Solvent Free Three Component Strecker Reaction of Ketones Using Highly Recyclable and hydrophobic Sulfonic Acid Based Nanoreactors

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Experimental procedures, TEM, TGA, BET, BJH, and N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherm

1. Experimental Procedure:

1.1. Preparation of SBA-15-Pr-SH: The synthesis of SBA-15-Pr-SH has been achieved using known procedure described by Stucky and his co-workers (Margolese, D.; Melero, J. A.; Christiansen, S. C.; Chmelka, B. F.; Stucky, G. D. *Chem. Mater.* **2000**, *12*, 2448). This procedure involved a synthetic strategy based on co-condensation of tetraethoxysilane (TEOS) and 3-mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane (MPTMS) in the presence of Pluronic P123 as structure directing agent. In a typical preparation procedure, 4.0 g of Pluronic P123 (Aldrich, average Mw =5800) was dissolved in 125 g of 1.9 M HCl solution with stirring at room temperature. The solution was heated to 40 °C before adding 6.83g TEOS. After 3 h pre-hydrolysis of TEOS, 1.6g thiol precursor MPTMS was added. The resultant solution was stirred for 20 h at 40 °C, after which the mixture was aged at 100 °C for 24 h under static conditions. The solid was recovered by filtration and air dried at room temperature overnight. The template was removed from the as-synthesized material by washing with ethanol using a Soxhelet apparatus for 24 h. TGA diagram for SBA-15-Pr-SH is shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 1. TGA diagram for SBA-15-Pr-SH



Figure 2. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm for SBA-15-Pr-SH



Figure 3. BJH average pore diameter diagram for SBA-15-Pr-SH

1.2. Preparation of SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SH:

To a suspension of SBA-15-Pr-SH (3 g) in dry toluene $PhSi(OEt)_3$ (PTES, 4 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was first stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then refluxed for further 24 h. The solid materials was filtered and successively washed with toluene, EtOH, and Et₂O and dried overnight at 120 °C to afford the corresponding SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SH.



Figure 4. TGA diagram for SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SH



Figure 5. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm for SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SH



Figure 6. BJH average pore diameter diagram for SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SH

1.3. Preparation of SBA-15-Pr-SO₃H: Typically, 0.3 g of SBA-15-Pr-SH was suspended in 10 g of aqueous 30 wt% H_2O_2 . This suspension was stirred at room temperature in an Ar atmosphere for 24 h. After the oxidation treatment, the resulting

solution was filtered and washed separately with water and ethanol. Finally the wet material was suspended in $1M H_2SO_4$ solution for 2h and then was washed several times with deionized water and ethanol and dried at 60 °C under vacuum overnight to give the corresponding nanoreactor SBA-15-Pr-SO₃H.



Figure 7. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm for SBA-15-Pr-SO₃H



Figure 8. BJH average pore diameter diagram for SBA-15-Pr-SO₃H

1.4. Preparation of SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SO₃H:

Conversion of thiol groups of catalyst to sulfonic acid moiety was accomplished by hydrogen peroxide. Typically, 0.3 g of solid hodrophobic material was suspended in 10 g of aqueous 30 wt% H_2O_2 . This suspension was stirred at room temperature in an Ar atmosphere for 24 h. After the oxidation treatment, the resulting solution was filtered and washed separately with water and ethanol. Finally the wet material was suspended in 1M H_2SO_4 solution for 2h and then was washed several times with water and ethanol and dried at 60 °C under vacuum overnight to give the corresponding nanoreactor SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SO₃H.

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Figure 9. TGA diagram of SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SO₃H



Figure 10. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm for SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SO₃H



Figure 11. BJH average pore diameter diagram for SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SO₃H

1.5. General procedure for the Strecker reaction of aldehydes and ketones using SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SO₃H: To the mixture of aldehyde/ketone (3 mmol), amine (3 mmol), and catalyst **1** (93 mg; ~5mol% -SO₃H group) in sealed tube, trimethylsilyl cyanide (98%, Merck) (3.6 mmol) was added at 50 °C with constant stirring at the desired time as indicated in Table 2. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and filtrated to obtain the crude product. In some cases the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel and then recrystallized to afford the pure related **\alpha**-amino nitrile in good to excellent yields (Table 2).



Figure 12: TEM image of SBA-15-Ph-Pr-SO₃H

1.6. Spectral data for Table 2:

Table 2 (Entry 1): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 7.45-7.60 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.33 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89-6.95 (t, J=7.25 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.81 (d, J=8.25 Hz, 2H), 5.43-5.46 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.08 (d, J=8.25 Hz 1H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C}$ = 144.7, 133.9, 129.6, 129.5, 127.3, 120.3, 118.2, 114.2, 50.2; Mass: m/z: 208

Table 2 (Entry 2): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.40-7.63$ (m, 5H), 6.75-6.88 (m, 4H), 5.34-5.38 (d, J=8.25 Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.81 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 154.1$, 138.5, 134.1, 129.5, 129.3, 127.3, 118.5, 116.3, 115.0, 55.7, 51.6; Mass: m/z: 238

Table 2 (Entry 3): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.62$ -7.65 (d, J=7.5 Hz 2H), 7.33-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.16 (t, J=7.25 Hz, 2H), 6.78-6.84 (t, J=6.75 Hz, 1H), 6.53-6.56 (d, J=8.25 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (bs, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 143.4$, 139.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 124.9, 120.7, 119.9, 115.7, 57.1, 33.4; Mass: m/z: 222

Table 2 (Entry 4): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.14-8.17$ (d, J=7.75 Hz 2H), 7.77-7.96 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.24 (d, J=9 Hz, 2H), 7.04-7.08 (d, J=8.75 Hz, 2H), 4.51 (bs, 1H), 4.22 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 161.7$, 154.2, 140.1, 137.2, 129.1, 128.6, 125.1, 118.4, 114.4, 58.2, 50.5, 32.9; Mass: m/z: 252

Table 2 (Entry 5): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.61-7.87$ (m, 5H), 7.29-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.10 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (bs, 1H), 4.32 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 160.3$, 143.5, 141.7, 130.3, 129.0, 120.7, 119.9, 117.1, 115.7, 113.8, 110.7, 57.1, 55.3, 33.3; Mass: m/z: 252

Table 2 (Entry 6): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.70-7.87$ (m, 3H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.24 (d, J=8.75 Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.09 (d, J=9 Hz, 2H), 4.54-4.60 (bs, 1H), 4.32 (s, 3H), 4.21 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 160.2$, 154.0, 141.9, 137.3, 130.2, 120.9, 118.2, 117.3, 114.4, 113.8, 110.9, 58.1, 55.4, 55.3, 32.9; Mass: m/z: 282

Table 2 (Entry 7):): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.06-8.10$ (d, J=8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.87-7.90 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.68 (t, J=8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (bs, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 146.4$, 139.8, 134.5, 129.4, 129.1, 126.4, 120.3, 115.8, 112.7, 56.7, 33.2; Mass: m/z: 256

Table 2 (Entry 8): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.07-8.10$ (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.90 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.24 (d, J=8.75 Hz, 2H), 7.02-7.06 (d, J=8.75 Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.49 (bs, 1H), 4.22 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 32.9$, 55.5, 57.7, 114.5, 118.5, 126.6, 129.3, 129.7, 134.5, 136.8, 138.7, 154.3: TMS): Mass: m/z: 286

Table 2 (Entry 9): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.22-7.28$ (m, 2H), 6.87-6.93 (m, 3H), 3.60 (bs, 1H), 2.31-2.35 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.76 (m, 8H), 1.32 (bs, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 143.6$, 129.2, 121.2, 120.5, 117.5, 54.4, 36.6, 24.9, 22.2; Mass: m/z: 200

Table 2 (Entry 10): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 6.95$ -7.00 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.85 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.15 (bs, 1H), 2.17-2.19 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.82 (m, 7H), 1.26-1.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 155.8$, 136.1, 123.3, 121.6, 114.4, 56.6, 55.5, 36.4, 24.9, 22.3; Mass: m/z: 230

Table 2 (Entry 11): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.12-8.16$ (m, 4H), 7.87-7.95 (m, 4H), 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.15 (m, 2H), 4.93-5.00 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 143.5$, 139.6, 129.2, 128.96, 128.93, 126.3, 120.2, 119.8, 116.1, 65.4; Mass: m/z: 284

Table 2 (Entry 12): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.14-8.16$ (m, 4H), 7.83-7.93 (m, 6H), 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (d, J=8.75 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.11 (d, J=9 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 153.9$, 139.8, 137.4, 129.1, 128.7, 126.3, 120.1, 118.0, 114.4, 66.3, 55.5; Mass: m/z: 314

Table 2 (Entry 13): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.07-8.42$ (m, 4H), 7.88-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.91 (s, 1H), ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 64.9$, 116.1, 119.4, 120.4, 126.2, 127.8, 129.1, 19.2, 129.37, 129.42, 135.0, 139.4, 143.3, 156.1: Mass: m/z: 318

Table 2 (Entry 14): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.04-8.06$ (d, J=6 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.89 (d, J=6.75 Hz, 3H), 7.55-7.62 (t, J=8 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.03 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 2.544 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.38 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.85 (m, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 145.1$, 143.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, , 126.4, 120.1, 119.6, 115.6, 65.5, 49.8, 28.0, 26.1, 25.8; Mass: m/z: 290

Table 2 (Entry 15): ¹H-NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm H} = 8.04-8.07$ (d, J=7.25 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.89 (d, J=7 Hz, 3H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (d, J=8.75 Hz, 2H), 6.99-7.02 (d, J=8 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 4.19 (s, 3H), 1.37-2.56 (m, 11H); ¹³C-NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃; TMS): $\delta_{\rm C} = 25.8$, 26.0, 29.7, 49.7, 60.0, 65.5, 115.7, 119.5, 120.2, 126.8, 128.58, 128.63, 128.91, 143.7, 145.1; Mass: m/z: 320

2. Copy of ¹H, ¹³C-NMR and mass spectra of α-amino nitriles derivatives

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