

DESCRIPTION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ORGANIC COMPOUND

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001]

The present invention relates to a process for producing an organic compound in a flow reactor using a phosgene alternative reagent.

BACKGROUND ART

[0002]

Phosgene is used as a reagent for various organic synthesis reactions because of its high reactivity, and is used for, for example, being allowed to react with a compound having a hetero atom, such as alcohol, thiol, amine, carboxylic acid, or the like, to perform carbonylation (including chlorocarbonylation) of the compound. Since phosgene is a highly toxic gas and difficult to handle, a phosgene alternative reagent such as diphosgene and triphosgene may be used. It is known that a phosgene alternative reagent generates phosgene by reacting with an amine.

[0003]

Non-Patent Documents 1 and 2 describe that using of a microflow system with use of triphosgene makes it possible to minimize a reactor and thus to further enhance safety. Specifically, Non-Patent Documents 1 and 2 describe that a solution in which a certain N-protected amino acid and diisopropylamine are dissolved in a methylene chloride and a solution in which triphosgene is dissolved are mixed with a T-shape mixer, and the resultant mixture is passed through a reaction tube, whereby phosgene is generated from triphosgene in the mixer and the reaction tube and is immediately reacted with the N-protected amino acid in situ to produce an appropriate acid chloride.

RELATED ART DOCUMENTS

NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

[0004]

Non-Patent Document 1: Fuse et al, Chem. Commun. , 2011, 47, 12661-12663

Non-Patent Document 2: Fuse et al, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. , 2014, 53, 851-855

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION

[0005]

However, in a reaction in a microflow system using a phosgene alternative reagent such as diphosgene or triphosgene as a raw material, there is room for further improvement in the reaction yield.

The present invention has been made by focusing on the above situation, and an object of the present invention is to further enhance a product yield when a phosgene alternative reagent is used in a flow reactor.

SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS

[0006]

As a result of intensive studies for achieving the above object, the inventors have devised a combination of flow reactors and found that a phosgene alternative reagent such as diphosgene or triphosgene is first reacted with a nitrogen-containing organic compound in a first flow reactor to prepare phosgene, and the resulting phosgene is reacted with a reaction substrate in a second flow reactor, whereby generation of impurities by a side reaction is suppressed, and the product yield is significantly improved. The invention has been achieved based on such findings.

That is, the present invention is as follows:

[1] A process for producing an organic compound using

a flow reactor for a first reaction in which a raw material liquid A and a raw material liquid B are introduced from separate feeding channels, mixed in a mixing unit, and then reacted in a reactor unit, and

a flow reactor for a second reaction in which a first reaction solution discharged from the flow reactor for the first reaction and a raw material liquid C are introduced from separate feeding channels, mixed in a mixing unit, and then reacted in a reactor unit,

wherein the raw material liquid A is a solution in which triphosgene and/or diphosgene is dissolved,

wherein the raw material liquid B is a nitrogen-containing organic compound not including an amino group optionally having one substituent on N, an amido group optionally having one substituent on N, and -OC(=O)NH_2 optionally having one substituent on N, or a solution of the nitrogen-containing organic compound,

wherein the raw material liquid C is a reaction substrate having at least one functional group capable of reacting with phosgene, the functional group being selected from the group consisting of an amino group optionally having one substituent on N, an amido group optionally having one substituent on N, and -OC(=O)NH_2 optionally having one substituent on N, or a solution containing the reaction substrate, and

wherein a product of the first reaction is phosgene.

[2] The process according to the above [1],

wherein the organic compound produced is a compound having at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of a chlorocarbonylated amino group optionally having one substituent on N, a chlorocarbonylated amide group optionally having one substituent on N, and a chlorocarbonylated -

OC(=O)NH₂ group optionally having one substituent on N, a compound having a structure of N-carboxyanhydride (NCA), or a compound having a isocyanate or urea structure.

[3] The process according to the above [1] or [2],

wherein the nitrogen-containing organic compound not including an amino group optionally having one substituent on N, an amido group optionally having one substituent on N, and -OC(=O)NH₂ optionally having one substituent on N is a trialkylamine having 9 to 40 carbon atoms, and

wherein the solution in which triphosgene and/or diphosgene is dissolved contains an organic solvent.

[4] The process according to any of the above [1] to [3],

wherein a flow channel to discharge the first reaction solution from the reactor unit of the flow reactor for the first reaction is directly connected to the mixing unit of the flow reactor for the second reaction.

[5] The process according to any of the above [1] to [4],

wherein the reactor unit has a cross-sectional area of 0.15 mm² or more and 30 cm² or less.

EFFECTS OF THE INVENTION

[0007]

According to the present invention, when a phosgene alternative reagent such as diphosgene or triphosgene is used in a flow reactor, generation of impurities by a side reaction can be suppressed, and a product yield can be significantly enhanced.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008]

FIG. 1 is a schematic view showing one example of a flow reactor of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a schematic view showing another example of a flow reactor of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is a schematic view showing a flow reactor of Reference Examples and Comparative Examples.

MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0009]

The present invention relates to a process for producing an organic compound in a flow reactor using a phosgene alternative reagent (synthetic equivalent of phosgene). The flow reactor includes both a chemical reaction apparatus (micro-flow reactor) utilizing a microchannel in the order of submillimeter and a scaled-up apparatus of the micro-flow reactor. The micro-flow reactor has specific effects, due to the micro reaction field, such as high-speed mixing performance (for example, when two liquids are mixed in a micro-space, the substance diffusion distance in the two liquids decreases, resulting in shortening the time of mass transfer movement), heat removal efficiency (since the reaction field is small, thermal efficiency is extremely high and temperature control is easy), reaction control performance, interface control performance, or the like. In addition, the micro-flow reactor has advantages such as improved safety and significantly reduced cost of equipment along with downsizing of the whole process, process intensification (micro in macro) by incorporating into existing processes, and production of substances that could not be produced by an existing production method. On the other hand, the micro-flow reactor has a problem in that only a limited amount can be processed at a time. The flow reactor also includes a chemical reaction apparatus in which the diameter of a flow channel is enlarged to the order of millimeters to centimeters to the extent that the characteristics of the micro-flow reactor are not impaired, thereby improving operability. Therefore, the flow reactor can be practically used

because a processing amount can be increased. Specifically, the flow reactor is composed of two or more feeding channels (which may be feeding lines and may be identified as "raw material feeding ports"), a mixing unit to mix fed raw materials, and a reactor unit in which a mixed solution flows (which is also called a reactor channel or a retention channel, and may be a reactor line or a retention line).

[0010]

FIG. 1 is a schematic view showing a reaction apparatus 1 using the above-mentioned flow reactor, which is adopted in the present invention. The reaction apparatus 1 is composed of:

a flow reactor 21 for a first reaction having two feeding channels 11 and 12 to introduce a raw material liquid A and a raw material liquid B separately, a first mixing unit 15 to mix the raw material liquids A and B fed from the respective feeding channels 11 and 12, and a first reactor unit 17 to react a mixed solution prepared in the mixing unit; and

a flow reactor 22 for a second reaction having two feeding channels 13 and 14 to introduce a first reaction solution discharged from the flow reactor for the first reaction and a raw material liquid C separately, a second mixing unit 16 to mix the first reaction solution and the raw material liquid C fed from the respective feeding channels 13 and 14, and a second reactor unit 18 to react a mixed solution prepared in the mixing unit. The flow channel 13 to discharge the first reaction solution from the reactor unit 17 of the flow reactor 21 for the first reaction also serves as the feeding channel 13 of the flow reactor 22 for the second reaction, and this discharge channel 13 is directly connected to the mixing unit 16. The use of such two flow reactors 21 and 22 allows the two reactions, including the first and second reactions.

[0011]

In the present invention, as the raw material liquid A in the flow reactor

21 for the first reaction, a solution in which a phosgene alternative reagent (that is, triphosgene and/or diphosgene, preferably triphosgene) is dissolved is used. As the raw material liquid B in the flow reactor 21 for the first reaction, a nitrogen-containing organic compound not including an amino group optionally having one substituent on N (hereinafter, unless otherwise indicated, the “amino group” means not only an unsubstituted amino group but also an amino group having one substituent on N, and the amino group having one substituent on N may be referred to as an N-monosubstituted amino group), an amido group optionally having one substituent on N (hereinafter, unless otherwise indicated, the “amide group” means not only an unsubstituted amide group but also an amide group having one substituent on N), and -OC(=O)NH_2 optionally having one substituent on N (hereinafter referred to as an “ -OC(=O)NH_2 group”) or a solution of the nitrogen-containing organic compound is used. A solution containing phosgene (first reaction solution) is obtained as a product of the first reaction. In the subsequent flow reactor 22 for the second reaction, as a raw material liquid C, a reaction substrate having at least one functional group capable of reacting with phosgene (hereinafter sometimes referred to as a reactive group with phosgene or simply a reactive group) that is selected from the group consisting of an amino group (an amino group optionally having one substituent on N, as defined above), an amide group (an amide group optionally having one substituent on N, as defined above), and an -OC(=O)NH_2 group, or a solution containing the reaction substrate is used. This reaction substrate or the solution is reacted with the first reaction solution (phosgene-containing solution) to produce an organic compound (hereinafter sometimes referred to as a desired organic compound or a product). Thus, in the present invention, phosgene is first generated in the first flow reactor 21, and then the reaction substrate having a reactive group with phosgene and the phosgene above generated are reacted in another reaction field in the second flow reactor 22,

whereby the yield of a desired organic compound is remarkably improved. On the other hand, as in Non-Patent Documents 1 and 2, when a solution containing a reaction substrate and an amine and a solution containing triphosgene are reacted in a single reaction field in a conventional flow reactor, the reaction yield may not be improved sufficiently. The reason therefore is assumed to be as follows: 1) before phosgene is formed from triphosgene, an impurity (hereinafter may be referred to as a by-product) is produced due to a side reaction of triphosgene or diphosgene with the reaction substrate, and 2) since the produced impurity is relatively stable, it does not undergo decomposition (phosgenation) and remains even in the presence of amines. By adopting the method of the present invention, since the reaction substrate is reacted after sufficiently forming phosgene from triphosgene, the production of impurity due to the above side reaction can be sufficiently suppressed, and hence the yield of the desired organic compound is improved.

[0012]

When the reactive group with phosgene contained in the reaction substrate to be used as the raw material liquid C in the second flow reactor 22 is reacted with phosgene at a ratio of 1:1 (molar ratio), the amount of the phosgene alternative reagent contained in the raw material liquid A in the first flow reactor 21 is, for example, 0.2 equivalents or more, preferably 0.5 equivalents or more, and more preferably 0.8 equivalents or more, and is, for example, 3 equivalents or less, preferably 2 equivalents or less, and more preferably 1.5 equivalents or less, relative to 1 mol of the reactive group. When the above reactive group and phosgene are reacted at a ratio of 2:1 (molar ratio), the amount of the phosgene alternative reagent is, for example, 0.4 equivalents or more, preferably 0.5 equivalents or more, and more preferably 0.55 equivalents or more, and is, for example, 1 equivalent or less, preferably 0.75 equivalents or less, and more preferably 0.65 equivalents or less, relative to 1 mol of the reactive

group. Note that 1 mol of triphosgene corresponds to 3 equivalents relative to 1 mol of the reactive group with phosgene. 1 mol of diphosgene corresponds to 2 equivalents relative to 1 mol of the reactive group with phosgene.

[0013]

The raw material liquid A is prepared by dissolving the phosgene alternative reagent in an organic solvent. Examples of the organic solvent include an aliphatic hydrocarbon solvent such as n-hexane, cyclohexane, and methylcyclohexane; an aromatic hydrocarbon solvent such as benzene, toluene, and xylene; an ether solvent such as diethyl ether, diisopropyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, 2-methyltetrahydrofuran, 4-methyltetrahydropyran, methyl tert-butyl ether, 1,4-dioxane, and cyclopentyl methyl ether; a halogen-containing solvent such as dichloromethane, chloroform, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, and chlorobenzene; an ester solvent such as ethyl acetate, propyl acetate, and butyl acetate; a ketone solvent such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, and methyl isobutyl ketone; a nitrile solvent such as acetonitrile, propionitrile, and butyronitrile; and an amide solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, and N-methylpyrrolidone. These solvents may be used alone or in combination of two or more kinds, and there is no restriction on the mixing ratio thereof.

[0014]

In the present invention, from the viewpoints of reactivity, post-treatment, and the like, an aromatic hydrocarbon solvent, an ether solvent, and a nitrile solvent are preferred. Toluene, tetrahydrofuran, and acetonitrile are more preferred. In some preferred solvents, hydrochloride of a nitrogen-containing organic compound described later may have low solubility. However, by appropriately selecting a nitrogen-containing organic compound, the precipitation of hydrochloride can be prevented.

[0015]

The amount of the organic solvent in the raw material liquid A containing the phosgene alternative reagent is, for example, 0.1 parts by weight or more, preferably 0.5 parts by weight or more, and more preferably 1.0 part by weight or more, and is, for example, 100 parts by weight or less, preferably 50 parts by weight or less, more preferably 30 parts by weight or less, and particularly preferably 10 parts by weight or less, relative to 1 part by weight of the phosgene alternative reagent.

[0016]

As the nitrogen-containing organic compound to be used as the raw material liquid B in the first flow reactor 21, a nitrogen-containing organic compound having no reactive group with phosgene, such as an amino group, an amide group, and an -OC(=O)NH_2 group, can be used. Examples of the nitrogen-containing organic compound include trimethylamine, triethylamine, tripropylamine, tributylamine, tripentylamine, trihexylamine, triheptylamine, trioctylamine, tridodecylamine, dodecyldimethylamine, hexyldibutylamine, diisopropylbutylamine, diethylamine, diisopropylethylamine, dimethylethylamine, dicyclohexylmethylamine, N-methylpyrrolidine, N-methylmorpholine, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene, pyridine, 2-picoline, 3-picoline, 2,6-lutidine, collidine, 4-dimethylaminopyridine, quinoline, imidazole, N-methylimidazole and the like. These nitrogen-containing organic compounds may be used singly or in combination of two or more kinds. When using in combination of two or more kinds, there are no restriction on the mixing ratio. The tertiary amine such as tripropylamine, tributylamine, trihexylamine, trioctylamine, diisopropylethylamine, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene, N-methylimidazole, or the like is preferred, and a trialkylamine such as tripropylamine, tributylamine, trihexylamine, trioctylamine, or diisopropylethylamine is more preferred.

[0017]

The trialkylamine is preferably a trialkylamine having 9 to 40 carbon atoms. In this reaction, since the nitrogen-containing organic compound forms hydrochloric acid and hydrochloride generated when the reaction substrate reacts with phosgene, there is a risk of clogging of a flow channel during a flow reaction due to the precipitation of the salt. However, when a trialkylamine having 9 to 40 carbon atoms is used as the nitrogen-containing organic compound, the generated hydrochloride has high solubility, and clogging of a flow channel of a flow reactor can be prevented. From the viewpoint of increasing the solubility of hydrochloride, the trialkylamine is preferably a noncyclic trialkylamine. The number of carbon atoms of the trialkylamine may be 9 or more or 12 or more, and may be 40 or less, 30 or less, or 24 or less.

[0018]

Examples of a noncyclic trialkylamine having 9 to 40 carbon atoms include tripropylamine, tributylamine, tripentylamine, trihexylamine, triheptylamine, trioctylamine, tridodecylamine, dodecyldimethylamine, hexyldibutylamine, and diisopropylbutylamine. From the viewpoint of availability, tripropylamine, tributylamine, trihexylamine, and trioctylamine are preferred, and tributylamine is more preferred.

[0019]

Since the nitrogen-containing organic compound serves as a catalyst, the using amount of the nitrogen-containing organic compound may be small. The amount of nitrogen atoms in the nitrogen-containing organic compound is, for example 0.5 mol or more, preferably 1 mol or more, more preferably 2 mol or more, further preferably 2.5 mol or more, and still further preferably 3 mol or more, relative to 1 mol of triphosgene. The upper limit of the using amount of the nitrogen-containing organic compound is not particularly limited. However, the amount of nitrogen atoms in the nitrogen-containing organic compound may be, for example, 8 mol or less, preferably 6 mol or less, and more preferably 4 mol

or less, relative to 1 mol of triphosgene.

In addition, the amount of nitrogen atoms in the nitrogen-containing organic compound is, for example, 0.5 mol or more, preferably 1 mol or more, more preferably 1.5 mol or more, further preferably 1.8 mol or more, and still further preferably 2 mol or more, relative to 1 mol of diphosgene. The upper limit of the using amount of the nitrogen-containing organic compound is not particularly limited. However, the amount of nitrogen atoms in the nitrogen-containing organic compound may be, for example, 15 mol or less, preferably 10 mol or less, and more preferably 5 mol or less, relative to 1 mol of diphosgene.

[0020]

Part of the nitrogen-containing organic compound may be contained in the raw material liquid C. When the nitrogen-containing organic compound is contained in both the raw material liquid B and the raw material liquid C, the using amount of the nitrogen-containing organic compound means the total using amount of the nitrogen-containing organic compounds in the raw material liquid B and the raw material liquid C.

[0021]

The nitrogen-containing organic compound may be used as the raw material liquid B in a solvent-free state when used at a temperature equal to or higher than a melting point. However, if necessary, a solution in which the nitrogen-containing organic compound and an organic solvent coexist may be used as the raw material liquid B. The organic solvent can be selected from the same range as the solvents that can be used in the raw material liquid A containing the phosgene alternative reagent.

[0022]

The amount of the organic solvent in the raw material liquid B is, for example, 1 part by mass or more, preferably 10 parts by mass or more, and more preferably 30 parts by mass or more, and is, for example, 10000 parts by mass or

less, preferably 5000 parts by mass or less, and more preferably 3000 parts by mass or less, relative to 100 parts by mass of the nitrogen-containing organic compound.

[0023]

A time (reaction time, retention time) during which the mixed solution of the raw material liquid A (phosgene alternative reagent) and the raw material liquid B (nitrogen-containing organic compound) flows in the reactor unit 17 of the first flow reactor 21 may be appropriately set according to the types of the raw material liquids A and B and the flow velocities at which the raw material liquids A and B are flowed in the flow channels, and is, for example, 0.5 seconds or more, preferably 0.7 seconds or more, more preferably 0.8 seconds or more, and further preferably 1.0 second or more, and is, for example, 15 minutes or less, preferably 10 minutes or less, and more preferably 5 minutes or less.

[0024]

The flow velocities at which the raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B flow in the feeding channels 11 and 12, respectively, and the flow velocity at which the mixed solution of the raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B flows in the reactor unit 17 of the first flow reactor 21 may be appropriately set according to the types of the raw material liquids A and B and a retention time in the reactor unit 17. Each flow velocity is, for example, 0.01 mL/min or more, preferably 0.1 mL/min or more, more preferably 0.5 mL/min or more, and is, for example, 5000 mL/min or less, preferably 3000 mL/min or less, and more preferably 1000 mL/min (60 L/hour) or less.

[0025]

In the reaction apparatus 1, a device (temperature control room, temperature control bath, jacket container, etc.; temperature control bath in the illustrated example) 31 to control the temperatures of the reactor units 17 and 18 may be provided independently in each the reactor unit or common to all the

reactor units. The reaction temperature (set temperature of the temperature control device 31) of the raw material liquid A (phosgene alternative reagent) and the raw material liquid B (nitrogen-containing organic compound) is, for example, -50°C or higher, preferably -30°C or higher, and more preferably -10°C or higher, and is, for example, 100°C or lower, preferably 50°C or lower, and more preferably 25°C or lower.

[0026]

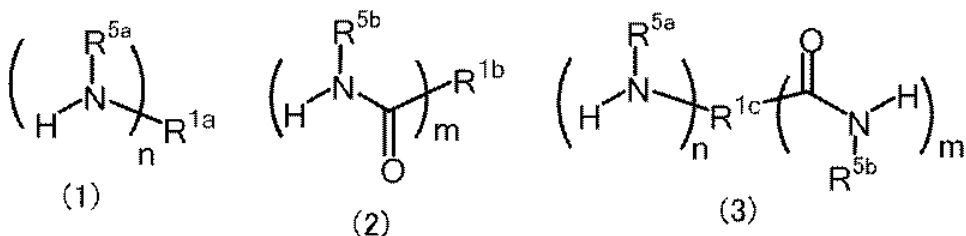
The phosgene prepared in the first flow reactor 21 is fed to the second flow reactor 22 through the feeding channel 13 and mixed with a reaction substrate contained in the raw material liquid C in the mixing unit 16 of the reactor 22.

[0027]

As described above, the reaction substrate has a reactive group with phosgene such as an amino group, an amide group, and an -OC(=O)NH₂ group. The number of the reactive groups may be one or more, and may be two, three, or four or more, per one molecule of the substrate, but is preferably 1 to 4, more preferably 1 to 3, and most preferably 1 or 2. When a plurality of reactive groups are contained, the reactive groups may be the same or different.

[0028]

As the reaction substrate, the compounds represented by the following formulae (1) to (3) are preferred:



wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, and R^{1c} each represent a portion other than the reactive group with phosgene of the reaction substrate; R^{5a} and R^{5b} each represent a hydrogen atom or an organic group (having no reactive group with phosgene); R^{1a} or R^{1c}

and R^{5a} may be bonded to each other; R^{1b} or R^{1c} and R^{5b} may be bonded to each other; when a plurality of R^{5a}'s and a plurality of R^{5b}'s are present, R^{5a}'s and R^{5b}'s may be the same or different; and n and m each represent an integer of 1 to 3; the sum of n and m is preferably 1 to 3, and particularly preferably 1 or 2.

[0029]

R^{1a} to R^{1c} and R^{5a} to R^{5b} can have various complicated structures according to the reaction substrate, but may have a simple structure.

[0030]

Examples of R^{5a} and R^{5b} having a simple structure include a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an alkenyl group having 2 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aralkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, a heteroaryl group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an alkoxy group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aryloxy group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, and a group in which a hydrogen atom is removed from each of the above-mentioned groups to form a bond with R^{1a}, R^{1b}, or R^{1c}.

[0031]

The alkyl group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group, a butyl group, a pentyl group, or a hexyl group, and more preferably a group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

The alkenyl group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms such as an ethenyl group, a propenyl group, a butenyl group, a

pentenyl group, or a hexenyl group, and more preferably a group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms.

The cycloalkyl group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms such as a cyclopropyl group, a cyclobutyl group, a cyclopentyl group, or a cyclohexyl group, and more preferably a group having 5 to 6 carbon atoms.

[0032]

The aralkyl group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 7 to 15 carbon atoms such as a benzyl group, a phenethyl group, or a phenylpropyl group, and more preferably a group having 7 to 10 carbon atoms.

The aryl group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms such as a phenyl group, a tolyl group, or a naphthyl group, and more preferably a group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms.

Examples of the heteroaryl group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} include a pyridinyl group, a pyrazinyl group, a pyrimidinyl group, and a pyridazinyl group.

[0033]

The alkoxy group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms such as a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a propoxy group, or a butoxy group, and more preferably a group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

The aralkyloxy group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 7 to 15 carbon atoms such as a benzyloxy group or a phenethyloxy group, and more preferably a group having 7 to 10 carbon atoms.

The aryloxy group serving as R^{5a} and R^{5b} is preferably a group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms such as a phenyloxy group or a naphthyloxy group, and more preferably a group having 6 to 8 carbon atoms.

[0034]

Examples of the substituent that R^{5a} and R^{5b} may have include fluorine atom; an alkoxy group such as a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a phenoxy

group, or a benzyloxy group; a cyclic ether group such as an epoxy group; an alkylthio group such as a methylthio group; a trifluoromethyl group; an acetyl group; a benzoyl group; a cyano group; a nitro group; an alkoxycarbonyl group such as a methoxycarbonyl group or an ethoxycarbonyl group; a dialkylamino group such as a dimethylamino group, a diethylamino group, or a pyrrolidyl group; and a protected amino group such as a benzyloxycarbonylamino group, a tert-butylcarbonylamino group, an acetylamino group, or a benzoylamino group. The substituent is preferably other than a reactive group with phosgene. Further, the substituent may be a divalent group, and includes, for example, $\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-}$. When two bonds of $\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-}$ are bonded to the same carbon atom, an oxirane ring is formed. There is no restriction on the number of the substituents.

[0035]

Examples of R^{1a} to R^{1c} having a simple structure include an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent or a divalent or trivalent group obtained by removing one or two hydrogen atoms from the alkyl group (hereinafter, these may be collectively referred to as alkyl-derived groups); an alkenyl group having 2 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent or a divalent or trivalent group obtained by removing one or two hydrogen atoms from the alkenyl group (hereinafter, these may be collectively referred to as alkenyl-derived groups); a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent or a divalent or trivalent group obtained by removing one or two hydrogen atoms from the cycloalkyl group (hereinafter, these may be collectively referred to as cycloalkyl-derived groups); an aralkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent or a divalent or trivalent group obtained by removing one or two hydrogen atoms from the aralkyl group (hereinafter, these may be collectively referred to as aralkyl-derived groups); an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms and

optionally having a substituent or a divalent or trivalent group obtained by removing one or two hydrogen atoms from the aryl group (hereinafter, these may be collectively referred to as aryl-derived groups); and a heteroaryl group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent or a divalent or trivalent group obtained by removing one or two hydrogen atoms from the heteroaryl group (hereinafter, these may be collectively referred to as heteroaryl-derived groups). Each of R^{1b} and R^{1c} may be a group in which an oxy group (-O-) is bonded to any of the alkyl-derived groups, the alkenyl-derived groups, the cycloalkyl-derived groups, the aralkyl-derived groups, the aryl-derived groups, or the heteroaryl-derived groups. The oxy group also bonds to -C(=O)NR^{5b}H represented by the formula (2) or (3).

[0036]

Examples of the alkyl group, the alkenyl group, the cycloalkyl group, the aralkyl group, the aryl group, and the heteroaryl group serving as R^{1a} to R^{1c} include the same groups as those exemplified for R^{5a} and R^{5b}. Further, examples of the substituents of R^{1a} to R^{1c} include the same substituents as those exemplified for R^{5a} and R^{5b}.

[0037]

R^{1a} or R^{1c} and R^{5a}, or R^{1b} or R^{1c} and R^{5b} are preferably bonded to each other to form a ring containing at least one or more (preferably 5 or less, more preferably 2 or less) nitrogen atoms as the constituent elements of the ring. The ring formed by bonding R^{1a} or R^{1c} and R^{5a}, or R^{1b} or R^{1c} and R^{5b} to each other has preferably 2 or more, more preferably 4 or more, preferably 30 or less, and more preferably 20 or less carbon atoms. The ring formed by bonding R^{1a} or R^{1c} and R^{5a}, or R^{1b} or R^{1c} and R^{5b} to each other is preferably a monocyclic system, a bicyclic system, or a tricyclic system.

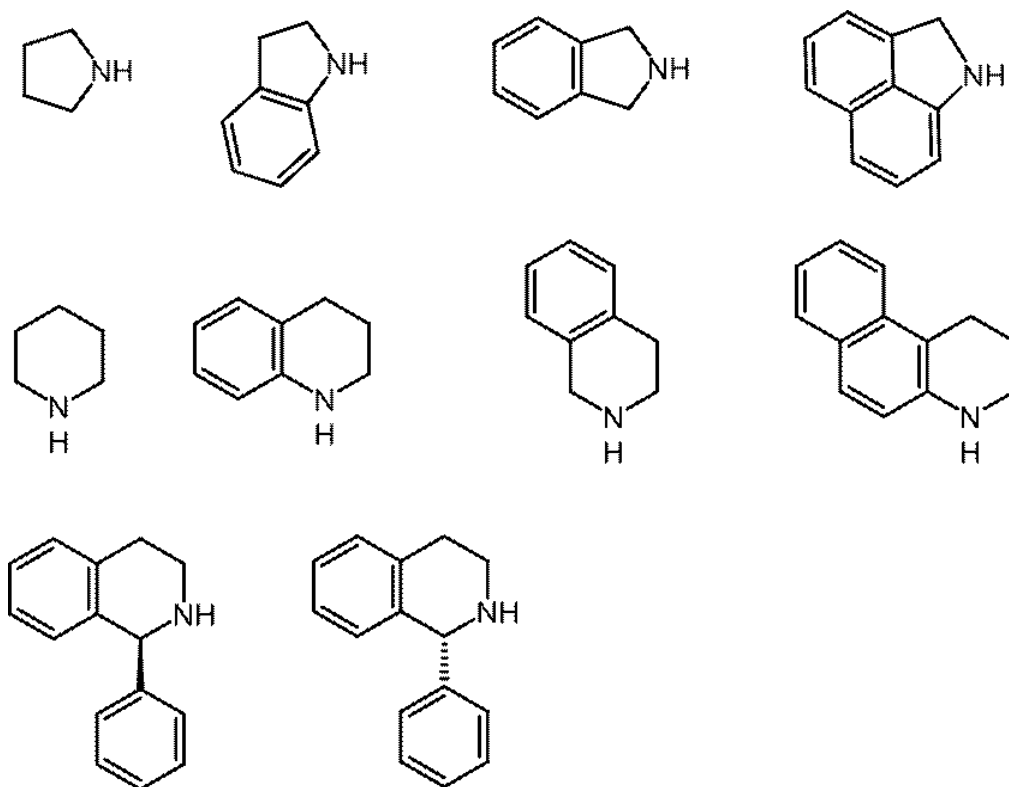
[0038]

The ring formed by bonding R^{1a} or R^{1c} and R^{5a}, or R^{1b} or R^{1c} and R^{5b} to

each other may have a substituent, and examples of the substituent include an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an alkenyl group having 2 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aralkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, a heteroaryl group having 3 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an alkoxy group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, an aryloxy group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, and a substituent that the group as R^{5a} or R^{5b} may have. The substituent is preferably an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent, and a specific group can appropriately refer to R^{5a} or R^{5b}. The number of the substituents is not particularly limited.

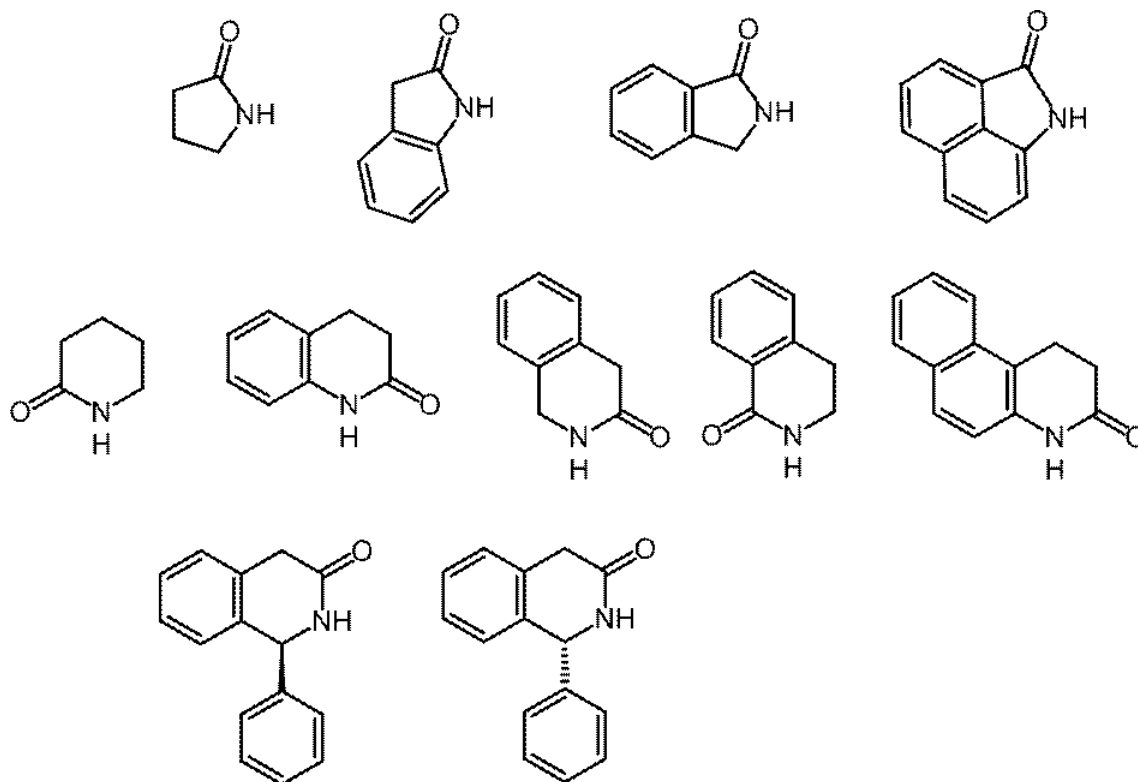
[0039]

When the reaction substrate has “R^{5a}-N-R^{1a}” or “R^{5a}-N-R^{1c}” in the structural formula as in the formula (1) or (3), R^{1a} or R^{1c} and R^{5a} are bonded to each other (for example, formally, a hydrogen atom is removed from R^{1a} or R^{1c} and a hydrogen atom is removed from R^{5a} to form a bond) to form a ring containing at least one or more (preferably 5 or less, more preferably 2 or less) nitrogen atoms as the constituent elements of the ring. Examples of the ring formed by bonding R^{1a} or R^{1c} and R^{5a} to each other include the following rings.



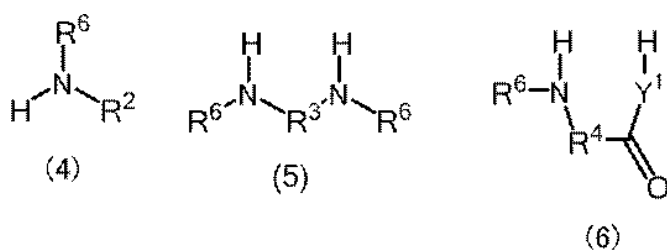
[0040]

On the other hand, when the reaction substrate has “ $R^{5b}\text{-NH-C(=O)-}R^{1b}$ ” or “ $R^{5b}\text{-NH-C(=O)-}R^{1c}$ ” in the structural formula as in the formula (2) or (3), R^{1b} or R^{1c} and R^{5b} are bonded to each other (for example, formally, a hydrogen atom is removed from R^{1b} or R^{1c} and a hydrogen atom is removed from R^{5b} to form a bond) to form a ring containing at least one or more (preferably 5 or less, more preferably 2 or less) -NH-C(=O)- groups as the constituent elements of the ring. Examples of the ring formed by bonding R^{1b} or R^{1c} and R^{5b} to each other include the following rings.



[0041]

The reaction substrates represented by the formulae (1) to (3) can be represented by, for example, the following formulae (4) to (6), respectively, in one embodiment.



wherein R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 each represent a portion other than the reactive group with phosgene of the reaction substrate; R^6 is the same as R^{5a} except that R^6 is not a hydrogen atom; R^2 , R^3 , or R^4 and R^6 may be bonded to each other; Y^1 is NH, and Y^1 and R^4 and/or R^6 may be bonded to each other; and when a plurality of R^6 's are present, R^6 's may be the same or different.

[0042]

R^2 to R^4 can also have various complicated structures according to the reaction substrate as with R^{1a} to R^{1c} , but may have a simple structure.

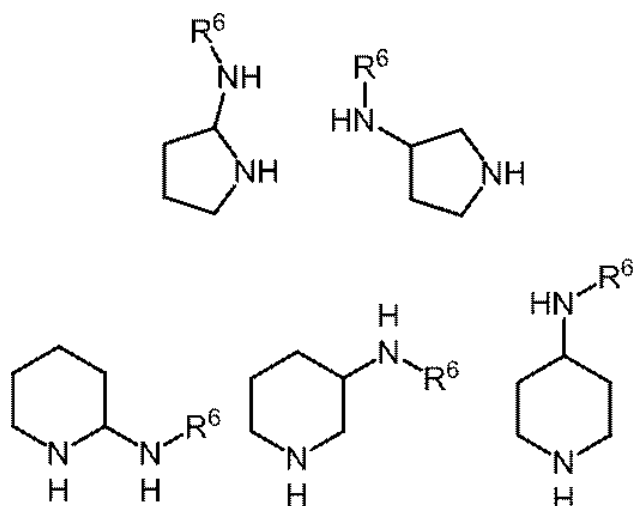
Examples of R^2 having a simple structure include a monovalent group among the groups exemplified for R^{1a} .

Examples of R^3 and R^4 having a simple structure include a divalent group among the groups exemplified for R^{1a} and R^{1c} . Preferred examples of the divalent group include an alkylene group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent; a cycloalkanediyl group having 4 to 10 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent such as a cyclopentane-1,2-diyl group or a cyclohexane-1,2-diyl group (particularly, a cycloalkane-1,2-diyl group); or a divalent aromatic hydrocarbon group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms and optionally having a substituent such as a benzene-1,2-diyl group. The alkylene group is more preferably a group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms such as a methylene group, an ethylene group, a propylene group, a butanediyl group, a pentanediyl group, or a hexanediyl group, and further preferably a group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms. Examples of the substituents of R^3 and R^4 also include the same groups as those exemplified for R^{5a} to R^{5b} .

[0043]

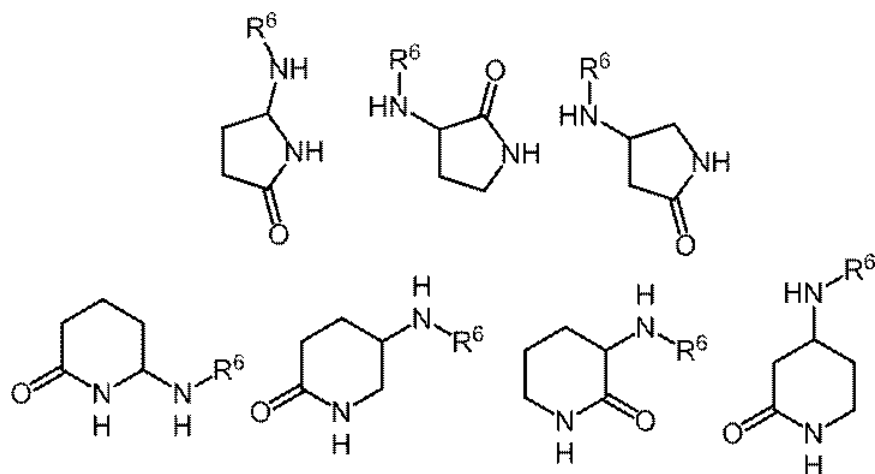
Examples of the ring formed by bonding R^6 and R^2 to each other in the formula (4) include the same rings as those in the case of having " R^{5a} -N- R^{1a} " or " R^{5a} -N- R^{1c} " in the structural formula as in the formula (1) or the formula (3).

Examples of the ring formed by bonding one of R^6 's and R^3 to each other in the formula (5) include the following rings.



[0044]

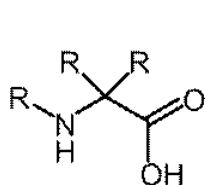
Examples of the ring formed by bonding Y¹ and R⁴ to each other in the formula (6) include the following rings.



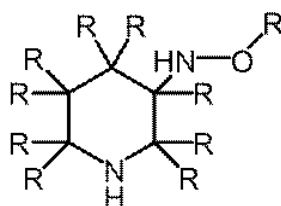
[0045]

The substrate having a complicated structure among the preferred reaction substrates includes a substrate having a structure represented by the formula (31) such as N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanine; and a substrate having a structure represented by the formula (32) such as benzyl 4-[[[(2S,5R)-5-[(benzyloxy)amino]piperidin-2-yl]carbonyl)aminol]piperidine-1-carboxylate, tert-butyl 4-[[[(2S,5R)-5-[(benzyloxy)amino]piperidin-2-yl]carbonyl)aminol]piperidine-1-carboxylate, benzyl (2S,5R)-5-benzyloxyamino-piperidine-2-carboxylate, methyl (2S,5R)-5-benzyloxyamino-piperidine-2-carboxylate, and (2S,5R)-5-benzyloxyamino-piperidine-2-carboxamide. The

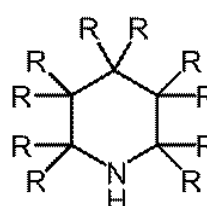
substrate having a simple structure among the preferred reaction substrates includes a substrate having a structure represented by the formula (33) such as (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, methylamine, ethylamine, propylamine, butylamine, cyclopropylamine, benzylamine, dimethylamine, diethylamine, (R)-1-phenylethylamine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, aniline, acetamide, glycine, L-alanine, L-phenylalanine, glycinamide, L-alanine amide, and L-phenylalaninamide.



(31)



(32)



(33)

wherein R represents an organic group, and a plurality of R's may be different from each other and become a partial structure of the reaction substrate; and R does not have a reactive group with phosgene.

[0046]

The most preferred reaction substrate is a substrate having an N-monosubstituted amino group, a substrate having two N-monosubstituted amino groups, a substrate having a cyclized N-monosubstituted amino group, or the like. A substrate having a structure represented by the formula (31), the formula (32), or the formula (33) is further preferred.

[0047]

The reaction substrate may be used as the raw material liquid C in a solvent-free state when used at a temperature equal to or higher than a melting point. However, if necessary, a solution in which the reaction substrate and an organic solvent coexist may be used as the raw material liquid C. The organic solvent can be selected from the same range as the solvents that can be used in the raw material liquid A containing the phosgene alternative reagent.

[0048]

The amount of the organic solvent in the raw material liquid C is, for example, 50 parts by mass or more, preferably 100 parts by mass or more, and more preferably 150 parts by mass or more, and is, for example, 3000 parts by mass or less, preferably 2000 parts by mass or less, and more preferably 1000 parts by mass or less, relative to 100 parts by mass of the reaction substrate.

[0049]

The raw material liquid C may or may not contain a nitrogen-containing organic compound.

[0050]

A time (reaction time, retention time) during which the mixed solution of the solution containing phosgene prepared in the first flow reactor 21 and the raw material liquid C (reaction substrate) flows in the reactor unit 18 of the second flow reactor 22 may be appropriately set according to the type of the raw material liquid C and the flow velocity at which the mixed solution of the solution containing phosgene and the raw material liquid C flows in the second flow reactor 22, and is, for example, 0.5 seconds or more, preferably 0.6 seconds or more, more preferably 0.8 seconds or more, further preferably 1.0 second or more, and still further preferably 1.2 seconds or more, and is, for example, 15 minutes or less, preferably 10 minutes or less, and more preferably 5 minutes or less.

[0051]

The flow velocity at which the raw material liquid C flows in the feeding channel 14 and the flow velocity at which the mixed solution of the solution containing phosgene prepared in the first flow reactor 21 and the raw material liquid C (reaction substrate) flows in the reactor unit 18 of the second flow reactor 22 may be appropriately set according to the types of the raw material liquids A and B and a retention time in the reactor unit 17. Each flow velocity is, for example, 0.01 mL/min or more, preferably 0.1 mL/min or more, more preferably 0.5 mL/min or more, and is, for example, 5000 mL/min or less,

preferably 3000 mL/min or less, and more preferably 1000 mL/min (60 L/hour) or less.

[0052]

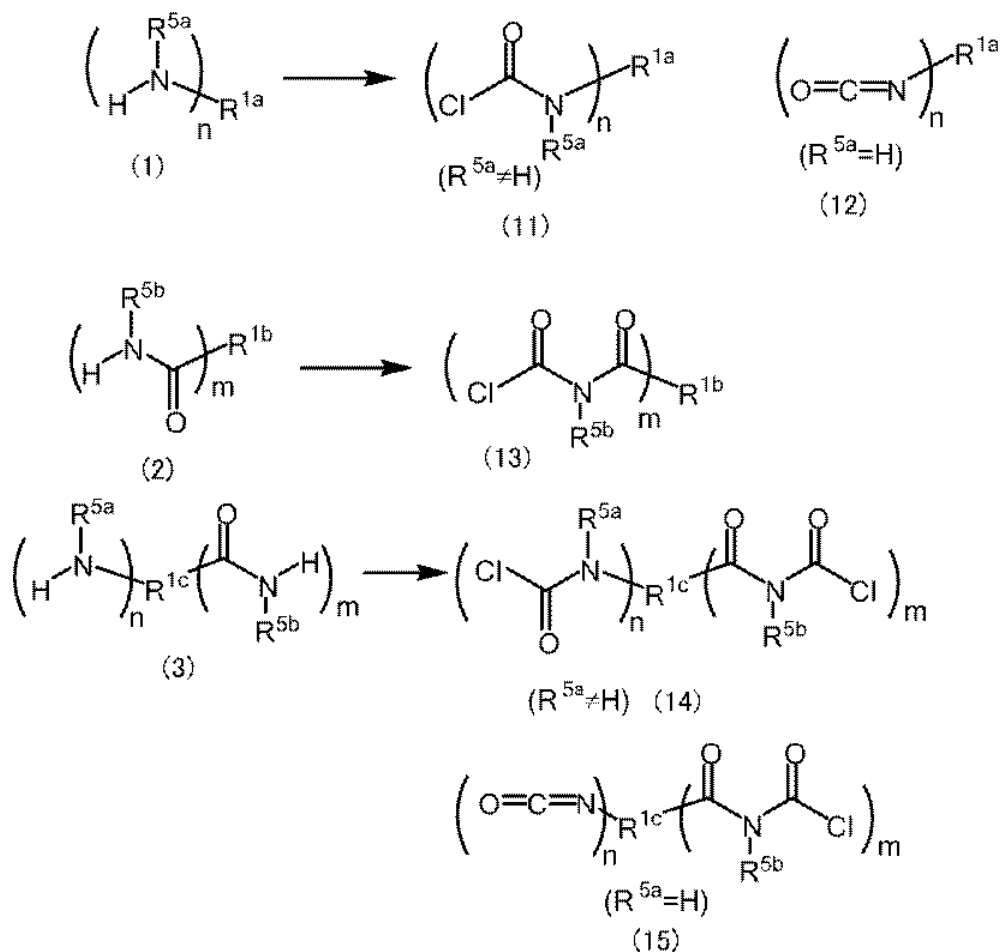
The reaction temperature (set temperature of the temperature control device 31) of the solution containing phosgene and the raw material liquid C (reaction substrate) is, for example, -50°C or higher, preferably -30°C or higher, and more preferably -10°C or higher, and is, for example, 100°C or lower, preferably 50°C or lower, and more preferably 25°C or lower.

[0053]

The reaction substrate reacts with phosgene in the reactor unit 18, whereby a desired organic compound is obtained. The desired organic compound has a group resulting from conversion of a reactive group with phosgene in the reaction substrate, for example, an N-monosubstituted amino group, an amide group, or a -OC(=O)NH₂ group of which a hydrogen atom on a nitrogen atom (N) has been subjected to carbonylation (including chlorocarbonylation). The desired organic compound may have an isocyanate group formed by reaction of the amino group with phosgene.

[0054]

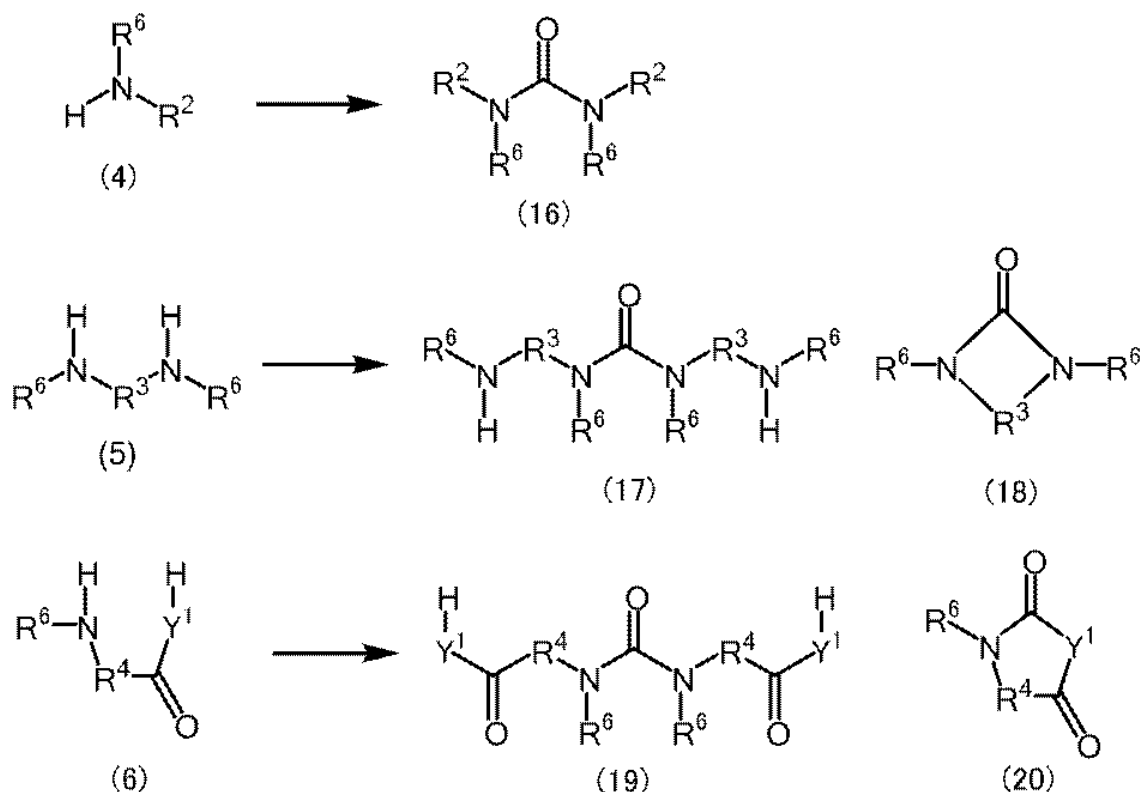
When the reaction substrates represented by the above formulae (1) to (3) each react with phosgene having the same substance amount as the substance amount of the reactive group, the desired organic compounds represented by the formulae (11) to (15) are synthesized:



wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{1c}, R^{5a}, R^{5b}, m, and n are the same as above.

[0055]

When the reaction substrates represented by the above formulae (4) to (6) each react with phosgene having a substance amount half of the substance amount of the reactive group, the desired organic compounds represented by the formulae (16) to (20) are synthesized:



wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 , and Y^1 are the same as above.

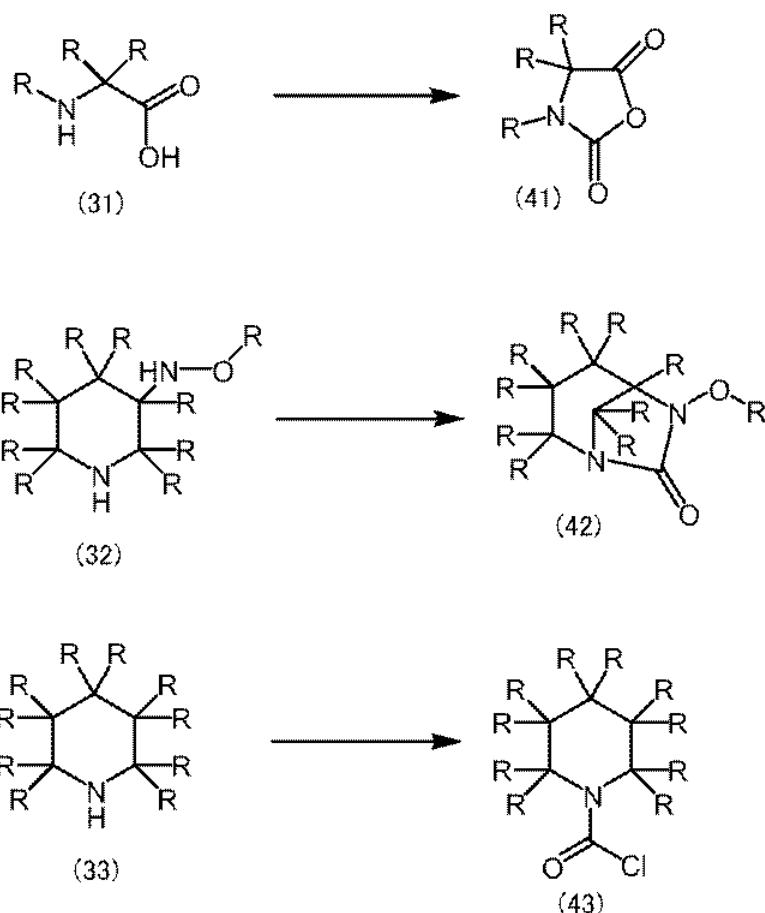
[0056]

From a substrate having at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of an amino group, an amide group, and an $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{NH}_2$ group, a desired organic compound having at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of a chlorocarbonylated amino group, a chlorocarbonylated amide group, and a chlorocarbonylated $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{NH}_2$ group is synthesized.

[0057]

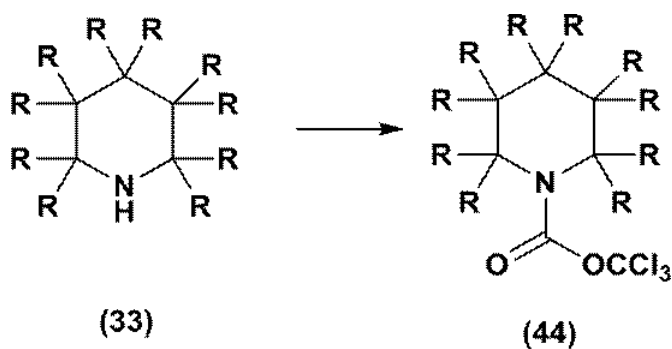
From a substrate having an N-monosubstituted amino group and a carboxy group, a desired organic compound having a structure of N-carboxyanhydride (NCA) is synthesized. From a substrate having two N-monosubstituted amino groups, a desired organic compound having a urea structure is synthesized. From a substrate having a cyclized N-monosubstituted amino group, a desired organic compound having a cyclized N-chlorocarbonyl N-monosubstituted amino group is synthesized. From the substrates having the structures represented by the formula (31), the formula (32), and the formula

(33), desired compounds having the respective structures represented by the formula (41), the formula (42), and the formula (43) are synthesized.



wherein R is the same as above.

As for an impurity that may be by-produced in this process, for example, an impurity having a structure represented by the formula (44) is by-produced from the substrate having the structure represented by the formula (33).



[0058]

The reaction solution flowing out from the reactor unit 18 is appropriately post-treated as necessary. In the illustrated example, water or an aqueous

solution such as water; an acidic aqueous solution containing hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, citric acid, or the like; and an alkaline aqueous solution containing sodium hydroxide, potassium carbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate, or the like is placed in a tank 32 for post-treatment, and the reaction solution is fed to the tank 32 to carry out quenching. To the quenched solution, an organic solvent such as ethyl acetate or toluene may be optionally added to extract a desired organic compound. The using amount of water, the acidic aqueous solution, or the alkaline aqueous solution to be used for quenching is not particularly limited. However, the lower limit thereof is generally 0.1 times by weight, preferably 0.5 times by weight, and more preferably 1 time by weight, and the upper limit thereof is generally 100 times by weight, preferably 80 times by weight, and more preferably 50 times by weight, with respect to the reaction substrate. An organic solvent such as ethyl acetate or toluene may be optionally added, and quenching may be carried out in a two-layer system of water-organic solvent. In addition, the extract can also be washed with acidic water, inorganic salt water or water as necessary. The reaction solvent and the extraction solvent are distilled away from the resultant extract by an operation such as heating under reduced pressure or the like, whereby a desired product is obtained.

[0059]

In the reaction apparatus 1 used in the present invention, a known device such as a microreactor, a cyclone-shaped reactor, and a laminated microfluidic chip can be appropriately utilized as the flow reactor. A reaction apparatus 2 shown in FIG. 2 is a downsized version of the reaction apparatus 1 shown in FIG. 1, and various devices including these examples can be used as appropriate. In FIG. 2, the components indicated by the same reference numerals as the reference numerals in FIG. 1 are the same components as in FIG 1. except that they are small in size.

Hereinafter, a modified example of the reaction apparatus 1 will be described with reference to the reaction apparatus 2 of FIG. 2. As liquid transfer means 34a, 34b, and 34c for feeding the raw material liquids to the reactor units 17 and 18, a pump such as a diaphragm pump, a syringe pump, a plunger pump or the like is usually used. In the example of FIG. 2, syringe pumps 35a, 35b, and 35c are used.

[0060]

In the illustrated examples, a T-shape mixer (including a T-shape tube) is shown as a mixer used as each of the mixing units 15 and 16, but a Y-shape mixer (including a Y-shape tube) can be used as the mixing unit. The mixer may be a static-type mixer, or a helix-type mixer.

Each of the reactor units 17 and 18 in the illustrated examples is not limited to a reactor unit having the coil structure as shown in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2, and may have various structures such as a plate structure in which a micro flow channel is engraved on a plate, a laminated structure in which these plates are stacked, a straight tube structure, or a structure with many bent backs.

[0061]

The length of each of the reactor units 17 and 18 may be set as appropriate according to the reaction time (retention time), and is, for example, 1 cm or more, preferably 10 cm or more, and more preferably 1 m or more. The upper limit of the length of each of the reactor units 17 and 18 is, for example, 500 m or less, preferably 300 m or less, and more preferably 100 m or less. The cross-sectional area of each of the flow channels of the mixing units and the reactor units is, for example, $10\ \mu\text{m}^2$ or more, preferably $0.15\ \text{mm}^2$ or more, more preferably $1\ \text{mm}^2$ or more, and further preferably $10\ \text{mm}^2$ or more. The upper limit of the cross-sectional area of each of the flow channels of the mixing units and the reactor units is, for example, $300\ \text{cm}^2$ or less, $70\ \text{cm}^2$ or less, and more preferably $30\ \text{cm}^2$ or less. In particular, the cross-sectional area of each of the

flow channels of the mixing units and the reactor units is preferably 1 mm² or more and 70 cm² or less, and more preferably 0.15 mm² or more and 30 cm² or less.

[0062]

The materials of the mixing units and the reactor units are not particularly limited and may be appropriately selected depending on needs for solvent resistance, pressure resistance, heat resistance, or the like. For example, a metal such as stainless steel, Hastelloy, titanium, copper, nickel and aluminum; a resin such as PEEK resin, silicone resin, and fluororesin; a glass; a ceramics; and SiC can be used.

[0063]

In the present invention, water may or may not coexist as needed. The coexistence of water can more reliably prevent a nitrogen-containing organic compound hydrochloride from precipitating. The nonexistence of water can prevent a side reaction caused by water. When water does not coexist, the concentration of water in all solvents including solvents contained in other raw material liquids described later (particularly, the concentration of water in the reaction solution of phosgene with a reaction substrate) is, for example, 10 wt% or less, preferably 5 wt% or less, and more preferably 1 wt% or less.

[0064]

A container for quenching the reaction solution is not limited to the tank 32 for post-treatment, and can be selected as appropriate according to the size of the apparatus. For example, a flask 33 as shown in the apparatus of FIG. 2 may be used.

According to the method of the present invention using the apparatuses as described above, a desired organic compound can be obtained in a high yield with a small amount of by-product.

[0065]

The present application claims priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2017-173505 filed on September 8, 2017. All the contents described in Japanese Patent Application No. 2017-173505 filed on September 8, 2017 are incorporated herein by reference.

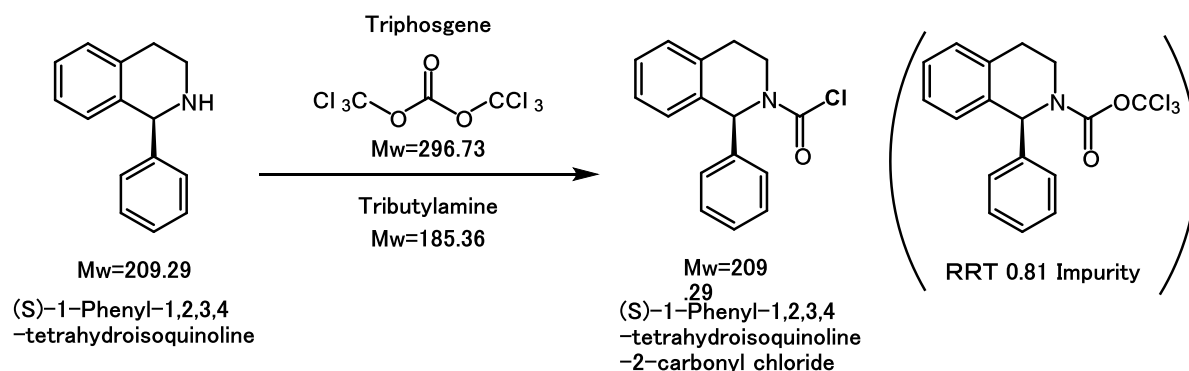
EXAMPLES

[0066]

Hereinafter, the present invention is more specifically described with reference to examples. The present invention, however, is not limited by the following examples but can also be absolutely carried out with appropriate changes to the examples within a scope in compliance with the intent described above and later, and all the changes are to be encompassed within a technical scope of the present invention.

[0067]

(1) Production of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride



[0068]

In the following Examples 1 to 6, Comparative Example 1, and Reference Examples 1 and 2, (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was produced from (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, triphosgene, and tributylamine. The product was quantified by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) method to calculate the yield. HPLC conditions were as follows.

Column: CHIRALCEL OD-H (250 × 4.6 mm) (manufactured by Daicel Corporation)

Mobile phase: hexane/isopropyl alcohol = 98/2

Flow rate: 0.7 ml/min

Detection wavelength: UV 220 nm

Column temperature: 35°C

Retention time: (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride; 10 minutes

(S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline carboxylic acid trichloromethyl (hereinafter referred to as RRT 0.81 impurity); 8.1 minutes. [0069]

Example 1

To 1.70 g of triphosgene, 13.0 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 3.20 g of tributylamine, 10.2 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 3.00 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 23.8 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 2 shown in FIG. 2 in the following manner.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred using syringe pumps (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35b, respectively, at a rate of 1 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 for 4 minutes to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was transferred using a syringe pump (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35c at a rate of 2 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (2 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16, and the resulting mixture was allowed to

flow in a retention line 18 for 2 minutes to perform a reaction. After the syringe containing the raw material liquid A, the raw material liquid B, and the raw material liquid C was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 (inner diameter: 2.0 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) and the retention lines 17 and 18 (inner diameter of tube: 2.0 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) were placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 60 g of 2N aqueous hydrochloric acid in a flask 33. After separation, 61.23 g of an organic layer containing 3.52 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was obtained (yield: 90%, RRT 0.81 impurity: 0.2 area% vs product area). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0070]

Example 2

To 2.84 g of triphosgene, 7.88 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 5.31 g of tributylamine, 3.39 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 5.00 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 15.0 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 2 shown in FIG. 2 in the following manner.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred using syringe pumps (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35b, respectively, at a rate of 1 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 for 5 seconds to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was transferred using a

syringe pump (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35c at a rate of 2 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (2 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 18 for 10 seconds to perform a reaction. After the syringe containing the raw material liquid A, the raw material liquid B, and the raw material liquid C was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) and the retention lines 17 and 18 (inner diameter of tube: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) were placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 100 g of 2N aqueous hydrochloric acid in a flask 33. After separation, 40.83 g of an organic layer containing 6.10 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was obtained (yield: 94%, RRT 0.81 impurity: not detected). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0071]

Example 3

To 2.84 g of triphosgene, 7.88 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 5.31 g of tributylamine, 3.39 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 5.00 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 15.0 g of tetrahydrofuran was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 2 shown in FIG. 2 in the following manner.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred

using syringe pumps (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35b, respectively, at a rate of 1 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 for 5 seconds to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was transferred using a syringe pump (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35c at a rate of 2 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (2 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 18 for 10 seconds to perform a reaction. After the syringe containing the raw material liquid A, the raw material liquid B, and the raw material liquid C was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) and the retention lines 17 and 18 (inner diameter of tube: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) were placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 25 g of 2N aqueous hydrochloric acid in a flask 33. After separation, 45.98 g of an organic layer containing 6.20 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was obtained (yield: 96%, RRT 0.81 impurity: not detected). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0072]

Example 4

To 28.4 g of triphosgene, 78.0 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 53.1 g of tributylamine, 32.5 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 50.0 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 150.0 g of tetrahydrofuran was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the

resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 1 shown in FIG. 1 in the following manner.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred using diaphragm pumps (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 34a and 34b, respectively, at a rate of 39.5 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 for 5 seconds to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was transferred using a diaphragm pump (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 34c at a rate of 79.0 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (79.0 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 18 for 10 seconds to perform a reaction. After the bottles containing the raw material liquid A, the raw material liquid B, and the raw material liquid C was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 (inner diameter: 2.4 mm, material: stainless (SUS304)) and the retention lines 17 and 18 (inner diameter: 3.0 mm, outer diameter: 4.0 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) were placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 250.0 g of 2N aqueous hydrochloric acid in a flask 32. After separation, 443.3 g of an organic layer containing 63.6 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was obtained (yield: 98%, RRT 0.81 impurity: 0 area% vs product area). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0073]

Example 5

To 28.4 g of triphosgene, 78.0 g of toluene was added to prepare a

homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 53.1 g of tributylamine, 32.5 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 50.0 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 150.0 g of tetrahydrofuran was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 1 shown in FIG. 1 in the following manner.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred using diaphragm pumps (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 34a and 34b, respectively, at a rate of 39.5 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 for 5 seconds to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was transferred using a diaphragm pump (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 35c at a rate of 79.0 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (79.0 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 18 for 10 seconds to perform a reaction. After the bottles containing the raw material liquid A, the raw material liquid B, and the raw material liquid C was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 (inner diameter: 2.4 mm, material: stainless (SUS304)) and the retention lines 17 and 18 (inner diameter: 2.18 mm, outer diameter: 1/8 inch (about 3.18 mm), material: stainless (SUS304)) were placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 250.0 g of 2N aqueous hydrochloric acid in a flask 33. After separation, 465.4 g of an organic layer containing 63.1 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was obtained (yield: 98%, RRT 0.81

impurity: 0 area% vs product area). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0074]

Example 6

To 28.4 g of triphosgene, 78.0 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 53.1 g of tributylamine, 32.5 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 50.0 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 150.0 g of tetrahydrofuran was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 1 shown in FIG. 1 in the following manner.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred using diaphragm pumps (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35b, respectively, at a rate of 39.5 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 for 5 seconds to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was transferred using a diaphragm pump (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 35c at a rate of 79.0 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (79.0 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 18 for 10 seconds to perform a reaction. After the bottles containing the raw material liquid A, the raw material liquid B, and the raw material liquid C was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 (inner diameter: 4.8 mm, material: stainless (SUS304)) and the retention lines 17 and 18 (inner diameter of tube: 4.0 mm, outer diameter of tube: 6.0 mm, material: stainless (SUS304)) were placed in a

constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 250.0 g of 2N aqueous hydrochloric acid in a flask 33. After separation, 457.4 g of an organic layer containing 63.9 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was obtained (yield: 97%, RRT 0.81 impurity: 0 area% vs product area). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0075]

Reference Example 1 (Examination 1 of Required Retention Time)

To 7.37 g of triphosgene, 49.4 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. Next, to 13.81 g of tributylamine, 42.9 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B (corresponding to a raw material liquid D in FIG. 3). These solutions were reacted using a reaction apparatus 3 shown in FIG. 3 in the following manner. Note that the reaction apparatus 3 is the same as the reaction apparatus 2 of FIG. 2 except that the second flow reactor 22 is not provided. The same components are indicated by the same reference numerals, and the descriptions thereof are omitted. The outlet of the reaction tube and a React IR15 were connected, and the reaction conversion rate was calculated by means of inline analysis.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B (corresponding to a raw material liquid D in FIG. 3) were transferred using syringe pumps (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35d and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)), and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and the retention lines 17 were

placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The retention time was adjusted to 0.5 to 4.9 seconds by changing the flow rate of each flow channel in a range of 1.0 to 9.0 ml/min. The conversion rate from triphosgene to phosgene at each retention time is shown in Table 1.

<Characteristic peak> triphosgene: 1836 cm⁻¹, phosgene: 1809 cm⁻¹

[0076]

[Table 1]

retention time (sec)	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.6	4.9
conversion rate (%)	64	87	94	97	100	100	100

[0077]

Reference Example 2 (Examination 2 of Required Retention Time)

To 7.37 g of triphosgene, 49.4 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 13.81 g of tributylamine, 42.9 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 13.00 g of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 101.4 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 2 shown in FIG. 2 in the following manner. The outlet of the reaction tube and a React IR15 were connected, and the reaction conversion rate was calculated by means of inline analysis.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred using syringe pumps (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35b, respectively, at a rate of 1 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)), and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material:

polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) for 5 seconds to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was transferred using a syringe pump (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35c at a rate of 2 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (2 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)), and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 18 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) to perform a reaction. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 and the retention lines 17 and 18 were placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C to carry out this examination experiment. The retention time was adjusted to 0.6 to 8.5 seconds by changing the length of the retention line 18 in a range of 19 to 289 cm. The yield of the product ((S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride) at each retention time is shown in Table 2.

[0078]

[Table 2]

retention time (sec)	0.6	1.2	8.5
yield (%)	95	100	100

[0079]

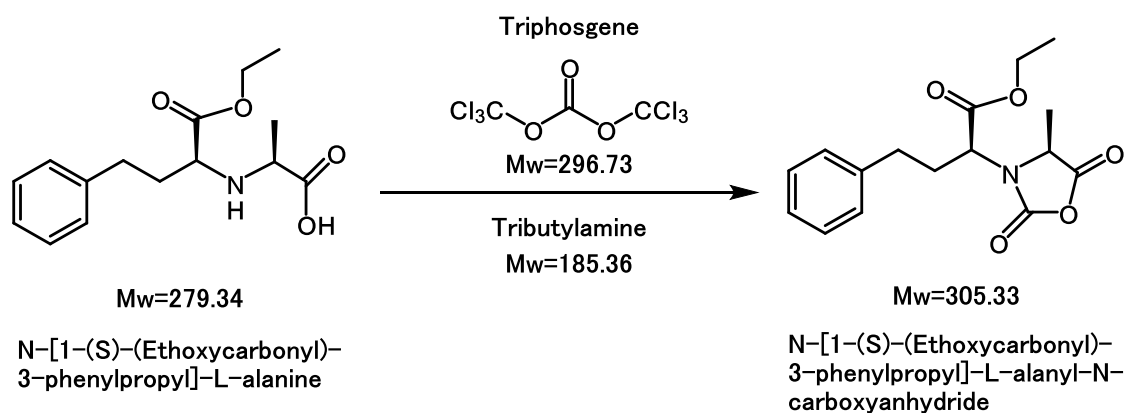
Comparative Example 1

To 283.7 mg of triphosgene, 4.25 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 500 mg of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, 3.21 g of toluene and 531.6 mg of tributylamine were added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid D. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 3 shown in FIG. 3 in the following manner.

The T-shape mixer 15 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) and the retention line 17 (inner diameter of tube: 1.0 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) were placed in the constant-temperature bath 31 at 10°C. Then, the raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid D were transferred using the syringe pumps (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35d, respectively, at a rate of 0.5 ml/min and mixed by a micromixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in the retention line 17 for 2 minutes to perform a reaction. After the syringe containing the raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid D was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 10 g of 2N aqueous hydrochloric acid in the flask 33. After separation, 12.71 g of an organic layer containing 272.7 mg of (S)-1-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinecarbonyl chloride was obtained (yield: 42%, RRT 0.81 impurity: 72 area% vs product area). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0080]

(2) Production of N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-N-carboxyanhydride



[0081]

In the following Example 7 and Comparative Example 2, N-[1-(S)-

ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-N-carboxyanhydride was produced from N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanine and triphosgene. The product was quantified by HPLC method to calculate the yield. HPLC conditions were as follows.

[0082]

Column: CHIRALPAC IA (250 × 4.6 mm)

Mobile phase: hexane/ ethanol = 90/10

Flow rate: 0.8 ml/min

Detection wavelength: UV 220 nm

Column temperature: 35°C

Retention time: N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-N-carboxyanhydride; 10 minutes

[0083]

Example 7

To 0.64 g of triphosgene, 3.38 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 0.40 g of tributylamine, 3.62 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid B. To 1.50 g of N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanine and 1.09 g of tributylamine, 13.50 g of tetrahydrofuran was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid C. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 1 shown in FIG. 1 in the following manner.

The raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid B were transferred using diaphragm pumps (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35b, respectively, at a rate of 1.0 ml/min and mixed by a T-shape mixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 17 for 1 minutes to prepare a toluene solution of phosgene. Next, the raw material liquid C was

transferred using a diaphragm pump (manufactured by KNF Co. Ltd.) 35c at a rate of 2.0 ml/min and mixed with the toluene solution of phosgene that was continuously flowing (2.0 ml/min) by another T-shape mixer 16, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in a retention line 18 for 3 minutes to perform a reaction. After the bottles containing the raw material liquid A, the raw material liquid B, and the raw material liquid C was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. Note that the T-shape mixers 15 and 16 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) and the retention lines 17 and 18 (inner diameter of tube: 2.0 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) were placed in a constant-temperature bath 31 at 35°C to carry out this examination experiment. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 75.0 g of 18% phosphoric acid aqueous solution in a flask 32. After separation, 100.14 g of an organic layer containing 1.31 g of N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-N-carboxyanhydride was obtained (yield: 80%). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

[0084]

Comparative Example 2

To 0.64 g of triphosgene, 15.50 g of toluene was added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid A. To 1.50 g of N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanine, 13.50 g of tetrahydrofuran and 1.09 g of tributylamine were added to prepare a homogeneous solution, and the resulting solution was referred to as a raw material liquid D. These solutions were reacted using the reaction apparatus 3 shown in FIG. 3 in the following manner.

The T-shape mixer 15 (inner diameter: 0.5 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) and the retention line 17 (inner diameter of

tube: 2 mm, material: polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)) were placed in the constant-temperature bath 31 at 35°C. Then, the raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid D were transferred using the syringe pumps (manufactured by YMC Co. Ltd.) 35a and 35d, respectively, at a rate of 2 ml/min and mixed by a micromixer 15, and the resulting mixture was allowed to flow in the retention line 17 for 4 minutes to perform a reaction. After the syringe containing the raw material liquid A and the raw material liquid D was emptied, the reagent in the flow channel was washed and flushed with toluene at the same rate. The reaction solution was continuously quenched while stirring with 75.0 g of 18% phosphoric acid aqueous solution in the flask 33. After separation, 45.00 g of an organic layer containing 1.13 g of N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-N-carboxyanhydride was obtained (yield: 69%). No crystals precipitated during the reaction, and the reaction solution was a clear solution.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

[0085]

The present invention can be utilized for producing an organic compound using a phosgene alternative reagent.

REFERENCE SIGNS LIST

[0086]

11, 12, 13, 14: feeding channel

15, 16: mixing unit

17, 18: reactor unit

21, 22: flow reactor

CLAIMS

1. A process for producing an organic compound using
a flow reactor for a first reaction in which a raw material liquid A and a raw material liquid B are introduced from separate feeding channels, mixed in a mixing unit, and then reacted in a reactor unit, and
a flow reactor for a second reaction in which a first reaction solution discharged from the flow reactor for the first reaction and a raw material liquid C are introduced from separate feeding channels, mixed in a mixing unit, and then reacted in a reactor unit,
wherein the raw material liquid A is a solution in which triphosgene and/or diphosgene is dissolved,
wherein the raw material liquid B is a nitrogen-containing organic compound not including an amino group optionally having one substituent on N, an amido group optionally having one substituent on N, and -OC(=O)NH_2 optionally having one substituent on N, or a solution of the nitrogen-containing organic compound,
wherein the raw material liquid C is a reaction substrate having at least one functional group capable of reacting with phosgene, the functional group being selected from the group consisting of an amino group optionally having one substituent on N, an amido group optionally having one substituent on N, and -OC(=O)NH_2 optionally having one substituent on N, or a solution containing the reaction substrate, and
wherein a product of the first reaction is phosgene.
2. The process according to claim 1,
wherein the organic compound produced is a compound having at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of a chlorocarbonylated

amino group optionally having one substituent on N, a chlorocarbonylated amide group optionally having one substituent on N, and a chlorocarbonylated -OC(=O)NH₂ group optionally having one substituent on N, a compound having a structure of N-carboxyanhydride, or a compound having a isocyanate or urea structure.

3. The process according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein the nitrogen-containing organic compound not including an amino group optionally having one substituent on N, an amido group optionally having one substituent on N, and -OC(=O)NH₂ optionally having one substituent on N is a trialkylamine having 9 to 40 carbon atoms, and

wherein the solution in which triphosgene and/or diphosgene is dissolved contains an organic solvent.

4. The process according to any of claims 1 to 3,

wherein a flow channel to discharge the first reaction solution from the reactor unit of the flow reactor for the first reaction is directly connected to the mixing unit of the flow reactor for the second reaction.

5. The process according to any of claims 1 to 4,

wherein the reactor unit has a cross-sectional area of 0.15 mm² or more and 30 cm² or less.