

**Facile and efficient synthesis of 1-haloalkynes via DBU-mediated
reaction of terminal alkynes and *N*-haloimides under mild conditions**

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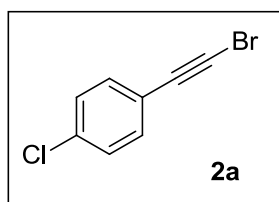
I. General

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without treatment, unless otherwise indicated. The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a Varian 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively, and TMS as internal standard. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker microTof by using ESI method.

II. Synthesis and analytical data of 2-4

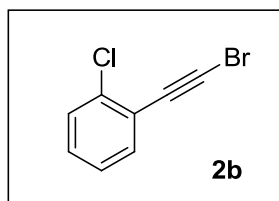
General procedure for the preparation of **2** (**2a** as an example): To a solution of 1-chloro-4-ethynylbenzene **1a** (136.6 mg, 1.0 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) was added NBS (195.8 mg, 1.1 mmol) and DBU (0.159 mL, 1.1 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 min. The reaction mixture was poured into water and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (3×10 mL), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether as eluent) to give **2a** (213 mg, 99%) as a white solid.

1-(bromoethynyl)-4-chlorobenzene (**2a**)



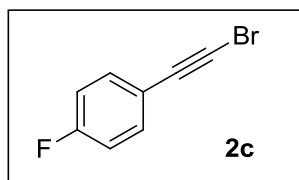
White solid. m.p. 76-78 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 51.0, 78.9, 121.1, 128.7, 133.2, 134.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{BrCl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 214.9263; found: 214.9259.

1-(bromoethynyl)-2-chlorobenzene (**2b**)



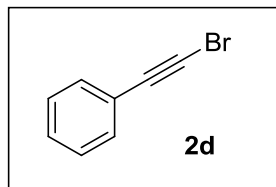
Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.17-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 55.3, 76.9, 122.5, 126.4, 129.2, 129.6, 133.8, 136.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{BrCl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 214.9263; found: 214.9268.

1-(bromoethynyl)-4-fluorobenzene (2c)



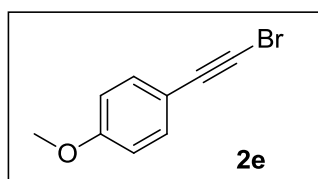
White solid. m.p. 39-41 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.00 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 49.4, 78.8, 115.6, 118.6, 133.8, 163.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{BrF}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 198.9559; found: 198.9564.

(bromoethynyl)benzene (2d)



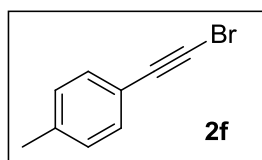
Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.29-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 49.7, 80.0, 122.6, 128.3, 128.7, 132.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 180.9653; found: 180.9657.

1-(bromoethynyl)-4-methoxybenzene (2e)



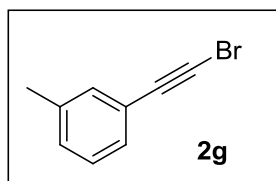
Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 47.8, 55.2, 79.9, 113.9, 114.7, 133.4, 159.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{BrO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 210.9759; found: 210.9752.

1-(bromoethynyl)-4-methylbenzene (2f)



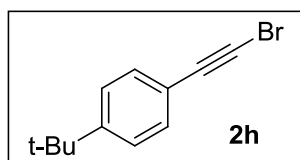
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1-(bromoethynyl)-3-methylbenzene (2g)



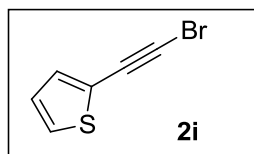
Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.30 (s, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 21.1, 49.2, 80.2, 122.4, 128.2, 129.0, 129.6, 132.5, 138.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 194.9809; found: 194.9805.

1-(bromoethynyl)-4-(tert-butyl)benzene (2h)

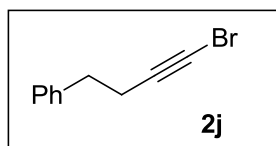


Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.29 (s, 9H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 31.1, 34.7, 48.7, 80.1,

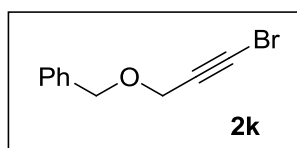
119.6, 125.3, 131.7, 131.8, 151.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}Br$ $[M+H]^+$: 237.0279; found: 237.0284.

2-(bromoethynyl)thiophene (2i)

Yellow oil. m.p. 76-78 °C. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 6.95-6.97 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz): δ = 54.1, 73.4, 122.7, 126.8, 127.3, 132.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C_6H_3BrS $[M+H]^+$: 186.9217; found: 186.9215.

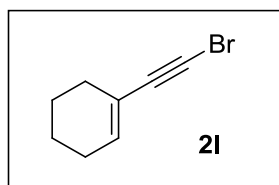
(4-bromobut-3-yn-1-yl)benzene(2j)

Colourless oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 2.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz): δ = 21.8, 34.6, 38.7, 79.6, 126.4, 128.3, 128.4, 140.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_9Br$ $[M+H]^+$: 208.9966; found: 208.9962.

((3-bromoprop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy)methylbenzene (2k)

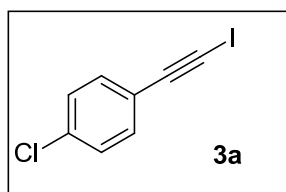
Yellow oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 4.17 (s, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.34 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz): δ = 46.1, 57.9, 71.6, 76.1, 127.9, 128.0, 128.4, 137.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_9BrO$ $[M+H]^+$: 224.9915; found: 224.9913.

1-(bromoethynyl)cyclohex-1-ene (2l)



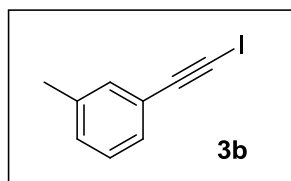
Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.55-1.65 (m, 4H), 2.06-2.11 (m, 4H), 6.14-6.15 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 21.3, 22.1, 25.6, 28.8, 46.2, 81.8, 120.4, 136.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 184.9966; found: 184.9970.

1-chloro-4-(iodoethynyl)benzene (3a)



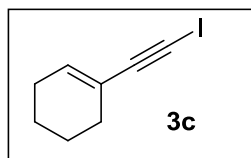
White solid. m.p. 81-83 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 7.7, 92.9, 121.8, 128.6, 133.5, 134.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{BrI}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 262.9124; found: 262.9129.

1-(iodoethynyl)-3-methylbenzene (3b)



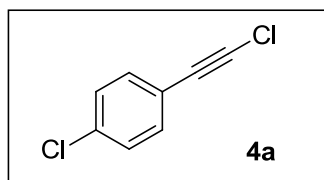
Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 2.30 (s, 3H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 5.6, 21.2, 94.3, 123.1, 128.1, 129.3, 129.7, 132.8, 137.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{I}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 242.9671; found: 242.9679.

1-(iodoethynyl)cyclohex-1-ene (3c)



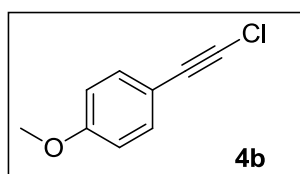
Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.54-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.64 (m, 2H), 2.10- 2.11 (m, 4H), 6.13 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 2.0, 21.3, 22.1, 25.5, 28.9, 96.1, 121.2, 137.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{I}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 232.9827; found: 232.9821.

1-chloro-4-(chloroethynyl)benzene (4a)



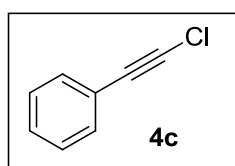
White solid. m.p. 72-74 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 68.3, 69.1, 120.6, 128.7, 133.2, 134.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 170.9768; found: 170.9765.

1-(chloroethynyl)-4-methoxybenzene (4b)



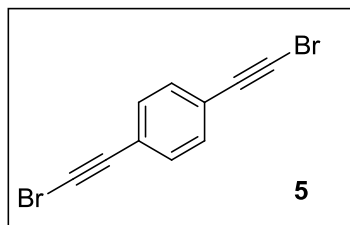
Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.81-6.84 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 55.2, 66.3, 69.2, 113.9, 114.1, 133.3, 159.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{ClO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 167.0264; found: 167.0268.

(chloroethynyl)benzene(4c)



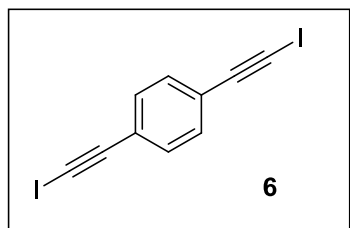
Colourless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.29-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 68.0, 69.3, 122.1, 128.3, 128.6, 131.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 137.0158; found: 137.0164.

1,4-bis(bromoethynyl)benzene (5)



White solid. m.p. 161-163 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.37 (s, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 52.2, 79.5, 122.9, 131.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_4\text{Br}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 282.8758; found: 282.8752.

1,4-bis(iodoethynyl)benzene (6)



White solid. m.p. 182-184 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.37 (s, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δ = 9.13, 93.5, 123.7, 132.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_4\text{I}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 378.8481; found: 378.8486.

III. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for compounds 2

