Supplementary Information

Synthesis of Multi-substituted 1,2,4-triazoles Utilising the

Ambiphilic Reactivity of Hydrazones

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1. General Information

Flash column chromatography were performed using Silicycle silica gel (SiliaFlash[®] F60, 40-63 µm) or performed on Yamazen Automated Liquid Chromatography System Smart Flash EPCLC-AI-580S using ULTRAPACK SI-40B or Biotage Automated Liquid Chromatography System Isolera One using Biotage SNAP KP-Sil 25g or 50g or 100g silica gel cartridges. NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz/75 MHz (¹H NMR/¹³C NMR), 500 MHz/125 MHz (¹H NMR/¹³C NMR) or 600 MHz/150 MHz (¹H NMR/¹³C NMR) using Varian MERCURY plus 300 (300 MHz), Varian NMR system AS-500 (500 MHz), or Bruker Avance III HD 600 (600 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, td = triplet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constants, and integration. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer SpectrumOne A spectrometer. The high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using Thermo Fischer Scientific Exactive Orbitrap mass spectrometer by ESI technique. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on BÜCHI M-565 apparatus. Preparative TLC separations (PTLC) were carried out on precoated silica gel plates (E. Merck 60F254). N-Chlorosuccinimide (NCS), BF₃·OEt₂ were purchased from Nacalai Tesque, Inc. Hydrazones $1a^{1a}$, $1b^{1b}$, $1c^{1a}$, $1e^{1c}$, $1f^{1d}$, $1g^{1d}$, 1 h^{1a} , 1 i^{1d} , 1 j^{1c} , 1 k^{1e} , 1 l^{1f} , 1 m^{1g} , 1 n^{1g} , 1 o^{1a} , 1 p^{1g} , 1 q^{1a} , 1 u^{1h} , 1 v^{1i} were prepared according to literatures¹, respectively. The spectra data of these known compounds were identical with those reported in the literatures, respectively.

2. Experimental Section

PivO

2.1 Experimental procedure for the preparation of hydrazone (1d)



2,2-Dimethylpropionic acid 4-formylphenyl ester (S2)



was quenched with H₂O (10 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (10 mL \times 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 5/1) to afford pivalate **S2** as a colorless oil (1.40 g,

quant.). The spectra data matched those previously reported in the literature².

(E)-2,2-Dimethylpropionic acid 4-[(2,2-dimethylhydrazinylidene)methyl]phenyl ester (1d)



To a solution of S2 (1.4 g, 6.0 mmol) in MeOH (12 mL) was added N,Ndimethylhydrazine (486 µL, 7.2 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford hydrazone 1d (1.33 g, 89%) as white crystals; Mp: 72-74 °C (Hexane); IR (KBr): 1744, 1563 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.56 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (s, 6H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 176.9, 150.2, 134.4, 131.8, 126.3, 121.4, 42.8, 39.0, 27.1; HRMS

2.2 Experimental procedure for the preparation of hydrazone (1r)

(ESI) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁O₂N₂ 249.1598; Found 249.1596.



2-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)benzaldehyde (S4)

To a solution of salicylaldehyde (S3) (5.2 mL, 50 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) were added bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (8.1 mL, 52.5 mmol), K₂CO₃ .OEt (14 g, 100 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at ΟEt

100 °C. After being stirred for 23 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and then filtered through celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in Et₂O (30 mL) and H₂O (20 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (30 mL \times 3). The organic phase was washed with H_2O (20 mL \times 3), brine (20 mL) and dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give 2-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzaldehyde (S4) (10.6 g, 89%) as a yellow oil. The spectra data matched those previously reported in the literature³.

2-Benzofurancarboxaldehyde (S5)



A solution of aldehyde S4 (11 g, 44 mmol) in AcOH (18 mL) and H_2O (2.4 mL) was stirred at reflux. After being stirred for 48 h at the same temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was

dissolved in Et₂O (120 mL) and washed with sat. NaHCO₃ aq. (24 mL \times 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1 to 10/1) to give 2-benzofurancarboxaldehyde (**S5**) (1.04 g, 16%) as a pale yellow oil. The spectra data matched those previously reported in the literature³.

(E)-2-Benzofurancarboxaldehyde dimethyl hydrazone (1r)



To a solution of 2-benzofurancarboxaldehyde (**S5**) (1.0 g, 7.1 mmol) in MeOH (14 mL) was added *N*,*N*-dimethylhydrazine (648 µL, 8.5 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL) and then added sat. NaHSO₃ aq. (5.0 mL) and shaken for

approximately 30 sec and extracted with hexanes (20 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the hydrazones **1r** (997.5 mg, 75%) as a yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1595 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.50 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 3.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 154.6, 154.0, 128.8, 124.1, 122.8, 121.3, 120.5, 111.2, 103.2, 42.6; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃ON₂ 189.1022; Found 189.1022. The crude product **1r** was used without the further purification.

2.3 General procedure for the preparation of hydrazones (1s, 1t)



To a solution of corresponding aldehydes **S6** (10 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was added N,Ndimethylhydrazine (1.1 mL, 15 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for several hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding hydrazones **1s** and **1t**.

(E)-Cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde 2,2-dimethylhydrazone (1s)

1.47 g, 96% yield; Reaction time: 3 h; Purification by flash column chromatography (Yamazen Smart Flash EPCLC-AI-580S using ULTRAPACK SI-40B) (Hexane/EtOAc = 19/1 to 47/13); A

(E)-Pentanal 2,2-dimethylhydrazone (1t)

Me 641 mg, 50% yield; Reaction time: 3.5 h; Purification by flash column N Me 641 mg, 50% yield; Reaction time: 3.5 h; Purification by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 5/1); A pale yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1620 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.66 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 6H), 2.23 (td, *J* = 7.8, 5.6, Hz, 2H), 1.46 (quint, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (sext, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 139.7, 43.3, 32.7, 29.8, 22.2, 13.8; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₇H₁₇N₂ 129.1386; Found 129.1388.

2.4 General procedure for the preparation of hydrazones (1w, 1x)



2,2-Diethylhydrazinecarboxylic acid 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (S8a)

Me To a solution of *tert*-butyl carbazate (**S7**) (4.0 g, 30 mmol) in MeCN were added $Boc \ N \ Me$ iodoethane (6.1 mL, 75 mmol), DIPEA (16 mL, 90 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred at reflux for 6 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 2/1) to give the 2,2-diethylhydrazine **S8a** (4.60 g, 82%) as a white solid; **Mp**: 53-57 °C (Hexane); **IR** (KBr) 3240, 1712 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.23 (br s, 1H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 155.2, 79.3, 51.9, 28.2, 11.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₉H₂₀O₂N₂Na 211.1417; Found 211.1416.

(E)-Benzaldehyde 2,2-diethylhydrazone (1w)



To a solution of 2,2-diethylhydrazine **S8a** (1.9 g, 10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (5.0 mL) at room temperature. After being stirred for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **S9a** dissolved in MeOH (20 mL) and then added benzaldehyde (1.0 mL, 10 mmol), pyridine (1.2 mL, 15 mmol) at room

temperature. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with 1 M HCl aq. (10 mL), sat.

NaHCO₃ aq. (10 ml), brine (10 ml). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give the hydrazone **1w** (585 mg, 33%) as a yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1559 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) 3.35 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 137.4, 130.1, 128.3, 126.7, 125.2, 46.6, 11.7; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₇N₂ 177.1386; Found 177.1384.

2,2-Dihexylhydrazinecarboxylic acid 1,1-dimethylethyl ester (S8b)



To a solution of *tert*-butyl carbazate (S7) (4.0 g, 30 mmol) in MeCN
(30 mL) were added 1-iodohexane (15 mL, 105 mmol), DIPEA (16 mL, 90 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred at reflux for

6 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give the 2,2-dihexylhydrazine **S8b** (7.96 g, 88%) as a white solid; **Mp**: 30-32 °C; **IR** (KBr): 3230, 1699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.22 (br s, 1H), 2.64 (br m, 4H), 1.48-1.22 (m, 25H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 155.1, 79.4, 58.3, 31.7, 28.3, 26.9, 26.8, 22.6, 14.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₃₆O₂N₂Na 323.2669; Found 323.2668.

(E)-Benzaldehyde 2,2-dihexylhydrazone (1x)



To a solution of 2,2-dihexylhydrazine **S8b** (3.0 g, 10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (5.0 mL) at room temperature. After being stirred for 3 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **S9b** dissolved in MeOH (20 mL) and then added benzaldehyde (683

µL, 6.7 mmol), pyridine (1.6 mL, 20 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 3 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with 1 M HCl aq. (10 mL), sat. NaHCO₃ aq. (10 ml), brine (10 ml). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/Et₂O = 20/1) to give the hydrazone **1x** (1.75 g, 90%) as a yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1560 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (br m, 4H), 1.59 (br quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.35-1.30 (m, 12H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 137.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.4, 125.1, 53.5, 31.7, 26.9, 26.8, 22.6, 14.0; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₃₃N₂ 289.2638; Found 289.2636.

2.5 Experimental procedure for the preparation of hydrazone 1y



To a suspension of 2-hydrazinoethanol (**S10**) (850 μ L, 10 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added ethylene oxide in DCM (1.0 M, 10 mL, 10 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux. After being stirred for 15 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **S11** dissolved in MeOH (16 mL) and then added benzaldehyde (790 μ L, 7.8 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 2 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product **S12** was used without the further purification.

(E)-2,2-Dimethylpropanoic acid 1,1'-(2-benzylidenenaminimino)bis(2,1-ethanediyl) ester (1y)



To a suspension of hydrazone **S12** in DCM (18 mL) were slowly added pyridine (2.4 mL, 30 mmol), DMAP (220 mg, 1.8 mmol), pivaloyl chloride (3.2 mL, 26 mmol) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C and then stirred at the same temperature. After being stirred for 1 h, pivaloyl chloride (2.2 mL, 18 mmol) was slowly added to the reaction mixture. After

additional 30 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with H₂O (10 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (20 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in CHCl₃ (20 mL) and basified by 1.0 M NaOH aq. (20 mL) and then extracted with CHCl₃ (20 mL × 2). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 20/1) to afford hydrazone **1y** (1.31 g, 44%, 3 steps) an yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1744, 1563 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 1.20 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.4, 136.6, 130.9, 128.4, 127.3, 125.5, 61.7, 52.6, 38.7, 27.2; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₃₂O₄N₂Na 399.2254; Found 399.2248.

2.6 Experimental procedure for the preparation of hydrazone 1z



Diisopropylamine **S13** (2.8 mL, 20 mmol) was added to conc. HCl (2.0 mL, 24 mmol) at 0 °C. Then, to the resulting mixture was added NaNO₂ (1.7 g, 25 mmol) in H₂O (4.0 mL) at the same temperature and stirred at room temperature. After being stirred for 30 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (20 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (20 mL \times 3). The organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in 4 M HCl aq. (59 mL) and Zn powder (1.6 g, 25 mmol) was added at room temperature. After being stirred at the same temperature for 4 h, Zn powder (8.0 g, 125 mmol) was added and then stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite. Then, the filtrate was basified with 4 M NaOH aq. (60 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (50 mL \times 3). The organic phase was used without the further purification.

(E)-Benzaldehyde 2,2-di(1-methylethyl)hydrazone (1z)



To a solution of benzaldehyde (1.4 mL, 14 mmol) in MeOH (28 mL) was added 2,2-diisopropylhydrazine (**S15**) (2.0 g, 17 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 1 h, AcOH (81 μ L, 1.42 mmol) was added and then stirred for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography

(Hexane/EtOAc = 40/1) to give the hydrazone **1z** (1.77 g, 61%) as a yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1558 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (sept, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 12H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 138.6, 128.3, 126.0, 125.9, 124.7, 47.4, 21.0; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₂₁N₂ 205.1699; Found 205.1700.

2.7 General procedure for synthesis of triazoles 2



To a solution of hydrazones 1 (0.20 mmol) in dry nitriles (4.0 mL) were added NCS (40 mg, 0.30

mmol) and $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ (76 µL, 0.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux in the dark. After being stirred for several hours, the reaction mixture was basified with 1 M NaOH aq. (4.0 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (10 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC or flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding triazoles **2**.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2aa)



31.2 mg, 90% yield; **Reaction time**: 14 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 116-117 °C (EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1527 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.27 (m, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.5, 152.2, 130.6, 128.2, 127.9, 125.3, 34.4, 11.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺

Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₃ 174.1026; Found 174.1030.

1-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-2,5-pyrrolidinedione (4)



8.6 mg, 9% yield; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A colorless oil; **IR** (CHCl₃): 1723, 1524 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 3H), 5.72 (s, 2H), 2.80 (s, 4H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 175.6, 161.7, 154.7, 130.5, 129.3, 128.4, 126.4, 48.4, 28.1, 12.1; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₂N₄Na 293.1009; Found 293.1008.

Scalable synthesis of triazole 2aa (6.8 mmol scale)



To a solution of hydrazones **1a** (1.0 g, 6.8 mmol) in dry MeCN (68 mL) were added NCS (1.4 g, 10 mmol) and BF₃•OEt₂ (2.6 mL, 20 mmol) in the dark. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux in the dark. After being stirred for 19 h, the reaction mixture was basified with 1 M NaOH aq. (25 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (50 mL \times 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Yamazen Smart Flash EPCLC-AI-580S using ULTRAPACK SI-40B) (CHCl₃ to CHCl₃/MeOH = 97/3) to afford the triazole **2aa** (993 mg, 80%) as a white solid.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ba)



Hydrazone **1b** (37.4 mg, 0.23 mmol) was used. 42.4 mg, 98% yield; **Reaction time**: 17 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 204-205 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1536 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (75

MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.6, 152.7, 138.8, 129.2, 128.2, 125.9, 35.1, 21.3, 11.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₃ 188.1182; Found 188.1184.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ca)



Hydrazone **1c** (50.0 mg, 0.28 mmol) was used. 39.9 mg, 68% yield; **Reaction time**: 24 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 117-119 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1538 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.97 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.2, 160.1, 152.5, 127.3, 123.6, 113.7, 55.1, 35.0, 11.7; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄ON₃ 204.1131; Found 204.1135.

2,2-Dimethylpropionic acid 4-(1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)phenyl ester (2da)



28.6 mg, 52% yield; **Reaction time**: 17.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 184-185 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1736 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.05 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 176.8, 159.8,

152.8, 151.6, 128.5, 127.0, 121.5, 39.0, 35.1, 27.0, 11.8; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}O_2N_3Na$ 296.1370; Found 296.1366.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ea)



Hydrazone **1e** (41.5 mg, 0.23 mmol) was used. 40.7 mg, 85% yield; **Reaction time**: 17 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 176 °C (decomposed) (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1526 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75

MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.6, 153.0, 134.7, 129.6, 128.7, 127.3, 35.2, 11.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₃³⁵Cl 208.0636; Found 208.0636.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2fa)



35.4 mg, 70% yield; **Reaction time**: 22 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow solid; **Mp**: 194-196 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1524 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.6, 153.0, 131.6, 130.0, 127.5,

123.0, 35.2, 11.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{10}H_{11}N_3^{79}Br$ 252.0131; Found 252.0129.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ga)



34.3 mg, 71% yield; Reaction time: 17 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow solid; Mp: 167-169 °C (EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1620 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 159.1, 153.2, 134.4, 131.2 (C-F, ²J_{C-F} = 32.2 Hz),

130.7 (C-F, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 32.2 Hz), 130.3 (C-F, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 32.2 Hz), 129.9 (C-F, ${}^{2}J_{C-F}$ = 32.2 Hz), 129.5 (C-F, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 270.4 Hz), 126.2, 125.9 (C-F, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 270.4 Hz), 125.5 (C-F, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 125.42 (C-F, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 125.37 (C-F, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 125.3 (C-F, ${}^{3}J_{C-F}$ = 3.8 Hz), 122.3 (C-F, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 270.4 Hz), 118.7 (C-F, ${}^{1}J_{C-F}$ = 270.4 Hz), 35.2, 11.7; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃F₃ 242.0900; Found 242.0904.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(4-nitrolphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ha)



Hydrazone **1h** (468 mg, 2.42 mmol) was used. 373.9 mg, 71% yield; **Reaction time**: 22 h; Purification by Biotage Isolera One using Biotage SNAP KP-Sil 50g (CHCl₃ to CHCl₃/MeOH = 24/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 286 °C (decomposed) (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1602, 1509 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, THF-*d*₈) δ : 8.02 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.7

Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, THF- d_8) δ : 160.0, 154.1, 135.0, 132.0, 129.4, 128.3, 35.4, 11.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁O₂N₄ 219.0877; Found 219.0877.

4-(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)benzoic acid methyl ester (2ia)



30.5 mg, 66% yield; **Reaction time**: 16.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 20/1); A yellow solid; **Mp**: 190-192 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1728 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.8,

159.6, 153.2, 135.2, 130.2, 129.8, 125.8, 52.1, 35.3, 11.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}O_2N_3$ 232.1081; Found 232.1081.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ja)



35.5 mg, 95% yield; **Reaction time**: 17.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 110-112 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1529 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75

MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.6, 152.7, 138.1, 130.8, 129.7, 128.4, 126.6, 123.1, 35.1, 21.3, 11.8; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₃ 188.1182; Found 118.1182.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole (2ka)



Hydrazone **1k** (50.0 mg, 0.28 mmol) was used. 48.5 mg, 85% yield; **Reaction time**: 21 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A white solid; **Mp**: 104-105 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1614 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s,

3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 160.5, 159.8, 152.8, 132.4, 129.6, 118.6, 115.7, 110.5, 55.4, 35.2, 11.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₁H₁₄ON₃ 204.1131; Found 204.1135.

3-(3-Bromophenyl)-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2la)



31.9 mg, 63% yield; **Reaction time**: 17 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow solid; **Mp**: 97-99 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1601 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :

159.1, 153.0, 133.0, 131.8, 130.0, 129.0, 124.5, 122.7, 35.3, 11.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{10}H_{11}N_3^{79}Br$ 252.0131; Found 252.0131.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(2-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ma)



19.4 mg, 52% yield; **Reaction time**: 16 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1530 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 161.2, 151.9, 136.7,

130.9, 130.4, 129.2, 128.4, 125.5, 35.1, 21.4, 11.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}N_3$ 188.1182; Found 118.1180.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2na)



Hydrazone **1n** (50.0 mg, 0.28 mmol) was used. 31.4 mg, 55% yield; **Reaction time**: 19 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 10/1); A colorless oil; **IR** (neat): 1585 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :

158.5, 156.8, 151.8, 130.3, 129.9, 120.3, 119.8, 111.2, 55.9, 35.3, 12.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{11}H_{13}ON_3Na$ 226.0951; Found 226.0951.

3-(2-Bromophenyl)-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (20a)



30.4 mg, 60% yield; **Reaction time**: 17 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1524 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.9, 152.3, 133.6, 132.3, 131.4, 129.9, 127.1, 121.7, 35.3,

11.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{10}H_{11}N_3^{79}Br$ 252.0131; Found 252.0131.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(1-naphthalenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2pa)



Hydrazone **1p** (50.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) was used. 45.8 mg, 81% yield; **Reaction time**: 14.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (EtOAc); A white solid; **Mp**: 139-141 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1530 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.99 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.47 (m, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.9, 152.3, 133.9, 130.9, 129.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 126.6, 126.3, 125.7, 125.1, 35.3, 11.9; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₃ 224.1182; Found 224.1183.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(2-naphthalenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2qa)



Hydrazone **1q** (57.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) was used. 57.2 mg, 88% yield; **Reaction time**: 14.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (EtOAc); A white solid; **Mp**: 140-142 °C (EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1530 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 160.3, 152.7, 133.5, 133.2, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 126.1, 126.0, 125.1, 123.6, 35.4, 12.2; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₃ 224.1182; Found 224.1183.

3-(3-Chlorobenzofran-2-yl)-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ra)



24.5 mg, 49% yield; **Reaction time**: 17.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A pale yellow solid; **Mp**: 159-161 °C (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 1517 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.31 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 153.2, 153.1, 152.6,

142.5, 127.1, 126.2, 123.6, 119.3, 111.9, 110.6, 35.6, 11.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}ON_3^{35}CINa$ 270.0405; Found 270.0403.

3-Cyclohexyl-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2sa)



23.8 mg, 66% yield; **Reaction time**: 16.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 20/1); A colorless oil; **IR** (neat): 1509 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.66 (tt, J = 11.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.98 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 1.71, (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (q, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 1.42-1.24 (m, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, 1H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.

CDCl₃) δ : 167.0, 151.8, 37.5, 34.8, 31.9, 26.1, 25.9, 11.8; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₀H₁₈N₃ 180.1495; Found 180.1497.

3-Butyl-1,5-dimethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ta)



19.1 mg, 62% yield; **Reaction time**: 18 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1515 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41

(s, 3H), 1.70 (quint, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (sext, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.1, 152.0, 34.7, 30.5, 27.8, 22.4, 13.7, 11.7; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₈H₁₆N₃ 154.1339; Found 154.1341.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(2-phenylethyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ua)



19.6 mg, 49% yield; **Reaction time**: 17.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1515 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.32-7.16 (m, 5H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.2, 152.2, 141.4, 128.3, 128.2, 125.9, 34.8, 34.6, 30.2, 11.7;

HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₃ 202.1339; Found 202.1338.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(1-phenylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole (2va)



21.0 mg, 52% yield; **Reaction time**: 17.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1508 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.37-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.5Hz, 3H); ¹³**C**

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 165.6, 152.2, 144.3, 128.4, 127.4, 126.3, 39.4, 34.9, 20.7, 11.9; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₃ 202.1339; Found 202.1338.

1-Ethyl-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2wa)



24.0 mg, 64% yield; **Reaction time**: 15.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1518 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 3H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.6, 151.9, 131.2, 128.8, 128.5, 126.1, 43.4, 15.1, 11.8; **HRMS** (**ESI**)

m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}N_3$ 188.1182; Found 188.1177.

1-Hexyl-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2xa)



28.3 mg, 58% yield; **Reaction time**: 17 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1518 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H), 4.06 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.87 (quint, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.5, 152.3, 131.2, 128.8, 128.4, 126.1, 48.5, 31.3, 29.8, 26.2, 22.4, 13.9, 11.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd

for C₁₅H₂₂N₃ 244.1808; Found 244.1812.

2,2-Dimethylpropionic acid 2-(5-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)ethyl ester (2ya)



34.7 mg, 58% yield; **Reaction time**: 17 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1731, 1518 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 3H), 4.47 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 9H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.1, 161.0, 153.2, 130.9, 129.0, 128.4, 126.0, 62.4, 47.0, 38.6, 27.0, 11.9; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for

C₁₆H₂₁O₂N₃Na 310.1526; Found 310.1523.

5-Methyl-1-(1-methylethyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2za)



21.3 mg, 53% yield; **Reaction time**: 22 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1512 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.07 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.45 (sept, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.52 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.3, 151.1, 131.5, 128.6, 128.4, 126.0, 50.0, 22.3, 11.9; **HRMS**

(ESI) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}N_3$ 202.1339; Found 202.1339.

5-Ethyl-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ab)



Propionitrile (4.0 mL) was used. 28.6 mg, 76% yield; **Reaction time**: 21 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1518 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.80 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.5, 157.5, 131.2, 128.8, 128.4,

126.1, 35.0, 19.4, 12.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}N_3$ 188.1182; Found 188.1185.

5-Butyl-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ac)



Valeronitrile (4.0 mL) was used. 34.0 mg, 79% yield; **Reaction time**: 19.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1518 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (quint, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (sext, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J*

= 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 160.5, 156.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.0, 35.0, 29.8, 25.7, 22.4, 13.7; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N₃ 216.1495; Found 216.1495.

1-Methyl-5-(2-methylpropyl)- 3-phenyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole (2ad)



Isovaleronitrile (4.0 mL) was used. 31.7 mg, 74% yield; **Reaction time**: 18.5 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1518 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.65 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (sept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (75

MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 160.5, 156.0, 131.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.0, 35.2, 34.7, 28.3, 22.3; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N₃ 216.1495; Found 216.1495.

1-Methyl-5-(1-methylethyl)- 3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ae)

Isobutyronitrile (4.0 mL) was used. 33.1 mg, 82% yield; Reaction time: 15.5 h; Purification by



preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1513 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.32 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.09 (sept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 161.1, 160.5, 131.3, 128.7, 128.4, 126.2, 34.9, 25.8, 20.9; **HRMS** (**ESI**) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₃ 202.1339;

Found 202.1339.

5-Cyclopropyl-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2af)



Cyclopropyl cyanide (4.0 mL) was used. 29.5 mg, 74% yield; **Reaction time**: 16 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1540 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.18-1.04 (m, 4H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.3, 158.0, 131.2, 128.7, 128.4,

126.1, 34.8, 7.9, 6.2; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: $[M + H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}N_3$ 200.1182; Found 200.1184.

5-Cyclohexyl-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ag)



Cyclohexanecarbonitrile (4.0 mL) was used. 34.7 mg, 72% yield; **Reaction time**: 16 h; Purification by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1); A yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1500 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.78-2.68 (tt, *J* = 11.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.80-1.67 (m, 3H), 1.43-1.31 (m,

3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 160.5, 160.3, 131.3, 128.7, 128.4, 126.1, 35.4, 34.9, 31.0, 26.0, 25.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₃ 242.1652; Found 242.1651.

3,5-Diphenyl-1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2ah)



Benzonitrile (4.0 mL) was used. 41.7 mg, 89% yield; **Reaction time**: 16 h; Purification by Biotage Isolera One using Biotage SNAP KP-Sil 25g (Hexane/EtOAc = 17/1 to 5/2); A white solid; **Mp**: 80-81 °C (Hexane/Et₂O); **IR** (KBr): 1473 cm⁻¹; ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.50 (m, 3H),

7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 161.1, 155.6, 131.0, 130.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 126.3, 36.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₃ 236.1182; Found 236.1182.

5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole (2ai)

4-Fluorobenzonitrile (4.0 mL) was used. 32.2 mg, 64% yield; Reaction time: 19.5 h; Purification by



Biotage Isolera One using Biotage SNAP KP-Sil 100g (Hexane/EtOAc = 17/1 to 3/2); A yellow solid; **Mp**: 107-111 °C (Hexane); **IR** (KBr): 1608 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :

165.3 (C-F, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 249.5$ Hz), 162.0 (C-F, ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 249.5$ Hz), 161.1, 154.7, 130.8 (C-F, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz), 130.7 (C-F, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 8.6$ Hz), 129.1, 128.5, 126.2, 124.2 (C-F, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.5$ Hz), 124.1 (C-F, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.5$ Hz), 116.2 (C-F, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 21.8$ Hz), 115.9 (C-F, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 21.8$ Hz), 36.9; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₃F 254.1088; Found 254.1088.

2.8 Control experiments





To a solution of hydrazone **1a** (30 mg, 0.20 mmol) in dry CH₃CN (4.0 mL) were added NCS (40 mg, 0.30 mmol) and BF₃•OEt₂ (76 μ L, 0.60 mmol) in the dark. The mixture was stirred at reflux for 1 h. The ESI (+)-MS spectrum of reaction mixture showed a peak of m/z 147.09161 which indicated the Intermediate **C**. The reaction mixture was basified with 1 M NaOH aq. (4.0 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (10 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 49/1) or flash column chromatography to afford the hydrazide **5** (13.9 mg, 42%) as a pale yellow solid. The spectra data matched those previously reported in the literature⁴.

Eq. 2

To a solution of hydrazonoyl chloride $3a^5$ (37 mg, 0.20 mmol) in dry MeCN (4.0 mL) was added BF₃•OEt₂ (76 µL, 0.60 mmol) in the dark. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux in the dark. After being stirred for 17 h, the reaction mixture was basified with 1 M NaOH aq. (4.0 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (10 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1) to afford the triazole **2aa** (28.3 mg, 82%).

Eq. 3; N-[4-(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)butyl]acetamide (7)



To a solution of hydrazone **6** (35 mg, 0.20 mmol) in dry MeCN (4.0 mL) were added NCS (40 mg, 0.30 mmol), BF₃•OEt₂ (76 μ L, 0.60 mmol) in the dark. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux in the dark. After being stirred for 18 h, the reaction mixture was

basified with 1 M NaOH aq. (4.0 mL) and extracted with CHCl₃ (10 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1) to afford the triazole **7** (23.7 mg, 44%) as a yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 3287, 1655, 1553 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (br s, 1H), 4.12, (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.92 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.2, 160.6, 152.5, 131.0, 129.0, 128.5, 126.0, 47.7, 38.9, 27.1, 26.4, 23.3, 12.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N₄Na 295.1529; Found 295.1529.

2.9 Experimental procedure for the transformation of triazoles 2 *a*,3-Diphenyl-1-methyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-5-ethanol (8)



To a solution of triazole 2**aa** (35 mg, 0.20 mmol) in dry THF (2.0 mL) was slowly added *n*-BuLi in hexane (1.6 M, 188 µL, 0.30 mmol) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Subsequently, benzaldehyde (30 µL, 0.30 mmol) was slowly added at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl aq. (4.0 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (10 mL × 3). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Biotage Isolera One using Biotage SNAP KP-Sil 25g) (Hexane/EtOAc = 7/1 to 1/19) to afford the alcohol **8** (31.8 mg, 57%) as a white solid; **Mp**: 161 °C (decomposed) (Hexane/EtOAc); **IR** (KBr): 3152, 1492 cm⁻¹; ¹**H** NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.27 (m, 8H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (br s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 160.4, 154.0, 142.8, 130.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 126.1, 125.5, 71.6, 35.5, 35.0; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈ON₃ 280.1444; Found 280.1444.

2-[5-(2-Acetoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]-1,3-benzenediol 1,3-diacetate (9)



To a solution of triazole **2ah** (47 mg, 0.20 mmol) in AcOH (2.0 mL) and Ac₂O (2.0 mL) were added Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.020 mmol), PIDA (644 mg, 2.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C. After being stirred for 2 h, the reaction mixture was poured into sat. NaHCO₃ aq. (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL × 2). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Biotage Isolera One using Biotage SNAP KP-Sil 25g) (Hexane/EtOAc = 7/1 to 1/16) to afford the triacetoxylated triazole **9** (44.3 mg, 54%) as a yellow oil; **IR** (neat): 1769, 1462 cm⁻¹; ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 169.8, 169.1, 155.0, 151.0, 149.8, 149.0, 131.6, 130.7, 129.6, 126.1, 123.4, 121.8, 121.5, 118.2, 36.4, 21.1, 20.6; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉O₆N₃Na 432.1166; Found 432.1162.

2.10 Unsuccess results utilizing NBS instead of NCS



The reaction of *N*,*N*-dimethylhydrazone **1t** with NBS under optimized conditions gave triazole **2ta** in 20% yield. The use of hydrazone **6** with NBS led to the formation of alkyl-tethered triazole **S16** with bromo group in 20% yield.

2.11 Substituent effects on nitrogen atom



The reaction of *N*-monomethyl hydrazone **S17** under optimized conditions gave triazole **2aa** in 38% yield with no formation of 5-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole **S18**. Additionally, the use of simple hydrazone **S19** led to the complex mixture.



The reaction of *N*-methyl-*N*-tosyl hydrazone **S20** under optimized conditions did not give triazole **S21**. Moreover, the use of *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl) hydrazone **S22** led to the formation of triazole **S23**⁶ in 3% yield.

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