SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Copper-Catalyzed Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition of Hydrazoic Acid Formed *In Situ* from Sodium Azide Affords 4-Monosubstituted-1,2,3-Triazoles

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Hydrazoic acid caution

Caution! Hydrazoic acid (HN₃) is toxic if inhaled,¹ and can be explosive if concentrated. It was reported that hydrazoic acid at concertation above 20% (w/w) can be explosive,² although ignition source (e.g. spark) is required for detonation of its vapours.³ Hydrazoic acid solutions with concentration under 10% (w/w) are safe to store and handle.⁴ Therefore, to minimize its potential hazards, reactions were performed on low scale (0.5–1.5 mmol) and at low concentration of NaN₃ / hydrazoic acid (max. 6% (w/w)), in closed systems inside the fume hood.

1.2. General reagent information

Copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate, copper(I) bromide, copper(I) iodide, copper(II) acetate, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC×HCl) and methyl-L-tryptophanate were purchased from Fluka .

Bromotris(triphenylphosphine)copper(I), copper(I)chloride, 2.2'-bipyridyl (bipy), (1, 4diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane) (DABCO), tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP), triphenylphosphine, nitrilotriacetic acid (NTA), tripropargylamine, sodium azide, sodium ascorbate, 1.3.5trimethoxybenzene, sodium hydroxide, 1,2-phenylenediamine, ammonium chloride, anhydrous sodium sulfate, p-toluensulfonic acid, acetic acid, methanoic acid, tris((1-hydroxy-propyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4yl)methyl)amine (THPTA), 2-bromoiodobenzene, triisopropyl borate, n-butyllithium, 2-butyl-5-chloro-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxaldehyde, 4-bromobenzyl bromide, potassium carbonate, sodium borohydrate, 2,4-lutidine and phosphorus(V) oxychloride, phenyl propargyl sulfide (1m), (triisopropylsilyl)acetylene (1n), 1-tetradecyne (1o), 1-ethynylcyclohexene (1p), 1-pentyne (1r), diphenylacetylene (1v), ethisterone (1s) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.

1,10'-Phenanthroline, trimethylsilylacetylene, palladium acetate and tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride (TBAF), phenylacetylene (**1a**), 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**1b**), 4-ethynylbenzonitrile (**1e**), 1-bromo-4-ethynylbenzene (**1f**), 1-ethynyl-4-nitrobenzene (**1g**), 4-ethynylaniline (**1j**), 2-ethynylpyridine (**1k**), 2-ethynyltiophene (**1l**), and Fmoc-L-propargylglycine (**1w**) were purchased from FluoroChem.

Benzyl azide, 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene (1c), 1-ethynyl-4-moethoxybenzene (1d), 1-ethynyl-2-fluorobenzene (1h) and 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne (1q) were purchased from Alfa Aesar.

2-Ethoxy-4-ethynyl-1-methoxybenzene (1i) was purchased from Apollo Scientific.

Custome made peptides **1aa** and **1y** were purchased from NovoPep Limited. Peptide **1z** was purchased from KS-V Peptide Biological Technology Co. Ltd.

Solvents were purchased from Honeywell, Fluorochem, Carlo Erba, J. T. Baker and Fisher Scientific. Solvents used were not pre-dried or distilled. All deuterated solvents were purchased from Euriso-top and were used without further purification.

Tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine ((BimH)₃) was prepared according to procedure from literature.⁵

Pregna-4,16-dien-20-yn-3-one (1t) was prepared according to literature.⁶

Fmoc-L-propargylglycine-methyl-L-tryptophanate(methyl((S)-2-((((9H-fluoren-9-
yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)pent-4-ynoyl)-L-tryptophanate)yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)pent-4-ynoyl)-L-tryptophanate)(1x) was prepared to slightly modified
procedure from the literature.

Tris((1-benzyl-4-triazolyl)methyl)amine (TBTA) was prepared to slightly modified procedure from the literature.⁸ See section 2.6.

Synthesis of acetylene substrate (2-butyl-4-chloro-1-((2'-ethynyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)-1*H*-imidazol-5-yl)methanol (**1u**) is described in section 2.8.

1.3. General experimental information

All reactions were performed under ambient atmosphere (unless noted otherwise). Reactions at elevated temperatures were conducted in ~8 mL or ~21 mL Merck's Ace pressure tubes (Cat. No. Z564621 and Z564583) with a screw cap in a heating block (see Supporting Photo S4), whereas reactions at room temperature were performed in 5 mL round bottom flasks.

1.4. General analytical information

NMR spectra were recorded with Bruker Avance III 500 MHz NMR instrument at 300 K operating at 500 MHz (¹H) and 126 MHz (¹³C). Proton spectra were referenced to residual CHCl₃ in deuterated chloroform (δ = 7.26 ppm) and DMSO-*d*₅ in DMSO-*d*₆ (δ = 2.50 ppm). Carbon spectra were referenced to the central line of ¹³C signal of CDCl₃ (δ = 77.2 ppm) in deuterated chloroform and (CD₃)SO (δ = 39.52 ppm) in DMSO-*d*₆. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm. Coupling constants are given in Hz. Multiplicities are indicated as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), sept (septet), m (multiplet) and br (broadened).

IR spectra were recorded with Bruker ALPHA FT-IR spectrometer with Platinum ATR module.

Melting points were determined with Kofler microscope with hot bench Leica Galen III. Melting points are given as obtained and are not corrected.

High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on time-of-flight Agilent Accurate Mass TOF LC/MS spectrometer (Agilent 6224) equipped with a double orthogonal electrospray source at atmospheric pressure ionization (ESI+).

HPLC analyses of peptide reactions were performed with Agilent Infinity II 1260 LC system. Atlantis® dC18, 5 μ m, 4.6 x 250 mm column was used. Mobile phases A: H₂O + 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid, B: Acetonitrile + 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid. Elution program as follows: 00:00–25:00 gradient elution; 100% A \rightarrow 100% B, 25:00–30:00 isocratic elution; 100% B. System was purged with 100% A for 5 minutes between runs. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min. 10 μ L of sample was injected, UV detection at 220 nm.

HPLC-HRMS analyses of peptide reactions were done with Agilent 1260 Infinity HPLC instrument coupled with Agilent Accurate Mass TOF LC/MS HRMS instrument. Atlantis® dC18, 5 μ m, 4.6 x 250 mm column was used. Mobile phases A: H₂O + 0.1% methanoic acid, B: acetonitrile + 0.1% methanoic acid. Elution program as follows: 00:00–25:00 gradient elution; 100% A \rightarrow 100% B, 25:00–30:00 isocratic elution; 100% B. System was purged with 100% A for 5 minutes between runs. Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min, 1 μ L of sample was injected. Detection with HRMS TOF detector equipped with a double orthogonal electrospray source at atmospheric pressure ionization (ESI+) in range 100–1100 m/z.

Fluka analytical TLC plates were used for thin-layer chromatography. UV-light at 254 nm was used for detection. Silica gel column chromatography was carried out on Fluka Silica gel 60N, mesh 220-240 and Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 using various silica columns (specifics are given at each example).

2. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES AND CHARACTERIZATION DATA

2.1. Optimization of reaction parameters (Supporting Tables S1-S9)

Development of reaction conditions for Method A:

Supporting Table S1. Results of acid-screening experiments.

	$\begin{array}{c} & \text{CuSO}_4 \times \\ & \text{Na(as)} \\ + & \text{NaN}_3 \end{array} \\ \hline & \text{THF/H}_2\text{O/EtOH}; \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 5H_2O \\ \text{ic} \\ \hline 100 ^{\circ}C; 24 h \end{array} $	
Entry	Acid	Yield [%]	
1	HC1	62	
2	H_2SO_4	76	
3	<i>p</i> -TsOH	38	
4	_	25	

Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (1.5 mmol), acid (1.6 mmol), CuSO₄×5H₂O (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (1.0 mmol), THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v, 2.5 mL). Yield of purified material after column chromatography is given.

Comment on Supporting Table S1: Sulfuric acid turned out to be most applicable for investigated system (entry 2).

Supporting Table S2. Results of temperature-screening experiments.

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 4^{a}

5^a

6^a



100

r.t.

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60

76 5^b

35^b

67^b

 7^{a} 100 79^{b} Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (1.5 mmol), acid (1.6 mmol), CuSO₄×5H₂O (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (1.0 mmol), THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v, 2.5 mL). Yield of purified material after column chromatography is given. ^aReaction with 5 equiv. of NaN₃: phenylacetylene (0.15 mmol), NaN₃ (0.75 mmol), H₂SO₄ (0.825 mmol), CuSO₄×5H₂O (20 mol%), Na(asc) (0.15 mmol),

THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v, 1.25 mL). ^bConversion was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard.

Comment on Supporting Table S2: Although CuAAC reactions usually proceed at low temperatures, it turned out high temperature is needed for our investigated system to achieve high conversion (entry 3). Increasing amount of NaN_3 (5 equiv.) did not increase the conversion into triazole product (entry 7).

Supporting Table S3. Results of catalyst-screening experiments.



Entry	[Cu]	Yield [%]
1	$CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O + Na(asc)$	76
2	$(CH_3COO)_2Cu + Na(asc)$	61
3	Cu(PPh ₃) ₃ Br	32
4	CuCl	39
5	CuBr	34
6	CuCl + Na(asc)	64
7	-	14 ª

Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), NaN_3 (1.5 mmol), acid (1.6 mmol), [Cu] (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (1.0 mmol), THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v, 2.5 mL). Yield of purified material after column chromatography is given. ^aCrude yield after extraction with EtOAc and aqueous NH₄Cl solution.

Comment on Supporting Table S3: $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ + reducing agent (sodium ascorbate) system turned out to be the most appropriate for optimal conversions (entry 1). Cu(I) tends to oxidize to Cu(II) at ambient atmosphere, thus lowering catalytic activity (compare entries 4, 6).

Supporting Table S4. Results of catalyst-loading expleriments.



Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), NaN_3 (1.5 mmol), acid (1.6 mmol), $CuSO_4$, sodium ascorbate (1.0 mmol), THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v, 2.5 mL). Yield of purified material after column chromatography is given.

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Supporting Table S5. Results of reaction time screening experiments.

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Entry	Time [h]	Yield [%]
1	3	36
2	6	53
3	14	72
4	24	76
5	48	74

Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (1.5 mmol), acid (1.6 mmol), CuSO₄×5H₂O (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (1.0 mmol), THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v, 2.5 mL). Yield of purified material after column chromatography is given.

Comment on Supporting Table S5: Although reaction does not proceed further after 14 hours (entry 3), 24 hours reaction time was selected (entry 4) for further screenings. Prolonged reaction times did not result better conversions (entry 5).

Supporting Table S6. Results of solvent-screening experiments.



Entry	Solvent ^a [volume ratio]	Conversion [%]
1	H_2O	19
2	H ₂ O/EtOH [1/1]	48
3	THF/EtOH [1/1]	41
4	THF/H ₂ O [1/1]	43
5	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	76 ^b
6	<i>t</i> -BuOH/H ₂ O/EtOH [1/1/2]	72
7	CH ₃ CN/H ₂ O [1/1]	74
8	CH ₃ CN/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	74
9°	DMF/MeOH [5/1]	84 ^b

Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (1.0 mmol), NaN₃ (1.5 mmol), acid (1.6 mmol), CuSO₄×5H₂O (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (1.0 mmol). ^a2.5 mL of solvent in given ratio. Conversion is determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard. ^bYield of purified material after column chromatography. ^c20 mol% of CuI as precatalyst.

Comment on Supporting Table S6: Multiple solvent mixtures were examined. Reaction proceeded the best in DMF/MeOH solvent system with CuI as catalyst (entry 9) and environmentally friendlier THF/H₂O/EtOH solvent system with CuSO₄ catalyst (entry 5). These conditions were selected for substrate scope screening and we described them as Method A.

Development of reaction conditions for Method B:

Supporting Table S7. Results of tris[(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl]amine (TBTA)-accelerated experiments.



Entry	Cu [mol%]	Equiv. of Na(asc)	Acid [equiv.]	Mol% TBTA	Solvent [mL]	Temp. [°C]	Conversion [%]
1	CuI [20]	1	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	10	DMF [1.25]	60	96
2	CuI [20]	1	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	10	DMF [1.25]	r.t.	51/73 ^b /88 ^c
3	CuI [20]	-	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	10	DMF [1.25]	60	8
4	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O [5]	1	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	10	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [1.25] ^a	60	68
5	CuI [20]	-	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	10	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [1.25] ^a	60	32
6	CuI [20]	-	HCOOH [5]	10	DMF [1.25]	60	79
7	CuI [10]	1	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	5	DMF [1.25]	60	89/89 ^c /88 ^d
8	CuI [5]	1	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	2.5	DMF [1.25]	60	89/89 ^c
9	CuI [10]	1	-	5	DMF [1.25]	60	6
10	CuI [20]	1	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	10	DMF [0.6]	r.t.	85/85°
11	CuI [5]	1	HCl [1.6]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	60	85
12	CuI [5]	-	HCl [1.6]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	60	40
13	CuI [5]	-	HCOOH [5]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	60	77
14	CuI [5]	1	H ₂ SO ₄ [1.6]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	r.t.	35/70 ^b
15	CuI [5]	-	HCOOH [5]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	r.t.	0
16	CuI [5]	-	HCOOH [5]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	40	43°

17	CuI [10]	-	HCOOH [5]	5	DMF [0.6]	40	50°
18	CuI [5]	0.2	HCOOH [5]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	r.t	75°
19	CuI [5]	0.2	HCOOH [5]	2.5	DMF [0.6]	40	90/89 ^d

Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (0.5 mmol), NaN₃ (0.75 mmol), TBTA: Tris[(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl]amine. ^aVolume ratio [2/2/1]. Conversion is determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard. ^bConversion after 48 hours. ^cConversion after 72 hours. ^dYield after purification with column chromatography.

Comment on Supporting Table S7: By using tris[(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl]amine (TBTA) milder overall reaction conditions were achieved (acid and temperature). Developed conditions (entry 19) were selected for substrate scope screening and we described them as Method B. We aimed to develop synthetic protocol that would be operate under ambient atmosphere and even with strong affinity of TBTA towards Cu(I) we still needed to add reducing agent (sodium ascorbate) to regenerate Cu(I) from Cu(II) (compare entries 1 and 3). We found that methanoic acid (HCOOH) can also acts as a reducing agent of Cu(II), enabeling the reaction without sodium ascorbate. At 60 °C good conversions were obtained without sodium ascorbate (entries 6 and 13), whereas at 40 °C and room temperature methanoic acid is not sufficient reducing agent (entries 15, 16, 17). By employing TBTA we were able to lower Cu-catalyst loading to 5 mol%.

Development of reaction conditions for Method C:

Supporting Table S8. Results of tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine ((BimH)₃)-accelerated experiments.



Entry	Cu	Equiv. of Na(asc)	Acid [equiv.]	Solvent [volume ratio]	Temp. [°C]	Conversion [%]
1	CuI	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	DMF	40	61
2	CuI	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	DMF	r.t.	24
3	CuBr	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	EtOH	40	83
4	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0.25	HCOOH [2]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	40	97
5	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0.25	HCOOH [3]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	r.t.	99
6	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	1	Acetic acid [3]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	40	80/91 ^a
7	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0.25	Acetic acid [2]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	40	74
8	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0.25	Acetic acid [6.6]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	r.t.	100/99°
9	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0.25	Lactic acid [2]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	r.t.	90
10	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0.25	Lactic acid [5]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	r.t.	83
11	$CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$	0.25	TFA [2]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	r.t.	95
12	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0.25	Acetate buffer pH 3.7	MeOH/H2Od [2/1]	r.t.	39
13	CuBr	0.25	HCOOH [3]	DMF/H ₂ O [5/1]	r.t.	95 ^b
14	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O	0 ^e	Acetic acid [6.6]	MeOH/H ₂ O [4/1]	r.t.	<1%

Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (0.5 mmol), NaN₃ (0.75 mmol), [Cu] (5 mol%), tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine (BimH)₃ (5 mol%), TFA: trifluoroacetic acid. 0.6 mL of solvent in given ratio. Conversion was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard. ^aConversion after 48 hours. ^bConversion after 72 hours. ^cYield after purification by column chromatography. ^d0.2 mL AcOH/NaOAc buffer. ^e25 mol% of tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP) was used instead of sodium ascorbate.

Comment on Supporting Table S8: By using tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine (BimH)₃ we achieved milder reaction conditions regarding employed acids and reaction temperature. Developed conditions (entry 8) were selected for substrate scope screening and we described them as Method C. By using (BimH)₃ we were able to lower reaction temperature to room temperature. We explored mild organic acids and wanted to use solvent mixture that provided easier work-up and purification process, and would follow recommendations of CHEM21 selection guide of classical- and less classical-solvents.⁹ Notewhorty, by using acetic acid (6.6 equiv.), methanoic acid (3 equiv.) and lactic (2 equiv.) or trifluoroacetic acid (2 equiv.) we were able to obtain quantitative or almost quantitative conversions at room temperature (entries 5, 8, 9, 11).

		2		[Cu] Na(asc) acid ligand		N= ^N N	н
		+ NaN ₃	solvent	; temperat	ure; 24 h	J	
Entry	Cu [mol%]	Equiv. of Na(asc)	Acid [equiv.]	Ligand [mol%]	Solvent [volume ratio]	Temp. [°C]	Conversion [%]
1	CuI [5]	0.2	Acetic acid [2]	DABCO [5]	DMF	40	63
2	CuI [5]	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	Bipy [10]	DMF	40	67
3	CuI [5]	-	Oxalic acid [1.5]	PPh ₃ [2.5]	DMF	40	0
4	CuI [5]	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	PPh ₃ [10]	DMF	40	43
5	CuI [5]	-	Oxalic acid [1.5]	Phen [2.5]	DMF	40	0
6	CuI [5]	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	Phen [2.5]	DMF	r.t.	32
7	CuI [5]	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	Phen [2.5]	DMF	40	71 ^b
8	CuI [5]	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	Phen [5]	DMF	40	73/72 ^b
9	CuI [5]	0.2	Acetic acid [3]	Phen [5]	DMF	r.t.	70 ^a
10	CuI [5]	0.5	Acetic acid [3]	Phen [10]	DMF	40	72
11	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O [5]	1	Acetic acid [3]	Phen [10]	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	40	80
12	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O [10]	-	-	TCEP [200]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	60	0
13	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O [10]	-	Acetic acid [6.6]	TCEP [100]	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	60	0
14	CuSO ₄ ×5H ₂ O [10]	-	NTA [3]	-	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	60	0

Supporting Table S9. Results from other ligand-accelerated experiments.

Reaction conditions: phenylacetylene (0.5 mmol), NaN₃ (1.5 mmol), TCEP: (tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine), NTA: nitrilotriacetic acid, 0.6 mL of solvent in given ratio. Conversion was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard. ^aConversion after 72 hours. ^bYield after purification with column chromatography.

Comment on Supporting Table S9: Although tris[(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl]amine (TBTA) and tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine (BimH)₃ provided good results, we also investigated other standard ligands for copper-catalysed reactions, including CuAAC, as well as miscellaneous multipurpose aditives. Aditives that would have the potential to act simultaneously as acid, reducing agent, and ligand, such as TCEP, were also investigated. Among examined ligands, besides TBTA and (BimH)₃, 1,10'-Phenathroline also provided good results (entries 7–11). When using potential multipurpose aditives such as (tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine) (TCEP) and nitrilotriacetic acid (NTA) we did not observe any conversion into triazole product (entries 12-14).

2.2. Monitoring conversion over time on model reaction with phenylacetylene for Method C



Procedure: Phenylacetylene (51 mg, 0.5 mmol), CuSO₄×5H₂O (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), tris(2benzimidazolylmethyl)amine ((BimH)₃) (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.125 mmol, 25 mol%), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) internal standard (15.8 mg, 0.09394 mmol) were added to 5 mL round bottom flask containing 0.450 mL of MeOH and 0.150 mL of H₂O. HCOOH (57 μ L, 70 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added and the flask was sealed with septum. Aliquotes of reaction mixture were taken by syringe (25 μ L), diluted with CDCl₃ (0.6 mL) and conversion into triazole product was determined by ¹H NMR by comparing integrals of indicative ArC*H* resonance of 4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazole at δ 7.77 ppm (d, 2H) and of internal TMB standard at δ 6.06 ppm (s, 3H).



Supporting Figure S1. Conversion of phenylacetylene into 4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazole over time.

2.3. Preparation of hydrazoic acid solution by distillation

CAUTION! Pure hydrazoic acid is explosive and its vapours are toxic (bp. 37 °C). Preparation must be done carefully in a closed system under the fume hood.

Procedure: Sodium hydroxide (250 mg, 6.25 mmol) was dissolved in 7.5 mL of water in 10 mL two necked round bottom distilling flask and sodium azide (747 mg, 11.5 mmol) was added. *Note: Sodium hydroxide is added to prevent cold formation of hydrazoic acid*. Distilling flask was fitted with septum and a condenser with a short distilling path. At the end of condenser 25 mL recieving flask containing 5 mL of cold water was attached and was cooled on ice-bath during distillation process. Solution in the distilling flask was brought to boil. As first drops of distilling water passed trough condenser 4.5 mL of 40% sulfuric acid (23.9 mmol) was added dropwise. After the addition of sulfuric acid, distillation was continued until about 2.5 mL of solution was left in the distilling flask. Approximatelly 10 mL total volume of hydrazoic acid solution was obtained. Concentration of hydrazoic acid solution was determined by titration with 0.05 M NaOH solution using phenolphtalein as indicator. This procedure was repeated twice, determined concentrations were: 0.504 M (first run), 0.623 M (second run).



Supporting Photo S1. Apparatus for distillation of hydrazoic acid.

2.4. Reactions with distilled hydrazoic acid solution (Supporting Table S10)

Supporting Table S10. Results of reactions with distilled hydrazoic acid solution.

	CuSO Na	4 × 5H ₂ O (asc)	N					
solvent; temperature, 24 h								
Entry	Solvent [volume ratio]	Temperature [°C]	Conversion [%]					
1	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	r.t.	1					
2	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	40	34					
3	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	40	34 ^a					
4	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	60	38					
5	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	80	50					
6	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	100	78					
7 ^b	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	100	14					
8 ^c	THF/H ₂ O/EtOH [2/2/1]	100	$72/70^{d}$					
9 ^e	MeOH/H ₂ O [3/1]	r.t.	92					

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Hydrazoic acid was introduced into reaction as aqueous solution.

Reaction conditions: HN_3 (0.5 mmol, 1 mL 0.5 M aqueous solution), phenylacetylene (1 mmol), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (1 mmol), $THF:H_2O:EtOH$ 2:2:1 (v/v/v, 2.5 mL). Conversion was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) as internal standard. ^aReaction time 72 h. ^bReaction without copper catalyst and sodium ascorbate. ^cReaction conditions; excess HN_3 : phenylacetylene (0.17 mmol), HN_3 (0.5 mmol, 3 equiv., 1 mL 0.5 M aqueous solution), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (0.17 mmol). ^dYield after purification by column chromatography. ^eReaction conditions with excess of HN_3 : phenylacetylene (0.16 mmol), HN_3 (0.31 mmol, 1.9 equiv., 0.5 mL 0.62 M aqueous solution), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (5 mol%), (BimH)₃ (5 mol%), sodium ascorbate (0.04 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), MeOH:H₂O 3:1 (v/v, 2 mL).

2.5. Synthesis and characterization of 4-monosubstituted-1,2,3-triazoles (Fig. 3) General procedure for Method A:

$$R \longrightarrow + NaN_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{CuSO}_{4} \times 5H_{2}O}{\text{H}_{2}SO_{4}} \xrightarrow{\text{N}=N, NH}{\text{NH}}$$

Into a 8 or 21 mL ACE pressure tube stirring bar, alkyne (1 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (50 mg, 0.2 mmol, 20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (198 mg, 1 mmol), NaN₃ (98 mg, 1.5 mmol), solvent mixture THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v) and 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 164 mg, 1.6 mmol), were added in that order. After addition of sulfuric acid, ACE tube was sealed with a screw cap and reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at 100 °C in aluminum heating block (see Supporting picture S4). After that time, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature in a closed ACE pressure tube. Prior to work-up, ACE tube was uncapped and left open for a few minutes in the fume hood to allow any excess hydrazoic acid in vapor phase to evaporate. To reaction mixture were added ethyl acetate or dichloromethane (30 mL) and ammonium chloride solution (20 mL sat. NH₄Cl + 20 mL H₂O), and phases were separated in separatory funnel. Aqueous phase was additionally extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 30 mL). Organic phases were combined and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed with the aid of rotary evaporator. Crude product was purified by silica column chromatography (mobile phase CH₂Cl₂:acetone 5:1) unless otherwise noted.

General procedure for Method A with CuI catalyst and DMF/MeOH solvent system:

$$R \longrightarrow + NaN_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{Cul}} BMF/MeOH; 100 °C, 24h \xrightarrow{N \neq N, NH} R$$

Into a 8 or 21 mL ACE pressure tube stirring bar, alkyne (1 mmol or 0.5 mmol scale, 1 equiv.), CuI (20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (1 equiv.), NaN₃ (1.5 equiv.), solvent mixture DMF:MeOH 5:1 (v/v) and 96% H₂SO₄ (1.6 equiv.), were added in that order. After addition of sulfuric acid, ACE tube was sealed with a screw cap and reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at 100 °C in aluminum heating block. After that time, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature in a closed ACE pressure tube. Prior to work-up, ACE tube was uncapped and left open for a few minutes in the fume hood to allow any excess hydrazoic acid in vapor phase to evaporate. Reaction mixture was filtered trough a short pad of silica gel by using ethyl acetate as elunet. Resulting filtrate was concentrated with the aid of rotary evaporator and crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-50SIHC-F0004 (4 g, 50 μ m SiO₂), gradient elution: 00:00–

20:00: 100% petroleum ether \rightarrow 100% ethyl acetate; 20:00–25:00: 100% ethyl acetate, flow rate: 5 mL/min).

General procedure for Method B:

$$R \longrightarrow + NaN_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{Cul}} Na(asc) \\ HCOOH \\ DMF; 40 ^{\circ}C, 24h \\ R \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{\text{N} \neq N} NH \\ R \xrightarrow{\text{N} \to N} N$$

Into a 8 mL ACE pressure tube stirring bar, alkyne (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), sodium ascorbate (20 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), tris[(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl]amine (TBTA) (6.6 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol%), NaN₃(49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), DMF (0.6 mL) and HCOOH (94 μ L, 115 mg, 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) were added in that order. After addition of methanoic acid, ACE tube was sealed with a screw cap and reaction mixture stirred for 24 hours at 40 °C in aluminum heating block. Then, the reaction tube was uncapped and the reaction mixture was filtered trough a short pad of silica gel using ethyl acetate as eluent. Resulting filtrate was concentrated with the aid of rotary evaporator and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520, unless noted otherwise. (Column: Interchim PF-50SIHC-F0004 (4 g, 50 μ m SiO₂), gradient elution: 00:00–20:00: 100% petroleum ether \rightarrow 100% ethyl acetate; 20:00–25:00: 100% ethyl acetate, flow rate: 5 mL/min).

General procedure for Method C:

Into a 5 mL round bottom flask stirring bar, alkyne (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (6.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), sodium ascorbate (25 mg, 0.125 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine ((BimH)₃) (10 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), solvent MeOH:H₂O 3:1 (v/v, 0.6 mL) and CH₃COOH (189 µL, 198 mg, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv) were added in that order. After the addition of acetic acid flask was capped with glass stopper and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature. Then, the reaction flask was uncapped and the reaction mixture was filtered trough a short pad of silica gel using ethyl acetate as eluent. Resulting filtrate was concentrated with the aid of rotary evaporator and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 system, unless noted otherwise.

(Column: Interchim PF-50SIHC-F0004 (4 g, 50 μ m SiO₂), gradient elution: 00:00–20:00: 100% petroleum ether \rightarrow 100% ethyl acetate; 20:00–25:00: 100% ethyl acetate, flow rate: 5 mL/min).

4-Phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3a, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: Phenylacetylene (**1a**) (104 mg, 1.02 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (104 mg, 1.60 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 µL, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Yellowish-white crystalline solid, 113 mg (76%).

Prepared according to *Method A (with CuI catalyst and DMF/MeOH solvent)*: Phenylacetylene (**1a**) (49 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (19 mg, 0.10 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (100 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (51 mg, 0.78 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1.25 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (45 μ L, 79 mg, 0.81 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 61 mg (84%).

Prepared according to *Method B*: Phenylacetylene (**1a**) (47 mg, 0.46 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (20 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), TBTA (6.6 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol%), NaN₃ (47 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL DMF, HCOOH (94 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 59 mg (89%)

Prepared according to *Method C*: Phenylacetylene (**1a**) (52 mg, 0.51 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv), (BimH)₃ (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (52 mg, 0.80 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL of solvent mixture, CH₃COOH (190 µL, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 73 mg (99%).

Mp.: 144-146 °C. Mp. (lit.): 145-146 °C.¹⁰

IR (cm⁻¹): 3152, 3116, 2956, 2850, 1454, 1082, 971, 873, 763, 691.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.85–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H).

Prepared according to *Method C with extraction and recrystallization:* Phenylacetylene (**1a**) (54 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv), (BimH)₃ (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN_3 (52 mg, 0.80 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL of solvent mixture, CH_3COOH (190 µL, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.). After 24 hours product was extracted with

ethyl acetate from ammonium acetate solution (20 mL sat. $NH_4Cl + 20$ mL H_2O). Ethyl acetate was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated.

¹H NMR spectrum of crude product with Method C after extraction:



Supporting Figure S2. Crude product 3a after extraction using Method C conditions.

In the crude product **3a** was almost already in pure form (see Supp. Fig. S2) and could be easily further purified by crystallization. For example, crude product was recrystallized by using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether mixture to obtain product **3a** in completely pure form (43 mg, 56%). Crystallization protocol was not optimized.

4-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3b, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (**1b**) (174 mg, 1.02 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (52 mg, 0.21 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (205 mg, 1.03 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN_3 (103 mg, 1.58 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H_2SO_4 (89 µL, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Yellowish white crystalline solid, 145 mg (67%).

Mp.: 188.5-189.5 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3141, 2967, 2866, 1424, 1320, 1169, 1130, 1063, 973, 840.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.83 (br, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.98–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.70 (m, 2H). NMR data are in agreement with those from the literature.¹¹

4-(4-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3c, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene (**1c**) (117 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.) $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (99 mg, 1.52 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 µL, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Off-white crystalline solid, 100 mg (62%).

Prepared according to *Method A* (*with CuI catalyst and DMF/MeOH solvent*): 1-ethynyl-4methylbenzene (**1c**) (58 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.) CuI (19 mg, 0.10 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (99 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (51 mg, 0.78 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1.25 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (45 μ L, 0.81 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 62 mg (78%).

Mp.: 152–154.5 °C. Mp. (lit.): 150–152 °C.¹⁰

IR (cm⁻¹): 3155, 3123, 2858, 1477, 1075, 999, 972, 874, 820, 723.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.67 (br, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.74–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)- 1H-1,2,3-triazole (3d, Fig. 3)

N^{≥N}, ↓____NH MeO

Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1d**) (133 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (99 mg, 1.52 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Off-white crystalline solid, 98 mg (56%).

Prepared according to *Method A (with CuI catalyst and DMF/MeOH solvent)*: 1-ethynyl-4methoxybenzene (**1d**) (74 mg, 0.56 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (19 mg, 0.10 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (98 mg, 0.49 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (53 mg, 0.82 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1.25 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (45 μ L, 0.81 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Brownish white crystalline solid, 74 mg (75%).

Prepared according to *Method B*: 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1d**) (66 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (20 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), TBTA (6.6 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol%), NaN₃ (51 mg, 0.78 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL DMF, HCOOH (115 mg, 94 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 61 mg (70%)

Prepared according to *Method C*: 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1d**) (65 mg, 0.49 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), (BimH)₃ (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL of solvent mixture, CH₃COOH (190 µL, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 82 mg (95%).

Mp.: 167–168.5 °C. Mp. (lit.): 168 –169 °C.¹²

IR (cm⁻¹): 3153, 3114, 2835, 1613, 1533, 1465, 1247, 972, 873, 827.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.77–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.96 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

4-(4-Cianophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3e, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynyl-4-cianobenzene (**1e**) (120 mg, 0.94 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (97 mg, 1.49 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Off-white crystalline solid, 115 mg (72%).

Mp.: 172.8-174.5 °C. Mp. (lit.): 170 -172 °C.10

IR (cm⁻¹): 3125, 2857, 2227, 1612, 1131, 1079, 997, 969, 869, 850.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.96 (br, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.97–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.73 (m, 2H).

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3f, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 4-bromo-1-ethynylbenzene (**1f**) (53 mg, 0.29 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (15 mg, 0.06 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (60 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN_3 (30 mg, 0.46 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (27 µL, 0.48 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Off-white crystalline solid, 43 mg (65%).

Mp.: 170.2–173 °C. Mp. (lit.): 172–173 °C.¹³

IR (cm⁻¹): 3149, 3120, 2837, 1131, 1068, 1001, 969, 874, 830, 722.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.72–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H).

Prepared according to *Method B*: 4-bromo-1-ethynylbenzene (**1f**) (91 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (20 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), TBTA (6.6 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol%), NaN₃ (51 mg, 0.78 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL DMF, HCOOH (94 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 83 mg (74%)

4-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3g, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynyl-4-nitrobenzene (**1g**) (143 mg, 0.97 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (203 mg, 1.03 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (101 mg, 1.55 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Brownish white crystalline solid, 103 mg (56%).

Prepared according to *Method B*: 1-ethynyl-4-nitrobenzene (**1g**) (78 mg, 0.53 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (20 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), TBTA (6.6 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol%), NaN₃ (54 mg, 0.83 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL DMF, HCOOH (94 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 86 mg (85%)

Prepared according to *Method C*: 1-ethynyl-4-nitrobenzene (**1g**) (74 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), (BimH)₃ (10.2

mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (50 mg, 0.77 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL of solvent mixture, CH₃COOH (190 μ L, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.). Brownish white crystalline solid, 65 mg (68%).

Mp.: 199.5-201 °C. Mp. (lit.): 198-199 °C.14

IR (cm⁻¹): 3104, 2896, 1603, 1509, 1333, 1107, 854, 819, 755, 711.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.63 (br, 1H), 8.34–8.30 (m, 2H), 8.18–8.12 (m, 2H).

4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3h, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynyl-2-fluorobenzene (**1h**) (123 mg, 1.02 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (50 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (98 mg, 1.51 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Brownish white crystalline solid, 103 mg (62%).

Mp.: 83.5-85.5 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3126, 2855, 1471, 1217, 1077, 1001, 975, 860, 817, 753.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 8.10–8.06 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 1H). NMR data are in agreement with those from the literature.¹¹

4-(3-Ethoxy-4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3i, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynyl-3-ethoxy-4-methoxybenzene (**1i**) (86 mg, 0.49 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (26 mg, 0.10 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (101 mg, 0.51 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN_3 (50 mg, 0.77mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1.25 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (45 µL, 0.81 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Off-white crystalline solid, 57 mg (53%).

Mp.: 133–134.5 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3131, 2836, 1493, 1348, 1251, 1234, 1142, 993, 852, 826.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150, 148.9, 147.3, 129.4, 122.8, 118.9, 111.8, 110.6, 64.7, 56.2, 15.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N₃O₂⁺, 220.1081; found, 220.1081.

2-(1H-1,2,3-Triazol-4-yl)pyridine (3k, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 2-ethynylpyridine (**1k**) (111 mg, 1.08 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (50 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (201 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (100 mg, 1.54 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 µL, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Column chromatography with mobile phase CH₂Cl₂:acetone; 1:1. Brown crystalline solid, 89 mg (57%).

Mp.: 153.5–155.4 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3118, 2724, 1703, 1601, 1510, 1005, 960, 890, 781, 740.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (d, *J* =4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.02–7.97 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 1H). NMR data are in agreement with those from the literature.¹⁵

4-(Tiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3l, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 2-ethynyltiophene (**1**) (113 mg, 1.04 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (202 mg, 1.02 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (106 mg, 1.63 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 µL, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Brown crystalline solid, 67 mg (43%).

Mp.: 90.5–92.5 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3117, 2973, 2843, 1416, 1123, 1033, 997, 934, 847, 692.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.6, 132.1, 129.1, 128, 126.1, 125.4.

HRMS–ESI (*m*/*z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₆H₆N₃S⁺, 152.0277; found, 152.028.

4-((Phenylthio)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole (3m, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: Phenyl propargyl sulfide (**1m**) (142 mg, 0.96 mmol, 1 equiv.). CuSO₄×5H₂O (50 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (99 mg, 1.52 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Brown crystalline solid, 95 mg (52%).

Mp.: 74.7–76.2 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3150, 3115, 2841, 1478, 1435, 1223, 1023, 1001, 728, 688.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 135.1, 132.9, 131.1, 130.3, 129.2, 127.0, 126.5, 28.9.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₀N₃S⁺, 192.0590; found, 192.0595.

4-(Triisopropylsilyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3n, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: (Triisopropylsilyl)acetylene (**1n**) (181 mg, 0.99 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (50 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (201 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (99 mg, 1.52 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 140 mg (63%).

Mp.: 103.8-105.5 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3098, 2940, 2863, 1460, 1179, 1105, 1017, 881, 679, 655.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.55 (br, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 1.38 (sept, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 18H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 132.9, 18.6, 11.2.

HRMS–ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₂₄N₃Si⁺, 226.1734; found, 226.1734.

4-Dodecyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (30, Fig. 3)

Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-tetradecyne (**1o**) (197 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (50 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (99 mg, 1.52 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 µL, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Extraction with CH₂Cl₂. White crystalline product, 96 mg (40%).

Prepared according to *Method A (with CuI catalyst and DMF/MeOH solvent)*: 1-tetradecyne (**10**) (99 mg, 0.51 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (19 mg, 0.10 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (98 mg, 0.49 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (51 mg, 0.78 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1.25 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (45 μ L, 0.81 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 76 mg (63%).

Mp.: 64–67 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3159, 3113, 2913, 2848, 1470, 1022, 999, 875, 844, 718.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 2.76–2.71 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.19 (m, 18H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.2, 131.5, 32.1, 29.84, 29.82, 29.7, 29.54, 29.52, 29.39, 29.35, 25.2, 22.9, 14.3.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₁₄H₂₈N₃⁺, 238.2278; found, 238.2275.

4-(Cyclohex-1-ene-1-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3p, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene (**1p**) (107 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (201 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (98 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Brownish white crystalline solid, 103 mg (69%).

Prepared according to *Method B*: 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene (**1p**) (53 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (20 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), TBTA (6.6 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol%), NaN₃ (50 mg, 0.77 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL DMF, HCOOH (94 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 43 mg (57%).

Mp.: 90-93 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3139, 2933, 2860, 1651, 1040, 993, 982, 917, 864, 845.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 6.43–6.39 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.24–2.19 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.65 (m, 2H). NMR data are in agreement with those from the literature.¹²

4-(*Tert*-butyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3q, Fig. 3)

Prepared according to *Method A*: 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn (**1q**) (82 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (101 mg, 1.55 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). No extraction. Crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified with silica gel column chromatography. Yellowish oil, 63 mg (50%).

IR (cm⁻¹): 3136, 2962, 2904, 2870, 1707, 1462, 1366, 1206, 1111, 975, 851.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 128.9, 30.7, 30.5.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₆H₁₂N₃⁺, 126.1026; found, 126.1029.

4-Propyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole (3r, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to *Method A*: 1-pentyne (**1r**) (68 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (52 mg, 0.21 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (200 mg, 1.01 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (100 mg, 1.54 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (89 µL, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Yellowish oil, 36 mg, (32%).

Prepared according to *Method A (with CuI catalyst and DMF/MeOH solvent)*: 1-pentyne (**1r**) (34 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (19 mg, 0.10 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (100 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1.25 mL of solvent mixture, 96% H₂SO₄ (45 μ L, 0.81 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). Yellowish oil, 29 mg (52%).

Prepared according to *Method C*: 1-pentyne (**1r**) (34 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), $CuSO_4 \times 5H_2O$ (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), (BimH)₃ (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (50 mg, 0.77 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL of solvent mixture, CH₃COOH (190 µL, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.). Yellowish oil, 30 mg (53%).

IR (cm⁻¹): 3135, 2961, 2933, 2873, 1706, 1460, 1200, 1110, 973, 801.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.22 (br, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.79–1.65 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.2, 130.9, 27.0, 22.6, 13.9.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₅H₁₀N₃⁺, 112.0869; found, 112.0870.

Androst-4-en-3-one-17*α*-hydroxy-17*β*-(1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl) (3s, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to slightly modified *Method B*, reaction time: 120 h at 60 °C in aluminum heating block (due to low solubility of ethisterone **1s**). Ethisterone (**1s**) (156 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuI (4.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (20 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), TBTA (6.6 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 2.5 mol%), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2 mL DMF, HCOOH (94 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.). Product was purified with silica column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim

PF-25SIHC-F0040 (40 g, 25 μ m SiO₂), gradient elution (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate): 00:00–6:30: 82% petroleum ether \rightarrow 74% petroleum ether; 6:30–21:00: 74% petroleum ether \rightarrow 0% petroleum ether; 21:00–35:00: 100% ethyl acetate, flow rate: 26 mL/min). Yellow crystalline solid, 114 mg (64%).

Mp.: 233–236 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3125, 2945, 2904, 22848, 1659, 1607, 1232, 988, 871, 857.

¹H NMR (500 MHz CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 2.44–2.22 (m, 5H), 2.18–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.95– 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.66–1.50 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.23 (m, 4H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.06–0.95 (m, 2H), 0.72–0.65 (m, 1H), 0.45–0.37 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 171.4, 124.1, 82.5, 53.4, 49.1, 47.1, 38.7, 38.3, 36.4, 35.7, 34.1, 33.0, 32.8, 31.8, 23.9, 20.7, 17.6, 14.3.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₃₀N₃O₂⁺, 356.2333; found, 356.2331.

Androsta-4,16-dien-3-one-17-(1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl) (3t, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to slightly modified *Method C*: Pregna-4,16-dien-20-yn-3-one (**1t**) (147 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), (BimH)₃ (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 1.2 mL MeOH, CH₃COOH (190 µL, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.). White crystalline solid, 95 mg (56%). Product was purified with silica column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-25SIHC-F0040 (40 g, 25 µm SiO₂), gradient elution (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate): 00:00–6:30: 82% petroleum ether \rightarrow 74% petroleum ether; 6:30–21:00: 74% petroleum ether \rightarrow 0% petroleum ether; 21:00–35:00: 100% ethyl acetate, flow rate: 26 mL/min). White crystalline solid, 95 mg (56%).

Mp.: 235–238 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3158, 2927, 2859, 1650, 1611, 1234, 957, 872, 841, 780.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 6.21–6.19 (m, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 2.50–1.00 (m, 17H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 171.5, 143.6, 129.2, 124.2, 56.4, 54.3, 47.2, 38.9, 35.7, 35.2, 34.2, 34.1, 33.0, 32.0, 31.9, 21.1, 17.4, 16.4.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₈N₃O⁺, 338.2227; found, 338.2224.

(1-((2'-(1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)-2-butyl-4-chloro-1H-imidazol-5yl)methanol – Losartan analogue (3u, Fig. 3)



Prepared according to slightly modified *Method C*. Into a 20 mL ACE pressure tube **1u** (190 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (25 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol%), (BimH)₃ (40 mg, 0.1 mmol, 20 mol%), sodium ascorbate (50 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), sodium azide (65 mg, 1 mmol, 2 equiv.), 1 mL of MeOH and CH₃COOH (190 µL, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.) were added in that order. After addition of acetic acid ACE pressure tube was sealed with a screw cap and reaction was left to stir for 72 hours at 40 °C in aluminum heating block. After 72 hours the reaction tube was ucapped and ethyl acetate (30 mL) and NH₄Cl solution (20 mL sat. NH₄Cl, 20 mL H₂O) were added to the reaction mixture. The phases were separated in separatory funnel and aqueous layer was additionally extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). Organic phases were combined and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and solvent was removed under reduced pressure by the aid of rotary evaporator. Crude product was purified by column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-25SIHC-F0040 (40 g, 25 µm SiO₂), gradient elution: petroleum ether \rightarrow ethyl acetate; 00:00–06:00; 88% PE \rightarrow 82% PE, 06:00–27:00; 82% PE \rightarrow 7% PE, 27:00–38:00; 7% PE, flow rate: 26 mL/min.) to obtain white crystalline solid, 172 mg (82%).

Mp.: 95–97 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3138, 2955, 2929, 2869, 1575, 1464, 1255, 1005, 965, 765.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (br, 1H), 7.48–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (br, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 2.60–2.52 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.27 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 141.2, 140.2, 135.4, 130.5, 130.2, 129.5, 128.8, 128.2, 127.4, 126.2, 125.2, 53.0, 47.6, 29.9, 26.9, 22.5, 13.9.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₅ClN₅O⁺, 422.1742; found, 422.1732.

2.6. Preparation of Tris((1-benzyl-4-triazolyl)methyl)amine (TBTA)

Tris((1-benzyl-4-triazolyl)methyl)amine (TBTA) was synthesized following a slightly modified literature procedure.⁸

A mixture of benzyl azide (400 mg, 3 mmol, 1 equiv.), tripropargylamine (131 mg, 1 mmol, 1 equiv.), and $Cu(PPh_3)_3Br$ (0.06 mmol, 55 mg, 2 mol %) in 4 mL of chloroform was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was dissolved in hot ethyl acetate and the product was precipitated by addition of light petroleum. After filtration and drying, pure product was isolated as a white solid (497 mg, 94%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 9H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 6H). ¹H NMR data of is in agreement with the literature reports.¹⁶

2.7. Synthesis and characterization of Fmoc-L-propargylglycine-methyl-L-tryptophanate (methyl ((S)-2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)pent-4-ynoyl)-Ltryptophanate) (1x)



Procedure: 1x was synthesized according to the modified literature procedure.⁷

Reaction was performed in 100 mL round-bottomed flask. Fmoc-L-propargylglycine (**1w**) (1006 mg, 3 mmol, 1 equiv.) and methyl-L-tryptophanate (655 mg, 3 mmol, 1 equiv.) were added followed by CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL). EDC×HCl (*N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N*'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride) (575 mg, 3 mmol, 1 equiv.) was added to this solution and the resulting solution was left to stirr overnight at room temperature. Then, CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added and the resulting solution was washed with water (2 × 30 mL) in separatory funnel. Combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated with the aid of rotary evaporator. Crude product was purified by silica column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-25SIHC-F0040 (40 g, 25 µm SiO₂), isocratic elution: CH₂Cl₂/MeOH; 99/1, flow rate: 26 mL/min) to afford white crystalline solid (1100 mg, 68%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.97–4.89 (m, 1H), 4.44–4.33 (m, 2H), 4.29–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.75–2.65 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (s, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 169.1, 156.0, 143.9, 141.4, 136.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.29, 127.26, 125.3, 125.2, 123.1, 122.4, 120.2, 119.9, 118.6, 111.5, 109.8, 79.2, 72.0, 67.4, 53.6, 53.4, 53.3, 52.6, 47.1, 27.6, 22.7.

HRMS–ESI (m/z): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₃₂H₃₀N₃O₅⁺, 536.2180; found, 536.2179.
2.8. Preparation of (2-butyl-4-chloro-1-((2'-ethynyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)-1Himidazol-5-yl)methanol (1u)



i: Following literature procedure.¹⁷

ii: Following literature procedure.¹⁸

iii: Following literature procedure.¹⁹

iv: Following slightly modified literature procedure which reported reaction on similar substrates.¹⁹ Reaction was performed using Schlenk-line techniques in a 100 mL round-bottomed Schlenk flask (29/32) with rubber septum and appropriate reflux condenser.

To a degassed of solvent mixture of THF: diethoxymethane 1:4 (v/v, 25 mL), were added PPh₃ (46 mg, 0.18 mmol, 4 mol%) and Pd(OAc)₂ (20 mg, 0.09 mmol, 2 mol%). Resulting mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, boronic acid (1000 mg, 4.6 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes under nitrogen atmosphere. After that time, water (183 μ L, 10.12 mmol, 2.3 equiv.) was added and reaction mixture was again let to stirr at room temperature for 30 minutes, followed by addition of K₂CO₃ (1520 mg, 11 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and arylbromide (1580 mg, 4.4 mmol, 1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was refluxed using aluminum heating mantle under inert nitrogen atmosphere for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to 50 °C and of THF (6.3 mL) and water (7.5 mL) were added. Two phases were formed and were separated in separatory funnel. Organic phase was collected and aqueous phase was additionally extracted with EtOAc (2 x 30 mL). Organic phases were combined, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure with the aid of rotary evaporator. Crude product was purified by column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash® XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-25SIHC-F0080 (80 g, 25 μ m SiO₂), gradient elution: petroleum ether \rightarrow ethyl acetate; 00:00 – 08:00; 94% PE → 92% PE, 08:00 – 20:00; 92% PE → 83% PE, 20:00 – 39:00; 83% PE → 46% PE, 39:00 – 50:00; 46% PE \rightarrow 7% PE, 50:00 – 1:05:00 7% PE, flow rate: 34 mL/min) to afford desired product (1221 mg, 61%) as a yellow waxy solid (61%).

IR (cm⁻¹): 2957, 2871, 2156, 1575, 1442, 1248, 1004, 862, 839, 756.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 2.63–2.57 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.31 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.11 (s, 9H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9, 143.4, 140.2, 135.3, 133.5, 130.2, 129.4, 129.0, 127.8, 127.4, 125.4, 124.9, 121.5, 104.7, 97.9, 53.5, 47.5, 30.0, 27.0, 22.7, 13.9, 0.19.

HRMS–ESI (*m*/*z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₃₂ClN₂OSi⁺, 451.1967; found, 451.1963.

v: Reaction was performed using Schlenk-line techniques in an oven dried 25 mL round-bottom Schlenk flask capped with septum. To a solution of TMS-protected acetylene (614 mg, 1.36 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (4 mL), tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride (TBAF) (4 mL of 1M solution in THF, 4 mmol, 3 equiv. of TBAF) was added dropwise at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 3 hours. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After consumption of starting material THF was removed under reduced pressure with the aid

of rotary evaporator. The crude product was purified using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-25SIHC-F0040 (40 g, 25 μ m SiO₂), gradient elution: petroleum ether \rightarrow ethyl acetate; 00:00 – 05:00 94% PE \rightarrow 92% PE, 05:00 – 13:00 92% PE \rightarrow 83% PE, 13:00 – 24:00 83% PE \rightarrow 46% PE, 24:00 – 31:00 47% PE \rightarrow 7% PE, 31:00 – 40:00 7% PE, flow rate: 26 mL/min) to afford product (**1u**) as a yellow solid (444 mg, 86%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 2H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 4.54 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (s, 1H), 2.63–2.56 (m, 2H), 1.77 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.30 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9, 143.6, 140.1, 135.5, 134.1, 160.1, 129.6, 129.3, 127.7, 127.5, 125.7, 124.9, 120.5, 83.1, 80.6, 53.5, 47.5, 29.9, 27.0, 22.6, 13.9.

HRMS–ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₄ClN₂O⁺, 379.1572; found, 379.1565.

2.9. Competitive ketone-forming reaction (Fig. 4)

Reaction by using developed Method A:



Into a 21 mL ACE pressure tube stirring bar, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1d**) (132 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (51 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol%), Na(asc) (198 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv.), NaN₃ (98 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 2.5 mL of solvent mixture THF:H₂O:EtOH 2:2:1 (v/v/v), 96% H₂SO₄ (89 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv.) were added in that order. After addition of sulfuric acid, ACE tube was sealed with a screw cap and reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at 100 °C in aluminum heating block. After that time, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature in a closed ACE pressure tube. Prior to work-up, ACE tube was uncapped and left open for a few minutes in the fume hood to allow any excess hydrazoic acid in vapor phase to evaporate. Ethyl acetate (30 mL) and ammonium chloride solution (20 mL sat. NH₄Cl + 20 mL H₂O) were added to the raction mixture, and phases were separated in separatory funnel. Aqueous phase was additionally extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 30 mL). To combined organic phases 41.2 mg (0.2450 mmol) of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) was added. Aliquote of organic solution was taken and evaporated with the aid of rotary evaporator and ¹H NMR spectrum of an aliquote was recorded. Conversion of **1d** into **3d** and **5d** was 58% and 40% respectively.

Ketone product **5d** was isolated using silica column chromatography and characterized by ¹H NMR and HRMS.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99–7.89 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H).

HRMS–ESI (*m/z*): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₁O₂⁺, 151.0754; found, 151.0751.



Supporting Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum in CDCl₃ (500 MHz) of crude product after extraction with ethyl acetate. Representative signals for acetylene (1d) triazole (3d), ketone (5d), residual ethyl acetate (EA) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) are labeled.



water and residual cyclohexane.

Reaction by using developed Method C:



Into a 5 mL round bottom flask stirring bar, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1d**) (65 mg, 0.49 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), (BimH)₃ (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL of solvent mixture in volume ratio MeOH:H₂O 3:1 (v/v), CH₃COOH (190 μ L, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.) were added in that order. After the addition of acetic acid flask was capped and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature. Then, the reaction flask was uncapped and the reaction mixture was filtered trough a short pad of silica gel using ethyl acetate as eluent. Into resulting filtrate 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) (17.9 mg, 0.1064 mmol) was added. Aliquote was taken and solvent was removed by the aid of rotatry evaporator. ¹H NMR spectrum of collected aliquote was recorded. Conversion of **1d** into **3d** and **5d** was determined to be 95% and 5% respectively, by comparing integrals in ¹H NMR spectrum (see Supporting Figure S5).



8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 ppm **Supporting Figure S5.** ¹H NMR spectrum of crude product in CDCl₃ (500 MHz) after filtration trough silica with ethyl acetate. Representative signals for triazole (**3d**), ketone (**5d**), residual ethyl acetate (EA) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) are labeled.

Reaction by using developed Method C at 100 °C:



Into a 8 mL ACE pressure tube were added stirring bar, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1d**) (65 mg, 0.49 mmol, 1 equiv.), CuSO₄×5H₂O (6.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), Na(asc) (25 mg, 0.126 mmol, 0.25 equiv.), (BimH)₃ (10.2 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), NaN₃ (49 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), 0.6 mL of solvent mixture in volume ratio MeOH:H₂O 3:1 (v/v) and CH₃COOH (190 μ L, 3.3 mmol, 6.6 equiv.). After the addition of acetic acid ACE pressure tube was capped and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours at 100 °C in aluminum heating block. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered trough a short pad of silica gel using ethyl acetate as eluent. Into resulting filtrate 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TMB) (19.7 mg, 0.1177 mmol) was added. Aliquote was taken and solvent was removed by the aid of rotatry evaporator. ¹H NMR spectrum of collected aliquote was recorded. Conversion of **1d** into **3d** and **5d** was determined to be 96% and 4% respectively, by comparing integrals in ¹H NMR spectrum.

2.10. Reactions of azahistidine and peptides (Fig. 5)

Conditions 1 for reactions of 1w and 1x:

Into an 8- or 21-mL ACE pressure tube were added stirring bar, alkyne (1 equiv.), CuI (0.2 equiv., 20 mol%), TBTA (0.1 equiv., 10 mol%), sodium ascorbate (0.2 equiv.), sodium azide (1.5 equiv.), solvent and HCOOH (5 equiv.) in that order. After addition of methanoic acid ACE tube was sealed with a screw cap and left to stir for 24 hours at 40 °C in aluminum heating block.

Fmoc-L-azahistidine (2*S*-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-(1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4yl)propanoic acid) (3w, Fig. 5)



Prepared according to *Conditions 1 for reactions of 1w and 1x*. Using 20 mL ACE pressure tube, Fmoc-L-propargylglycine (**1w**) (335 mg, 1 mmol), CuI (38 mg, 0.2 mmol, 20 mol%), TBTA (53 mg, 0.1 mmol 10 mol%), sodium ascorbate (40 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), NaN₃ (98 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), MeOH:H₂O 5:1 (v/v, 1.2 mL), HCOOH (189 µL, 5 mmol, 5 equiv.). Product was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL) after addition of ammonium chloride solution (20 mL sat. NH₄Cl + 20 mL H₂O). Organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure with the aid of rotary evaporator. Crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-25SIHC-F0025 (25 g, 25 µm SiO₂), gradient elution (CH₂Cl₂–MeOH): 00:00–20:00: 100% CH₂Cl₂ \rightarrow 80% CH₂Cl₂; 20:00–30:00: 80% CH₂Cl₂ \rightarrow 60% CH₂Cl₂; 30:00–35:00: 60% CH₂Cl₂, flow rate: 15 mL/min). Yellow solid, 170 mg (45%).

Mp.: 137–140 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3066, 2944, 2911, 1696, 1523, 1448, 1233, 1043, 758, 737.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 3H), 4.25–4.16 (m, 3H), 4.13–4.07 (m, 1H), 3.18–3.12 (m, 1H), 3.04–2.99 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 173.0, 155.7, 143.87, 143.82, 140.7, 127.6, 127.1, 125.32, 125.26 120.1, 65.6, 54.4, 46.6, 27.0.

HRMS-ESI (m/z): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₄O₄⁺, 379.1401; found, 379.1399.

Synthesis of Fmoc-azahistidine on 3 mmol scale (3w, Fig. 5)

20 mL ACE pressure tube, Fmoc-propargylglycine (**1w**) (1006 mg, 3 mmol), CuI (114 mg, 0.6 mmol, 20 mol%), TBTA (159 mg, 0.3 mmol, 10 mol%), sodium ascorbate (120 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), NaN₃ (294 mg, 4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), MeOH:H₂O 5:1 (v/v, 6 mL), HCOOH (567 µL, 15 mmol, 5 equiv.). Product was extracted with EtOAc (3×50 mL) after addition of ammonium chloride solution (40 mL sat. NH₄Cl + 40 mL H₂O). Organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Product was purified with silica column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-25SIHC-F0040 (40 g, 25 µm SiO₂), gradient elution (CH₂Cl₂–MeOH): 00:00–20:00: 100% CH₂Cl₂ \rightarrow 90% CH₂Cl₂; 20:00–40:00: 90% CH₂Cl₂ \rightarrow 50% CH₂Cl₂; flow rate: 26 mL/min). Yellow solid, 450 mg (40%).

Fmoc-*L*-azaHis-*L*-TrpOMe (methyl ((S)-2-((((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methoxy)carbonyl)amino)-3-(1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)propanoyl)-L-tryptophanate) (3x, Fig. 5)



Prepared according to modified *Conditions 1 for reactions of 1w and 1x*. 5 mL ACE pressure tube, Fmoc-L-propargylglycine-methyl-L-tryptophanate (1x) (54 mg, 0.1 mmol), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol%), TBTA (5.3 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), sodium ascorbate (4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.2 equiv.), NaN₃ (9.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DMF (0.2 mL), HCOOH (19 μ L, 0.5 mmol, 5 equiv.). Reaction mixture was filtered trough a pad of silica using EtOAc. Organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure with the aid of rotary evaporator and product was purified using Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520 (Column: Interchim PF-50SIHC-F0004 (4 g, 50 μ m SiO₂), gradient elution: 00:00–20:00: 100% petroleum ether \rightarrow 100% ethyl acetate; 20:00–25:00: 100% ethyl acetate, flow rate: 5 mL/min). Yellow solid, 42 mg (73%).

Mp.: 202-205 °C.

IR (cm⁻¹): 3417, 3238, 1730, 1719, 1660, 1530, 1441, 1286, 1219, 1042, 737.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.56–4.50 (m, 1H), 4.41–4.34 (m, 1H), 4.27–4.20 (m, 1H), 4.20–4.14 (m, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.19–3.13 (m, 1H), 3.12–3.04 (m 2H), 2.95–2.88 (m, 1H).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.1, 171.3, 155.7, 143.8, 143.7, 140.7, 136.1, 127.7, 127.10, 127.09, 127.05, 125.4, 125.3, 123.8, 121.0, 120.1, 118.5, 118.0, 111.4, 109.2, 65.7, 54.2, 53.2, 51.9, 46.6, 28.0, 26.9. HRMS–ESI (*m*/*z*): $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₃₂H₃₁N₆O₅⁺, 579.2350; found, 579.2343.

Structures of peptides in Fig. 5:



Peptide **1aa**: Pra-Gly-Gly-Ser-Ala-Asp-Gly-Tyr-Trp-Gly Exact mass: 963.3723



Peptide **1y**: Pra-Gly-Gly-Ser-Gly-Tyr-His-Gly Exact mass: 728.2878



Peptide **1z**: Gly-Thr-Glu-Arg-Lys-Gly-Ala-Pra Exact mass: 812.4141 Two different reaction conditions were employed for the reactions of peptides: *Conditions 2* were based upon modified literature procedure for CuAAC of biomolecules²⁰ - CuSO₄ and THPTA (tris((1-hydroxy-propyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)amine, water soluble analogue of TBTA) were employed.

Conditions 1: 50 µL of reaction mixture (35 µL DMF and 15 µL H₂O). Temperature: 40 °C.

- 100 mM peptide
- 200 mM NaN₃
- 50 mM CuI
- 100 mM Na(asc)
- 50 mM TBTA
- 500 mM HCOOH
- 50 mM internal standard (protected phenylalanine as internal standard; Fmoc-Phe-OEt)

Conditions 2: 100 µL of reaction mixture (30 µL DMF and 70 µL H₂O). Temperature: r.t.-40 °C.

- 50 mM peptide
- 100 mM NaN₃
- 25 mM CuSO₄
- 200 mM Na(asc)
- 125 mM THPTA
- 500 mM HCOOH

For details of HPLC analysis parameters see 1.4. General analytical information.







Supporting Figure S6. HPLC chromatograms of individual compounds: **a**) sodium ascorbate, **b**) DMF, **c**) THPTA, **d**) TBTA solution in DMF, **e**) internal standard solution in DMF.



HPLC analyses of starting peptides:

Supporting Figure S7. HPLC chromatograms of individual peptides with alkyne handle: a) peptide 1aa, b) peptide 1y, c) peptide 1z using the same optimized elution parameters.

Reaction on Peptide 1aa, Conditions 2:



Peptide stock solution (DMF:H₂O 1:1, v/v):

- 125 mM peptide 1aa

Reagents stock solution (DMF:H₂O 1:4, v/v):

- 250 mM THPTA
- 50 mM CuSO₄
- 400 mM Na(asc)
- 1.0 M HCOOH

Sodium azide stock solution (H₂O):

- 1.0 M NaN₃

Reaction was performed in a 200 μ L Eppendorf tube. Stock solutions were added in the following order: 40 μ L of peptide stock solution, 50 μ L Reagents stock solution, 10 μ L sodium azide stock solution. After addition of each stock solution reaction mixture was mixed by pipetting up and down 15-times.

Final concentrations of reagents were: peptide **1aa** (50 mM), NaN₃ (100 mM), HCOOH (500 mM), Cu (25 mM), THPTA (125 mM), Na(asc) (200 mM), DMF:H2O 3:7 (v/v).

Reaction was set at room temperature and was raised to 40 °C (Eppendorf tube in oil bath) after 3h since no conversion of **1aa** into **3aa** at room temperature. For analysis 10 μ L of reaction mixture was taken, dilluted with 500 μ L H₂O and analyzed by HPLC and HPLC-HRMS.



Supporting Figure S8. Reaction on peptide **1aa**, Conditions 2, aliquote was taken at reaction time t=0: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=11.18 min. Signals representative for alkyne peptide **1aa**: found $[M+H]^+$ 964.3780, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 482.6924; calculated 964.3795 for C₄₃H₅₄N₁₁O₁₅⁺ $[M+H]^+$.



h. HPLC chromatogram.

No conversion was observed after 3h. Reaction temperature was raised from RT to 40 °C.



Supporting Figure S10. Reaction on peptide **1aa**, Conditions 2, aliquote was taken at reaction time t=9 h: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=11.19 min. Signals representative for alkyne peptide **1aa**: $[M+H]^+$ 964.3780, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 482.6924; calculated 964.3795 for C₄₃H₅₄N₁₁O₁₅⁺ $[M+H]^+$. **d**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=11.04 min. Signals representative for triazole peptide **3aa** product: $[M+H]^+$ 1007.3939, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 504.2003; calculated 1007.3966 for C₄₃H₅₅N₁₄O₁₅⁺ $[M+H]^+$.



Reaction on Peptide 1aa, Conditions 1:



Peptide stock solution (DMF:H₂O, 1:1, v/v):

- 250 mM peptide 1aa

Reagents stock solution (DMF):

- 100 mM TBTA
- 100 mM CuI
- 200 mM Na(asc)
- 1.0 M HCOOH
- 100 mM internal standard

Sodium azide stock solution (H₂O):

- 2.0 M NaN₃

Reaction was performed in 200 μ L Eppendorf tube. Stock solutions were added in the following order: 20 μ L peptide stock solution, 25 μ L Reagents stock solution, 5 μ L sodium azide stock solution. After addition of each stock solution reaction mixture was mixed by pipetting up and down 15-times. Reaction was set at 40 °C (Eppendorf tube in oil bath).

Final concentrations of reagents were: peptide **1aa** (100 mM), NaN₃ (200 mM), HCOOH (500 mM), Cu (50 mM), TBTA (50 mM), Na(asc) (100 mM), DMF:H₂O 7:3 (v/v).

For analysis 5 μ L of reaction mixture was taken, dilluted with 250 μ L DMF + 250 μ L H₂O and analyzed by HPLC and HPLC-HRMS.



Supporting Figure S12. Reaction on peptide **1aa**, Conditions 1, aliquote was taken at reaction time t=5 min: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=11.22 min. Signals representative for alkyne peptide **1aa**: $[M+H]^+$ 964.3793, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 482.6924; calculated 964.3795 for C₄₃H₅₄N₁₁O₁₅⁺ $[M+H]^+$.



Supporting Figure S13. Reaction on peptide **1aa**, Conditions 1, aliquote was taken at reaction time t=1 h. HPLC chromatogram.



Supporting Figure S14. Reaction on peptide **1aa**, Conditions 1, aliquote was taken at reaction time t=2 h: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=11.07 min. Signals representative for triazole peptide **3aa** product: $[M+H]^+$ 1007.3922, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 504.2000; calculated 1007.3966 for C₄₃H₅₅N₁₄O₁₅⁺ $[M+H]^+$.

Reaction on peptide 1y, Conditions 1:



Peptide stock solution (DMF:H₂O 1:1, v/v):

- 250 mM peptide 1y

Reagents stock solution (DMF):

- 100 mM TBTA
- 100 mM CuI
- 200 mM Na(asc)
- 1.0 M HCOOH
- 100 mM internal standard

Sodium azide stock solution (H₂O):

- 2.0 M NaN₃

Reaction was performed in a 200 μ L Eppendorf tube. Stock solutions were added in the following order: 20 μ L peptide stock solution, 25 μ L Reagents stock solution, 5 μ L sodium azide stock solution. After addition of each stock solution reaction mixture was mixed by pipetting up and down 15-times. Reaction was set at 40 °C (Eppendorf tube in oil bath).

Final concentrations of reagents were: peptide **1y** (100 mM), NaN₃ (200 mM), HCOOH (500 mM), Cu (50 mM), TBTA (50 mM), Na(asc) (100 mM), DMF:H₂O 7:3 (v/v).

For analysis 5 μL of reaction mixture were taken, dilluted with 250 μL DMF + 250 μL H₂O and analyzed with HPLC and HPLC-HRMS.



Supporting Figure S15. Reaction on peptide **1y**, Conditions 1, aliquote was taken at reaction time t=0: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=7.31 min. Signals representative for alkyne peptide **1y**: $[M+H]^+$ 729.2944, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 365.1516; calculated 729.2951 for $C_{31}H_{41}N_{10}O_{11}^+$ $[M+H]^+$.



Supporting Figure S16. Reaction on peptide **1y**, conditions 1, aliquote taken at reaction time t=1 h: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=7.37 min. Signals representative for triazole peptide **3y** product: $[M+H]^+$ 772.3105, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 386.6592; calculated 772.3121 for $C_{31}H_{42}N_{13}O_{11}^+$ $[M+H]^+$.

Reaction on peptide 1z, Conditions 1:



Peptide stock solution (DMF/H₂O; 1/1):

- 250 mM peptide 1z

Reagents stock solution (DMF):

- 100 mM TBTA
- 100 mM CuI
- 200 mM Na(asc)
- 1.0 M HCOOH
- 100 mM internal standard

Sodium azide stock solution (H₂O):

- 2.0 M NaN₃

Reaction was performed in a 200 μ L Eppendorf tube. Stock solutions were added in the following order: 20 μ L peptide stock solution, 25 μ L Reagents stock solution, 5 μ L sodium azide stock solution. After addition of each stock solution reaction mixture was mixed by pipetting up and down 15-times. Reaction was set at 40 °C (Eppendorf tube in oil bath).

Final concentrations of reagents were: peptide **1z** (100 mM), NaN₃ (200 mM), HCOOH (500 mM), Cu (50 mM), TBTA (50 mM), Na(asc) (100 mM), DMF:H₂O 7:3 (v/v).

For analysis 5 μ L of reaction mixture were taken, dilluted with 250 μ L DMF + 250 μ L H₂O and analyzed with HPLC and HPLC-HRMS.



Supporting Figure S17. Reaction on peptide **1z**, Conditions 1, aliquote was taken at reaction time t=0: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=6.31 min. Signals representative for alkyne peptide **1z**: $[M+H]^+$ 813.4203, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 407.2137, $[M+3H]^{3+}$ 271.8118; calculated 813.4213 for $C_{33}H_{57}N_{12}O_{12^+}$ $[M+H]^+$.



Supporting Figure S18. Reaction on peptide **1z**, Conditions 1, aliquote taken at reaction time t=4 h: **a**) HPLC chromatogram, **b**) TIC chromatogram of HPLC-HRMS measurement, **c**) HRMS spectrum of TIC chromatogram at RT=6.29 min. Signals representative for triazole peptide **3z** product: $[M+H]^+$ 856.4370, $[M+2H]^{2+}$ 428.7220, $[M+3H]^{3+}$ 286.1508; calculated 856.4384 for C₃₃H₅₈N₁₅O_{12⁺} $[M+H]^+$.

2.11. Calculation of hydrazoic acid concentration in solution for Method C

Method C: 50 mg PhCCH, **49 mg NaN**₃, 6.3 mg CuSO₄×5H₂O, **190 μL CH₃COOH**, 25 mg Na(asc), 10.2 mg (BimH)₃, **450 μL MeOH**, **150 μL H₂O**.

Assuming reaction solution consists only of NaN₃, CH₃COOH and H₂O:

m(NaN₃) = 49 mg → 0.75 mmol V(CH₃COOH) = 190 µL → 200 mg → 3.33 mmol V(H₂O) = 600 µL pKa(CH₃COOH) = 4.75 pKa(HN₃) = 4.6 K_w = 10⁻¹⁴

If we assume additivity of volumes:

 $C_0(CH_3COOH) = 4.22 \text{ M}$ $C_0(NaN_3) = 0.95 \text{ M}$

Equilibriums:

$$HN_{3} + H_{2}O \implies N_{3}^{-} + H_{3}O^{+}$$

$$CH_{3}COOH + H_{2}O \implies CH_{3}COO^{-} + H_{3}O^{+}$$

$$H_{2}O \implies H_{3}O^{+} + OH^{-}$$

Corresponding equilibrium equations:

$$K_{(HN3)} = \frac{[N_3^-][H_3O^+]}{[HN_3]}$$
(1)

$$K_{(CH_3COOH)} = \frac{[CH_3COO^-][H_3O^+]}{[CH_3COOH]}$$
(2)

$$K_w = [H_3 0^+][0H^-]$$
 (3)

Mass balances and electronegativity equation:

$$C_0(NaN_3) = [N_3^-] + [HN_3]$$
(4)

$$C_0(CH_3COOH) = [CH_3COO^-] + [CH_3COOH]$$
(5)

$$[Na^+] + [H_30^+] = [CH_3C00^-] + [N_3^-] + [OH^-]$$
(6)

Na⁺ does not hydrolize therefore:

$$[Na^+] = C_o(NaN_3) \tag{7}$$

By combining equations (1–7) we get the following expression:

$$[H_30^+] = C_0(CH_3C00H) - \frac{C_0(CH_3C00H) \cdot [H_30^+]}{K_{(CH_3C00H)} + [H_30^+]} - \frac{C_0(NaN_3) \cdot [H_30^+]}{K_{(HN3)} + [H_30^+]} + \frac{K_w}{[H_30^+]}$$
(8)

Using WolframAlpha we solve expression (8) for parameters given above:

$$[H_3 O^+] = 8.46 \cdot 10^{-5} M$$

Combining equations (1) and (4) we get the following expression:

$$[HN_3] = \frac{C_o(NaN_3) \cdot [H_3O^+]}{K_{(HN3)} + [H_3O^+]}$$
(9)

Using equation (9) to calculate equilibrium concentration of hydrazoic acid:

$$[HN_3] = 0.733 M$$

Which corresponds to:

$$w/w = 3.11\%$$

3. COPIES OF NMR SPECTRA



Supporting Figure S20. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3b in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.





Supporting Figure S24. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3f in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



Supporting Figure S26. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **3h** in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



from residual acetone.



190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 2 Supporting Figure S28. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of compound **3i** in CDCl₃, 126 MHz.



from residual acetone.

918 437 437 4349 3490 099 099	



Supporting Figure S30. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3l in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.





Supporting Figure S34. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3n in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



Supporting Figure S36. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 30 in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.


Supporting Figure S38. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3p in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 **Supporting Figure S40.** ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of compound **3q** in CDCl₃, 126 MHz.



190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 ppm Supporting Figure S42. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of compound 3r in CDCl₃, 126 MHz.



200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 ppm Supporting Figure S44. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of triazole product 3s in CDCl₃, 126 MHz. Two carbon resonances are not seen.



200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 ppm Supporting Figure S46. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of triazole product **3t** in CDCl₃, 126 MHz. Two carbon resonances are not seen.



Supporting Figure S47. ¹H NMR spectrum of (1-((2'-(1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)-2-butyl-4-chloro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methanol (**3u** $) in CDCl₃, 500 MHz. Signals at <math>\delta$ 4.02, 1.99 and 1.17 are from residual ethyl acetate.



Supporting Figure S48. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of (1-((2'-(1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-

yl)methyl)-2-butyl-4-chloro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methanol (**3u**) in CDCl₃, 126 MHz. Signals at δ 170.3, 59.7, 20.7 and 14.4 are from residual ethyl acetate. Three carbon resonances are not seen.



1.99, 2.08 and 4.02 are from residual ethyl acetate and acetone.



Supporting Figure S50. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of compound 3w in DMSO-*d*₆, 126 MHz. Signals at δ 170.3, 59.7, 20.7 and 14.4 are from residual ethyl acetate.



5.76, 2.89, 2.73 ppm are from residual dichloromethane and DMF.





Supporting Figure S53. ¹H NMR spectrum of Tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine ((BimH)₃) in DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz.



Supporting Figure S54. ¹H NMR spectrum of Tris[(1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl]amine (TBTA) in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



Supporting Figure S56. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 1x in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



Supporting Figure S58. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-bromo-2-[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]benzene in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



Supporting Figure S59. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-(2-Trimethylsilylethynyl)phenylboronic acid in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



(hydroxymethyl)-1H-imidazole in CDCl₃, 500 MHz.



190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 ppm Supporting Figure S62. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of (2-butyl-4-chloro-1-((2'-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methanol in CDCl₃, 126 MHz.



190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 ppm Supporting Figure S64. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of (2-butyl-4-chloro-1-((2'-ethynyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methanol (1u) in CDCl₃, 126 MHz.

4. PHOTOS OF EQUIPMENT USED FOR EXPERIMENTAL WORK

Method A: For reactions at elevated temperatures.



Supporting Photo S2. 21 mL ACE pressure tube, magnetic stirrer and screw cap.



Supporting Photo S3. Reaction mixture (phenylacetylene, CuSO₄, sodium ascorbate, NaN₃, H_2SO_4 in THF/ H_2O /EtOH) at t=0.



Supporting Photo S4. Reactions heated and stirred in aluminum heating block.



Supporting Photo S5. Reaction mixture (phenylacetylene, CuSO₄, sodium ascorbate, NaN₃, H_2SO_4 in THF/ H_2O /EtOH) at t=24 h.



Supporting Photo S6. Extraction with EtOAc and NH₄Cl solution.



Supporting Photo S7. Dissolving crude product in minimal amount of mobile phase for column chromatography.



Supporting Photo S8. Silica column chromatography.



Supporting Photo S9. Pure product.

Method C: For reactions at room temperature.



Supporting Photo S10. 5 mL round-bottomed flask, stirring bar, ground glass joint with plastic clamp.



Supporting Photo S11. Reaction mixture (phenylacetylene, CuSO₄, $(BimH)_3$, sodium ascorbate, NaN₃, CH₃COOH in MeOH/H₂O) at t=0.



Supporting Photo S12. Stirring at 600 rpm at room temperature.



Supporting Photo S13. Reaction mixture (phenylacetylene, $(BimH)_3$, CuSO₄, sodium ascorbate, NaN₃, CH₃COOH in MeOH/H₂O) at t=24 h.



Supporting Photo S14. Filtration trough pad of silica using EtOAc.



Supporting Photo S16. Interchim puriFlash[®] XS520.



Supporting Photo S15. Purification with dryload silica column chromatography using Interchim puriFlash® XS520.



Supporting Photo S17. Purification report on Interchim puriFlash® XS520.



Supporting Photo S18. Pure product.

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