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Fast Oxidation of Lactams to Cyclic Imides Using Microwave Irradiation

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<u>Abstract:</u> Since polar reactants can adsorb microwave irradiation, chemists can utilize the microwave oven for some organic reactions. In this paper, we report a rapid conversion of lactams to cyclic imides using peracetic acid (CH₃-CO₃H) and manganic chloride (MnCl₂) in ethyl acetate (CH₃-COOEt) as a solvent and under microwave irradiation (90 W, 5 min) in good yields.

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