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Photo- and dioxygen-enabled radical $C(sp^3)$ — $N(sp^2)$ cross-coupling: synthesis of N^2 -perfluoroalkacylguanidines

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1. General Information

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without treatment, unless otherwise indicated. Some guanidines **2** were prepared according to literature reported procedure.¹ The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel. ¹H, ¹⁹F and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a Varian 600MHz or 500 MHz or 400 MHz or 300 MHz for ¹H, at 564 MHz or 470 MHz or 376 MHz for ¹⁹F and at 150 MHz or 125 MHz or 100 MHz for ¹³C, respectively, in CDCl₃ or (CD₃)₂SO. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the residual signals of the deuterated solvents as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ H = 7.26, δ C = 77.16 ppm, (CD₃)₂SO: δ H = 2.50, δ C = 39.52 ppm). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded using TMS as the internal standard, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using CF₃COOH as external reference. Multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broad). Coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Hertz. UV-vis absorption spectra were measured on a Shimadzu UV-2600 spectrophotometer. High-resolution mass-spectra were obtained on an Agilient 1100 LCMsD mass spectrometer. Melting points (m.p.) are uncorrected.

2. The generated nitrogen-centered radicals by single-electron oxidation of N–H substrates



Figure S1 Representative Nitrogen-Centered Radical Intermediates.

3. Representative Experimental Procedure

Representative procedure for the preparation of **3** (with **3a** as an example): A 25-mL round-bottomed flask, equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, is charged with **1a** (1.0 mmol, 0.13)

mL), **2a** (1.1 mmol, 0.19 mL) and Cs₂CO₃ (1.5 mmol, 489 mg) in MeCN (2 mL). The reaction mixture was irradiated with 36 W CFL. After the starting material **1a** was consumed as indicated by TLC. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (3 x 10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gel that was dealt with Et₃N/PE (1:9) (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1:1) to give N-(bis(dimethylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide **3a** (215 mg, 69%) as a white solid (R_f = 0.25, petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : 3).

4. Mechanistic Studies

1) The possibility of radical homolytic cleavage of perfluorobutyl iodide (2a) under 36 W CFL irradiation to generate perfluorobutyl radical and iodine radical can be excluded according to the photostability experiment, reported in the literature.²

2) We have conducted a heavy oxygen water experiment to elucidate the source of oxygen in products **3**.

A 5 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, **1a** (0.1 mmol, 12.5 μ L), **2a** (1.1 mmol, 18.9 μ L) and Cs₂CO₃ (0.15 mmol, 48.9 mg) were dissolved in super dry CH₃CN (0.5 mL). H₂O¹⁸ (0.1 mmol, 1.8 μ L) was added to the solution and the mixture was irradiated by 36 W CFL. After 12 h, the labeled product O¹⁸-**3c** was detected by HRMS analysis.

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for C₉H₁₂F₇N₃O (M+Na)⁺ : 336.0766, found 336.2000.



Figure S2. HRMS analysis of H₂O¹⁸ labeling experiment.

3) 2,3-Dimethyl-but-2-ene can be used as a trapping agent for singlet oxygen. Upon addition of 2, 3-dimethyl-but-2-ene to the reaction system, product **4** was detected by ¹H NMR spectroscopy, indicating the presence of ${}^{1}O_{2}$.

A solution of **1a**, **2a** and Cs_2CO_3 in CH₃CN (0.5 mM) was put into a 25 mL round-bottomed flask with a magnetic stirring bar. A 30-fold excess of 2, 3 dimethyl-2-butene was added to the solution and the sample was irradiated by 36 W CFL. After 20 h, the yield of the product **3a** decreased obviously as indicated by TLC. ¹H NMR spectra was acquired with simultaneous saturation of the large signal at about 1.6 ppm due to unreacted 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene, 2.9 ppm due to achieved product **3a** and 2.0 ppm derived from solvent CH₃CN. The characteristic two olefin proton signals for trapped hydroperoxide appear in the open window of 4.97 and 5.01 ppm, which is consistent with that reported in the literature.³



Figure S3. Parallel ¹H NMR spectra of TMG and C_4F_9I reaction mixture: (A) in the presence of 30-fold excess 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene. (B) no additive. red ball in A: signals at 4.97 and 5.01 ppm correspond to the two olefin protons for trapped product **4**.

5. DFT Calculation

Computational Details:

All geometries were optimized without symmetry constraints at the level of the (U)B3LYP-D3 functional.⁴ The solvent effect was considered by employing the SMD model and acetonitrile (CH₃CN) solvent. The LanL2DZ and corresponding Hay–Wadt effective core potential (ECP) were applied for the core electrons of I, while the standard 6-31G(d) basis set was used for the other main-group elements. The vibrational frequency was calculated to check the nature of each stationary structure at the same theoretical level with optimization. No imaginary frequency was found for all reactants, intermediates, and products. All the DFT calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 package.⁵





Figure S4. The energy level diagram of TCTC II.

alternative O2-facilited SET process



Scheme S1. Proposed alternative mechanism for the O₂-facilited SET process.



Figure S5. The energy profiles of O₂-facilited SET process.

6. Analytical Data for Compounds 3

N-(bis(dimethylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3a)



215 mg, 69% yield; White solid; m. p. 46-47 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.99 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 40.3, 106.4-107.5 (m), 108.2, 108.5, 108.8, (t, *J* = 37.5 Hz), 109.3-110.6 (m), 114.6-116.9 (m), 114.2, 114.5, 114.9 (t, *J* = 43.8 Hz), 116.5, 116.8, 117.1 (t, *J* = 37.5 Hz), 118.8, 119.1, 119.5 (t, *J* = 43.8 Hz), 121.0, 121.3, 121.7 (t, *J* = 43.8 Hz), 161.3, 161.5, 161.7 (t, *J* = 31.3 Hz), 168.4;

¹⁹**F** NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -128.3 (s, 2F), -120.0 (q, J = 4.5 Hz, 2F), -82.6 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 3F); HRMS (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₉H₁₂F₇N₃O (M+H)⁺ : 312.0947, found 312.0951.

(E)-N-(amino(dimethylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3b)



173 mg, 61% yield; White solid; m. p. 83-84 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.97 (s, 3H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 8.58 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 36.1, 37.1, 105.5, 105.8, 106.2, 106.6 (q, *J* = 36.7 Hz), 110.8-113.7 (m), 115.9 116.2, 116.5 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 118.7, 119.1, 119.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 121.5, 121.9, 122.2 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 160.3, 163.1, 163.3, 163.5 (t, *J* = 20.0 Hz);

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -126.0 (s, 2F), -117.4 (s, 2F), -80.2 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₇H₈F₇N₃O (M+H)⁺ : 284.0634, found 284.0637.

(*E*)-*N*-(amino(piperidin-1-yl)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3c) $C_{3}F_{7}$



210 mg, 65% yield; White solid; m. p. 109-110 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.65 (m, 6H),

3.57 (s, 4H), 7.45 (s, 2H);

¹³**C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.9, 25.2, 45.2, 106.7-107.4 (m), 108.4, 108.7, 108.9 (t, *J* = 37.5 Hz), 110.2-110.9 (m), 114.7, 115.0, 115.3 (t, *J* = 45.0 Hz), 116.6, 116.9, 117.3 (t, *J* = 52.5 Hz), 118.5, 118.8, 119.2 (t, *J* = 52.5 Hz), 120.4, 120.7 121.1 (t, *J* = 52.5 Hz), 159.1, 166.3, 166.4, 166.6 (t, *J* = 22.5 Hz);

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -126.4 (s, 2F), -118.7 (q, J = 4.1 Hz, 2F), -80.7 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂F₇N₃O (M+H)⁺ : 324.0947, found 324.0950.

(E)-N-(amino(morpholino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3d)



215 mg, 66% yield; White solid; m. p. 81-82 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.62 (s, 8H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H);

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 44.1, 65.4, 105.5, 105.8, 106.1, 106.5 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 108.1-109.1 (m), 110.7-111.8 (m), 113.0, 113.3, 113.6 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 115.8, 116.2, 116.5 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 118.7, 119.0, 119.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 121.5, 121.9, 122.2 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 159.3, 163.7, 163.9, 164.2 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz);

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -126.0 (s, 2F), -117.5 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2F), -80.3 (s, 3F); HRMS (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₉H₁₀F₇N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺ : 326.0739, found 326.0743.

(E)-N-(amino(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3e)



184 mg, 60% yield; White solid; m. p. 127-128 °C. ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.37 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 104.1-106.3(m), 107.1-108.9 (m), 110.8, 111.2-113.4 (m), 114.7, 115.7, 116.0, 116.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 118.5, 118.8, 119.2 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 121.3, 121.6, 122.0 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 130.0, 144.9, 164.7, 164.9 165.2 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 167.4;

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -126.1 (s, 2F), -118.4 (q, *J* =4.5 Hz, 2F), -80.3 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₈H₅F₇N₄O (M+H)⁺ : 307.0430, found 307.0433. (E)-N-(amino(methylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3f)



159 mg, 59% yield; White solid; m. p. 89-90 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.73 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 3H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 27.4, 105.6, 105.9, 106.2, 106.5 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 108.1-109.5 (m), 110.8-112.2 (m), 113.0, 113.3, 113.7 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz) 115.8, 116.2, 116.5 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 118.7, 119.0, 119.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 121.5, 121.9, 122.2 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 161.9, 164.1, 164.4, 164.6 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz);

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -126.7 (s, 2F), -119.2 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2F), -80.7 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3F);

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for C₆H₆F₇N₃O $(M+H)^+$: 270.0477, found 270.0475.

(E)-N-(amino(isopropylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3g)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 C_3F_7 \\
 N \\
 N \\
 H \\
 NH_2 \\
 3g
\end{array}$$

187 mg, 63% yield; White solid; m. p. 126-127 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.09-1.15 (m, 6H), 3.72-4.00 (m, 6H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 8.36-8.51 (m, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 21.9, 22.2, 42.5, 105.5, 105.8, 106.1, 106.4 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz)
107.8-109.3 (m), 110.3-114.7 (m), 115.8, 116.2, 116.5 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 118.7, 119.0, 119.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 121.6, 121.9, 122.2 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 160.1, 164.1-164.9 (m);

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ -126.0 (s, 2F), -117.3 - -117.6 (m, 2F), -80.3 (s, 3F);

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for C₈H₁₀F₇N₃O $(M+H)^+$: 298.0790, found 298.0786.

(E)-N-(amino(phenylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3h)

189 mg, 57% yield; White solid; m. p. 71-72 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 9.82 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 105.5, 105.8, 106.1, 106.5 (t, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 108.0-109.1 (m), 110.7-113.3 (m), 115.8, 116.1, 116.5 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 118.6, 119.0, 119.3 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 123.0, 125.2, 129.0, 136.6, 159.7, 165.2, 165.4, 165.7 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz);

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -126.5 (s, 2F), -119.2 (q, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2F), -80.7 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 3F); **HRMS** (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₁₁H₈F₇N₃O (M+H)⁺ : 332.0634, found 332.0630.

N-(diaminomethylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanamide (3i)

133 mg, 52% yield; White solid; m. p. 85-86 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.44 (s, 2H);

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 105.3, 105.6, 105.8, 106.0 (q, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 107.3-109.0 (m), 109.7-113.1 (m), 115.7, 116.0, 116.3 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 118.5, 118.9 119.2 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 121.4, 121.7, 122.1 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 163.4, 163.6, 163.9 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 166.7;

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ -126.1 (s, 2F), -117.9 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2F), -80.1 (s, 3F);

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for C₅H₄F₇N₃O $(M+H)^+$: 256.0321, found 256.0325.

2,2,3,3,4,4,4-Heptafluoro-N-(imidazolidin-2-ylidene)butanamide (3j)



169 mg, 60% yield; White solid; m. p. 157-158 °C. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.58 (s, 4H), 8.44 (s, 2H);

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 41.6, 105.8, 106.1, 106.4 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 108.1-109.2 (m), 110.6-111.8 (m), 113.0, 113.3, 133.7 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 115.8, 116.2, 116.5 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 118.7, 119.0, 119.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 121.6, 121.9, 122.2 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 164.5, 164.7, 164.9, 165.1 (t, *J* = 20.0 Hz);

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -126.1 (s, 2F), -117.5 (q, J = 8.2 Hz, 2F), -80.3 (t, J = 8.5 Hz,

3F);

HRMS (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₇H₆F₇N₃O (M+H)⁺ : 282.0477, found 282.0479.

Methyl (E)-N'-(2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutanoyl)carbamimidothioate (3k)



177 mg, 62% yield; White solid; m. p. 66-67 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.54 (s, 3H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 9.71 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.2, 101.9-104.0 (m), 105.4, 110.1-111.8, 112.0, 112.3, 112.7 (t, J = 37.5 Hz), 113.7, 113.9, 114.2 (t, J = 37.5 Hz), 115.8, 162.1, 162.3, 162.5 (t, J = 30.0 Hz), 173.6;
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ -126.1 (s, 2F), -117.9 (q, J = 4.3 Hz, 2F), -80.0 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 3F);

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for C₆H₅F₇N₂OS (M+H)⁺ : 287.0089, found 287.0091.

N-(bis(dimethylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoropropanamide (31)



188 mg, 72% yield; White solid; m. p. 50-51 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.99 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 40.2, 104.5, 104.9, 105.2, 105.6 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 107.1, 107.4, 107.8, 108.2 (q, *J* = 36.7 Hz), 109.7, 110.0, 110.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 114.2, 114.5, 114.9 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 117.2, 117.4, 117.7 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 119.9, 120.2, 120.6 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 122.7, 123.1, 123.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 161.2, 161.4, 161.7 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 168.4;

¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -120.6 (s, 2F), -82.3 (s, 3F);

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for C₈H₁₂F₅N₃O $(M+H)^+$: 262.0979, found 262.0981.

N-(bis(dimethylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,6-undecafluorohexanamide (3m)



280 mg, 68% yield; White solid; m. p. 51-52 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.99 (s, 12H);

¹³**C NMR** (75.0 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 40.3, 105.1-107.9 (m), 106.4-107.5 (m), 108.3-110.5 (m), 111.0-114.1 (m), 114.9, 115.8, 116.3 (t, *J* = 45.0 Hz), 118.8, 119.2, 119.6 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 120.9, 121.3, 121.7 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 161.2, 161.5, 161.8 (t, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 168.3;

¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -126.2 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2F), -122.4 (s, 2F), -122.0 (s, 2F), -117.1 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2F), -80.8 (m, 3F);

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂F₁₁N₃O $(M+H)^+$: 412.0883, found 412.0880.

N-(bis(dimethylamino)methylene)-2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-pentadecafluorooctanamide (3n)



378 mg, 74% yield; White solid; m. p. 38-39 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.99 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 39.8, 104.7, 106.0, 106.4, 106.7 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 106.6-108.8 (m), 109.5-111.1 (m), 111.6-114.2 (m), 114.8, 115.2, 155.5 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 117.7, 118.0, 118.4 (t, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 120.6, 120.9, 121.2 (t, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 158.8, 159.1, 159.3 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 166.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -126.1 (s, 2F), -122.7 (s, 2F), -122.0 (s, 2F), -121.8 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2F), -121.5 (s, 2F), -117.1 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2F), -80.8 (m, 3F); HRMS (ESI) (*m*/*z*): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂F₁₅N₃O (M+H)⁺ : 512.0819, found 512.0817.

N-(bis(dimethylamino)methylene)-2-chloro-2,2-difluoroacetamide (30)



137 mg, 60% yield; White solid; m. p. 178-179 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.99 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 39.9, 117.8, 120.8, 123.8, 161.0, 161.2, 161.5 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 167.1; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -60.3 (s, 2F);

HRMS (ESI) (m/z): Calcd for $C_7H_{12}ClF_2N_3O(M+H)^+$: 228.0715, found 228.0717

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