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Ag₂O Nanoparticle-Catalyzed Substrate-Controlled Regioselectivities: Direct Access to 3-Ylidenephthalides and Isocoumarins

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I. Table 1. Detailed Optimization study.





| Entry. | Metal. | Additive. | Solvent. | Temp. (^⁰ C). | Time (hr.) | Yield.(%) | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|--|
| 1 | Cul | | DMF | 80 | 3 | 10 ^b | | |
| 2 | Ag ₂ O | | DMF | 80 | 3 | 45 | | |
| 3 | Ag ₂ O | PivOH | DMF | 80 | 3 | 75 | | |
| 4 | AgOAc | PivOH | DMF | 80 | 3 | 43 | | |
| 5 | AgCl | PivOH | DMF | 80 | 3 | Nil | | |
| 6 | AgNO ₃ | PivOH | DMF | 80 | 3 | Nil | | |
| Screening of other metal oxides | | | | | | | | |
| 6a | ZnO | | DMF | 80 | 3 | traces | | |
| 6b | CuO | | DMF | 80 | 3 | traces | | |
| 6c | CdO | | DMF | 80 | 3 | traces | | |
| 6d | PbO | | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 6e | Al ₂ O ₃ | | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 6f | CrO ₃ | | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 6g | NiO | | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 6h | MnO ₂ | | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 6i | Fe ₂ O ₃ | | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| Optimization with Ag ₂ ONPs | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Aq ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DMF | 80 | 3 | 83 | | |
| 8 | Ag ₂ ONPs | AcOH | DMF | 80 | 3 | 46 | | |
| 9 | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DMF | 80 | 24 | 59 | | |
| 10 | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DMF | 100 | 3 | 90 | | |
| 11 | | PivOH | DMF | 120 | 3 | 95 | | |
| 12 | Aq ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DMF | 130 | 3 | 88 | | |
| 13 | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DMF | 120 | 1.5 | 88 | | |
| 14 | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DMF | 120 | 2 | 88 | | |
| Screening of Solvents | | | | | | | | |
| 15. | Aq ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DMSO | 80 | 3 | 55 | | |
| 16 | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | O-xvlene | 80 | 3 | 17 | | |
| 17. | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | Toluene | 80 | 3 | 25 | | |
| 18. | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | DCF | 80 | 3 | 30 | | |
| 19. | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | 1.4-Dioxane | 80 | 3 | 27 | | |
| 20. | Ag ₂ ONPs | PivOH | PFG | 80 | 3 | No Reaction | | |
| 21 | | PivOH | H ₂ O | 80 | 3 | No Reaction | | |
| Screening of basic additives | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Ad ₂ ONPs | Na ₂ CO ₂ | | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 23 | | <u> </u> | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 20. | | NaOH | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| 25 | | 1 10-phenanthroline | DMF | 80 | 3 | No reaction | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | 0.5 | DMF | PivOH | 80 | 3 | 20 | | |
| 28 | 0.75 | DMF | PivOH | 80 | 3 | 56 | | |
| 29 | 1 | DMF | PivOH | 80 | 3 | 83 | | |
| 30. | | DMF | PivOH | 80 | 3 | No Reaction | | |

II. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Spectral Data of all synthesized compounds 11-21.







Figure 6: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **11c.**





Figure 10: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **11e**.



Figure 12: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **12a**.



Figure 14: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **12b**.



Figure 16: 13 C-NMR spectral data of **12c**.



Figure 18: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **12d**.





Figure 22: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **13b**.



Figure 24: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **13c**.



Figure 26: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **13d**.





Figure 30: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **14b**.





Figure 34: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **15b**.







Figure 40: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **17a**.

48.2969 48.2771 48.2771 47.28559 47.93659 47.8714 47.8519 47.8519 47.7527 47.7528 47.6030 47.5638 47.6030 47.5638 47.5558 47.5





Figure 41: ¹H-NMR spectral data of **17b**.





Figure 44: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **17c**.







8.0752 8.0701 9.0701 9.0701 7.8456 7.78412 7.7374 7.77297 7.77297 7.77297 7.77090 7.77090 7.77090 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.7168 7.717 7.71768 7.717768 7.71768 7.







Figure 52: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **19a**.



Figure 54: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **19b**.



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Figure 58: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **20b**.

7.8840 -7.8845 -7.8645 -7.8645 -7.8645 -7.6516 -7.6516 -7.6516 -7.6511 -7.6516 -7.6516 -7.6516 -7.6516 -7.6516 -7.6516 -7.6522 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5326 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5536 -7.5536 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 -7.5536 -7.5537 5.0958 2.1293 2.1175 2.1175 2.1052 2.0971 2.00839 2.00716 2.00839 2.00716 2.00513 2.0 0.99-0.99-7.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 -0.5 4.0 3.5 0.5 0.0 Figure 59: ¹H-NMR spectral data of **21a**. -167.40 -145.23 139.43 134.25 129.02 125.36 119.24 114.57 -9.47 170 10 0 160 140 130 120 80 70 50 20 150 110 100 90 60 40 30

Figure 60: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **21a**.



Figure 62: ¹³C-NMR spectral data of **21b**.

