<u>Reaction of (Ic) in AcOH at 20°C.</u> The yellow solid which separated was extracted with hot toluene. Insoluble (IIIb) was crystallized from 50% ethanol, and identified by composition with an authentic sample [2]. Evaporation of the toluene solution gave (IVc), which was further crystallized from ethanol. The residue obtained by evaporating the acetic acid filtrate was treated with 50% alcohol to give a further quantity of (IVc). The aqueous-alcoholic solution was evaporated, and the residue extracted with hot benzene. The benzene extracts were evaporated, the residue dissolved in a small amount of acetone, and the solution cooled to give $CH_3CONHCH(C_2H_5)CONHC_3H_7$ (VII), purified by repeated freezing-out from acetone.

<u>Reaction of (Id) in Boiling Benzene.</u> The residue after removal of the benzene was dissolved in alcohol. The (IVd) which separated was recrystallized from pyridine, and washed on the filter with cold alcohol.

<u>Reaction of (Id) in AcOH at 20° C.</u> The residue after distillation of the AcOH was diluted with acetone, and the (VI) which separated was purified by reprecipitation from acetone with water.

Reaction of (Ie) in Ether. The solid which separated from the ether solution was treated with hot ethanol. The insoluble (IVe) was washed on the filter with ethanol. The residue after removal of the ethanol was treated with toluene to give (IIIc). A further quantity of (IIIc) was obtained by evaporating the ethereal mother liquors.

<u>Reaction of (Ie) in Benzene at 20°C.</u> The residue after removal of the benzene was treated with hot ethanol to give (IVe) and (IIIc), isolated as described above.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Fully substituted bisoxazolylalkylamines react with maleimide as azadienes, giving the products of 1,4-addition to one of the oxazole rings. In acetic acid, these adducts are cleaved to give a mixture of β -hydroxy- and β -aminopyridines.

2. Bisoxazolylalkylamines which are unsubstituted in the 4,4'-positions react with maleimide to give β-hydroxy and β-aminopyridines in all reaction solvents.

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EPOXIDATION OF HIGHLY ELECTROPHILIC UNSATURATED FLUORINE-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS BY **PERACIDS**

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It has previously been shown [1, 2] that methyl perfluoromethacrylate (Ia) is epoxidized by percarboxylic acids (PA) to give the glycidyl ether (IIa). It would appear that this reaction could be extended to other derivatives of perfluoromethacrylic acid, namely the ethyl ester (Ib) and the dimethylamide (Ic), and to the perfluoroisopropenylphosphonate ester (Id).



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Epoxidation of (I) was accompanied by side reactions. Thus, in the reaction of (Ib) with $m-ClC_6H_4COOOH$, in addition to the glycidyl ether (IIb), there were obtained ethyl α -hydro-hexafluoroisobutyrate (CF₃)₂CHCOOEt (III), and the adduct (IV), formed by addition of m-chlorobenzoic acid to (Ib) (cf. [6]). The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture showed signals attributable to a similar adduct of m-chloroperbenzoic acid (V)



Despite the occurrence of side reactions, the reaction of highly electrophilic unsaturated fluoro-compounds with PA can be used for the preparation of some difficultly accessible fluorinated α -oxides, which can be used to synthesize a variety of organofluorine compounds (see, e.g., [7]).

EXPERIMENTAL

PMR spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer R-32 instrument (¹H 90 and ¹⁹F 84.6 MHz), from the external standards TMS and CF₃COOH. IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 instrument as thin layers. Mass spectra were obtained by E. I. Mysov on a Varian MAT CH-8 spectrometer (ionizing electron energy 70 eV); shown are m/z, intensities in %, and suggested assignments.

Ethyl α-Trifluoromethyl-β,β-difluoroglycidate (IIb). To a solution of 9.9 g of 85% m-ClC₆H₄COOOH in 30 ml of absolute ether was added dropwise with stirring (20 min, 0-5°C) 9.8 g of ethyl perfluoromethacrylate (Ib). After 2 h, a sample was withdrawn from the reaction mixture, and the solid filtered off. The filtrate contained, in addition to the ester (IIb), ethyl α-hydrohexafluoroisobutyrate (III), ethyl α-trifluoromethyl-β,β-difluoro-β-(mchlorobenzoyl)hydroxypropionate (IV), and ethyl α-trifluoromethyl-β,β-difluoro-β-(m-chlorobenzoyl)peroxypropionate (V). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of (III): -12.7 d (CF₃), $J_{CF_3-H} = 7.3$ Hz; (IV): -13.2 d.t. (CF₃), -7.1 m (CF₂, center of the AB region of the ABMX₃ system), $J_{CH_3-CF_2} =$ 10, $J_{CF_3-H} = 8$ Hz; (V): -13.5 d.t. (CF₃), -0.2 m (CF₂, center of the AB region of the ABMX₃ system), $J_{CF_3-CF_2} = 9.6$, $J_{CF_3-H} = 7.9$ Hz.

Volatile products were removed from the reaction mixture in vacuo (\sim 1 mm, \sim 20°C) and collected in a trap (-78°C), and ether was removed from the distillate. The residue (6.5 g) contained 92% of (IIb) and 8% of (III) (GLC and NMR). The yield of pure (IIb) was 6.0 g (55%). Redistillation gave the glycidyl ether (IIb) containing 6% of hexafluoroisobutyric ester, bp 97.98°C. Mass spectrum: 220, 0.5, M⁺; 175, 23, M⁺ - EtO; 147.54, C₃F₅O⁺; 97, 35, C₂F₃O⁺; 69,100, CF⁺₃. Found: C 31.7; H 2.59; F 42.5%. C₆H₁₀F₅O₃. Calculated: C 32.7; H 2.29; F 43.2%.

The glycidyl ether (IIb) was also obtained by reacting the perfluoromethacrylate ester (Ib) with $m-ClC_6H_4COOOH$ in THF or diglyme; when the reaction was carried out in CH_2Cl_2 under the same conditions, no (IIb) was formed.

Ethyl α -Trifluoromethyl- β , β -difluoro- β -(m-chlorobenzoyl)hydroxypropionate (IV). To 0.5 g of ethyl perfluoromethacrylate (Ib) was added with cooling a solution of 0.5 g of m-ClC₆H₄-COOH in 1 ml of THF over 1.5 h (\sim 20°C) to give a solution of ester (IV). ¹⁹F NMR spectrum -13.8 d.t. (CF₃), -7.8 and -6.8, AB system with further splitting into a d.q. (CF₂),

*These solvents, which are capable of breaking intramolecular hydrogen bonds in the PA molecule, usually retard the Prilezhaev reaction [3-5].

[†]Similarly, perfluorocyclobutene, the allenes $(CF_3)_2C=C=C(CF_3)_2$, $(CF_3)_2C=C=C(COOEt)_2$, and the ether $(CF_3)_2C=CFOMe$ could not be epoxidized.



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	Compound	X	Chemical shift, S, ppm			J, Hz		
			CF3	FA	FB	CF3-FA	CF3-FB	$\mathbf{F}_{A} - \mathbf{F}_{B}$
-	(IIb) (IIc) * 1st conformer 2nd conformer (IId)	COOEt CONMe2 PO (OMe) 2 [†]	$ \begin{array}{r} -8,4 \\ -8,6 \\ -7,6 \\ -9,8 \end{array} $	+33,2 +36,8 +32,7 +32,0	+31,4 +30,2 +29,1 +27,9	10,7 10,7 11,9 17,4	2,6 1,7 ~1 2,6	42,3 47,0 47,0 46,2

*At -30°C. ⁺ $J_{CF_3-P} = 1.4$, $J_{F_A-P} = 9.4$, $J_{F_B-P} = 14.1$ Hz.

 $J_{gem-F-F} = 158$, $J_{CF_3-CF_2} = 9.8$, $J_{CF_3-H} = 8.0$, $J_{CF_2-H} = 9.8$ Hz.

α-Trifluoromethyl-β,β-Difluoroglycidic Acid Diethylamide (IIc). To a solution of 5.0 g of 85% m-ClC₆H₄COOOH in 13 ml of dry ether was added slowly with stirring (\sim -10°C) 5.7 g of perfluoromethyacrylic acid dimethylamide (Ic), and the mixture was gradually warmed to \sim 20°C. After 2 h at this temperature the ether was distilled off in vacuo (\sim 20 mm), followed by the amide (IIc) (0.01 mm). Redistillation afforded 1.8g (30%) of the amide (IIc), bp 68°C (34 mm). PMR spectrum: 2.96 s and 3.08 s (Me₂N). The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum at -30°C showed the presence of two conformers (see Table 1). At +36°C, the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum showed unresolved multiplets for the CF₃ groups (-8.1) and CF₂ (+29, +32, and +36). IR spectrum: 1510 (oxide ring), 1680 and 1695 cm⁻¹ (CO), Mass spectrum: 219, 30, M⁺; 200, 1, M⁺-F; 161, 7, M⁺-2F-HF or M⁺-CH₂-CO₂(?); 159, 3, C₃F₅CO⁺; 150, 3, M⁺-CF₃; 138, 10, Me₂NCF₂CO₂; 110, 10, Me₂NCF₂O⁺; 72, 100, Me₂NCO⁺; 60, 30, CF⁺₃. Found: C 33.0; H 3.04; F 42.1; N 6.1%. C₆H₆F₅NO₂. Calculated: C 32.9; H 2.76; F 43.3; N 6.4%.

<u>Dimethyl α,β -Epoxypentafluoropropyl-2-phosphonate (IId)</u>. To a suspension of 8.6 g of 65% p-MeOCOC₆H₄COOOH [8] in 25 ml of dry ether was added slowly at -5°C 8.9 g of dimethyl penta-fluoroisopropenylphosphonate (Id) [9]. The mixture was warmed gradually to ~ 20 °C, and after 3.5 h the ether was distilled off. Distillation of the filtrate gave 6.1 g of a mixture boiling at ~ 45 °C (0.05 mm), containing $\sim 75\%$ of (IId), significant amounts of (CF₃)₂CMePO(OMe)₂ [9, 10] [present as an impurity in the starting material (Id)], and (CF₃)₂CHPO(OMe)₂ [10], together with starting material (Id) (¹⁹F NMR). Yield of pure (IId), ~ 4.7 g ($\sim 60\%$). Redistillation afforded 90\% (IId), bp 69°C (11 mm). PMR spectrum: 3.97 d (Me), JMe-P = 11.2 Hz. Mass spectrum: 237, 1.5, M⁺-F; 159, 2, M⁺-CF₃-CO; 128, 4, M⁺-CF₃-CO-MeO; 109, 100, (MeO)₂PO⁺; 98, 48, M⁺-CF₃-CO-MeO-CH₂O; 93, 14, C₃F₃; 79, 22, MeOPHO⁺; 69, 14, CF₃⁺. Found: C 22.8; H 2.29; F 37.8\%. C₅H₆F₅O₄P. Calculated: C 23.4; H 2.36; F 37.1\%.

Action of Peracids on Perfluoroisobutylene and Perfluoropropylene. A mixture of 2.50 g of 89% p-MeOCOC₆H₄COOOH, 2.60 g of perfluoroisobutylene, and 3.31 g of dry monoglyme was kept for \sim 14 h in a sealed ampul (\sim 20°C). Volatile fractions (\sim 3 g) were removed in vacuo (\sim 20 mm, \sim 20°C). These contained perfluoroisobutylene, monohydroperfluoroisobutane (CF₃)₃CH, and perfluoroisobutylene oxide (¹⁹F NMR, molar ratio \sim 1:1:1), together with a considerable amount of monoglyme. Perfluoropropylene was unchanged on heating with p-MeOCOC₆H₄COOH in monoglyme (60°C, 7 h).

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CONCLUSIONS

Derivatives of perfluoromethacrylic and perfluoroisopropenylphosphonic acids, together with perfluoroisobutylene, are readily peroxidized by aromatic peracids in ether solvents. The order of the changes in the reactivity of olefins indicates a reversal of the mechanism of the Prilezhaev reaction, peracids functioning as nucleophiles in their reactions with highly electrophilic unsaturated compounds.

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FLUORINATED ENETHIOLS*

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The closest analog of the well-studied keto-enol system is the enethiol-thione system. However, studies of prototropy in the latter system are extremely difficult [3-6] as a result of the instability of both forms, and their liability to undergo interconversion both in the presence of a variety of reagents, and also spontaneously, with the consequence that studies of this problem contain numerous contradictions and erroneous data [7].

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The introduction of fluorine atoms and perfluoroalkyl groups usually confers high kinetic stability on unstable enols [8], and it was therefore to be expected that perfluorinated enethiols would be more stable, and hence more convenient for study.

Perfluorinated enethiols have hitherto been unknown. Radical addition of H_2S to acetylenes [9] affords only hydrogen-containing analogs, which polymerize on storage. Their conversion into the corresponding thiocarbonyl compounds was not reported in [9].

 $\begin{array}{c} R-C \equiv C-R'+H_2S \rightarrow RCH = C-R' \\ & | \\ R=R'=CF_3 \ (a) \ R=CF_3, \ R'=H \ (b). \end{array}$

We have developed a general method for the preparation of perfluorinated enethiols of the aliphatic and alicyclic series which involves heating perfluoroalkenyl(cycloalkenyl) benzyl sulfides with fluorosulfuric or sulfuric acid, with the simultaneous removal of volatile products. Thus, enethiols (I)-(IV) affords the enethiols (V)-(VIII), which are stable compounds which remain unchanged on storage



Acid hydrolysis of benzyl or tert-butyl perfluoro(l-ethyl-2-methyl-1-propenyl) sulfide (IXa, b) under similar conditions gives a mixture consisting of the enethiol (X) (86.3%) and *For previous communications, see [1, 2].

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