Copper(II) Bromide

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Abstracts

(A) Shirinian and co-workers developed a regio- and chemoselective method for the bromination of 2,3-diarylcylocpent-2-en-1-ones with copper(II) bromide. Different brominated products can be obtained depending on the reaction conditions utilized in case of 2,3-bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (1). The formation of 2 and 3 is suggested to proceed via the reaction of in situ generated enolates with cationic Cu–Br species while 4a and 4b are formed by S_2Ar.

(B) Zhou et al. described a mild and efficient method for the oxidation–bromination of isochromans 5 to afford the corresponding 2-(2-bromoethyl)benzaldehydes 6 in one step with an excess of copper(II) bromide.

(C) Recently, a green generic approach to complex α-amino carbonyls 8 via the CuBr_2-catalyzed coupling of carbonyls 7 and diverse secondary amines was described. The transformation is proposed to proceed via an α-bromo carbonyl species. The practical utility of this transformation was highlighted by one-step syntheses of two high-profile pharmaceutical agents, Plavix and amfepramone.

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(D) Wang and co-workers reported a simple protocol for the synthesis of symmetric and unsymmetric (E)-2-ene-1,4-diones 10 by the reaction of acetophenones 9 with molecular iodine. The use of copper(II) bromide dramatically improved the yields of the desired products.11

(E) Chi and co-workers reported a CuBr2-catalyzed enantioselective oxidative cross-coupling reaction of tertiary amines 11 with aldehydes in the presence of a proline derivative as a chiral catalyst. The unstable aminoaldehydes were reduced in situ by sodium borohydride to afford α-amino alcohols 12 with good enantioselectivity.12

(F) An efficient and inexpensive Fe/CuBr2-catalyzed benzyla
tion of arenes and thiophenes under mild conditions was described. The products 13 were obtained with good to excellent yields using the readily available benzyl alcohol as a benzylation agent.13

(G) Yin and co-workers reported a mild method for the preparation of poly-substituted furans 16 via copper(II) bromide catalyzed rearrangement of furans 15. This protocol provides an efficient access to tetrasubstituted furans, which are usually synthesized through multi-step procedures utilizing harsher reaction conditions.14

(H) Deng and co-workers developed a method for copper(II) bromide promoted tetrahydrofuranylation of alcohols 17 with unsubstituted tetrahydrofuran 18. The protocol might be used for the protection of hydroxyl groups.15

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