Supporting Information

# Copper(I) Iodide Catalyzed Synthesis of Primary Propargylic Alcohols from Terminal Alkyne

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#### **Methods and Materials**

**General:** All reactions carried out in a vial and heated in oil bath. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck 60 F254 silica gel plates and the purification of the crude product by column chromatography using 100-200 mesh silica gels (Merck). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-400 Ultra Shield (400 MHz) NMR spectrometers using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or *d*<sup>6</sup> DMSO. Gas chromatographic (GC) analysis was performed on a Shimadzu GC-2010 system equipped with and FID detector and a capillary column, DB-5 (Agilent J&W, 0.25 mm i.d. x 30 m, 0.25 mm film thickness.

**Materials.** All materials were commercially available and purchased from Aldrich, Merck, and other commercial suppliers and were used without further purification.

**General Experimental procedure:** To a stirred solution of terminal alkyne (1eq), para formaldehyde (2 equiv), triethyl amine (1equiv) in DMSO, CuI (0.05 equiv) and KOH (1 equiv) was added. This reaction mixture was heated to 100<sup>o</sup> C for 4-9 hours (monitored by TLC) in an open mouth vessel. After completion of reaction, it was cooled to room temperature and was diluted with ethyl acetate. Organic layer was washed with water, brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, 100-200 mesh (eluted with 5-30% ethyl acetate-hexane) to get respective analytically pure product.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>CNMR and GCMS spectral data of all products:



# 3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (3a):<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.46-7.41(m, 2H), 7.31-7.28(m, 3H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.66 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C- NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  131.61, 128.39, 122.51, 87.27, 85.50, 51.43. GCMS: m/z = 132 OH



<sup>1</sup> NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, , J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.47-4.46 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.62 (bs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C- NMR(100 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.82, 133.28, 114.73, 114.05, 86.01, 85.69, 55.38, 51.74. GCMS: m/z = 162.



# 3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1ol (3c):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 1.66 (bS, 1H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  134.69, 133.03, 128.80, 121.12, 88.27, 84.71, 51.67. Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClO C, 64.88; H, 4.23. Found C, 64.85; H, 4.30. GCMS: m/z = 166.



3-(4-aminophenyl)prop-2-yn-1ol (3e):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR(400 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.79 (bS, 2H), 1.6 (bs, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): δ 149.52, 132.61, 114.02, 108.99, 86.97, 85.50, 50.01. Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO. C, 73.45; H, 6.16; N, 9.52. Found C, 73.54; H, 6.25; N, 9.55. GCMS: m/z = 147.



## D<sub>2</sub>O exchange of 3-(4-aminophenyl) prop-2-yn-1ol:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.59-6.57(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz,2H), 4.44 (s, 2H).



# 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl) prop-2-yn-1-ol (3f):<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.54 (m, 4H), 4.51 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  131.8, 130.2 (<sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F} = 33$  Hz), 126.3, 125.2 (<sup>3</sup> $J_{C-F} = 4$  Hz), 123.8 (<sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F} = 271$  Hz), 89.6, 84.2, 51.3. GCMS: m/z = 200.



# 3-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (3g):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (s, 1H), 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  158.35, 134.20, 131.48, 129.31, 128.93, 126.80, 119.42, 117.36, 105.74, 86.77, 86.20, 55.33, 51.75. Anal. Calcd. For (%)C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 78.77; H, 5.09. Found C, 78.84; H, 5.18. GCMS: m/z = 212.



Oct-2-yn-1-ol (3i):<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 5.00 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.02-4.00 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.23 (m,4H), 0.88-0.84 (m,J=8Hz,3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 86.76, 78.40, 51.51, 31.15, 28.41, 22.32, 18.82, 14.07. GCMS: m/z = 126.



# 3-cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-ol (3j):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz,DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 4.99 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 4 Hz, 2 Hz, 2H), 1.32-1.25 (m, 1H), 0.78-0.70 (m, 2H), 0.57-0.53 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 89.26, 73.71, 50.83, 8.03. Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O: C, 74.97; H, 8.39 Found C, 75.18; H, 8.52. GCMS: m/z = 96.

#### 4-methylpent-2-yne-1, 4-diol (3k):

<sup>1</sup>H MNR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  5.23 (s, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, J = 5.9 Hz,2H), 1.34 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  90.36, 80.40, 65.13, 50.55, 31.30. Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 63.14; H, 8.83 Found C, 63.19; H, 8.91. GCMS: m/z =114.



# Hex-2-yn-1-ol (3I):<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  5.01 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.03-4.01 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.92(t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  86.33, 78.39, 51.28, 23.96, 20.64, 13.40. GCMS: m/z = 98.



#### 3-cyclohexylprop-2-yn-1-ol (3m):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  5.01 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 4.03-4.01(m, 2H), 2.38 (bs, 1H), 1.74-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.48 (bs, 1H), 1.34-1.24 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  90.72, 78.32, 51.47, 32.73, 29.20, 25.93, 25.02. Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O: C, 78.21; H, 10.21. Found C, 78.35; H, 10.33. GCMS: m/z = 138.



## 4-phenylbut-2-yn-1-ol (3n):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.41-7.28 (m, 5H), 4.97-4.92 (m, 1H), 4.88-4.85 (m, 1H), 3.46 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H). Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O: C, 81.79; H, 6.10. Found C, 81.87; H, 6.30. GCMS: m/z = 146.



#### 3-p-tolylprop-2-yn-1-ol (3o)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.30 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O: C, 82.16; H, 6.89; Found C, 82.36; H, 6.95;. GCMS: m/z = 146.



## 3-(6-aminopyridin-3-yl)prop-2-yn-1-ol(3p)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d<sub>6</sub>*): δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.25(d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H),. Anal. Calcd. For (%) C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 64.85; H, 5.44; N, 18.91; Found C, 64.55; H, 5.21; N, 18.65. LCMS: m/z = 149.2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra and GCMS spectra of all products: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $d_6$ , in these spectra there is some unwanted peak of solvent impurity<sup>1</sup>.



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1H NMR of 3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol in CDC13, 400 MHz(3c)





S9







<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4-methylpent-2-yne-1,4-diol in DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz (3k)













 $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  of 3-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-ol in  $\mathrm{CDCl}_3(3g)$ 



 $^{13}\mbox{C}$  NMR of  $hex\mbox{-}2\mbox{-}yn\mbox{-}1\mbox{-}ol$  in  $\mbox{CDCI}_3,$  100 MHz (31)





GCMS of 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (3b)





GCMS of 3-(4-aminophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (3e)





GCMS of 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol(3f)

GCMS of 3-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (3g)





GCMS of 3-Cyclopropylprop-2-yn-1-ol (3j)



GCMS of 4-methylpent-2-yne-1,4-diol (3k)



GCMS of Hex-2-yn-1-ol(31)





GCMS of 4-phenylbut-2-yn-1-ol (3n)





GCMS of 3-*p*-tolylprop-2-yn-1-ol (30)



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