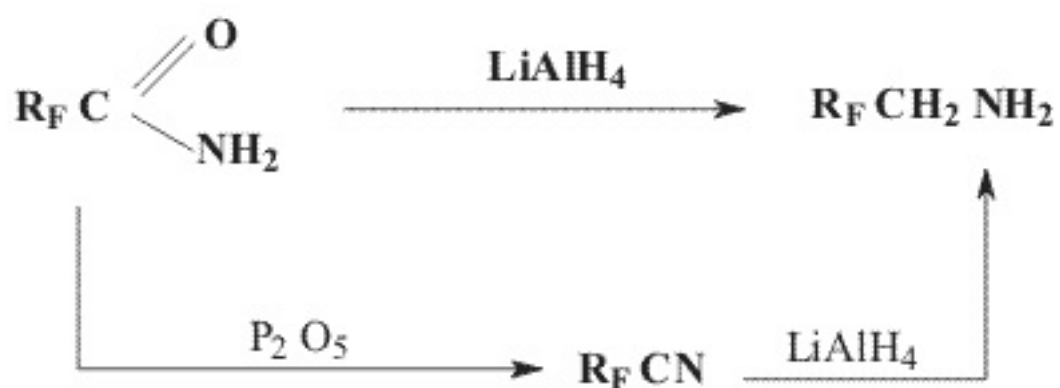


## 1,1-Dihydroperfluoroalkylamines. Report

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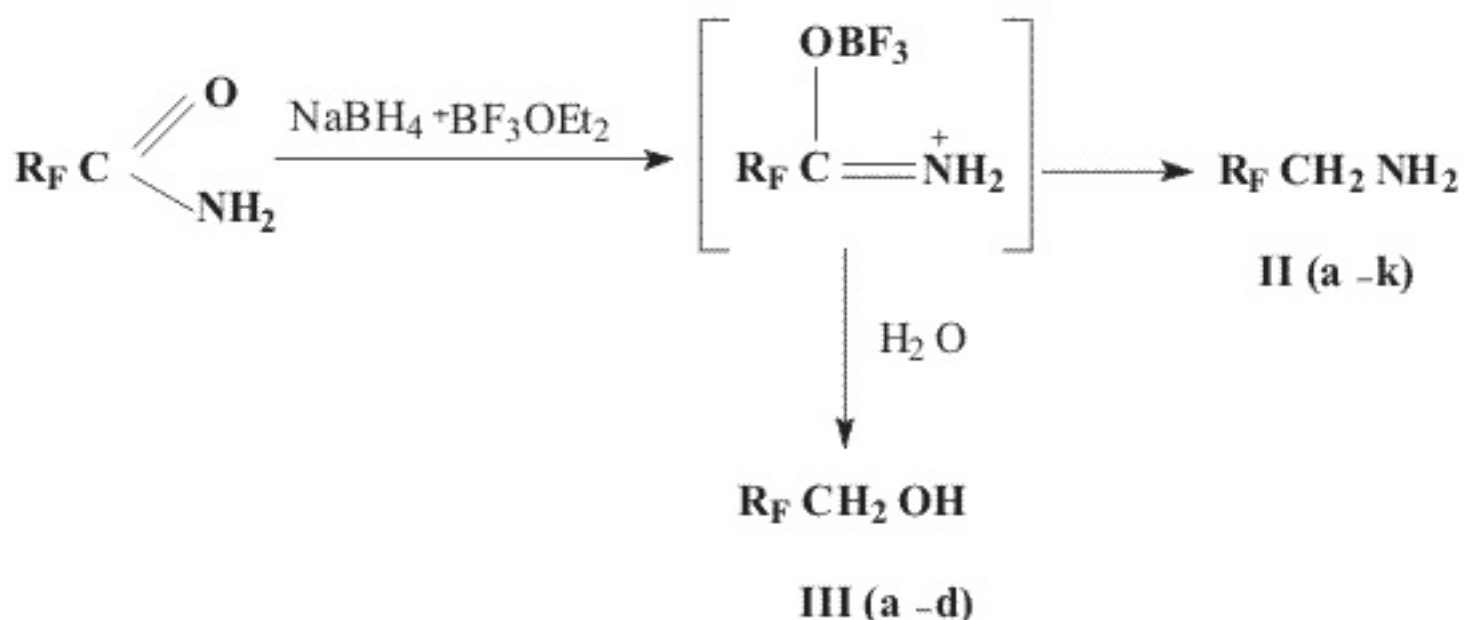
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The main method to produce 1,1-dihydrofluoroalkyl amines is reduction of amides or nitriles with lithium aluminum hydride [1-3].



This method has a number of disadvantages, first it is difficult to work with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  and it is difficult to obtain amines in a tangible quantity.

A more promising for the reduction is using diborane that may be obtained both separately or as a reaction mixture in the presence of amide to be reduced, for example from  $\text{NaBH}_4$  and  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$  as was done earlier in obtaining dihydrotrifluoroethylamine [4]. A possibility to synthesize 1,1-dihydrofluoroalkylamines in the  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$  system was studied in the present work. It has been found that amides of fluorocarbons (perfluorodiglyme, dioxane) react exothermally with  $\text{NaBH}_4$  at addition of  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The amide reacts in two directions- to form amine  $\text{RFCH}_2\text{NH}_2$  (II) and alcohol  $\text{RFCH}_2\text{OH}$  (III).



After completion of the interaction the reaction mass was treated with hydrochloric acid, then distilled, the latter was separated by pouring the strippant into water followed by rectification (III) was isolated in treatment of dry residue with water solution of alkali and distilled. Fluoroalkylamines (II a-g) are from 32 to 65%, the yields of alcohols (IIIa-g) are from 18 to 32%.

Table 1.

II	R <sub>F</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	BP(°C)	Yield, % Method 1	Yield, % Method 2	R <sub>F</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH III	BP(°C)
	HCF <sub>2</sub> (a)	68	55			96
	CF <sub>3</sub> (b)	38	63			74-75
	C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>5</sub> (c)	45-50	60			80-81
	C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>7</sub> (d)	68	65			96-97
	C <sub>n</sub> F <sub>g</sub> (e)	87	65			110- 110
	C <sub>5</sub> F <sub>11</sub> (f)	107				
		+29	42	55		
	C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>13</sub> (g)		38	54		
		45/15mm				
	C <sub>7</sub> F <sub>15</sub> (i)	Hg	34	50		
	C <sub>8</sub> F <sub>17</sub> (k)	56/15mm	32	55		
		Hg				

We have also found that it is more easy to obtain higher dihydrofluoroalkylamines (R<sub>f</sub>=C<sub>5</sub>F<sub>11</sub>) by the action of NaBH<sub>4</sub> on perfluoroalkylnitriles ( Method 2) because they are liquid products unlike low bp=-64°C; C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>9</sub>CN bp=150°C).See also [5].

### Experimental

#### 2,2-Difluoroethylamine(IIa)

A solution of amide of difluoroacetic acid (190 g, 2.00 mole) in 500 mL of abs. diglyme and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in a three-neck flask ( 2 L) fitted with a mixer, dropping funnel and a backflow condenser (the out flask with concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). BF<sub>3</sub>\*Et<sub>2</sub>O (306g, 2.16 mole) is added dropwise under stirring.

After completion of addition the reaction mixture is stirred for an hour on a boiling water bath and hydrochloric acid (1L) is added dropwise. The obtained mixture is evaporated to dryness. The strippant is collected in a cooled receiver, poured in water, the bottom layer is separated. Difluoroethanol (IIIa), its boiling temperature and yield are given in Table 1.

A solution of NaOH (480g, 12.0 mol) in a minimal quantity of water is added dropwise to the

water is distilled to 100 °C. After rectification there is obtained 90 g ( 55%) of 2,2-difluoro- (BP 69°C).

1,1-Dihydroperfluoroalkylamines II (b-k) and alcohols III(b-d) are obtained analogously to IIa and

***1H,1H-Perfluorohexylamine (Ile), method 2***

Diglyme (1.5 L) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (150 g. 3.95 mol) are placed and stirred in a four-neck flask (mechanical mixer, thermometer, dropping funnel and a backflow condenser, then perfluorohexanenitrile is added dropwise. The reaction mixture is heated up to 60°C. After completion of nitrile addition 12 hours and is kept overnight.

Then the reaction mass is poured cautiously in portions, as foaming occurs, into a mixture of 300 mL water) with ice (1.5 kg). The formed mass is placed in a 6L flask and distilled with a stripping agent is separated to obtain 370g of the crude product that is then rectified to obtain 320 g of 98% purity, BP 107°C in 55% yield. Amines (II b-k) are obtained in a similar way.

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