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Generation of Azomethine Imine and Metal Free Formal 1,3-Dipolar Cycloaddition of Imine with PhIO: Reaction, Scope, and Synthesis

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1. Materials and Methods

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification, unless otherwise specified. Commercially supplied ethyl acetate and petroleum ether were distilled before use. CH₂Cl₂ was dried by distillation over P₂O₅. Petroleum ether used in our experiments was in the boiling range of 60°-80° C. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (60-120 mesh, 0.120 mm-0.250 mm). Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm extra hard silica gel plates with UV254 fluorescent indicator. Melting points are reported uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using 300 MHz spectrometers (300 MHz for ¹H and 75 MHz for ¹³C). Chemical shift is reported in ppm from internal reference tetramethylsilane and coupling constant in Hz. Proton multiplicities are represented as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (double doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), and m (multiplet). Infrared spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer as KBr pellets. Optical rotation of the chiral compounds was measured in a polarimeter using standard 10 cm quartz cell in sodium-D lamp at ambient temperature.

2. Synthesis of 4-Benzyl-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (5a)



The *N*-benzyl-2-methoxyphenylaldimine (2a)495 mg, 2.2 mmol). N-(4nitrobenzylidene)-N'-4-methylphenylsulfonylhydrazine (1a, 638 mg, 2.0 mmol), anhydrous $MgSO_4$ (0.5 g) and dichloromethane (10 mL) were taken together in a roundbottom flask (25 mL) and the content was cooled to 0° C. PhIO (880 mg, 4.0 mmol) was added under vigorous stirring and the content of the reaction mixture was allowed to attain room temperature. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction was complete after 3.0 hours. The post reaction mixture was filtered and washed well with dichloromethane. The combined organic portion was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (1 x 10 mL) and brine (3 x 10 mL) solution, dried on activated sodium sulfate, and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure at room temperature. The crude brown oil was chromatographed on silica gel (60-120 mesh). The cvcloadduct 4-benzyl-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methylphenylsulfonyl)-5-(4nitrophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-1*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (5a) was eluted at ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (1:13) in an isolated yield of 81% (878 mg, 1.62 mmol) and 4-benzyl-3-(2methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4H-[1,2,4]triazole (6a) at (2:3) ethyl acetatepetroleum ether in an isolated yield of 9% (70 mg, 0.18 mmol).

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Yield: 81% (878 mg, 1.62 mmol).

Characteristic: Yellow solid.

Melting point: 162° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (3H, s), 3.62 (3H, s), 3.79 (1H, d, J = 16.5 Hz), 4.05 (1H, d, J = 16.5 Hz), 6.34 (1H, s), 6.46 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.93-7.05 (3H, m), 7.11-7.32 (4H, m), 7.43 (1H, dd, J = 1.5, 7.5 Hz), 7.54 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.70 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.17 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 48.6, 55.5, 111.0, 121.3, 123.9, 125.9, 126.1, 126.7, 127.0, 127.5, 128.5, 128.7, 129.4, 129.5, 130.2, 130.8, 131.7, 133.2, 135.2, 144.1, 149.0, 157.4.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 668, 1165, 1347, 1524, 1599, 2931.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₉H₂₆N₄O₅S (M+Na): Calculated 565.1522, found 565.1505.

3. Transformation of 4-Benzyl-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(4methylphenylsulfonyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (5a) to 4-Benzyl-3-(2methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6a) by *N*-Bromosuccinimide



ESI Scheme 2

The cycloadduct (**5a**, 108 mg, 0.2 mmol) and dichloromethane (5 mL) were taken together in a round-bottom flask (10 mL) and stirred magnetically. *N*-Bromo succinimide (40 mg, 0.22 mmol) was added and the content of the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours to complete the elimination of C_3 -*H* and N_2 -*Ts* to afford the end product **6a**. The reaction was monitored by TLC comparing with the authentic sample. The post reaction mixture was washed well with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (1 x 5 mL) and brine (3 x 5 mL) solution, dried on activated sodium sulfate, and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure at room temperature. The crude yellow solid was collected as pure product (95%, 73 mg, 0.19 mmol) without further purification.

Characterization Data of Compound 6a:

Yield: 95% (73 mg, 0.19 mmol). Characteristic: Pale yellow solid. Melting point: 168° C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.70 (3H, s), 5.12 (2H, s), 6.67 (1H, dd, J = 4.2, 7.5 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.98 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.07-7.10 (4H, m), 7.39 (2H, d, J = 7.5Hz), 7.53 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 8.17 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.5, 55.5, 111.1, 115.5, 121.1, 123.7, 126.2, 128.0, 128.7, 129.6, 130.1, 132.4, 133.5, 134.9, 148.4, 153.1, 154.8, 157.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 725, 857, 1254, 1344, 1467, 1520, 1602. HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₃ (M+H): Calculated 387.1457, found 387.1469.

4. General Procedure for Synthesis of the 3,4,5-Trisubstituted-1,2,4-triazoles (6) by the Three Component One Pot Strategy

The aldehyde 3 (2.2 mmol), amine 4 (2.2 mmol), anhydrous $MgSO_4$ (0.5 g) and dichloromethane (10 mL) were taken together in a round-bottom flask (25 mL) and the content was stirred at room temperature for 6.5 hours. The N-tosylaldohydrazone 1 (2.0 mmol) was added into the reaction mixture at 0° C. Iodosobenzene (880 mg, 4.0 mmol) was added and the content of the reaction mixture was allowed to attain the room temperature. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction was complete after 2.5-3.0 hours depending on the substrates used. Finally N-bromo succinimide (392 mg, 2.2 mmol) was added and the content was stirred at room temperature for another 1.5-2.0 hours to complete the conversion of the cycloadduct 5 into the end product 6. The post reaction mixture was filtered and washed well with dichloromethane. The combined organic portion was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (1 x 10 mL) and brine (3 x 10 mL) solution, dried on activated sodium sulfate, and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure at room temperature. After standing for sometime at ambient temperature the crude product became solid and it was triturated with minimum volume of ethyl acetate, and filtered. The solid compound was washed with minimum volume of ethyl acetate. Thus, the reaction with p-anisaldehyde (**3b**, 300 mg, 2.2 mmol), benzyl amine (**4a**, 235 mg, 2.2 mmol) and N-naphthalen-2-yl-methylene-N'-4-methylphenylsulfonylhydrazine (1b, 648) mmol) afforded 4-benzyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-naphthalen-2-yl-4Hmg, 2 [1,2,4]triazole (**6b**) after processing in an isolated yield of 88% (688 mg, 1.76 mmol). Asymmetric syntheses of the chiral triazoles (60-q) and sugar-based triazoles (6r,s) were also synthesized following the same general procedure. The compound **6b** and other end products (6a-l and 6o-s) were characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR (NDC & DEPT), FT-IR, HR-MS and also measuring the melting points of the solid compounds. The structure of the 3,4,5-trisubstituted-1,2,4-triazoles was determined by comparing the melting point of the known compound **6i** synthesized in this methodology and also by single crystal X-ray diffraction analyses of the compound 6i.

- 5. Characterization Data of the 3,4,5 of the 3,4,5 of the 3,4,5 of the 3,4,5 of the 3,4 of the 3,4
- 5.1. 4-Benzyl-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6a):



Yield: 84% (648 mg, 1.68 mmol). Characteristic: Pale yellow solid. Melting point: 168° C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.70 (3H, s), 5.12 (2H, s), 6.67 (1H, dd, J = 4.2, 7.5 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.98 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.07-7.10 (4H, m), 7.39 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.53 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 8.17 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.5, 55.5, 111.1, 115.5, 121.1, 123.7, 126.2, 128.0, 128.7, 129.6, 130.1, 132.4, 133.5, 134.9, 148.4, 153.1, 154.8, 157.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 725, 857, 1254, 1344, 1467, 1520, 1603. HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₃ (M+H): Calculated 387.1457, found 387.1467.

5.2. 4-Benzyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-naphthalen-2-yl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6b):



Yield: 88% (689 mg, 1.76 mmol).

Characteristic: Colorless solid.

Melting point: 196° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.81 (3H, s), 5.42 (2H, s), 6.87-6.93 (5H, m), 7.26-7.28 (2H, m), 7.46-7.57 (2H, m), 7.63 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.73 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.85 (2H, t, J = 8.7 Hz), 8.09 (1H,s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.9, 55.3, 114.4, 117.9, 123.4, 125.5, 125.9, 126.7, 127.4, 127.6, 128.1, 128.5, 128.7, 129.1, 130.5, 132.6, 133.7, 135.6, 155.4, 155.5, 161.3. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 718, 821, 1025, 1175, 1256, 1451, 1611, 2927. HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₂₆H₂₂N₃O (M+H): Calculated 392.1763, found 392.1782.

5.3. 4-Benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6c):



6c

Yield: 82% (615 mg, 1.64 mmol) Characteristic: Pale yellow solid. Melting point: 166° C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.79 (3H, s), 5.27 (2H, s), 6.84-6.91 (4H, m), 7.25-7.37 (5H, m), 7.45-7.53 (4H, m). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.4, 55.3, 114.3, 125.2, 125.8, 128.1, 128.2, 129.1, 129.2, 130.0, 130.1, 130.3, 133.7, 135.5, 136.4, 161.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 708, 831, 1174, 1249, 1468, 1608, 2925. HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₂₂H₁₉ClN₃O (M+H): Calculated 376.1217, found 376.1197 (one of the peaks).

5.4. 4-Benzyl-3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6d):



6d

Yield: 81% (678 mg, 1.62 mmol). Characteristic: Pale yellow solid. Melting point: 176° C ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.75 (3H, s), 5.23 (2H, s), 6.77-6.85 (4H, m), 7.19-7.25 (3H, m), 7.38-7.50 (6H, m). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.6, 55.3, 114.4, 125.0, 125.7, 125.8, 128.2, 129.2, 129.3, 130.2, 130.3, 130.4, 132.1, 135.4, 155.6, 161.4. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 730, 833, 1018, 1177, 1253, 1471, 1608, 2931. HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₂₂H₁₉BrN₃O (M+H): Calculated 420.0711, found 420.0729 (one of the peaks). Supplementary Material (ESI) for Chemical Communications 5.5. 3-(2-Benzyloxypheniologialistic field and the second second

(6e):



6e

Yield: 80% (747 mg, 1.60 mmol).

Characteristic: Brown solid.

Melting point: 82° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.24 (3H, s), 4.72 (2H, s), 6.68 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.74 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.88-7.03 (6H, m), 7.10-7.39 (5H, m), 7.50 (1H, dd, J = 1.2, 7.5 Hz), 7.64 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.70 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.94 (1H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 70.1, 112.5, 116.5, 120.9, 123.8, 125.3, 126.4, 126.7, 126.8, 127.5, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 129.6, 129.7, 131.9, 132.2, 132.4, 132.6, 133.4, 136.3, 138.9, 153.5, 154.0, 156.5.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 749, 818, 1013, 1234, 1455, 1512, 1599, 2923.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₃₂H₂₆N₃O (M+H): Calculated 468.2076, found 468.2049.

5.6. 3,5-Bis-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6f):



6f

Yield: 85% (681 mg, 1.70 mmol). Characteristic: Pale brown solid.

Melting point: 222° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.46 (3H, s), 7.18 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.35 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.31-7.60 (2H, m), 7.55 (2H, dd, J = 3.9, 8.1 Hz), 8.22 (4H, dd, J = 1.8, 3.9 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.3, 123.2, 124.5, 127.2, 128.1, 129.7, 131.2, 131.4, 134.2, 141.5, 148.0, 153.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 721, 821, 1087, 1346, 1516, 3084.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₁H₁₆N₅O₄ (M+H): Calculated 402.1202, found 402.1219.

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6g

Yield: 81% (625 mg, 1.62 mmol).

Characteristic: Yellow solid.

Melting point: 142° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.31 (3H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 6.82 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.92 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.07 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.41 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.59-7.72 (3H, m), 8.02 (1H, dd, J = 0.9, 8.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 55.2, 113.9, 118.9, 123.1, 124.7, 127.0, 130.0, 130.2, 131.0, 131.4, 133.3, 139.5, 148.2, 152.0, 154.4, 160.6.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 595, 835, 1018, 1254, 1465, 1529, 1610, 2925.

HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₂₂H₁₉N₄O₃ (M+H): Calculated 387.1457, found 387.1452.

5.8. 3,5-Bis-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-cyclohexyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6h):



Yield: 88% (654 mg, 1.76 mmol).

Characteristic: Colorless solid.

Melting point: Above 300° C

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.83 (1H, t, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 1.00-1.13 (2H, m), 1.37-1.53 (3H, m), 1.70 (2H, d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 2.20 (2H, d, *J* = 11.1 Hz), 4.03 (1H, t, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 7.49 (4H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.79 (4H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.5, 25.6, 32.8, 60.7, 129.4, 130.8, 132.2, 138.7, 152.4. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 744, 828, 963, 1014, 1091, 1481, 1604, 1697, 2588, 2933. HB MS (m/z) for C H. Cl N. (M+H): Coloulated 372, 1034, found 372, 1016

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₀H₁₉Cl₂N₃ (M+H): Calculated 372.1034, found 372.1016



6i

Yield: 82% (623 mg, 1.64 mmol).

Characteristic: White solid.

Melting point: 202° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.22 (2H, s), 6.77 (2H, dd, J = 2.1, 5.7 Hz), 7.17-7.23 (3H, m), 7.32 (4H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.48 (4H, d, J = 8.4 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.7, 124.5, 125.7, 128.4, 129.2, 130.2, 135.0, 136.9, 154.8.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 727, 833, 1092, 1465, 1701, 3068.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₁H₁₆Cl₂N₃ (M+H): Calculated 380.0721, found 380.0702 (one of the peaks).

5.10. 4-Benzyl-3,5-diphenyl-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6j):



6j

Yield: 89% (554 mg, 1.78 mmol).

Characteristic: White solid.

Melting point: 205° C [reported²⁰ 210° C].

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.28 (2H, s), 6.85-6.88 (2H, m), 7.25-7.27 (3H, m), 7.37-7.45 (6H, m), 7.57-7.59 (4H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.2, 125.8, 127.2, 128.0, 128.8, 128.8, 129.0, 130.0, 135.9, 155.9.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 689, 727, 783, 1365, 1405, 1465, 3067.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₁H₁₈N₃ (M+H): Calculated 312.1501, found 312.1488.

5.11. 4-Benzyl-(3-naphthalen-2-yl)-5-(3-nitrophenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6k):



6k

Yield: 82% (665 mg, 1.64 mmol).

Characteristic: Pale yellow solid.

Melting point: 180° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.27 (2H, s), 6.87 (2H, dd, J = 1.8, 7.5 Hz), 7.22-7.28 (3H, m), 7.42-7.53 (3H, m), 7.69 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.79 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.84 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.96 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.06 (1H, s), 8.20 (1H, dd, J = 1.8, 7.8 Hz), 8.37 (1H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.2, 123.4, 124.7, 125.4, 125.7, 126.9, 127.6, 127.7, 128.5, 128.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.4, 130.0, 132.7, 133.8, 134.7, 135.1, 148.2, 153.7, 156.7. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 743, 819,1344,1452,1529, 2924.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₅H₁₉N₄O₂ (M+H): Calculated 407.1508, found 407.1532.

5.12. 4-Benzyl-3,5-bis-(3-nitrophenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6l):



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Yield: 88% (706 mg, 1.76 mmol).

Characteristic: White solid.

Melting point: 188° C

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.36 (2H, s), 6.82-6.84 (2H, m), 7.21-7.23 (3H, m), 7.62 (2H, t, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 8.26 (2H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.1 Hz), 8.43 (2H, s). ¹³C NMP (75 MHz CDCl): δ 48.2 122.0 124.2 125.0 127.6 127.0 128.7 120.7

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 48.2, 123.0, 124.3, 125.0, 127.6, 127.9, 128.7, 129.7, 133.9, 147.5, 153.7.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 691, 732, 1350, 1516, 3083.

HRMS (m/z) for C₂₁H₁₆N₅O₄ (M+H): Calculated 402.1202, found 402.1177.



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Yield: 86% (676 mg, 1.72 mmol).

Characteristic: White solid.

Melting point: 162° C.

 $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -1.76° (*c* 1.25, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.62 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.19 (1H, q, J = 7.2, 14.4 Hz), 6.93-6.97 (2H, m), 7.26-7.34 (11H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.2, 54.1, 125.9, 126.3, 128.2, 128.8, 128.9,130.9, 136.3, 139.5, 154.7.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 702, 836, 1011, 1090, 1405, 1459, 1595.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₂H₁₈Cl₂N₃ (M+H): Calculated 394.0878, found 394.0867 (one of the peaks).

5.14. (S)-(-)-3-(4-Nitrophenyl)-5-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-(1-phenylethyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6p):



6p

Yield: 80% (664mg, 1.60 mmol).

Characteristic: Yellow semisolid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -27.50° (*c* 0.60, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.62 (3H, d, *J* =7.2 Hz), 5.60 (1H, q, *J* = 7.2, 14.1 Hz), 6.90-6.93 (2H, m), 7.24-7.29 (3H, m), 7.49-7.59 (3H, m), 7.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.8 Hz), 8.07-8.08 (1H, m), 8.19-8.23 (3H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.5, 54.7, 123.8, 124.7, 124.9, 125.8, 128.9, 129.3, 129.8, 130.6, 133.7, 135.4, 138.6, 148.0, 148.8.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 689, 728, 860, 1348, 1452, 1519, 1721, 2927.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₂H₁₈N₅O₄ (M+H): Calculated 416.1359, found 416.1345.

5.15. (S)-(-)-3-(4-Chlorophenge) 5-(4-Innethoxyphenylphenylethyl)-4H-[1,2,4]triazole (6q):



Yield: 83% (645mg, 1.66 mmol). Characteristic: Yellow semisolid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -3.28° (c 1.40, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.52 (3H, d, J =7.2 Hz), 3.74 (3H, s), 5.54 (1H, q, J = 7.2, 14.1 Hz), 6.81 (2H, d, J =8.4 Hz), 6.88-6.91 (2H, m), 7.13 (2H, d, J =8.4 Hz), 7.19-7.35 (7H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.1, 54.0, 55.2, 114.0, 119.7, 125.9, 126.6, 128.0,128.6, 128.8, 130.9, 136.1, 139.7, 160.9.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 698, 838, 1204, 1176, 1256, 1472, 1610, 1715, 2928.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₃H₂₁ClN₃O (M+H): Calculated 390.1373, found 390.1364 (one of the peaks).

5.16. (3aR,5R,6S,6aR)-(-)-4-Benzyl-3-(6-benzyloxy-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[2,3*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6*r*):



Yield: 70% (718 mg, 1.40 mmol). Characteristic: Brown semisolid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -4.67° (*c* 0.75, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.24 (3H, s), 1.42 (3H, s), 3.73 (3H, s), 4.21-4.30 (2H, m), 4.50 (1H, d, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.63 (1H, d, J = 3.9 Hz), 4.73 (1H, d, J = 16.2 Hz), 5.54 (1H, d, J = 16.2 Hz), 5.66 (1H, d, J = 3.3 Hz), 5.85 (1H, d, J = 3.3 Hz), 6.76-6.78 (3H, m), 7.01-7.22 (11H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.2, 26.7, 48.7, 55.2, 72.9, 76.8, 82.5, 84.6, 104.9, 112.3, 114.0, 119.3, 126.3, 127.3, 127.6, 128.0, 128.4, 128.5, 130.4, 136.5, 136.9, 150.3, 156.4, 160.8.

(3aR,5R,6S,6aR)-(-)-4-Benzyl-3-(6-benzyloxy-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro-5.17. [2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]triazole (6s):



Yield: 75% (777 mg, 1.50 mmol). Characteristic: Yellow semisolid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -29.00° (*c* 1.10, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.24 (3H, s), 1.42 (3H, s), 2.43-2.81 (2H, m), 4.51 (1H, d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 4.61-4.66 (2H, m), 5.56 (1H, d, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 5.70 (1H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 5.85 (1H, d, J = 3.3 Hz), 6.72-6.75 (2H, m), 6.91-7.34 (12H, m).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.2, 26.7, 48.9, 72.9, 76.8, 82.3, 84.6, 105.0, 112.5,

125.5, 126.3, 127.2, 127.5, 128.1, 128.5, 128.8, 129.2, 130.3, 136.1, 136.3, 136.8, 150.7, 155.5.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 734, 843, 1024, 1080, 1393, 1457, 1595, 1716.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₉H₂₉ClN₃O₄ (M+H): Calculated 518.1847, found 518.1831 (one of the peaks).

6. General Procedure for Synthesis of the Printed 9,2,4411-182010[3,4-a]pyridines and Quinolines by the One Step Strategy

The aromatic N-heterocycle 7 (2.2 mmol), N-tosylaldohydrazone 1 (2.0 mmol), anhydrous MgSO₄ (0.5 g) and dichloromethane (10 mL) were taken together in a roundbottom flask (25 mL) and stirred at 0° C. Iodosobenzene (880 mg, 4.0 mmol) was added and the content of the reaction mixture was allowed to attain the room temperature. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction was complete after 2.0-2.5 hours. The post reaction mixture was filtered and washed well with dichloromethane. The combined organic portion was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (1 x 10 mL) and brine (3 x 10 mL) solution, dried on activated sodium sulfate, and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure at room temperature. The crude brown oil was chromatographed on silica gel (60-120 mesh). Thus, the reaction with pyridine-4-aldehyde (7a, 235 mg, 2.2 mmol), N-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-N'-4methylphenylsulfonylhydrazine (1f, 608 mg, 2 mmol) afforded 3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyridine-7-carbaldehyde (8a) after processing in an isolated yield of 81% (409 mg, 1.62 mmol). Asymmetric syntheses of the fused sugar-based 1,2,4triazoles (8g-i) are also synthesized following the same general procedure. The compound 8a and others (8b-f and 8g-i) were characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR (NDC & DEPT), FT-IR, HR-MS, and measuring optical rotation and also the melting points of the solid products.

7. Characterization Data of the Functionalized Fused 1,2,4-Triazolo[3,4-*a*]pyridines and quinolines (8a-8i):

7.1. 3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine-7-carbaldehyde (8a):



8a

Yield: 81% (409 mg, 1.62 mmol). Characteristic: Yellow solid. Melting point: 218° C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.91 (3H, s), 7.13 (2H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.2 Hz), 7.79 (2H, dd, *J* = 2.1, 7.2 Hz), 8.28 (1H, s), 8.31 (1H, s), 10.04 (1H, s). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.4, 109.8, 114.9, 117.9, 123.4, 123.8, 129.8, 134.5, 149.8.9, 161.5, 189.1. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 609, 784, 831, 1167, 1261, 1468, 1615, 1690. HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₁₄H₁₂N₃O₂ (M+H): Calculated 254.0930, found 254.0909. 7.2. 1-[3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine-7-yl]-ethanone (8b):



8b

Yield: 79% (421 mg, 1.58 mmol). Characteristic: Yellow solid. Melting point: 222° C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.68 (3H, s), 3.89 (3H, s), 7.08-7.13 (2H, m), 7.42 (1H, dd, J = 1.5, 7.5 Hz), 7.74-7.79 (2H, m), 8.25 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 8.39 (1H, s). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.9, 55.4, 111.6, 114.9, 118.1, 119.0, 122.6, 129.7, 134.9, 161.4, 195.2. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 837, 1026, 1174, 1253, 1463, 1612, 1670. HR-MS (m/z) for C₁₅H₁₄N₃O₂ (M+H): Calculated 268.1086, found 268.1115.

8.3. 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine-7-carbaldehyde (8c):



Yield: 78% (400 mg, 1.56 mmol). Characteristic: Yellow solid. Melting point: 225° C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 (1H, dd, J = 1.5, 7.2 Hz), 7.53 (2H, dd, J = 1.8, 6.6 Hz), 7.73 (2H, dd, J = 1.8, 6.6 Hz), 8.22 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 8.27 (1H, s), 9.98 (1H, s). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 110.4, 123.3, 123.6, 124.1, 129.5, 129.8, 134.8, 137.1, 147.1, 150.1, 188.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 824, 1092, 1157, 1457, 1692. HR-MS (m/z) for C₁₃H₉ClN₃O (M+H): Calculated 258.0434, found 258.0422 (one of the peaks). 8.4. 1-Naphthalen-2-yl-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]quinoline (8d):



8d

Yield: 80% (472 mg, 1.60 mmol). Characteristic: Pale yellow semisolid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.14-7.31 (1H, m), 7.32-7.41 (1H, m), 7.42-7.72 (7H, m), 7.82-7.90 (2H, m), 7.95 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.18 (1H, s). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 114.9, 116.7, 124.5, 126.1, 126.2, 126.4, 127.0, 127.5, 127.8, 128.5, 128.7, 128.9, 129.2, 129.8, 130.1, 131.7, 133.0, 133.8, 149.0, 149.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 753, 814, 1143, 1279, 1399, 1612, 1723. HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₂₀H₁₄N₃ (M+H): Calculated 296.1188, found 296.1167.

8.5. 3-(4-Bromophenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine-7-carbaldehyde (8e):



Yield: 79% (474 mg, 1.58 mmol). Characteristic: Yellow solid. Melting point: 223° C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.21 (1H, dd, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.51-7.60 (4H, m), 8.11 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 8.17 (1H, s), 9.87 (1H, s). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 110.5, 123.3, 123.7, 124.6, 125.4, 129.7, 132.8, 134.9, 150.1, 188.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 817, 910, 1452, 1691, 1915. HR-MS (m/z) for C₁₃H₉BrN₃O (M+H): Calculated 301.9929, found 301.9948 (one of the peaks).

8.6. 3-(3-Nitrophenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine-7-carbaldehyde (8f):



Yield: 74% (396 mg, 1.48 mmol).

Characteristic: Pale yellow solid.

Melting point: 228° C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (1H, dd, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 7.79 (1H, t, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.22 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 8.30-8.34 (2H, m), 8.41 (1H, dd, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz), 8.67-8.69 (1H, m), 10.02 (1H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 111.6, 122.7, 123.0, 123.6, 125.4, 127.6, 130.9, 134.2, 135.1, 188.7.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 737, 1075, 1283, 1355, 1527, 1705.

HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₁₃H₉N₄O₃ (M+H): Calculated 269.0675, found 269.0691.

8.7. (S)-(-)-1-(2,2-Dimethyl-[1,3]dioxolan-4-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]quinoline (8g):



Yield: 76% (408 mg, 1.52 mmol).

Characteristic: Yellow semisolid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -107.20° (*c* 0.50, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.36 (3H, s), 1.55 (3H, s), 4.54 (1H, dd, J = 6.3, 8.7 Hz), 5.22-5.27 (1H, m), 5.59-5.64 (1H, m), 7.48-7.58 (2H, m), 7.61-7.69 (2H, m), 7.77 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.55 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.2, 26.3, 67.0, 69.7, 111.1, 114.9, 117.8, 124.5, 126.3, 129.1, 129.8, 130.0, 131.8, 146.6.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 747, 806, 1058, 1219, 1347, 1612.

HR-MS (*m*/*z*) for C₁₅H₁₆N₃O₂ (M+H): Calculated 270.1243, found 270.1229.

8.8. (3aR,5R,6S,6aR)-([‡])***3**°(**6**²**B**enz**y**16**R**9**4**2,**2**°d**i**methy1**etra**1**9**drofuro[2,3*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine-7-carbaldehyde (8h):



Yield: 72% (568 mg, 1.44 mmol). Characteristic: Yellow semisolid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +50.0° (c 0.90, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.30 (3H, s), 1.50 (3H, s), 3.98-4.06 (1H, m), 4.28-4.33 (2H, m), 4.70 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 5.92 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz), 6.11 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 6.61 (2H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 6.96-7.09 (4H, m), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.38 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 9.91 (1H, s).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.1, 26.7, 60.3, 72.7, 77.1, 82.3, 85.1, 105.1, 108.2,

112.7, 122.3, 127.3, 128.0, 135.1, 136.0, 143.8, 150.4, 175.2, 189.3.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 785, 8611026, 1079, 1390, 1453, 1700.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₁H₂₂N₃O₅ (M+H): Calculated 396.1559, found 396.1553.

8.9. (3aR,5R,6S,6aR)-(+)-1-(6-Benzyloxy-2,2-dimethyltetrahydrofuro[2,3*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-*a*]quinoline (8i):



Yield: 75% (625 mg, 1.50 mmol).

Characteristic: yellow semisolid.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +9.90° (*c* 0.70, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.42 (3H, s), 1.63 (3H, s), 4.45-4.56 (3H, m), 4.81 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 6.02 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz), 6.34 (1H, d, J = 3.6 Hz), 6.85-6.88 (2H, m), 6.99-7.06 (3H, m), 7.44-7.67 (3H, m), 7.70-7.75 (2H, m) 8.46 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.3, 26.8, 72.8, 76.0, 82.8, 83.5, 105.2, 112.5, 114.7,

119.3, 124.5, 126.1, 127.6, 127.6, 128.0, 128.8, 129.1, 130.1, 131.8, 136.6, 145.3, 150.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 749, 1022, 1078, 1255, 1380, 1716.

HR-MS (m/z) for C₂₄H₂₄N₃O₄ (M+H): Calculated 418.1767, found 418.1738.

8. Crystal Engineering Projection of the Crystal Lattice (6i) and Preliminary Observations on Self-Aggregation Property



ESI Figure 1. a,b - Crystal engineering projection of the crystal lattice of 1,2,4-triazole **6i** reveals strong hydrogen bonding between the potential nanoscale building blocks; **c,d** – Scanning electron microscope (SEM) imaging morphology of the solid compound **6c** and **6l** has shown generation of ultralong rod-like self-aggregated materials of diameter 500-900 nm.





























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ESI Figure 34. ¹H NMR spectrum of the sugar-based triazole **6r**

























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ESI Figure 50. ¹H NMR spectrum of the sugar-based fused triazole 8g




















10. Summary of Data CCDC 741300

. Chemical formula and formula weight (M)	: C21 H15 Cl2 N3 and 380.26
. Crystal system:	Orthorombic
. Unit-cell dimensions (angstrom or pm,	
degrees) and volume, with esds:	a 11.1316(8), b 14.5857(11), c 21.9255(15),
- /	90.00, 90.00, 90.00, 3559.9 (4)
. Temperature:	296 (2)
. Space group symbol:	Pbca
. No. of formula units in unit cell (Z):	8
. Number of reflections measured and/or	
number of independent reflections, Rint:	2326
. Final R values (and whether quoted for all	
or observed data):	0.0597