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Overview:

Mechanism:

to form an amine product.

- The reductive amination of aldehydes and ketones is an important method for the synthesis of primary, secondary, and tertiary amines.
- Reductive amination is a powerful and reliable strategy for the formation of C–N bonds, and can avoid the problem of overalkylation that often accompanies direct alkylation of amines with alkyl halides.

Reductive amination involves a one- or two-step procedure in which an amine and a carbonyl

compound condense to afford an imine or iminium ion that is reduced in situ or subsequently

Reducing Agents

Common reducing agents: NaCNBH₃, Na(OAc)₃BH, H₂/catalyst

Iminium ions are reduced selectively in the presence of their carbonyl precursors. Reagents such as sodium cyanoborohydride and sodium triacetoxyborohydride react selectively with iminium ions and are frequently used for reductive aminations.

Reduction with Sodium Cyanoborohydride:

Borch and co-workers showed that sodium cyanoborohydride and lithium cyanoborohydride are acid-stable reagents capable of rapidly reducing carbonyl compounds to alcohols at pH 3–4, presumably via a protonated carbonyl cation.



Borch, R. F.; Bernstein, M. D.; Durst, H. D. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1971, 93, 2897–2904.

• At pH 7, reduction of carbonyl compounds with lithium cyanoborohydride is very slow, even at reflux in methanol.

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} LiBH_{3}CN\\ CH_{3}OH \end{array} \\ \hline pH 7, reflux, 72 h \\ 36\% \end{array} \end{array} \xrightarrow[(\pm)]{OH} CH_{3} \end{array}$$

Borch, R. F.; Durst, H. D. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1969, 91, 3996–3997.

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• relative rates of reductive amination:

$$H_2NR > \bigwedge_{n=1,2}^{H} H_2NR > HNR_2 > H_2NAr$$

- With care to maintain a pH of 6–7, a mixture of a ketone or aldehyde reactant, an amine, and sodium cyanohydride provides products of reductive amination selectively, without competitive reduction of the carbonyl substrate.
- Though the conditions of the Borch reduction are mild, sodium cyanoborohydride is highly toxic, as are its byproducts.



Reduction with Sodium Triacetoxyborohydride:

- Sodium triacetoxyborohydride has been found to be a highly selective reducing agent for reductive amination; acetic acid is frequently employed as a proton donor.
- This protocol is generally high yielding, highly functional group tolerant, and proceeds without release of cyanide salts. The substrate scope includes aromatic and aliphatic aldehydes, ketones, and primary and secondary amines. Ammonia can be employed successfully if used in large excess as its acetate salt.





^aThe pH was maintained by addition of HCl and/or KOH as needed using bromocresol green as an indicator.

^aMethod I: CICH₂CH₂CI, AcOH (1–2 equiv), NaBH(OAc)₃ (1.3–1.6 equiv). Method II: CICH₂CH₂CI, NaBH(OAc)₃ (1.3–1.6 equiv). ^bEt₃N (1.5–2.0 equiv) added. ^cyield of HCl salt.

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Reaction with Weakly Nucleophilic Amines:



Reduction with Sodium Borohydride:

• Reductive amination of carbonyl compounds with primary amines can be complicated by overalkylation. In these cases, formation and isolation of the imine followed by reduction can prove to be a superior alternative.

• It was found that the use of methanol as solvent allows for rapid (< 3h) and nearly quantitative imine formation from aldehydes without the need for dehydrating reagents.



 $\begin{array}{c} O \\ R_1 \\ R_2 \end{array} + R_3 - NH_2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{CH_3OH} \left[\begin{array}{c} R_3 \\ R_3 \\ -H_2O \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} NaBH_4 \\ R_1 \\ R_1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{R_3 \\ R_1 \\ R_2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} NaBH_4 \\ 10 - 15 \text{ min} \end{array} \xrightarrow{R_3 \\ R_1 \\ R_1 \\ R_2 \end{array}$



^aproducts isolated as HCl salts.

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^aMethod **III**: CICH₂CH₂CI, AcOH (1 equiv), NaBH(OAc)₃ (1.4 equiv). Method **IV**: CICH₂CH₂CI, AcOH (2–5 equiv), carbonyl compound (1.5–2 equiv), NaBH(OAc)₃ (2.0–2.8 equiv). ^byield of HCl salt. ^cEt₃N (2.0 equiv) added.







Hosokawa, S.; Sekiguchi, K.; Hayase, K.; Hirukawa, Y.; Kobayashi, S. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2000**, *41*, 6435-6439.



Jacobsen, E. J.; Levin, J.; Overman, L. E. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1988, 110, 4329-4336.

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Matsubara, H.; Inokoshi, J.; Nakagawa, A.; Tanaka, H.; Omura, S. J. Antibiot. 1983, 36, 1713-1721.



2'-deoxymugineic acid

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• A regioselective reductive amination using sodium triacetoxyborohydride was employed in the construction of the pyrrolidine ring of (–)-communesin A:



• Regio- and stereoselective indolenine reduction and reductive methylation of two secondary amines was achieved using Borch conditions en route to (+)-haplophytine.



(+)-haplophytine

Ueda, H.; Satoh, H.; Matsumoto, K.; Sugimoto, K.; Fukuyama, T.; Tokuyama, H. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2009, 48, 7600–7603.

 In a complex transformation, a tryptamine derivative and an enantioenriched dialdehyde were combined to give a cyclic bis-hemiaminal interemediate; electrophilic activation with trifluoroacetic anhydride initiated a Mannich/Sakurai cascade. Subsequent iminium reduction with sodium cyanoborohydride afforded a pentacyclic diamine en route to (–)-aspidophytine.





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He, F.; Bo, Y.; Altom, J.; Corey, E. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1999, 121, 6771-6772.

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C–N Bond-Forming Reaction: The Buchwald-Hartwig Reaction



• For substrates bearing acidic functional groups, use of LiHMDS as base affords lithiates that can prevent catalyst inhibition.

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Kinzel, T.; Zhang, Y.; Buchwald, S. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 14073-14075.

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Oxidative Addition

• Electron-rich and sterically hindered aryl halides undergo **slower** oxidative addition. Reactivity order: I > Br > OTf > Cl > OTs.



Coordination

· Electron-rich amines are superior substrates due to their enhanced nucleophilicities.

Deprotonation

• Binding to Pd increases the acidity of the amine, which facilitates deprotonation.

Reductive Elimination

• Electron deficient amines undergo slower reductive elimination.

• Bulky ligands help to accelerate reductive elimination through steric repulsion.



Hartwig, J. F. Inorg. Chem. 2007, 46, 1936-1947.

R ₁ Ph-N R ₂	Amine	pKa (HNR ₂)	Temp (°C)	Yield (%)
	-N(tolyl) ₂	25	85	90
	-NHPh	30	25	80
	—NH <i>i</i> -Bu	41	0	64

Larsen, S. B.; Bang-Andersen, B.; Johansen, T. N.; Jorgensen, M. Tetrahedron, 2008, 64, 2938–2950.



• OTf and OTs may undergo competing hydrolysis.

- lodides are less frequently used because they tend to be more expensive, dehalogenate more readily, and tend to form bridged palladium dimers.
- Halides in the 2- and 4-positions of 6-membered hetercycles are predisposed towards oxidative addition.



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Maes, B. U. W.; Loones, K. T. J.; Jonckers, T. H. M.; Lemiere, G. L. F.; Dommisse, R. A.; Haemers, A. *Synlett*, **2002**, 1995–1998.



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n = 2 or 4

Nitrogen nucleophiles

 Listed, in decreasing order, by approximate ease of coupling: anilines, secondary amines, primary amines, amides, sulfamides, five-membered heterocycles (i.e. pyrazole, imidazole, etc.), and ammonia.

Anilines







 $R = CH_2Ph \text{ or } 4-CN-PhCH_2CH_2$

Meier, C.; Sonja, G. Sylett 2002, 802-804.

 A selective C–N coupling reaction was used in the synthesis of the core of variolins, a group of marine natural products with potent cytotoxic activities against murine leukemia cells:









• The selectivity in this case is attributed to the directing effects of the neighboring nitrogen atoms.

A. Baeza, C. Burgos, J. Alvarez-Builla, J. J. Vaquero, Tetrahedron Lett. 2007, 48, 2597

Secondary Amines vs. Primary Amines

Ligand choice is important. A catalyst that is too hindered inhibits reactions with secondary amines, while primary amines require a hindered ligand, to avoid double arylation.



<u>PdL</u> **Pre-Ru** - 99% (GC) **Pre-Brett** - 17% (GC) Pd(dba)₂/Qphos - 96% (isolated)

<u>PdL</u> **Pre-Ru** - 30% (GC), n = 7 **Pre-Brett** - 99% (GC), n = 7 Pd(dba)₂/Qphos - 85% (isolated), n = 5

Fors, B.; Buchwald, S. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2010**, *132*, 15914–15917. Kataoka, N.; Shelby, Q.; Stambuli, J. P.; Hartwig, J. F. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 5553–5566.

The combination of $Pd(OAc)_2$ and CyPFt-Bu is highly effective for monoarylation of primary amines. While it can be used to effect arylation of secondary amines, the rate is slower and higher catalyst loading is required:



Shen, Q.; Ogata, T.; Hartwig, J. F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 6586–6596. Bob Singer, David Ber

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• Aminopyridines frequently function as chelating ligands with palladium. This effect can be mitigated by the use of LiHMDS and hindered, reactive ligands.



Perez, F.; Minatti, A. Org. Lett. 2011, 13, 1984–1987.

Selective Coupling of Primary over Secondary Amines



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Large-Scale Amination

• Application to the synthesis of a CNS-Active aminotetralin:



Federsel, H.-J.; Hedberg, M.; Qvarnström, F. R.; Tian, W. *Org. Process Res. Dev.* **2008**, *12*, 512–521. Federsel, H.-J.; Hedberg, M.; Qvarnström, F. R.; Sjögren, M. P. T.; Tian, W. *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2007**, *40*, 1377–1384.

Amides as Substrates



Hicks, J. D.; Hyde, A. M.; Cuezva, A. M.; Buchwald, S. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2009**, *131*, 16720–16734.

1. Pd(OAc)₂, Xantphos Cs₂CO₃, dioxane, 65 °C

2. TMSCI, Nal

MeCN. 92%

· Application to the synthesis of an HIV-1 integrase inhibitor:

 H_3CO $N \to N$ H_3CO $N \to N$ H_3CO F

Johns, B. A.; Weatherhead, J. G.; Allen, S. H.; Thompson, J. B.; Garvey, E. P.; Foster, S. A.; Jeffrey, J. L.; Miller, W. H. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, **2009**, *19*, 1807–1810.

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A comparison between Pd- and Cu-catalyzed C-N Bond-Forming Processes: Beletskaya, I. P.; Cheprakov, A. V. Organometallics 2012, 31, 7753-7808.

Overview

- · The Ullman-type reaction involves coupling amines and other nitrogen nucleophiles with an aryl halide, catalyzed by copper salts.
- Copper is highly effective for coupling aryl halides with amides, carbamates, azoles and ureas. These substrates tend to be problematic in Pd-catalyzed couplings.
- The mechanism may follow the same cycle as with Pd, but is more likely to involve coordination of the amine prior to oxidative addition (Strieter, E. R.; Blackmond, D. G.; Buchwald, S. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 4120-4121).

Mechanism:



an alternative mechanism involves oxidative addition prior to coordination.

Typical Ligands:

1,2-diamines (most common), amino acids, 1,3-dicarbonyls, 1,2-amino alcohols, 1,2-diols Examples

















 1,2-Diamines are among the most general supporting ligands in Cu-Catalyzed C-N Couplings: The amine nucleophiles often coordinate to copper to form a stable bis-amine complex which impedes catalysis. Diamine chelation suppresses this undesired pathway.

Critical Features of Ligand Design:









Diao, X.; Xu, L.; Zhu, W.; Jiang, Y.; Wang, H.; Guo, Y.; Ma, D. Org. Lett. 2011, 13, 6422-6425.