

## Alkylative Amination of Aldehydes via Carbon-Carbon Bond Formation Based on Radical Addition to Carbon-Nitrogen Double Bond

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**Abstract:** Alkylative amination of aldehydes was achieved via a carbon-carbon bond formation by the intermolecular alkyl radical addition to the carbon-nitrogen double bond of oxime ethers generated *in situ* from aldehydes and benzyloxyamine. Alkyl radical addition to oxime ethers via a route involving the iodine atom-transfer process was found to be largely dependent on the reaction temperature and eliminated the tedious workup to remove excess tin-residues from the reaction mixture. © 1999 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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### INTRODUCTION

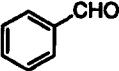
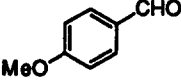
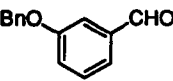
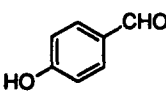
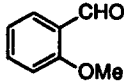
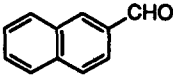
The reaction of imines with *C*-nucleophiles provides a useful route for preparing a variety of amines.<sup>1</sup> The reactions are generally carried out by using moisture-sensitive organometallic reagents, except for a few outstanding examples.<sup>2,3</sup> These methods necessitate strictly anhydrous reaction conditions and additional protection-deprotection steps. Employment of a moisture-resistant radical species would eliminate the cumbersome operations involved in conventional ionic reactions and successfully integrate a multi-step reaction into a one-step reaction. Following our studies on free radical-mediated one-pot synthesis of  $\alpha$ -amino acids,<sup>4</sup> we describe herein the first practical alkylative amination reaction of various aldehydes based on the radical addition to the carbon-nitrogen double bond. As shown below, the success of this process reflects the overall difference in the reactivity of alkyl radicals between aldehydes and oxime ethers. The alkyl radical is well known to be inert to aldehydes due to the instability of the resulting intermediate alkoxy radical, while oxime ethers are excellent radical acceptors.<sup>5</sup> Thus, the free radical-mediated alkylative amination reaction of aldehydes afforded selectively the alkylated amines with no formation of alkylated alcohols by the alkyl radical addition to aldehydes.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As a preliminary experiment, we investigated the ethylative amination of benzaldehyde **1a** using benzyloxyamine and triethylborane as an ethyl radical source (Table 1, entry 1). The intermediate oxime ether was easily available by stirring a 1:1 mixture of benzaldehyde **1a** and benzyloxyamine in the presence of  $\text{MgSO}_4$ .

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**Table 1.** Ethylative amination of aldehydes 1a-g<sup>a</sup>

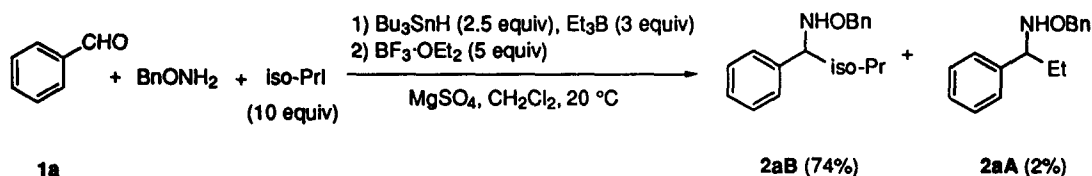
$  \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{CHO} \end{array} + \text{BnONH}_2 + \text{Et}_3\text{B} \xrightarrow[\text{MgSO}_4, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, 20^\circ\text{C}]{\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2} \begin{array}{c} \text{NHOBn} \\   \\ \text{R}-\text{CH}-\text{Et} \end{array}  $					
<b>1a-g</b>				<b>2aA-gA</b>	a : R = Ph b : R = 4-MeO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> c : R = 3-BnO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> d : R = 4-HO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> e : R = 2-MeO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> f : R = 2-Naph g : R = <i>n</i> -Bu
Entry	Aldehyde		Time (h) <sup>b</sup>	Product	Yield (%) <sup>c</sup>
1		1a	24	2aA	83
2		1b	48	2bA	89
3		1c	48	2cA	76
4		1d	48	2dA	88
5		1e	48	2eA	92
6		1f	24	2fA	56
7	<i>n</i> -Bu-CHO	1g	24	2gA	79

<sup>a</sup> To a solution of oxime ether in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (5 equiv) and 1M Et<sub>3</sub>B in hexane (4 equiv) at 20 °C.<sup>b</sup> Time for the preparation of oxime ethers from aldehyde (1 equiv) and benzyloxyamine (1 equiv) in the presence of MgSO<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 20 °C. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yields.

in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 20 °C for 24 h. To the reaction vessel containing the oxime ether was added commercially available 1.0 M solution of Et<sub>3</sub>B in hexane (4 equiv) in the presence of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (5 equiv), and then the reaction mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 5 min.<sup>6</sup> This quite simple procedure in one-pot afforded, as expected, the ethylated amine 2aA in 83% yield.<sup>7</sup> It was found that a nonpolar aromatic solvent such as toluene is also effective for this process, although a typical solvent is dichloromethane. In this reaction, triethylborane acts as not only a radical initiator but also a terminator to trap the resulting benzyloxyaminyl radical; thus, the radical reaction cycle proceeds through the regeneration of the ethyl radical.<sup>4,8</sup> We also examined the ethylative amination of the aryl aldehydes 1b-f bearing a variety of substituents (entries 2-6). Preparation of the intermediate oxime ethers from

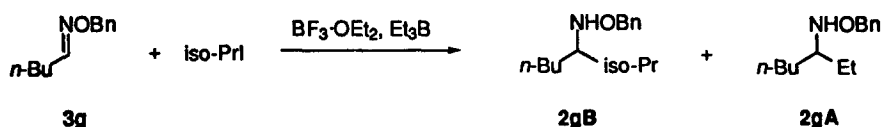
the aldehydes **1b-e** containing an electron-donating substituent was also readily accomplished by stirring in the presence of  $\text{MgSO}_4$  at 20 °C for 48 h, and the subsequent radical reaction of the oxime ethers completed in 5 min.<sup>9</sup> High chemical yields were observed in the alkylative amination reaction of aryl aldehydes **1b-d** having not only alkoxy groups but also a 4-hydroxyl group with no protection (entry 4). Sterically hindered 2-methoxybenzaldehyde **1e** worked well under similar reaction conditions to give the ethylated amine **2eA** in 92% yield (entry 5). It is known that a radical acceptor having electron-donating substituents shows low reactivity toward nucleophilic alkyl radicals because of the high LUMO energy of the radical acceptor. Therefore, it is noteworthy that the ethylative amination reaction of less reactive aldehydes **1b-e** proceeded smoothly under mild reaction conditions to give the corresponding amines **2bA-eA** with excellent yield. The reaction of enolizable imines and related compounds with organometallic reagents is frequently plagued by the aldol-type self condensation reaction and so on.<sup>1</sup> In this study, we have also found that the ethylative amination of the aliphatic aldehyde **1g** having sensitive  $\alpha$ -hydrogens proceeds under similar reaction conditions (entry 7).

The alkylative amination of benzaldehyde **1a** using isopropyl iodide was also studied under the stannyl radical-induced radical reaction conditions (Scheme 1). Treatment of preformed intermediate oxime ether with  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$ , isopropyl iodide, and  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 20 °C followed by the addition of  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  gave the isopropylated product **2aB** in 74% yield and the ethylated product **2aA** in 2% yield.

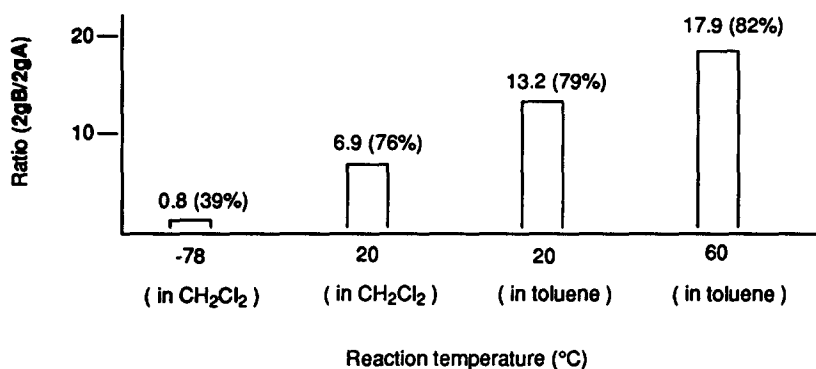
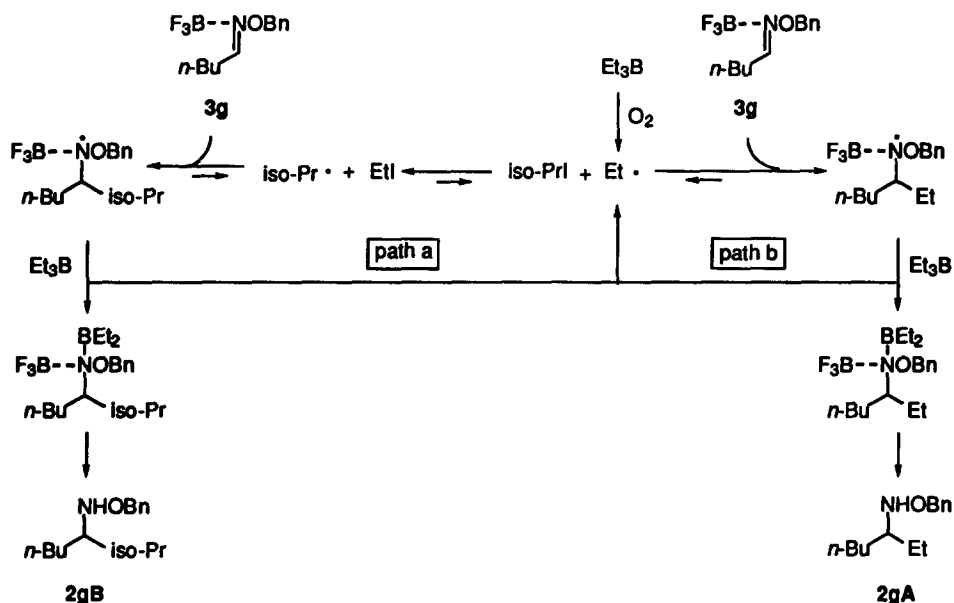


Scheme 1

Free radical synthetic methods largely relied on toxic organomercury or organotin chemistry. Therefore, the radical reactions including atom- and group-transfer processes or single-electron transfer (SET) processes have been a subject of current interest.<sup>10</sup> Based on our investigations toward the stannyl radical-induced radical addition to oxime ethers,<sup>4,6</sup> we next examined the alkyl radical addition *via* a route involving the iodine atom-transfer process in the absence of tin hydride (Scheme 2). The isopropyl radical addition to oxime ether **3g** was run by using iso-PrI (10 equiv) and  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  (2.5 equiv) in the presence of  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  (2 equiv). As expected, the reaction proceeded smoothly in the absence of tributyltin hydride to give the desired isopropylated product **2gB** (*via* path a) accompanying by the ethylated product **2gA** (*via* path b), which was formed by a competitive reaction with the ethyl radical generated from  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  (Scheme 3). The formation of **2gB** was found to be dependent on the reaction temperature and solvent used, thus changing the temperature from -78 °C (in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) to 60 °C (in toluene) led to an effective increase in the ratio **2gB**/**2gA** to 17.9 (Figure 1). These results indicated that the reaction proceeded effectively at 60 °C *via* a route involving the iodine atom-transfer process between the



Scheme 2



**Figure 1.** Ratio of 2gB to 2gA and reaction temperature in the radical addition to 3g. Yields in parentheses are for the isolated 2gB.

isopropyl iodide and the ethyl radical, and the predominant addition of the more nucleophilic and stable isopropyl radical was observed. This radical reaction has a tremendous practical advantage over the stannyl radical-induced reaction which requires the tedious work-up to remove the tin-residues from the reaction mixture.

The present procedure was successfully extended to a three-component reaction using different radical precursors such as isopropyl, *sec*-butyl, cyclohexyl, and *tert*-butyl iodides, allowing facile incorporation of structural variability (Table 2). In the case of the alkylative amination of benzaldehyde **1a** using isopropyl iodide, to the reaction vessel containing the preformed intermediate oxime ether in toluene were successively added isopropyl iodide, BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and Et<sub>3</sub>B as a radical initiator at 60 °C to give the isopropylated amine **2aB** in 82%

yield (entry 1). Alkylative amination of *n*-valeraldehyde **1g** proceeded to give a good yield of alkylated products **2gB-2gE** under the same reaction conditions (entries 4–6).

Table 2. Alkylative amination of aldehydes **1a** and **1g**<sup>a</sup>

$  \begin{array}{c}  \text{R}^1\text{CHO} + \text{BnONH}_2 + \text{R}^2\text{I} \xrightarrow[\text{MgSO}_4, \text{toluene}, 60^\circ\text{C}]{\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2, \text{Et}_3\text{B}} \text{R}^1\text{CH(R}^2\text{)NHOBn} \\  \text{1a: R}^1 = \text{Ph} \\  \text{1g: R}^1 = n\text{-Bu}  \end{array}  $					
					B : R <sup>2</sup> = <i>iso</i> -Pr C : R <sup>2</sup> = <i>sec</i> -Bu D : R <sup>2</sup> = <i>c</i> -Hexyl E : R <sup>2</sup> = <i>tert</i> -Bu
Entry	Aldehyde	R <sup>2</sup>	Product		Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	<b>1a</b>	<i>iso</i> -Pr		<b>2aB</b>	82
2	<b>1a</b>	<i>sec</i> -Bu		<b>2aC</b>	81
3	<b>1a</b>	<i>c</i> -Hexyl		<b>2aD</b>	70
4	<b>1g</b>	<i>iso</i> -Pr		<b>2gB</b>	56
5	<b>1g</b>	<i>c</i> -Hexyl		<b>2gD</b>	54
6	<b>1g</b>	<i>tert</i> -Bu		<b>2gE</b>	60

<sup>a</sup> To a solution of oxime ether in toluene were added R<sup>2</sup>I (10 equiv), BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (10 equiv), and 1M Et<sub>3</sub>B in hexane (2.5 equiv) at 60 °C. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

## CONCLUSION

We have demonstrated that the use of a moisture-resistant radical species provides direct access to various types of alkylated amines from aldehydes. The advantages of this procedure are that the tedious isolation of the intermediate oxime ethers is unnecessary and both aromatic and aliphatic aldehydes having functional groups

participate readily as substrates. Additionally, this one-pot method involves both carbon-nitrogen and carbon-carbon bond-forming reactions through the condensation of aldehydes with benzyloxyamine, followed by the alkyl radical addition to the resulting oxime ethers.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were measured using Varian Gemini-200 (200 and 50 MHz, respectively) instrument in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Chemical shifts ( $\delta$  scale) are relative to TMS as internal reference. IR spectra were measured with a Perkin Elmer 1600 FTIR machine and mass spectra were taken by Hitachi M-4100 spectrometer. For flash column chromatography, E. Merck Kieselgel 60 (230–400 mesh) was used. Preparative TLC separations were carried out on precoated silica gel plates (E. Merck 60F<sub>254</sub>). Triethylborane proved to be an effective radical initiator in the presence of trace amount of oxygen.<sup>8</sup>

### General Procedure for the Ethylative Amination.

To a solution of aldehyde (60 mg) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1 mL) were added a 3.79 M solution of benzyloxyamine in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1 equiv) and  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (10 mg) under a nitrogen atmosphere at 20 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 24 h (in the case of aldehydes 1a, 1f, and 1g) or 48 h (in the case of aldehydes 1b–e),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 mL),  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$  (5 equiv), and  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  (1.0 M in hexane, 4 equiv) were added at the same temperature. After being stirred at the same temperature for 5 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and then extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The organic phase was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure.

### *O*-Benzyl-*N*-(1-phenylpropyl)hydroxylamine (2aA).

Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1) afforded 2aA.<sup>6</sup>

***O*-Benzyl-*N*-[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propyl]hydroxylamine (2bA).** Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1, twofold development) afforded 2bA as a colorless oil. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ):  $\nu$  = 2965, 1514, 1455  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.30–7.22 (7H, m), 6.87 (2H, br d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 4.61 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz), 4.56 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz), 3.84 (1H, br dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 5.3 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 1.92–1.50 (2H, m), 0.79 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 158.8, 137.8, 133.5, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 113.5, 76.6, 66.7, 55.1, 26.4, 10.4. HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 271.1571, Found: 271.1554.

***O*-Benzyl-*N*-[1-(3-benzyloxyphenyl)propyl]hydroxylamine (2cA).** Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 30:1, twofold development) afforded 2cA as a colorless oil. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ):  $\nu$  = 2967, 1487, 1453  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.45–7.20 (11H, m), 6.97–6.86 (3H, m), 5.04 (2H, s), 4.60 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz), 4.56 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz), 3.86 (1H, br dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 5.6 Hz), 1.85–1.55 (2H, m), 0.79 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 158.7, 143.3, 137.8, 137.0, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 120.4, 114.2, 113.6, 76.6, 69.8, 67.3, 26.5, 10.4. HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 347.1884, Found: 347.1901.

***O*-Benzyl-*N*-[1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propyl]hydroxylamine (2dA).** Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 5:1) afforded 2dA.<sup>6</sup>

***O*-Benzyl-*N*-[1-(2-methoxyphenyl)propyl]hydroxylamine (2eA).** Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1, twofold development) afforded 2eA.<sup>6</sup>

***O*-Benzyl-*N*-[1-(2-naphthyl)propyl]hydroxylamine (2fA).** Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1, twofold development) afforded 2fA as a colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu$  = 2967, 1485, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.85–7.76 (4H, m), 7.53–7.43 (3H, m), 7.27–7.21 (5H, m), 4.61 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz), 4.56 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.5 Hz), 4.07 (1H, br dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 5.5 Hz), 1.90–1.71 (2H, m), 0.82 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 139.1, 137.7, 133.2, 132.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.5, 76.7, 67.5, 26.4, 10.5. HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 291.1622, Found: 291.1616.

***O*-Benzyl-*N*-(3-heptyl)hydroxylamine (2gA).** Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1, twofold development) afforded 2gA as a colorless oil. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu$  = 2962, 1455 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.37–7.26 (5H, m), 4.70 (2H, s), 2.78 (1H, m), 1.53–1.27 (8H, m), 0.90 (6H, br t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 138.0, 128.2, 127.6, 76.4, 61.7, 30.9, 28.0, 24.4, 22.8, 13.9, 9.9. HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 221.1778, Found: 221.1794.

#### Alkylative Amination of 1a using Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH

To a solution of aldehyde 1a (60 mg, 0.565 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) were added a 4.09 M solution of benzyloxylamine in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.138 mL, 0.565 mmol) and MgSO<sub>4</sub> (10 mg) under a nitrogen atmosphere at 20 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 24 h, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL), Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (0.38 mL, 1.41 mmol), isopropyl iodide (0.562 mL, 5.65 mmol), and Et<sub>3</sub>B (1.0 M in hexane, 1.7 mL, 1.70 mol) were added at the same temperature. After being stirred at the same temperature for 90 sec, BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.356 mL, 2.83 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. After being stirred at the same temperature for 5 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1, twofold development) afforded 2aB (106 mg, 74%) as a colorless oil and 2aA<sup>6</sup> (3 mg, 2%) as a colorless oil.

***O*-Benzyl-*N*-(2-methyl-1-phenylpropyl)hydroxylamine (2aB).** IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu$  = 2964, 1495, 1454 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.32–7.16 (10H, m), 4.57 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz), 4.52 (1H, d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz), 3.73 (1H, br d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz), 1.98 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 0.74 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 141.0, 137.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 76.4, 71.6, 30.8, 19.8, 18.9. HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 255.1622, Found: 255.1635.

**Pentanal *O*-Benzyloxime (3g).** To a solution of *n*-valeraldehyde (10 g, 116 mmol) in pyridine (40 mL) was added *O*-benzylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (20.4 g, 128 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere at 20 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 18 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated at reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (hexane/AcOEt 10:1) afforded 3g (22 g, 99%) as a colorless oil and a 3:2 mixture of *E/Z*-oxime ether. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\nu$  = 2961, 1497, 1466, 1455 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.44 (3/5H, t,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz), 7.40–7.21 (5H, m), 6.66 (2/5H, t,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz), 5.10 (4/5H, s), 5.05 (6/5H, s), 2.38 (4/5H, m), 2.18 (6/5H, m), 1.56–1.21 (4H, m), 0.90 (9/5H, t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 0.89 (6/5H, t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 152.4, 151.4, 138.1, 137.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 75.5, 75.3, 29.0, 28.6, 28.2, 25.4, 22.3, 22.0, 13.6. HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO (M<sup>+</sup>): 191.1309, Found: 191.1298.

**Isopropyl Radical Addition to 3g.** To a solution of oxime ether 3g (100 mg, 0.52 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  or toluene (10 mL) were added  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  (0.13 mL, 1.05 mmol), iso-PrI (0.52 mL, 5.2 mmol) and  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  (1.0 M in hexane, 1.3 mL, 1.31 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere at  $-78$ ,  $20$ , or  $60$  °C. After being stirred at the same temperature for 5 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and then extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The organic phase was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated at reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1, twofold development) afforded 2gB as a colorless oil and 2gA. Yields of 2gB are shown in Figure 1.

**O-Benzyl-N-(2-methyl-3-heptyl)hydroxylamine (2gB).** IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ):  $\nu = 2960, 1469, 1454 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.38\text{--}7.21$  (5H, m), 4.68 (2H, s), 2.63 (1H, m), 1.95 (1H, m), 1.50–1.15 (6H, m), 0.95–0.82 (9H, m).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 138.1, 128.26, 128.18, 127.5, 76.2, 65.7, 28.9, 28.6, 27.4, 22.8, 18.8, 17.7, 13.9$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 235.1935, Found: 235.1933.

#### General Procedure for the Alkylative Amination.

To a solution of aldehyde 1a or 1g (80 mg) in toluene (1 mL) were added benzyloxyamine (0.55 M in toluene, 1 equiv) and  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (10 mg) under a nitrogen atmosphere at  $20$  °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 day, toluene (5 mL), RI (10 equiv),  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$  (10 equiv), and  $\text{Et}_3\text{B}$  (1.0 M in hexane, 2.5 equiv) were added at  $60$  °C. After being stirred at the same temperature for 5 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and then extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The organic phase was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by preparative TLC (hexane/AcOEt 50:1, twofold development) afforded alkylative amines 2aB–2gE.

**O-Benzyl-N-(2-methyl-1-phenylbutyl)hydroxylamine (2aC).** (as a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture) IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ):  $\nu = 2965, 1495, 1454 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.43\text{--}7.17$  (10H, m), 4.63–4.49 (2H, m), 3.89 (1/2H, d,  $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 3.83 (1/2H, d,  $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$ ), 1.89–0.95 (3H, m), 0.94–0.71 (6H, m).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 141.4, 140.7, 137.83, 137.79, 130.9, 129.9, 128.38, 128.36, 128.3, 128.2, 127.83, 127.77, 127.6, 127.0, 126.9, 76.8, 76.4, 70.3, 69.6, 37.7, 37.2, 26.2, 25.4, 15.7, 15.0, 11.3, 11.2$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 269.1778, Found: 269.1759.

**O-Benzyl-N-(1-cyclohexyl-1-phenylmethyl)hydroxylamine (2aD).** IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ):  $\nu = 2929, 1495, 1454 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.40\text{--}7.20$  (10H, m), 4.55 (1H, d,  $J = 11.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 4.50 (1H, d,  $J = 11.4 \text{ Hz}$ ), 3.76 (1H, br d,  $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 1.94–0.78 (11H, m).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 141.3, 137.8, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 76.4, 70.9, 40.7, 30.3, 29.3, 26.3, 26.05, 26.04$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 295.1935, Found: 295.1936.

**O-Benzyl-N-(1-cyclohexylpentyl)hydroxylamine (2gD).** IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ):  $\nu = 2929, 1452 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.41\text{--}7.22$  (5H, m), 4.68 (2H, s), 2.62 (1H, m), 1.80–0.85 (20H, m).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 138.1, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 76.2, 65.3, 39.1, 29.3, 28.9, 28.6, 28.0, 26.6, 26.53, 26.48, 22.8, 13.9$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}$  ( $M^+$ ): 275.2248, Found: 275.2250.

**O-Benzyl-N-(2,2-dimethyl-3-heptyl)hydroxylamine (2gE).** IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ):  $\nu = 2959, 1455 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.40\text{--}7.23$  (5H, m), 4.68 (1H, d,  $J = 11.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 4.66 (1H, d,  $J = 11.6 \text{ Hz}$ ), 2.45 (1H, m), 1.60–1.20 (6H, m), 0.93 (9H, s), 0.91 (3H, t,  $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 138.1, 128.2, 128.1,$



127.5, 75.6, 69.4, 34.2, 30.3, 28.2, 27.2, 22.9, 14.0. HRMS: Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{27}NO$  ( $M^+$ ): 249.2091, Found: 249.2066.

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