# **Supplementary Information**

# Trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy-Group-Directed Regioselective (3+2) Cycloadditions of Benzynes for the Synthesis of Functionalized Benzo-Fused Heterocycles

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# Comparison between distortion and NBO analyses of benzynes 3c-f:

The experimental results, electron densities of the reacting  $\pi$ -orbitals (by NBO analysis), and internal angles of C1 and C2 of benzynes **3c**-**f** are summarized in Table S1. The internal angles represent that the C1 position of **3c**-**e** are more electrophilic (for details of the distortion analysis, see Ref 19), which is accountable for the experimental results. However, in regard to **3f**, the distortion analysis indicates that the C2 position is more electrophilic, which has little correspondence with the experimental result. Meanwhile, the electron density analysis is in good agreement with all experimental results.

Table S1. More electrophilic sites of benzynes 3c-f based on experimental results and theoretical analyses.

Table or Ref.	Ref 4g	Table 1, Entry 2	Table 2, Entry 1	Table 2, Entry 3
Compound	3c	3d	3f	<b>3</b> e
The more electrophilic site based on experimental results <sup><i>a</i></sup>		OTf 3 2 1	MeO 4 2	TfO_4_2 1
Product ratio <sup>b</sup>	>98 : 2	>98 : 2	52:48	77:23
NBO analysis <sup>c</sup>	OMe 1.010 0.826	OTf 1.031 0.781	MeO 0.9313 0.9308	TfO 0.953 0.907
C2–C1	0.184	0.250	0.0005	0.046
Electron densities by NBO analysis <sup>c</sup>	OMe 121.7° θ <sup>2</sup> 132.9°	OTf 118.4° 01 134.4°	MeO $\theta^{2}$ $\theta^{1}$ 128.1° 126.1°	TfO 126.4° θ <sup>1</sup> <b>128.6°</b>
$\theta^2 - \theta^1$	-11.2°	-16.0°	+2.0°	-2.2°

<sup>*a*</sup>The black filled arrow shows the more nucleophilic site of each benzyne based on the reaction with benzyl azide **2b**. <sup>*b*</sup>The ratio of two regioisomeric products obtained by the reaction of each benzyne with benzyl azide **2b**. <sup>*c*</sup>The hollowed arrow shows the theoretically more electrophilic site. The optimized structure was calculated by density functional theory (DFT) calculation and natural bond orbital (NBO) was analyzed by NBO6 [B3LYP/6-31G(d)].

Therefore, we propose that the NBO analysis may be suitable to discuss the reaction mechanism and origin of the regioselectivity more extensively than the distortion analysis, although more examples and theoretical studies are acquired for complete clarification.

# Validation of basis-set independency of NBO analyses of benzynes 3c-f:

We have performed validation of the independency for our NBO results by using some DFT methods with more flexible basis sets (B3LYP/6-31G(d), B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p), M06-2X/aug-cc-pVDZ). These results indicate that actual computational levels would hardly affect the results of NBO analysis.

NLMO <sup>a</sup> //Opt <sup>b</sup>	3c	3d	3f	<b>3</b> e
B3LYP/6- 31G(d)//B3LYP/6- 31G(d)	OMe 1.010 0.826	OTf 1.031 0.781	MeO 0.9313 0.9308	TfO 0.953 0.907
C2–C1	0.184	0.250	0.0005	0.046
B3LYP/6- 311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6 -31G(d,p)	OMe 1.010 0.814	OTf 1.034 0.768	MeO 0.9238	TfO 0.949 0.898
C2–C1	0.196	0.266	0.0008	0.051
M06-2X/aug-cc- pVDZ//B3LYP/6- 31G(d)	OMe 1.006 0.823	OTf 1.027 0.778	MeO 0.9284	TfO 0.952 0.903
C2C1	0.183	0.249	0.0015	0.049
M06-2X/aug-cc- pVDZ//M06-2X/aug- cc-pVDZ	OMe 1.011 0.819	OTf 1.035 0.770	MeO 0.9283	TfO 0.955 0.900
C2C1	0.192	0.265	0.0005	0.055

<sup>a</sup>Basis set for Natural Localized Molecular Orbital (NLMO) calculation. <sup>b</sup>Basis set for structure optimization.

# **Detailed information for reference 14:**

All calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09, Revision D.01, M. J. Frisch, G. W. Trucks,
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Zakrzewski, G. A. Voth, P. Salvador, J. J. Dannenberg, S. Dapprich, A. D. Daniels, Ö. Farkas, J. B.
Foresman, J. V. Ortiz, J. Cioslowski, and D. J. Fox, Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, 2009.

# **General considerations:**

**Reagents:** All reactions were carried out under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere. A round-bottomed flask containing a stir-bar with a three-way stopcock was used as a reactor. 1.6 and 2.3 M solutions of *n*-BuLi in hexane were purchased from Kanto Chemical. Anhydrous THF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and MeCN were obtained from Wako Pure Chemical Industries or Kanto Chemical and used without further purification. Anhydrous DMF was purchased from Kanto Chemicals, and purified by Glass Contour solvent dispensing system (Nikko Hansen & Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan) using two packed columns of activated molecular sieves and an isocyanate column. 4-Methoxyphenyl azide **4a**,<sup>[1]</sup> 4-nitrophenylmethyl azide **2c**,<sup>[2]</sup> cyclohexyl azide **2d**,<sup>[3]</sup> and 2,4,6-trimethylbenzonitrile oxide **9a**<sup>[4]</sup> were prepared according to the literatures.<sup>[5]</sup> CsF was dried over a flame under reduced pressure before use. All other reagents were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Tokyo Chemical Industry, Aldrich Chemical, and Kishida Chemical and used without further purification. Flash chromatography<sup>[6]</sup> was performed with Silica gel 60N, spherical neutral (40–50 μm), purchased from Kanto Chemical.

**Analytical methods:** Elemental analyses were performed by YANACO CHN CORDER MT-5 instrument. Melting points were recorded on a Yanagimoto melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were obtained on a SHIMADZU FTIR-8400S. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMN-ECA-500 (<sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 125 MHz) or a JEOL JMN-ECS-400 (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 100 MHz) or a JEOL AL-300 (<sup>1</sup>H: 300 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 75 MHz) instrument with chemical shifts reported in ppm relative to the residual deuterated solvent. GC spectra were taken on SHIMADZU GC-2010. The mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-S3000 (MALDI), or a JMS-T100TD (APCI) spectrometer. Yield refers to isolated yields of compounds greater than 95% purity as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and melting points (where applicable) of all known compounds were taken. All new products were further characterized by high resolution mass spectrum (HRMS) or Elemental analysis. Each regiochemistry of representative cycloaddition products (*distal-***12c**, and *distal-***12d**) was confirmed by NOESY or dNOE experiment and that of *proximal-***10a** was confirmed by the similarity of <sup>1</sup>H NMR data.

# Experimental details, NMR and numerical data:



**General Procedure I:** CsF (3.0 equiv) was flame-dried under reduced pressure in a flask equipped with a three-way stopcock, and back-filled with Ar. Azide **2** or nitrile oxide **9** (3.0 equiv) with a stir bar was loaded into the flask and evacuated and backfilled with Ar (This process was repeated three times). MeCN (One-fifth of its total volume) was added into the flask via a syringe. A solution of precursor **8**, or **11** (1.0 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (one-fifth of its total volume) was added to the flask through a cannula and washed with MeCN (three-fifth of its total volume). The mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h. H<sub>2</sub>O and EtOAc were added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous phase was extracted thrice with EtOAc. The combined organic phase was washed with a saturated aqueous NaCl solution (brine). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis for calculating the ratio of the two regioisomers (*distal-* and *proximal-4*, **10**, or **12**). The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane, a mixture of hexane and EtOAc, or CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford *distal-* and *proximal-4*, **10**, or **12**.

# Reaction of 3-triflyloxybenzyne 3d with azide 2 (Table 1):



distal-**4d** 

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole (*distal*-4d) (Table 1, Entry 1): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (46 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-methoxyphenyl azide **2**a<sup>[2]</sup> (45 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,3bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene 8 (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.0 mL, 0.10 M) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-4d/*proximal*-4d = >98:2, determined by 300 MHz  $^{1}$ H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) to provide the titled compound, distal-4d (18 mg, 48%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 109-111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.92 (3 H, s), 7.13 (2 H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.36 (1 H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.54– 7.70 (4 H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 55.7, 110.9, 115.1, 116.5 118.8 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 124.9, 128.3, 129.1, 135.2, 139.0, 139.6, 160.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -72.4. IR (neat): 1423 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{11}N_3O_4F_3S[M+H]^+$ : 374.0417, found 374.0416.



distal-4e

**1-Benzyl-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole** (*distal-4e*) (**Table 1, Entry 2**): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (46 mg, 0.30 mmol), benzyl azide **2b** (37 µL, 0.30 mmol) and 2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,3-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene **8** (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal-4e/proximal-4e* = >98:2, determined by 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 4:1) to provide the titled compound, *distal-4e* (26 mg, 74%) as a colourless solid, and its regiochemistry was determined by dNOE experiments. Mp: 84–86 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.86 (2 H, s), 7.25–7.44 (8 H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 52.8, 110.4, 116.2, 118.8 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 127.7, 127.7, 128.8, 129.1, 133.8, 135.3, 139.1, 139.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.6. IR (neat): 1427 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0468, found 358.0471.



1-(4-Nitrobenzyl)-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole (*distal*-4f) (Table 1, Entry 3): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (46 mg, 0.30 mmol), 4-nitrobenzyl azide 2c (53 mg, 0.30 mmol), and 2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,3-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene 8 (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-4f/*proximal*-4f = >98:2, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) to provide the titled compound, *distal*-4f (28 mg, 70%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 106–109 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.98 (2 H, s), 7.32 (1 H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 7.34–7.45 (3 H, m), 7.51 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 8.21 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 51.6, 109.7, 116.7, 118.8 (q, *J* = 320 Hz), 124.4, 128.4, 128.5, 135.1, 139.2, 139.8, 140.8, 148.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.5. IR (neat): 1424, 1522 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 403.0319, found 403.0321.



distal-4g

1-Cyclohexyl-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole (*distal*-4g) (Table 1, Entry 4): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (46 mg, 0.30 mmol), cyclohexyl azide  $2d^{[2]}$  (38 mg, 0.30 mmol), and 2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,3-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene 8 (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-4g/*proximal*-4g = >98:2, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 6:1) to provide the titled compound, *distal*-4g (22 mg, 63%) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.32–1.61 (4 H, m), 1.81–2.20 (6 H, m), 4.62–4.73 (1 H, m), 7.28 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.49 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.61 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 25.1, 25.4, 32.5, 59.7, 110.4, 116.0, 118.8 (q, J = 320 Hz), 127.0, 134.8, 138.8, 139.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.6. IR (neat): 1427 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 350.0781, found 350.0783.

# Reaction of 3-triflyloxybenzyne 3d with nitrile oxide 9 (Scheme 3):



proximal-10a

**3-(2,4,6-Trimethylphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-1,2-benzisoxazole** (*proximal*-10a) (Scheme 3): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (30 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2,4,6-trimethylphenylnitrileoxide 9a (48 mg, 0.30 mmol), and 2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,3-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene 8 (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (2.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-10a/*proximal*-10a = 2:>98, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 5:2) to provide the titled compound, *proximal*-10a (30 mg, 77%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 102–104 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.12 (6 H, s), 2.38 (3 H, s), 7.03 (2 H, s), 7.23 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.65 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.72 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 19.9, 21.1, 110.6, 115.7, 116.1, 118.4 (q, *J* = 320 Hz), 122.8, 128.5, 130.9, 137.7, 139.9, 142.0, 155.5, 164.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –73.2. IR (neat): 1435, 1626 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 386.0668, found 386.0668.



proximal-10b

**3-(2,4,6-Trimethoxyl)phenyl-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-1,2-benzisoxazole** (*proximal*-10b) (Scheme 3): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (30 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2,4,6-trimethoxyphenylnitrileoxide 9b (63 mg, 0.30 mmol), and 2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,3-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene 8 (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (2.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-10b/*proximal*-10b = 2:>98, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) to provide the titled compound, *proximal*-10b (30 mg, 69%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 108–110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.73 (6 H, s), 3.87 (3 H, s), 6.25 (2 H, s), 7.16 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.55 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.62 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 55.4, 55.7, 90.8, 97.0, 110.2, 115.2, 116.6, 118.4 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 130.0, 142.4, 150.6, 159.8, 163.5, 164.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -73.3. IR (neat): 1340, 1429 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 434.0516, found 434.0521.





proximal-10c

**3-(2,4,6-Trimethyl)phenyl-4-(methoxy)-1,2-benzisoxazole** (*proximal*-10c): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (93 mg, 0.61 mmol), 2,4,6-trimetylphenylnitrileoxide **9a** (74 mg, 0.46

mmol), and 1-methoxy-2-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene<sup>[7]</sup> (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.5 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-**10c**/*proximal*-**10c** = 15:85, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 15:1) to provide the titled compound, *proximal*-**10c** (23 mg, 57%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 140–141 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.10 (6 H, s), 2.35 (3 H, s), 3.73 (3 H, s), 6.62 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.95 (2 H, s), 7.22 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.48 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 20.0, 21.2, 55.7, 102.6, 103.3, 112.4, 125.6, 128.0, 131.3, 137.4, 138.5, 155.1, 156.5, 165.1. IR (neat): 1283, 1360, 1501 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 268.1332, found 268.1331.



distal-10c

**3-(2,4,6-Trimethyl)phenyl-7-(methoxy)-1,2-benzisoxazole** (*distal-10c*) was obtained from the above-mentioned reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel (3.8 mg, 9.5%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 116–119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 2.08 (6 H, s), 2.36 (3 H, s), 4.10 (3 H, s), 6.94 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.99 (2 H, s), 7.01 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.20 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 20.0, 21.2, 56.5, 111.0, 113.4, 124.0, 124.1, 124.7, 128.4, 137.7, 139.2, 144.7, 153.7, 158.1. IR (neat): 1273, 1371, 1505 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 268.1332, found 268.1328.

Reaction of 4-substituted benzyne 3e-g with azide 2b (Table 2):



distal-12a

**1-Benzyl-5-methoxybenzotriazole** (*distal*-12a) (Table 2, Entry 1): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (91 mg, 0.60 mmol), benzyl azide 2b (56  $\mu$ L, 0.45 mmol) and 1-methoxy-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene 11a (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.5 mL, 0.10 M) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-12a/*proximal*-12a = 52:48, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by preparative TLC (toluene/EtOAc = 5:1) to provide the titled compound, *distal*-12a (15 mg, 42%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 135–137 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.87 (3 H, s), 5.80 (2 H, s), 7.05 (1 H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 9.0 Hz), 7.19–7.37 (7 H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 52.4, 55.7, 98.7, 110.4, 120.3, 127.5, 128.3, 128.5, 129.0, 134.7, 147.3, 157.2. IR (neat): 1205 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 240.1131, found 240.1131.



# proximal-12a

**1-Benzyl-6-methoxybenzotriazole** (*proximal*-12a) (Table 2, Entry 1) was obtained from the above-mentioned reaction mixture by preparative TLC (14 mg, 38%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 91– 93 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.72 (3 H, s), 5.72 (2 H, s), 6.53 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 6.91 (1 H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 9.0 Hz), 7.18–7.28 (5 H, m), 7.85 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 51.9, 55.7, 90.0, 116.1, 120.7, 127.4, 128.4, 129.0, 133.9, 134.8, 141.7, 159.9. IR (neat): 1232 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 240.1131, found 240.1134.



#### distal-12b

**1-Benzyl-5-(methanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole** (*distal*-12b) (**Table 2, Entry 2**): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (58 mg, 0.38 mmol), benzyl azide **2b** (47 µL, 0.38 mmol) and 1-methanesulfonyloxy-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene **11b** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.3 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-12b/*proximal*-12b = 72:28, determined by 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by preparative TLC (only CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to provide the titled compound, *distal*-12b (18 mg, 47%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.19 (3 H, s), 5.86 (2 H, s), 7.27–7.37 (7 H, m), 7.97 (1 H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 37.4, 52.7, 111.0, 112.9, 123.0, 127.6, 128.8, 129.2, 131.6, 134.1, 145.4, 146.3. IR (neat): 1364 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 304.0750, found 304.0756.



proximal-12b

**1-Benzyl-6-(methanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole** (*proximal*-12b) (Table 2, Entry 2) was obtained from the above-mentioned reaction mixture by preparative TLC (7.0 mg, 18%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.14 (3 H, s), 5.85 (2 H, s), 7.24–7.38 (7 H, m), 8.11 (2 H, d, J = 8.5Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 37.7, 52.6, 103.6, 119.0, 121.6, 127.7, 128.8, 129.2, 132.9, 134.0, 144.8, 148.0. IR (neat): 1364 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd forC<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 304.0750, found 304.0745.



distal-12c

**1-Benzyl-5-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole** (*distal*-12c) (Table 2, Entries 3 and 4): For Entry 3: Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (50 mg, 0.33 mmol), benzyl azide 2b (41 µL, 0.33 mmol), and 1,4-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene **11c** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal*-**12c**/*proximal*-**12c** = 77:23, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 5:3) to provide the titled compound, *distal*-**12c** (14 mg, 36%) as a colourless solid, and its regiochemistry was determined by dNOE experiments. Mp: 108–110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.82 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.24–7.40 (7 H, m), 7.93 (1 H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 52.7, 111.3, 112.7, 118.6 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 121.5, 127.6, 128.8, 129.1, 131.8, 133.8, 145.7, 145.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.5. IR (neat): 1421 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0468, found 358.0470.

For Entry 4: Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (50 mg, 0.33 mmol), benzyl azide **2b** (0.16 mL, 1.3 mmol), and 1,4-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene **11c** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product (*distal-12c/proximal-12c* = 75:25, determined by 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 5:3) to provide the titled compound, *distal-12c* (18 mg, 45%) as a colourless solid



proximal-12c

**1-Benzyl-6-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole** (*proximal*-12c) (Table 2, Entries 3 and 4) was obtained from the above-mentioned reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel (4.3 mg, 11%, Entry 3; 5.8 mg, 15%, Entry 4) as a colourless solid. Mp: 88–90 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.86 (2 H, s), 7.23–7.39 (7 H, m), 8.14 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 52.8, 103.3, 118.0, 118.6 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 122.0, 127.7, 129.0, 129.3, 132.6, 133.6, 145.1, 148.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –72.4. IR (neat): 1219, 1427 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0468, found 358.0468.

# **Reaction of 4-triflyloxybenzyne 3e with azide 2 (Table 3):**



# distal-12d

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole (*distal*-12d) (Table 3, Entry 1): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (50 mg, 0.33 mmol), 4-methoxyphenyl azide 2a (0.19 g, 1.3 mmol), and 1,4-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene 11c (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.0 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 4:1) to provide the titled compound, *distal*-12d (19 mg, 46%) as a colourless solid and its regiochemistry was determined by NOESY spectra. Mp: 94–95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.91 (3 H, s), 7.12 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.45 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.62 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.73 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 8.05 (1 H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 55.7, 111.8, 112.9, 115.1, 118.7 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 122.1, 124.7, 129.1, 131.8, 145.8, 145.9, 160.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.4. IR (neat): 1209, 1427 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>FS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.0417, found 374.0417.



proximal-12d

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole (*proximal*-12d) (Table 3, Entry 1) was obtained from the above-mentioned reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel (6.1 mg, 15%) as a colourless solid (*distal*-12d:*proximal*-12d = 76:24, determined by isolated product yield). Mp: 91–94 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.92 (3 H, s), 7.15 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.34 (2 H, dd, *J* = 2.0, 9.0 Hz), 7.61–7.63 (3 H, m), 8.22 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 55.7, 103.9, 115.3, 118.3, 118.7 (q, *J* = 320 Hz), 122.1, 124.7, 129.0, 132.6,

145.0, 148.8, 160.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.4. IR (neat): 1211, 1425 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.0417, found 374.0416.



distal-12e

1-(4-Nitrobenzyl)-5-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole (*distal*-12e) (Table 3, Entry 2): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (50 mg, 0.33 mmol), 4-nitrobenzyl azide 2c (0.23 g, 1.3 mmol), and 1,4-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene 11c (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.1 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) to provide the titled compound, *distal*-12e (17 mg, 39%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 80–82 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.98 (2 H, s), 7.38–7.46 (4 H, m), 8.02 (1 H, d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 8.21 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 51.5, 110.7, 113.1, 118.6 (q, *J* = 320 Hz), 122.1, 124.3, 128.3, 131.8, 140.9, 145.9, 145.9, 148.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.4. IR (neat): 1348, 1424, 1526 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 403.0319, found 403.0315.



proximal-12e

**1-(4-Nitro)benzyl-6-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole** (*proximal*-12e) (**Table 3, Entry 2**) was obtained from the above-mentioned reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel (5.9 mg, 13%) as a colourless solid (*distal*-12e:*proximal*-12e = 75:25, determined by isolated product yield). Mp: 121–123 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.97 (2 H, s), 7.29–7.33 (2 H, m), 7.43 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 8.19 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 8.23 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 51.4, 102.7, 118.4, 118.6 (q, *J* = 320 Hz), 122.4, 124.4, 128.4, 132.6, 140.7, 145.0, 148.1,

148.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -72.4. IR (neat): 1348, 1424, 1524 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 403.0319, found 403.0321.



#### distal-12f

1-Cyclohexyl-5-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole (*distal*-12f) (Table 3, Entry 3): Following General Procedure I, a mixture of CsF (50 mg, 0.33 mmol), cyclohexyl azide  $2d^{[2]}$  (0.16 g, 1.3 mmol), and 1,4-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene **11c** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) was stirred in MeCN (1.1 mL) for 3 h at rt. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 8:1) to provide the titled compound *distal*-**12f** (18 mg, 46%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 98–101 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.32–2.19 (10 H, m), 4.61–4.72 (1 H, m), 7.39 (1 H, brd, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.65 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.98 (1 H, brs). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 25.1, 25.4, 32.6, 59.6, 111.2, 112.8, 118.7 (q, *J* = 319 Hz), 121.0, 131.4, 145.6, 145.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –72.4. IR (neat): 1223, 1416 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 350.0781, found 350.0783.



proximal-12f

**1-Cyclohexyl-6-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzotriazole** (*proximal*-12f) (Table 3, Entry 3) was obtained from the above-mentioned reaction mixture by column chromatography on silica gel (5.6 mg, 15%) as a colourless oil (*distal*-12f:*proximal*-12f = 76:24, determined by isolated product yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.33–2.20 (10 H, m), 4.58–4.68 (1 H, m), 7.27 (1 H, dd, J = 2.5, 8.5 Hz), 7.52 (1 H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 8.14 (1 H, d, J = 8.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 25.1, 25.4, 32.6, 59.5, 103.2, 117.7, 118.7 (q, J = 318 Hz), 121.9, 132.1, 144.8, 147.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -72.4. IR (neat): 1425 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 350.0781, found 350.0781.

## Transformation of cycloaddition adducts, distal-4e, distal-12c, and proximal-10a (Scheme 4):

General Procedure II: An oven dried Schlenk tube was charged with *distal-4e*, or 12c (1.0 equiv), 2-methoxyphenylboronic acid 13a (1.5 equiv),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.10 equiv),  $PCy_3$  (0.20 equiv),  $K_3PO_4$  (2.0 equiv) and evacuated and back-filled with argon. Anhydrous *n*-BuOH (0.56 mL) was added via syringes, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 14 h and filtered through a pad of silica gel cake using EtOAc. The eluent was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc) to provide the biaryl compound 14 or 15.



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**1-Benzyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-benzotriazole (14) (Scheme 4):** Following General Procedure II, a mixture of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mg, 5.6 μmol), PCy<sub>3</sub> (3.1 mg, 11 μmol), 2-methoxyphenylboronic acid **13a** (13 mg, 84 μmol), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (23 mg, 0.11 mmol) and *distal*-**4e** (20 mg, 56 μmol) was stirred in *n*-BuOH (0.56 mL) for 14 h at 100 °C. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) to provide the titled compound **14** (13 mg, 75%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 92–94 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.82 (3 H, s), 5.87 (2 H, s), 7.08 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.12 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.30–7.50 (9 H, m), 7.68 (1 H, dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 52.3, 55.7, 108.4, 111.5, 120.7, 125.0, 125.8, 127.1, 127.6, 128.4, 128.9, 129.6, 130.9, 132.2, 133.1, 134.9, 145.1, 156.9. IR (neat): 1244, 1489 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 316.1444, found 316.1446.



**1-Benzyl-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-benzotriazole (15) (Scheme 4):** Following General Procedure II, a mixture of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.3 mg, 5.6 μmol), PCy<sub>3</sub> (3.1 mg, 11 μmol), 2-methoxyphenyboronic acid **13a** (13 mg, 84 μmol), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (23 mg, 0.11 mmol) and *distal*-**12c** (20 mg, 56 μmol) was stirred in *n*-BuOH (0.56 mL) for 11 h at 100 °C. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 4:1) to provide the titled compound **15** (16 mg, 88%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 104–105 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.81 (3 H, s), 5.86 (2 H, s), 7.03 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.06 (1 H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 7.33–7.38 (8 H, m), 7.61 (1 H, dd, *J* = 1.0, 8.5 Hz), 8.19 (1 H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 52.3, 55.5, 108.9, 111.2, 120.3, 121.0, 127.6, 128.5, 129.0, 129.0, 129.8, 129.9, 131.1, 131.9, 134.8, 146.7, 156.4. IR (neat): 1244, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 316.1444, found 316.1444.

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**3-(2,4,6-Trimethylphenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-benzisoxazole (16) (Scheme 4):** An oven dried Schlenk tube was charged with *proximal*-**10a** (20 mg, 52 µmol), 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid **13b** (16 mg, 0.10 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (6.0 mg, 5.2 µmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (22 mg, 0.16 mmol) and evacuated and back-filled with argon. Anhydrous DMF (0.15 mL) was added via syringes and stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel cake using EtOAc. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc) to provide the titled compound **16** (14 mg, 76%) as a colourless solid and its regiochemistry was determined by NOESY spectra. Mp: 116–118°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.89 (6 H, s), 2.25 (3 H, s), 3.71 (3 H, s), 6.51 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.70 (2 H, s), 6.89 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.22 (1 H, dd, *J* = 2.5, 5.0 Hz), 7.60–7.62 (2 H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 20.0, 21.0, 55.2, 108.4, 112.5, 119.5, 124.1, 125.7, 127.9, 129.1, 129.7, 129.8, 137.0, 138.5, 138.6, 157.3, 158.9, 163.8. IR (neat): 1252, 1518 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 344.1645, found 344.1648.

# Synthesis of benzyne precursors 8, 11b and 11c:





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**2-Bromoresorcinol (17):**<sup>[8,9]</sup> To a solution of resorcinol (11 g, 0.10 mol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (63 mL, 0.50 M) was added Br<sub>2</sub> (15 mL, 0.30 mol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 10 h at rt, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> to give 2,4,6-tribromoresorcinol (27 g, 77%). To a solution of 2,4,6-tribromoresorcinol (17 g, 50 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH (0.35 L, H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH = 6:1, 0.14 M) were added NaOH (15 mL, 0.30 mol) and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> at rt. After stirring for 10 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding 1N HCl aq. and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> to give the titled compound **17** (7.3 g, 78%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 101–102 °C (Lit. 101–102 °C).<sup>[9] 1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.39 (2 OH, s), 6.60 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.11 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz).



**1,3-Bis**(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-bromobenzene (18): To a solution of 17 (6.0 g, 32 mmol) in DMF (63 mL, 0.50 M) were added imidazol (6.5 g, 95 mmol) and TBSCl (14 g, 95 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with hexane. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 20:1) to provide the titled compound **18** (13 g, quant) as a colourless solid. Mp: 40–42 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.23 (12 H, s), 1.04 (18 H, s), 6,51 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.99 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -4.22, 18.4, 25.8, 109.3, 113.0, 127.3, 154.1. IR (neat): 1252, 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 417.1275, found 417.1257.



**2-(***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)-3-[(***tert***-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]phenol (19): To a solution of 18 (10 g, 24 mmol) in THF (0.12 L, 0.20 M) was added 1.6 M** *n***-BuLi in hexane (18 mL, 29 mmol) slowly at -78 °C. After stirring for 40 min, the reaction was stopped by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with hexane. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 15:1) to provide the titled compound 19 (8.1 g, 85%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 57–60 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta: 0.31 (6 H, s), 0.37 (6 H, s), 0.93 (9 H, s), 1.00 (9 H, s), 4.87 (OH, s), 6.30 (1 H, d,** *J* **= 8.0 Hz), 6.40 (1 H, d,** *J* **= 8.0 Hz), 7.05 (1 H, t,** *J* **= 8.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta: –2.95, –1.37, 18.6, 19.5, 26.9, 27.0, 107.8, 110.5, 112.0, 130.6, 162.3, 162.3. IR (neat): 1254, 1437, 3512 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:339.2170, found 339.2170.** 



**2-(***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)benzene-1,3-diol (20):** To a solution of **19** (2.0 g, 5.0 mmol) in THF (50 mL, 0.10 M) was added TBAF (5.0 mL, 5.0 mmol) slowly at 0 °C. After stirring for 0.5 h, the reaction was stopped by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> to provide the titled compound **20** (0.86 g, 77%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 128–131 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.41 (6 H, s), 0.94 (9 H, s), 4.90 (2 OH, s), 6.29 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.07 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -2.09, 18.4, 26.8, 107.7, 108.0, 131.4, 162.1. IR (neat): 1263, 1327, 1445, 3518 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 225.1305, found 225.1298.



**2-**(*tert*-**Butyldimethylsilyl)-1,3-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene (8):** To a solution of **20** (0.20 g, 0.89 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.5 mL, 0.20 M) were added DIPEA (0.47 mL, 2.7 mmol) and Tf<sub>2</sub>O (0.45 mL, 2.7 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 0.5 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 20:1) to provide the titled compound **8** (0.37 g, 86%) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.53 (6 H, s), 0.98 (9 H, s), 7.49 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.56 (1 H, t, *J* = 9.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -2.00, 18.6, 26.5, 117.9, 118.6 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 122.4, 132.3, 156.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -73.8. IR (neat): 1215, 1424 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Si: C, 34.42; H, 3.71. Found: C, 34.54; H, 3.72.



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**2-Bromohydroquinone (21):**<sup>[10,11]</sup> To a solution of hydroquinone (6.4 g, 58 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.29 L, 0.20 M) was added Br<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mL, 58 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 0.5 h at rt, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) to provide the titled compound **21** (6.0 g, 56%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 111–114 °C (Lit. 112 °C).<sup>[11] 1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 5.12 (2 OH, brs), 6.73 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.0, 9.0 Hz), 6.90 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.99 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.0 Hz).



**1,4-Bis(trimethylsilyloxy)-2-bromobenzene (22):** To a solution of **21** (2.5 g, 13 mmol) in THF (65 mL, 0.20 M) were added Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.4 mL, 39 mmol) and TMSCl (4.9 mL, 39 mmol). After stirring for 1 h at rt, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was filtered through Celite pad (washed with hexane) and concentrated in vacuo as a colourless oil (4.3 g, quant). This compound **22** was used for next reaction without purification due to the instability on silica gel column chromatography.



**2-(Trimethylsilyl)hydroquinone (23):**<sup>[12]</sup> To a solution of **22** (4.3 g, 13 mmol) in THF (65 mL, 0.20 M) was added 2.3 M *n*-BuLi in hexane (11 mL, 26 mmol) slowly at -78 °C. After stirring for 1 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) to provide the titled compound **23** (2.1 g, 89%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 126–127 °C (Lit. 126–127 °C).<sup>[12] 1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.30 (9 H, s), 4.49 (OH, s), 4.54 (OH, s), 6.57 (1 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.70 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.5, 8.5 Hz), 6.82 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : –1.08, 115.5, 116.2, 117.0, 121.4, 149.0, 154.2. IR (neat): 1362, 3349 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 182.0758, found 182.0759.



#### 11c

**1,4-Bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene (11c):** To a solution of **23** (1.0 g, 5.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (28 mL, 0.20 M) were added pyridine (2.0 mL, 25 mmol) and Tf<sub>2</sub>O (2.8 mL, 17 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 19 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 15:1) to provide the titled compound **11c** (2.3 g, 95%) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.39 (9 H, s), 7.34 (1 H, dd, *J* = 3.0, 9.0 Hz), 7.38 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 7.44 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -1.21, 118.4 (q, *J* = 318 Hz), 118.7 (q, *J* = 319 Hz), 121.5, 123.9, 128.6, 136.7, 147.9, 153.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (280 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -73.7, -72.6. IR (neat): 1427 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 446.98270, found 446.98508.



11b

1-(Methanesulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-4-(trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)benzene (11b): To a solution of 23 (0.90 g, 4.9 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL, 0.20 M) were added pyridine (2.6 mL, 32 mmol) and MsCl (1.9 mL, 25 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 2 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding H<sub>2</sub>O and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (toluene/EtOAc = 6:1) to provide the mixture of 3-(trimethylsilyl)-4-(methansulfonyloxy)phenol and 1,4-bis(methansulfonyloxy)-3-(trimethylsilyl)benzene (1.3 g). To a solution of the mixture in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (14 mL) was added pyridine (1.9 mL, 24 mmol) and Tf<sub>2</sub>O (3.1 mL, 18 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 3 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding H<sub>2</sub>O and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) to provide the titled compound [1.0 g, 52% (2 steps)] as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.38 (9 H, s), 3.18 (3 H, s), 7.36 (1 H, dd, J = 3.0, 8.5 Hz), 7.21 (1 H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.40 (1 H, d, J = 3.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : -1.21, 37.6, 118.3 (q, J =317 Hz), 121.2, 124.5, 129.3, 135.9, 147.5, 152.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -73.8. IR (neat): 1373, 1420 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (APCI) Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 393.01097, found 393.01356.



# Synthesis of 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzonitrile oxide (9b):





**2,4,6-Trimethoxybenzaldehyde (S2):**<sup>[13,14]</sup> To a solution of **S1** (0.80 mg, 4.8 mmol) in DMF (15 mL, 0.30 M) was added POCl<sub>3</sub> (0.45 mL, 4.8 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was stopped by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) to provide the titled compound **S2** (0.73 g, 78%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 119–120 °C (Lit. 119–121 °C).<sup>[14]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.87 (9 H, s), 6.06 (2 H, s), 10.3 (1 H, s).



**2,4,6-Trimethoxybenzaldehyde oxime (S3):**<sup>[15]</sup> To a solution of **S2** (0.69 g, 3.5 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (35 mL, 0.10 M) was added Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.27 g, 2.5 mmol) and NH<sub>2</sub>OH·HCl (0.32 g, 4.6 mmol) at rt. After stirring for 12 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 15:1) to provide the titled compound **S3** (0.72 g, 97%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 216–218 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.77 (6 H, s), 3.80 (3 H, s), 6.26 (2 H, s), 8.13 (OH, s), 10.8 (1 H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 55.4, 55.8, 91.0, 102.4, 142.4, 159.2, 161.6. IR (neat): 1464, 1611, 3181 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 212.0917, found 212.0919.



**2,4,6-Trimethoxyphenylnitrile oxide (9b):** To a solution of **S3** (0.22 g, 1.1 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (11 mL, 0.10 M) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.30 mL, 2.2 mmol) and *N*-chlorosuccinimide (0.28 g, 2.1 mmol) at rt. After stirring for 1 h at rt, the reaction was stopped by adding H<sub>2</sub>O and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1:2) to provide the titled compound **9b** (0.15 g, 68%) as a colourless solid. Mp: 164–167 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.83 (9 H, s), 6.06 (2 H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 55.6, 55.9, 84.3, 90.4, 163.4, 163.7. IR (neat): 1333, 1582 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (MALDI) Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 209.0683, found 209.0683.

# Cartesian coordinates of benzynes 3c-7f optimized by DFT [B3LYP/6-31G(d)]:



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## single pulse decoupled gated NOE

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