

## **Bismuth-Catalyzed Intermolecular Hydroamination of** 1,3-Dienes with Carbamates, Sulfonamides, and Carboxamides

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Abstract: A Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>/Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> system efficiently promoted intermolecular 1:1 hydroamination of 1,3-dienes with various carbamates, sulfonamides, and carboxamides to afford allylic amines in good yield (up to 96%). Reaction proceeded with 0.5-10 mol % catalyst loading at 25-100 °C (generally at 50 °C) in 1,4-dioxane within 24 h. The Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>/Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> system constitutes a new entry into series of intermolecular hydroamination catalysis. Mechanistic studies and the postulated reaction mechanism are also discussed.

## Introduction

The importance of amine derivatives for the synthesis of pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals has attracted considerable interest in catalytic olefin-amination.<sup>1</sup> Intermolecular hydroamination of olefins is one of the most important topics in this area. Despite recent progress in intermolecular olefin-hydroamination.<sup>2-11</sup> mild and selective 1:1 reactions of amines with 1,3-dienes without telomerizations are still limited.<sup>12</sup> Most notably, Hartwig reported effective hydroamination of 1,3-dienes

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palladium<sup>12a</sup> or a nickel<sup>12d</sup> complex; however, intermolecular selective 1:1 hydroamination of 1.3-dienes with weaker nucleophiles, such as carbamates, sulfonamides, and carboxamides, has not yet been achieved. Herein, we report a new bismuthcatalyzed intermolecular hydroamination with various amides to produce allylic amines in good yield (up to 96%).<sup>13</sup> The catalyst system is different from the series of catalysts that are effective for intermolecular hydroaminations of olefins, such as late-transition metal complexes,<sup>2-6</sup> Cp-lanthanides,<sup>1,7</sup> and group IV metals.<sup>1,8a</sup>

with arylamines<sup>12a</sup> and alkylamines<sup>12d</sup> catalyzed by either a

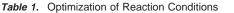
## **Results and Discussion**

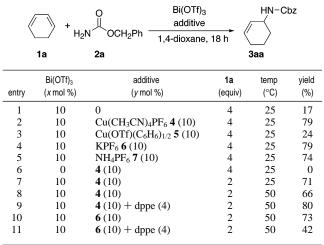
A. Development of a Bismuth-Catalyzed Intermolecular Hydroamination of Dienes. To find a suitable catalyst for hydroaminations, various metals were screened for the reaction of diene 1a (4 equiv) with carbamate 2a, and 10 mol % of Bi-(OTf)<sub>3</sub> afforded a 1:1 adduct **3aa** in 17% yield, albeit with polymerized byproducts (Table 1, entry 1). The addition of 10 mol % Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> 4 suppressed the polymerization and cleanly promoted the reaction at 25 °C in 1,4-dioxane to afford

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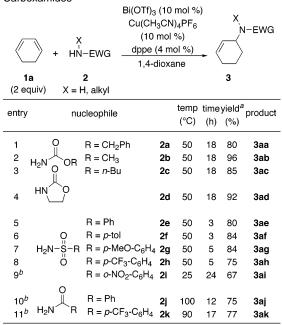


**3aa** in 79% yield (entry 2). Another Cu source such as  $Cu(OTf)(C_6H_6)_{1/2}$  **5** was not effective (entry 3); instead, KPF<sub>6</sub> **6** and NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> **7** gave comparable results with **4** (entries 4 and 5). Control experiments with **4** alone did not promote the reaction (entry 6). With 2 equiv of diene **1a**, the yield of **3aa** decreased to 71% at 25 °C (entry 7). By performing the reaction at 50 °C with dppe, we obtained **3aa** in 80% yield after 18 h with 2 equiv of **1a** (entry 9). We assume that dppe might coordinate to Cu in entry 9 to suppress the undesired reaction at higher temperature. KPF<sub>6</sub> **6** additive also worked well using 2 equiv of diene **1a** (entry 10, 73%), although the yield of **3aa** was slightly lower than Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> **4**. In case of KPF<sub>6</sub> **6** additive, dppe had negative effects (entry 11, 42% yield). In entry 11, dppe would coordinate to Bi rather than to K to decrease the Lewis acidity of Bi, resulting in low reactivity.

The optimized reaction conditions were applicable to various carbamates, sulfonamides, and carboxamides (Tables 2 and 3), and the reactions completed within 3-24 h. Results using the Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>/Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>/dppe system are summarized in Table 2. Both acyclic and cyclic carbamates 2a-2d gave 1:1 adducts in good yield (80-96%) at 50 °C (entries 1-4). Sulfonamides 2e-2i also gave products in good yield, regardless of the presence of an electron-donating group (entries 6 and 7) or electron-withdrawing group (entry 8). o-NsNH<sub>2</sub> 2i required a lower reaction temperature (25 °C) to avoid side reactions and 4 equiv of 1a to afford 3ai in 67% yield. Carboxamides 2j and 2k were less reactive and required a higher reaction temperature (90-100 °C) to obtain 1:1 adducts in 75% and 77% yield, respectively (entries 10 and 11). Results using the Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>/ KPF<sub>6</sub> system are summarized in Table 3. With carbamates and carboxamides as nucleophiles (Table 3, entries 1-4, 10, and 11), the isolated yields of products were slightly lower than those obtained with Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> 4 in Table 2. With sulfonamides, the Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>/KPF<sub>6</sub> system promoted the reaction at 25-50 °C using 5-10 mol % of catalyst (entries 5-9). It is noteworthy that, with sulfonamides 2e, 2f, and 2g, the desired 1:1 adducts were obtained in good yield using only 1.2 equiv of diene 1a, indicating the high chemoselectivity of the present system (entries 5-7).

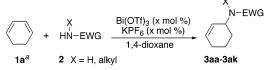
The attempts to reduce catalyst loading using sulfonamide **2f** are summarized in Table 4. The reaction proceeded without any problems using as little as 0.5 mol % of Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, affording **3af** in 80% yield after 24 h (entry 5). Table 5 shows the

*Table 2.* Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>/Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>/dppe-Catalyzed Hydroamination of **1a** with Various Carbamates, Sulfonamides, and Carboxamides



<sup>*a*</sup> Yields are for pure, isolated compounds. <sup>*b*</sup> 4 equiv of **1a** was used.

Table 3. Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>/KPF<sub>6</sub>-Catalyzed Hydroamination of **1a** with Various Carbamates, Sulfonamides, and Carboxamides



| entry  | nucleophile                            |    | cat.<br>(x mol % | temp<br>) (°C) | time<br>(h) | yield <sup>b</sup><br>(%) |
|--|--|----|------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1 O  | $R = CH_2Ph$                           | 2a | 10               | 50             | 18          | 72                        |
|  | $R = CH_3$                             | 2b | 10               | 50             | 18          | 94                        |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ H <sub>2</sub> N <sup>2</sup> OR | R = <i>n</i> -Bu                       | 2c | 10               | 50             | 18          | 72                        |
| 4 HN 0   |  | 2d | 10               | 50             | 18          | 88                        |
| 5  | R = Ph                                 | 2e | 5                | 25             | 5           | 73                        |
| 6 Q  | R = p-tol                              | 2f | 5                | 25             | 3           | 83                        |
| 7 H₂N−Š−R                                      | $R = p-MeO-C_6H_4$                     | 2g | 5                | 25             | 5           | 84                        |
| 8 Ö  | $R = p \cdot CF_3 \cdot C_6 H_4$       | 2h | 5                | 50             | 5           | 79                        |
| 9  | $R = o\text{-}NO_2\text{-}C_6H_4$      | 2i | 10               | 25             | 24          | 62                        |
| 0<br>10 ∥                                      | R = Ph                                 | 2j | 10               | 100            | 12          | 69                        |
| 11 H <sub>2</sub> N R                          | $R = p \text{-} CF_3 \text{-} C_6 H_4$ | 2k | 10               | 90             | 17          | 60                        |

<sup>*a*</sup> Entries 1–4 and 8, 2 equiv of **1a** was used; entries 5–7: 1.2 equiv of **1a** was used; entries 9–11: 4 equiv of **1a** was used. <sup>*b*</sup> Yields are for pure, isolated compounds.

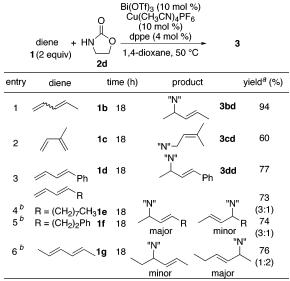
hydroaminations of several acyclic 1,3-dienes **1b–1g** with carbamate **2d**. Acyclic 1,3-dienes were also applicable to give products in 60–94% yield; however, the isomer ratio (1,2-adduct vs 1,4-adduct) depended on the dienes. Diene **1c** exclusively gave 1,4-hydroamination adduct **3cd** (entry 2), while diene **1d** exclusively gave 1,2-hydroamination adduct **3dd** (entry 3). Dienes **1e–1g** gave mixtures of isomers (entries 4–6).

**B.** Mechanistic Studies. The present hydroamination gave unsatisfactory results with either Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> or Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> **4** alone (Table 1, entries 1 and 6). The results of entries 2-5 in Table 1 suggest that PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> is important rather than Cu metal.

| Tab |       | _                                 | Reduce C<br>0<br>2N-S- <i>p</i> -to<br>0<br>2f | Bi<br>addit       | atalyst Loading<br>Bi(OTf) <sub>3</sub> HN-Ts<br>additive, dppe<br>1,4-dioxane <b>3af</b> |              |             |              |  |
|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|
|     | entry | Bi(OTf) <sub>3</sub><br>(x mol %) | additive<br>(y mol %)                          | dppe<br>(z mol %) | <b>1a</b><br>(equiv)  | temp<br>(°C) | time<br>(h) | yield<br>(%) |  |
|     | 1     | 10                                | <b>4</b> (10)                                  | 4                 | 2   | 50           | 3           | 84           |  |
|     | 2     | 5                                 | 4 (5)  | 2                 | 2   | 50           | 8           | 86           |  |
|     | 3     | 3                                 | 4 (3)  | 1.2               | 2   | 50           | 8           | 87           |  |
|     | 4     | 1                                 | <b>4</b> (1)                                   | 0.4               | 2   | 50           | 21          | 83           |  |
|     | 5     | 0.5                               | <b>4</b> (0.5)                                 | 0.2               | 2   | 50           | 24          | 80           |  |

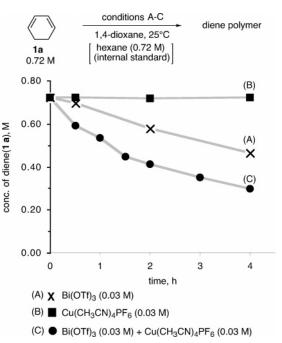
<sup>*a*</sup> Yields are for pure, isolated compounds.

*Table 5.* Hydroamination of Various 1,3-Dienes with Carbamate 2d

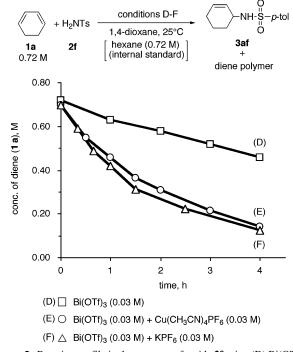


 $^a$  Yields are for pure, isolated compounds.  $^b$  Isomer ratio was determined by NMR analysis.

The results obtained by 1,3-dienes 1c (1,4-adduct alone), 1d (1,2-adduct alone), and 1e-1g (mixture of isomers) indicated that both 1,2-attack and 1,4-attack are possible depending on the substrate. To gain insight into the reaction mechanism, the reaction profiles were monitored with (A) 1a and Bi(OTf)3; (B) 1a and Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> 4; (C) 1a, Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, and 4; (D) 1a, Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, and amide **2f**; (E) **1a**, Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, **4**, and amide **2f**; and (F) 1a, Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, KPF<sub>6</sub> 6, and amide 2f. Reaction conditions and profiles are summarized in Figures 1 and 2.14 In Figure 1 without amide **2f**, the polymerization rate of **1a** was monitored. GC analysis of 1a indicated that Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> alone (Figure 1, conditions A) promoted polymerization of the diene, while Cu-(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> **4** alone did not cause any polymerization (Figure 1, conditions B). These results suggest that Bi activates diene 1a to generate allyl cationic species. The polymerization rate in the absence of amide 2f increased with Bi(OTf)3 and Cu-(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> 4 (conditions A vs C), indicating the formation of more active bismuth species. Figure 2 shows the reaction profile in the presence of amide 2f. Concentration of 1a was monitored by GC, and the desired product 3af was isolated after 3 h to determine the ratio of polymerization: desired 1:1 addition.



*Figure 1.* Reaction profile in the absence of amide **2f** using (A) Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, (B) Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> **4**, and (C) Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> **4**.

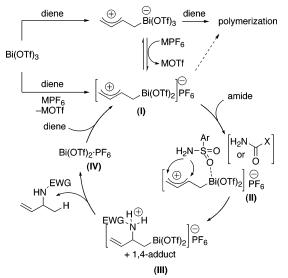


*Figure 2.* Reaction profile in the presence of amide 2f using (D) Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, (E) Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> **4**, and (F) Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and KPF<sub>6</sub> **6**.

Under conditions D, the profile of [diene **1a**] was similar to that observed under conditions B. Under conditions D, 0.20 mmol of **1a** was consumed after 3 h, while only 0.108 mmol of the desired 1:1 adduct **3af** was isolated at 3 h. Thus, the desired 1:1 addition and undesired polymerization competed under conditions D. Under conditions E and F, the best reaction rate was observed among conditions A–F. Similar reaction rates in conditions E and F would suggest the generation of similar active species. Under conditions E, 0.50 mmol of **1a** was consumed after 3 h. 0.438 mmol (conditions E) and 0.498 mmol (conditions F) of the desired 1:1 adduct **3af** were isolated after

<sup>(14)</sup> For detailed reaction conditions and results, see the Supporting Information.

Scheme 1. Postulated Catalytic Cycle



3 h, suggesting that the desired reaction was the major pathway in conditions E and F. Thus,  $PF_6^-$  clearly accelerated the desired 1:1 addition over undesired polymerization. In conditions D, polymerization and the desired 1:1 addition competed with each other, while the desired reaction was the major pathway in conditions E and F.

The hypothetical mechanism is shown in Scheme 1. We assume that  $Bi(OTf)_3$  activates diene to generate an allyl cationic species, which is trapped with amides (desired) or with diene (polymerization). Counteranion exchange with  $PF_6^-$  would then generate intermediate I. With  $PF_6^-$  as the counteranion, the

coordination site of Bi would be available. Therefore, the amide can interact with the Bi center and be positioned close to the reaction site II, accelerating the desired 1:1 addition. Protonation of III regenerates catalyst IV. The ability of Bi metal to interact with the carbonyl group of benzamide **2j** was confirmed by IR and NMR analysis.<sup>15</sup> In IR analysis, the peak corresponding to the carbonyl of **2j** (1733 cm<sup>-1</sup>) shifted to 1653 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the presence of Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (without adding diene), supporting the interaction of Bi with the carbonyl group of **2j**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR analysis also supported the interaction of Bi with **2j**. Low field shift of the carbonyl peak of **2j** in the presence of Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> was observed in <sup>13</sup>C NMR (with Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, 173.5 ppm vs without Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, 167.9 ppm).

In summary, we developed bismuth-catalyzed (0.5-10 mol %) intermolecular 1:1 hydroamination of 1,3-dienes with carbamates, sulfonamides, and carboxamides. The present system using a main group metal constitutes a new entry into the series of hydroamination catalyses. Further applications of the present catalysis including asymmetric variants are ongoing.

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<sup>(15)</sup> For more detailed data of React IR analysis and <sup>13</sup>C NMR analysis of amide 2j in the presence and absence of Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, see the Supporting Information.