# Fluoromethoxymethylation of Nitrogen Heterocyclic Compounds with Fluoromethyl Iodide 

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## 1. Mechanistic Studies




Figure S1. Progress of the reaction of 2a, 4a and $\mathbf{4 f}$, for up to 3 h , by ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectroscopy.

To understand the mechanism of this fluoromethoxymethyl reaction, we decided to trace the reactions by ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR in three cases ( $\mathbf{2 a}, \mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 f}$ ). The results were displayed in Figure S1. During the 3 hours reaction process of reaction with 2a, only two singals including those for the reagent $\mathbf{1}(\delta-189.9 \mathrm{ppm})$ and product $\mathbf{3 a}(\delta-153.6$ $\mathrm{ppm})$ were observed. The amount of $\mathrm{ICH}_{2} \mathrm{~F}$ decreased and the desired product 3a increased during the reaction process. For 1 H -indazole $\mathbf{4 a}$, the signals were very different. In spite of reagent $\mathbf{1}$ and product 5a, two new singals were obtained: $\delta$ $-162.5 \mathrm{ppm}(\mathbf{5 a - 1})$ and $\delta-163.2 \mathrm{ppm}(\mathbf{5 a - 2})$, which were two $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~F}$-substituted products ${ }^{1}$. It was obvious that $\mathbf{5 a - 1}$ decreased accompanied by the increase of product $\mathbf{5 a}$, while another signal of $\delta-163.2 \mathrm{ppm}(\mathbf{5 a - 2})$ was observed with no significant change. This indicated that only one $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~F}$-substituted intermediate (5a-1) could convert to the final product $\mathbf{5 a} .{ }^{2}$ For the case of 1 H -benzotriazole $\mathbf{4 f}$, it was similar that two $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~F}$-substituted products $\mathbf{5 f - 1}(\delta-168.2 \mathrm{ppm})$ and $\mathbf{5 f} \mathbf{- 2}(\delta-169.6 \mathrm{ppm})$ were observed, but neither could transfer to the $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{~F}$ product.

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3. NMR Spectra

$\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{~F}$
$470 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}$




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$470 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}$



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## 3. X-Ray Crystallographic Data of 3q

The white crystals of $\mathbf{3 q}$ were obtained by using the solvent vapor diffusion method in ether solution. Crystallographic data of complexes was collected at 296 K on a Bruker APEX-II CCD system equipped with graphite-monochromated $\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation ( $\lambda=$ 0.071073 nm ) using $\omega-\varphi$ scan technique. Diffraction data were integrated by the SAINT program, which was also used for intensity corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects. Semi-empirical absorption correction was applied using SADABS. The structures were solved by direct methods and all non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ by full-matrix least-squares using the SHELXL-97 crystallographic software package.


Thermal ellipsoids for $\mathbf{3 q}$ are shown at $50 \%$ probability level.

| Formula | C13H13FN2O2 |
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| Formula weight | 248.25 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic |
| space group | $P 21$ |
| $a(\AA)$ | $4.2319(3)$ |
| $b(\AA \AA)$ | $14.2453(9)$ |
| $c(\AA)$ | $19.5737(12)$ |
| $\alpha(\underline{\circ})$ | 90.00 |
| $\beta(\underline{\circ})$ | 90.00 |
| $\gamma(\underline{0})$ | 90.00 |
| Volume $\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | $1179.99(13)$ |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| $T(\mathrm{~K})$ | $173(2)$ |
| $D_{\text {calcd }}\left(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)$ | 1.397 |


| $F(000)$ | 520 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Reflections collected | 2065 |
| Unique reflections | 1900 |
| Goof | 1.055 |
| $R_{1}[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | 0.0342 |
| $\omega R_{2}[\mid>2 \sigma(I)]$ | $0.0886^{\mathrm{a}}$ |
| CCDC NO. | 1889210 |
| $\left.12 P)^{2}+0.1488 P\right]$, where $P=\left(F_{0}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3 ;$ |  |


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