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One-pot Synthesis of Amides by Aerobic Oxidative Coupling of Alcohols or Aldehydes with Amines using Supported Gold and Base as Catalysts

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Supporting information

Table S1 show the results from the initial experiments with formation of methyl benzoate by aerobic oxidation of benzyl alcohol using supported gold nanoparticles as catalyst.

¹⁰ **Table S1.** Formation of methyl benzoate by aerobic oxidation of benzyl alcohol in methanol using supported gold nanoparticles as catalyst^[a]

| | ОН _ | O ₂ , methanol Au cat, base | → [] | `O ^{_CH} 3 + | H ₂ O |
|------------------|---------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Entry | Catalyst | Base | Conv. [%] | Sel. [%] | Yield [%] |
| 1 | Au/TiO ₂ | LiOMe | >99 | 84 | 84 |
| 2 ^[b] | Au/TiO ₂ | LiOMe | >99 | 86 | 86 |
| 3 ^[c] | Au/TiO ₂ | LiOMe | >99 | 89 | 89 |
| 4 | Au/TiO ₂ | NaOMe | >99 | 87 | 87 |
| 5 | Au/TiO ₂ | KOMe | >99 | 92 | 92 |
| 6 | Au/TiO ₂ | Zn(OMe) ₂ | 42 | 66 | 28 |
| 7 | Au/TiO ₂ | Mg(OMe) ₂ | 95 | 87 | 83 |
| 8 | Au/TiO_2 | Ti(OMe) ₄ | 1 | >99 | 1 |
| 9 | Au/TiO ₂ | - | 6 | >99 | 6 |
| 10 | TiO ₂ | KOMe | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Au/Al_2O_3 | KOMe | >99 | 87 | 87 |
| 12 | Au/ZnO | KOMe | >99 | 87 | 87 |

[a] Reaction conditions: benzyl alcohol (5 mmol), methanol (50 mmol), anisol (0.5 mmol for internal standard), base (1.25 mmol based 15 on methoxides), catalyst (197 mg), 1 atm O₂, room temperature, 24 h. [b] 75 mmol methanol. [c] 100 mmol methanol.

Entry 1-3 shows the effect of the amount of methanol on conversion and selectivity after 24 hours reaction at room temperature and 1 atm of oxygen employing LiOMe as the base and Au/TiO₂ as catalyst. The results show that the selectivity toward the methyl ester increased with increasing excess of methanol.

The results in Table S1 also shows that base was important for the conversion of substrate, as almost no ²⁰ conversion occurred in absence of base. The methoxide bases were chosen, because several of the base reagents were available as methanol solutions (the corresponding solvent), and because these reagents were likely to contain less contaminating water compared to similar reagents made from the corresponding metal hydroxides. In principle, however, hydroxide bases could also have been utilised. Entry 4-8 shows that the yield of methyl ester was dependent on the metal applied in the methoxide base. In general, the best results were obtained by ²⁵ employing the alkali metal methoxides. Lithium methoxide resulted in an overall yield of 84%, sodium

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methoxide in 87%, and potassium in 92% under identical reaction conditions. This trend in yield, going down in the periodic table, correlates to the typical order of basicity of the metal methoxides in methanol, where KOMe>NaOMe>LiOMe.¹

Table S1 also shows the effect of changing the support material from TiO_2 to Al_2O_3 and ZnO. Full conversion ⁵ was achieved with all catalysts, and the change of support only resulted in a slight decrease in selectivity. Although the support material is known to have an important effect in *e.g.* CO oxidation² the support had little effect under the given reaction conditions in this reaction. The Au/TiO₂ catalyst was therefore used throughout the rest of the study. The reaction with pure TiO₂ did not result in any conversion, which verified that the gold nanoparticles were required to obtain catalytic activity.

Table S2 compiles the results from the initial experiments with adding N-hexylamine to methyl benzoate under the same reaction conditions as for the esterification.

Table S2. Formation of N-hexylbenzamide from methyl benzoate and hexylamine^[a]

| O_CH ₃ | + | $\rm NH_2R$ | heat > | N ^P R H | + | CH₃OH |
|---|---|-------------|--------|-----------------------|---|-------|
| R=(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃ | | | | | | |

| Entry | Catalyst | Base | Temp. [°C] | Yield [%] |
|------------------|------------|-------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | - | LiOMe | RT | 82 |
| 2 ^[b] | - | LiOMe | RT | 69 |
| 3 ^[c] | - | LiOMe | RT | 59 |
| 4 | - | NaOMe | RT | 89 |
| 5 | - | KOMe | RT | 92 |
| 6 | - | - | RT | 0 |
| 7 | - | LiOMe | 65 | >99 |
| 8 | - | NaOMe | 65 | >99 |
| 9 | - | KOMe | 65 | >99 |
| 10 | Au/TiO_2 | - | 65 | 15 |
| 11 | Au/TiO_2 | KOMe | 65 | >99 |

[a] Reaction conditions: methyl benzoate (5 mmol), hexylamine (10 mmol), methanol (50 mmol), anisole (0.5 mmol), base (1.25 mmol based on methoxides), catalyst (197 mg), 24 h. [b] 75 mmol methanol. [c] 100 mmol methanol.

Entry 1-3 in Table S2 shows the effect of the amount of methanol on conversion and selectivity after 24 hours reaction at room temperature and in presence of 20 mol% LiOMe. Increasing the amount of methanol from 50 mmol to 75 and 100 mmol led to a decrease in yield from 82% to 69% and 59%, respectively. Furthermore, KOMe was found to be the best base. This suggested that the basicity of the solution had an important effect on ²⁵ the reaction rate. Performing the reaction in absence of base did not result in any conversion. It is important to note that selectivity remained high and unaffected by the presence of base in all reactions.

Entry 7-11 show that is was possible to achieve full conversion in 24 hours by increasing the temperature from 25 to 65°C (refluxing temperature of methanol). Even at 65°C, however, the presence of base was still important

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for the conversion of substrate. Performing the reaction in absence of base, but in presence of Au/TiO_2 , resulted in only 15% yield. Conducting the reaction in presence of the gold catalyst had no apparent effect on the reaction outcome, see Table S2 entry 11.

Figure S1 shows the results from the second step in the combined one-pot reaction of N-hexylbenzamide. Here, ⁵ benzyl alcohol was first oxidised to methyl benzoate at room temperature for 24 hours, before 10 or 25 mmol of hexane-1-amine was added and the temperature was increased to 65°C.



Figure S1. Yield of amide obtained in the one-pot synthesis of N-hexylbenzamide from benzyl alcohol and hexylamine as function of the ¹⁰ time after addition of hexane-1-amine.

Interestingly, the yield of amide after 24 hours and addition of 10 mmol amine was only 46%, which was considerable lower than the result expected from starting with pure methyl benzoate (Table S2, entry 9). The decrease in reaction rate may be related to the formation of water from the preceding oxidation step as the ¹⁵ methoxide base is expected to be lost due to reaction with water under formation of methanol and hydroxide. After 96 hours, however, the reaction reached 94% conversion. The figure also shows that the reaction rate increased with excess of amine. Thus, after 96 hours, the reaction with 25 mmol added amine reached full conversion.

Supporting information

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| | С | -3.37034 | 2.43378 | 1.05584 |
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| | С | -4.08582 | 0.21172 | 0.40237 |
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| | С | -2.29954 | 3.46897 | 1.02829 |
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