Supporting Information for

Gold-catalyzed synthesis of oxazoles from alkynyl triazenes

and dioxazoles

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1. General information

Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silicycle precoated silica gel plates. Column chromatography was performed over silica gel (200– 300mesh).

Melting points were measured with X-4 micro melting point apparatus.

HRMS were performed on Agilent Technologies 6546-LC/Q-TOF mass spectrometer (ESI-TOF).

¹H NMR spectra and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-600 spectrometer or a WNMR-I-400 spectrometer in chloroform-*d* (CDCl₃, contain internal TMS). Chemical shifts of ¹H NMR spectra were reported in ppm with the internal TMS signal at 0 ppm as a standard, and chemical shifts of ¹³C NMR spectra were reported in ppm with the chloroform signal at 77.16 ppm as a standard.¹ The data is being reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, hept = heptet, dd = double doublet, dt = double of triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration).

2. Starting materials



Figure S1. Starting materials

All starting materials are listed as Figure S1. Alkynyl triazene **1a-1j** were prepared according to the reported methods.² dioxzole **2a-2g** were synthesized according to the literature.³

3. Typical procedure for the synthesis of 3a



An oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was charged with JohnPhosAuCl (5.3 mg, 5 mol%) and AgOTf (2.6 mg, 5 mol%), then purged with argon three times. Anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added as solvent and the mixture was stirred for 15 mins. Alkynyl triazene **1a** (46 mg, 0.2 mmol) and dioxazole **2a** (43 mg, 0.24 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and added. The reaction was stirred until TLC analysis showed the completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated to obtain the residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with PE/EA = 20/1 to give the desired product **3a** (56.5 mg, 81% yield) as a light red solid.

4. Gram-scale reaction for synthesizing 3a



An oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was charged with JohnPhosAuCl (132.5 mg, 5 mmol%) and AgOTf (65 mg, 5 mol%), then purged with argon three times. Anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was added as solvent and the mixture was stirred for 15 mins. Alkynyl triazene **1a** (1.15 g, 5 mmol) and dioxazole **2a** (1.1 g, 6.2 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) and added. The reaction was stirred until TLC analysis showed the completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated to obtain the residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with PE/EA = 20/1 to give the desired product **3a** (1.36 g, 78% yield) as a light red solid.

5. Iodination



An oven-dried Schlenk pressure tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was charged with **3a** (70 mg, 0.2 mmol) and CH₃I (2 mL), then purged with argon three times and sealed. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. The mixture was concentrated to obtain the residue, which was further purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with PE/EA = 20/1 to give **4** (38 mg, 55% yield) as a off-white solid.

6. Characterization of new alkynyl triazenes and products



(E)-1-((2-bromophenyl)ethynyl)-3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-ene (1b): yellow crystal (recrystalized from pentane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 5.28 – 5.08 (m, 1H), 4.14 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.91, 132.30, 128.08, 127.06, 126.95, 125.09, 98.37, 78.78, 50.55, 47.63, 23.51, 19.21. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₄H₁₉BrN₃, 308.0762; found, 308.0761.



(E)-3,3-diisopropyl-1-(naphthalen-2-ylethynyl)triaz-1-ene (1f): yellow crystal (recrystalized from pentane). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.82 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 5.23 – 5.05 (m, 1H), 4.14

- 3.97 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 5H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.36, 132.36, 130.33, 128.80, 127.79, 127.74, 126.34, 126.07, 122.31, 94.44, 80.65, 50.55, 47.63, 23.52, 19.22. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₈H₂₂N₃, 280.1814; found, 180.1815.



(E)-1-(3-(benzyloxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)-3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-ene (1h): yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 5.05 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.99 (hept, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 138.04, 128.35, 128.10, 127.64, 90.67, 74.43, 71.25, 58.46, 50.23, 47.32, 23.36, 19.01. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₂₄N₃O: 274.1919; Found: 274.1919.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-2,5-diphenyloxazole (3a): Light yellow solid, 56 mg, 81% yield. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 8.12 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 5.31 – 4.90 (m, 1H), 4.38 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.30 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.78, 146.48, 138.83, 130.30, 129.61, 128.71, 128.61, 127.83, 126.98, 126.78, 125.13, 51.36, 47.23, 23.38, 19.22. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₁H₂₅N₄O, 349.2028; found, 349.2025.



(E)-5-(2-bromophenyl)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-2-phenyloxazole (3b): Light yellow solid, 61 mg, 71% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.11 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 5.29 – 5.04 (m, 1H), 4.02 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.31, 148.01, 135.28, 133.46, 132.45, 131.15, 130.28, 129.57, 128.74, 127.80, 126.96, 126.59, 123.33, 49.81, 46.24, 23.33, 19.37. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₁H₂₄BrN₄O₂, 427.1133, 429.1113; found, 427.1133, 429.1131.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyloxazole (3c): Light yellow solid, 51 mg, 71% yield ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.23 – 3.98 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.43 – 1.27 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.67, 146.24, 138.99, 138.05, 130.24, 129.39, 128.66, 128.50, 127.81, 127.76, 126.73, 125.80, 122.20, 51.53, 47.30, 23.25, 21.74, 19.12. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₂H₂₇N₄O, 363.2185; found, 363.2185.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyloxazole (3d): Light yellow solid, 60 mg, 82% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 8.01 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.23 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 4.36 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.20 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.86 (d, *J* = 247.3 Hz), 158.66, 145.99, 138.04, 130.32, 128.69, 127.66, 126.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 126.70, 125.89 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 115.65 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 51.24, 47.17, 23.35, 19.16. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₁H₂₄FN₄O₂, 367.1934; found, 367.1935.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyloxazole (3e): Light yellow solid, 60 mg, 80% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.99 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.17 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.24 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.46 – 1.23 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.84, 158.19, 145.06, 139.05, 130.08, 128.66, 127.85, 126.61, 122.49, 114.16, 55.45, 51.15, 47.03, 23.36, 19.22. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₂H₂₇N₄O₂, 379.2134; found, 379.2135.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenyloxazole (3f): Light yellow solid, 60 mg, 75% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.21 – 8.09 (m, 3H), 7.84 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.15 – 4.84 (m, 1H), 4.25 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.96, 146.82, 138.99, 133.62, 132.43, 130.35, 128.71, 128.32, 128.15, 127.86, 127.74, 127.00, 126.82, 126.46, 125.95, 123.71, 123.30, 51.61, 47.46, 23.30, 19.21. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₅H₂₇N₄O, 399.2185; found, 399.2185.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-2-phenyl-5-(thiophen-3-yl)oxazole (3g):
Light yellow solid, 57 mg, 80% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.33 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.23 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.38,

145.11, 137.05, 130.29, 130.21, 128.67, 127.74, 126.68, 125.89, 125.49, 119.81, 51.13, 47.01, 23.36, 19.21. **HRMS (ESI-TOF)** m/z: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₉H₂₃N₄OS, 355.1593; found, 355.1595.



(E)-4-(3,3-dimethyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-2,5-diphenyloxazole (3i): Light yellow solid, 36 mg, 61% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 8.12 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.89, 145.53, 139.51, 130.52, 129.14, 128.70, 128.65, 127.35, 127.26, 126.82, 125.20, 43.58, 36.64. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₇H₁₇N₄O, 293.1402; found, 293.1401.



(E)-2,5-diphenyl-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yldiazenyl)oxazole (3j): Yellow solid, 39 mg, 62% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 8.03 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.81 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.63 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.05, 145.59, 139.79, 130.56, 129.12, 128.70, 127.36, 126.88, 125.27, 44.89, 44.01, 24.38. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₉H₁₉N₄O, 319.1559; found, 319.1558.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-5-phenyl-2-(o-tolyl)oxazole (3k): Light yellow solid, 51 mg, 70% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 8.03 (m, 1H), 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 5.18 – 4.94 (m, 1H),

4.21 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 1.39 – 1.26 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.37, 146.19, 138.49, 137.62, 131.68, 129.90, 129.65, 129.23, 128.60, 126.87, 126.84, 125.95, 125.03, 50.75, 47.07, 23.51, 22.18, 19.23. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₂H₂₇N₄O, 363.2185; found, 363.2187.



(E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-5-phenyloxazole (3l): Light yellow solid, 62 mg, 81% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 – 7.89 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 5.14 – 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.20 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 1.52 – 1.22 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.75, 146.44, 138.99, 136.27, 129.33, 128.99, 128.58, 127.95, 127.08, 126.23, 125.08, 51.28, 47.25, 23.33, 19.14. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₁H₂₄ClN₄O, 383.1639; found, 383.1637.



(E)-4-(3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenyloxazole (3m): Yellow solid, 70 mg, 88% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 5.11 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 1.47 – 1.24 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.86, 146.58, 139.02, 134.23, 133.15, 129.54, 128.82, 128.59, 128.44, 127.95, 127.17, 126.99, 126.71, 126.51, 125.14, 125.07, 123.84, 51.38, 47.24, 23.33, 19.16. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₅H₂₇N₄O, 399.2185; found, 399.2184.



4-((E)-3,3-diisopropyltriaz-1-en-1-yl)-5-phenyl-2-((E)-styryl)oxazole (3n): Yellow solid, 64 mg, 85% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 – 4.82 (m, 1H), 4.33 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.26 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.68, 146.45, 138.70, 135.94, 129.43, 129.13, 129.01, 128.60, 127.31, 127.03, 125.15, 114.56, 51.48, 47.33, 23.30, 19.17. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₃H₂₇N₄O, 375.2185; found, 375.2185.



4-iodo-2,5-diphenyloxazole (4): Off-white solid, 38 mg, 55% yield. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.05, 150.10, 131.01, 129.14, 128.97, 128.81, 127.44, 126.52, 126.48, 126.09, 80.00. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₅H₁₁INO, 347.9885; found, 347.9885.

7. X- Ray Crystallographic Data

Compound **3a** was crystallized from CDCl₃. Intensity data for **3a** was collected on Bruker D8 Venture Ims3.0.



Figure S2. X-ray crystallographic structure **3a** (ORTEP view with 50% thermal ellipsoid contour probability)

8. Copies of NMR Spectra







¹³C NMR of **1f** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)



¹³C NMR of 1h (CDCl₃, 125 MHz)



√1.454 √1.404 √1.391

¹³C NMR of **3a** (CDCl₃, 150 MHz)

8.097 8.097 8.097 8.093 8.093 8.093 8.093 8.093 8.093 8.093 8.093 8.093 7.559 7.5598 7.7559 7









¹³C NMR of **3b** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)







¹³C NMR of **3c** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)











¹³C NMR of **3d** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

8,082 8,077 8,077 7,795 8,066 8,806 7,795 9,925 7,795 9,925 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 7,395 8,605 8,601 9,605 8,601 9,605 8,601 9,605 8,605 1,235



<1.355 1.315





¹³C NMR of **3e** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

8, 8, 175 8, 8, 175 8, 155 8, 155 8, 155 8, 155 8, 155 8, 135 8, 135 8, 135 8, 135 8, 135 1, 135 1, 1, 125 1, 1, 125 1, 135 1, 1



<1.386 <1.369





¹³C NMR of **3f** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

8.079 8.079 8.062 8.058 8.058 8.058 8.048 8.058 8.048 8.058 8.058 8.058 8.058 8.058 8.058 8.058 8.058 8.058 7.7553 7.7653 7.7753 7.7653 7.7753 7.7653 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7753 7.7733 7.7753 7.77337 7.7733 7.7733 7.77337 7.77337 7.77337 7.77337 7.77337 7.77337 7.77337 7.7734 7.77447 7.77447 7.77447 7.77447 7.77447 7.77447 7.77447 7.77447 7.77









8.200 8.1194 8.1156 8.1176 8.1176 8.1176 8.105 8.10

¹³C NMR of **3i** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

8,1124 8,1124 8,1118 8,1118 8,1118 8,1010 8,1010 8,1010 8,1010 8,1010 1,2010 1,

¹H NMR of **3***j* (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)

¹³C NMR of **3j** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

¹³C NMR of **31** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

8.565 8.565 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.566 8.567 7.853 7.853 7.853 7.853 7.853 7.853 7.853 7.757 7.853 7.755 7.748 7.749 7.748 7.749

¹³C NMR of **3m** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

7, 2985 7, 531 7, 531 7, 531 7, 497 7, 497 7, 233 7, 7, 372 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 373 7, 7, 374 7, 7, 375 7, 4, 4, 128 7, 4, 128 7, 127 7, 1, 375 7, 127 7,

¹³C NMR of 4 (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)

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