

# AU(III) COMPLEXES FOR [18F] TRIFLUOROMETHYLATION

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## PATENT STATUS

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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The biological properties of trifluoromethyl compounds (e.g, CF<sub>3</sub>) have led to their ubiquity in pharmaceuticals, yet their chemical properties have made their preparation a substantial challenge, necessitating innovative chemical solutions. For example, strong, non-interacting C-F bonds lend metabolic stability while simultaneously limiting the ability of chemical transformations to forge the relevant linkages and install the CF<sub>3</sub> unit. When these same synthetic considerations are extended toward the synthesis of trifluoromethylated positron emission tomography (PET) tracers, the situation becomes more complex.

UC Berkeley researchers discovered an unusual alternative mechanism, in which borane abstracts fluoride from the CF<sub>3</sub> group in a gold complex. The activated CF<sub>2</sub> fragment can then bond to a wide variety of other carbon substituents added to the same gold center. Return of the fluoride liberates a trifluoromethylated compound from the metal. This mechanism would be useful for the introduction of radioactive fluoride substituents for potential tracers to be used for positron emission tomography applications.

## SUGGESTED USES

- » synthesis of 18F-radiolabeled aliphatic CF<sub>3</sub>-containing compounds
- » tracers for use in positron emission tomography

## ADVANTAGES

- » synthesis of complex organic derivatives without cleavage of the Au-C bond

## RELATED MATERIALS

- » [A catalytic fluoride-rebound mechanism for C\(sp<sup>3</sup>\)-CF<sub>3</sub>bond formation](#)

## ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

- [Asymetric Electrophilic Fluorination Using An Anionic Chiral Phasee-Transfer Catalyst](#)

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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