

Synthesis of hippuric acid

Evaluation of protocols including a preliminary step of preparation of reagents

Protocol E¹

The greenness assessment made for protocol E did not include the preparation of reagents. If this step is considered to the greenness, the final evaluation corresponds to Figure 1. Table 1 presents the hazards and scores associated with the substances involved and Table 2 presents the scores used to construct the green stars.

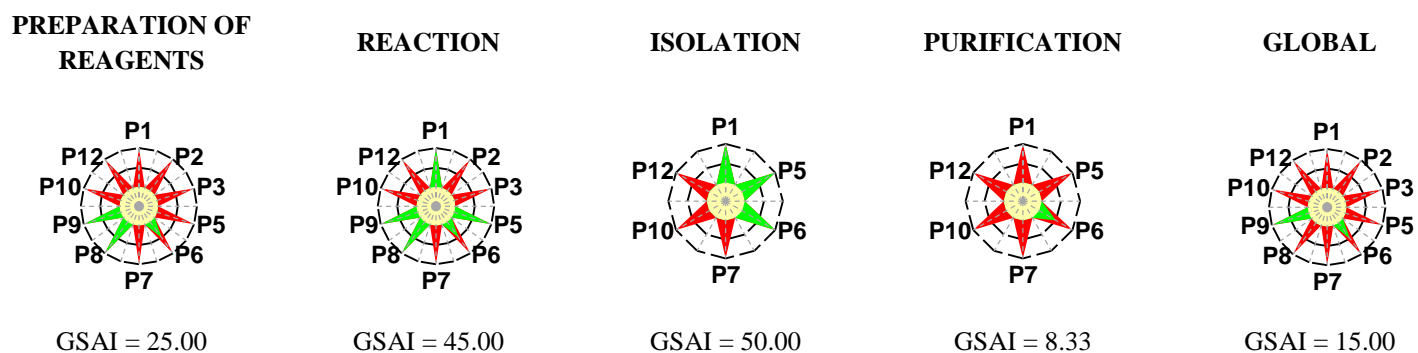


Figure 1. Greenness assessment (GS) for the synthesis of hippuric acid, protocol E

Table 1. Hazards for the synthesis of hippuric acid, protocol E^α

| Substances involved | Step | | | | Hazard code | Score: hazards to... | | |
|--|------|---|---|----|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| | Prep | R | I | Pu | | HH | E | P |
| Stoichiometric reagents | | | | | | | | |
| Ammonium hydroxide (concentrated solution) | ✓ | | | | H290, H314, H335, H400 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Benzoyl chloride (CAS 98-88-4) | | ✓ | | | H302, H312, H314, H317, H332 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Chloroacetic acid (CAS 79-11-8) | ✓ | | | | H301, H311, H314, H331, H400 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Glycine (CAS 56-40-6) | | ✓ | | | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hydrochloric acid (CAS 7647-01-0) | | ✓ | | | H314, H335 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2) | | ✓ | | | H314 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Auxiliary substances | | | | | | | | |
| Solvents | | | | | | | | |
| Carbon tetrachloride (CAS 56-23-5) | | | | ✓ | H301, H311, H331, H351, H372, H412 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Water ^{a,b} | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other auxiliary substances | | | | | | | | |
| Decolorizing carbon (CAS 7440-44-0) | ✓ | | | | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sodium hydroxide (CAS 1310-73-2) | ✓ | | | | H314 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Product | | | | | | | | |
| Hippuric acid (495-69-2) | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | H302, H315, H318, H335 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Waste | | | | | | | | |
| Ammonia | ✓ | | | | H221, H280, H314, H331, H400 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Ammonium chloride (aqueous solution) | ✓ | | | | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ammonium hydroxide (aqueous solution) | ✓ | | | | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Benzoic acid | | | | ✓ | H318, H335 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Carbon tetrachloride | | | | ✓ | H301, H311, H331, H351, H372, H412 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Decolorizing carbon | ✓ | | | | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hydrochloric acid (dilute solution) | | | ✓ | | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sodium chloride (aqueous solution) | | | ✓ | | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Water ^{a,b} | | | ✓ | ✓ | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |

^α Prep – Preparation of reagents; R – Reaction; I – Isolation; Pu – Purification; HH – Human Health; E – Environment; P – Physical

^a Renewable; ^b Degradable to innocuous products

Table 2. Scores used to construct the green star for the synthesis of hippuric acid, protocol E^α

| Green Chemistry Principle | Preparation of reagents | | Reaction | | Isolation | | Purification | | Global | |
|---|-------------------------|--|----------|---|-----------|--|--------------|--|--------|--|
| | s | Explanation | s | Explanation | s | Explanation | s | Explanation | s | Explanation |
| P1 Prevention | 1 | Ammonia gas, H314, H331, H400 | 3 | Without waste | 3 | Waste is innocuous | 1 | Benzoic acid, H318, and carbon tetrachloride, H301, H311, H331, H351, H372 | 1 | Ammonia gas, H314, H331, H400, benzoic acid, H318, and carbon tetrachloride, H301, H311, H331, H351, H372 |
| P2 Atom Economy | 1 | Excess of ammonia > 10%, formation of by-products | 1 | Excess of hydrochloric acid > 10%, formation of by-products | | NA | | NA | 1 | Excess of ammonia and of hydrochloric acid > 10%, formation of by-products |
| P3 Less hazardous chemical synthesis | 1 | Chloroacetic acid, H301, H311, H314, H331, H400, ammonia, H314, H331, H400, and sodium hydroxide, H314 | 1 | Benzoyl chloride, sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid, H314, hippuric acid, H318 | | NA | | NA | 1 | Chloroacetic acid, H301, H311, H314, H331, H400, ammonia, H314, H400, benzoyl chloride, sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid, H314, hippuric acid and benzoic acid, H318, carbon tetrachloride, H301, H311, H331, H351, H372 |
| P5 Safer solvents and auxiliary substances | 1 | Sodium hydroxide, H314 | 3 | Water | 3 | Solvents and auxiliary substances are not used | 1 | Carbon tetrachloride, H301, H311, H331, H351, H372 | 1 | Sodium hydroxide, H314, and carbon tetrachloride, H301, H311, H331, H351, H372 |
| P6 Increase energy efficiency | 2 | 0 °C ≤ T ≤ 100 °C | 2 | 0 °C ≤ T ≤ 100 °C | 3 | Room temperature | 2 | 0 °C ≤ T ≤ 100 °C | 2 | 0 °C ≤ T ≤ 100 °C |
| P7 Use renewable feedstocks | 1 | Substances not renewable | 1 | Substances not renewable | 1 | Substances not renewable | 1 | Substances not renewable | 1 | Substances not renewable |
| P8 Reduce derivatives | 3 | One stage | 3 | One stage | | NA | | NA | 1 | Four stages |
| P9 Catalysts | 3 | Without catalysts | 3 | Without catalysts | | NA | | NA | 3 | Without catalysts |
| P10 Design for degradation | 1 | Substances not degradable | 1 | Substances not degradable | 1 | Substances not degradable | 1 | Substances not degradable | 1 | Substances not degradable |
| P12 Safer chemistry for accident prevention | 1 | Chloroacetic acid, H301, H311, H314, H331, H400, ammonia, H314, H400, and sodium hydroxide, H314 | 1 | Benzoyl chloride, sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid, H314, hippuric acid, H318 | 1 | Hippuric acid, H318 | 1 | Carbon tetrachloride, H301, H311, H331, H351, H372, hippuric acid and benzoic acid, H318 | 1 | Chloroacetic acid, H301, H311, H314, H331, H400, ammonia, H314, H400, Benzoyl chloride, sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid, H314, hippuric acid and benzoic acid, H318, carbon tetrachloride, H301, H311, H331, H351, H372 |

^αs – Score; NA – Not applicable

References

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