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Oxidative Activation of Stable Dihydropyridine Amides to Reactive Acyl Donors

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Stability of DHP amide 1 towards amide bond formation (CDCl₃)

To a solution of propionyl DHP (10 mg, 1 eq.) in $CDCl_3$ (0.6 mL) was phenylethyl amine (71 μ L, 1 eq.), from a 0.5 M solution in $CDCl_3$, added. The solution was stirred in a 4 mL vial at the specified temperature and the product formation was monitored by crude ¹H-NMR spectroscopy directly from the crude reaction mixture.





Zoom 0-6 ppm



Overlay spectra. The crude mixture (shown in blue) with overlay of the reference product (shown in red)





Zoomed overlay spectra with increased intensity of peaks in the crude mixture

After 48 h at rt. < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.) and phenylethyl amine (1 eq.) in CDCl₃).



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After 24 h at 40 °C < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.) and phenylethyl amine (1 eq.) in CDCl₃)







After 48 h at 40 $^{\circ}$ C < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.) and phenylethyl amine (1 eq.) in CDCl₃).



After 48 h at 40 $^{\circ}$ C < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.) and phenylethyl amine (1 eq.) in CDCl₃). Zoom 6-0 ppm



After 24 h at 60 $^{\circ}$ C < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.) and phenylethyl amine (1 eq.) in CDCl₃).



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Stability of DHP amide 1 towards amide bond formation (CDCl₃)

To a solution of propionyl DHP (10 mg, 1 eq.) in CDCl₃ (0.6 mL) was phenylethyl amine (71 μ L, 1 eq.), from a 0.5 M solution in CDCl₃, and DMAP (3 eq.) added. The solution was stirred in a 4 mL vial at the specified temperature and the product formation was monitored by crude ¹H-NMR spectroscopy directly from the crude reaction mixture.

After 24 h at rt. < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃).







Overlay spectra. The crude mixture (shown in blue) with overlay of the reference product (shown in red)





Zoomed overlay spectra with increased intensity of peaks in the crude mixture

After 48 h at rt. < 2% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃).



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After 24 h at 40 °C < 2% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃).



After 24 h at 40 °C < 2% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃). Zoom 6-0 ppm.



After 48 h at 40 °C < 6% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃).



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After 24 h at 60 °C < 6% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃).



After 24 h at 60 °C < 6% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃). Zoom 6-0 ppm.



After 48 h at 60 °C < 7% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in CDCl₃).



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Stability of DHP amide 1 towards amide bond formation (DCM)

To a solution of propionyl DHP (10 mg, 1 eq.) in DCM (0.6 mL) was phenylethyl amine (71 μ L, 1 eq.), from a 0.5 M solution in DCM, added. The solution was stirred in a 4 mL vial at rt. and the product formation was monitored by crude ¹H-NMR spectroscopy directly from the crude reaction mixture.

After 24 h < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.) and phenylethyl amine (1 eq.) in DCM)





Overlay spectra. The crude mixture (shown in blue) with overlay of the reference product (shown in red)





Zoomed overlay spectra with increased intensity of peaks in the crude mixture

After 48 h < 1% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.) and phenylethyl amine (1 eq.) in DCM)



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To a solution of propionyl DHP (10 mg, 1 eq.) in DCM (0.6 mL) was phenylethyl amine (71 μ L, 1 eq.), from a 0.5 M solution in DCM, and DMAP (3 eq.) added. The solution was stirred in a 4 mL vial at rt. and the product formation was monitored by crude ¹H-NMR spectroscopy directly from the crude reaction mixture.







Overlay spectra. The crude mixture (shown in blue) with overlay of the reference product (shown in red)





Zoomed overlay spectra with increased intensity of peaks in the crude mixture

After 48 h < 18% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in DCM)



After 48 h < 18% product formation. (Propionyl DHP (1 eq.), phenylethyl amine (1 eq.), and DMAP (3 eq.) in DCM. Zoom 0-6 ppm



Stability of DHP amide 1 towards amide bond formation in various solvents

To a solution of propionyl DHP (10 mg) in the solvent specified (0.6 mL) was phenylethyl amine (71 μ L, 1 eq.) from 0.5 M solution in the solvent specified, added. The solution was stirred in a 4 mL vial at rt. and the product formation was monitored by crude ¹H-NMR spectroscopy of the crude reaction mixture.





Investigation of reaction intermediates by LC-MS

Reaction conditions:

To a solution of DHP amide 1 (14 mg, 0.048 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in DCM (0.8 mL) was DDQ (10 mg, 0.044 mmol, 1 eq.) added. After 30 minutes the reaction was monitored by LC-MS. The peaks in the resulting LC chromatogram were then identified by doing separate LC chromatograms for the individual compounds. A small drift in retention time is in some cases observed.

The LC chromatogram obtained after 30 minutes of oxidation w. DDQ is the following:



Individual LC chromatograms for the individual compounds proposed as reaction intermediates: Reduced DDQ







Mono ester of reduced DDQ





DHP amide 1



Di ester of reduced DDQ

Optimization of DDP (1) oxidation

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Entry ^a	Oxidant	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Conversion (%)	
1	$Cu(NO_3)_2$	$CDCl_3$	rt	5	-	
2	CuCl ₂	$CDCl_3$	rt	5	-	
3	$Cu(OAc)_2$	$CDCl_3$	rt	5	-	
4	CuI	CDCl ₃	rt	2	-	
5	TBAI	CDCl ₃	rt	2	-	
6	NIS	$CDCl_3$	rt	2	51	
7	ICl	CDCl ₃	rt	1.5	51	
8	ZnI_2	$CDCl_3$	rt	11	64	
9	ZnI_2	MeCN	rt	2	11	
10	ZnI ₂ ^b	$CDCl_3$	rt	2	78	
11	ZnI ₂ NaIO4 ^c	$CDCl_3$	rt	2	88	
12	ZnBr ₂	$CDCl_3$	rt	2	-	
13	$ZnCl_2$	$CDCl_3$	rt	2	-	
14	$ZnSO_4$	$CDCl_3$	rt	2	-	
15	Silica ^d	$CDCl_3$	rt	11	5	
16	DDQ	$CDCl_3$	rt	0.33	99	
17	TPAP, NMO	$CDCl_3$	rt	5	-	
18	MnO_2	$CDCl_3$	rt	5	-	
19	CAN	$CDCl_3$	rt	5	7	
20	CAN	MeCN	rt	2	42	
21	TetrafluoroQ	$CDCl_3$	rt	2	2	
22	Chloranil	CDCl ₃	rt	11	-	
23	O ₂ (balloon)	CDCl ₃	rt	24	<5	
24	NAD^+	CDCl ₃	rt	48	10	

Optimization of reaction conditions for the oxidation of DDP amide **1**.^{*a*}

^{*a*}Reaction conditions: **1** (0.040 mmol), oxidant (0.040 mmol) were stirred in 0.6 mL of solvent in a sealed vial. ^{*b*} Reaction was performed with 3 eq. oxidant. ^{*c*} Reaction was performed with 1 and 2 eq. oxidant. ^{*d*} Reaction was performed with 20 mg silica ^{*e*} Conversions were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy based on **1**.

Optimization of reaction conditions for the oxidation of 1 and subsequent reaction with phenylethylamine^a



Entry	Base	Amine	Solvent	Time	Conversion
		(eq.)		(h)	(%)
1	-	3	CDCl ₃	17	72
2	DIPEA	3	CDCl ₃	2	47
3	2,6-Lutidine	3	CDCl ₃	2	65
4	Pyridine	3	CDCl ₃	2	75
5	K_2CO_3	3	CDCl ₃	2	77
6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	3	CDCl ₃	2	100 (50)
7	DMAP	3	CDCl ₃	1	100 (86)
8	DMAP	3	DCM	1	100 (87)
9	DMAP	3	EtOAc	26	(44)
10	DMAP	3	Dioxane	26	(65)
11	DMAP (0.2 eq.)	3	DCM	4	(84)
12	DMAP (1 eq.)	3	DCM	1.5	(94)
13	DMAP (1 eq.)	1	DCM	6	(83)
14	DMAP (3 eq.)	1.1	DCM	1	(90)

^{*a*} Reaction conditions for entry 1-10: **1** (0.036 mmol) and DDQ (0.036 mmol) were stirred in 0.6 mL of solvent in a sealed vial (all reactions with isolated yields were performed on 0.18 mmol scale using 3.0 mL of solvent). After 30 minutes phenylethylamine (0.11 mmol) and base (0.11 mmol) were added. Reaction conditions for entry 11-14: **1** (0.18 mmol) and DDQ (0.18 mmol) were stirred in 3 mL DCM in a sealed vial (entry 14 was perfomed with DDQ (1 eq.) and **1** (1.1 eq.). After 30 minutes phenylethylamine and base were added according to the table. ^{*b*} Conversions were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy based on **1**. Isolated yields are reported in paranthesis.
























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