## 4028 Synthesis of 1-bromododecane from 1-dodecanol

OH + HBr

$$C_{12}H_{26}O$$
(186.3)

 $H_2SO_4$  konz.
(98.1)

 $C_{12}H_{25}Br$ 
(249.2)

 $C_{12}H_{25}Br$ 
(18.0)

## Classification

### Reaction types and substance classes

nucleophilic substitution alcohol, bromoalkane, acid catalyst

#### Work methods

heating under reflux, stirring with magnetic stir bar, shaking out, extracting, rectifying, evaporating with rotary evaporator, filtering, distilling under reduced pressure, column distillation, heating with oil bath

## **Instruction (batch scale 10 mmol)**

## **Equipment**

10 mL two-neck flask or 10 mL round bottom flask with Claisen adapter, reflux condenser, heatable magnetic stirrer, magnetic stir bar, separating funnel, rotary evaporator, micro distillation apparatus, 10 cm Vigreux column, vacuum pump, oil bath

#### **Substances**

1-dodecanol (mp 22-24 °C, bp 258-265 °C)	1.86 g (10 mmol)
hydrobromic acid (48%) (bp 126 °C)	3.4 g (2.3 mL, 20 mmol)
conc. sulfuric acid	0.59 g (0.32 mL, 6.0 mmol)
cyclohexane (bp 81 °C)	20 mL
sodium hydrogen carbonate	about 2 g (for 20 mL saturated
	aqueous solution)
sodium sulfate for drying	about 1 g

#### Reaction

1.86 g (10 mmol) 1-dodecanol are filled in a 10 mL two-neck flask with magnetic stir bar and reflux condenser. Under stirring 0.59 g (0.32 mL, 6.0 mmol) conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 3.4 g (2.3 mL,

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20 mmol) hydrobromic acid (48%) are added one after another. Then the reaction mixture is heated under stirring at an oil bath temperature of 140 °C for 5 hours under reflux. The reflux condenser is filled with water once, then the water flow is turned off to avoid a separation of dodecanol at the reflux condenser. The course of the reaction is controlled by means of thin layer chromatography (see analytics).

## Work up

The reaction solution is cooled down to room temperature, 6 mL ice water are added and the mixture is shaken out in a separating funnel with 10 mL cyclohexane. The phases are separated, the organic phase is stored, the aqueous phase is shaken out again with 10 mL cyclohexane. The combined organic phases are shaken out with 20 mL saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>-solution. In case of a bad separation of the phases, the mixture can be stored over night. The organic phase is separated and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Afterwards the drying agent is filtered off and the solvent is evaporated at a rotary evaporator. A liquid remains as residue.

Crude yield: 2.20 g

The crude product is fractional distilled in a micro distillation apparatus over a 10 cm Vigreux column at about 0.1 hPa.

Yield: 1.60 g (6.42 mmol, 64%); bp 72 °C (2.3·10<sup>-1</sup> hPa, oil bath temperature 118 °C), colourless liquid;  $n_D^{20} = 1.4581$ 

#### **Comments**

The product is used in NOP 4029 as educt.

## Waste management

## Recycling

The evaporated cyclohexane is collected and redistilled.

### Waste disposal

Waste	Disposal
aqueous phase	solvent water mixtures, containing halogen
fore-run and residue of distillation	dissolve in a small amount of acetone, then: organic solvents, containing halogen
sodium sulfate	solid waste, free from mercury

## Time

8-9 hours

### **Break**

After heating under reflux (5 hours)
After shaking out
Before distillation

#### **Degree of difficulty**

Medium

## **Instruction (batch scale 100 mmol)**

## **Equipment**

100 mL two- or three-neck flask, reflux condenser, heatable magnetic stirrer, magnetic stir bar, separating funnel, rotary evaporator, distillation apparatus, "pig type" receiving adapter, 10 cm Vigreux column, vacuum pump, oil bath

#### **Substances**

1-dodecanol (mp 22-24 °C, bp 258-265 °C)

hydrobromic acid (48%) (bp 126 °C)

conc. sulfuric acid

cyclohexane (bp 81 °C)

sodium hydrogen carbonate

18.6 g (100 mmol)

34 g (23 mL, 200 mmol)

7.4 g (4.0 mL, 75 mmol)

90 mL

about 6 g (for 60 mL saturated aqueous solution)

sodium sulfate for drying about 5 g

#### Reaction

18.6 g (100 mmol) 1-dodecanol are filled in a 100 mL two-neck flask with magnetic stir bar and reflux condenser. Under stirring 7.4 g (4.0 mL, 75 mmol) conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 34 g (23 mL, 200 mmol) hydrobromic acid (48%) are added one after another. Then the reaction mixture is heated under stirring at an oil bath temperature of 140 °C for 5 hours under reflux. The reflux condenser is filled with water once, then the water flow is turned off to avoid a separation of dodecanol at the reflux condenser. The course of the reaction is controlled by means of thin layer chromatography (see analytics).

#### Work up

The reaction solution is cooled down to room temperature, 60 mL ice water are added and the mixture is shaken out in a separating funnel with 50 mL cyclohexane. The phases are separated, the organic phase is stored, the aqueous phase is shaken out again with 40 mL cyclohexane. The combined organic phases are shaken out with 60 mL saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>-solution. In case of a bad separation of the phases, the mixture can be stored over night. The organic phase is separated and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Afterwards the drying agent is filtered off and the solvent is evaporated at a rotary evaporator. A liquid remains as residue.

Crude yield: 23.1 g

The crude product is fractional distilled over a 10 cm Vigreux column at about 0.1 hPa. Yield: 20.7g (82.7 mmol, 83%); bp 72 °C (2.3·10<sup>-1</sup> hPa, oil bath temperature 120 °C), colourless liquid;  $n_D^{20} = 1.4581$ 

#### **Comments**

The product is used in NOP 4029 as educt.

### Waste management

## Recycling

The evaporated cyclohexane is collected and redistilled.

## Waste disposal

Waste	Disposal
aqueous phase	solvent water mixtures, containing halogen
fore run and residue of distillation	dissolve in a small amount of acetone, then: organic solvents, containing halogen
sodium sulfate	solid waste, free from mercury

#### **Time**

8-9 hours

#### **Break**

After heating under reflux (5 hours)
After shaking out
Before distillation

## **Degree of difficulty**

Medium

## **Instruction (batch scale 1 mol)**

### **Equipment**

1 L two- or three-neck flask, reflux condenser, heatable magnetic stirrer, magnetic stir bar, separating funnel, rotary evaporator, distillation bridge, "pig type" receiving adapter, 30 cm Vigreux column, vacuum pump, oil bath

#### **Substances**

1-dodecanol (mp 22-24 °C, bp 258-265 °C)	186 g (1.00 mol)
hydrobromic acid (48%) (bp 126 °C)	340 g (230 mL, 2.0 mol)
conc. sulfuric acid	74 g (40 mL, 750 mmol)
cyclohexane (bp 81 °C)	400 mL
sodium hydrogen carbonate	about 25 g (for 250 mL saturated
	aqueous solution)
sodium sulfate for drying	about 50 g

#### **Reaction**

186 g (1.00 mol) 1-dodecanol are filled in a 1 L two-neck flask with magnetic stir bar and reflux condenser. Under stirring 74 g (40 mL, 750 mmol) conc.  $H_2SO_4$  and 340 g (230 mL, 2.0 mol) hydrobromic acid (48%) are added one after another. Then the reaction mixture is heated under stirring at an oil bath temperature of 140 °C for 6 hours under reflux. The reflux condenser is filled with water once, then the water flow is turned off to avoid a separation of

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dodecanol at the reflux condenser. The course of the reaction is controlled by means of thin layer chromatography (see analytics).

## Work up

The reaction solution is cooled down to room temperature, 300 mL ice water are added and the mixture is shaken out in a separating funnel with 240 mL cyclohexane. The phases are separated, the organic phase is stored, the aqueous phase is shaken out again with 160 mL cyclohexane. The combined organic phases are shaken out with 250 mL saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>-solution. In case of a bad separation of the phases, the mixture can be stored over night. The organic phase is separated and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Afterwards the drying agent is filtered off and the solvent is evaporated at a rotary evaporator. A liquid remains as residue.

Crude yield: 235 g

The crude product is fractional distilled over a 30 cm Vigreux column at about 0.1 hPa. Yield: 210 g (0.843 mol, 84%); bp 65°C (1.6·10<sup>-1</sup> hPa, oil bath temperature 115 °C), colourless liquid;  $n_D^{20} = 1.4581$ 

#### **Comments**

The product is used in NOP 4029 as educt.

### Waste management

## **Recycling**

The evaporated cyclohexane is collected and redistilled.

#### Waste disposal

Waste	Disposal
aqueous phase	solvent water mixtures, containing halogen
fore-run and residue of distillation	dilute in a small amount of acetone, then:
	organic solvents, containing halogen
sodium sulfate	solid waste, free from mercury

#### **Time**

11-12 hours

#### **Break**

After heating under reflux (5 hours)
After shaking out
Before distillation

### **Degree of difficulty**

Medium

## **Analytics**

## **Reaction monitoring with TLC**

Sample preparation:

Using a Pasteur pipette, 2 drops from the upper phase are taken from the reaction mixture and diluted with 0.5 mL diethyl ether.

DC-conditions:

adsorbant: TLC-aluminium foil (silica gel 60)

eluent: petroleumether : acetic acid ethyl ester 6 : 4

visualizing: The TLC-aluminium foil is dipped in 2N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and then dried with a hot-air dryer.

 $R_f$  (dodecanol) 0.44  $R_f$  (bromododecan) 0.72

## Reaction monitoring with GC

Sample preparation:

Using a Pasteur pipette, 1 drop from the reaction mixture is taken and diluted with 10 mL dichloromethane, from this solution  $0.2~\mu L$  are injected.

GC-conditions:

column: DB-1, 28 m, internal diameter 0.32 mm, film 0.25 µm

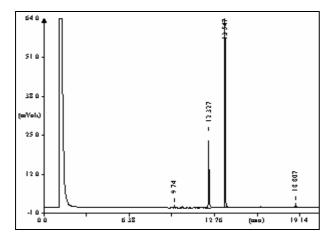
inlet: on-column-injection carrier gas: hydrogen (40 cm/sec)

oven: 90 °C (5 min), 10 °C/min to 240 °C (30 min)

detector: FID, 270 °C

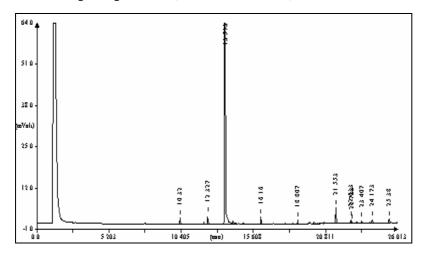
Percent concentration was calculated from peak areas.

## **GC** of the crude product (1 mol batch scale)



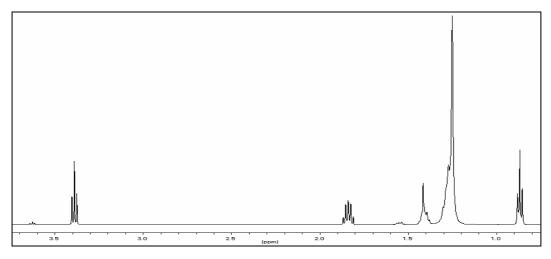
Retention time (min)	Substance	Peak area %
12.33	educt (dodecanol)	9.1
13.55	product (1-bromododecane)	89.5
others	unknown	< 1

## **GC** of the pure product (1 mol batch scale)

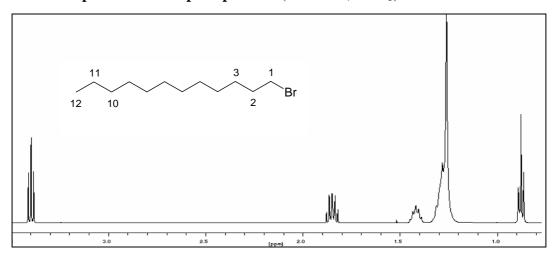


Retention time (min)	Substance	Peak area %
13.59	product (1-bromododecane)	97.8
others		< 1 per peak

 $^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of the crude product (500 MHz,CDCl $_{3}$ )

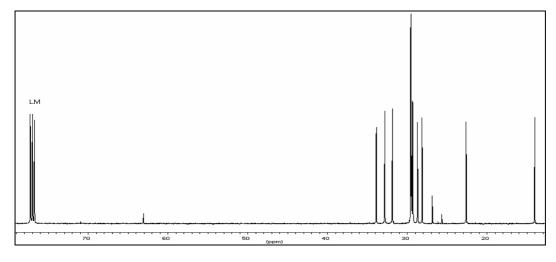


# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the pure product (500 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

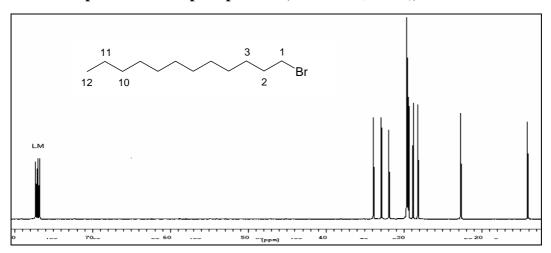


δ (ppm)	Multiplicity	Number of H	Assignment
0.88	t	3	12-H
1.26	m	16	remaining CH <sub>2</sub>
1.42	m	2	3-Н
1.85	m	2	2-Н
3.39	t	2	1-H

 $^{13}CNMR$  spectrum of the crude product (125.7 MHz,  $CDCl_{3})$ 



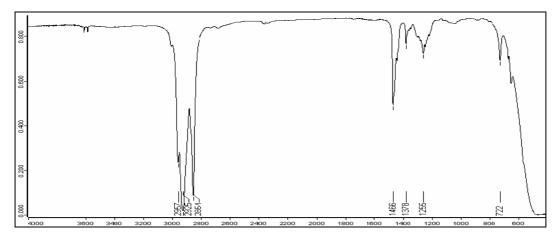
 $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of the pure product (125.7 MHz, CDCl $_{\!3})$ 



δ (ppm)	Assignment
14.1	C-12
22.7	C-11
31.9	C-10
32.9	C-2
33.8	C-1
76.5-77.5	solvent

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# **IR spectrum of the pure product** (film)



(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
2925, 2851	C-H-valence, alkane
1466	C-H-deformation, alkane
722	C-Br-valence