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Abstract

Study of imidazole derivatives using photocatalyst on various carbonyl and ester radical's generation found to be eco-friendly and novel method. The reaction mainly carried in incidence of Blue LED which is ideal towards green chemistry. The derivatives of imidazole formation led to investigate in formation of new C-C bond. The C-H activation functional group through radical pathway which is the novel strategy for the synthetic organic chemistry.

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ACRONYM

UV	Ultraviolet spectroscopy	
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide	
DCM	Dichloromethane	
CDCl ₃	Chloroform-D	
CH ₃ CN	Acetonitrile	
CH ₃ OH	Methanol	
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate	
HRMS	High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry	
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy	
¹ H NMR	Proton NMR spectroscopy	
¹³ C NMR	Carbon-13 NMR spectroscopy	
IR	Infrared spectroscopy	

NOMENCLATURE

λ	Wavelength
δ	Chemical shift
cm	Centimeter
nm	Nanometer
oC	Degree Celsius
mmol	Millimole
mL	Milliliter
rt	Room temperature
Μ	Molar

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The discoveries for preparation of C-C and C-X bonds in new approaches plays a vital role in past few years¹. In recent studies of nitrogen containing heterocycles in organic synthesis is majorly focused because of their biologically active, natural products and in medicinal uses. The derivatives of imidazole attracted for synthetic chemistry, in particular bioactive compounds such as zolpidem², miroprofen³, zolimidine⁴, alpidem⁵, necopidem⁶, saripidem⁷ etc., [as shown in figure 1] many of these compounds have affective medicinal values in antiviral, antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory etc., as we mainly investigated on 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine derivatives⁸. There are many direct methods for acetylation and esterification using various transition metal catalyst in thermal conditions, to simplify the process, we used photocatalyst. Most of the photocatalyst are environment friendly and easily available. In this thesis investigation we used eosin-y, acridine red and Ru(bPy)₂Cl₂ photocatalyst to construct the C-C bond. The advancement of transition-metal-catalyzed processes for growth of heterocycles continues to be a significant field of research⁹.

Recently many thermal reactions on 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine have recently been reported for synthesis of nitrogen-containing heterocycle (NHC) via direct formation of C-N bond. The construction of C-C/C-N bonds for photocatalyst use was extensively researched in this thesis. Glorius¹⁰, Ackermann¹¹, Matsuga/kanai¹², daugulis¹³, Yoshikai¹⁴ and many other report¹⁵ alkyne annulation using a cobalt catalyst, gave an idea to synthesize acetylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine.

Du, Li. And Loh, Tian and Yuet¹⁶ *et al.* independently reported the all oxycarbonylation of terminal alkenes or N-venyl acetamides by cyclization 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine reaction with carbazates via radical mechanism¹⁷ to synthesize phenanthridine-6-carboxylates using FeCl₃.4H₂O as catalyst. Taking inspiration from all the recent works that have been carried out we investigated to construct the C-C bond

generation using direct C-H/C-N activation for photocatalyst application. The acetylation and esterification of 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine with methyl carbazates, benzylformic acid, and tery-butyl carbazates are tried to synthesize using various reaction conditions in this thesis.



Figure 1. Medicinal uses of derivatives of 2-Phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine.

1.2 Literature review

In recent discoveries various new methods are reported by coupling of active C-H to form new C-C bond. Some of scheme which provoke new idea for synthesize compound via transition metal as catalyst.

Lu¹⁸ *et al.* reported simple and environmentally in which imidazo [1,2-a] pyridine reacts with benzenesulfonyl cyanide which is catalyzed by iron (III) chloride at 100 0 C along with PEG-400 (7:3) in an argon atmosphere. The reaction is performed in various optimization condition as they used TEMPO, benzoquinone the yield continued to decrease in followed reaction. In scheme 1¹⁸ scale, up good amount of yield of 94%.



Scheme 1. Tosylmethylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine Cui and colleagues¹⁹ achieved 2-phenyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl) imidazo [1,2a] pyridine in visible light by using iridium catalyst. In this synthesis phenyl imidazole reacted with phenyl sulfonyl bromide in acetonitrile at room temperature utilizing K₂HPO₄ as a base and iridium catalyst (Scheme 2). With a high functional group acceptance at C3 position lead large scope by using this technique produced moderate-high amount of yields (47–99%). Indoles, pyrroles and other NHC could be used for this process to activate the compounds C-H bonds. The converting of 3methylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridines as synthetic transformation via SmI₂mediated desulfonylation, synthetic usefulness has been proven by this scheme.



Scheme 2. Sulfonylmethylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine

Hajra and colleagues worked on ruthenium photo sensitive catalyst regioselective at 3rd position of imidazo [1,2-a] pyridines through ethyl 2diazoacetate in methanol at room temperature, employing Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂ as photo catalyst and at 34 W blue LED lamp (Scheme 3)^{20.} Imidazo [1,2-a] pyridines including electron with drawing group reacted by ethyl 2diazoacetate to generate the target products at high yields, whereas imidazo pyridines reacted with election with drawing groups reacted with 10 mol% N, N-dimethyl-toluidine as active additive and synthesized target product with 65-97% yield.



Scheme 3. Ethoxycarbonyl-methylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine

Fu and coworkers synthesized difluoro-acetylatized imidazo [1,2-a] pyridine with difluroacetyl bromide as radical source by taking same reaction conditions of Xu and coworkers in which *fac* iridium is catalyzed, K_2CO_3 as oxidant and DMSO as solvent (Scheme 4)²¹. Various functionalities of benzo[d] imidazo [2,1-b] thiazoles and imidazo pyridines yielded anticipated products from medium to excellent yields (60–95%). The synthetic utility has proved by synthesizing the target compound in 83% yield using a gram-scale process.



Scheme 4. Diflouroacetylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine

Sun and his colleagues used N, N-dicyclohexylmethylamine in CH₃CN as solvent and $Ir(ppy)_2(dtbbpy)PF_6$ as catalyst for imidazo pyridine with 2-bromo thiaole (Scheme 5)²²

This reaction worked well in case of other heterocyles such as 5-methyl-2bromothiazoles, 2-bromothiazoles, 2-bromobenzo[d]thiazoles, 5-bromo-2furfuraldehyde, 2-bromothiophene, and 2,4-dibromothiazoles interacted smoothly with C-H active substituted at 1,3 and 4 positions of imidazoheterocycles to give the heteroarylated compounds which yielded 28–83%.



Scheme 5. Heteroarylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine

Liu and Cao²³ independently worked on carbon synthon using acetic acid and DMSO in oxygen atmosphere, iron (iii) chloride catalyzed imidazo[1,2-a] pyridine at 120 °C. Various derivative of imidazo [1,2-a] pyridine is responded this scheme for C-H activation at C3 formylation (Scheme 6) The oxygen and active C-H formyl group CHO were synthesized by DMSO at oxygen atmosphere. These types of reaction resulted 72-83% of yield. According to a comprehensive isotopic labelling investigation utilizing DMSO-d₆ and H₂O.



Scheme 6. DMSO as carbon synthon in C3-formylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine

Lie and Adimurthy group separately reported azolyation of Imidazole heterocyles using photocatalyst AcrMesClO₄ (9-mesityl-10methylacridinium perchlorate) in DCE at room temperature using 3-12blue LED. The derivatives of imidazoheterocycle such as imidazole, pyrazoles, 1,2,4-tiazoles, and 1,2,3-triazoles were successfully synthesized by aroylation of phenyl-imidazo-pyridine which yielded the target product at 43-99%. Meanwhile, the proton was caught by Co(I), resulting in Co (III) Hydrogen species. Hydrogen is released when a proton interacts with Co (III). This reactivates the Co (III) catalyst (scheme 7)²⁴.





Sun group reported photocatalyzed in visible light, sulfonamidation of imidazo-pyridines with N-alkylsulfonamides in presence of $Ir(ppy)_3(dtbbpy)PF_6$ catalyst along with 1,4-dioxane solvent and aqueous $(7)^{25}$. NaClO oxidant (Scheme Other related solution as the imidazoheterocycles yielded the desired compounds in 42-75% yields using this approach.



Scheme 8. sulfonamidation of imidazo[1,2-a] pyridines

Sun and colleagues used Na₂CO₃ as a base, and oxidant selectfluor in 1,2dichloroethane to investigate a copper acetate as catalyst for sulfonylamidation of imidazo [1,2-a] pyridines at C3 position in this scheme sacharrin used as ammine source (Scheme 8)²⁶. Various EDGs and EWGs are smoothly participated in functionalization of Imidazo [1,2-a] pyridines this type of reaction are corresponding product 28-90% yield.



Scheme 9. Sulfonylamidation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine Singh and coworkers worked on Mn (III)-mediated regioselective phosphonation with NMP towards 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridines at 80 °C. (Scheme 9)²⁷. This reaction takes 16 h under oxygen atmosphere which is suitable for various substituted of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine with dialkyl phosphite to synthesize 3-phosphonated imidazo [1,2-a] pyridines. This optimized condition is best suitable for to approach N-heterocycles which has wide applications of azaindoles, indoles, and pyrroles, corresponding the desired product 45-82% yields.



Scheme 10. Phosphonation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine

Shi and group recently reported decarboxylative coupling of 2phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridines with N-arylglycines using visible light mediated photocatalyst ScPbBr₃ in DCE for 8 h at room temperature (Scheme 10)²⁸. Various 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridines and benzo [d] imidazo [2,1-b] thiazole is functionalized with several EDGs and EWGs with N-arylglycines with a wide interacted satisfactorily and yielded corresponded products in 45–94% yields.



Scheme 11. Decarboxylative aminiometylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine Wang et al. generated trifluoromethyl radical when reacted with 2phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine with investigation of nickel catalyzed, (DABCO) (1,4-diazabicyclo [2.2.2] octane) as a base in solvent (1,4dioxane) at 60 °C for 12 h to synthesize C3-trifluoromethylation of 2- $10)^{29}$. phenylimidazo [1,2-a] (Scheme Several pyridines 2phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridines derivates are synthesized through this reaction by distinct functional groups interacted smoothly and corresponded the desired products in 55-82% of yield. Electron rich heterocycles such as pyrrole, thiophene and indole were successfully synthesized using the described approach, with moderate to good yields.



Scheme 12. Trifluoromethylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine

Cao *et al.* used copper acetate catalyst for synthesis of C3 carbonyation of 2-phenylimidazopyridine. 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine reacted with 2methyl pyridine in presence of Cu(Oac)₂, O₂ as oxidant and additive trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) in toluene for 12 h at 130 °C to explore cross dehydrogenative coupling of 2-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridines with methylheteroarenes (Scheme 11)³⁰. After studies these optimized condition alkylated imidazo [1,2-a] pyridine is reacted with various types of methyl heteroarene such as 2-methylpyrazene, 2-methylpyridine, 2chloro-3-methylpyrazine 2,5-dimthylthiazole etc.to give carbonylated corresponding product of 40-80% of yield.



Scheme 13. Carbonylation of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine

Yuan and coworkers worked on cross dehydrogenative coupling of quinolones with aldehydes in presence of TBHP using dicholoethylene as solvent at 70 O C. Yuan group succeeded in generation of new C-C bond formation in heterocycles (scheme 14)³¹. This type of CDC reaction in absence of metal free catalyzed reaction is novel method to for carbonylation.



Scheme 14. Metal free catalyzed oxidative coupling of quinoline-2 (1H)-ones with aldehydes.

His group reported CDC reaction of quinolones with benzylformic acids $(\text{scheme } 15)^{32}$ in the presence of silver nitrate catalyst along with potassium per sulfate oxidant and 1:1 equivalent of acetonitrile and water

at 100 ^oC reflux temperature through radical mechanism. The group is productive in formation of C-C bond formation in important heterocycles.



Scheme 15. Silver nitrate catalyzed oxidative coupling of quinoalin-2 (1H)-ones with carboxylic acids.

Recently Yong yuan and his coworkers have carried out direct esterification of 2- phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine with carbazates using oxidant and solvent under reflex temperature for 6 h (scheme 16)³³.



Scheme 16. FeCl₃ catalyzed esterification of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine with carbazates.

1.3. Objectives

We would like to develop the transition metal/photo-redox catalyzed carbonylation reaction of imidazopyridine via carbon-carbon bond formation. Taking the inspiration from above recent literatures, and the main objective of this thesis work, is we tried to optimize the reaction condition with photocatalyst to generate C-H radicals to construct C-C bond. Cross dehydrogenative oxidative coupling is best suitable method for synthesis of organic compounds, heteroarylation, acetylation, aminomethylation, arylation, carboxylation, esterification etc., are the best active in generation of C-H radicals which can easily inserted at C3 position of 2-pheynlimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine. To handle all these reactions

photocatalyzed transition metals is best novel strategy for the formation of C-C bond, thus we explored Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂ photocatalyst irradiated with blue LED light.

Acylation of 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine (scheme 17)³⁴ at active C-H radical generation to form new carbonyl C-C bond using various oxidant and solvent at reflux or blue LED standard conditions for about 6-7 h found smooth reaction at C3 position of imidazole.



Scheme 17. Synthesis of acylated product of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine with various metal catalyst and photocatalyst

As mentioned above 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine reacted with phenyl glyoxylic acid using photocatalyst and metal catalyst along with oxidant and solvent under reflux or blue LEDs by radical generation acylation at active C-H bond at imidazole to form new C-C bond in heterocycles (scheme 19)³⁶.



Scheme 18. Synthesis of acylated product of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine with various metal catalyst and photocatalyst.

Focusing on completely photocatalyst such as eosin-y and $Ru(bpy)_2Cl_2$ and oxidant like ammonium per sulphate, TBHP, DMSO etc., under blue LEDs using these optimized condition reactions with 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine with carbazates direct esterification of NHCs should takes place (Scheme 20)³⁷.



Scheme 19. Synthesis of esterified product from 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine with carbazetes with various metal and photo catalyst.

Rasheed and group synthesized 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine using 2aminopyridine and acetophenone in the presence of copper iodide and BF₃Oet₂ at 60-65 °C for 24 hours in an oxygen environment (scheme 18)³⁵. We employed this reported strategy to prepare our starting material and ended up with the desired result.



Scheme 20. CuI catalyzed synthesis of 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine in oxygen atmosphere.



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

2.1 Results and discussion



Scheme 21. Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂ photocatalyst mediated reaction of 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine with phenyl glyoxylic acid.

S.No.	Catalyst	Oxidant	Solvent	Time	Temperature	Yield
1	Acridine red	-	DCE	8	rt	-
2	PIDA	-	DCE	8	rt	-
3	-	TBHP	DCE	9	70°C	-
4	$Ru(bpy)_2Cl_2$	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	DMSO	8	rt	-

Initially using photocatalyst for generation of radical in phenylglyoxal through Norrish type 1 is made easy to optimize the reaction condition. Using various catalyst to initiate the photo oxidation of starting material help us to study various reactions. Acridine red and absence of oxidant and using of dichloroethylene found effective. Same way to get desired product we change different reaction condition like in some reaction we use oxidant, absence of catalyst but unable to convert the product. 1,2 and 4 reactions carried under photocatalyst, and 3 reaction is done under reflux temperature at 70 ^oC but unsuccessful to convert the product. And finally tried to use ruthenium metal photocatalyst, ammonium per sulphate as oxidant and DMSO as solvent under blue LED at room temperature the reaction found effective but unable to convert the target product. Acridine red and absence of oxidant and DCE as solvent this photo reaction helped us to study further on behalf of photocatalyst. All reaction which we performed formed some new spots in TLC but unable to synthesize the target compound.



Scheme 22. Eosin-Y photocatalyst mediated reaction of 2-phenylmidazo [1,2-a] pyridine with carbazates.

S. No.	Catalyst	Oxidant	Solvent	Time	Yield
1	Eosin-y	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	DMSO	6	-
2	Eosin-y	TBHP	DMSO	6	-
3	Ru(bpy) ₂ Cl ₂	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	DMSO	6	-
4	Eosin-y	$(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$	DCE	6	-

Table 2.2 Reaction conditions.

As we are unsuccess in generation of carbonyl keto group then we tried to generate direct esterification of active C-H bond in imidazole ring. All reactions are carried out by photocatalyst. In initial stages of reaction, we found eosin-y is best photo oxidative catalyst in these carbazate reactions. By using eosin-y as investigative catalyst and tried to optimizing reaction at different conditions to couple active C-H bonds in imidazole by using ammonium per sulphate as oxidant and DMSO solvent for 6 h at room temperature the reaction found to be effective, then again, we changed the solvent DMSO with 1,2-dichloroethane which is also found effective. Then we carried out the reaction in ruthenium catalyzed with ammonium per sulphate and DMSO. As mentioned in the above tabular form all the condition are favorable for complete the reaction within 6 h. We tried to explore the ruthenium catalyst also best in generation of C-H radicles formation which is irradiant with blue LEDs.

Chapter 3

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

3.1 Experimental section

All chemicals and metal salts were purchased from TCI, AVRA, Sigma-Aldrich, and Spectrochem which were used without any further purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) were recorded in deuterated solvent (CDCl₃) using Bruker Advance 400. Chemical shifts were referenced to the internal solvent resonances and were reported relative to tetramethyl silane.

3.1.1 Procedure for the 2-phenyl imidazo [1,2-a] pyridine] synthesis

In a round bottom flask with the capacity of 50 ml, 2 g (21.25 mmol) 2aminopyridine, 5.106 g (42.5 mmol) acetophenone, CuI 5 mol% (1.06 mmol; 0.2236 g), BF₃.OEt₂ (2.25 mmol; 0.3 g), and H₂O (8 mL) were inserted. The mixture is kept for stirring in an oil bath for 24 h at 60-65 $^{\circ}$ C in the oxygen environment. After completion of reaction by conforming with new spots in TLC the mixture is permitted to cool to ambient atmosphere. The desired product is extracted by washing with DCM and then dried along with sodium sulphate. The mixture is carefully concentrated and purified using silica gel (ethyl acetate/hexane 35%) using column chromatography to get the desired product of 45.8%.



(Eluent: 35% EtOAc/hexane); yellow white solid; 45.8% yield (0.899 mg); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (dt, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.54 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 133.44, 128.78, 128.11, 126.11, 125.63, 124.95, 117.49, 112.65, 108.14.

3.1.2 Procedure for the synthesis of phenyl (2phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine-3yl) methanone

A test tube was filled with 25 mg (0.125 mmol) 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine, 38 mg (0.26 mmol) phenyl glyoxylic acid, 1 mol% acridine red, and 1.28 mL DCE. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 6-8 h while being exposed to blue LEDs. After the completion of reaction, for every 3 hours, monitor it with TLC. The solution is extracted with ethyl acetate before being concentrated using a rotor evaporator. The combination is purified using column chromatography, and a sample is submitted for analysis ¹H and ¹³C NMR, however we were unable to synthesize the desired product.

3.1.3 Procedure for synthesis of methyl 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine-3-carboxylate

In a test tube at room temperature, 25 mg (0.125 mmol) 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine, 26 mg (0.257 mmol) methyl carbazate, 88 mg (0.38 mmol) ammonium per sulphate, 5 mol% eosin-y, and 2 mL DMSO were inserted. The mixture is continuously stirred at ambient atmosphere for 5-6 hours while being carefully monitored with TLC every 3 hours. Ethyl acetate is used to extract the solution, which is subsequently concentrated using a rotor evaporator. The combination is purified using silica gel and column chromatography (45% ethyl acetate/hexane), and the sample is sent for 1H and 13C NMR analysis, however, were unable to synthesize the desired product.



CONCLUSION

CONCLUSION: In this thesis work, we have investigated various photocatalyst in oxidative coupling of imidazole derivative. This process involves the generation of active C-H radical which is free available at five membered rings of imidazole by using different reactant like phenyl glyoxylic acid, methyl carbazate and tert-butyl carbazate in presence of photocatalyst like acridine red, eosin-y and ruthenium. In this process phenyl glyoxylic acid and carbazate served as the generation of benzaldehyde and ester group radical, respectively. C3 position of 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine is easy site for C-H activation and friendly to attack electron withdrawing and election donating group. As most of the reaction we carried in visible light which is eco-friendly and the 2-phenylimidazo [1,2-a] pyridine derivatives have many medicinal benefits and future scope in synthetic organic chemistry.

APPENDIX





Figure 3. ¹³C-NMR of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine



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