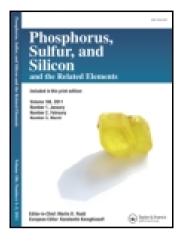
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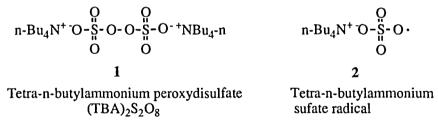
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Tetra-n-butylammonium peroxydisulfate was prepared and found to be a good source of tetra-n-butylammonium sulfate radical by its oxygen oxygen bond cleavage. The sulfate radical can be utilized for the efficient organic syntheses in organic solvents. Electron deficient olefins such as α,β -unsaturated ketones or lactones were smoothly β -masked formylated by treatment of the olefins with 1,3-dioxolane in the presence of tetra-nbutylammonium peroxydisulfate. Extremely high diastereofacial selectivity (~100% de) was obtained in β -masked formylation of α,β -unsaturated lactone, (S)-5-(t-butyldiphenyl silyloxymethyl)-2(5H)-furanose.

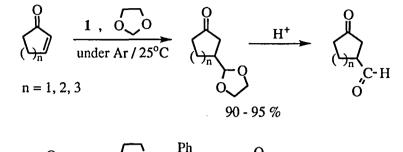
Tetra-n-butylammonium peroxydisulfate (1, $(TBA)_2S_2O_8$) was synthesized by treatment of tetra-n-butylammonium hydrogen sulfate with potassium peroxydisulfate in the phase transfer reaction system in water and methylene chloride.^{1,2}

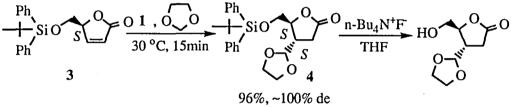


In contrast to the known metal peroxydisulfate such as sodium and potassium peroxydisulfate which are soluble in aqueous media, 1 is very soluble in most of organic solvents. Thus 1 gains of great advantage over metal peroxydisulfate or ammonium peroxydisulfate in forming relatively stable sulfate radical (2) under the anhydrous conditions. The α,β -unsaturated ketone reacted with 1,3-dioxolane in the presence of 1 in acetonitrile to give β -masked formylated products in excellent yields. The products can be readily converted to the corresponding aldehydes.³

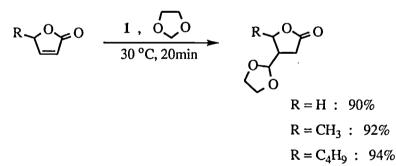
Chiral butyrolactons have shown considerable potential as synthetic intermediates in asymmetric synthesis of carbohydrates. Chiral butenolides (S)-5-(t-

butyldiphenylsilyloxymethyl)-2(5*H*)-furanose (3) was synthesized from L-glutamic acid⁴ and reacted with 1,3-dioxolane in the presence of 1 to afford β -masked formylated products (4) in the extremely high diasterofacial selectivity (ca 100 %).⁵





The stereoselectivity was determined by both chiral column chromatography and NOE experiment in ¹NMR. Simple α,β -unsaturated lactones were smoothly β -masked formylated under mild conditions to give high chemical yields.



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