

Two Step Conversion of a Support Bound Amino Acid to a Bicyclic Pyrrolidine

The [3 + 2] cycloaddition of a support-bound azomethine ylide with an alkene is a useful route to pyrrolidines.^{1,2} In the following example, a benzaldehyde is condensed with an α -amino acid already attached³ to HMP derivatized SynPhaseTM PS Lanterns.⁴ These Lanterns are then treated with an *N*-substituted maleimide at elevated temperature to produce a bicyclic pyrrolidine.¹



Condensation Reaction

Each Fmoc-deprotected, alanine-coupled, D-Series Lantern (initial specified loading: 36μ mol)³ is treated with 0.5mL of a solution of *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde (0.18M, 90 μ mol, 2.5 mole equivalents) in 20% DMF/DCM at 30°C

for 6h. The Lanterns are washed with 20% DMF/DCM (3×3 min) and DCM (3×3 min) then dried in a vacuum oven at 40° C/ca. 1mmHgfor 16h.

Cycloaddition Reaction

Each Lantern is treated with 1.0mL of a solution of N-methylmaleimide (0.36*M*, 360 μ mol, 10 mole equivalents) in DMF at 90°C for 24h. The reaction is allowed to cool to

room temperature before the Lanterns are washed with DMF (3×3 min) and DCM (3×3 min) and dried in a vacuum oven at 40°C/ca.1mmHgfor16h.

Cleavage

Individual Lanterns are placed in polypropylene tubes and treated with 20% TFA/DCM (0.6-0.8mL) for 1h. The cleavage solutions are concentrated using a centrifugal evaporator. The yield of bicyclic

pyrrolidine product is 87% (based on the initial loading of 36μ mol). The product is a 92:8 mixture of diastereoisomers. Samples are dissolved in 90% CH₃CN/H₂O for LC-MS analysis.



References and Notes

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- 3 Refer to Mimotopes SynPhase Chemistry Note SCN 003-3.
- 4 The chemistry described here was performed using SynPhase PS Lanterns but is readily adaptable to SynPhase PA Lanterns.



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