

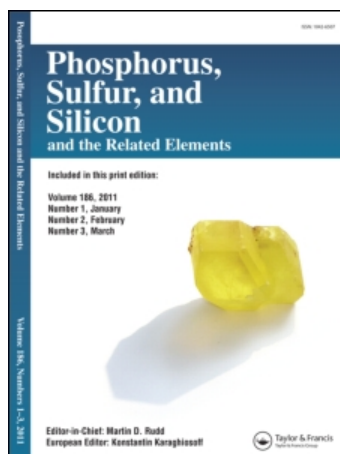
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Deprotection of phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones to their parent aldehydes and ketones in high yields has been carried out using benzyltriphenylphosphonium peroxodisulfate as a selective oxidant under mild conditions.

Keywords: Benzyltriphenylphosphonium peroxodisulfate; deprotection; paranitrophenylhydrazones; phenylhydrazones; semicarbazones

Derivatives of carbonyl compounds such as phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones not only are used for the characterization and purification of carbonyl compounds, but they also play an important role in the protection of carbonyl compounds, as they are highly crystalline and stable compounds. Thus, the regeneration of carbonyl compounds from their derivatives under mild condition is an important process in organic synthetic chemistry.

The classical method for the cleavage of phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones to aldehydes and ketones includes acid hydrolysis which is not suitable for acid sensitive compounds.¹

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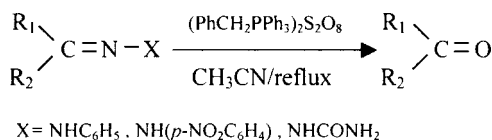
Several oxidative deprotection methods have been developed which have some advantages over the classical hydrolysis methods.^{2–13} Little attention has been paid to the oxidative cleavage of phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones and only a few reports are available that deal with the conversion of these derivatives to their corresponding carbonyl compounds.^{14,15}

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Benzyltriphenylphosphonium peroxodisulfate is an inexpensive and stable oxidizing agent. This reagent has been used for the oxidation of organic compounds under nonaqueous and aprotic conditions.¹⁶ Recently, we introduced a new method for the oxidative deprotection of trimethylsilyl and tetrahydropyranyl ethers, ethylene acetals, and ketals to their corresponding carbonyl compounds in excellent yields.¹⁷

In continuation of our research in this area, we now report that benzyltriphenylphosphonium peroxodisulfate is an efficient reagent for the conversion of phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones to their corresponding carbonyl compounds. For this purpose, first, we have studied the oxidative deprotection of benzaldehyde phenylhydrazone to benzaldehyde with this reagent in common organic solvents such as dichloromethane, chloroform, tetrahydrofuran, cyclohexan, and acetonitrile. The experimental results show that acetonitrile is a suitable solvent for these oxidations (Table I).

When a variety of phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones were treated with benzyltriphenylphosphonium peroxodisulfate, the corresponding carbonyl compounds were obtained in excellent yields (Scheme 1) (Table II).



SCHEME 1

Interestingly, the α,β -unsaturated phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones underwent deprotection very efficiently without rearrangement of the C=C bond, and the reaction is essentially chemoselective. Furthermore, functional groups such as chloro, methoxy, and alkyl also were inert to this reagent and no byproduct formation was observed (Table II).

TABLE I Percent Conversion of Benzaldehyde Phenylhydrazone to Benzaldehyde with $(\text{PhCH}_2\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ in Different Solvents Under Reflux Condition

Entry	Solvent	Reaction period (h)	Yield (%) ^{a,b}
1	CH_2Cl_2	2	35
2	CHCl_3	2	30
3	THF	2	30
4	<i>c</i> - C_6H_{12}	2	15
5	CH_3CN	0.1	97

^aYields refer to isolated products.

^bSubstrate/oxidant (1:1).

In conclusion, we have developed a mild method for the regeneration of carbonyl compounds from phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones that possesses significant advantages over the existing methods such as simple procedure, high yield, and mild conditions.

EXPERIMENTAL

Products were isolated and their physical data were compared with those of known samples. Solvent was freshly distilled. Phenylhydrazones, paranitrophenylhydrazones, and semicarbazones were prepared according to the described procedure.¹⁸ Benzyltriphenylphosphonium peroxodisulfate was prepared according to the literature.¹⁷

General Procedure for the Regeneration of Carbonyl Compounds from Phenylhydrazones, Paranitrophenylhydrazones, and Semicarbazones

To a solution of substrate (1 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 ml) in a round-bottom flask (50 ml) equipped with a condenser and magnetic stirrer, the oxidant (0.898 g, 1 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred magnetically under reflux conditions for 6–20 min. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 5:1). The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered. The solid material was washed with acetonitrile (20 ml). The combined filtrates were evaporated on a rotary evaporator. The resulting crude material was purified on a silica-gel plate (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford the pure carbonyl compound, yield 78–98% (Table II).

TABLE II Oxidative Deprotection of Phenylhydrazones, Paranitrophenylhydrazones, and Semicarbazones with $(\text{PhCH}_2\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ in Refluxing CH_3CN

Entry	Substrate	Time (min)	Products	Yield (%) ^a
1	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	6	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}$	97
2	$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{CNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	7	$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{CO}$	95
3	<i>o</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	6	<i>o</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	96
4	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	6	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	96
5	<i>m</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	6	<i>m</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	98
6	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	7	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	95
7	<i>o</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	6	<i>o</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	97
8	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4)\text{NNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	8	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4)\text{O}$	97
9	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	8	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	95
10	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHNNHC}_6\text{H}_5$	12	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$	90
11	Cyclohexanone phenylhydrazone	15	Cyclohexanone	89
12	Camphor phenylhydrazone	16	Camphor	92
13	Cinnamaldehyde phenylhydrazone	15	Cinnamaldehyde	89
14	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	8	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}$	95
15	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	9	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	94
16	<i>o</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	8	<i>o</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	98
17	<i>m</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	10	<i>m</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	94
18	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	8	<i>p</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	95
19	<i>o</i> , <i>p</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_3\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	10	<i>o</i> , <i>p</i> - $\text{MeOC}_6\text{H}_3\text{CHO}$	98
20	<i>p</i> - $\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	10	<i>p</i> - $\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	93
21	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	10	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	95
22	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4)\text{NNHCONH}_2$	8	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4)\text{O}$	95
23	$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{CNNHCONH}_2$	9	$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{CO}$	94
24	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{NNHCONH}_2$	10	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCH}_3$	92
25	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{NNHCONH}_2$	8	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COCH}_3$	95
26	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHNNHCONH}_2$	15	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$	87
27	Cyclohexanone semicarbazone	18	Cyclohexanone	78
28	Camphor semicarbazone	16	Camphor	89
29	Cinnamaldehyde semicarbazone	14	Cinnamaldehyde	86
30	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHNNH}(p\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$	6	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHO}$	97
31	<i>p</i> - $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNH}(p\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$	6	<i>p</i> - $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	95
32	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHNNH}(p\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$	7	<i>p</i> - $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CHO}$	94
33	$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{CNNH}(p\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$	6	$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{CO}$	96
34	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4)\text{NNH}(p\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$	8	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4)\text{O}$	95
35	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{NNH}(p\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$	7	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCH}_2$	96
36	Cyclohexanone paranitrophenylhydrazone	16	Cyclohexanone	88
37	Camphor paranitrophenylhydrazone	18	Camphor	86
38	Cinnamaldehyde paranitrophenylhydrazone	20	Cinnamaldehyde	89

^aYields refer to isolated products.

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