## tert-Butyl Hydroperoxide Mediated Development of Some New C-C And C-N Bond Formation



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## **Summary and Conclusion**

The thesis entitled "*tert*-butyl hydroperoxide mediated development of some new C-C and C-N bond formation" represents the efficient formation of C-C and C-N bonds via oxidative coupling using TBHP as the oxidant. The contents of the thesis have been divided into six chapters.

Chapter 1 provides a general overview of TBHP and briefly discusses its application in C-C and C-N bond formation. The subsequent four chapters (Chapters 2 to 5) describe the investigations and findings. Each chapter is independently complete in itself and consists of an introduction, results and discussion, control experiment, mechanism, experimental section, and references.

Chapter 2 explains a metal-free oxidative condensation of methyl arenes with malononitrile using trimethylamine (10%) as a catalyst and *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) (3equivalent) as an oxidant at 100°C under solvent-free conditions (Scheme A). This method is metal-free, practical, inexpensive, non-toxic, and environmentally benign. This method involves metal-free C-C bond formation via C-H activation of methylarenes under mild reaction conditions.

**Scheme A** C-C bond formation via oxidative coupling

Chapter 3 describes a new, metal-free, and TBAI catalyzed synthesis of amide 3 in excellent yield (85-90%) via oxidative coupling of benzyl halide 1 with various amines 2 in the presence of 3 equivalent of TBHP at 80°C. (Scheme B). This approach involves metal-free C-O and C-N bond formation via oxidation of benzyl bromide under mild reaction conditions.

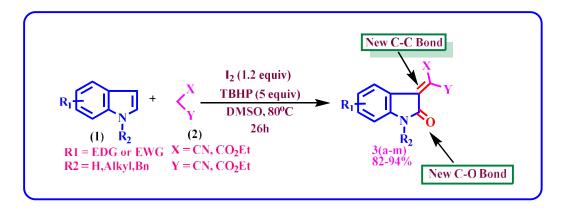
**Scheme B** Synthesis of amide via C-N bond formation

Chapter 4 explores a facile, novel method for the direct amidation of benzyl mercaptan 1 through oxidative coupling with amine 2 using TBHP as an oxidant and NaI as a catalyst (Scheme C). All the reactions were accomplished without transition metal to provide product 3 with a good to excellent yield (84-90%). The current procedure performed adequately for various substrates, with electron releasing and an electron-withdrawing group containing benzyl mercaptan and various amines.

$$R_1 \stackrel{\text{II}}{=} \begin{array}{c} SH \\ + H - N \\ \hline R_2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \text{TBHP, } 100^0\text{C} \\ \text{NaI, MeCN} \end{array}} \begin{array}{c} R_1 \stackrel{\text{II}}{=} \begin{array}{c} R_3 \\ \hline R_2 \end{array}$$

Scheme C Synthesis of amide from benzyl mercaptan and amine

Chapter 5 describes a metal-free oxidative coupling of indole 1 and active methylene compound 2 into the corresponding 3-ylidene oxindole 3 via C-C and C-O bonds under mild reaction conditions(Scheme D). This method is the first report on the oxidative coupling of indole and active methylene compounds to corresponding 3-ylidene oxindoles under metal-free conditions. The current  $I_2$  / TBHP mediated oxidative coupling is easy to get to a variety of 3-ylidene oxindoles derivatives in good to excellent yields(82-94%).



Scheme D Oxidative coupling of indole and active methylene compound

### Conclusion

- We have demonstrated a new, facile, solvent-free, and efficient one-pot synthesis of 2-benzylidenemalononitrile using a resourceful TBHP catalyst and readily available starting materials. This approach allows the product to be easily isolated without column chromatography. This approach offers low catalyst loading, high yield, easy work-up, and broad substrate scope.
- 2. We have reported a practical and efficient protocol for the metal-free C-C & C-N bond formation via C-H activation of inexpensive Benzyl bromide. TBHP & TBAI has been exploited as a catalyst & oxidant for the green and environmentally benign

- synthesis of amide & its derivatives by a one-pot reaction of Benzyl bromide & Amines.
- 3. We have developed a new and efficient protocol for the metal & catalyst-free C-N bond formation via C-H activation of inexpensive Benzyl mercaptan. TBHP has been exploited as an oxidant for the green and environmentally benign synthesis of amide & its derivatives by a one-pot reaction of Benzyl mercaptan & amines.
- 4. We have established a new and efficient one-pot oxidative coupling of indole under metal-free conditions for C-C bond formation via C-H activation of inexpensive indole. TBHP has been exploited as an oxidant & I<sub>2</sub> as a catalyst for the green and environmentally benign synthesis for developing C-C bond by one-pot reaction of Indole & Active methylene compound.

#### Scope for further work

- Further, explore the methylarenes as a surrogate for the construction of some privileged compounds.
- 2. Development of different methodology like the metal-free, solvent-free reaction to synthesize N, S, and O containing biologically active compounds.
- 3. Further, explore the indole as a surrogate for the creation of some privileged isatin moieties.