



Catalytic cycloaddition of diazo amides to fullerene C₆₀

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ABSTRACT

A general catalytic procedure for the cycloaddition of diazo amides to fullerene C₆₀ in the presence of the three-component catalyst, Pd(acac)₂–PPh₃–Et₃Al, has been developed. Depending on the reaction conditions, pyrazolinofullerenes or methanofullerenes are formed.

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1,3-Dipolar cycloaddition between diazo compounds and fullerene C₆₀ is the most effective and convenient route to homo- and methanofullerenes, which are of special interest as new materials for science and technology, as evidenced by numerous reviews^{1–6} covering methods for synthesizing fullerenes^{1–4} and aspects of their use.^{5,6}

Analysis of the literature, however, has shown that thermal cycloadditions of diazo compounds to fullerene C₆₀ proceed non-selectively and produce a mixture of methano- and stereoisomeric homofullerenes.^{7–11}

Metal complex catalysts (based upon palladium and rhodium) can direct the cycloaddition reaction towards the predominant formation of individual homo-, methano- or pyrazolinofullerenes.^{4,12–18}

At the onset of our research, only a thermal reaction of diazo amides with C₆₀ to afford a mixture of 6,6-close and stereoisomeric 5,6-open cycloadducts had been described in the literature.¹⁹ Information concerning catalytic cycloadditions between diazo amides and fullerenes was absent from the literature.

In continuation of our work^{13–18} on both the cycloaddition reactions of diazo compounds to fullerenes under the action of metal complex catalysts, and to develop effective methods for the synthesis of synthetically important functionalized fullerenes, we have studied the catalytic 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions of various diazo amides to fullerene C₆₀.

Diazo amides derived from glycine and cyclohexylamine were selected as model compounds.

Previously, we showed that the three-component catalytic system, Pd(acac)₂–PPh₃–Et₃Al, favoured cycloadditions of diazo alkanes,^{13–16} diazo acetates,^{17,20–23} diazo ketones²⁴ and diazo thioates^{18,25} to fullerene C₆₀ with high yields and selectivity. These studies also revealed that the ratios of the starting reagents defined the direction of the reaction leading to the formation of homofullerenes or methanofullerenes. Taking into account these findings we performed further research in this arena.

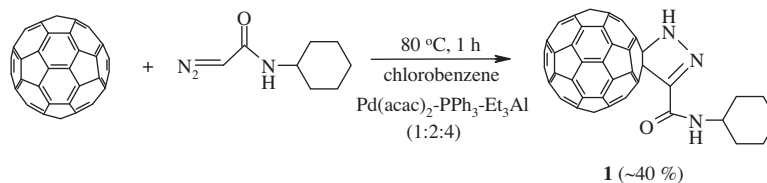
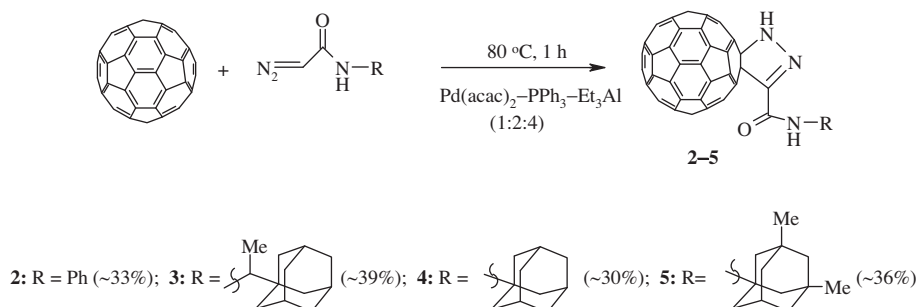
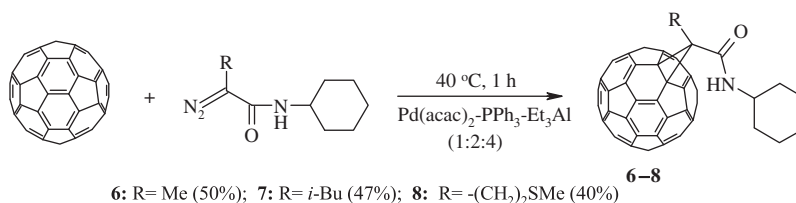
Our experiments revealed that the reaction between fullerene C₆₀ and a fivefold molar excess of *N*-cyclohexyl-2-diazoacetamide (80 °C, 1 h, chlorobenzene),²⁶ in the presence of 20 mol % of the three-component catalytic system, Pd(acac)₂–PPh₃–Et₃Al (1:2:4), gave a single pyrazolinofullerene **1**²⁷ in 40% yield relative to the starting fullerene C₆₀ (Scheme 1). An elevated temperature (100 °C) and increased reaction time (3 h) did not significantly increase the yield of the target [2+3] cycloadduct **1**. This reaction, without a catalyst, leads to a formation of a mixture of methano- and stereoisomeric homofullerenes, as reported previously¹⁹ for the thermal cycloaddition of diazo amides to fullerene C₆₀.

The MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of pyrazolinofullerene **1**, which was isolated by preparative HPLC, contained an intense molecular ion peak [M+H]⁺ at *m/z* 888.112 (ca. 888.114) along with a fragment ion peak [C₆₀N₂H]⁺ at *m/z* 749.033, which provided strong evidence for the proposed structure.

The one-dimensional (¹H, ¹³C) and two-dimensional (COSY, HSQC, HMBC) NMR experiments on compound **1** also gave evidence for the presence of the pyrazoline ring linked to the amide group. The ¹³C NMR spectrum of the pyrazoline moiety exhibited three signals. Two of them (δ_c 80.09 and 87.30) were due to

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**Scheme 1.** Catalytic cycloaddition of *N*-cyclohexyl-2-diazoacetamide to [60]fullerene.**Scheme 2.** Catalytic synthesis of pyrazolinofullerenes 2–5.**Scheme 3.** Reactions of [60]fullerene with diazo amides bearing a substituent α to the diazo group.

annelated sp^3 hybridized C-atoms of the fullerene skeleton, while the third signal (δ_{C} 136.23) was assigned to the carbon atom attached to the nitrogen of the five-membered heterocycle by a double bond.

Additionally, between δ_{C} 25 and δ_{C} 50 in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum of pyrazolinofullerene **1**, we observed low frequency signals attributable to the cyclohexyl moiety [δ_{C} 25.38 (2C), 26.05 (1C), 33.31 (2C), 49.08 (1C)]. Also seen were high frequency signals characteristic of the fullerene skeleton (25 signals in the region between δ_{C} 137 and δ_{C} 149), and the carbonyl carbon atom (δ_{C} 157.61).

In order to extend the application of this fullerene cycloaddition and to investigate patterns in the yield and selectivity on the size and structure of the substituent on the amide group of the diazo compound, we studied the reactions between fullerene C_{60} and sterically hindered diazo amides, based on glycine or aniline, and also derived from adamantane-containing amines (Scheme 2).

Thus, under the optimized conditions [80 °C, 1 h, $\text{Pd}(\text{acac})_2\text{-}2\text{PPh}_3\text{-}4\text{Et}_3\text{Al}$] the corresponding monoadducts **2–5**^{28–31} were obtained in moderate yields (up to 40%). The experiments also showed that bulky substituents on the amide group did not influence the reaction pathway.

It is known that pyrazolinofullerenes derived from fullerene C_{60} and diazo acetates^{17,32} or diazothioates¹⁸ can undergo thermal transformations to afford the corresponding methanofullerenes. Refluxing [2+3] cycloadducts **1–5** for 100 h in 1,2-dichlorobenzene did not result in the formation of methanofullerenes, and in all the experiments the starting pyrazolinofullerenes remained unchanged.

Earlier,¹⁸ we showed that the substituent α to the diazo group of the diazo compound was able to destabilize the pyrazoli-

nofullerene formed giving rise to a [2+1] cycloadduct. In the hope of developing a selective method for the synthesis of methanofullerenes, we studied the reactions between C_{60} and α -substituted diazo amides derived from alanine, leucine, methionine and cyclohexylamine.

The reactions between the above diazo amides and fullerene C_{60} under the optimized conditions (40 °C, 1 h) in the presence of 20 mol% of $\text{Pd}(\text{acac})_2\text{-PPh}_3\text{-Et}_3\text{Al}$ (1:2:4), led exclusively, to methanofullerenes **6–8**^{33–35} in 40–50% yields (Scheme 3).

The structures of methanofullerenes **6–8** were reliably established by means of standard analytical (1D and 2D NMR, IR, UV, MALDI-TOF) methods.

The intense molecular ion peak at m/z 873.120 (ca. 873.115) in the MALDI-TOF spectrum of compound **6** provided strong evidence for the formation of the [2+1]-cycloadduct.

The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **6** contained 27 resonances in the fullerene region between δ_{C} 138 and δ_{C} 149, and three with twice the intensity. The cyclopropane fragment has a plane of symmetry and in the spectrum exhibited two signals resonating at δ_{C} 78.30. The signals of the bridge carbon atom (δ_{C} 62.00) bound to the amide group (δ_{C} 165.95) and the methyl group (δ_{C} 17.32), which in the ^1H NMR spectrum manifested itself as a singlet at δ_{H} 2.54, also provided evidence for the formation of the cyclopropane-annelated 6,6-substituted fullerene.

In conclusion, for the first time, we have reported catalytic cycloadditions between diazo amides and fullerene C_{60} under the influence of the three-component catalytic system, $\text{Pd}(\text{acac})_2\text{-PPh}_3\text{-Et}_3\text{Al}$, to produce pyrazolinofullerenes or methanofullerenes depending on the reaction conditions.

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- N-Cyclohexylcarboamidyl-1'-H-[1,2]pyrazolino[4',5':1,9]-(C₆₀-I_h)-[5,6]fullerene (1) (isolated yield 40%). IR: 527, 750, 1179, 1457, 1523, 1633 cm⁻¹. UV (CHCl₃), λ_{max}, nm: 260, 316, 427. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.37 and 1.78 (both m, 2H, CH₂), 1.46 and 2.16 (both m, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.88 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 4.01 (m, 1H, CH), 6.78 (s, 1H, NH), 8.08 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.38, 26.05, 33.31, 49.08, 80.09, 136.23, 137.11, 140.28, 141.87, 141.94, 142.29, 142.41, 142.52, 142.67, 142.87, 142.93, 143.17, 144.18, 144.38, 144.67, 145.23, 145.41, 145.76, 146.02, 146.06, 146.36, 146.45, 147.17, 147.53, 147.86, 148.39, 157.61. MALDI-TOF, m/z 888.027 [M+H]⁺ (C₆₈H₁₃N₃O).
- N-Phenylcarboamidyl-1'-H-[1,2]pyrazolino[4',5':1,9]-(C₆₀-I_h)-[5,6]fullerene (2) (isolated yield 33%). IR: 526, 756, 1180, 1364, 1480, 1635 cm⁻¹. UV (CHCl₃), λ_{max}, nm: 260, 330, 430. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23 (m, 1H, CH), 7.43 (m, 2H, 2CH), 7.73 (m, 2H, 2CH), 8.81 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 62.90, 88.18, 119.92, 125.28, 127.67, 136.36, 137.06, 137.17, 140.33, 140.35, 141.93, 141.94, 142.27, 142.44, 142.56, 142.65, 142.69, 142.91, 142.96, 142.98, 143.19, 144.08, 144.20, 144.40, 144.64, 145.26, 145.29, 145.40, 145.85, 146.06, 146.61, 146.43, 146.49, 147.21, 147.57, 147.89, 148.69, 156.09. MALDI-TOF, m/z 881.065 [M]⁺ (C₆₈H₇N₃O).
- N-[1-(1-Adamantyl)ethyl]carboamidyl-1'-H-[1,2]pyrazolino[4',5':1,9]-(C₆₀-I_h)-[5,6]fullerene (3) (isolated yield 39%). IR: 526, 752, 1180, 1448, 1520, 1671 cm⁻¹. UV (CHCl₃), λ_{max}, nm: 257, 316, 427. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.29 (d, 3H, CH₃, J = 5.6 Hz), 1.55 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 1.79 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.13 (m, 3H, 3CH), 3.96 (m, 1H, CH), 6.94 (d, 1H, NH, J = 9.6 Hz), 8.01 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.76, 29.01, 36.40, 37.46, 38.79, 53.81, 76.14, 136.24, 136.31, 137.08, 137.19, 140.28, 140.30, 141.86, 141.89, 141.95, 141.97, 142.23, 142.26, 142.41, 142.53, 142.68, 142.87, 142.88, 142.90, 142.93, 142.94, 143.18, 144.18, 144.37, 144.41, 144.43, 145.67, 144.69, 145.23, 145.25, 145.41, 145.43, 145.77, 146.02, 146.05, 146.06, 146.37, 146.38, 146.45, 147.17, 147.54, 147.62, 147.86, 148.47, 158.20. MALDI-TOF, m/z 968.221 [M+H]⁺ (C₇₄H₂₁N₃O).
- N-(1-Adamantyl)carboamidyl-1'-H-[1,2]pyrazolino[4',5':1,9]-(C₆₀-I_h)-[5,6]fullerene (4) (isolated yield 30%). IR: 523, 750, 1181, 1455, 1519, 1672 cm⁻¹. UV (CHCl₃), λ_{max}, nm: 257, 327, 424. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.76 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.05 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.21 (m, 3H, 3CH), 6.84 (s, 1H, NH), 8.08 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 30.10, 36.66, 41.86, 53.16, 66.09, 80.03, 136.22, 140.27, 140.32, 141.89, 141.94, 142.25, 142.41, 142.52, 142.67, 142.86, 142.93, 142.99, 144.19, 144.39, 144.48, 144.68, 145.22, 145.24, 145.42, 145.75, 146.01, 146.05, 146.36, 146.45, 147.16, 147.57, 147.84, 148.71, 157.25. MALDI-TOF, m/z 940.147 [M+H]⁺ (C₇₂H₁₇N₃O).
- N-(3,5-Dimethyl-1-adamantyl)carboamidyl-1'-H-[1,2]pyrazolino[4',5':1,9]-(C₆₀-I_h)-[5,6]fullerene (5) (isolated yield 36%). IR: 526, 754, 1180, 1454, 1518, 1674 cm⁻¹. UV (CHCl₃), λ_{max}, nm: 260, 326, 427. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.13 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 1.3–1.5 (m, 10H, 5CH₂), 2.06 (m, 1H, CH), 2.21 (m, 2H, CH₂), 6.86 (s, 1H, NH), 8.08 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 30.46, 31.38, 32.36, 38.35, 40.49, 42.83, 47.52, 48.59, 50.71, 66.21, 79.98, 136.30, 140.29, 140.31, 141.73, 141.93, 142.16, 142.40, 142.48, 142.59, 142.86, 142.94, 143.18, 144.11, 144.34, 144.49, 144.72, 145.15, 145.31, 145.74, 146.15, 146.21, 147.16, 147.31, 147.69, 148.13, 148.95, 149.40, 158.70. MALDI-TOF, m/z 967.208 [M]⁺ (C₇₄H₂₁N₃O).
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- 1'-iso-Butyl-1'-[N-cyclohexylamidyl]-(C₆₀-I_h)-[5,6]fullero[2',3':1,9]cyclopropane (7) (isolated yield 47%). IR: 527, 573, 1093, 1176, 1448, 1508, 1636 cm⁻¹. UV (CHCl₃), λ_{max}, nm: 261, 329, 427. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.99 (d, 6H, 2CH₃, J = 6.0 Hz), 1.30 (m, 1H, CH), 1.38 and 2.15 (both m, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.51 and 1.83 (both m, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.60 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.72 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.23 (m, 1H, CH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.12, 25.30, 25.97, 26.20, 33.47, 40.34, 49.23, 63.98, 79.32, 137.95, 138.14, 138.71, 138.41, 140.51, 141.42, 141.56, 142.11, 142.19, 142.27, 142.29, 142.52, 142.90, 143.13, 143.18, 143.24, 143.51, 143.63, 143.87, 144.22, 144.78, 144.87, 145.17, 145.28, 147.32, 147.61, 148.87, 165.88. MALDI-TOF, m/z 915.169 [M]⁺ (C₇₂H₂₁NO).
- 1'-[2'-(Methylthio)ethyl]-1'-[N-cyclohexylamidyl]-(C₆₀-I_h)-[5,6]fullero[2',3':1,9]cyclopropane (8) (isolated yield 40%). IR: 525, 578, 735, 1028, 1182, 1428, 1675 cm⁻¹. UV (CHCl₃), λ_{max}, nm: 260, 328, 426. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.39 and 2.74 (both m, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.54 and 1.88 (both m, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.78 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.14 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.12 (t, 2H, CH₂, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.25 (t, 2H, CH₂, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.27 (m, 1H, CH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 16.20, 25.64, 25.73, 30.17, 31.33, 33.31, 49.35, 63.82, 79.07, 137.09, 137.87, 138.10, 138.16, 139.19, 140.53, 141.44, 141.79, 142.15, 142.20, 142.26, 142.37, 142.44, 142.99, 143.16, 143.26, 143.48, 143.74, 143.90, 144.23, 144.35, 144.53, 144.80, 144.88, 145.13, 145.25, 145.39, 145.53, 146.57, 147.30, 147.53, 147.85, 165.93. MALDI-TOF, m/z 933.193 [M]⁺ (C₇₁H₁₉NOS).