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Synthesis and reaction of β , β -di(trifluoroacetyl)ethylene derivatives, (CF₃CO)₂C=CR₁R₂

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Abstract

Reaction of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro-2,4-pentanedione with aromatic aldehydes, alkyl formate and *N*,*N*-dialkyl amides in acetic acid anhydride gave β , β -di(trifluoroacetyl)ethylene derivatives, (CF₃CO)₂C=CR₁R₂, which reacted readily with some nucleophiles containing reactive hydrogen such as ArSH, HP(O)(OR)₂ giving the corresponding addition product. When treated with 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran, a cycloaddition product was formed.

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1. Introduction

In recent years much research has been carried out on the reactions of 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexafluoro-2,4-pentanedione, CF₃COCH₂COCF₃ (1), which is now commercially available. In this work, compound 1 was mainly used to prepare heterocycles containing the trifluoroacetyl or trifluoromethyl group by the reactions with hydrazine, aminothiol, aminopyrazol and some aniline derivatives [1–6]. However, other chemical transformations of 1 have rarely been studied. Recently, Pashkevich et al. reported that treatment of 1 with aldehydes under basic conditions gave α,β -unsaturated ketones [7], thus:

 $CF_3COCH_2COCF_3 + RCHO \xrightarrow{B:} CF_3COCH=CHR$

In this paper, we wish to report the condensation reactions of 1 with some carbonyl compounds such as ArCHO, HCOOR and RCONR₂. From these reactions, β , β -di-(trifluoroacetyl)ethylene derivatives, (CF₃CO)₂C=CR₁R₂ (3), were prepared. The polar carbon-carbon double bond caused by the electron-withdrawing group CF₃CO- was easily saturated by some nucleophiles containing reactive hydrogen, NuH.

2. Results and discussion

In our previous work, 1-aryl-2,2-di(perfluoroalkanesulfonyl)alkenes, $(R_FSO_2)_2C=CHAr$, were prepared from the reactions of $(R_FSO_2)_2CH_2$ with the corresponding aromatic aldehydes [8,9]. As an extension of this work, we found that this synthetic method can also be applied to prepare 1-aryl-2,2-di(trifluoroacetyl)alkenes, $(CF_3CO)_2C=CHAr$ (3). Heating a 1:1 mixture of 1 and the aromatic aldehydes in Ac₂O gave 3 in good yield:

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 + \operatorname{ArCHO} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Ac_2O}, 80 \ \ C, 8h}}{75\% - 87\%} (CF_3CO)_2C = CHAr \\ (2) & (3a-e) \end{array}$$

 $Ar = C_6H_5$ (2a); 4-CH₃C₆H₄ (2b); 4-CH₃OC₆H₄ (2c);

4-ClC₆H₄ (2d);
$$(2e)$$

The products 3 are yellowish liquids which are purified by vacuum distillation. The structure of all these new compounds are fully supported by their spectroscopic data and microanalyses. The ¹⁹F NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra indicate that the two trifluoroacetyl groups in compounds 3 are chemically unequal. For example, the ¹⁹F NMR and ¹³C NMR of compound 3c are $\delta_F - 5.5$; 0.0 ppm (TFA as an external standard and upfield as positive); δ_c 186.8 (q); 178.8 (q); 116.6 (q); 115.6 (q) ppm for two different CF₃CO groups. They are chemically nonequivalent: one is *trans* to hydrogen and the other is *trans* to the aryl group. The large chemical shifts between the two carbonyl carbons ($\Delta \delta = 8$ ppm) may be due to the carbons *cis* to the aryl group lying in the shielding cone of the aromatic ring. The CF₃CO group, which is on the same side as the hydrogen atom, has upfield chemical shifts (i.e.

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 $\delta_{\rm F}$ - 76.8 ppm; $\delta_{\rm c}$ 178.8; 115.6 ppm). Recently, the hydrocarbon analogues $Y_2C=CHAr [Y=RCO, ROC(O)]$ have been prepared by a two-step reaction [10]. In our case, compounds 3 are obtained more conveniently.

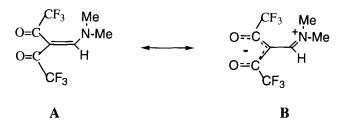
Extension of this reaction to other carbonyl compounds such as N,N-dialkyl amides and diethyl formate HCONR₂, CH₃CONR₂, HCOOEt are successful. Under the same reaction conditions, several β , β -di(trifluoroacetyl)ethylene derivatives are prepared:

$$1 + R - C(O) - Y \xrightarrow[64\%-78\%]{Ac_2O, 80 °C, 8 h} (CF_3CO)_2C = CRY$$
(4)
(5a-d)

R = H, $Y = NMe_2$ (4a); R = H, $Y = NEt_2$ (4b); $R = CH_3$, $Y = NMe_2 (4c); R = H, Y = OEt (4d)$

The compounds 5b and 5d were first reported by Schreiber [11] and Hojo et al. [12]. They were synthesized by treatment of (CF₃CO)₂O with Et₃N and EtOCH=CH₂, respectively.

In contrast to compound 3, the NMR spectra of 5 show that the two CF₃CO groups are apparently equivalent due to the electron donation of the $-NR_2$ or -OR group:



The true nature of the bonding and the π -electron distribution is probably closer to canonical form **B** than it is to canonical form A. This phenomenon is known in other 'pushpull' alkenes, although the present case shows the effect to an extreme extent.

The ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds 3 and 5 appear to support this. For example, the chemical shift of $(CF_3CO)_2C=$ in compound 3c is 115.6 ppm and it is only 101.0 ppm in compound 5a.

Attempts to prepare di(trifluoroacetyl)ketene dimethyl acetal, $(CF_3CO)_2C=C(OMe)_2$, by similar treatment of 1 with $(MeO)_2C=O$ failed.

All these results are summarized in Table 1.

Recently we found that the dialkyl phosphite $HP(O)(OR)_2$ (6) is readily added to polar double bonds. For example, both $(R_FSO_2)_2C$ =CHAr and R_FSO_2N =CHAr reacted smoothly with 6 at room temperature. Similarly, treatment of 6 with 3 gave an addition product in high yield. Thiophenol reacted with 3 in the same way:

$$(CF_3CO)_2C=CHAr + NuH \xrightarrow{CH_3CN}$$

(3c)

(CF₃CO)₂CHCHAr-Nu

$$Ar = 4-MeOC_6H_4$$
; $Nu = P(O)(OCH_3)_2(7)$, $C_6H_5S(8)$

Table 1	
Preparations of compounds 3 and 5	

Entry No.	Reactant 2 or 4	Product 3 or 5	B.p. (°C/Torr)	Yield (%) *
1	2a	3a	78/2	76
2	2b	3b	94/2	80
3	2c	3c	120/2	85
4	2d	3d	98-100/2	75
5	2e	3e	58-60/2	87
6	4a	5a	80/3	72
7	4b	5b ^b	40-42/3	64
8	4c	5c	83/3	78
9	4d	5d ^b	61-63/3	70

^a Isolated vield based on 1.

^b Known compounds; cf. Refs. [11] and [12].

However, heating 3 with phenol or ethanol did not give the corresponding nucleophilic addition products. When 3 were treated with the alcohol containing some water, the hydrolysis products (CF₃CO)₂CH₂ and ArCHO were formed readily.

Diels-Alder reactions between 2-aryl-1-(perfluoroalkanesulfonyl) acrylonitriles, R_FSO₂C(CN)=CHAr, and dienes have been reported by Hanack et al. [13]. Astonishingly, in our case push-pull dienophiles such as 3b, 3c and 5 did not react with cyclodienes or isopentadiene. However, compound 3 reacted readily with 3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran giving a bicyclic addition product:

It is obvious that in this reaction 3,4-dihydro-2H-pyran acted as a dienophile [12]. Other alkenes such as cyclopentene or cyclohexene failed to form similar cycloaddition products.

A complete study on the condensation reaction of 1 with carbonyl compounds and the use of these condensation products is under investigation.

In summary, we have synthesized a new and reactive class of ethylene derivatives, their polar C=C double bonds being subject to nucleophilic addition.

3. Experimental details

Melting points were measured on a Thiele apparatus and all were uncorrected. Boiling points were uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 360L instrument with Me₄Si and TFA as an internal and external standard, respectively, and the ¹⁹F NMR spectra were converted to δ_{CFCh} . ¹³C NMR and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 instrument with TMS and H_3PO_4 (85%) as external standards, respectively. IR spectra were obtained with an IR-440 Shimadizu spectrophotometer. Low-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan GC-MS 4021 instrument. Elemental analyses were performed by this Institute. 1,1,1,5,5,5-Hexafluoro-2,4pentanedione was commercially available from PCR Co. Other reagents and solvents were dried before use.

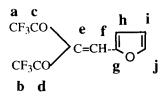
3.1. General procedure for the preparation of 3

A mixture of 1 (2.08 g, 10 mmol), **2b** (1.20 g, 10 mmol) and acetic acid anhydride (10 ml) in a 25 ml flask, equipped with a reflex condenser, drying tube and magnetic stirring bar, was heated at 80 °C for 8 h. Ac₂O and the AcOH formed were removed by distillation, the residue being distilled under vacuum to give $(CF_3CO)_2C=CHC_6H_4CH_3-4$ (**3b**) (2.48 g, 80%).

 $(CF_3CO)_2C=CHC_6H_5$ (**3a**): IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 1754, 1693 (C=O); 1600 (C=C). ¹H NMR δ : 7.40 (s, C=CH); 6.51–7.15 (ArH, 5H) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR δ : -71.3 (s, CF₃); -76.8 (s, CF₃) ppm. MS (m/z, %): 297 (3.09, M⁺H); 296 (24.20, M⁺); 69 (100.00, CF₃⁺). Analysis: Calc. for C₁₂H₆O₂F₆: C, 48.65; H, 2.03; F, 38.51%. Found: C, 48.78; H, 2.15; F, 38.62%.

(CF₃CO)₂C=CHC₆H₄OCH₃-4 (**3c**): IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 1750, 1690 (C=O); 1590, 1560 (C=C). ¹H NMR δ : 7.43 (s, C=CH); 6.72–6.15 (AA'BB', 4H); 3.16 (s, OCH₃) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR δ : -71.3 (s, CF₃); -76.8 (s, CF₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR δ : 55.9 (OCH₃); 165.1 (C=CH); 115.6 [(CF₃CO)₂C]; 124.0, 125.5, 134.3, 152.2 (C₆H₄); 178.8 [CF₃C(O)C=CH]; 186.8 [CF₃C(O)C=CH] ppm; ²J_{C-F}=40.5, 116.6 (CF₃), 115.6 (CF₃); ¹J_{C-F}=292 Hz. MS (m/z, %): 327 (6.02, M⁺H); 326 (37.60, M⁺); 257 (100.00, M⁺ - CF₃). Analysis: Calc. for C₁₃H₈O₃F₉: C, 47.85; H, 2.45; F, 34.97%. Found: C, 47.74; H, 2.52; F, 35.03%.

 $(CF_3CO)_2C=CHC_6H_4Cl-4 (3d): IR (film) \nu_{max} (cm^{-1}):$ 1750, 1690 (C=O); 1600, 1575 (C=C). ¹H NMR δ : 7.40 (s, C=CH); 6.50–7.13 (ArH, 4H) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR δ : -71.2 (s, CF₃); -76.8 (s, CF₃) ppm. MS (*m*/*z*, %): 332/330 (13.52/40.60, M⁺); 263/261 (33.34/100.00, M⁺ - CF₃). Analysis: Calc. for C₁₂H₅ClO₂F₆: C, 43.57; H, 1.51; F, 34.49%. Found: C, 43.65; H, 1.65; F, 34.64%.



(3c): IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) 1750, 1690 (C=O); 1600 (C=C). ¹H NMR & 7.30 (s, C=CH); 7.13 (s, 1H); 6.67 (d, 1H); 6.10 (d, 1H) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR & -71.3 (s, CF₃); -76.8 (s, CF₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR & 185.04 (q, d); 178.30 (q, c, ²J_{C-F} = 40.5 Hz); 150.72 (s, f); 148.23 (s, g); 134.78 (s, j); 126.14 (s, i); 123.42 (s, e); 115.29 (s, h); 116.74 (q, b); 115.83 (q, a, ¹J_{C-F} = 292.5 Hz) ppm. MS (*m*/*z*, %): 286 (34.85, M⁺); 217 (100.00, M⁺ - CF₃). Analysis: Calc. for C₁₀H₄O₃F₆: C, 41.96; H, 1.40; F, 39.86%. Found: C, 42.11; H, 1.55; F, 40.01%.

Similar treatment of 1 with 4(a-d) gave 5(a-d) respectively. Yields and boiling points are shown in Table 1. Compounds **5b** and **5d** are known compounds. Their NMR spectra are confirmed by the literature values [10,11].

(CF₃CO)₂C=CHNMe₂ (**5a**): IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 1770, 1690 (C=O); 1660, 1595 (C=C). ¹H NMR δ : 7.63 (s, C=CH); 3.33 (s, CH₃); 2.93 (s, CH₃) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR δ : -72.3 (s, CF₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR δ : 179.2 (q, CF₃C(O), ²J_{C-F}=36.0 Hz); 157.8 (s, CH=C); 115.3 (q, CF₃, ¹J_{C-F}=292.5 Hz); 101.0 (s, C=CH); 48.5 (s, CH₃); 45.3 (s, CH₃) ppm. MS (*m*/*z*, %): 263 (25.8, M⁺); 194 (100.00, M⁺ - CF₃). Analysis: Calc. for C₈H₇F₆NO₂: C, 36.50; H, 2.66; F, 43.35; N, 5.32%. Found: C, 36.78; H, 2.53; F, 43.46; N, 5.26%.

 $(CF_3CO)_2C=C(CH_3)NMe_2$ (**5**c): IR (film ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 1765, 1690 (C=O); 1658, 1590 (C=C). ¹H NMR δ : 2.80 (s, CH₃C=); 2.93 (s, CH₃N); 3.50 (s, CH₃N) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR δ : -72.5 (s, CF₃) ppm. MS (m/z, %): 277 (10.33, M⁺); 208 (100.00, M⁺ - CF₃). Analysis Calc. for C₉H₉F₆NO₂: C, 38.99; H, 3.25; F, 41.16; N, 5.05%. Found: C, 40.08; H, 3.12; F, 41.08; N, 5.16%.

3.2. Reactions of 3 with dialkyl phosphite and thiophenol

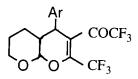
A mixture of 3c (1.6 g, 5 mmol), dimethyl phosphite (0.6 g, 5.5 mmol) and dry CH₃CN (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 4 h, then at 40 °C for another 2 h. After removing the solvent, the residue was distilled under vacuum to give 7 (2.0 g, 90%), b.p. 142–145 °C/2 Torr.

 $(CF_3CO)_2CHCH(Ar)-P(O)(OCH_3)_2$ (7): IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 1780 (s, C=O); 1590, 1500 (ArH); 1250 (s, P=O); 1200-1110 (s, C-F); 1020 (m, P-O-C). ¹H NMR δ: 7.66 (AA'BB', 2 ArH, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 9$ Hz); 7.06 (AA'BB', 2 ArH); 6.02 [broad, (CF₃CO)₂CH]; 5.02 [d, CHP(O), ${}^{2}J_{PH} = 23$ Hz]; 3.70 (d, POCH₃, ${}^{2}J_{PH} = 10$ Hz); 3.50 (d, POCH₃); 2.67 (s, OCH₃) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR δ : -77.1 (s, $2 \times CF_3$) ppm. ³¹P NMR δ : 11.3 [s, P(O)(OMe)₂] ppm. ¹³C NMR δ: 184.97 (CF₃CO); 161.39, 134.37, 131.75, 131.21 (Ar); 114.92 [(CF₃CO)₂CH]; 98.71 (4-CH₃O-C₆H₄CH); 55.01 $(4-CH_3O-C_6H_4)$; 42.37, 40.73 $[P(O)(OCH_3)_2]$; 123.61 (q, CF₃, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 40 Hz) ppm. MS (m/z, %): 436 $(4.2, M^+); 367 (1.7, M^+ - CF_3); 339 (11.77,$ $M^+ - CF_3CO$; 307 (100.00, $M^+ - CF_3CO - 2O$); 293 $M^+ - CF_3CO - CH_3 - OCH_3);$ (5.83,229 (12.5, $M^+ - (CF_3CO)_2CH$; 213 (28.33, ArCHP(OCH₃)₂⁺); 161 $(39.17, M^+ - CF_3CO - CF_3 - P(O)(OCH_3)_2); 133 [10.83,$ $M^+ - (CF_3CO)_2 - P(O)(OCH_3)_2]; 69 (4.2, CF_3^+).$ Analysis: Calc. for $C_{15}H_{15}O_6F_6P$: C, 41.28; H, 3.44%. Found: C, 41.56; H, 3.81%.

Similar treatment of 3c with C₆H₅SH gave compound 8. Yield, 75%; m.p. 76 °C.

3.3. Cycloaddition reactions of **3** with 3,4-dihydro-2Hpyran

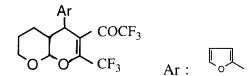
A mixture of **3c** (1.6 g, 5 mmol) and 3,4-dihydro-2*H*pyran (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After removing the excess 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran, the residue was distilled under vacuum giving **9** (1.6 g, 77%); b.p. 140–143 °C/2 Torr.



 $(Ar = 4-CH_3OC_6H_4 (9): IR (film) \nu_{max} (cm^{-1}): 1750 (s, C=O); 1655 (C=C); 1590, 1495 (ArH); 1210-1120 (s, C-F). ¹H NMR & 6.83-7.78 (AA'BB', 4 ArH); 5.34 (s, -O-CH-O); 4.13-4.26 (m, CHAr); 3.63 (s, OCH_2-); 3.00 (s, OCH_3); 1.93-2.40 (broad, 5H) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR & -74.8 (s, CF_3); -66.8 (s, CF_3) ppm. MS (m/z, %): 410 (3.3, M^+); 392 (4.1, M^+H-F); 326 (5.1, M^+-C_5H_8O); 307 (2.5, M^+-C_5H_8O-F); 295 (6.6, M^+H-CF_3CO-F); 257 (25.6, M^+-C_5H_8O-CF_3); 207 (17.4, M^+H-ArCH-C_5H_8O), 166 (4.1, CF_3CO-CF_3^+); 137 (2.4, M^+-Ar-CF_3CO-CF_3); 107 (7.5, C_6H_4OCH_3^+); 84 (100.00, C_5H_8O^+); 69 (35.3, CF_3^+). Analysis: Calc. for C_{18}H_{16}F_6O_4:$

C, 52.68; H, 3.90; F, 27.80%. Found: C, 52.92; H, 3.68; F, 27.42%.

Treatment of 3e with 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyran gave 10. Yield, 70%; b.p. 120–125 °C/2 Torr.



(10): IR (film) ν_{max} (cm⁻¹): 1760 (s, C=O); 1660, 1650 (C=C). ¹H NMR & 7.03 (s, 1H); 6.60 (d, 1H); 6.03 (d, 1H); 5.43 (s, 1H, O-CH-O); 5.30 (m, CHAr); 3.60 (m, 2H, OCH₂); 2.43–1.23 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR &: -75.3 (s, CF₃); -66.5 (s, CF₃) ppm. MS (m/z, %): 370 (5.9, M⁺); 353 (4.74, M⁺ - H - O); 352 (28.42, M⁺H - F); 296 (15.2, M⁺H - O - O - F - CO): 286 (17.57, M⁺ - C₅H₈O); 267 (9.5, M⁺ - F - C₅H₈O); 217 (74.41, M⁺ - CF₃ - C₅H₈O); 97 (2.8, CF₃CO⁺); 84 (100.00, C₅H₈O⁺); 69 (28.61, CF₃⁺); 67 (4.1, C₄H₈O⁺); 55 (19.8, C₄H₇⁺). Analysis: Calc. for C₁₅H₁₂F₆O₄: C, 48.65; H, 3.24; F, 30.81%. Found: C, 48.43; H, 3.52; F, 30.66%.

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