

# Ultrasound Assisted Nitratobis (Triphenyl phosphine) Copper (I) catalyzed Addition of Organocadmium Reagents to $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated Cyanoester

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#### ABSTRACT

Treatment of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated cyanoester with phenyl cadmium bromide, derived from dilithium tetrachloro cadmium (Li<sub>2</sub>CdCl<sub>4</sub>) and Grignard reagent in the presence of 10 mol % of Nitratobis (Triphenyl phosphine) Copper (I) i.e. Cu(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> catalyst afforded chemoselective conjugated product in high yields. **Keywords :** Conjugate addition, Cyanoester, Cu (I) catalyst, Grignard reagent, Ultrasound irradiation.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Loomis et al was first time introduced the ultrasound irradiation in aqueous medium.1 Luche & co-workers developed ultrasound mediated conjugate was addition reactions under aqueous conditions.<sup>2-3</sup> The copper (I) catalyzed allylic substitution has generated a great deal of interest in recent years. For allylic substitutions a broad range of organometallic compounds such as organolithium, Grignard and organozinc have been used.<sup>4-9</sup> The conjugate addition of n-butyl and phenyl manganese bromide to transcinnamaldehyde and allylic bisacetate has been reported.<sup>10-11</sup> The copper catalyzed substitution reactions of acylal with organomanganese reagent has been reported.<sup>12</sup> A conjugate addition of nucleophiles and indole to unsaturated carbonyl compounds in acidic or basic or Lewis acid catalyst were developed.<sup>13-15</sup> Recently, different varieties of catalysts such as ZnCl<sub>4</sub>,<sup>16</sup> SnCl<sub>2</sub>;2H<sub>2</sub>O,<sup>17</sup> NaAuCl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O,<sup>18</sup> CeCl<sub>3</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O-NaI on silica gel,<sup>19</sup> PdCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>20</sup> InBr<sub>3</sub>,<sup>21</sup> GaI<sub>3</sub>,<sup>22</sup> SmI<sub>3</sub>,<sup>23</sup> AuCl<sub>3</sub>,<sup>24</sup> Cu(OTF)<sub>2</sub> immobilized in ionic liquid,<sup>25</sup> and Mg, THF, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl,<sup>26-28</sup> are used in conjugate addition.

Most of the reported methods suffer from the serious drawbacks such as involvement of expensive reagents, acidic conditions, longer reaction time, environmental pollution and moderate yields. In the present work, we have investigated the conjugate addition of organo cadmium reagent with  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated cyanoester compounds in the presence of Nitratobis (Triphenyl phosphine) Copper (I) under conventional and ultrasound conditions.

### **II. METHODS AND MATERIAL**

The melting points and boiling points of compounds are uncorrected. are determined by in a open capillary tube. The IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu Miracle 10 ATR instrument. The <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra were obtained on a Varian Mercury YH-300 MHz with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent. Sonication was performed in an Ultrasonic Cleaner with frequency 33 KHz and a normal power of 250 W. The reaction progress are checked by TLC using pet. ether/ethyl acetate

as the mobile phase. The spots were visualized using UV cabinet. Crude products were purified by column chromatography using pet. ether/ethyl acetate as a solvent.

Procedure for preparation of Nitratobis (Triphenyl phosphine) Copper (I) :

0.04 mol PPh<sub>3</sub> (10.5 gm) and Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.3H<sub>2</sub>O (0.01mol, 2.45 gm) was added to 100 ml hot CH<sub>3</sub>OH. Immediately, Cu(II) dissolves and white suspension formed. This suspension was refluxed for 10 min. and cooled to ambient temperature. After filtration, washed with ether, ethanol and dried. Recrystallization from methanol gave colourless solid.

M.P. 232°C, Soluble in DMF, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN and THF.

IR:(v,) 3047, 2924, 1538, 1479, 1464, 1384, 1295, 1096, 810, 741, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Procedure for preparation of cyanoesters :

Cyanoesters were prepared from substituted aromatic aldehyde (1 mmol), ethylcyanoacetate (2.6 mmol), glycine (0.7 mmol) and 2 gm silica gel. The content was mixed thoroughly and taken in 50 ml borosil beaker. The beaker was place in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> bath and reaction mixture was irradiated for 20 min. Crude product was obtained and purified by column chromatography.

General procedure for Copper Catalyzed organocadmium reagent with cyanoester :

**Conventional method:** Li<sub>2</sub>CdCl<sub>4</sub> (5ml, 1M) in tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added in 100 ml round bottom flask, which was previously flushed

with dry nitrogen. Then phenyl or butyl magnesium bromide (1.4 M, 5 mmol, 3.5 ml) was added at 0°C. The mixture turned into clear yellow brown solution and after being stirred for 20 min. at 0°C, 10 mol % Cu(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> in THF (2 ml) was added an the whole mixture was stirred for 1 hour and then 5 mmol cyanoester in 5 ml THF was added and stirred the content 3 to 5 hours. The mixture was poured into 1 M HCl and extracted with ether (3x20ml). Purification of the products by silica column gel chromatography gave a pure product.

**Ultrasound:** All contents were placed in an ultrasonic bath for the periods indicated in Table-2 at 0 to 10°C and worked up as described above.

#### Spectral data of Products:

**4f:** Yellow liquid, IR ( ν cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3030 (Aromatic C-H), 2230 (-CN), 1738 (-COO), 1595, 1489 ( Aromatic C=C), <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.07 (t, CH<sub>3</sub> *J*=7, Hz, 3H), 3.7 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.1(q,CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.2(d, CH, *J*=7 Hz), 4.7(d, -CH. *J*=7 Hz) 6.8-7.74 (m, 9 H, ArH) ppm.

**4c:** Red colour viscous oil, IR ( ν cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3020 (Aromatic C-H), 2233 (-CN), 1745,(-COO) 1590, 1485 ( Aromatic C=C), <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.1 (t, CH<sub>3</sub> *J*=7, Hz, 3H), 4.1(q,CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.3(d, CH, *J*=8 Hz), 4.9(d, -CH. *J*=7 Hz) 7.2-8.1 (m, 9 H, ArH) ppm.

**4d:** Red colour viscous oil, IR ( v cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3030 (Aromatic C-H), 2240 (-CN), 1742,(-COO), 1595, 1489 ( Aromatic C=C), <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.1 (t, CH<sub>3</sub> *J*=7, Hz, 3H), 4.2(q,CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.3(d, CH, *J*=7 Hz), 4.9(d, -CH. *J*=7 Hz) 7.2-8.2 (m, 9 H, ArH) ppm.

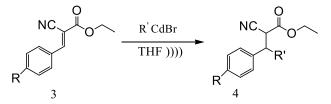
с	3-NO2C6H4CHO	2.6	0.7	91	137
d	4-NO2C6H4CHO	2.6	0.7	84	170
e	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	2.6	0.7	82	87
f	4-OCH3C6H4CHO	2.6	0.7	78	86

# **III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**



Scheme 1. Synthesis of cyanoester

Entry	Substate	Ethylcyano Glyci		Yield,	M.P.
		acetate/mmo	/mmol	%	∕°C
		1			
а	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CHO	2.6	0.7	84	52
b	4-CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO	2.6	0.7	89	88



Scheme 2. Conjugate addition of R' group.

Table: 2. Copper catalyzed conjugate addition of organo cadmium reagent under conventional and
ultrasound conditions

Entry	R'	Cu (I) 10 mol %	Solvent	Conventional conditions		Ultrasound irradiation	
				Time, hrs.	Yield, %	Time, min.	Yield, %
3f	Bu	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	THF	5.0	69	37	90
3b	Bu	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	Et <sub>2</sub> O	4.5	70	35	87
3b	Ph	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	THF	4.5	69	34	84
3e	Bu	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	THF	4.0	72	28	88
3e	Ph	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	Et <sub>2</sub> O/THF	4.0	65	30	88
3f	Ph	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	THF	5.0	69	35	83
3c	Ph	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	THF	4.0	74	25	91
3d	Ph	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	THF	4.0	72	27	93
3c	Bu	Cu(PPh <sub>3</sub> )2[NO3]	Et <sub>2</sub> O	4.5	80	28	89

From the table 2 – We have found that using ultrasonic irradiation, the reaction time was shortened from 5 hours to 25 min. In addition the yield of product was improved by 10-20% in comparision with those obtained by the conventional method. The yield of final product was slightly reduced by electron donating substituents.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the mild condition was described for the preparation of conjugative addition products. The advantages of ultrasound in chemical reactions, shortened reaction time and higher yields of products were obtained.

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