

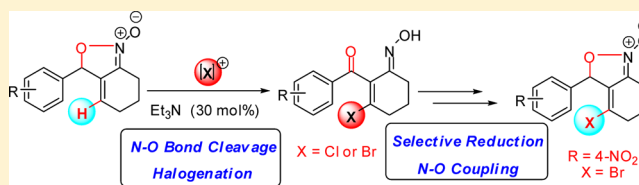
Halonium Ion Mediated Synthesis of 2-Halomethylene-3-oxoketoxime Derivatives from Isoxazoline *N*-Oxides

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ABSTRACT: A protocol for the *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS)- and trichloroisocyanuric acid (TCCA)-mediated synthesis of novel 2-halomethylene-3-oxoketoximes via one-pot halogenation/oxidation of isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivatives is described here. The keto functionality of 3-ketoximes was selectively reduced by lithiumaluminum hydride to synthesize an unprecedented type of Baylis–Hillman oxime, which underwent N–O coupling to produce new isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivative.



Despite the rising importance of 3-oxoketoximes as an intermediate, the synthesis of the ketoxime derivatives is an existing challenge.¹ The reported methodologies are plagued by the use of strong bases, complex combination of reagents, multistep reactions, and low productivity.¹ For these reasons, the variation in the 3-oxoketoxime family is limited. Hence, to introduce further diversity and expand this area, a new source of starting material and a more convenient protocol are needed.

On the other hand, although significant progress has been made on the development of new and novel protocols for the synthesis of isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivatives, the utilities of the *N*-oxides are less explored.^{2,3} Most of the reports describe the reduction of the *N*-oxides into β -hydroxyamines, synthesis of isoxazoline derivatives, 1, 2-addition at the C–N bond, and cycloaddition at the CNO moiety.² We also utilized isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivatives to achieve substituted cinnamaldehyde derivative and highly functionalized long-chain diketohalocyano skeletons (C, Scheme 1).³ However, more efforts are necessary to diversify the application of these *N*-oxides. Keeping these points in mind, we report herein the NBS- and TCCA-mediated synthesis of 2-halomethylene-3-oxo-ketoxime derivatives from cyclohexene fused isoxazoline *N*-oxides.

In our recent publication on the halonium ion mediated C–C bond cleavage of isoxazoline *N*-oxide (A), we envisaged that the long-chain diketohalocyano skeleton (C, Scheme 1) was formed via a nitric oxide intermediate (B).^{3a} In an attempt to collect further evidence for the formation of the intermediate, we isolated the intermediate B (Scheme 1, when R = 4-NO₂, X = Br) and passed it through a silica gel column. However, on eluting with a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate, we did not achieve our desired intermediate. The intermediate was converted into, mainly, diketohalocyano compound (C, when R = 4-NO₂, X = Br), and in addition to that a minor amount of white solid was obtained as a byproduct (entry 1, Table 1). ¹H and ¹³C NMR, mass, and single-crystal X-ray structures (Figure 1) showed that the white solid is a 2-bromomethylene-

substituted 3-oxoketoxime (D, R = 4-NO₂, X = Br). The product was formed via the removal of the H^a of the intermediate B (pathway b, Scheme 1). This result is quite exciting as it demonstrates an unprecedented methodology for the synthesis of 2-halomethylene-substituted 3-oxoketoximes, which are unknown in the literature. In the literature, protocols for the preparation of similar analogues from the corresponding diketones are plagued by the lack of selectivity.⁴ It is noteworthy to mention here that the 2-methylene-substituted diketones are well-known precursors for several pharmaceutically active target molecules and natural products.⁵ Moreover, our 2-halomethylene-substituted 3-ketoximes have the potential to act as an α,β -unsaturated ketone, α,β -unsaturated oxime and vinyl bromide. This result demonstrates an unprecedented utility of isoxazoline *N*-oxide.

Encouraged by this preliminary observation, we conducted a search for the most favorable conditions for this conversion (Table 1). To pursue this goal, we replaced NBS with TCCA to observe the effect of the halogen atom on this transformation (entry 2). We isolated the intermediate and passed through a silica gel column. In this case, our desired oxoketoxime was obtained as the major product. The increment of the yield from bromo to chloro derivative is probably due to the higher electronegativity of the chlorine atom compared to the bromine atom, and this fact facilitates the removal of the proton (H^a, Scheme 1) in the case of the chloro derivative (B, X = Cl). Because of the faster removal of the proton, the ketoxime (D) derivative was formed at a faster rate than the diketohalocyano (C) derivative. Hence, to enhance the rate of removal of the proton, we treated the intermediate (B, X = Cl) with the inorganic base, sodium bicarbonate (entry 3). However, the desired product was obtained in moderate yield along with a significant amount of the long-chain diketohalocyano com-

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Scheme 1. Base-Mediated Formation of the 3-Oxo-ketoxime

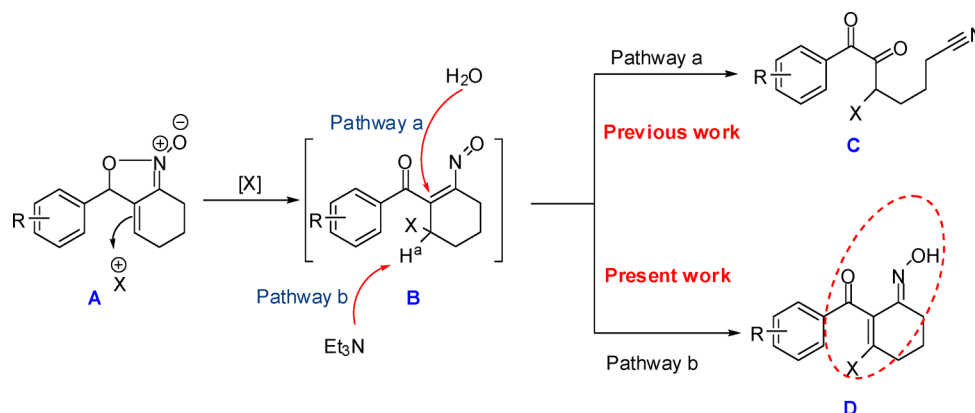
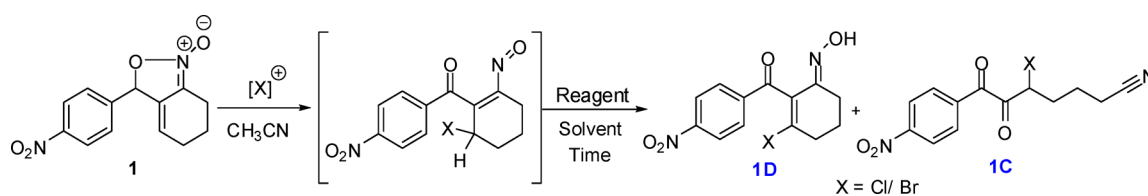
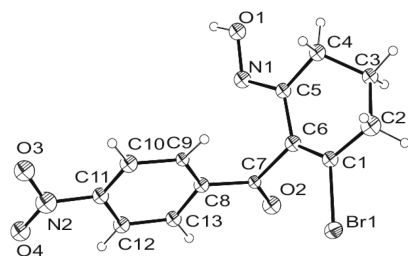


Table 1. Effect of Different Reagents



entry	[X] ⁺	reagent	solvent	time	yield ^{a,b} (%)	
					D	C
1	NBS	silica gel ^c		nd ^d	27	59
2	TCCA	silica gel ^c		nd ^d	71	16
3	TCCA	NaHCO ₃ (0.25 equiv)	CH ₃ CN	3.5 h	55	9
4	TCCA	NaHCO ₃ (1.10 equiv)	CH ₃ CN	3.5 h	63	15
5	TCCA	aq. NaHCO ₃ (0.25 equiv) ^e	CH ₃ CN	12 h	38	27
6	TCCA	NaHCO ₃ (0.25 equiv)	MeOH	7 h	62	7
7	TCCA	NaHCO ₃ (1.0 equiv)	MeOH	5 h	61	nd ^d
8 ^f	TCCA	Et ₃ N (0.30 equiv)	CH ₃ CN	5 min	83	
9 ^f	NBS	Et ₃ N (0.30 equiv)	CH ₃ CN	5 min	89	
10 ^g	NBS		CH ₃ CN	40 h		74
11 ^g	NBS		CHCl ₃	12 h		88
12 ^g	TCCA		CH ₃ CN	40 h		49

^aYields refer to isolated and purified compounds. ^bUnless otherwise stated, standard reaction conditions: **1** (0.5 mmol), NBS (1.1 equiv) or TCCA (0.37 equiv), solvent (3 mL), rt, 3 min then base was added. ^cThe reaction was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The intermediate was passed through a silica gel column. ^dnd = not determined. ^e1 M aq solution of NaHCO₃ was used. ^fCompound **B** was not found in the crude ¹H NMR. ^gReference 3a.

Figure 1. Single-crystal XRD structure of **1a**.

compound (**C**). The result was not improved on varying the amount of base (entries 4 and 5) or by changing the solvent from acetonitrile to methanol (entries 6 and 7). Then, we used the organic base triethylamine and observed a dramatic increment of the product yield (entry 8). Similar results were attained in the case of bromo derivative as well (entry 9). Hence, the scope of the methodology was evaluated by using triethylamine as base and acetonitrile as solvent.

With the optimized conditions in hand, we explored the scope of the methodology with NBS and TCCA. To pursue this goal, we examined the effect of substitution on the phenyl ring (Table 2). In the case of NBS treatment, the products were obtained in good to excellent yields in the presence of an electron-withdrawing group at the *para*- and *meta*-positions of the phenyl ring (entries 1, 3, and 5). However, when the phenyl ring contains *o*-NO₂ functionality, the desired 3-oxoketoximes were acquired in fewer yields (entries 11 and 13). The products were obtained in moderate yields in the cases of halo-substituted derivatives (entries 7, 13, 15, and 17). The isoxazolinone *N*-oxide with unsubstituted phenyl ring also produced the expected ketoxime in moderate yield (entry 9). In contrast to NBS treatment of isoxazolinone *N*-oxides, a slight different trend was observed with TCCA. The *o*- (entry 2) and *p*-NO₂ derivatives (entry 12) afforded the desired products in good yields. However, the reaction offered the products in lower yields in the cases of *m*-NO₂ and *p*-CN derivatives (entries 4 and 6). In the presence of halo substitution, the

Table 2. NBS and TCCA Treatment of Different Cyclohexene-Fused Isoxazoline N-Oxide Derivatives

1. NBS or TCCA, CH₃CN
2. Et₃N (30 mol%)
X = Br or Cl

Entry	Substrate	Reagent	Product	Yield (%) ^{a, b}
1 ^c		NBS	1a	89
2 ^c		TCCA	1b	83
3 ^c		NBS	2a	88
4 ^c		TCCA	2b	74
5 ^c		NBS	3a	91
6 ^c		TCCA	3b	75
7 ^c		NBS	4a	65
8 ^c		TCCA	4b	67
9 ^c		NBS	5a	73
10 ^c		TCCA	5b	74

Table 2. continued

Entry	Substrate	Reagent	Product	Yield (%) ^{a, b}
11 ^d		NBS		76
12 ^d		TCCA		83
13 ^d		NBS		57
14 ^d		TCCA		63
15 ^d		NBS		70
16 ^d		TCCA		61
17 ^d		NBS		67
18 ^d		TCCA		70

^aYields refer to isolated and purified compounds. ^bUnless otherwise stated, standard reaction conditions: *N*-oxide (0.5 mmol), NBS (1.1 equiv) or TCCA (0.37 equiv), solvent (3 mL), rt for 1 or 3 min then base was added. ^cBase was added after 3 min of NBS/TCCA treatment. ^dBase was added after 1 min of NBS/TCCA treatment.

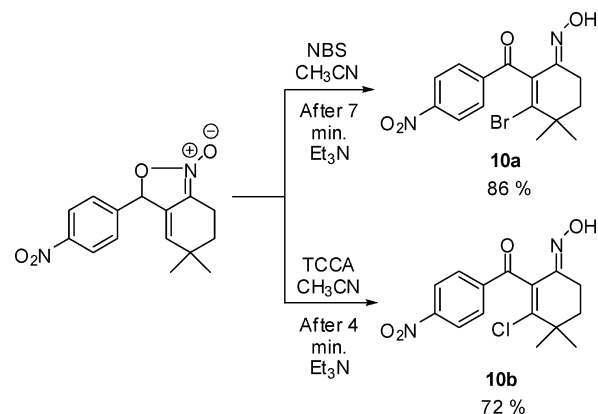
products were achieved in moderate yields (entries 8, 14, 16, and 18), and the results are comparable with the outcome of NBS treatment (entries 7, 13, 15, and 17). For the unsubstituted phenyl ring, the yield of the desired 3-oxoketoxime was similar to the results attained from the NBS treatment of the same isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivative.

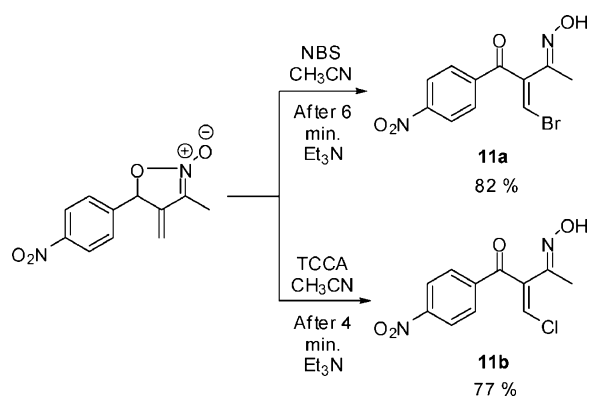
In order to extend the scope of our protocol, we treated 4,4-dimethyl-substituted cyclohexene fused isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivative with NBS and TCCA (Scheme 2). In both cases, the product was obtained in good yields; however, NBS was found to be more productive than TCCA.

After studying various cyclohexene fused isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivatives, we treated 4-methyleneisoxazoline *N*-oxide derivative with NBS and TCCA (Scheme 3), and the corresponding halomethylene derivatives were obtained in good yields.

After evaluating the scope of our protocol, we focused our attention toward exploring the synthetic application of our 3-

Scheme 2. NBS and TCCA Treatment of 4,4-Dimethylcyclohexene-Fused Isoxazoline *N*-Oxide Derivative



Scheme 3. NBS and TCCA Treatment of 3-Methyl-4-methyleneisoxazoline *N*-Oxide Derivative


oxoketoxime. In the literature, we found that both keto and oxime functionalities are prone to undergo reduction with suitable reducing agent.⁶ In our case, to reduce the keto group selectively, we treated the compound **1a** with lithium aluminum hydride, and we were pleased to find that 3-hydroxyketoxime (**1c**) was formed (Scheme 4 and Figure 2). This result is very important and interesting as it produces a special type of Baylis–Hillman oxime, which contains a 3-bromo functionality. There is no reported method in the literature that describes the synthesis of such compound.⁷ On treating compound **1c** with HTIB in MeOH, the corresponding isoxazoline *N*-oxide was formed. This isoxazoline *N*-oxide is new in the literature as it contains halo functionality at cyclohexene ring.^{2,3}

Next, we protected the OH functionality of compound **1a** with acetate to obtain the Baylis–Hillman oxime acetate (Scheme 5). However, on treatment with LAH, compound **1e** underwent acetate deprotection and reduction to produce compound **1c** in poor yield.

In conclusion, here we have demonstrated an unprecedented halonium ion and base-mediated transformation of isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivatives into 3-oxoketoximes. The reaction occurs via the nitric oxide intermediate. The base-mediated removal of a proton from the nitric oxide intermediate produces the ketoxime derivatives. Selective reduction of the keto functionality of the 3-oxoketoxime produces a novel type of Baylis–Hillman oxime derivative.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Information. Reagents and solvents were purchased from various commercial sources and were used directly without any further purification unless otherwise stated. Column chromatography was performed with 63–200 mesh silica gel. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ) using TMS and chloroform as internal standards, and coupling constants are expressed in hertz. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad singlet), coupling

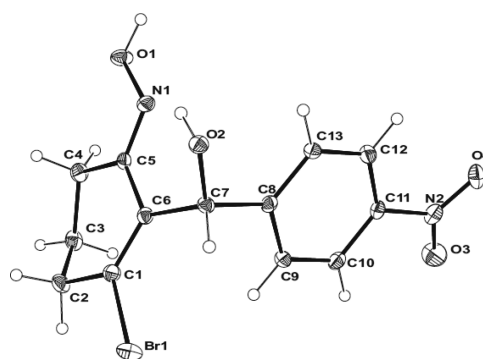


Figure 2. Crystal structure of compound **1c**.

constants (Hz), and integration. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR spectrometer and are reported in cm^{-1} . Melting points were recorded using an electrothermal capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. HRMS spectra were recorded using ESI-TOF or EI^+ mode. Isoxazoline *N*-oxides were synthesized by following the procedure depicted in our previous publication.^{3b}

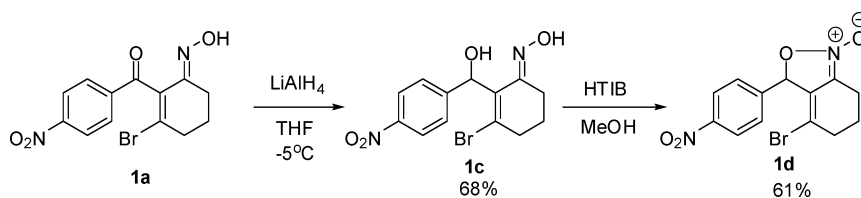
Representative Procedure for Preparation of 3-Oxoketoxime Derivatives. To a stirred solution of isoxazoline *N*-oxide derivative (0.5 mmol) in CH_3CN (4 mL) in a 50 mL round-bottom flask was added NBS (1.1 equiv) or TCCA (0.37 equiv) at ambient temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After complete conversion of the starting material into the intermediate (3 min for **1a/b** to **5a/b** and 1 min for **6a/b** to **9a/b**), triethylamine (30 mol %) was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was added to 15 mL of brine solution and the organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL \times 3). The combined organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure. The resulting residue was further purified by column chromatography.

Procedure for the Reduction of 1a. To a stirred solution of compound **1a** (0.5 mmol) in dry THF (3 mL) under N_2 at 0 to -5°C in a two-necked round-bottom flask was added LAH (0.75 mmol) in small pinches. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, and then it was quenched with water. Ten milliliters of brine water was added to the reaction mixture, and then the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The solvent was evaporated, and the crude reaction mixture was purified with column chromatography.

Compound **1e** was prepared by the acetylation of compound **1a**, following our previous report.^{3b}

(E)-2-Bromo-6-(hydroxyimino)cyclohex-1-enyl(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (**1a**): light yellow solid (151.1 mg, 89%); mp 144–146 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 1685, 1606, 1527, 1344; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 2.85 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.03 (pentet, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.9, 155.9, 150.9, 139.9, 135.8, 130.5, 130.3, 124.3, 36.1, 21.9, 21.1; MS (FAB) m/z (relative intensity): 339 ($\text{M}^+ + 1$, 87), 337 (78), 257 (11), 241 (5); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ⁷⁹Br ($[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$): 338.9980, found 338.9986.

(E)-2-Bromo-6-(hydroxyimino)cyclohex-1-enyl(3-nitrophenyl)methanone (**2a**): colorless solid (149.0 mg, 88%); mp 156–158 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 1637, 1535, 1344; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

Scheme 4. Preparation of 4-Bromomethyleneisoxazoline *N*-Oxide


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