Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry. This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry 2020

Supplementary information

DES as solvent and catalyst: One-pot synthesis of 1,3-dinitropropanes via tandem Henry reaction/Michael addition

Greta Colombo Dugoni,^a Alessandro Sacchetti^{a*} and Andrea Mele^{a,b}

^aDepartment of Chemistry, Materials and Chemical Engineering "G. Natta", Politecnico di Milano, via Mancinelli 7, 20131 Milano, Italy.

^bCNR-ICRM Istituto di Chimica del Riconoscimento Molecolare, "U.O.S. Milano Politecnico", Via L. Mancinelli, 7, 20131 Milano, Italy.

alessandro.sacchetti@polimi.it

General information	
Copy of NMR spectra for new compound 4	S2
Characterization of compounds 3a-3h and 5a,b	S4
Copy of ¹ H and ¹³ C NMR spectra for known compounds 3a-3h and 5a,b	S5

Copy of the ¹H-NMR spectrum of new compound $\mathbf{4}$



Copy of the COSY spectrum of new compound ${\bf 4}$





f1 (ppm)

Characterization of known compounds **3a-3h** and **5a,b**

1-(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)-4-fluorobenzene 3a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.77 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 4.30 – 4.19 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.92 (d, *J* = 248 Hz), 130.01, 129.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2C), 116.71 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz, 2C), 77.26, 41.14. **1-bromo-4-(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)benzene 3b.** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.93 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 4.28 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.8 (2C), 131.0, 129.1 (2C), 123.4, 76.5, 41.3.

4-(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)phenol 3c. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.90 – 4.60 (m, 4H), 4.25 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 128.8 (2C), 126.2, 116.5 (2C), 77.2, 41.2.

(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)benzene 3d. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.86 – 4.65 (m, 4H), 4.41 – 4.21 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.3, 129.6 (2C), 129.1, 127.4 (2C), 76.8, 41.8.

1-(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzene 3e. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.99 – 4.62 (m, 4H), 4.26 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.1, 131.1, 130.3 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 76.9, 41.5, 21.1.

1-chloro-4-(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)benzene 3f. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.99 – 4.59 (m, 4H), 4.30 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.3, 132.6, 129.9 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 76.5, 41.2.

1-(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)-4-methoxybenzene 3g. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 – 4.57 (m, 4H), 4.26 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 128.3 (2C), 127.2, 114.8 (2C), 76.9, 55.2, 41.2.

1-bromo-2-(1,3-dinitropropan-2-yl)benzene 3h. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H), 4.87 – 4.76 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.1, 133.2, 130.4, 128.4, 127.9, 124.3, 75.3, 40.6.

1,1,1-trifluoro-3-nitro-2-phenylpropan-2-ol 5a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s,1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.54, 129.52, 128.50, 125.65, 122.98 (d, *J* = 284.6 Hz), 75.74 (d, *J* = 29.7 Hz).

1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(nitromethyl)butan-2-ol 5b. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.67 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 1H), 2.03 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.6, Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 124.57 (q, J = 286.0 Hz), 76.08, 74.84 (q, J = 27.7 Hz), 26.20, 6.76.





Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **3a**







Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **3b**







8.4 8.2 8.0 7.8 7.6 7.4 7.2 7.0 6.8 6.6 6.4 6.2 6.0 5.8 5.6 5.4 5.2 5.0 4.8 4.6 4.4 4.2 4.0 3.8 3.6 3.4 3.2 3.0 2.8 2.6 2.4 2.2 2.0 1.8 f1 (ppm)

Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **3**c







Copy of the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum of new compound 3d







Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **3e**



Copy of the ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound 3f



Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **3f**



Copy of the ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound **3g**



Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **3g**







Copy of the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum of new compound $\boldsymbol{3h}$



S12

Copy of the ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound **5**a



Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **5**a







Copy of the ¹³C-NMR spectrum of new compound **5b**

