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SYNTHESIS OF TRIFLUOROMETHYL CONTAINING ORGANIC COMPOUNDS FROM SIMPLE PRECURSORS

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Steroids bearing an angular trifluoromethyl group at the C/D junction have been prepared from 2-trifluoromethyl 1,3-cyclopentanedione (for the synthesis of the starting dione see Poster 34). The biological properties of 18,18,18-trifluoroestradiol, 17 $\alpha-$ ethynyl 18,18,18-trifluoroestradiol and 18,18,18-trifluoro 19-nortestosterone are reported.

The preparation of trifluoromethyl ketones, acids and sulfides from usual halogenofluoroalkanes (${\tt CF}_2{\tt X}_2$, ${\tt CF}_3{\tt Br}$) is studied.