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Aqueous-Mediated N-Alkylation of Amines

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Aqueous-mediated N-methylation in the presence of sodium hydrogencarbonate and dimethyl sulfate as the alkylating reagent was reported by Hünig in 1952.^[1] The same strategy was applied for Nmethylation leading to the formation of various quaternary ammonium salts.^[2]

These references were inadvertently omitted from our recently published manuscript,^[3] where we reported the N-alkylation of primary amines to secondaryltertiary amines and of secondry amines to tertiary amines by employing alkyl, benzylic and allylic halides in the presence of sodium hydrogenearbonate in aqueous medium at elevated temperatures.

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