Supporting Information

Preparation of Trifluoromethyl-Substituted Aziridines with in situ Generated CF_3CHN_2

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General. All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of Ar. For flash chromatography technical grade solvents were used, which were distilled prior to use. Chromatographic purification was performed as flash chromatography using Brunschwig silica 32-63, 60Å, using hexane / ethyl acetate as eluent with 0.3-0.5 bar pressure. TLC was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F254 TLC glass plates and visualized with UV light and cerium ammonium molybdate stain. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a VARIAN Mercury 300 MHz spectrometer in chloroform-d, all signals are reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 7.26 ppm. The data is being reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad signal, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded with ¹H-decoupling on a Bruker 100 MHz spectrometer in chloroform-d, all signals are reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 77.0 ppm as standard. Infrared spectra were recorded neat on a Perkin-Elmer spectrum RX-I FT-IR spectrometer. The data is reported as absorption maxima (n, cm⁻¹). Mass spectrometric measurements were performed by the mass spectrometry service of the LOC at the ETHZ on a VG-TRIBRID for electron impact ionization (EI) and on a Varian IonSpec for electron spray ionization (ESI). Chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification if not noted otherwise.

General procedure for imine condensation:

Arylglyoxals were produced according to known procedures 1,2,3,4,5 or purchased from commercial sources. MgSO₄ (10 g) was suspended in 50 mL CH₂Cl₂. Then, the corresponding arylglyoxal monohydrate (11 mmol) and p-anisidine (11 mmol) were added in one portion to the stirred suspension. After 1 h the suspension was filtered, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the desired product (quantitative yield). The crude product was used without further purification.

(E)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)-1-phenylethanone (3a)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as a brown solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.32 – 8.26 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.9, 160.6, 154.2, 141.7, 135.5, 133.4, 130.6, 128.3, 123.5, 114.7, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 240.1019, found 240.1016.

IR (neat): 3061, 2837, 1649, 1574, 1503, 1245, 1024, 829 cm⁻¹.

(E)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)ethanone (3b)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as a green solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.43 – 8.35 (m, 2H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.2, 166.0 (d, J = 255.5 Hz), 160.7,154.1, 141.4, 133.5 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 131.8 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 123.6, 115.5 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 114.7, 55.6.

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -104.12 (m).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}FNO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 258.0925, found 258.0924.

IR (neat): 1694, 1651, 1598, 1581, 1504, 1229, 1158, 824 cm⁻¹.

(E)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)ethanone (3c)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as a red-brown solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.39 – 8.33 (m, 2H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.0, 164.0, 160.4, 154.8, 141.9, 133.1, 128.4, 123.4, 114.6, 113.7, 55.6, 55.5.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{16}H_{16}NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 270.1125, found 270.1121.

IR (neat): 2935, 2838, 1648, 1596, 1504, 1244, 1021, 822 cm⁻¹.

(E)-ethyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)acetate (3d)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as an oil following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.41 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 163.6, 160.5, 148.0, 141.4, 123.6, 114.5, 61.9, 55.5, 14.2.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 208.0968, found 208.0973.

IR (neat): 2979, 2836, 1730, 1508, 1244, 1027, 831 cm⁻¹.

(E)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)ethanone (3e)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as a green solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.31 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.20 (ddd, J = 7.8, 1.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.5, 160.9, 153.6, 141.3, 137.0, 134.5, 133.2, 130.7, 129.6, 128.8, 123.7, 114.7, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}CINO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 274.0629, found 274.0625.

IR (neat): 3087, 3000, 2949, 2839, 1641, 1561, 1505, 1250, 1163, 827 cm⁻¹.

(E)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)-1-(p-tolyl)ethanone (3f)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as a brown solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.23 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.4, 160.4, 154.4, 144.4, 141.8, 133.0, 130.7, 129.1, 123.5, 114.6, 55.6, 21.8.

HRMS (EI/ESI): calcd for $C_{16}H_{16}NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 254.1176, found 254.1172.

IR (neat): 2934, 2836, 1648, 1602, 1503, 1243, 1027, 822 cm⁻¹.

(E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)ethanone (3g)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as a green solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.25 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.9, 160.8, 153.8, 141.3, 134.2, 132.2, 131.6, 128.7, 123.7, 114.7, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}BrNO_2$ ([M+H]⁺) 318.0124, found 318.0128.

IR (neat): 1650, 1582, 1504, 1256, 823 cm⁻¹.

(E)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethanone (3h)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as a green solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.59 (dddd, J = 19.1, 8.2, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.6, 160.6, 154.4, 141.8, 135.8, 133.3, 132.8, 132.4, 130.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 126.7, 125.6, 123.6, 114.7, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 290.1176, found 290.1169.

IR (neat): 3048, 1652, 1574, 1504, 1258, 811 cm⁻¹.

(E)-1-([1,1]-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)imino)ethanone (3i)

The title compound was obtained in quantitative yield as an orange solid following the general procedure for condensation.

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 2H), 7.77 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.04 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.4, 160.6, 154.4, 146.1, 141.7, 140.0, 134.2, 131.2, 129.0, 128.3, 127.3, 127.0, 123.6, 114.7, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 316.1332, found 316.1333.

IR (neat): 3003, 1645, 1592, 1574, 1502, 1246, 833 cm⁻¹.

General procedure for aziridination:

To a mixture of 7.5 mL CH_2Cl_2 and 0.25 mL H_2O cooled to 0 °C was added trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (203 mg, 1.5 mmol) and $NaNO_2$ (124 mg, 1.8 mmol). After being stirred at this temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C. Then, after 20-25 min the appropriate imine (0.5 mmol) and BF_3 · OEt_2 (111 μ L, 0.9 mmol) were added consecutively. After the indicated time, the reaction was quenched with MeOH and sat. $NaHCO_3$. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x), dried over $MgSO_4$ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford the pure cis-isomer

((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4a)

The title compound was obtained as an amorphous solid (103 mg, 64 %) following the general procedure (dr 17:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.14 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dq, J = 6.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.5, 156.6, 143.5, 135.2, 134.1, 128.8, 128.7, 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.7 Hz), 120.7, 114.7, 55.5, 45.7, 44.4 (q, *J* = 40.2 Hz).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -67.7 (d, J = 5.4 Hz).

HRMS (EI): calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}F_3NO_2^+$ (M⁺) 321.0977, found 321.0972.

IR (neat): 2957, 2837, 2359, 1692, 1597, 1240, 1142 cm⁻¹.

$(4-fluor ophenyl) \\ ((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluor omethyl) \\ aziridin-2-yl) \\ methanone \\ (4b)$

The title compound was obtained as an amorphous solid (132 mg, 78 %) following the general procedure for aziridination (dr 19:1).

¹**H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = 8.20 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.54 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dq, J = 6.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.1, 166.3 (d, J = 256.8 Hz), 156.7, 143.3, 131.7 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 274.6 Hz), 120.7, 116.1 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 114.7, 55.6, 45.4, 44.3 (q, J = 40.2 Hz).

¹⁹**F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = -67.8 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), -102.6 (m).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}F_4NO_2$ ([M+H]⁺) 340.0955, found 340.0957.

IR (neat): 3003, 1688, 1595, 1509, 1146 cm⁻¹.

(4-methoxyphenyl) ((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl) methanone (4c)

The title compound was obtained as an amorphous solid (87 mg, 50 %) following the general procedure for aziridination (dr 12:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.13 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.91 (m, 4H), 6.87 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.54 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (dq, J = 6.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 188.9, 164.3, 156.6, 143.7, 131.1, 128.4, 123.3 (q, J = 274.8 Hz), 120.7, 114.7, 114.0, 55.57, 55.55, 45.5, 44.3 (q, J = 40.1 Hz).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -67.8 (d, J = 5.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}F_3NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 352.1155, found 352.1148.

IR (neat): 1961, 2841, 1681, 1597, 1509, 1241, 1141 cm⁻¹.

(2SR,3RS)-ethyl 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-carboxylate (4d)

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The title compound was obtained as an oil (104 mg total, 83 % purity (17 % cycloaddition product, designed as minor below), 87 mg, 60%) following the general procedure for aziridination (dr 11:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.99 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 5.23 (dq, J = 8.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H, minor), 4.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, minor), 4.40 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H, minor), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.05 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dq, J = 6.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 167.8 (minor), 165.8, 157.0 (minor), 156.6, 143.2, 132.5 (minor), 123.1 (q, J = 274.4 Hz), 120.5, 117.8 (minor), 114.8 (minor), 114.6, 82.1 (q, J = 29.9 Hz, minor), 63.0 (minor), 62.1, 57.9 (minor), 55.5, 43.1 (q, J = 40.8 Hz), 41.4, 13.9.

¹⁹**F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = -68.0 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, major), -73.2 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, minor).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{13}H_{15}F_3NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 290.0999, found 290.1009.

IR (neat): 2986, 2838, 1751, 1508, 1240, 1143 cm⁻¹.

Spectral data in accordance with literature values.⁶

(3-chlorophenyl)((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)methanone (4e)

The title compound was obtained as yellow oil (79 mg, 61 %) following the general procedure for aziridination on a 0.365 mmol scale (dr 16:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.07 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (ddd, J = 7.8, 1.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dq, J = 6.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.6, 156.7, 143.2, 136.7, 135.2, 134.1, 130.2, 128.7, 126.8, 123.1 (q, *J* = 274.7 Hz), 120.7, 114.7, 55.5, 45.5, 44.4 (q, *J* = 40.2 Hz).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -67.7 (d, J = 5.9 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}CIF_3NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 356.0660, found 356.0647.

IR (neat): 2959, 2837, 1698, 1572, 1508, 1240, 1144 cm⁻¹.

((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (4f)

The title compound was obtained as an amorphous solid (100 mg, 60 %) following the general procedure for aziridination (dr 16:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.05 - 7.96$ (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.08 - 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.91 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H, major), 3.57 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dq, J = 6.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.0, 156.6, 145.2, 143.7, 132.8, 129.5, 128.8, 123.29 (q, J = 274.7 Hz), 120.7, 114.6, 55.5, 45.7, 44.4 (q, J = 40.1 Hz), 21.8.

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -67.8 (d, J = 5.7 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}F_3NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 336.1206, found 336.1207.

IR (neat): 2963, 2838, 2360, 1685, 1605, 1508, 1240, 1143 cm⁻¹.

(4-bromophenyl)((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)methanone (4g)

The title compound was obtained as an amorphous solid (94 mg, 47 %) following the general procedure for aziridination (dr 13:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.01 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dq, J = 6.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 189.9, 156.7, 143.2, 134.0, 132.2, 130.2, 129.5, 123.2 (q, J = 274.7 Hz), 120.7, 114.7, 55.6, 45.4, 44.4 (q, J = 40.1 Hz).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -67.56$ (d, J = 5.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}BrF_3NO_2^+$ ({M+H]⁺) 400.0155, found 400.0162.

IR (neat): 1691, 1582, 1508, 1144 cm⁻¹.

((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (4h)

The title compound was obtained as an amorphous solid (130 mg, 70 %) following the general procedure for aziridination (dr 15:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.76 – 8.61 (m, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.60 (dddd, J = 21.2, 8.1, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dq, J = 6.6, 5.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.4, 156.7, 143.6, 136.1, 132.6, 132.4, 131.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 123.3 (q, *J* = 274.7 Hz), 127.0, 123.8, 120.7, 114.7, 55.6, 45.8, 44.5 (q, *J* = 40.1 Hz).

¹⁹**F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ = -67.65 (d, J = 5.5 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{21}H_{17}F_3NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 372.1206, found 372.1197.

IR (neat): 1694, 1624, 1508, 1142 cm⁻¹.

[1,1]-biphenyl]-4-yl((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)methanone (4i)

The title compound was obtained as an amorphous solid (144 mg, 73 %) following the general procedure for aziridination (dr 15:1).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.28 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.76 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.92 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.05 (m, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 190.1, 156.7, 146.8, 143.6, 139.6, 133.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2 – 118.8 (m), 120.7, 114.7, 55.6, 45.7, 44.4 (q, *J* = 40.0 Hz).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -67.51 (d, J = 5.6 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{23}H_{19}F_3NO_2^+$ ({M+H]⁺) 398.1362, found 398.1362.

IR (neat): 1682, 1603, 1506, 1143 cm⁻¹.

phenyl((2SR,3RS)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)methanone (5)

To a solution of ((2SR,3RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aziridin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (100 mg, 0.31 mmol) in 8 ml CH₃CN was added (NH₄)₂Ce(NO₃)₆ (427 mg, 0.78 mmol) in 2.7 ml H₂O at 0 °C. After 1 h 30 min the reaction was quenched with sat. Na₂SO₃ and sat. NaHCO₃, extracted 3 times with dichloromethane, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate 70:30) to give the product as white solid (50 mg, 75 %).

¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 8.13 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 3.62 (dd, J = 9.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.24 (br, 1H).

¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 191.7, 135.9, 133.7, 128.7, 128.5, 124.6 (q, J = 273.2 Hz), 37.6, 35.0 (q, J = 39.3 Hz).

¹⁹F-NMR (282 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = -66.94 (d, J = 6.2 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{10}H_9F_3NO^+$ ([M+H]⁺) 216.0631, found 216.0633.

IR (neat): 3196, 1684, 1596, 1132 cm⁻¹.

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