Supporting Information

for

Synthesis of β-triazolylenones via metal-free desulfonylative alkylation of N-tosyl-1,2,3-triazoles

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Experimental details and characterization data of new compounds
General experimental details. A Buchi-M-560 apparatus was used to record melting points of the solid compounds; the melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum One FT spectrometer. Bruker 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers were used to record NMR spectra (\textsuperscript{1}H, \textsuperscript{13}C, APT and \textsuperscript{19}F) by using TMS as the internal standard. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz. A Micromass Q-TOF mass spectrometer was used to record High Resolution Mass Spectra at 60–70 eV in ESI mode. X-ray data were collected on a Rigaku Saturn 724+ diffractometer that was equipped with a graphite monochromator using (Cu and Mo-Kα) radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). The structures were solved by using direct methods (SHELXS97) and were refined by full-matrix least-squares against F\textsuperscript{2} by using SHELXL97 software. N-Tosyl and N-mesyl triazoles were prepared by literature methods. All the 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds were commercially available (Sigma/Alfa Aesar/Spectrochem).

General procedure

N-Tosylphenyltriazole (59 mg, 0.2 mmol) and the respective 1,3-dicarbonyl compound (0.2 mmol) were stirred in anhydrous chloroform (3 mL) under inert atmosphere at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (as observed by TLC) the solvent was removed and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (20% EA-PE) to afford the pure product (see Scheme 2 and Scheme 3a).

Experimental data

\textbf{3-(4-Pheny1-1\textsubscript{H}-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclohex-2-enone (3a)}

![Structure of 3a](image)

White solid; Yield 38 mg, 78%; mp 116-118 °C; IR (neat, cm\textsuperscript{-1}) 3137 (w), 3114 (w), 3055 (vw), 2927 (m), 2854 (w), 1668 (vs), 1622 (vs), 1455 (m), 1435 (m), 1229 (m), 1020 (m), 764 (m), 738 (s), 705 (m); \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 2.27 (quint, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 21.5, 26.0, 37.2, 115.5, 116.6, 126.2, 129.1, 129.2, 129.5, 149.0, 153.0, 198.5; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\textsubscript{14}H\textsubscript{14}N\textsubscript{3}O (MH\textsuperscript{+}) 240.1131, found 240.1134.

\textbf{3-(4-(4-tert-Butyl)phenyl-1\textsubscript{H}-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclohex-2-enone (3d)}

![Structure of 3d](image)

White solid; Yield 42 mg, 70%; mp 148-150 °C; IR (neat, cm\textsuperscript{-1}) 3121 (w), 2953 (m), 1669 (vs), 1621 (s), 1442 (s), 1228 (s); \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 1.36 (s, 9H), 2.26 (quint, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (td, J = 6.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (t, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (125 MHz,
CDCl₃ δ 21.5, 25.9, 31.4, 34.9, 37.1, 115.3, 116.2, 125.9, 126.1, 126.6, 149.0, 152.4, 153.0, 198.6; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₂ (MK⁺) 334.1316, found 334.1314.

3-(4-Phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-eneone (3e)

White solid; Yield 24 mg, 55%; mp 168-170 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3133 (vw), 2929 (w), 1664 (vs), 1622 (vs), 1579 (vs), 1462 (m), 1432 (m), 1188 (m), 1023 (m), 852 (m), 765 (s), 693 (m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.71-2.74 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.42 (m, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 55.6, 115.3, 116.2, 125.9, 126.1, 126.6, 149.0, 152.4, 153.0, 198.6 Å, α = 24.996°, β = 99.67°, γ = 90°, V = 1079.3 Å³, Ds = 1.386 Mg m⁻³, Z = 4, F(000) = 472.0, λ = 0.71073Å, μ = 0.092 cm⁻¹, total/unique= 1881/1881 [R(int) = 0.0876], T=293(2) K, θ range = θ₉₀°, 225.25, Monoclinic, space group C = 225.25.

3-(4-(p-Tolyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-eneone (3f)

White solid; Yield 34 mg, 71%; mp 183-185 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2922 (w), 2854 (vw), 1717 (s), 1697 (m), 1621 (m), 1219 (w), 1049 (m), 750 (vs); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.73 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.41 (m, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (w, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 27.1, 34.6, 117.3, 117.4, 126.2, 126.3, 129.9, 139.4, 149.5, 164.6, 205.0; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₂ (MNa⁺) 234.0889, found 234.0884.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-eneone (3g)

White solid; Yield 32 mg, 61%; mp 168-170 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2922 (m), 2855 (w), 1716 (w), 1624 (vs), 1262 (w), 1030 (m), 849 (w), 765 (w); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.40 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 55.6, 114.7, 116.7, 117.3, 121.8, 127.7, 149.4, 160.6, 164.7, 205.1; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NO₂ ([M-N₂]H⁺) 228.1019, found 228.1015.

3-(3-Methoxyphenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-eneone (3h)

White solid; Yield 20 mg, 38%; mp 168-170 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3131 (w), 2931 (w), 1710 (vs), 1623 (s), 1584 (m), 1436 (m), 1256 (m), 1044 (m), 1017 (s), 787 (m); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 55.6, 111.5, 115.2, 117.6.
117.9, 118.6, 130.3, 130.4, 149.3, 160.3, 164.5, 205.0; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\textsubscript{14}H\textsubscript{14}N\textsubscript{3}O\textsubscript{2} (MH\textsuperscript{+}) 256.1081, found 256.1085.

3-(4-(4-tert-Butyl)phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3i)

White solid; Yield 30 mg, 53%; mp 233-235 °C; IR (neat, cm\textsuperscript{-1}) 3115 (m), 3086 (w), 2959 (s), 1715 (s), 1697 (m), 1621 (vs), 1434 (s), 1028 (m), 809 (w); \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 1.36 (s, 9H), 2.70-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.41 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 27.1, 31.4, 34.6, 35.0, 117.3, 117.4, 126.1, 126.2, 126.3, 149.5, 152.7, 164.6, 205.1; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\textsubscript{17}H\textsubscript{19}ONa ([M-N\textsubscript{2}]Na\textsuperscript{+}) 276.1359, found 276.1358.

3-(4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3j)

White solid; Yield 32 mg, 67%; mp 173-175 °C; IR (neat, cm\textsuperscript{-1}) 3114 (w), 1713 (vs), 1713 (vs), 1698 (s), 1620 (vs), 1459 (m), 1444 (m), 1239 (s), 1218 (s), 859 (s), 838 (s), 807 (s); \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.39 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H); \textsuperscript{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ -111.7; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{11}FN\textsubscript{3}O (MH\textsuperscript{+}) 244.0881, found 244.0883.

3-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3k)

White solid; Yield 38 mg, 52%; mp 184-186 °C; IR (neat, cm\textsuperscript{-1}) 2933 (w), 1713 (m), 1689 (w), 1616 (vs), 1455 (m), 1431 (m), 1236 (m), 1216 (m), 1022 (s), 812 (m), 742 (vs); \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 2.71-2.73 (m, 2H), 3.38-3.40 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}) δ 27.1, 34.6, 117.7, 117.8, 127.5, 127.7, 129.5, 135.3, 148.4, 164.4, 204.9; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{10}ClN\textsubscript{3}ONa (MNa\textsuperscript{+}) 282.0405, found 282.0405.

3-(4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3l)

White solid; Yield 34 mg, 54%; mp 205-207 °C; IR (neat, cm\textsuperscript{-1}) 2930 (vw), 1708 (vvs), 1693 (vvs), 1622 (vs), 1451 (vs), 1430 (vs), 1237 (m), 1215 (m), 1184 (m), 1072 (vw), 1024 (s), 1015 (s), 807 (m); \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d\textsubscript{6}) δ 2.59-2.61 (unresolved m, 2H), 3.26-3.28 (unresolved m, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 9.31 (s, 1H); \textsuperscript{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 26.5, 34.3, 117.4, 120.8, 121.8, 127.5, 128.6, 132.1, 146.7, 164.9, 205.2; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{10}BrN\textsubscript{3}O (MH\textsuperscript{+}) 304.0080, found 304.0083.
3-(4-(Thiophen-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3m)

White solid; Yield 34 mg, 75%; mp 205-207 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3150 (w), 3044 (w), 2936 (w), 1718 (s), 1692 (vs), 1618 (vs), 1454 (s), 1430 (s), 1265 (m), 1205 (m), 1183 (m), 1040 (s), 860 (m), 801 (s), 743 (vs); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1.74-1.76 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.45 (m, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 6.36 (dd, J = 4.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 26.5, 34.3, 117.4, 119.4, 125.3, 126.7, 128.2, 131.3, 143.2, 164.9, 205.3; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₁H₁₀N₅OS (MH⁺) 232.0539.

(1-(3-Oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl benzoate (3n)

White solid; Yield 46 mg, 82%; mp 128-130 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3107 (w), 3085 (w), 2929 (w), 1709 (vs), 1620 (m), 1599 (m), 1453 (m), 1267 (s), 1243 (m), 716 (s); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.68-2.70 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.35 (m, 2H), 5.54 (s, 2H), 6.42 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.1, 34.6, 57.7, 118.1, 122.9, 128.7, 129.5, 129.9, 133.6, 144.8, 164.3, 166.6, 204.8; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₅O₃Na (MNa⁺) 306.0849, found 306.0849.

3-(4-Propyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3o)

White solid; Yield 20 mg, 52%; mp 101-103 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3128 (w), 3077 (w), 2959 (m), 2934 (m), 2874 (w), 1714 (vs), 1698 (vs), 1621 (vs), 1457 (s), 1431 (m), 1189 (s), 1045 (s), 868 (s); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.74 (sext, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.66-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.76 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.32-3.35 (m, 2H), 6.31 (d, J = 1.3Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.9, 22.5, 27.0, 27.6, 34.5, 116.9, 119.4, 150.3, 164.9, 205.2; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₀H₁₄N₅O (MH⁺) 192.1131, found 192.1129.

2- Methyl-3-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (3p)

White solid; Yield 26 mg, 55%; mp 179-180 °C; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3140 (m), 2929 (m), 1703 (vs), 1645 (vvs), 1455 (m), 1436 (s), 1301 (m), 1240 (m), 1012 (m), 767 (vs), 696 (m); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.18 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.69-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.28 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.7, 26.6, 33.4, 118.2, 126.1, 127.3, 129.1, 129.2, 129.4, 148.5, 157.1, 206.0; HRMS (ES⁺) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄N₅O (MH⁺) 240.1131, found 240.1130.

5,5-Dimethyl-3-oxocyclohex-1-en-yl methanesulfonate (4a) (Scheme 3a)

N-Mesyl phenyl triazole (1a', 44 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and dimedone (2d, 28 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) were stirred in anhydrous chloroform (3 mL) under inert atmosphere at room temperature for 48 h. After
completion of reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (15% EA-PE) to afford the pure product 4a.

![Image of compound 4a]

Colourless liquid; Yield 20 mg, 45%; IR (neat, cm\(^{-1}\)) 3019 (w), 2962 (vs), 1666 (vs), 1614 (vs), 1469 (m), 1371 (vs), 1355 (vs), 1095 (m), 734 (m), 538 (m); \(^1\)H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 2.08 (s, 6H), 2.25 (s, 2H), 3.45 (d, \(J = 0.9\) Hz, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 6.02 (br s, 1H); \(^13\)C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 32.4, 32.6, 38.6, 41.2, 41.9, 50.1, 114.7, 166.1, 198.3; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\(_9\)H\(_{14}\)O\(_4\)S (MH\(^+\)) 219.0686, found 219.0684.

Control experiment (Scheme 3b)

N-Tosylphenyltriazole 1a (59 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and cyclopentane-1,3-dione (2b, 20 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) were stirred in anhydrous chloroform (3 mL) under inert atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction was stopped after 10 h before the completion of the reaction. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (20% Ethyl acetate/MeOH) to afford the products 3e as a white solid in 40% yield (18 mg) and 4b' as a colourless liquid in 30% yield (15 mg).

![Image of compound 4b']

2-Tosycyclopentane-1,3-dione (4b'): Colorless liquid; Yield 15 mg, 30%; IR (neat, cm\(^{-1}\)) 3428 (br m), 2929 (w), 1661 (w), 1567 (m), 1426 (m), 1172 (vs), 1124 (vs), 1034 (s), 1010 (s), 842 (s), 568 (s); \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d\(_6\)) \(\delta\) 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 4H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, \(J = 8.0\) Hz, 2H); \(^13\)C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d\(_6\)) \(\delta\) 21.1, 31.6, 105.3, 125.8, 128.7, 138.9, 144.6, 198.8; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C\(_{12}\)H\(_{12}\)O\(_4\)S (MH\(^+\)) 252.0451, found 252.0452.

Rearrangement of 4b to 4b' (Scheme 3c)

3-Oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (4b)\(^2\) (50 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was kept at room temperature overnight (12 h) which completely converted to 4b' (colorless liquid) in quantitative yield.

3-(Benzylamino)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (6b, Scheme 3e)

To a stirred solution of benzyl amine (5a, 72 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in chloroform (3 mL), the 3-oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (4b, 50 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the stirring was continued for 48 h at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was directly subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (20% Ethyl acetate/MeOH) to afford the pure product 6b.

![Image of compound 6b]

White solid; Yield 27 mg, 72%; mp 121-123 °C; IR (neat, cm\(^{-1}\)) 3227 (br s), 3058 (m), 2920 (w), 1645 (m), 1563 (vs), 1435 (m), 1274 (m), 1194 (s), 1067 (m), 749 (m), 702 (m), 631 (m); \(^1\)H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl\(_3\)) \(\delta\) 2.42 (poorly resolved t, \(J = 5.2\) Hz, 2H), 2.60 (poorly resolved t, \(J = 5.2\) Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d, \(J = 4.1\) Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 5.25 (br s, 1H), 7.26-7.38 (m, 5H); \(^13\)C NMR
(100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 27.4, 33.6, 47.9, 97.9, 127.3, 127.5, 128.6, 138.2, 177.1, 202.8; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaO (MNa<sup>+</sup>) 210.0889 found 210.0885.

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