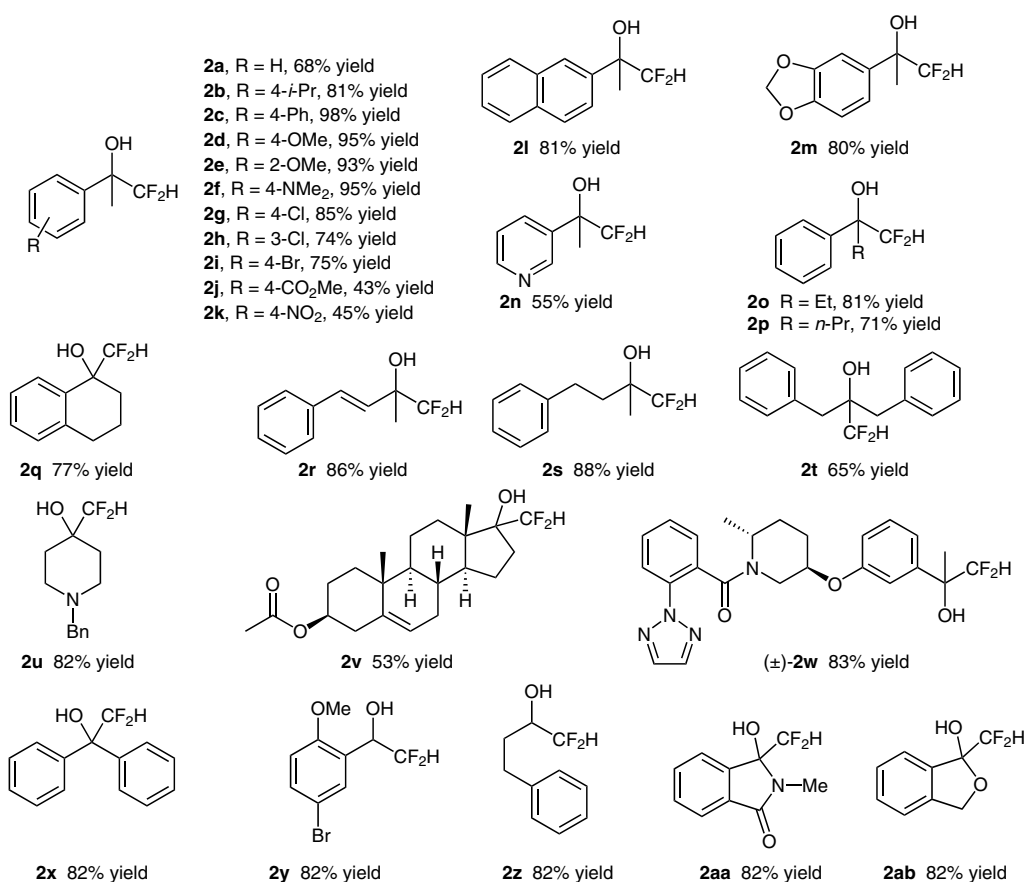
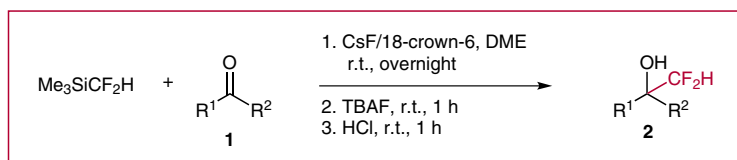


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Significance: The authors report the catalyzed nucleophilic difluoromethylation of enolizable ketones with the pentaorganosilicate $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCF}_2\text{H}$. The substrate scope includes several aromatic and aliphatic ketones and aldehydes, phthalimide, and phthalide.

Comment: $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCF}_2\text{H}$ is activated with an alkali-metal salt (CsF or *t*-BuOCs) and 18-crown-6 in catalytic amounts. $[(18\text{-crown-6})\text{Cs}]^+$ is essential for the stabilization of the intermediate $[\text{Me}_3\text{Si}(\text{CF}_2\text{H})_2]^-$ and for improving its nucleophilicity.

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