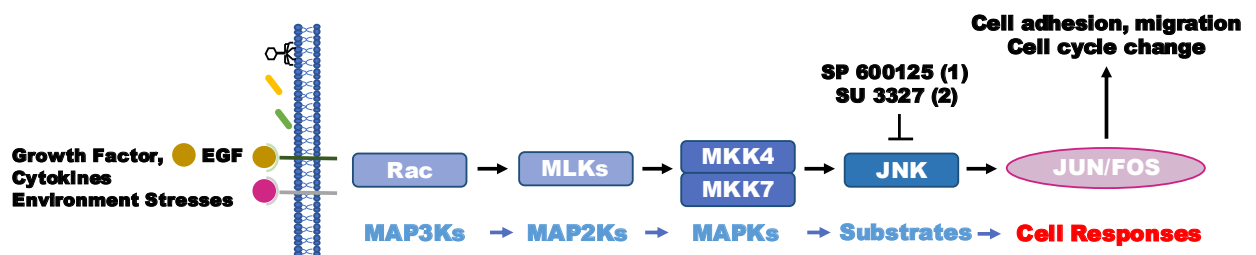
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1mg

SU 3327 [Optimized for Cell Culture] (2)

Product Number: **U0173**
1mg

The JNK signal pathway, a member of the mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) family, is known to be activated by growth factors, cytokines and environmental stress.¹⁾ Various biological functions – such as apoptosis, cell migration – are known to be modulated by activation of the JNK signaling pathway, selective inhibition of JNK can inhibit the proliferation and metastasis of cancer cells.²⁾ Thus, its inhibitors are commonly used in cancer research.

TCI sells SP 600125 (1) and SU 3327 (2), selective inhibitors targeting kinases involved in this pathway at a special [Optimized for Cell Culture] grade.



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The [Optimized for Cell Culture] series comprises products that have undergone mycoplasma and endotoxin testing, ensuring their safety for use in cell biology research. These products are ideal for various applications, including disease modeling and regenerative medicine research.

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Globo-series Oligosaccharides: Gb₃ Ceramide



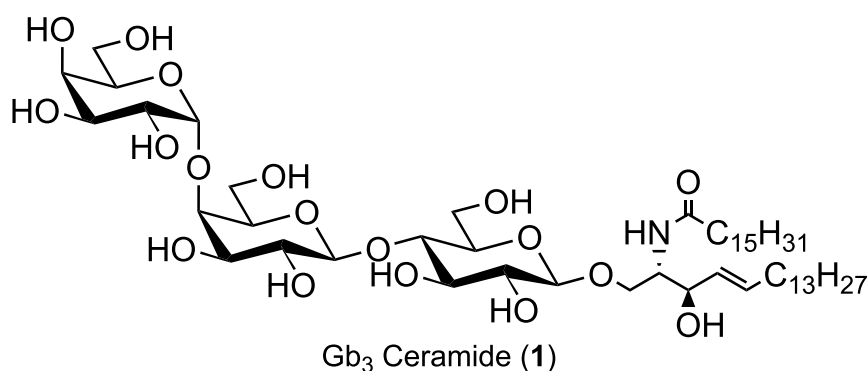
Gb₃ Ceramide (1)

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1mg

Globotriaosylceramide, commonly referred to as Gb₃ Ceramide (1), is also known by other names such as CD77, P^k antigen, and ceramide trihexoside (CTH). These alternative terms underscore its significance across diverse disciplines, including glycobiology, immunohematology, toxicology, and oncology.

Fabry disease is one of the conditions associated with 1, characterized by the accumulation of glycosphingolipids (GSLs), including 1, in various tissues. In this context, 1 serves as a biomarker for the disease. GSL accumulation is notably prevalent in organs such as the heart, kidneys, peripheral nerves, eyes, brain, skin, gastrointestinal tract, and auditory system, leading to clinical complications like cardiac dysfunction and kidney damage.¹⁾

Additionally, 1 functions as a key receptor for Shiga toxin, which is produced by Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) and *Shigella dysenteriae*.²⁾ Research has further revealed that in several human cancers—such as ovarian, breast, and colon cancer—overexpression of 1 may play a role in inducing resistance to chemotherapy.³⁾



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Related Products

Anti-Gb ₃ Monoclonal Antibody		1vial	A2506
Anti-Gb ₃ Monoclonal Antibody (Culture Supernatant)		0.2mL	A2586
Anti-Gb ₃ Monoclonal Antibody Biotin Conjugate		1vial	A2822
HSA-Gb ₃		1vial	H1718
Gb ₃ -β-ethylamine		Please contact us.	G0402
Gb ₃ -β-ethylazide		10mg	G0403
Globotriose	5mg	50mg	G0479
Gb ₃ -β-MP		100mg	M1767

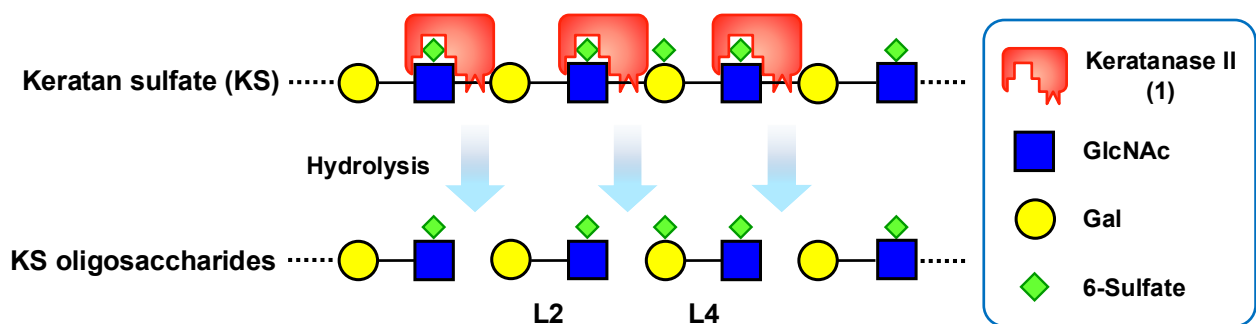
Keratanase II, Hydrolytic Enzyme Acting Specifically on Keratan Sulfate

Keratanase II from *Bacillus circulans*, Recombinant (1)

Product Number: **K0069**
1vial

Keratan sulfate is a sulfated polysaccharide classified as a glycosaminoglycan, an essential component of proteoglycans. It is found in tissues such as the cornea of the eye and joints and plays crucial roles in maintaining tissue structure and cell-to-cell signaling. In addition, it has been reported to be involved in muscle and lung diseases, and its function in inflammation and tissue repair is gaining attention. It has also been shown to have properties as a stem cell marker, making it an important subject of research in regenerative medicine and cancer studies. ¹⁾

Keratanase II from *Bacillus circulans*, Recombinant (1) is a recombinant enzyme expressed in *Escherichia coli* using a gene derived from *Bacillus circulans*. It specifically acts on keratan sulfate by hydrolyzing the β 1-3 linkage between N-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc) and galactose (Gal). The enzyme requires sulfation at the 6-position of GlcNAc for substrate recognition, but the sulfation of Gal does not affect its activity. ²⁾



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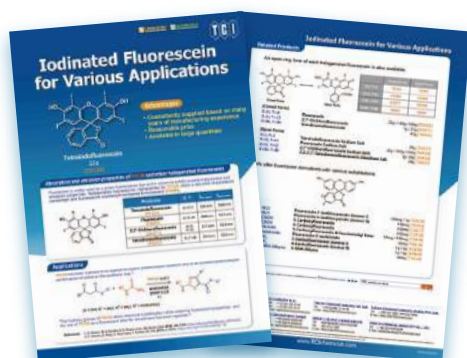
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