

Greener Chemistry via the Application of Novel Oxidation Technology Carl Deering May 17, 2019











- The goal of this project was to selectively oxidize a hindered secondary alcohol
 - Reaction needed to go to completion
 - Without forming any impurities (making API)
 - Without adding significant cost.
- This API is also the starting material for other API's
 - If the cost goal was met it would reduce their costs also

Pfizer Search for Alternative Oxidations





- Numerous methods to oxidize 2° alcohols to ketones
- Most do not fit the needs of the project
 - Heavy Metals (Cr, Mn, Rh, Ru, Pt, Pd, etc.) which can be toxic (disposal issues) or expensive (require recycle)
 - Dangerous oxidants peroxides, hypervalent iodide, etc. can be explosive
 - \circ Hazardous reaction conditions (O₂ / air atmosphere) fires / explosions
 - Harsh conditions which lead to impurities and low yields
- It is very challenging to develop a "Clean", "Safe", and "Inexpensive" commercial oxidation process
- Three methods were explored in the laboratory
 - Chromium (IV) oxidation toxic metal and requires significant waste disposal
 - STP oxidation (variation of the Swern) odor issues and chemistry was dirty (thioacetal)
 - TEMPO / Bleach oxidation incomplete reactions despite high catalyst loading
 - Most promising



TEMPO Catalyst Derivatives





- Screened 8 TEMPO derivatives but none were adequate (grossly incomplete rxns LT 20% product)
 - Remote functionality at the 4 position has no effect
- Why doesn't the TEMPO/Bleach oxidation work on our substrate?
 - Catalyst instability is not the likely cause since these catalysts perform well with other less hindered substrates
 - Even rxns with high catalyst loadings failed (0.5eq)
- Hypothesis: TEMPO-catalysts are too sterically hindered to react with the bulky alcohol
- Hypothesis Testing: Use a less sterically crowded nitroxyl radical catalyst (if one exists)
 - Tetramethylpiperidine functionality is essential for the stability of the nitroxyl radical, and thus the active catalyst, since there are no α -H for abstraction, but it imparts significant steric bulk

Tetramethylpiperidine (Tempo) type catalysts will not work

Pfizer Nitroxyl Radical Catalysts (AZADO)





- A structure-based literature search identified several obscure nitroxyl radical catalysts
- AZADO (2-azaadamantane-*N*-oxyl) originally synthesized in 1975 for ESR spectroscopy exps
- AZADO was 1st reported in the literature in 2006 as an oxidation catalyst
- Only ADADO and 1-Me-AZADO, were commercially available (mg quantities from Aldrich)



Highly Active Catalyst AZADOL®





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- Found these two compound were currently available
 - Only from Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Japan) initially limited quantities
- No cmp patents, but two process patents for the preparation of AZADOL[®] (2-Azaadamantan-2-ol)
- AZADOL[®] is a more stable catalyst for storage and has the same catalytic activity as AZADO
 - AZADOL[®] is a white crystalline solid that is stable at room temperature
 - AZADO is a bright red crystal that requires freezer storage
- AZADOL[®] costs \$35,000-45,000/Kg







- AZADOL[®] worked astonishingly well in the first laboratory use-test! It was far superior to all TEMPO derivatives!
 - Reactions went to completion (99% conversion of starting material)
 - Reactions were relatively clean with the exception of brominated impurities (1-9 area%)
- Successful lab demonstration of the proof of concept (POC) of this new technology



AZADOL®Oxidation Process





- Process optimized through Design of Experiments (DOE)
 - Minimized total imps. (reduced from 1-9% to LT 0.3 area%)
 - Maximized reaction concentration- increase throughput for lower COGs
 - Optimized reaction temperature
 - \circ Amounts of reagents (KBr, NaHCO₃ and NaOCI)
 - Minimized AZADOL[®] loading
- Nissan had not produced significant quantities AZADOL®



AZADOL®Oxidation Process





- Demonstration in Pilot Plant in July 2013
 - Ran 6 successful batches (high conversion, yields and purity)
 - 45 90 Kg
- 1st large-scale application of this new technology!
- The success of the campaign established the foundation for this oxidation technology platform







- Steric hindrance about ammonium cation precludes rxn with bulky 2° alcohols
- The cage-like structure of AZADOL[®] is more stable and less likely to eliminate (cannot become anti-periplanar because of rigid ring structure) than TEMPO derivatives resulting in high turnover numbers

1F/2F Process







• Can AZADOL/TEMPO chemistry replace the CrO₃ used in the current 1F step?







- AZADOL is the only competent catalyst ٠
- All TEMPO derivatives perform very poorly (LT 20% conversion) despite 30X ٠ loading
- Catalyst loading: AZADOL[®] 0.03 mole% vs. TEMPO (derivatives) 1.0 mole% ٠

1F/2F Process





- We developed a new 1F process (1FA) to oxidize HP to 1F in the lab (DOE)
- We successfully demonstrated this process (2FA) in a three lot PT
 - 2F Process is a telescoped process
- No impurities were present above historical (mean + 3SD)
- No new impurities were detected by LC at or above 0.10%
- Potencies were equivalent to historical 2F
- 2FA Yields were comparable or higher than historical (81-82%wt)
- Process cycle times were comparable or faster than typical (18hrs)
- 10's of grams of AZADOL[®] (\$2100) was used to catalyze the oxidation of 100's of Kg of HP!

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New 2FA Process



Environment	>	Eliminates use 52MT/yr of CrO ₃ solution or 21MT/yr of CrO ₃ solids
	\succ	Eliminates 1,000,000 L /yr of waste disposal (5700L/lot)
		This would fill 8 DOT tanker cars/yr or 1 Olympic-sized
		swimming pool every 2.5yrs
	\succ	80% reduction in chromium usage and waste disposal
Health	\geq	Eliminates potential operator exposure to CrO ₃ which is a known
		human carcinogen
Safety	\succ	Eliminates the potential for fires/explosions (CrO ₃ is a strong
		oxidizer and possible ignition source of organic compounds!)
	\succ	Eliminates CrO ₃ drum handling (~180 drums/yr)
Cost of Goods	\geq	Small ~2% yield increase
	\succ	Slightly lower COGs
Implementation	\geq	Commercial batches since 2015
	\geq	Other potential CrO ₃ oxidations (1DEB, 2PE) that may be potential
		candidates for AZADOL [®] oxidations

Remove the use of 52 MT of Chromium trioxide each year



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