

Supporting Information

Carbonylative Coupling of *N*-Chloroamines with Alcohols: Synthesis of Esterification Reagents

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General comments

Chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Strem, Acros, TCI or Alfa Aesar and used as such unless stated otherwise. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 300 and Bruker ARX 400 spectrometers. All solvents and reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. Chemical shifts (ppm) are given relative to solvent: references for CDCl₃ were 7.26 ppm (¹H NMR) and 77.00 ppm (¹³C NMR). Multiplets were assigned as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), p (pentet), dd (doublet of doublet), m (multiplet) and br.s (broad singlet). GC-yields were calculated using hexadecane as internal standard. All measurements were carried out at room temperature unless otherwise stated. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra were recorded on AMD 402 mass spectrometer (70 eV). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Agilent 6210. The data are given as mass units per charge (m/z). Gas chromatography analysis was performed on an Agilent HP-7890A instrument with a FID detector and HP-5 capillary column (polydimethylsiloxane with 5% phenyl groups, 30 m, 0.32 mm i.d. 0.25 µm film thickness) using argon as carrier gas. The products were isolated from the reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel 60, 0.063-0.2 mm, 70-230 mesh (Merck).

N-Chloroamines were prepared according literature from the corresponding amines (W. Li, X. F. Wu, *Chem. Eur. J.* 2015, **21**, 7374; T. V. Hughes, S. D. Hammond, M. P. Cava, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1998, **63**, 401; A. Fraix, T. Le Gall, M. Berchel, C. Denis, P. Lehn, T. Montier, P. A. Jaffrès, *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2013, **11**, 1650).

General procedure

Synthesis of benzotriazole-carboxylates: To a screw-cap vial (4 mL) equipped with a septum, a small cannula, and a stirring bar was added 1-chloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole **1a** (1.0 mmol, 153 mg), CH₃CN (2 mL), [(iPr)CuCl] (5 mol%, 12 mg) and MeOH (0.5 mmol, 16 mg, 20 µl). The vial then was purged with argon three times before placed on an alloy plate and transferred into a 300 mL autoclave of the 4560 series from Parr instruments under air. After flushing the autoclave three times with CO, a pressure of 50 bar CO was set and the reaction was performed for 16 hours at 70 °C. Afterwards, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was released carefully. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 15:1) to give the pure product **2a** as white solid in 80% yield (70.8 mg).

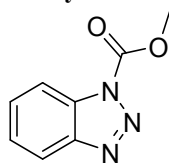
Synthesis of carbamates: To a screw-cap vial (4 mL) equipped with a septum, a small cannula, and a stirring bar was added 4-chloromorpholine **1d** (1.0 mmol, 121 mg), CH₃CN (2 mL), TBAB (5 mmol%, 16.3 mg), Pd/C (2 mmol%, 21.2 mg) and MeOH (10 mmol, 320 mg). The vial then was purged with argon three times before placed on an alloy plate and transferred into a 300 mL autoclave of the 4560 series from Parr instruments under air. After flushing the autoclave three times with CO, a pressure of 50 bar CO was set and the reaction was performed for 16 hours at 70 °C. Afterwards, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was released carefully. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: pentane/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give the pure product **2n** as colorless oil in 60% yield (87 mg).

Synthesis of methyl-2-cyano-2-phenylacetate: To a solution of LDA (2.0 mmol, 1M in Et₂O, 2ml) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C under argon was added the phenylacetonitrile (1 mmol, 117 mg) in THF (1 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. This solution was syringed into a solution of methyl 1*H*-

benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (354 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C under argon, and the reaction mixture was stirred 20 hours at room temperature. A solution of NH₄Cl (3 mL) was added, and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 4 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The pure products were obtained after purification by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/pentane = 1:20) to give the pure product as colorless oil in 74% yield (129 mg).

Spectroscopic Data of Products

Methyl 1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate¹ (2a)



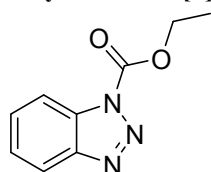
Yield: 71 mg (80%); white solid, M.p. 69-71 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 4.17 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.38, 145.80, 131.70, 130.23, 125.79, 120.37, 113.32, 55.24.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): *m/z* (%) = 177 (*M*⁺, 100), 134 (64), 120 (17), 106 (36), 90 (95), 78 (30), 59 (62).

Ethyl 1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate¹ (2b)



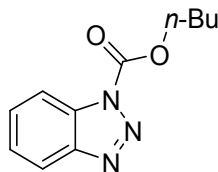
Yield: 74.5 mg (79%); white solid, M.p. 70-72 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 4.68 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.87, 145.83, 131.73, 130.10, 125.68, 120.34, 113.39, 65.17, 14.23.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): *m/z* (%) = 191 (*M*⁺, 47), 135 (42), 119 (17), 91 (100), 79 (21), 64 (36).

Butyl 1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate¹ (2c)



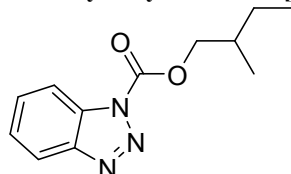
Yield: 78.8 mg, colorless oil, 72%,

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.01, 145.87, 131.75, 130.10, 125.67, 120.37, 113.38, 68.90, 30.51, 18.97, 13.61.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): *m/z* (%) = 219 (*M*⁺, 5), 135 (8), 119 (6), 91 (14).

2-Methylbutyl 1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2d)



Yield: 85.0 mg, colorless oil, 73%,

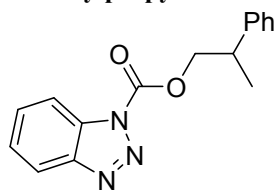
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.65 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.42 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.09, 145.89, 131.74, 130.09, 125.65, 120.39, 113.35, 73.48, 34.20, 25.85, 16.28, 11.15.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): *m/z* (%) = 233 (*M*⁺, 10), 135 (27), 136 (18), 119 (34), 91 (55), 55 (14).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for C₁₂H₁₅O₂N₃ (*M*⁺): 233.11588; found: 233.11613.

2-Phenylpropyl 1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2e)



Yield: 94 mg, colorless oil, 67%

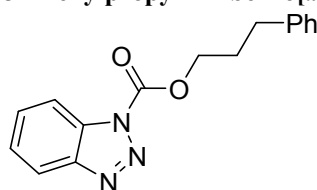
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 4.67 – 4.58 (m, 2H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.83, 145.85, 141.91, 131.59, 130.04, 128.74, 127.33, 127.13, 125.65, 120.34, 113.35, 73.38, 38.99, 17.90.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): *m/z* (%) = 281 (*M*⁺, 3), 163 (7), 134 (12), 118 (65), 105 (18), 91 (100), 77 (12).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for C₁₆H₁₅O₂N₃ (*M*⁺): 281.11588; found: 281.11671.

3-Phenylpropyl 1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2f)



Yield: 116.6 mg, colorless oil, 83%

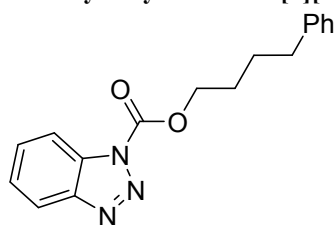
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.57 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 4.55 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.27 – 2.12 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.92, 145.85, 140.35, 131.73, 130.12, 128.51, 128.35, 126.19, 125.70, 120.38, 113.36, 68.21, 31.85, 29.94.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): *m/z* (%) = 281 (*M*⁺, 4), 252 (5), 207 (20), 180 (7), 118 (52), 104 (6), 91 (100), 44 (28).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for C₁₆H₁₅O₂N₃ (*M*⁺): 281.11588; found: 281.11633.

4-Phenylbutyl 1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2g)



Yield: 97 mg, colorless oil, 66%,

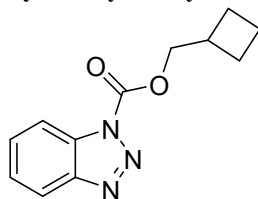
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.02, 145.91, 141.54, 131.79, 130.16, 128.40, 125.97, 125.73, 120.44, 113.42, 68.92, 35.30, 28.07, 27.44.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): *m/z* (%) = 295 (*M*⁺, 3), 266 (5), 239 (7), 180 (7), 130 (10), 104 (21), 91 (100).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for C₁₇H₁₇O₂N₃ (*M*⁺): 295.13153; found: 295.13126.

Cyclobutylmethyl 1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2h)



Yield: 64 mg, colorless oil, 55%,

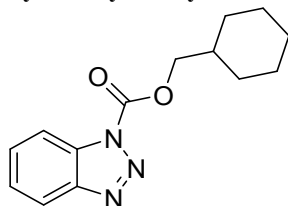
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^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.11, 145.88, 131.74, 130.09, 125.66, 120.39, 113.40, 72.58, 33.84, 24.72, 18.38.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 231 (M^+ , 5), 135 (6), 119 (19), 90 (32), 64 (22), 41 (100).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{N}_3$ (M^+): 231.10023; found: 231.10026.

Cyclohexylmethyl 1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2i)



Yield: 88.1 mg, colorless oil, 68%,

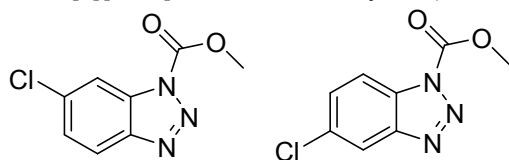
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (ddd, J = 9.2, 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.05 – 1.85 (m, 3H), 1.85 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.07 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.12, 145.92, 131.79, 130.13, 125.68, 120.42, 113.42, 73.93, 37.08, 29.48, 26.18, 25.50.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 259 (M^+ , 6), 164 (6), 136 (18), 119 (28), 95 (42), 55 (100).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{N}_3$ (M^+): 259.13153; found: 259.13129.

Methyl 6-chloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate and Methyl 5-chloro-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2l + 2l')



Yield: 74 mg, white solid, 70%,

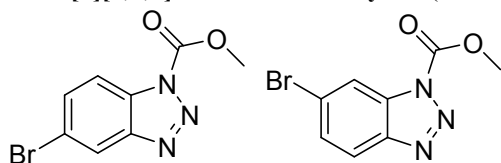
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (ddd, J = 13.6, 1.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (td, J = 8.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 0.4H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 0.6H), 4.25 (s, 1.5H), 4.25 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.08, 146.49, 144.39, 137.04, 132.39, 131.74, 131.04, 127.00, 121.24, 119.93, 114.26, 113.47, 55.52.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 213 ($\text{M}+2^+$, 10), 211 (M^+ , 27), 168 (27), 124 (46), 59 (33).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{N}_3^{37}\text{Cl}$ (M^+): 213.01136; found: 213.01125; $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{N}_3\text{Cl}$ (M^+): 211.01431; found: 211.01408.

Methyl 6-bromo-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate and Methyl 5-bromo-1*H*-benzo[*d*][1,2,3]triazole-1-carboxylate (2m + 2m')



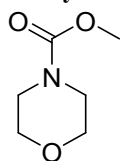
Yield: 98 mg, white solid, 77%,

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33 (dd, J = 1.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 0.3H), 8.02 (dd, J = 8.7, 0.7 Hz, 0.3H), 7.99 (dd, J = 8.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 0.4H), 7.61 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 4.24 (s, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.06, 144.71, 133.57, 132.69, 129.62, 125.13, 123.13, 121.43, 116.49, 114.57, 55.53.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 257 ($\text{M}+2^+$, 21), 255 (M^+ , 20), 214 (17), 212 (20), 170 (29), 168 (32), 59 (40).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{N}_3^{81}\text{Br}$ (M^+): 256.96174; found: 256.96198; $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_2\text{N}_3\text{Br}$ (M^+): 254.96379; found: 256.96374.

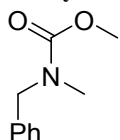
Methyl morpholine-4-carboxylate² (2n)

Yield: 87 mg, colorless oil, 60%,

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.46-3.43 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.90, 66.55, 52.65, 44.04.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 145 (M⁺, 29), 130 (62), 114 (13), 100 (22), 86 (12), 56 (24), 42 (41).

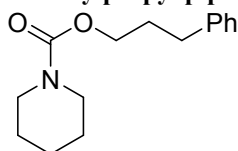
Methyl benzyl(methyl)carbamate³ (2o)

Yield: 95 mg, colorless oil, 53%,

¹H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.78 – 2.67 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.42, 128.52, 127.75, 127.29, 127.18, 52.69, 52.48, 52.22.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 179 (M⁺, 65), 164 (34), 168 (27), 147 (12), 120 (47), 91 (100), 65 (19), 42 (26).

3-Phenylpropyl piperidine-1-carboxylate (2p)

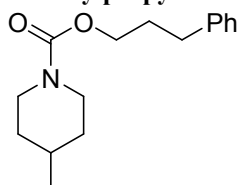
Yield: 163 mg, colorless oil, 66%,

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.50 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 2.81 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.42, 141.38, 128.29, 125.79, 64.41, 44.64, 32.22, 30.59, 25.60, 24.32.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 247 (M⁺, 3), 118 (84), 91 (37), 65 (5), 41 (5).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for C₁₅H₂₁O₂N (M⁺): 247.15668; found: 247.15669.

3-Phenylpropyl 4-methylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (2q)

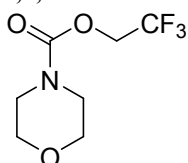
Yield: 128 mg, colorless oil, 49%,

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 4.05 – 3.95 (m, 4H), 2.73 – 2.55 (m, 4H), 1.96 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.32 (m, 3H), 1.10 – 0.91 (m, 2H), 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.38, 141.35, 128.27, 128.26, 125.77, 64.41, 44.00, 33.85, 32.19, 30.79, 30.57, 21.77.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 261 (M⁺, 3), 144 (5), 91 (37), 55 (11).

HRMS (EI) Calc. for C₁₆H₂₃O₂N (M⁺): 261.17233; found: 261.17234.

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl morpholine-4-carboxylate (2r)

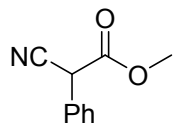
Yield: 119 mg, colorless oil, 56%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.49 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.62 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.54 – 3.47 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.28, 122.50 (q, *J* = 1098.4 Hz), 66.40 (d, *J* = 68 Hz), 61.30 (q, *J* = 144.8 Hz), 44.30 (d, *J* = 83.6 Hz),

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 213 (M⁺, 54), 198 (100), 170 (20), 127 (38), 100 (60), 83 (88), 56 (48).
HRMS (EI) Calc. for C₇H₁₀O₃N₁F₃ (M⁺): 213.06073; found: 213.06037.

Methyl 2-cyano-2-phenylacetate⁴



Yield: 129 mg, colorless oil, 74% Yield,

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.41, 129.74, 129.31, 129.23, 127.86, 115.50, 53.88, 43.45.

GC-MS (EI, 70ev): m/z (%) = 175 (M⁺, 10), 130 (20), 116 (96), 89 (21), 59 (11).

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