

AN EFFICIENT PROTOCOL FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF N^{α} PROTECTED β AMINO ALCOHOLS BY EMPLOYING EDC/HBTU

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ABSTRACT

Coupling agents such as HBTU and EDC have been widely used for the synthesis of N^α -urethane protected amino acid azides and their conversion to ureidopeptides. Despite extensive applications of these coupling agents in numerous reactions, the utility of these reagents in the synthesis of N^α -protected- β -amino alcohols has not been explored. In view of this, it is proposed to employ these coupling reagents for the preparation of synthetically important and biologically significant peptidomimetic scaffolds. In view of their wide spread applications, it is desirable to have a convenient and high yielding procedure for the synthesis of β -amino alcohols.

In the present work it is proposed to demonstrate an efficient protocol for the reduction of the *in situ* generated N -protected amino O -acyl isourea/ester to the corresponding β -amino alcohols employing EDC /HBTU and NaBH_4 in water. The formation of the protected alcohol is initially tested on a TLC plate. The protected alcohols are further confirmed by ^{13}C NMR, ^1H NMR and HRMS.