

Synthesis of Weinreb and their Derivatives (A-Review)

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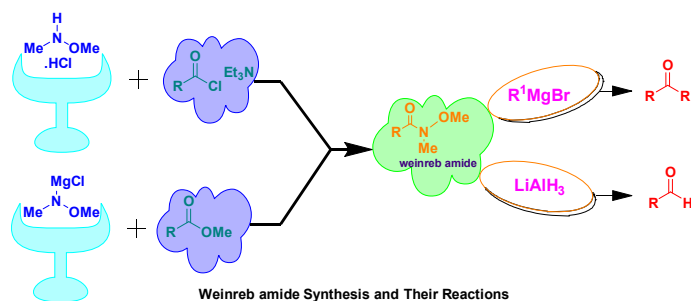
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ABSTRACT

Due to the largely and an efficient usage of Weinreb amides or N-methoxy-N-methylamides as are remarkable intermediate in the organic synthesis field, the recent review paper provides a considerable development literature survey on the Weinreb amides synthesis. The direct transformation of carboxylic acids, acid chlorides, and esters to aldehydes or ketones employing organometallic reagents do not lead in high yields, since the high reactivity of ketone intermediates toward the organometallic reagents. While, the conversion to the appropriate Weinreb Amides, followed by treatment with the organometallic reagent, result the stable expected ketones as the stable initial adduct toward further reactions. Furthermore, Weinreb amides undergo nucleophilic addition and produce a unique and steady five-membered cyclic intermediate which protects the over-addition, leading to a serious transformation.

Graphic Abstract



Keywords: Weinreb amides, Weinreb benzamide, Organometallic reagents, β -trifluoromethylated enaminones, α -amino aldehydes.

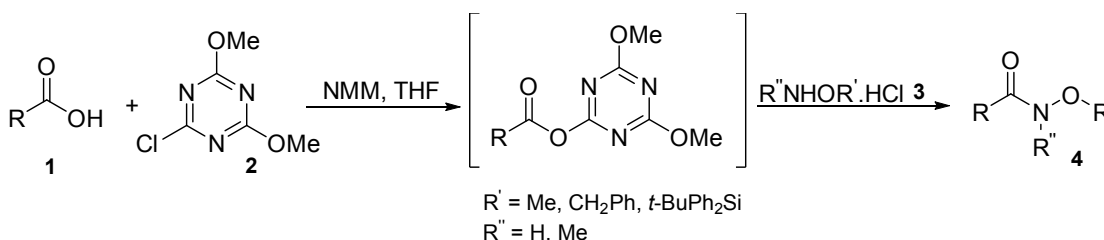
INTRODUCTION

N-methoxy-*N*-methylamides or Weinreb

amides become a worthy synthetic precursor in organic synthesis¹ The first synthesis of Weinreb moiety was reported in 1981² which performed via

treatment of *N,O*-dimethyl hydroxylamine with AlMe_3 as a coupling reagent. Thereafter, several methods for Weinreb amide synthesis have been reported, like direct transformation of carboxyl group into the corresponding aldehyde or ketone. Exceptionally, the efficiency of Weinreb structure to subject a unique substitution reaction with excess of organometallic reagents in the laboratory and industrial synthesis processes³. Weinreb structure reacts closely with organolithium⁴, Grignard reagents⁵, LiAlH_4 ⁶ and Wittig reagents to produce aldehydes or ketones⁷. Currently, much effort has been devoted to develop their soft and universal synthesis. Such, Weinreb amides can be synthesized from carboxylic acids⁸, acid chlorides⁹, amides¹⁰, esters¹¹, lactones¹², and anhydrides¹³. Due to the fast evolution of Weinreb amides synthesis and their applications in the last twenty years, it was interesting to review commonality issue papers in the duration from 2001 to 2009 and detail several neoteric developments of these strategy processes.

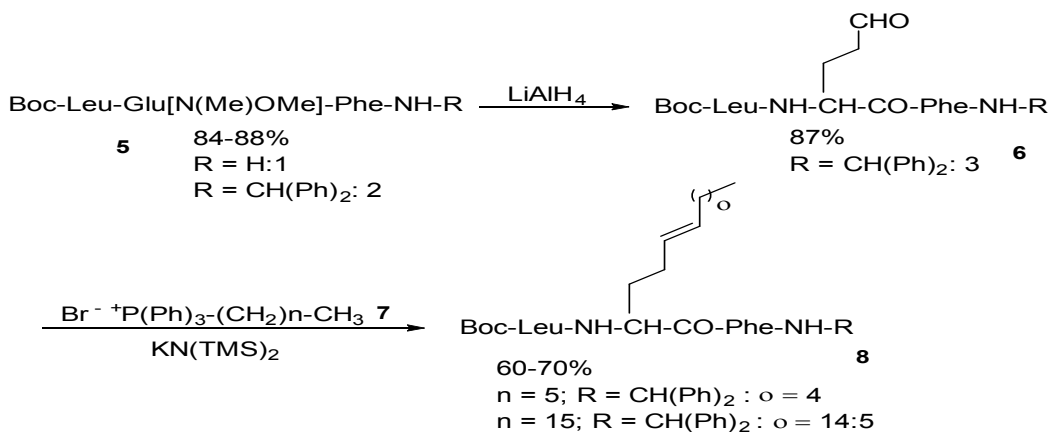
In 2001, Giacomelli and co-workers¹⁴, described a flexible process for the synthesis of hydroxamates, Weinreb amides 4 and hydroxamic acids (Scheme 1). The procedure is used coupling agents like triazine derivatives, carboxylic acids and *N*-protected amino acids as reactants for preparation of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl amides (Weinreb amides). However, the organic compound like hydroxamic acids can be formed from the transformation of hydroxamates and Weinreb amides as *O*-benzyl and *O*-silyl hydroxamates. In addition, handling of reactant for example carboxylic acid 1 with 2-chloro-4,6-dimethoxy-triazine (CDMT) 2 and *N*-methylmorpholine (NMM) in THF. Subsequently, treatment with *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine 3, yields the desired *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamide products 4 (Weinreb amide and *O*-benzyl- or tert-butyl diphenylsilyl hydroxylamine for hydroxamates).



Scheme 1. Synthesis of Weinreb Amides and Hydroxamates

While, Fehrentz and co-workers¹⁵ detailed a facile synthesis of lipopeptides via using Weinreb (*N*-methoxy, *N*-methyl) amide as an aldehyde function precursor on the side chains of Asp or Glu residues (Scheme 2). The reducing of amide 5 by LiAlH_4 produce the reactive aldehyde function 6. Subsequently, the latter can undergo reaction with

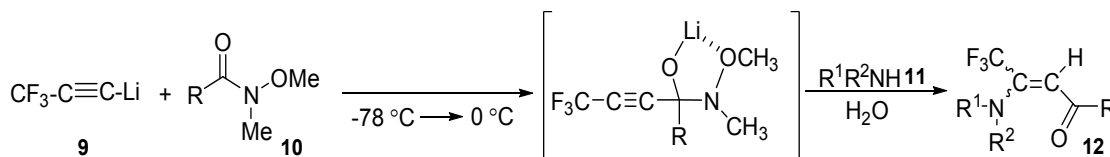
ylide 7 to form unsaturated or saturated side 8 chains or with various nucleophiles to yield non-coded amino acid residues incorporated into the sequence. Lastly, racemization by enol formation cannot take place when aldehyde function is formed in position of γ or δ . This condition is not like form of α -amino aldehydes.



Scheme 2. Synthesis of model peptides and incorporation of the alkyl side chains

In parallel, Jeong group¹⁶ reported a novel approach to the synthesis of β -trifluoromethyl enamines with good yields (Scheme 3). Here, the protocol focused on the treatment of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylbenzamide 10 (1.0 eq.) with trifluoropropynyl

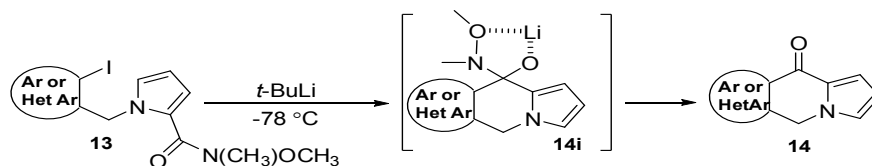
(4.0 eq.) at -78°C with cooling of water and warming to 0°C , followed by quenching with H_2O in the presence of a variety of amines 11. Furthermore, using of hydrazine or benzamidine as an amine source in this reaction, afforded the expected pyrazole or pyrimidine products.



Scheme 3. Preparation of a variety of β -trifluoromethyl enamines

Furthermore, Lete and co-workers¹⁷ revealed the efficient role of *N*-(*O*-iodobenzyl)-pyrrole-2-carboxamides as internal electrophiles induced proximity effect (CIPE) in Parham-type cyclization reactions, allowing the efficient construction of the indolizinone nucleus (Scheme 4). So, Li-iodine exchange 14i could be selected firstly due to the coordination between organolithium and amide group and secondly the stabilization of the aryllithium moiety. Under reaction condition, Weinreb amides 13 have also been successfully applied

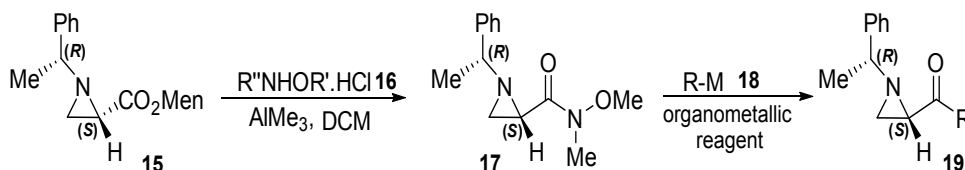
as internal electrophiles in cyclization reactions of organo-lithiums deduced from alkyl iodides and accessing cyclic ketones 14. Furthermore, this cyclization process, delivered the effective build of the fused pyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoquinolines, thieno-[2,3-*f*]indolizinones, and pyrrolo[1,2-*b*]acridinones in high yields. This protocol has also been widespread to heteroaryl lithiums, allowing a flexible direction to heterocyclic frameworks with prospective pharmacological features that could compete with previously reported strategies.



Scheme 4. Synthesis of Fused Indolizinones via Parham-Type Cyclization with Weinreb Amides

Independently, Lee and co-worker¹⁸ illustrated the synthesis of various enantiomerically pure 2-acylaziridines (Scheme 5). Generally, this method started firstly through reaction between *N*,*O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride 16 and readily available *N*-[(*R*)-(+)- α -methylbenzyl]-2(*S*)-aziridinecarboxylic acid menthol ester 15 using AlMe_3 as a coupling reagent in DCM

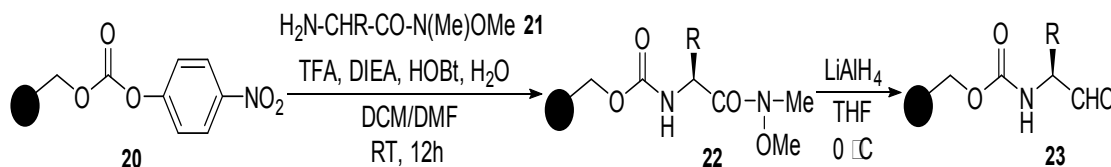
affords the Weinreb's amide 17 in excellent yields. Furthermore, the latter was then reacted with different organometallic reagents 18 to provide the expected ketone products 19 with higher yields. Applying this protocol, (*1R,2S*)-*N*-Boc-norephedrine, *N*-Boc-safingol, *N*-Boc-D-erythro-sphinganine, and *N*-Boc-spisulosine have been prepared in high yields.



Scheme 5. Synthesis of Enantiomerically Pure 2-Acylaziridines from aziridine-2-carboxylate via Weinreb's

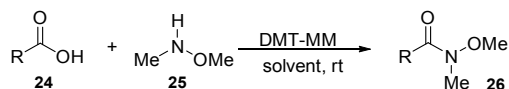
In 2004, Fehrentz and co-workers¹⁹ described the synthesis of α -amino aldehydes linked to the support by their amine function (Scheme 6). This method was completed by reduction with LiAlH_4 of the corresponding Weinreb amide linked to the resin. The aldehydes procured were then implicated

in Wittig or reductive amination processes. Moreover, the two-step methods, including the conversion of *N*-protected α -amino acids 21 to the corresponding Weinreb amides 22 then reduction by LiAlH_4 , is an effective process for the synthesis of *N*-protected α -amino aldehyde 23.



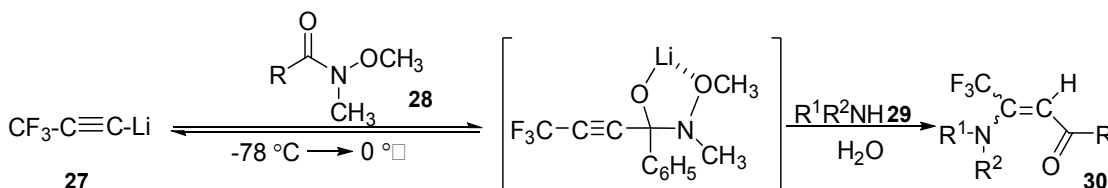
Scheme 6. Synthesis of α -amino aldehydes linked by their amino function to the solid support

Furthermore, Kunishima and co-workers²⁰ illustrated the synthesis of Weinreb amides through the reaction of carboxylic acids with *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of 4-(4,6-dimethoxy-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-4-methylmorpholinium chloride (DMT-MM) in different solvents such as alcohols and acetonitrile, that can dissolve DMT-MM (Scheme 7). In this context, the preparation of Weinreb amides was done by converting carboxylic acids 24 to the desired Weinreb amide products 26 in higher yields by easily combined with DMT-MM an *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride substrates 25.



Solvent: Methanol, isopropyl alcohol, acetonitrile.

Scheme 7. Preparation of Weinreb Amides Using (DMT-MM)



Scheme 8. Preparation of β -trifluoromethylated enone derivatives

Moreover, Franck and co-workers²² examined the cycloaddition of Weinreb amide bearing nitrile oxide/nitrones functional groups with a scope of dipolarophiles (Scheme 9). However, there are two synthetic route options for the synthesis of Weinreb amide nitrile oxide 39 and nitrones 41. Firstly, Weinreb amide nitrile oxide 39 was prepared by reaction of *trans*-cinnamic acid 31 in two procedures. Cinnamic acids 33 is displayed to ozonolysis to give the expected compound separated as the mixture of aldehyde 33 and its hemiacetal, in methanol as a co-solvent for this process. This mixture of the expected products, anyway, was simply isolated from benzaldehyde through flash chromatography. Handling of aldehyde 34 with hydroxylamine hydrochloride 35 gave with

Later, Jeong and co-workers²¹ declared a modern and efficient method for the synthesis of β -trifluoromethylated enone derivatives via reaction of Weinreb amides with trifluoropropynyl lithium, then treated with H_2O in the mediation of amine derivatives (Scheme 8). Essentially, this method afforded stereo-selectively β -trifluoromethylated enaminones with very good yields. The latter was reacted with satirically less hindered amine derivatives to produce amine products with high stereo specificity. In addition, the reaction mixture of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylbenzamide 28 (1 eq.) and trifluoropropynyl lithium 27 (2 eq.) at $-78^\circ C$ then $0^\circ C$, followed by addition of H_2O in the mediation of amine derivatives 29, β -trifluoromethylated enaminone products 30 were resulted with perfect stereo-specifically.

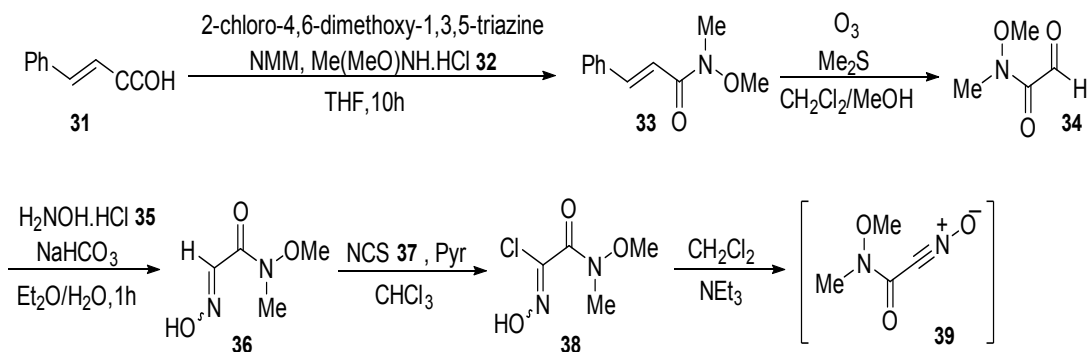
quantitative yield of the crude Weinreb amide-oxime 36. The latter 38 can be transformed to nitrile oxide 39 through the classical chlorination method in the presence of NCS³⁷ then elimination of HCl uses Et_3N (Synthetic Option 1). Subsequently, the Weinreb amide-nitrone 41 was prepared by reaction between Weinreb aldehyde 34 and *N*-benzyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride 40. The crude nitrone 41 was directly used in the cycloaddition process without additional purification (Synthetic Option 2).

While Dake and co-workers²³ described an appropriate strategy for the transformation of bulky carboxylic acids 42 to *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamides 45. Therefore, this transformation can be efficiently completed with methanesulfonyl chloride

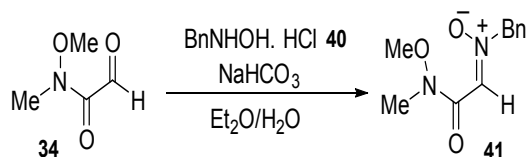
43(1.1 eq.), triethylamine (3 eq.), and *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamine 44(1.1 eq.) (Scheme 10). The percentage yields for this process range were up to 88%. Remarkable, removal of, *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylmethanesulfonamide as the major byproduct

in such reactions, was done by set it under vacuum for overnight. Furthermore, this process was necessary for dissolving their individual synthetic problem, and could demonstrate valuable for other practitioners of organic chemistry.

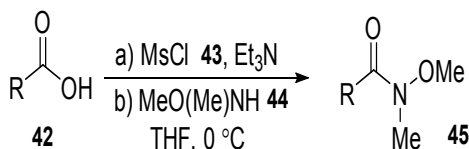
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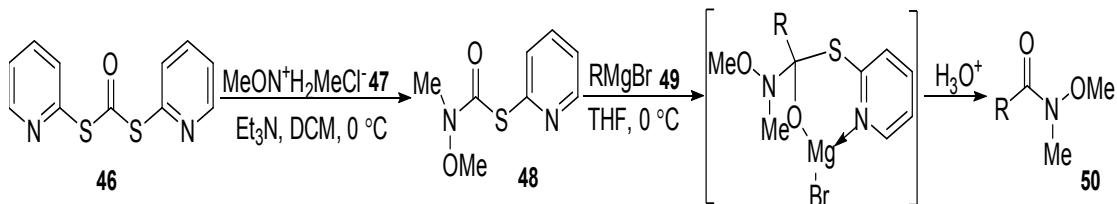
Scheme 9. Preparation of Weinreb Amide-Nitrile Oxide and Weinreb Amide Nitrones



Scheme 10. Formation of Hindered Weinreb Amides

In 2005, Lee and co-workers²⁴ provided a novel preparation of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamides through the reaction of *S*-2-Pyridyl Thiocarbamate with Grignard reagents (Scheme 11). The authors suggested to prepare *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamides

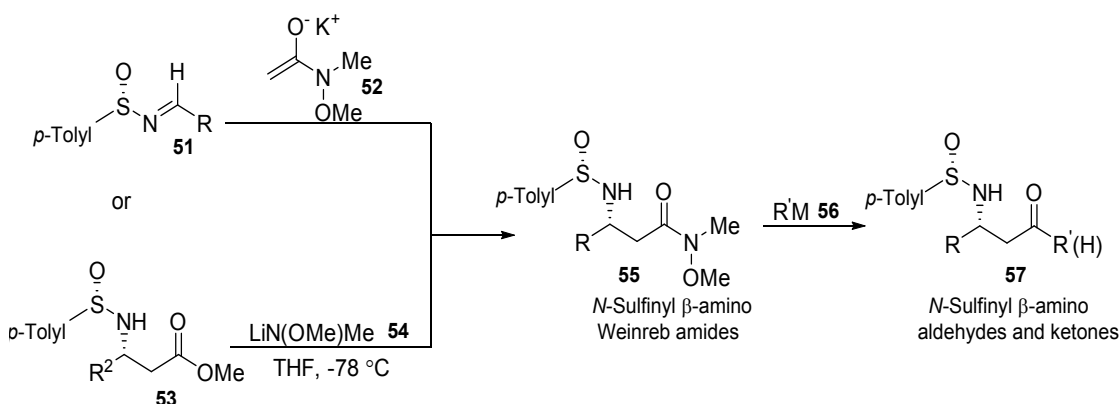
50 in the convenience of one step operation, and also can be recently made through the reaction of *S*-2-pyridyl Thiocarbamate **48** with Grignard reagents **49** under mild conditions. Subsequently, preparation of *S*-2-Pyridyl Thiocarbamate **48** through reaction of *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride **47** with *S,S*-di(2-pyridyl) dithiocarbonate **46** in the presence of triethylamine in DCM at 0 °C. However, the successful synthesis of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamides **50** using *S*-2-Pyridyl Thiocarbamate relies broadly on the selective of 2-thiopyridyl group in the substitution reaction.



R = CH₃(CH₂)₇, *c*-C₆H₁₁, C₆H₅-C≡C, C₆H₅, *o*-CH₃-C₆H₄, *o*-CH₃-C₆H₄, *p*-CH₃-C₆H₄, *p*-CH₃-O-C₆H₄, *p*-Cl-C₆H₄, α -Naphthyl, 2-Thienyl

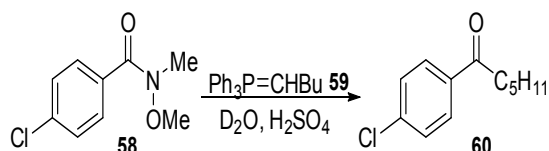
Scheme 11. Synthesis of *N*-Methoxy-*N*-methylamides from *S*-2-Pyridyl Thiocarbamate and Grignard Reagents

Later, Davis and co-workers²⁵ reported innovative strategy for the preparation of *N*-Sulfinyl- β -Amino carbonyl compounds (Scheme 12). Here, an inclusive methodology protocol has been submitted by the addition of the potassium enolate of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylacetamide **52** to sulfinimines **51** or by handling *N*-sulfinyl β -amino esters **53** with lithium *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine **54**, produce the related *N*-sulfinyl β -amino Weinreb amide products with



Scheme 12. Asymmetric Synthesis of β -Amino Carbonyl Compounds with *N*-Sulfinyl β -Amino Weinreb Amides

Murphy and co-workers²⁶ demonstrated the direct transformation of Weinreb Amides (*N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamides) to the related ketones through unusual Wittig reaction (Scheme 13). Moreover, this reaction proceeds through treatment of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylamides **58** with alkylidetriphenylphosphoranes **59**, followed by one-pot hydrolysis of the intermediate to produce the corresponding ketone products **60**. Furthermore, this conversion takes place in a way which prevent the quite reactivity of organometallic reagents. Finally, the reaction conditions were considerably reasonable than the transformation route in the presence of organometallic reagents. In addition its chemo selectivity is mostly observed in the pure conversions of cyano- or halo-substituted substrates.

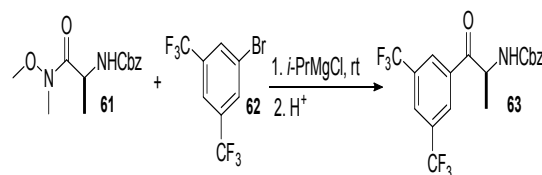


Scheme 13. Conversion of *N*-Methoxy-*N*-methylamides to Ketones via Wittig Reaction

Moreover, Conrad and co-workers²⁷, revealed An effective one-pot method for α -amino ketone **63** synthesis through the arylation of

high diastereo selectivity. This new method reveal as a common resolution to the problem of β -amino carbonyl compounds **57** synthesis, via reaction with different organometallic compounds **56** which are significantly moieties and ingredients of natural products. Additionally, this methodology performed a universal solution to the matter of β -amino carbonyl syntheses, which are remarkable chiral frameworks and components of natural products.

Weinreb amides whereas retaining chirality of the main amide (Scheme 14). Actually, this reaction improved quietness when *i*-PrMgCl (2.5 eq.) was straightway added into the solution of Weinreb amide **61** and 3,5-bis (trifluoromethyl)bromobenzene **62** at 10°C. The method, distinctly proves that the Knochel magnesizations are kinetically going slower than deprotonating comparing to organolithium transmetallations.

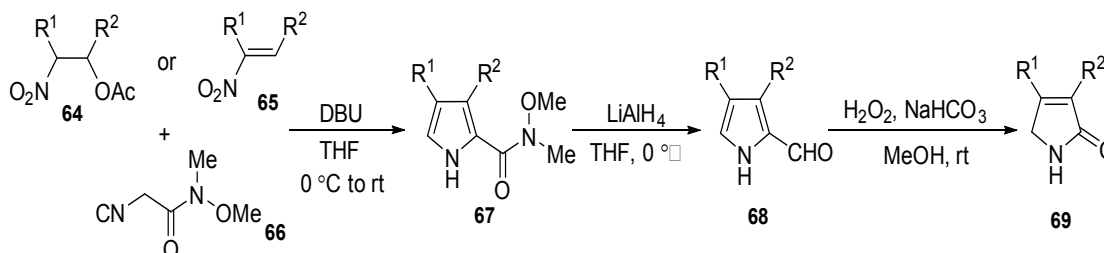


Scheme 14. One-pot process for α -Amino Aryl Ketone Synthesis

In 2006, Pelkey and co-workers²⁸ have reported a functional synthetic path to 3,4-disubstituted pyrrole-2-carboxaldehydes and 3-pyrrolin-2-ones starting from Pyrrole Weinreb Amides (Scheme 15). Here, aregion-controlled preparation of 3,4-disubstituted pyrrole-2-carboxaldehydes was achieved over two main steps using acyclic substrates. (i) Barton-Zard pyrrole method through reaction between *N*-methoxy-*N*-

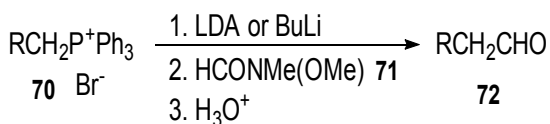
methyl-2-isocyanoacetamide **66** and β -nitroacetates **64** or α -nitroalkenes **65**, providing pyrrole Weinreb amides **67**; (ii) reduction reaction step of pyrrole-2-carboxaldehydes **68**; and (iii) the regioselective oxidation step of 3-pyrrolin-2-ones **69**. Remarkably,

this method licensed to the preparation of non-synmetrical pyrrole-2-carboxaldehydes **68** and 3-pyrrolin-2-ones **69** with estimate to substituent's existing in the α -positions, and this could demonstrate helpful for the synthesis of oligopyrrole compounds.



Scheme 15. Synthesis of Pyrrole-2-carboxaldehydes and 3-Pyrrolin-2-ones from Pyrrole Weinreb Amides

In parallel John A. Murphy and co-workers²⁹ detailed the efficient transformation of Weinreb amides of formic acid to aldehyde products **72** under Wittig reaction conditions (Scheme 16). Under the optimal reaction conditions, treatment of phosphorus on the Weinreb amide of formic acid **70** with organometallics like organolithium or Grignard reagents **69**. The qualification of this method is imputed to the stability of tetrahedral intermediate, that does not undergo fragmentation to the expected aldehyde product **72** until work-up.

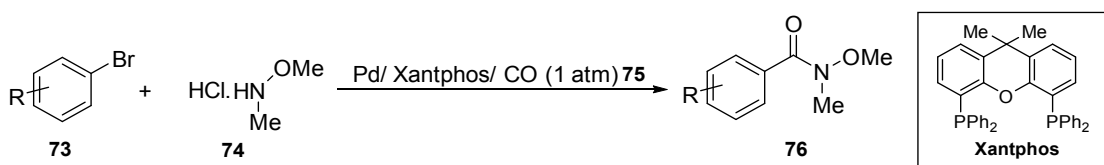


Scheme 16. Preparation of Aldehyde via Wittig Reaction

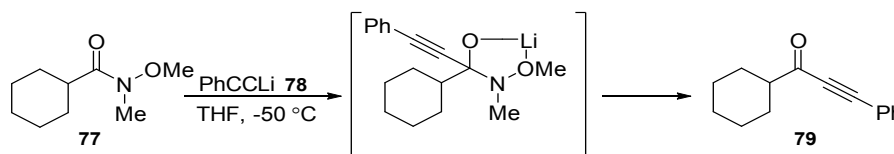
Furthermore, Buchwald and co-workers³⁰ developed the efficient protocol for the synthesis of Weinreb amides through Pd-catalyzed aminocarbonylation of aryl bromide substrates at atmospheric pressure (Scheme 17). The reaction

is the transformation of aryl bromides **73** to the corresponding Weinreb amide products **76** under 1 atm of CO **75** and catalytic conditions. A wide range of functional groups, including electron-deficient, -neutral, and -rich aryl bromides **72** were tested and shown their effectiveness transformation to the desired products **76**.

Meanwhile, Collum and co-workers³¹ described acylation mechanism of Weinreb amide with Lithium phenylacetylide (Scheme 18). The protocol here described the reaction of dimeric lithium acetylide via a mono solvated monomer-based transition structure. The sturdy tetrahedral intermediate styles consecutive a C1 2:2 mixed tetramer in the presence of excess lithium acetylide **78** and a 1:3 (alkoxide-rich) mixed tetramer. The stabilization of the mixed tetramers is incompatible with a declared auto inhibition. In addition, the tetrahedral intermediate reacts with lithium phenylacetylide (PhCCLi) **78** in the presence of Weinreb amide **77** as a reagent to form ketone compound derivative **79**.



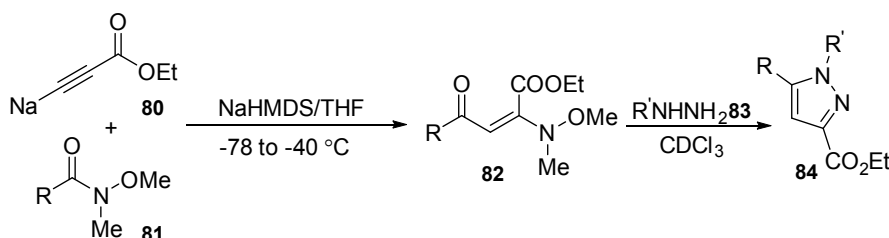
Scheme 17. Preparation of Weinreb Amides via Pd-Catalyzed Aminocarbonylation of Aryl Bromides



Scheme 18. Acylation of Lithium Phenylacetylide with a Weinreb Amide

Independently, John Nielsen and co-workers³² detailed the preparation of (*E*)-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl- β -enaminoketoesters and also novel synthetic pioneers for the region-selective synthesis of heterocyclics (Scheme 19). First, Weinreb amides **81** treat with the Li- or Na- acetylide of ethyl propynoate **80** in a hitherto acyl substitution-conjugate addition

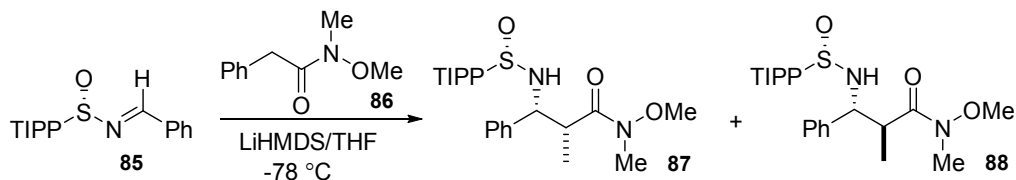
series to produce (*E*)-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl- β -enaminoketoesters **82**, second, this protocol affords a variety access to violently functionalized heterocyclics, inclusive pyrazoles **84** through region-selective cyclo-condensations with hydrazine compounds **83** applying microwave-assisted reaction.



Scheme 19. Synthesis of *N*-Methoxy-*N*-methyl- β -enaminoketoesters

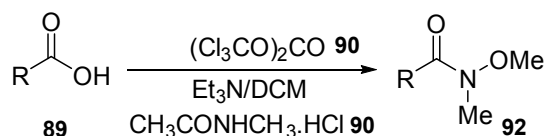
In 2007, Davis and co-workers³³ reported the asymmetric preparation of *syn*- α -substituted β -amino acid through a reaction of pro-chiral lithium enolates of Weinreb amides and sulfinimines (*N*-sulfinyl imines) (Scheme 20). The protocol here first focused on the reaction of sulfinimine-derived α -substituted β -amino Weinreb amide with organometallic compounds. While the direct

synthesis of major α -substituted β -amino Weinreb amide products **87** proceeded through the addition of a prochiral Weinreb amide enolate **86** to a sulfinimine **85**. Moreover, the sulfinimine-derived chiral building blocks are considered as significant pioneers of *syn*- α -substituted β -amino acid derivatives, through hydrolysis, reduction, and reaction with Grignard reagents, individually.



Scheme 20. Synthesis of *syn*- α -Substituted α -Amino Ketones by Using Sulfinimines and prochiral Weinreb Amide Enolates

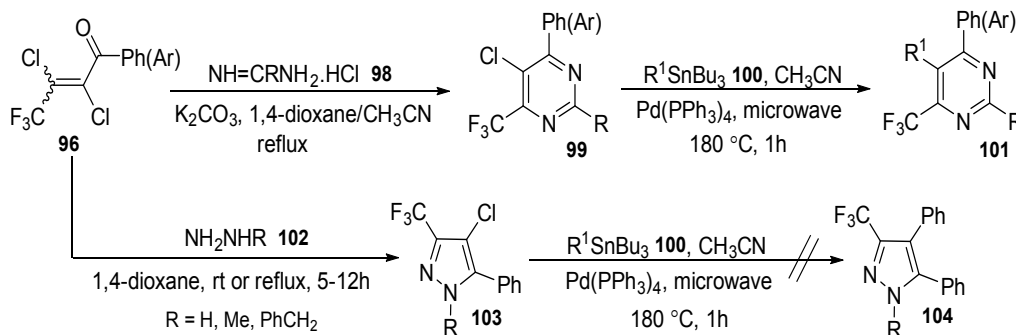
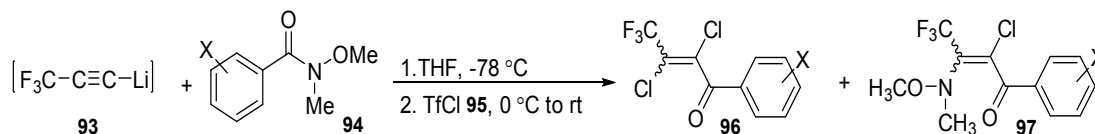
Though, Kim and co-workers³⁴ suggested a novel and effective procedure for the transformation of different carboxylic acids to their analogical Weinreb amides employing triphosgene as an acid activator (Scheme 21). This reaction encompasses the treatment of carboxylic acid **89** with triphosgene **90** to give an acid chloride or anhydride, followed by handling with *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine **91** to produce the expected Weinreb amide **92**. The current method afforded high yields, short reaction time, and workable accessibility.



Scheme 21. Synthesis of Weinreb Amides from Carboxylic Acids Using Triphosgene

While, Jeong and his group³⁵ reported dynamic one-pot preparation of unusual α , β -dichloro- β -trifluoromethylated enones (Scheme 22). The stages of protocol start with the reaction of Weinreb benzamides **94** and trifluoropropynyllithium **93** in THF at -78 to 0°C , followed by handling with trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride **95** to produce α , β -dichloro- β -trifluoromethylated enones **96** in moderate yields. While the reaction of α , β -dichloro- β -trifluoromethylated enones **96** with substitute amidines **98** or hydrazine reagents **102** in reflux mixture of 1,4-dioxane/ CH_3CN produced trifluoromethylated chloropyrimidines **99** and chloropyrazoles **103** in acceptable yields. Furthermore, the coupling reactions of trifluoromethylated chloropyrimidines **99** with substituted phenylstannane and allylstannane **100** in CH_3CN using $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ catalyst under microwave-assisted conditions, provided the desired

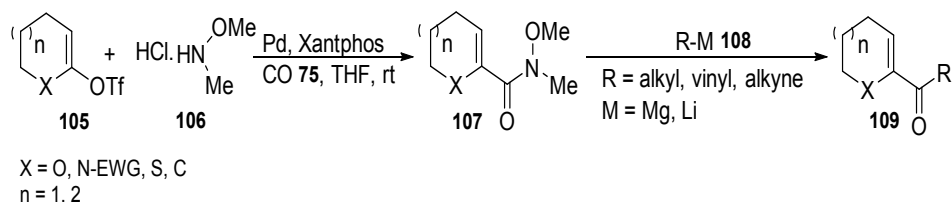
phenyl and allyl substituted pyrimidine products 101 applied with chloropyrazoles 103, but did not lead to the product 104.



Scheme 22. Synthesis of novel a,b-dichloro-b-trifluoromethylated enones and trifluoromethylated heterocycles

In 2008, Prandi and co-workers³⁶ described the preparation of newfangled species of heterocyclic Weinreb amides through aminocarbonylation reaction of heterocyclic-derived triflates in the presence of Pd catalyst (Scheme 23). This reaction proceeded through the straight forward conversion of lactone-, thiolactone and lactam-derived triflates 105 into the corresponding morpholineor *N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl Weinreb amides 107. The protocol here

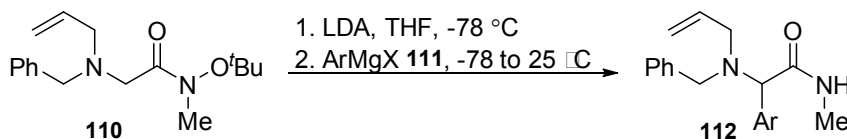
suggested to proceed through using CO 75 under mild conditions. However, the amides steadily reacted with nucleophiles 108 to yield the desired heterocycle products 109. This new protocol discloses the outlet to important dynamically heterocyclic scopes that are favorable as building blocks in total syntheses, and the suggested methodology could be convenient profit for the dienone synthesis, as helpful moieties for Nazarov cyclization.



Scheme 23. Synthesis of Weinreb Amides via Pd-Catalyzed Aminocarbonylation of Heterocyclic-Derived Triflates

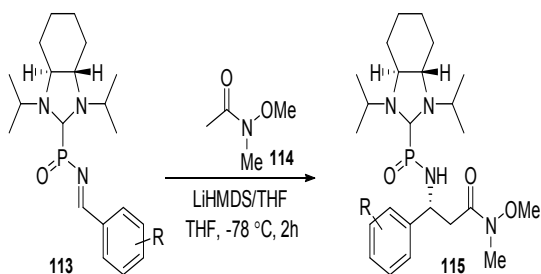
Next, Somfai and co-workers³⁷ reported an efficient and diastereoselective synthesis of aryl glycines 112 from Weinreb amides employing α -arylation process (Scheme 24). In such reaction, a novel α -arylation reaction proceeds smoothly through the reaction between amide as electrophile

110 and aryl Grignard reagents as nucleophile 111 in the presence of LDA as a base in THF at low temperature. The mechanism of this reaction starts with deprotonating and the generation of enolate, followed by elimination tBuO. While the nucleophilic addition of the Grignard reagent to form amide.



Scheme 24. Synthesis of Aryl Glycines by the α Arylation of Weinreb Amides

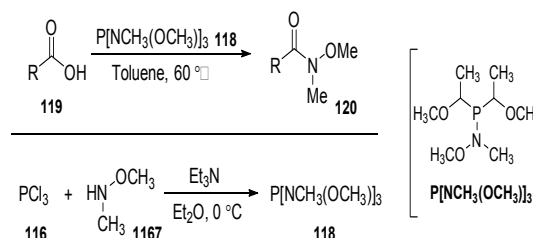
Recently, Li and co-workers³⁸, described the synthesis of diverse chiral *N*-phosphonyl β -amino Weinreb amides 115 via reaction of chiral *N*-phosphonyl imines 113 with the lithium enolate of *N*-methoxy-*N*-methylacetamide 114 employing mild conditions (Scheme 25). Generally, the deprotonation base and presence of protection groups on chiral *N*-phosphonyl imines were the pivotal success of such reactions. Commonly, *N*-phosphonyl imines uses as electrophiles 113 for some nucleophilic addition reactions, like aza-Darzens, aza-Henry reaction, and allylmagnesium bromide based addition, various wide of Weinreb amides were prepared in excellent yields (up to 98%) with high diastereoselectivities. Furthermore, the ultimate structures were uniquely specified by the transformation the products into original samples and equal their optical rotation assessments.



Scheme 25. Synthesis of *N*-Phosphonyl β -Amino Weinreb Amides

Meanwhile, Huet *et al.*,³⁹ reported a wonderful reagent, $P[NCH_3(OCH_3)]_3$, for the direct synthesis of Weinreb amides 120 from carboxylic acids 119 (Scheme 26). So firstly, treatment *N,O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride 116 with PCl_3 in Et_2O uses triethylamine as a base to give $P[NCH_3(OCH_3)]_3$ 118 in 67% yield. Secondly, $P[NCH_3(OCH_3)]_3$ 118 can be utilized for the conversion of various kinds

of carboxylic acids included aliphatic, aromatic, sterically hindered, and dioic acids in toluene into the expected Weinreb amide products in excellent yields employing soft conditions.



Scheme 26. Synthesis of Weinreb Amides Directly from Carboxylic Acids using $P[NCH_3(OCH_3)]_3$ reagent

CONCLUSION

Newly, assorted investigations have itemized the utilization of Weinreb amide developments as an awesome intermediate in natural blend reaction. In this sheet, we displayed this side of the written works, including an abnormal preparation of Weinreb amides and their employments by explaining convention instances of these procedures. Besides, this paper contains a definitive finish of the specialists and conveniently outfits reaction data for the exceedingly significant reaction and numerous indications to the regional literature.

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The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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