

AN EFFICIENT SYNTHESIS OF GEM-DIHYDROPEROXIDES AND 1,2,4,5- TETRAOXANES CATALYZED BYCHLOROSULFONIC ACIDAS A NEW CATALYST

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ABSTRACT

Chlorosulfonic acid was used as an active, low-cost and reusable solid catalyst for conversion of ketones and aldehydes to corresponding gem-dihydroperoxides using 30% aqueous hydrogen peroxide at room temperature. The reactions proceed with high rates and excellent yields .

Keywords

Gem-dihydroperoxide; Aldehyde; Ketones; Chlorosulfonic acid; Hydrogen peroxide.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Gem-dihydroperoxides (DHPs) which are interested closely durable peroxidic derivatives of ketones and aldehydes, have important roles in synthesis of peroxidic antimalarial drugs [1, 2, 3]. Furthermore, gem-dihydroperoxides are critical fundamental intermediates in synthesis of some categories of peroxides as well as tetraoxanes [4-6], silateraoxans [7], spirobisperoxyketals [8,9], bisperoxyketals [10], and 1,2,4,5- tetraoxacycloalkanes [11,12]. Also, similar to other peroxides such as 3-chloropebenzoic acid, gem-dihydroperoxides have been utilized as the initiators in radical polymerization procedures [13]. Additionally, newly, these compounds have been employed as the powerful oxidants in several organic reactions such as epoxidation of α,β-unsaturated ketones [14,15,] oxidation of sulfides [16-17], oxidation of alcohols [18], enantioselective oxidation of 2-substituted-1,4-naphtoquinones [19] oxidative aromatization of 2-pyrazolines and isoxazolines [20] and some similar reactions [21]. Normally, there are two reported methods for synthesis of gem dihydroperoxides: (I) reaction of ketals with H₂O₂ in the presence of tungstic acid [22], or BF₃.Et₂O [23], (II) ozonolysis of ketone enol ethers or α-olefines in the presence of aqueous H2O2 [11, 24]. Unfortunately, these methods clearly suffer from notable drawbacks inluding needing for concentrated H_2O_2 and surplus acid, minimal substrate range and formation a mix of peroxidic products, low yield, long reaction time and strong reaction condition [25]. Moreover, little selectivity and drawbacks from existence of ozone sensitive functional groups in the substrates are additional deficiencies in ozonolysis reaction. As a result, to eliminate these disadvantages, lately, in modified method, gem -dihydroperoxides have been synthesized via peroxidation of aldehydes and ketones by aqueous H₂O₂ in the presence of molecular iodine as the catalyst. [26,27] currently, some Lewis or Bronsted acids, including ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) [28], camphor sulfuric acid (CSA) [29], NaHSO₄.SiO₂ [30], Re₂O₇ [31], Bismuth (III) triflate [32] and PMA [33] have been utilized as the catalysts for synthesis of these compounds. As the importance of gem-dihydroperoxides and also 1,2,4,5-tetraoxanes that are key precursors in synthesis of anti-malaria drugs, in duration of our efforts to adapt this methodology and apply novel and more appropriate catalysts, [34], herein, we wish to report using Chlorosulfonic acid as an effective catalyst (Scheme 1) for synthesis of gem-dihydroperoxides from ketones and aldehydes with 30% aqueous H_2O_2 at room temperature. Besides, we successfully used Chlorosulfonic acid for catalyzing facile synthesis of 1,2,4,5-tetraoxanes from direct condensation of obtained gem-dihydroperoxides with different ketones (scheme 2)

Chlorosulfuric acid is commercially available acid that has been used as a proper catalyst in several chemical reactions [35].

2. EXPERIMENTAL

2.1 Material and instruments

 Solvents, reagents, and chemical materials were obtained from Aldrich and Merck chemical companies and purified prior to use. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on JEOL FX 90Q using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Infrared spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer GX FT IR spectrometer (KBr pellets).

Caution: Although we did not encounter any problem with gem-dihydroperoxides, peroxides are potentially explosive and should be handled with precautions; all reactions should be carried out behind a safety shield inside a fume hood and heating should be avoided.

2.2 General procedure for synthesis of gem-dihyroperoxides: To a mixture of carbonyl compound (1 mmol) and CISA (0.0066 ml, 0.1mmol) in MeCN (3 ml) 30% aqueous H₂O₂ (1 ml) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for an appropriate time (Tables 2,3 and 4). After completion of reaction as monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC), the mixture was diluted with water (5 ml) and extracted by ethyl acetate (3×5 ml). Aqueous layer which contains SA and organic layer that contains products, was separated, dried over anhydrous Mg₂SO₄, and

evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica-packed column chromatography (hexane–EtOAc) to afford pure gem-dihydroperoxides (Tables 2,3 and 4). Products were characterized on the basis of their melting points, elemental analysis and IR, ¹H NMR, and ¹³C NMR spectral analysis and amount of peroxide in products has been determined by iodometric titration.

2.3 General procedure for synthesis of teraoxanes: To a mixture of ketone (1 mmol) and ClSA (0.0066 ml, 0.1mmol) in MeCN (3 ml) gem-dihydroperoxide (1 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for an appropriate time (Tables 5). After the completion of the reaction as monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC), the mixture was diluted with water (5 ml) and extracted with $CH₂Cl₂$ (3x5 ml). Then, aqueous layer and organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Mg₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silicapacked column chromatography (hexane–EtOAc) to afford pure 1,2,4,5-tetraoxanes (Tables 5). Products were characterized on the basis of their melting points, elemental analysis and IR, ¹H NMR, and ¹³C NMR spectral analysis.

The characteristic data for new products are given below.

4-(dihydroperoxymethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline (table 4, entry 3k): Sticky brown oil. IR νmax /cm-1 (nujol mull): 3400, 3092, 1592, 1425, 1363, 1221, 1111, 979; ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 90 MHz): δ 10.47 (br, s, 2H, OOH), 7.32-8.17 (m, 4 H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.00, (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz), δ: 143.4, 138.0, 130.5, 127.7, 101.0, 38.5; Anal. Calcd for C9H13NO4: C, 54.26; H, 6.58%. Found: C, 54.44; H, 6.83%.

2-(1,1-dihydroperoxyethyl)thiophene (table 4, entry 3m): White solid, m.p: 98-101 ◦C. IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3420, 2922, 2829, 1635, 1558, 1458, 1363, 1271, 987, 721, 599, 435, 353; ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 90 MHz): δ 8.21 (br, s, 2 H,OOH), 7.20-7.90 (m, 3 H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz): δ 142.7, 130.0, 129.3, 126.7, 100.4, 31.5; Anal. Calcd for C6H8O4S: C, 40.90; H, 4.58; S, 18.20%. Found: C, 41.18; H, 4.60, S, 19.12%.

1,4-bis(dihydroperoxymethyl)benzene (table 4, entry 3j): White solid, m.p: 210-212 ◦C. IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 1687, 1611, 1580, 1416, 1387, 1248, 1088, 989, 833, 826, 641; ¹H NMR (CDCl3,90 MHz): δ 9.8-9.9 (br, s, 4 H, OOH), 7.32-7.91 (m, 4 H),(2H), 5.78 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz): δ 137.4, 131.9, 131.4, 113.9; Anal. Calcd for C8H10O8: C, 41.03; H, 4.30%; Found: C, 42.06; H, 4.25%.

7,8,15,16-Tetraoxa-dispiro[5.2.5.2]hexadecane (4a): White solid; m.p: 70-72 ◦C.; IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 2920, 1697, 1612, 1579, 1419, 1319, 1275, 1203, 1014, 972, 835, 808, 621; ¹H NMR (CDCl3,90 MHz): δ 1.26-2.29 (m, 20H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz): δ 108.5, 30.1, 25.8, 22.3; Anal. Calcd for C12H20O4: C, 63.14; H, 8.83%; Found: C, 62.76; H,8.95%.

3-Methyl-7,8,15,16-tetraoxa-dispiro[5.2.5.2]hexadecane (4b): White solid; m.p: 86-88 ◦C; IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 2920, 1697, 1612, 1579, 1419, 1319, 1275, 1203, 1014, 972, 835, 808, 621; ¹H NMR (CDCl3,90 MHz): δ 3.3 (s, 1H), 1.24-2.34 (m, 18H), 0.94 (d, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz): δ 108.38, 108.33, 35.1, 32.2, 32.0, 31.6, 26.0, 25.0, 24.1, 21.8; Anal. Calcd for C13H22O4: C, 64.44; H, 9.15%; Found: C, 65.00; H,8.69%.

3,3'-di-Methyl-7,8,15,16-tetraoxa-dispiro[5.2.5.2]hexadecane (4d): White solid; m.p: 153-155 ◦C; IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 2920, 1697, 1612, 1579, 1419, 1319, 1275, 1203, 1014, 972, 835, 808, 621; ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 90 MHz) δ: 3.32 (s, 2H), 1.22-1.60 (m, 16H), 0.90 (d, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz): δ 108.3, 32.0, 31.7, 30.5, 21.5; Anal. Calcd for C14H24O4: C, 65.60; H, 9.44%; Found: C, 66.05; H, 9.13%.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4,5-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane (4j): White solid; m.p: 98-100 ◦C; IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 2920, 1697, 1612, 1579, 1419, 1319, 1275, 1203, 1014, 972, 835, 808, 621; ¹H NMR ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 90 MHz) δ: 7.30-7.52 (m, 4H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 1.70-2.60 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6,22.5 MHz): δ 137.8, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 109.52, 107.6, 32.4, 32.2, 30.7, 22.8, 22.5; Anal. Calcd for C13H15ClO4: C, 57.68; H, 5.59%; Found: C, 58.12; H, 5.31%.

9-methyl-3-phenyl-1,2,4,5-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane (4n): White solid; m.p: 101-103 ◦C; ; IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 2920, 1697, 1612, 1579, 1419, 1319, 1275, 1203, 1014, 972, 835, 808, 621; ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 90 MHz) δ: 7.40-7.55 (m, 5H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 3.21-3.34 (m, 1H), 0.99-1.98 (m, 13H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6,22.5 MHz): δ 132.0, 131.3, 129.1, 128.0, 109.2, 108.2, 32.5, 31.8, 30.9, 30.5, 29.9, 21.8; Anal. Calcd for C14H18O4: C, 67.18; H, 7.25%; Found: C, 69.21; H, 7.03%.

3-phenyl-1,2,4,5-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane (4o): White solid; m.p: 78-80 ◦C; IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 2920, 1697, 1612, 1579, 1419, 1319, 1275, 1203, 1014, 972, 835, 808, 621; ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 90 MHz) δ: 7.40 -7.56 (m, 5H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.65-2.85 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.92 (m , 8H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz): δ 131.9, 131.5, 129.1, 127.8, 109.1, 108.2, 32.0, 30.1, 25.9, 22.5, 22.0; Anal. Calcd for C13H16O4: C, 66.09; H, 6.83%; Found: C, 65.78; H, 6.90%.

8-phenyl-6,7,9,10-tetraoxaspiro[4.5]decane (4p): White solid; m.p: 73-75 ◦C; IR νmax /cm-1 (KBr pellet): 3338, 3085, 2920, 1697, 1612, 1579, 1419, 1319, 1275, 1203, 1014, 972, 835, 808, 621; ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 90 MHz) δ: 7.38-7.44 (m, 5H), 6.80 (s, 1H),1.80-2.10 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 22.5 MHz): δ 132.0, 131.3, 129.0, 127.9, 114.5, 108.0, 35.5, 35.0, 25.5, 24.0; Anal. Calcd for C12H14O4: C, 64.85; H, 6.35%; Found: C, 64.15; H, 6.77%.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In an effort to establish the reaction conditions, various reaction parameters were studied to produce 1,1 dihydroperoxycyclohexane by the model reaction of cyclohexanone with 30 % aqueous H_2O_2 under catalytic effect of ClSA, so the results are summarized in Table 1. As we have seen in this Table, the best result in terms of yield and

reaction time was provided using MeCN as a solvent at room temperature with 0.1 mmol of catalyst loading (entry 6, table 1).

With optimized conditions in hand (aldehyde or ketones (1 mmol), aqueous 30% H₂O₂ (3 ml), 0.1 mmol catalyst, MeCN (3 ml, r.t)) we began to study the scope of the reaction using a range of cyclic aliphatic ketones (Table 2), side chain aliphatic aldehydes and ketones (Table 3) and aromatic aldehydes and ketones (Table 4). According to results summarized in these tables, generally, both cyclic and side chain aliphatic ketones react faster than the aromatic ketones because of the conjugating of carbonyl group with aromatic ring to afford the corresponding gem -dihydroperoxides comparatively in higher yields. This conjugating cause that benzophenone recovered intact after 200 minutes. For cyclic ketones, cyclohexanone reacts faster than cyclopentanone in higher yield (table 2, entries 1a and 1d). Also, interestingly, the aromatic aldehydes and ketones substituted by electron-withdrawing substituent didn't react at all or they reacted in very long time with nearly low yields. It has been explained by Katja Zmitek and Co -workers [28]. They reported that the transition state for this reaction has positive charge on carbonyl group. So, this reaction has high negative reaction constant (ρ= -2.76) that suggests a transition state with a more developed charge in the rate-determining step [28]. For example, we observed that 4-N,N-dimethylamino bebzaldehyde reacts faster than 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (table 4, entry 3k). On the other hands, 4-nitro benzaldehyde converted very slowly to gem -dihydroperoxide in very low conversion (13%) and decomposed after 0.5 hour because of the powerful electron-withdrawing effect of NO₂ group, (table 4, entry 3i). summing up, we suggest that Chlorosulfonic acid activates both carbonyl group and hydrogen peroxide. In fact, chlorosulfonic acid is a powerful acid, so generates H+ which activates the carbonyl group. On the other hands, the chlorine atom in chlorosulfonic acid is a powerful; electronegative atom, consequently it causes hydrogen peroxide (or gem-dihydroperoxide) more nucleophile via hydrogen bonding (scheme 3).

^c Isolated Yield.

 a^a Conditions: ketone and aldehyde (1 mmol), CH₃CN (3 ml), CISA (0.1 mmol), 30% aq. H₂O₂ (1 ml), reactions are carried out at rt.

 $^{\rm b}$ The structures of the products were established from their physical properties and spectral (¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and IR) analysis and compared with the data reported in the literature and amount the peroxide is determined by Iodometric titration.

^c Isolated Yield.

Moreover, It is interesting that aliphatic aldehydes react with only one molecule of hydrogen peroxide in carbonyl group, so 1,1- hydroxyhydroperoxide derivatives were formed instead of their expected DHPs (table 3, entries 2h and 2i, scheme 4).

Scheme 4. peroxidation of aliphatic aldehydes

For the first time, terephthalaldehyde was reacted as a dialdehyde and we observed that both of the aldehyde groups has been converted to gem-dihydroeperoxide after 360 minutes (table 3, entry 3j). In addition, we have successfully converted 2-methyltheilnyl ketone as a heterocyclic ketone to corresponding gem -dihydroperoxide without any by-product (table 3, entry 3m). Like other our reported works, benzophenone was recovered intact after 200 minutes (table 3, entry 3n).

In the next step, we used some of the synthesized gem-dihydroperoxides as nucleophiles. These gem-dihydroperoxides reacted with ketones and variety of 1,2,3,4-tetraoxanes were produced. (Scheme 2, table 5). Reaction's condition is similar to synthesis of gem-dihydroperoxides condition.

Finally, this method for peroxidation of cyclohexanone (entry 1a, table 2) is compared with other reported methodologies in the table 6. As has been noted, this methodology is clearly better which really improves the time reaction, yields and reaction condition.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, chlorosulfonic acid was explored as a high active, commercially available and simple catalyst towards the conversion of ketones and aldehydes to corresponding gem -dihydroperoxides. These reactions proceeded smoothly with low reactions time at room temperature to furnish the titled products in high to excellent yields. Chlorosulfonic acid catalyst exhibited a high reusability potential and has shown no significant loss of activity after three consecutive runs (entry 1, Table 2). This catalyst makes the process affordable and economical.

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