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Novel 2*H*-1,3-benzoxazine ring formation by intramolecular heterocyclization of *N*-(α -aryloxyalkyl)imidoyl chlorides

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Abstract: A convenient synthetic approach to derivatives of 2-trichloromethyl and 2-dichloromethylene-2*H*-1,3-benzoxazines, based on intramolecular heterocyclization of readily accessible *N*-(α -aryloxytrichloroethyl)imidoyl chlorides, was developed. Base induced dehydrochlorination of 4-phenyl- or 4-trifluoromethyl-2-trichloromethylbenzoxazines allows preparation of 2-dichloromethylene-1,3-benzoxazines, whereas dehydrochlorination of 4-fluoromethyl analogs under similar conditions is accompanied by formal 1,5-*H*-shift to afford respective 2-dichloromethyl-4-fluoromethylene-1,3-benzoxazines.

Keywords: 2*H*-1,3-benzoxazines; dichloromethylene; imidoyl chlorides; intramolecular cyclization; polyfluoroalkyl; trichloromethyl.

Introduction

2*H*-1,3-Benzoxazines are of interest in medicine and material sciences. Specifically, they are useful as anti-inflammatory agents [1], photochromic substances [2] and photofading-preventive materials [3]. Derivatives of 1,3-benzoxazines I-III (Figure 1) are effective potassium channel regulators and are candidates as therapeutic agents for hypertension, angina pectoris, asthma and urinary incontinence [4–7]. 2,3-Disubstituted-1,3-benzoxazines show fungicidal activity [8]. Compounds incorporating hydrogenated benzo[e][1,3]oxazine or naphtho[2,1-*e*][1,3]oxazine fragment have been reported to show significant antimicrobial and cytotoxic activities [9]. A benzoxazinone fragment is considered a pharmaceutically privileged scaffold [6 and references cited

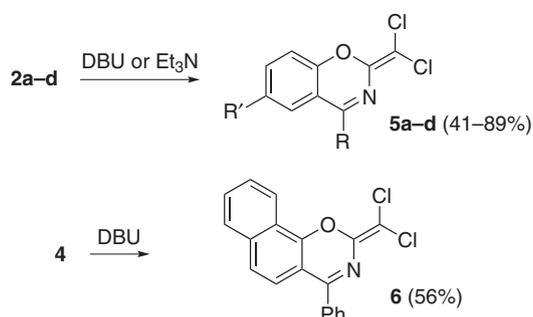
therein]. 2*H*-1,3-Benzoxazines bearing a chloroalkyl group at the C-2 atom, to the best of our knowledge, have not been described so far. The importance of the CCl₃ group in natural biologically active products and synthetic molecules has been noted [10, 11]. Existing synthetic approaches to 1,3-benzoxazines have limitations and drawbacks [4, 6, 7]. Specifically, synthesis of benzoxazines from 2-hydroxyphenylketones involves generation of unstable N-H ketimines as key intermediates [7]; methods based on the use of salicylamides, *ortho*-hydroxybenzylamines [12, 13], or 1-chlorotrifluoroethylisocyanates [14] are limited to the synthesis of benzoxazin-4-ones. Recently reported method, utilizing oxidative C-O bond formation, requires synthesis of 1-(aminoalkyl)-2-naphthols or 2-(aminoalkyl)phenols and is limited to compounds incorporating 1,3-benzoxazine moiety in a complex condensed heterocyclic system [15]. Thus, elaboration of new synthetic methods for construction of a 1,3-benzoxazine skeleton remains a challenging task.

Results and discussion

We report a novel synthesis of 2*H*-1,3-benzoxazines with trichloromethyl group at the C-2 atom, based on readily accessible *N*-(α -aryloxytrichloroethyl)imidoyl chlorides (**1**). Thus, imidoyl chlorides **1** on heating in polyphosphoric acid (PPA) or in the presence of AlCl₃ (Lewis acid) undergo intramolecular heterocyclization ('intramolecular imidoylation') to afford benzoxazines **2** in 30–80% yields (Scheme 1). Apparently, electrophilic attack of the imine carbon atom on the *ortho* position of the benzene ring in imidoyl chlorides **1** is favored by electron-releasing mesomeric effect of the alkoxy substituent (Scheme 1). The presence of the electron-donating Me group(s) in *O*-benzene ring is beneficial for ring closure, whereas the electron-withdrawing C-4 fluorine atom in **1b** (which is in *meta* position to the reactive center) retards heterocyclization and reduces the yield of the respective oxazine **2b**. Heterocyclization of the dimethyl substrate **1e** proceeds regioselectively, with the involvement of a sterically less hindered C-6 atom of the oxybenzene ring. Remarkably,

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Scheme 4 Dehydrochlorination of 2H-1,3-benzoxazines.

system $C=NC=C$. Noteworthy, proton shift in CH_2F -substituted compound **2g** proceeds stereoselectively affording mainly the *E*-isomer of **7b** (*E/Z* ~ 10:1). The assignment of geometry was based mainly on comparison of the value of a coupling constant between C-4 and fluorine nuclei in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum ($^2J_{CF}=9$ Hz for *E* isomer) and the relative chemical shifts of $=CHF$ in 1H NMR spectrum ($\delta=6.58$, $^2J_{HF}=76.3$ Hz; $\delta=7.11$, $^2J_{HF}=78.8$ Hz for *E*- and *Z*-isomers, respectively), with our previous data for isomeric fluorovinylamides [23]. For the *Z* configuration, the value of the $^2J_{C-4,F}$ constant would be expected in the range of 30–40 Hz [23].

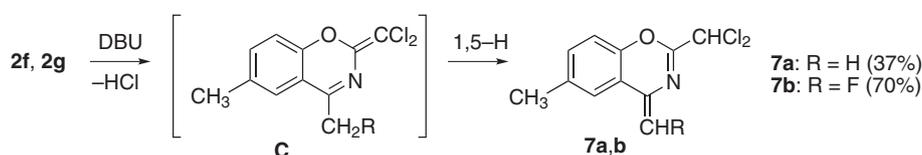
The starting imidoyl chlorides **1** and **3** were prepared according to Scheme 6. Readily accessible hydroxyamides **8** were converted into chlorides **9** [24, 25]. The latter species were allowed to react with the respective phenols in the presence of triethylamine to afford *N*-(α -aryloxytrichloroethyl)amides **10**. Reaction of amides **10**

with phosphorus pentachloride or the Ph_3P-CCl_4 system led to the desired imidoyl chlorides **1** and **3**.

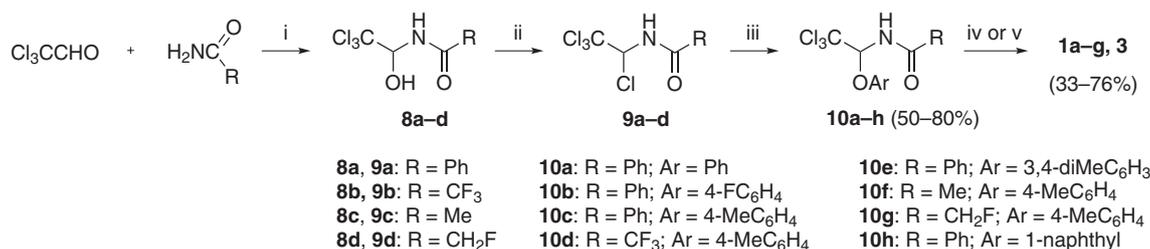
The spectral and analytical data of compounds **2** and **4–6** are in full agreement with their structures. In particular, analysis of APT ^{13}C NMR spectra of **2** and **5** confirm quaternary character of the C-4a atom involved in cyclization. The couplings of the C-5 atom of fluorine-containing products **2d,g** and **5d** ($\delta_c=125.5$ – 125.9 , $^4J_{CF}=2$ – 5 Hz) and C-4 atom of **5b** ($\delta_c=160.2$, $^4J_{CF}=2$ Hz) indicate clearly the annelation of imino carbon atom with the phenoxy ring. The signal of the proton in the C–N=C triad of the benzoxazine system in compounds **2** and **4** is substantiated by the characteristic chemical shifts of sp^3 C-2 and sp^2 C-4 atoms ($\delta_c=93.9$ – 94.7 and 155.6 – 167.8 , respectively) and low-field resonance of the respective 2-C-proton ($\delta_H=5.9$ – 6.4). In addition, the signals of C-4 atoms of compounds **2d** and **2g** reveal themselves in the ^{13}C NMR spectra as characteristic multiplets (155.6 ppm, $^2J_{CF}=36$ Hz and 162.9, $^2J_{CF}=17$ Hz) due to the splitting by interaction with fluorine atoms. The **2** \rightarrow **5** transformation is accompanied by a substantial downfield shift of C-2 atom signal (from 93.9–94.7 ppm to 146.4–147.5 ppm) resulting from the sp^3 - to sp^2 change of its hybridization.

Conclusions

A simple synthesis of 2-trichloromethyl- and 2-dichloromethylene-substituted 6-aryl-2H-1,3-benzoxazines, based on intramolecular heterocyclization of readily accessible



Scheme 5 Dehydrochlorination and prototropic isomerization of 4-methyl- and 4-fluoromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazines.



Scheme 6 Preparation of imidoyl chlorides **1** and **3**. Reagents and conditions: (i) H_2SO_4 , 95°C; (ii) PCl_5 , benzene; (iii) $ArOH$, Et_3N , benzene, reflux, 3 h; (iv) PCl_5 , 100–110°C, 1 h; (v) Ph_3P , CCl_4 , dichloroethane, reflux 8 h.

N-(α -aryloxytrichloroethyl)benzimidoyl chlorides, catalyzed by Lewis (AlCl_3) or Bronsted (PPA) acid, was developed. Remarkably, imidoyl chlorides with various substituents at the imine carbon atom are apt to heterocyclization expanding the scope of the reaction and allowing variation of substituents in the benzene and oxazine rings. Benzoxazines with aryl, methyl, fluorine, fluoro-methyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, dichloromethyl, methylene, fluoromethylene and dichloromethylene groups are readily accessible by this approach. The simple preparative access to benzoxazines bearing fluorine-containing substituents is of special importance because incorporation of a fluorinated group in organic molecules modulates their pharmacological properties.

Experimental

^1H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-300 spectrometer at 299.95 MHz and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a Gemini 200 Varian instrument at 188.14 MHz. ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance DRX 500 spectrometer operating at 125.76 MHz. Chemical shifts are reported relative to internal transmission magnetic spectroscopy (TSM) (^1H , ^{13}C), and CFCl_3 (^{19}F). APCI MS spectra were recorded using an Agilent 1100 instrument. Melting points are uncorrected. Solvents were dried before use according to standard methods. Elemental analysis was carried out on a Carlo Erba 1106 instrument in the analytical laboratory of Institute of Organic Chemistry, NAS of Ukraine. Compounds **8a,c** [26], **8b,d** [27], **9a** [28], **9c** [29], **9d** [30] have been described previously.

General procedure for the preparation of imidoyl chlorides **1a–c**

A mixture of the appropriate amide **10** and a 5% molar excess of PCl_5 was heated at 100–110°C for 1 h. After removal of POCl_3 , the residue was distilled under reduced pressure (**1a–c**) or used in subsequent synthesis without purification (**1e**).

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-phenoxyethyl)benzimidoyl chloride (1a)** Yield 72%; colorless oil; bp 162–164°C/0.02 mm Hg; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 6.22 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.08 (t, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ph), 7.12 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ph), 7.31 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ph), 7.45 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ph), 7.56 (t, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ph), 8.14 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ph); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 97.1 (CHN), 98.8 (C_{Cl_3}), 117.7 ($\text{C}^{2,6}_{\text{PhO}}$), 123.5 (C^4_{PhO}), 128.5 ($\text{C}^{3,5}_{\text{PhC}}$), 129.7 ($\text{C}^{2,6}_{\text{PhC}}$), 129.9 ($\text{C}^{3,5}_{\text{PhO}}$), 133.1 (C^4_{PhC}), 134.44 (C^1_{PhC}), 151.2 (C=N), 156.6 (C^1_{PhO}). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_4\text{NO}$: C, 49.62; H, 3.05; Cl, 39.06; N, 3.86. Found: C, 49.81; H, 3.11; Cl, 39.34; N, 3.93.

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-fluorophenoxy)ethyl)benzimidoyl chloride (1b)** Yield 51%; colorless oil; bp 133–135°C/0.2 mm Hg; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 6.11 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.0 (t, 2H, $^1J_{\text{HF}} = ^3J_{\text{HF}} = 8$ Hz, Ar), 7.1 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.47 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ar), 7.58 (t, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ar), 8.14 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ar); ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ -119.9. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_4\text{NO}$: C, 47.28; H, 2.65; Cl, 37.22; N, 3.68. Found: C, 47.55; H, 2.80; Cl, 37.34; N, 3.80.

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-methylphenoxy)ethyl)benzimidoyl chloride (1c)** Yield 76%; colorless oil; bp 150°C/0.07 mm Hg; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.29 (s, 3H, Me), 6.17 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.02 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.7$ Hz, Ar), 7.1 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.7$ Hz, Ar), 7.45 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ar), 7.56 (t, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, Ar), 8.14 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ar). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_4\text{NO}$: C, 50.96; H, 3.47; Cl, 37.60; N, 3.71. Found: C, 51.06; H, 3.60; Cl, 37.56; N, 3.90.

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(3,4-dimethylphenoxy)ethyl)benzimidoyl chloride (1e)** Crude compound was used; yield 73%; colorless oil; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.18 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.21 (s, 3H, CH_3), 6.17 (s, 1H, CH), 6.86 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ar), 6.93 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.03 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ar), 7.44 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.5$ Hz, Ar), 7.55 (t, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.5$ Hz, Ar), 8.14 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.5$ Hz, Ar).

General procedure for the preparation of imidoyl chlorides **1d,f,g** and **3**

A mixture of respective amide **10** (1 mmol), Ph_3P (0.39 g, 1.5 mmol) and CCl_4 (0.29 mL, 3 mmol) in dichloroethane (10 mL) was heated at reflux for 8 h. After cooling to room temperature the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with hexane (5×3 mL).

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-tolyloxyethyl)trifluoroacetimidoyl chloride (1d)** Yield 57%; colorless oil; bp 65–67°C/0.045 mm Hg; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.32 (s, 3H, Me), 5.92 (s, 1H, CHN), 6.95 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.7$ Hz, $\text{CH}^{2,6}_{\text{Ph}}$), 7.14 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.7$ Hz, $\text{CH}^{3,5}_{\text{Ph}}$); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 20.7 (Me), 96.9 (CHN), 97.1 (C_{Cl_3}), 116.4 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 277$ Hz, CF_3), 118.2 ($\text{C}^{2,6}_{\text{Ar}}$), 130.5 ($\text{C}^{3,5}_{\text{Ar}}$), 134.4 (C^4_{Ar}), 154.01 (C^1_{Ar}), 140.9 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 44$ Hz, C=N); ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ -72.33. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_4\text{F}_3\text{NO}$: C, 35.80; H, 2.19; Cl, 38.43; N, 3.80. Found: C, 35.94; H, 2.33; Cl, 38.34; N, 3.97.

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-tolyloxyethyl)acetimidoyl chloride (1f)** Yield 38%; colorless oil; bp 99–101°C/0.06 mm Hg; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.30 (s, 3H, Me), 2.55 (s, 3H, Me), 5.89 (s, 1H, CHN), 6.96 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.5$ Hz, $\text{C}^{2,6}_{\text{Ph}}$), 7.11 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.5$ Hz, $\text{C}^{3,5}_{\text{Ph}}$); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 20.7 (MeAr), 30.5 (MeC=N), 97.3 (CHN), 98.5 (C_{Cl_3}), 117.7 ($\text{C}^{2,6}_{\text{Ar}}$), 130.2 ($\text{C}^{3,5}_{\text{Ar}}$), 133.2 (C^4_{ArC}), 151.6 (C=N), 154.4 (C^1_{Ar}). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_4\text{NO}$: C, 42.10; H, 3.69; Cl, 45.02; N, 4.45. Found: C, 41.94; H, 3.52; Cl, 45.21; N, 4.67.

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-tolyloxyethyl)fluoroacetimidoyl chloride (1g)** Yield 33%; colorless oil; bp 70–75°C/0.05 mm Hg; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.35 (s, 3H, Me), 5.09 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HF}} = 47$ Hz, CH_2F), 6.04 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.01 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ar), 7.17 (m, 2H, Ar); ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ -215.4 (t, $^3J_{\text{FH}} = 47$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 20.6 (Me), 82.1 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 189$ Hz, CH_2F), 96.4 (CHN), 97.9 (C_{Cl_3}), 117.7 ($\text{C}^{2,6}_{\text{Ar}}$), 130.3 ($\text{C}^{3,5}_{\text{Ar}}$), 133.5 (C^4_{Ar}), 149.6 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 22$ Hz, C=N) 154.1 (C^1_{Ar}). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_4\text{FNO}$: C, 39.67; H, 3.03; Cl, 42.58; N, 4.21. Found: C, 39.80; H, 3.21; Cl, 42.69; N, 4.36.

***N*-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(1-naphthoxy)ethyl)benzimidoyl chloride (3)** Yield 60%; colorless powder; mp 93–94°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 6.44 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.05 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz, Ar), 7.34–7.57 (m, 5H, Ar), 7.65 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.2$ Hz, Ar), 7.69 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.2$ Hz, Ar), 7.80 (m, 1H, Ar), 8.13 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.2$ Hz, Ar), 8.45 (m, 1H, Ar); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 96.9 (CHN), 98.8 (C_{Cl_3}), 109.2 ($\text{C}^2_{\text{naphth}}$), 122.7, 123.0, 125.4, 125.8, 126.7,

127.4 (naphthyl), 126.2 (C^{8a}_{naphth}), 128.5 (C^{3,5}_{Ph}), 130.0 (C^{2,6}_{Ph}), 132.1 (C⁴_{Ph}), 134.5 (C^{4a}_{naphth}), 134.7 (C¹_{Ph}), 152.3 (C¹_{naphth}). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃Cl₃NO: C, 55.24; H, 3.17; Cl, 34.33; N, 3.39. Found: C, 55.39; H, 3.24; Cl, 34.38; N, 3.55.

General procedures for the preparation of 1,3-benzoxazines 2a–g and 4

Method A A mixture of the imidoil chloride **1a–d**, **1d–g** (1 mmol) and AlCl₃ (0.27 g, 2 mmol) in dichloroethane (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The mixture was poured into ice water (15 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂, dried over MgSO₄ and crystallized from ethanol (**2b,e**) or purified by column chromatography (silica-gel, hexane-EA, 9:1) (**2d,f,g**). Compound **4** was obtained from imidoil chloride **3**.

Method B A mixture of the imidoil chloride **1a–c** (1.5 mmol) and PPA (2.5 g) was heated at 80–100°C for 0.5 h and then at 130–140°C for 0.5 h. After cooling, the mixture was poured into ice water. The precipitated product was separated by filtration and washed successively with water, aqueous NaHCO₃, and water. Analytically pure sample was obtained by crystallization from ethanol.

4-Phenyl-2-trichloromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2a) Yield 42% (method A), 58% (method B); light yellow solid; mp 94–96°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 5.95 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.02 (t, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.11 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.33 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.51 (m, 4H, Ar), 7.66 (m, 2H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 94.1 (C-2), 99.2 (CCl₃), 116.5 (C-8), 117.2 (C-4a), 122.1 (C-5), 128.3 (C⁴_{Ph}), 128.4 (C^{3,5}_{Ph}), 129.1 (C^{2,6}_{Ph}), 130.5 (C-6), 134.5 (C-7), 135.7 (C¹_{Ph}), 154.9 (C-8a), 167.1 (C-4); LC-APCI-MS: *m/z* 292 [M-1]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀Cl₃NO: C, 55.16; H, 3.09; Cl, 32.56; N, 4.29. Found: C, 55.31; H, 3.17; Cl, 32.12; N, 4.29.

6-Fluoro-4-phenyl-2-trichloromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2b) Yield 30% (method A), 20% (method B); gray solid; mp 91.5–93°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 5.92 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.07 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.2 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.5 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.66 (m, 2H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 94.6 (C-2), 99.1 (CCl₃), 114.4 (d, ²J_{CF} = 24 Hz, C-5), 117.8 (d, ³J_{CF} = 7 Hz, C-4a), 118.0 (d, ³J_{CF} = 7 Hz, C-8), 121.2 (d, ²J_{CF} = 24 Hz, C-7), 128.7, 129.0 (C^{2,6}_{Ph}, C^{3,5}_{Ph}), 130.8 (C⁴_{Ph}), 135.4 (C¹_{Ph}), 151.0 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 2 Hz, C-8a), 157.2 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 243 Hz, C-6), 166.1 (C-4); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ -119.7; LC-APCI-MS: *m/z* 344 [M+1]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₉Cl₃FNO: C, 52.28; H, 2.63; Cl, 30.86; N, 4.06. Found: C, 52.41; H, 2.77; Cl, 31.05; N, 4.26.

6-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-trichloromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2c) Yield 78% (method B); white solid; mp 91–92°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.28 (s, 3H, Me), 5.89 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.0 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, Ar), 7.11 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.3 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, Ar), 7.51 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.65 (m, 2H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.8 (Me), 94.3 (C-2), 99.5 (CCl₃), 116.3 (C-5), 117.1 (C-4a), 128.4 (C-8), 128.5, 129.2 (C^{2,3}_{Ph}), 130.5 (C⁴_{Ph}), 131.6 (C-6), 135.1 (C-7), 136.1 (C¹_{Ph}), 152.9 (C-8a), 167.2 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂Cl₃NO: C, 56.42; H, 3.55; Cl, 31.22; N, 4.11. Found: C, 56.59; H, 3.67; Cl, 30.75; N, 4.30.

6-Methyl-2-trichloromethyl-4-trifluoromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2d) Yield 41% (method A); colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.34 (s, 3H, Me), 5.99 (q, 1H, ⁵J_{HH} = 1.5 Hz, CHN), 6.97 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.7 Hz, Ar), 7.3 (m, 2H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 20.8 (Me), 93.9 (C-2), 97.8 (CCl₃), 111.7 (C-4a), 115.5 (C-8), 119.2 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 279 Hz, CF₃), 125.9 (q, ⁴J_{CF} = 2.5 Hz, C-5), 132.7 (C-6), 136.9 (C-7), 152.9 (C-8a), 155.6 (q, ³J_{CF} = 36 Hz, C-4); ¹⁹F

NMR (CDCl₃): δ -69.37. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₇Cl₃F₃NO: C, 39.73; H, 2.12; Cl, 31.98; N, 4.21. Found: C, 39.94; H, 2.30; Cl, 31.81; N, 4.25.

6,7-Dimethyl-4-phenyl-2-trichloromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2e) Yield 39% (method A); yellow powder; mp 106–108°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.18 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.90 (s, 1H, CHN), 6.91 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.06 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.5 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.64 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 19.1 (Me), 20.4 (Me), 94.3 (C-2), 99.6 (CCl₃), 115.1 (C-4a), 117.3 (C-8), 128.5 (C^{3,5}_{Ph}), 128.7 (C-6), 128.8 (C-5), 129.2 (C^{2,6}_{Ph}), 130.4 (C⁴_{Ph}), 136.2 (C¹_{Ph}), 144.4 (C-7), 153.1 (C-8a), 167.1 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄Cl₃NO: C, 57.57; H, 3.98; Cl, 29.99; N, 3.95. Found: C, 57.71; H, 4.12; Cl, 30.21; N, 4.12.

4,6-Dimethyl-2-trichloromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2f) Yield 45% (method A); colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.32 (s, 3H, Me), 2.45 (s, 3H, Me), 5.79 (s, 1H, CHN), 6.88 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.8 Hz, Ar), 7.2 (m, 2H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.7 (6-Me), 22.0 (4-Me), 94.1 (C-2), 99.5 (CCl₃), 115.9 (C-8), 126.0 (C-5), 135.0 (C-7), 117.2 (C-4a), 131.7 (C-6), 151.5 (C-8a), 165.7 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀Cl₃NO: C, 47.43; H, 3.62; Cl, 38.18; N, 5.03. Found: C, 47.62; H, 3.85; Cl, 38.25; N, 5.23.

4-(Fluoromethyl)-6-methyl-2-trichloromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2g) Yield 30% (method A); colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.24 (s, 3H, Me), 5.29 (d, 2H, ²J_{HF} = 47 Hz, CH₂F), 5.77 (s, 1H, CHN), 6.83 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.16 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.23 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.7 (Me), 83.1 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 174 Hz, CF), 94.0 (C-2), 98.7 (CCl₃), 114.8 (C-4a), 116.1 (C-8), 125.8 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 5 Hz, C-5), 132.1 (C-6), 135.7 (C-7), 151.8 (C-8a), 162.9 (d, ²J_{CF} = 17 Hz, C-4); ¹⁹F-{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ -223.6. Anal. calcd for C₁₁H₉Cl₃FNO: C, 44.55; H, 3.06; Cl, 35.86; N, 4.72. Found: C, 44.74; H, 3.21; Cl, 35.99; N, 4.87.

4-Chloromethyl-6-methyl-2-trichloromethyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (2h, the presumed by-product) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.25 (s, 3H, Me), 4.42 (s, 2H, CH₂Cl), 5.79 (s, 1H, CHN), 6.82 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.16 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.23 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.7 (Me), 43.2 (CH₂Cl), 94.0 (C-2), 98.8 (CCl₃), 114.5 (C-4a), 116.2 (C-8), 125.8 (C-5), 132.0 (C-6), 135.7 (C-7), 152.0 (C-8a), 163.2 (C-4).

4-Phenyl-2-(trichloromethyl)-2H-naphtho-1,3-oxazine (4) Yield 66% (method A); yellowish solid; mp 161–162°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.40 (s, 1H, CHN), 7.41 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.53–7.9 (m, 9H, Ar), 8.44 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 94.7 (C-2), 99.3 (CCl₃), 112.0 (C-4a), 121.1 (C-7), 122.8 (C-9), 123.5 (C¹_{Ph}), 123.6 (C-6), 126.8 (C-5), 127.8 (C-10), 128.6 (C^{3,5}_{Ph}), 129.4 (C⁴_{Ph}), 129.4 (C²_{Ph}), 130.7 (C-8), 135.9 (C-6a), 136.7 (C-10a), 152.7 (C-10b), 167.8 (C-4). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₂Cl₃NO: C, 60.59; H, 3.21; Cl, 28.24; N, 3.72. Found: C, 60.81; H, 3.31; Cl, 28.18; N, 3.89.

General procedure for the preparation of 2-dichloromethylenebenzoxazines 5a–c and 6

A solution of the benzoxazine **2a–c** or **4** (0.5 mmol) and DBU (0.08 g, 0.5 mmol) in chloroform (2 mL) was allowed to stand at room temperature for 6 days. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The solid residue was triturated with water, filtered and crystallized from aqueous ethanol (1:1).

2-Dichloromethylene-4-phenyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (5a) Yield 41%; white solid; mp 125–126°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.05 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.5 (m, 5H, Ar), 7.7 (m, 2H, Ar). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₉Cl₂NO: C, 62.09; H, 3.13; Cl, 24.44; N, 4.83. Found: C, 62.21; H, 3.28; Cl, 24.27; N, 5.08.

2-Dichloromethylene-6-fluoro-4-phenyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (5b) Yield 60%; white solid; mp 155–156°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.05 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.15 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.54 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.7 (m, 2H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 102.1 (CCL₂), 114.0 (d, ³J_{CF} = 25 Hz, C-5), 117.0 (d, ³J_{CF} = 8 Hz, C-4a), 117.3 (d, ³J_{CF} = 7 Hz, C-8), 121.3 (d, ²J_{CF} = 24 Hz, C-7), 128.8 (C^{2,6}_{Ph}), 128.9 (C^{3,5}_{Ph}), 130.9 (C⁴_{Ph}), 135.0 (C¹_{Ph}), 147.5 (C-2), 151.2 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 2 Hz, C-8a), 157.9 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 243 Hz, C-6), 160.2 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 2 Hz, C-4); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ -118.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₈Cl₂FNO: C, 58.47; H, 2.62; Cl, 23.01; N, 4.55. Found: C, 58.60; H, 2.88; Cl, 23.00; N, 4.85.

2-Dichloromethylene-6-methyl-4-phenyl-2H-1,3-benzoxazine (5c) Yield 58%; white solid; mp 130–130.5°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.27 (s, 3H, Me), 6.97 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.4 Hz, Ar), 7.19 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.26 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.4 Hz, Ar), 7.5 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.7 (m, 2H, Ar). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁Cl₂NO: C, 63.18; H, 3.65; Cl, 23.31; N, 4.60. Found: C, 63.33; H, 3.82; Cl, 23.38; N, 4.66.

2-Dichloromethylene-6-methyl-4-trifluoromethyl-1,3-benzoxazine (5d) A solution of benzoxazine **2d** (0.2 g, 1.1 mmol) and Et₃N (0.17 mL, 1.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was washed with water (2 × 3 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After evaporation of solvent the residue was extracted with hot hexane: yield 89%; red solid; mp 155–156°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.33 (s, 3H, Me), 6.91 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.4 Hz, Ar), 7.24 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.29 (m, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.4 Hz, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.7 (Me), 111.5 (CCL₂), 115.7 (C-8), 116.2 (C-4a), 119.5 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 277 Hz, CF₃), 125.5 (q, ⁴J_{CF} = 3 Hz, C-5), 132.4 (C-6), 136.8 (C-7), 146.4 (C-2), 148.2 (q, ²J_{CF} = 36 Hz, C-4), 153.1 (C-8a); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ = -69.17. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₆Cl₂F₃NO: C, 44.62; H, 2.04; Cl, 23.95; N, 4.73. Found: C, 44.85; H, 2.25; Cl, 23.99; N, 4.89.

4-Phenyl-2-(dichloromethylene)-2H-naphtho[2,1-e][1,3]-oxazine (6) Yield 56%; red solid; mp 168°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 7.37–7.63 (m, 10H), 8.45 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₁Cl₂NO: C, 67.08; H, 3.26; Cl, 20.84; N, 4.12. Found: C, 67.17; H, 3.20; Cl, 20.72; N, 4.09.

General procedure for the preparation of 2-dichloromethylbenzoxazines **7a,b**

A solution of benzoxazine **2f,g** (0.43 mmol) and DBU (0.1 g, 0.65 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was washed with water and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with hot hexane.

2-Dichloromethyl-6-methyl-4-methylene-4H-1,3-benzoxazine (7a) Yield 37%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.38 (s, 3H, Me), 5.11 (s, 1H, =CH_a), 5.30 (s, 1H, =CH_b), 6.19 (s, 1H, CHCl₂), 7.02 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, 8-H), 7.17 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, 7-H), 7.33 (s, 1H, 5-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 21.1 (Me), 66.7 (CHCl₂), 103.4 (=CH₂), 116.40 (C-8), 117.8 (C-4a), 123.6 (C-5), 131.4 (C-7), 136.1 (C-6), 139.2 (C-4), 146.9 (C-8a), 150.3 (C-2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₉Cl₂NO: C, 54.57; H, 3.75; Cl, 29.29; N, 5.79. Found: C, 54.71; H, 3.88; Cl, 29.27; N, 5.91.

2-Dichloromethyl-6-methyl-4-(fluoromethylene)-4H-1,3-benzoxazine (7b) This compound was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, benzene) and isolated as a mixture (10:1) of *E/Z* isomers; yield 70%; colorless oil.

E-isomer ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 2.04 (s, 3H, Me), 6.10 (s, 1H, CHCl₂), 6.58 (d, 1H, ²J_{HF} = 76.3 Hz, CHF), 6.55 (s, 1H, 5-H), 6.68 (1H) and 6.74 (1H), two doublets, ³J_{HH} = 9 Hz (7-H and 8-H); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 20.5 (Me), 66.8 (CHCl₂), 114.4 (d, ³J_{CF} = 3 Hz, C-4a), 116.3 (C-8), 120.8 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 1 Hz, C-7), 121.2 (d, ²J_{CF} = 9 Hz, C-4), 130.5 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 2.5 Hz, C-5), 135.6 (d, ³J_{CF} = 1 Hz, C-6), 140.4 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 269 Hz, =CF), 146.6 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 7 Hz) and 150.4 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 5 Hz) (C-2 and C-8a); ¹⁹F NMR (C₆D₆): δ = -150.6 (d, ²J_{HF} = 76.3 Hz).

Z-isomer ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 2.06 (s, 3H, Me), 6.00 (s, 1H, CHCl₂), 7.11 (d, 1H, ²J_{HF} = 80 Hz, CHF); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 20.5 (Me), 66.6 (CHCl₂), 115.8 (C-8), 131.1 (d, ⁴J_{CF} = 2 Hz, C-5); ¹⁹F NMR (C₆D₆): δ = -142.9 (d, ²J_{HF} = 80 Hz). Analysis for mixture. Calcd for C₁₁H₈Cl₂FNO: C, 50.80; H, 3.10; Cl, 27.26; N, 5.39. Found: C, 50.97; H, 3.15; Cl, 27.39; N, 5.50.

N-(1,2,2,2-Tetrachloroethyl)trifluoroacetamide (9b) A solution of acetamide **8b** (10 g, 0.04 mol) and phosphorus pentachloride (8 g, 0.04 mol) in benzene (50 mL) was heated until evolution of hydrogen chloride ceased. After cooling to room temperature, the precipitated solid was separated by filtration and purified by sublimation in vacuo: yield 70%; white solid; mp 49–50°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.45 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, CHN), 7.09 (br s, 1H, NH); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ -76.3. Anal. Calcd for C₄H₂Cl₄F₃NO: C, 17.23; H, 0.72; Cl, 50.85; N, 5.02. Found: C, 17.35; H, 0.79; Cl, 50.99; N, 5.14.

General procedure for the preparation of *N*-substituted amides **10a–h**

A solution of chloride **9a–d** (20 mmol), respective phenol (20 mmol) and triethylamine (2.8 mL, 20 mmol) in anhydrous benzene (50 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. The precipitated product was separated by filtration, successively washed with benzene and water and crystallized from ethanol (**10a–f,h**). Compound **10g** was purified by column chromatography (silica-gel, hexane-ethyl acetate, 9:1).

N-(2,2,2-Trichloro-1-phenoxyethyl)benzamide (10a) Yield 80%; mp 175–176°C, lit. mp 175–176°C [31].

N-[2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-fluorophenoxy)ethyl]benzamide (10b) Yield 77%; white solid; mp 137–138°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.55 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9.9 Hz, CHN), 6.95 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9.9 Hz, NH), 7.01 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = ³J_{HF} = 7.8 Hz, Ar), 7.12 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.49 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, Ar), 7.59 (t, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, Ar), 7.82 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, Ar); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ = -119.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁Cl₃FNO₂: C, 49.68; H, 3.06; Cl, 29.33; N, 3.86. Found: C, 49.90; H, 3.21; Cl, 29.41; N, 3.94.

N-[2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-methylphenoxy)ethyl]benzamide (10c) Yield 75%; white solid; mp 116–117°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.29 (s, 3H, Me), 6.59 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9.9 Hz, CHN), 6.91 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9.9 Hz, NH), 7.04 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8.7 Hz, Ar), 7.12 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8.7 Hz, Ar), 7.48 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, Ar), 7.58 (t, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, Ar), 7.81 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, Ar). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄Cl₃NO₂: C, 53.58; H, 3.93; Cl, 29.65; N, 3.91. Found: C, 53.71; H, 4.10; Cl, 29.50; N, 4.05.

N-[2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-methylphenoxy)ethyl]trifluoroacetamide (10d) Yield 50%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.32 (s, 3H, Me), 6.30 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, CHN), 6.94 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, Ar), 7.02 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, NH), 7.12 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, Ar); ¹³C NMR

(CDCl₃): δ 20.6 (Me), 85.2 (CHN), 97.8 (CCl₃), 116.3 (C^{2,6}_{Ar}), 130.6 (C^{3,5}_{Ar}), 133.8 (C⁴_{Ar}), 153.3 (C=O), 157.0 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 39 Hz, C¹_{Ar}); ¹⁹F-{H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ -76.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₉Cl₃F₃NO₂: C, 37.69; H, 2.59; Cl, 30.34; N, 4.00. Found: C, 37.86; H, 2.68; Cl, 30.57; N, 4.15.

N-[2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(3,4-dimethylphenoxy)ethyl]benzamide (10e) Yield 79%, white solid, mp 155°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.18 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.59 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9 Hz, CHN), 6.8–6.94 (m, 3H, Ar), 7.06 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 9 Hz, NH), 7.47 (t, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, Ar), 7.56 (m, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, Ar), 7.81 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, Ar). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆Cl₃NO₂: C, 54.79; H, 4.33; Cl, 28.54; N, 3.76. Found: C, 54.89; H, 4.56; Cl, 28.20; N, 3.85.

N-[2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-methylphenoxy)ethyl]acetamide (10f) Yield 60%; white solid; mp 107–108°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.11 (s, 3H, Me), 2.31 (s, 3H, Me), 6.37 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, CHN), 6.44 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, NH), 6.97 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.12 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.6 (MeAr), 23.3 (MeC=O), 84.5 (CHN), 99.1 (CCl₃), 116.1 (C^{2,6}_{Ar}), 130.3 (C^{3,5}_{Ar}), 132.6 (C⁴_{Ar}), 153.8 (C¹_{Ar}), 170.0 (C=O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂Cl₃NO₂: C, 44.55; H, 4.08; Cl, 35.86; N, 4.72. Found: C, 44.73; H, 4.20; Cl, 35.97; N, 4.81.

N-[2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(4-methylphenoxy)ethyl]fluoroacetamide (10g) Yield 80%; white solid; mp 46–48°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.30 (s, 3H, Me), 4.91 (dd, 1H, ²J_{HF} = 47 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 15 Hz, CH_AF), 4.84 (dd, 1H, ²J_{HF} = 47 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 15 Hz, CH_BF), 6.39 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, CHN), 6.97 (d, 2H, ³J_{HH} = 8 Hz, Ar), 7.12 (m, 3H, Ar, NH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.6 (Me), 79.7 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 187 Hz, CH₂F), 84.1 (CHN), 98.6 (CCl₃), 116.2 (C^{2,6}_{Ar}), 130.4 (C^{3,5}_{Ar}), 133.1 (C⁴_{Ar}), 153.6 (C¹_{Ar}), 167.8 (d, ²J_{CF} = 19 Hz, C=O); ¹⁹F-{H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ -226.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁Cl₃FNO₂: C, 42.00; H, 3.52; Cl, 33.81; N, 4.45. Found: C, 42.19; H, 3.75; Cl, 33.95; N, 4.50.

N-[2,2,2-Trichloro-1-(1-naphthylloxy)ethyl]benzamide (10h) Yield 50%; light red solid; mp 177–178°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.87 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, CHN), 7.02 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 10 Hz, NH), 7.23 (d, 1H, ³J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, Ar), 7.36–7.59 (m, 7H, Ar), 7.82 (m, 3H, Ar), 8.33 (m, 1H, Ar). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄Cl₃NO₂: C, 57.82; H, 3.58; Cl, 26.95; N, 3.55. Found: C, 57.75; H, 3.41; Cl, 26.90; N, 3.73.

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