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Asymmetric Hydrogen-Bond catalysis Topic review

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Introduction

Double H-bond catalysts

Thioureas

- Pioneer work
- Monofunctional Thioureas
- Bifunctional Thioureas
- Chiral counteranions

Thioureas derivatives : Cinchona alkaloids and squaramides

Single H-bond catalysts

TADDOL and BAMOL BINOL

- Monofunctional BINOL
- Bifunctional BINOL

Conclusion



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Introduction

Lewis acids versus Brønsted acids

> Dominant strategy: Metal-centered Lewis Acid starting with Friedel and Crafts

Wasserman, 1942 : cycloaddition of cyclopentadiene with benzoquinone



Yates and Eaton, 1960: Diels-Alder



Without AICl₃: 200 d, 95% yield

Wassermann, A. J. Chem. Soc. **1942**, 618-621 Yates, P.; Eaton P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1960**, 4436-4437 $u^{\scriptscriptstyle b}$

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Lewis acids versus Brønsted acids



Lewis acid

Advantages

- Highly tunable (M, L*, X)
- Interactions well defined
 - ✓ Strong (LA-LB)
 - ✓ Directional

Disadvantages

- Mostly metals
 - ✓ Toxic
 - Expensive



Brønsted acid

Advantages

- Somewhat tunable (A*, pKa)
- Metal free catalyst
 - ✓ Mild reaction conditions
 - Non toxic (application to pharmaceutical industry) and environment friendly
 - ✓ Inexpensive
 - ✓ Stable (usually to water and O_2)
- Dominant catalysts in biocatalysis

Disadvantages

- Interactions not well defined
- High loading
 H^A*
 H^A*

Hydrogen-Bond Catalysis or Brønsted-Acid Catalysis?

- > The terms : Weak/Strong Bronsted acid, General/Specific acid catalysis
- LUMO energy of the carbonyl or imine decreases by lowering the electron density at O or N atoms
- > The H⁺ or H-bond a crucial role in accelerating the reaction

Specific Acid Catalysis: Reversible protonation of the electrophile in a pre-equilibrium step prior to nucleophilic attack. Ions pair



Bronsted acid catalysis

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General acid catalysis or Hydrogen bond catalysis: Acid activation of an electrophile, but not full proton transfer.



- A strong Brønsted acid will do Brønsted-acid catalysis
- A weak Brønsted acid (e.g. neutral) will do Hydrogen-bond catalysis

H-bond occuring in nature

- > Serine protease acceleration of amide hydrolysis
 - Double H-bonding: effective method for electrophile activation
 - Multiple non covalent interaction with substrate : organisation of the binding site
 - Bifunctional catalysis : activation of the nucleophile



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Modes of H-bond catalysis

> Three modes of H-bond catalysis are going to be discussed



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Double H-bond catalysts





Double H-bond Pioneering work in achiral synthesis



 C_3H_7

NO₂

NO₂

 C_3H_7





yield without catalyst : 3% with catalyst : 94%

- > Acceleration of the reaction rate (result with or without catalyst) and control outcome
- > First proposition of a mechanism *via* double H-bond activation of the dienophile
- > Control experiment:
- Presence of a monoprotic acid
- H-bond acceptor on diene decreases effect
- > H-bond used to position (control) and activate (acceleration) the dienophile

Double H-bond Pioneering work in achiral synthesis

Jorgensen, 1991 : Hydratation model (computationnal studies)

- Accelerating effect of water in Diels Alder: Variation of ΔG and polarization >
- Two water molecule "clamp" the carbonyl : solvent effect >

Etter, 1991 : Crystallization

1: 1 cocrystals e⁻ poor urea with a wide variety of H-bond acceptors > • With solvents : THF, DMSO

•With other acceptor : triphenylphosphine oxide, ethylene glycol

- Proof of Double H-bond with the urea moiety (IR/X-ray) >
- Ortho, para EWG, metha EDG : no crystallization >
- Meta EWGs \rightarrow molecules become nearly planar >
 - \rightarrow ortho- C-H protons lie as close as possible to the carbonyl group
 - \rightarrow Carbonyl (strong LB) does'nt form any intermolecular H-bond
 - \rightarrow otherwise, no crystallization









C₈H₁₇OO0

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- Curran, 1994 : Allylation of α-sulfinyl radical
- > Structure inspired by Kelly (NO₂ replace by CF₃)
- > New "protic <u>Lewis acid</u>" to modify the rate and stereochemical outcome
- > Work of Renaud and Ribezzo : stereoselectivity increase with LA



D. P. Curran, L. H. Kuo, J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 3259.

Double H-bond Pioneering work in achiral synthesis

• Work of Waldner and De Mesmaeker : stereoselectivity increase in H-bond donating solvent



solvent	additive	Trans/cis (yield %)
benzene	none	5.3/1 (59)
EtOH	none	9.8/1 (63)
benzene	TFE (5 eq)	10.3/1 (63)
benzene	Cat (1 eq)	14.1/1 (72)

- Stereoselectivity cf model
- Acceleration polar effect



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HO

tBu

 R^4

- 180 catalysts
- Ee from 19 to 91%

M. S. Sigman, E. N. Jacobsen, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1998, 120, 4901-4902

Salicylaldimine (Schiff base)

 $R^4 = H$, OMe, tBu, Br

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> Further modifications



M. S. Sigman, E. N. Jacobsen, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, *39*, 1279-1281 Vachal, P.; Jacobsen, E.N. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2*, 867-870

Jacobsen, 2002 : Mechanism , Strecker reaction

- Conformation of ground state A determined by ROESY/NOE
- Rate-limiting addition of HCN

First studies :

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- Reversible formation of imine-catalyst complex
- Only the 2 urea H are necessary
- Imine in the Z conformation (mixture of E/Z interconvert in solution)
- Conformation of complexe determined by ROESY/NOE







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- > Model proposed
- Bridging mode







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Jacobsen, 2004 : Hydrophosphonylation of benzyl imines



Jacobsen, 2002 : Mannich type reaction



Joly, G.D.; Jacobsen, E. N. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 4102-4103 2) Wenzel, A.G.; Jacobsen, E. N. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 12964-12965 3) I. T. Raheem, E. N. Jacobsen, Adv. Synth. Catal. 2005, 347, 1701-1708

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Taylor, M.S.; Jacobsen, E.N.; J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 10558-10559

Taylor, M. S.; Tokunaga, N.; Jacobsen, E. N. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2005, 44, 6700-6704

- > Substrates used previously, restricted to imines
- > But variation of the N-substituents
- > Introduction of a functional group to obtain dual activation of both electrophile and nucleophile
- > Catalysts usually possess an acidic and basic structural group for dual activation
- > Higher yields and enantioselectivities can be obtained





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- > Acidic thiourea activates nitroolefin
- > Basic tertiary amine enhances the nucleophilicity of the 1,3-dicarbonyl compound

Okino, T.; Hoashi, Y.; Furukawa, T.; Xu, X.; Takemoto, Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 119-125

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> Mechanism proposed (H-bond and orientation identified by NMR and X-ray)



Okino, T.; Hoashi, Y.; Furukawa, T.; Xu, X.; Takemoto, Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 119-125

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- > Bicyclo [3.2.1] octane highly substituted with 4 stereogenic centers (2 quaternary C)
- > Only two diastereomers (can be separeted on FC)



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> First insight into mechanism



> Diastereoselectivity determined in the aldol reaction

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Y. Sohtome, A. Tanatani, Y. Hashimoto, K. Nagasawa, Tetrahedron Lett. 2004, 45, 5589

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- > Amine should not be too bulky to be better nucleophile
- > Aromatic part of thiourea bearing EWG give stronger H-bond with carbonyl
- > Still long reaction times!

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> Low temperature and no H-bond donor solvent

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> Mechanism



S. J. Zuend, E. N. Jacobsen, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, 129, 15872-15883

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R. P. Herrera, V. Sgarzani, L. Bernardi, A. Ricci, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2005, 44, 6576

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> Further modifications



- \rightarrow Without loss in ee
- > Model proposed (according to crystal structure)









> General acid catalysis ($S_N 2$) *versus* formation of ion-pair intermediate ($S_N 1$)



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- > Secondary kinetic isotope effect : $k_H/k_D = 1.12$ (transition state = sp3 to sp2)
- > Effect of EDG of the electrophile (reaction more rapid)
- > Reaction does nt work with primary halide
- \rightarrow S_N1 via carbocation (anion abstraction)

Brown, A. R., Kuo, W-H.; Jacobsen, E. N. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 9286-9288

Jacobsen, 2009: Ring Opening of Aziridines





> Further modifications



> Activation HCl confirmed by ¹³P NMR: phosphonium-Cl complex



- > Proposed catalytic cycle
- Diasteroselective: trans product
- Inversion of stereochemistry
- \rightarrow S_N2 pathway



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Jacobsen, 2009 : Strecker reaction

> Previous mechanism

> New mechanism proposed: in accordance with enantioselectivity!



According to kinetics + computational studies (bond distance)



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Jacobsen, 2007 : Acyl-Pictet-Spengler



- > R group : alkyl *vs* H
- > Halide counteranion effect
- > Solvent effects
- \rightarrow S_N1-type mechanism (in accordance with DFT calculation)

I. T. Raheem, P. S. Thiara, E. A. Peterson, E. N. Jacobsen, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, 129, 13404-13405
Double H-bond Bifunctional Cinchona-thiourea

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Marcelli, T.; van der Hass, R.N.S.; van Maarseven, J.H.; Hiemstra, H. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2006, 45, 929-931

Double H-bond Bifunctional Cinchona-thiourea

- > Enantioselectivity observed not clear but
- Aldehyde activated by thiourea
- Nitromethan activated by basic quinuclidine N
- > Also acceleration
- > Model proposed





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Double H-bond Bifunctional Cinchona-thiourea

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Song, J.; Wang, Y.; Deng, L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 6048-6049

Double H-bond Bifunctional Squaramide

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Rawal, 2008: Michael reaction

- > Scaffold rigidity
- > Pseudo-aromatic nature
- polarized nitrogen moiety /N–H acidity enhanced
- Longer hydrogen bond spacing
- > Inward converging N–H bond vectors





Double H-bond Bifunctional Squaramide

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Rawal, 2008: Michael reaction



J. P. Malerich, K. Hagihara, V. H. Rawal, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 14416–14417 J. Wang , H. Li , W. Duan , L Zu , W Wang, *Org. Lett.*, **2005**, *7*, 4713–4716



Single H-bond catalysts





Single H-bond Monofunctional diol

- > Challenges with single H-bond :
- Less strenght than double H-bond
- Less directionality which reduces the ability to achieve suitably rigid catalyst-substrate complex
- > Goal :
- Good catalytic activity : lowering LUMO level electrophile
- Good enantioselectivity by shielding one face of the electrophile

Single H-bond Monofunctional diol

- > TADDOL and BINOL useful ligands for LA mediated processes
- > Use in general acid asymetric catalysis recent
- > pKa binol ~ 18 / pKa diol ~ 20
- > Commercially available (TADDOL 1g, 190 CHF, BINOL, 1g, 43 CHF)
- Previous work done by Hine and co-workers showed that Biphenylenediol can accelerate epoxyde opening probably by double H-bond





(S)

J. Hine, S-M Linden, V. M. Kanagasabapathy , J. Am. Chem. Soc, 1985, 107, 1082



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Rawal, 2002: Hetero-Diels-Alder reaction (HAD)

 Investigation of solvent effect : acceleration in protic solvents (reaction 630 times faster in isopropyl alcohol than THF)





- > Solvent protic with OH not shielded and not implied in solvolys are the best !
- H-bond between a solvent molecule the aldehyde carbonyl served to lower the carbonyl LUMO
- > Extension this new concept to asymmetric catalysis by examination of various chiral alcohols



- > Evidence for acceleration : without catalyst, no reaction
- > Evidence for H-bond : mono-methyl or di-methyl derivativ
- > Crystal structure of catalyst
- <u>Intramolecular</u> H-bond between the 2 hydroxyl groups: resulting proton more acidic for <u>intermolecular</u> H-bond and well orientated
- 1-naphtyl group restrict the rotation about C-naphtyl
- > Representation of the X ray structure of a 1 : 1 complex between TADDOL and aldehyde: *Re*-face



Y. Huang, A.K. Unni, A.N. Thadani, V.H. Rawal, Nature. 2003, 424, 146



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> TADDOL (Ar= Ph, yield=30%, 31% ee) Derivativ (Ar=1, naphtyl, yield=83%, 91% ee)

> Proposed mechanism

- Free proton forms strong H-bond to the carbonyl (low LUMO level)
- Electron deficient double bond stabilized through π - π
- 1-naphtyl shields one face
- *Si*-face favoured
- At low T, more persisten H-bond, better organisation



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Single H-bond Monofunctional diol : BAMOL

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- > Evidence of single H-bond donation: X-ray structure catalyst (Ar=Ph)/benzaldehyde.
- > Both intra- and inter- molecular H-bonds are observed

A.K. Unni, N. Takenaka, H. Yamamoto, V.H Rawal, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 1336-1337.



N. Momiyama, H. Yamamoto, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 1080-1081

- > A single regioisomer can be formed exclusively depending on Brønsted acid and enamine
- Pyrrolidine for acidic conditions with (S)-1-naphtyl glycol
- Morpholine for less acidic conditions with TADDOL



N. Momiyama, H. Yamamoto, J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2005**, *127*, 1080-1081 Yamamoto , H., Kawasaki , M, *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.*. **2007**, *80* , 595 – 607 $u^{\scriptscriptstyle b}$

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- > Only product from attack at the γ position of silvldiene
- > Further transformation



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> Insight into the Mechanism, proposed model



- > Internally H-bond arrangement
- > Free H atom on the catalyst (expected to be more acidic than a normal OH) can form Hbond with the aldehyde oxygen, and lower its LUMO
- > Stabilization of the H-bonded aldehyde through a postulated π π
- > *Re*-face accessible to attack by the nucleophile



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Rawal 2006 : Mukaiyama Aldol reaction



> Enantioselective and Diastereoselective reaction



McGilvra, J.D.; Unni, A.K.; Modi, K.; Rawal, V.H. Angew. Int Chem. Ed. 2006, 45, 6130-6133

R¹=alk, O-alk, O-ar, hal

ee 78-97%

Rawal 2009 : Mukaiyama Aldol reaction

> Aldol reaction of α-ketoester



> Aldol reaction with acetyl phosphonate



> Aldol reaction with acyl cyanide



R¹=Me, 78% yield, dr 1:1, 75%ee R¹=OPh, 85% yield, dr 2:1, 70%ee

V. Bhasker Gondi, K. Hagihara, Rawal, V.H. Chem. Commun., 2010, 46, 904–906

V. Bhasker Gondi, K. Hagihara, Rawal, V.H Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2009, 48, 776-779



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- > Extra H- bond, bulky group or EWG at 3,3' position decrease catalytic activity and ee
- > Aprotic apolar solvent and low temperature are optimal conditions
- > Mono-methylated: decreased yield and ee : 2 OH involved
- \rightarrow Double or Single H bond?!

> Model proposed (by me!) with nucelophilic attack on *Re* face

> Conversion into a number of diverse structural motifs without racemization







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- > Optimisation of catalyst show that structural features are needed :
- Saturation of BINOL
- Substitution at the 3,3' positions with bulky groups
- Restricted rotation about the biaryl bound of the 3-substituent
- The 2 OH groups are needed and involved in intramolecular and intermolecular bond

N. T. McDougal, S. E. Schaus, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 12094 - 12095

Single H-bond Monofunctional diol : BINOL derivative

> The phosphonium enolate of cyclohexenone is stabilized via a H-bond with the binaphthol derived Brønsted acid, creating a chiral nucleophile





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> New concept : chiral Brønsted acid unit connected with LB via a spacer



Matsui, K. Takizawa, S. Sasai, H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 3680-3681

- > Importance of the phenolic hydroxy group at position 2 and 2'
- $R_1 = Me, R_2 = H$ slightly decrease activity (yield 93% to 85%, ee 87% to 79%)
- $R_1 = H, R_2 = H$ considerably decrease activity (yield 93% to 5%, ee 87% to 24%)
- \rightarrow only one H-bond implied
- > Importance of Nitrogen at Y : without, no reaction occur
- > Importance of the chain size and Nitrogen at X to position LB
- > Two pairs of acid base :
- One to fixes the conformation
- One to activate the substrate







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> Insight into mechanism



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> Spiro catalyst: geometry distinct and more rigid than BINOL



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Conclusion

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> Bad points

- Time of reaction (from 15 min to 9 days)
- Limited scope of subsrate
- High loading of catalysts
- Mechanisms not always clear
- Good points
- Inexpensive catalyst
- Reusable after column with still same ee
- Catalyst tunable
- Really high yield and ee can be obtained
- Wide scope of reactions
- Development of bifunctionnal catalyst gave improvments
- Improvements are on going



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Thank you!

Synthesis thiourea catalyst Kelly



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SCHEME:¹¹ Reagents: (i) CH₂=CH₂CH₂Br, K₂CO₃, acetone, Δ , 2 h; (ii) Double Claisen rearrangement: N. N-dimethylaniline, 200°C, 23 h; (iii) H₂ (~ 1 atm.), PtO₂, EtOH, 5 min; (iv) NO₂BF₄, AcOH, 2.5 h; (v) PhCH₂Br, K₂CO₃, DME-DMF (1:0.3); (vi) Cu-bronze, DMF, Δ , 4 h; (vii) BBr₃, C₆H₆, 3.5 h.

Etter urea





Synthesis thiourea catalyst Curran



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Synthesis Thiourea Jacobsen





Synthesis Thiourea Jacobsen





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Meca ABH Jacobsen





Thiourea pictet-spingler







Catalyst Takemoto





Synthesis bifunctional thiourea nagasawa



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Thiourea Ricci





Jacobsen aziridine





Cinchona derivativ Hiemstra

Q-0



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Conditions: a) PhNTf2, DMAP, DCM; b) Pd(OAc)2, BINAP, Cs2CO3, THF, Ph2C=NH; c) citric acid, THF, H2O; d) 3,5-(CF3)2PhNCS, THF.

Q-2

 F_3C

CF₃

Q-1

Cinchona derivativ Deng



(i) PPh3, DIAD, DPPA, THF, 0-45 °C; (ii) PPh3, 45 °C; (iii) H2O, 45 °C; then HClaq then NH4OH;

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Rawal squaramides





Synthesis Taddol derivativ





Synthesis of BAMOL





Reduction dimethylamide



Synthesis of BINOL derivativ Schaus







Synthesis of BINOL derivativ Wang





Synthesis of BINOL derivativ Sasai





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Reaction Conditions: (a) 0.5 eq Me₂CO, NaOH, 50% EtOH-H₂O, rt, 2h, 62%;⁹ (b) Raney Ni, Me₂CO, rt, 1 atm. H₂, 1 day; (c) 2.5 eq Br₂, 3.5 eq pyridine, CH_2Cl_2 ; -10 °C to rt, 4h; (d) polyphosphoric acid, 105 °C, 5.5h, 57% for 3 steps;^{7d} (e) *n*-BuLi (4 eq), THF, -78 °C, 1h; EtOH, 93%; (f) 2.3 eq BBr₃, CH_2Cl_2 . -78 °C to rt overnight, 85%.

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