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Sonochemistry in organocatalytic enamine-azide [3+2] cycloadditions: A rapid alternative for the synthesis of 1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides.

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Abstract: We described herein the use of sonochemistry in the organocatalytic enamine-azide [3+2] cycloadditions of β -oxo-amides with a range of substituted aryl azides. These sonochemical promoted reactions were found to be amenable to a range of β -oxo amides or aryl azides, providing and efficient access to new *N*-aryl-1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides in good to excellent yields and short times of reaction.

Keywords: sonochemistry; cycloadditions; organocatalysis; 1,2,3-triazoles; carboxamides.

1. Introduction

Heterocycles represent one of the most general structural units found in several natural and synthetic bioactive compounds [1,2]. Particularly, 1,2,3-triazoles comprise an interesting class of nitrogen-based heterocycles widely used in the discovery and modulation of drug candidates and in new materials [3]. Therefore, several methodologies have been already reported for the preparation of these scaffolds, especially via thermal 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of azides with alkynes [4] as well as copper or ruthenium catalyzed reactions [5-11]. In view of the restricted applications of metal-based methodologies in chemical biology [12-18], recent studies have been directed towards the development of metal-free methodologies for the synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole [19-20]. In this regard, organocatalytic approaches employing carbonyl compounds have been reported to promote the synthesis of highly functionalized 1,2,3-triazoles [21-23]. In these organocatalyzed [3+2] cycloadditions reactions, the generated enamines or enolates might act as the dipolarophile partner in the 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions with organic azides [21].

In the context of functionalized nitrogen compounds, β -oxo-amides and their derivatives exhibit attractive structural features as versatile organic intermediates. A large number of molecules containing these units display biological activities [24-26] and can be found in natural products [27-29] (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Natural products containing β -oxo amides.

Consequently, intensive research efforts based on the use of β -oxo-amides have been reported for the synthesis of a plethora of heterocycles [30-36]

including 1,2,3-triazoyl-carboxamides [37-40]. As example, 1,2,3-triazole-4carboxamide derivatives strongly inhibited the replication of various H3N2 and H1N1 influenza A virus strains [38]. Recently, our research group described in two independent works the synthesis of a range of 1,2,3-triazoyl-carboxamides by the organocatalytic enamine-azide cycloaddition of β -oxo-amides with 4-azido-7chloroquinoline [39] or azidophenyl arylselenides [40]. Cycloaddition products were obtained in good to excellent yields and tolerated a series of substituted β oxo-amides. Based on these premises, it is evident that the design of efficient methods using suitable, environmentally sound, cheap and high functionalized substrates and reaction conditions for the preparation of functionalized 1,2,3triazoles still remains a challenge in modern Organic Synthesis.

In this sense, ultrasonic irradiation has gained popularity in the past decades as a versatile tool in a large variety of industrial and academic applications.[41-46]. The use of sonication as a tool in promoting organic synthesis (sonochemistry) is well documented [45-46]. This non-conventional energy source has been proved to be able to accelerate reactions or even to switch product profiles and selectivities through the formation of new reactive intermediates and compounds not usually observed under classical thermal conditions [45]. In addition, chemistries under ultrasound irradiation can be considered environmentally benign processes, being less energy intensive and generating reduced guantities of side products [41-46].

Despite the large interest in the synthesis of 1,2,3-triazoles, there are only a few contributions describing the use of sonochemistry for the preparation of such heterocycles [47-55]. As example, Chen and co-workers described the use of sonochemistry in the synthesis of chrysin derivatives linked with 1,2,3-triazoles by 1,3-dipolar cycloadditions. In this study, the reaction rate was significantly accelerated under ultrasound-assisted irradiation and the corresponding products were obtained in high yields [55].

To the best of our knowledge, the use of sonochemistry to synthesize highly functionalized 1,2,3-triazoles via organocatalytic enamine-azide cycloaddition with organic azides has not been explored to date. In addition, the substrate scope for the organocatalytic synthesis of 1,2,3-triazoyl-4-carboxamides is restricted to azidophenyl arylselenides and 4-azido-7-chloroquinoline. Therefore, our continued interest in the synthesis of functionalized 1,2,3-triazoles, led to report herein the use of sonochemistry in the organocatalyzed synthesis of novel *N*-aryl-1,2,3-

triazoyl carboxamides by reactions of β -oxo-amides with a range of substituted aryl azides (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Synthesis of novel N-aryl-1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides using ultrasonic irradiation.

2. Experimental

2.1. General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-aryl-1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides 3a-r under ultrasound irradiation

 β -Oxo amides **1a-j** (0.3 mmol), aryl azides **2a-i** (0.3 mmol), Et₂NH (5 mol %) and DMSO (0.6 mL) were added to a glass tube. The ultrasound probe was placed in a glass vial containing the reaction mixture. The amplitude of the ultrasound waves was fixed in 40%. Then, the homogeneous reaction mixture was sonicated for 15 min. The crude product obtained was subsequently purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford the desired products **3a-r**.

5-methyl-*N***,1-diphenyl-1***H***-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide** [37] **(3a):** Yield: 0.079 g (95%); White solid; mp 134-135 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ = 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.87-6.77 (m, 5H), 6.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ = 159.37, 138.48, 138.18, 137.49, 135.18, 129.94, 129.60, 128.44, 125.33, 123.59, 120.33, 9.34. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 279 (9), 278 (M⁺, 52), 180 (5), 158 (47), 145 (7), 130 (39), 118 (29), 104 (16), 77 (100), 65 (12), 51 (26), 43 (6). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₄O: [M + H]⁺ 279.1246. Found: 279.1243.

5-methyl-1-phenyl-*N***-**(*p***-tolyl)-1***H***-**1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide [37] **(3b):** Yield: 0.080 g (92%); White solid; mp 133-134 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ = 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (s,3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ = 159.12, 138.19, 137.23, 135.89, 135.15, 132.48, 129.81, 129.50, 128.75, 125.23, 120.24, 20.27, 9.23. MS *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 292 (M⁺, 72), 221 (10), 158 (33), 147 (16), 130

(42), 119 (56), 118 (38), 104 (20), 93 (11), 77 (100), 51 (22). HRMS calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}N_4O$: $[M + H]^+$ 293.1402. Found: 293.1391.

N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide [37] (3c): Yield: 0.087 g (94%); Beige solid; mp 148-150 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.08, 156.65, 138.75, 137.13, 135.75, 130.98, 129.96, 129.63, 125.29, 121.64, 114.38, 55.51, 9.67. MS *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 308 (M⁺, 75), 237 (14), 158 (18), 147 (29), 130 (46), 119 (97), 118 (38), 108 (13), 104 (33), 95 (16), 81 (20), 77 (100), 69 (31), 57 (18), 51 (22), 41 (16). HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O₂: [M + H]⁺ 309.1352. Found: 309.1347.

5-methyl-1-phenyl-*N***-**(*o***-tolyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide** [37] **(3d):** Yield: 0.081 g (93%); Yellow solid; mp 99-101 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.41(s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.11, 138.71, 137.17, 135.51, 135.48, 130.39, 129.91, 129.57, 128.44, 126.63, 125.13, 124.70, 121.99, 17.60, 9.68. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 292 (M⁺, 17), 277 (17), 264 (80), 235 (7), 158 (35), 144 (17), 130 (43), 118 (44), 104 (19), 103 (11), 93 (15), 77 (100), 65 (7), 51 (22). HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O: [M + H]⁺ 293.1402. Found: 293.1398.

N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide [37] (3e): Yield: 0.087 g (94%); White solid; mp 173-174 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ = 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.73-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.57 (m, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ = 158.26, 148.28, 137.71, 137.22, 134.98, 129.78, 129.40, 126.74, 125.09, 123.89, 120.34, 119.29, 110.87, 55.84, 8.99. MS *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 308 (M⁺, 12), 277 (100), 158 (22), 130 (28), 118 (23), 104 (11), 77 (61), 65 (8), 51 (14). HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O₂: [M + H]⁺ 309.1352. Found: 309.1344.

N-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide [37] (3f): Yield: 0.080 g (86%); Yellow solid; mp 117-118 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.67 (s, 1H), 8.53 (dd, *J* = 8.2 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.49-

7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.2 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dt, J = 7.8 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dt, J = 7.8 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) $\delta =$ 159.20, 138.47, 137.46, 135.44, 134.54, 129.99, 129.62, 129.15, 127.51, 125.16, 124.55, 123.31, 121.28, 9.74. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 312 (M⁺, 4), 277 (100), 158 (33), 130 (37), 118 (22), 104 (10), 77 (76), 65 (5), 51 (19). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄CIN₄O: [M + H]⁺ 313.0853. Found: 313.0851.

N-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide [37] (3g): Yield: 0.079 g (84%); White solid; mp 165-166 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.11, 138.31, 137.42, 136.28, 135.43, 130.01, 129.61, 129.15, 128.95, 125.17, 120.97, 9.68. MS *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 314 (17), 312 (M⁺, 49), 192 (5), 158 (45), 147 (15), 130 (49),119 (56), 104 (19), 93 (19), 77 (100), 51 (25). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄CIN₄O: [M + H]⁺ 313.0853. Found: 313.0850.

N-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide (3h): Yield: 0.074 g (83%); White solid; mp 161-162 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.05 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.42 (d, *J* = 244 Hz), 159.17, 138.45, 137.39, 135.53, 133.72 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 130.08, 129.68, 125.26, 121.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 115.60 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 9.74. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 296 (M⁺, 61), 158 (44), 147 (16), 130 (50), 119 (44), 118 (36), 104 (18), 93 (17), 83 (11), 77 (100), 51 (25). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FN₄O: [M + H]⁺ 297.1152. Found: 297.1147.

5-methyl-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide (3i): Yield: 0.077 g (80%); Orange solid; mp 231-232 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 8.25 (dt, *J* = 9.2 and 2.8 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (dt, *J* = 9.2 and 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 2.68 (s,3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.21, 143.62, 143.26, 137.79, 130.81, 129.80, 129.35, 124.94, 124.47, 120.45, 118.98, 9.17. MS *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 323 (M⁺, 41), 158 (70), 147 (5), 130 (55), 118 (38), 104 (14), 93 (28), 77 (100), 67 (7), 51 (23), 43 (7). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₅O₃: [M + H]⁺ 324.1097. Found: 324.1091.

N,1,5-triphenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide [37] (3j): Yield: 0.083 g (81%); Beige solid; mp 143-145 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.24 (m, 9H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 158.09, 139.51, 138.72, 136.08, 135.89, 130.40, 129.25, 128.92, 128.85, 128.80, 128.51, 128.25, 125.21, 124.28, 119.92. MS *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 340 (M⁺, 3), 239 (18), 220 (7), 178 (6), 120 (45), 105 (72), 93 (100), 77 (67), 69 (21), 57 (14), 51 (78), 43 (17). HRMS calcd. for C₂₁H₁₇N₄O: [M + H]⁺ 341.1402. Found: 341.1395.

5-methyl-*N***-phenyl-1**-(*p***-tolyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide** [37] **(3k):** Yield: 0.079 g (90%); Yellow solid; mp 204-205 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.26, 140.33, 138.50, 137.74, 137.33, 133.06, 130.18, 129.00, 125.06, 124.24, 119.83, 21.17, 9.70. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 292 (M⁺, 69), 235 (10), 221 (13), 194 (10), 172 (89), 158 (9), 144 (65), 133 (16), 118 (19), 107 (33), 93 (12), 91 (100), 77 (28), 65 (66), 51 (10), 44 (25). HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O: [M + H]⁺ 293.1402. Found: 293.1397.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-*N***-phenyl-1***H***-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide** [37] (**3**): Yield: 0.085 g (92%); Brown solid; mp 179-181 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.71(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 160.75, 159.29, 138.40, 137.71, 137.50, 129.04, 128.32, 126.68, 124.27, 119.82, 114.81, 55.66, 9.71. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 308 (M⁺, 48), 265 (6), 237 (11), 210 (10), 188 (90), 173 (16), 160 (70), 146 (35), 134 (18), 123 (17), 117 (20), 107 (23), 104 (9), 92 (59), 77 (100), 64 (34), 51 (15). HRMS calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O₂: [M + H]⁺ 309.1352. Found: 309.1359.

5-methyl-*N***-phenyl-1-**(*o***-tolyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide** [37] (**3m**): Yield: 0.063 g (72%); Pale brown solid; mp 117-118 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.10 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.21, 138.19, 138.09, 137.68, 135.42, 134.33, 131.40, 130.72, 128.97, 127.09, 127.01, 124.22, 119.79, 17.08, 9.06. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 292 (M⁺, 88), 221 (15), 194 (9), 172 (76), 159

(10), 144 (85), 132 (41), 118 (46), 107 (30), 93 (16), 91 (100), 77 (37), 65 (83), 51 (14), 43 (16). HRMS calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}N_4O$: [M + H]⁺ 293.1402. Found: 293.1406.

1-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-*N***-phenyl-***1H***-1**,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide (3n): Yield: 0.074 g (83%); Yellow solid; mp 88-89 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ = 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) δ = 159.13, 155.75 (d, *J* = 252 Hz), 138.89, 138.43, 137.95, 132.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 128.93, 128.44, 125.53 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.65, 122.58 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 120.39, 116.92 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz), 8.65. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 296 (M⁺, 100), 239 (12), 225 (13), 198 (16), 176 (76), 165 (19), 158 (23), 148 (86), 136 (96), 129 (18), 122 (57), 111 (39), 102 (14), 95 (99), 77 (38), 65 (28), 43 (51). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FN₄O: [M + H]⁺ 297.1152. Found: 297.1147.

1-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-*N***-phenyl-1***H***-1**,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide (3o): Yield: 0.080 g (90%); White solid; mp 178-179 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ = 9.64 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ = 162.40 (d, *J* = 248 Hz), 159.32, 138.47, 138.11, 137.76, 131.54 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.42, 127.82 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 123.58, 120.34, 116.53 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 9.24. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 296 (M⁺, 76), 239 (9), 225 (9), 198 (9), 176 (66), 148 (67), 136 (45), 122 (23), 111 (26), 95 (100), 77 (25), 65 (18), 43 (16). HRMS calcd. for HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FN₄O: [M + H]⁺ 297.1152. Found: 297.1148.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-*N***-phenyl-1***H***-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide** [37] (**3p**): Yield: 0.081 g (87%); Beige solid; mp 195-196 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.05 (s, 1H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 158.99, 138.71, 137.57, 137.33, 136.23, 133.94, 129.93, 129.03, 126.43, 124.36, 119.82, 9.75. MS *m/z* (relative intensity): 312 (M⁺, 82), 241 (8), 221 (10), 192 (86), 164 (68), 158 (19), 152 (44), 146 (9), 138 (21), 127 (35), 111 (100), 102 (14), 93 (42), 77 (41), 65 (27), 51 (19), 43 (11). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₄O: [M + H]⁺ 313.0853. Found: 313.0850.

5-methyl-1-(2-nitrophenyl)-*N*-**phenyl-1***H*-**1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide** (3q): Yield: 0.085 g (88%); Orange solid; mp 189-190 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ = 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.14-8.13 (m, 1H), 8.09 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3 and 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 and 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz) δ = 159.13, 148.29, 138.42, 138.38, 138.12, 135.99, 131.55, 131.14, 128.33, 124.50, 123.56, 120.34, 120.30, 9.16. MS *m*/*z* (relative intensity): 323 (M⁺, 31), 203 (13), 192 (9), 164 (25), 157 (20), 149 (17), 137 (10), 129 (18), 123(10), 117 (16), 95 (23), 81 (51), 77 (19), 71 (28), 69 (100), 57 (55), 43 (36). HRMS calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₅O₃: [M + H]⁺ 324.1097. Found: 324.1090.

5-Methyl-N-phenyl-1-(2-(phenylselanyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-

carboxamide [40] **(3r):** Yield: 0.119 g (91%); orange oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ = 9.12 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.25 (m, 9H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ = 159.07, 138.43, 138.01, 137.66, 135.09, 134.92, 133.10, 132.85, 131.20, 129.58, 128.94, 128.72, 127.78, 127.71, 127.69, 124.17, 119.73, 9.26. MS (relative intensity) m/z: 435 (M⁺, 12), 434 (47), 431 (23), 328 (14), 314 (37), 312 (20), 249 (100), 234 (26), 232 (28), 207 (37), 206 (33), 157 (25), 152 (50), 129 (19), 77 (64), 51 (20). HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₄OSe [M + H]⁺: 435.0724. Found: 435.0744.

2.2. General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-aryl-1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides under conventional conditions

 β -Oxo amides **1** (0.3 mmol), aryl azides **2** (0.3 mmol), Et₂NH (5 mol %) and DMSO (0.6 mL) were added to a glass tube. The homogeneous reaction mixture was stirred in an open vial for 8 h. The crude product obtained was subsequently purified according to above procedure.

3. Results and Discussion

Preliminary experiments to optimize the reaction conditions using ultrasound irradiation were performed using β -oxo-amide **1a** and phenyl azide **2a** as model reaction substrates (Table 1). Firstly, based on our previous report on the reaction under conventional conditions [40], a homogeneous mixture of substrates **1a** (0.3 mmol) and **2a** in DMSO (0.6 mL) was stirred at room

temperature in the presence of 5 mol% of Et_2NH as organocatalyst, providing an excellent yield (98%) of the desired product **3a** after 8 h (Scheme 2). Regarding the mechanism of this reaction, it is thought that the enamine intermediate (**A**) is formed first, after the condensation of Et_2NH with the compound **1a**. A subsequent 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition between the electron-rich olefin (**A**) and the phenyl azide **2a** would give rise to triazoline intermediate (**B**), which can undergo a plausible 1,3-hydride shift to generate triazoline intermediate (**C**). Finally, the zwitterionic form of (**C**), represented as intermediate (**D**), could undergo an elimination reaction to regenerate Et_2NH to continue the catalytic cycle and produce the desired product **3a** (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2. Synthesis of 1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamide 3a under conventional conditions.

Identical reaction conditions were applied for the reaction under ultrasonic irradiation (40% of frequency) at different reaction times (Table 1, entries 1-5). When a mixture of **1a** and **2a** was sonicated in the presence of Et₂NH (5 mol%) and DMSO (0.6 mL) as solvent during 5 min, the desired product **3a** was obtained in 69% yield (Table 1, entry 1). The yield of product **3a** was observed to increase with an increase in the reaction time from 10 to 20 min (Table 1, entries 2-4). Furthermore, the desired product **3a** was obtained in 95% yield after sonication for 15 or 20 min. When the reaction of substrates **1a** and **2a** was sonicated for 25 min,

a decrease in product **3a** yield was observed (Table 1, entry 5). A significant decrease in reaction yields were also observed (Table 1, entries 6-7) for reactions carried out in 15 min and decreased organocatalyst loadings (from 5 to 1 mol%). The corresponding product **3a** was not obtained in the absence of organocatalyst (Table 1, entry 8).

Insert Table 1 here

From Table 1, optimum reaction conditions to obtain 5-methyl-*N*,1-diphenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxamide **3a** were clearly present in entry 4, in which a homogeneous mixture of *N*-phenylbutanamide **1a** (0.3 mmol), phenyl azide **2a** (0.3 mmol) and Et₂NH (5 mol%) in DMSO (0.6 mL) was sonicated at room temperature for 15 minutes.

The scope of the proposed methodology was then extended under optimised conditions to a range of β -oxo amides **1** and aryl azides **2** (Table 2). Phenyl azide 2a reacted efficiently with electron-neutral and different electronto give the corresponding N-aryl-1,2,3-triazoyl deficient β-oxo amides carboxamides **3a-i** in good to excellent yields. Reactions of phenyl azide **2a** with βoxo amides containing electron-donating groups (EDG) 1b-e and electronwithdrawing (EWG) substituents 1f-i at the carboxamide moiety yielded the corresponding products **3b-i** in 80-94% yields (Table 2, entry 2-9). Generally speaking, the reactions were found to be slightly sensitive to electronic effects in the aromatic ring of β -oxo amides. For example, β -oxo amides containing EDG's at the aromatic ring provided higher yields as compared to those bearing EWG's (Table 2, entries 2-5 vs. 6-9). The reaction performed with β -oxo amide 1g containing a phenyl group gave also access to the corresponding triazole 3 in 81% yield (Table 2, entry 10).

The reactivity of *N*-phenylbutanamide **1a** with different functionalized aryl azides **2b-i** was subsequently investigated (under otherwise identical reaction conditions). In general, the reactions were found to be insensitive to the electronic conditions in the aryl ring of azides. Aryl azides containing either an EDG or an EWG on the aromatic ring delivered the expected *N*-aryl-1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides **3k-q** in good to excellent isolated yields (Table 2, entries 11-17). However, an interesting steric effect could be observed when the reaction was performed with *o*-tolyl azide **2d** and 1-azido-2-fluorobenzene **2e**, furnishing the

corresponding products **3m** and **3n** in 72% and 83% yield, respectively (Table 2, entries 13 and 14). Finally, extending the scope of this methodology, the reaction of **1a** with azidophenyl arylselenide **2i** was performed. In this case, the desired product **3r** was obtained in 91% yield (Table 2, entry 18).

Insert Table 2 here

With the aim to compare the effect of sonication in these reactions, we performed these organocatalytic cycloadditions of β -oxo-amides and aryl azides under conventional conditions for 8 h (Table 2, yields in brackets). The obtained results show that the use of ultrasound irradiation is better than conventional condition, furnishing the corresponding products in comparable yields but in very short reaction time.

3. Conclusion

In summary, we described the use of ultrasound irradiation as an alternative energy source in the organocatalytic enamine-azide [3+2] cycloadditions reactions. Using diethylamine as organocatalyst, phenyl azide reacted efficiently with electron-neutral and different electron-deficient β -oxo amides to give the corresponding products in good to excellent yields. Under the same reaction conditions, *N*-phenylbutanamide reacted smoothly with different functionalized aryl azides delivered the expected products in high yields. The accelerating effect in these ultrasound promoted reactions should largely be ascribed to mechanical effects (i.e. enhanced mass transfer). In addition, these organocatalytic reactions were performed under conventional conditions and the obtained results show that the use of ultrasound irradiation furnished the corresponding products in comparable yields but in very short reaction time, especially suitable for Green or Click Chemistry concepts.

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	Entry	Et ₂ NH (mol%)	Time (min)	Yield of 3a (%) ^b	
	1	5	5	69	
	2	5	10	82	
	3	5	15	95	
	4	5	20	95	
	5	5	25	82	
	6	3	15	40	
	7	1	15	17	
	8	-	15	nd	

Table 1. Optimization studies for preparation of 1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamide 3a.ª

^a Reactions were performed with β -keto amide **1a** (0.3 mmol) and phenyl azides 2a (0.3 mmol) in DMSO (0.6 mL) as solvent under ultrasound irradiation (40% of the amplitude) at room temperature. ^b Yields are given for isolated products.



Table 2. Variability in the synthesis of *N*-aryl-1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides.^a





^a Reactions were performed with β-keto amides 1a-j (0.3 mmol) and aryl azides 2a-i (0.3 mmol), using Et₂NH (5 mol%) as catalyst in DMSO (0.6 mL) as solvent under ultrasound irradiation (40% of amplitude) at room temperature for 15 min. ^b Yields are given for isolated products.^c Yields in brackets were obtained in reactions performed under conventional conditions for 8 h.

Sonochemistry in organocatalytic enamine-azide [3+2] cycloadditions: A rapid alternative for the synthesis of 1,2,3-triazoyl carboxamides.

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General Information: The reactions were monitored by TLC carried out on Merck silica gel (60 F₂₅₄) by using UV light as visualizant agent and 5% vanillin in 10% H₂SO₄ and heat as developing agents. Baker silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm) was used for flash chromatography. A Cole Parmer-ultrasonic processor Model CPX 130, with a maxim power of 130 W, operating at amplitude of 40% and a frequency of 20 kHz was used. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were obtained at 400 MHz on Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer. Spectra were recorded in DMSO- d_6 or CDCl₃ solutions. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm, referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the external reference. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz. Abbreviations to denote the multiplicity of a particular signal are s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet), dt (doublet of triplet), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublets), t (triplet) and m (multiplet). Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) were obtained at 100 MHz on Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm, referenced to the solvent peak of DMSO- d_6 or CDCl₃. Low-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Shimadzu GC-MS-QP2010 mass spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker Micro TOF-QII spectrometer 10416.

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Figure 2. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for compound **3a** in DMSO-*d*₆.





Figure 6. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for compound 3c in CDCl₃.







Figure 12. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for compound 3f in CDCl₃.

















Figure 28. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for compound 3n in DMSO- d_6 .







Figure 34. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for compound 3q in DMSO-*d*₆.



Figure 36. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectrum for compound 3r in CDCl₃.

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