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A Mild One-Pot Conversion of Alkenes into Amines through Tandem Ozonolysis and Reductive Amination

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Abstract

The selective reduction of hydroperoxyacetals to aldehydes by sodium triacetoxyborohydride provides the basis for a mild one-pot synthesis of amines from alkenes.

Keywords: ozonolysis, hydroperoxyacetal, reductive amination, amine, sodium triacetoxyborohydride

Reductive amination is a widely used transformation in organic synthesis.² The carbonyl precursors are often prepared from alkenes through ozonolysis followed by reduction of the ozonide or peroxide intermediates.^{3, 4} In the course of investigations into new transformations based upon fragmentation of ozonolysis intermediates,⁵ we became interested in the development of a mild method for a one-pot conversion of alkenes to amines. Reductive amination is frequently achieved through the reaction of carbonyls and amines in the presence of deactivated boron hydrides,^{2b, 6, 7} and NaCNBH₃-promoted reductive amination has been applied in tandem with ozonolysis.⁸ However, NaCNBH₃ reduces ozonides (1,2,4-trioxolanes) very slowly,⁹ and some of the reported transformations may actually involve amine-promoted E1cb fragmentation of terminal ozonides.^{10, 11} We investigated the reaction of NaCNBH₃ with more reactive hydroperoxyacetals, but observed significant formation of alcohols. Our attention was therefore turned to the less reactive triacetoxyborohydride, which has been investigated little in ozonolysis/amination sequences.^{12, 13} We now report that NaBH(OAc)₂ allows rapid and efficient reduction of ozonolysis-derived hydroperoxyacetals to aldehydes, enabling a mild and convenient one-pot synthesis of amines from alkenes based upon ozonolysis and reductive amination.

The starting hydroperoxyacetals were readily available through ozonolysis of precursor alkenes or enol ethers in 3% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ (Table 1).^{14, 15}

Reduction conditions were initially screened on hydroperoxyacetal *1b* using ¹H NMR of crude reaction mixtures to monitor the ratio of starting hydroperoxyacetal, aldehyde (nonanal), and the alcohol (nonanol) derived from overreduction. It was found that NaBH(OAc)₃ offered high selectivity for aldehyde formation in several different solvent systems (CH₂Cl₂, DCE, THF) and under several sets of conditions. Performing the reduction with one equivalent of NaBH(OAc)₃ proved optimal; and excess of reducing reagent (1.5-3 equiv) led to slow overreduction of the aldehyde. In contrast, the use of the more reactive NaCNBH₃ in stoichiometric amounts cleanly generated alcohol, while a mixture of alcohol and starting material was observed even with only 0.33 equivalent of reagent.

alkene	MeOH–CH ₂ Cl ₂ hydroperoxya	acetal
Alkene	Hydroperoxyacetal	Yield
C ₈ H ₁₇	ООН	1b (70%)
1a	C ₈ H ₁₇ OMe	
AcO(CH ₂)8	оон 1	2b (67%)
2a	AcO(CH ₂) ₈ OMe	
BnO(CH ₂) ₃	оон I	3b (69%)
3a	BnO(CH ₂) ₃ OMe	
Ph	MeO OOH	4b (38%) ^a
4a		
t-Bu	t-Bu	5b (74%)
5a		
OMe	OMe	6b (63%)
6a		

Table 1. Preparation of Hydroperoxyacetals

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^a Partial decomposition upon chromatography.

Reduction with $NaBH(OAc)_3$ was next applied to a wider group of hydroperoxyacetals (Table 2). Hydroperoxyacetals reacted faster (2 h) than hydroperoxyketals (5-8 h). In both cases, a high yield of the carbonyl was obtained with little or no overreduction.

Reductive amination was easily conducted through reduction of the hydroperoxyacetal with NaBH(OAc)₃ (1 equiv), followed by addition of amine and additional hydride (Scheme 1). The reactions were found to give good yields of monoalkylated amines. For the amination of aldehyde 2*b* with benzylamine, 8% of the tertiary amine derived from overalkylation was isolated, in addition to the expected secondary amine 2*f*.

Finally, it was found that ozonolysis and reductive amination could be easily combined into a one-pot transformation

	hydroperoxyacetal	NaBH(OAc) ₃ (1 equiv) DCE, r.t.	-> carbonyl
Hyd	roperoxy acetal Carbo	onyl	Yield (time)
1b	C ₈ H ₁₇	ощ	1c (63%, 2 h)
2b	AcO(C	CH ₂) ₈ H	2c (85%, 2 h)
3b	BnO(C	CH ₂) ₃ H	3c (91%, 2 h)
4b	Ph		4c (70%, 5 h)
5b	<i>t</i> -Bu—	~ > =0	5c (68%, 5 h)
6b	\langle		6c (68%, 8 h) ^a

Table 2. Reduction of Hydroperoxyacetals with NaBH(OAc)₃

Table 3. Stepwise versus One-Pot Reductive Amination

alker		O ₃ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ A) NaBH(O amine, addi	–MeOH; then: Ac) ₃ ; then reactant itional NaBH(OAc) ₃	
		B) NaBH(O reactant an	Ac) ₃ (3 equiv) plus nine	2 product
Alkene	Reac	tant amine	Method (yield)	Product amine
\bigcirc	PhCI	H ₂ NH ₂	A (57%)	NPh
\bigcirc	Ph(C	H ₂) ₂ NH ₂	A (63%)	
3a	morp	holine	A (64%)	8 3d
\bigcirc	PhCI	H ₂ NH ₂	A (65%)	N Ph
\bigcirc	Ph(C	$H_2)_2NH_2$	A (72%) B (62%)	9
2a	morp	holine	B (66%)	10 2d
	PhCI	H ₂ NH ₂	B (60%)	NR Ph
	Ph(C	H ₂) ₂ NH ₂	A (65%) B (65%)	11a R = H 50% 11b R = Me 10% N Ph
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^a Based upon 15% recovered starting material.



Scheme 1. Stepwise reduction-reductive amination

(Table 3). Ozonolysis of an alkene substrate was conducted in methanol- CH_2Cl_2 until the alkene could no longer be detected (TLC). The crude reaction mixture was then submitted to one of two protocols. In the first (method A), addition of acetoxyborohydride (1 equiv) was followed, after 45 minutes to 1 hour, by addition of amine and additional acetoxyborohydride. More conveniently (method B), the crude ozonolysis product was treated with acetoxyborohydride (3 equiv) and amine (1-2 equiv). Similar yields were obtained from the two sequences. Under these conditions, cyclic alkenes undergo a tandem oxidation/reduction amination sequence to provide a variety of heterocyclic amines with an average yield of ~90% per reaction. In some cases, condensation of the product secondary amine with residual formaldehyde, a by-product of the ozonolysis of terminal olefins, gave rise to a tertiary amine (e.g., *11b*).

A very similar protocol can be applied to the synthesis of hydrazones, hydrazines, and diazenes. Ozonolysis of 4a, followed by treatment of the crude hydroperoxyacetal with phenylhydrazine and NaBH(OAc)₃, cleanly furnished a phenylhydrazone (TLC). Addition of NaCNBH₃ resulted in the formation of the phenylhydrazide, which underwent rapid air oxidation during isolation to furnish the diazene as the isolated material in 57% yield (Scheme 2).



While there are many procedures for conversion of alkenes to amines, most require separate oxidation and amination steps, each involving isolation and purification. The procedure reported here, which allows a one-pot conversion of alkenes to a variety of amines while avoiding any accumulation of peroxide intermediates, may be of particular use for preparation of an array of amines from a common precursor, or in procedures limited by concerns with isolation or handling of peroxide intermediates. Utilization of NaBH(OAc)₃ in place of NaCNBH₃ provides a more economical, safe, and selective protocol for the one-pot tandem ozonolysis/reductive amination sequence for the conversion of alkenes to amines. The speed and selectivity of the reduction of the hydroperoxyacetals suggests the formation and decomposition of a peroxyborate, ROOBH(OAc)₂.

All reagents were used as received from commercial vendors, with the exception of CH₂Cl₂, which was distilled from CaH₂, and THF, which was distilled from Na/benzophenone. TLC was performed on 0.25 mm hard-layer silica G plates; developed plates were visualized with a hand-held UV lamp or by staining: 1% Ce(SO₄)₂ and 10% $(NH_4)_2MoO_4$ in 10% H_2SO_4 (general stain, after charring); 1% N,N'-dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine solution in 1:20:100 AcOH-H₂O-MeOH (specific for peroxides);¹⁶ 1% aq KMnO₄ (for unsaturated compounds); 3% vanillin in 3% H₂SO₄ in EtOH (general stain after charring). NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz (1H) or 100 MHz (13C) and in CDCl₂ unless otherwise indicated; peaks are reported as: chemical shift (multiplicity, J couplings in Hz, number of protons). IR spectra were recorded as neat films (ZnSe, ATR mode) with selected absorbances reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Melting points were collected using a melting point apparatus and all values are uncorrected unless otherwise noted.

Hydroperoxyacetals from Alkenes; General Procedure 1 (GP 1)

A solution of alkene (~1 mmol) and MeOH (0.3 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) in a round-bottomed flask was cooled to -78 °C and a gaseous stream of 2% O_3/O_2 (approximately 1 mmol O_3/min) was bubbled through the solution. Once the pale blue color of ozone appeared, the ozonizer voltage was set to zero and the reaction was sparged with O_2 until the blue color dissipated. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (15 mL) and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 25 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄). The residue obtained upon concentration in vacuo was purified by flash chromatography using EtOAc-hexanes.

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Carbonyl Compounds from Hydroperoxyacetals; General Procedure 2 (GP 2)

To a r.t. solution of hydroperoxyacetal (~0.5 mmol) in DCE (10 mL) was added NaBH(OAc)₃ (0.5 mmol). After product formation was complete (TLC, eluent: EtOAc-hexanes), the reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (~40 mL) and washed sequentially with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (~30 mL) and brine (~30 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and the residue obtained upon concentration in vacuo was purified by flash chromatography using EtOAc-hexanes.

Amines from Hydroperoxyacetals; General Procedure 3 (GP 3)

To a solution of hydroperoxyacetal (~0.5 mmol) in DCE (10 mL) was added NaBH(OAc)₃ (0.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for an hour at r.t., after which additional NaBH(OAc)₃ (1 mmol) was added followed by amine (0.5 mmol). After the reaction appeared complete (TLC, eluent: EtOAc-hexanes), the solution was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL), and washed sequentially with sat. aq NaHCO₃ (30 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄) and the residue obtained upon concentration was purified by flash chromatography with CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH (1-2%) containing a few drops of Et₃N.

Direct Synthesis of Amines from Alkenes; General Procedure 4 (GP 4)

Stepwise (Method A): A solution of alkene (~1 mmol) and MeOH (0.3 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) in a round-bottomed flask was ozonized as in GP 1. Following removal of free ozone, the cooling bath was removed and NaBH(OAc)₃ (1 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 45 min, after which amine (~1 mmol) and NaBH(OAc)₃ (2 mmol) were sequentially added. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1-2 h and then filtered through Celite and the pad washed with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified as in GP 3.

One Step (Method B): A solution of alkene (~1 mmol) and MeOH (0.3 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) in a round-bottomed flask was ozonized as in GP 1. Following removal of free ozone, the cooling bath was removed and NaBH(OAc)₃ (3 mmol) and the amine (1-2 mmol) were sequentially added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1-2 h and then filtered through Celite and the pad washed with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated on a rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified as in GP 3.

Hydroperoxyacetals from Alkenes1-Methoxynonyl Hydroperoxide (1b) [20525-41-1]

Prepared from 1*a* (1.40 g, 10 mmol) by GP 1; yield: 1.33 g (70%); $R_f = 0.22$ (10% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 8.19 (s, 1 H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 1.60-1.80 (m, 2 H), 1.20-1.50 (m, 12 H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 108.8, 55.8, 31.9, 31.3, 29.43, 29.38, 29.3, 24.6, 22.7, 14.1.

9-Hydroperoxy-9-methoxynonanol Acetate Ester (2b) [1255126-65-8] Prepared from 2a (2.0 g, 10 mmol) by GP 1; yield: 1.66 g (67%); $R_f = 0.33$ (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR (300 MHz): δ = 9.46 (s, 1 H), 4.66 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.97 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.43 (s, 3 H), 1.98 (s, 3 H), 1.66-1.48 (m, 4 H), 1.33-1.23 (m, 10 H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz): δ = 171.6, 108.5, 64.7, 55.7, 31.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 28.4, 25.7, 24.5, 20.9.

4-Benzyloxy-1-methoxybutyl Hydroperoxide (3b) [1255126-67-0] Prepared from 3*a* (1.76 g, 10 mmol) by GP 1; yield: 1.56 g (69%); R_f = 0.37 (25% EtOAc-hexanes). ¹H NMR: δ = 8.93 (s, 1 H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 5 H), 4.77-4.74 (m, 1 H), 4.54 (s, 2 H), 3.58-3.50 (s, 5 H), 1.93-1.71 (m, 4 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 138.1, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 108.4, 72.9, 69.8, 55.9, 28.0, 24.6.

(3-Hydroperoxy-3-methoxybutyl)benzene (4b)

Prepared from 4*a* (1.0 g, 5.6 mmol) by GP 1; yield: 0.427 g (38%); R_f = 0.36 (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

IR (neat): 3345, 2943, 1102, 1069, 697 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.49 (s, 1 H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 5 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 2 H), 2.08-2.02 (m, 2 H), 1.45 (s, 3 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 141.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.0, 106.9, 49.1, 36.9, 30.5, 19.1.

HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{16}O_3$ + Na (M + Na)⁺: 219.0997; found: 219.1007.

4-(t-Butyl)-1-hydroperoxy-1-methoxycyclohexane (5b) [169294-55-7]

Prepared as a mixture of diastereomers from 5a (1.52 g, 10 mmol) by GP 1; yield: 1.49 g (74%); $R_r = 0.41$ (20% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.50 (s, 0.25 H), 7.48 (s, 0.68 H), 3.34 (s, 0.79 H), 3.31 (s, 2.18 H), 2.20-2.28 (m, 0.54 H), 2.09-2.19 (m, 1.52 H), 1.66-177 (m, 2 H), 1.33-1.46 (m, 2 H), 1.12-1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.00-1.11 (m, 1 H), 0.89 (s, 9 H). ¹³C NMR: δ = 105.7, 105.4, 48.5, 48.3, 47.6, 47.5, 32.3, 31.5, 30.9, 27.6, 23.6, 23.4.

2-Hydroperoxy-2-methoxyadamantane (6b) [55975-21-8]

Prepared from *6a* (1.0 g, 5.61 mmol) by GP 1; yield: 0.700 g (63%); R_f = 0.50 (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.34 (s, 1 H), 3.32 (s, 3 H), 2.23 (m, 2 H), 2.01-1.86 (m, 6 H), 1.70-1.66 (m, 6 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 107.5, 47.4, 37.1, 33.71, 33.68, 31.9, 27.0, 26.9.

Carbonyls from HydroperoxyacetalsNonanal (1c) [124-19-6]

Prepared from 1b (0.095 g, 0.5 mmol) by GP 2; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.045 g (63%); R_f = 0.66 (10% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 9.78 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (dt, *J* = 1.8, 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.64 (m, 2 H), 1.31-1.28 (m, 10 H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 203.0, 43.9, 31.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 22.6, 22.0, 14.0.

9-Hydroxynonanal Acetate Ester (2c) [29541-97-7]

Prepared from 2b (0.496 g, 2 mmol) by GP 2; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.341 g (85%); $R_f = 0.44$ (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 9.78 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.07 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.45 (dt, J = 1.8, 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.07 (s, 3 H), 1.64 (m, 4 H), 1.34 (m, 8 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 202.7, 171.1, 64.5, 43.8, 29.1, 28.97, 28.95, 28.5, 25.8, 21.9, 20.9.

4-(Benzyloxy)butanal (3c) [5470-84-8]

Prepared from 3*b* (0.107 g, 0.47 mmol) by GP 2; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.076 g (91%); R_{ϵ} = 0.33 (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 9.79 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 5 H), 4.51 (s, 2 H), 3.53 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.58 (dt, J = 1.32, 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.98 (quint, J = 6.5 Hz, 2 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 202.3, 138.3, 128.4, 127.6, 72.9, 69.1, 40.9, 22.6.

4-Phenylbutan-2-one (4c) [2550-26-7]

Prepared from 4b (0.098 g, 0.5 mmol) by GP 2; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.052 g (70%); $R_f = 0.37$ (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.33-7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3 H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz,

2 H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR: δ = 207.9, 141.0, 128.5, 128.3, 126.1, 45.2, 30.1, 29.7.

4-(tert-Butyl)cyclohexanone (5c) [98-53-3]

Prepared from 5b (0.101 g, 0.5 mmol) by GP 2; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.053 g (68%); R_f = 0.50 (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

 1H NMR: δ = 2.40-2.26 (m, 4 H), 2.09-2.06 (m, 2 H), 1.52-1.38 (m, 3 H), 0.91 (s, 9 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 212.5, 46.7, 41.3, 32.4, 27.6.

Adamantan-2-one (6c) [700-58-3]

Prepared from *6b* (0.099 g, 0.5 mmol) by GP 2; reaction time: 8 h; yield: 0.044 g [68% based on 0.015 g (15%) starting material recovery]; R_f = 0.47 (25% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 2.54 (m, 2 H), 2.09-1.92 (m, 12 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 218.4, 46.9, 39.2, 36.3, 27.4.

Amines from Hydroperoxyacetals9-Morpholinononanol Acetate Ester (2d)

Prepared from 2b (0.124 g, 0.5 mmol) with morpholine (0.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.115 g (85%); $R_f = 0.32$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

IR (neat): 2927, 2853, 1738, 1118 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4 H), 2.44 (m, 4 H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H), 1.65-1.57 (m, 2 H), 1.48 (m, 2 H), 1.35-1.29 (m, 10 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 171.2, 66.9, 64.6, 59.2, 53.8, 29.42, 29.38, 29.1, 28.5, 27.4, 26.5, 25.8, 20.9.

HRMS-FAB: m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{30}NO_3$ (M + H)⁺: 272.2226; found: 272.2213.

N-Phenyl-9-aminononanol Acetate Ester (2e)

Prepared from 2*b* (0.124 g, 0.5 mmol) with aniline (0.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.104 g (75%); $R_f = 0.50$ (10% EtOAc-hexanes).

IR (neat): 3401, 2926, 2854, 1734, 1236 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.22-7.18 (m, 2 H), 6.74-6.62 (m, 3 H), 4.09 (t, J = 6.76 Hz, 2 H), 3.66 (s, 1 H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.16 Hz, 2 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H), 1.68-1.63 (m, 4 H), 1.43-1.36 (m, 10 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 171.3, 148.6, 129.2, 117.0, 112.7, 64.6, 43.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 28.6, 27.2, 25.9, 21.1.

HRMS-FAB: m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{28}NO_2$ (M + H)⁺: 278.2115; found: 278.2123.

N-Benzyl-9-aminononanol Acetate Ester (2f)

Prepared from 2b (0.124 g, 0.5 mmol) with benzylamine (2.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.098 g (67%); $R_f = 0.42$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

IR (neat): 2923, 2856, 1737, 1236 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.39-7.25 (m, 5 H), 4.21 (s, 1 H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 2 H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.04 (s, 3 H), 1.62-1.59 (m, 4 H), 1.28 (m, 10 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 171.2, 138.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 64.6, 53.3, 48.7, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 29.1, 28.6, 27.2, 25.9, 21.0.

HRMS-ESI: m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{29}NO_2$ + Na (M + Na)⁺: 314.2091; found: 314.2110.

N,N'-(Bis-9-acetoxynonyl)benzylamine

The tertiary amine, *N*,*N*'-(bis-9-acetoxynonyl)benzylamine, resulting from the reductive amination of 2*f* by 2*b* was also isolated in 8% yield; $R_f = 0.65$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

IR (neat): 2925, 2855, 1738, 1232, 1043 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.35-7.22 (m, 5 H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4 H), 3.56 (s, 2 H), 2.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4 H), 2.06 (s, 6 H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 4 H), 1.47-1.45 (m, 4 H), 1.34-1.27 (20 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 171.2, 140.5, 128.8, 128.0, 126.6, 64.6, 58.6, 53.8, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 28.6, 27.4, 27.0, 25.9, 21.0.

HRMS-FAB Calcd for $\rm C_{29}H_{50}NO_4~(M$ + H)^+: 476.3740; found: 476.3725.

N-Phenethyl-9-aminononanol Acetate Ester (2g)

Prepared from 2*b* (0.124 g, 0.5 mmol) with phenethylamine (2 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.096 g (63%); $R_f = 0.60$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

IR (neat): 3676, 2988, 2901, 1736 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.32-7.19 (m, 5 H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 2 H), 2.84-2.80 (m, 2 H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.06 (s, 3 H), 1.62 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.47 (m, 2 H), 1.29 (m, 10 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 171.3, 140.2, 128.7, 128.4, 126.1, 64.6, 51.3, 49.9, 36.5, 30.1, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 28.6, 27.3, 25.9, 21.0.

HRMS-FAB: m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{32}NO_2$ (M + H)⁺: 306.2428; found: 306.2439.

4-[4-(Benzyloxy)butyl]morpholine (3d)

Prepared from 3b (0.107 g, 0.47 mmol) with morpholine (0.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.104 g (89%); $R_f = 0.33$ (5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

IR (neat): 2942, 2853, 2806, 1116 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.34-7.27 (m, 5 H), 4.50 (s, 2 H), 3.72 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 4 H), 3.49 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.44 (m, 4 H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 4 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 138.6, 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 72.9, 70.1, 66.9, 58.8, 53.7, 27.7, 23.2.

HRMS-FAB: m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{24}NO_2$ (M + H)⁺: 250.1802; found: 250.1812.

N-[4-(Benzyloxy)butyl]aniline (3e)

Prepared from 3b (0.107 g, 0.47 mmol) with aniline (0.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 4 h; yield: 0.083 g (69%); $R_f = 0.51$ (20% EtOAc-hexanes).

IR (neat): 3403, 3026, 2935, 2858, 1601, 1505 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.38-7.30 (m, 5 H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2 H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.61-6.59 (m, 2 H), 4.54 (s, 2 H), 3.73 (s, 1 H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.18-3.15 (m, 2 H), 1.79-1.57 (m, 4 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 148.6, 138.6, 129.3, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 117.2, 112.8, 73.1, 70.2, 43.8, 27.5, 26.5.

HRMS-FAB: m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{22}NO (M + H)^+$: 256.1696; found: 256.1692.

N-[4-(Benzyloxy)butyl]benzylamine (3f) [60058-23-3]

Prepared from 3b (0.107 g, 0.47 mmol) with benzylamine (2.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 5 h; yield: 0.079 g (63%); $R_f = 0.51$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.39-7.24 (m, 10 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 2 H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.73-1.59 (m, 4 H), 1.55 (s, 1 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 140.5, 138.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 72.9, 70.3, 54.0, 49.2, 27.6, 26.8.

N-[4-(Benzyloxy)butyl)]-2-phenethylamine (3g)

Prepared from 3*b* (0.107 g, 0.47 mmol) with phenethylamine (2.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 4 h; yield: 0.087 g (65%); $R_f = 0.22$ (5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

IR (neat): 3026, 2932, 2854, 1097, 696 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR: δ = 7.37-7.22 (m, 10 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H), 3.50 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.92-2.88 (m, 2 H), 2.84-2.80 (m, 2 H), 2.68-2.65 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.69-1.55 (m, 4 H), 1.37 (s, 1 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 140.1, 138.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 126.1, 72.9, 70.3, 51.2, 49.7, 36.5, 27.6, 26.9.

HRMS-FAB: m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₆NO (M + H)⁺: 284.2009; found: 284.2018.

4-(4-Phenylbutan-2-yl)morpholine (4d) [2832-95-3]

Prepared from 4b (0.098 g, 0.5 mmol) with morpholine (0.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 24 h; yield: 0.049 g (45%); $R_f = 0.37$ (5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.32-7.18 (m, 5 H), 3.75-3.72 (m, 4 H), 2.75-2.62 (m, 2 H), 2.60-2.52-2.44 (m, 5 H), 1.90-1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.66 (m, 1 H), 1.64-1.54 (m, 1 H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 142.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 67.5, 58.4, 48.7, 35.3, 32.8, 13.9.

N-(4-Phenylbutan-2-yl)aniline (4e) [72641-00-0]

Prepared from 4b (0.098 g, 0.5 mmol) with aniline (0.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 36 h; yield: 0.068 g (60%); $R_f = 0.51$ (10% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.33-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 5 H), 6.69 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.52 (m, 1 H), 3.45 (s, 1 H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.95-1.86 (m, 1 H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 147.6, 142.0, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 125.9, 116.9, 113.2, 47.9, 38.8, 32.5, 20.9.

N-Benzyl-4-phenylbutan-2-amine (4f) [68164-04-5]

Prepared from 4b (0.098 g, 0.5 mmol) with benzylamine (0.5 mmol) by GP 3; reaction time: 36 h; yield: 0.089 g (75%); $R_f = 0.25$ (5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.36-7.20 (m, 10 H), 3.87 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.82-2.64 (m, 3 H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.76-1.66 (m, 1 H), 1.41 (s, 1 H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 142.5, 140.7, 128.44, 128.39, 128.2, 127.9, 126.9, 125.7, 52.0, 51.3, 38.7, 32.3, 20.4.

N-Phenethyl-4-phenylbutan-2-amine (4g) [161012-69-7]

Prepared from 4*b* (0.138 g, 0.7 mmol) with phenethylamine by GP 3; reaction time: 30 h; yield: 0.092 g (52%); $R_f = 0.30$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.36-7.15 (m, 10 H), 2.99-2.91 (m, 1 H), 2.88-2.79 (m, 3 H), 2.72-2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.64-2.57 (m, 2 H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.68-1.59 (m, 1 H), 1.30 (s, 1 H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 142.3, 140.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.2, 125.7, 55.4, 48.5, 38.7, 36.6, 32.3, 20.3.

Amines from Alkenes 1-Benzylazapine (7) [20422-13-3]

Prepared by reacting cyclohexene (0.082 g, 1 mmol) with benzylamine (1 mmol) according to GP 4A; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.107 g (57%); R_f = 0.57 (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.40-7.27 (m, 5 H), 3.69 (s, 2 H), 2.67-2.66 (m, 4 H), 1.67 (m, 8 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 140.1, 128.8, 128.1, 126.7, 62.7, 55.6, 28.2, 27.0.

1-Phenethylazapine (8) [65530-43-0]

Prepared by reacting cyclohexene (0.082 g, 1 mmol) with phenethylamine (1 mmol) according to GP 4A; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.127 g (63%); $R_f = 0.57$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.32-7.21 (m, 5 H), 2.83-2.80 (m, 8 H), 1.72 (m, 4 H), 1.64 (m, 4 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 140.2, 128.8, 128.4, 126.0, 59.9, 55.1, 33.6, 27.2, 27.1.

4-[4-(Benzyloxy)butyl]morpholine (3d)

Prepared from 3a (0.176 g, 1.0 mmol) with morpholine (1 mmol) by GP 4A; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.159 g (64%). Spectral data were identical with those of compound 3d described above.

1-Benzylpiperidine (9) [2905-56-8]

Prepared by reacting cyclopentene (0.068 g, 1 mmol) with benzylamine (1 mmol) according to GP 4A; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.113 g (65%); R_f = 0.50 (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.35-7.24 (m, 5 H), 3.50 (s, 2 H), 2.40-2.39 (m, 4 H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 4 H), 1.49-1.46 (m, 2 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 138.7, 129.2, 128.0, 126.8, 63.9, 54.5, 26.0, 24.4.

1-Phenethylpiperidine (10) [332-14-9]

Prepared by reacting cyclopentene (0.068 g, 1 mmol) with phenethylamine (1 mmol) according to GP 4A; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.136 g (72%); R_{f} = 0.55 (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.32-7.20 (m, 5 H), 2.86-2.82 (m, 2 H), 2.60-2.50 (m, 2 H), 2.40 (m, 4 H), 1.68-1.62 (m, 4 H), 1.51-1.48 (m, 2 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 140.7, 128.7, 128.3, 125.9, 61.5, 54.6, 33.7, 26.1, 24.5.

Compound 10 was also prepared by reacting cyclopentene (0.068 g, 1 mmol) with phenethylamine (1 mmol) according to GP 4B; yield: 0.117 g (62%).

9-(N-Morpholino)nonyl Acetate Ester (2d)

Prepared from 2a (0.099 g, 0.5 mmol) with morpholine (1 mmol) by GP 4B; reaction time: 6 h. The product was identical to 2d obtained as above; yield: 0.089 g (66%).

N-Benzylcyclohexylmethanamine (11*a*) [4352-47-0] and *N-benzyl-N-methylcyclohexylmethanamine* (11*b*) [79952-95-7]

Prepared from the reaction of vinylcyclohexane (0.11 g, 1 mmol) with benzylamine (2 mmol) by GP 4B; reaction time: 6 h; yield: 0.102 g (50%); R_f = 0.50 (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.36-7.26 (m, 5 H), 3.80 (s, 2 H), 2.49 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 1.84-1.68 (m, 5 H), 1.57-1.46 (m, 1 H), 1.32-1.13 (m, 4 H), 0.99-0.90 (m, 2 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 140.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.8, 56.2, 54.1, 37.9, 31.5, 26.7, 26.1.

The reaction also yielded 10% of 11b.

11b

$R_f = 0.63 (10\% \text{ MeOH-CH}_2\text{Cl}_2).$

¹H NMR (600 MHz): δ = 7.35-7.24 (m, 5 H), 3.47 (s, 2 H), 2.18-2.16 (m, 5 H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.74-1.67 (m, 3 H), 1.57-1.51 (m, 1 H), 1.28-1.13 (m, 3 H), 0.89-0.82 (m, 2 H).

 ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz): δ = 139.8, 128.9, 128.0, 126.7, 64.7, 62.7, 42.9, 35.8, 31.8, 26.9, 26.2.

3-Phenethyl-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (12)

Prepared by reacting norbornene (0.094 g, 1 mmol) with phenethylamine (1 mmol) according to GP 4A; reaction time: 2 h; yield: 0.139 g (65%); $R_f = 0.63$ (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂). IR (neat): 2931, 2757, 1496, 1406 cm⁻¹.

 1H NMR: δ = 7.37-7.24 (m, 5 H), 2.84-2.80 (m, 4 H), 2.64-2.60 (m, 2 H), 2.20-2.14 (m, 4 H), 1.76-1.63 (m, 4 H), 1.56-1.53 (m, 1 H), 1.44-1.42 (m, 1 H).

 ^{13}C NMR: δ = 140.9, 128.8, 128.2, 125.8, 60.2, 60.1, 37.7, 35.2, 33.3, 28.6.

HRMS-FAB: m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{22}N$ (M + H)⁺: 216.1747; found: 216.1748.

This product was also prepared by reacting norbornene (0.041 g, 0.43 mmol) with phenethylamine (0.43 mmol) according to GP 4B; yield: 0.062 g (65%).

1-Phenyl-2-(4-phenylbutan-2-yl)diazene (13) [343222-12-8]

A solution of alkene 4*a* (0.176 g, 1 mmol) and MeOH (0.3 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) in a round-bottomed flask was cooled to -40 °C and a stream of 2% O₃/O₂ (approximately 1 mmol O₃/min) was bubbled through the reaction solution. Once the pale blue color of ozone was observed, the ozonizer voltage was set to zero and the reaction was sparged for 1 min with N₂. The resulting solution was removed from dry ice/acetone bath, whereupon NaBH(OAc)₃ (2 mmol) and phenylhydrazine (1 mmol) were sequentially added. The reaction was stirred for 2 h at r.t. and then treated with NaCNBH₃ (1 mmol). After stirring for another 30 min, the reaction was filtered though neutral alumina with CH₂Cl₂, and the residue obtained upon concentration was purified by chromatography (alumina) using 10% EtOAc-hexanes to furnish a light yellow oil, which darkened very rapidly. Air was passed over the oil for 2 h to furnish diazene *13* as a yellow oil; yield: 0.135 g (57%); *R*_f = 0.50 (10% EtOAc-hexanes).

¹H NMR: δ = 7.73-7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 3 H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3 H), 3.90-3.81 (m, 1 H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.41-2.32 (m, 1 H), 2.13-2.04 (m, 1 H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H).

¹³C NMR: δ = 152.1, 141.9, 130.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 125.8, 122.2, 72.7, 36.9, 32.6, 19.0.

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