

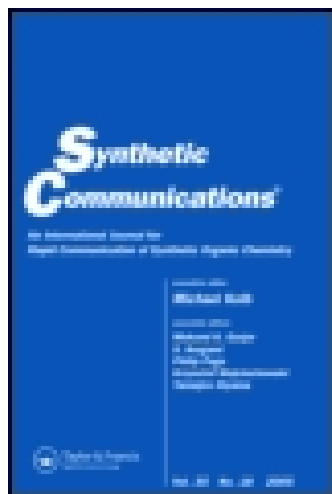
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Dedicated to Professor Peiling Xu on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

Abstract: Tetrabutylammonium peroxydisulfate has been proved out to be an efficient and highly chemoselective reagent for the conversion of oximes to the corresponding carbonyl compounds under mild conditions.

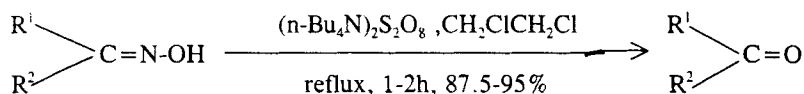
The cleavage of oximes to regenerate aldehydes and ketones is of great relevance to organic synthesis. The oximes are used to not only isolate and purify carbonyl compounds but also to protect and activate the C=O group.² In particular, oximes can also be prepared from non-carbonyl compounds,³ the efficient deoxygenation would lead to an alternative route for the preparation of aldehydes and ketones.

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Classically, the recovery of the aldehydes or ketones from oximes has involved hydrolytic cleavage under suitable condition which removes the hydroxylamine from the equilibrium.⁴ This method excludes acid-sensitive aldehydes or ketones. In order to overcome this drawback, a variety of oxidation⁵ or reduction⁶ procedures continue to be developed over the years. However, many of these existing methods either employ highly toxic reagents or give further oxidation of liberated aldehydes into carboxylic acids, therefore, careful controlling of reaction temperature and the quantity of oxidants are necessary.

Recently, we reported that tetrabutylammonium peroxydisulfate $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ is an efficient reagent to oxidize tosylhydrazones of ketones to the parent ketones. Following the above finding, we investigated the possibility of extending this oxidation to oximes of carbonyl compounds. Such a reaction would afford a useful method for regeneration of the carbonyl compounds from oximes.

Analogous to tosylhydrazones, the aldoximes or ketoximes with $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ readily occurred in a single step to afford the corresponding parent aldehydes or ketones. Simple stirring of the aldoximes and ketoximes with $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ in 1, 2-dichloroethane at reflux temperature gave, after work-up and isolation, the corresponding aldehydes or ketones in excellent yields (scheme). The results are summarized in the Table.



Scheme

As revealed in the Table, the oxidative deoximation with $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ under neutral conditions worked well for both aldoximes and ketoximes without any over-oxidation products. The salient features of the method were high yield of recover parent carbonyl compounds and generality, which was indicated by the fact that other common functional groups in molecular such as olefinic double bond, ether, ester, halogen were unaffected by these reaction conditions.

In conclusion, we have developed a new and efficient method for the r-

Table. Oxidative cleavage of oximes la-s to carbonyl compounds 2a-s with (n-Bu₄N)₂S₂O₈ in 1,2-dichloroethane^a

NO:	Oximes of	Reaction time (h)	Yield ^b (%)
la	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CHO	1.0	91.8
lb	6-Methoxy-2-naphthyl aldehyde	1.5	87.5
lc	Citronellal	1.0	89.8
ld	3-Octanone	1.0	92
le	Benzil	1.5	93
lf	Ethyl cyclopentanone- 2-carboxylate	1.5	94.3
lg	1-(5-Chloro-6-methoxy- 2-naphthyl)propan-1-one	2	94.5
lh	C ₆ H ₅ COCH ₃	1.5	90
li	5-Cholesten-3-one	2	91
lj	2-Ethoxy carbonyl-2-met- hyl-cyclopentanone	1.5	93
lk	(-)-Menthone	2	92.5
ll	3-C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ COC ₂ H ₅	2	95
lm	3-Nonen-2-one	1.5	93
ln	4-Methyl-3-penten-2-one	1.5	94.8
lo	2-Propanonyl-2-methoxy- naphthalene	2	93.5
lp	C ₆ H ₅ COCH=CHC ₆ H ₅	1.5	92.8
lq	4-iso-prC ₆ H ₄ COCH ₃	2	95
lr	C ₆ H ₅ COCH ₂ COOC ₂ H ₅	1.5	92
ls	CH ₃ CO(CH ₂) ₂ CH ₂ Cl	1.0	95

^aAll carbonyl compounds gave satisfactory microanalyses: C±0.26, H±0.22.^bIsolated yields calculated on the amount of oximes introduced.

egeneration of carbonyl compounds from their oximes. The process proceeds in high yields and has considerable advantages over other known procedures.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

All melting and boiling points were uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet-Impact 420 spectrometer. ^1H NMR spectra were obtained on a Jeol Fx-90Q instrument. All oximes were prepared by standard methods⁷. $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ was readily prepared according to the known procedure.⁸

General Procedure for the Oxidative Cleavage of Oximes, **la-s**.

To a solution of $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (30mmol) in 1, 2-dichloroethane (125ml) was added a solution of **la-s** (15mmol) in 1, 2-dichloroethane (50ml). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 1-2h under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with 1, 2-dichloroethane (40ml $\times$ 3), dried (Na_2SO_4). Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave crude product which was purified by distillation or recrystallization to afford pure parent carbonyl compounds **2a-s** in 87.5-95% yield (Table).

2a: m.p. 70-72°C (Lit.⁹ m.p. 70-71°C); IR (KBr): 1670 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 10.29 (s, 1H, CHO), 7.80 (d, J = 10Hz, 1H, $\text{C}_6\text{-H}$), 6.50 (m, 1H, $\text{C}_5\text{-H}$), 6.47 (brs, 1H, $\text{C}_3\text{-H}$), 3.88, 3.84 (s, 3H, CH_3O).

2b: m.p. 77-79°C (Lit.¹⁰ m.p. 76-78°C); IR (KBr): 1680 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 10.1 (s, 1H, CHO), 8.25-7.17 (m, 6H, Ar-H).

2c: b.p. 85-87°C/10Torr, n_D^{20} = 1.4512 (Lit.¹¹ b.p. 79°C/9Torr, n_D^{20} = 1.4511); IR (film): 1722 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 9.70 (t, J = 1.5Hz, 1H, CHO), 5.05 (m, 1H, $\text{C}=\text{CH}$), 2.39-1.70 (m, 4H, $2\times\text{CH}_2$), 1.67 (brs, 3H, $\text{C}=\text{C-CH}_3$), 1.58 (brs, 3H, $\text{C}=\text{C-CH}_3$), 1.60-1.12 (m, 3H, CH_2 , CH), 0.98 (d, J = 6Hz, 3H, CH_3).

2d: b.p. 74-75°C/30Torr (Lit.¹² b.p. 75-76°C/30Torr); IR (film): 1712 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 2.44 (q, J = 8.0Hz, 2H, COCH_2CH_3), 2.38 (t, J = 7.0Hz, 2H, $\text{COCH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$), 1.90-1.00 (m, 6H, $3\times\text{CH}_2$), 1.70, 0.92 (t, J = 8.0Hz, 3H, CH_3).

2e: m.p. 93-95°C (Lit.¹³ m.p. 94°C); IR (KBr): 1670, 1660 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1591 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 8.12-7.81 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.00 (m, 6H, Ar-H).

2f: b.p. 122-124°C/10Torr (Lit.¹³ b.p. 86-89°C/2.0Torr); IR (film): 1740 (ring $\text{C}=\text{O}$),

1715(ester-C=O) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 4.20(q, J = 7.5Hz, 2H, CH_2O), 3.16(m, 1H, CH), 2.60-1.59(m, 6H, $3\times\text{CH}_2$), 1.30(t, J = 7.5Hz, 3H, CH_3).

2g: m.p. 129-130°C; IR(KBr): 1617($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 8.36-7.22(m, 5H, Ar-H), 4.00(s, 3H, CH_3O), 3.01(q, J = 7.0Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.24(t, J = 7.0Hz, 3H, CH_3).

2h: b.p. 79-80°C/1.0Torr (Lit.^{5c} b.p. 60°C/0.5Torr); IR(film): 1690($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 6.96-7.58(m, 5H, Ar-H), 2.18(s, 3H, CH_3).

2i: m.p. 118-120°C (Lit.¹³ m.p. 119°C); IR(KBr): 1730($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 5.30(m, 1H, $\text{C}=\text{CH}$), 3.28-2.70(m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{C}$), 2.71-0.62(m, 41H, $4\times\text{CH}$, $14\times\text{CH}_2$ and $3\times\text{CH}_3$).

2j: b.p. 103-105°C/12Torr (Lit.¹³ b.p. 103-104°C/12Torr); IR(film): 1760(ring $\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1730(ester- $\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 4.15(q, J = 7.5Hz, 2H, CH_2O), 2.75-1.71(m, 6H, $3\times\text{CH}_2$), 1.28(s, 3H, CH_3), 1.26(t, J = 7.5Hz, 3H, CH_2CH_2).

2k: b.p. 80-82°C/11Torr, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -30'$ (c = 1.0, CH_3OH); [Lit.¹² b.p. 81°C/11Torr, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -29.9'$ (c = 1.0, CH_3OH)]; IR(film): 1710($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 2.56-1.15(m, 9H, $3\times\text{CH}$, $2\times\text{CH}_2$), 1.16-0.75(m, 9H, $3\times\text{CH}_3$).

2l: b.p. 159-160°C/1.25Torr; IR(film): 1685($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 7.72-7.13(m, 7H, Ar-H), 4.00(s, 2H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2$), 2.96(q, J = 7.2Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.19(t, J = 7.2Hz, 3H, CH_3).

2m: b.p. 87-89°C/10Torr (Lit.¹³ b.p. 88°C); IR(film): 1685($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1630($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 6.83(dt, J_1 = 16Hz, J_2 = 7.0Hz, 1H, $\text{HC}=\text{C}-\text{C}=\text{O}$), 6.05(dt, J_1 = 16Hz, J_2 = 1.5Hz, 1H, $\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{C}=\text{O}$), 2.19(s, 3H, COCH_3), 2.50-2.00(m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2-\text{C}=\text{C}$), 1.69-1.12(m, 6H, $3\times\text{CH}_2$), 0.90(t, J = 5Hz, 3H, CH_3).

2n: b.p. 128-130°C (Lit.¹³ 130°C); IR(film): 1690($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 6.09(m, 1H, $\text{CH}=\text{C}$), 2.13(s, 1H, CH_3), 1.88(d, J = 1.0Hz, 3H, CH_3).

2o: m.p. 112-114°C (Lit.¹⁴ 112-114°C); IR(KBr): 1685($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 8.41-7.15(m, 6H, Ar-H), 3.11(t, 2H, CH_2CO), 1.30(q, 3H, CH_2).

2p: m.p. 55-57°C (Lit.¹⁵ m.p. 56-57°C); IR(KBr): 3020(vinyl-CH), 1665($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 8.15-7.84(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.80-7.20(m, 10H, Ar-H, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$).

2q: b.p. 115-117°C/12Torr (Lit.¹³ b.p. 115-116°C/12Torr); IR(film): 1690($\text{C}=\text{O}$) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR(CDCl_3/TMS): δ = 7.24, 7.29(d, 2H, J = 8.4Hz, Ar-H), 2.90(sept, J = 17.5Hz,

1H, CH), 2.52(s, 3H, CH₃CO), 1.21(d, J=7.5Hz, 6H, 2×CH₃).

2r: b.p. 103-105°C (Lit.¹³ b.p. 103-105°C); IR(film): 1745(ester-C=O), 1690(ket-one-C=O)cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR(CCl₄/TMS): δ = 8.12-7.35(m, 5H, Ar-H), 4.20(q, J=6.0Hz, 2H, CH₂O), 4.03(s, 2H, CH₂), 1.20(t, J=6.0Hz, 3H, CH₃).

2s: b.p. 58-60°C/12Torr (Lit.¹³ b.p. 58-59°C/12Torr); IR(film): 1725(C=O)cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR(CDCl₃/TMS): δ = 3.52(t, J=7.0Hz, 2H, CH₂Cl), 2.58(t, J=7.0Hz, 2H, CH₂CO), 2.10(s, 3H, CH₃CO), 1.99(m, 2H, CH₂).

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