## Synthesis of 1,2,4-Trisubstituted-(1*H*)–Imidazoles Through $Cu(OTf)_2/I_2$ Catalyzed C-C Bond Cleavage of Chalcones and Benzylamines

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## <u>HRMS of reaction mixtures for different equivalents of benzylamine with one</u> <u>equivalent of chalcone at different intervals:</u>

For the exploration of mechanism, we have conducted four different experiments using four different concentration of benzylamine in the reaction, ie, 1) both one equivalent of chalcone and benzylamine, 2) one equivalent of chalcone and two equivalent of benzylamine, 3) one equivalent of chalcone and four equivalent of benzylamine, 4) one equivalent of chalcone and six equivalent of benzylamine. All the reaction mixtures subjected for HRMS analysis at three different time intervals of 1 hour, 3 hour, and 6 hour respectively for finding the intermediates formed. After 1 hour of the reaction time, for both the reactions with one equivalent of benzylamine and two equivalent of benzylamine, HRMS analysis displayed the intermediate formation in the spectra (**Figure. S1, Figure S4**). However as the time progresses it clearly showed the imidazole formation [(M+H)<sup>+</sup> = 311.1504]. For higher equivalents of benzylamine, as the time progresses, it clearly displayed the peak for imidazole formation by decreasing the intensity of intermediate peaks (**Figure S7- Figure S12**). However in all the cases, we were unable to isolate the intermediates formed.



**Figure S1.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 1equivalent of benzylamine and chalcone after 1 hour of the reaction time.



Figure S2. HRMS for the reaction mixture of 1equivalent of benzylamine and chalcone after 3 hours of the reaction time.



**Figure S3.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 1equivalent of benzylamene and chalcone after 6 hours of the reaction time.



**Figure S4.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 2 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 1 hour of the reaction time.



**Figure S5.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 2 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 3 hours of the reaction time.



**Figure S6.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 2 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 6 hours of the reaction time.



**Figure S7.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 4 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 1 hour of the reaction time.



Figure S8. HRMS for the reaction mixture of 4 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 3 hours of the reaction time.



**Figure S9.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 4 equivalents of benzylamene and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 6 hours of the reaction time.



Figure S10. HRMS for the reaction mixture of 6 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 1 hour of the reaction time.



**Figure S11.** HRMS for the reaction mixture of 6 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 3 hours of the reaction time.



Figure S12. HRMS for the reaction mixture of 6 equivalents of benzylamine and 1 equivalent of chalcone after 6 hours of the reaction time.

## Spectral Data:



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3a



Figure S16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3b



Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3c



Figure S20. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3d



Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3e



Figure S24. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3f



**Figure S26.**<sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3g



Figure S28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3h



Figure S30. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3i



Figure S32.<sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3j



Figure S34. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3k



Figure S36. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 31



Figure S38. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3m



Figure S40. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3n



Figure S42. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 30



Figure S44. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3p





Figure S46. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3q



Figure S48. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3r



Figure S50. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3s







Figure S52. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3t



Figure S54. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3u





Figure S56. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3v



Figure S58. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 4a



Figure S60. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 4b



Figure S61. ORTEP drawing for compound 3a