Supporting Information for

Rhodium-catalyzed transannulation of *N*-(per)fluoroalkyl-1,2,3triazoles in microwave conditions – a general route to *N*-(per)fluoroalkyl-substituted five-membered heterocycles[†]

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General

Chloroform stabilized with ethanol (~1%) was dried by activated molecular sieves (3 and 4 Å) and stored under argon. All commercially available chemicals were used as received unless stated otherwise. Starting triazoles were prepared according to procedures published in literature.^{1, 2} Triazole **1q** was supplied by CF Plus Chemicals (www.cfplus.cz). Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (0.040– 0.063 mm). Automated flash column chromatography was performed on Teledyne ISCO CombiFlash Rf+ Lumen Automated Flash Chromatography System with UV/Vis detection. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were measured at ambient temperature using 5 mm diameter NMR tubes. ¹³C spectra were proton decoupled. The chemical shift values (δ) are reported in ppm relative to internal Me₄Si (0 ppm for ¹H and ¹³C NMR) or residual solvents and internal CFCl₃ (0 ppm for ¹⁹F NMR). Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz. Structural elucidation was aided by additional acquisition of ¹³C APT and/or various 2D spectra (¹H-¹H COSY, ¹H-¹³C HSQC, ¹H-¹³C HMBC, ¹³C-¹⁹F HMBC). GC-MS spectra were recorded on Agilent 7890A GC (column HP-5MS, 30 m \times 0.25 mm \times 0.25 μ m, 5% phenyl methylpolysiloxane) coupled with 5975C quadrupole mass selective electron impact (EI) detector (70 eV). High resolution MS spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters Micromass AutoSpec Ultima or Agilent 7890A GC coupled with Waters GCT Premier orthogonal acceleration time-of-flight detector using electron impact (EI) ionization. Rhodium catalyst Rh₂ (Oct)₄ was used as a 0.01 M solution in dry chloroform. Biotage Initiator EXP EU (300 W power) was used for reactions carried out in a microwave reactor.

General procedure for synthesis of *N*-(per)fluoroalkyl-imidazoles 3a-3q. Initial *N*-(per)fluoroalkyl-triazole **1a-1q** (0.20 mmol) was dissolved in dry CHCl₃ (2 mL) in a 5 mL microwave tube. Nitrile (2 equiv., 0.40 mmol) and a solution of rhodium (II) octanoate (0.002 mmol; 0.01 M in dry CHCl₃) were added. The vial was capped and heated at 140°C for 20 min in a microwave reactor. The resulting mixture was evaporated on silica gel (100 mg) and purified either by filtration through silica gel (washing with CH_2Cl_2) and further evaporation (55°C, 3 Torr) to remove the nitrile or by CombiFlash automatic column chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane, 0:100 to 10:90).

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2,4-Diphenyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3a): Yield: 57%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.57 (q, ${}^{4}J_{H-F} = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.2, 142.2, 132.4, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, {}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5 Hz), 128.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.6, 118.4 (q, {}^{1}J_{C-F} = 1.5 Hz), 128.9, 1 265.1 Hz, N-CF₃), 112.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.7 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₁F₃N₂ [M]+: 288.0874, found 288.0875.

2-Phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3b): Yield: 84%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 146.9, 142.2, 137.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.4, 125.3, 118.3 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 265.1$ Hz, N-CF₃), 111.9, 21.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.7 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃F₃N₂ [M]+: 302.1031, found 302.1032.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3c): Yield: 72%; pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.43 (m, 4H), 6.99–6.91 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 147.0, 142.0, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.6, 126.9, 125.1, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 265.1$ Hz, N-CF₃), 114.3, 111.4, 55.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.7 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃F₃N₂O [M]+: 318.0980, found 318.0981.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3d): Yield: 64%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.72–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.06 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 246.9 Hz), 147.3, 141.4, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.4$ Hz), 128.7 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.2$ Hz), 128.6, 127.3 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 8.1$ Hz), 118.3 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 265.5 Hz, N-CF₃), 115.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 21.7 Hz), 112.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.7 (s, 3F), -114.5 (s, 1F); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₀F₄N₂ [M]+: 306.0780, found 306.0778.

2-Phenyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-imidazole (3e): Yield: 63%; pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.63 (m, 5H), 7.55–7.45 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.6, 140.8, 135.9 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.4 Hz), 130.4, 130.0 (q, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 32.48$ Hz), 129.4, 129.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.4$), 128.7, 125.9, (q, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 125.7, $(q, {}^{1}J_{C-F} = 272.07 \text{ Hz}), 125.7, 118.3 (q, {}^{1}J_{C-F} = 265.7 \text{ Hz}, \text{N-CF}_{3}), 113.6; {}^{19}\text{F} \text{ NMR} (376)$ MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.7 (s, 3F), -63.0 (s, 3F); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₀F₆N₂ [M]+: 356.0748, found 356.0746. F₃C

4-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-phenyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3f): Yield: 52%; yellow solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) & 8.33-8.25 (m, 2H), 8.05-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.67 (m, Ph 2H), 7.57-7.46 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 147.4, 140.0, 138.7, 130.6, 129.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 129.1, 128.7, 126.0, 124.4, 118.2 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 266.2$ Hz, N-CF₃) 114.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.8 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₀F₃N₃O₂ [M]+: 333.0725, found 333.0726.

> 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3g): Yield: 78%; white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49 $(q, {}^{4}J_{H-F} = 0.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.24-7.20 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.05-6.94 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 3.87 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 2.38 \text{ (s, 3H)};$





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¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 147.0, 142.0, 137.8, 130.8 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 129.7, 129.5, 125.4, 122.2, 118.4 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 264.9$ Hz, N-CF₃), 114.0, 111.8, 55.5, 21.4; 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.7 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₅F₃N₂O [M]+: 332.1136, found 332.1134.

2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3h): Yield: 94%; pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.51 (q, ⁴J_{H-F} = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.21 (m, 4H, signal overlap with solvent), 7.04 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 146.9, 142.2, 137.9, 130.9, 129.6 (3C), 125.4, 121.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.5 Hz), 118.4 (q, ¹ J_{C-F} = 265.2, N-CF₃), 116.3, 114.6 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.2 Hz), 112.0 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.2 Hz), 55.5, 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.6 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₅F₃N₂O [M]+: 332.1136, found 332.1133.

 $\begin{array}{c} 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole~(3i): Yield: 82\%; colorless oil; ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) & 7.75-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.52 (q, ^{4}J_{H-F} = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) & 145.8, 142.5, 138.1, 136.5, 130.7 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.4 Hz), 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.2, 125.4, 118.3 (q, ^{1}J_{C-F} = 265.1 Hz, N-CF_3), 112.2, 21.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) & 5.2.7 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C_{17}H_{12}ClF_{3}N_{2} [M]+: 336.0641, found 336.0642. \end{array}$

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4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (3j): Yield: 33%; purification by column chromatographny on C18 reverse-phase silica (H₂O/MeCN, 80:20 to 20:80); yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37–8.32 (m, 2H), 7.95–7.88 (m, 2H), 7.81–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.53 (q, ⁴J_{H-F} = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03–6.92 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 148.7, 144.4, 142.9, 135.7, 130.3, 126.9, 124.6, 123.8 (m), 118.3 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 265.6 Hz, N-CF₃), 114.4 (m), 112.4, 55.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 10.8 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -52.4 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₂F₃N₃O₃ [M]+: 363.0831, found 363.0828.

2-Methyl-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (**3k**): Yield: 71%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 2H), 2.59 (q, ⁵J_{H-F} = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.6, 141.4, 137.7, 129.7, 129.5, 125.2, 118.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 263.8 Hz, N-CF₃), 110.8, 21.4, 14.4 (q, ⁴J_{C-F} = 2.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -56.2 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₁F₃N₂ [M]+: 240.0874, found 240.0876. 2-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole (31): Yield: 56%; yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J_{H-H} = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, J_{H-H} = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (d, J_{H-H} = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); 13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 149.0, 148.1, 146.6, 141.7, 137.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 125.3, 120.9-120.5 (m), 118.4 $(q, {}^{1}J_{C-F}264.6 \text{ Hz}, \text{N-CF}_{3}), 111.9 \text{ (m)}, 111.2 \text{ (m)}, 56.0 \text{ (q}, J_{C-F}=11.2 \text{ Hz}), 34.5-$ 33.8 (m), 21.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 7.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.1 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₉F₃N₂O₂ [M]+: 376.1399, found 376.1397.

Ethyl 2-phenyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole-4-carboxylate (3m): Yield: 65%, colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (q, ${}^{4}J_{H-F} = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.41 (m, 3H), 4.42 (q, ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ Ph = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, ${}^{3}J_{H-H}$ = 7.2 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 161.9, 147.6, 134.2, 130.7, 129.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.3$ Hz), 128.6, 128.5, 122.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 1.2$ Hz), 117.9 (q, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 267.1 Hz, N-CF₃), 61.4, 14.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -53.1 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* EtOOC calcd for C₁₃H₁₁F₃N₂O₂ [M]+: 284.0773, found 284.0770.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(perfluoroethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3n): Yield: 92%; yellow solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) & 7.82–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.01–6.90 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 148.2, 142.8, 130.5, 130.0 (2C), 128.2, 126.9, 125.0, 117.6 (qt, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 288.0 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 44.9 \text{ Hz}$, CF₃), 114.3, 111.6, 110.6 (tq, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 269.2 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 44.9 Hz, N-CF₂), 55.5; ¹⁹FNMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.8 (s, 3F), -93.9 (s, 2F); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₃F₅N₂O [M]+: 368.0948, found MeO 368.0954.

1-(Perfluoropropyl)-2,4-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (30): Yield: 71%, white solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 6H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 148.4, 142.7, 132.2, 130.4, 130.1, 128.9, 122.2 (2C), 125.6, 117.4 (qtt, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 287.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J_{C-F} = 33.3 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{C-F} = 2.1 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CF}_{3}$, 112.9, 112.4 (tt, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 269.8$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 32.1 Hz, N-CF₂), 110.2–105.6 (m); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.6 (t, ${}^{3}J_{F-F} = 9.7$ Hz, 3F), -89.8 (q, ${}^{3}J_{F-F} = 9.7$ Hz, 2F), -126.1 (s, 2F); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₁F₇N₂ [M]+: 388.0810, found 388.0809.



2-Phenyl-1-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoro-2-phenoxyethyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1H-imidazole (3p): Yield: 57%; brown oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) & 7.81–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.68– 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.52–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.19 (m, 3H, signal overlap with solvent), 7.10-7.02 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.6, 148.4, 142.3, 137.7, 131.2, 130.1, 129.9 (2C), 129.7, 129.5, 128.0, 127.0, 125.4, 121.5, 116.3 (tt, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 277.3 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 40.8 \text{ Hz}$), 113.2, 111.9 (tt, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 268.8 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 40.8 \text{ Hz}$), 21.4; ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (376 MHz,

CDCl3) δ -86.3 (t, ${}^{3}J_{F-F} = 4.2$ Hz, 2F), -93.7 (t, ${}^{3}J_{F-F} = 4.2$ Hz, 2F); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₁₈F₄N₂O [M]+: 426.1355, found 426.1356.

1-(2-(2,4-Diphenyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)-1H-pyrazole (3q): Yield: 70%; red oil; ¹H NMR (400



MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.72 (qd, J = 1.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H, signal overlap with solvent), 6.42 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.3, 143.9, 142.4, 132.4, 130.5, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0 (2C), 125.5, 113.1, 112.6 (tt, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 271.3$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 271$ 42.1 Hz), 112.5 (tt, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 269.2$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 42.1$ Hz), 108.9; 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -92.1 (t, ${}^{3}J_{F-F}$ = 4.7 Hz, 2F), -98.2 (t, ${}^{3}J_{F-F}$ = 4.7 Hz, 2F); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for

C₂₀H₁₄F₄N₄ [M]+: 386.1155, found 386.1156.

General procedure for synthesis of N-(per)fluoroalkyl-pyrroles 4a-4i. *N*-(per)fluoroalkyl-triazole **1** (0.20 mmol) was dissolved in dry CHCl₃ (2 mL) in a 5 mL microwave tube. Vinyl ether (10 equiv., 2.0 mmol) and a solution of rhodium (II) octanoate (0.002 mmol; 0.01 M in dry CHCl₃) were added. The vial was capped and heated at 140°C for 20 min in a microwave reactor. The resulting mixture was evaporated on silica gel (100 mg) and purified by CombiFlash automatic column chromatography (cyclohexane).

In case of derivatives **4e** and **4g** the non-eliminated products were observed. For preparation of the desired pyrroles was developed one-pot two-step procedure.



One-pot two-step procedure for preparation of pyrroles 4e and 4g. N-perfluoroalkyl-triazole (0.20 mmol) was dissolved in dry CHCl₃ (2 mL) in a 5 mL microwave tube. Vinyl ether (10 equiv., 2.0 mmol) and a solution of rhodium (II) octanoate (0.002 mmol; 0.01 M in dry CHCl₃) were added. The vial was capped and heated at 140°C for 20 min in microwave reactor. Then TsOH·H₂O (0.40 mmol; 76.1 mg) was added. The resulting suspension was stirred at rt for 2 h filtered, evaporated on silica gel (100 mg) and purified by CombiFlash automatic column chromatography (cyclohexane).

3-Phenyl-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrrole (4a): Yield: 96%; white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (ddq, *J* = 3.3, 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.9, 128.9, 128.4, 127.0, 125.8, 119.5 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 260.1 Hz, N-CF₃), 118.8, 113.9, 110.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.5 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₈F₃N [M]+: 211.0609, found 211.0611.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrrole (4b): Yield: 93\%; white solid; ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta}{\textbf{N-CF}_3} \\ \textbf{MeO} \\ \textbf{M$

3-(*p*-*Tolyl*)-*1*-(*trifluoromethyl*)-*1H*-*pyrrole* (*4c*): Yield: 82%; white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (ddq, *J* = 3.2, 1.5, 0.7

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Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.7, 131.1, 129.6, 128.4, 125.6, 119.1 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 260.2 Hz, N-CF₃), 118.7, 113.5, 110.6, 21.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.5 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₀F₃N [M]+: 225.0765, found 225.0762.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrrole (4d): Yield: 80%; white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, J = 3.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (ddq, J = 3.3, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 245.7 Hz), 130.1 (d, ⁴J_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 127.5, 127.3 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz), 119.2 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 260.8 Hz, N-CF₃), 118.9, 115.8 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 21.6 Hz), 113.7, 110.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.5 (s, 3F), -116.2 (s, 1F); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₇F₄N [M]+:

229.0515, found 229.0514.

1-(Perfluoroethyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrrole (4e): Yield: 89%; white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58–7.48 (m,



2H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 (tt, J = 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.95 (m, 1H), 6.67 (ddt, J = 3.4, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3) δ 133.9, 129.0, 128.6, 127.0, 125.8, 119.3, 117.8 (qt, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 287.6$ Hz, ² $J_{C-F} = 47.0$ Hz, CF₃), 114.4 110.9, 110.8 (tq, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 263.8$ Hz, ² $J_{C-F} = 41.8$ Hz, N-CF₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl3) δ -85.9 (s, 3F), -99.1 (s, 2F); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₈F₅N [M]+: 261.0577, found

261.0578.

I-(1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoro-2-(3-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-pyrrazole (4f): Yield: 92%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) & 7.77 (tq, J = 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.96 (ddt, J = 2.3, 1.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (ddd, J = 3.3, 1.9, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (ddt, J = 3.2, 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (ddt, J = 2.8, 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 143.6, 134.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 126.8, 125.6, 119.3, 114.4, 112.8 (tt, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.1 Hz, ²J_{C-F} = 40.9 Hz), 112.7 (tt, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.1 Hz, ²J_{C-F} = 40.9 Hz), 112.7 (tt, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.1 Hz, ²J_{C-F} = 40.9 Hz), 112.7 (tt, ¹J_{C-F} = 40.9 Hz), 112.7

269.2 Hz, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 43.5 Hz), 110.3, 108.6; 19 F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -97.8 (t, ${}^{3}J_{F-F}$ = 5.6 Hz, 2F), -100.1 (t, ${}^{3}J_{F-F}$ = 5.6 Hz, 2F); HRMS (EI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₄N₃ [M]+: 309.0889, found 309.0888.



Ethyl 5-*ethoxy*-1-(*trifluoromethyl*)-4,5-*dihydro*-1*H*-*pyrrole*-3-*carboxylate* (4g'): not *isolated*; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12–7.08 (m, 1H), 5.41 (ddq, J = 8.1, 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.68–3.56 (m, 1H), 3.54–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.11–2.99 (m, 1H), 2.83–2.74 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, ³*J*_{*H*-*H*} = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, ³*J*_{*H*-*H*} = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.9 (s).

Ethyl 1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4g): Yield: 92%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ $N-CF_3$ $N-CF_3$ $N-CF_$

2-Methyl-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrrole (4h): Yield: 63%; white solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dddd, J = 7.6, 2.0, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dt, J = 1.9, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34–6.28 (m, 1H), 2.38 (dq, J = 2.0, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.4, 131.3, 129.7, 129.6, 125.4, 119.5 (q, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 261.0$ Hz, N-CF₃), 113.5 (q, J = 2.1 Hz), 110.4 (q, J = 1.6 Hz), 21.3, 12.7 (q, J = 2.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -55.7 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₂F₃N [M]+: 239.0922, found 239.0921.

3-Methyl-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrrole (4i): Yield: 19%; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.78 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 131.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 121.2, 119.1 (q, ¹ J_{C-F} = 259.5 Hz, N-CF₃), 116.3, 115.2, 21.3, 11.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.6 (s); HRMS (EI+) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₂F₃N [M]+: 239.0922, found 239.0924.

Preparation of imidazolone 6

N-perfluoroalkyl-triazole **1b** (0.20 mmol) was dissolved in dry CHCl₃ (2 mL) in a 5 mL microwave tube. Phenyl isocyanate (2 equiv., 0.4 mmol) and a solution of rhodium (II) octanoate (0.002 mmol; 0.01 M in dry CHCl₃) were added. The vial was capped and heated at 120°C for 20 min in a microwave reactor. The resulting mixture was evaporated on silica gel (100 mg) and purified by CombiFlash automatic column chromatography using the (EtOAc/cyclohexane).

3-Phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-imidazol-2-one (*6*): Yield: 75%; brown oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.6, 138.9, 134.2, 129.5, 129.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 125.0, 118.5 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 263.0 Hz, N-CF₃), 103.3 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -59.1 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₃F₃N₂O [M]+: 318.0980, found 318.0979.

Preparation of pyrrolone 7

N-perfluoroalkyl-triazole **1b** (0.20 mmol) was dissolved in dry CHCl₃ (2 mL) in a 5 mL microwave tube. Ketene t-butyldimethylsilyl methyl acetal (2 equiv., 0.4 mmol) and a solution of rhodium (II) octanoate (0.002 mmol; 0.01 M in dry CHCl₃) were added. The vial was capped and heated at 120°C for 15 min in microwave reactor. Then 1M solution of TBAF (5 equiv., 1 mmol) in THF was added and resulting solution was stirred for 1 h, evaporated on silica gel (100 mg) and purified by CombiFlash automatic column chromatography (EtOAc/cyclohexane).



4-(*p*-Tolyl)-1-(*trifluoromethyl*)-1,5-*dihydro*-2*H*-*pyrrol*-2-*one* (7): Yield: 63%; slightly yellow crystals; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 2H, *signal overlap with solvent*), 6.39–6.33 (m, 1H), 4.64–4.59 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 157.2, 142.2, 130.0, 127.7, 126.1, 119.6 (q, ¹_{J_{C-F}} = 261.3 Hz, N-CF₃), 118.0 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 49.5, 21.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.7 (s); HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₀F₃NO [M]+: 241.0714, found 241.0711.

Copies of ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR Spectra

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3a













































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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of **4a**









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 $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4f



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of **4g**′



































Competition experiment

N-perfluoroalkyl triazole **1d** (0.1 mmol; 1 equiv.), N-tosyl triazole **8** (0.1 mmol; 1 equiv.) and benzonitrile (0.1 mmol; 1 equiv.) were dissolved in dry CHCl₃ (2 mL) and a solution of rhodium (II) octanoate (0.001 mmol; 0.01 M in dry CHCl₃) was added. The vial was capped and mixture was heated at 140°C for 20 min in microwave reactor followed by measurement of ¹⁹F {¹H} NMR spectra.

¹⁹F {¹H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) - competition experiment



Stability of N-CF₃ imidazole 3g and pyrrole 4b in acidic and basic conditions

Stability of imidazole 3g

Imidazole **3g** (18 mg; 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in CD₃OD (1.06 mL) and PhCF₃ was added as an internal standard. Then ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectra were measured. For stability experiment in basic condition, NaOH (10 mg; 0,25 mmol) was added to the prepared solution (500 μ L) and after 18 h at 25 °C ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectra were measured. In case of experiment in acidic conditions, 98% H₂SO₄ in D₂O (40 μ L) was added to the prepared solution (560 μ L) and after 18 h at room temperature ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectra were measured.













^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD) of 3g and PhCF₃ (as a standard) after addition of base 18 h

Stability of pyrrole 4b

Pyrrole **4b** (2.4 mg; 0.01 mmol) was dissolved in CD₃OD (1.06 mL) and PhCF₃ was added as an internal standard. Then ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectra were measured. For stability experiment in basic condition, NaOH (10 mg; 0,25 mmol) was added to the prepared solution (500 μ L) and after 18 h at 25 °C ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectra were measured. In case of experiment in acidic conditions, 98% H₂SO₄ in D₂O (40 μ L) was added to the prepared solution (560 μ L) and after 18 h at room temperature ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectra were measured.











 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) of 4b and $PhCF_3$ (as a standard) after addition of base 18 h


