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Radical-Based 1,4-Difunctionalization of Two Electronically Differentiated Olefins



Significance: Gutierrez, Glorius, and co-workers disclose an unprecedented 1,4-oxyimination of two electronically differentiated olefins with a class of bifunctional oxime carbonate reagents via an energy transfer strategy. The process enables the formation of three different chemical bonds (C–C, C–O, and C–N) in an orchestrated single operation. A wide scope of 1,4-oxyimination products was obtained in fair to good yields and with excellent functional group tolerance. Furthermore, the products were easily converted into biologically relevant δ -hydroxy- α -amino acids.

Comment: Mechanistic studies suggest an energy transfer step to promote the homolytic N–O bond cleavage of the oxime carbonate reagent to form O-centered alkoxycarbonyloxyl and N-centered iminyl radicals, which are of ambiphilic and electrophilic properties, respectively. In turn, the alkoxycarbonyloxyl radical undergoes a chemoselective double Giese-type addition to the olefin, followed by C–N bond formation with an oxime carbonate reagent that functions as a radical chain mediator.

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