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Trifluoromethylthiolation-Arylation of Diazocarbonyl Compounds by Modified Hooz Multicomponent Coupling

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General Information

Diazo compounds 2a-j, m-o were prepared according to literature procedures,¹⁻⁴ while trifluoromethylthiolating reagent 1 was synthesized according to a procedure by Shen and coworkers.⁵ Reagents were used as obtained from commercial suppliers without further purification. Bu₄N[BPh₄], Na[BPh₄], K[B(p-Cl-Ph)₄], Zn(NTf₂)₂ and Zn(OTf)₂ were obtained TCI. from Ethyl diazoacetate (EDA, contains max. 15% CH_2Cl_2), (Trimethylsilyl)diazomethane solution (2 M in Et₂O), (C₁₂H₂₅)₄N[B(p-Cl-Ph)₄], K[B(2thiophene)₄], Bu₄N(NTf₂), Zn(NTf₂)₂ and 3Å MS were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. BPh₃ was obtained from Strem Chemicals. CH₂Cl₂, THF, Et₂O and toluene were dried by a solvent purification system (VAC Solvent Purifier from Vacuum Atmospheres Company). Extra dry CH₂Cl₂ was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. MeCN was dried over activated 3 Å molecular sieves. Flash chromatography was carried out applying 60 Å (35-70 µm mesh) silica gel (VWR) using petroleum ether / Et₂O or petroleum ether / EtOAc mixtures as eluent. Analytical TLC was carried out on aluminum-backed plates (1.5 Å, ~ 5 cm) pre-coated (0.25 mm) with silica gel (Merck, Silica Gel 60 F254). Compounds were visualized by exposure to UV light or by dipping the plates in a solution of 0.75% KMnO₄ (w/v) in a aqueous solution of K₂CO₃ 0.36 M. Melting points were recorded in a metal block instrument and are uncorrected.

¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz; ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz, ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at 377 MHz and ¹¹B NMR spectra were recorded at 128 MHz with a Bruker Advance spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane, using the residual solvent resonance (¹H-NMR: $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.26 ppm (CDCl₃); 2.13 ppm (CD₃CN); 5.32 (CD₂Cl₂) and in ¹³C-NMR: $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 77.16 ppm (*C*DCl₃); 118.26 ppm (CD₃*C*N); 53.84 (*C*D₂Cl₂); as an internal references. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded with a Bruker microTOF ESI-TOF mass spectrometer in positive ion mode unless otherwise specified.

Experimental procedures and spctroscopic data

Preparation of starting materials

Tetrabutylammonium tetra(thiophen-2-yl)borate (3e)

 $(C_4H_9)_4N^{\oplus}$

Title compound **3e** was prepared from commercial potassium tetra(thiophen-2-yl)borate by a slightly modified literature procedure.⁶ Potassium tetra(thiophen-2-yl)borate (0.98 g, 2.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in dry THF (4.5 mL), then Bu₄NBr (1.9 g, 5.8 mmol, 2.2

equiv.) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then filtered over silica gel and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The obtained crude product was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) and filtered once again over silica gel. The obtained clear, beige colored solution was layered with dry Et₂O (approx 10 mL) and placed in a refrigerator. After two days, the obtained beige crystals were filtered off and dried in vacuo yielding **3e** (0.67 g, 1.1 mmol, 43% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 7.09$ (ddt, J = 4.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 0.9 Hz, 4H), 6.86 (dd, J = 4.7 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 4H), 6.79-6.76 (m, 4H), 3.05-2.98 (m, 8H), 1.59-1.49 (m, 8H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 8H), 0.92 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 12H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 165.9$ (q, J(C,B) = 54.5 Hz), 129.5 (q, J(C,B) = 2.4 Hz), 126.9 (q, J(C,B) = 3.4 Hz), 124.4 (q, J(C,B) = 1.5 Hz), 59.3 (m), 24.3 (s), 20.3 (m), 13.8 (s) ppm; ¹¹B NMR (128 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = -13.2$ ppm; HRMS (ESI, negative mode): m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂¹¹BS₄: 342.9923 [*M*]; found: 342.9907; MP: 162 °C.

1-(4-(1*H*-Tetrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-diazoethan-1-one (2f)

equiv., 2.0 M in Et₂O) and Et₃N (4.0 mmol, 0.55 mL, 1.5 equiv.) in dry MeCN (7 mL) is cooled down to 0 °C. To this mixture; a solution of 4-(1*H*-tetrazol-1-yl)benzoyl chloride⁷ (2.6 mmol, 0.55 g, 1.0 equiv.) in dry MeCN (7 mL) is added slowly. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm up to room temperature (22 °C). After 3vh of total reaction time, the solvent is evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude product is subjected to column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / EtOAc, 1:1) affording **2f** as a yellow solid (82 mg, 15% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.08$ (s, 1H), 8.02-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.83 (m, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 184.2$, 140.4, 137.9, 136.7, 129.0, 121.2, 55.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₉H₆N₆O+Na⁺: 237.0495 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 237.0493.

A solution of (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (3.2 mmol; 1.6 mL, 1.2

General procedure A for the multicomponent reaction of diazo compounds 2 with tetraaryl borate salts 3 and trifluoromethylthio reagent 1 mediated by $Zn(NTf_2)_2$ (4)



(PhSO₂)₂NSCF₃ (**1**) (40 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was placed in a vial under ambient conditions together with a teflon stirring bar (3 x 10 mm). Separately, diazo compound **2** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was measured in a vial under ambient conditions. Both vials were transferred into an Ar-filled glove box. To the vial containing compound **1**, 3Å molecular sieves (80 mg), $Zn(NTf_2)_2$ (**4**) (31 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) and tetraalkylammonium tetraarylborate salt **3** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added before the vial was sealed with an aluminum cap bearing a teflon/ rubber septum. The diazo compound **2** was dissolved in 1.0 mL dry CH₂Cl₂ and sealed in the same manner. Both vials were placed into a stirred cooling bath at -10 °C and after 15 min, the solution of diazo compound **2** was added by syringe to the reaction vial (under Ar overpressure). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -10 °C before it was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. After evaporation of the reaction solvent, the crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography to obtain products **5**.

General procedure B for the multicomponent reaction of diazo compounds 2 with tetrabutylammonium tetra(thiophen-2-yl)borate 3e and trifluoromethylthio reagent 1 mediated by $Zn(NTf_2)_2$ (4)



(PhSO₂)₂NSCF₃ (**1**) (40 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was placed in a vial under ambient conditions together with a teflon stirring bar (3 x 10 mm). Separately, diazo compound **2** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was measured in a vial under ambient conditions. Both vials were transferred into an Ar-filled glove box. To the vial containing compound **1**, 3Å molecular sieves (80 mg), $Zn(NTf_2)_2$ (**4**) (63 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and tetrabutylammonium tetra(thiophen-2-yl)borate (**3e**) (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added before the vial was sealed with an aluminum cap bearing a teflon/ rubber septum. The diazo compound **2** was dissolved in 1.0 mL of dry toluene and closed in the same manner. Both vials were placed into a stirred

cooling bath at -10 °C and after 15 min, the solution of diazo compound 2 was added by syringe to the reaction vial (under Ar overpressure). The reaction mixture was taken out from the cooling bath and stirred then at room temperature overnight. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography to obtain products **5**.

1,2-Diphenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5a)

SCF3

Title compound **5a** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5a** as an off-white solid (26 mg, 81% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.99-7.92$ (m, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 3H), 6.13 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 193.2$, 135.3, 134.4, 134.1, 130.7 (q, J(C,F) = 307.7 Hz), 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 56.4 (q, J(C,F) = 1.8 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm: $\delta = -40.05$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{15}H_{11}OF_{3}S+Na^{+}$: 319.0375 [M+Na]⁺; found: 319.0370; MP: 47 °C.

The spectroscopic data are in agreement with the literature values.⁸

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5b)



Title compound **5b** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5b** as a colorless oil (26 mg, 80% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.00-7.95$ (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.07 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 191.7$, 166.3 (d, J(C,F) = 257.2 Hz), 135.2, 132.0 (d, J(C,F) = 9.6 Hz), 130.8 (d, J(C,F) = 3.0 Hz), 130.6 (q, J(C,F) = 307.8 Hz), 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 116.3 (d, J(C,F) = 22.1 Hz), 56.4 (q, J(C,F) = 1.8 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -40.05$ (s, 3F), -(102.83-102.91) (m, 1F) ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀OF₄S+Na⁺: 337.0281 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 337.0278.

1-(2-Iodophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5c)



Title compound **5c** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5c** as a pale yellow solid (31 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.87 (dd, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.28 (dd, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 1.7Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 196.6, 142.0, 140.9, 133.8, 132.4, 130.6 (q, *J*(C,F) =

307.9 Hz), 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 92.0, 58.8 (q, J(C,F) = 1.8 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -39.83$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀OF₃SI+Na⁺: 444.9341 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 444.9343; MP: 30 °C.

1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5d)

Title compound **5d** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 20:1) affording **5d** as colorless oil that could not be crystallized (28 mg, 84% yield). ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.29-8.24$ (m, 2H), 8.10-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.31 (m, 5H), 6.08 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 191.9$, 150.7, 139.0, 134.0, 130.3 (q, *J*(C,F) = 308.0 Hz), 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 124.2, 56.7 (q, *J*(C,F) = 2.0 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹**F** NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -40.01$ ppm; **HRMS** (ESI, negative mode): m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀F₃NO₃S-H⁺: 340.0261 [*M*-H⁺]⁻; found: 340.0268.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5e)



Title compound **5e** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1 to 30:1) affording **5e** as a white solid (20 mg, 60% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.95-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 191.7, 164.3, 135.9, 131.7, 130.8 (q, *J*(C,F) = 307.7 Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 127.2, 114.3, 56.4 (q, *J*(C,F) = 1.7 Hz), 55.7 ppm; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -40.03 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃O₂F₃S+Na⁺: 349.0481 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 349.0485; **MP**: 50 °C.

1-(4-(1H-Tetrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5f)



Title compound **5f** was prepared according to general procedure A with a slight modification: the reaction was run at room temperature due low solubility of the diazo starting material at -10 °C. **5f** was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / EtOAc,

2:1) affording **5f** as a pale yellow solid (25 mg, 68% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.19-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.30 (m, 5H), 6.11 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 191.6, 140.4, 137.4, 135.3, 134.4, 131.4, 130.4 (q, *J*(C,F) = 307.8 Hz), 129.9, 129.5, 128.7, 121.2, 56.6 (q, *J*(C,F) = 1.9 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -39.97 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁OF₃N₄S+Na⁺: 387.0498 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 387.0498; **MP**: 156 °C.

1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5g)

Title compound **5g** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5g** as a pale yellow solid (26 mg, 84% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.59$ (dd, J = 1.7 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.29 (dd, J = 3.6 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, J = 3.6 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 182.0$, 150.5, 147.6, 134.7, 130.5 (q, J(C,F) = 307.8 Hz), 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 119.8, 113.1, 55.1 (q, J(C,F) = 1.8 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -40.32$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₉O₂F₃S+Na⁺: 309.0168 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 309.0169; MP: 72 °C.

2-Phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (5h)

Title compound **5h** was prepared according to general procedure A with a slight modification: the reaction was run at room temperature in 0.5 mL of dry CH_2Cl_2 . **5h** was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum

ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5h** as a pale yellow oil (9 mg, 30% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.85$ -7.81 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 3H), 4.12 (d, $J_{gem} = 17.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, $J_{gem} = 17.9$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 199.4$, 150.3, 136.9, 136.3, 133.7, 129.9 (q, J(C,F) = 310.1 Hz), 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.0, 125.8, 62.7, 43.6 (q, J(C,F) = 1.2 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -36.84$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁OF₃S+Na⁺: 331.0375 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 331.0370.

1-Phenyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)thio)undecan-2-one (5i)



Title compound **5i** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5i** as an off-white solid (32 mg, 83% yield). ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.42-7.31 (m, 5H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.60-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.09 (m, 12H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 203.5, 134.7, 130.5 (q, *J*(C,F) = 307.5 Hz), 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 60.0 (q, *J*(C,F) = 1.5 Hz), 40.4, 32.0, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 28.9, 23.9, 22.8, 14.2 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

= -40.05 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{18}H_{25}OF_3S+Na^+$: 369.1470 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 369.1478; **MP**: 24 °C.

1-Cyclopentyl-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5j)

Title compound **5j** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5j** as colorless oil (14 mg, 48% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.40-7.32$ (m, 5H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 2.97-2.88 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.85 (m,1H), 1.76-1.40 (m, 7H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 206.1$, 134.8, 130.6 (q, *J*(C,F) = 307.7 Hz), 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 59.6 (q, *J*(C,F) = 1.8 Hz), 49.5, 30.7, 29.4, 26.2, 26.1 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -40.08$ ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅OF₃S+Na⁺: 311.0688 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 311.0690.

Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)acetate (5k)

Title compound **5k** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5k** as a colorless oil (20 mg, 78%). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.50-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.31-4.14 (m, AA'-system, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.1, 134.1, 130.0 (q, *J*(C,F) = 308.0 Hz), 129.2, 129.2, 128.4, 62.8, 51.6 (q, *J*(C,F) = 2.3 Hz), 14.0 ppm; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

= -41.14 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{11}H_{11}O_2F_3S+Na^+$: 287.0324 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 287.0330.

The spectroscopic data are in agreement with the literature values.⁹

Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)acetate 5k at 1.0 mmol scale

The above preparation of **5k** was repeated at 1.0 mmol scale: $(PhSO_2)_2NSCF_3$ (1) (397 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was placed in a 20 mL Biotage[®] microwave reaction vial under ambient conditions. In an Ar-filled glove box, 800 mg of 3 Å molecular sieves, $Zn(NTf_2)_2$ (4) (313 mg, 0.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) and tetrabutylammonium tetraphenylborate (**3a**) (843 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added. EDA (**2k**) was dissolved in 10 mL of dry CH₂Cl₂ and added to the solids at -10 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -10 °C before it was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. After evaporation of the reaction solvent, the crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) to obtain product **5k** (193 mg, 74% yield).

1-Morpholino-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5m)

Title compound **5m** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / EtOAc, 4:1) affording **5m** as a colorless oil (25 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.43-7.32$ (m, 5H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 3.76-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.41 (m, 4H), 3.39-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.03 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 166.5$, 136.2, 130.7 (q, J(C,F) = 307.9 Hz), 129.4, 129.1, 128.2, 66.6, 66.1, 52.8 (q, J(C,F) = 1.9 Hz), 46.7, 43.1 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -40.24$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{13}H_{14}NO_2F_3S+Na^+$: 328.0595 [M+Na]⁺; found: 328.0594.

Ethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)acetate (50)

Title compound **50** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **50** as a colorless oil (15 mg, 48% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.41-7.34$ (m, 4H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.30-4.14 (m, AA'-system, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 168.7$, 135.3, 132.9, 129.9 (q, J(C,F) = 308.1 Hz), 129.7, 129.5, 63.0, 51.1 (q, J(C,F) = 2.3 Hz), 14.0 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -40.98$ ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₁₀O₂F₃³⁵ClS+Na⁺: 320.9934 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 320.9927.

The Spectroscopic data are in agreement with the literature values.9

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5p)



Title compound **5p** was prepared according to general procedure A and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et_2O , 50:1) affording **5p** as a pale yellow oil that could not be

crystallized (21 mg, 47% yield). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.80-7.75$ (m, 2H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 4H), 6.02 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 192.0$, 135.4, 133.6, 132.8, 132.5, 130.6, 130.5 (q, J(C,F) = 307.9 Hz), 130.0, 129.9, 129.9, 55.6 (q, J(C,F) = 1.9 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -39.89$ ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₉OF₃S³⁵Cl⁷⁹Br+Na⁺: 430.9090 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 430.9107.

1-Phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5q)



Title compound **5q** was prepared according to general procedure B and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5q** as a pale yellow solid that quickly darkens (14 mg, 45% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.02$ -7.97 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 192.2$, 136.8, 134.4, 134.1, 130.4 (q, *J*(C,F) = 308.1 Hz), 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 50.6 (q, *J*(C,F) = 2.0 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm: $\delta = -40.27$ ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₃H₉OF₃S₂+Na⁺: 324.9939 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 324.9943; **MP**: 59 °C.

1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5r)

Title compound **5r** was prepared according to general procedure B and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / Et₂O, 50:1) affording **5r** as a pale yellow solid that quickly darkens (11 mg, 36% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.65 (dd, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 181.0, 150.1, 147.8, 136.1, 130.2 (q, *J*(C,F) = 308.3 Hz), 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 120.2, 113.4, 49.4 (q, *J*(C,F) = 2.2 Hz) ppm; ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm: δ = -40.52 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₇O₂F₃S₂+Na⁺: 314.9732 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 314.9718; **MP**: 43 °C.

2-Fluoro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (6)



Title compound **6** was prepared according to general procedure A with a slight modification: the reaction was run at room temperature. **6** was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂;

petroleum ether / EtOAc, 10:1) affording **6** as a pale yellow solid in a mixture with 1-(4nitrophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one in a 1:1-molar ratio (determined by ¹H NMR; 29 mg, 55% yield of **6**). It was not possible to separate these two compounds by flash chromatography, neither could they be distinguished with thin layer chromatography (TLC). 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one could only be removed by a chemical method relying on a recent publication for a-hydroxylation of ketones.¹⁰



The oxidation procedure had to be carried out twice in order to convert 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one into more polar oxidation products which could be removed by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / EtOAc, 10:1) affording **6** as a colorless solid (6 mg, 23% yield).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.29-8.24$ (m, 2H), 8.12-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 5H), 6.46 (d, *J*(H,F) = 48.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 193.5$ (d, *J*(C,F) = 23.1 Hz), 150.6, 138.7 (d, *J*(C,F) = 1.5 Hz), 133.5 (d, *J*(C,F) = 20.1 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J*(C,F) = 3.7 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J*(C,F) = 2.5 Hz), 129.5, 127.1 (d, *J*(C,F) = 5.9 Hz), 124.0, 94.8 (d, *J*(C,F) = 187.9 Hz); ¹⁹**F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm: $\delta = -177.55$ (d, *J*(F,H) = 48.6 Hz) ppm; **HRMS** (ESI, negative mode): m/z calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀FNO₃-H⁺: 258.0572 [*M*-H⁺]⁻; found: 258.0581; **MP**: 66 °C.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropan-1-one (18)



Title compound **18** was prepared according to general procedure A with 4-bromobenzaldehyde instead of **1**. The initial diastereometic ratio was

determined by crude ${}^{19}F/{}^{1}H$ NMR analysis to be anti/syn = 1.7:1. 11 **18** was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂; petroleum ether / EtOAc, 8:1) affording **18** as a colorless solid

(11 mg, 29% yield) with a diastereomeric ratio of anti/syn = 7.7:1(determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis).

anti-18: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.00$ -7.93 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.33 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 3.4 Hz, CHOH, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, OH, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 198.7$, 165.9 (d, J(C,F) = 256.0 Hz), 140.0, 135.1, 132.9 (d, J(C,F) = 3.0 Hz), 131.8 (d, J(C,F) = 9.5 Hz), 131.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 121.7, 115.9 (d, J(C,F) = 22.0 Hz), 76.3, 62.7 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm: $\delta = -(104.13-104.21)$ (m, 1F) ppm.

syn-18: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.89-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27-6.91 (m, 9H), 5.48 (dd, J = 5.1 Hz, 1.9 Hz, CHOH, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, OH, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 199.0, 165.9 (d, J(C,F) = 256.2 Hz), 140.3, 133.7, 132.5 (d, J(C,F) = 2.9 Hz), 131.7 (d, J(C,F) = 9.5 Hz), 131.3, 131.2, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 121.6, 116.0 (d, J(C,F) = 21.9 Hz), 74.1, 60.9 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm: δ = -(103.91-103.98) (m, 1F) ppm.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $C_{21}H_{16}^{79}BrFO_2 + Na^+$: 421.0210 [*M*+Na]⁺; found: 421.0209.

Mechanistic NMR-experiments for the 1,1-trifluoromethylthiolation-arylation of diazocarbonyl compounds

All NMR samples were prepared in an argon-filled glove box.

Experiment a) Pure Bu₄N(BPh₄) **3c** (0.05 mmol) in CD_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) gave a sharp multiplett at -6.6 ppm (tetravalent boron center) in the ¹¹B NMR spectrum.

Experiment b) Pure BPh₃ (**3b**) (0.05 mmol) in CD₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) showed a broad signal at 67.6 ppm in the ¹¹B NMR spectrum. The signal intensity was very weak due to low solubility in CD₂Cl₂.

Experiment c) When $Bu_4N(BPh_4)$ (**3c**) (0.05 mmol) and $Zn(NTf_2)_2$ (**4**) (0.05 mmol) were dissolved together in CD_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) and a ¹¹B NMR spectrum was recorded immediately, only one signal at 67.6 ppm was visible, indicating formation of BPh₃ (**3b**) as the exclusive boron species.

Experiment d) To the solution of $Bu_4N(BPh_4)$ (**3c**) (0.05 mmol) and $Zn(NTf_2)_2$ (**4**) (0.05 mmol) in CD_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) was added diazoacetophenone (**2a**) (0.05 mmol). Immediate ¹¹B NMR analysis showed a new signal at 45.6 ppm, which was assigned to vinyloxy borinate **13**.



Figure S1. Monitoring the ¹¹B NMR spectra in experiments a-d at 22 °C. The broad peak between -10 ppm and 0 ppm arises from the borosilicate glass used in the experiments.





¹¹B NMR (CD₃CN, 128 MHz). Tetrabutylammonium tetra(thiophen-2-yl)borate (**3e**)





¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(4-(1*H*-Tetrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-diazoethan-1-one (**2f**)









S18

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1,2-Diphenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5a)





¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 1,2-Diphenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5a)

135.31 135.26 134.44 134.11 132.20 129.55 129.55 129.14 129.04 129.04 129.00 128.73 128.73





56.45 56.44 56.42 56.42 ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 377 MHz). 1,2-Diphenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5a)

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5b)





¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5b)

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¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 377 MHz). 1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5b)

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(2-Iodophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (**5**c)





¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 1-(2-Iodophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5c)



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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (**5d**)







138.98 134.92 133.95 131.86 131.86 131.85 139.93 129.59 129.59 129.59 128.72 128.72 128.72 128.72 128.74 174.17

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5e)



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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5e)

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(4-(1*H*-Tetrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (**5f**)

9.05 8.15 8.15 8.15 8.15 8.15 7.84 7.84 7.84 7.84 7.82 7.745 7.735 7.745 7.735 7.745 7.745 7.735 7.745 7.735 7.755 7.755 7.755 7.755 7.755 7.755 7.755 7.755 7.755 7.755







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10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	-70	-80	-90	-100 f1 (ppm	-110)	-120	-130	-140	-150	-160	-170	-180	-190	-200	-210
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5g)





¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5g)

	55.14 55.12 55.11 55.09
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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 2-Phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (**5h**)



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10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	-70	-80	-90	-100 f1 (ppm	-110)	-120	-130	-140	-150	-160	-170	-180	-190	-200	-210





¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 1-Phenyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)thio)undecan-2-one (5i)











¹³ C NMR (CDCl ₃ , 100 MHz). 1-Cyclopentyl-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5j)							
	135.19 134.79 129.10 129.10 129.10 128.82 126.02	59.66 59.64 59.63	49.54	20.72 20.44 26.15 26.13			





¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 377 MHz). 1-Cyclopentyl-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5j)

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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 1-Morpholino-2-phenyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (**5m**)

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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). Ethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)acetate (50)













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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (**5p**)





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10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 f1 (ppm) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-Phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5q)











¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 377 MHz). 1-Phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (5q)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 1-(Furan-2-yl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)ethan-1-one (**5r**)











¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 2-Fluoro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (6)



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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 2-Fluoro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (6)









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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz). 3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropan-1-one (**18**)

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¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz). 3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropan-1-one (**18**)





¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 377 MHz). 3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropan-1-one (**18**)
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