

Photoredox-Enabled Synthesis of β -Substituted Pyrroles from Pyrrolidines

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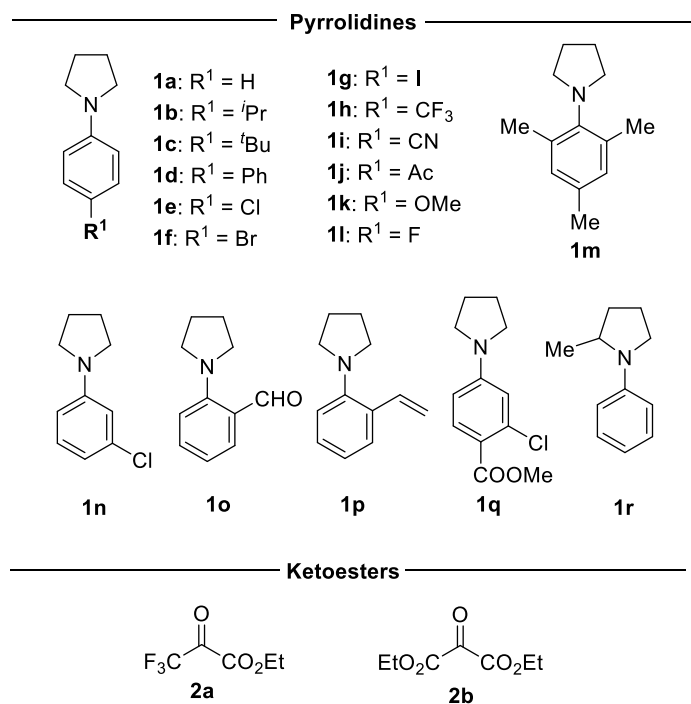
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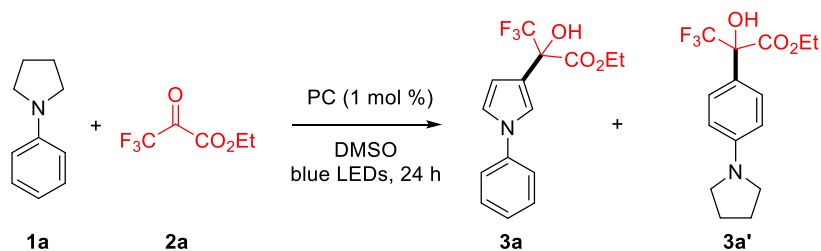
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1. Scheme S1. List of the Starting Materials



2. Table S1. Optimization of Photocatalysts.^a



entry	photocatalysts	yield of 3a (%) ^b	yield of 3a' (%) ^b
1	Eosin Y	29	trace
2	Rhodamine B	19	trace
3	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	33	trace
4	Ru(bpy) ₃ Cl ₂ ·H ₂ O	36	trace
5	Ir(ppy) ₂ (dtbbpy)PF ₆	53	trace
6	Ir[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbbpy)PF ₆	53	trace
7	Ir(ppy) ₃	27	trace
8	-	-	66%

^aReaction conditions: a solution of **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.25 mmol), PC (0.001 mmol) in the DMSO (1.0 mL) was irradiated by blue LED strips for 24 h under an air atmosphere. ^b¹H NMR yield.

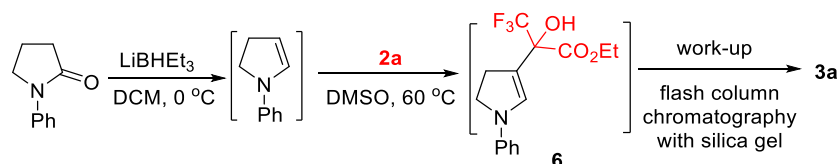
3. Scheme S2. Reaction Set-up for Synthesis of β -Substituted Pyrroles.



Reaction set-up

The LED light Strips (OPPLE 12-LE-38465, 4.5 W, 435 nm) are used as light source. The distance between the light source and the irradiation vessel is about 7 cm.

4. Mechanistic Study of Aromatization



1-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one (806.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added into an oven-dried 100 mL reaction tube which was equipped with a rubber stopper and magnetic stir. The flask was evacuated and backfilled with N_2 for 3 times. Then, DCM (25 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min, and then LiBHEt_3 (1.1 mmol, 1.1equiv.) was added into this system via a syringe. After stirring at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 10 min, **2a** (1.1 mmol, 1.1equiv.) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 10 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, and a new spot **A** appeared. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was subjected to a flash silica gel chromatography ($\text{EtOAc} : \text{hexane} = 1:20$). Finally, the isolated product was **3a**, which is different from the above spot **A** on

TLC. This result suggested that the aromatization of the α,β -unsaturated amine **6** could be achieved by the atmospheric oxygen involved oxidation.

5. NMR Spectra for All Compounds

