$Hydrotrifluoromethylthiolation \ of \ \alpha-Diazo \ Esters - \\ Synthesis \ of \ \alpha-SCF_3 \ substituted \ Esters$

Supporting Information

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1. General Information

All reactions were performed with oven-dried glassware and under an inert atmosphere (argon) unless otherwise stated. Acetonitrile was distilled from calcium hydride prior to use. Pentane was distilled. Other solvents were used as purchased unless otherwise stated. Commercial reagents were used as purchased without further purification. Copper (I) trifluorothiolate was prepared according to literature.¹

Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a Büchi rotary evaporator. Chromatographic purification of products was carried out using Merck Kieselgel 60 silica gel (230-400 mesh). Thin-layer chromatography was carried out using Merck Kieselgel 60 F_{254} (230-400 mesh) fluorescent treated silica and were visualized under UV light (250 and 354 nm) or by staining with aqueous potassium permanganate solution.

¹H NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents on Bruker or Varian spectrometers at 300, 400 or 600 MHz, with residual protic solvent as the internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents on Bruker or Varian spectrometers at 75, 100 or 125 MHz, with the central peak of the deuterated solvent as the internal standard. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents on Bruker or Varian spectrometers at 376 or 564 MHz. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in parts per million (ppm), and coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hertz (Hz) rounded to the nearest 0.1 Hz. The ¹H NMR spectra are reported as δ /ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (multiplicity, number of protons, assignment, coupling constant *J*/Hz). The ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra are reported as δ /ppm, with multiplicity and coupling constant (*J*/Hz) where relevant. Assignments are aided by the use of DEPT-135, COSY, HMQC and HMBC spectra where necessary. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 1760 FTIR spectrometer, only diagnostic absorbances (λ_{max}) are reported. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo Finnigan SSQ 7000 mass spectrometer (EI).

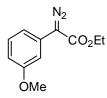
2. Preparation of starting materials

General procedure for diazotisation of arylacetate esters

DBU (14 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) was added to a mixture of ester (10 mmol, 1 equiv.) and *p*-ABSA (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in anhydrous acetonitrile (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Upon completion of the reaction as indicated by thin layer chromatography (TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with distilled water (20 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3×10 mL). After washing with a 10% aqueous NH₄Cl solution (3×10 mL) and brine (3×10 mL), the combined organic extracts were dried over magnesium sulphate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel eluting with the mentioned solvents mixture to afford the diazo product.

Note regarding ¹³C NMR data: in many cases, the quaternary carbon bearing the diazo function could not be observed by NMR even with extended acquisition time. The authenticity of the compound was attested by the bright yellow or red colour of the substance, by its characteristic IR-band in the 2080-2090 cm⁻¹ region and by mass spectrometry.

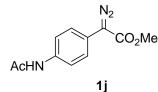
Preparation and characterisation of ethyl *m*-methoxyphenyl diazoacetate 1d



Prepared according to the general procedure on 3 mmol scale of ethyl *m*methoxyphenyl acetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate 10:1 to afford the title product as a red solid (521 mg, 79%).

1d FT-IR v_{max} (KBr) 2977, 2085, 1687, 1230, 1034, 769 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 1.34 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 4.33 (q, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂, J = 7.1 Hz), 6.73 (ddd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.2, 2.5, 0.8 Hz), 6.99 (ddd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.9, 1.8, 0.8 Hz), 7.17 (app t., 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 2.5 Hz), 7.29 (app t., 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 14.6 (<u>C</u>H₃), 55.4 (O<u>C</u>H₃), 61.1 (<u>C</u>H₂), 109.8 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 111.6 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 116.1 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 127.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 130.0 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 160.2 (<u>C</u>quat.), 165.3 (<u>C</u>quat.); *m*/z (EI) 220 ([M]^{•+}, 55%), 148 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 60%).

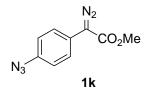
Preparation and characterisation of methyl *p*-acetylaminophenyl diazoacetate 1j



Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.7 mmol scale of methyl *p*-acetylaminophenyl acetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/ethyl acetate 1:1 to afford the title product as an orange solid (99 mg, 61%).

FT-IR v_{max} (KBr) 3331, 2090, 1690, 1517, 1244, 1153, 818 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 2.16 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 7.40 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.43 (br. s., 1H, N<u>H</u>), 7.53 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.7 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 24.7 (<u>C</u>H₃), 52.2 (<u>C</u>H₃), 120.6 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 121.0 (<u>C</u>quat.), 124.9 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 136.1 (<u>C</u>quat.), 166.0 (<u>C</u>quat.), 168.5 (<u>C</u>quat.); m/z (EI) 233 ([M]^{•+}, 25%), 175 ([M – C(O)OCH₃]⁺, 65%).

Preparation and characterisation of methyl p-azidophenyl diazoacetate 1k



Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.7 mmol scale of methyl p-azidophenyl acetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 20:1 to afford the title product as an orange oil (127 mg, 84%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2079, 1689, 1499, 1285, 1234, 825 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.87 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 7.05 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.47 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.8 Hz); ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 52.2 (<u>C</u>H₃), 119.8 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 122.1 (<u>C</u>quat.), 125.5 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 137.8 (<u>C</u>quat.), 165.7 (<u>C</u>quat.); *m/z* (EI) 217 ([M]^{•+}, 75%), 189 ([M – N₂]⁺, 60%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl 3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-diazopropanoate 10

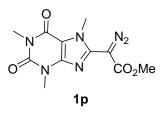
Under a nitrogen atmosphere, a solution of acetoacetate (30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 1.2 g, 30 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF (15 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature. After the mixture became clear, a solution of the 2,6-dichlorobenzyl bromide (20 mmol, 1equiv.) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 12h. The resulting mixture was cooled down to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic

layers were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography to afford the pure β -ketoester.

DBU (5.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise under nitrogen to a solution of β -ketoester (4.17 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide (5.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in acetonitrile at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h and slowly brought to room temperature. Upon completion of the reaction as indicated by thin layer chromatography (TLC), the mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/ethyl acetate 20:1 to afford the title product as a orange oil (831 mg, 73%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2983, 2088, 1694, 1438, 1271, 1102, 774 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.27 (t, 3H, CH₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.98 (s, 2H, CH_2), 4.24 (q, 2H, CH_2 , J = 7.1 Hz), 7.16 (t, 1H, Ar-CH, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.32 ĊI 10 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 14.6 (<u>CH</u>₃), 24.9 (<u>CH</u>₂), 61.1 (C<u>H</u>₂), 128.6 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.2 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 132.7 (<u>C</u>quat.), 136.2 (2 × <u>C</u>quat.); m/z (EI) 272 ([M]^{•+}, 10%), 209 ([M – N₂Cl]⁺, 10%), 159 ([C₇H₅Cl₂]⁺, 100%).

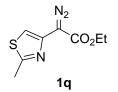
Preparation and characterisation of methyl caffeinodiazoacetate 1p



Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.5 mmol scale of methyl caffeinoacetate.² The crude solid was washed with methanol to yield 70 mg of the title product as a yellow solid. The mother liquor was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/acetone 2:1 to afford 117 mg of the title product as a greenish solid (187 mg, 47%).

FT-IR v_{max}(KBr) 2957, 2120, 1703, 1662, 1439, 1295, 1071, 742 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_H 3.40 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.55 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.93 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 28.1 (CH₃), 29.9 (CH₃), 34.0 (CH₃), 52.9 (CH₃), 84.6 (Cquat.), 109.8 (Cquat.), 139.9 (Cquat.), 148.0 (Cquat.), 151.2 (Cquat.), 155.2 (Cquat.), 163.4 (Cquat.); m/z (EI) 292 ($[M]^{\bullet+}$, 50%), 234 ($[M - C(O)OCH_3 + H]^+$, 100%).

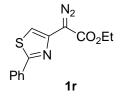
Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (2-methylthiazol-4-yl)diazoacetate 1q



Prepared according to the general procedure on 5 mmol scale of ethyl (2methylthiazol-4-yl)acetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate 4:1 to afford the title product as a red solid (1.0 g, 95%).

FT-IR v_{max} (KBr) 2982, 2100, 1700, 1265, 1124, 749 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.34 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.67 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 4.33 (q, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂, J = 7.1 Hz), 7.36 (s, 1H, HetAr-C<u>H</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.6 (<u>C</u>H₃), 19.2 (<u>C</u>H₃), 61.2 (<u>C</u>H₂), 110.3 (HetAr-<u>C</u>H), 139.0 (<u>C</u>quat.), 165.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 165.6 (<u>C</u>quat.); m/z (EI) 211 ([M]^{•+}, 15%), 139 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 35%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (2-phenylthiazol-4-yl)diazoacetate 1r

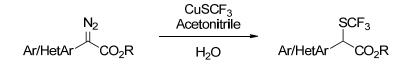


Prepared according to the general procedure on 2 mmol scale of ethyl (2-phenylthiazol-4-yl)acetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate 40:1 to afford the title product as a red solid (481 mg, 88%).

FT-IR v_{max} (KBr) 3124, 2094, 1689, 1511, 1266, 1127, 1055, 774, 686 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.37 (t, 3H, C<u>*H*</u>₃, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 4.37 (q, 2H, C<u>*H*</u>₂, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 7.41-7.45 (m, 3H, 3 × Ar-C<u>*H*</u>), 7.54 (s, 1H, HetAr-C<u>*H*</u>), 7.91-7.94 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>*H*</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.7 (<u>C</u>H₃), 61.3 (<u>C</u>H₂), 110.7 (HetAr-<u>C</u>H), 126.6 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.1 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 133.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 140.6 (<u>C</u>quat.), 167.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 167.5 (<u>C</u>quat.); *m/z* (EI) 273 ([M]^{•+}, 100%), 201 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 90%).

1. Hydrotrifluoromethylthiolation of diazo compounds by CuSCF₃

General procedure for hydrotrifluoromethylthiolation experiments

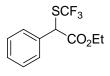


Note: Neither use of degassed acetonitrile nor concentration change within the range of 0.05-0.2 mol/L had a significant impact on the yield of this reaction. However, quality of CuSCF₃ evaluated by ¹⁹F NMR- proved to be of critical importance: when a batch of 90% purity, contaminated by HF₂⁻, was used, yields dropped under 40%. The copper salt used in our studies was typically 97-99% pure, obtained by a single recrystallisation from crude product.

CuSCF₃ (40 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was loaded into a dry tube under argon atmosphere and dissolved in dry acetonitrile (0.5 or 1 mL). The colourless solution was stirred at 0°C for 2 min, then the diazo compound (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added per syringe through a septum as a solution in 0.5 mL of dry acetonitrile if solid, neat otherwise. The yellow solution was stirred at 0°C for 3h, then water (36 μ L, 2 mmol, 10 equiv.) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for an additional 3h, resulting in a troubled mixture with copper salts precipitating. The reaction mixture was quenched by aqueous hydrochloric acid (1M, 2 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 2 mL), and the combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel eluting with a pentane/diethyl ether mixture to afford the trifluoromethylthiolated product.

Note regarding ¹³C NMR data: in some cases, the extremities of the quartet assigned to the quaternary carbon bearing three fluorine atoms were not resolved from the baseline. The two middle peaks were then used to determine the chemical shift and the multiplicity of this signal.

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl phenyl(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2a

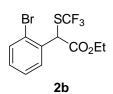


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Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.2 mmol scale of ethyl phenyldiazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (37 mg, 70%).

FT-IR v_{max} (ATR) 2986, 1741, 1155, 1115 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.25 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.16-4.28 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.05 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.34-7.39 (m, 3H, 3 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 744-7.46 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 51.6 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_C- $_{F}$ = 2.0 Hz), 62.8 (<u>C</u>H₂), 128.3 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.2 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.2 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.0 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 134.2 (<u>C</u>quat.), 169.1 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ -41.18 (SC<u>F₃</u>); **m**/z (EI) 264 ([M]^{•+}, 20%), 191 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%).

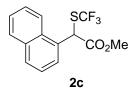
Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (o-bromophenyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2b



Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.2 mmol scale of ethyl (*o*-bromophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (37 mg, 54%).

FT-IR ν_{max} (ATR) 2985, 1743, 1160, 1114, 1023, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_H 1.26 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.18-4.29 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.63 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.21 (app. td, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz), 7.34 (app. td, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.56 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz), 7.61 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz); ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_C 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 50.7 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz), 63.0 (<u>C</u>H₂), 124.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 128.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.9 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 130.0 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.5 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 133.6 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 134.2 (<u>C</u>quat.), 168.5 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F **NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) δ_F -41.11 (SC<u>F</u>₃); *m*/z (EI) 345 ([M + H]^{•+}, 10%), 343 ([M + H]^{•+}, 10%), 271 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%), 269 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%), 263 ([M - Br]⁺, 90%).

Preparation and characterisation of methyl (1-naphtyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2c

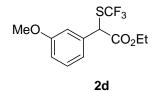


Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at 0 °C for 20h) on 0.2 mmol scale of methyl (1-naphtyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product as a colourless foam

(44 mg, 70%).

FT-IR ν_{max} (ATR) 2956, 1746, 1116, 784 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.77 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 5.85 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.48 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.1, 7.3 Hz), 7.56 (ddd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.0 Hz), 7.63 (ddd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.5, 6.9, 1.4 Hz), 7.67 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz), 7.88 (d, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.91 (d, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.5 Hz); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 48.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 53.7 (<u>C</u>H), 122.7 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 125.5 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 126.5 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 127.2 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 127.4 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.4 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.4 (<u>C</u>quat.), 130.0 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} 308 Hz), 130.2 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.5 (<u>C</u>quat.), 134.2 (<u>C</u>quat.), 170.0 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ -41.60 (SC<u>F</u>₃); *m*/*z* (EI) 300 ([M]^{•+}, 100%), 241 ([M - C(O)OCH₃]⁺, 50%), 199 ([M - SCF₃]⁺, 100%).

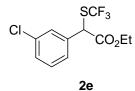
Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (*m*-methoxyphenyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2d



Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.2 mmol scale of ethyl (*m*-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 20:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (44 mg, 75%).

FT-IR v_{max} (ATR) 2981, 1741, 1599, 1483, 1268, 1118, 773 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.26 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 4.15-4.29 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.01 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 6.89 (ddd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.3, 2.5, 0.8 Hz), 6.99 (app. t, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 1.8 Hz), 7.02 (d, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.28 (app. t, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.7 Hz); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 51.5 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz), 55.5 (OC<u>H</u>₃), 62.8 (<u>C</u>H₂), 113.8 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 114.8 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 120.6 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.0 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 130.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 135.4 (<u>C</u>quat.), 160.1 (<u>C</u>quat.), 169.0 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ -41.22 (SC<u>F₃</u>); *m*/z (EI) 294 ([M]^{•+}, 70%), 221 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (*m*-chlorophenyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2e

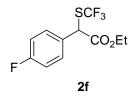


Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.1 mmol scale of ethyl (*m*-chlorophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product in 90% purity as a yellow oil (18 mg, 70%). An

analytically pure sample of the product was obtained by converting the residual starting material to the corresponding *p*-methoxybenzylamino derivative following recent literature.³ The pure title product was a colourless oil.

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2926, 1740, 1460, 1115, 1024, 761, 688 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 1.26 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.14-4.32 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 4.99 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.32-7.35 (m, 3H, 3 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.46-7.47 (m, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 51.1 $(q, \underline{C}H, J_{C-F} = 1.6 \text{ Hz}), 63.0 (\underline{C}H_2), 126.5 (Ar-\underline{C}H), 128.5 (Ar-\underline{C}H), 129.5 (Ar-\underline{C}H), 129.8 (q, \underline{C}H), 129.8 (q, \underline{C}$ <u>C</u>quat., $J_{C-F} = 308$ Hz), 130.5 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 135.1 (<u>C</u>quat.), 136.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 168.5 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F NMR $(CDCl_3, 376 \text{ MHz}) \delta_F -41.02 (SCF_3); m/z$ (EI) 298 ([M]^{•+}, 15%), 227 ([M - C(O)OC_2H_5]⁺, 35%), 225 ($[M - C(O)OC_2H_5]^+$, 100%).

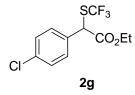
Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (p-fluorophenyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2f



Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at r.t. for 20h after water was added) on 0.1 mmol scale of ethyl (pfluorophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product as a yellow oil (15 mg, 53%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2986, 1741, 1510, 1284, 1232, 1156, 1115 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.26 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.16-4.28 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.03 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.05-7.09 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.42-7.46 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 50.9 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz), 62.9 (<u>C</u>H₂), 116.3 (d, 2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 21.9 Hz), 129.9 (q, <u>C</u>quat., $J_{C-F} = 308$ Hz), 130.1 (d, <u>C</u>quat., $J_{C-F} = 3.3$ Hz), 130.2 (d, $2 \times \text{Ar-}\underline{C}\text{H}$, $J_{C-F} = 8.4$ Hz), 163.1 (d, Cquat., $J_{C-F} = 249.0$ Hz), 168.9 (Cquat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) $\delta_F - 112.16$ (m, Ar-F), -41.01 (SCF₃); m/z (EI) 282 ([M]^{•+}, 15%), 209 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%).

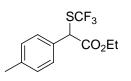
Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (p-chlorophenyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2g



Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.2 mmol scale of ethyl (pchlorophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product as a yellow oil (36 mg, 60%).

FT-IR v_{max} (ATR) 2986, 1742, 1491, 1296, 1273, 1115, 831, 759 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.25 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.16-4.28 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.02 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.35 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.40 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 51.0 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz), 63.0 (<u>C</u>H₂), 129.5 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.7 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.8 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 132.9 (<u>C</u>quat.), 135.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 168.7 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ -41.01 (SC<u>F₃</u>); *m*/z (EI) 300 ([M]^{•+}, 10%), 298 ([M]^{•+}, 30%), 227 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 40%), 225 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 10%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (p-tolyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2h

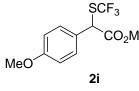


2h

Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.1 mmol scale of ethyl (*p*-tolyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product as a yellow oil (19 mg, 68%).

FT-IR v_{max} (ATR) 2985, 1741, 1301, 1155, 1115, 1025 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ_H 1.24 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.34 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 4.12-4.28 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.00 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.17 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.32 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ_C 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 21.3 (<u>C</u>H₃) 51.3 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 1.8 Hz), 62.6 (<u>C</u>H₂), 114.1 (<u>C</u>quat.), 128.2 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.9 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 139.2 (<u>C</u>quat.), 169.2 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) δ_F -41.23 (SC<u>F₃</u>); *m/z* (EI) 278 ([M]^{•+}, 40%), 205 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%).

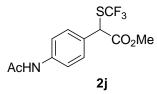
Preparation and characterisation of methyl (*p*-methoxyphenyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2i



 F_3 Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.1 mmol scale of CO_2Me methyl (*p*-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 20:1 to afford the title product as a yellow oil (15 mg, 51%).

FT-IR v_{max} (ATR) 2958, 2842, 1744, 1610, 1512, 1441, 1297, 1256, 1112, 1032, 834, 532 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 3.76 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 3.81 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 5.04 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 6.89 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.36 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 50.9 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz), 53.5 (<u>C</u>H₃), 55.5 (<u>C</u>H₃), 114.7 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 125.7 (<u>C</u>quat.), 129.6 $(2 \times \text{Ar-CH})$, 129.9 (q, Cquat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 160.3 (Cquat.), 168.8 (Cquat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ –41.26 (SC<u>F_3</u>); *m/z* (EI) 280 ([M]^{•+}, 30%), 221 ([M - C(O)OC_2H_5]⁺, 25%), 179 $([M - SCF_3]^+, 100\%).$

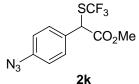
Preparation and characterisation of methyl (*p*-acetylaminophenyl)(trifluoromethylthio) acetate 2j



Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at r.t. for 20h after water was added) on 0.1 mmol scale of methyl (pacetylaminophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl

ether 1:1 to pure ether to afford the title product as a colourless foam (25 mg, 78%). **FT-IR** $v_{max}(ATR)$ 3253, 1743, 1659, 1109, 745 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 2.17 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 3.75 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 5.04 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.38 (d, 2H, $2 \times \text{Ar-CH}$, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.52 (d, 2H, $2 \times \text{Ar-C}\underline{H}, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}$; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\text{C}} 24.7 (\underline{C}\text{H}_3)$, 51.0 (q, $\underline{C}\text{H}, J_{C-F} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}$), 53.6 (CH₃), 120.4 (2 × Ar-CH), 129.1 (2 × Ar-CH), 129.5 (Cquat.), 129.9 (q, Cquat., $J_{C-F} = 308$ Hz), 138.8 (Cquat.), 168.7 (Cquat.), 169.6 (Cquat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) δ_F -41.16 (SCF_3) ; *m/z* (EI) 307 ($[M]^{\bullet^+}$, 35%), 206 ($[M - SCF_3]^+$, 100%).

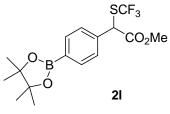
Preparation and characterisation of methyl (*p*-azidophenyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2k



Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at r.t. for 20h after water was added) on 0.1 mmol scale of methyl (pazidophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 20:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (24 mg, 86%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2955, 2122, 1746, 1292, 1117 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 3.77 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 5.05 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.03 (d, 2H, $2 \times \text{Ar-C}\underline{H}$, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.44 (d, 2H, $2 \times \text{Ar-C}\underline{H}$, J = 8.6Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 50.9 (q, CH, $J_{C-F} = 2.1$ Hz), 53.7 (CH₃), 119.8 (2 × Ar-*C*H), 129.8 (q, *C*quat., *J*_{*C*-*F*} = 308 Hz), 129.9 (2 × Ar-*C*H), 130.6 (*C*quat.), 141.2 (*C*quat.), 169.3 (Cquat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ –41.09 (SCF₃); *m/z* (EI) 291 ([M]^{•+}, 60%), 232 ([M – $C(O)OCH_3]^+$, 35%).

Preparation and characterisation of methyl [*p*-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2y)phenyl](trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2l



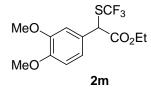
Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at r.t. for 20h after water was added) on 0.1 mmol scale of methyl [*p*-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-y)phenyl]diazoacetate.

The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 20:1 to afford the title

product as a colourless oil (26 mg, 69%).

FT-IR ν_{max}(ATR) 2982, 1744, 1359, 1106, 857 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.36 (s, 12H, 4 × C<u>H</u>₃), 3.75 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 5.07 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.44 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.82 (d, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>, *J* = 8.2 Hz); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 25.0 (4 × <u>C</u>H₃), 51.6 (q, <u>C</u>H, *J*_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz), 53.6 (<u>C</u>H₃), 84.2 (2 × <u>C</u>quat.), 127.6 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.9 (q, <u>C</u>quat., *J*_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 135.7 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 136.9 (<u>C</u>quat.), 169.4 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ -41.15 (SC<u>F₃</u>); *m/z* (EI) 376 ([M]^{•+}, 45%), 317 ([M – C(O)OCH₃]⁺, 100%), 275 ([M – SCF₃]⁺, 70%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)(trifluoromethylthio) acetate 2m

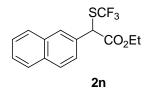


Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.076 mmol scale of ethyl (*3,4*-dimethoxyphenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 20:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil

(15 mg, 61%).

FT-IR v_{max} (ATR) 2967, 1739, 1516, 1460, 1264, 1117, 1026, 759 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.26 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 3.89 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 4.15-4.29 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.00 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 6.83 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.97 (d, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 2.1 Hz), 6.99 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.1 (<u>C</u>H₃), 51.4 (<u>C</u>H), 56.0 (O<u>C</u>H₃), 56.1 (O<u>C</u>H₃), 62.7 (<u>C</u>H₂), 111.0 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 111.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 121.0 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 126.0 (<u>C</u>quat.), 129.9 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 149.5 (<u>C</u>quat.), 149.8 (<u>C</u>quat.), 169.3 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ -41.19 (SC<u>F₃</u>); *m/z* (EI) 324 ([M]^{•+}, 60%), 251 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 40%), 223 ([M - SCF₃]⁺, 100%).

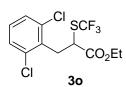
Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (2-naphtyl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2n



Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.2 mmol scale of ethyl (2-naphtyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to afford the title product as a colourless foam (43 mg, 68%).

FT-IR ν_{max} (ATR) 1740, 1301, 1145, 1104, 1015, 812, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_H 1.26 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 4.17-4.31 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.24 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.57 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz), 7.84-7.88 (m, 3H, 3 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.93 (d, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 1.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_C 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 51.9 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz), 62.8 (<u>C</u>H₂), 125.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 126.9 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 127.0 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 127.9 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 128.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.0 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 131.4 (<u>C</u>quat.), 133.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 133.4 (<u>C</u>quat.), 169.1 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) δ_F -41.00 (SC<u>F₃</u>); *m*/z (EI) 314 ([M]^{•+}, 90%), 241 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%), 213 ([M – SCF₃]⁺, 70%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl 3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethylthio) propanoate 20



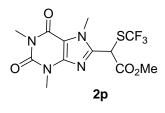
Ethyl 3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)diazopropanoate (34.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was loaded into a dry tube under argon atmosphere and dissolved in 0.5 mL of dry acetonitrile. The yellow solution was stirred at -40° C for 10 min, then CuSCF₃ (24.5 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 eq.) was added per syringe through a

septum as a solution in 0.5 mL of dry acetonitrile. The yellow solution was stirred at -40° C for 40 minutes, then the reaction mixture was quenched by aqueous hydrochloric acid (1M, 2 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 2 mL), and the combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/ethyl acetate 20:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (23 mg, 66%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 3462, 2984, 2116, 1740, 1565, 1439, 1297, 1113, 1033, 774 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.22 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.48-3.62 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 4.19 (q, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.30 (t, 1H, C<u>H</u>, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.17 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.5, 7.6 Hz), 7.32 (s, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.34 (s, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 13.8 (<u>C</u>H₃), 33.5 (<u>C</u>H₂), 45.1 (<u>C</u>H) 62.3 (<u>C</u>H₂), 128.4 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.1 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 132.7 (<u>C</u>quat.), 136.0 (2 × <u>C</u>quat.),

169.9 (*C*quat.); ¹⁹**F** NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ –40.78 (SC*F*₃); *m/z* (EI) 313 ([M - Cl]⁺, 10%), 311 ([M – Cl]⁺, 30%), 247 ([M – SCF₃]⁺, 60%), 245 ([M – SCF₃]⁺, 100%).

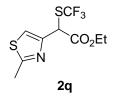
Preparation and characterisation of methyl caffeino(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2p



Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at r.t. for 20h after water was added) on 0.1 mmol scale of methyl caffeinodiazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/acetone 8:1 to 4:1 to afford the title product as a yellowish oil (19 mg, 52%).

FT-IR v_{max}(ATR) 3488, 2952, 1747, 1466, 1114, 1007, 744 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ_H 3.40 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.55 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.04 (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.34 (s, 1H, CH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ_{C} 28.2 (<u>C</u>H₃), 30.1 (<u>C</u>H₃), 32.6 (<u>C</u>H₃), 44.0 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.3 Hz), 54.5 (<u>CH</u>₃), 108.9 (<u>C</u>quat.), 129.6 (q, <u>C</u>quat., $J_{C-F} = 309$ Hz), 144.9 (<u>C</u>quat.), 147.8 (<u>C</u>quat.), 151.6 (<u>C</u>quat.), 155.5 (<u>C</u>quat.), 165.8 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) δ_F -41.08 (SC<u>F₃</u>); m/z (EI) 366 ([M]^{•+}, 100%), 265 ([M - SCF₃]⁺, 55%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (2-methylthiazol-4-yl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2q

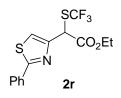


Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at -30°C for 20h, without addition of water) on 0.2 mmol scale of ethyl (2methylthiazol-4-yl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 4:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (29 mg, 51%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2985, 1744, 1282, 1116, 1026, 755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 1.29

(t, 3H, CH_3 , J = 7.2 Hz), 2.71 (s, 3H, CH_3), 4.22-4.32 (AA' system, 2H, CH_2), 5.26 (s, 1H, CH) 7.25 (d, 1H, HetAr-C<u>H</u>, J = 0.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.0 (<u>C</u>H₃), 19.4 (<u>C</u>H₃), 47.4 (q, <u>CH</u>, $J_{C-F} = 2.1$ Hz), 62.9 (<u>C</u>H₂), 117.8 (HetAr-<u>C</u>H), 130.0 (q, <u>C</u>quat., $J_{C-F} = 308$ Hz), 147.6 (Cquat.), 167.4 (Cquat.), 168.3 (Cquat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) δ_F –41.17 (SCF₃); m/z (EI) 286 ([M + H]⁺, 30%), 285 ([M]^{•+}, 30%), 212 ([M - C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 100%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (2-phenylthiazol-4-yl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2r



Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at -30° C for 20h, without addition of water) on 0.1 mmol scale of ethyl (2-phenylthiazol-4-yl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether

4:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (19 mg, 55%).

FT-IR v_{max} (ATR) 3112, 2985, 1742, 1462, 1278, 1111, 1025, 763 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) $\delta_{\rm H}$ 1.31 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J 7.1 Hz), 4.22-4.32 (AA' system, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 5.36 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 7.41 (s, 1H, HetAr-C<u>H</u>), 7.43-7.45 (m, 3H, 3 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.92-7.96 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) $\delta_{\rm C}$ 14.1 (<u>C</u>H₃), 47.6 (q, <u>C</u>H, J_{C-F} = 2.0 Hz), 62.9 (<u>C</u>H₂), 117.9 (HetAr-<u>C</u>H), 126.8 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.1 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.6 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 130.0 (q, <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 308 Hz), 133.2 (<u>C</u>quat.), 149.2 (<u>C</u>quat.), 168.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 169.2 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ –41.08 (SC<u>F₃</u>); *m/z* (EI) 348 ([M + H]⁺, 90%), 347 ([M]^{•+}, 100%), 274 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 90%).

2. Double trifluoromethylthiolation of diazo compounds by CuSCF₃ and PhtSCF₃

General procedure for double trifluoromethylthiolation experiments

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & CuSCF_{3}, PhtSCF_{3} \\ & Acetonitrile \\ Ar & CO_{2}R \end{array} \begin{array}{c} & Acetonitrile \\ & Sealed tube \end{array} \begin{array}{c} F_{3}CS & SCF_{3} \\ & Ar & CO_{2}R \end{array}$$

The solid diazo compound (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and N-trifluoromethylthiophtalimide (PhtSCF₃, 29 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were loaded into a dry tube under argon atmosphere and dissolved in dry acetonitrile (0.5 mL). The yellow solution was stirred at 0 °C for 2 min, then CuSCF₃ (18 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added per syringe through a septum as a solution in 0.5 mL of dry acetonitrile. The tube was sealed, and the vellow solution was stirred at room temperature for 16h. The reaction mixture was then quenched by aqueous hydrochloric acid (1M, 2 mL), the aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether $(3 \times 2 \text{ mL})$, and the combined organic layers were concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CDCl₃ (0.8 mL), transferred to a NMR tube and trifluorotoluene (12 µL, 0.1 mmol) was added as internal standard. The yields of both monoand di-substituted products were determined by ¹⁹F NMR. Where relevant, the reaction mixture was purified by chromatography on silica gel eluting with a pentane/diethyl ether mixture to afford the ditrifluoromethylthiolated product. Note regarding ¹³C NMR data: in all cases, the quaternary carbon bearing the two trifluoromethylthio groups could not be observed by NMR even with extended acquisition time. The authenticity of the compound was attested by the absence of diastereotopicity of the ethyl group and the chemical shift in ¹⁹F NMR, typical for a quaternary SCF₃ group.

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl phenyldi(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 3a

 F_3CS SCF_3An analytically pure sample was obtained by slight modification of the general CO_2Et procedure, although in low yield, most probably due to the volatility of the3aproduct.

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2927, 1738, 1451, 1242, 1102, 1020 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 1.27 (t, 3H, C<u>H₃</u>, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.32 (q, 2H, C<u>H₂</u>, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.39-7.43 (m, 3H, 3 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.58-7.59 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 13.7 (<u>C</u>H₃), 64.6 (<u>C</u>H₂), 127.1 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 128.6 (q, 2 × <u>C</u>quat., $J_{C-F} = 311$ Hz), 129.0 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.9 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 134.9 (<u>C</u>quat.), 167.8 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) δ_{F} -37.90 (2 × SC<u>F₃</u>); m/z (EI) 291 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 35%), 163 ([M – SCF₃]⁺, 100%). Preparation and characterisation of methyl (p-azidophenyl)di(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 3b

F₃CS SCF₃ Prepared by slight modification of the general procedure (stirred at 0°C CO₂Me for 3h followed by addition of PhtSCF₃, stirred at r.t. for 20h) on 0.1 N_3 mmol scale of methyl (p-azidophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture 3b was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 20:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (27 mg, 69%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2960, 2127, 1744, 1296, 1100 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 3.86 (s, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 7.04-7.08 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>), 7.56-7.59 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 55.0 (CH₃), 119.5 (2 × Ar-CH), 128.4 (g, 2 × Cquat., J_{C-F} = 311 Hz), 129.0 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 131.0 (<u>C</u>quat.), 141.9 (<u>C</u>quat.), 168.1 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) δ_F –38.08 (2 × SCF_3 ; *m/z* (EI) 391 ([M]^{•+}, 25%), 290 ([M - SCF_3]⁺, 80%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (p-chlorophenyl)di(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 3c

Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.1 mmol scale of ethyl (p-F₃CS SCF₃ CO₂Et chlorophenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by column Cl. chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 50:1 to 3c afford the title product as a colourless oil (30 mg, 75%).

FT-IR $v_{max}(ATR)$ 2926, 2859, 1729, 1512, 1249, 1077 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 1.28 (t, 3H, CH_3 , J = 7.2 Hz), 4.32 (q, 2H, CH_2 , J = 7.2 Hz), 7.38-7.40 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-CH), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H, 2 × Ar-C<u>H</u>); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 13.7 (<u>C</u>H₃), 64.8 (<u>C</u>H₂), 128.4 (q, 2 × <u>C</u>quat., $J_{C-F} = 311$ Hz), 128.8 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 129.2 (2 × Ar-<u>C</u>H), 133.4 (<u>C</u>quat.), 136.1 (<u>C</u>quat.), 167.4 (Cquat.); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) $\delta_{\rm F}$ -37.85 (2 × SCF₃); *m/z* (EI) 325 ([M - $C(O)OC_2H_5]^+$, 30%), 297 ([M - SCF₃]⁺, 100%).

Preparation and characterisation of ethyl (m-methoxyphenyl)di(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 3d

MeC

Prepared according to the general procedure on 0.1 mmol scale of ethyl F₃CS SCF₃ (*m*-methoxyphenyl)diazoacetate. The crude mixture was purified by CO₂Et column chromatography on silica gel eluting with pentane/diethyl ether 3d 50:1 to afford the title product as a colourless oil (23 mg, 58%).

FT-IR ν_{max} (ATR) 2988, 1742, 1240, 1107 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ_{H} 1.28 (t, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 4.31 (q, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂, J = 7.1 Hz), 6.92 (ddd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.2, 2.4, 0.6 Hz), 7.13 (app t, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 2.2 Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz), 7.32 (app t, 1H, Ar-C<u>H</u>, J = 8.0 Hz); ¹³C **NMR** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ_{C} 13.7 (<u>C</u>H₃), 55.6 (O<u>C</u>H₃), 64.6 (<u>C</u>H₂), 113.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 115.1 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 119.3 (Ar-<u>C</u>H), 128.6 (q, 2 × <u>C</u>quat., J_{C-F} = 311 Hz), 136.3 (<u>C</u>quat.), 159.9 (<u>C</u>quat.), 167.7 (<u>C</u>quat.); ¹⁹F **NMR** (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) δ_{F} -37.92 (2 × SC<u>F₃</u>); *m*/z (EI) 394 ([M]^{•+}, 50%), 321 ([M – C(O)OC₂H₅]⁺, 35%), 293 ([M – SCF₃]⁺, 100%).

3. Mechanistic studies by ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR

Kinetics of the monotrifluoromethylthiolation of ethyl phenyldiazoacetate

CuSCF₃ (20 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was loaded into an NMR tube under argon atmosphere and dissolved in dry deuterated acetonitrile (0.5 mL) at 0 °C. Trifluorotoluene (12 μ L, 0.1 mmol) was added as internal standard. The tube was shaken and the ¹H and ¹⁹F spectra were recorded at 100 and 376 MHz respectively on a Varian spectrometer cooled at 0 °C. The diazo compound (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was then added per syringe as a solution in 0.5 mL of dry deuterated acetonitrile. The yellow solution was shaken and the spectra were recorded several times at 0 °C. *Slow rise of a peak at – 42.14 ppm was observed by* ¹⁹F NMR, *indicating the formation of the proto-product*. After two hours, deuterated water (36 μ L, 2 mmol, 10 equiv.) was added at 0 °C. The tube was shaken and the spectra were recorded several times at 0 °C. The tube was observed by ¹⁹F NMR, *indicating the deutero-product*. The spectrometer was then warmed up to room temperature and the spectra were recorded again.

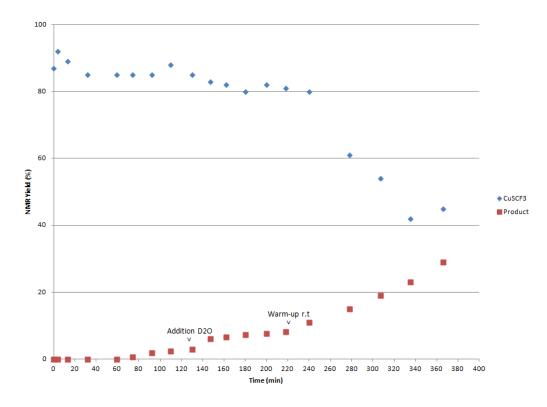


Figure S1. Kinetic study of CuSCF₃ consumption and product formation by ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR.

Interactions between CuSCF₃, PhtSCF₃ and ethyl phenyldiazoacetate

CuSCF₃ (16.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was loaded into an NMR tube under argon atmosphere and dissolved in dry deuterated acetonitrile (0.5 mL) at 0 °C. The tube was shaken and the ¹⁹F spectrum was recorded at 376 MHz on a Varian spectrometer at r.t. (S2.1). PhtSCF₃ (24.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was then added per syringe as a solution in 0.5 mL of dry deuterated acetonitrile. The tube was shaken and the spectrum was recorded (S2.2). *Immediate formation of a peak at* – 47.4 *ppm was observed by* ¹⁹F *NMR, indicating the formation of* (*CF*₃*S*)₂. After standing one day at r.t., the spectrum was recorded (S2.3) and after one additional day, trifluorotoluene (12 μ L, 0.1 mmol) was added as internal standard and the spectrum recorded (S2.4). The amounts of CuSCF₃, disulfide and PhtSCF₃ were 0.55, 0.32 and 0.61 mmol respectively, which expressed only 10% decomposition. The diazo compound (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was then added per syringe. The yellow solution was shaken and the spectrum was recorded (S2.5). *Slow rise of two peaks at* – 42.1 *ppm and* – 39.3 *ppm were observed by* ¹⁹F *NMR, indicating the formation for the mono- and ditrifluoromethylthiolated products, respectively.* After standing for one day at r.t., the spectrum was recorded (S2.6).

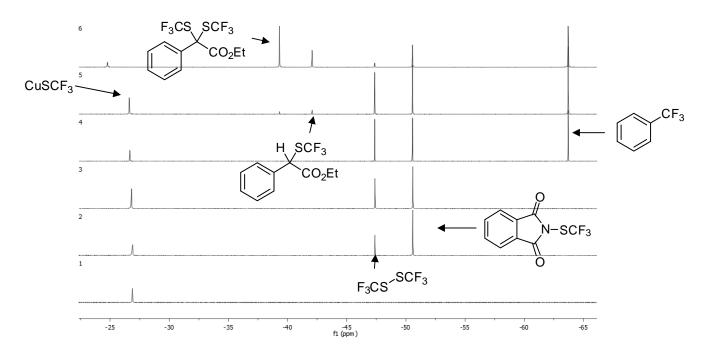
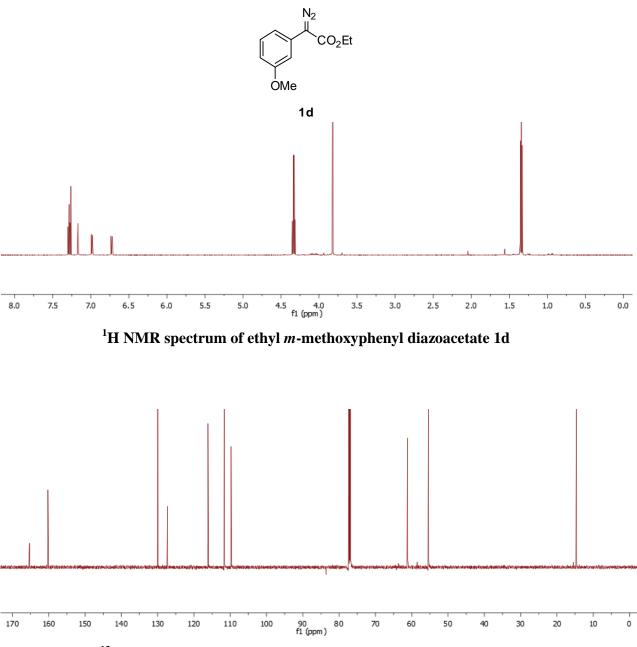


Figure S2. Quantitative study of the interactions between CuSCF₃, PhtSCF₃ and ethyl phenyldiazoacetate by ¹⁹F NMR.

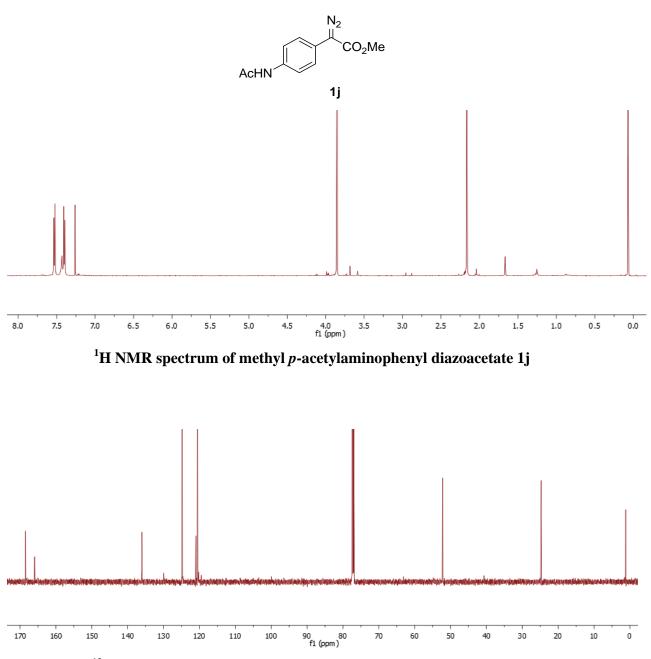
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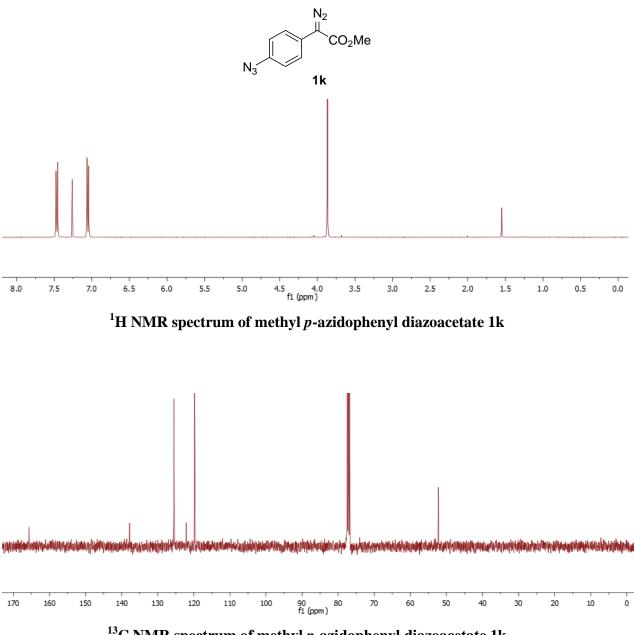
7. 1 H, 13 C and 19 F NMR spectra of new compounds.

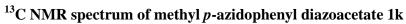


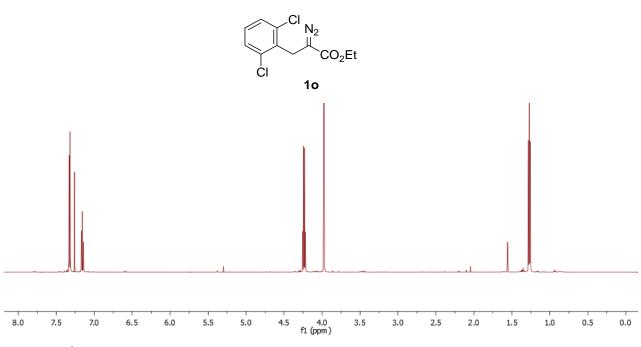
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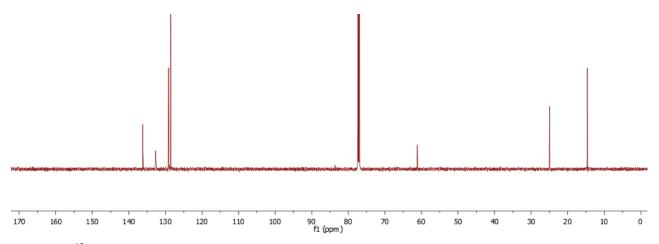
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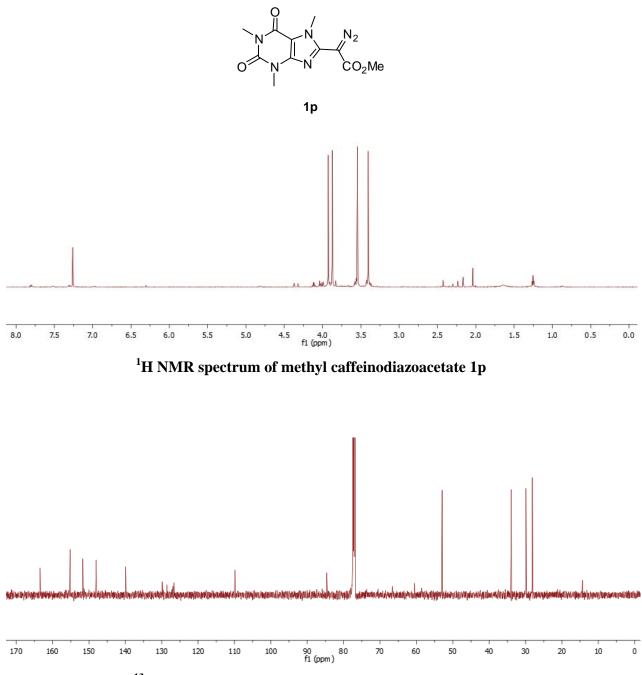




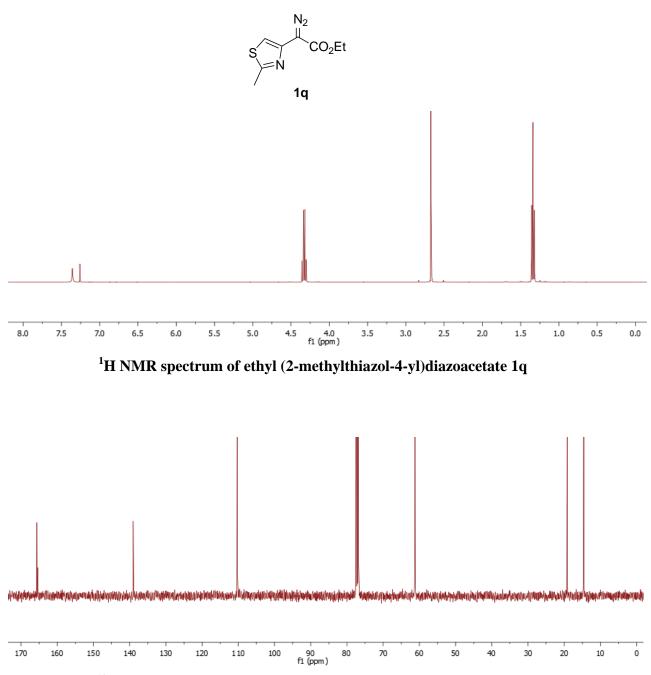
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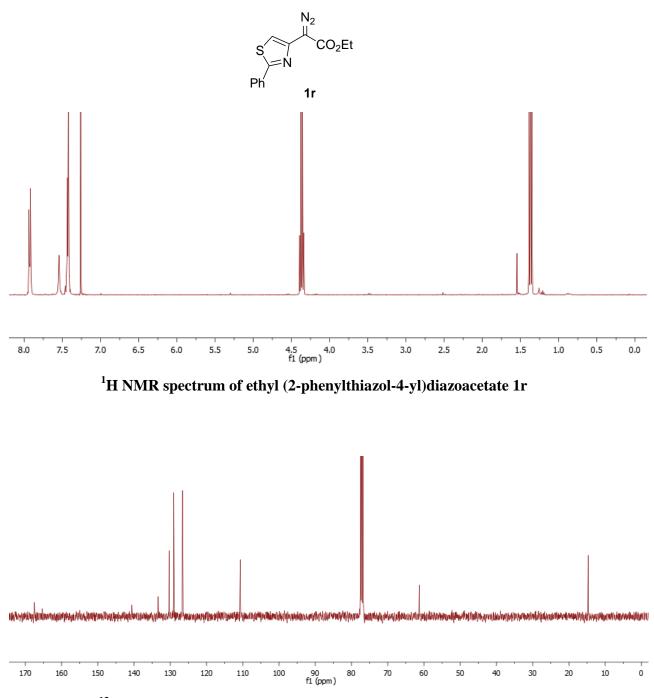
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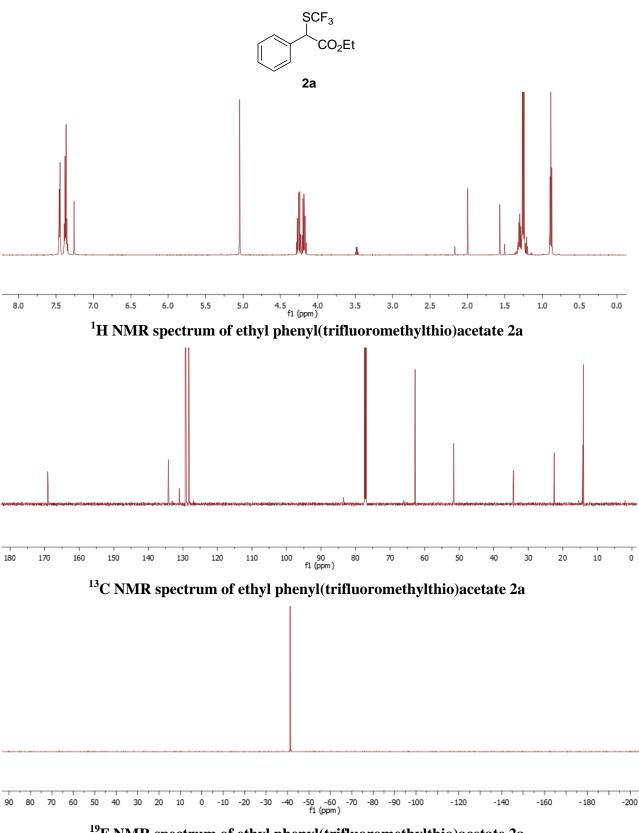
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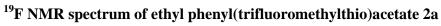


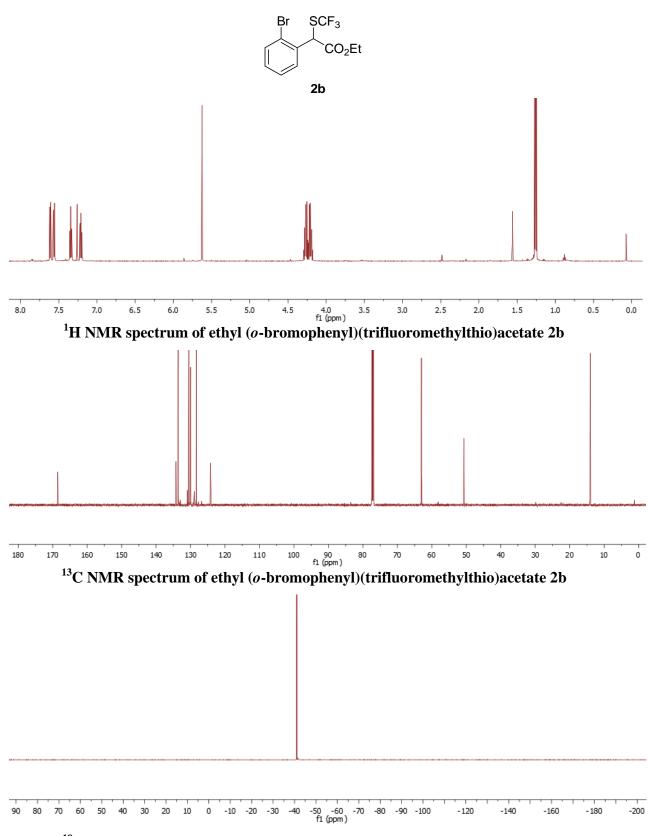
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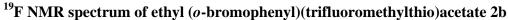


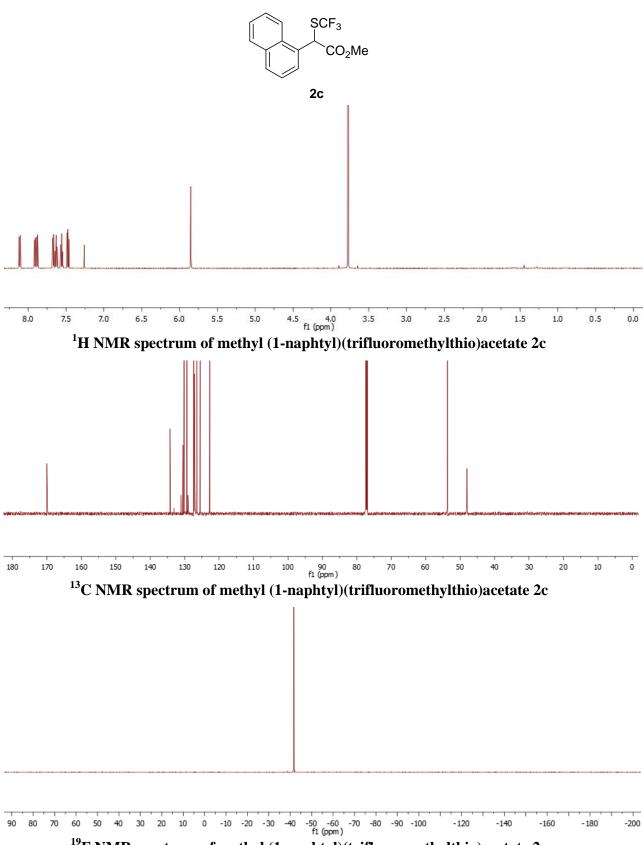
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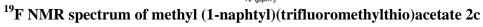


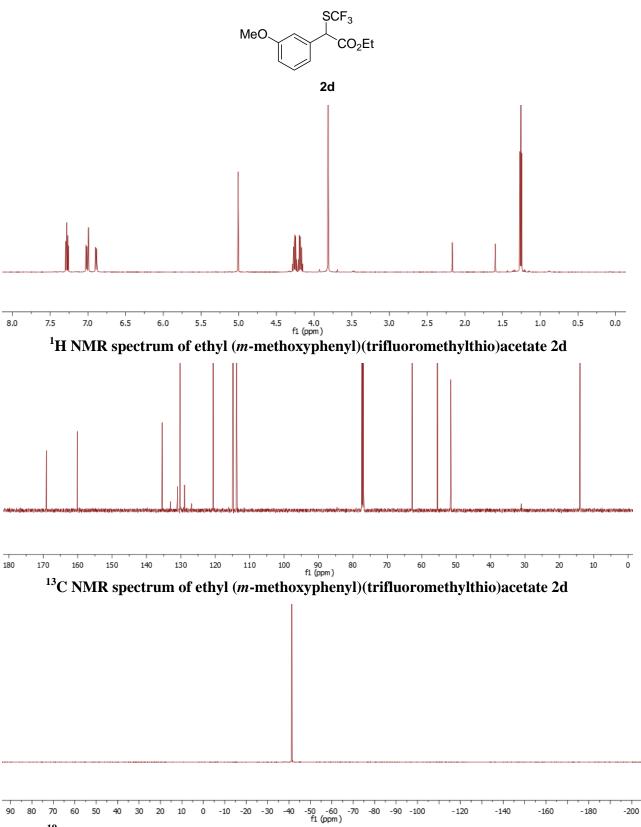


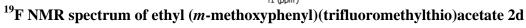


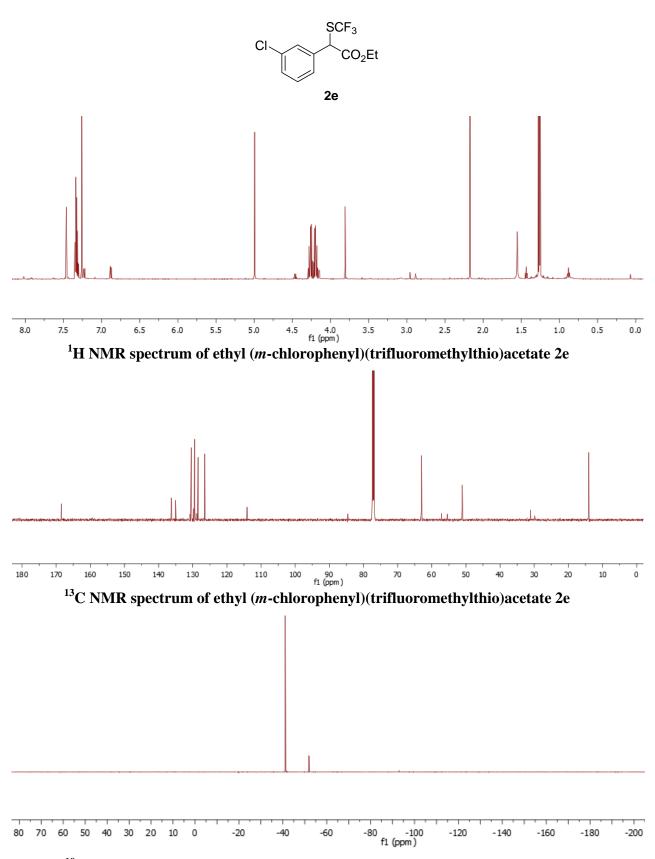




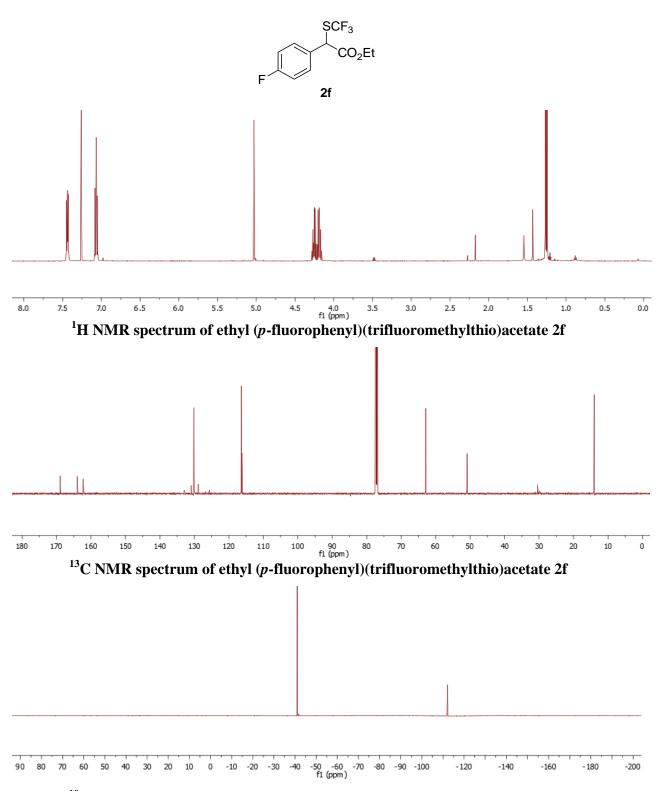




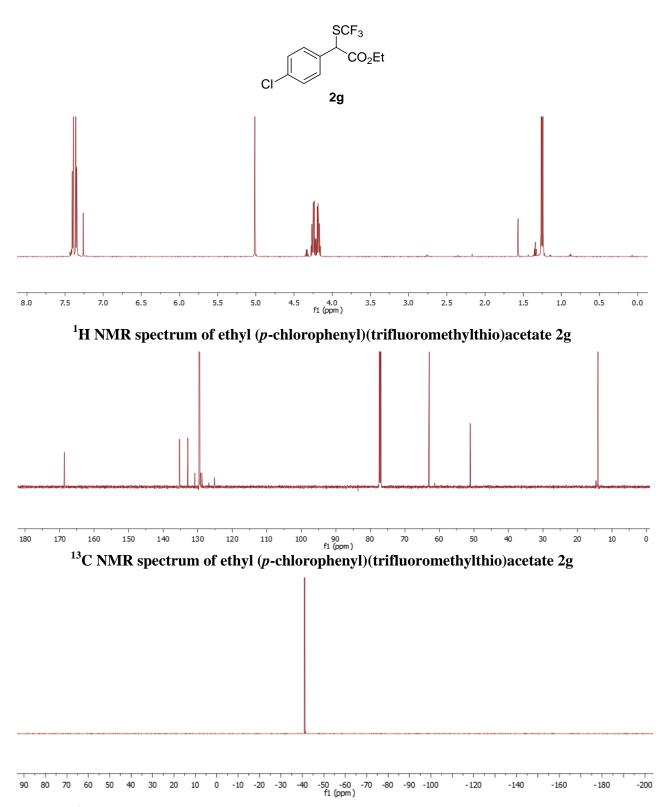




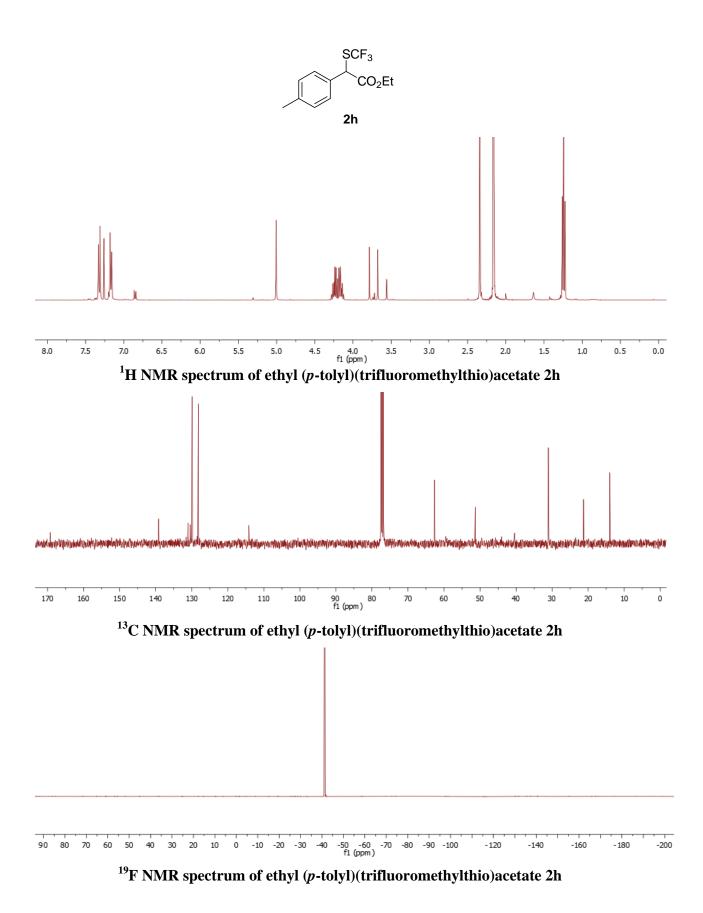
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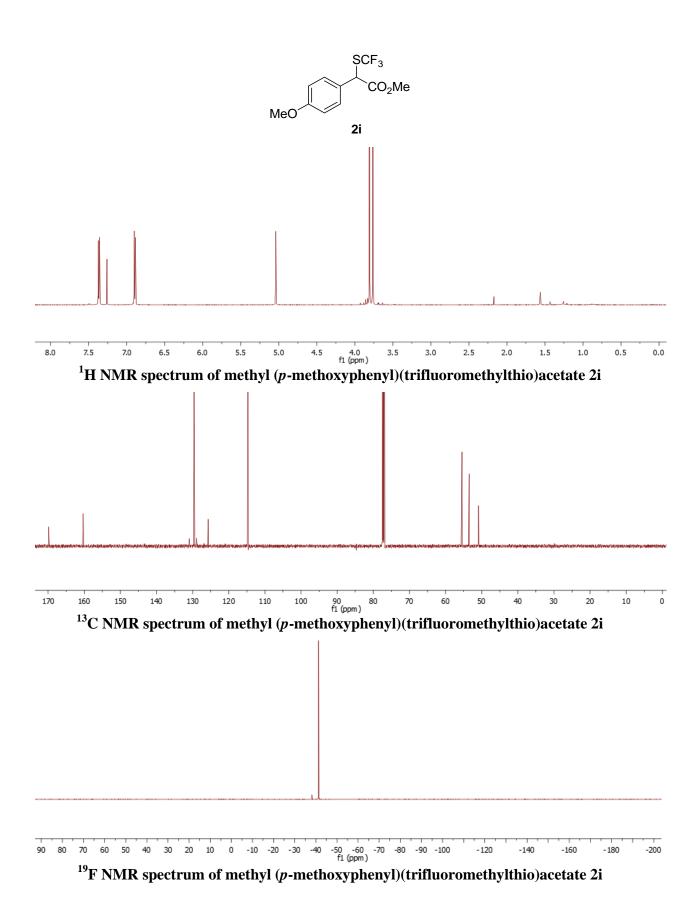
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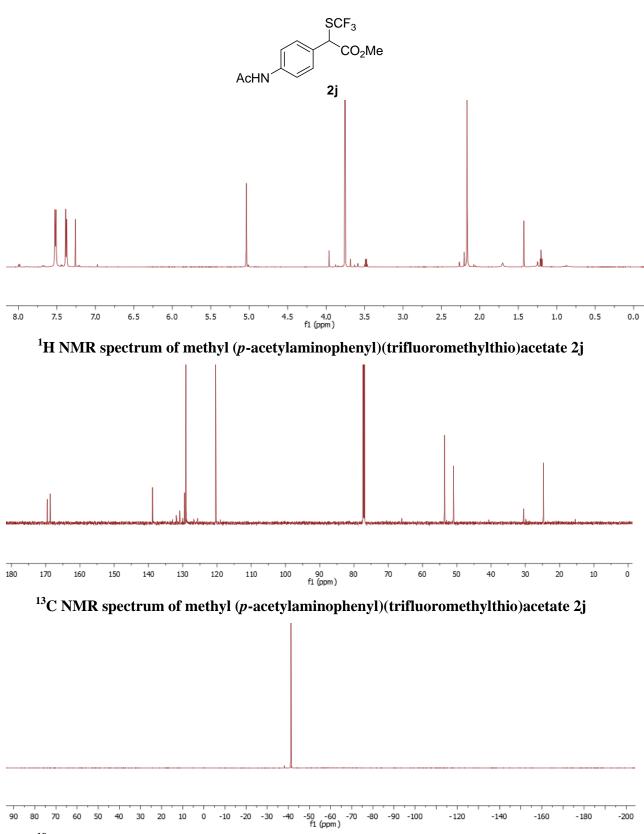


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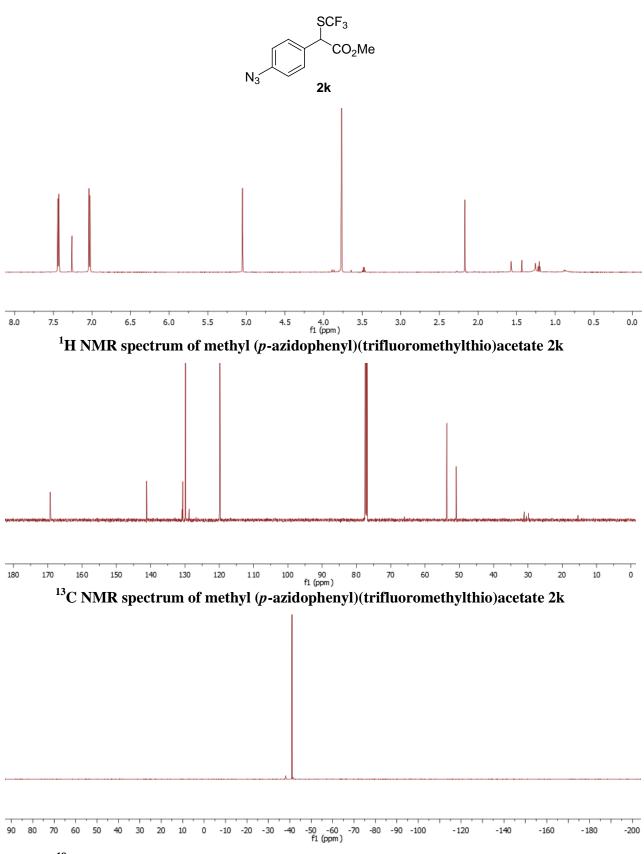




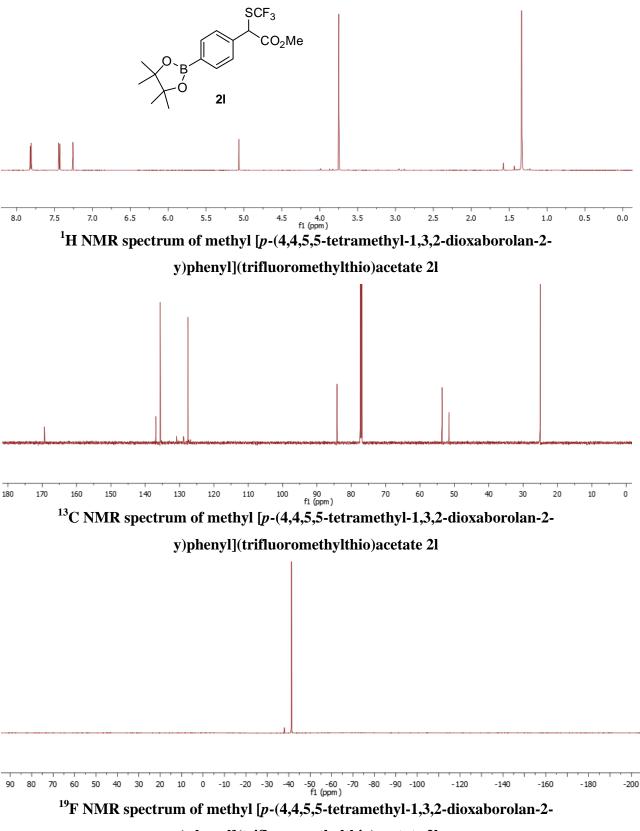




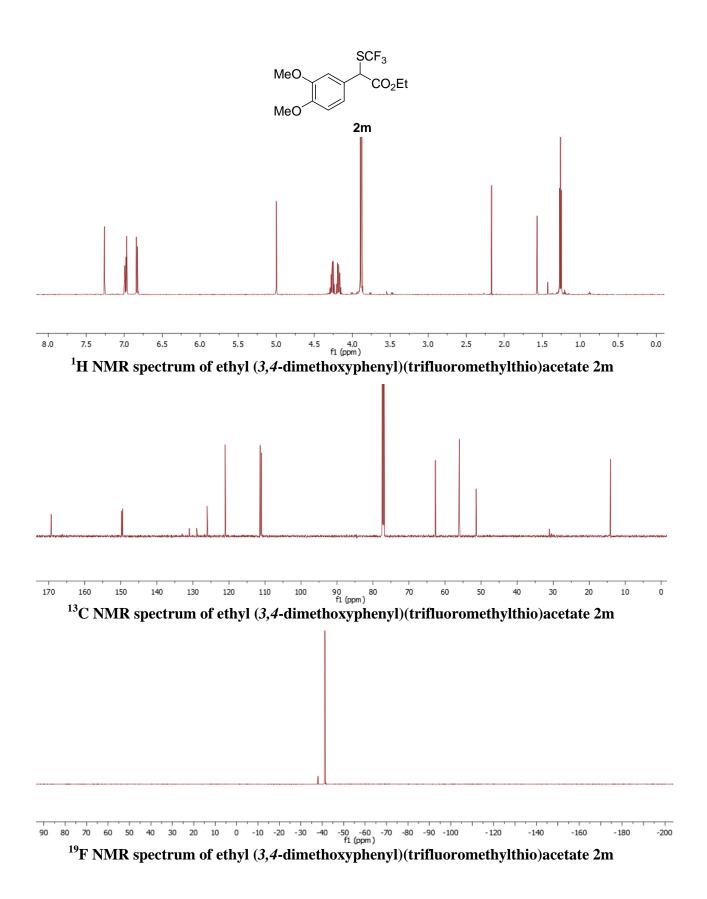
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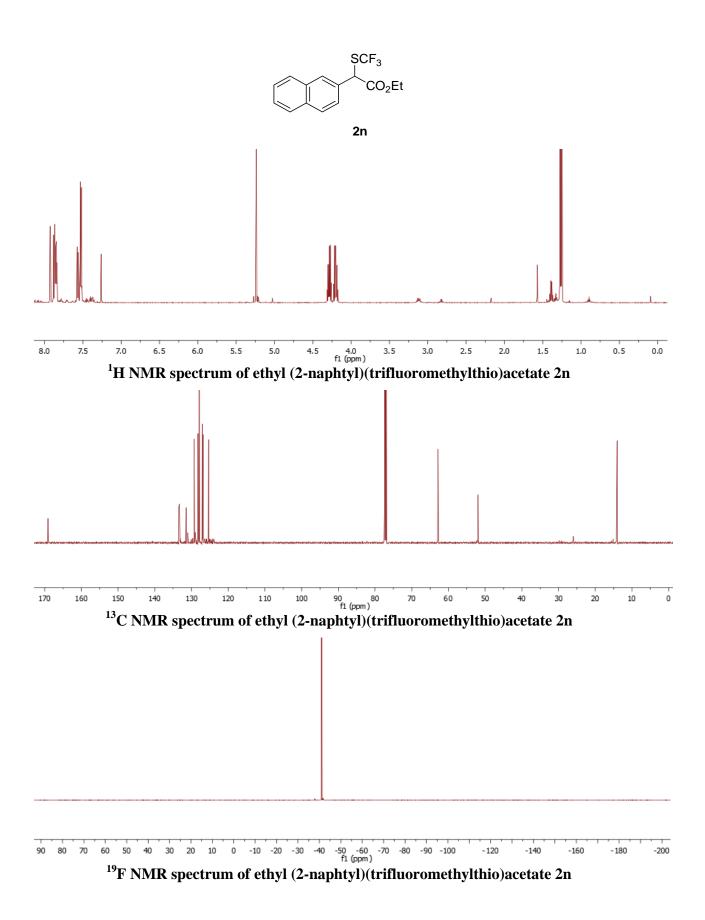


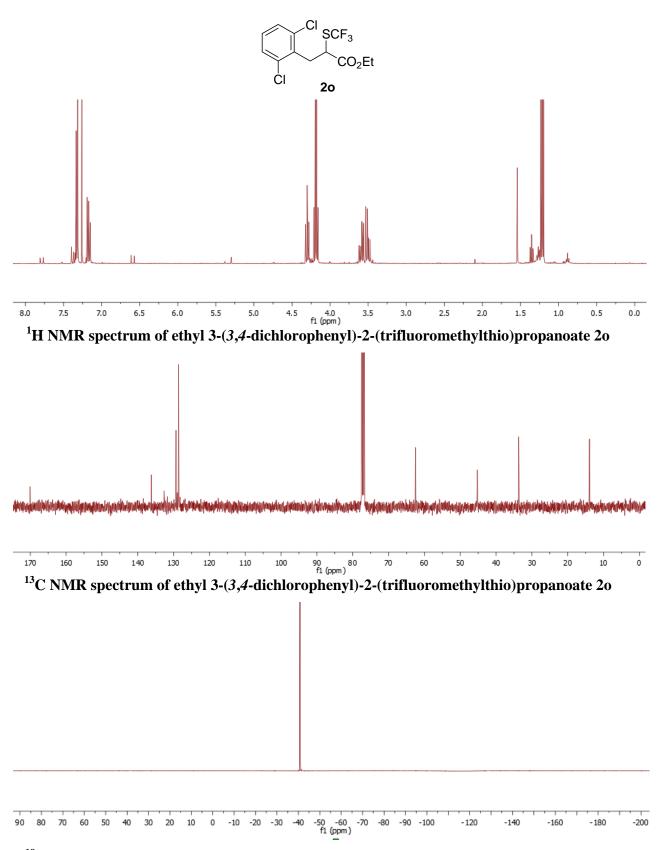
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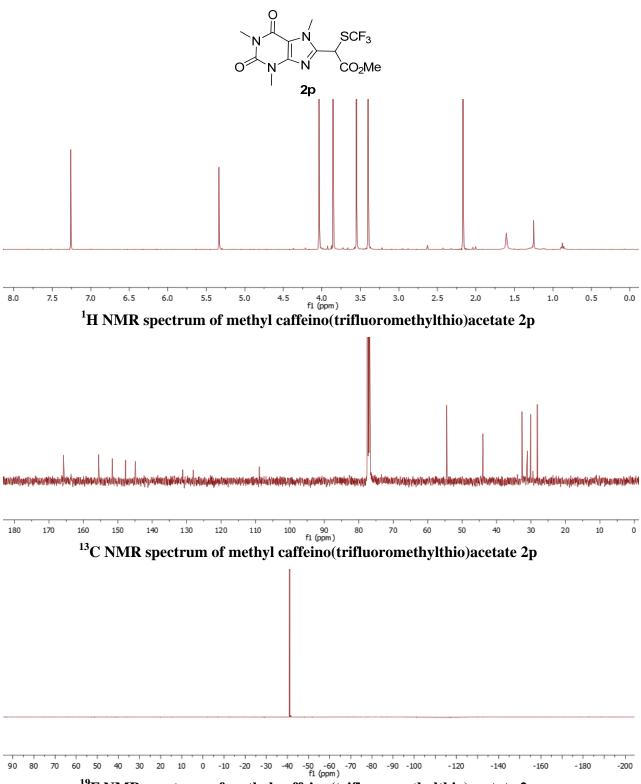
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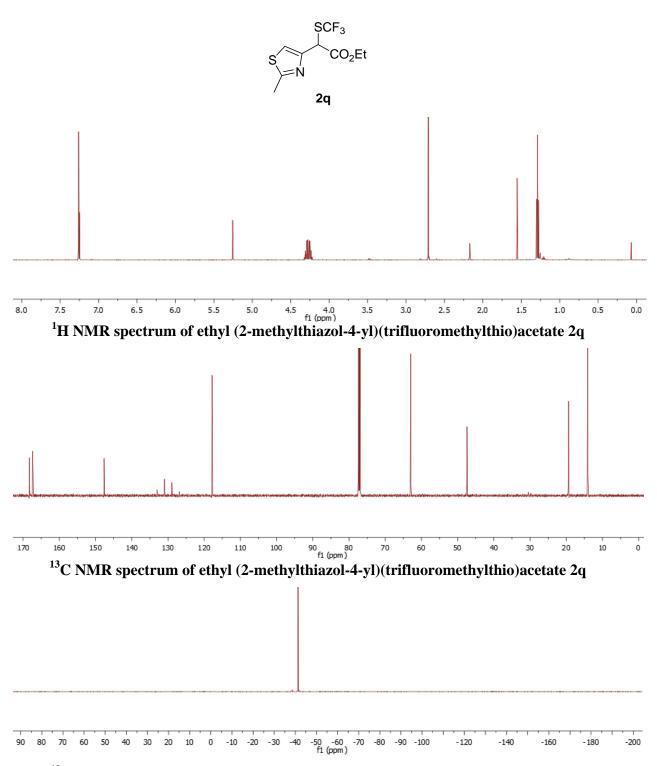




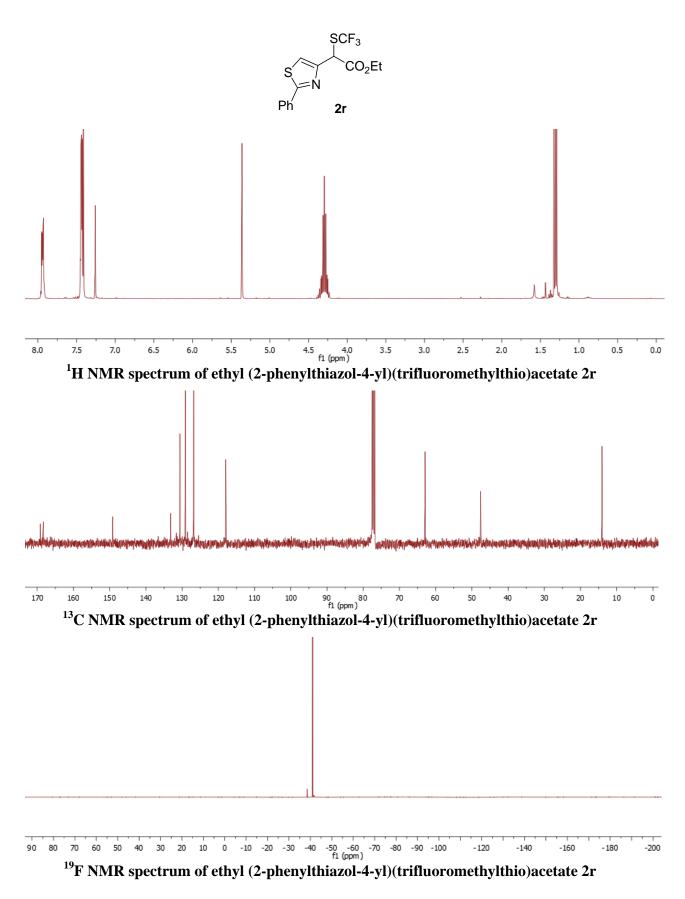
¹⁹F NMR spectrum of ethyl 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethylthio)propanoate 20



¹⁹F NMR spectrum of methyl caffeino(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2p



¹⁹F NMR spectrum of ethyl (2-methylthiazol-4-yl)(trifluoromethylthio)acetate 2q



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