Reductive Conjugate Addition nitro-Mannich Route for the Stereoselective Synthesis of 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroquinoxalines

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Supplementary Information

General experimental X-ray structure pK_a measurements Copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra:

General experimental. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen. All glassware was flame/heat gun dried and allowed to cool under a stream of nitrogen before use. Cooling to 0 °C was effected using an icewater bath. Cooling to temperatures below 0 °C was effected using dry ice-acetone mixtures. Infra-red spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer Spectrum One FT-IR spectrometers, with absorption reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Proton magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were recorded at 400 or 600 MHz on Bruker Avance 400 or 600 spectrometers respectively. Carbon magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) were recorded at 101 or 151 MHz on Bruker Avance 400 or 600 spectrometers respectively. If not specifically stated, the NMR experiments were run at 20 °C. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to the residual solvent peak. Coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were collected on a Thermo Finnigan Mat900xp (EI/CI) VG-70se (FAB) and Waters LCT Premier XE (ES) instruments. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using Polygram[®] SIL G/UV254 0.25 mm silica gel precoated plastic plates with fluorescent indicator. Sheets were visualised using ultra-violet light (254 nm) and/or KMnO4 solutions, as appropriate. Liquid chromatography was by automation using the Flashmaster II available from Argonaut Technologies Ltd, which utilises disposable, normal phase, pre-packed cartridges SPE cartridges. SPE (solid phase extraction) refers to the use of cartridges sold by International Sorbent Technology Ltd. It provides quaternary on-line solvent mixing to enable gradient methods to be run. Samples are queued using the multifunctional open access software, which manages solvents, flow-rates, gradient profile, and collection conditions. The system is equipped with a Knauer variable wavelength UV-detector and two Gilson FC204 fraction-collectors enabling automated peak cutting, collection and tracking. Melting points were recorded on Stuart Automatic Melting Point, SMP40.

Nitroalkenes¹ and imines² were prepared according to literature procedures.

X-ray structure of derivative of 9b.

Reduction of β -nitroamine **9b** was carried out with Zn/HCl as detailed in the paper and the crude product treated with phosgene according to our previous procedure.³



Data for (4R*, 5S*)-4-benzyl-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylimidazolidin-2-one

White solid, mp 150-152 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (1H, dd, *J* =13.9, 9.9), 2.40 (1H, dd, *J* =13.9, 4.3), 4.40 (1H, app. dddd, *J* =9.9, 8.5, 4.3, 1.1), 4.61 (1H, br.s), 5.49 (1H, d, *J* =8.8), 7.04-7.16 (4H, m), 7.19-7.42 (10H, m); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 38.2, 47.7, 56.8, 65.3, 127.0, 127.4, 128.4 (2C), 128.6, 128.7 (2C),, 128.9 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 130.1, 130.5, 132.6, 135..0, 135.8, 137.6, 159.9; IR (neat) 3240, 3030, 2924, 1708, 1484 cm⁻¹; Mass Spec (ES, M + H) Theoretical: 363.1264, Measured: 363.1267.



Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for this structure has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC 1491434. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK, (fax: +44-(0)1223-336033 or e-mail: <u>deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk</u>).

Formula weight	362.84		
Temperature	100(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71075 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P21/c		
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 18.6683(5) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°	
	<i>b</i> = 10.1255(2) Å	β = 93.979(7)°	
	<i>c</i> = 18.9205(13) Å	γ = 90°	
Volume	3567.8(3) Å ³		
Ζ	8		
Density (calculated)	1.351 Mg / m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.227 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	1520		
Crystal	Block; Colourless		
Crystal size	0.10 imes 0.07 imes 0.05 mm	$0.10\times0.07\times0.05\ mm^3$	
heta range for data collection	3.09 – 27.48°		
Index ranges	$-24 \le h \le 24, -12 \le k \le 10^{-12}$	$-24 \le h \le 24, -12 \le k \le 12, -24 \le l \le 23$	
Reflections collected	24168		
Independent reflections	8114 [<i>R_{int}</i> = 0.0267]	8114 [<i>R_{int}</i> = 0.0267]	
Completeness to θ = 27.48°	99.2 %	99.2 %	

Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F^2 Final *R* indices [$F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$] *R* indices (all data) Largest diff. peak and hole

Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.9887 and 0.9776 Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 8114 / 2 / 475 1.035 R1 = 0.0386, wR2 = 0.0866 R1 = 0.0522, wR2 = 0.09240.318 and -0.277 e Å⁻³

pK_a measurements

A Sirius T3 (Sirius Analytical Inc, UK) instrument was used for pK_a determination of compounds. The pK_a determination was based on acid-base titration and the protonation/deprotonation of the molecule was measured either by UV spectroscopy. The pK_a value was calculated from the pH where the 50-50% of the protonated and unprotonated form of the molecules are present. The UV-metric method provides pK_a results for samples with chromophores whose UV absorbance changes as a function of pH. It typically required 5 μ l of a 10 mM DMSO solution of the samples and the UV absorbance was monitored over the pH range 2-12 in a buffered solution in about 12 min. Usually 0.5-1 mg of solid material was required for the measurements. If the compound precipitated under the aqueuous conditions, MeOH co-solvent was added using various concentrations, generally 50,40,30%. The pK_a in water was calculated using the Yasuda-Shedlovsky extrapolation method.^{4,5}

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1H and 13C NMR Spectra

























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210 200 Ċ f1 (ppm)

