

# Radical Reactions Using Persistent Radical Effect

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## 1 Introduction

The Persistent Radical Effect (PRE) is a general principle that explains the highly specific formation of the cross-coupling product  $R^1-R^2$  between two radicals  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  when one species is persistent ( $R^1$ ) and the other is transient ( $R^2$ ) and the two radicals are formed at equal rates.

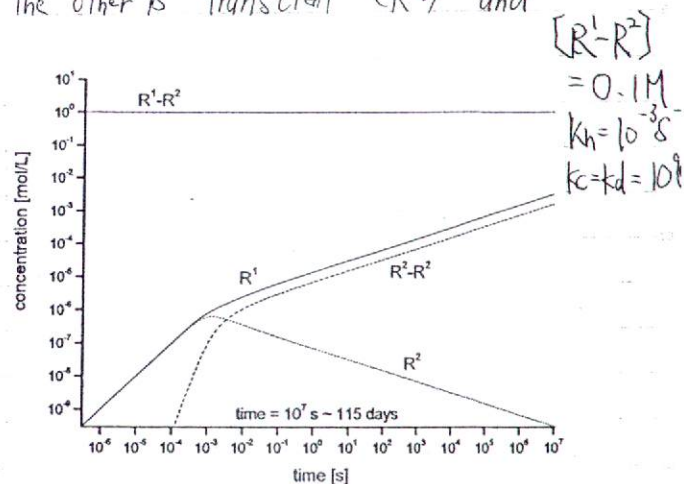
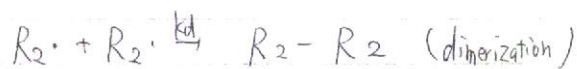
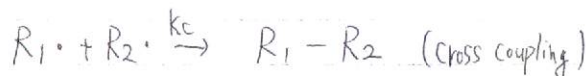
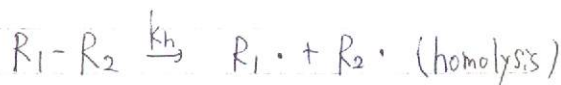


Fig. 1 Simulation of the first 115 days of a reaction obeying the principle of the PRE.

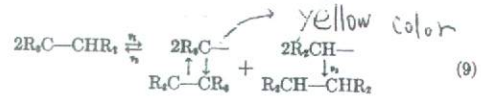
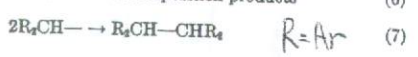
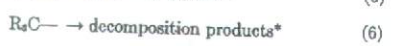
The first report of PRE was published in 1936 by Bachmann and Wiseogle.

THE RELATIVE STABILITY OF PENTAARYLETHANES. III.  
THE REVERSIBLE DISSOCIATION OF PENTAARYLETHANES\*

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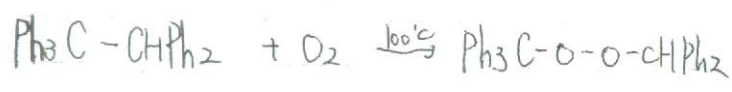
\*tetra-*p*-biphenylethane after being heated for two hours in *o*-dichlorobenzene at 100°, the original compound being recovered in 87 per cent. yield. This relative stability of pentaarylethanes, in marked contrast to their reactivity at these temperatures, made it seem very probable that the dissociation of pentaarylethanes is a reversible reaction for which the position of equilibrium is practically entirely in favor of the pentaarylethane. Moreover the immediate appearance of color on heating a solution of pentaarylethane above 100° precludes an explanation of the stability in terms of a slow irreversible dissociation process.

TABLE III  
TIMES REQUIRED FOR 0.00125 MOLAR SOLUTIONS OF PENTAARYLETHANES IN *o*-DICHLOROBENZENE TO ABSORB 0.5 MOLE OF OXYGEN AT 100°\*

COMPD.	MIN.	COMPD.	MIN.	COMPD.	MIN.	COMPD.	MIN.
1-	4.5	1-	3.5	1,1-	2.5	1,1,1-	2.0
2-	3.5	1,2-	2.5	1,1,2-	1.5	1,1,1,2-	1.0
2,2-	2.5	1,2,2-	1.5	1,1,2,2-	1.0	1,1,1,2,2-	0.8

\* The effect of replacing phenyl groups on the "1" carbon by biphenyl groups is apparent from reading horizontally; the effect of introducing biphenyl groups on the "2" carbon is shown in the vertical columns.

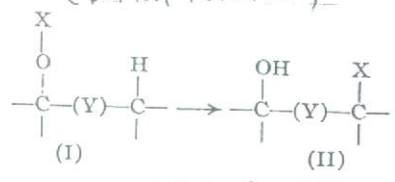
The chief product of the oxidation of a pentaarylethane at 100° was found to be the unsymmetrical triarylmethyl-(diarylmethyl)-peroxide,  $R_3C-O-O-CHR_2$ .\*



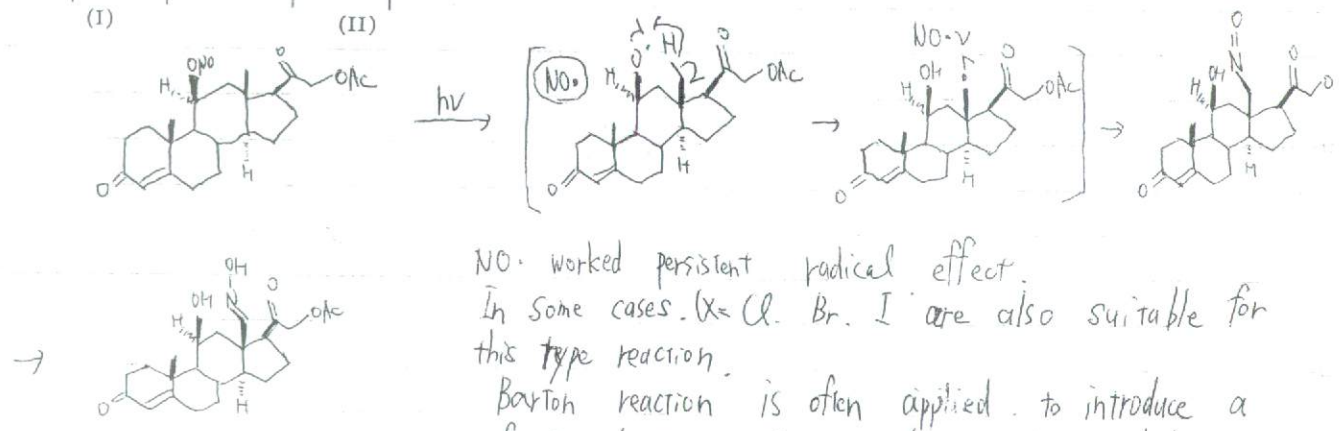
Old example of useful reaction using persistent radical effect.

A NEW PHOTOCHEMICAL REACTION  
(Barton reaction)

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1960, 82, 2640



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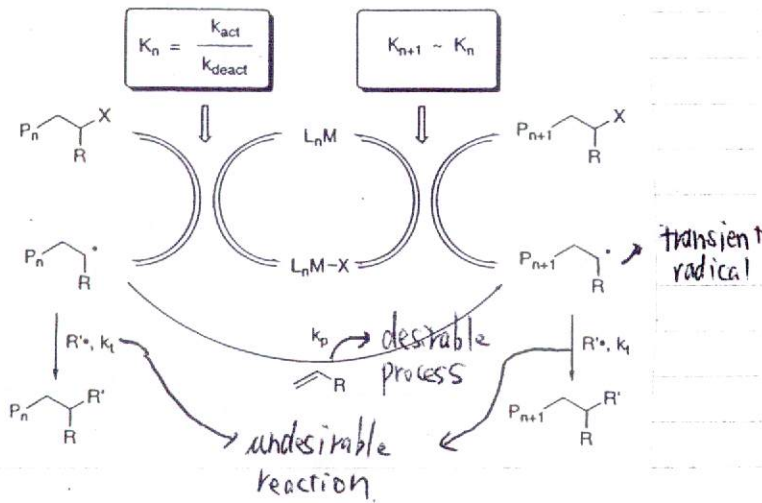


NO• worked persistent radical effect.  
In some cases, X=Cl, Br, I are also suitable for this type reaction.  
Barton reaction is often applied to introduce a functional group into less reactive methyl group.

Typical examples using the Persistent Radical Effect

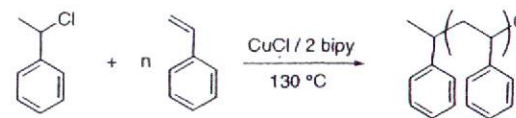
- Living radical polymerizations -
- ① Metal catalyzed atom transfer radical polymerization

General Mechanism for Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization (ATRP)



$L_nM-X$  complex supports persistent radical effects

Cu (I) complex Matyjaszewski et al  
 J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1995, 117, 5614  
 Macromolecules 1995, 28, 7901



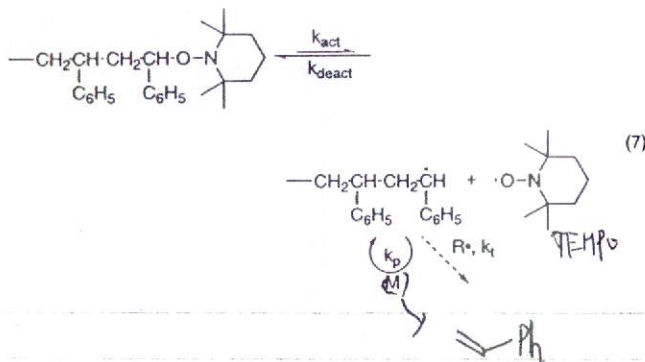
Ru (II) complex Samamoto et al  
 Macromolecules 1995, 28, 1721

Macromolecules 1996, 29, 1070

Ni (II) complex Granel et al  
 Macromolecules 1996, 29, 8576

Fe (II) complex Samamoto et al  
 Macromolecules 1997, 30, 4507

- ② Nitroxide mediated radical polymerizations



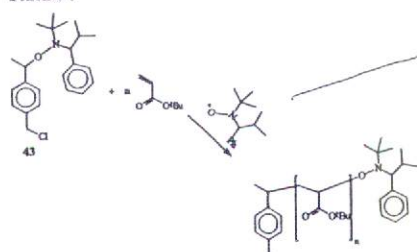
TEMPO works as persistent radical

George et al.  
 Macromolecules 1993, 26, 2987

Development of a Universal Alkoxyamine for "Living" Free Radical Polymerizations

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Scheme 7



Hawker developed library of alkoxy amine

This nitroxide improved substrate generality and efficiency  
 not only styrene but also acrylate.

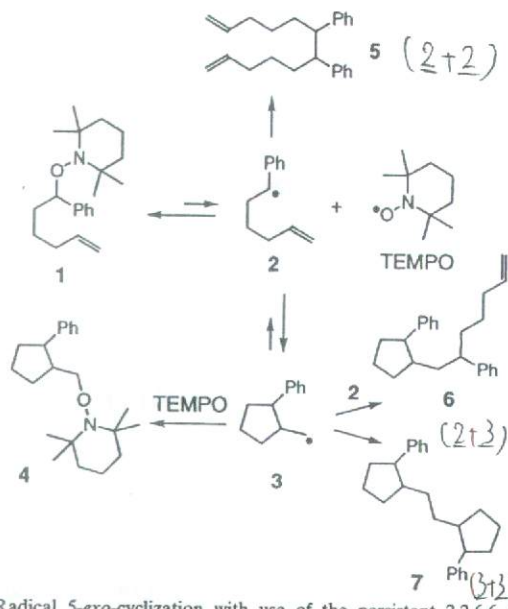
② Application to organic synthesis using the Persistent Radical Effect of Alkoxy amine.

(1) Application 1

**Tin-Free Radical Cyclization Reactions Using the Persistent Radical Effect\*\***

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Strategy

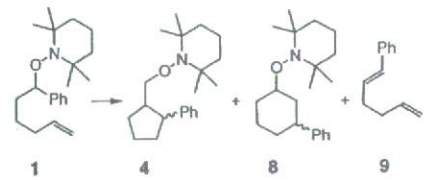


Scheme 1. Radical 5-exo-cyclization with use of the persistent 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-oxyl (TEMPO) radical.

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2000, 39, 1108

Results and Solvent effects.

Table 1. Isomerization of 1 under different conditions (130–132 °C, sealed tube).



Entry	Solvent	Conc. [M]	t [h]	4 [%]	8 [%]	9 [%]
1	<i>t</i> BuPh	0.1	22	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>	20
2	DMPU	0.1	14	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>
3	DMF	0.1	16	56	10	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>
4	<i>t</i> BuOH	0.1	16	n.d. <sup>[b]</sup>	n.d. <sup>[b]</sup>	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>
5	<i>t</i> BuOH	0.01	36	n.d. <sup>[c]</sup>	n.d. <sup>[c]</sup>	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>
6	<i>t</i> BuOH	0.01	24 <sup>[d]</sup>	53	10	< 2 <sup>[a]</sup>
7	<i>t</i> BuOH	0.02	24 <sup>[d]</sup>	70	13	2

[a] In the 300-MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product, no signals of the corresponding compound were observed. [b] After 16 h, 62% of the starting material remained. Products 4 and 8 were not isolated. [c] After 36 h, about 10% of starting material remained. Products 4 and 8 were not isolated. [d] 10% CSA was added.

Scope and Limitation

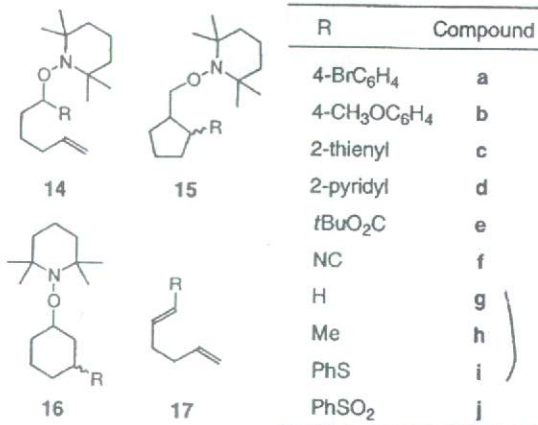


Table 2. Isomerization of 14a–f under optimized conditions (*t*BuOH, 0.02 M, 24 h, 130–132 °C, 10% CSA, sealed tube). Yields refer to chromatographically (SiO<sub>2</sub>) purified compounds.

Entry	Starting material	15 [%]	d.r. (15) ( <i>trans</i> : <i>cis</i> )	16 [%] <sup>[a]</sup>	17 [%]
1	14a	71	2.7:1	8	< 2 <sup>[b]</sup>
2	14b	46	2.8:1	8	10
3	14c	67	2.1:1	11	5
4	14d	57	1.6:1	12	5
5	14e	67	1:1	< 2 <sup>[b]</sup>	10
6	14f	61	1.1:1 <sup>[c]</sup>	7	< 2 <sup>[b]</sup>

[a] The 6-*endo* product was formed as a 1:1 mixture of the diastereoisomers. [b] In the 300-MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product, no signals of the corresponding compound were observed. [c] The relative configuration of the two isomers was not assigned.

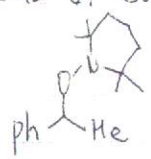
C-O bonds of 14g–i too strong to be effectively cleaved.

In case of 14j, elimination of PhSO<sub>2</sub>H proceeded.

the rate of C-O bond cleavage is increasing upon increasing the polarity

Effects of solvents, and CSA.

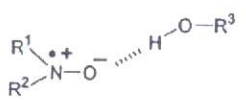
(1) Effects of polarity



in THF  $k(393) = 5.2 \times 10^{-4} s^{-1}$   
 in CEPh  $k = 1.2 \times 10^{-3} s^{-1}$  } 2.3 times faster in polar solvent

the results were shown in the J. org. chem. 2001, 66, 1146 Studer et al.

(2) Effects of protic source



Polar protic solvents intermolecular H-bonding may also accelerate the C-O bond cleavage.

(3) Effects of CSA

**Influence of Acids on Reaction Rates of Free Radical Scavenging by TEMPO. Relevance to "Living" Free Radical Polymerizations**

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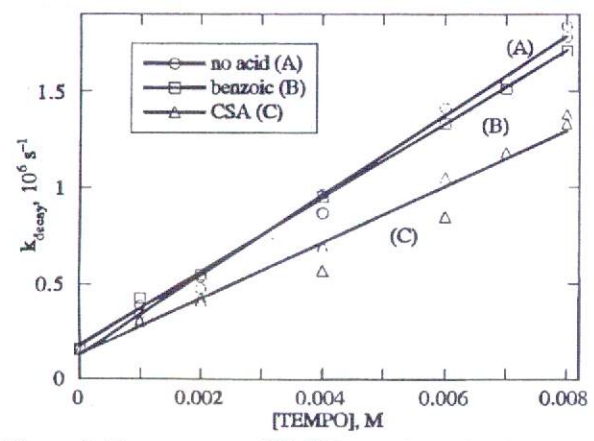
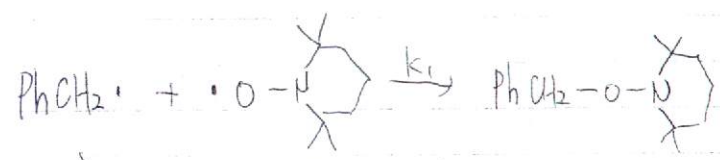


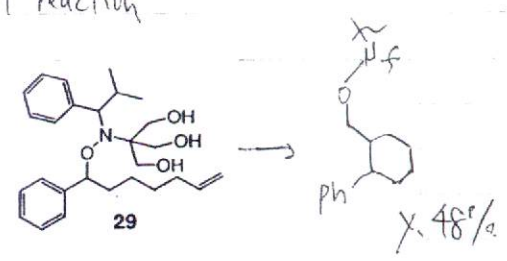
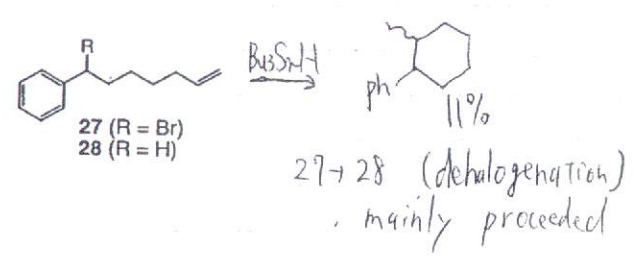
Figure 1. Representative TEMPO quenching plots for benzyl radicals generated from DBK in the absence and presence of 40 mM acid, in dry THF at room temperature.

macromolecules. 1996. 29. 5497



CSA causes a reduction in the rate of this process.

Comparison to Bu3SnH mediated radical reaction



Improvement and Mechanism Studies.  
 I. Structure effects of alkoxy Amines.  
 Factors Influencing the C-O-Bond Homolysis of  
 Trialkylhydroxylamines

Macromolecules, 2000, 33, 4403

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↳ Determination of  $k_d$  values of Alkoxy amines

① In case of Nitroxide radicals which have long half lives

$$\ln\left(\frac{[\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty} - [\text{nitroxide}]_t}{[\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty}}\right) = -k_d t \quad (5)$$

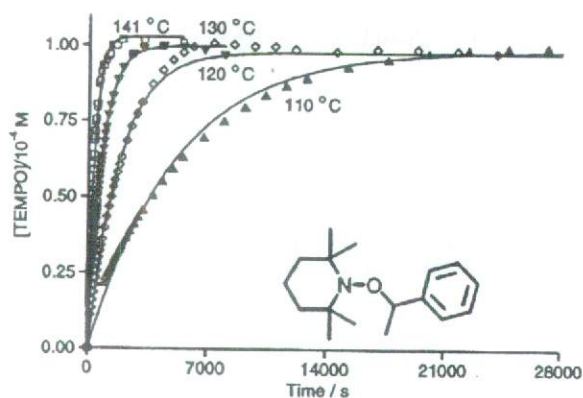


Figure 2. Time dependence of the TEMPO concentration during thermolysis of TEMPO-PhEt in the presence of excess scavengers: 141 °C, galvinoxyl; 130, 120, and 110 °C, TMIO-<sup>15</sup>ND<sub>12</sub>. Lines are fits of eq 5 to the data.

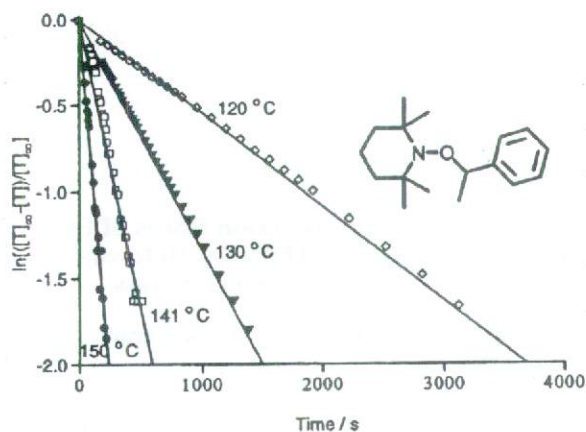


Figure 3. First-order plot (data partially shown in Figure 2) according to eq 5.

② In case of Nitroxide radicals which have short half lives

$$[\text{nitroxide}] / [\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty} = k_d t \quad (6)$$

→ The initial slope of the signal rise at less than 20% conversion was evaluated according to eq 6

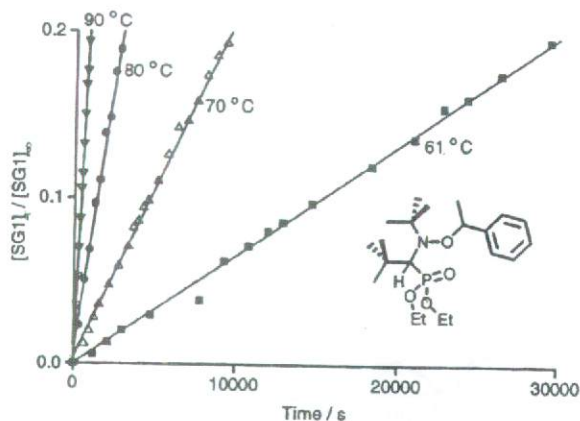


Figure 4. Time dependence of the SG1 concentration during the thermolysis of SG1-PhEt in the presence of excess scavengers: 90, 70, and 61 °C, galvinoxyl; 80 °C, TMIO-<sup>15</sup>ND<sub>12</sub>. Lines are fits of eq 6 to the data.

~ Appendix ~

① 
$$[\text{nitroxide}]_t = [\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty} - [\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty} e^{-k_d t}$$

$$e^{-k_d t} = \frac{[\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty} - [\text{nitroxide}]_t}{[\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty}}$$

$$-k_d t = \ln\left(\frac{[\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty} - [\text{nitroxide}]_t}{[\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty}}\right)$$

②  $t \approx 0$

$$e^{-k_d t} \approx 1 - k_d t$$

$$k_d t = \frac{[\text{nitroxide}]_t}{[\text{nitroxide}]_{\infty}}$$

Determined  $k_d$  values are not dependent on kinds of scavengers.

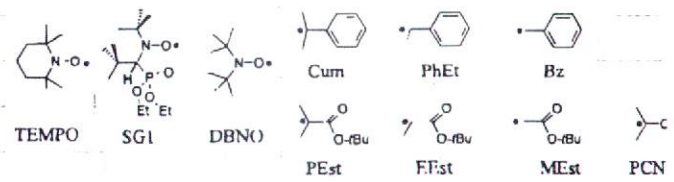
Table 2. C-O Bond Homolysis Rate Constants of Alkoxyamines ( $10^{-4}$  M) Obtained with Different Scavengers

scavenger	$k_d/s^{-1}$				
	TEMPO-Cum 90 °C	TEMPO-PhEt 140 °C	TEMPO-Bz 130 °C	SG1-PhEt 110 °C	DBNO-PEst 80 °C
galvinoxyl	$4.3 \times 10^{-3}^a$	$3.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-5}^b$	$2.3 \times 10^{-3}^b$	$7.6 \times 10^{-3}$
TMIO- <sup>15</sup> ND <sub>12</sub>	$5.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-5}^b$	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.2 \times 10^{-3}$
alr	$7.0 \times 10^{-3}^c$	$3.8 \times 10^{-3}$			$7.1 \times 10^{-3}$

<sup>a</sup> [TEMPO-Cum] =  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M. <sup>b</sup> Calculated with eq 6. <sup>c</sup> 93 °C.

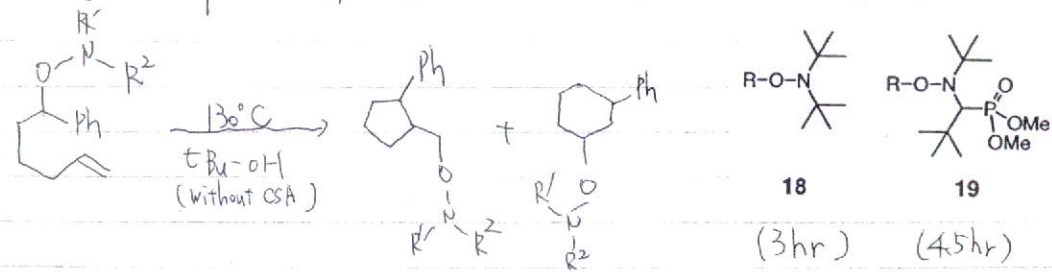
Table 5. Experimental and Estimated<sup>a</sup> Rate Constants ( $s^{-1}$ ) for the Dissociation of Trialkylhydroxylamines at 120 °C

	TEMPO	SG1	DBNO
Cum-	$8.5 \times 10^{-2}$	1.7	2.7
PCN-	0.13	0.7	1.2
PEst-	$2.2 \times 10^{-2}$	0.5	0.31
PhEt-	$5.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-2}$
EEst-	$3.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$
Bz-	$1.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}$
MEst-	$8.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-6}$



<sup>a</sup> Estimated rate constants in italics, obtained with  $A = 2.6 \times 10^{14} s^{-1}$  and the average activation energies

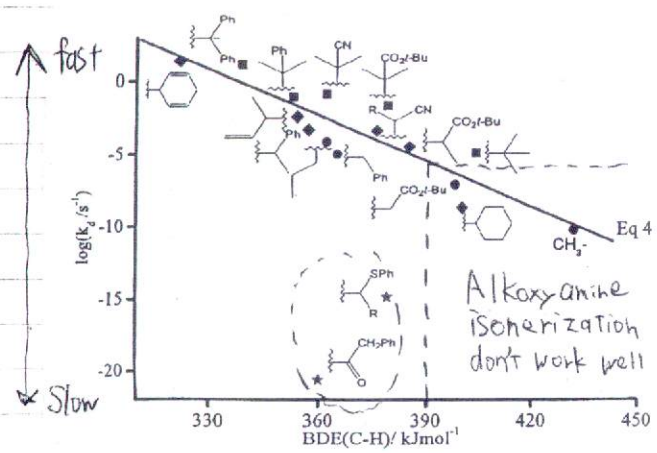
$k_d$  values of SG1 and DBNO are apparently larger than TEMPO. Isomerization promoted by 18 or 19 is faster than TEMPO.



Factors Influencing the C-O Bond Homolysis of Alkoxyamines: Effects of H-Bonding and Polar Substituents

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$$\log(k_d/s^{-1}) = 35.5(\pm 5.5) - 0.11(\pm 0.02)BDE(C-H) \quad (4) \quad r^2 = 0.86$$

- A linear correlation was obtained (Rate constant  $\log(k_d)$  for the C-ON bond cleavage)
- In case of substrates shown as  $\star$ , Delocalization of lone pair of oxygen into  $\pi^*$  or  $\pi^*$  prevents the cleavage.

Figure 3. Rate constants  $\log(k_d)$  for the C-ON bond cleavage of TEMPO derivatives of trialkylhydroxylamines vs BDE(C-H) of the corresponding hydrocarbon: (■) tertiary alkoxyamines, (◆) secondary alkoxyamines, (●) primary alkoxyamines, (★) other alkoxyamines.

(2) Application ②

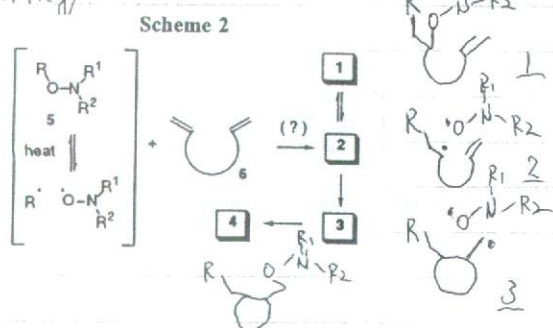
# Alkoxyamine-Mediated Radical Cyclizations

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Strategy

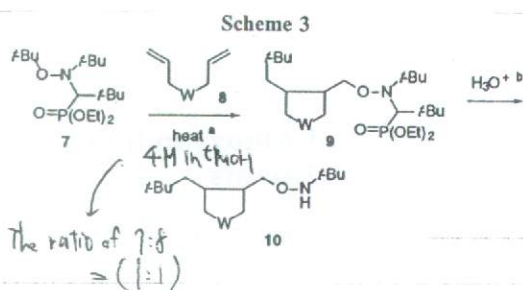


Intermediate 1 arise through bimolecular addition of an alkoxyamine to bis olefin.

- To promote the initial addition step via bimolecular reaction, might be problematic.
- To prevent side reaction mediated by 5 or intermediates

Merit - Halogenated substrates and tin or silicon hydride reagents are not required.  
Introduction of oxygenated functionality.

Results.



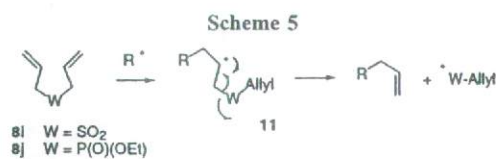
Selection of radical source might be key  
tBu radical is highly reactive.  
Nitroso radical (SG1) is stable

Table 1. Conjunctive Radical Cyclization of Substrates 8 with Alkoxyamine 7

8  $\xrightarrow{7}$  9  $\xrightarrow{HCl}$  10

entry	W	react. time <sup>c</sup>	yield of 9 <sup>d</sup>	yield of 10 <sup>d</sup>	cis/trans ratio <sup>e</sup>
a	CH <sub>2</sub>	60	25	99	69:31
b	O	40	23	83	70:30
c	C(COOEt) <sub>2</sub>	30	51	90	85:15
d	N-Cbz	65	29	83	60:40
e	N-SO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -4-Br	30	42	74	66:33

<sup>a</sup> 4 M in t-BuOH, 120 °C. <sup>b</sup> 4 M HCl, dioxane, rt. <sup>c</sup> Hours. <sup>d</sup> Chromatographed yields. <sup>e</sup> Determined by 1-D and 2-D <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



In case of substrates where W = SO<sub>2</sub> or PO, fragmentation occurred.

5-membered rings were obtained in moderate yield.



# 3 Application ③ Intermolecular Radical Addition and Addition/Cyclization Reactions of Alkoxyamines onto Nonactivated Alkenes

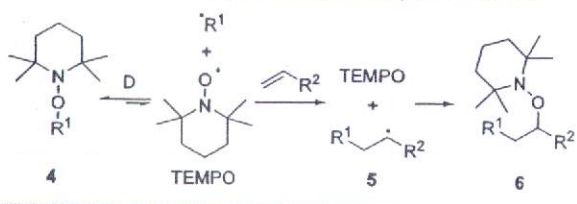
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strategy

Scheme 2. PRE in Intermolecular Addition Reactions



- ① Reversible thermal C-O bond homolysis of an alkoxyamine
  - ② Reaction of R with olefin afford radical adduct
  - ③ Trapping by TEMPO
- Carbohydroxylation

## Examination of R<sub>1</sub>

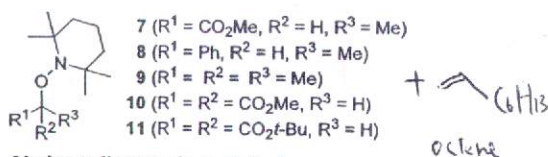
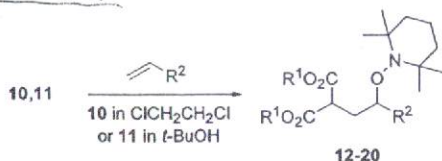


Figure 1. Various alkoxyamines studied.

→ 7-9 less  
→ 10-11 Malonyl radicals are suitable for this alkoxyamine mediated reaction.  
→  $\text{CO}_2\text{R} \text{---} \text{CO}_2\text{R} \xrightarrow{\text{CuCl}_2} 10 \text{ or } 11$

## Results and solvent effects

Table 1. Reaction of 10 and 11 with Various Olefins (5 equiv) at 135 °C for 3 days



run	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	compd	solvent	yield (%)
1	Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	12	t-BuOH	35 <sup>a</sup>
2	Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	12	MeOH	25
3	Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	12	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> Et	55
4	Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	12	DMF	46
5	Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	12	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	63
6	Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	12	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	64
7	Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	12	ClCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	66
8	t-Bu	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	13	t-BuOH	54
9	t-Bu	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	13	t-BuOH	72 <sup>b</sup>
10	t-Bu	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	13	t-BuOH	76 <sup>c</sup>
11	Me	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	14	ClCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	49
12	Me	OBu	15	ClCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	78
13	t-Bu	OBu	16	t-BuOH	69 <sup>b</sup>
14	Me	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OCO <sub>2</sub> Me	17	ClCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	42
15	t-Bu	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OCO <sub>2</sub> Me	18	t-BuOH	38 <sup>b</sup>
16	Me	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OTBDMS	19	ClCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	70
17	t-Bu	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OTBDMS	20	t-BuOH	55 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Transesterification product formed in 36%; see text. <sup>b</sup> Reaction for 5 days. <sup>c</sup> Performed with 10 equiv of 1-octene.

(run 1) 100% of R<sub>1</sub> = t-Bu (transesterification) product was obtained

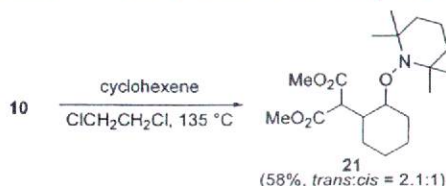
(run 7) (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OCO<sub>2</sub>Me gave best result in case of R<sub>1</sub> = Me

(run 9) t-BuOH was suitable for R<sub>1</sub> = t-Bu

(run 11-17) substrate generality

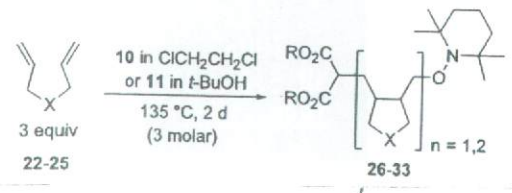
→ 20% of olefin reaction to terminally substituted olefin was also promoted

Scheme 3. Thermal Addition of 10 to Cyclohexene



# Application to cyclization

Scheme 4. Addition/Cyclization Reactions



Telomerization was observed as a side reaction

Telomerization could compete with TEMPO trapping of the primary C-radical formed after cyclization.

## Deprotection

Scheme 6. Reductive N-O Bond Cleavage with Subsequent Lactonization

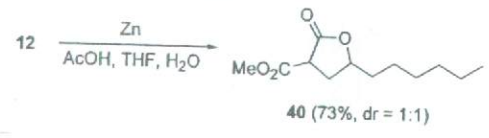


Table 2. Intermolecular Addition/Cyclization Reactions

starting material	X	R	product (n = 1)	(%)	cis:trans <sup>a</sup>
22	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Me) <sub>2</sub>	Me	26	68	
22	C(CO <sub>2</sub> Me) <sub>2</sub>	<i>t</i> -Bu	27	40 <sup>b</sup>	2.2:1
23	O	Me	28	33 <sup>c</sup>	1.8:1
23	O	<i>t</i> -Bu	29	37 <sup>d</sup>	1.7:1
24	NTos	Me	30	49	1.3:1
24	NTos	<i>t</i> -Bu	31	42 <sup>e</sup>	1.5:1
25	C(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> CMe <sub>2</sub>	Me	32	36	2.3:1
25	C(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> CMe <sub>2</sub>	<i>t</i> -Bu	33	34 <sup>f</sup>	2.1:1

<sup>a</sup> Determined by HPLC or NMR. <sup>b</sup> Consisted of 10% telomer was isolated as a side product. <sup>c</sup> Performed with 6 equiv of 23. <sup>d</sup> Consisted of 12% telomer was isolated as a side product. <sup>e</sup> Consisted of 23% telomer was isolated as a side product. <sup>f</sup> Consisted of 12% telomer was isolated as a side product.

→ amino hydroxy product can be converted to alcohol

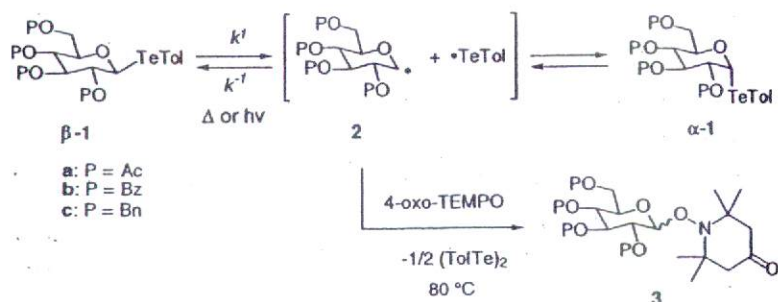
### 3] Radical Coupling reactions with organotellurium Compounds.

#### 1) Introduction

#### Reversible Generation of Glycosyl Radicals from Telluroglycosides under Photochemical and Thermal Conditions

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(1) Telluroglycoside 1 generates glycosyl radical 2 under photolysis or thermolysis by homolytic C-Te bond cleavage. While the glycosyl radical so generated predominantly returned to the starting telluroglycoside without trapping reagents.

→ Telluroglycoside shows persistent radical effects.

Table 1. Photochemical and Thermal Isomerization of Telluroglycosides.

Entry	Telluroglycoside	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm) <sup>a</sup>	hv <sup>b</sup>	Time (h) <sup>c</sup>	$\alpha$ : $\beta$ <sup>d</sup>	% Recovery <sup>e</sup>
1	$\beta$ -1a	324	A	2	84:16	76
			A'	2	70:30	100
			B	2	81:19	79
			C	5	69:31	90
2	$\alpha$ -1a	326	A	0.5	83:17	100
					86:14	91
3	$\beta$ -1b	324	A	2	87:13	87
4	$\alpha$ -1b	325	A	0.6	87:13	87
5	$\beta$ -1c	327	A	1	88:12	83
					D	10
6	$\beta$ -4	324	A	2	89:11	99
7	$\beta$ -5	324	A	2	83:17	32
8	$\alpha$ -6	(302) <sup>f</sup>	A	40	27:73	77

<sup>a</sup> UV absorption corresponding to the tellurium moiety. <sup>b</sup> Photochemical reaction was carried out in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 40 °C with irradiation by various light sources. A: Rayonet RMR-3000Å (3.9 W x 8) was used. B: Rayonet RMR-3500Å (4.5 W x 8) was used. C: Xe lamp (5.4 W) was used. D: The reaction under the dark at 140 °C. <sup>c</sup> The time required for the complete equilibration as monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>d</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>e</sup> The reaction was carried out in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ . <sup>f</sup> No characteristic UV absorption corresponding to the tellurium moiety was observed.

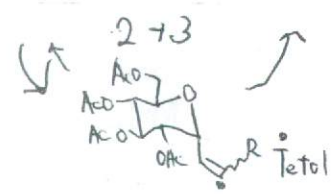
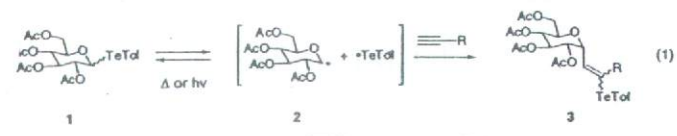
After irradiation by some light sources both stereochemically pure  $\alpha$ / $\beta$ -glycosides were isomerized to the mixture of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  isomers in the same ratio.

(2) Application ① Glycosyl radical addition to alkynes

Synthesis of Vinylic C-Glycosides from Telluroglycosides. Addition of Photochemically and Thermally Generated Glycosyl Radicals to Alkynes

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Tetrahedron Lett. 1999, 40, 2343



Aryl and heteroaryl-substituted alkynes ← were good acceptor. (entry 1-5)

Acetylene carboxylic ester and Alkyl-substituted alkynes were not so reactive.

α-Isomers were preferentially obtained in all cases. (anomeric effect)

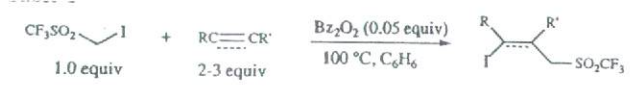
The E:Z ratio is not high.

Table 1. Telluroglycoside Addition to Alkynes.\*

Entry	Telluroglycoside	Alkyne	Major product	%Yield <sup>d</sup>	α(E:Z):β <sup>e</sup>
1	1			93	75(61:39):25
		X = H		81 <sup>d</sup>	78 (64:36):22
		X = CO <sub>2</sub> Me		87 <sup>d</sup>	83 (54:46):17
		X = OMe		89 <sup>d</sup>	78 (47:53):22
2				79	77(58:42):23
3				70	75(61:39):25
4				78	80 (59:41):20
5				48	79 (67:33):21
6 <sup>f</sup>				38 (50) <sup>d</sup>	69 (49:51):31
7				11 (23) <sup>d</sup>	74 (45:55):26
				24 <sup>d</sup> (56) <sup>d</sup>	72 (51:49):21
8 <sup>g</sup>				41	76 (63:37):24
9				94	90 (50:40):10
10				55	90 (53:37):10

\*The reaction was carried out by UV irradiation of neat telluroglycoside and 5 equiv. of alkynes at 120 °C for 20 h. <sup>d</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>e</sup> Isomeric ratio was determined by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. The β-isomer consisted of a ca. 1:1 mixture of the E- and Z-isomers. <sup>f</sup> The reaction was carried out in the dark at 120 °C for 20 h. <sup>g</sup> The reaction was carried out in the presence of 10 mol% of AIBN at 80 °C in the dark for 20 h. See ref. 6c. <sup>h</sup> The reaction was carried out in the presence of 10 mol% of AIBN at 120 °C in the dark for 20 h. <sup>i</sup> The reaction was carried out at 100 °C. <sup>j</sup> Yield based on the converted telluroglycosides. <sup>k</sup> Reaction was carried out with 5 equiv. of 1 in toluene, and the yield was based on the alkyne.

I atom transfer mediated C radical additions were well known, → For example J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1995, 117, 3272  
But to prepare glycosyl iodide is difficult.



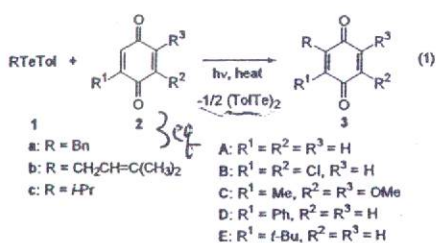
- Tin radical (Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH) reacts alkyne faster than glycosyl radical precursor
- The stability of Csp<sup>2</sup>-Te promoted this reaction.

### 3) Application ② Alkyl radical additions to quinones

#### Radical-Mediated Synthesis of Substituted Quinones with Organotellurium Compounds

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In case of ordinary radical reaction, radical promoters (Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH) react prior to other radical.

Organotellurium Compounds reversibly generate carbon centered radicals, these radicals react with ketones.

After reaction, diarylditelluride generated (1/2 eq)

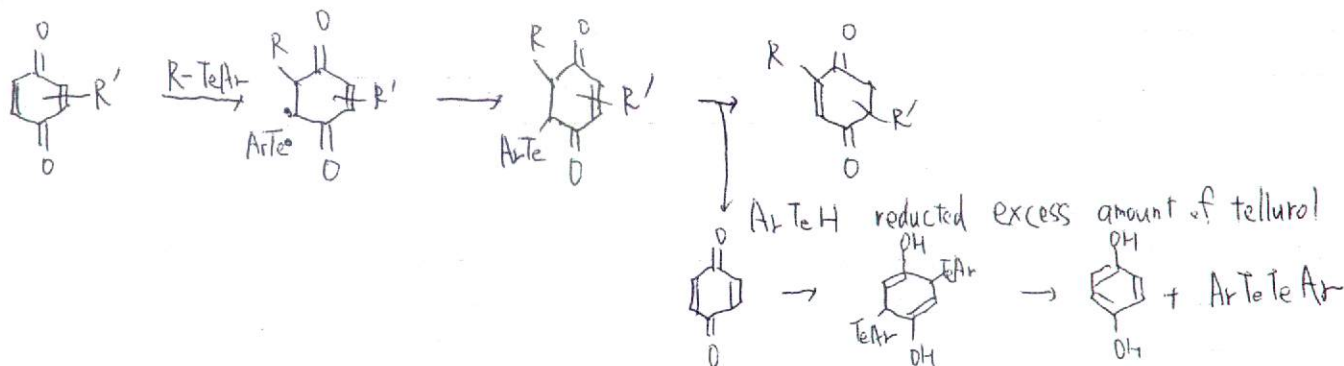
Table 1. Synthesis of substituted quinones\*

Entry	RTeAr	Quinone	Time/h	Product	Yield/%
1	1a	2A	1	3aA	57
2		2B	1	3aB	71
3		2C	2	3aC	53
4		2D	2.5	3aD	57
5		2E	1	3aE	55
6		4	1	6	23
7		4	1.5	6	87
8	1b	2C	2	3bC	64
9		4	2	6	41
10	1c	2A	3	3cA	61

\*See Ref. 11 for the experimental procedures. Two equivalents of quinone were used in all cases.

Ph group effects the regioselectivity. regioselectivity was poor

#### Speculated mechanism



# Application ③ Group-Transfer Imidoylation of Organotellurium Compounds

Synthetic and Theoretical Studies on Group-Transfer Imidoylation of Organotellurium Compounds. Remarkable Reactivity of Isonitriles in Comparison with Carbon Monoxide in Radical-Mediated Reactions

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2001, 123, 3696

## Carbonylation



Stable radicals (benzyl-,  $\alpha$ -carbonyl) can't apply this reaction. This process proceeded under high pressure of CO.

## Imidoylation



The imidoyl radical is reactive. The reverse reaction: don't proceed

## Target reaction

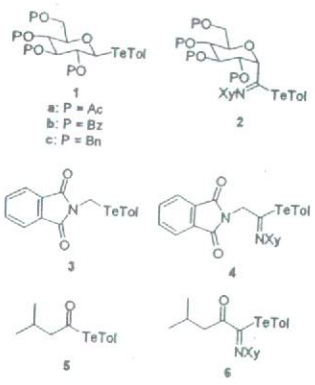
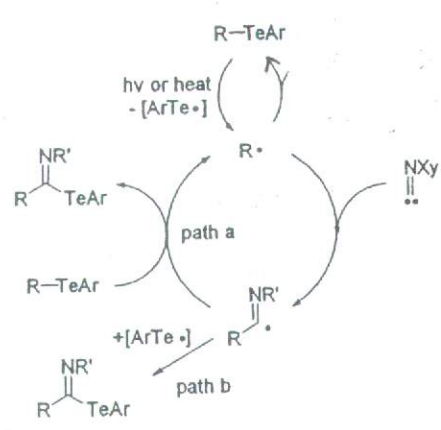


Table 1. Imidoylation under Various Conditions\*

entry	substrate	solvent	hv <sup>b</sup>	temp (°C)	time (h)	product	yield (%)
1	1a	C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub>	A	100	10	2	65 (95) <sup>c</sup>
2	1a	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	B	100	4	2	74
3	1a	C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub>	dark	140	50	2	43
4	3	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	A	60	50	4	85
5	3	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	B	80	2	4	91
6	3	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	C	80	3	4	90
7	3	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	C	80	6	4	91
8	3	hexane	C	80	3	4	67
9	3	(CH <sub>2</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>	C	80	3	4	85
10	3	THF	C	80	3	4	84
11	3	DMF	C	80	3	4	86
12	3	pyridine	C	80	3	4	80
13	3	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	C	80	3	4	73
14	5	C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub>	A	100	12	6	74
15	5	C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub>	B	100	12	6	41
16	5	C <sub>6</sub> D <sub>6</sub>	dark	100	12	6	87
17	5	hexane	dark	100	12	6	83
18	5	CD <sub>3</sub> CN	dark	100	12	6	73
19	5	EtOH	dark	100	12	6	80
20	5	H <sub>2</sub> O	dark	100	12	6	87

\* Two equivalents of xyllylisonitrile were used except in entry 7, where 1.2 equiv of the isonitrile was used. <sup>b</sup> A: Rayonet RMR600 reactor equipped with a RMR-3500 Å lamp (4.5 W x 8) was used. B: USHIO Optical Modulex reactor equipped with a 250 W Hg lamp was used. C: a 100 W Hg lamp was used. <sup>c</sup> Yield based on the converted substrate.

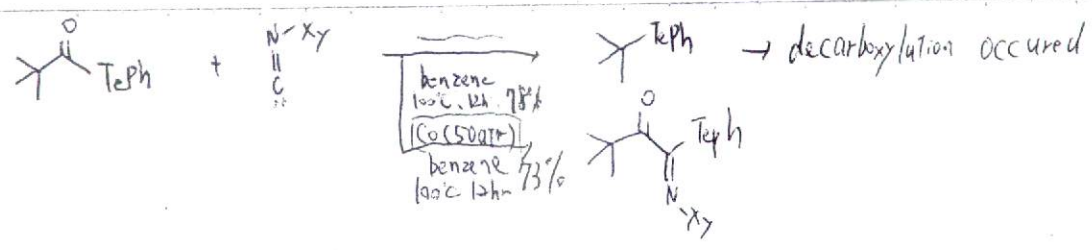
## Proposed Mechanism



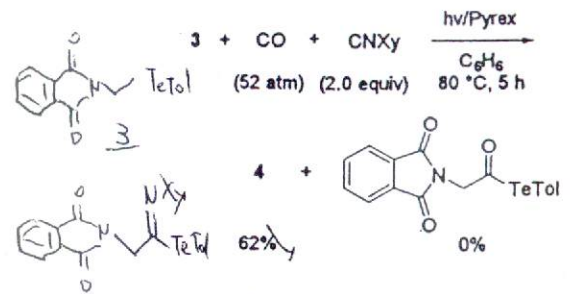
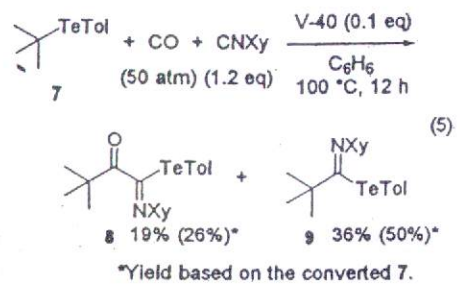
Entry 1-3 Glycosyl radical coupled with xyllylisonitrile. Stronger UV irradiation shortened reaction (B > A > dark)

Entry 4-13 N-phthalimide derivative coupled. Solvent effects are negligible (Entry 6-13)

Entry 14-20 acyl telluride was used. UV irradiation promotes consumption 5, and decomposition (decarboxylation) of 6. The better result obtained in dark.



Mechanic studies. (comparison CO vs isonitriles)

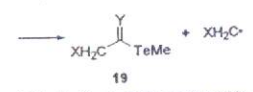
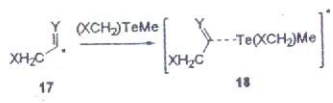
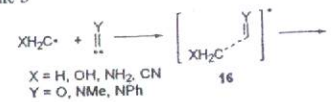


→ High reactive alkyl (tBu) radical reacts with both CO and isonitrile

→ Stabilized radical don't react with CO.

Theoretical model

Scheme 3



A: X = H, Y = O, B: X = H, Y = NMe, C: X = H, Y = NPh

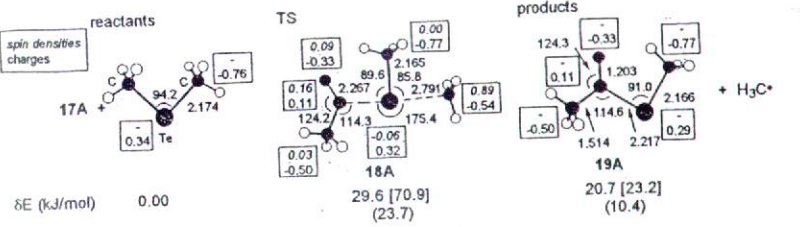
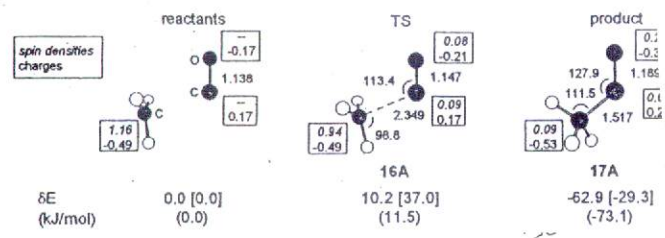
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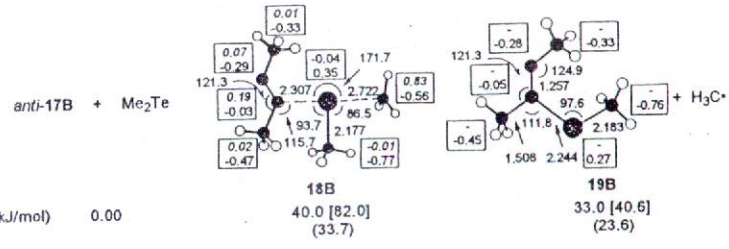
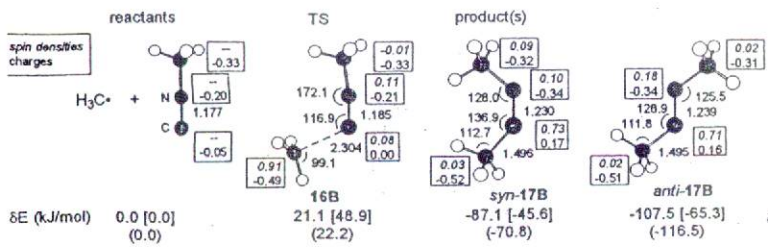
Relative Gibbs energy at 298.15K

energies obtained by B3LYP/631HW//631G4W+ZPE

CH<sub>3</sub>• and CO



CH<sub>3</sub>• and :C-N-Me



### Energy profile.

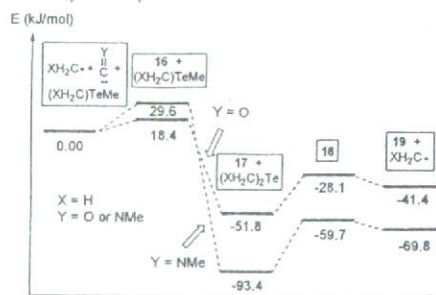


Figure 4. Energy profile of the group-transfer carbonylation and imidoxylation reactions of methyl radical (X = H) and CO and methyl isonitrile with Me<sub>2</sub>Te (X = H) obtained by B3LYP/6311HW//B3LYP/631HW + ZPE. The energy corresponding to the *anti*-imidoxy radical (*anti*-17B) is shown for Y = NMe.

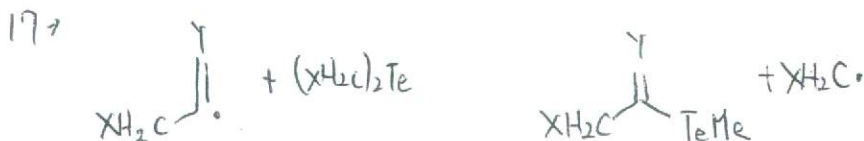
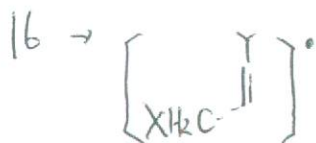
The overall chain cycle is exothermic (41.4 kJ/mol - carbonylation, 69.8 kJ/mol - imidoxylation)

These results accord with the fact that competitive carbonylation and imidoxylation of *tert*-Bu radical proceeded.

The imidoxylation is more exothermic than carbonylation.

X	Y	compd	total energy*		Gibbs energy*
			631HW	6311HW	631HW
transition state 16					
H	O	16A	10.2	18.4	37.0
CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	O	16D	8.7	16.8	42.9
OH <sup>c</sup>	O	16E	3.9	14.1	39.0
CN <sup>c</sup>	O	16F	3.9	42.9	68.3
H	NMe	16B	21.1	29.6	48.9
CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	NMe	16G	22.2	31.5	58.3
OH <sup>c</sup>	NMe	16H	17.1	29.9	54.7
CN <sup>c</sup>	NMe	16I	18.7	28.3	59.1
H	NPh	16C	14.3	21.8	44.8

X	Y	Compd	total energy		Gibbs energy	X	Y	compd	total energy		Gibbs energy
			631HW	6311HW	631HW				631HW	6311HW	631HW
product 17											
H	O	17A	-62.9	-51.8	-29.3	H	O	19A	-42.2	-41.4	-6.1
CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	O	17D	-52.8	-40.4	-9.4	CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	O	19D	-49.2	-45.1	-5.2
OH <sup>c</sup>	O	17E	-39.0	-26.4	1.9	OH <sup>c</sup>	O	19E	-32.9	-29.5	11.6
CN <sup>c</sup>	O	17F	2.0	12.5	41.3	CN <sup>c</sup>	O	19F	-28.2	-23.6	14.8
H	NMe	<i>anti</i> -17B	-107.5	-93.4	-65.3	H	NMe	<i>syn</i> -19B	-74.5	-69.8	-24.8
CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	NMe	<i>anti</i> -17G	-95.5	-80.5	-46.4	CH <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	NMe	<i>syn</i> -19G	-79.6	-72.6	-28.3
OH <sup>c</sup>	NMe	<i>anti</i> -17H	-87.7	-72.3	-41.8	OH <sup>c</sup>	NMe	<i>syn</i> -19H	-68.6	-62.1	-17.2
CN <sup>c</sup>	NMe	<i>anti</i> -17I	-45.0	-38.3	-4.8						
H	NPh	<i>anti</i> -17C	-114.5	-98.9	-74.1						



The relative Gibbs free energies reveal that carbonylations of non-stabilized radicals (x=H, Me) are slightly exothermic, but stabilized radicals (x=OH, CN) are endothermic,

The results are consistent with the experimental results in that carbonylation takes place only with nonstabilized radical.