

Iodine/TBHP

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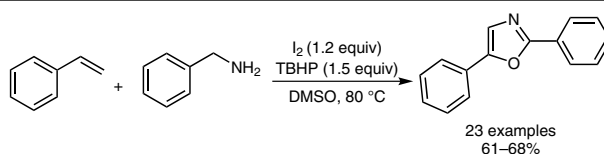
Introduction

In recent times, several advancements were made in using catalytic amounts of iodine in combination with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) as co-oxidant. The increased utility is mainly due to its inexpensive, environmentally be-

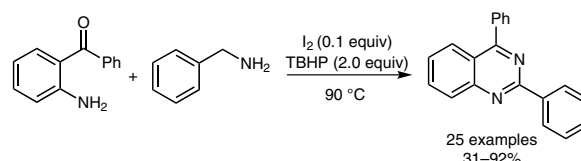
nign nature, good efficiency and compatibility to work in place of rare or toxic heavy metal oxidants.¹ The I₂/TBHP catalytic system works efficiently for numerous C–C and C–X (X = heteroatom) bond-forming organic transformations under mild reaction conditions to offer the desired products in excellent yields.²

Table 1 Use of Iodine–TBHP

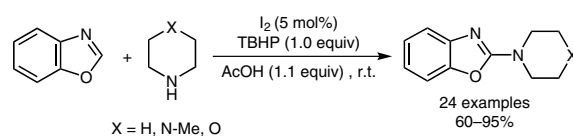
(A) Jiang et al. reported an I₂/TBHP mediated domino oxidative cyclization for the one-pot synthesis of polysubstituted oxazoles from readily available styrenes and benzylamines under mild conditions.³



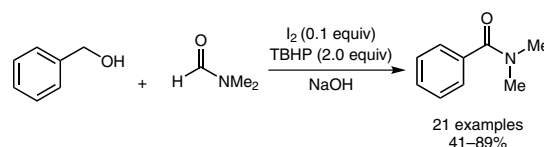
(B) Zhang et al. demonstrated the synthesis of 2-phenylquinazolines in good to excellent yields via tandem sp³ C–H functionalization of 2-amino benzophenones and benzylic amines.⁴



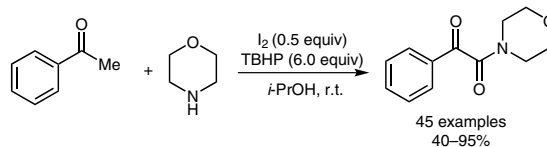
(C) Manjunath and Prabhu reported a metal-free catalytic route to 2-aminobenzoxazoles by amination of benzoxazoles via C–H bond activation of primary or secondary amines. Further the methodology was demonstrated to synthesize therapeutically active benzoxazoles.⁵



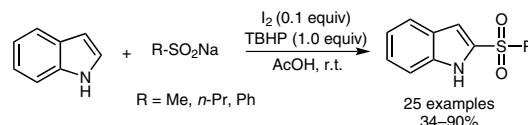
(D) An I₂/TBHP catalyzed first efficient and direct synthesis of tertiary amides from alcohols and dimethylformamide has been developed. This transition-metal-free protocol provides a practical synthetic tool for the construction of *N,N*-dimethyl-substituted amides.⁶



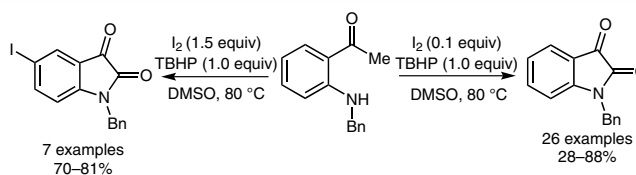
(E) A metal-free oxidative coupling of methyl ketones and primary or secondary amines to α -keto amides was developed by Wan and his group. Four types of intermediates, α -iodo ketones, α -amino ketones, iminium intermediates and α -hydroxy amines were identified through a series of control experiments. The atom-economic methodology can be scaled-up, tolerates a variety of functional groups, and is operationally simple.⁷



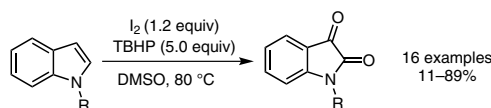
(F) A novel I_2 /TBHP catalyzed selective 2-arylsulfonylation of indoles was demonstrated. Various substituted 2-arylsulfonyl indoles were obtained in good to excellent yields in one pot. The direct sulfonylation reaction occurred selectively at C-2 position of the indole ring and only a catalytic amount of iodine acted as an efficient promoter. This method is a novel alternative approach for the synthesis of biologically important hetero diaryl sulfones from sodium sulfinates.⁸



(G) Recently, we have developed an I_2 /TBHP mediated synthesis of isatin and iodoisatin from 2'-aminoacetophenone via intramolecular oxidative amidation of the sp^3 C–H bond. The reaction proceeds through sequential iodination, Kornblum oxidation, and amidation in one pot. The stoichiometric amount of I_2 plays a significant role in delivering iodoisatin exclusively in high yields.⁹



(H) Ji's research group reported an I_2 /TBHP mediated oxidation of commercially available indoles to isatins in moderate to good yields.¹⁰



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