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A Powerful Way to Make Fluorinated Organic Compounds-Hypervalent lodine Reagents Can Prof. Dr. Chi Zhang

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Fluorinated organic compounds are widely used in pharmaceutical chemistry, agrochemistry, and materials science. In order to introduce fluorine atoms or fluorinated functional groups into the organic molecules, many different types of organo-reagents have been developed to date. Among them, hypervalent iodine reagents have established themselves in the field of fluoroorganic chemistry as reagents of diverse reactivity and utility in many distinct transformations. As a research group of hypervalent iodine chemistry, we have been designing, synthesizing new hypervalent iodine reagents and working to uncover their new reactivity. Three new hypervalent iodine reagents developed by our group are introduced here, including the first hypervalent trifluoromethylthio-iodine(III) reagent, **TFTI**,¹ a hypervalent fluoroiodine(III) reagent, **AFBI**,² and a new hypervalent trifluoromethyl-iodine(III) reagent, **TFNI**³ (Figure 1). The efficacy of these three reagents to transfer a fluorine atom or a fluorinated group (SCF₃ or CF₃) is also disclosed. By the way, a widely used Lewis acid BF₃·Et₂O has been shown to be an effective fluorine source in either an intramolecular aminofluorination reaction or a ring contraction monofluorination reaction mediated by the hypervalent iodine(III) reagent ArIO.⁴



Figure 1. Three new hypervalent iodine(III) reagents having a fluorine atom or a fluorinated functional group

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