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Abstract: A facile synthetic protocol has been developed for the controllable preparation of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s and 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazoles from alkyne and azide under different temperatures. Various azides and alkynes were used as substrates for the reactions and the successful applications in nucleoside analogues manifested the values of this method in syntheses of bioactive molecules. Besides, a possible temperature-guided triazolyl-copper intermediate aerobic oxidative coupling mechanism was proposed for this controllable reaction procedure.

Keywords: bis(1,2,3-triazole)s, 5-alkynyl-triazoles, nucleoside analogues

1. Introduction

Since the concept of "click chemistry" was presented in 2001,^[1] the preparation and application of 1,2,3-triazoles have attracted wide interest in organic chemistry ^[2], medicinal chemistry ^[3] and material sciences ^[4]. Besides being applied as a simple linkage to connect different building blocks, 1,2,3-triazole itself has been also explored as bioisoster of peptide bonds ^[5], multi-functional ligands ^[6], and supermolecular binding groups ^[7]. Several synthetic protocols for the preparation of 1,2,3-triazoles derivatives have been developed: (1) cycoloaddition between substituted-alkyne and organic azide; ^[8] (2) electrophilic trapping of triazolyl-copper intermediate; ^[9] (3) C-H activation on 5-H of 1,2,3-triazole. ^[10]

Bis(1,2,3-triazole)s (1) and 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazoles (2) were initially found as trace by-products of the copper-catalyzed Huisgen cycloaddition reaction (CuAAC reaction). ^[111] Recent researches showed functional perspectives of these two 1,2,3-triazole derivatives in ligand design or as synthetic intermediates of fused rings.^[12] Angell *et al.* developed the first preparative method for bis(1,2,3-triazole)s in the presence of Na₂CO₃, ^[13] in which only propargyl ethers could lead to desirable yields due to the sensitive steric effect. ^[13,14] Very recently, Xu *et al.* reported their ligand-controlled synthesis of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s. Moderate to good yields of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s could be achieved by using polysiloxane-supported secondary amine as ligand. ^[15] As for 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazoles, the preparative method was reported by Porco Jr *et al* in 2006, in which moderate yields were obtained through additional co-oxidant together with ligand control. In this paper, based on temperature

effect, a facile protocol for controllable syntheses of **1** and **2** has been developed under ligand-free reaction conditions with CuBr as catalyst (Scheme 1). A wide scope of substrates and tolerance of sensitive building blocks illustrate the potential applications of this method in the design and synthesis of bioactive molecules.



Scheme 1. Temperature-regulated approaches for the preparation of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s **1** and 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazoles **2** from alkynes and azides.

2. Results and discussion

Temperature effect was accidently found during working on derivatization of 1,2,3-triazole in drug design.^[3d, 9b,c] Under dry air, benzyl azide (**3a**, 0.16mmol) and phenylacetylene (**4a**, 0.17 mmol) were added to a mixture of CuBr (0.016 mmol) and NaOEt (0.32 mmol) in EtOH to immediately generate a yellow suspension. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 hours, all of the insoluble materials disappeared to produce a light brown solution, and the staring material was completely comsumed by TLC detection. The structure of product was determined by ¹HNMR and LC-MS. Unexpectedly, instead of click product **5**, bis(1,2,3-triazole)s **1a** was obtained in 91% yield, which is much higher than 34% that was reported by Angell *et al* in 2009. More interestingly, when the reaction temperature increased to 60 °C, no **1a** could be

detected. Instead, 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazole **2a** became the major product with 50% yield slightly higher than click product **5a** (41%) (Scheme 2). When the amount of alkyne was increased to 2.5 equiv. of azide, 65% yield of **2a** can be obtained. Considering the same catalytic system and reactants, the reaction temperature might play a role in regulation of the distributions of 1,2,3-triazole derivatives in oxidative CuAAC reaction. Thus, we considered to develop a convenient synthetic protocol for the controllable preparation of **1a** and **2a** from alkyne and azide through optimization of the reaction temperature and other reaction conditions.



Scheme 2. CuAAC reaction products under different temperature conditions.

Initially, the temperature effect on the three products **1a**, **2a** and **5** was investigated systemically under 0°C, 10 °C, 20 °C, 30°C, 40 °C, 50 °C, 60 °C and 70 °C with 10 mol% CuBr as catalyst, NaOEt as base, and EtOH as solvent. From the reaults in Table 1, it could be concluded that **1a** increased with the decrease of reaction temperature, at the same time, **2a** gradually increased with the increase of reaction temperature. An exception was Entry 9, in which 55% yield of **2a** was obtained at 70 °C less than 65% at 60 °C. Thus, 60 °C was chosen as the best temperature in the following optimization of reaction conditons for the preparation of **2a**.

Table 1. Effect of temperature on the products of oxidative CuAAC reaction.

Bn−N ₃ + 3a	Ph──────── <mark>CuBr, Air</mark> EtONa, EtOH 4a	Ph Ph N N N Bn Bn 1a	+ Ph Ph N N N Bn 2a	Ph + N N N N N N Sn 5
Entry [a]	Temperature		Isolated yield (%)	
Enuy	(°C)	1a	2a	5
1	0	91	0	5
2	10	85	0	10
3	20	70	7	18
4	30	50	10	32
5	40	21	18	55
6	50	10	35	50
7	60	0	50	41
8 ^[b]	60	0	65	31
9 ^[b]	70	0	55	42

^[a] Reaction conditions: azide **3a** (0.16 mmol), alkyne **4a** (0.17mmol), CuBr (0.016 mmol), NaOEt (0.32 mmol) in 1.5 mL EtOH under dry air atmosphere for 20 h. ^[b] 0.40 mmol alkyne **4a** was used.

The effect of copper salts on the products of CuAAC reaction was then investigated (Entry 1-3 in Table 2) by taking the reaction of **3a** and **4a** as an example. Among three copper (I) salts, CuBr was the most effective catalyst for the preparation of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s **1a** and alkynyl-1,2,3-triazole **2a**. CuI showed the best catalytic activation for the preparation of 1,2,3-triazole **5**. The solvent effect on the products of CuAAC reaction was also investigated in the presence of 10 mol% CuBr as catalyst (Entry 4-11 in Table 2) at 0°C and 60°C respectively. For **1a**, protic solvents such as ethanol and methanol showed better results (91% and 83%) than aprotic solvents CH₃CN and THF (42% and 38%) at 0 °C. In pure water, none of the three products could be obtained with total recovery of starting materials. The investigation of solvent effect on **2a** was carried out under 60 °C. In CH₃CN, 61% yield of **2a** was obtained with 33% **5**. In EtOH, 68% yield of **2a** were obtained with 31% **5**.

Bn−N ₃ + 3a	Ph-=== 4a EtON	uX, Air N [*] la, Solvent N	Ph Ph N N Bn Bn 1a	F Ph— <u>—</u> I 2a	Ph N + N ^N + Bh	Ph N N-N Bn 5	
Entry [a]	Temperature	Solvent	Catalyst	Isolated yield			
Linuy	(°C)	Solvent	Catalyst	1a	2a	5	
1	25	THF	CuI	18	0	75	
2	25	THF	CuBr	38	10	30	
3	25	THF	CuCl	5	5	5	
4	0	CH_2Cl_2	CuBr	35	5	15	
5	0	CH ₃ CN	CuBr	42	5	22	
6	0	EtOH	CuBr	91	0	5	
7	0	MeOH ^[b]	CuBr	83	0	14	
8	0	$H_2O^{[c]}$	CuBr	NR	NR	NR	
9 ^[d]	60	EtOH	CuBr	0	65	31	
10 ^[d]	60	THF ^[c]	CuBr	0	58	35	
11 ^[d]	60	CH ₃ CN ^[c]	CuBr	0	61	33	

Table 2 Effect of copper salt and solvent on the products of oxidative CuAAC reaction.

^[a] Reaction conditions: azide **3a** (0.16 mmol), alkyne **4a** (0.17mmol), catalyst (0.016 mmol), NaOEt (0.32 mmol) in 1.5 mL solvent under dry air atmosphere for 20 h. [b] NaOMe (0.32 mmol) was used as base. ^[c] NaOH (0.32 mmol) was used as base. ^[d] 0.40 mmol alkyne 4a was used.

The effect of base on the product of CuAAC reaction was studied by taking the reaction of 1a and 2a as a model in the presence of 10 mol% CuBr in EtOH at 0 °C and 60 °C respectively (Table 3). Angell et al. reported the effect of bases on the yield of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s^[13]. Here we found that the strong base showed an effective promotion on the yield of **1a** at 0 °C, but the effect of base was negligible at higher reaction temperature. Using strong base NaOEt, 91% yield of 1a was obtained at 0 °C. However, for the same reaction, if the reaction temperature increased to 60 °C, no 1a could be detected, and in this case, 2a became major product. Thus, the reaction temperature should take a more prominent role in the regulation of product

distribution of oxidative CuAAC reaction. Additionally, NaOH was found as the best base for the preparation of **5a** at 60 °C with 77% yield.

BnN ₃ + 3	Ph──── CuBr, Air 4 Base, EtOH	Ph Ph N N N Bn Bn 1a	+ Ph	Ph 	Ph N N-N Bn 5	
Entry ^[a]	Temprature	Basa —	Isolated yield			
Епиу	(°C)	Dase	1a	2a	5	
1	0	K_2CO_3	62	15	17	
2	0	Cs_2CO_3	55	30	10	
3	0	KOH	35	10	35	
4	0	NaOEt	91	0	5	
5 ^b	60	K_2CO_3	7	40	41	
6 ^b	60	Cs ₂ CO ₃	0	44	43	
7 ^b	60	КОН 🔺	0	77	21	
10 ^b	60	NaOEt	0	65	31	

Table 3 Effect of base on the products of oxidative CuAAC reaction.

^[a] Reaction conditions: azide **3a** (0.16 mmol), alkyne **4a** (0.17 mmol), CuBr (0.016 mmol), Base (0.32 mmol) in 1.5 mL EtOH under dry air atmosphere for 20 h. ^[b] 0.40 mmol alkyne 4a was used.

The scope of the reaction of terminal alkynes with azides for the preparation of 1 was investigated in the presence of 10 mol% CuBr, 0.2 equiv. NaOEt in EtOH under 0 °C (Table 4). Aromatic alkynes with both of electron-withdrawing and electron-donating groups reacted smoothly with azide 3a to produce 1a-1d with yields of 68%-91%. Aliphatic alkyne reacted with **3a** to produce compound **1e** with 84% yield. Phenethyl azide also reacted well with terminal alkyne to produce 1f with 81% yield. Moreover, this method was applied for the syntheses of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s nucleoside derivatives. The ribosyl azide reacted with aromatic and aliphatic alkynes to give nucleoside analogues 1g-1j with 61-70% yields.



Table 4. The scope of the preparation of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s^[a,b].

^[a] Reaction conditions: azide **3** (0.16 mmol), alkyne **4** (0.17mmol), CuBr (0.016 mmol), NaOEt (0.32 mmol) in 1.5 mL EtOH under dry air atmosphere at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 h.^[b] Isolated yields.^[c] Reaction time was 48 h.

Table 5. The scope of the preparation of 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazoles ^[a,b].



^[a] Reaction conditions: azide **3** (0.16 mmol), alkyne **4** (0.4 mmol), CuBr (0.016 mmol), KOH (0.32 mmol) in 1.5 mL EtOH under dry air atmosphere at 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 h.^[b] Isolated yields. ^[c] Reaction time was 20 h with NaOEt as base.

The scope of our method for the preparation of 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazole 2 was investigated in the presence of 10 mol% CuBr, 0.2 equiv. KOH in EtOH under 60 °C as shown in Table 5. Aromatic alkynes with electron-withdrawing and electron-donating substituent groups both reacted smoothly with **1a** to produce **2a-2d** with high yields (68%-77%). Reactions of aliphatic alkynes 1-octyne and pent-4-yn-1-ol with **3a** produced compounds **2e**, **2h** with yields of 75%, and 65%, respectively. Phenethyl azide reacted smoothly with terminal alkyne **4a** to produc **2f**

with 75% yield. Ribosyl azide donor was also used for the preparation of **2**, and a triazole nucleoside **2g** was obtained with 61% yield under the present condition. For the more bulky 1-ethynylpyrene, the 64% yield of **2i** was obtained.



Scheme 3. The control experiments.

To elucidate the mechanism, some control experiments were carried out (Scheme 3). Under the current reaction conditions, **5a** could not react by self-coupling to **1a**, and **2a** could not react with azide **3a** to form **1a**, which ruled out the possibilities of the formation of **1a** via **5a** or **2a** as intermediates. **5a** could not react with alkyne **4a** to form **1a**, which ruled out the possibility of the formation of **2a** via **5a** as intermediate. Moreover, the 1,4-diphenyl-diyne could not react with azide **3a** to form either **2a** or **1a**, which ruled out the possibility of formation of **2a** and **1a** via cycloaddition of Glaser coupling product 1,3-diyne. These control experiments indicated that the cycloaddition step should take place before the oxidative coupling step. Additionally,

when air was replaced by nitrogen atomsphere in the reaction of **3a** and **4a**, product **1a** and **2a** could not be detected, instead, **5a** was obtained in 92% yield. Thus the formtion of 1,2,3-triazolyl-copper intermediate during this reaction proceedure should be resonable.



Scheme 4. The possible reaction mechanism.

On the basis of these preliminary results, a possible mechanism of the temperature-regulated oxidative CuAAC reaction was proposed (Scheme 4). The current reaction might proceed through a tandem aerobic oxidative coupling reaction of the triazolyl-copper complex intermediate 7 that was produced by CuAAC reaction^[19]. At 0 °C, the aerobic oxidative coupling reaction could take place preferentially by Path A to produce 1. While at 60 °C, the aerobic oxidative coupling reaction could take place preferentially by Path B to produce 2. When the nitrogen atomphere was used for this reaction, the oxidative coupling reaction was supressed, and then the trapping proton on the intermediate 7 was prevailing to give 5 by Path C.

A possible reason for this temperature-guided product distribution could be the effect of temperature on the reactivity of triazolyl-copper complex **7** and **8**. However, the details of aerobic oxidative coupling machanism on complex **7** such as triazolyl Cu-O₂ intermediates are not clear at present. ^[20]

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, an effective controllable synthetic protocol has been developed for the preparation of bis(1,2,3-triazole)s and 5-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazole at 0 °C and 60 °C respectively. Various azides and alkynes can be used as the substrates for these reactions, and the successful applications in syntheses of nucleoside analogues manifest the values of this method in the design and synthesis of bioactive molecules. Besides, a possible temperature-guided copper-catalyzed aerobic oxidative coupling reaction mechanism is proposed, which provides an interesting example for the development of temperature-guided synthetic protocol for other copper-catalyzed coupling reactions. Further investigations to the reaction mechanism and application of this oxidative CuAAC coupling reaction in functionalized 1,2,3-triazole derivatives are still ongoing in our lab.

4. Experimental section

General

Solvents were dried by refluxing for at least 12 h over CaH_2 (CH_2Cl_2 and CH_3CN), sodium/benzophenone (THF), and freshly distilled prior to use. All reactions were carried out under anhydrous conditions with freshly distilled solvents, unless otherwise noted. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on

silica gel GF254 precoated on plates. Spots were detected under UV light and/or by charring with phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol solution. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure and below 50 °C (water bath). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) analyses were carried out using electrospray ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (ESI-TOF/MS). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data were recorded with a Avance 400/DPX (Bruker) spectrometer from CDCl₃ solutions using the residual solvent signal or TMS as reference. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million. All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz.

Representative Procedure for the Preparation of compound 1a-j

Azide (0.16 mmol), alkyne (0.17mmol), and CuBr (2.3mg, 0.016mmol) were added into 1.5 ml fresh ethanol solution of NaOEt (14.5mg, 0.64 mmol) under dry air atmosphere at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 hours at 0 °C, then the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and H_2O . The organic layer was washed with saturated NH₄Cl solution and H_2O , then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was further purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to give compound **1**.

Compound 1a Isolated yield 33 mg (91%) as white amorphous solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, 4 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.24-7.07 (m, 12 H), 6.79 (d, 4 H, J = 7 Hz), 4.68 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 4.62 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.9, 132.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.92, 127.87, 127.82, 127.3, 124.9, 119.0, 51.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₃₀H₂₅N₆⁺ 469.2135, Found: 469.2196.

Compound 1b Isolated yield 32.5 mg (81%) as white amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.31 (m, 4 H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 6 H), 6.87-6.80 (m, 8 H), 4.75 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 4.62 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 163.3, 160.8, 146.2, 131.9, 127.9, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 124.42, 124.39, 118.4, 115.2, 115.0, 51.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₃₀H₂₃F₂N₆⁺ 505.1947, Found: 505.1903.

Compound 1c Isolated yield 28 mg (68%) as white amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, 4 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.15-7.05 (m, 6 H), 6.80 (d, 4 H, J = 8 Hz), 6.71 (d, 4 H, J = 8 Hz), 4.67 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 4.61 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 3.74 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 159.1, 146.8, 132.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 126.3, 121.0, 118.2, 113.5, 54.3, 51.7. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₃₂H₂₉N₆O₂⁺ 529.2347, Found: 529.2373.

Compound 1d Isolated yield 34 mg (86%) as white amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.32 (d, 4 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.13-6.99 (m, 10 H), 6.77 (d, 4 H, J = 8 Hz), 4.68 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 4.57 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 2.29 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 147. 0, 137.9, 132.2, 128.8, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 125.6, 124.9, 118.7, 51.7, 20.3. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₃₂H₂₉N₆⁺ 497.2448, Found: 497.2481.

Compound 1e Isolated yield 33 mg (84%) as white amorphous solid; ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.26-7.25 (m, 6 H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 4 H), 4.89 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 5.56 (d, 2 H, J = 15 Hz), 2.11-2.03 (m, 2 H), 1.95-1.87 (m, 2 H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 4 H), 1.21-1.11 (m, 12 H), 084-0.80 (t, 6 H, J = 8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ

149.4, 133.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 119.3, 51.5, 30.5, 28.2, 27.7, 24.0, 21.6, 13.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculate for (M+H⁺) C₃₀H₄₁N₆⁺ 485.3387, Found: 485.3401.

Compound 1f Isolated yield 43 mg (81%) as white amorphous solid; ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.52-7.48 (m, 4 H), 7.15-7.01 (m, 10 H), 6.81 (d, 4 H, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.76-3.72 (m, 4 H), 3.09-3.01 (m, 2 H), 2.75-2.68 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 163.4, 161.0, 145.3, 135.4, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 126.9, 126.2, 124.6, 119.0, 115.6, 115.4, 48.7, 34.5. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₃₂H₂₇F₂N₆⁺ 533.2260, Found: 533.2252.

Compound 1g Isolated yield 32 mg (65%) as white gum; The product as a mixture of two isomers(the ratio is 2:1)¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.60-7.53 (m, 6 H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 9 H), 5.71 (d, 1 H, J = 2 Hz), 5.52 (d, 2 H, J = 1 Hz), 5.41-5.39 (m, 2 H), 5.18-5.16 (m, 1 H), 4.88-4.87 (m, 2 H), 4.71-4.68 (m, 1 H), 4.38-4.37 (m, 2 H), 4.25-4.24 (m, 1 H), 3.72-3.63 (m, 3 H), 3.50-3.43 (m, 3 H), 3.21 (t, 2 H, J = 6 Hz), 2.84 (t, 1 H, J = 7 Hz), 1.30-1.22 (m, 18 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 147.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 125.41, 125.35, 119.1, 118.6, 113.5, 112.7, 92.5, 91.2, 89.2, 87.5, 83.9, 83.3, 80.3, 62.4, 62.2, 25.9, 25.8, 24.1, 23.9. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+Na⁺) C₃₂H₃₆N₆NaO₈⁺ 655.2487, Found: 655.2499.

Compound 1h Isolated yield 34 mg (64%) as white gum; The product as a mixture of two isomers (the ratio is 1:3) ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.53-7.47 (m, 5 H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 5 H), 5.65 (d, 0.7 H, J = 2 Hz), 5.46 (s, 2 H), 5.34 (d, 2 H, J = 6 Hz), 5.18-5.17 (m, 0.7 H), 4.85 (d, 2 H, J = 6 Hz), 4.76-4.75 (m, 0.7 H), 4.36-4.34 (m, 2 H), 4.27 (d, 0.7 H, J = 2 Hz), 3.71-3.67 (m, 2.7 H), 3.50-3.49 (m, 2.7 H), 3.11(s, 2 H),

2.85 (s, 0.7 H), 1.29-1.21 (m, 16 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 163.8, 163.6, 161.3, 146.4, 127.34, 127.26, 123.7, 118.7, 115.8, 115.5, 115.3, 113.4, 112.8, 92.7, 91.5, 89.1, 87.7, 83.9, 83.4, 80.5, 80.4, 62.3, 62.2, 26.0, 25.8, 24.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculate for (M+Na⁺) C₃₂H₃₄F₂N₆NaO₈⁺ 691.2298, Found: 691.2277.

Compound 1i Isolated yield 35 mg (63%) as white gum; The product as a mixture of two isomers (the ratio is 1:2) ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.52-7.45 (m, 6 H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 6 H), 5.69 (s, 1 H), 5.53 (s, 2 H), 5.39 (d, 2 H, J = 4 Hz), 5.16 (d, 1 H, J = 4 Hz), 4.88 (d, 2 H, 8Hz), 4.72 (d, 1 H, J = 4 Hz), 4.37-4.36 (m, 2 H), 4.27-4.26 (m, 1 H), 3.78 (d, 9 H, J = 12 Hz), 3.71-3.68 (m, 3 H), 3.48-3.46 (m, 3 H), 3.20 (m, 2 H), 2.95-2.91 (m, 1 H), 1.38-1.19 (m, 18 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 159.7, 159.6, 147.3, 147.1, 126.7, 120.3, 120.0, 118.2, 117.7, 113.9, 113.7, 113.4, 112.7, 92.6, 91.0, 89.3, 87.6, 84.0, 83.3, 80.4, 80.3, 62.4, 62.3, 54.4, 26.0, 25.8, 24.2, 24.0. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+Na⁺) C₃₄H₄₀N₆NaO10⁺ 715.2698, Found: 715.2711.

Compound 1j Isolated yield 36 mg (70%) as white gum; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 5.57 (s, 2 H), 5.48-5.46 (m, 2 H), 4.95 (d, 2 H, J = 4 Hz), 4.44 (m, 2 H), 3.76-3.74 (m, 2 H), 3.52-3.50 (m, 4 H), 2.63-2.55 (m, 2 H), 2.49-2.41 (m, 2 H), 1.62-1.57 (m, 4 H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.34 (s, 6 H), 1.24 (s, 12 H), 0.86-0.83 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 149.0, 119.8, 112.9, 91.5, 88.8, 83.9, 80.8, 62.5, 30.5, 28.1, 27.7, 26.0, 24.2, 24.1, 21.5, 13.1. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₃₂H₅₃N₆O₈⁺ 649.3919, Found: 649.3935.

Representative Procedure for the Preparation of compound 2a-i

Azide (0.16 mmol), alkyne (0.4 mmol), CuBr (2.3 mg, 0.016 mmol), and KOH (17.7 mg, 0.32 mmol) were added to 1.5 ml ethanol at dry air atmosphere. The reaction

mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 20 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and H_2O . The organic layer was washed with saturated NH₄Cl solution and H_2O , then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate) to give compound **2**.

Compound 2a Isolated yield 37.5 mg (71%) as yellow amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.09 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.42-7.34 (m, 7 H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 4 H), 5.66 (s, 2 H), 2.40 (d, 6H, J = 8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 147.2, 139.2, 137.5, 133.9, 130.5, 128.52, 128.45, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 125.2, 117.6, 116.2, 101.6, 74.3, 52.0. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₂₃H₁₈N₃⁺ 336.1495, Found: 336.1511.

Compound 2b Isolated yield 39 mg (68%) as yellow amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 8.18 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.51-7.33 (m, 13 H), 5.68 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 147.2, 133.9, 130.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 127.84, 127.75, 127.6, 127.2, 125.3, 120.5, 116.4, 101.6, 74.8, 52.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₂₅H₂₂N₃⁺ 364.1808, Found: 364.1811.

Compound 2c Isolated yield 45 mg (76%) as white amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 8.15-8.13 (m, 2 H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 5 H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 4 H), 5.66 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 163.7, 161.2, 146.5, 133.7, 132.8, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 125.6, 116.5, 116.0, 115.4, 115.2, 114.9, 114.7, 100.4, 74.2, 52.2. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₂₃H₁₆F₂N₃⁺ 372.1307, Found: 372.1299.

Compound 2d Isolated yield 45 mg (71%) as yellow amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 8.12 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.44-7.30 (m, 7 H), 6.99-6.91 (m, 4 H),5.64 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (d, 6H, J = 4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 159.7, 158.9, 146.8, 134.0, 132.2, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 122.2, 115.8, 113.4, 113.1, 112.6, 101.4, 73.7, 54.5, 54.4, 52.0. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₂⁺ 396.1707, Found: 396.1713.

Compound 2e Isolated yield 42 mg (75%) as white amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.32-7.28 (m, 5 H), 5.49 (s, 2 H), 2.68 (t, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 2.44 (t, 2 H, J = 7 Hz), 1.73-1.66 (m, 2 H), 1.58-1.53 (m, 2 H), 1.30 (s, 12 H), 0.91-0.85 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 134.3, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 118.3, 102.3, 65.4, 51.6, 30.6, 30.4, 28.0, 27.9, 27.6, 27.3, 24.7, 21.6, 18.7, 13.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₂₃H₃₄N₃⁺ 352.2747, Found: 352.2745.

Compound 2f Isolated yield 42 mg (75%) as white solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.14-8.10 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 6 H), 4.70 (t, 2 H, J = 7 Hz), 3.32 (t, 2 H, J = 16Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.1, 136.1, 132.8, 127.9, 127.2, 127.1, 126.2, 125.6, 116.5, 116.1, 115.4, 115.2, 114.9, 114.7, 99.8, 74.0, 49.6, 35.5. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₂₄H₂₀N₃⁺ 350.1652, Found: 350.1655.

Compound 2g Isolated yield 50 mg (67%) as white gum; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.06 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.48 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.29-7.22 (m, 4 H), 6.42 (d, 1 H, J = 2 Hz), 5.36-5.34 (m, 1 H), 5.11-5.10 (m, 1 H), 4.58 (s, 1 H), 3.92-3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.77-3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.57-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.41(d, 6 H, J = 4 Hz), 1.64(s, 3 H), 1.40 (s, 3 Hz)

H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.9, 139.5, 138.0, 130.7, 128.5, 126.0, 125.3, 117.2, 116.7, 112.7, 102.6, 92.4, 88.4, 84.9, 81.2, 72.9, 62.7, 26.2, 24.3, 20.8, 20.4. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₂₆H₂₇N₃NaO₄⁺ 468.1894, Found: 468.1879. **Compound 2h** Isolated yield 31 mg (65%) as white gum; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.37-7.23 (m, 5 H), 5.49 (s, 2 H), 3.73-3.66 (m, 4 H), 2.84-2.78 (m, 2 H), 2.61-2.58 (m, 2 H), 1.98-1.89 (m, 2 H), 1.84-1.79 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 134.0, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 102.0, 65.5, 60.9, 60.0, 51.8, 30.4, 29.8, 21.0, 15.3. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculate for (M+H⁺) C₁₇H₂₂N₃O₂⁺ 300.1707, Found: 300.1721.

Compound 2i Isolated yield 60 mg (64%) as yellow amorphous solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 8.76 (d, 1 H, J = 8 Hz), 8.53 (d, 1 H, J = 8 Hz), 8.32 (d, 1 H, J = 8 Hz), 8.26 (d, 1 H, J = 8 Hz), 8.20-8.15 (m, 5 H), 8.08-7.97 (m, 7 H), 7.83 (d, 1 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.62 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.49-7.40 (m, 4 H),5.97 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 141.9, 134.0, 131.2, 131.1, 131.0, 130.5, 130.2, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 126.1, 125.5, 125.2, 125.1, 124.7, 124.5, 124.4, 124.3, 123.8, 123.5, 114.4, 52.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculate for (M+H⁺) C₄₃H₂₆N₃⁺ 584.2121, Found: 584.2137.

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Supporting Information

Controllable Synthesis of Bis(1,2,3-triazole)s and

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Structures of azide donors used in the experiment:

Compound **3c** were prepared with our previously reported methods.¹ Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.



Figure 1. Organic azide compounds used in the preparation of 2,2'-bis(1,2,3-triazole)s and 2-alkynyl-1,2,3-triazoles.

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Figure 1. X-ray structure of compound 2a



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