Literature Report 8

Cu(I)-Catalyzed Chemo- and Enantioselective Desymmetrizing C-O Bond Coupling of Acyl Radicals

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Research:

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Entry ^a	[0]	Solvent	Yield [%]	Ee [%]
1	01	DCM	6	80
2	01	EA	8	85
3	01	MTBE	9	61
4	01	CHCI ₃	trace	-
5	01	CCI ₄	76	93
6	TBHP	CCI ₄	30	38
7	TBPB	CCI ₄	17	69
8	BPO	CCI ₄	trace	-

^a The reaction was conducted with **A-1** (0.2 mmol), **S-1** (1.5 equiv.), $CuBH_4(PPh_3)_2$ (10 mol%), **L** (15 mol%), and [**O**] (2.0 equiv) in anhydrous solvent (4 mL) at rt for 2 days under Ar. Yield was based on ¹H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard; ee values were based on chiral HPLC analysis.

Scope of Aldehydes



Scope of 1,3-Diols



Substrate Scopes



Synthetic Application



Mechanistic Investigations



Mechanistic Investigations



Mechanistic Investigations



Proposed Mechanism



Summary



Efficient remote enantiocontrol of reactions involving acyl radicals

- A convenient and practical platform for biomass industry
- >50 Examples, up to 89% yield, up to 98% ee

Writing Strategy

Introduction



- Asymmetric radical reactions, which are one of the most challenging areas of modern organic synthesis and asymmetric catalysis, provide a vital tool for preparing various enantioenriched molecules, thanks to their great functional group compatibility, high reactivity, and low steric hindrance sensitivity. Tremendous progress has been made in this field over the past few decades......
- For conjugated allenyl radicals, highly enantioselective cyanation and alkynylation reactions have also been achieved recently by Bao, Liu, and our group independently.
- By contrast, acyl radicals, which possess stabilities in between benzyl and isolated alkyl radicals, have so far remained uninvestigated for transition-metal-catalyzed enantioselective functionalization. This is despite that acyl radicals play an integral role in organic synthesis, and their formation and application in a controlled and efficient manner have long been a goal of chemists.

Writing Strategy

The Last Paragraph



- In summary, we have developed a copper-catalyzed enantioselective desymmetrizing radical C-O bond coupling of aldehydes with prochiral or meso alcohols. The reaction features a remarkably broad alcohol scope, covering 2,2-dicarbosubstituted 1,3-diols, 2-substituted-2chloro-1,3-diols, 2-substituted 1,2,3-triols, 2-substituted serinols, glycerol, serinol, meso 1,2- and 1,4-diols, of which most are challenging substrates for known chemocatalytic enantioselective desymmetrization methods.
- More importantly, this reaction provides a convenient and practical platform for the fast valorization of biomass industry-relevant alcohols such as glycerol and its derivative serinol as well as erythritol. Mechanistic studies support a radical reaction mechanism with the participation of carbon tetrachloride solvent. The results of this work would encourage further efforts in developing various enantioselective functionalization of acyl radicals using chiral transition-metal catalysis.

- Although aldehydes are appealing acyl group precursors, their use in intermolecular chemocatalytic enantioselective desymmetrization of alcohols has hitherto remained rare. (现今罕见, 替换now... is limited, finite)
- Aryl, heteroaryl, and alkyl aldehydes all are viable substrates for this reaction. (是可行的底物)
- A general chemocatalytic desymmetrization method exhibiting such a broad substrate scope has, to the best of our knowledge, been rare, thus constituting an excellent complementary approach to these known protocols. (使用插入语,替代从句)

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Thanks for your attention