Radical reactions of [60]fullerene with β -enamino carbonyl compounds mediated by manganese(III) acetate[†]

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Manganese(III) acetate dihydrate-mediated reactions of [60]fullerene with β -enamino carbonyl compounds afforded [60]fullerene-fused pyrroline derivatives, of which the nitrogen atom is directly connected to the fullerene cage. A possible reaction mechanism is proposed.

Introduction

Chemical modification of [60] fullerene (C_{60}) to generate novel C₆₀ derivatives with new structures and properties has attracted great attention over the last two decades for their potential applications in materials, biology and nanoscience.¹⁻³ Free radical reactions were one of the first investigated reactions of fullerenes^{4,5} and are still attractive protocols to synthesize fullerene derivatives.6-10 Over the past decades, manganese(III)mediated free radical reactions have been explored extensively, have found widespread applications in organic synthesis, and have demonstrated remarkable advantages over traditional peroxide or light-initiated processes.¹¹⁻¹³ We have successfully applied manganese(III) acetate dihydrate (Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O) to the free radical reactions of C₆₀.¹⁴⁻¹⁸ The Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O-mediated reactions of C60 with various active methylene compounds and aromatic methyl ketones afforded 1,4-adducts and 1,16-adducts of C₆₀,^{14,15} singlybonded fullerene dimers,14 C60-fused dihydrofuran derivatives16 and methanofullerenes.^{14,16} The *in situ* generated ArC₆₀-H could be transformed to ArC₆₀-OAc by Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O in a one-pot procedure.¹⁷ In our recent work, we found that Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂Omediated reactions of C60 with carboxylic acids, carboxylic anhydrides, or malonic acids gave C600-fused lactones, which underwent novel reductive ring opening by reacting with Grignard reagents.¹⁸ An independent work on the Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O-mediated reactions of C_{60} with malonate esters, β -keto esters and β -diketones in chlorobenzene and/or toluene was reported by Gao and coworkers.¹⁹ In continuation of our interest in Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂Omediated reactions of C_{60} ,¹⁴⁻¹⁸ herein we report the radical reactions of C_{60} with β -enamino carbonyl compounds mediated by $Mn(OAc)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$ to give C_{60} -fused pyrroline derivatives.

Results and discussion

 β -Enamino carbonyl compounds have a vinyl C–H and an active N–H bond, while the enol forms of β -keto esters or β -diketones similarly possess a vinyl C–H and an active O–H bond (Fig. 1).



We and Gao's group have already reported that the Mn(OAc)₃. 2H₂O-mediated reactions of C₆₀ with β-keto esters and β-diketones afforded C₆₀-fused dihydrofuran derivatives.^{16,19} We were wondering if β-enamino carbonyl compounds could react with C₆₀ in a similar way to β-keto esters and β-diketones. To our satisfaction, the Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O-mediated reactions of C₆₀ with β-enamino carbonyl compounds **1** in refluxing chlorobenzene gave the C₆₀fused pyrroline derivatives **2** (Scheme 1).

To examine the scope and limitation of the used substrates, we synthesized various β -enamino carbonyl compounds **1a–1h** by the reactions of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds such as 5,5-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione, acetoacetate esters and 2,4-pentanedione with both aromatic amines (aniline and 4-methylaniline) and aliphatic amines (benzyl amine and *n*-butylamine), and applied them to the Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O-mediated reactions of C₆₀. The reaction times and isolated yields along with recovered C₆₀ for the reactions of C₆₀ with β -enamino carbonyl compounds **1a–1h** and Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O in a molar ratio of 1 : 2 : 2.5 in chlorobenzene at 140 °C are listed in Table 1.

As seen from Table 1, all examined substrates could react with C_{60} . Enaminones 1a and 1b derived from cyclic β -diketone and aromatic amine were most reactive and gave the highest yields (61–62%, 85–93% based on consumed C_{60}), while the β -enamino carbonyl compound 1h derived from noncyclic \beta-diketone and aliphatic amine afforded the lowest yield and required a long reaction time. The exact reason for this phenomenon is not clear right now. Further extension of the reaction time for 1h resulted in more consumption of C60, but could not improve the product yield. It should be noted that the addition of a base such as 4dimethylaminopyridine and the presence of air had a negligible effect on the reactions. Products 2a-2h are not very stable, and tend to decompose in solution upon storage. Fullerene derivatives containing the enamine moiety were reported to photochemically react with oxygen,²⁰⁻²² thus the instability of compounds 2a-2h were most likely due to their reactions with aerial oxygen during storage.

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Scheme 1

Table 1 Reaction times, yields and recovered C_{60} for the reactions of C_{60} with 1a-1h mediated by $Mn(OAc)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$ at 140 °C

-	Entry	Substrate 1	Product 2	Reaction time/min	Yield (%)	Recovered C ₆₀ (%)
	1	O NH	2a	15	61	28
:	2	O NH	2b	15	62	33
	3	O NH _{CH2} Ph	2c	45	38	35
	4	NH _{nBu}	2d	10	36	56
:	5		2e	45	34	53
	6	MeO HN ^{"Bu} MeO Me	2f	100	32	47
	7	Me HN ^{Ph}	2g	15	32	52
:	8	Me Me	2h	90	16	71

The structures of C₆₀-fused pyrroline derivatives **2a–2h** were fully established by their MS, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, FT-IR and UV-vis spectral data. The negative APCI mass spectra of **2a–2h** showed the correct molecular ion peaks. The ¹³C NMR spectra of **2a–2h** clearly exhibited less than thirty peaks with two halfintensity ones in the range of 133–150 ppm for the sp²-carbons of the fullerene cage, and two peaks at 88–91 and 72–74 ppm for the two sp³-carbons of the fullerene skeleton, consistent with the C_s symmetry of their molecular structures.

A possible reaction mechanism similar to the Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂Omediated reactions of C₆₀ with β -keto esters and β -diketones^{16,19} is shown in Scheme 2 to elucidate the formation of **2a–2h**. Chelation of $Mn(OAc)_3$ by the enamine nitrogen of 1 with the loss of acetic acid results in the formation of Mn(III)-complex 3.^{23,24} Homolytical addition of 3 to C₆₀ gives fullerene radical 4, which equilibrates to fullerene radical 5 with an enamine structure. Coordination of $Mn(OAc)_3$ by intermediate 5 generates Mn(II)-complex 6 that undergoes intramolecular cyclization with the loss of Mn(II) species to afford product 2.

 C_{60} -fused pyrroline derivatives have been synthesized by the reactions of C_{60} with nitrile ylides generated by photolysis of 2*H*-azirines^{25,26} or from imidoyl chloride and triethylamine,^{27,28} with a cyclic azomethine ylide formed from 2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-5-one,²⁹ with isocyanides catalyzed by a base or Cu_2O ,³⁰ and with



N-(diphenylmethylene)glycinate esters under Bingel conditions.³¹ However, none of them have a structure with a nitrogen atom bonded to a fullerene cage. Our present protocol is a unique way of preparing C₆₀-fused pyrroline derivatives with a nitrogen atom directly attached to a fullerene skeleton.

In summary, $Mn(OAc)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$ has been successfully utilized in the radical reactions of C_{60} with β -enamino carbonyl compounds to give C_{60} -fused pyrroline derivatives, of which the nitrogen atom is directly connected to the fullerene cage. Further application of $Mn(OAc)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$ and other inorganic compounds in fullerene chemistry is underway.

Experimental

General methods

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CS_2 -CDCl₃ at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively, on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer. Negative APCI mass spectra were taken on a Thermo Finnigan LCQ Advantage MAX mass spectrometer. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu 8600 FT IR spectrometer. UV-vis spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu UV-2501PC spectrometer. C_{60} (>99.9%) was purchased from the Henan Tian'an Company. All other commercial available reagents are of analytical grade. Coupling constants are measured in Hz.

Typical procedure for the $Mn(OAc)_3 \cdot 2H_2O$ -mediated reactions of C_{60} with β -enamino carbonyl compounds 1a–1h.

A mixture of C_{60} (36.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), β -enamino carbonyl compounds **1a–1h** (0.10 mmol) and Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O (33.4 mg, 0.125 mmol) was dissolved in chlorobenzene (15 mL) and stirred in an oil bath preset at 140 °C for a desired time. After removal of the solvent *in vacuo*, the obtained residue was separated on a silica gel column with toluene or toluene–ethyl acetate as the eluent to give unreacted C₆₀ and C₆₀-fused pyrroline derivatives **2a–2h**.

Spectral data of 2a. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 2.58 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃, with Cr(acac)₃ as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) δ 189.75 (1C, C=O), 163.47 (1C, NC=C), 149.20, 147.68 (1C), 147.36, 146.95 (1C), 146.30, 145.84 (4C), 145.78, 145.76, 145.74, 145.22,

145.13, 144.98, 144.85, 144.69, 144.14, 143.75, 142.79, 142.58, 142.49, 142.41 (4C), 141.78 (4C), 141.75, 141.60, 139.82, 139.37 (1C, aryl *C*), 139.28, 136.90, 134.13, 134.00 (1C, aryl *C*), 130.53 (aryl *C*), 130.49 (aryl *C*), 106.45 (1C, NC=*C*), 91.33 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 71.96 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 51.44 (1C, OCCH₂), 38.21 (1C, NCCH₂), 33.85 (1C, *C*(CH₃)₂), 28.68 (C(CH₃)₂), 21.39 (1C, ArCH₃); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 256 (5.14), 313 (4.73), 428 (3.48), 690 (2.44); FT-IR ν/cm^{-1} (KBr) 2955, 2922, 2851, 1634, 1581, 1511, 1438, 1387, 1319, 1273, 1179, 1121, 1065, 1036, 806, 609, 575, 550, 527; MS (–APCI) *m/z* 947.

Spectral data of 2b. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS_2 -CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.3, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.2, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.2, 1H), 2.59 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 1.35 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CS₂-CDCl₃, with Cr(acac)₃ as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) δ 190.06 (1C, C=O), 163.28 (1C, NC=C), 149.07, 147.61 (1C), 147.24, 146.88 (1C), 146.22, 145.76 (4C), 145.71, 145.69, 145.66, 145.14, 144.94, 144.91, 144.77, 144.60, 143.99, 143.67, 142.71, 142.50, 142.40, 142.32 (4C), 141.68 (6C), 141.50, 139.77, 139.20, 136.85, 136.61 (1C, aryl C), 134.08, 130.66 (aryl C), 129.83 (aryl C), 129.19 (1C, aryl C), 106.67 (1C, NC=C), 91.20 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 71.95 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 51.44 (1C, COCH₂), 38.11 (1C, NCCH₂), 33.86 (1C, C(CH₃)₂), 28.59 (C(CH₃)₂); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 254 (5.13), 313 (4.72), 428 (3.46), 689 (2.41); FT-IR v/cm⁻¹ (KBr) 2953, 2925, 2866, 1633, 1581, 1517, 1493, 1431, 1386, 1320, 1273, 1179, 1120, 1065, 1002, 766, 701, 606, 574, 553, 527; MS (-APCI) m/z 933.

Spectral data of 2c. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, J = 7.4, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.2, 1H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 2H), 1.37 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃, with Cr(acac)₃ as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) δ 189.74 (1C, C=O), 164.13 (1C, NC=C), 149.89, 147.78 (1C), 147.44, 147.07 (1C), 146.41, 145.94 (6C), 145.88, 145.78, 145.30, 145.10, 144.95, 144.83, 144.67, 143.80, 143.59, 142.93, 142.68, 142.57, 142.50, 142.46, 141.94, 141.90, 141.86, 141.64, 139.91, 139.44, 137.20, 136.66 (1C, aryl *C*), 134.18, 129.14 (aryl *C*), 128.03 (1C, aryl *C*), 126.49 (aryl *C*), 105.75 (1C, NC=*C*), 89.94 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 72.05 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 51.30 (1C, COCH₂), 47.76 (1C, PhCH₂), 37.78 (1C, NCCH₂), 34.06 (1C, *C*(CH₃)₂), 28.84 (C(CH₃)₂); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 256 (5.12), 314 (4.71), 428 (3.48), 689 (2.42); FT-IR ν/cm^{-1} (KBr) 2952, 2922, 2851, 1626, 1579, 1510, 1466, 1426, 1389, 1351, 1263,

1178, 1115, 1057, 735, 695, 604, 573, 550, 526; MS (–APCI) *m/z* 947.

Spectral data of 2d. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS_2 -CDCl₃) δ 4.20-4.12 (m, 2H), 2.86 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 2.08-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 6H), 1.04 (t, J = 7.3, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CS₂-CDCl₃, with Cr(acac)₃ as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) δ 189.12 (1C, C=O), 163.59 (1C, NC=C), 149.95, 147.87 (1C), 147.53, 147.11 (1C), 146.50, 146.01, 145.98, 145.96, 145.94, 145.89, 145.31, 145.16, 145.01, 144.93, 144.72, 143.97, 143.88, 143.01, 142.74, 142.65, 142.62, 142.55, 142.04, 141.97, 141.93, 141.81, 139.96, 139.62, 137.33, 134.14, 105.10 (1C, NC=C), 89.82 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 72.27 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 51.35 (1C, COCH₂), 44.39 (1C, NCH₂), 37.83 (1C, NCCH₂), 34.02 (1C, NCH₂CH₂), 33.66 (1C, C(CH₃)₂), 29.00 (C(CH₃)₂), 20.79 (1C, CH_2CH_3), 14.08 (1C, CH_2CH_3); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 255 (5.10), 314 (4.67), 428 (3.47), 690 (2.39); FT-IR v/cm⁻¹ (KBr) 2953, 2924, 2853, 1623, 1574, 1511, 1471, 1430, 1392, 1183, 1115, 1047, 1001, 573, 552, 526; MS (-APCI) m/z 913.

Spectral data of 2e. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS₂-CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, J = 7.1, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.3, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.2, 1H), 4.30 $(q, J = 7.2, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2, 3H); {}^{13}C NMR$ (75 MHz, CS_2 -CDCl₃, with Cr(acac)₃ as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) δ 165.78 (1C, COO), 159.57 (1C, NC=C), 149.51, 147.99, 147.90 (1C), 147.36 (1C), 146.49, 146.17, 146.11, 146.05, 145.98, 145.83, 145.32, 145.19, 145.11, 145.04, 144.81, 144.79, 144.14, 142.99, 142.84, 142.68 (4C), 142.65, 142.10, 142.01, 141.88, 141.80, 139.50, 139.17, 137.71, 136.77 (1C, aryl C), 134.79, 131.67 (aryl C), 129.94 (aryl C), 129.23 (1C, aryl C), 98.13 (1C, NC=C), 90.45 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 73.92 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 59.71 (1C, OCH₂CH₃), 15.37 (1C, C=CCH₃), 14.60 (1C, OCH₂CH₃); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 256 (5.06), 309 (4.60), 427 (3.41), 693 (2.41); FT-IR v/cm⁻¹ (KBr) 2953, 2922, 2852, 1680, 1581, 1493, 1431, 1370, 1330, 1313, 1232, 1173, 1130, 1096, 1024, 763, 700, 575, 527; MS (-APCI) *m/z* 923.

Spectral data of 2f. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS₂-CDCl₃) δ 4.17-4.11 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.04–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.3, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CS2-CDCl3, with Cr(acac)3 as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) & 165.78 (1C, COO), 159.64 (1C, NC=C), 149.78, 147.64 (1C), 147.51, 147.08 (1C), 146.25, 145.84, 145.82, 145.79, 145.70, 145.61, 144.95, 144.92, 144.76, 144.60, 144.40, 144.03, 143.82, 142.89, 142.78, 142.58, 142.45, 142.43, 142.35, 141.86 (4C), 141.67, 141.56, 139.43, 139.01, 136.81, 134.30, 95.54 (1C, NC=*C*), 88.75 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 73.58 (1C, sp³-C of C₆₀), 50.13 (1C, OCH₃), 44.01 (1C, NCH₂), 32.97 (1C, NCH₂CH₂), 20.53 (1C, CH₂CH₃), 13.86 (1C, CH₃), 13.84 (1C, CH₃); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 256 (5.10), 309 (4.62), 427 (3.46), 690 (2.38); FT-IR v/cm⁻¹ (KBr) 2951, 2923, 2854, 1673, 1575, 1461, 1422, 1367, 1337, 1304, 1186, 1132, 1080, 1007, 932, 791, 774, 759, 574, 527; MS (-APCI) m/z 889.

Spectral data of 2g. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, J = 7.0, 2H), 7.59–7.46 (m, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃, with Cr(acac)₃ as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) δ 190.70 (1C, *C*=O), 158.41 (1C, N*C*=C), 149.45, 148.35, 147.76 (1C), 147.12 (1C), 146.46, 146.03, 145.96, 145.92, 145.85, 145.79, 145.30 (4C), 145.06, 144.99, 144.93, 144.79, 143.96, 142.82, 142.72, 142.68, 142.50, 142.40, 141.92, 141.87,

141.65 (4C), 139.34, 138.86, 137.16 (1C, aryl *C*), 136.81, 134.36, 131.62 (aryl *C*), 129.91 (aryl *C*), 129.50 (1C, aryl *C*), 110.31 (1C, NC=*C*), 89.66 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 73.97 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 31.21 (1C, COCH₃), 16.24 (1C, CH₃); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 257 (5.08), 314 (4.69), 429 (3.48), 689 (2.36); FT-IR v/cm⁻¹ (KBr) 2921, 2851, 1616, 1557, 1513, 1490, 1426, 1379, 1357, 1334, 1170, 1127, 1071, 1025, 765, 701, 575, 552, 527; MS (–APCI) *m/z* 893.

Spectral data of 2h. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃) δ 4.30– 4.24 (m, 2H), 2.89 (s, 3H) 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.11–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.49 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.3, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CS₂–CDCl₃, with Cr(acac)₃ as relaxation reagent) (all 2C unless indicated) δ 188.77 (1C, *C*=O), 156.91 (1C, N*C*=C), 149.55, 148.13, 147.50 (1C), 146.82 (1C), 146.24, 145.72 (4C), 145.63, 145.57 (4C), 144.97, 144.79, 144.67, 144.64, 144.61, 144.25, 143.65, 142.66, 142.50, 142.47, 142.32, 142.12, 141.79, 141.62, 141.44, 141.42, 139.30, 138.49, 136.89, 133.86, 108.35 (1C, N*C*=*C*), 87.94 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 74.05 (1C, sp³-*C* of C₆₀), 44.06 (1C, N*C*H₂), 33.35 (1C, N*C*H₂*C*H₂), 31.01 (1C, CO*C*H₃), 20.65 (1C, *C*H₂*C*H₃), 14.73 (1C, *C*H₃), 13.86 (1C, *C*H₃); UV-vis (CHCl₃) λ_{max} nm (log ε) 256 (5.08), 314 (4.68), 429 (3.60), 687 (2.42); FT-IR ν /cm⁻¹ (KBr) 2954, 2925, 2867, 1625, 1583, 1459, 1431, 1376, 1360, 1324, 1260, 1184, 1119, 1086, 1034, 976, 942, 575, 527; MS (–APCI) *m*/*z* 873.

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