

**Rh(III)-Catalyzed *ortho*-C–H Alkynylation of *N*-Phenoxyacetamides with
Hypervalent Iodine-alkyne Reagents at Room Temperature**

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I. General

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI and Aladdin and used as received unless otherwise stated. Dichloro(η^5 -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)rhodium(III) dimer (99%) was purchased from Sinocompound Technology Co., Ltd.

Reactions were monitored with analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR data were recorded on Bruker nuclear resonance (500 MHz, 400 MHz and 300 MHz) spectrometers unless otherwise specified, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS. The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl_3 : $\delta_{\text{H}}=7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}}=77.16$ ppm; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$: $\delta_{\text{H}}=2.50$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}}=39.52$ ppm; $\text{MeOD}-d_4$: $\delta_{\text{H}}=3.31$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}}=49.00$ ppm; $\text{Acetone}-d_6$: $\delta_{\text{H}}=2.05$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}}=29.84$ ppm, 206.26 ppm). HRMS (ESI) analysis was performed by The Analytical Instrumentation Center at Peking University, Shenzhen Graduate School and (HRMS) data were reported with ion mass/charge (m/z) ratios as values in atomic mass units.

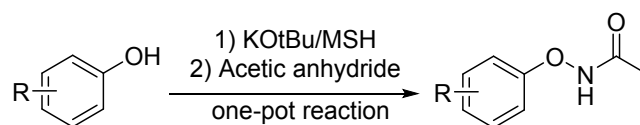
II. Preparation of starting materials

General procedure A:

Following literature reports^{1,2}, Phenols (1 equiv.) was dissolved in 4 mL of methanol, and then potassium *tert*-butoxide (1 equiv.) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir for 0.5 h under N_2 atmosphere. The methanol was removed, and the residue was taken up in 2 mL of dichloromethane. Then the freshly prepared *O*-mesitylsulfonylhydroxyl-amine (378 mg, 1.76 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.2 M) was added under ice cooling. The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h, dichloromethane was then removed under reduce pressure to afford the corresponding *N*-aryloxyamine.

In a 20 mL round-bottom flask, *N*-aryloxyamine (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in ether (0.2 M). The flask was cooled in an ice bath, to which acetic anhydride (2.0 equiv.) was slowly added. The ice bath was allowed to warm to room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding *N*-phenoxyacetamide.

In our work, most of substrate **1** were synthesized by general procedure A.



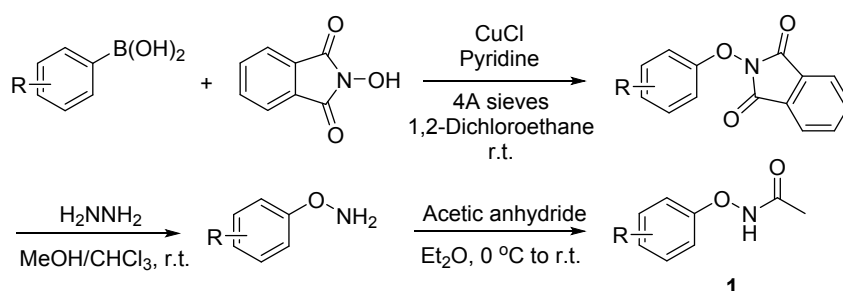
General procedure B:

Following literature reports^{3,4}, in a 50 mL round-bottom flask, *N*-hydroxy-phthalimide (1.0 equiv.), copper (I) chloride (1.0 equiv.), freshly activated 4 Å molecular sieves (250 mg/mmol), and phenylboronic acid (2.0 equiv.) were combined in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.2 M). The pyridine (1.1 equiv.) was then added to the suspension. The reaction mixture was open to the atmosphere and

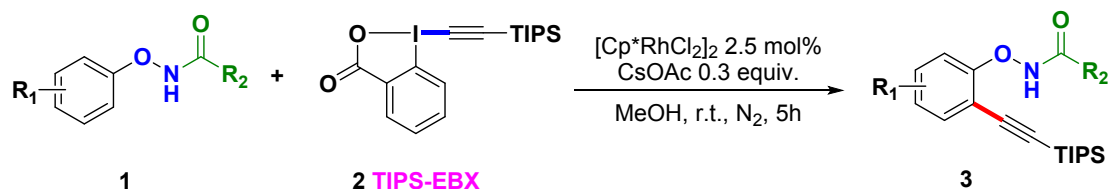
stirred at room temperature over 24-48 h. Upon completion, silica gel was added to the flask and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The desired *N*-aryloxyphthalimides were obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

Hydrazine monohydrate (3.0 equiv.) was added to the solution of *N*-aryloxyphthalimide (1.0 equiv.) in 10% MeOH in CHCl₃ (0.1 M). The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature over 12 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered off and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding *N*-aryloxyamine.

In a 20 mL round-bottom flask, *N*-aryloxyamine (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in ether (0.2 M). The flask was cooled in an ice bath, to which acetic anhydride (2.0 equiv.) was slowly added. The ice bath was allowed to warm to room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding *N*-phenoxyacetamide.



III. General procedure for the *ortho* C–H Alkynylation



N-Acetyl aryloxyamine (**1**) (0.4 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (2.5 mol%), TIPS—EBX (0.1mmol), and CsOAc (0.03 mmol) were weighed into a 25mL pressure tube, to which was added MeOH (1 mL) in a glove box. The reaction vessel was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. Then the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product **3**.

Characterization of products **3**:

***N*-(2-Methyl-6-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3a)** A white solid ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 21H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.44, 159.05, 131.97, 131.85, 125.10, 115.24, 103.82, 96.95, 29.78, 18.64, 16.07, 11.22. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₃₃NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 346.2202 found 346.2204.

***N*-(5-Methyl-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3b)** A white solid ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 21H). ¹³C

NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.97, 139.66, 138.67, 131.83, 130.96, 129.67, 125.95, 121.88, 93.80, 27.73, 19.81, 16.70, 9.38. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₃₃NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 346.2202 found 346.2204.

***N*-(4-Methyl-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3c)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 2H), 1.14 (s, 17H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.98, 141.67, 134.27, 133.07, 131.71, 130.39, 127.94, 111.82, 94.52, 29.68, 20.29, 18.64, 11.26. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₃₃NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 346.2202 found 346.2202.

***N*-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3d)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.15 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.97, 141.71, 133.13, 131.76, 130.74, 127.94, 126.97, 111.55, 94.55, 34.20, 31.27, 29.68, 18.66, 11.29. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₃₈NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 388.2762 found 388.2760.

***N*-(2-((Triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3e)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 21H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.87, 133.95, 133.95, 129.74, 122.94, 122.94, 111.58, 96.74, 29.65, 11.22. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₃₀NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 332.2046 found 332.2047.

***N*-(4,5-Dimethyl-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3f)** A white solid ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 158.40, 141.83, 139.27, 134.86, 133.07, 131.80, 128.13, 113.66, 95.71, 29.95, 20.43, 19.79, 18.92, 11.60. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₃₄NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 360.2359 found 360.2358.

***N*-(4-Chloro-2-methyl-6-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3g)** A white solid ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.74, 131.57, 131.07, 130.68, 130.01, 116.73, 102.34, 98.53, 29.58, 18.58, 16.04, 11.20. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₃₁ClNO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 380.1813 found 380.1815.

***N*-(5-Fluoro-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3h)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ : 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.22 (q, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 176.74, 165.28, 162.77, 161.26, 129.89, 129.79, 124.63, 124.11, 110.46, 110.25, 107.66, 103.02, 94.06, 77.16, 19.74, 18.73, 11.37. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₉FNO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 350.1952 found 350.1950.

***N*-(4-Fluoro-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3i)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.24 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 156.29, 141.69, 136.31, 133.09, 131.69, 127.96, 120.15 (*J* = 22.2 Hz), 116.46 (*J* = 23.2 Hz), 94.52, 29.67, 18.60, 11.19. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₉FNO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 350.1952 found 350.1953.

***N*-(5-Chloro-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3j)** A white solid ¹H NMR (500 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ: 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 158.84, 133.41, 132.60, 129.75, 129.61, 128.12, 115.40, 98.68, 29.71, 18.64, 11.30. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₉ClNO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 366.1656 found 366.1659.

***N*-(4-Chloro-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3k)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 160.46, 135.34, 134.66, 133.85, 123.34, 121.87, 114.46, 109.66, 98.03, 29.68, 18.61, 11.21. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₉ClNO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 366.1656 found 366.1659.

***N*-(5-Bromo-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3l)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 160.33, 134.83, 126.23, 123.18, 117.20, 115.67, 110.00, 98.29, 29.68, 18.61, 11.20. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₉BrNO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 410.1151 found 410.1154.

***N*-(4-Bromo-2-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3m)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 158.92, 141.68, 136.18, 133.10, 132.53, 131.69, 127.95, 115.05, 94.57, 29.79, 18.61, 11.19. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₉BrNO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 410.1151 found 410.1152.

Methyl 4-(acetamidooxy)-3-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)benzoate 3n A white solid ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 10H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.02, 163.26, 135.67, 131.53, 125.03, 112.17, 111.14, 100.24, 98.01, 52.29, 18.77, 11.42. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₃₂NO₄Si [M+H]⁺ 390.2101 found 390.2103.

***N*-(2-((Triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenoxy)benzamide (3o)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 10.95 (s, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (s, 21H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 165.25, 159.50, 134.15, 132.29, 131.55, 130.64, 129.37, 122.98, 119.68, 113.48, 113.40, 105.62, 100.00, 18.54, 11.13. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₃₂NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 394.2202 found 394.2203.

***N*-(4,5-dimethyl-2-(phenylethynyl)phenoxy)acetamide (3q)** A white solid ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ: 7.53 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 157.53, 139.07, 134.18, 131.64, 131.55, 128.35, 128.28, 123.28, 93.70, 77.47, 77.04, 76.62, 20.28, 19.81, 18.76. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ : 302.1157 found 302.1153.

Characterization of other compounds:

2-methoxy-3,4-dimethyl-6-((triisopropylsilyl)ethynyl)phenol (4a) A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ: 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 148.48, 145.10, 132.07, 128.92, 127.48, 107.66, 101.45, 96.74, 77.33, 77.01, 76.69, 60.36, 19.27, 18.69, 12.52, 11.26. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₃₃O₂Si Exact Mass: [M+H]⁺ 333.2250 found 333.2234.

***N*-(2-ethynyl-4,5-dimethylphenoxy)acetamide (4b)** A white solid ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ: 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 2.26 – 2.22 (m, 3H), 2.17 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 2.3

Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD) δ 170.51, 159.66, 140.38, 135.53, 132.10, 114.70, 108.02, 82.76, 79.68, 20.21, 19.40, 18.67. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 204.1025 found 204.1030.

1-(phenylethynyl)-1*l*3-benzo[d][1,2]iodaoxol-3(1H)-one (2d) A white solid ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.25, 135.13, 132.56, 132.05, 131.32, 131.30, 130.66, 129.04, 127.49, 120.50, 116.35, 104.31, 52.10. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{IO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 348.9725 found 348.9729.

Intermediate A A red solid ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 15H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.94, 165.72, 137.07, 135.46, 126.07, 110.33, 97.49, 97.42, 21.92, 20.36, 19.51, 10.49. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_2\text{Rh}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 416.1097 found 416.1027.

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V. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

