

EPR and NMR Investigation of Hofmann–Löffler–Freytag Reaction: Detection of N-centered Radical

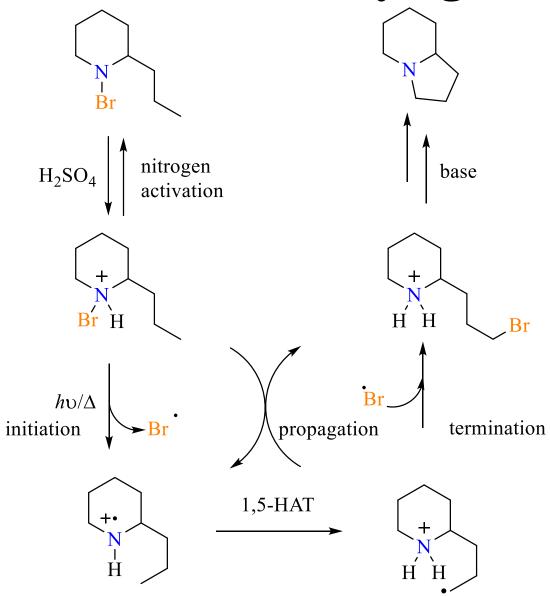
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Original Hofmann-Löfller-Freytag (HLF) reaction

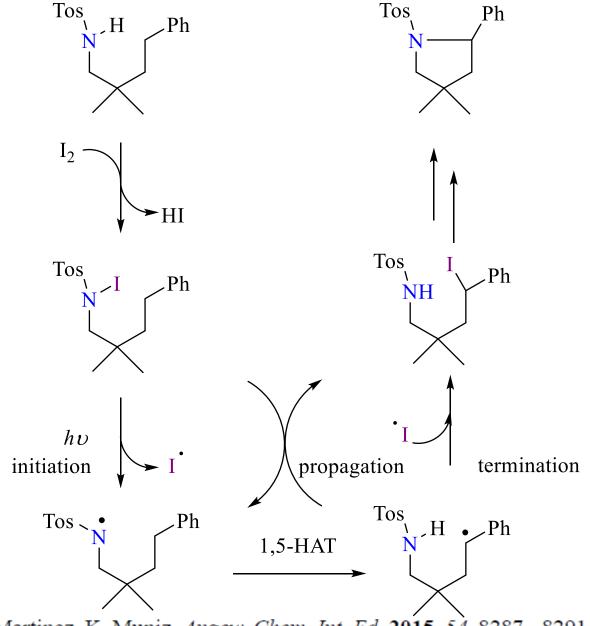


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"Corey modification" of the HLF procedure

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"Suarez modification" of the HLF reaction



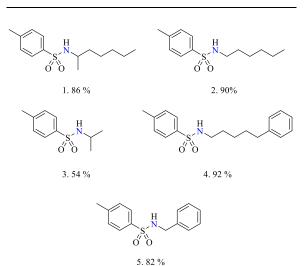
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Regioselectivity explained??? C5 vs C6 products???

Synthesis and degassing procedure for the EPR experiments



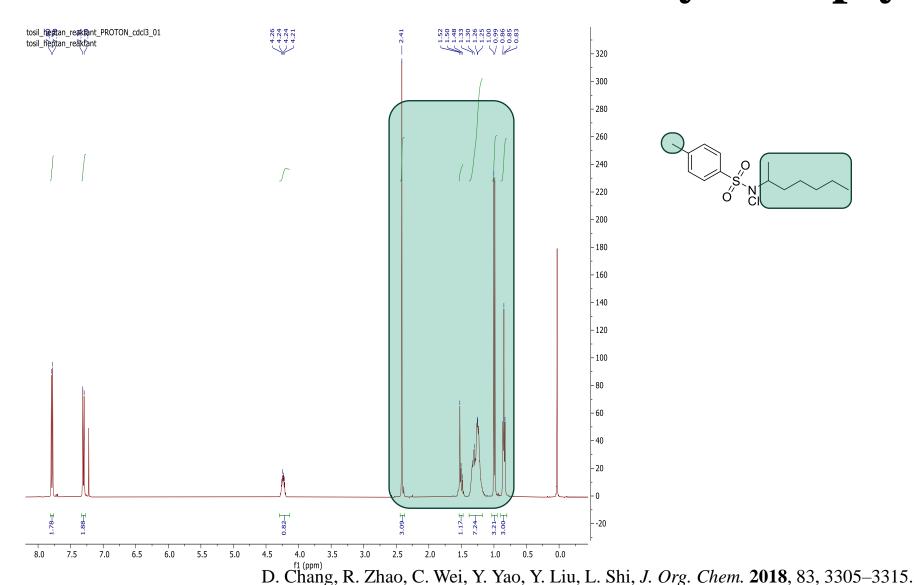


NMR experiments

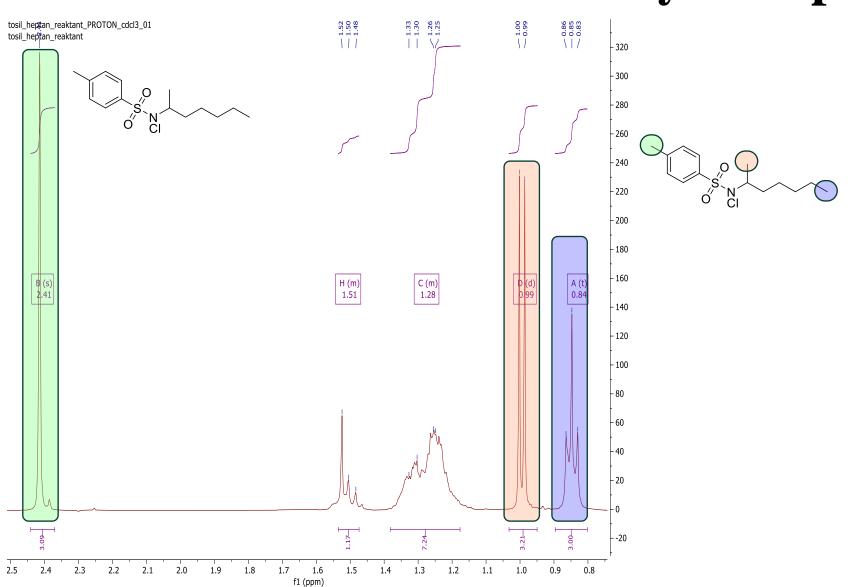
Reactant

Expected products according to the literature

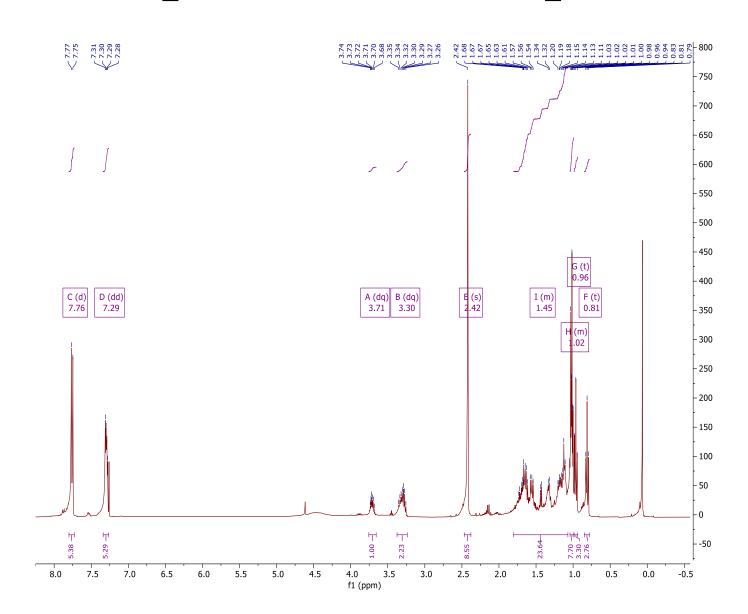
¹H NMR spectrum of the *N*-chlorinated tosyl 2-heptyl amine



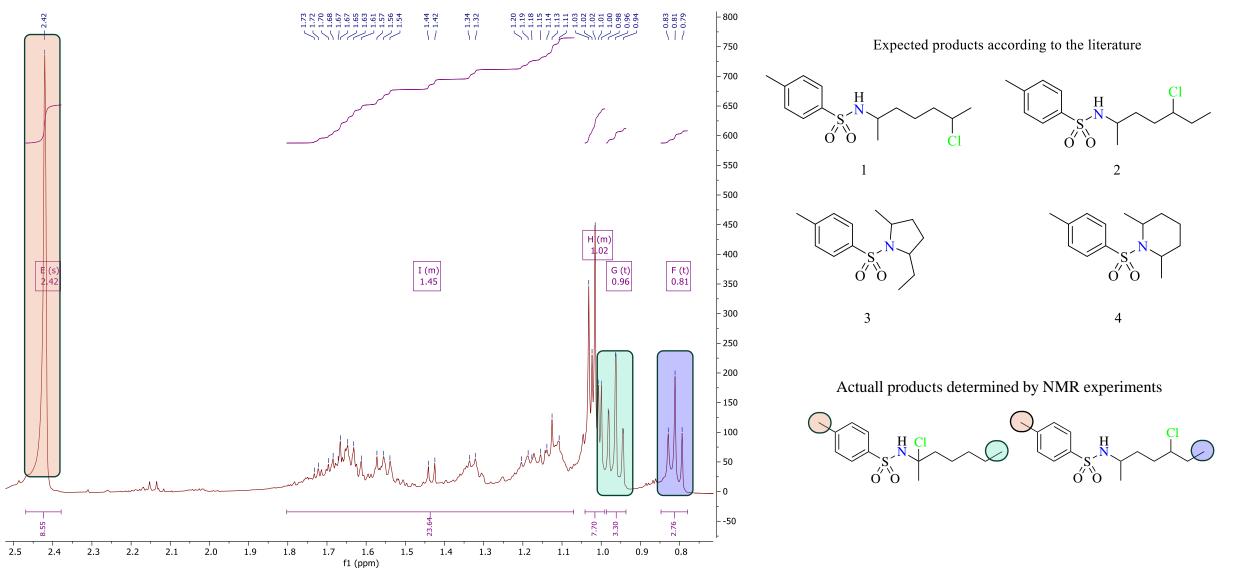
¹H NMR spectrum of the *N*-chlorinated tosyl 2-heptyl amine



¹H NMR spectrum of the product mixture

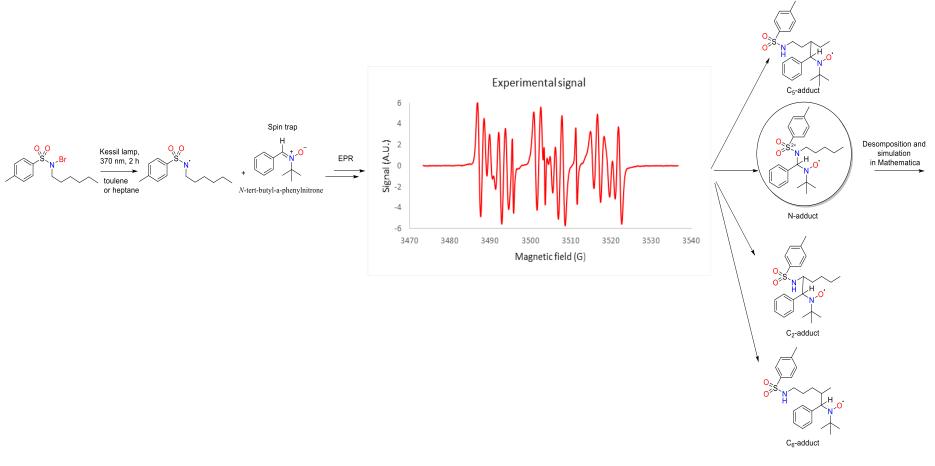


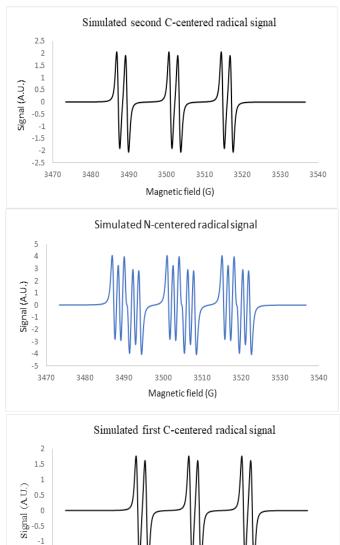
Product mixture



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EPR experiments

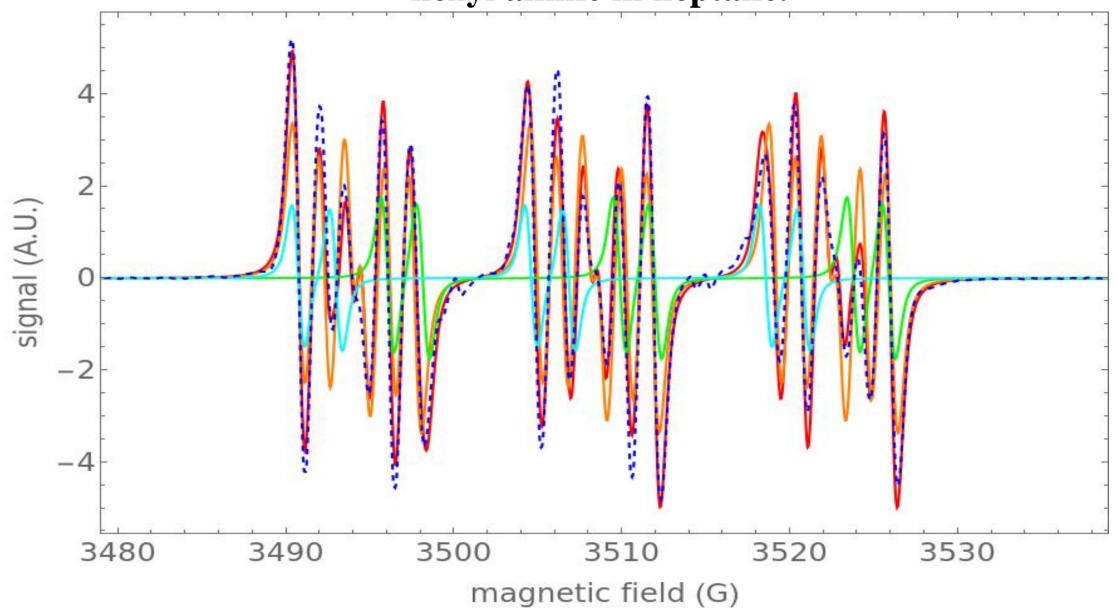




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Magnetic field (G)

Decomposition of the experimental spectrum of N-brominated tosyl hexyl amine in heptane.



Summary

- •1,5- and 1,6-HAT processes are cruical elementary steps of the HLF reaction mechanism.
- •Regioselectivity of the reaction is affected by a reverse 1,5-HAT process.
- •Final confirmation of the N-centered radical will imply EPR experiments with ¹⁵N labeled compounds.
- •HLF reaction involves radical intermediates.
- •We have indirectly observed Cl- N- and C-centered radical adducts at the same time point in the experiment.

Thank you for you attention!









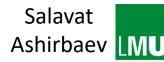




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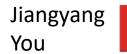






















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