

Alkynylation of Tertiary Cycloalkanols via Radical C—C Bond Cleavage: A Route to Distal Alkynylated Ketones

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: An efficient Na₂S₂O₈-promoted radical coupling of tertiary cycloalkanols with alkynyl hypervalent iodide reagents via C–C bond cleavage was developed. This tandem ring-opening/alkynylation procedure showed some advantages, including mild conditions and wide substrate scope, thus providing a simple synthetic method for β -, γ - and δ -alkynylated ketones.

$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ \hline \\ N_{n} \\ OH \\ \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} R^{1} \\ \hline \\ O \\ \hline \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Na_{2}S_{2}O_{8} \\ \hline \\ acetone/H_{2}O, 50 \ ^{\circ}C \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ \hline \\ R^{1} \\ \hline \\ R^{1} \\ \end{array}$$

he catalytic ring-opening coupling of strained tertiary cycloalkanols has emerged as an efficient strategy for the synthesis of functionalized acyclic organic molecules. In this context, the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of tertiary cycloalkanols with various electrophiles has attracted much attention and has proven to be a powerful tool to obtain carbonyl compounds.² Recently, significant effort has also been made in the catalytic enantioselective C-C bond activation of cycloalkanols. 2d,3 In addition, the tandem radical ring-opening coupling of cycloalkanols under different one-electron oxidants has been developed and has provided another alternative method for accessing functionalized ketones.⁴ For example, Narasaka's group reported Mn(III)-promoted and Ag(I)-catalyzed tandem radical coupling of cyclopropanols with alkenes, respectively. In those transformations, the β -carbonyl radical intermediates generated from the oxidative ring-opening of cyclopropanols are involved. 4b-d Subsequently, several research groups applied this tandem radical ring-opening/coupling strategy for the synthesis of heterocycles sand organofluorine compounds. Sc-More recently, Dai and Lopp have independently described the Cu-catalyzed ring-opening electrophilic trifluoromethylation and amination of cyclopropanols. However, only a few studies on the ring-opening coupling of less strained cyclopentanols have been reported. Se Although catalytic arylation 2b,d,i and alkylation^{4b-d,6d} of tertiary cycloalkanols have been well documented, reports on the alkynylation of tertiary cycloalkanols are still rare.^{2h,6f}

The use of alkynyl hypervalent iodide (AHI) as an efficient alkynylating reagent has recently received increasing attention in organic synthesis due to its excellent reactivity and versatility. A series of elegant Au-, $^{8a-e}$ Pd-, $^{8f-h}$ Pt-, 8i Cu-, 8j and Rh-catalyzed $^{8k-n}$ alkynylation reactions involving AHI have been developed for the synthesis of functionalized alkynes. In 2012, Li and co-workers reported an efficient Ag(I)-catalyzed radical decarboxylative alkynylation of aliphatic carboxylic acids with AHI. In addition, some transition-metal-free alkynylation reactions have also been reported. In this respect, we reported a mild $K_2S_2O_8$ -promoted radical decarboxylative alkynylation of

 α -keto acids with AHI. ^{11a} Although significant progress on alkynylation reactions using AHI as the alkynylation reagent has been made, the catalytic radical alkynylation of strained tertiary cycloalkanols with AHI is virtually unknown. As a part of our ongoing interest in the chemistry of AHI, we surmise that the γ -keto radical generated from the oxidative C–C bond cleavage of strained cyclobutanol might be trapped by the electrophilic alkynyl hypervalent iodide reagent to afford the γ -alkynylated ketone (Scheme 1). Herein, we report a tandem radical ring-

Scheme 1. Alkynylation of Tertiary Cyclobutanols

opening/alkynylation of strained tertiary cycloalkanols with hypervalent iodide reagents under mild transition-metal-free conditions which provides an efficient route to distal alkynylated ketones in good yields.

Initially, we selected 1-phenylcyclobutanol (1a) and 1-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)ethynyl]-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (TBS-EBX, 2a) as model substrates to optimize the ring-opening/alkynylation reaction. ^{4,5} Treatment of 1a with 2a in the presence of 10 mol % of AgNO₃ and 2.0 equiv of $K_2S_2O_8$ in CH_3CN/H_2O (1:1) at 50 °C afforded the desired product 3a in 49% yield (Table 1, entry 1). We were delighted to find that the reaction of 1a with 2a also resulted in a similar yield even in the absence of catalyst (entry 1). The yield of 3a was increased to 65% when acetone/ H_2O (1:1) was used as the solvent (entry 2). Other homogeneous phase systems such as AcOH/ H_2O and DMF/ H_2O were also effective for this reaction (entries 3 and 4). In contrast, H_2O and CH_2Cl_2/H_2O just gave a trace amount of the desired product 3a (entries 5 and 6). Gratifyingly, a much better yield of 3a was obtained by increasing the amount of 2a to 1.8

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Table 1. Optimization of the Ring-Opening/Alkynylation of $Cyclobutanol^a$

entry	oxidant (equiv)	solvent	yield (%) ^b
1	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	CH ₃ CN/H ₂ O (1:1)	47 (49) ^c
2	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	65
3	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	$AcOH/H_2O$ (1:1)	45
4	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	$DMF/H_2O(1:1)$	32
5	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	H_2O	trace
6	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	CH_2Cl_2/H_2O (1:1)	trace
7	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	76 ^d
8	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	82 ^e
9	$K_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	75 ^f
10	$Na_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	87 ^e (83) ^g
11	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	59 ^e
12	oxone (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	trace ^e
13	$Na_2S_2O_8$ (2.0)	acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	$64^{e,h}$
14		acetone/H ₂ O (1:1)	nr ⁱ
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^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), oxidant (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), solvent (2 mL), 50 °C, 24 h under N_2 . ^bYield of isolated product. ^c10 mol % of AgNO₃ was used as a catalyst. ^d**2a** (0.30 mmol, 1.5 equiv). ^e**2a** (0.36 mmol, 1.8 equiv). ^f**2a** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). ^gYield on a 1 mmol scale is given in parentheses. ^hRoom temperature. ⁱnr = no reaction.

equiv (entries 7 and 8). However, a further increase of the amount of 2a resulted in a decreased yield (entry 9). Further investigation revealed that $Na_2S_2O_8$ was the best oxidant for this transformation (entries 10-12). It should be noted that the reaction still gave 64% yield of 3a at room temperature (entry 13). Finally, no reaction was observed in the absence of oxidant (entry 14).

With the optimized conditions in hand, the scope and limitations of this tandem ring-opening/alkynylation reaction were then investigated (Scheme 2). A variety of cyclobutanols

Scheme 2. Scope of Cyclobutanols and Alkynylating Agents

reacted with TBS-EBX efficiently to afford the corresponding γ -alkynylated ketones in moderate to good yields $(3\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{j})$. Arylsubstituted cyclobutanols containing an electron-withdrawing or donating substituent at the *para* positon of the aromatic ring were good substrates to give the desired products $3\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{e}$ in 56-80% yields. However, the strong electron-withdrawing effect of the CF₃ group led to the desired γ -alkynylated ketone $3\mathbf{f}$ in only 31% yield along with a large amount of $1\mathbf{f}$ recovered.

Cyclobutanols bearing a methoxy group on the ortho or meta position of the phenyl ring were also smoothly converted into the corresponding products 3g and 3h in 88% and 76% yields, respectively. Moreover, the heteroaromatic-substituted cyclobutanol 1i was also compatible with the reaction conditions and produced the desired γ -alkynylated ketone 3i in 65% yield. More importantly, alkyl-substituted cyclobutanol 1j also worked well with 2a to afford the desired product 3j in good yield. Other alkynylating reagents such as TIPS-EBX and aryl-EBX were also efficient to give the corresponding alkynylated ketones 3k and 3m in 67% and 42% yields, respectively. It should be noted that other alkynylating reagents, such as phenylacetylene, phenyl phenylethynyl sulfone, and phenylethynyl phenyliodonium tosylate failed to afford the desired product 3m under the present conditions. Unfortunately, the alkyl-EBX furnished a complex mixture (31). Finally, this ring-opening/alkynylation reaction could also be applied to 1,2-disubstituted cyclobutanols, leading to the desired product 3n in 43% yield with high regioselectivity (eq 1).

Encouraged by the above results, we then investigated the reaction of tertiary cyclopropanols with TBS-EBX 2a. To our delight, the ring-opening/alkynylation reaction proceeded smoothly to afford the expected β -alkynylated ketones 5 in moderate to good yields under the slightly modified conditions (Scheme 3). When 1-phenylcyclopropanol 4a was subjected to

Scheme 3. Scope of Cyclopropanols

the reaction, the product 5a was isolated in 78% yield. 1-Aryl-substituted cyclopropanols having either an electron-rich or -poor groups at the *para* position of the aromatic ring also reacted well with 2a to give moderate yields of the corresponding products 5b-e. The 1-benzylcyclopropanol 4f was also successfully engaged in this reaction, delivering the product 5f in 72% yield. Substituents such as MeO, tBu , and Br on the benzene ring of cyclopropanols were also well-tolerated in this transformation (5g-i). Remarkably, we found that the less strained tertiary cyclopentanols also underwent the ring-opening/alkynylation process in the presence of silver catalyst to afford the desired δ -alkynylated ketones 7a-c in moderate yields (eq 2). Unfortunately, the reaction of 1-phenylcyclohex-

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anol with 2a afforded a complex mixture under the same conditions

At last, some synthetic utilities of 3a and 5a are shown in Scheme 4 (for details, see the Supporting Information).

Scheme 4. Derivatization of the Product 3a and 5a

Treatment of 3a with a stoichiometric amount of TBAF led to the terminal γ -alkynylated ketone 8a in 90% yield. Satisfactorily, the triazole 10a could be synthesized easily in 76% yield via the sequential desilylation and cycloaddition of 3a with benzyl azide. Moreover, 3a could also undergo tandem desilylation/Sonogashira coupling with 4-bromo- and 4-fluoroiodobenzene to afford the products 12 in moderate yields. This one-pot procedure offers a good opportunity to synthesize diverse alkynylated ketones. Finally, in the presence of 1.2 equiv of KO'Bu, the β -alkynylated ketone 5a could be easily converted to 2.5-disubstituted furan 13a in good yield.

To gain some insight into the mechanism of this reaction, preliminary mechanistic experiments were conducted (for details, see the Supporting Information). Addition of 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinoxyl (TEMPO) or 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (BHT), the well-known radical scavenger, to the standard reaction of 1a and 2a markedly inhibited the formation of 3a. These results indicate that a radical process might be involved in this reaction. On the basis of these results and previous reports, a possible mechanism was proposed in Scheme 5. First, the single-electron oxidation of 1a by $\rm Na_2S_2O_8$ generates an oxygen-centered radical $\rm I$, which undergoes rearrangement to form γ -keto radical II. Second, radical II adds to the triple bond of hypervalent iodine reagent 2a to afford the

Scheme 5. Proposed Mechanism

$$1a \xrightarrow{Na_2S_2O_6} \xrightarrow{Ph} \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{Ph} \xrightarrow{O}$$

radical intermediate III. Finally, β -elimination of radical III gives the desired product 3a as well as the 2-iodobenzoic acid, which is generated by a reduction—protonation of the benziodoxolonyl radical IV.

In summary, we have developed a new tandem $Na_2S_2O_8$ -mediated radical ring-opening/alkynylation of strained tertiary cyclobutanols with alkynyl hypervalent iodide reagents in which a sequence of C–C bond cleavage, radical rearrangement, and a C–C bond formation process were involved. Remarkably, this protocol could be further extended to other strained cycloalkanols, thus providing a straightforward approach to a series of β - and γ -alkynylated ketones. Moreover, less strained cyclopentanols have also been applied successfully in this reaction. This transformation provided a rapid and efficient strategy for the carbon chain growth, and the products could further undergo diverse transformations.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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