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Title: A Novel and efficient one-pot strategy for the synthesis of 1,2,4-triazoles: An access to synthesis of Penipanoid A and its analogues.

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The spectra were recorded with the following instruments: IR: Perkin-Elmer RX FT-IR spectrophotometer; ESIMS: VG-Auto spec micro mass spectrometer and HRMS: Hybrid MS system. ¹H NMR and ¹³ C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz, 500MHz and 100 MHz, 125 MHz spectrometers using the solvent peak as internal reference (CDCl₃, δ H: 7.26; δ C: 77.0, DMSO-d6). Data are reported in the following order: chemical shift (δ) in ppm; multiplicities are indicated s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet; coupling constants (*J*) are in Hz. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel F₂₅₄ pre-coated plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV-light or I₂ stain. Solvents for the catalytic reactions were technical grade. Solvents for chromatography (EtOAc, hexane) were technical grade and distilled prior to use. Melting points were determined on a Fischer-Johns melting point apparatus.

Experimental Details:

A. Typical procedure for synthesis of Penipanoid A (4a):¹

To a stirred solution of 4-Hydroxyphenylacetic acid 1 (200 mg, 1.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DMF (5.0 mL) was added DIPEA (0.69 mL, 3.99 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) followed by the addition of formamidine hydrochloride 2 (160.0 mg, 1.97 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and HATU (549.79 mg, 1.44 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in a round bottom flask. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 18 h and reaction was monitored by LC-MS and TLC for consumption of starting materials and formation of acylamidine intermediate **3**. After formation of the intermediate (18 h), 2-hydrazinylbenzoic acid hydrochloride (371.88 mg, 1.97 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and acetic acid (0.75 mL, 13.14 mmol, 10.0 equiv.) were added and the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 3 h and the reaction was monitored by LC-MS analysis for consumption of acylamidine intermediate as well formation of the product. After 3 h, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (20.0 mL) and work up with water (100 mL) and brine solution. The organic layer was collected and dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The

crude product was purified by flash column chromatography ($CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$: 100:0 to 9:1) to afford the Penipanoid A (287 mg, 74%) as a colorless crystalline solid.

B. General experimental procedure for gram scale synthesis of Penipanoid A

(4a) : To a stirred solution of 4-Hydroxy phenyl acetic acid 1 (0.5 g, 3.28 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in DMF (10 mL) was added DIPEA (1.23 mL, 9.84 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) followed by the addition of formamidine hydrochloride 2 (395 mg, 4.93 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and HATU (1.37 g, 3.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) in a round bottom flask. The reaction was stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC for consumption of starting materials and formation of acylamidine intermediate 3. After formation of the intermediate (18 h), 2-hydrazinylbenzoic acid hydrochloride (0.927 g, 4.93 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and acetic acid (1.96 mL, 32.8 mmol, 10.0 equiv.) were added and the reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C and monitored by LC-MS analysis for consumption of acylamidine intermediate intermediate and formation of the product. After 3 h, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (50.0 mL) and washed with water (100 mL) and brine solution. The organic layer was collected and dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH: 100-0 to 90-10%) to afford the Penipanoid A (717 mg, 74%) as a colorless crystalline solid.

C. Analytical Data

2-(5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid (4a):

Colorless solid; M.P. = 210-213 °C; FT-IR (KBr): $v \max = 3456$, 2967, 2944, 1727, 1468, 1373, 1222, 1043, 703.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.11 (brs, 1H), 9.25 (brs, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (ddd, J = 6.5, 3.8, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d 6): δ 166.14, 155.91, 155.47, 150.56, 135.80, 132.25, 130.76, 129.96, 129.61, 128.52, 126.12, 114.99, 30.85.; LCMS: m/z: 296.1[M + H]; HRMS: found: m/z 296.1085, calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃N₃O₃: [M + H] 296.0990.

4-((1-cyclohexyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4b):

Colorless solid; M.P. = 208-210 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (tt, *J* = 11.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 1.81-1.46 (m, 7H), 1.40-1.03 (m, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 155.97, 153.24, 149.84, 129.38, 126.80, 115.27, 56.04, 32.28, 30.19, 24.73, 24.68.; LCMS: *m* /*z*: 258.34 [M + H].

4-((1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4c):

Light yellow solid; M.P. = 196-200 °C.; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.32 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.68-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.52 (m, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H).; 13C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.03, 154.85, 151.15, 135.94, 133.37, 129.46, 129.42, 126.71, 125.98, 115.22, 30.92.; LCMS: m /z: 286.73 [M + H].

4-((1-(p-tolyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4d):

Light yellow solid; M.P. = 180-185 °C.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.34 (m, 4H), 6.89-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.67-6.60 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).; 13C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 155.99, 154.50, 150.87, 138.61, 134.66, 130.05, 129.85, 129.61, 129.38, 126.30, 124.86, 115.21, 30.85, 20.75.; LCMS: m /z: 266.32 [M + H].

4-((1-(3-bromophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4e):

Brown solid; M.P. = 219-223 °C.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.71 (dq, *J* = 6.9, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.43 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.55 (m, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 156.03, 154.91, 151.20, 138.33, 131.77, 131.31, 129.45, 127.58, 125.95, 123.97, 121.78, 115.23, 31.03.; LCMS: m /z: 331.19 [M + H].

4-((1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4f):

Off white solid; M.P. = 220-224 °C.; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.17-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 159.37, 155.96, 154.57, 150.71, 129.95, 129.35, 126.59, 126.30, 115.19, 114.47, 55.49, 30.78.; LCMS: m /z: 282.32 [M + H].

4-((1-(5-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4g):

Off-white solid; M.P. = 190-194 °C.; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.78-8.52 (m, 1H), 8.28-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.74-6.48 (m, 3H), 4.47 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 155.96, 155.93, 153.00, 152.81, 151.28, 149.73, 148.84, 146.63, 139.53, 129.96, 129.84, 126.50, 117.82, 115.64, 115.09, 32.53.; LCMS: m /z: 287.72 [M + H].

4-((1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4h):

Off white solid; M.P. = 170-173 °C.; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.35 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.05, 154.67, 151.09, 140.52, 138.79, 136.31, 129.44, 129.06, 128.88, 127.99, 127.60, 127.06, 126.83, 126.26, 126.21, 125.33, 115.25, 30.99.; LCMS: m /z: 328.39 [M + H].

4-((1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4i):

Light yellow solid; M.P. = 197-200 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.25 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.50 (m, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 159.44, 156.93, 155.92, 155.19, 151.16, 129.74, 126.48, 120.84, 115.06, 32.55.; LCMS: m /z: 254.27 [M + H].

4-((1-benzyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4j):

Off white solid; M.P. = 155-158 °C.; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.56 (m, 2H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.06 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.06, 154.64, 150.44, 136.22, 129.59, 128.50, 127.67, 127.45, 126.39, 115.21, 50.97, 30.17.; LCMS: m /z: 266.32 [M + H].

4-((1-(thiazol-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4k):

Light yellow solid; M.P. = 165-168 °C.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 158.43, 156.12, 155.55, 151.88, 140.67, 129.85, 125.95, 119.58, 115.17, 31.74.; LCMS: m /z: 259.30 [M + H].

4-((1-(5-(trifluoromethyl) pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4l):

Light yellow solid; M.P. = 180-184 °C.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.53 (m, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.35, 155.97, 151.50, 151.14, 150.26, 139.61 (q, $J_{C, F}$ = 33.75 Hz), 129.87, 126.39, 125.62, 123.44, 121.27, 118.72 (q, $J_{C, F}$ = 3.75 Hz), 115.07, 111.86 (q, $J_{C, F}$ = 3.75 Hz), 32.74.; LCMS: m/z: 321.28 [M + H].

Benzyl 4-(5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) piperidine-1-carboxylate (4m):

Off white solid; M.P. = 200-203 °C.; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.59 (m, 2H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.55 (tt, *J* = 11.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 4H), 2.93 (s, 2H), 1.76 (qd, *J* = 12.3, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.50 (m, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.03, 154.34, 153.72, 150.15, 136.89, 129.47, 128.41, 127.82, 127.51, 126.65, 115.31, 66.27, 53.77, 42.46, 31.34, 30.07.; LCMS: m /z: 393.46 [M + H].

4-((1-(2-(trifluoromethoxy) phenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4n):

Light yellow solid; M.P. = 186-189 °C.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.49 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 156.05 (d, $J_{C, F}$ = 6.25 Hz), 156.03, 151.50, 143.20, 132.02, 129.59, 129.41, 129.30, 128.34, 125.57, 121.74, 120.65, 118.59, 116.53, 115.08, 30.60.; LCMS: m /z: 336.29 [M + H].

4-((1-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (40):

Off white solid; M.P. = 203-205 °C.; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.63 (td, J = 8.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, J = 10.4, 9.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (tt, J = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.70 (m, 2H), 6.67-6.52 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 163.64 (d, $J_{C, F}$ = 12.5 Hz), 161.64 (d, $J_{C, F}$ = 12.5 Hz), 157.76, 156.40, 156.02, 155.75, 151.60, 130.51 (d, $J_{C, F}$ = 11.25 Hz), 129.39, 125.56, 121.43 (d, $J_{C, F}$ = 8.75 Hz), 115.12, 112.57 (d, $J_{C, F}$ = 5.0 Hz), 112.39 (d, $J_{C, F}$ = 5.0 Hz), 105.43 (q, $J_{C, F}$ = 25.0 Hz), 30.60.; LCMS: m /z: 288.27 [M + H].

2-(5-benzyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid (5a):

Colorless solid; M.P. = 220-223 °C;, ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.66-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.13 (qd, *J* = 6.2, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.75, 149.97, 136.12, 135.06, 132.76, 132.03, 130.31, 128.85, 128.75, 128.56, 126.97, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 32.21, 29.68.; LCMS: m /z: 280.30 [M + H].

2-(5-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid (5b):

Off white solid; M.P. = 218-220 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.70-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.65, 158.46, 155.97, 149.61, 136.08, 132.72, 132.03, 130.29, 129.80, 129.25, 128.87, 126.99, 113.95, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 55.18, 31.25.; LCMS: m /z: 310.33 [M + H].

2-(5-(4-methylbenzyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid (5c):

Off white solid; M.P. = 215-218 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.68, 155.87, 149.66, 136.52, 136.08, 132.74, 132.03, 131.88, 130.27, 129.21, 128.90, 128.60, 77.25, 77.00, 76.75, 31.68, 20.97.; LCMS: m /z: 294.33 [M + H].

Copies of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Spectra of Compounds 2-(5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid (4a)



Figure S2. 13CNMR spectrum of 4a (100 MHz, DMSO-d6)



4-((1-cyclohexyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4b):

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4-((1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4c):



igure S5. 1HNMR spectrum of 4c (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



4-((1-(p-tolyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4d)



ureS8. 13CNMR spectrum of 4d (125 MHz, DMSO-d6)



4-((1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4e):







4-((1-(5-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4g):



gureS13. 1HNMR spectrum of 4g (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



4-((1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4h):



igureS15. 1HNMR spectrum of 4h (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



4-((1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4i):



igureS17. 1HNMR spectrum of 4i (500 MHz, DMSO-d6)



4-((1-benzyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4j):



FigureS19. 1HNMR spectrum of 4j (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



4-((1-(thiazol-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4k):





4-((1-(5-(trifluoromethyl) pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (4l):



Figure S23. 1HNMR spectrum of 4l (500 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Benzyl 4-(5-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) piperidine-1-carboxylate (4m):



4-((1-(2-(trifluoromethoxy) phenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (3n):



4-((1-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl) methyl) phenol (40):



2-(5-benzyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid (5a):



2-(5-benzyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid (5b):





gure S34. 13CNMR spectrum of 5b (100 MHz, CDCl3)



re S36. 13CNMR spectrum of 5c (100 MHz, CDCl3)