Traceless Redox-Annulations of Alicyclic Amines

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Abstract

Amines such as 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline undergo redox-neutral annulations with \textit{ortho}-(nitromethyl)benzaldehyde. Benzoic acid acts as a promoter in these reactions, which involve concurrent amine \textit{\alpha}-C–H bond and N–H bond functionalization. Subsequent removal of the nitro group provides access to tetrahydroprotoberberines not accessible via typical redox-annulations. Also reported are decarboxylative annulations of \textit{ortho}-(nitromethyl)benzaldehydes with proline and pipecolic acid.

Key words C–H bond functionalization, redox-neutral, redox-annulation, denitration, decarboxylative annulation

New methods for the C–H bond functionalization of amines and their derivatives continue to be developed at a rapid pace.\textsuperscript{1,2} However, few approaches have emerged that are compatible with unprotected secondary amines while at the same time enabling \textit{\alpha}-C–H bond functionalization with concurrent C–N bond formation.\textsuperscript{1m,\textsuperscript{op}} Particularly attractive in this regard are redox-annulations of cyclic amines, which allow for the rapid formation of polycyclic amines from simple starting materials (Scheme 1). Water is the only byproduct in these reactions. Examples of this type of transformation include condensations of amines with \textit{ortho}-aminobenzaldehydes to provide aminals (Scheme 1a, \textit{X} = NR),\textsuperscript{3} and related, carboxylic-acid-catalyzed transformations involving \textit{\alpha}-C–O and \textit{\alpha}-C–S bond formation.\textsuperscript{4} Redox-annulations that achieve \textit{\alpha}-C–C bond formation with \textit{ortho}-tolualdehyde derivatives require the presence of at least one electron-withdrawing group on the \textit{ortho}-methyl group.\textsuperscript{5} In addition, activation of an \textit{ortho}-methyl group has been achieved with heteroaryl substrates (Scheme 1b)\textsuperscript{6} and highly electron-deficient \textit{\alpha}-tolualdehydes (Scheme 1c).\textsuperscript{7–10} Here, we report the first redox-annulations of amines with \textit{ortho}-(nitromethyl)benzaldehydes (Scheme 1d). In these reactions, the nitro group acts as a traceless activator as it can be removed in a subsequent step. The overall strategy represents an attractive new pathway to members and analogues of the tetrahydroprotoberberine family of natural products.\textsuperscript{11}

Scheme 1  Examples of amine redox-annulations and present work
ortho-(Nitromethyl)benzaldehyde (1a)\(^2\) and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (THIQ) were selected as the model substrates in the initial evaluation of the proposed redox-annulation. Key optimization experiments are summarized in Table 1. While conditions used in other redox-annulations (reflux in toluene with benzoic acid as a promoter) provided the target product 2a in substantial amounts, improved results were obtained under microwave conditions. The maximum yield of 76% was achieved in a reaction that was performed in dichloroethane solvent at 150 °C for 5 min (entry 4). The reactions exhibited low but variable diastereoselectivities. We suspected that the two diastereomers of 2a may interconvert under the reaction conditions by means of a retro-nitro-Mannich/nitro-Mannich sequence with little thermodynamic preference for either diastereomer. Indeed, while accompanied by some decomposition, exposure of diastereomerically pure 2a to the reaction conditions led to the recovery of 2a as a nearly 1:1 mixture of diastereomers (Scheme 2).

The annulation/denitration sequence was applied to a number of substituted tetrahydroisoquinolines (Scheme 3). Moderate to good yields were achieved in the individual steps with acceptable overall yields. Gratifyingly, 1-aryl tetrahydroisoquinolines with electronically diverse substituents also readily participated in redox-annulations to provide the corresponding sterically congested products as essentially single diastereomers in reasonable yields (Scheme 4). A related tetrahydro-\(\beta\)-carboline also participated in the reaction but provided the annulation product in significantly lower yield.

Unfortunately, the products shown in Scheme 4 were not amenable to denitration under the reaction conditions employed above. However, removal of the nitro group was readily achieved with tributyltin hydride (Scheme 5).\(^{14}\)

Despite significant experimentation, less activated amines such as pyrrolidine and piperidine did not participate in redox-annulations with ortho-(nitromethyl)benzaldehyde (1a). However, as has been shown in a number of

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**Table 1** Reaction Development\(^a\)

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\(^a\) Reactions were performed on a 0.25 mmol scale. All yields correspond to isolated yields. The dr was determined by \(^1\)H NMR analysis after purification.

\(^b\) Performed under microwave irradiation.

**Scheme 2** Equilibration experiment

We then turned our attention to the denitration step (Table 2). Following some optimization, conditions similar to those developed by Carreira and co-workers were found to be efficient in removing the nitro group,\(^{13}\) providing product 3a in up to 70% yield (entry 6).
related reactions, the corresponding decarboxylative reactions in which proline and piperoc acid are used in place of pyrrolidine and piperidine provided annulation products in good yields (Scheme 6). Denitration under conditions was also successful.

In conclusion, we have achieved the first traceless re- dox-annulations of amines using a substrate with an activating nitro group that can be subsequently removed. This strategy provides access to products that are not readily available by using conventional synthetic approaches.

Starting materials, reagents, and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received unless stated otherwise. 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoquinoline was freshly distilled prior to use. L-Proline, L-tert-pipercotic acid, 2,2’-(diazene-1,2-diyl)bis(2-methylpropionitrile), and tributyltin hydride were used as received. HPLC grade 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and was used without further purification. Purification of reaction products was carried out by flash column chromatography using Sorbent Technologies Standard Grade silica gel (60 Å, 230–400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on EM Reagent 0.25 mm silica gel 60 F254 plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light and Dragendorff–Munier stains, followed by heating. 1H NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker 400 MHz or Bruker 600 MHz instrument and chemical shifts are reported in ppm using the solvent as an internal standard (CDCl₃, at 7.26 ppm). Data are reported as app = apparent, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, comp = complex, br = broad; coupling constant(s) in Hz. Proton-decoupled carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (13C NMR) spectra were recorded with a Bruker 400 MHz or Bruker 600 MHz instrument and chemical shifts are reported in ppm using the solvent as an internal standard (CDCl₃, at 77.16 ppm). Diastereomeric ratios of the products were determined by 1H NMR analysis of the purified products. Accurate mass data (ESI) was obtained with Agilent 1260 Infinity II LC/MSD using MassWorks 5.0 from CERNO bioscience. Reactions under microwave irradiation were conducted with a Biotage Initiator+, SW version: 4.1.4 build 11991.

Scheme 4 Formation of sterically congested tetrahydroprotoberberine analogues

Scheme 5 Denitration of a sterically congested annulation product

Scheme 6 Decarboxylative annulation/denitration

1-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 1-[(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 1-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 1-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 1-(4-m-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 1-(4-p-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 2-(nitromethyl)benzaldehyde were prepared according to reported procedures and their published characterization data matched our own in all respects.

13-Nitro-5,8,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isooquinolinol[3,2-a]isooquinoline (2a)

2-(Nitromethyl)benzaldehyde (1a) (41.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (41.5 µL, 0.33 mmol, 1.3 equiv), and benzoic acid (40.3 mg, 0.33 mmol, 1.3 equiv) were added to a microwave vial charged with a stir bar. Dichloroethane (2.5 mL) was added and the microwave vial was sealed. The vial was stirred until complete dissolution of the solids and then placed in the microwave, followed by heating for 5 minutes at 150 °C with the instrument set to low absorption. The reaction mixture was neutralized with sat. NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed
under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes containing EtOAc (0–15%), yielding 2a as a mixture of diastereomers with a dr of 1:1.

Yield: 76% (53.3 mg); brown oil; Rf = 0.16 (hexanes/EtOAc 90:10 v/v).

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 7.47 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 0.5 H), 7.43–7.35 (comp, 1 H), 7.34–7.10 (comp, 6 H), 7.04–6.96 (m, 0.5 H), 6.17 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 0.5 H), 5.90 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 0.5 H), 4.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 0.5 H), 4.38 (dd, J = 15.8 Hz, 0.5 H), 4.26 (d, J = 15 Hz, 0.5 H), 4.20 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 0.5 H), 3.96 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 0.5 H), 3.79 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 0.5 H), 3.33–3.19 (comp, 1 H), 3.08–2.96 (comp, 2 H), 2.92–2.85 (m, 0.5 H), 2.77–2.69 (m, 0.5 H).

13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 136.4, 136.4, 134.7, 134.7, 134.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.7, 90.1, 87.0, 83.3, 62.1, 57.8, 56.7, 50.8, 48.0, 29.3, 29.2.


13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3); δ = 136.4, 136.4, 134.7, 134.7, 134.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.7, 90.1, 87.0, 63.3, 62.1, 57.8, 56.7, 50.8, 48.0, 29.3, 29.2.

HRMS (EI): m/z [M + H]+ calcd for C17H17N2O2: 281.1285; found: 281.1282. Spectral Accuracy: 98.8%.

13-Nitro-13a-phenyl-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isouquinolino-[3,2-aj]isoquinoline (2e)

By following General Procedure C, compound (+)-2e was obtained from aldehyde 1a (41.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) and 1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (104.8 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Hexanes containing EtOAc (0–10%) was used as the eluent for silica gel chromatography.

Yield: 70% (62.4 mg) and a > 20:1 diastereometric ratio; white solid; Rf = 0.13 (hexanes/EtOAc 95:5 v/v).

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 7.58 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.39–7.34 (comp, 2 H), 7.25–7.16 (comp, 3 H), 7.15–7.09 (comp, 4 H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.83–6.78 (comp, 2 H), 6.59 (s, 1 H), 3.93 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.39–3.26 (comp, 3 H), 3.07–3.00 (m, 1 H), 2.91–2.84 (m, 1 H).

13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3); δ = 139.6, 136.9, 136.8, 136.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 126.2, 91.5, 65.8, 52.3, 45.6, 29.5.

HRMS (EI): m/z [M + H]+ calcd for C23H21N2O2: 357.1598; found: 357.1589. Spectral Accuracy: 97.3%.

13a-(4-Fluoropheny1)-13-nitro-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquinolino[3,2-aj]isoquinoline (2f)

By following General Procedure C, compound (+)-2f was obtained from aldehyde 1a (41.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) and 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (113.4 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Hexanes containing EtOAc (0–10%) was used as the eluent for silica gel chromatography.

Yield: 64% (59.9 mg) and a > 20:1 diastereometric ratio; off-white solid; Rf = 0.30 (hexanes/EtOAc 90:10 v/v).

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 7.56 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (app td, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (app td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.23–7.11 (comp, 4 H), 7.00 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (app t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.79–6.74 (comp, 2 H), 6.53 (s, 1 H), 3.94 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.37–3.27 (comp, 2 H), 3.21 (app td, J = 11.6, 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.03 (dd, J = 11.8, 6.0, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (app dt, J = 15.6, 2.7 Hz, 1 H).

13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl3); δ = 161.8 (d, J = 32.7 Hz), 136.7, 136.0, 135.4 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 130.2 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 126.3, 114.7 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 91.5, 65.4, 52.2, 45.5, 29.5.


13a-(4-Chlorophenyl)-13-nitro-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquinolino[3,2-aj]isoquinoline (2g)

By following General Procedure C, compound (+)-2g was obtained from aldehyde 1a (41.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (121.9 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Hexanes containing EtOAc (0–10%) was used as the eluent for silica gel chromatography.

Yield: 66% (64.5 mg) and > 20:1 diastereometric ratio; off-white solid; Rf = 0.52 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20 v/v).

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl3): δ = 7.56 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.39–7.33 (comp, 2 H), 7.29–7.11 (comp, 6 H), 7.06–6.96 (m, 1 H), 6.76–6.71 (comp, 2 H), 6.52 (s, 1 H), 3.95 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.38–3.27 (comp, 2 H), 3.22 (app td, J = 11.6, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.05 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1 H).
**13a-(4-Bromophenyl)-13-nitro-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquinolino-[3,2-a]isoquinoline (2h)**

By following General Procedure C, compound (±)-2h was obtained from aldehyde 1a (41.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) and 1-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (144.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Hexanes containing EtOAc (0–10%) was used as the eluent for silica gel chromatography.

Yield: 40% (38.6 mg) and > 20:1 diastereomeric ratio; off-white solid; Rf = 0.19 (hexanes/EtOAc 90:10 v/v).

**13-Nitro-13a-(p-tolyl)-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquinolino-[3,2-a]isoquinoline (2i)**

By following General Procedure C, compound (±)-2i was obtained from aldehyde 1a (41.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) and 1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (138.6 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Hexanes containing EtOAc (0–10%) was used as the eluent for silica gel chromatography.

Yield: 60% (55.6 mg) and > 20:1 diastereomeric ratio; off-white solid; Rf = 0.27 (hexanes/EtOAc 90:10 v/v).

**13-Nitro-13a-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquinolino-[3,2-a]isoquinoline (2j)**

By following General Procedure C, compound (±)-2j was obtained from aldehyde 1a (41.3 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv) and 1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (144.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Hexanes containing EtOAc (0–10%) was used as the eluent for silica gel chromatography.

Yield: 40% (38.6 mg) and > 20:1 diastereomeric ratio; off-white solid; Rf = 0.19 (hexanes/EtOAc 90:10 v/v).
15 minutes at 115 °C with the microwave set to low absorption. The reaction mixture was neutralized with sat. NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes containing EtOAc (0–10%) as the eluent, yielding **2m**.

**Yield:** 24% (56.9 mg) and > 20:1 diastereomeric ratio; pale-green solid; **Rf** = 0.40 (hexanes/EtOAc 80:20 v/v).

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.83 (s, 1 H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.49–7.41 (comp, 2 H), 7.34 (app td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.32–7.26 (comp, 4 H), 7.24–7.19 (comp, 2 H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.51 (s, 1 H), 4.08 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.48 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (app td, J = 12.7, 11.9, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (app dtt, J = 16.4, 10.7, 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.98–2.91 (m, 1 H).

13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.0, 131.5, 130.9, 130.0, 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.4, 122.9, 119.9, 118.9, 113.4, 111.5, 90.0, 63.8, 51.5, 46.7, 21.3.

HRMS (ESI): **m/z [M + H]⁺** calcd for C₂₅H₂₁BrN₃O₂: 474.0812; found: 474.0616. Spectral Accuracy: 97.7%.

**2,3-Dimethoxy-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquinolino[3,2-a]isoquinoline (3a)**

**Yield:** 38% (53.1 mg) over two steps; white solid; **Rf** = 0.25 (hexanes/EtOAc 75:25 v/v).

1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.21–7.13 (comp, 3 H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.75 (s, 1 H), 6.62 (s, 1 H), 4.04 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.71–3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.70–3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.34 (ddd, J = 16.2, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.20–3.12 (comp, 2 H), 2.98–2.87 (m, 1 H), 2.73–2.60 (comp, 2 H).

13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 147.6, 147.6, 134.9, 129.7, 128.8, 126.7, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 111.4, 108.6, 59.6, 58.6, 56.2, 55.9, 51.4, 36.8, 29.0.

HRMS (ESI): **m/z [M + H]⁺** calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂: 296.1645; found: 296.1739. Spectral Accuracy: 98.6%.

**4-Methyl-5,8,13,13a-tetrahydro-6H-isoquinolino[3,2-a]isoquinoline (3b)**

**Yield:** 72% (44.8 mg); white solid; **Rf** = 0.33 (hexanes/EtOAc 95:5 v/v).
1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.25–7.13 (comp, 10 H), 7.06 (app td, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.71–3.55 (comp, 3 H), 3.44 (dd, J = 17.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.28–3.23 (m, 1 H), 3.17 (dd, J = 11.8, 8.3, 4.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.09 (app dd, J = 11.9, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.02 (app dd, J = 15.8, 4.8 Hz, 1 H).

13C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 134.5, 134.2, 133.4, 129.8, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 126.5, 126.4, 126.0, 126.0, 126.5, 53.5, 46.5, 36.2, 29.9.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]+ calcld for C₂₁H₂₂N: 312.1747; found: 312.1787. Spectral Accuracy: 97.4%.

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