

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **I<sub>2</sub>-mediated aerobic oxidative annulation of amidines with tertiary amines via C-H amination/C-N cleavage for the synthesis of 2,4-disubstitued 1,3,5-triazines**

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## General Information

Unless otherwise indicated, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without additional purification.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Ascend<sup>TM</sup> 600 spectrometer. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0$  ppm) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as an internal standard.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were obtained by the same NMR spectrometer and were calibrated with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta = 77.00$  ppm). HRMS (ESI) were recorded on a Water<sup>TM</sup> Q-TOF Premier Mass Spectrometer. MS (ESI) was recorded by AB SCIEX QTRAP 5500 LC/MS/MS. Melting point was recorded on a Hanon MP430 Auto Melting Point System.

## Experimental Procedure

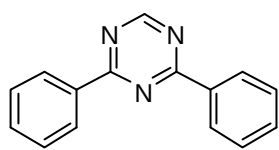
### *General Procedure for the Synthesis of Symmetrical 2,4-Disubstituted 1,3,5-Triazines*

Amidines **1** (0.4 mmol),  $\text{I}_2$  (0.4 mmol),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.8 mmol) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, followed by addition of DMSO (1.0 mL) and amines **2** (0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 24 h. The solution was then cooled to r.t., quenched by a  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  aqueous solution and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 60:1) to afford the symmetrical 2,4-disubstituted 1,3,5-triazines **3**.

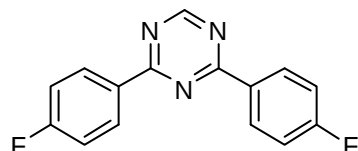
### *General Procedure for the Synthesis of Unsymmetrical 2,4-Disubstituted 1,3,5-Triazines*

Amidines **1** (0.2 mmol), amidines **1'** (0.8 mmol),  $\text{I}_2$  (0.4 mmol),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.8 mmol) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, followed by addition of DMSO (1.0 mL) and TMEDA (0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 24 h. The solution was then cooled to r.t., quenched by a  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  aqueous solution and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford the unsymmetrical 2,4-disubstituted 1,3,5-triazines **3**.

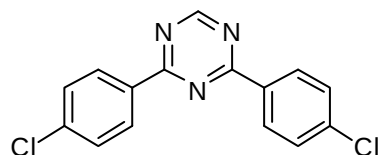
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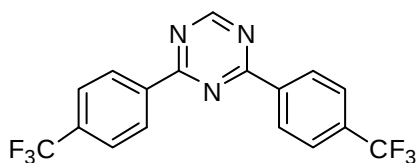
2,4-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3a**)<sup>1</sup>: 39.6 mg (85%); White solid; Mp: 74-75°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.25 (s, 1H), 8.65-8.63 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.3, 166.7, 135.5, 132.8, 128.9, 128.7.



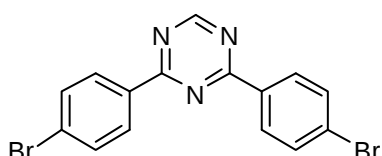
2,4-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3b**)<sup>1</sup>: 21.5 mg (40%); White solid; Mp: 155-156 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.20 (s, 1H), 8.67-8.62 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.3, 166.6, 166.0 (d,  $J$  = 252.6 Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 131.3 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 115.9 (d,  $J$  = 21.6 Hz).



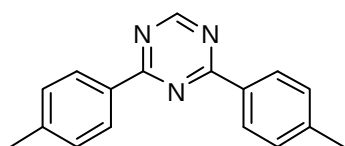
2,4-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3c**)<sup>1</sup>: 46.5 mg (77%); White solid; Mp: 191-192 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.23 (s, 1H), 8.58-8.55 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.5, 166.7, 139.4, 133.8, 130.2, 129.1.



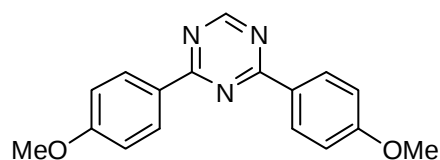
2,4-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3d**)<sup>1</sup>: 35.4 mg (48%); White solid; Mp: 152-153 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.33 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.4, 167.1, 138.5, 134.4 (q,  $J$  = 32.4 Hz), 129.2, 125.8 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 123.8 (q,  $J$  = 271.0 Hz).



2,4-bis(4-bromophenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3e**)<sup>1</sup>: 41.4 mg (53%); White solid; Mp: 196-197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.23 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.7, 166.8, 134.3, 132.1, 130.4, 128.1.

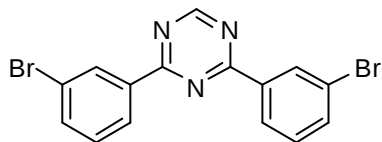


2,4-di-*p*-tolyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3f**)<sup>1</sup>: 42.3 mg (81%); White solid; Mp: 159-160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.18 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 2.45 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.1, 166.5, 143.4, 132.9, 129.5, 128.8, 21.7.



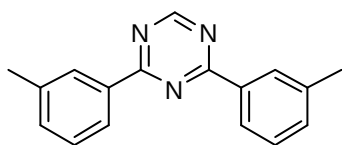
2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3g**)<sup>1</sup>: 39.2 mg (67%); White solid; Mp: 157-158 °C;  $\delta$  9.11 (s, 1H), 8.60-8.56 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 4H), 3.91 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 166.2, 163.5, 130.8, 128.1, 114.0,

55.5.



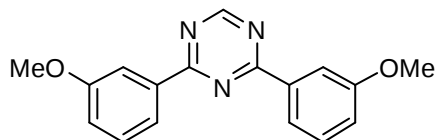
2,4-bis(3-bromophenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3h**)<sup>1</sup>: 43.0 mg (55%); White solid; Mp: 181-182 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.27 (s, 1H), 8.76 (t,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (dq,  $J_1$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t,  $J$

= 7.8 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.3, 166.9, 137.3, 135.9, 131.9, 130.3, 127.5, 123.1.



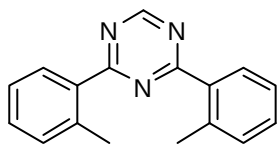
2,4-di-*m*-tolyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3i**)<sup>1</sup>: 41.8 mg (80%); White solid; Mp: 87-88 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.24 (s, 1H), 8.46-8.43 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.4, 166.5, 138.5, 135.5, 133.7, 129.4, 128.7,

126.1, 21.5.



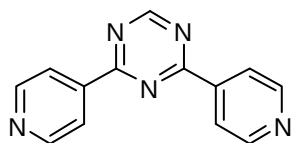
2,4-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3j**)<sup>1</sup>: 34.0 mg (58%); White solid; Mp: 106-107 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.25 (s, 1H), 8.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.18-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 3.94

(s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.1, 166.6, 160.0, 136.9, 129.8, 121.4, 119.2, 113.3, 55.4.

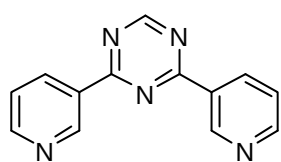


2,4-di-*o*-tolyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3k**)<sup>1</sup>: 27.1 mg (52%); Light yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.32 (s, 1H), 8.14 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.7 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 4H), 2.72 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  173.8, 165.7, 138.9, 135.5, 131.8,

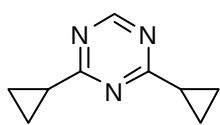
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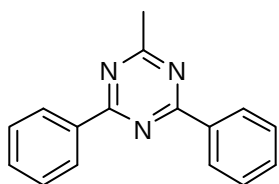
2,4-di(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3m**)<sup>1</sup>: 14.6 mg (31%); White solid; Mp: 181-182 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.45 (s, 1H), 8.91 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 4H), 8.47 (dd,  $J_1$  = 4.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.4 Hz, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.5, 167.6, 150.8, 142.5, 122.2.



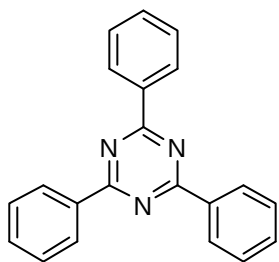
2,4-di(pyridin-3-yl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3n**)<sup>1</sup>: 21.2 mg (45%); White solid; Mp: 183-184 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.83 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 9.34 (s, 1H), 8.89 (dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.9 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 8.85 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 4.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.2, 167.0, 153.4, 150.4, 136.3, 130.9, 123.7.



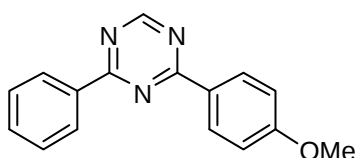
2,4-dicyclopropyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3o**)<sup>1</sup>: 6.4 mg (20%); Colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 2.11-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.19 (m, 4H), 1.15-1.10 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 179.6, 164.6, 17.8, 11.9.



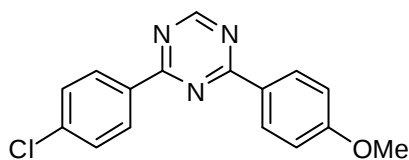
2-methyl-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3p**)<sup>1</sup>: 7.5 mg (15%); White solid; Mp: 106-107 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.65-8.62 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 4H), 2.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 177.0, 171.2, 135.9, 132.5, 128.9, 128.6, 26.0.



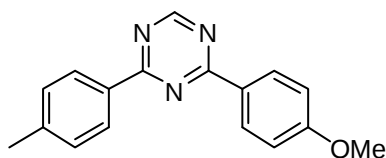
2,4,6-triphenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3q**)<sup>2</sup>: 24.7 mg (40%); White solid; Mp: 232-233 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.80-8.77 (m, 6H), 7.64-7.56 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.6, 136.2, 132.5, 129.0, 128.6.



2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3ga**)<sup>1</sup>: 12.1 mg (23%); White solid; Mp: 128-129 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 8.63-8.59 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.0, 170.8, 166.5, 163.6, 135.7, 132.6, 130.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 114.1, 55.5.

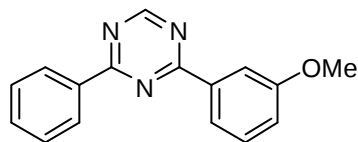


2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3gc**)<sup>1</sup>: 9.5 mg (16%); White solid; Mp: 168-169 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.59-8.54 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 170.9, 170.1, 166.5, 163.7, 139.0, 134.2, 130.9, 130.1, 129.0, 127.8, 114.1, 55.5.

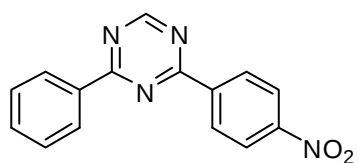


2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**3gf**): 12.2 mg (22%); White solid; Mp: 124-125 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.60 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.0 Hz,

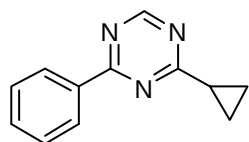
$J_2 = 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 8.51 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.9, 170.6, 166.1, 163.6, 143.5, 132.8, 130.9, 129.5, 128.9, 127.9, 114.1, 55.5, 21.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  278.1288, found 278.1283.



2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3ja**)<sup>3</sup>: 8.4 mg (16%); White solid; Mp: 82-83°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.26 (s, 1H), 8.65-8.63 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.17 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.3, 171.1, 166.7, 160.0, 136.9, 135.5, 132.8, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 121.4, 119.2, 113.4, 55.5.

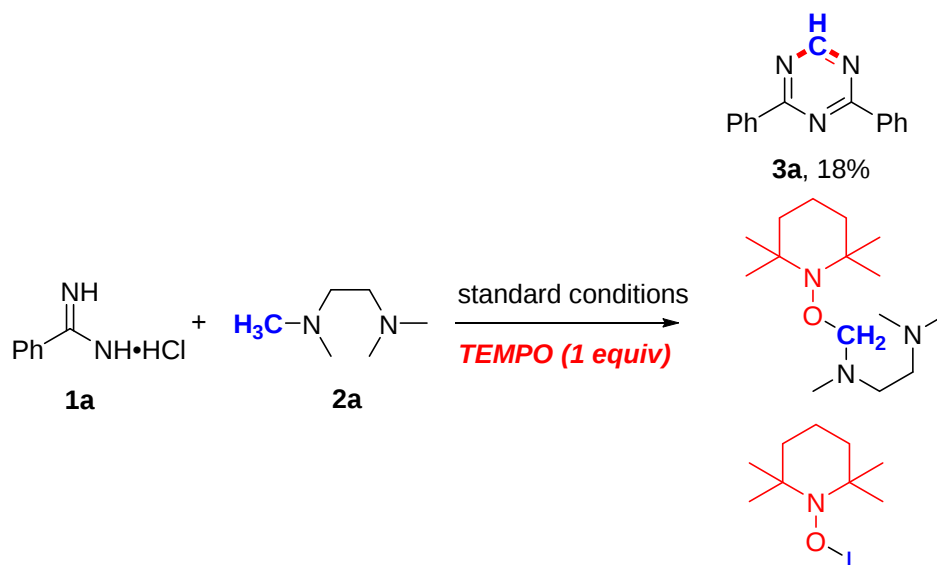


2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3pa**)<sup>1</sup>: 15.0 mg (27%); Light yellow solid; Mp: 165-166°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.33 (s, 1H), 8.84-8.81 (m, 2H), 8.66-8.63 (m, 2H), 8.41-8.38 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  171.8, 169.5, 167.0, 150.5, 141.3, 134.9, 133.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 123.8.

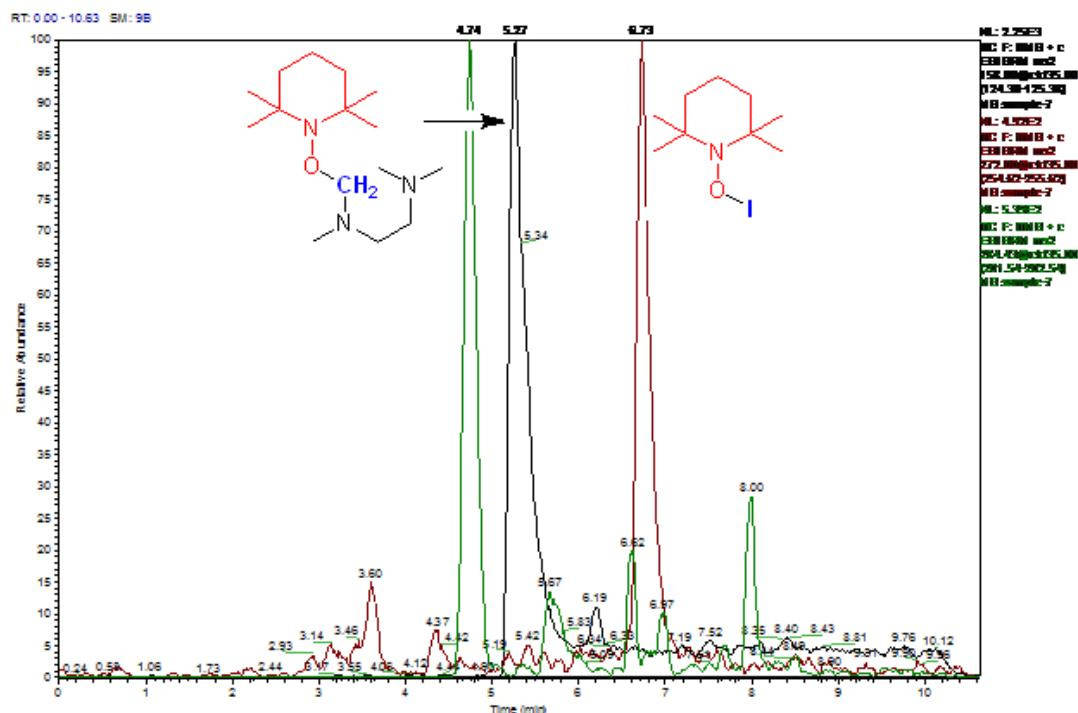


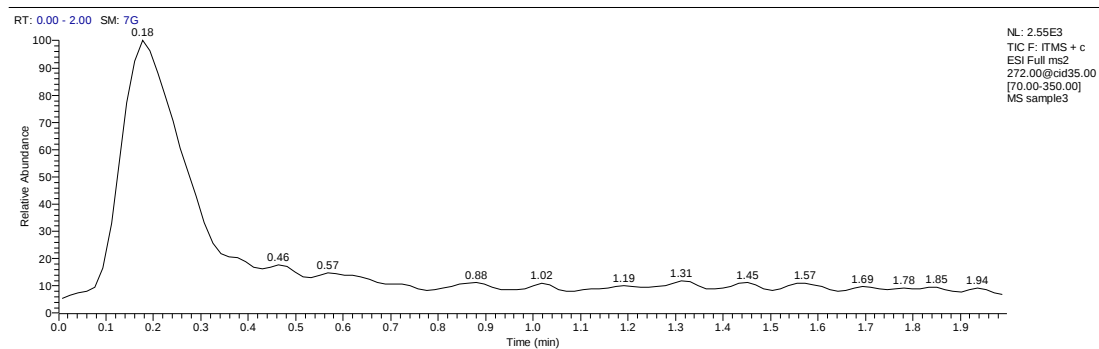
2-cyclopropyl-4-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3oa**)<sup>1</sup>: 5.5 mg (14%); White solid; Mp: 55-56°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.98 (s, 1H), 8.50-8.47 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.22 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.19 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  180.7, 170.4, 165.6, 135.4, 132.6, 128.7, 128.6, 18.2, 12.2.

## Radical Trapping Experiment

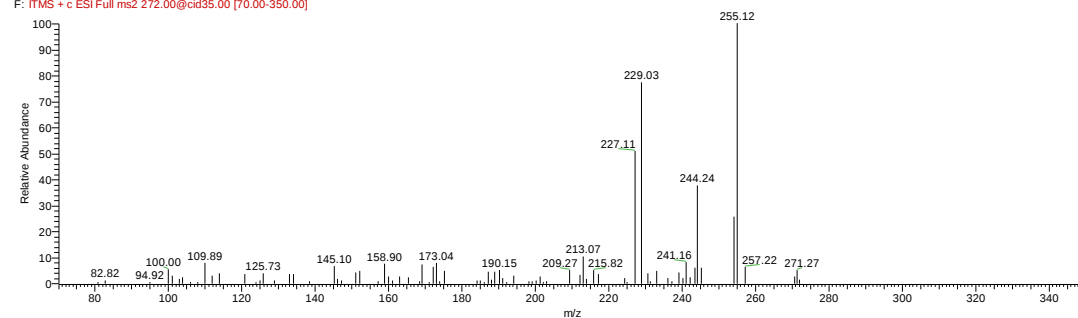


**1a** (0.4 mmol), I<sub>2</sub> (0.4 mmol), TEMPO (0.4 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.8 mmol) were added to a 10 mL Schlenk tube, followed by addition of DMSO (1.0 mL) and **2a** (0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 24 h. The solution was then cooled to r.t., quenched by a Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 60:1) to afford 2,4-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine (**3a**) in 18% yield. Meanwhile, trace amount of residue was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O and analyzed by LC-MS.



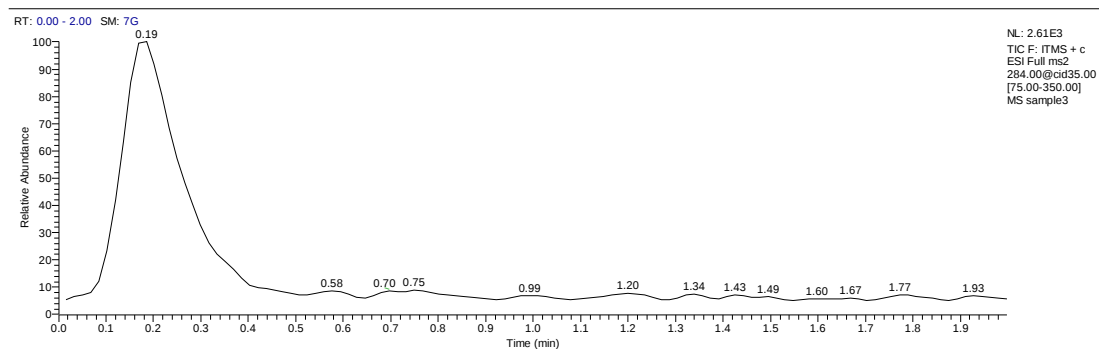


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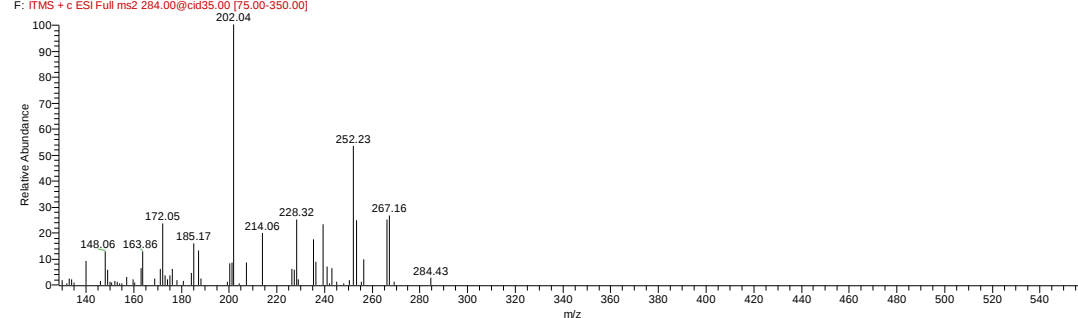


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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra

