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Nucleophilic Addition to 3-Substituted Pyridinium Salts: Expedient Syntheses of (−)-L-733,061 and (−)-CP-99,994

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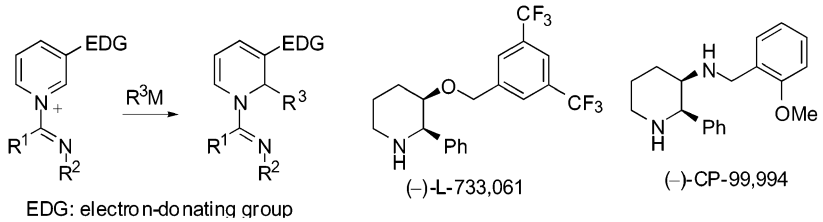
ABSTRACT



The addition of nucleophiles to 3-substituted pyridinium salts prepared from *N*-methylbenzamide and various pyridines has been investigated. Good to excellent regioselectivities favoring the 2,3-disubstituted 1,2-dihydropyridines were observed. The resulting 1,2-dihydropyridines led to the corresponding 2,3-disubstituted pyridines upon treatment with $Mn(OAc)_3/NaIO_4$. This methodology was also successfully applied to the enantioselective syntheses of (−)-L-733,061 and (−)-CP-99,994, two members of a new class of highly potent, nonpeptide, Substance P antagonists.

Efficient syntheses of 2,3-disubstituted piperidines are becoming increasingly important since several studies have highlighted their unique biological activities.[1] For example, several Substance P antagonists such as L-733,060 (**1**) and CP-99,994 (**2**) contain this important pharmacophore unit (Figure 1).[2] Routes leading to enantiopure **1**[3] rely either on

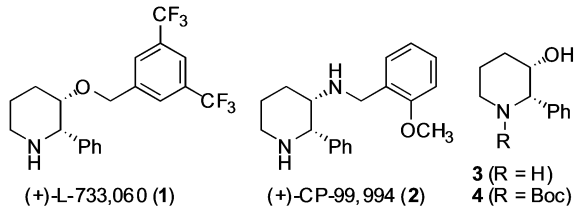


Figure 1. Structure of Substance P antagonists and precursors.

resolution techniques[4] or lengthy syntheses from a variety of chiral building blocks such as L-glutamic acid[5] and L-phenylglycine.[6] Efficient syntheses of piperidines **3** and **4**, valuable precursors for the synthesis of **1**, have also been reported.[7] Likewise, routes leading to enantioenriched **2**[8] include resolution of racemic intermediates[9] or linear syntheses starting from L-serine,[10] (*R*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol,[11]

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or L-glutamic acid.[2] A catalytic asymmetric approach to **2**, based on a nitro-Mannich reaction, has also been recently reported.[12]

Our research group has been involved in the development of new methodologies for the preparation of useful enantiopure piperidine-derived building blocks from cheap chemical commodities such as pyridine. A strategy that has been frequently used to prepare piperidine alkaloids involves the addition of a nucleophile to an *N*-alkyl- or an *N*-acylpyridinium salt such as **5** or **6**, as illustrated in Figure 2. We

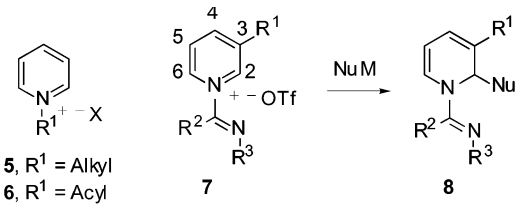


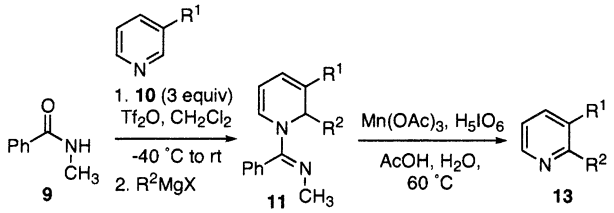
Figure 2. Pyridinium salts as precursors to dihydropyridines.

recently reported that the addition of nucleophiles to **7** (R^1 = H), a new class of pyridinium salts readily accessible from secondary amides,[13] proceeds with very high diastereo- and regiocontrol to produce dihydropyridines **8** (R^1 = H).[14,15]

To extend the scope of our methodology to access more substituted piperidines from cheap precursors, we investigated the addition of nucleophiles to 3-substituted pyridinium salts (**7**, $R^1 \neq$ H). Obviously, the addition can occur either at the C-2, C-4, or C-6 position to give potentially three regioisomeric dihydropyridines.[16] On the basis of both the strong directing effect of the imidate nitrogen and stereoelectronic effects,[16] we anticipated that high regiocontrol would be obtained and an expedient route to 2,3-disubstituted piperidines could be developed.[17]

The addition reactions of methyl- and phenylmagnesium bromide to the pyridinium salts derived from *N*-methylbenzamide and substituted pyridines **10a**−**d** (3 equiv) proceeded well to give predominantly, and in some cases exclusively, 2,3-disubstituted 1,2-dihydropyridines **11** (Table 1). Although

Table 1. Nucleophilic Addition to 3-Substituted Pyridinium Salts Derived from **9** and **10** and Oxidation to 2,3-Disubstituted Pyridines



entry	R^1	R^2	**11**:**12**[a]	yield % (**11**)[b]	yield % (**13**)
1	Me (**10a**)	Me	89:11	80 (**11a**)	81 (**13a**)
2	Me (**10a**)	Ph	79:21	72 (**11b**)[c]	80 (**13b**)
3	OMe (**10b**)	Me	>95:5	100 (**11c**)	---
4	OMe (**10b**)	Ph	>95:5	94 (**11d**)	94 (**13d**)
5	Cl (**10c**)	Me	95:5	85 (**11e**)[c]	63 (**13e**)
6	Cl (**10c**)	Ph	78:22	66 (**11f**)[d]	91 (**13f**)
7	Br (**10d**)	Me	92:8	80 (**11g**)	57 (**13g**)

[a] Ratio was determined by ^{1}H NMR. [b] Isolated yield of **11**. [c] Combined yield of both isomers is 89%. [d] Combined yield of both isomers is 83%.

the addition reactions of methylmagnesium bromide provided ratios of products comparable to those observed with *N*-acylpyridinium salts,[17d] the addition of phenylmagnesium bromide proceeded in much higher regioselectivity.[18] The minor 2,5-isomer (**12**) occurred from nucleophilic addition at C-6, and we did not observe any product arising from attack at C-4.

To clearly establish the regiochemical outcome of these reactions, the major dihydropyridine adduct was oxidized to yield the corresponding 2,3-disubstituted pyridine. Much to our surprise, the oxidation turned out to be problematic. After extensive experimentation using a variety of oxidants, we found that the use of a substoichiometric amount of manganese triacetate and periodic acid as the terminal oxidant in acetic acid afforded pyridines **13** in good to excellent yields (Table 1).

With these encouraging results in hand, the diastereoselective version of the reaction was investigated in the context of the synthesis of the antipode of L-733,060 (**1**) and CP-99,994 (**2**) (Scheme 1). Deprotonation of 3-hydroxypyridine (**14**) with NaH in DMF, followed by addition of 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide (**15**), afforded pyridine **16** in 70% yield.

Activation of amide **17**[19] in the presence of pyridine **16** (3 equiv) followed by the addition of phenylmagnesium bromide led to 1,2-dihydropyridine **18** in 84% yield and as a single regio- and diastereomer. The amount of pyridine

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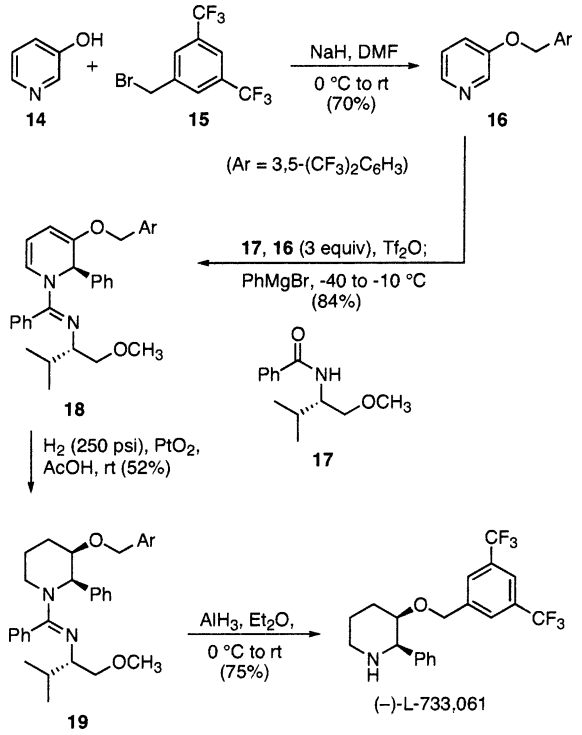
(18) For example, the addition of PhMgCl to *N*-acyl-3-picolinium salt (analogue to entry 2) gives a 16:66:15 mixture of C2:C6:C4 nucleophilic addition regioisomers (ref 17f).

Scheme 1. Synthesis of (−)-L-733,061



16 could be reduced to 1.5 equiv if 2,6-di-*t*-butyl-4-methylpyridine was added as the proton scavenger. The yield dropped slightly to 70% using this procedure.[20] The diastereoselective hydrogenation of **18** from the opposite face of the phenyl ring at C-2 afforded piperidine **19** as a single diastereomer (>95:5) in 52% yield. Finally, alane reduction of the amidine yielded (−)-L-733,061 in 75% yield.

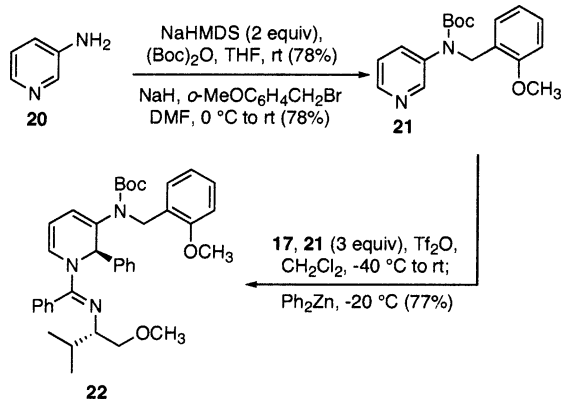
To further illustrate the potential of this methodology, we elected to prepare the antipode of CP-99,994 (**2**) by adding the appropriate organometallic reagent to the pyridinium salt derived from amide **17** and pyridine **21**. The presence of a much more sterically hindered group at C-3 may lower the regioselectivity of addition. The synthesis of pyridine **21** was straightforward, starting from 3-aminopyridine (**20**) (Scheme 2). Deprotonation of **20** with NaHMDS (2 equiv),[21] followed by addition of di-*tert*-butyl-dicarbonate, afforded a 78% yield of the mono-Boc-protected pyridine. Alkylation with *o*-methoxybenzyl bromide yielded pyridine **21** in 78% yield. As anticipated, the addition of various organometallic reagents to the pyridinium salt derived from amide **17** and pyridine **21** proved to be somewhat troublesome. Addition of PhLi and PhMgBr produced mixtures of dihydropyridines. However, we were pleased to see that the addition of Ph_2Zn proceeded extremely well to give 1,2-dihydropyridine **22** in 77% yield. The hydrogenation of **22** proceeded uneventfully; however, the cleavage of the chiral auxiliary proved to be problematic.[22]

(19) For the preparation of amide **17** and its use in the stereoselective synthesis of 1,2-dihydropyridines, see ref 14.

(20) See Supporting Information for details.

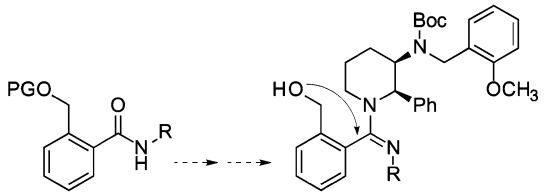
(21) Use of 1.1 equiv of NaHMDS resulted in the exclusive formation of the bis-Boc-protected pyridine in 42% yield (50% max yield); see Supporting Information.

Scheme 2. Preparation and Nucleophilic Addition to **21**



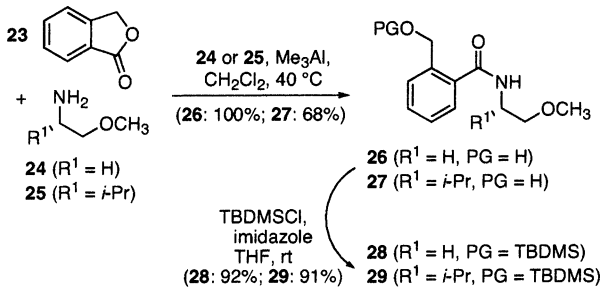
This unfortunate situation prompted us to devise a chiral amide with a latent hydroxy group on the aryl substituent to facilitate the hydrolysis of the amidine (Scheme 3).

Scheme 3. Hydroxy-Assisted Cleavage of the Auxiliary



TBDMS-protected amides **28** and **29** were easily prepared according to the sequence outlined in Scheme 4. Opening

Scheme 4. Synthesis of Novel Amides



of phthalide (**23**) with 2-methoxyethylamine (**24**) using Weinreb's procedure afforded hydroxyamide **26**.[23] A slightly lower yield was obtained when *O*-methyl valinol (**25**) was used (68%), probably due to steric factors. Protection of the benzylic alcohol with TBDMSCl proceeded efficiently with both substrates to give amides **28** and **29** in excellent yields.

(22) Demethylation of the aromatic methyl ether occurred during the amidine reduction step.

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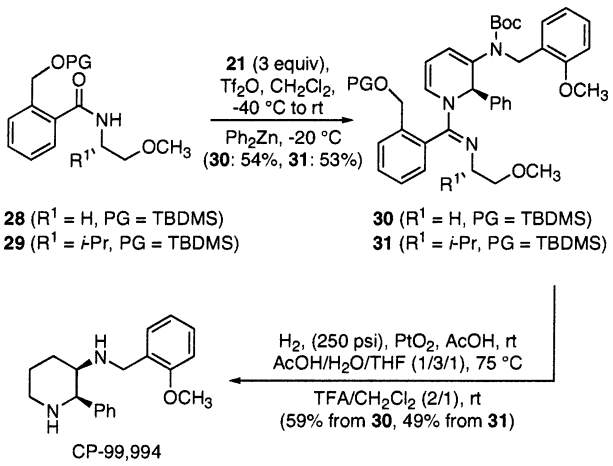
The addition of Ph_2Zn to the pyridinium salts derived from amides **28** or **29** and pyridine **21** produced the expected 1,2-dihydropyridines in 54 and 53% yields, respectively (Scheme 5). Hydrogenation of dienes **30** and **31** with PtO_2, followed by cleavage of the auxiliary under mildacidic conditionsand removal of the *N*-Boc protecting group with TFA, afforded (±)- and (−)-CP-99,994 (**2**), respectively.

Scheme 5. Synthesis of CP-99,994



In conclusion, we have shown that the addition of organometallic reagents to pyridinium salts substituted with an electron-donating group at the C-3 position gives predominantly the 1,2-dihydropyridine adducts. These can be readily oxidized to 2,3-disubstituted pyridines with manganese triacetate and periodic acid. Moreover, the resulting 1,2-dihydropyridines can be further used for the synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted piperidines. This was demonstrated by the concise syntheses of (−)-L-733,061 and (−)-CP-99,994. Further applications of this methodology will be reported in due course.

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