

3,6-Dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazines (microreview)

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Recent synthetic methods towards 3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazines are reviewed. This Focus covers selected examples on the synthesis of 3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazines that can be grouped in the following categories: (4+2) cycloadditions, tandem reactions, formal (3+3) cycloadditions, and ring-closing metathesis.

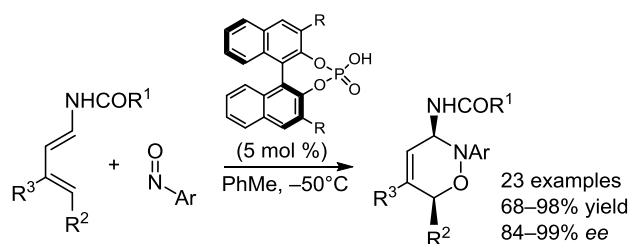
Introduction

Although the first synthesis of the parent heterocycle has been reported in 1947,¹ the synthesis of functionalized analogs has attracted considerable attention in the last decade. The structure of the title compound opens several possibilities for further functionalization including (stereoselective) transformations of the C=C bond and the reductive N–O

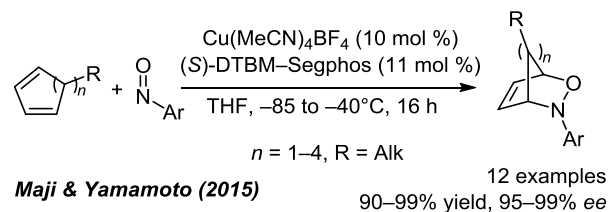
bond cleavage leading to tetrahydro-1,2-oxazines and 1,4-amino alcohols,² respectively. For this reason, 3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazines are considered as extremely useful building blocks for the preparation of more complex compounds of biological importance.³ Here, more recent strategies towards 3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazines are summarized.

(4+2) Cycloaddition

The title heterocycle can be obtained by Diels–Alder chemistry starting with nitroso compounds and conjugated dienes (or their equivalents) including dendralenes,⁴ borodienes,⁵ sterically hindered dienes,⁶ AuCl₃-activated allenes,⁷ and solid phase-supported substrates.⁸ Phosphorylated nitrosoalkenes were shown to react either as heterodiene or as dienophile.⁹ In 2015, Masson described a highly regio-, diastereo-, and enantioselective approach with chiral phosphoric acids as bifunctional catalysts used in the reaction of carbamate-dienes and nitrosoarenes.¹⁰ More recently, Cu(I)–DTBM–Segphos-catalyzed asymmetric synthesis of 1,2-oxazines from variously substituted cyclic 1,3-dienes was reported by Maji and Yamamoto.¹¹ For example, symmetrical dienes and pyrimidine- or pyridazine-derived nitroso compounds provided products in high yields (>90%) and excellent enantioselectivities.



Masson (2015) R¹ = OBn, OAllyl, Me; R² = Alk, Ar; R³ = Alk, H



Maji & Yamamoto (2015)

90–99% yield, 95–99% ee



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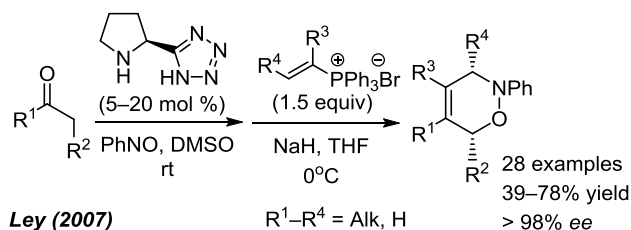


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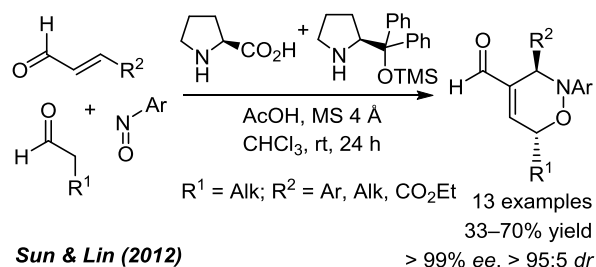
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Tandem reactions

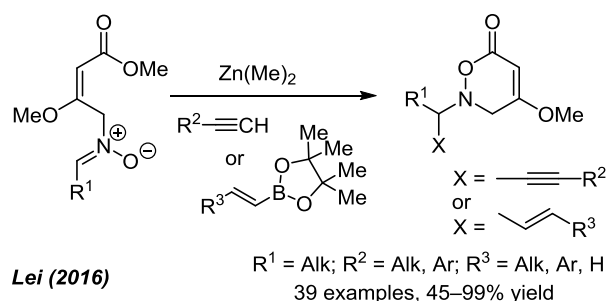
In a series of papers by Ley's group (*S*)-pyrrolidinyltetra-*zole* was used for highly enantioselective α -aminoxylation of achiral carbonyl compounds.¹² Aminooxy carbonyl compounds generated in the first stage undergo base-promoted aza-Michael addition to phosphonium salt, followed by cyclization of the respective ylide *via* intramolecular Wittig reaction to give 1,2-oxazine.



Similar one-pot approach to *trans*-3,6-substituted 1,2-oxazines was reported by Sun and Lin using *L*-proline and the Hayashi–Jørgensen's pyrrolidine as a dual organocatalytic system for highly asymmetric α -aminoxylation / aza-Michael / aldol condensation cascade reaction.¹³ In this case, the intermediate analogous to that generated by Ley's method (aminooxy carbonyl compound) undergoes aza-Michael addition to α,β -unsaturated aldehyde through iminium catalysis, followed by aldol-type cyclization *via* enamine catalysis.

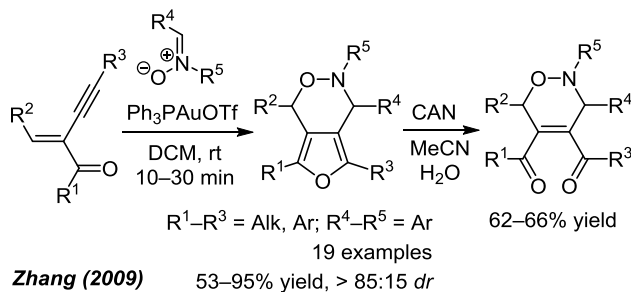


More recently, a general and efficient method for the preparation of 4,6-dioxo-1,2-oxazine ring through a tandem nucleophilic addition of organozinc reagents to a properly functionalized nitrones followed by transesterification was reported by Lei and coworkers.¹⁴ This procedure opened up an easy access to unique heterocyclic scaffold present in natural antibiotics alchivemycin A and B.

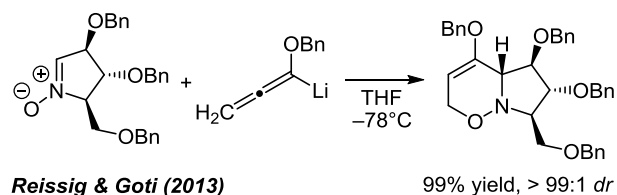


Formal (3+3) cycloadditions

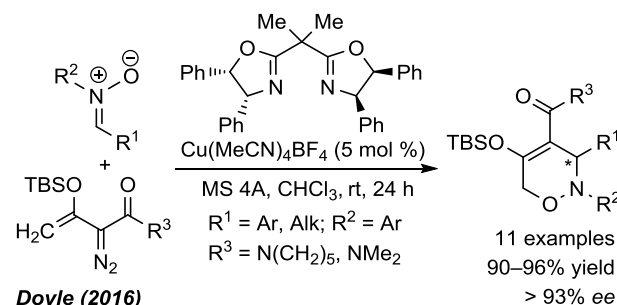
A gold(I)-catalyzed (3+3) cyclization of 2-(1-alkynyl)-2-alkenones with nitrones leading to highly substituted fused furo[3,4-*d*][1,2]oxazines has been reported in 2009.¹⁵ The reaction proceeds *via* initially formed furanyl gold complex, which is trapped by the nitron to afford products after subsequent cyclization. The latter could be easily converted into 4,5-diacylated 1,2-oxazines in a chemoselective manner using cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN).



Another approach to bicyclic 3,6-dihydro-2*H*-1,2-oxazines was reported by Reissig and coworkers.¹⁶ Highly diastereoselective nucleophilic addition of lithiated alkoxyallene to enantiopure cyclic nitrones yields the corresponding allenyl hydroxylamines, which smoothly cyclize to *N*-bridged products in high yield. These compounds were used for the preparation of natural pyrrolizidine alkaloids australine and casuarine.¹⁷

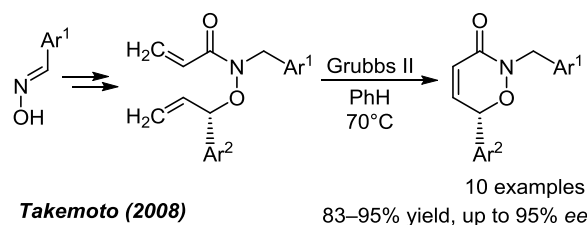


An easy access to enantiopure 3,6-dihydro-2*H*-1,2-oxazines by (3+3) annulation of aldonitrones and electrophilic vinylcarbenes derived from appropriate diazo precursors was developed by Doyle and coworkers.¹⁸ In more recent work, enoldiazoacetamides were demonstrated as a suitable source of carbenes, which were generated in the presence of copper(I) tetrafluoroborate / bisoxazoline complex as a catalyst.¹⁹ The reaction was performed under exceptionally mild conditions to afford title cycloadducts in excellent yield of >90% and highly enantioselective fashion.



Ring-closing metathesis

A series of enantiopure 1,2-oxazines have been prepared by ring-closing metathesis (RCM) reactions in high yields and excellent enantioselectivity.²⁰ Key chiral precursors were synthesized by asymmetric Pybox/iridium-catalyzed allylic substitution followed by reduction and acylation with acryloyl chloride. Similarly to previous report,²¹ the RCM proceeded smoothly with second generation Grubbs' catalyst.



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