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Catalytic Asymmetric Ring-Opening Reactions of Unstrained Heterocycles Using Cobalt Vinylidenes

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Research:

- \checkmark Design and study of catalysts
- ✓ Development of catalytic carbene transfer reactions
- ✓ Synthesis of conjugated materials containing N=N linkages







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Cramer, N. et al. Chem. Rev. 2015, 115, 9410.



Gao, S; Yao, H.-Q. et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2023, 62, e202311540.

Zr Species Induced Ring-opening



Buchwald, S. L. et al. Organometallics 1991, 10, 363.

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Pietrusiewicz, M. *et al. Organometallics* **1994**, *13*, 5166. Skowronska, A. *et al. Organometallics* **1996**, *15*, 1208.

Zr-catalyzed Ring-opening



Hoveyda, A. H. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1993, 115, 6997.

Rh-catalyzed Addition of Aryl Boronic Acid



Hayashi, T.; Dou, X.-W. et al. ACS Catal. 2020, 10, 2958.

Prospect



Optimization of Reaction Parameters



Entry ^a	Changes from Standard Conditions ^b	Yield [%]	E:Z	Ee [%]
1	None	80	20:1	96
2	No Co(dme)Br ₂	0	-	-
3	No ligand 4	0	-	-
4	2 equiv. of 2	62	20:1	94
5	Without Znl ₂	41	20:1	92
6	ZnCl ₂ instead of Znl ₂	60	20:1	94
7	Cp_2Co instead of Zn, without ZnI_2	0	-	-
8	Cp_2Co instead of Zn, with ZnI_2	50	20:1	91

[a] Yields and *E:Z* ratios of **3** were determined by ¹H NMR, using 1,3,5-trimethoxylbenzene as an internal standard. [b] Reaction conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol), **2** (3 equiv.), Zn (3 equiv.), Znl₂ (3 equiv.), Co(dme)Br₂ (0.15 equiv.), (*S*,*S*)-^{*P*} Pybox (0.18 equiv.), DMA (0.75 mL), 40 °C, 24 h.

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Organozinc Functionalization



Regiodivergent Ring-Opening



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DFT Calculation

外球β-O消除具有更低的过渡态能量

Proposed Mechanism

Summary

- A viable mechanism to carry out ring-opening reactions of unstrained five-membered heterocycles;
- A cooperative bimetallic outer-sphere β -O elimination;
- 18 Examples, easy to functionalization, up to 99% ee.

Writing Strategy

Introduction

Current research of unstrained ringopening reactions

- Strained three-membered heterocycles, such as epoxides and aziridines, are common synthetic intermediates that participate in a broad range of ring-opening reactions. Extending such processes to larger unstrained rings would provide access to useful alternative bond constructions. However, few examples are known due to the comparative lack of thermodynamic driving force. Additionally, three-membered rings feature bent σ bonding orbitals that allow them to engage more readily with transition metal catalysts.
- In the absence of these distorted bonds, C-X activation becomes more challenging. There are isolated cases where substrates such as 2,5-dihydrofuran can undergo catalytic ring-opening. However, most of these reactions rely on oxophilic Zr species to induce β-O elimination, with the one notable exception of a Rh-catalyzed addition of aryl boronic acids. For other catalytic additions to 2,5dihydrofuran, competing β-H elimination is the favored pathway.

Writing Strategy

The Last Paragraph

- In summary, β-X elimination processes provide a viable mechanism to carry out ring-opening reactions of unstrained five-membered heterocycles.
- However, β-H elimination is a competing pathway that must be avoided. Here, we show that this selectivity challenge can be addressed using reaction pathways available to cobalt vinylidene species. Addition of a cobalt vinylidene to 2,5-dihydrofuran generates a metallacyclobutane. The structural rigidity of this intermediate suppresses inner-sphere syn β-elimination mechanisms. Instead, a cooperative bimetallic outer-sphere β-O elimination takes place in which a zinc Lewis acid assists in ionization of the leaving group.
- Ongoing efforts are directed at exploiting the unique properties of metal vinylidene [2+2]-cycloadducts in other coupling reactions.

Representative Examples

- The excess 2,5-dihydrofuan remains intact at the end of the reaction. Thus, recovery of the excess reaction partner is possible in cases where it is precious.....adding additional Zn(II) salts improves the yield, presumably by aiding in the transmetallation step. (Intact 完整的, 表达 回收剩余底物; aid in 援助)
- Quinoline, indole, and benzofuran heterocycles can be present in the substrate without deleterious effect. (deleterious 有害的, 表达对底物有 负面影响)
- Rather, the constrained geometry of the metallabicyclic intermediate suppresses all inner-sphere pathways, allowing outer-sphere βelimination pathways to predominate. (predominate 占主导地位,表达主 要反应路径)

Thanks for your attention