

Catalyst-Free Direct Olefin Halo-Hydroxylamination: Rapid Synthesis of Multifunctional Hydroxylamines (MFHAs) for Structurally Complex Amines and *N*-Heterocycles

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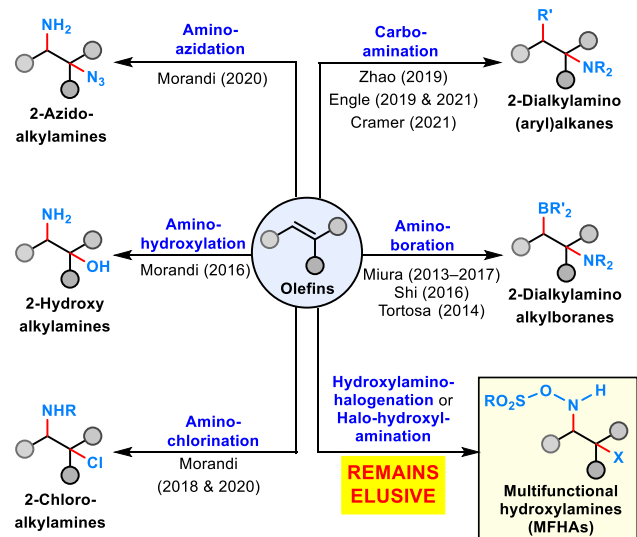
ABSTRACT: Herein, we introduce a novel and powerful alkene difunctionalization process where anomeric amides (e.g., *N*-halogenated *O*-activated hydroxylamines) react directly with olefins, without the use of catalysts or additives, to yield the corresponding *N*-haloalkyl *O*-activated hydroxylamines. These multifunctional hydroxylamines (MFHAs), containing both alkyl halide and *O*-activated hydroxylamine moieties, are convenient building blocks/electrophilic aminating reagents for the synthesis of structurally complex *N*-unprotected secondary amines and *N*-heterocycles. Both activated and unactivated alkenes (including cyclic and acyclic olefins, dienes, and enynes) are effectively converted to the corresponding difunctionalized hydroxylamine derivatives with excellent atom economy. The versatility of MFHAs was demonstrated through the synthesis of various nitrogen-containing molecules.

Amines and their derivatives are common in drug molecules and natural products, with cyclic amines often serving as key bioactive cores.¹ Designing new active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) requires balancing the desired biological activity with minimal toxicity (i.e., optimal drug-like properties), necessitating precise structural adjustments. *N*-Heterocycles are vital in this process, enhancing key drug-like properties. On average, the top 200 small molecule drugs contain 2.8 nitrogen atoms, with 80% including at least one *N*-heterocyclic fragment. About 60% of FDA-approved drugs feature at least one *N*-heterocycle, and 95% contain at least one nitrogen atom. Additionally, 45% of drug candidates have chiral amine moieties.² Consequently, organic chemists focus extensively on developing better strategies for synthesizing structurally complex amines, essential building blocks in biomedical research.³

The vicinal difunctionalization of alkenes is a versatile tool for introducing up to two desired functional groups onto the C=C bond of target molecular scaffolds. The intermolecular aminative olefin difunctionalization is a key transformation for generating a C–N bond, while inserting additional functional groups of interest (e.g., halogens, hydroxyl groups, azido-, boron-, as well as alkyl/aryl moieties).⁴ Significant efforts have been dedicated to aminohalogenation, which delivers a halogen atom and either protected or free amine groups onto an alkene.⁵ However, the catalyst-free direct intermolecular 1,2-halo-hydroxylamination (i.e., 1,2-hydroxylamino-halogenation) of alkenes remains elusive (Figure 1). Such a direct 1,2-difunctionalization of olefins could produce structurally complex multifunctional hydroxylamines (MFHAs) in a single step using anomeric amides as reagents. Anomeric amides are *N,N*-di-activated amide derivatives, such as *N*-acyl-*N*-halo-*O*-sulfonyl hydroxylamines, where the nitrogen atom is doubly electrophilic due to the presence of two weak bonds (N–X and N–O). Along with incorporating the *O*-activated hydroxylamino moiety (i.e., *O*-sulfonyl

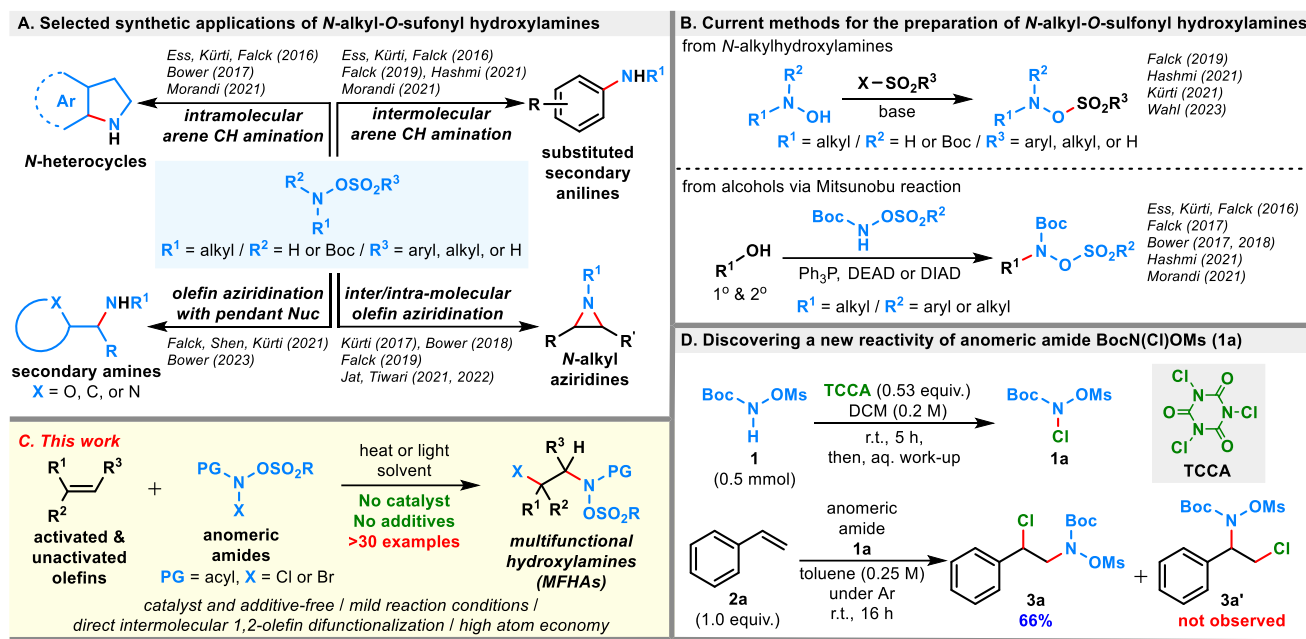
hydroxylamine, which can be used for C–H aminations and/or olefin aziridinations⁶), a halogen atom would also be inserted onto the C=C π -bond of olefin substrates under mild and catalyst-free reaction conditions, providing an additional functional handle. The MFHAs could then be utilized in various transition metal-catalyzed cross-electrophile and cross-electrophile-nucleophile couplings,⁷ followed by diverse cyclization reactions (i.e., arene C–H amination, Friedel–Crafts reaction and enolate α -amination) to access structurally complex *N*-heterocycles.

Figure 1. Overview of key intermolecular aminative olefin difunctionalizations. The elusive 1,2-halo-hydroxylamination.



O-Activated (i.e., *O*-acylated, *O*-sulfonylated and *O*-arylated) hydroxylamines are widely used both as electrophilic aminating reagents and building blocks to forge C–N bonds by exploiting their weak N–O bonds [i.e., C(sp³)-H or C(sp²)-H amination and olefin aziridination].^{6,8}

Figure 2. Synthetic routes to prepare *N*-alkyl-*N*-protected-*O*-sulfonyl hydroxylamines and their applications.



For example, *N*-alkyl-*O*-sulfonyl hydroxylamines have been successfully employed for the synthesis of secondary anilines and arene-fused *N*-heterocycles via inter/intra-molecular arene C(sp²)-H amination reactions and for the preparation of *N*-alkyl aziridines via nitrenoid insertion into C=C bonds (**Figure 2A**).⁶

Currently, the preparation of *N*-protected-*N*-alkyl-*O*-sulfonyl hydroxylamines can be achieved via the *O*-sulfonylation of *N*-acylated-*N*-alkyl hydroxylamines (**Figure 2B**).⁶ The required *N*-alkyl hydroxylamines can be primarily prepared by the partial reduction of oximes and aliphatic nitro compounds as well as via the careful aliphatic oxidation of primary and secondary amines.⁹ Alternatively, the *N*-alkylation of *N*-protected-*O*-sulfonyl hydroxylamines is possible using 1° and 2° alcohols via the Mitsunobu reaction (**Figure 2B**).⁶

Since transition metal complexes can readily cleave N–O bonds in *O*-activated hydroxylamines, it is crucial to avoid using even catalytic amounts of metal complexes during their preparation. Thus, our goal was to develop a catalyst-free direct intermolecular 1,2-olefin difunctionalization method that produces *multifunctional hydroxylamines (MFHAs)* in a single step, while preserving the N–O bond. We envisioned that readily available *O*-activated hydroxylamines (such as *N*-Boc-*O*-Ms hydroxylamine) could be further activated by replacing the N–H bond with an N–halogen (i.e., N–Cl or N–Br) bond. The resulting *N*-halogenated species, containing multiple weak bonds, was expected to react directly with the C=C π-bond of alkenes. This 1,2-addition process would then generate the corresponding *N*-haloalkyl-*O*-activated hydroxylamines (MFHAs; **Figure 2C**). To test our hypothesis, *N*-Boc-*O*-Ms hydroxylamine was reacted with trichloroisocyanuric acid (TCCA) at room temperature over a period of 5 hours (**Figure 2D**). After a quick aqueous work-up, the anticipated *N*-Cl-*N*-Boc-*O*-Ms hydroxylamine (**1a**) was isolated as an NMR-pure white solid. Next, anomeric amide **1a** was mixed

with styrene **2a** and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. Following a reductive aqueous workup with 10 wt% Na₂SO₃ in water, the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography, resulting in a 66% isolated yield of MFHA product **3a** as a single regioisomer.

We decided to comprehensively optimize the reaction conditions, including solvent, temperature, and concentration, to improve the isolated yield and shorten the overall reaction time. We observed that anomeric amide **1a** fully decomposes in solution over 24 hours at room temperature. To achieve the best olefin difunctionalization outcomes, we found that it was ideal to use **1a** within 1 hour of preparation.

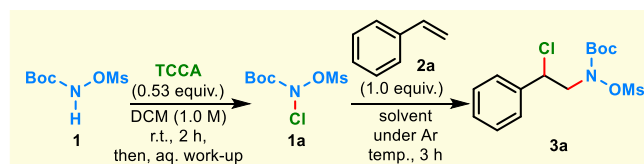
We determined that the *N*-chlorination of *O*-activated hydroxylamine **1** was complete in only 2 hours when the *N*-chlorination reaction was performed at a higher concentration (1.0 M vs 0.2 M). After workup and solvent removal, the NMR pure **1a** was dissolved in toluene (*c* = 0.25 M), and styrene **2a** was added – next, the reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C and stirred at this temperature until the full consumption of **1a** (ca. 3 hours). After concentration and column chromatography, the pure MFHA (**3a**) was isolated in 76% isolated yield (Entry 1, **Table 1**). Over a dozen solvents were screened, while all other reaction parameters were kept unchanged (entries 2–6, **Table 1**, and **Table S1**, ESI). Halogenated solvents (i.e., 1,2-dichloroethane, chloroform, dichloromethane; entries 4–6, **Table 1**) led to high product isolated yields (up to 83%). Overall, dichloromethane provided the best outcome.

Next, we evaluated the effects of various reaction temperatures, concentrations, and atmospheres (argon and nitrogen versus air). Dichloromethane proved to be the most successful solvent, despite refluxing at a lower temperature than the standard 50 °C used for testing other solvents. Surprisingly, MFHA **3a** was obtained with the high isolated yield of 79% even at room temperature compared

to reflux conditions (83% of **3a**; entries 6 & 7, **Table 1**). Higher reaction concentrations (0.5 M versus 0.25 M and 0.1 M) resulted in increased isolated yields of **3a** (entries 7–9, **Table 1**). Performing the reaction under air, as opposed to under argon or nitrogen atmospheres, significantly reduced product formation (84% to 30% of **3a**; entry 9 versus entry 10, **Table 1**).

When the anomeric amide **1a** was used for the difunctionalization of **2a** without an aqueous workup, MFHA **3a** was obtained with a poor isolated yield (84% to 22%; **Table S2**, ESI). Additionally, performing *N*-chlorination of **1** in the presence of **2a** resulted in a very low yield of MFHA **3a** (**Table S2**, ESI). In summary, the optimized reaction conditions involve using equimolar quantities of **2a** and freshly prepared anomeric amide [MsON(Cl)Boc, **1a**] in dichloromethane (*c* = 0.5 M) stirred at room temperature for 3 hours (referred to hereafter as **General Procedure I**).

Table 1. Selected Optimization of Reaction Conditions for olefin difunctionalization using *N*-Cl-*N*-Boc-*O*-Ms hydroxylamine^{a,b}



Entry	Solvent ^c	Temperature (°C)	Yield (%) ^d
1	Toluene (0.25 M)	50	76
2	DMF (0.25 M)	50	51
3	Acetonitrile (0.25 M)	50	81
4	1,2-DCE (0.25 M)	50	77
5	Chloroform (0.25 M)	50	80
6	DCM (0.25 M)	reflux	83
7	DCM (0.25 M)	r.t.	79
8 ^e	DCM (0.10 M)	r.t.	72
9^f	DCM (0.5 M)	r.t.	84
10 ^g	DCM (0.25 M; air)	r.t.	30

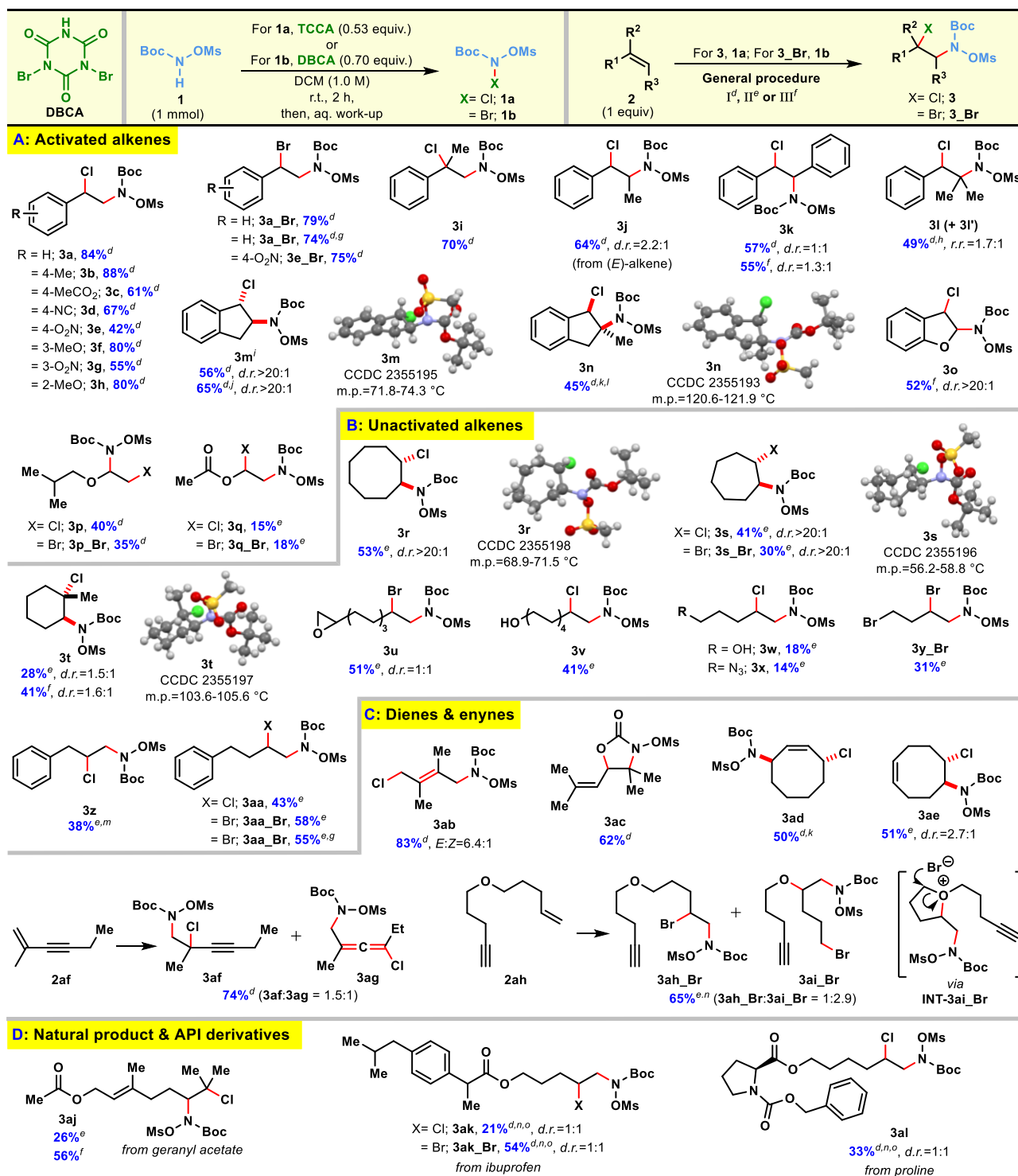
^aReaction scale: 1.0 mmol. ^b*N*-Cl-*N*-Boc-*O*-Ms hydroxylamine was freshly prepared for each entry. ^c0.25 M reaction concentration. ^dIsolated yields after purification. ^e0.1 M reaction concentration instead of 0.25 M. ^f0.5 M reaction concentration instead of 0.25 M. ^gunder air instead of argon.

With the optimized reaction conditions in hand (i.e., **General Procedure I**), the scope of substrates was explored (**Table 2**). Simple unsubstituted styrene **2a** and electron-rich styrenes (**2b**, **2f** & **2h**) furnished the corresponding MFHAs (**3a**, **3b**, **3f**, and **3h**) in 80–88% isolated yields (**Table 2A**). Styrenes containing electron-withdrawing groups (i.e., cyano **2d**, nitro **2e** & **2g**, ester **2c**) afforded the corresponding MFHAs (**3c–3e** and **3g**) in 42–67% isolated yields. α -Methylstyrene furnished a single MFHA regioisomer (**3i**) with a 70% isolated yield. However, trans- β -methylstyrene produced two separable MFHA

diastereomers (**3j**) in a 2.2:1 ratio, resulting in a combined 64% isolated yield. Two regioisomers (**3l** & **3l'**) were isolated from β,β -dimethyl styrene **2l**. Indene **2m** afforded a single MFHA diastereomer (**3m**) as observed by the NMR of the crude reaction mixture (**Table 2A**). After column purification on silica gel, **3m** was isolated in 56% yield along with an unexpected cyclic product (**37**) that featured the *N*-methanesulfonylhydroxy-2-oxazolidone scaffold (**Table 2C**; See ESI for details). MFHA **3n** was produced from 2-methyl indene **2n** in a moderate yield, and its stereochemistry and regiochemistry were determined by SCXRD. It is important to note that vinyl ether **2p** produced MFHA **3p** with a 40% isolated yield, but with *opposite regioselectivity* compared to all other terminal olefins (**Table 2A**).


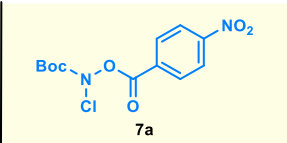
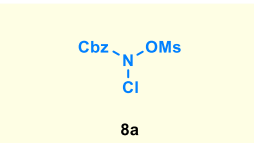
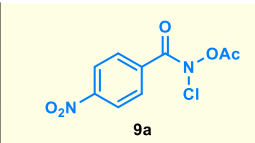
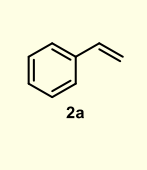
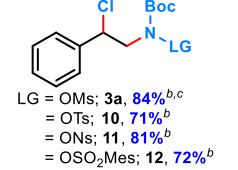
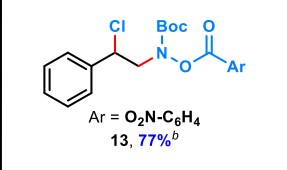
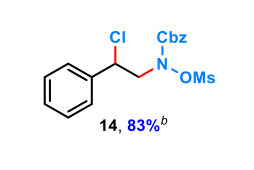
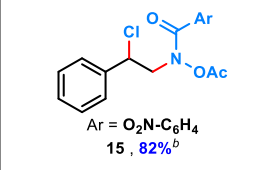
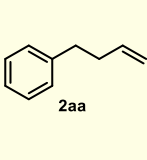
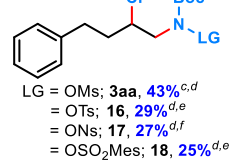
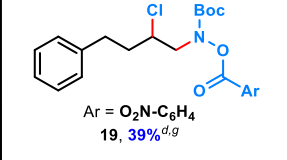
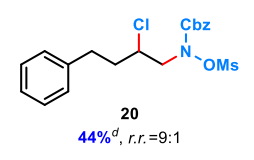
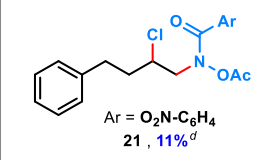
We also investigated both cyclic and acyclic unactivated alkenes as part of the scope of substrates (**Table 2B**). Under the optimized reaction conditions (i.e., **General Procedure I**), *cis*-cyclooctene **2r** gave a poor yield (23%) of the 1,2-difunctionalized product **3r**. Thus, further adjustment of the reaction conditions was performed on this substrate (See ESI for details). As a result, for unactivated alkenes, the brand new reaction conditions include equimolar quantities of the olefin substrate and freshly prepared anomeric amide (i.e., [MsON(Cl)Boc, **1a**]) at 60 °C (instead of room temperature) in chloroform (instead of dichloromethane; *c* = 0.5 M) over 3 hours (referred to hereafter as **General Procedure II**). Unlike the reaction of **1a** with isobutyl vinyl ether, vinyl acetate required a higher reaction temperature (60 °C versus room temperature) to produce MFHA **3q** in 15% isolated yield (**Table 2A**). The eight-membered cyclic hydroxylamine (**3r**) was synthesized with these newly optimized reaction conditions in 53% isolated yield (**Table 2B**). Other cyclic alkenes also participated in alkene 1,2-difunctionalization with anomeric amide reagent **1a**. For example, cycloheptene provided only product **3s** with a >20:1 d.r., while 1-methylcyclohexene **2t** afforded product **3t** in a 1.6:1 d.r. The relative stereochemistry of compounds **3r**, **3s** and **3t** was confirmed by SCXRD. The alkene bearing the unprotected primary alcohol moiety (**2v**) gave rise to the corresponding MFHA product (**3v**) in 41% isolated yield. When 5-penten-1-ol **2w**, capable of undergoing intramolecular etherification with its pendant primary alcohol group, was used as the substrate, only the linear alkene addition product **3w** was obtained. The azido group (-N₃) was compatible with the mild reaction conditions for synthesizing MFHA, resulting in the preparation of compound **3x** from 5-azido-1-pentene **2x** (**Table 2B**). MFHA products **3z** and **3aa** were obtained with moderate isolated yields (38% to 43%) from the corresponding unactivated terminal olefins (**Table 2B**). Several conjugated dienes were also difunctionalized with **1a**. 2,3-Dimethylbuta-1,3-diene **2ab** and 1,3-cyclooctadiene **2ad** afforded 1,4-addition products **3ab** and **3ad**, with isolated yields of 83% and 50%, respectively (**Table 2C**).

Table 2. Substrate scope for alkene difunctionalization with *N*-chloro-*N*-Boc-*O*-(methanesulfonyl)hydroxylamine.^{a,b,c}



^aReaction scale: 1.0 mmol, unless otherwise noted. ^bAll yields are isolated yields after column purification. ^cAnomeric amides **1a** and **1b** were prepared freshly for each reaction. ^d**General Procedure I**: **1a** or **1b**, alkene (1.0 equiv.), dichloromethane, r.t., 3 h, under argon. ^e**General Procedure II**: **1a** or **1b**, alkene (1.0 equiv.), chloroform, 60 °C, 3 h, under argon. ^f**General Procedure III**: **1a** or **1b**, alkene (1.0 equiv.), dichloromethane, r.t., 1 h, under argon and 365 nm light. ^g5.0 mmol scale. ^h14 hours of reaction time. ⁱ2-Oxazolidone-derived side product was isolated. See ESI for the details. ^j5.2 mmol scale. ^k2.0 mmol scale. ^lTwo other products were observed. ^m3.0 equiv. of alkene. ⁿ0.5 mmol scale. ^o6 Hours of reaction time.

Table 3. Studies on alkene difunctionalization with various *N*-Cl-*N*-protected-*O*-activated hydroxylamine.^a

Anomeric amides	 LG = OMs; 1a = OTs; 4a = ONS; 5a = OSO ₂ Mes; 6a	 7a	 8a	 9a
 2a	 LG = OMs; 3a , 84% ^{b,c} = OTs; 10 , 71% ^b = ONS; 11 , 81% ^b = OSO ₂ Mes; 12 , 72% ^b	 Ar = O ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄ 13 , 77% ^b	 14 , 83% ^b	 Ar = O ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄ 15 , 82% ^b
 2aa	 LG = OMs; 3aa , 43% ^{c,d} = OTs; 16 , 29% ^{d,e} = ONS; 17 , 27% ^{d,f} = OSO ₂ Mes; 18 , 25% ^{d,g}	 Ar = O ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄ 19 , 39% ^{d,g}	 20 44% ^d , <i>r.r.</i> = 9:1	 Ar = O ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄ 21 , 11% ^d

^aReaction scale: 1.0 mmol; All yields are isolated yields after column purification; Anomeric amide reagents **1a** and **4a–9a** were prepared freshly for each reaction. ^b**General Procedure I**: anomeric amide reagent, alkene (1.0 equiv.), dichloromethane, r.t., 3 h, under argon. ^cThe yield is from Table 2. ^d**General Procedure II**: anomeric amide reagent, alkene (1.0 equiv.), chloroform, 60 °C, 3 h, under argon. ^e9 hours of reaction time. ^f8 hours of reaction time. ^g18 hours of reaction time.

The reaction of 2,5-dimethylhexa-2,4-diene **2ac** with **1a** led to the formation of the corresponding *N*-methanesulfonylhydroxy-2-oxazolidone **3ac** in 62% isolated yield (**Table 2C**). Product **3ae** was synthesized from cycloocta-1,5-diene **2ae** in 51% isolated yield with a 2.7:1 d.r. The reaction of 2-methylhex-1-en-3-yne (**2af**, conjugated enyne) with reagent **1a** gave 1,2-addition product **3af** as well as a 1,4-addition product **3ag** containing an allene moiety.

Anomeric amide reagent **1a** was regioselectively incorporated into one of the C=C π-bonds of geranyl acetate **2aj** to afford MFHA product **3aj**. Two other olefins, an ibuprofen derivative **2ak** and a *N*-Cbz-protected proline derivative **2al** were also successfully difunctionalized with **1a**, affording MFHA products **3ak** and **3al** in 21% and 33% isolated yields, respectively. Neither *trans*-stilbene **2k** nor benzofuran **2o** reacted with **1a** under the reaction conditions of **General Procedure I**. However, under the reaction conditions of **General Procedure II** (i.e., at 60 °C) **2k** was converted to MFHA **3k** in 57% isolated yield, while **2o** remained unreactive. At this juncture we decided to explore the 1,2-difunctionalization process under photochemical conditions (e.g., 365 nm blue light at room temperature in DCM solvent for 1 h, **General Procedure III**) with olefins **2k** and **2o** that were both unreactive under **General Procedure I**. To our delight, the corresponding MFHAs, **3k** and **3o**, were successfully obtained using a Penn Photoreactor M2.

General Procedure III significantly improved the efficiency of the 1,2-difunctionalization reaction for several olefins that previously yielded corresponding MFHAs poorly under the other two conditions. Notably, we observed an increase in the yields of products **3t** (from 28% to 41%) and **3aj** (from 26% to 56%) starting from 1-methylcyclohexene **2t** and geranyl acetate **2aj**, respectively.

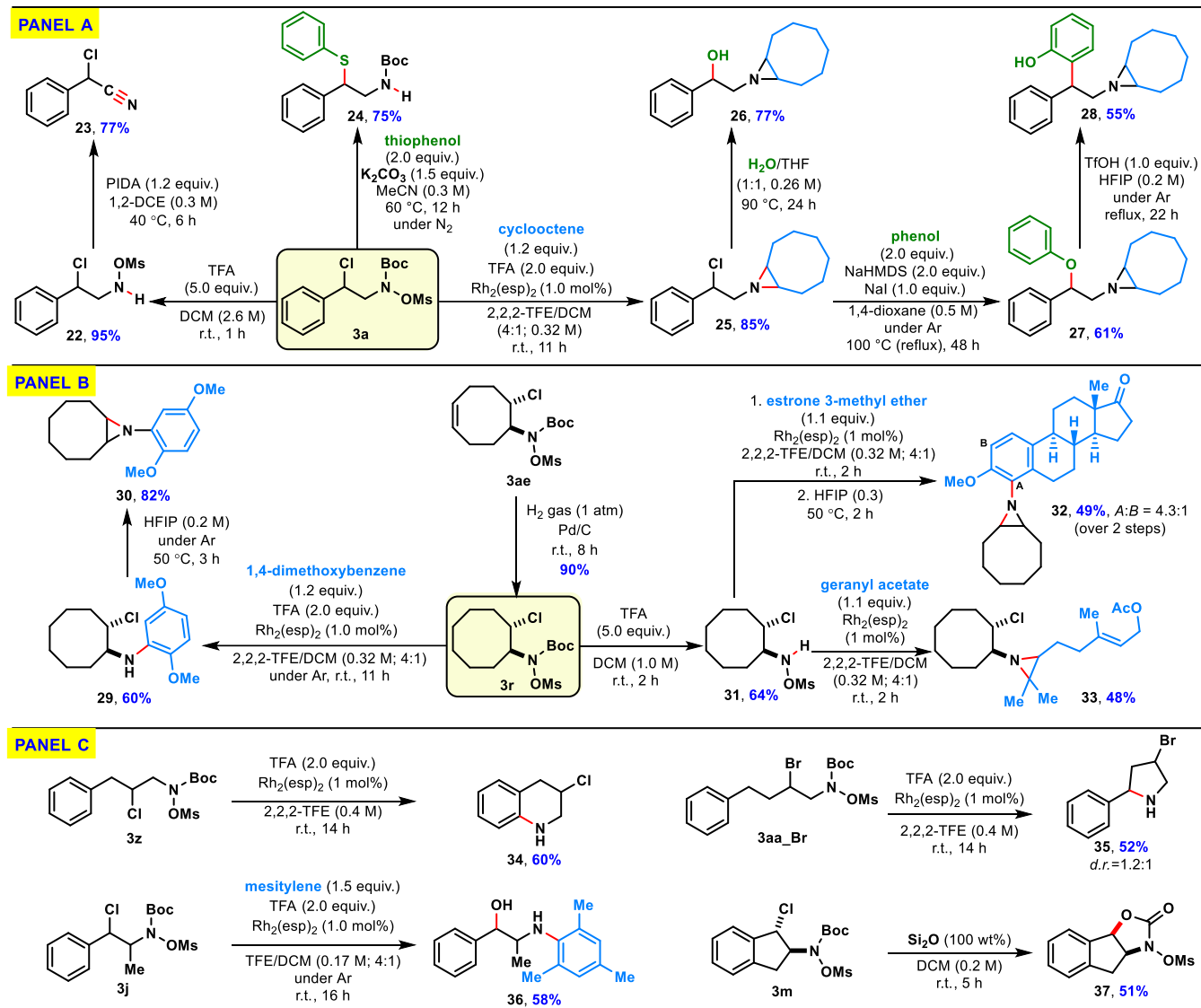
Another halogen, specifically bromine (Br) instead of chlorine (Cl), was also evaluated for the difunctionalization of alkenes (**Table 2**). Various alkenes, including styrenes, aliphatic cyclic and linear alkenes, and an enyne, were subjected to bromo-hydroxylation using anomeric amide BocN(Br)OMs **1b**. This reagent was freshly prepared by reacting BocNHOMs **1** with dibromoisocyanuric acid (DBCA) in dichloromethane. The reaction of styrene **2a** with reagent **1b** under the conditions of **General Procedure I** resulted in the isolation of MFHA **3a_Br** with a 79% yield. When 4-nitrostyrene **2e** was reacted with **1b**, the corresponding bromo-hydroxylaminated product **3e_Br** was obtained in a 75% isolated yield. This represents a significant yield increase (from 42% with Cl to 75% with Br) compared to the reaction of **2e** with **1a**.

Interestingly, the reaction of **1b** with isopropyl vinyl ether **2p** using the conditions of **General Procedure I** yielded MFHA **3p_Br** with the same *reversed regiochemistry* observed in product **3p**.

We also found that a terminal olefin substrate with a pendent terminal epoxide functionality (**2u**) furnished the corresponding MFHA **3u_Br** in 51% isolated yield and demonstrated the functional group tolerance of an epoxide under the conditions of **General Procedure II**. MFHAs **3y_Br** and **3aa_Br** were also prepared from the corresponding terminal alkenes **2y** & **2aa**, respectively.

The 1,2-difunctionalization of enyne **2ah** with **1b**, following **General Procedure II**, produced the expected MFHA product **3ah_Br**. Additionally, a skeletally rearranged product (**3ai_Br**) was formed, likely due to neighboring group participation via a cyclic oxonium ion intermediate, INT-**3ai_Br**. For the ibuprofen derivative **2ak**, the yield of the corresponding MFHA product was significantly higher when using anomeric amide reagent **1b** compared to reagent **1a**, with yields of 54% for **3ak_Br** versus 21% for **3ak**.

Scheme 1. Synthetic application of MFHAs.



When the difunctionalization reactions were scaled up from 1 mmol to 5 mmol for olefinic substrates **2a**, **2m**, and **2aa**, the isolated yields remained comparable. This observation demonstrates the robustness of the overall process, including the preparation of both anomeric amide reagents **1a** and **1b**.

We also aimed to broaden the scope of preparing MFHAs beyond *N*-haloalkyl-*N*-Boc-*O*-methanesulfonyl hydroxylamines (Table 3). First, various leaving groups other than methanesulfonate (OMs) were tested: *O*-activated hydroxylamines with different acyl groups (i.e., *O*-tosyl, *O*-nosyl, *O*-mesitylenesulfonyl, and *O*-(4-nitrobenzoyl)) were *N*-chlorinated with TCCA (see procedure outlined for **1a** in ESI). Subsequently, the freshly prepared anomeric amides (**4a** to **7a**) were reacted with styrene **2a** using the conditions of **General Procedure I**. The corresponding MFHA products (**10**–**13**) were isolated in high yields (71–81%). Next, the Boc group was replaced with a Cbz group, while the original OMs leaving group was kept on the anomeric amide precursor (Table 3). The

reaction of anomeric amide **8a** with styrene **2a** provided MFHA product **14** in 83% isolated yield. Recently, the Baran lab reported the anomeric amide (**9a**) as an efficient electrophilic halogenating reagent, especially for heteroarenes.¹⁰

Since the Baran lab's chlorinating reagent **9a** is structurally similar to our anomeric amide reagents (**1a** and **4a**–**7a**) which we prepared in this study, the reactivity of **9a** in alkene chloro-hydroxylaminations was investigated. For the preparation of **9a**, TCCA was used instead of *tert*-butyl hypochlorite (employed by the Baran lab for *N*-chlorination) to minimize deviations from the halo-hydroxylamination conditions used in our current study. Thus, the freshly prepared **9a** was reacted with styrene **2a**, and MFHA product **15** was obtained in 83% isolated yield.

Next, the reaction of six anomeric amide reagents (**4a**–**9a**, Table 3) with unactivated alkene **2aa** was evaluated under the conditions of **General Procedure II**. Using reagents **4a**–**8a**, the corresponding MFHA products **16**–**20**

were obtained in modest to moderate isolated yields (25–44%), which are comparable to the yield obtained using BocN(Cl)OMs **1a** (43%). It is important to note that the 1,2-addition of *N*-Cbz anomeric amide reagent **8a** across the C=C double bond of olefin **2aa** led a regioisomeric product mixture (**20**; 9:1), while the same reaction using *N*-Boc anomeric amide **1a** only gave rise a single regioisomer (**3aa**; **Table 2**)

We also tested the reaction between Baran's anomeric amide **9a** and unactivated alkene **2aa** under the conditions of **General Procedure II**. However, only 11% of the corresponding MFHA product (**21**) was isolated. This result suggests that **9a** might be better suited for the chloro-hydroxyamination of activated alkenes, such as styrene **2a**.

The MFHAs produced through our novel intermolecular olefin halo-hydroxyamination reaction feature two synthetic handles (C–X and N–O bonds) that can be leveraged in subsequent transformations to enhance molecular complexity. For example, the *O*-activated hydroxylamine moiety can be used for inter- or intramolecular C–H amination reactions.^{6,8} This class of hydroxylamines can also be used for the direct and stereospecific synthesis of aziridines from olefins via transition-metal catalysis. The C–X bonds can either be substituted with nucleophiles or subjected to transition metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions.⁷ Over a dozen complexity-building transformations were performed to evaluate the synthetic potential of MFHAs (**Scheme 1**). After the facile removal of the Boc group from **3a**, geminal chloro cyanide **23** was prepared via the oxidation of *O*-activated hydroxylamine **22**. The C–Cl bond in **3a** was substituted with thiophenol furnishing compound **24** in 75% isolated yield. Following the *in-situ* removal of the Boc group in **3a** with TFA, a highly efficient di-rhodium-catalyzed olefin aziridination took place with cyclooctene and the corresponding *N*-alkylaziridine (**25**) was isolated in 85% yield (**Scheme 1A**). Aziridine **25** was first converted to the corresponding benzylic alcohol **26** using water as the nucleophile. Next, the C–Cl bond was substituted with sodium phenoxide to afford aryl ether **27** in 61% isolated yield. An intriguing rearrangement occurred when phenyl ether **27** was heated to reflux with one equivalent of triflic acid, yielding the structurally complex *O*-alkylated phenol **28** (**Scheme 1A**).

The catalytic hydrogenation of the C=C double bond in MFHA **3ae** furnished the corresponding saturated cyclooctane derivative **3r** in 90% isolated yield without either C–Cl or N–O bond cleavage (**Scheme 1B**). A di-rhodium-catalyzed intermolecular C–H amination of 1,4-dimethoxybenzene with the *in-situ* Boc deprotected **3r** afforded secondary *N*-alkylaniline **29**. Next, an elusive electron-rich *N*-aryl aziridine **30** was readily prepared from aniline **29**, in 82% isolated yield, simply by warming it at 50 °C in HFIP over 3 hours. The intermolecular arene C(sp²)-H amination of *O*-Me estrone with Boc-deprotected MFHA **31** was followed by an HFIP-promoted *N*-arylaziridine formation to afford **32** in 49% isolated yield over 2 steps. Geranyl acetate was regioselectively *N*-alkyl aziridinated at the 6,7 C=C double bond to afford structurally complex aziridine **33** in 48% isolated yield.

Tetrahydroquinoline **34** and pyrrolidine **35** were

obtained from MFHAs **3z** and **3aa_Br** via intramolecular C(sp²)-H and C(sp³)-H amination, respectively (**Scheme 1C**). Importantly, the C–Cl and C–Br moieties remained intact. When MFHA **3j** was treated with mesitylene in the presence of catalytic amounts of a di-rhodium complex, *N*-aryl-1,2-aminoalcohol **36** was obtained in 58% isolated yield. Finally, after stirring the solution of MFHA **3m** with silica gel in DCM, we observed an intramolecular nucleophilic substitution of the C–Cl bond to furnish the corresponding *N*-methanesulfonylhydroxy-2-oxazolidone derivative (**37**) in 51% isolated yield.

In conclusion, we have successfully demonstrated that several anomeric amides (i.e., *N*-protected-*N*-halogenated *O*-activated hydroxylamines) react directly with olefins without the need for catalysts or additives, producing the corresponding multifunctional hydroxylamines (MFHAs). This transformation achieves 1,2-halo-hydroxyamination of the olefin C=C double bond. Both activated and unactivated alkenes, including cyclic and acyclic olefins, dienes, and enynes, are efficiently converted to the corresponding difunctionalized hydroxylamine derivatives with excellent atom economy.

The resulting MFHAs, containing both an alkyl halide and an *O*-activated hydroxylamine moiety, serve as convenient building blocks/reagents for synthesizing structurally complex *N*-unprotected secondary amines and *N*-heterocycles. The relatively mild reaction conditions allow for the tolerance of various functional groups, such as free alcohol, epoxide, azide, ester, and ether. The synthetic versatility of these MFHAs, which are excellent *N*-electrophilic aminating agents, has been demonstrated through the preparation of various nitrogen-containing molecules.

We achieved the direct synthesis of *N*-alkyl and *N*-arylaziridines from unactivated olefins and *N*-alkylanilines from arenes via Rh-catalyzed inter- and intramolecular arene C(sp²)-H amination. Additionally, the synthesis of 2-phenyl-4-bromopyrrolidine was accomplished through an intramolecular Rh-catalyzed C(sp³)-H amination. To understand the mechanistic underpinnings of these intriguing olefin halo-hydroxyamination reactions, mechanistic studies using both DFT calculations and experiments are currently underway and will be reported in due course.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information.

Experimental details, optimization study, compound characterization, SCXRD data, NMR spectra (PDF).

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