

## Supporting Information

# Efficient and Direct Nucleophilic Difluoromethylation of Carbonyl Compounds and Imines with Me<sub>3</sub>SiCF<sub>2</sub>H at Ambient or Low Temperature

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**General Methods:**

Unless otherwise mentioned, solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. The solvent DMF was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>, and the solvent THF and DME were distilled from sodium. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz or 300 MHz NMR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>Si (TMS) at δ 0.0 or to the signal of a residual protonated solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ 7.26. <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal TMS at δ 0.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub> at δ 0.0. Mass spectra were obtained on a mass spectrometer. High-resolution mass data were recorded on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the EI or ESI mode. Me<sub>3</sub>SiCF<sub>2</sub>H, and PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiCF<sub>2</sub>H were prepared according to known procedures.<sup>[1a, b]</sup> Me<sub>3</sub>SiCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> was prepared according to known procedures as a mixture of Me<sub>3</sub>SiCF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> and Me<sub>3</sub>SiOSiMe<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio = 6:1, determine by <sup>1</sup>H NMR), and was used directly without further purification.<sup>[1c]</sup>

**Typical procedure for difluoromethylation of aldehydes (2a-k) and 1,1-difluoroethylation of aldehyde 2a (for difluoroethylation of aldehyde 2a, 76 mg CsF was used):**

Under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, CsF (10 mg, 0.07 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde **2a** (68 mg, 0.50 mmol) and (difluoromethyl)trimethylsilane Me<sub>3</sub>SiCF<sub>2</sub>H (**1**) (124 mg, 1.0 mmol) in 2 mL of DMF, then the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. A solution of TBAF (1.0 ml, 1 M in THF) was then added, and the whole mixture was stirred for another 1h. After extraction with Et<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O, the organic phase was washed with brine, and then dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography to give product **3a**. (82 mg, 0.455 mmol, yield: 91%). Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (td, *J* = 56.2 Hz, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (td, *J* = 10.3 Hz, *J* =

4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.88 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  128.20 (dd,  $J = 56.2$  Hz,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 2F). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 188 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 6.4), 137 (100.0), 109 (48.5), 77 (23.5). The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[2]</sup>

**3b**: Colorless oil. IR (film): 3405, 2978, 1477, 1443, 1202, 1149, 1122, 1062, 752, 711  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.34 (m, 3H), 5.83 (t,  $J = 55.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd,  $J = 15.1$  Hz,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.68 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -127.00 (ddd,  $J = 281.3$  Hz,  $J = 54.7$  Hz,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1F), -132.27 (ddd,  $J = 281.2$  Hz,  $J = 55.6$  Hz,  $J = 15.1$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  133.4 (t,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 132.7, 130.0, 129.5, 128.6, 127.3, 114.7 (t,  $J = 246.6$  Hz), 69.9 (dd,  $J = 25.1$  Hz,  $J = 22.5$  Hz). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 192 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 9.7), 141 (100.0), 113 (19.6), 77 (86.7), 51 (20.1). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{ClF}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 192.0153, found 192.0157.

**3c**: Colorless oil. IR (film): 3589, 3394, 2977, 1702, 1601, 1578, 1480, 1434, 1383, 1202, 1142, 1076, 790, 765, 722, 706, 694, 448  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.45 (s, 1H), 7.28–7.40 (m, 3H), 5.74 (td,  $J = 56.3$  Hz,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.82 (td,  $J = 10.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.54 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -128.27 (dd,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 2F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  137.7, 134.6, 129.9, 129.1, 127.2 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 125.2, 115.4 (t,  $J = 246.1$  Hz), 72.9 (t,  $J = 24.8$  Hz). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 192 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 25.2), 141 (99.4), 113 (42.7), 77 (100.0), 51 (19.0). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{ClF}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 192.0153, found 192.0157.

**3d**: Colorless oil. IR (film): 3400, 2982, 1593, 1565, 1475, 1385, 1199, 1149, 1108, 1062, 1042, 896, 868, 854, 824, 778, 571  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.88 (td,  $J = 55.5$  Hz,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.34 (ddd,  $J = 15.3$  Hz,  $J = 6.9$  Hz,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -127.70 (ddd,  $J = 281.9$  Hz,  $J = 54.9$  Hz,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1F), -132.61 (ddd,  $J = 281.9$  Hz,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  135.3, 133.4, 132.1 (t,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 129.3, 127.7, 114.4 (t,  $J = 185.2$  Hz), 69.5 (dd,  $J = 19.0$  Hz,  $J = 17.2$  Hz). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 226 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 9.1), 175 (100.0), 111 (50.3), 75 (16.6), 51 (6.7). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 225.9764, found 225.9774.

**3e:** Yellow oil. IR (film): 3096, 1533, 1482, 1354, 1206, 1139, 1072, 809, 730, 689  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.79 (td,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dt,  $J = 10.5$ ,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.10 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -127.53 (ddd,  $J = 285.9$  Hz,  $J = 55.2$  Hz,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1F), -129.18 (ddd,  $J = 286.5$  Hz,  $J = 54.7$  Hz,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  148.2, 137.8 (dd,  $J = 3.3$  Hz,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 133.3 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 129.6, 123.8, 122.1, 115.1 (t,  $J = 184.7$  Hz), 72.4 (t,  $J = 18.4$  Hz). MS (EI, m/z): 203 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 3.5), 152 (100.0), 105 (24.7), 77 (20.1), 51 (12.0). HRMS (EI): m/z calcd. For  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 203.0394, found 203.0398.

**3f:** Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 5.72 (td,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.79 (td,  $J = 10.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.60 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -127.28 (ddd,  $J = 285.7$  Hz,  $J = 56.4$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1F), -128.29 (ddd,  $J = 285.7$  Hz,  $J = 56.4$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1F). MS (EI, m/z): 236 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 19.6), 185 (100.0), 157 (18.4), 77 (72.0), 51 (16.7). The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[3]</sup>

**3g:** Yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.23 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 5.71 (td,  $J = 56.1$  Hz,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.64 (td,  $J = 10.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 2.67 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -127.49 (dt,  $J = 56.4$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 2F). MS (EI, m/z): 201 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 37.6), 164 (10.8), 150 (100.0), 120 (18.7), 77 (8.7). The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[4]</sup>

**3h:** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.27–7.42 (m, 2H), 6.99 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.95 (td,  $J = 56.4$  Hz,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (ddd,  $J = 14.4$  Hz,  $J = 6.9$  Hz,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.23 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -125.80 (ddd,  $J = 280.9$  Hz,  $J = 56.1$  Hz,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1F), -130.48 (ddd,  $J = 280.9$  Hz,  $J = 56.7$  Hz,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1F). MS (EI, m/z): 188 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 21.6), 137 (100.0), 121 (20.2), 107 (58.9), 77 (24.3), 51 (10.0). The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[4]</sup>

**3i:** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.76–7.87(m, 4H), 7.41–7.53 (m, 3H), 5.81 (td,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.91 (td,  $J = 10.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.69 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  –126.89 (ddd,  $J = 283.4$  Hz,  $J = 55.4$  Hz,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1F), –128.09 (ddd,  $J = 283.7$  Hz,  $J = 55.2$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1F). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 208 ( $M^+$ , 54.9), 157 (86.4), 129 (100.0). The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[2]</sup>

**3j:** Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.10–7.37 (m, 5H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.10 (dd,  $J = 15.9$  Hz,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.61 (td,  $J = 56.7$  Hz,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.26–4.42 (m, 1H), 2.56 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  –128.03 (ddd,  $J = 285.1$  Hz,  $J = 57.5$  Hz,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1F), –129.43 (ddd,  $J = 285.1$  Hz,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1F). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 184 ( $M^+$ , 29.6), 133 (100.0), 115 (38.1), 105 (15.9), 77 (20.8), 55 (26.4). The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[2]</sup>

**3k:** Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.06–7.28 (m, 5H), 5.52 (td,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.55–3.75 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.90 (m, 1H), 2.56–2.74 (m, 1H), 2.05 (b, 1H), 1.60–1.95 (m, 2H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  –129.72 (dd,  $J = 56.4$  Hz,  $J = 10.9$  Hz, 2F). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 186 ( $M^+$ , 28.7), 117 (51.2), 105 (18.0), 91 (100.0). The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[5]</sup>

**3l:** Yellow oil: IR (film): 3428, 2956, 2838, 1612, 1514, 1301, 1247, 1179, 1139, 1065, 1035, 831.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.12 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 5.60 (td,  $J = 56.4$  Hz,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.78–1.62 (m, 1H), 2.90–2.75 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.57 (m, 1H), 2.15 (b, 1H), 1.97–1.69 (m, 2H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  –129.91 (dd,  $J = 55.6$  Hz,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 2F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  157.9, 132.9, 129.4, 116.3 (t,  $J = 244.2$  Hz), 113.1, 70.2 (t,  $J = 23.3$  Hz), 55.2, 31.6 (t,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 30.0. MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 216 ( $M^+$ , 22.6), 170 (9.0), 154 (10.8), 121 (100.0). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $M^+$ ) 216.0962, found 216.0964.

**11:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.36 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.80 (t,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.05 (b, 1H), 1.50 (t,  $J = 18.9$  Hz, 3H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$   $-101.50$  (qd,  $J = 18.0$  Hz,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 2F). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 202 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 9.2), 137 (100.0), 109 (27.1), 94 (22.2), 77 (21.3), 65 (17.2). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 200.1013, found 200.1012. The characterization data was consistent with the previous report.<sup>[1c]</sup>

**Typical procedure for *t*BuOK-mediated difluoromethylation of ketones (4a, 4b, 8) and 1,1-difluoroethylation of ketone 4a:**

Under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere, *t*BuOK (100 mg, 0.89 mmol) in 1.5 mL THF was added to a solution of 9H-fluoren-9-one **4a** (55 mg, 0.305 mmol) and (difluoromethyl)-trimethylsilane  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCF}_2\text{H}$  (**1**) (108 mg, 0.87 mmol) in 2 mL THF at  $-78$  °C, then the mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature. After extraction with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . After the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography to give product **5a** (67 mg, 0.289 mmol, yield: 95%). White solid. Mp: 103–105 °C. IR (KBr): 3374, 3065, 3044, 2955, 1450, 1349, 1205, 1143, 1088, 1070, 1056, 925, 806, 778, 768, 751, 740, 731, 675, 625, 576.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.56–7.66 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.82 (t,  $J = 55.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$   $-129.26$  (d,  $J = 55.6$  Hz, 2F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  142.1 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 140.7, 130.3, 128.2, 125.3 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 120.2, 115.6 (t,  $J = 249.5$  Hz), 81.2 (t,  $J = 21.7$  Hz). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 232 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 17.5), 181 (100.0), 152 (40.6), 76 (8.6). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 232.0700, found 232.0702.

**5b:** Yellow oil. IR (film): 3568, 2974, 1910, 1596, 1577, 1493, 1406, 1139, 1096, 1077, 1015, 910, 827, 800, 758, 528, 501  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 4H), 6.12 (t,  $J = 55.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (b, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$   $-127.35$  (d,  $J = 55.8$  Hz, 2F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  138.4, 134.5, 128.6, 128.5 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 116.5 (t,  $J = 251.7$  Hz), 77.4 (t,  $J = 21.5$  Hz). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 302 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 2.7), 251 (100.0), 197 (96.2), 139 (76.2), 105 (58.8), 77 (23.7). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 302.0077, found 302.0075.

**9:** White solid. Mp: 130–132 °C. IR (KBr): 3446, 2952, 2920, 2896, 1591, 1493, 1438, 1250, 1130, 1073, 1040, 864, 835, 808, 773  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J=4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd,  $J=8.7$  Hz,  $J=2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J=9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd,  $J=7.8$  Hz,  $J=5.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d,  $J=10.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.59 (t,  $J=56.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d,  $J=10.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd,  $J=9.3$  Hz,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.49 (b, 1H), 0.96 (dd,  $J=9.3$  Hz,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 2H),  $-0.04$  (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$   $-130.30$  (dd,  $J=247.7$  Hz,  $J=55.3$  Hz, 1F),  $-131.50$  (dd,  $J=247.4$  Hz,  $J=56.1$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  149.7, 148.5, 137.0, 136.9, 130.0, 127.1, 127.0, 121.9, 117.2, 116.3, 115.7 (t,  $J=251.3$  Hz), 114.0, 72.6, 70.7 (t,  $J=21.8$  Hz), 65.3, 18.0,  $-1.52$ . MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 412 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 8.5), 361 (44.8), 303 (90.), 73 (100.0). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClF}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 412.1185, found 412.1183.

**12:** Yellow oil. IR (film): 3550, 3441, 3064, 3008, 1608, 1452, 1386, 1190, 1146, 1109, 1057, 933, 917, 890, 753, 734.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.73-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.77 (b, 1H), 1.25 (t,  $J=18.6$  Hz, 3H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$   $-103.13$  (q,  $J=18.6$  Hz, 2F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  143.5, 143.2, 130.0, 128.2, 125.2, 124.0 (t,  $J=248.0$  Hz), 120.1, 83.8 (t,  $J=24.0$  Hz), 19.5 (t,  $J=26.4$  Hz). MS (EI,  $m/z$ ): 246 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 7.6), 181 (100.0), 152 (42.2), 65 (8.1). HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ) 246.0856, found 246.0854.

**Typical procedure for difluoromethylation of N-tert-butanesulfinimines (6a-h) and 1,1-difluoroethylation of N-tert-butanesulfinimine 6a:**

Under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere, *t*BuOK (100 mg, 0.89 mmol) in 1.5 mL THF was added to a solution of (E)-N-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide **6a** (72 mg, 0.300 mmol) and (difluoromethyl)trimethylsilane  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCF}_2\text{H}$  **1** (108 mg, 0.87 mmol) in 2 mL THF at  $-78$  °C, then the mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature. After extraction with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the organic phase was dried over anhydrous

MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography to give product **7a** (80 mg, 0.274 mmol, yield: 91%). White solid. Mp: 51–52 °C. IR (KBr): 3453, 3102, 2962, 1612, 1516, 1243, 1180, 1062, 1050, 1029, 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (td, *J* = 55.5 Hz, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.50–4.65 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR: δ -124.55 (ddd, *J* = 281.5 Hz, *J* = 55.3 Hz, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1F), -126.68 (ddd, *J* = 281.5 Hz, *J* = 55.6 Hz, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 159.9, 129.2, 126.8, 115.3 (t, *J* = 246.1 Hz), 114.3, 60.0 (dd, *J* = 23.5 Hz, *J* = 22.3 Hz), 56.6, 55.2, 22.4. MS (ESI, *m/z*): 292.0 (M+H<sup>+</sup>). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 292.11773, found 292.11905.

**7b**: White solid. Mp: 109–111 °C. IR (KBr): 3331, 3027, 2985, 2964, 2916, 2868, 1249, 1068, 1017, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.23–7.38 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (td, *J* = 56.4 Hz, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.69–4.86 (m, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR: δ -121.52 (ddd, *J* = 277.2 Hz, *J* = 56.1 Hz, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1F), -127.21 (ddd, *J* = 277.5 Hz, *J* = 56.4 Hz, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 149.8, 149.0, 138.6, 136.2, 130.7, 123.7, 114.6 (t, *J* = 247.0 Hz), 58.5 (t, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 57.0, 22.3. MS (ESI, *m/z*): 292.2 (M+H<sup>+</sup>), 314.1 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NNaO<sub>2</sub>S (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) 314.09968, found 314.10033.

**7c**: White solid. Mp: 119–121 °C. IR (KBr): 3445, 3117, 2991, 2979, 2924, 2864, 1363, 1071, 815, 535 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (td, *J* = 55.5 Hz, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.52–4.68 (m, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR: δ -124.42 (ddd, *J* = 281.4 Hz, *J* = 55.6 Hz, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1F), -126.67 (ddd, *J* = 280.6 Hz, *J* = 55.6 Hz, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 138.8, 131.8, 129.6, 127.7, 115.3 (t, *J* = 246.4 Hz), 60.3 (dd, *J* = 23.0 Hz, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 56.6, 22.3, 21.0. MS (ESI, *m/z*): 276.0 (M+H<sup>+</sup>). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NOS (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 276.12282, found 314.12357.

**7d:** White solid. Mp: 117–119 °C. IR (KBr): 3448, 3112, 2991, 2955, 2925, 2900, 2866, 1491, 1363, 1070, 1056, 749  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.52 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.95 (td,  $J = 55.2$  Hz,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.53–4.70 (m, 1H), 3.82 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  –125.33 (ddd,  $J = 282.3$  Hz,  $J = 55.3$  Hz,  $J = 14.9$  Hz, 1F), –126.50 (ddd,  $J = 282.0$  Hz,  $J = 55.3$  Hz,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  133.7, 132.0, 129.7, 123.1, 114.8 (t,  $J = 242.8$  Hz), 59.8 (t,  $J = 23.0$  Hz), 56.8, 22.3. MS (ESI,  $m/z$ ): 340.1 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrF}_2\text{NNaOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ) 361.99962, found 362.00041.

**7e:** Yellow oil. IR (film): 3435, 3184, 2961, 2928, 2869, 1476, 1429, 1365, 1075, 712  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  8.66 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 7.5$  Hz,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.04 (td,  $J = 55.2$  Hz,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.63–4.80 (m, 1H), 4.24 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  –124.96 (ddd,  $J = 283.7$  Hz,  $J = 56.1$  Hz,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1F), –126.84 (ddd,  $J = 282.5$  Hz,  $J = 55.0$  Hz,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  149.8, 149.0, 136.2, 130.7, 123.7, 114.6 (t,  $J = 246.7$  Hz), 58.5 (t,  $J = 23.0$  Hz), 57.0, 22.3. MS (ESI,  $m/z$ ): 263.4 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{NaOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ) 285.08436, found 285.08513.

**7f:** White solid. Mp: 81–83 °C. IR (KBr): 3253, 2959, 2874, 1479, 1368, 1151, 1051, 1015, 907, 872  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  5.91 (t,  $J = 54.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dt,  $J = 22.2$  Hz,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.04 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  –119.42 (ddd,  $J = 286.8$  Hz,  $J = 53.6$  Hz,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1F), –127.97 (ddd,  $J = 288.5$  Hz,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 23.1$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  114.5 (t,  $J = 243.5$  Hz), 66.8 (t,  $J = 17.0$  Hz), 57.1, 33.1 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 26.9, 22.5. MS (ESI,  $m/z$ ): 242.1 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 242.13847, found 242.13942.

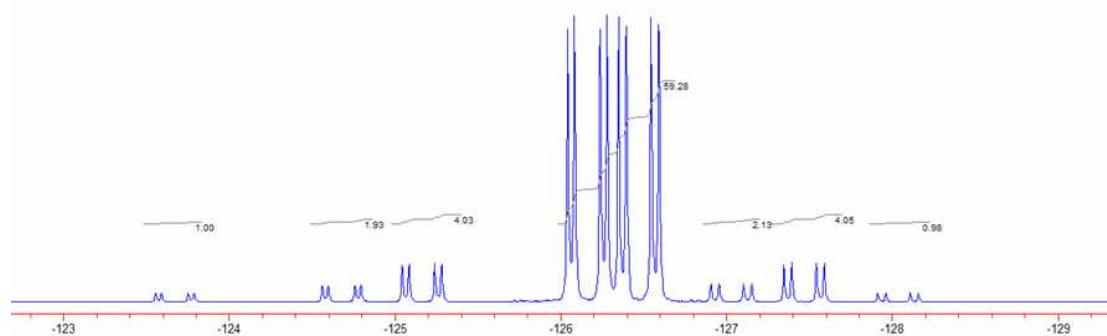
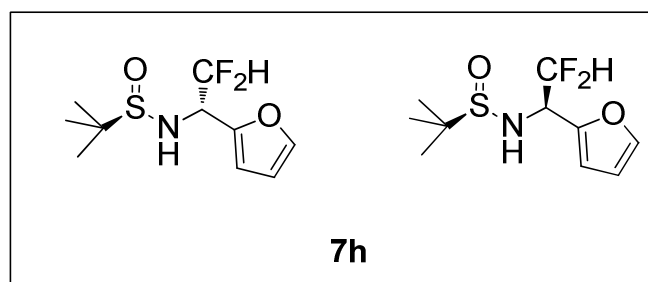
**7g:** White solid. Mp: 123–124 °C. IR (KBr): 3448, 3115, 3032, 2987, 2968, 2926, 2905, 2866, 1449, 1382, 1361, 1123, 1065, 1048, 970, 752, 694  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.41 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.37 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd,  $J = 15.9$  Hz,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.83 (td,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.16–4.35 (m, 1H),

3.54 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -125.94 (ddd,  $J = 282.8$  Hz,  $J = 55.6$  Hz,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1F), -127.46 (ddd,  $J = 281.2$  Hz,  $J = 56.4$  Hz,  $J = 13.8$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  136.0, 135.6, 128.6, 128.4, 126.8, 121.5 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 115.1 (t,  $J = 246.8$  Hz), 59.8 (t,  $J = 22.8$  Hz), 22.4. MS (ESI, m/z): 288.0 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 288.12282, found 288.12334.

**7h**: Yellow oil. IR (film): 3203, 2962, 1504, 1472, 1366, 1234, 1151, 1072, 1014, 885, 742, 598  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.44 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.36-6.40 (m, 1H), 6.00 (td,  $J = 55.5$  Hz,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.63-4.78 (m, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -124.86 (ddd,  $J = 280.6$  Hz,  $J = 55.8$  Hz,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1F), -127.67 (ddd,  $J = 282.6$  Hz,  $J = 55.6$  Hz,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  133.7, 132.0, 129.7, 123.1, 114.8 (t,  $J = 247.0$  Hz), 59.8 (t,  $J = 23.0$  Hz), 56.8, 22.3. MS (ESI, m/z): 252.0 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ). HRMS (ESI): calcd. For  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 252.08643, found 252.08740.

**13**: White solid. Mp: 106-108  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . IR (KBr): 3227, 2998, 2961, 2940, 1615, 1520, 1409, 1257, 1233, 1186, 1129, 1062, 1024, 922, 827, 803, 558.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.28 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.55-4.40 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.52 (t,  $J = 18.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:  $\delta$  -96.88 (dq,  $J = 245.6$  Hz,  $J = 18.9$  Hz,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1F),  $\delta$  -100.77 (dq,  $J = 243.9$  Hz,  $J = 19.1$  Hz,  $J = 19.0$  Hz, 1F).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  159.8, 129.3, 128.6, 122.9 (t,  $J = 244.9$  Hz), 114.2, 63.5 (t,  $J = 25.3$  Hz), 56.6, 55.2, 22.4, 21.4 (t,  $J = 26.9$  Hz). MS (ESI, m/z): 306.1 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ), 328.1 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ). HRMS (MALDI): calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 306.1334, found 306.1347.

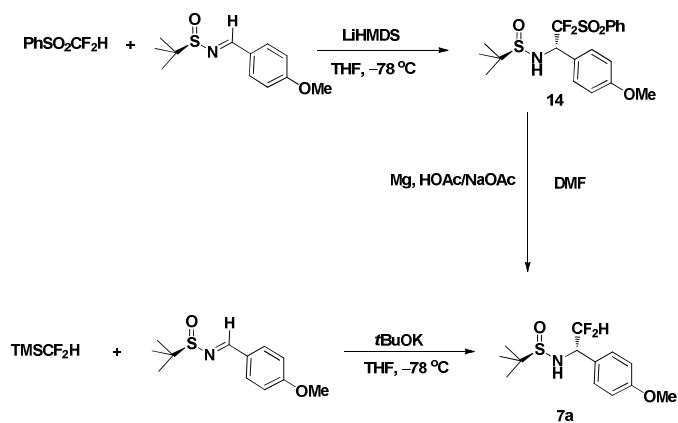
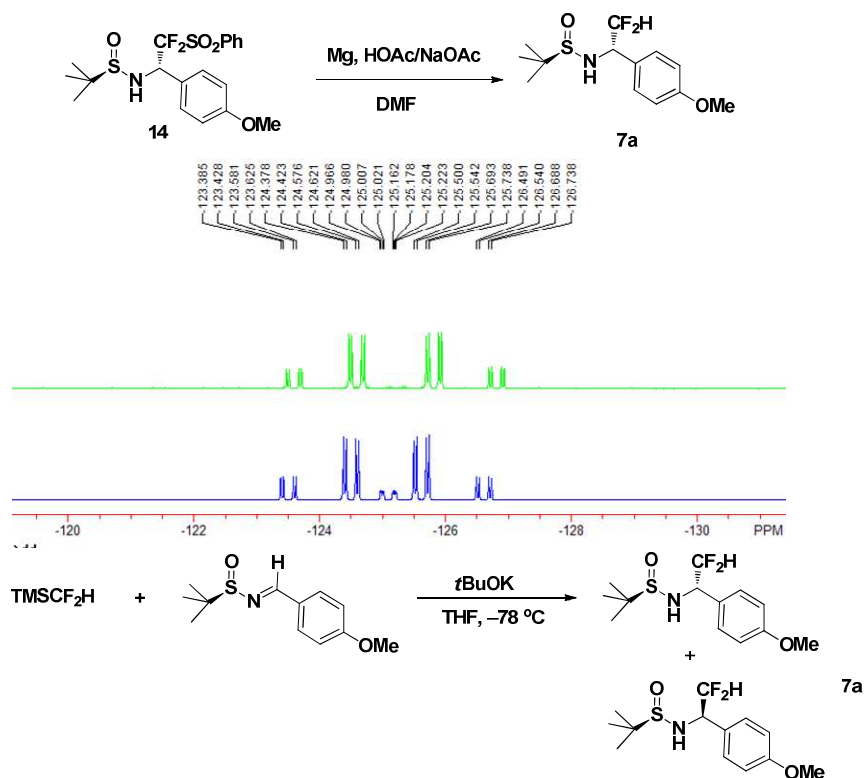
An example of determination of diastereomeric ratio of 7a-7h (reaction mixture after saturated NaCl water solution and EtOAc was added) by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR:

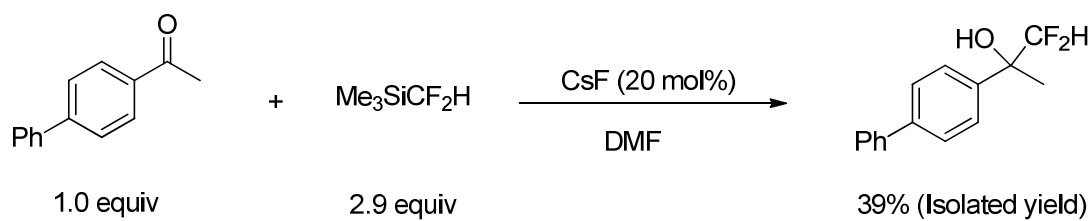
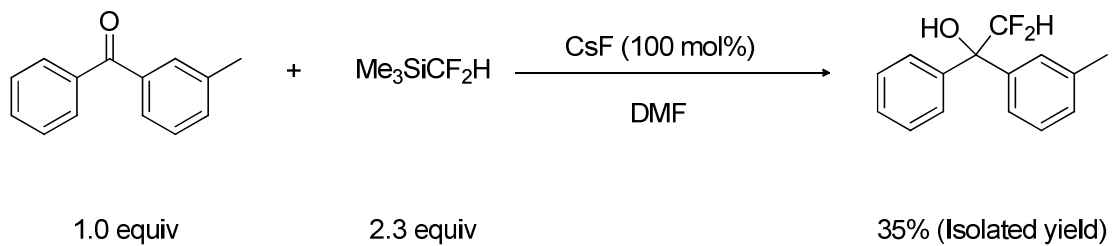


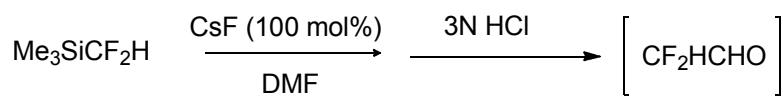
$$\text{dr ratio} = (4.03 + 59.28 + 4.05)/(1.00 + 1.93 + 2.13 + 0.98) = 92:8$$

Determination the relative configuration of the main isomer of product 7a. Compound **14** was synthesized according to known procedure.<sup>[6]</sup> After desulfonation of compound **14** with Mg/HOAc/NaOAc, we compared the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of product and compound **7a** synthesized from our direct difluoromethylation with

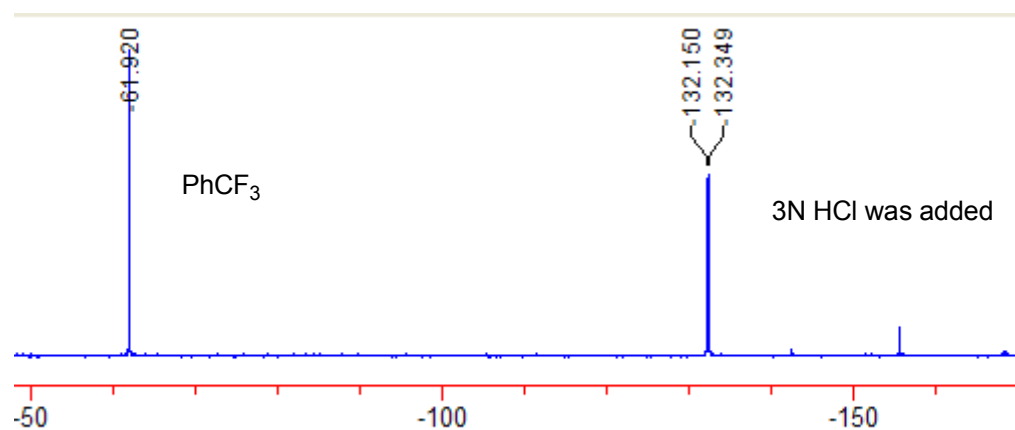
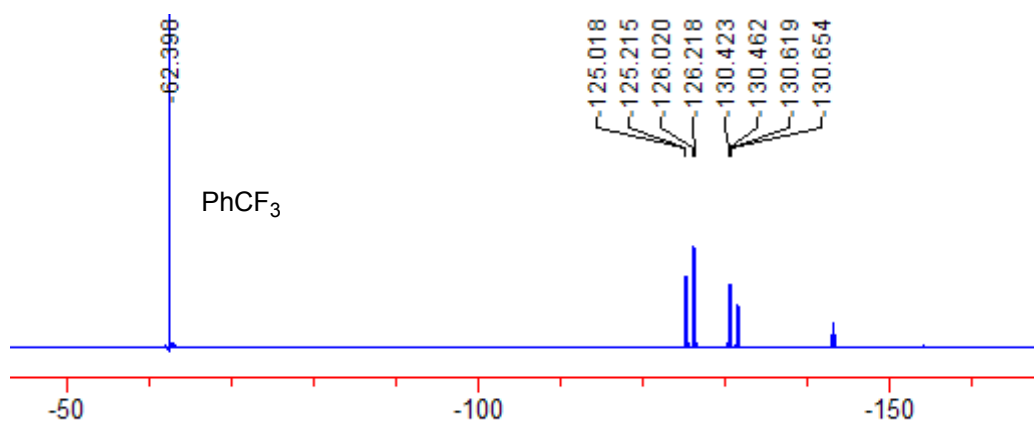
$\text{Me}_3\text{SiCF}_2\text{H}$ . The relative configuration of the main isomer of product **7a** obtained from these two ways is the same.

 $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR

**Difluoromethylation of ketones in DMF.**

**Difluoromethylation of DMF in absence of carbonyl compound.**

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**$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of all new products:**