

Supplementary Information for:

Synthesis of mesoionic triazolones via a formal [3+2] cycloaddition between 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione and alkynes

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1. General Considerations

1.1. Solvents and Reagents

4-Phenyl-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-dione (PTAD), 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (HFIP) and anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry, Oakwood Chemical and Kanto Chemical respectively and used as received. Unless otherwise noted, all other reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received.

1.2. Experimental Procedures

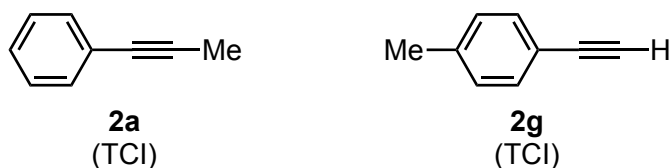
Unless otherwise noted in the experimental procedures, reactions were carried out in flame or oven-dried glassware under a positive pressure of argon in anhydrous solvents using standard Schlenk techniques. Reaction progresses were monitored using thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on Merck TLC silica gel 60 F254 (0.25 mm) plates. Visualization of the developed plates was performed under UV-light (254 nm) irradiation. Flash column chromatography was performed on Silica gel 60N (Kanto Chemical, particle size 63-210 μm).

1.3. Analytical Instrumentation

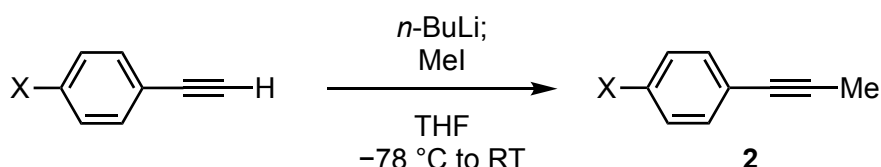
NMR data were recorded on a JEOL JNM-LA 500 spectrometers (^1H NMR; 500 MHz, ^{13}C NMR; 126 MHz) or a JEOL JNM ECZ 600R (^1H NMR; 600 MHz, ^{13}C NMR; 151 MHz) typically at 20–23 °C. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were referenced using the residual solvent signal (^1H NMR; CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 2.50 ppm, ^{13}C NMR; CDCl_3 at 77.16 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 39.52 ppm). NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with SHIMADZU LCMS-IT-TOF. Melting points were determined using Yanaco micro melting point apparatus Model MP-500D.

2. Preparation of Alkynes

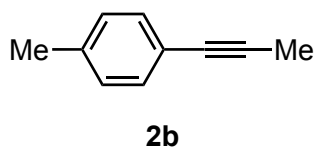
Following alkynes were obtained from Tokyo Chemical Industry (TCI) and used as received:



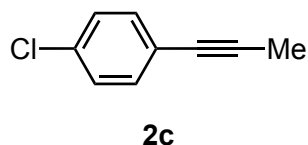
General Procedure A



A round-bottom flask charged with a solution of terminal alkyne (1.0 equiv) in THF (0.33 M) was cooled to -78 °C. *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise, and the resulting solution was allowed to stir for 30 min at -78 °C. To the mixture was added MeI (2.1 equiv), and the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl aq., and the mixture was partitioned with hexane and H₂O. The aqueous phase was extracted with hexane (× 2). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to provide alkyne **2**.

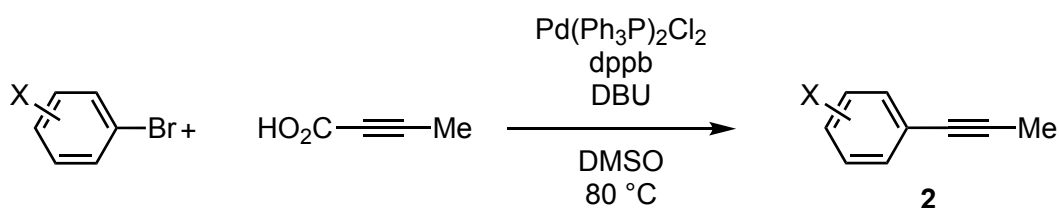


Prepared following the general procedure A using 4-ethynyltoluene (0.620 mL, 5.00 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2b** in 75% yield (489 mg) as a colorless oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.¹

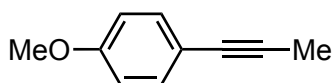


Prepared following the general procedure A using 1-chloro-4-ethynylbenzene (1.00 g, 7.32 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2c** in 82% yield (906 mg) as a colorless oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.²

General Procedure B

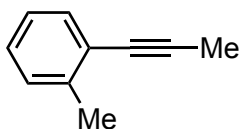


To a round-bottom flask containing a solution of bromoarene (1.0 equiv), 2-butyric acid (1.2 equiv), 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU 3.0 equiv) and 1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane (dppb, 2 mol%) in DMSO (0.33 M) was added Pd(Ph₃P)₂Cl₂ (1 mol%). The flask was carefully evacuated and backfilled with argon gas three times, and the resulting mixture was then heated to 80 °C. After 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl aq., and the mixture was partitioned with CHCl₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with CHCl₃ (× 3). The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to provide alkyne **2**.



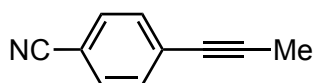
2d

Prepared following the general procedure B using 4-bromoanisole (0.370 mL, 2.80 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2d** in 86% yield (314 mg) as a colorless oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.³



2e

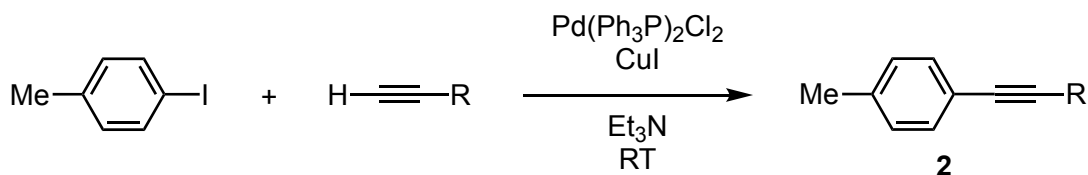
Prepared following the general procedure B using 2-bromotoluene (0.360 mL, 3.00 mmol) with the modification that the reaction was conducted at 110 °C for 3 h. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2e** in 77% yield (302 mg) as a colorless oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.⁴



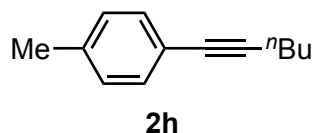
2f

Prepared following the general procedure B using 4-bromobenzonitrile (271 mg, 1.50 mmol) with the modification that tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 3.0 equiv) was used as a base instead of DBU, and the reaction was conducted at 110 °C for 2 h. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2f** in 74% yield (156 mg) as a white solid. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.³

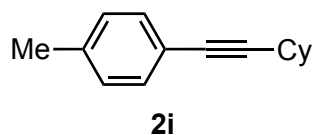
General Procedure C



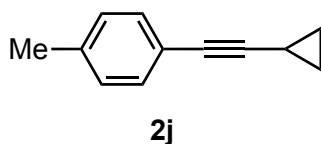
To a round-bottom flask containing a solution of 4-iodotoluene (1.0 equiv) and terminal alkyne (1.2 equiv) in Et₃N (0.75 M) was added Pd(Ph₃P)₂Cl₂ (5 mol%) and CuI (10 mol%). The flask was carefully evacuated and backfilled with argon gas three times, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 23 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite/SiO₂, and the filter cake was rinsed with hexanes. The resulting filtrate was then concentrated and purified by column chromatography to provide alkyne **2**.



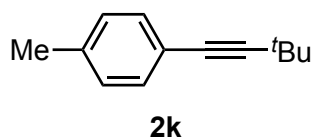
Prepared following the general procedure C using 1-hexyne (0.38 mL, 3.30 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2h** in 95% yield (495 mg) as a pale-yellow oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.⁵



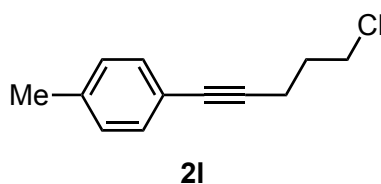
Prepared following the general procedure C using cyclohexylacetylene (1.00 g, 9.24 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2i** in 82% yield (1.25 g) as a colorless oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.⁶



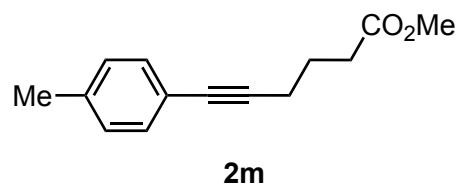
Prepared following the general procedure C using cyclopropylacetylene (0.41 mL, 4.80 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2j** in 83% yield (519 mg) as a colorless oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.⁷



Prepared following the general procedure C using 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne (1.47 mL, 12.0 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexanes) afforded **2k** in 75% yield (1.28 g) as a colorless oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.⁸



Prepared following the general procedure C using 5-chloro-1-pentyne (0.63 mL, 6.0 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 90/10hexanes/EtOAc) afforded **2l** in 69% yield (668 mg) as a pale-yellow oil. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.⁹



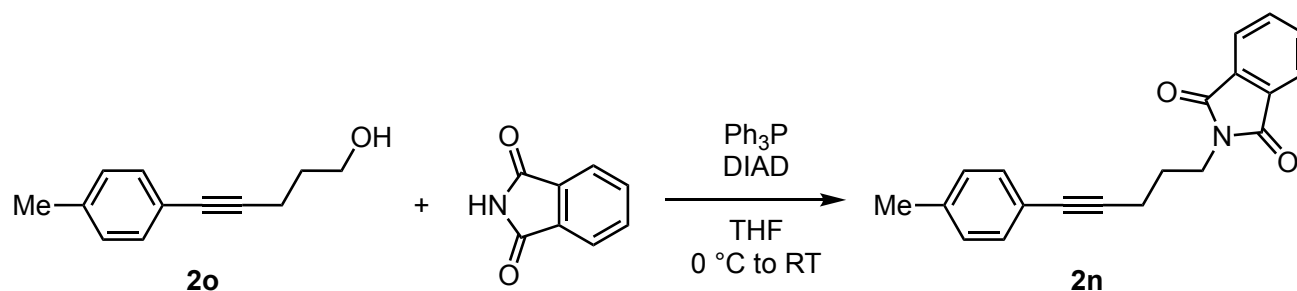
Prepared following the general procedure C using methyl 5-hexynoate (757 mg, 6.00 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 95/5 to 85/15 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded **2m** in 77% yield (827 mg) as a pale-yellow oil.

R_f: 0.23 (10/1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.93 (quint, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.8, 137.8, 131.5, 129.1, 120.7, 88.1, 81.6, 51.7, 33.0, 24.1, 21.5, 19.0;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₁₄H₁₆O₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 239.1043, found: 239.1035.



To a round-bottom 50 mL flask containing a solution of **2o** (523 mg, 3.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phthalimide (574 mg, 3.90 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and Ph₃P (1.02 g, 3.90 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in Et₃N (10 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. Diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (1.9 M solution in toluene, 2.05 mL, 3.90 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added dropwise over 3 min and the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature. After 18 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 95/5 to 80/20 hexanes/EtOAc) to provide **2n** as an off-white solid (788 mg, 87%).

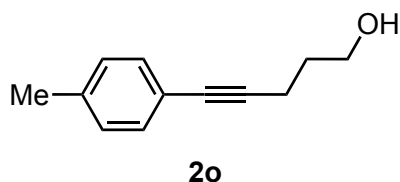
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R_f: 0.49 (5/1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.01 (quint, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 137.6, 134.0, 132.2, 131.5, 128.9, 123.3, 120.6, 88.0, 81.4, 37.5, 27.6, 21.5, 17.4;

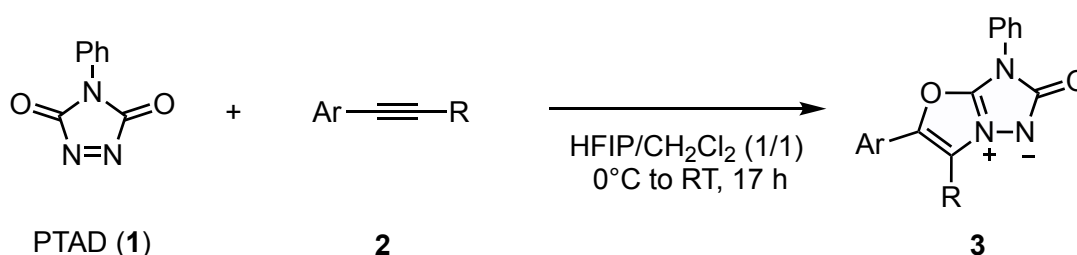
HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₀H₁₇NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 326.1152, found: 326.1156.



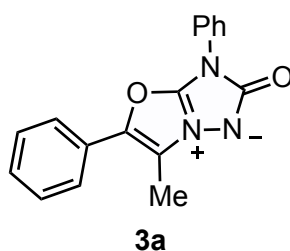
Prepared following the general procedure C using 4-pentyn-1-ol (1.47 mL, 18.0 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 95/5 to 85/15 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded **2o** in 90% yield (2.34 g) as a brown solid. Spectral data were in full agreement with the reported literature values.¹⁰

3. Azo-Yne [3+2] Reactions

3-1. General Procedure



A 4 mL scintillation vial charged with a solution of alkyne **2** (0.40 mmol) in HFIP (0.5 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature (20–23 °C). After 17 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography to provide **3**.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2a** (49 μL, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3a** as an off-white solid (43.6 mg, 74%). A single crystal suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis was grown by slow diffusion of hexanes into a solution of **3a** in EtOAc at room temperature.

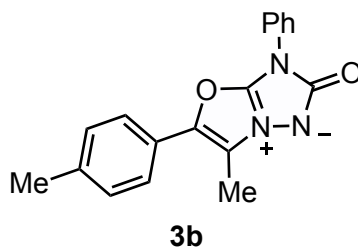
Melting Point: 165 °C (decomp.);

R_f: 0.24 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 144.9, 144.0, 132.2, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.0, 126.3, 125.5, 121.9, 119.0, 8.4;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 292.1081, found: 292.1081.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2b** (52.1 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 0/100 hexanes/EtOAc) provided **3b** as an off-white solid (43.5 mg, 71%).

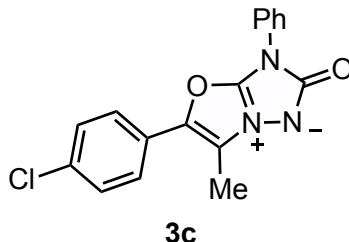
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R_f: 0.28 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 145.1, 143.8, 139.9, 132.4, 130.0, 129.7, 127.8, 125.5, 123.5, 121.6, 118.3, 21.5, 8.3;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₁₈H₁₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 306.1237, found: 306.1234.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2c** (60.2 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 0/100 hexanes/EtOAc) provided **3c** as an off-white solid (70.1 mg, 71%).

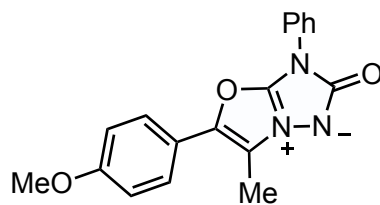
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R_f: 0.25 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.48 (m, 6H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.7, 144.0, 143.8, 135.6, 132.2, 129.8, 129.7, 128.0, 126.6, 124.9, 121.8, 119.5, 8.4;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₁₇H₁₃ClN₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 326.0691, found: 326.0682.



3d

Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2b** (58 μ L, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3d** as a white solid (57.6 mg, 89%).

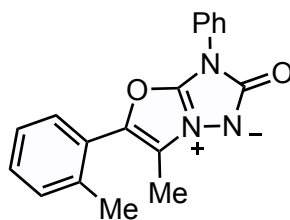
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R_f: 0.21 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.7, 158.9, 145.1, 143.8, 132.6, 129.8, 127.8, 127.5, 121.7, 118.8, 117.7, 114.9, 55.6, 8.3;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₁₈H₁₆N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 322.1186, found: 322.1188.



3e

Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2b** (52.1 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 0/100 hexanes/EtOAc) provided **3e** as an off-white solid (40.0 mg, 65%).

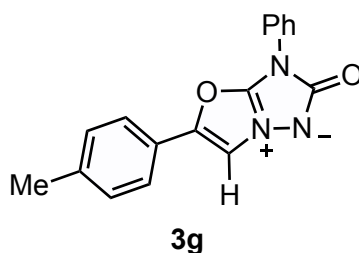
Melting Point: 169 °C (decomp.);

R_f: 0.28 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 144.9, 144.3, 138.6, 132.5, 131.2, 131.1, 130.8, 129.6, 127.6, 126.4, 124.6, 121.4, 120.5, 20.3, 7.8;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₁₈H₁₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 306.1237, found: 306.1237.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2g** (57 μ L, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 0/100 hexanes/EtOAc) provided **3e** as an off-white solid (40.4 mg, 69%).

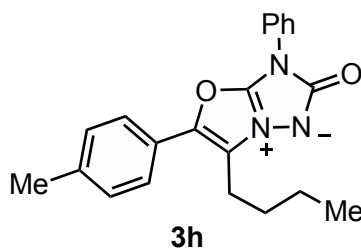
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R_f: 0.30 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 157.9, 148.3, 145.2, 139.1, 132.6, 129.8, 129.4, 127.3, 123.4, 123.3, 121.9, 108.5, 20.9;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 292.1081, found: 292.1083.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2h** (68.9 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3h** as an off-white solid (39.7 mg, 57%).

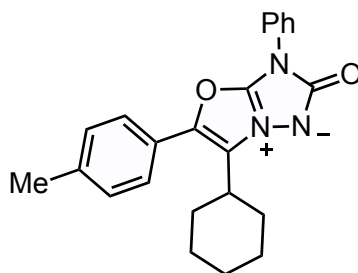
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R_f: 0.48 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.87 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (pent, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 144.9, 144.0, 140.1, 132.5, 130.1, 129.7, 127.8, 125.8, 123.5, 122.9, 121.8, 29.1, 22.8, 22.6, 21.5, 13.8;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₁H₂₂N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 348.1707, found: 348.1695.



3i

Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2i** (79.3 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 0/100 hexanes/EtOAc) provided **3i** as a white solid (60.1 mg, 80%).

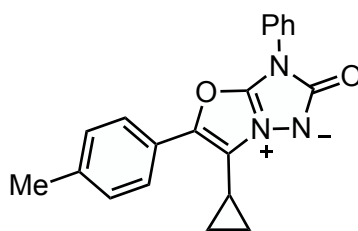
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R_f: 0.60 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (tt, *J* = 12.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.26 (qd, *J* = 12.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.92–1.84 (m, 4H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47–1.31 (m, 3H);

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.6, 144.5, 143.8, 140.3, 132.5, 130.0, 129.7, 127.7, 127.2, 126.9, 123.6, 121.8, 34.3, 29.4, 26.1, 25.2, 21.6;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₃H₂₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 374.1863, found: 374.1869.



3j

Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2j** (62.6 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 25/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3j** as a white solid (18.6 mg, 28%).

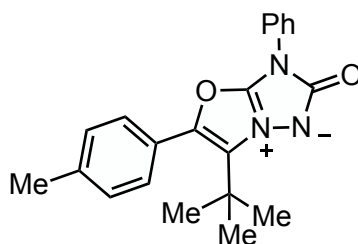
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¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.12–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.39 (td, *J* = 5.6, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (td, *J* = 7.6, 5.6 Hz, 2H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 157.7, 144.2, 144.1, 138.6, 132.4, 129.7, 129.4, 127.4, 125.2, 123.9, 122.7, 122.1, 20.9, 5.9, 4.4;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 332.1394, found: 332.1384



3k

Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2k** (68.9 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 0/100 hexanes/EtOAc) provided **3k** as an off-white solid (46.1 mg, 66%).

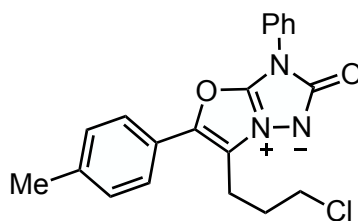
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R_f: 0.56 (EtOAc, UV);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.5, 144.5, 143.9, 141.7, 132.5, 131.8, 131.7, 129.6, 129.3, 127.6, 124.1, 121.8, 32.0, 28.6, 21.7;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₁H₂₂N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 348.1707, found: 348.1701.



3l

Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2l** (77.1 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3l** as an off-white solid (40.1 mg, 55%).

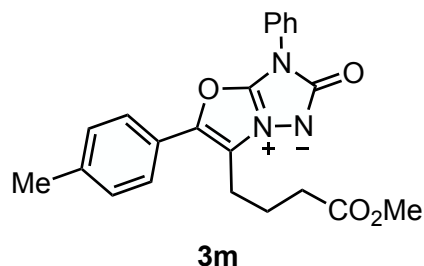
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R_f: 0.48 (20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH, UV);

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¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.8, 145.6, 144.2, 140.4, 132.4, 130.2, 129.8, 128.0, 126.0, 123.2, 121.9, 121.1, 44.1, 29.3, 21.6, 20.5;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₀H₁₈ClN₃O₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 390.0981, found: 390.0991.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2m** (86.5 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3m** as a yellow solid (64.4 mg, 82%).

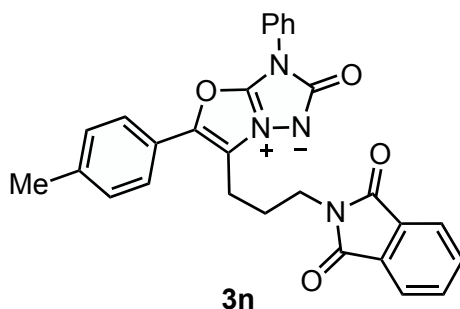
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¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.1, 158.7, 145.3, 143.9, 140.1, 132.3, 130.0, 129.6, 127.7, 125.7, 123.1, 121.65, 121.60, 51.7, 32.8, 22.11, 22.07, 21.4;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₂H₂₂N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺: 392.1605, found: 392.1624.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2n** (121 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3n** as a yellow solid (74.4 mg, 78%).

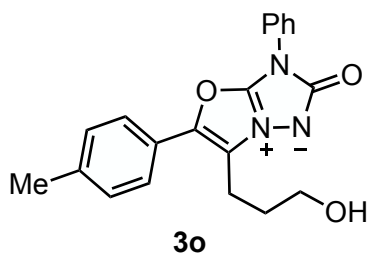
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¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 158.7, 145.3, 144.1, 140.2, 134.1, 132.3, 131.9, 130.0, 129.7, 127.8, 125.9, 123.4, 123.1, 121.8, 121.3, 37.1, 25.7, 21.5, 20.5;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄O₄Na [M+Na]⁺: 501.1533, found: 501.1526.



Prepared from PTAD (**1**) (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **2o** (69.7 mg, 0.40 mmol) following the general procedure. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 100/0 to 20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH) provided **3o** as a beige solid (36.6 mg, 52%).

Melting Point: 155 °C (decomp.)

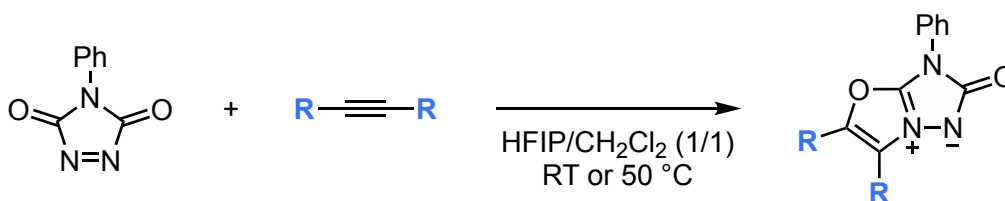
R_f: 0.41 (20/1 CHCl₃/MeOH, UV);

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¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.5, 145.4, 143.9, 140.2, 132.3, 130.1, 129.8, 128.0, 125.7, 123.4, 122.3, 121.9, 60.3, 30.4, 21.6, 19.1;

HRMS (ESI): Calc'd for C₂₀H₁₉N₃O₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 372.1319, found: 372.1320.

3-2. Limitations



R	temp	results
<i>n</i> -Pr	RT to 50 °C	recovery of alkyne (PTAD was fully consumed)
Ph	RT	complex mixtures

4. X-ray Crystallographic Analysis

Data collection and Structure solution details: Single crystal X-ray data for **3a** was collected on a Rigaku XtaLaB P200 diffractometer Cu-K α radiation. Data collection, cell refinement, data reduction and analysis were carried out with the CrysAlisPro (Rigaku Oxford Diffraction). These structures were solved by intrinsic phasing methods with the SHELXT program and refined using SHELXL^{11–13} with anisotropic displacement parameters for non-H atoms. CCDC 2292795 (for **3a**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper, which can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif

Table S1. Summary of crystallographic data of **3a**

Empirical formula	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ N ₃ O ₂
Formula weight	292.31
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	7.1044(2)
b/Å	10.0383(3)
c/Å	10.7169(3)
α /°	102.103(3)
β /°	109.324(3)
γ /°	102.128(3)
Volume/Å ³	672.07(4)
Z	2
ρ calc/g/cm ³	1.444
μ /mm ⁻¹	0.793
F(000)	306.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.14 × 0.06 × 0.02
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	9.174 to 147.38
Index ranges	-8 ≤ h ≤ 8, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -12 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	13502
Independent reflections	2613 [R _{int} = 0.0385, R _{sigma} = 0.0281]
Data/restraints/parameters	2613/0/200
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.036
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0373, wR ₂ = 0.0983
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0404, wR ₂ = 0.1004
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.19/-0.28

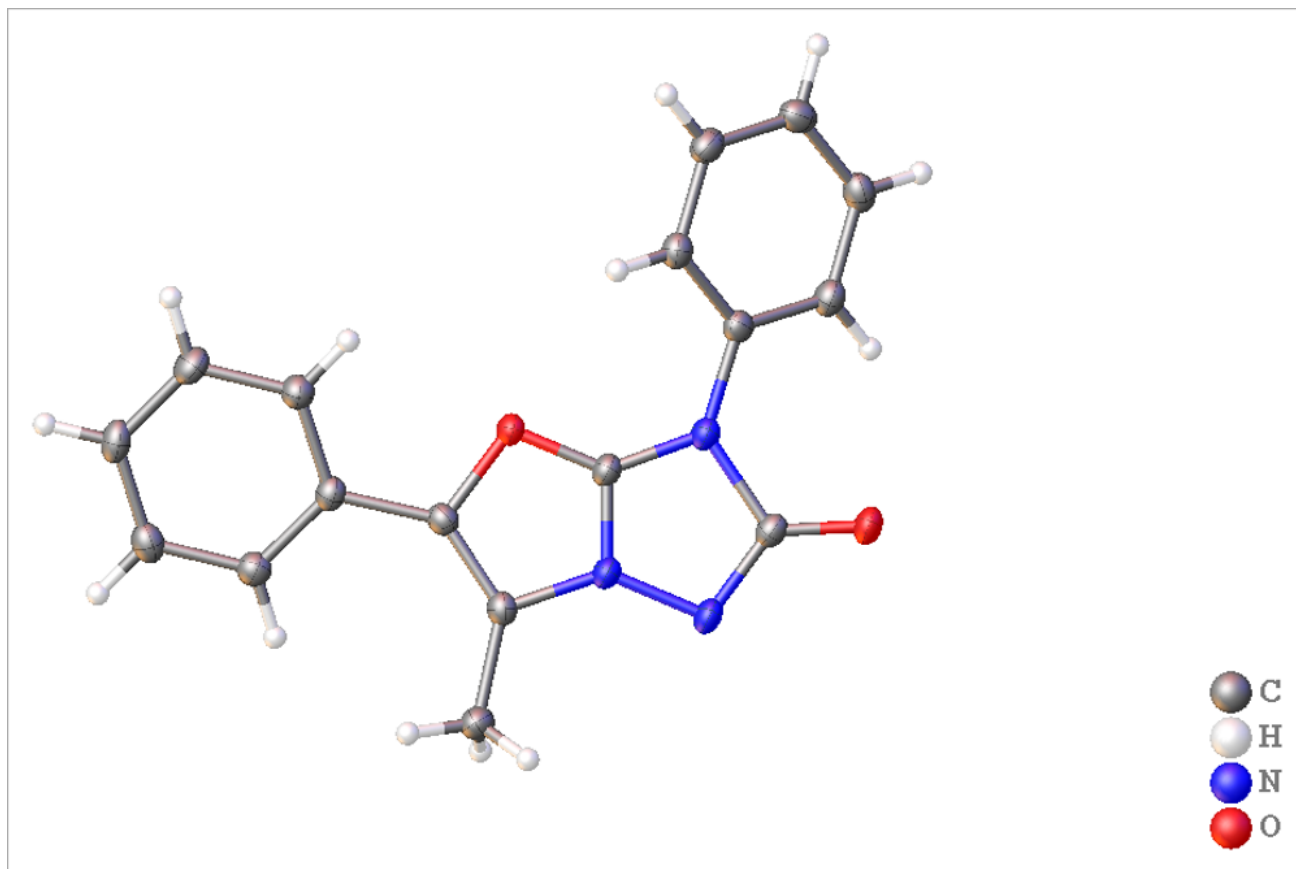


Figure S1. X-ray crystallographic structure of **3a**

5. HOMA/HOMHED Calculations

Harmonic Oscillator Model of Aromaticity (HOMA)¹⁴ and Harmonic Oscillator Model of Aromaticity for Heterocycle Electron Delocalization (HOMHED)¹⁵ values for **3a** were calculated from a following equation:

HOMHED(HOMA)

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{n} \{ \alpha_{CC} \sum [(R(CC)_{\text{opt}} - R_i)]^2 + \alpha_{CX} \sum [(R(CX)_{\text{opt}} - R_i)]^2 + \alpha_{CY} \sum [(R(CY)_{\text{opt}} - R_i)]^2 + \alpha_{XY} \sum [(R(XY)_{\text{opt}} - R_i)]^2 \}$$

where n is the number of bonds taken into summation, a is an empirical constant, R_{opt} is an optimal bond length, R_i is an experimental bond length from X-ray crystallographic structure.

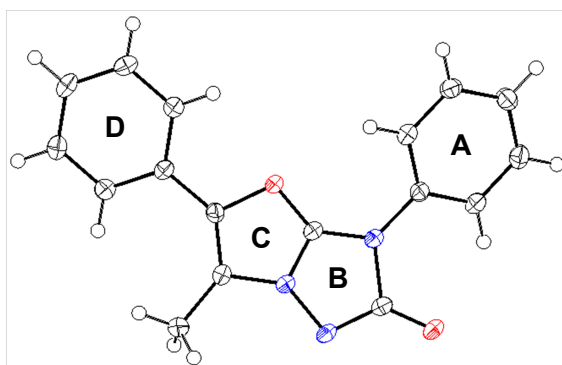
For HOMHED,

$a_{CC} = 78.6$, $a_{CN} = 87.4$, $a_{CO} = 77.2$, $a_{NN} = 78.6$, $R(CC)_{\text{opt}} = 1.387 \text{ \AA}$, $R(CN)_{\text{opt}} = 1.339 \text{ \AA}$, $R(CO)_{\text{opt}} = 1.282 \text{ \AA}$ and $R(NN)_{\text{opt}} = 1.311 \text{ \AA}$ were used.

For HOMA,

$a_{CC} = 257.7$, $a_{CN} = 93.52$, $a_{CO} = 157.38$, $a_{NN} = 130.33$, $R(CC)_{\text{opt}} = 1.388 \text{ \AA}$, $R(CN)_{\text{opt}} = 1.334 \text{ \AA}$, $R(CO)_{\text{opt}} = 1.265 \text{ \AA}$ and $R(NN)_{\text{opt}} = 1.309 \text{ \AA}$ were used.

Table S2. HOMHED and HOMA values for **3a**



Ring	HOMHED	HOMA
A	0.999	0.997
B	0.494	0.361
C	0.564	-0.043
D	0.996	0.989

6. DFT Calculations

Computational results

All the calculations were performed using Gaussian 16 program.^{16,17} NICS values were calculated using the standard GIAO (GIAO=NMR) at the level of B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) for the structure optimized at the B3LYP/6-31++G(d,p) theoretical level.

Optimized structure for 3a

O	-0.45292	-0.30253	0.03002
O	3.3325	2.48201	-0.08917
N	0.02234	1.80566	-0.02878
N	1.83407	0.63093	-0.00198
N	1.03464	2.82867	-0.07968
C	-2.91743	-0.3308	0.00789
C	-1.69272	0.45225	0.00503
C	0.51666	0.60397	0.00881
C	-1.37092	1.75265	-0.04595
C	2.72928	-0.47553	0.04276
C	2.17823	2.11111	-0.06254
C	4.0983	-0.27188	-0.04927
H	4.4687	0.72251	-0.14412
C	-2.91902	-1.60669	-0.5471
H	-2.01429	-2.00307	-0.95864
C	3.08938	-2.83948	0.21828
H	2.68948	-3.82816	0.32403
C	-4.08929	0.17754	0.55674
H	-4.08874	1.13895	1.02829
C	-4.08082	-2.35188	-0.56707
H	-4.07352	-3.33302	-0.99744
C	2.22504	-1.76257	0.17845
H	1.17118	-1.92514	0.25376
C	-5.25208	-0.56987	0.52311
H	-6.15089	-0.17018	0.94778
C	-5.25181	-1.83399	-0.0387
H	-6.15276	-2.41349	-0.05822
C	4.94888	-1.36093	-0.00717
H	6.00523	-1.19552	-0.07838
C	4.45539	-2.64581	0.12519
H	5.12344	-3.48279	0.15687

C	-2.18673	2.99544	-0.13871
H	-2.28991	3.45486	0.83806
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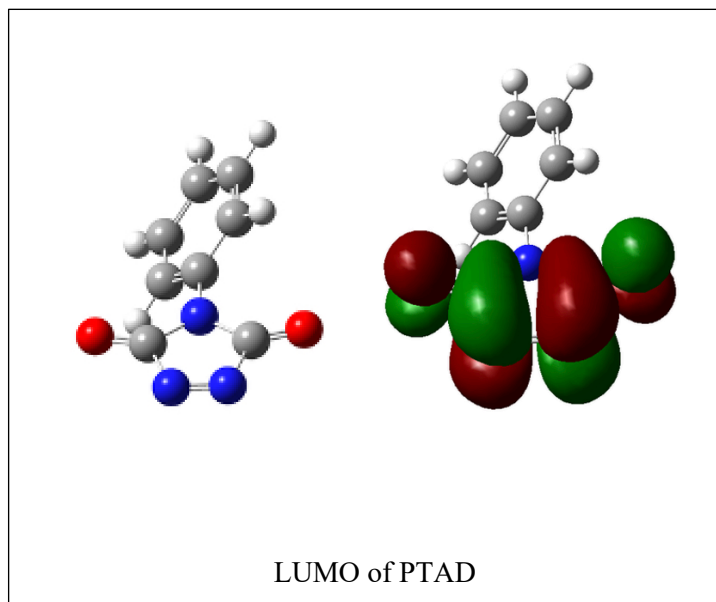
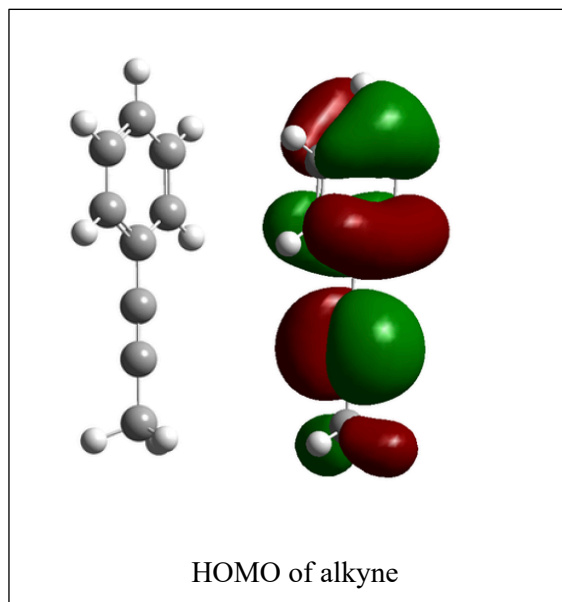
Input geometry for NICS(1) calculation of 3a

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N	-1.83290000	0.62590000	-0.00360000
N	-0.96800000	2.80480000	-0.01100000
C	2.90900000	-0.35880000	0.03200000
C	1.68010000	0.41920000	0.00390000
C	-0.50140000	0.58580000	-0.06380000
C	1.37750000	1.75620000	-0.00110000
C	-2.74650000	-0.45990000	-0.04480000
C	-2.14640000	2.13400000	0.01890000
C	-4.04660000	-0.29380000	0.45170000
H	-4.35120000	0.66960000	0.83850000
C	2.91240000	-1.66500000	0.55960000
H	1.99100000	-2.09080000	0.94220000
C	-3.23910000	-2.76250000	-0.59980000
H	-2.91980000	-3.71510000	-1.01200000
C	4.11420000	0.17530000	-0.46420000
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H	-5.93980000	-1.23940000	0.79450000
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C	2.20300000	2.99280000	0.08330000

H	2.35330000	3.44230000	-0.90520000
H	3.17890000	2.77790000	0.52200000
H	1.68700000	3.73190000	0.70290000
Bq	4.10130000	-1.11410000	0.07360000
Bq	4.29740000	-0.74250000	0.98100000
Bq	3.90020000	-1.48130000	-0.83460000
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Bq	0.63090000	0.84130000	-1.03040000
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Bq	-3.95480000	-1.24940000	-0.98410000
Bq	-3.32670000	-1.81370000	0.82890000

7. Mechanistic Details

We currently believe our PTAD-alkyne [3+2] cycloaddition takes place in a stepwise manner based on the following 2 reasons. First, the frontier molecular orbital analysis revealed that the calculated HOMO of alkynes and the LUMO of PTAD are mismatched to form new σ -bonds simultaneously as shown below (calculated at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory). Second, literature survey revealed that there are several precedents documenting the formation of vinyl cation intermediates that are stabilized by HFIP.¹⁸



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