

# Copper-Mediated Efficient Three-component Synthesis of 1,2,4-Triazoles from Amines and Nitriles

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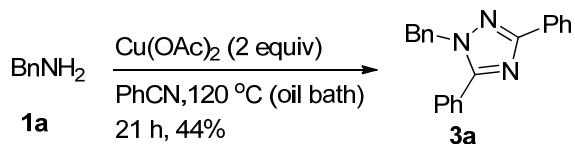
**General Information:** All reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk tubes. PhCN was dried over calcium hydride before distillation. All the temperatures are referred to the bath temperature. All <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments were measured in relative to the signal of tetramethylsilane (0 ppm) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and <sup>13</sup>C NMR experiments were measured in relative to the signal of residual chloroform (77.00 ppm) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>19</sup>F NMR experiments were measured with trifluoroacetic acid (-77.00 ppm) or CFCl<sub>3</sub> (0 ppm) as the external reference. IR spectra were recorded on the Bruker Tensor 27 infrared spectrometer with the major peaks listed. Melting points were measured without correction. Copper(II) acetate anhydrous (98.5%) was purchased from J&K, other common reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification unless noted otherwise. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (H) eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates.

### Microwave irradiation experiments

For reactions run in sealed microwave vials, oven-dried 5 mL vials containing a Teflon-coated stirring bar and sealed with a Teflon-lined septum were used. All microwave irradiation experiments were carried out with a MILESTONE S.r.l (MicroSYNTH 131718)<sup>®</sup> microwave reactor, operating at a frequency of 50 Hz with continuous irradiation power from 0 to 800 W utilizing the standard absorbance level of 800 W maximum power. The instrument was used in the standard configuration as delivered, including proprietary software. The temperature was measured with an IR

sensor on the outer surface of the process vial. After irradiation, reaction vessels were cooled rapidly to ambient temperature by gas jet cooling.

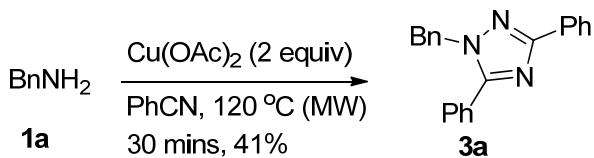
### 1. 1-Benzyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**3a**) (cb-5-117, 11-94, 9-112)



**Method A:** To a dried Schlenk tube were added Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (367.9 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (108.6 mg, 1 mmol)/PhCN (2 mL) sequentially at room temperature. After stirring at 120 °C (oil bath) for 21 h, the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with 50 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O, filtered through a short pad of silica gel and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40/1 to 10/1) to afford **3a** (139.7 mg, 44%): solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.25-8.14 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.66-7.57 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.52-7.16 (m, 11 H, ArH), 5.40 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

#### Gram-scale synthesis of **3a**:

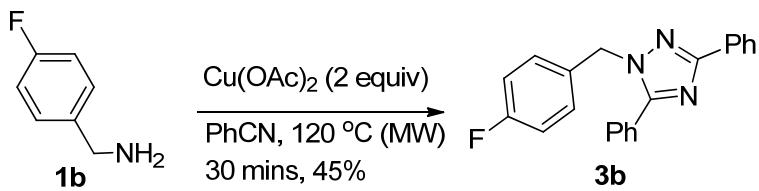
To a dried three-necked flask were added Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.6321 g, 20 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (1.0704 g, 10 mmol)/PhCN (20 mL) sequentially at room temperature. After stirring at 120 °C (oil bath) for 48 h, the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with 50 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O, filtered through a short pad of silica gel and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1 to 15/1) to afford **3a** (1.3062 g, 42%): solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.27-8.14 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.64-7.52 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.51-7.27 (m, 9 H, ArH), 7.25-7.16 (m, 2 H, ArH), 5.46 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).



**Method B:** To a dried MW tube were added  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (363.9 mg, 2 mmol),  $\text{BnNH}_2$  (106.8 mg, 1 mmol)/ $\text{PhCN}$  (5 mL) sequentially at room temperature. The tube was sealed and irradiated in a microwave reactor ( $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 30 minutes, maximum power 800 W). Then, the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature with a stream of air, diluted with 50 mL of  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , filtered through a short pad of silica gel and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford **3a**<sup>1</sup> (127.0 mg, 41%): solid; m.p. 99-100 °C (hexane/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) (lit. m.p. 98.5-99.5 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 8.21 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.62-7.51 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.48-7.13 (m, 11 H, ArH), 5.39 (s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 161.4, 156.0, 135.9, 130.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.70, 128.67, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 126.3, 52.6. IR (neat) 1519, 1497, 1476, 1463, 1443, 1406, 1353 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 312 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 5.71), 311 (M<sup>+</sup>, 27.09), 91 (100).

The following compounds were prepared according to **Method A or B** in main text.

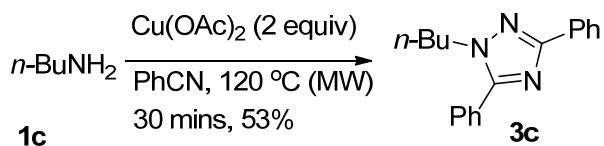
## 2. 1-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3b) (cb-9-144)



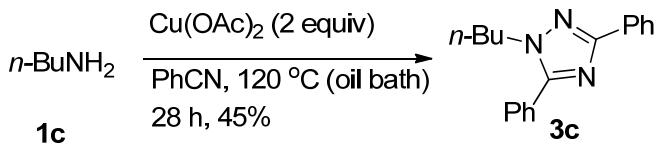
**Method B:** The reaction of  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (362.4 mg, 2 mmol), 4-fluorobenzylamine (129.7 mg, 97% purity, 1 mmol), and  $\text{PhCN}$  (5 mL) afforded **3b** (150.3 mg, 45%).

(eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.24-8.16 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.64-7.52 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.50-7.33 (m, 6 H, ArH), 7.20-7.10 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.05-6.92 (m, 2 H, ArH), 5.37 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz)  $\delta$  162.2 (d,  $J$  = 245.9 Hz), 161.5, 155.9, 131.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 130.8, 130.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.63, 128.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 128.45, 127.8, 126.3, 115.7 (d,  $J$  = 20.9 Hz), 51.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 282 MHz) -113.9; IR (neat) 1605, 1509, 1478, 1458, 1446, 1405, 1353, 1222, 1156, 1141, 1016  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI) ( $m/z$ ) 330 (( $\text{M}+1$ ) $^+$ , 11.24), 329 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 49.41), 109 (100); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{F}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 329.1328, found: 329.1329.

### 3. 1-Butyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3c) (cb-9-114, 9-117)

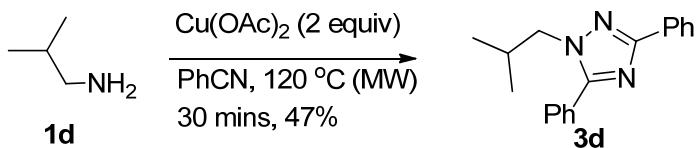


**Method B:** The reaction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (363.9 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (73.1 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (5 mL) afforded **3c** (147.8 mg, 53%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.66-7.61 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.60-7.24 (m, 6 H, ArH), 4.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.00-1.83 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.40-1.21 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 0.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz)  $\delta$  161.0, 155.3, 131.1, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 126.2, 48.8, 31.9, 19.5, 13.3; IR (neat) 3068, 2959, 2933, 2873, 1519, 1476, 1463, 1442, 1410, 1354, 1132, 1019  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI) ( $m/z$ ) 278 (( $\text{M}+1$ ) $^+$ , 11.49), 277 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 55.63), 234 (100); HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 277.1579, found: 277.1578.



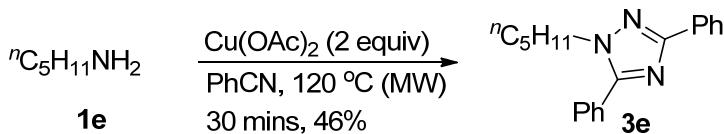
**Method A:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.2 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (74.0 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (2 mL) afforded **3c** (125.3 mg, 45%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.59-7.30 (m, 6 H, ArH), 4.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.80 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.40-1.21 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

#### 4. 1-Isobutyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3d) (cb-11-146)



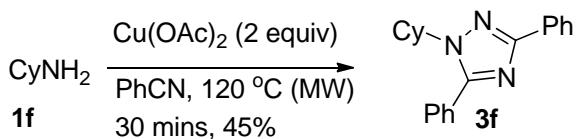
**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (362.5 mg, 2 mmol), isobutylNH<sub>2</sub> (74.1 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (5 mL) afforded **3d** (132.4 mg, 47%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.68-7.57 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.55-7.30 (m, 6 H, ArH), 4.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.45-2.25 (m, 1 H, CH), 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6 H, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 161.0, 156.0, 131.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 126.3, 56.2, 29.2, 19.7; IR (neat) 1519, 1476, 1462, 1441, 1409, 1390, 1354, 1284, 1193, 1173, 1132, 1098, 1070, 1040, 1027, 1018 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 278 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 14.65), 277 (M<sup>+</sup>, 67.21), 104 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>(M<sup>+</sup>): 277.1579, found: 277.1577.

## 5. 1-Pentyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3e) (cb-9-140)



**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.3 mg, 2 mmol), <sup>7</sup>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (88.1 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (5 mL) afforded **3e** (135.1 mg, 46%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.72-7.60 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.55-7.30 (m, 6 H, ArH), 4.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.82 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.38-1.20 (m, 4 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-), 0.85 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 161.1, 155.4, 131.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.3, 49.2, 29.7, 28.5, 22.0, 13.8; IR (neat) 2958, 2926, 2856, 1476, 1463, 1441, 1408, 1355 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 292 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 12.96), 291 (M<sup>+</sup>, 59.60), 234 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 291.1735, found: 291.1734.

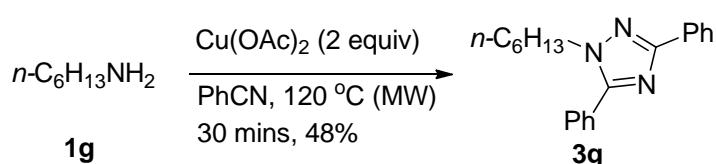
#### **6. 1-Cyclohexyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3f) (cb-9-122)**



**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.1 mg, 2 mmol), CyNH<sub>2</sub> (99.4 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (5 mL) afforded **3f<sup>2</sup>** (137.7 mg, 45%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): solid, 107-108 °C (petroleum ether /Et<sub>2</sub>O) (lit. m.p. 106-107 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.68-7.57 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.56-7.47 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.46-7.30 (m, 3 H, ArH), 4.22 (tt, *J* = 11.4, 4.1 Hz, 1 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.23-2.02 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02-1.80 (m, 4 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-), 1.78-1.61 (m, 1 H, one proton in CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.40-1.20 (m, 3 H, three proton in (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 160.9, 154.6, 131.4, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 126.3,

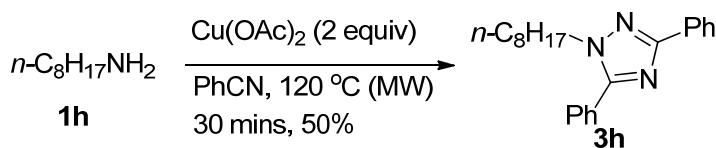
58.0, 33.1, 25.4, 24.9; IR (neat) 2955, 2941, 2853, 1515, 1476, 1455, 1438, 1402, 1380, 1350, 1326, 1300, 1263, 1174, 1131, 1071, 1025, 1019 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 304 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 8.77), 303 (M<sup>+</sup>, 36.94), 221 (100).

### 7. 1-Hexyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3g) (cb-9-130)



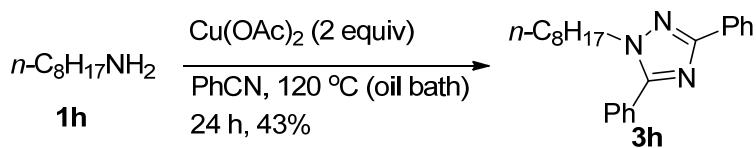
**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.5 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (102.0 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (5 mL) afforded **3g** (146.1 mg, 48%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.70-7.63 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.59-7.50 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.49-7.35 (m, 3 H, ArH), 4.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.87 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.36-1.20 (m, 6 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 161.1, 155.4, 131.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 126.3, 49.2, 31.1, 30.0, 26.1, 22.4, 13.9; IR (neat) 3068, 2954, 2928, 2857, 1519, 1476, 1463, 1441, 1409, 1377, 1353, 1302, 1283, 1173, 1132, 1102, 1070, 1018 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 306 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 11.44), 305 (M<sup>+</sup>, 50.21), 234 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 305.1892, found: 305.1893.

### 8. 1-Octyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3h) (cb-9-141, cb-9-150)



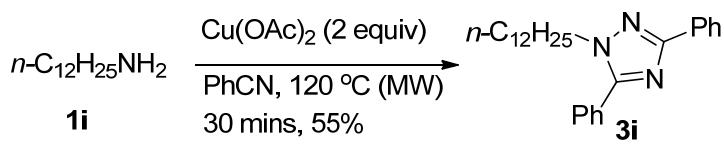
**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.8 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (128.5 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (5 mL) afford **3h**<sup>3</sup> (166.9 mg, 50%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2

H, ArH), 7.67-7.60 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.53-7.30 (m, 6 H, ArH), 4.19 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.83 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.38-1.07 (m, 10 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>-), 0.85 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)  $\delta$  161.0, 155.4, 131.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 126.2, 49.1, 31.6, 30.0, 28.9, 28.8, 26.3, 22.5, 13.9; IR (neat) 2926, 2855, 1519, 1476, 1442, 1354, 1133, 1071 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 334 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 3.84), 333 (M<sup>+</sup>, 17.96), 221 (100).



**Method A:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.4 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (128.9 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (2 mL) afforded **3h** (143.6 mg, 43%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.22-8.14 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.69-7.60 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.55-7.30 (m, 6 H, ArH), 4.20 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.84 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.38-1.15 (m, 10 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>-), 0.86 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>)

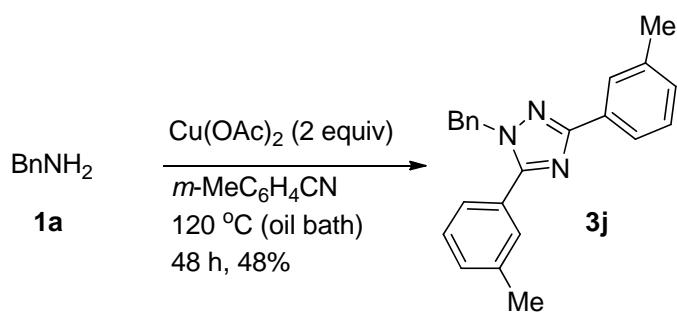
### 9. 1-Dodecyl-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3i) (cb-9-131)



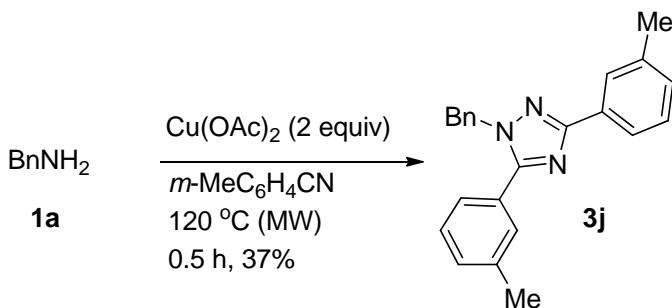
**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.4 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (185.7 mg, 1 mmol), and PhCN (5 mL) afforded **3i** (214.7 mg, 55%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.17 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.72-7.60 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.58-7.30 (m, 6 H, ArH), 4.20 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.82 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.38-1.12 (m, 18 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>9</sub>-), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>)

H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 161.1, 155.5, 131.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.81, 128.79, 128.4, 126.3, 49.2, 31.8, 30.1, 29.5, 29.4, 29.34, 29.27, 28.9, 26.4, 22.6, 14.1; IR (neat) 2924, 2853, 1464, 1442, 1354, 1018 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 390 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 5.76), 389 (M<sup>+</sup>, 19.41), 221 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 389.2831, found: 389.2832.

### 10. 1-Benzyl-3,5-di(*m*-tolyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3j) (cb-11-68, kjq-2-55)

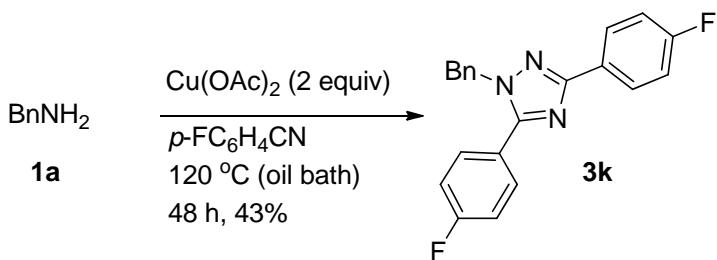


**Method A:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.4 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (107.1 mg, 1 mmol), and *m*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (2 mL) afforded **3j** (163.8 mg, 48%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10-7.95 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.46 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.39-7.15 (m, 10 H, ArH), 5.40 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.38 (s, 3 H, Me), 2.33 (s, 3 H, Me); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 161.4, 156.0, 138.5, 138.0, 136.0, 130.7, 129.8, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.71, 127.67, 126.8, 126.6, 125.4, 123.4, 52.5, 21.19, 21.14; IR (neat) 1611, 1592, 1512, 1496, 1452, 1433, 1358, 1339, 1301, 1262, 1143 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 340 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 23.42), 339 (M<sup>+</sup>, 94.69), 91 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 339.1735, found: 339.1736.



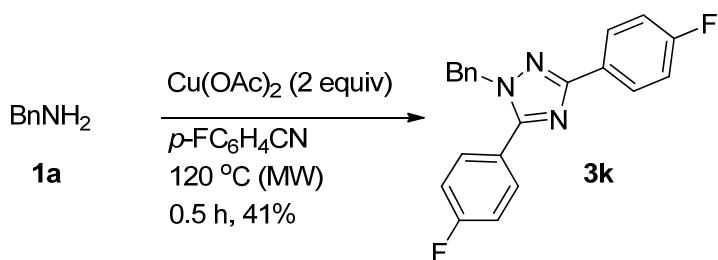
**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (362.7 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (107.4 mg, 1 mmol), and *m*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5 mL) afforded **3j** (126.9 mg, 37%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.47 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.39-7.27 (m, 7 H, ArH), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3 H, ArH), 5.45 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.42 (s, 3 H, Me), 2.38 (s, 3 H, Me).

### 11. 1-Benzyl-3,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**3k**) (cb-12-66, kjq-2-56)



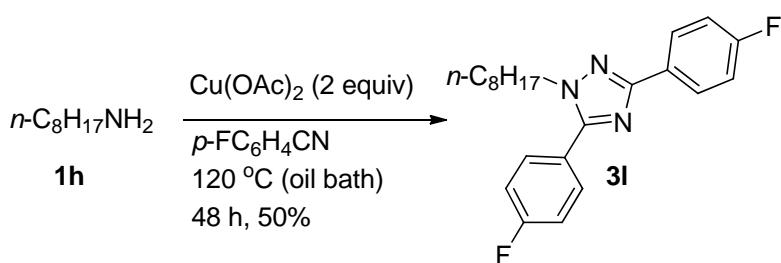
**Method A:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.1 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (107.0 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (2 mL) afforded **3k** (150.1 mg, 43%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1 to 15/1 for twice): solid, 165-166 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O/petroleum ether); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20-8.11 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.66-7.56 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.40-7.28 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.24-7.05 (m, 6 H, ArH), 5.42 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 163.8 (d, *J* = 249.9 Hz), 163.5 (d, *J* = 247.1 Hz), 160.8, 155.2, 135.8, 130.8 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.3 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.1, 127.1 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.7, 124.0 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 116.1 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 52.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) -109.4, -112.1; IR (neat) 1600, 1543, 1527, 1494,

1474, 1456, 1439, 1426, 1363, 1339, 1318, 1290, 1237, 1215, 1157, 1126, 1096, 1077, 1030, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 347 ((M)<sup>+</sup>, 41.56), 91 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: C 72.61, H 4.35, N 12.10; found: C 72.63, H 4.47, N 11.97.



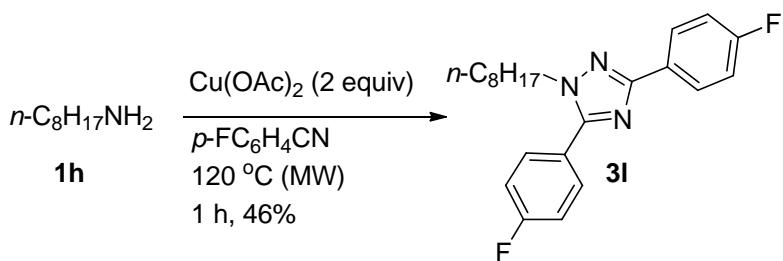
**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.5 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (107.1 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5 mL) afforded **3k** (142.4 mg, 41%) (eluent: petroleum ether to petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1): solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23-8.10 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.65-7.55 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.41-7.29 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.24-7.05 (m, 6 H, ArH), 5.43 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>).

### 12. 1-Octyl-3,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**3l**) (cb-12-68, kjq-2-58)



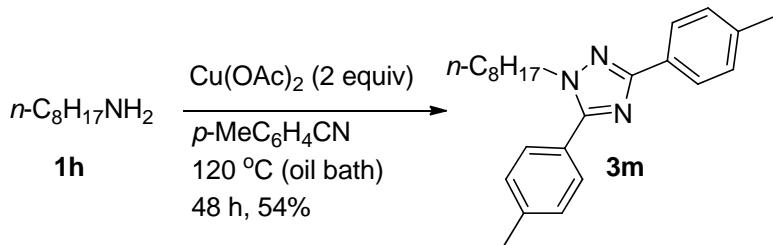
**Method A:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.2 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (129.1 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (2 mL) afforded **3l** (186.4 mg, 50%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1 to 15/1 for twice): solid, 56-58 °C (petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20-8.10 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.69-7.58 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.26-7.06 (m, 4 H, ArH), 4.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.00-1.85 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.40-1.12 (m, 10 H, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

75 MHz) δ 163.6 (d,  $J$  = 249.2 Hz), 163.3 (d,  $J$  = 246.4 Hz), 160.3, 154.5, 130.8 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 128.1 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 127.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 124.4 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 116.0 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz), 115.4 (d,  $J$  = 21.7 Hz), 49.2, 31.6, 29.9, 28.9, 28.8, 26.3, 22.5, 13.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 282 MHz) –109.8, -112.4; IR (neat) 2948, 2922, 2869, 2851, 1603, 1543, 1529, 1479, 1467, 1428, 1416, 1377, 1347, 1311, 1285, 1224, 1211, 1163, 1151, 1130, 1099, 1090, 1033  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI) ( $m/z$ ) 370 (( $\text{M}+1$ ) $^+$ , 9.85), 369 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 41.03), 257 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3$ : C 71.52, H 6.82, N 11.37; found: C 71.49, H 6.75, N 11.27.

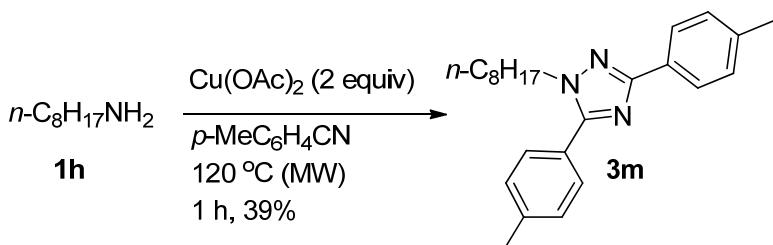


**Method B:** The reaction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (362.6 mg, 2 mmol), *n*- $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{NH}_2$  (128.6 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5 mL) afforded **3l** (168.4 mg, 46%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 20/1 for the first round, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1 to 15/1 for the second round): solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ 8.18–8.09 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.70–7.60 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.12 (t,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 4.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.97–1.86 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.34–1.15 (m, 10 H, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>), 0.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 13. 1-Octyl-3,5-di(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**3m**) (cb-12-67, kjq-2-59)



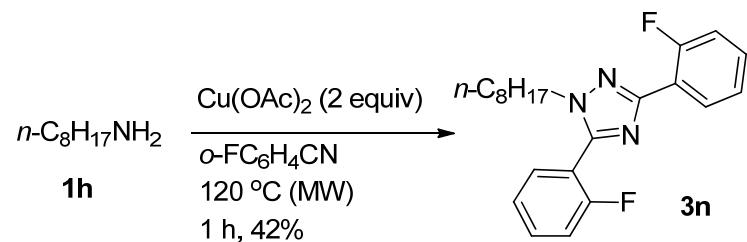
**Method A:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.4 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (128.7 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (2 mL) afforded **3m** (193.2 mg, 54%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1): solid, 81-82 °C (*n*-hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 4.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.41 (s, 3 H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3 H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.00-1.84 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.35-1.11 (m, 10 H, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) δ 161.0, 155.4, 139.9, 138.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2, 125.5, 49.1, 31.6, 30.0, 29.0, 28.9, 26.3, 22.5, 21.3, 14.0; IR (neat) 2953, 2929, 2867, 2851, 1615, 1467, 1426, 1413, 1393, 1373, 1346, 1316, 1299, 1280, 1237, 1207, 1178, 1130, 1110, 1034, 1017 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 362 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 17.39), 361 (M<sup>+</sup>, 68.22), 262 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: C 79.73, H 8.64, N 11.62 ; found: C 79.40, H 8.61, N 11.49.



**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (364.4 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (128.8 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5 mL) afforded **3m** (141.1 mg, 39%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15/1): solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (d, *J*

= 8.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 4.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.43 (s, 3 H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3 H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.96-1.86 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.34-1.15 (m, 10 H, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>), 0.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

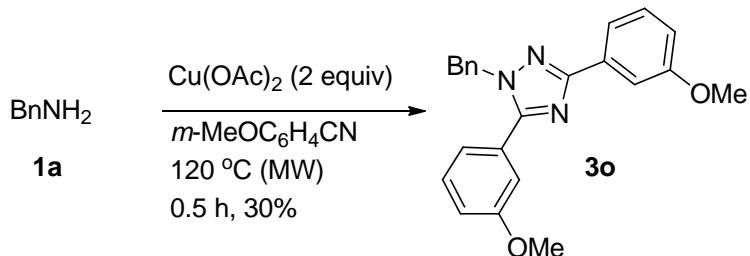
#### 14. 1-Octyl-3,5-bis(2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**3n**) (kjq-2-103)



**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.1 mg, 2 mmol), *n*-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (128.6 mg, 1 mmol), and *o*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5 mL) afforded **3n** (154.0 mg, 42%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1 to 15/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.13 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.61 (td,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.56-7.49 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.41-7.27 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.27-7.15 (m, 3 H, ArH), 4.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.95-1.85 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.32-1.13 (m, 10 H, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>), 0.85 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 160.3 (d,  $J$  = 251.9 Hz), 159.7 (d,  $J$  = 248.9 Hz), 158.2 (d,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz), 150.4 (d,  $J$  = 0.9 Hz), 132.4 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 132.0 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 124.7 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 124.0 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 119.1 (d,  $J$  = 11.7 Hz), 116.6 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J$  = 21.6 Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J$  = 21.1 Hz), 49.4 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 31.6, 29.7, 29.0, 28.9, 26.4, 22.5, 14.0; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) -113.1, -113.3; IR (neat) 2927, 2856, 1622, 1585, 1517, 1483, 1471, 1413, 1344, 1263, 1226, 1157, 1135, 1094, 1034, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 370 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 6.02), 369 (M<sup>+</sup>, 19.67), 257 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>

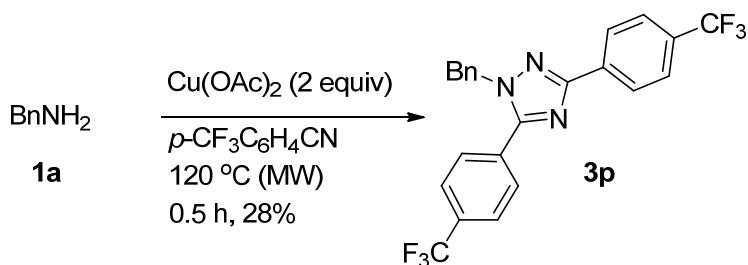
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**15. 1-Benzyl-3,5-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3o) (kjq-2-67)**



**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.4 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (107.9 mg, 1 mmol), and *m*-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5 mL) afforded **3o** (112.8 mg, 30%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1 to 10/1 to 5/1): oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.75 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.38-7.26 (m, 5 H, ArH), 7.24-7.15 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1 H, ArH), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 5.46 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.74 (s, 3 H, OMe); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 161.4, 159.8, 159.7, 155.9, 136.1, 132.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 126.7, 120.9, 118.9, 116.6, 115.8, 113.7, 110.9, 55.4, 55.3, 52.7; IR (neat) 1584, 1514, 1465, 1433, 1339, 1317, 1283, 1262, 1242, 1222, 1182, 1142, 1113, 1077, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 372 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 25.21), 371 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 371.1634, found: 371.1638.

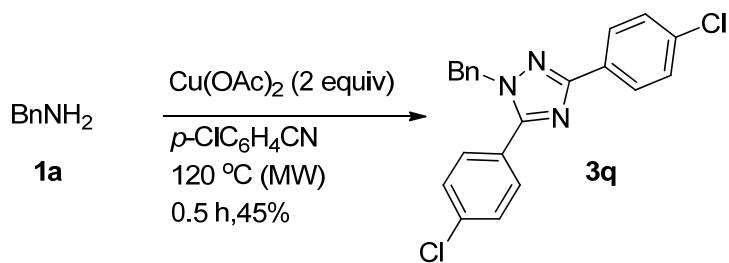
**16. 1-Benzyl-3,5-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3p) (kjq-2-65)**



**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (363.1 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (107.5 mg, 1

mmol), and *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (6.3962 g) afforded **3p** (126.5 mg, 28%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 20/1): white solid, 151-153 °C (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.79-7.69 (m, 6 H, ArH), 7.41-7.31 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2 H, ArH), 5.49 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 160.6, 155.0, 135.4, 134.1, 132.3 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 131.2, 131.1 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 126.68, 126.65, 125.9 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.1 (q, *J* = 270.7 Hz), 123.6 (q, *J* = 271.2 Hz), 53.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) -63.1, -63.4; IR (neat) 1620, 1535, 1466, 1424, 1359, 1324, 1165, 1105, 1064, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 448 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 5.15), 447 (M<sup>+</sup>, 21.33), 91 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: C 61.75, H 3.38, N 9.39; found: C 61.38, H 3.44, N 9.18.

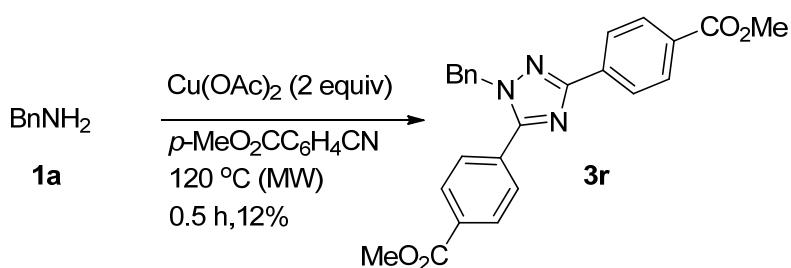
### 17. 1-Benzyl-3,5-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3q) (kjq-2-69)



**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (364.2 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (106.0 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5.5560 g) afforded **3q** (170.6 mg, 45%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 20/1): white solid, 172-174 °C (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.50-7.26 (m, 7 H, ArH), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 5.44 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 160.7, 155.1, 136.5, 135.6, 135.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 126.6, 126.2, 52.8; IR (neat) 1601,

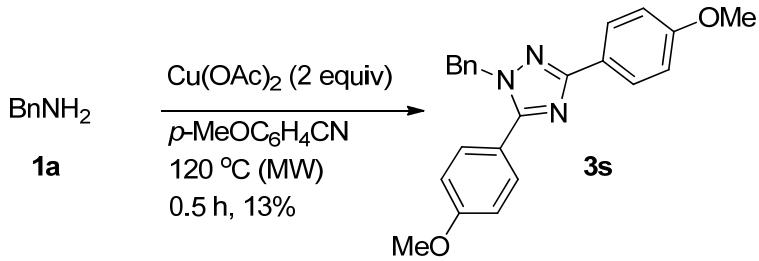
1495, 1470, 1455, 1435, 1422, 1409, 1361, 1342, 1316, 1295, 1275, 1240, 1203, 1172, 1126, 1090, 1033, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 383 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>37</sup>Cl<sup>37</sup>Cl), 4.33), 381 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>37</sup>Cl<sup>35</sup>Cl), 23.84), 379 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>35</sup>Cl<sup>35</sup>Cl), 36.56), 91 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C 66.33, H 3.98, N 11.05; found: C 66.27, H 3.95, N 10.92.

### 18. Dimethyl 4,4'-(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-diyl)dibenzoate (3r) (kjq-2-70)



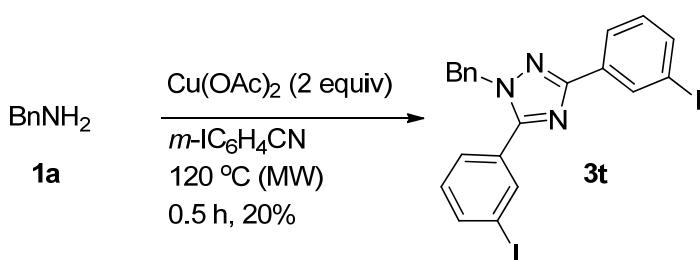
**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (364.0 mg, 2 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (107.0 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-MeO<sub>2</sub>CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5.8982 g) afforded **3r** (50.5 mg, 12%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1 to 5/1 for the first round, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 to 5/1 for the second round): white solid, 157-159 °C (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 8.16-8.10 (m, 4 H, ArH), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.39-7.29 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2 H, ArH), 5.49 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.95 (s, 3 H, Me), 3.94 (s, 3 H, Me); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 166.8, 166.2, 160.8, 155.3, 135.4, 134.9, 131.8, 131.7, 130.6, 130.0, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 126.7, 126.3, 53.1, 52.4, 52.1; IR (neat) 1713, 1611, 1577, 1532, 1494, 1476, 1455, 1431, 1362, 1272, 1190, 1135, 1110, 1016 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 428 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 20.76), 427 (M<sup>+</sup>, 69.87), 91 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 70.25, H 4.95, N 9.83; found: C 70.00, H 5.05, N 9.65.

### 19. 1-Benzyl-3,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3s) (kjq-2-71)



**Method B:** The reaction of  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (364.0 mg, 2 mmol),  $\text{BnNH}_2$  (107.0 mg, 1 mmol), and  $p\text{-MeOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CN}$  (5.3978 g) afforded **3s** (47.3 mg, 13%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50/1 to 5/1 for the first round, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1 to 5/1 for the second round): white solid,  $130\text{--}132\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J = 8.8\text{ Hz}$ , 2 H, ArH), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.8\text{ Hz}$ , 2 H, ArH), 7.37–7.25 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.23–7.16 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.00–6.91 (m, 4 H, ArH), 5.42 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.83 (s, 3 H, Me), 3.82 (s, 3 H, Me);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 150 MHz)  $\delta$  161.3, 160.9, 160.4, 155.9, 136.3, 130.2, 128.8, 127.82, 127.81, 126.7, 123.9, 120.4, 114.2, 113.8, 55.3, 55.2, 52.5; IR (neat) 1611, 1580, 1531, 1494, 1478, 1466, 1418, 1345, 1298, 1260, 1246, 1175, 1167, 1144, 1133, 1103, 1026, 1006  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI) ( $m/z$ ) 372 ( $(\text{M}+1)^+$ , 24.29), 371 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ : C 74.37, H 5.70, N 11.31; found: C 74.10, H 5.55, N 11.11.

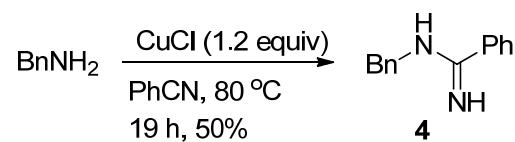
## 20. 1-Benzyl-3,5-bis(3-iodophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**3t**) (kjq-2-73)



**Method B:** The reaction of  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (363.4 mg, 2 mmol),  $\text{BnNH}_2$  (107.0 mg, 1

mmol), and *m*-IC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (6.0035 g) afforded **3t** (115.0 mg, 20%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 20/1): white solid, 117-119 °C (petroleum ether & ethyl ether); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.55 (s, 1 H, ArH), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.98 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.43-7.29 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.28-7.14 (m, 4 H, ArH), 5.43 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 160.1, 154.5, 139.3, 138.2, 137.6, 135.5, 135.1, 132.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 127.7, 126.9, 125.6, 94.43, 94.42, 53.0; IR (neat) 1595, 1565, 1505, 1451, 1439, 1425, 1359, 1329, 1306, 1243, 1150, 1132, 1061, 1032 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 564 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 3.92), 563 (M<sup>+</sup>, 17.18), 91 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>I<sub>2</sub>: C 44.79, H 2.68, N 7.46; found: C 44.71, H 2.73, N 7.36.

### Synthesis of *N*-benzylbenzimidamide **4**<sup>4</sup> (kjq-2-90)

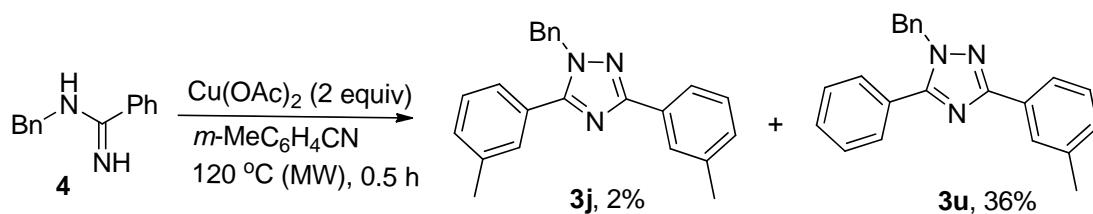


To a dried Schlenk tube were added CuCl (1.1911 g, 12 mmol), BnNH<sub>2</sub> (1.0724 g, 10 mmol), and PhCN (10 mL) sequentially under Ar atmosphere at room temperature. After being stirred at 80 °C (oil bath) for 19 h, the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured in 80 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O, followed by the addition of 50 mL of NaOH (2 M, aqueous). The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 5 min, filtered, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 80 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, a stream of HCl gas was bubbled through the solution forming a solid. The solid was collected by filtration and then dissolved in an aqueous solution of NaOH (1 M). The

resulting mixture was extracted with 3 x 30 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O. Drying over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtration, evaporation and column chromatography on silica gel afforded *N*-benzylbenzimidamide **4** (1.0474 g, 50%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3/1 to ethyl acetate/ triethylamine = 30/1): white solid, 79-81 °C (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60-7.53 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.43-7.29 (m, 7 H, ArH), 7.29-7.22 (m, 1 H, ArH), 5.94-5.20 (brs, 2 H, 2 x NH), 4.50 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 163.0, 138.9, 137.4, 129.8, 128.4, 127.5, 126.9, 125.9, 46.6; IR (neat) 3461, 3307, 3175, 3030, 2849, 2813, 1634, 1597, 1563, 1494, 1454, 1443, 1374, 1346, 1155, 1071, 1026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) (*m/z*) 211 ((M+1)<sup>+</sup>, 7.10), 210 (M<sup>+</sup>, 51.43), 209 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C 79.97, H 6.71, N 13.32; found: C 79.88, H 6.67, N 13.30.

### The reaction of **4** with different nitriles:

#### 1. **1-Benzyl-5-phenyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3u) (kjq-2-89)**

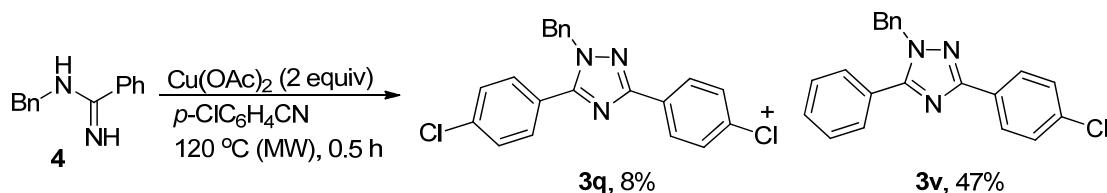


**Method B:** The reaction of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (365.0 mg, 2 mmol), **4** (210.9 mg, 1 mmol), and *m*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5 mL) afforded **3j** (8.3 mg, 2%) and **3u** (117.6 mg, 36%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 30/1).

**3j:** oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.47 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.39-7.27 (m, 7 H, ArH), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3 H, ArH), 5.45 (s, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.42 (s, 3 H, Me), 2.38 (s, 3 H, Me).

**3u:** white solid; 86-88 °C (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1 H, ArH), 7.99 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.65-7.60 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.38-7.29 (m, 4 H, ArH), 7.24-7.18 (m, 3 H, ArH), 5.46 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H, Me);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  161.6, 156.0, 138.1, 136.0, 130.8, 130.1, 129.9, 128.80, 128.75, 128.7, 128.4, 127.94, 127.85, 127.0, 126.7, 123.5, 52.6, 21.3; IR (neat) 1605, 1510, 1487, 1451, 1406, 1346, 1301, 1241, 1214, 1179, 1144, 1121, 1077, 1018  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI) ( $m/z$ ) 326 (( $\text{M}+1$ ) $^+$ , 26.00), 325 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3$ : C 81.20, H 5.89, N 12.91; found: C 81.01, H 6.01, N 12.65.

## 2. 1-Benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**3v**) (kjq-2-94)



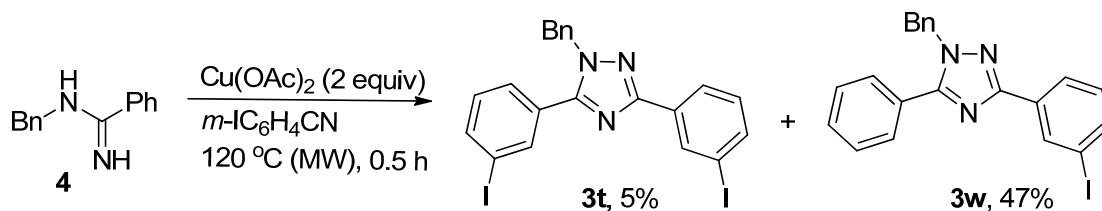
**Method B:** The reaction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (362.6 mg, 2 mmol), **4** (211.1 mg, 1 mmol), and *p*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CN (5.5022 g) afforded **3q** (30.6 mg, 8%) and **3v** (163.5 mg, 47%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 30/1 for the first round, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1 for the second round).

**3q:** white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.48-7.28 (m, 7 H, ArH), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 5.43 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ).

**3v:** white solid; 145-147 °C (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, ArH), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.53-7.39 (m, 5 H, ArH), 7.39-7.28 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2 H, ArH), 5.45 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$

NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  160.5, 156.1, 135.8, 134.9, 130.2, 129.5, 128.80, 128.78, 128.6, 127.9, 127.70, 127.66, 126.7, 52.6; IR (neat) 1601, 1533, 1495, 1467, 1455, 1429, 1417, 1363, 1343, 1318, 1296, 1240, 1203, 1173, 1157, 1126, 1087, 1074, 1018  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (EI) ( $m/z$ ) 347 ( $\text{M}^+(\text{Cl})$ , 24.67), 345 ( $\text{M}^+(\text{Cl})$ , 70.06), 91 (100); elemental analysis calcd (%) for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_3$ : C 72.93, H 4.66, N 12.15; found: C 73.08, H 4.99, N 12.00.

### 3. 1-Benzyl-3-(3-iodophenyl)-5-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (3w) (kjq-2-92)



**Method B:** The reaction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (364.3 mg, 2 mmol), **4** (209.5 mg, 1 mmol), and *m*- $\text{IC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CN}$  (5.9982 g) afforded **3t** (28.8 mg, 5%) and **3w** (203.2 mg, 47%) (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1 to 30/1).

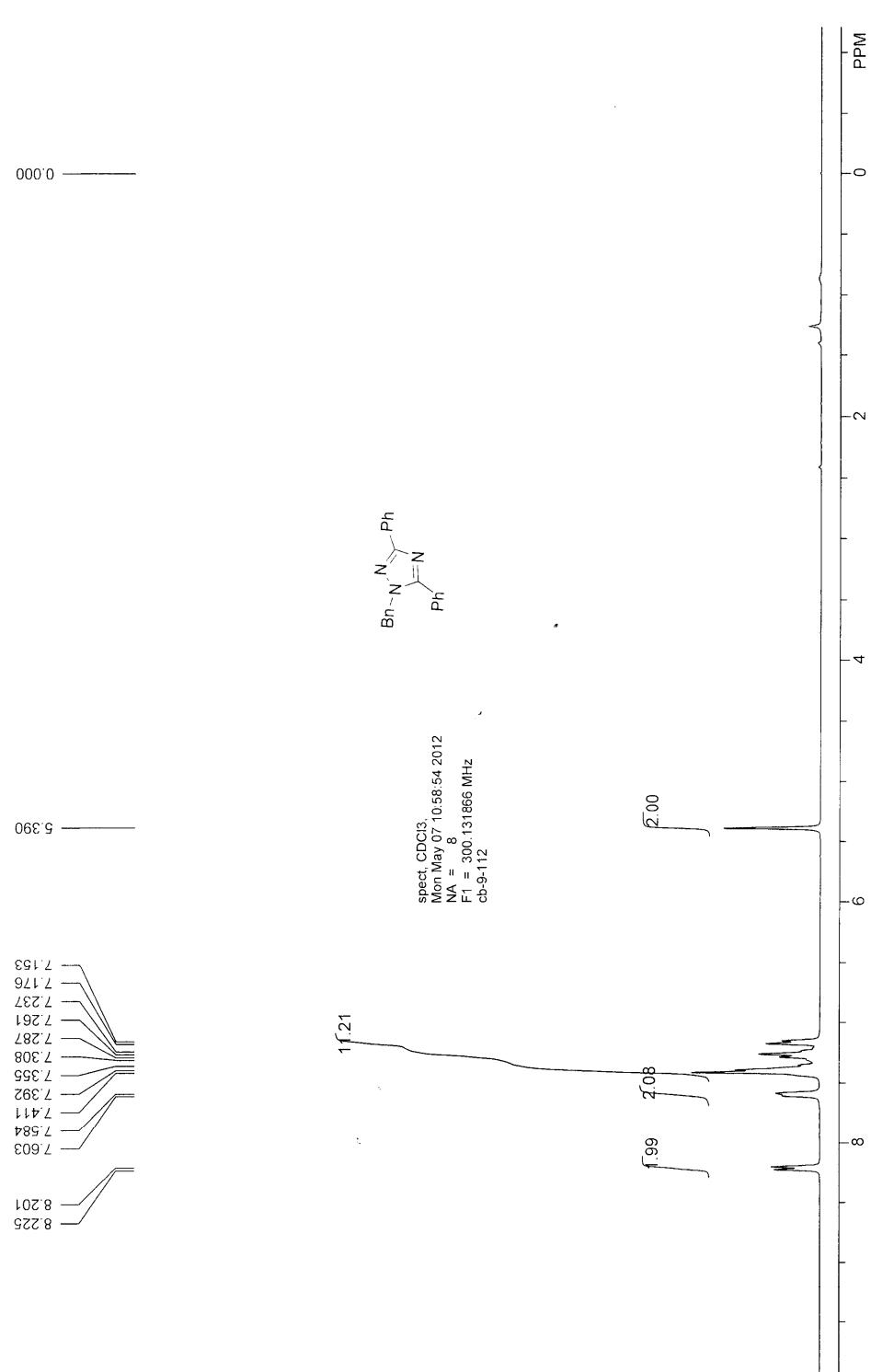
**3t:** white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.55 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 8.14 (dt,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.98 (t,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.83 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.74 (dt,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.54 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.41-7.30 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.25-7.15 (m, 4 H, ArH), 5.43 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ).

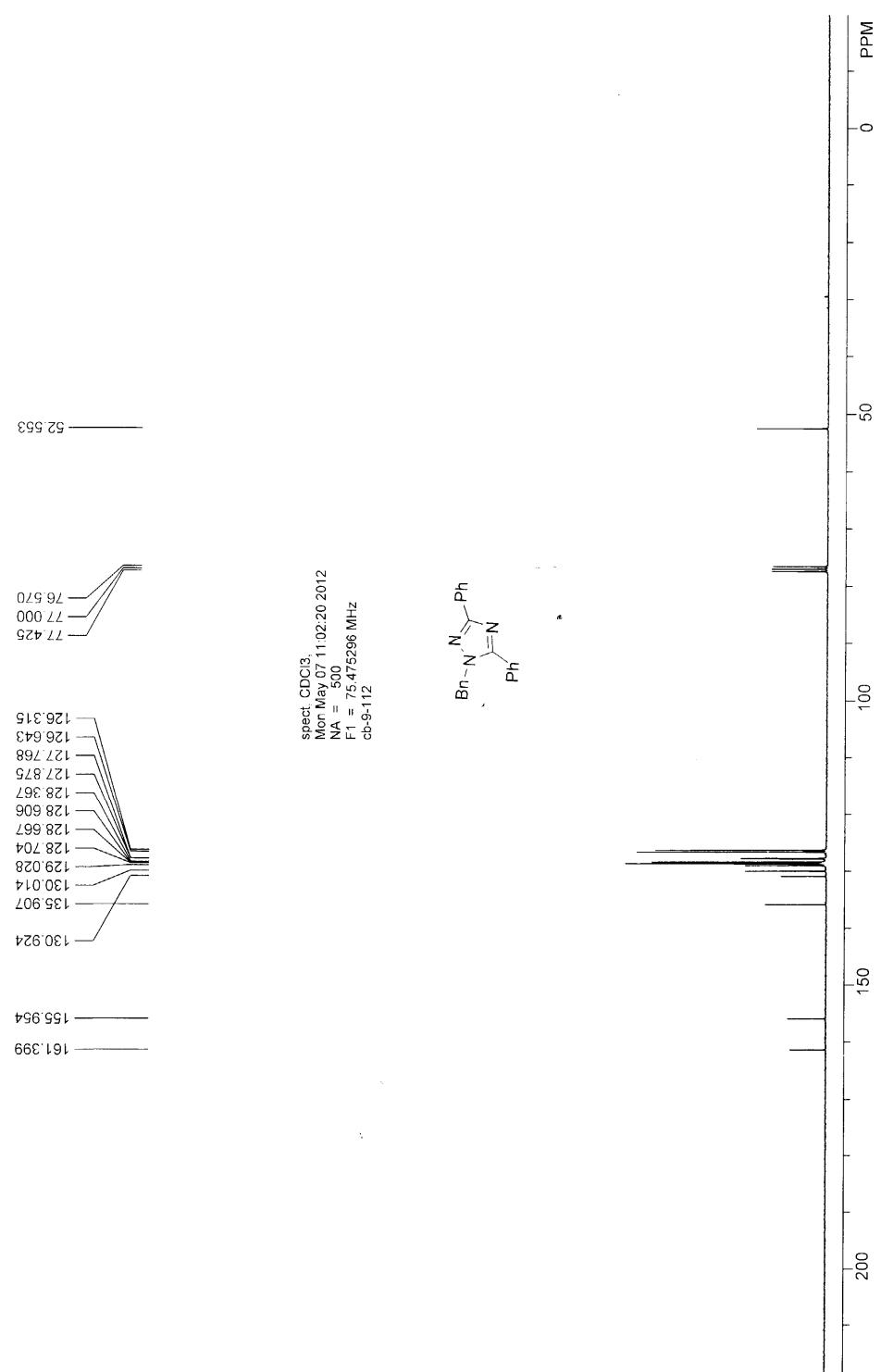
**3w:** white solid; 142-144  $^\circ\text{C}$  (petroleum ether & ethyl acetate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.56 (s, 1 H, ArH), 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, ArH), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2 H, ArH), 7.54-7.44 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.39-7.28 (m, 3 H, ArH), 7.23-7.14 (m, 3 H, ArH), 5.46 (s, 2 H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  160.0, 156.2, 138.0, 135.8, 135.1, 133.0, 130.3, 130.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0,

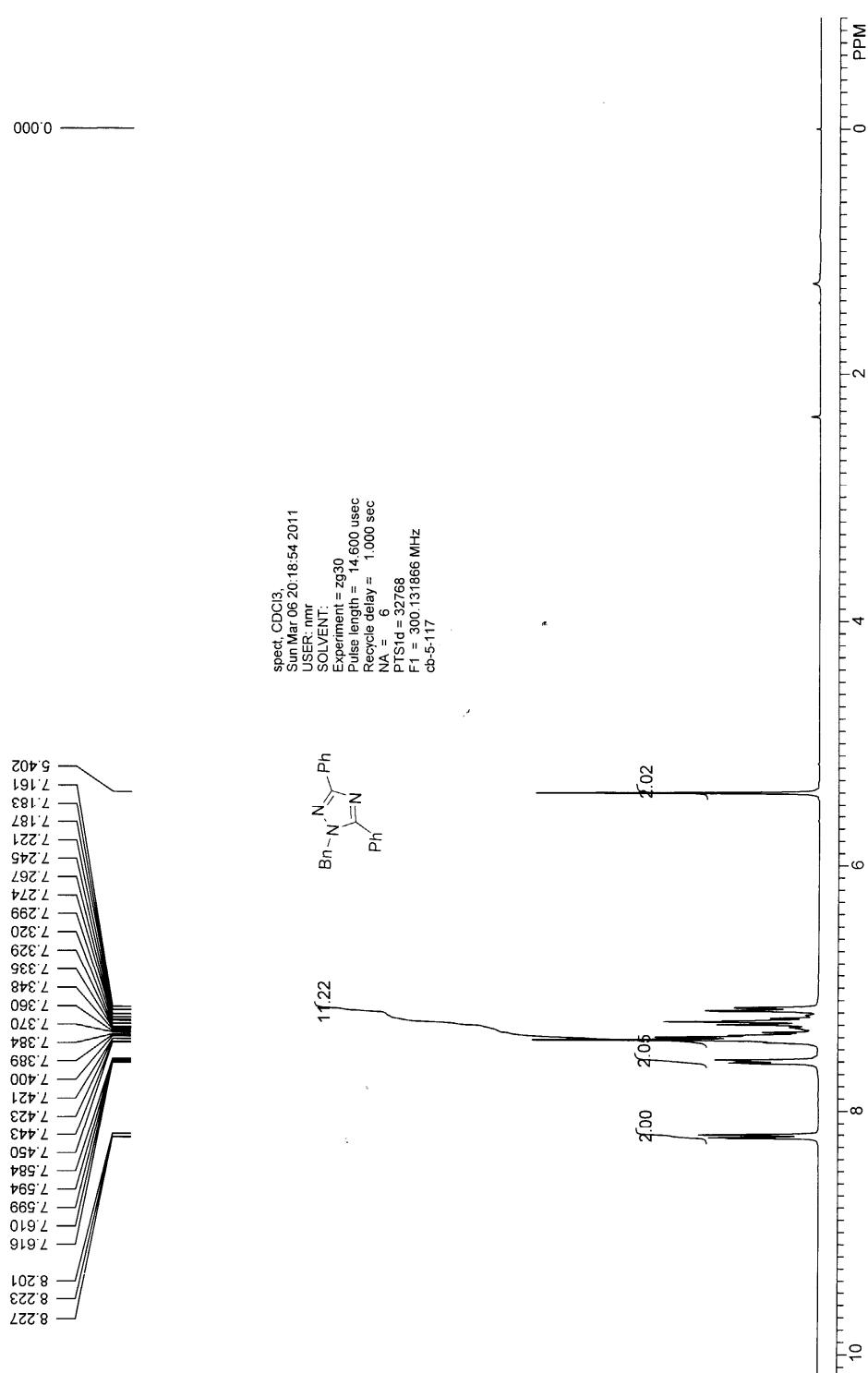
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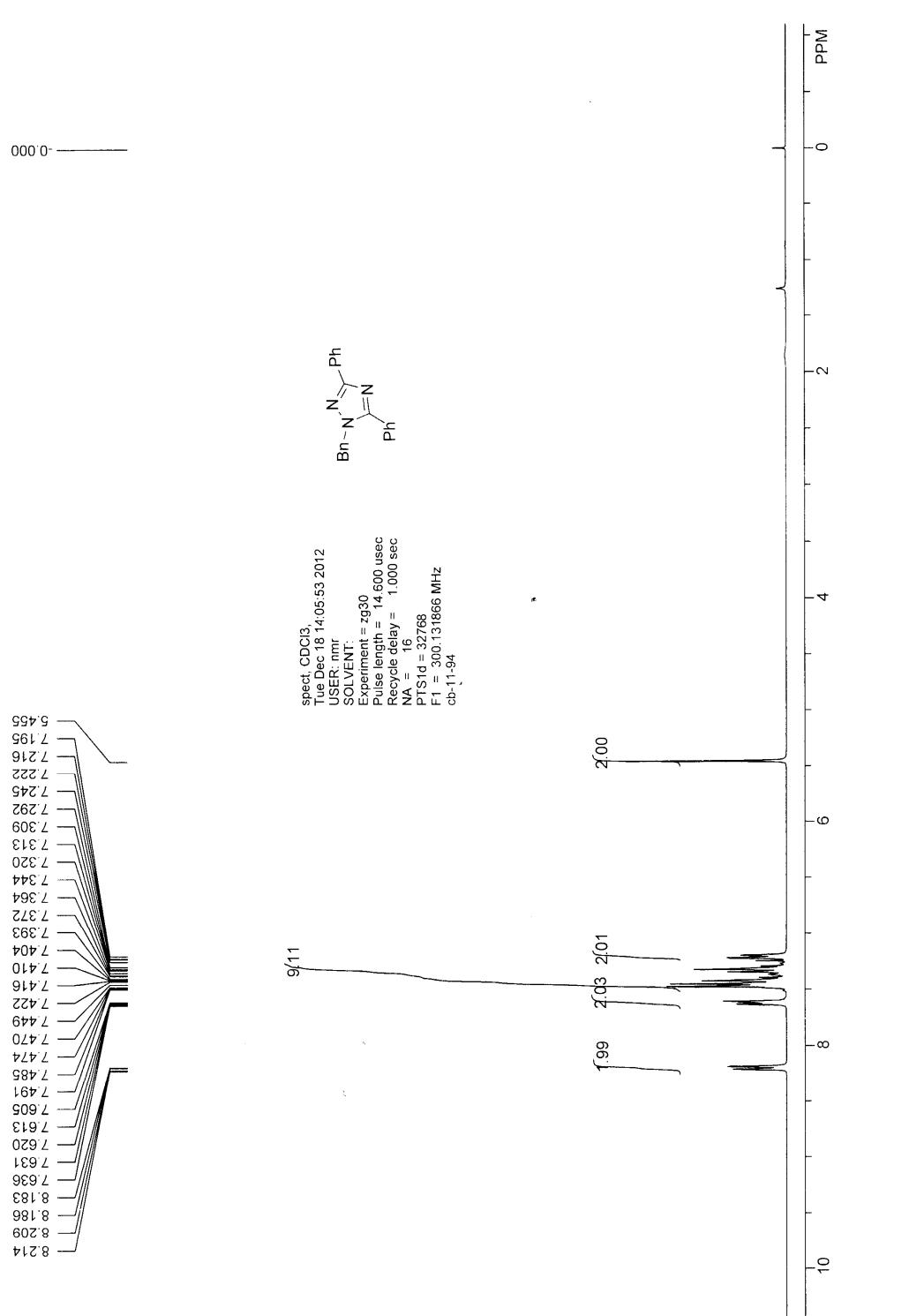
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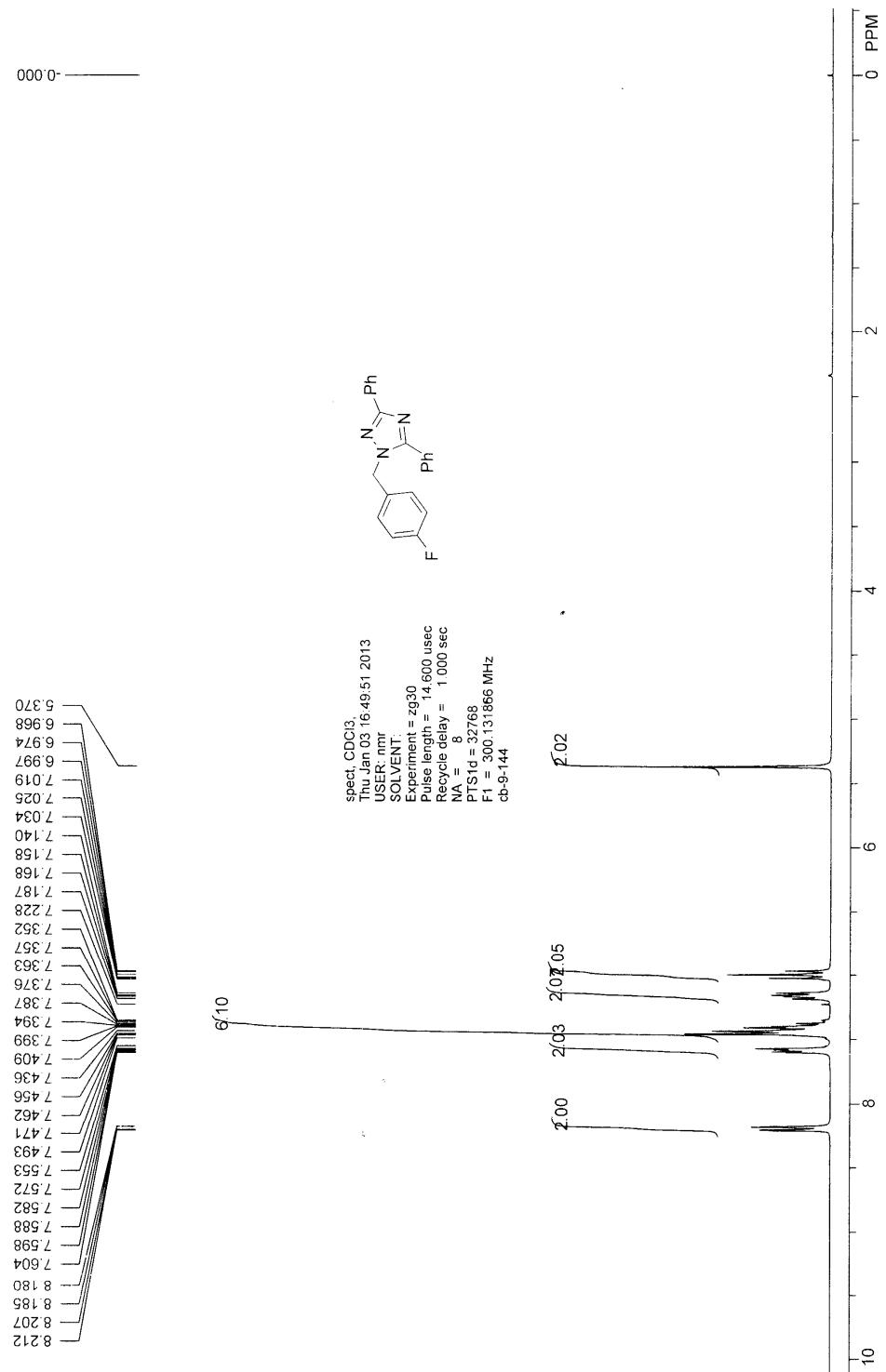
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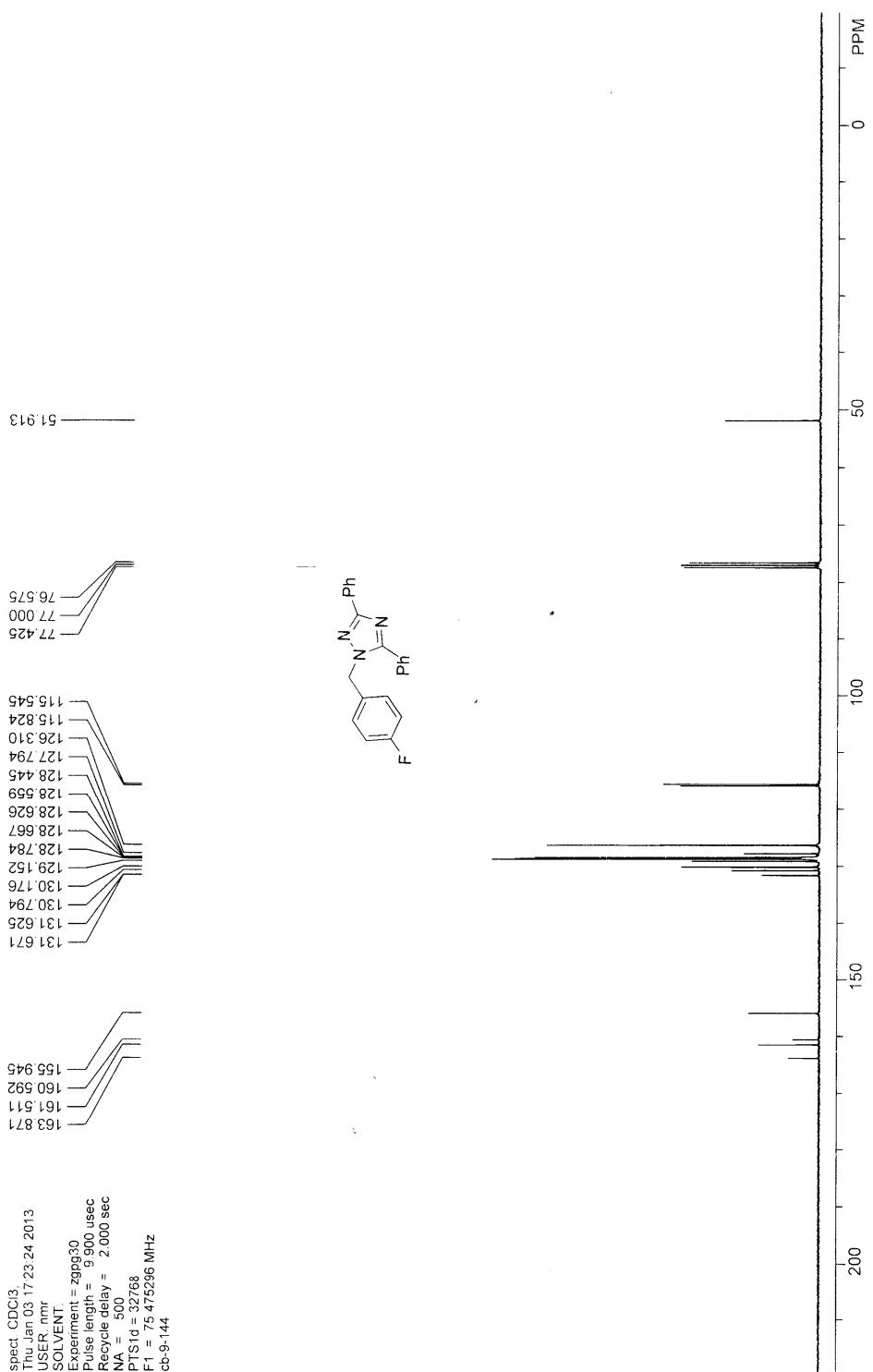












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