

Ni-Catalyzed Reductive Coupling of Alkyl Acids with Unactivated *Tertiary* Alkyl and Glycosyl Halides

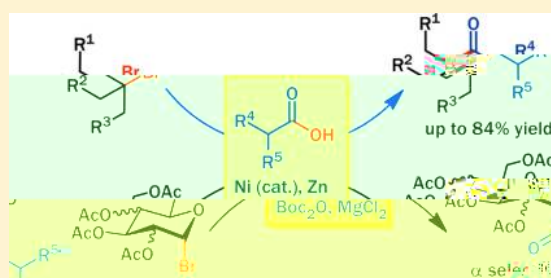
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ABSTRACT:

A nickel-catalyzed reductive coupling of alkyl acids with unactivated *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl halides is reported. The reaction proceeds under mild conditions (room temperature, 1 atm) and yields *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl esters in up to 84% yield. The reaction is tolerant of a wide range of functional groups and can be applied to the synthesis of *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl esters.



1. INTRODUCTION

The reductive coupling of alkyl acids with unactivated *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl halides is a highly efficient and selective method for the synthesis of *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl esters. This reaction has been widely studied, but the yield of *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl esters is generally low. In this work, we report a nickel-catalyzed reductive coupling of alkyl acids with unactivated *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl halides, which yields *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl esters in up to 84% yield. The reaction is tolerant of a wide range of functional groups and can be applied to the synthesis of *tertiary* alkyl and glycosyl esters.

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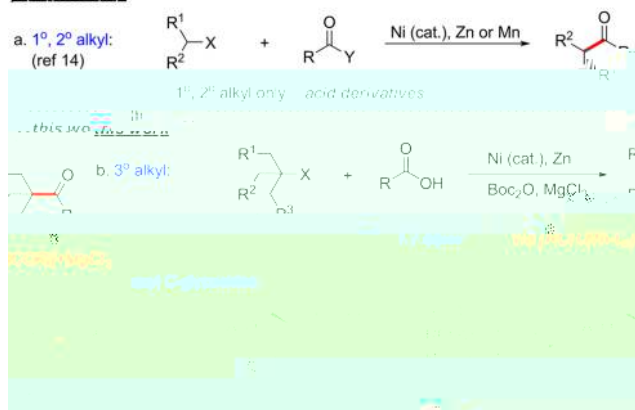


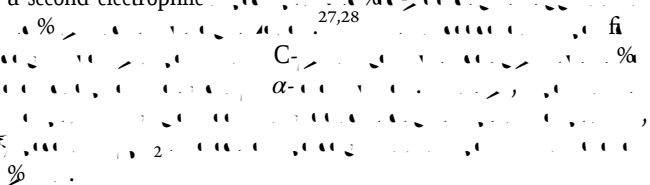
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demonstrates the first construction of all carbon quaternary centers via the reductive coupling of unactivated tertiary alkyl halides with a second electrophile.



2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

2.1. Coupling of *Tertiary* Alkyl Halides with Alkyl Acids.

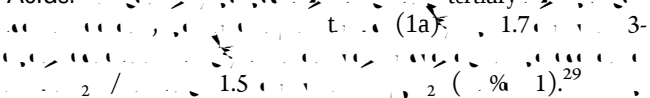


Table 1. Optimization for the Reaction of *t*-BuBr (1a) with 3-Phenylpropanoic Acid^a

		Yield (%)		Yield (%)		Yield (%)	
Entry	Substrate	Yield (%)	Yield (%)	Yield (%)	Yield (%)	Yield (%)	Yield (%)
1	3a	0	150	25	16		
2	3b	0	150	25	7		
3	4a	0	150	25	24		
4	4a	0	150	25	25		
5	4a	0	150	25	34		
6	4a	/	= 8:2	0	150	25	44
7	4a	/	= 2:8	0	150	25	36
8	4a	/	= 2:8	150	150	25	47
9	4b	/	= 2:8	150	150	25	19
10	4c	/	= 2:8	150	150	25	46
11	5a	/	= 2:8	150	150	25	<10
12	6a	/	= 2:8	150	150	25	<10
13	4a	/	= 2:8	150	100	25	39
14	4b	/	= 2:8	150	100	25	65
15	4b	/	= 2:8	85	100	25	79
16	4b	DMSO/DME = 2:8	85	100	30	82	
17	4a	/	= 2:8	85	100	30	39

^a Conditions: *t*-BuBr (1a) (0.3 mmol), 3-phenylpropanoic acid (170 μmol), Ni(acac)₃ (10%), ligand (12%), MgCl₂ (100%), Boc₂O (200%), Zn (300%), DMSO/DME (2:8), 30 °C, 12 h.

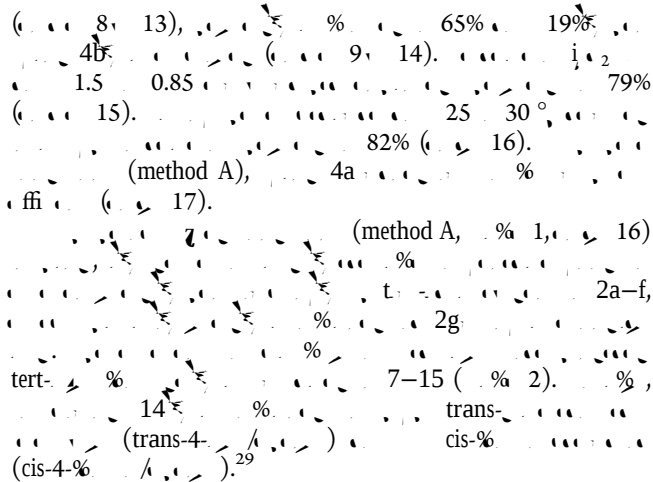
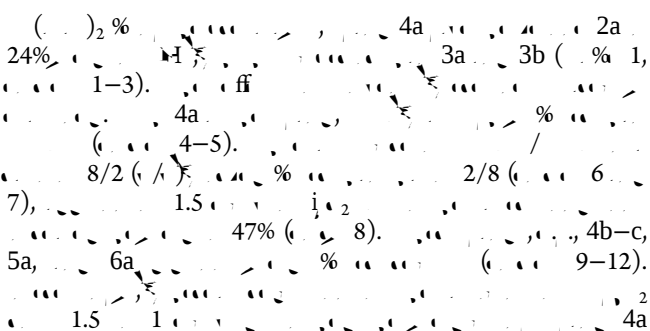
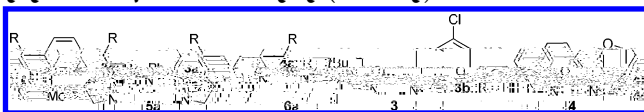
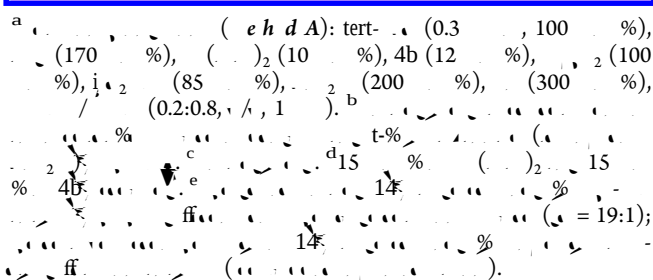
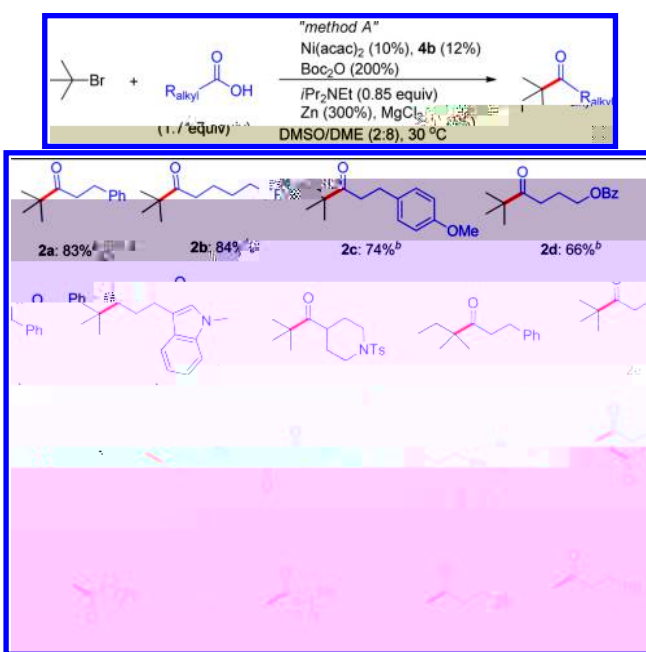
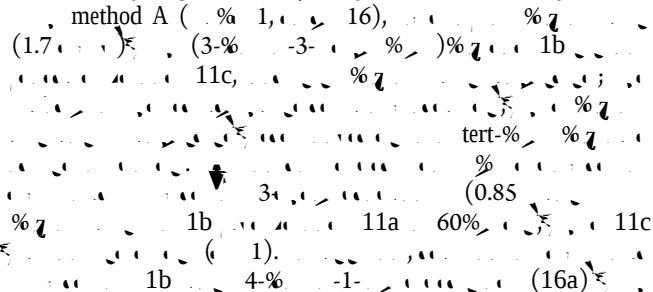


Table 2. Coupling of Unactivated *ε*-Alkyl Bromides with Acids^a



2.2. Coupling of *Tertiary* Alkyl Halides with Aryl Acids.



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2.3. Coupling of *Primary* and *Secondary*

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$$(I-C) = \frac{29,39}{C} \frac{2+}{1+I} \frac{2}{n} \frac{I-a}{2} \quad (0)$$

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