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ABSTRACT

The thesis entitled “**Asymmetric Vinylogous Mannich, Allylation and diastereoselective Cyanomethylation reactions: A direct access to 3,3-disubstituted oxindoles**” deals with development of stereoselective reactions for the synthesis of spatially defined functionalized scaffolds. Different stereoisomers can show varied response towards human senses such as smell and taste, behaviour of insects and most importantly in their pharmacological activity in human body. Thus, it is very important to selectively synthesize the desired enantiomers and diastereomers through meticulous choice of catalysts and reaction conditions. We have developed chiral auxiliary assisted enantioselective and base mediated diastereoselective methods for C-C bond forming reactions leading to functionally rich moieties.

This thesis has been divided into four chapters. In the first chapter, importance of stereochemistry with various interesting examples has been explained. An introduction to asymmetric catalysis with the emphasis on organocatalysis has been described. A brief history of chiral auxiliaries is followed by a brief introduction to the principle of vinylogy has been described.

Chapter 2, describes a highly practical asymmetric approach for the efficient preparation of chiral tetrasubstituted 3-aminooxindoles. Functionalized chiral oxindoles bearing a 3,3'-disubstituted carbon stereocenter are common structural core in natural products and pharmaceuticals. Such cores also offer valuable chiral building blocks for the enantioselective synthesis of biologically active compounds. Especially, the oxindoles with amino group at the 3-position are vital in drug discovery and considered important for the bioactivity of these molecules. We have disclosed the use of Ellman's chiral auxiliary *tert*-butanesulfinamide for the efficient preparation of chiral tetrasubstituted 3-aminooxindoles; based on a simple Lewis acid mediated diastereoselective vinylogous Mannich process. The method is found to be very efficient and also provides a facile access to sterically challenging 3-aminooxindole butenolides bearing two quaternary centers in continuation. The relative configuration of the major stereoisomer of Mannich adduct was established to be *anti*. Further, versatility of the method is demonstrated by 1,4-addition of nucleophiles on the sterically congested butenolide substructure. The method

provides easy access to a wide range of highly enantiomerically enriched 3-butenolide substituted 3-aminoxindoles, which is the essential structural motif in natural products and biologically active compounds.

Chapter 3, deals with asymmetric allylation of isatin derived ketimines for the efficient preparation of chiral tetra substituted functionalized 3-allyl-3-aminoxindoles. Here also we have used Ellman's chiral auxiliary *tert*-butanesulfinamide, a profoundly useful chiral auxiliary for asymmetric amination reactions and this method has shown to be an efficient preparation of chiral tetra substituted functionalized 3-allyl-3-aminoxindoles; in light of simple zinc mediated highly diastereoselective allylation reaction with the major role of KF as an additive in shaping the reaction. The present methodology is found to be very efficient and also provides a facile access to produce chiral quaternary homoallylic amines *i. e.* 3-allyl-3-aminoxindoles that possess an adjacent tertiary stereocenter.

In chapter 4, we have also demonstrated that, Aldol-type cyanomethylation of isatins by nucleophilic addition provides direct access to 3-substituted-3-hydroxyoxindoles, an important and common structural core in natural products and pharmaceuticals. In the first section of chapter 4, a practically simple and highly efficient CsF mediated cyanomethylation of various *N*-tritylisatins with TMSAN for the synthesis of 3-hydroxy-3-cyanomethyl oxindoles has been established. This method provides β -hydroxynitriles in moderate to very good yields and represents a valuable and competitive alternative to the previously reported procedures. Moreover, the synthetic utility of the present methodology has been showed by applying current protocol in the efficient assembly of the intermediates of medicinally important 3-hydroxy indole containing natural products. Further, in the second section an efficient, metal-free approach to 3-substituted 3-hydroxyoxindole by DBU-mediated highly diastereoselective addition of aryl acetonitrile to *N*-protected isatin under mild conditions has been developed. The reaction proceeds smoothly to produce respective cyanomethylated adducts in good yield and excellent diastereoselectivity. The mechanistic insight toward the aldol-type cyanomethylation of *N*-tritylisatin with benzyl cyanide was obtained by DFT calculations. The study indicates that the major diastereoselective product formed would be the *anti* product. The versatility of the cyanomethylation reaction is also validated by converting the cyanomethyl adduct to an advance intermediate of a natural product analogue in simple steps.

सार

थीसिस “असममित विनीलोगस मैनिच, एलीलाइशन और डायस्टिरोज़ेक्लेक्टिव साइनोमेथिलेशन प्रतिक्रियाएं: 3,3-डिबस्टिट्यूटेड ऑक्सीडोल्स तक सीधी पहुंच” स्थानिक रूप से परिभाषित कार्यात्मक मचानों के संश्लेषण के लिए स्टीरियोसेलेक्टिव प्रतिक्रियाओं के विकास से संबंधित है। विभिन्न स्टीरियोइज़ोमर मानवीय इंद्रियों जैसे गंध और स्वाद, कीड़ों के व्यवहार और सबसे महत्वपूर्ण रूप से मानव शरीर में उनके औषधीय गतिविधि में विभिन्न प्रतिक्रियाएं दिखा सकते हैं। इस प्रकार, उत्प्रेरक और प्रतिक्रिया की स्थिति की सावधानीपूर्वक पसंद के माध्यम से वांछित एनंटीओमर और डियास्टरैवमेर चुनिंदा रूप से संश्लेषित करना बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। हमने सी-सी बंधन के लिए चिराल सहायक सहायक एनेंटियोसेलेक्टिव और बेस मध्यस्थ डायस्टिरोसेलेक्टिव विधियों को विकसित किया है जो कार्यात्मक रूप से समृद्ध आधा भाग के लिए प्रतिक्रिया प्रतिक्रियाओं का निर्माण किया है।

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अध्याय 2, चिराल तेत्रसुब्स्तिरुतेद ३-अइन्किसन्दोलेस की कुशल तैयारी के लिए एक अत्यधिक व्यावहारिक असममित दृष्टिकोण का वर्णन करता है। 3,3'-विघटित कार्बन स्टीरियोसेन्टर वाले कार्यात्मक चिराल ऑक्सीडोल्स प्राकृतिक उत्पादों और फार्मास्यूटिकल्स में सामान्य संरचनात्मक कोर हैं। ऐसे कोर जैविक रूप से सक्रिय यौगिकों के enantioselective संश्लेषण के लिए मूल्यवान चिराल बिल्डिंग ब्लॉक भी प्रदान करते हैं। विशेष रूप से, 3-स्थिति में एमिनो समूह के साथ ऑक्सीडोल दवा की खोज में महत्वपूर्ण हैं और इन अणुओं की जैव-क्रियाशीलता के लिए महत्वपूर्ण माना जाता है। हमने चिड़िया तेत्रसुब्स्तिरुतेद ३-अइन्किसन्दोलेस की कुशल तैयारी के लिए एल्मैन के चिराल सहायक टर्ट-बुतनेसुल्फिनमिदे के उपयोग का खुलासा किया है; एक साधारण लुईस एसिड मध्यस्थ डायस्टिरोसेलेक्टिव विन्ड्लोगोउस मन्निच प्रक्रिया के आधार पर। यह विधि बहुत ही कुशल साबित हुई है और निरंतर चुनौतीपूर्ण 3-एमिनोक्सिंडोल ब्यूटिनोलाइड्स को निरंतर उपयोग में दो क्वाटरनेरी केंद्रों के साथ एक आसान पहुंच प्रदान करती है। मन्निच अददुक्त के प्रमुख स्टीरियोइज़ोमर की सापेक्ष विन्यास विरोधी होने के लिए स्थापित किया गया था। इसके अलावा, विधि की बहुमुखी प्रतिभा 1,4-स्टेरिकली कंजस्टेड ब्यूटिनोलाइड सबस्ट्रक्चर पर न्यूक्लियोफाइल के अतिरिक्त प्रदर्शित होती है। प्रक्रिया अत्यधिक एनन्टिऑएरेरिकल्ली समृद्ध 3-बुतेनोलिदे प्रतिस्थापित 3-अइन्किसन्दोलेस की एक विस्तृत श्रृंखला तक आसान पहुंच प्रदान करता है, जो प्राकृतिक उत्पादों और जैविक रूप से सक्रिय यौगिकों में आवश्यक संरचनात्मक रूप है।

अध्याय 3, चिराल टेट्रा की कुशल तैयारी के लिए इसाटिन व्युत्पन्न केटिमिन के असममित एलिलिलेशन से संबंधित 3-एलिल-3-एमिनोक्सिंडोल्स को प्रतिस्थापित किया गया है। यहां भी हमने

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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full form
Ar	Aryl
AcOLi	Lithium acetate
AgOAc	Silver acetate
BF ₃ .OEt ₂	Boron trifluoride etherate
Bn	Benzyl
Boc	<i>tert</i> -butyloxycarbonyl
^t Bu	<i>tert</i> -Butyl
BuLi	n-Butyllithium
Bu ₃ SnH	Tributyltin hydride
CDCl ₃	Deuterated chloroform
CH ₂ Cl ₂	Dichloromethane
CHCl ₂ CHCl ₂	Tetrachloroethane
cm ⁻¹	Wavenumbers
°C	Degrees Celsius
Cu(OAc) ₂	Copper acetate
Cs ₂ CO ₃	Cesium carbonate
CH ₃ ONa	Sodium methoxide
CsF	Cesium fluoride
<i>dr</i>	Diastereomeric ratio
DMAP	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylpyridin-4-amine
DMF	Dimethylformamide
DABCO	1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane
DBU	1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
d	Doublet
dd	Doublet of doublets
d ₆ -DMSO	Deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide
δ	Chemical shift

<i>ee</i>	Enantiomeric excess
ESI-TOF	Electrospray ionization - Time-of-flight
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
EtOH	Ethanol
FTIR	Fourier transform infrared
H ₂ O	Water
HMPA	Hexamethylphosphoramide
h	Hour
In	Indium
In(OTf) ₃	Indium trifluoromethanesulfonate
<i>J</i>	Coupling constant
λ	Wavelength
K ₂ CO ₃	Potassium carbonate
KF	Potassium fluoride
KOH	Potassium hydroxide
KO ^t Bu	Potassium <i>tert</i> -butoxide
KOAc	Potassium acetate
La(O ⁱ Pr) ₃	Lanthanum isopropoxide
LDA	Lithium diisopropylamide
LiCl	Lithium chloride
LiHMDS	Lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide
min	Minute
MTBE	Methyl <i>tert</i> -butyl ether
m	Multiplet
MBH	Morita-Baylis-Hillman
MHz	Megahertz
mL	Millilitre
MeOD	Deuterated methanol
μ L	Microlitre
NaOMe	Sodium methoxide
NaOAc	Sodium acetate

PMB	<i>para</i> -Methoxy benzyl
PhONa	Sodium phenoxide
<i>p</i> -TsOH	<i>para</i> -Toluenesulfonic acid
s	Singlet
Sc(OTf) ₃	Scandium trifluoromethanesulfonate
Na ₂ CO ₃	Sodium carbonate
NaO ^t Bu	Sodium <i>tert</i> -butoxide
TASF	<i>Tris</i> (dimethylamino)sulfonium difluorotrimethylsilicate
TBAF	Tetra- <i>N</i> -butylammonium fluoride
TBS	<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl
^t BuOH	<i>tert</i> -Butyl alcohol
TEA	Triethyl amine
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TMS	Tetramethylsilane
TMSOTf	Trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate
TMSAN	Trimethylsilyl acetone
Tr	Trityl or triphenylmethyl
UV	Ultraviolet
Yb(OTf) ₃	Ytterbium trifluoromethanesulfonate
Zn	Zinc