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I.P. Beletskaya on her jubileePerfluoroalkylation of Unsaturated Compounds in the Presence
of Copper(II) Salen Complexes

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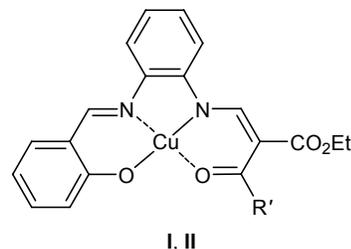
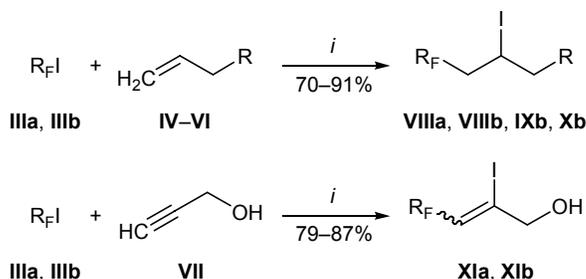
Introduction of perfluoroalkyl groups into molecules of organic compounds essentially changes their physicochemical properties and extends the scope of their practical applications [1–3]. Organometallic catalysis provides an important tool for performing perfluoroalkylation reactions, and variation of the reaction conditions and ligand nature is a significant factor affecting the yield and product structure [4–8]. For example, catalysis of reactions of alkenes with perfluoroalkylating agents by copper(I) and copper(II) salts in the presence of different ligands leads to the formation of functionalized trifluoromethyl-substituted compounds [4, 5].

We previously synthesized transition metal salen complexes, namely {ethyl 2-[2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)methylideneamino]phenylaminomethylidene]-3-oxo-3-(polyfluoroalkyl)propionato}copper(II) **I** and **II** [9]. In the present communication we report on the use of complexes **I** and **II** as catalysts in radical addition of perfluoroalkyl iodides to unsaturated compounds. In

fact, copper(II) complexes **I** and **II** efficiently catalyzed reactions of perfluoroalkyl iodides **IIIa** and **IIIb** with alkenes **IV–VI** and with propargyl alcohol **VII**, and the corresponding addition products **VIIIa**, **VIIIb**, **IXb**, **Xb**, **XIa**, and **XIb** were obtained in good yields (70–91%) under mild conditions. No reaction occurred in the absence of a catalyst and/or radical initiator.

Presumably, complexes **I** and **II** promote decomposition of hydrogen peroxide to produce hydroxyl radicals HO[•] which initiate radical addition of perfluoroalkyl iodides to unsaturated compounds. Complex **II** ensured somewhat higher yields than did complex **I**, i.e., the catalyst with a longer fluorinated carbon chain is more efficient.

Perfluoroalkylation of unsaturated compounds (general procedure). Complex **I**, 5 mol %, was added to a mixture of 0.10 mol of perfluoroalkyl iodide **IIIa** or **IIIb** and 0.10 mol of unsaturated compound **IV–VII** in 30 ml of acetonitrile, 20 ml of 38% hydrogen peroxide was then added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred



R_F = C₄F₉ (**a**), C₃F₇OCF(CF₃)CF₂OCF(CF₃) (**b**); **IV**, **VIII**, R = OH; **V**, **IX**, R = OAc; **VI**, **X**, R = H(CH₂)₇; **I**, R' = CF₃; **II**, R = H(CF₂)₂; *i*: MeCN, 38% H₂O₂, complex **I** or **II** (5 mol %), 25°C.

for 2 h. The product was extracted into chloroform (3 × 50 ml), the extract was washed with water and dried over sodium sulfate, and the solvent was distilled off.

4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-Nonafluoro-2-iodoheptan-1-ol (VIIIa). Yield 28.3 g (70%), reddish oily substance, bp 97–98°C (10 mm). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 2.79 m and 3.08 m (1H each, CF₂CH₂), 3.76 m (2H, CH₂OH), 4.32 m (1H, CHI). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_F, ppm: 35.95 q.t (2F, γ-F, ³J_{FF} = 12.7, 3.8 Hz), 37.29 m (2F, β-F), 47.06 d.m and 49.86 d.m (1F each, CF₂CH₂, ²J_{FF} = 270.9 Hz), 80.79 t.t (3F, CF₃, ³J_{FF} = 9.7, ⁴J_{FF} = 3.2 Hz). Found, %: C 20.55; H 1.57; F 42.56. C₇H₆F₉IO. Calculated, %: C 20.81; H 1.50; F 42.32.

4,6,6,7,9,9,10,10,11,11,11-Undecafluoro-2-iodo-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)-5,8-dioxaundecan-1-ol (VIIIb). Yield 45.8 g (72%), yellow liquid, bp 85–87°C (10 mm). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 2.79 m and 3.08 m (1H each, CF₂CH₂), 3.76 m (2H, CH₂OH), 4.32 m (1H, CHI). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_F, ppm: 17.02 m (1F, CF), 30.61 m (1F, CFCH₂), 32.27 m (2F, CF₃CF₂), 78.71 d.m (3F, CF₃, ³J_{FF} = 42.3 Hz), 80.50 m (6F, CF₃CF₂CF₂OCFCF₂), 81.61 m (3F, CF₃CFCF₂), 82.02 m (1F, CFCF₂). Found, %: C 20.70; H 1.03; F 50.66. C₁₁H₆F₁₇IO₃. Calculated, %: C 20.77; H 0.95; F 50.78.

4,6,6,7,9,9,10,10,11,11,11-Undecafluoro-2-iodo-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)-5,8-dioxaundecyl acetate (IXb). Yield 54.2 g (80%), colorless liquid. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 2.10 s (3H, CH₃), 2.83 m and 2.99 m (1H each, CFCH₂), 4.31 m (3H, CHICH₂O). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_F, ppm: 17.10 m (1F, CF), 30.59 m (1F, CFCH₂), 32.33 m (2F, CF₃CF₂), 78.75 d.m (3F, CF₃, ³J_{FF} = 42.3 Hz), 80.45 m (6F, CF₃CF₂CF₂OCFCF₂), 80.57 m (3F, CF₃CFCF₂), 82.09 m (1F, CFCF₂). Found, %: C 29.95; H 1.13; F 47.77. C₁₃H₈F₁₇IO₄. Calculated, %: C 23.03; H 1.19; F 47.63.

1,1,1,2,2,3,3,5,6,6,8-Undecafluoro-10-iodo-5,8-bis(trifluoromethyl)-4,7-dioxaoctadecane (Xb). Yield 58.9 g (82%), colorless liquid, bp 115–119°C (3 mm). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 0.92 t (3H, Me, = *J* 7.1 Hz), 1.28–1.62 m [14H, (CH₂)₇], 2.56–2.63 m (2H, CH₂Cl), 6.52 m, 6.72 m (1H, CFCH). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_F, ppm: 17.10 m (1F, CF), 30.59 m (1F, CFCH₂), 32.33 m (2F, CF₃CF₂), 78.75 d.m (3F, CF₃, ³J_{FF} = 42.3 Hz), 80.45 m (6F, CF₃CF₂CF₂OCFCF₂), 80.57 m (3F, CF₃CFCF₂), 82.09 m (1F, CFCF₂). Found, %: C 30.01; H 2.83;

F 45.07. C₁₈H₂₀F₁₇IO₂. Calculated, %: C 30.10; H 2.81; F 44.97.

4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-Nonafluoro-2-iodohept-2-en-1-ol (XIa). Yield 33.4 g (83%), reddish liquid, bp 105–107°C (10 mm). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 2.28–2.54 br.s (1H, OH), 4.35–4.37 m (2H, CH₂OH), 6.54 m, 6.77 m (1H, CH=). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_F, ppm: 36.17 m (2F, γ-F, *Z*), 36.44 m (2F, γ-F, *E*), 37.56 m (2F, β-F, *Z*), 37.95 m (2F, β-F, *E*), 50.25 m (2F, α-F, *E*), 54.11 m (2F, α-F, *Z*), 81.03 t.t (3F, CF₃, *E/Z*, ⁴J_{FF} = 9.7, ³J_{FF} = 3.3 Hz). Found, %: C 20.95; H 1.07; F 42.46. C₇H₄F₉IO. Calculated, %: C 20.91; H 1.00; F 42.53.

4,6,6,7,9,9,10,10,11,11,11-Undecafluoro-2-iodo-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)-5,8-dioxaundec-2-en-1-ol (XIb). Yield 50.1 g (79%), colorless liquid, bp 101–103°C (10 mm). ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 2.28–2.54 br.s (1H, OH), 4.35–4.37 m (2H, CH₂OH), 6.54 m and 6.77 m (1H, CH=). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_F, ppm: 16.58 m (1F, CF), 32.09 s (2F, CF₃CF₂), 32.62 m (1F, CFCH), 76.68 m (3F, CF₃), 79.43 m (3F, CF₂OCFCF₂), 80.49 m (3F, CF₃CF₂), 81.78 m (3F, CF₃CFCF₂), 83.26 m (1F, OCFCF₂). Found, %: C 20.79; H 0.70; F 50.86. C₁₁H₄F₁₇IO₃. Calculated, %: C 20.84; H 0.64; F 50.94.

The reactions of perfluoroalkyl iodides **IIIa** and **IIIb** with alkenes **IV–VI** and propargyl alcohol (**VII**) in the presence of complex **II** were carried out in a similar way. Yield, %: 73 (**VIIIa**), 74 (**VIIIb**), 87 (**IXb**), 91 (**Xb**), 87 (**XIa**), 85 (**XIb**).

The ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer at 400 and 376 MHz, respectively, using tetramethylsilane (¹H) and hexafluorobenzene (¹⁹F) as references. The elemental compositions were determined on a Perkin Elmer CHN PE 2400 analyzer. Initial perfluoroalkyl iodides **IIIa** and **IIIb** were synthesized as described in [3, 10].

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