



One Pot Multicomponent Synthesis of Highly Commutated 1,2,3-Triazoles using some Pyrazole aldehyde through “Click” Reaction

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ABSTRACT

1,2,3 Triazole compounds are widely applied in major several technical and research areas especially in drug discovery new chemical entities like triazoles are developed via click reactions. Synthesis of heterocycles through cycloaddition reaction between azides and alkynes by employing and azides using copper as catalyst is said to be Click reaction. Most commonly triazoles are utilized in medicinal field as a drug linkers for bioconjugation. It found to have potential multiple applications in biological as well as medical sciences. We describe herein the novel and efficient three step multicomponent synthesis of highly substituted 1,2,3-triazole derivatives from pyrazole aldehyde, diaminobenzene via N-alkylation by Click reaction. For the future, our perspective is studies of anti-cancer, anti-viral and antimicrobial activities in 1,2,3-triazole.

Keyword: 1,2,3-triazole, Pyrazole aldehyde, Click reaction, CuAAC.

INTRODUCTION

“Click chemistry” includes reactions which have simple and easy reaction conditions devoid of chromatographic separations, very high% of product formation, highly stereospecific, involving quick and easily removable solvents, mostly carried out at room temperature. This methodology includes carbon-carbon multiple bond addition reaction, epoxide formation, heterocycle synthesis etc... that

enables the synthesis of many biologically potential drug like organic compounds¹. Cycloaddition of azides with alkynes by sharpless *et al.*,² is one such reaction that satisfies all the above requisites involving water as solvent that resulting in formation of 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles³⁻⁵. The unique characteristic of the 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazole ring, based on its ability to contribute in hydrogen bonding and dipolar interactions, makes click chemistry even more beneficial for a several synthesis



applications. This reaction seems to be far better than Huisgen reaction as reported by A. Michael that includes the catalyst free reaction between phenyl azide and diethylacetylenedicarboxylate to form triazoles accompanied by two to four by-products⁶⁻⁸. Triazoles are 5-membered heterocycles with N as heteroatom's which are most suitable moieties utilized in preparation of pharmaceuticals⁹⁻¹², biologically active compounds¹³ such as fluconazole¹⁴ and found useful in material science. This triazole core is also found in medicines for diseases like cancer¹⁵, HIV¹⁶, bacterial¹⁷, malarial infections¹⁸ and for tuberculosis¹⁹. Moreover they show potential resistance to oxidation, hydrolysis and other metabolic degradation²⁰.

An efficient method to synthesis highly regioselective, 4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles (1,4-DTs) using Cu(I)-CuAAC was reported.²¹ Subsequently, 1,5-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles were synthesized by the RuAAC reaction.²² IrAAC reactions and the Pd-catalyzed alkynyl bromide-acid cyclodition were developed for the triazole synthesis.²³⁻²⁵ Considering the biological significance of the 1,4-DTs and its derivatives various synthetic methods were proposed using transition metal catalysts such as silver, zinc, ruthenium, and iridium, but on contrary their biological applications got further limited.

In this investigation, we reported the synthetic route for a series of 1,4-DTs that processed via one pot condensation of pyrazole aldehyde, diaminobenzene via, N-alkylation through Click reaction. All the synthesized triazoles were characterized by FTIR, ¹H, ¹³CNMR and HRMS.

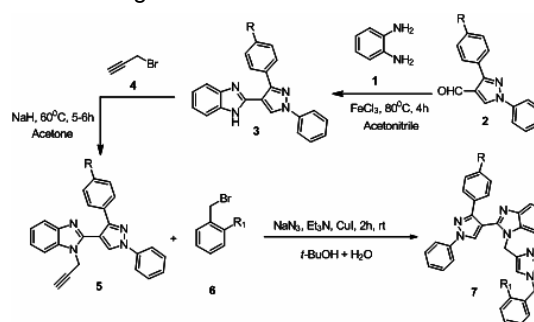
EXPERIMENTAL

Synthesis of triazole compound 7a-j

A mixture of prepared compound **5** (1 equiv.) (A. Keivanloo *et al.*,²⁶), NaN₃ (1.2 equiv.) was stirred with benzyl bromide (1.2equiv.), triethylamine (2.5 equiv.) and CuI (2.5mol%) in 2mL of t-butanol:water (1:1) mixture at normal temperature for 2 hours. The reaction was periodically monitored via TLC in order to check the reaction was completed. The mixture was further extracted with ethyl acetate and the catalyst was removed by filtration. Finally, the filtrate was concentrated and the residue was run through column chromatography with 40% ethyl acetate-hexane. The Pure triazole derivatives are obtained at better yields.

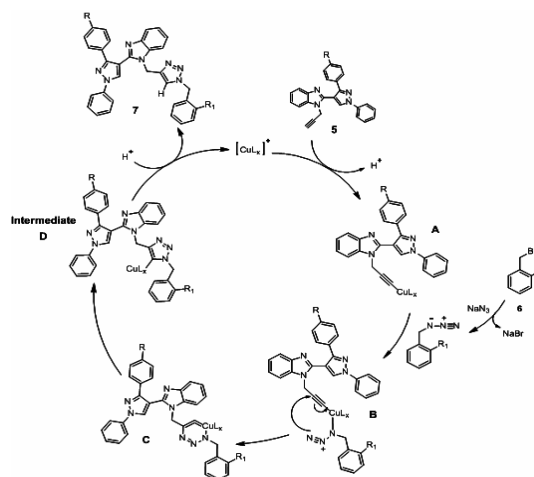
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To a mixture of **5a**, Benzyl bromide **6a**, NaN₃, Et₃N and CuI, t-butanol:water was added in 1:1 ratio and stirring was done at normal temperature for 2 hours. The crude was extracted with ethylacetate and purified via column chromatography (40% ethyl acetate-hexane mixture) to produce triazole in excellent yields. The structure of the products obtained were characterize by using ¹H and ¹³C nmr and HR-mass spectroscopy. The products were summarizing in Table 3.



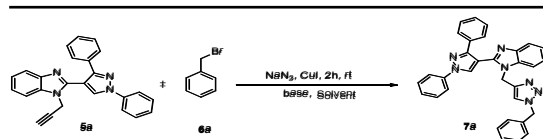
Scheme 1. Synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole

Mechanism of the reaction



Scheme 2. Plausible mechanism

The Cu catalyzed alkyne/azide cycloaddition (CuAAC) was involved in the formation of 1,2,3-triazoles. The mechanism involves via copper acetylide A formation from CuI and alkyne **5** in initial step. Subsequent coordination of an organic azide B, occurs, which is followed by cycloaddition to form a 6-membered ring resulting in intermediate C. It further undergoes ring contraction to form a copper triazolide intermediate D. Protonolysis of D results the formation of the product 1,2,3-triazole (**7**).

Table 1: Condition optimization for the synthesis of 7a


Entry	Solvent	Base ^a	Yield% 7a ^b
1	water	CAN	10
2	water	InCl ₃	15
3	water	Yb(OTf) ₃	20
4	water	ZrOCl ₂	22
5	water	CuI	40
6	t-BuOH	CuI	70
7	t-BuOH+H ₂ O	CuI	95

^a5a (1 equiv.), NaN₃ (1.2 equiv.), 6a (1.2 equiv.), triethylamine (2.5 equiv.), and catalyst (2.5 mol%) at room temperature for 2 hours. Isolated yield.

Initially, the reaction between prepared compound of N-Propargyl pyrazolyl benzoimidazole **5a**, sodium azide (NaN₃) and benzylbromide **6a** in presence of ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) catalyst using water as solvent yields only 10% of desired product (T-1, E-1). On repeat the reaction with catalyst indium chloride (InCl₃) the afforded yield was 15% (T-1, E-2). When the same reaction was proceeded with ytterbium triflate (Yb(OTf)₃) catalyst, the product increased to 20% of yield. A marginal increase 22% of amount of product was seen while using zirconium oxychloride (ZrOCl₂) catalyst (T-1, E-4). A drastic raise in desired product upto 40% was noticed with copper iodide (CuI) catalyst (T-1, E-5). We tried the same reaction with t-BuOH as solvent and CuI as catalyst, the percentage of the product increases to 70% (T-1, E-6). The maximum yield (95%) was obtained on using CuI catalyst in a mixture of solvents t-BuOH-water (T-1, E-7).

The scope of reaction was elaborated to other N-Propargyl Pyrazolyl benzoimidazole (**5a-d**) and benzylbromide **6a-c** (Table 3). The reaction afforded compounds **7a-j** in very good yields. The scopes of the reaction are summarized in Table 3.

Table 2 Screening of solvents

Product	Time (h)	Yielda (%)		
		Water	t-BuOH	t-BuOH - Water mixture
7a	4	45	81	92
7b	6	42	70	88
7c	4	36	76	90
7d	5	47	78	94
7e	6	31	67	86
7f	4	35	75	88
7g	3.5	44	77	90
7h	4	48	80	96
7i	4.5	42	74	90
7j	6	40	73	92

isolated yield. Base Et₃N and catalyst CuI was used for all the reactions.

The solvent screening was carried out using water, t-BuOH and mixture of tertiary butanol and water and it was found that, the better result were obtained with tertiary butanol and water mixture. The results were summarized in Table 2.

The ¹H-nmr range of compound **7a** displayed a two singlet at 5.06ppm and 5.19ppm clearly shows that the presence of two methylene group (-CH₂). The singlet at 8.25ppm was assigned to pyrazole ring proton. The singlet at 7.41ppm was attributed to triazole ring proton. The range of 7.77-6.98ppm was assigned to aromatic proton.

In the ¹³C-nmr spectra, the peak at 40.5ppm and 54.1ppm was attributed to methylene carbon. The peak at 110.9ppm was assigned to pyrazole ring carbon and a peak at 122.0ppm was assigned to triazole ring carbon. The peak appeared at 151.5ppm was imidazole ring carbon. The HR-Mass spectrum reveals the molecular ion peak [M]⁺ at m/z 619.

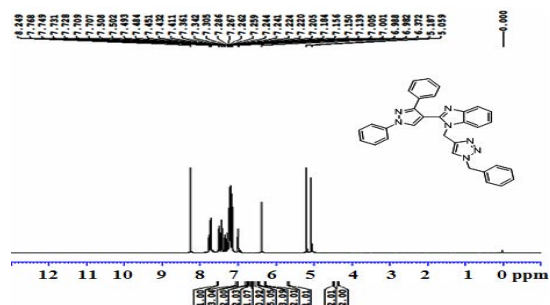
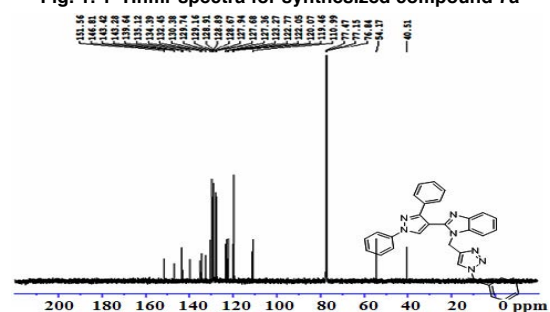
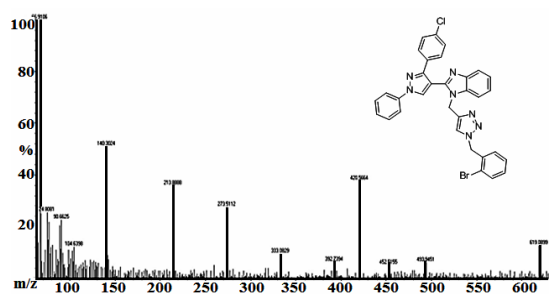
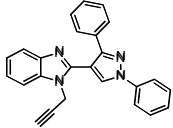
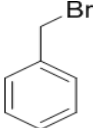
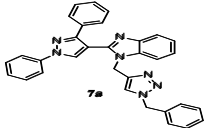
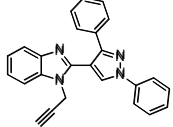
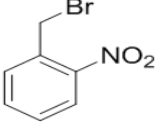
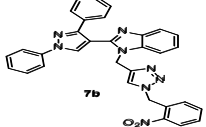
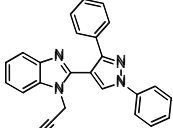
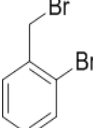
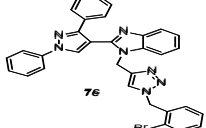
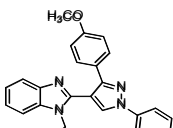
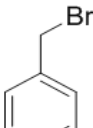
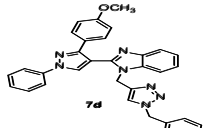
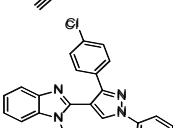
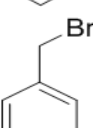
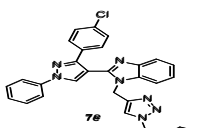
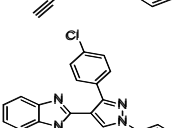
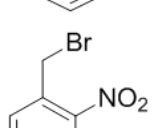
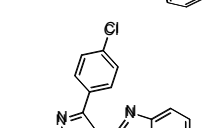
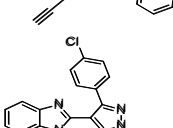
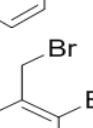
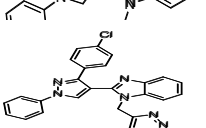
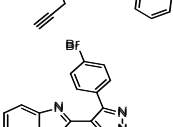
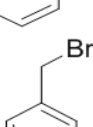
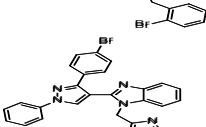
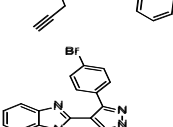
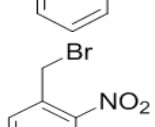
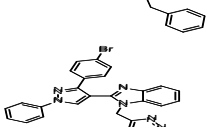
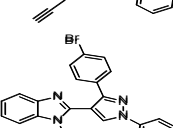
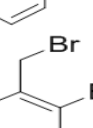
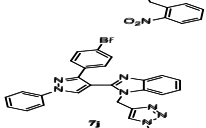
**Fig. 1. 1^HNmr spectra for synthesized compound 7a****Fig. 1. 2 ¹³Cnmr spectra for synthesized compound 7a****Fig. 1. 3 HRmass spectra for synthesized compound 7g**

Table 3: Synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole (7a-j)

S.No	Reactant (5)	Benzyl bromide	Product (7a)	Time (h)	Yieldb (%)
1				4	92
2				3.5	88
3				4	90
4				4.5	94
5				3	86
6				4	88
7				3.5	90
8				4.5	96
9				4	90
10				3.5	92

aAll the integrated compounds were characterized by FTIR, ¹HNMR, ¹³CNMR, HRmass spectroscopy
 bIsolated yield after column chromatography

Table 4: Characterization of compounds 7a-j

P	FTIR	¹ H-NMR	¹³ C-NMR	HRMS [M] ⁺ m/z	R _f	m.p. (°C)(cm ⁻¹)
7a	3431, 3136, 3090, 3057, 2925, 1915, 1899, 1596, 1505, 1457, 1439, 1409, 1391, 1330, 1223	8.25 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dt, J = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 119.5, 111.0, 54.2, 40.5	151.6, 146.8, 143.4, 143.3, 139.6, 135.1, 134.4, 132.5, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 123.3, 122.8, 122.1, 120.1,	507.2199	0.47	164–168
7b	3433, 3133, 3084, 2924, 2854, 1596, 1522, 1455, 1403, 1347, 1229	8.37 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.72 (tt, J = 6.0, 1.2 Hz, 3H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.82 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2Ha)	151.6, 147.5, 146.7, 143.2, 142.9, 139.6, 134.9, 134.4, 132.4, 130.6, 130.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 125.5, 123.5, 123.4, 123.0, 119.9, 119.5, 111.0, 110.5, 50.8, 40.4	552.1998	0.52	190–194
7c	3430, 3133, 3066, 2923, 2851, 1935, 1868, 1665, 1581, 1508, 1441, 1405, 1388, 1230	8.30 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 3H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dt, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.3 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.14 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.10 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.31 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.37 (p, J = 7.2, 6.8 Hz, 6H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 6.69 (dd, J = 12.1, 9.3 Hz, 3H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H)	151.0, 146.8, 145.2, 143.2, 143.1, 139.6, 135.0, 133.8, 133.2, 132.9, 132.4, 130.5, 130.4, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 123.3, 122.8, 122.5, 120.0, 119.5, 119.4, 114.2, 110.9, 110.8, 53.8, 40.4	585.1299	0.5	182–186
7d	3433, 3128, 3064, 2957, 2931, 2835, 2042, 1891, 1611, 1595, 1509, 1455, 1400, 1372, 1245	8.42 (s, 1H), 7.69 (dt, J = 8.9, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 8.8, 4.0, 2.1 Hz, 5H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 5.16 (s, 2H)	160.1, 160.0, 151.2, 143.1, 139.5, 134.3, 133.9, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 124.8, 124.6, 123.5, 122.9, 122.2, 119.4, 199.3, 119.2, 114.4, 55.3, 54.1	537.2299	0.45	196–200
7e	3434, 3129, 3058, 2921, 2851, 1893, 1594, 1503, 1454, 1400, 1371, 1330, 1224				0.54	234–238

7f	3434, 3133, 3083, 2922, 2852, 1892, 1595, 1525, 1466, 1339, 1228	8.55 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.80 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 8H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 5.75 (s, 2H), 5.28 (s, 2H)	119.2, 110.9, 110.1, 54.3, 40.5 150.6, 147.6, 134.5, 132.4, 131.1, 130.6, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.0, 125.6, 125.5, 119.9, 51.4, 29.8	586.1599	0.5	218–222
7g	3427, 3131, 3079, 2923, 2852, 1892, 1594, 1506, 1441, 1336, 1230	8.38 (s, 1H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 6.92 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H)	150.5, 146.5, 145.3, 143.2, 143.1, 139.5, 135.0, 134.6, 133.8, 133.3, 130.8, 130.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 123.5, 123.0, 122.3, 120.1, 119.5, 110.7, 54.0, 40.3	619.0899	0.48	208–212
7h	3434, 3129, 3058, 2921, 2851, 1893, 1514, 1503, 1454, 1330, 1224	8.30 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H)	150.6, 146.4, 143.3, 143.2, 139.5, 135.0, 134.4, 132.0, 131.4, 130.5, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 123.5, 123.0, 122.9, 121.9, 120.2, 119.5, 110.8, 54.3, 40.4	585.1299	0.55	226–230
7i	3434, 3132, 3081, 2923, 2852, 1594, 1519, 1451, 1339, 1227	8.88 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.97 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.36 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.79 (s, 2H), 5.36 (s, 2H)	150.6, 147.6, 134.5, 132.4, 131.1, 130.6, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.0, 125.6, 125.5, 119.9, 51.4, 29.8	630.1099	0.47	238–242
7j	3413, 3131, 3075, 2928, 2852, 1899, 1594, 1502, 1441, 1333, 1228	8.32 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dt, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.89 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H)	150.5, 146.5, 145.3, 143.3, 143.1, 139.5, 135.0, 133.8, 133.3, 132.0, 131.3, 130.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.8, 129.2, 128.3, 127.5, 123.5, 123.4, 122.9, 122.9, 122.3, 120.2, 119.5, 110.7, 54.0, 40.3	663.041	0.52	184–188

P = Product, ¹H NMR = 400MHz - CDCl₃, ¹³C NMR = 100MHz - CDCl₃, Rf = 40% EtOAc - Hexane, MP = Melting Point, 7a-7d and 7f-7j = white powder, 7e = yellow powder

CONCLUSION

We have demonstrated a one pot multicomponent reaction that offers a simple method for the synthesis of biologically important 1,2,3-triazole derivatives from substituted imidazole, NaN_3 , benzyl bromide, triethylamine, and CuI in *t*-butanol:water (1:1). This method offers more precedence like light reaction conditions, latent period, no toxic byproducts, good yield and simple experimental and isolation procedures making it a methodical route to synthesize the derivatives

of 1,2,3-triazole. For the future, our perspective is anti-cancer, anti-viral and antimicrobial activities studies in 1,2,3-triazole derivatives.

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