C-H amination reactions via radical pathway; repurposing Hofmann-Löfller-Freytag reaction.

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Hofmann-Löfller-Freytag reaction

- Tool inside the C-H functionalization toolbox
- Product of the reaction is pyrrolidine and more sparsely piperidine
- It is defined as a late stage functionalization synthetic strategy
- Has the potential to become an organo-catalysed reaction in mild conditions in keeping with green chemistry principles

Original Hofmann-Löfller-Freytag (HLF) reaction



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Radical Stability as a Guideline in C–H Amination Reactions

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$$\overset{\bullet}{\operatorname{CH}}_{1} + \underset{C_{x}-H}{\operatorname{H-CR}}_{3} \to \underset{1H}{\operatorname{CH}}_{4} + \overset{\bullet}{\operatorname{CR}}_{3} \quad \operatorname{RSE}(\mathbf{C}_{x}) = \Delta H_{rx,298}$$
(1)

$$\overset{\bullet}{\underset{15}{\text{NH}_2}} + \underset{N_x - H}{\text{H-NR}_2} \rightarrow \underset{15H}{\text{NH}_3} + \overset{\bullet}{\underset{N_x}{\text{NR}_2}} \quad \text{RSE}(\mathbf{N}_x) = \Delta H_{rx,298}$$
(2)

$$BDE(C_{xx}-H) = BDE(1H/1) + RSE(C_x)$$
(3)

$$BDE(\mathbf{N}_{x}-\mathbf{H}) = BDE(\mathbf{15H}/\mathbf{15}) + RSE(\mathbf{N}_{x})$$
(4)

$$\Delta H_{298}^{\ddagger} = E_0 + \alpha \Delta H_{\rm rxn, 298} \tag{5}$$





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Radical stabilization energies (RSE) and bond dissociation energies (BDE) for aminyl radicals

RSE and BDE values for selected *C***-centred radicals**



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The effect of reaction medium on the thermochemical profile of the HAT step for the classical HLF reaction scheme



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Thermochemical profile of 1,5-HAT step for the "Corey modification"



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Thermochemical profile of 1,5-HAT step within the "Suarez modification" and intermolecular HAT involving solvent molecules



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Role of substituents in the Hofmann–Löffler– Freytag reaction. A quantum-chemical case Cite this: Org. Biomol. Chem., 2021, study on nicotine synthesis†‡

Sofia Shkunnikova,^a Hendrik Zipse ^b and Davor Šakić ^{*} CH₃NH CR₃ CH₃NH₂ H-CR3 RH R 16 16H -70 -60 -20 -10 -50 -40 -30 RSE (R3C-H) $\Delta H^{\ddagger}_{298} = 50.8 + 0.47 \Delta H_{rxn,298} \quad R^2 = 0.8770$ kJ/mol 70 CH3 ΔH^{\ddagger} CH₃ kJ/mol ĊH₂ 60 50 40 13 • 425.1 ± CH₃NH 12-Bz (30 ∆H_{rxn,298} 14+ 20 kJ/mol -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 BDE₂₉₈ kJ/mol 370 420 430 380 390 400 410 440



Summary

- Calculations have been done with a goal to elucidate the parameters guiding the HLF reaction.
- However, much work is left to be done!
- A switch that accounts for 1,5 or 1,6-HAT regioselectivity is to be determined.
- The role of the oxidant in the shift from inter- to intramolecular HAT steps has to be quantified.
- A switch between ionic and radical pathways is to be established.

Thank you for you attention!









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