# N-Heterocyclic Carbene-Catalyzed (4 + 2) Cycloaddition/ Decarboxylation of Silyl Dienol Ethers with a,β-Unsaturated Acid Fluorides

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Catalytic Methodologies and Total synthesis

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# Pyrone Diels-Alder/Decarboxylation

# **Proposed Transformation in the Paper**

### **Optimization of reaction conditions**

| Entry | cat. (mol%) base/solvent   |                            | a:b   | yield of a (%) |  |  |
|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|--|--|
| 1     | A <sub>1</sub> (20)        | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu/Toluene | 3:1   | 13             |  |  |
| 2     | <b>A</b> <sub>1</sub> (10) | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu/THF     | >95:5 | 70             |  |  |
| 3     | <b>A</b> <sub>1</sub> (10) | THF                        | 77:23 | 44             |  |  |
| 4     | <b>A<sub>2</sub></b> (10)  | KO <sup>t</sup> Bu/THF     | 3:1   | 48             |  |  |
| 5     | <b>B</b> (10)              | KHMDS/THF                  | -     | 10             |  |  |
| 6     | <b>C</b> (10)              | KHMDS/THF                  | -     | trace          |  |  |
| 7     | <b>D</b> <sub>1</sub> (10) | KHMDS/THF                  | -     | -              |  |  |
| 8     | <b>D</b> <sub>2</sub> (10) | THF                        | >95:5 | 76             |  |  |

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{A_1:} \ Ar=2,4,6\cdot (CH_3)_3C_6H_2 & \textbf{B:} \ Ar=2,4,6\cdot (CH_3)_3C_6H_2 \\ \textbf{A_2:} \ Ar=2,6\cdot (i-Pr)_2C_6H_3 & \end{array}$ 

**D**<sub>1</sub>: R<sub>1</sub>=CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>=-(CH)<sub>4</sub>-**D**<sub>2</sub>: R<sub>1</sub>=i-Pr, R<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>3</sub>

## Substrate scope in regard to silyl dienol ether:

#### Substrate scope in regard to acyl fluoride:

#### Mechanistic rationale: endo selective 4+2 cycloaddition

KIE analysis indicates a concerted reaction mechanism

## Crossover Studies: an intermolecular proton transfer process or retro-aldol/aldol sequence?

Answer: no scrambling of the deuterium----> retro-aldol/aldol sequence

# Nickel-Catalyzed Selective Conversion of Two Different Aldehydes to Cross-Coupled Esters

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## Tishchenko reaction

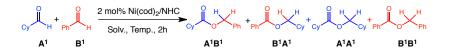
Lewis acid catalyzed reaction via oxygen-metal interaction

Transition metal catalyzed hydroacylation of aldehyde via carbon-hydrogen bond activation

Nickel catalyzed reaction vis  $\eta \text{2}$  coordination of two aldehydes at the same time

Homocoupling of aliphatic aldehydes is faster than that of aryl aldehydes-----> Selective crossed Tishchenko reation ???

#### **Optimization of reaction conditions**



| Entry NHC       |       | Solv.      | Solv. Temp. (°C) |     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>1</sup> B <sup>1</sup> A <sup>1</sup> A<br>(%) (%) ( |     | B <sup>1</sup> B <sup>1</sup><br>(%) | Selectivity |  |
|-----------------|-------|------------|------------------|-----|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1               | IPrCI | Benzene    | 60               | 58  | 4  | 12  | 18                                   | 0.63        |  |
| 2               | SIPr  | Benzene    | 60               | 87  | < 1  | 6   | 7                                    | 0.87        |  |
| 3               | IPr   | Toluene    | 60               | 86  | < 1  | 6   | 7                                    | 0.86        |  |
| 4               | IMes  | Benzene    | 60               | 79  | 2  | 9   | 9                                    | 0.79        |  |
| 5 <sup>a</sup>  | ICy   | Benzene    | 60               | cor | nplicat  | -   |                                      |             |  |
| 6               | SIPr  | Toluene    | 23 (28 h)        | 80  | < 1  | 6   | 8                                    | 0.85        |  |
| 7               | SIPr  | Toluene    | 40 (4 h)         | 94  | < 1  | 2   | 4                                    | 0.94        |  |
| 8               | SIPr  | Toluene    | 50               | 90  | < 1  | 3   | 7                                    | 0.90        |  |
| 9               | SIPr  | Toluene    | 80               | 78  | < 1  | 6   | 11                                   | 0.82        |  |
| 10              | SIPr  | THF        | 50               | 88  | < 1  | 6   | 6                                    | 0.88        |  |
| 11 <sup>b</sup> | SIPr  | 1,4-Dioxan | e 50             | 37  | < 1  | 1   | 4                                    | 0.88        |  |
| 12 <sup>b</sup> | SIPr  | EtOAc      | 50               | 8   | -  | < 1 | 2                                    | 0.80        |  |
| 13 <sup>b</sup> | SIPr  | Hexane     | 50               | 23  |  | 1   | 3                                    | 0.85        |  |
| 14 <sup>b</sup> | SIPr  | o-Xylene   | 50               | 13  | -  | < 1 | 2                                    | 0.87        |  |

IPrCl; R = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, R' = Cl SIPr; R = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, R' =  $H_2$  (saturated) IPr; R = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, R' = H IMes; R = 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, R' = H ICy; R = cyclohexyl, R' = H

# Exploration of substrate scope

| Entry | АВ                            | Condition <sup>b</sup>             | Conv. of B° | Yield <sup>u</sup><br>(%) | Selectivity <sup>c</sup> | Entry           | АВ  | Condition <sup>b</sup> | Conv. of B <sup>c</sup> | Yield <sup>a</sup><br>(%) | Selectivity <sup>c</sup> |
|-------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>1</sup> | 2/40/4                             | > 99        | 94(84)                    | 0.94                     | 8 (             |   | 2/50/2                 | 66                      | 64(47)                    | 0.98                     |
| 2     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>2</sup> | 4/40/4                             | > 99        | 92(88)                    | 0.92                     | 9 🛧             | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>8</sup>                 | 4/50/2                 | 61                      | 61(66)                    | > 0.99                   |
| 3     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>3</sup> | 2/40/4                             | > 99        | 94(85)                    | 0.94                     | 10 <sup>e</sup> | A <sup>2</sup> B <sup>8</sup>                 | 10/23/12               | 81                      | 75(65)                    | 0.93                     |
| 4     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>4</sup> | 4/40/4                             | 89          | 57                        | 0.64                     | 11'             | A3B8 H H                                      | 10/23/12               | 83                      | 73(65)                    | 0.94                     |
| 5     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>5</sup> | <sup>t</sup> Bu <b>2/40/4</b><br>u | > 99        | 89(81)                    | 0.89                     | 12              | A <sup>4</sup> B <sup>8</sup>                 | 4/40/4                 | 90                      | 82(66)                    | 0.94                     |
| 6     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>6</sup> | 2/40/4<br>OMe                      | > 99        | 87(82)                    | 0.87                     | 13              | A <sup>2</sup> B <sup>2</sup>                 | 4/40/4                 | > 99                    | 88(83)                    | 0.88                     |
| 7     | A <sup>1</sup> B <sup>7</sup> | 4/50/2                             | 98          | 92(83)                    | 0.94                     |                 | A <sup>3</sup> B <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Bu |                        |                         |                           |                          |

Trend: Aliphatic aldehyde be the carboxylic acid part, and the aryl aldehyde be the alcohol part No crosscoupling were observed with p-Cl and p-NO2 substituted benzaldehydes.

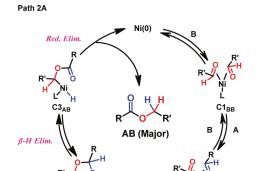
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Unidentified products were detected by GC.

 $<sup>^</sup>b$ Benzoin condensation of B<sup>1</sup> proceeded.

# Plausible mechanisms for the nickel-catalyzed crossed Tishchenko reaction

C1<sub>AB</sub>

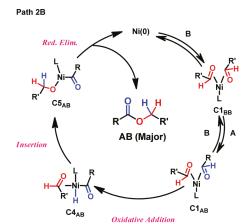
# Electron-poor component coordinate to nickel(0) more efficiently due to backbonding



Supported by measurement of rate constant and KIE analysis

Oxidative Cyclization

C2<sub>AB</sub>



No decarbonylation was observed