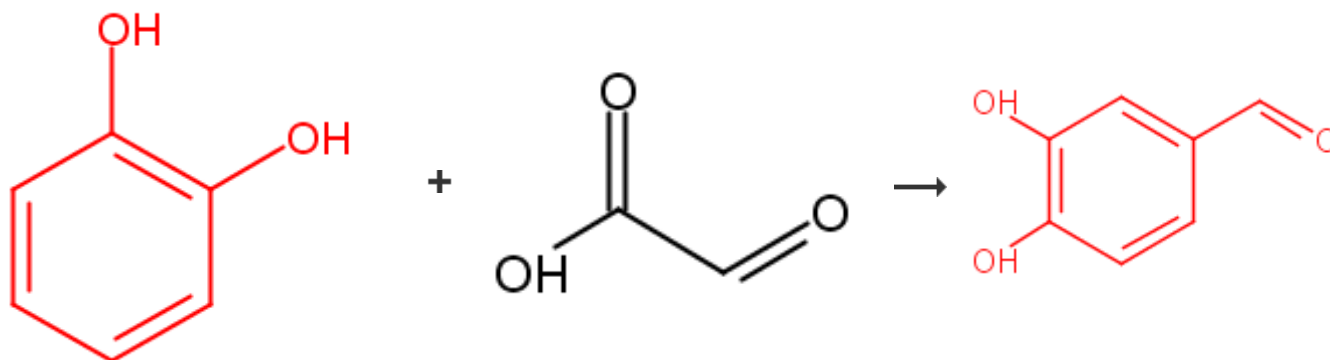


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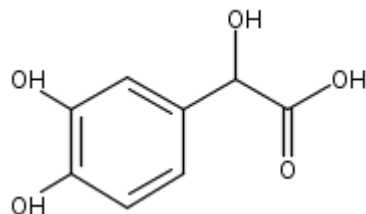


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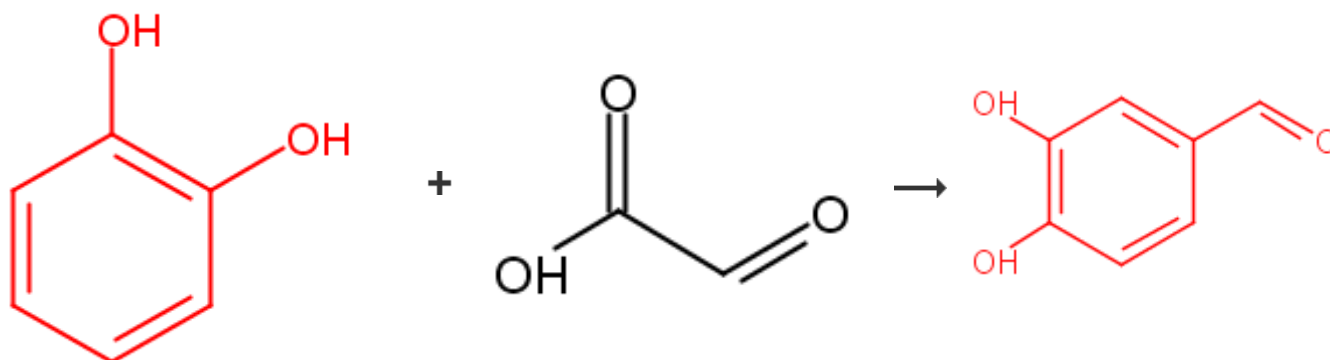
Steps/Stages

1.1 R:

R:CuO, R:NaOH, S:H₂O, rt → 100°C; 7.5 h, 100°C1.2 R:H₂SO₄, S:H₂O, pH 1.5-2

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Steps/Stages

Notes

optimization study, optimized on temperature and reaction time, Reactants: 2, Reagents: 4, Solvents: 1, Steps: 1, Stages: 2, Most stages in any one step: 2

References

[Process for preparation of protocatechuic aldehyde via oxidation with the lattice oxygen in copper oxide](#)

By Liu, Yu et al

From Faming Zhuanli Shenqing, 103012091, 03 Apr 2013

Notes

1.1

1.2 R:NaOH, R:O₂, C:Mo, C:Mn, C:Al, C:Zn, C:Na, C:Cu, C:Fe,
S:H₂O, 7 h, 90°C

optimization study (optimized on catalyst reactant ratio, reaction time and air flow),
Reactants: 2, Reagents: 2, Catalysts: 7,
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References

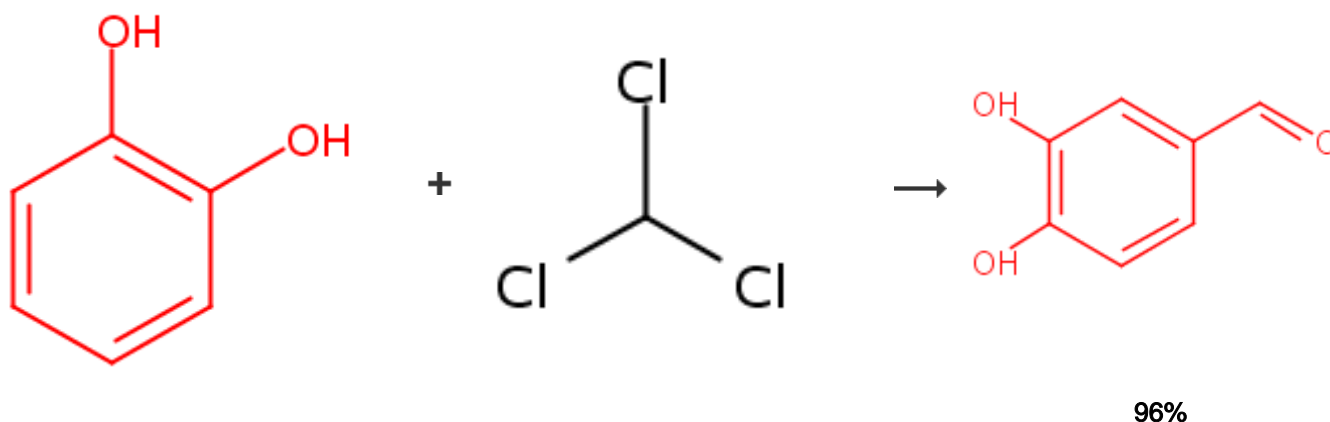
[Preparation of 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde by air catalytic oxidation method](#)

By Li, Yaoxian et al

From Faming Zhuanli Shenqing Gongkai
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3. Single Step



Overview

Steps/Stages

1.1 C:107745-73-3, S:H₂O, S:MeOH

Notes

photochem., regioselective, Reactants: 2,
Catalysts: 1, Solvents: 2, Steps: 1, Stages: 1,
Most stages in any one step: 1

References

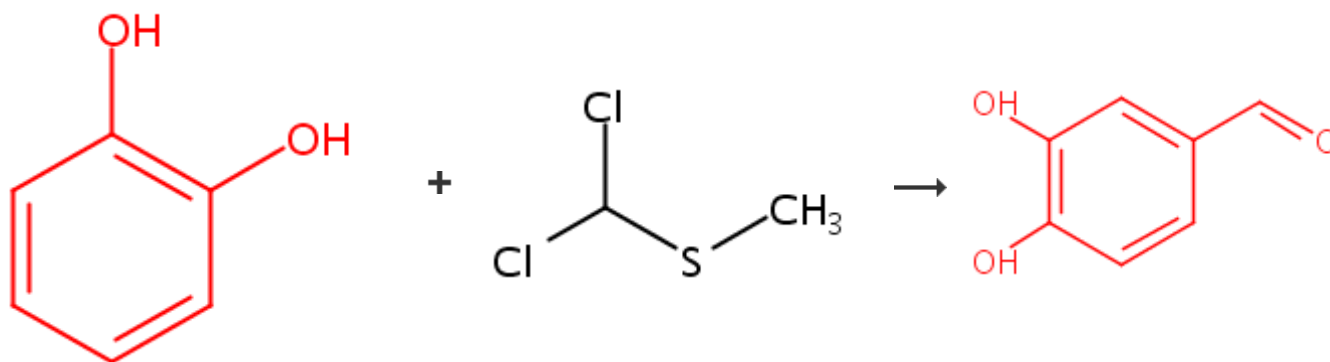
[β-Cyclodextrin mediated regioselective photo-Reimer-Tiemann reaction of phenols](#)

By Ravichandran, Ramaswamy

From Journal of Molecular Catalysis A:
Chemical, 130(3), L205-L207; 1998

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4. Single Step



83%

Overview

Steps/Stages

- 1.1 C:SnCl₄, S:CH₂Cl₂, 1 s, -20°C; 1 min, -20°C
- 1.2 R:HCl, S:H₂O, -20°C; -20°C → rt; 30 min, rt

Notes

regioselective, 4A molecular sieves added in first stage, Friedel-Crafts formylation, conversion = 88%, radiochemical purity = 99%, optimized on solvent, reaction temperature and addition time of catalyst, Reactants: 2, Reagents: 1, Catalysts: 1, Solvents: 2, Steps: 1, Stages: 2, Most stages in any one step: 2

References

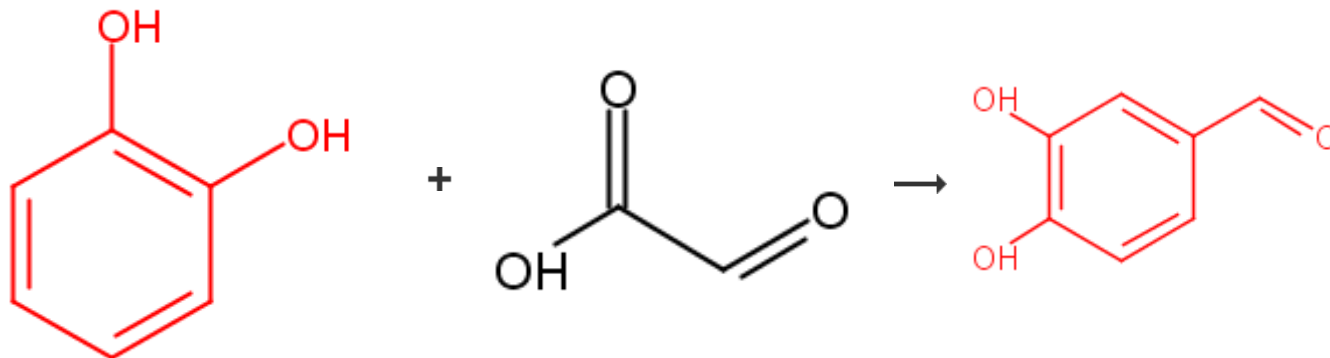
Synthesis of [uniformly ring-¹⁴C]-labelled 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde, vanillin, and protocatechualdehyde

By Ji, Rong and Schaeffer, Andreas

From Journal of Labelled Compounds & Radiopharmaceuticals, 47(4), 209-216; 2004

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5. Single Step



76%

Overview

Steps/Stages

Notes

- 1.1 R:NaOH, S:H₂O, rt → 40°C; 40°C; 10 h, 40°C
 1.2 acidify
 1.3 R:NaOH, R:O₂, S:H₂O, 7 h, reflux; reflux → rt

unspecified reagent used to adjust pH in stage 2, base assumed in stage 3, optimization study, optimized on temperature, catalyst amount and time, unspecified catalyst used in stage 3, Reactants: 2, Reagents: 2, Solvents: 1, Steps: 1, Stages: 3, Most stages in any one step: 3

References

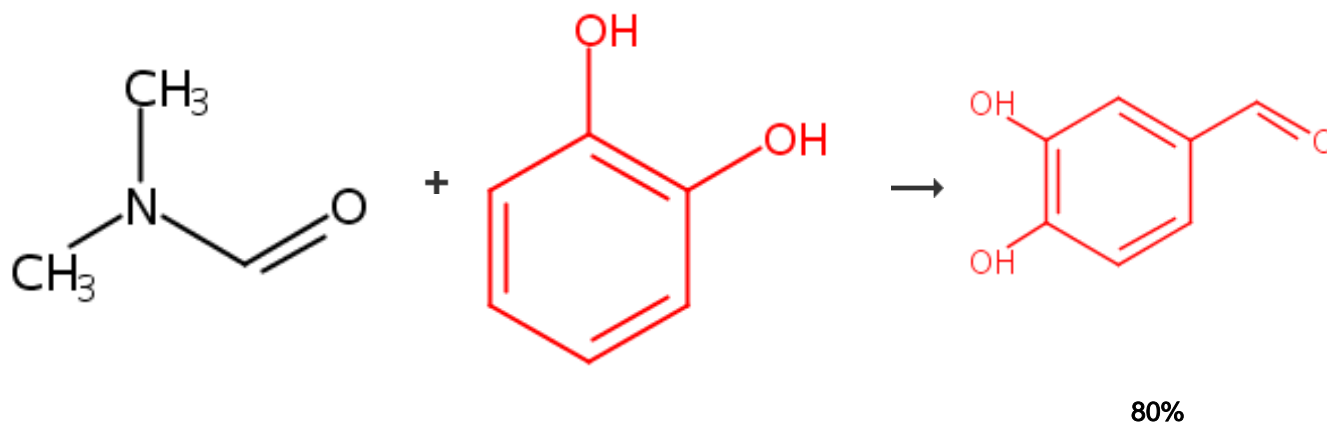
[Synthesis of 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde by air-catalytic oxidation](#)

By Wang, Hengguo et al

From Yingyong Huagong, 37(11), 1278-1280; 2008

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6. Single Step



Overview

Steps/Stages

- 1.1 R:POCl₃

Notes

Reactants: 2, Reagents: 1, Steps: 1, Stages: 1, Most stages in any one step: 1

References

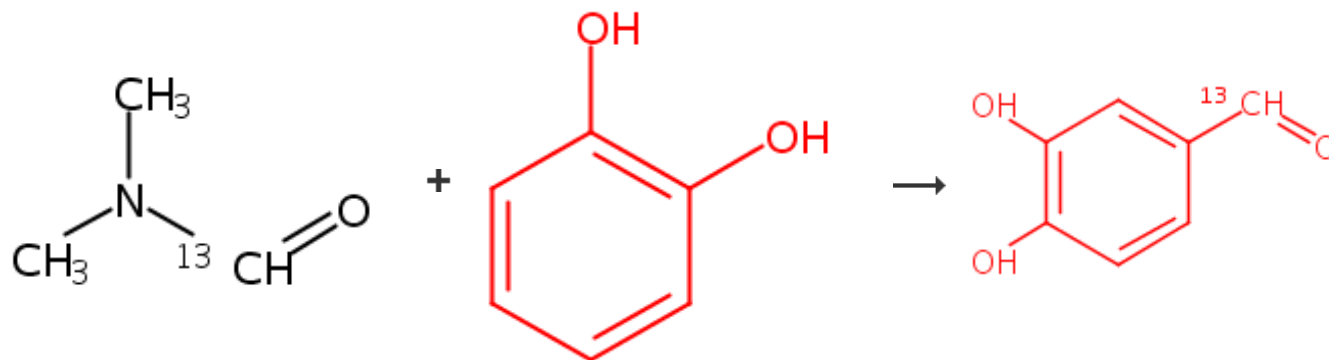
[Preparation of 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde or 3-alkoxy-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde by Vilsmeier reaction](#)

By Kawarazaki, Naoki et al

From Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho, 10001451, 06 Jan 1998

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7. Single Step



49%

[Overview](#)**Steps/Stages**

- 1.1 R:POCl₃, cooled; 30 min, rt
- 1.2 4 h, 120°C; 120°C → rt
- 1.3 S:H₂O, 1 h, rt

Notes

Reactants: 2, Reagents: 1, Solvents: 1, Steps: 1, Stages: 3, Most stages in any one step: 3

References

[1H NMR Probe for in Situ Monitoring of Dopamine Metabolism and Its Application to Inhibitor Screening](#)

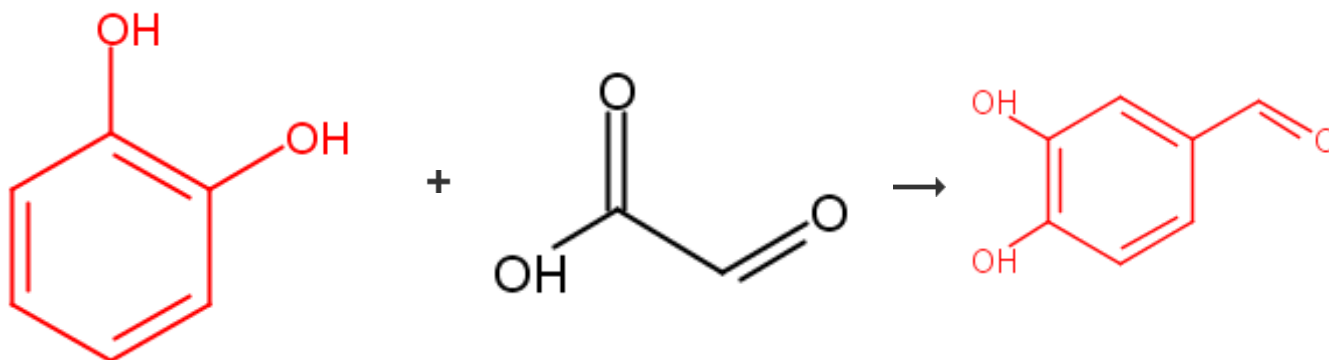
By Ueki, Ryosuke et al

From Journal of the American Chemical Society, 134(30), 12398-12401; 2012

[Experimental Procedure](#)

Synthesis of 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde-¹³C. Phosphoryl chloride (2.10 g, 13.6 mmol) was added dropwise to dimethylformamide-carbonyl-¹³C (1.00 g, 13.5 mmol) on ice bath and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 30 min, catechol (1.00 g, 9.1 mmol) was added to the reaction solution, and the solution was stirred at 120 °C for 4 h. After cooling to the room temperature, water (20 mL) was added and the mixture was further stirred for 1 h. This was evaporated under vacuum, resulting in a dark oily residue. The residue was purified using silica gel column chromatography (eluent: chloroform:methanol = 20:1) to give 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde-¹³C. Yield (614 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 Hz) δ = 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, aromatic), 7.26-7.30 (m, 2H, aromatics), 9.66 (d, *J* = 172.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD, 100 MHz) δ = 193.1; HRMS(FAB): *m/z* calc. for C₆¹³H₇O₃ + [M+H]⁺ = 140.0423, found = 140.0411.

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8. 2 Steps[Overview](#)**Steps/Stages****Notes**

1.1 R:NaOH, S:H₂O2.1 R:Cu(OH)₂

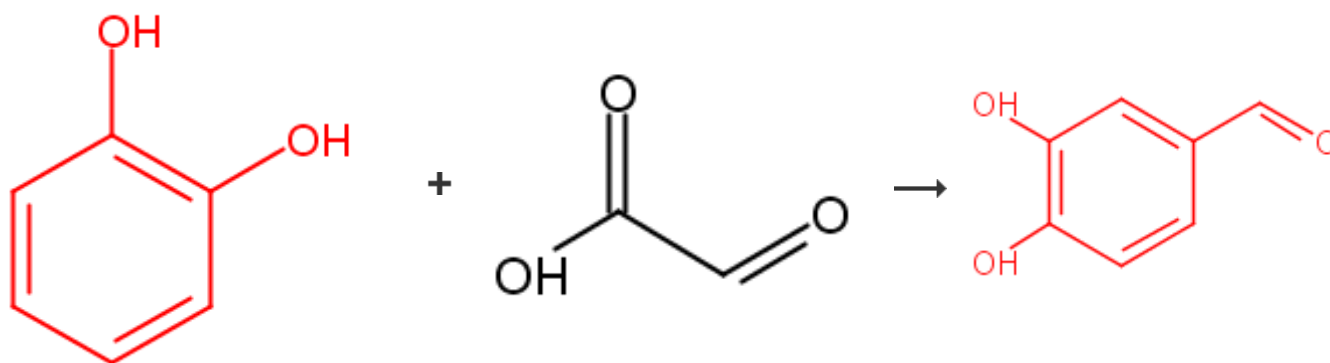
Reactants: 2, Reagents: 2, Solvents: 1, Steps: 2, Stages: 2, Most stages in any one step: 1

References[Process for the preparation of 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde](#)

By Wang, Junhua

From Faming Zhuanli Shenqing Gongkai Shuomingshu, 1508112, 30 Jun 2004

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9. 2 Steps[Overview](#)**Steps/Stages**1.1 R:NaOH, R:Al₂O₃, S:H₂O

1.2

1.3 R:HCl

1.4 S:AcOEt

2.1 R:CuCl₂, S:H₂O, S:AcOEt**Notes**

1) chemoselective, Reactants: 2, Reagents: 4, Solvents: 2, Steps: 2, Stages: 5, Most stages in any one step: 4

References

[High Selectivity in the Oxidation of Mandelic Acid Derivatives and in O-Methylation of Protocatechualdehyde: New Processes for Synthesis of Vanillin, iso-Vanillin, and Heliotropin](#)

By Bjorsvik, Hans-Rene et al

From Organic Process Research & Development, 4(6), 534-543; 2000

[Experimental Procedure](#)**Step 1**

3,4-Dihydroxy Mandelic Acid 1 (Optimised Procedure). Catechol (5.00 g, 45.41 mmol) was dissolved in aqueous NaOH (3.21 g, 80.3 mmol in 55.0 mL of water) followed by addition of Al₂O₃ (2.04 g, 20 mmol). After 5 min glyoxylic acid (7.10 g of 50% aqueous solution, 48.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was heated at 60 °C for 24 h under vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was then allowed to precipitate for 10 min. and filtered to remove Al₂O₃. The obtained filter cake was washed with 1 M NaOH (20 mL). The basic washing water was combined with the water solution, and this was acidified to pH 3-4 with 6.0 mL of 37% HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate to recover the unreacted catechol (1.2 g). The aqueous solution was further acidified to pH 1 by 2 mL of concentrated HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate to isolate the mandelic acid derivative (5.1 g, 28.08 mmol). Conversion 77.5%, selectivity 90.5%.

Step 2

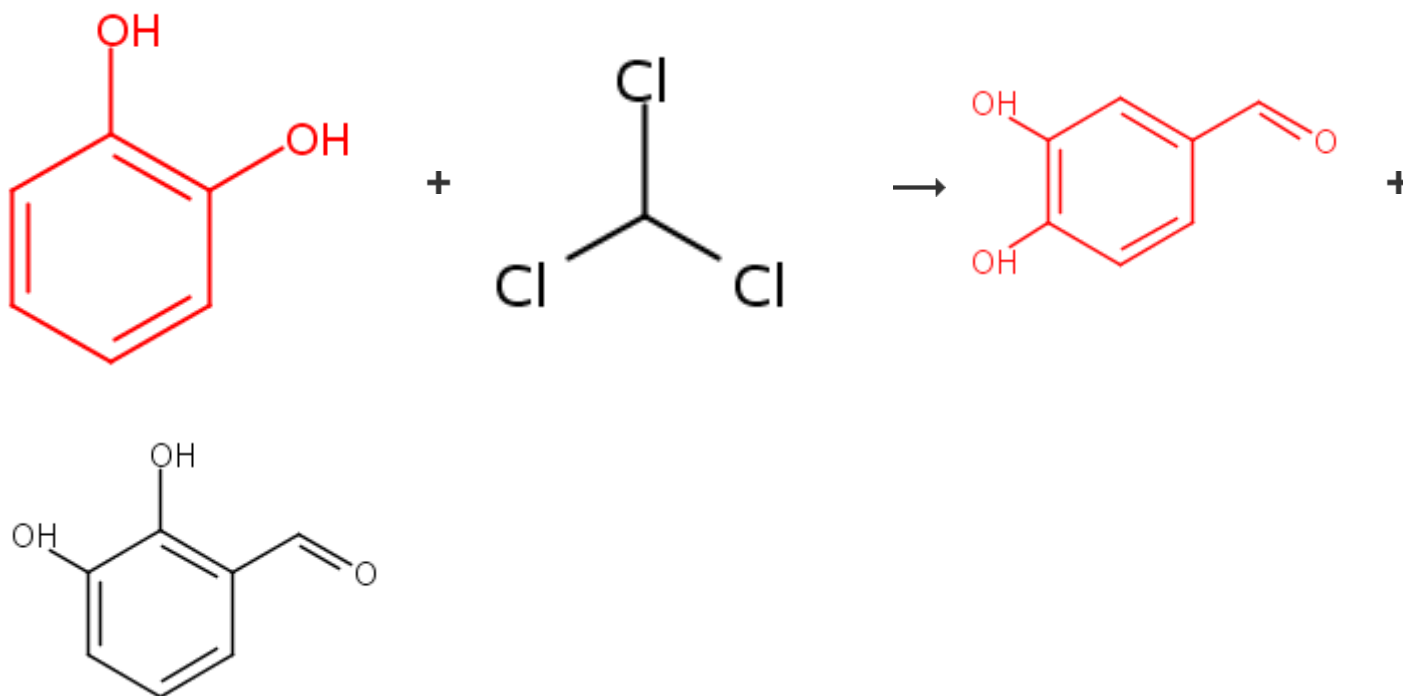
Protocatechualdehyde 13. 3,4-Dihydroxy mandelic acid (2 g, 10.86 mmol) was dissolved in 140 mL of ethyl acetate, and 11.11 g of $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was dissolved in 30 mL of water. The two-phase system was vigorously stirred and heated at 60 °C for 5 h under nitrogen atmosphere. The organic phase was separated, and the solvent was removed. The HPLC analysis revealed a complete conversion of the mandelic acid derivative and the yield of protocatechualdehyde of 96%. The copper salt aqueous solution/suspension was recycled by oxidising Cu(I) to Cu(II) by air after the removal of the organic phase; the results were substantially unchanged.

[Reaction Protocol](#)**Procedure**

1. Dissolve catechol (5.00 g, 45.41 mmol) in aqueous NaOH (3.21 g, 80.3 mmol in 55.0 mL of water) followed by addition of Al_2O_3 (2.04 g, 20 mmol).
2. After 5 minutes, add glyoxylic acid (7.10 g of 50% aqueous solution, 48.0 mmol) to the reaction mixture.

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10. Single Step[Overview](#)**Steps/Stages****Notes**

1.1 S:CHCl₃, S:H₂O

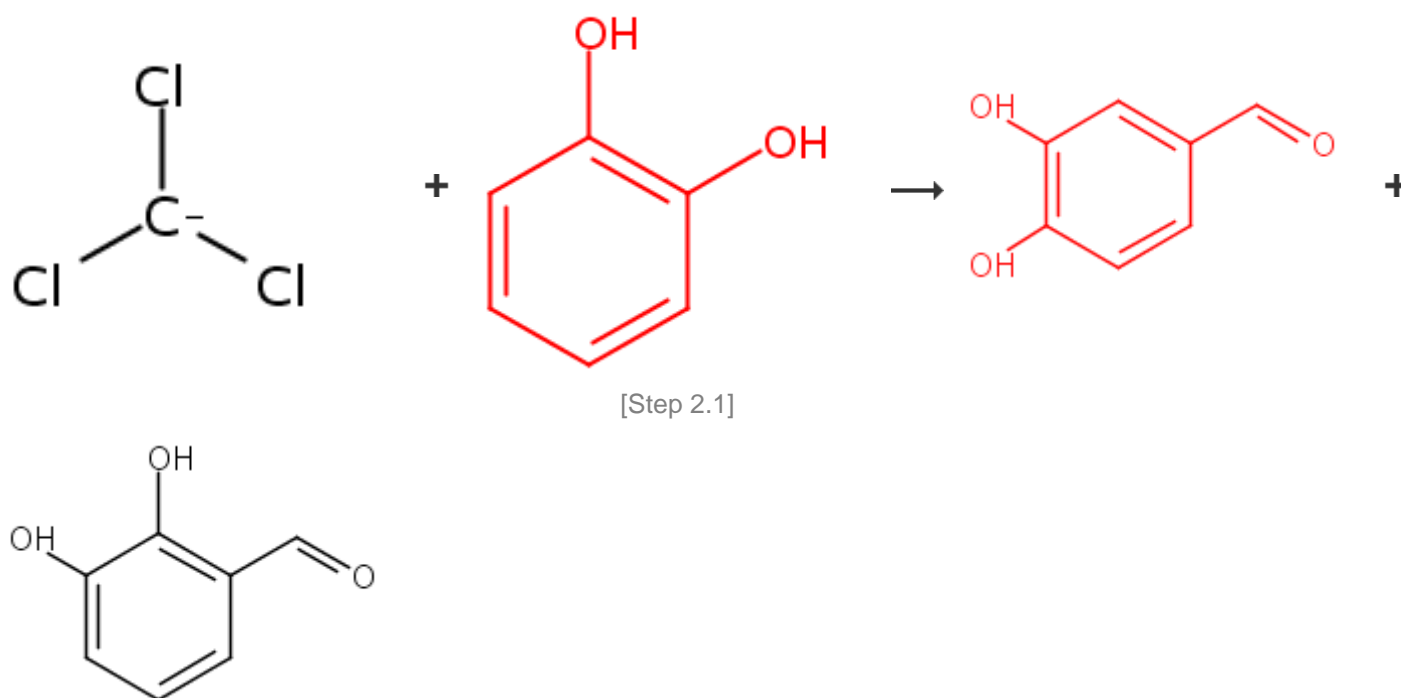
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References[The Reimer-Tiemann reaction](#)

By Wynberg, Hans and Meijer, Egbert W.

From Organic Reactions (Hoboken, NJ, United States), 28, No pp. given; 1982

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11. 2 Steps[Overview](#)**Steps/Stages**

1.1 R:H₂O
2.1 S:CHCl₃, S:H₂O

Notes

1) H₂O, 2) regioselective, Alkali, Aq. Hydroxide, CHCl₃, Yield 18%, Alkylation, C-Alkylation, C-Formylation, Carbene intermediate, Cleavage, Hydrolysis, Selective, Reactants: 2, Reagents: 1, Solvents: 2, Steps: 2, Stages: 2, Most stages in any one step: 1

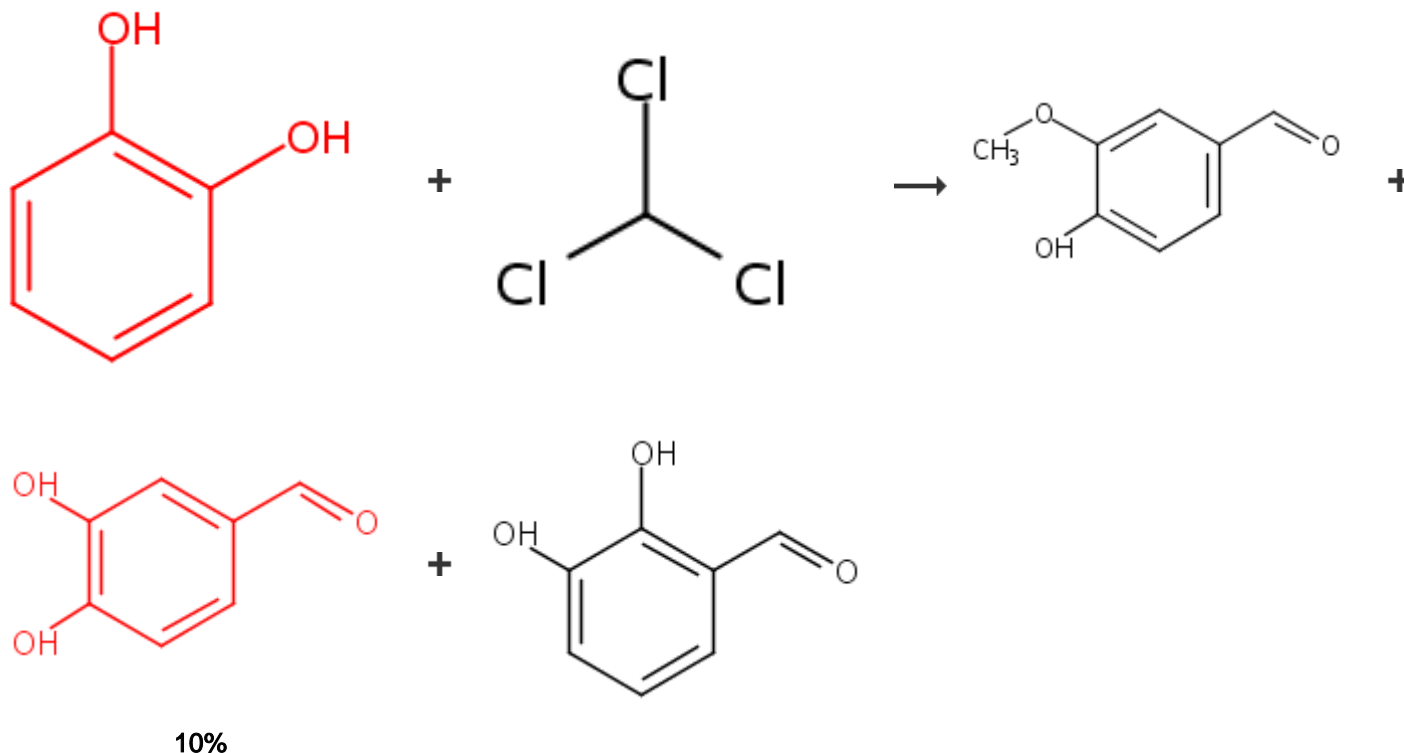
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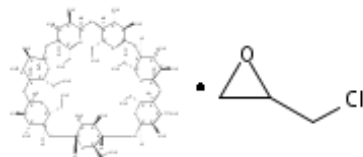


Overview

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1.1 R:KOH, R:beta-Cyclodextrin

R:



S:H₂O

Notes

REACTANT MIXTURE CONTAINING CATECHOL AND GUAIACOL, REGIOSELECTIVE, Reactants: 2, Reagents: 3, Solvents: 1, Steps: 1, Stages: 1, Most stages in any one step: 1

References

[Reimer-Tiemann reactions of guaiacol and catechol in the presence of β-cyclodextrin](#)

By Divakar, S. et al

From Indian Journal of Chemistry, Section B: Organic Chemistry Including Medicinal Chemistry, 31B(8), 543-6; 1992

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