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Abstract

The current work is including synthesis of new mannitol based bis-1,2,3-triazoles and study of their cytotoxicity. First, aromatic azides **99a–c** were synthesized in excellent yields via the reaction of corresponding benzyl bromides with sodium azide in DMSO. In a separate step, the commercially available D-mannitol was reacted with acetone in the presence of zinc chloride to give 1,2:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (**101**) in 54% yield, which was treated with propargyl bromide in DMF to produce 3,4-bis-*O*-propargyl-1,2:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (**102**) in a very good yield. The copper catalyzed cycloaddition reaction of the dialkyne **102** with azides **99a–c** gave the bis-1,2,3-triazole derivatives **103 a–c** in nearly very good yields. The final step in the synthesis was the acetal groups' removal of compounds **103 a–c** to afford the deprotected triazole derivatives **104 a–c** in quantitative yields. The synthesized compounds were characterized followed by TLC, FT-IR, NMR, COSY, HSQC, HMBC and HRMS. Compounds **103 a–c** were *in vitro* screened against human mesenchymal stem cells and found to possess fair cytotoxicity.



Reagents and conditions: i] NaN₃, DMSO, 50 °C, 24 h; 88-91%ii] acetone, ZnCl₂, r.t., 24 h, 54%; iii] propargyl bromide, DMF, -20 °C-r.t., 24 h, 84%; iv] **99a–c**, Na ascorbate, CuSO₄•5H₂O, DMSO, 50 °C, 36 h, 77–81%; v] Amberlite IR 120 H+, MeOH / H₂O, 60 °C, 72 h.quantitative.

Abbreviations

¹³ C NMR	carbon nuclear magnetic resonance	
¹⁹ F NMR	fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance	
¹ H NMR	proton nuclear magnetic resonance	
2D	two dimensional	
Ac	acyl	
ATP	adenosine triphosphate	
CAN	cerium ammonium nitrate	
COSY	correlation spectroscopy	
COVID	CO' stands for corona, 'VI' for virus, and 'D' for disease	
CuAAC	copper(I)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition	
DCE	1,2-dichloroethane	
DES	deep eutectic solvent	
DMF	dimethylformamide	
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide	
EC 50	half maximal effective concentration	
EtOAc	ethyl acetate	
FBS	fetal bovine serum	
FT-IR	Fourier-transform infrared	
h	hour	
HMBC	heteronuclear multiple bond correlation	
HRMS	high-resolution mass spectrometry	
HSQC	heteronuclear single quantum coherence	
IC50	half maximal inhibitory concentration	

J	coupling constant
Μ	molar
m.p.	melting point
PEG	polyethylene glycol
ррт	part per million
r.t.	room temperature
R_f	retention factor
TBAI	tetrabutylammonium iodide
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TLC	thin layer chromatography

CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

Heterocyclic compounds are one of the important classes of organic chemistry due their wide range of applications.^{1–5} In addition to their cyclic nature, it should contain one or more heteroatoms rather than carbon i.e. nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, selenium...etc. and it can be aromatic or non-aromatic.^{6,7} Heterocyclic compounds are classified into three, four, five, six, seven-membered rings and they could be fused-cyclic derivatives comprises of two rings or more.^{8,9} The most important categories are the five- and six-membered rings because their availability in compounds that have essential role nature such as nucleotides (adenosine triphosphate (ATP) (1)), carbohydrates (L-ascorbic acid (2)) and penicillin (3).^{10–12}



Figure 1. Structures of ATP(1), L-ascorbic acid(2), and penicillin(3)

1.1.Five-membered ring heterocyclic compounds

There are many heterocyclic derivatives categorized under this class and varies from one to four heteroatomic molecules. The common examples of hetero-alicyclic derivatives are tetrahydrofuran (5), pyrrolidine (6) and tetrahydrothiophene (7). These compounds are highly consumed for industrial applications, and it produced according to the following scheme^{13–15}:



Scheme 1. Industrial production of tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydrothiophene and pyrrolidine

The aromatic counterparts: furan (8), pyrrole (9) and thiophen (10) of the compounds 5–7 are also important, and their derivatives have remarkable applications particularly in the field of drug design i.e. antimicrobial nitrofurazone $(11)^{16}$, antiplatelet



Figure 2. Structure of furan, pyrrole, thiophene and examples of their corresponding drugs

When another carbon atom is replaced by nitrogen in the compounds 8–10, a new set of diatomic heterocyclic five-membered ring is afforded, for example, isoxazole (14), oxazole (15), pyrazole (16), imidazole (17), isothiazole (18), and thiazole (19).^{19,20} The position of the nitrogen regarding to the other heteroatom governs the physical and chemical properties of the molecule. Although, imidazole and pyrazole have similar

chemical formula, the former compound possess higher basicity ($pK_b = 7.0$) than the latter ($pK_b = 11.5$) and they have different physical properties.^{21–23}



Figure 3. Structure of compounds 14–19; comparison between compounds 16 and 17 in their basicity and melting points

Once again, replacing the carbon atom (adjacent to the sp^2 nitrogen) by nitrogen atom resulting in two different heterocyclic compounds; 1,2,3-triazole and 1,2,4triazole.

1.2.Triazoles

Triazoles are available in two isomeric forms 1,2,3-triazoles (**20**) and 1,2,4triazoles (**21**). Both have one sp^3 nitrogen atom and two sp^2 or pyridine-like nitrogen atoms. This allows the two isomers to own amphoteric behavior as they can accept proton *via* the sp^2 nitrogen or subtract proton from the pyrrole-like nitrogen and stabilize by delocalization (Scheme 2).^{24–26}



Scheme 2. The amphoteric behavior of triazoles 20 and 21

The variety in the chemical properties of triazoles affords them wide range of applications mainly in the pharmacological domain and consequently the synthesis of triazoles draws the attention of the researchers.^{27–30} There are many methods to synthesize 1,2,4-triazole and one of the earliest routs of preparation is Pellizzari method.³¹ In this reaction (Scheme 3), substituted 1,3,4-triazole derivatives are synthesized by the condensation of amides and hydrazides. However, this reaction is time consuming and it requires high temperature.³²



Scheme 3. Synthesis of substituted 1,3,4-triazole through Pellizzari reaction

Pellizzari method is then developed to improve the reaction conditions and regioselectivity. In the last decade, various components and green protocols have been utilized to reach the substituted 1,2,4-triazoles.³³

The reaction of aldehydes with amidrazones in the presence of cerium ammonium nitrate (CAN) and polyethylene glycol as a reaction media yielded trisubstituted-1,2,4-triazoles in a very good yield (Scheme 4).³⁴



Scheme 4. Cerium ammonium nitrate (CAN) catalyzed synthesis of trisubstituted-1,2,4-triazoles

1,2,4-Triazoles can be obtained from the copper-catalyzed reaction of amidines hydrochloride with aromatic nitriles in the presence of cesium carbonate, air and using DMSO as a solvent at 120 °C for 24 h (Scheme 5).³⁵



Scheme 5. Copper-catalyzed synthesis of disubstituted-1,2,4-triazoles

Liu *et al.*, utilized sliver $(I)^{36}$ to promote the regioselective synthesis of 1,3disubstituted 1,2,4-triazoles in 1,2-dichloroethane at 0 °C for 6 to 12 h. (Scheme 6). This method is highly efficient and has excellent functional group compatibility.



Scheme 6. Ag (I)-catalyzed regioselective synthesis of 1,3-disubstituted 1,2,4-triazoles

However, when the starting materials are reacted in the presence of a mixture of copper acetate and lithium acetate in THF at similar temperature, 1,5-disubstituted 1,2,4-triazoles are obtained instead (Scheme 7).³⁶



Scheme 7. Cu (II)-catalyzed regioselective synthesis of 1,5-disubstituted 1,2,4-triazoles

The environmentally tolerated synthesis of 4,5-disubstituted 3-amino-1,2,4triazoles is achieved by the reaction of amidines and isothiocyanates in the presence of iodine as a catalyst and water as a solvent. The reaction is performed at ambient temperature for 3 h. (Scheme 8).³⁷



Scheme 8. Friendly-environment synthesis of 4,5-disubstituted 3-amino-1,2,4-triazoles

In addition to the interest in the synthesis and application of 1,2,4-triazoles, researchers tend to synthesize 1,2,3-triazole derivatives due to their wide applications.

1.3. 1,2,3-Triazoles

1,2,3-Triazoles are significant class of organic compounds. They are fivemembered heterocyclic molecules which consist of three consecutive nitrogen atoms and two carbons.

1.3.1. Synthesis of 1,2,3-triazoles

There is a number of methods to construct 1,2,3-triazoles and they are varying from non-regioselective to regioselective protocols.^{38–40}

1.3.1.1. Cycloaddition of azides to alkynes

When a 1,3-dipole reacts with dipolarphile the reaction is then called 1,3cycloaddition or Huisgen cycloaddition due to the efforts of Rolf Huisgen⁴¹ in the investigation and description of the 1,3-cycloaddition reaction mechanism. There are several organic compounds that process this feature because of the spread of two charge over three atoms such as azides, nitro compounds, diazo compounds, nitrones and other organic molecules (Figure 5).^{42,43}



Figure 5. A number of organic 1,3-dipolar compounds

1,2,3-Triazoles can be produced by the reaction of 1,3-dipolar compound (azide) and dipolarphile (alkyne). However, this reaction affords two isomers: 1,4- and 1,5-disubstitued 1,2,3-triazoles (Scheme 9)^{44,45}



Scheme 9. 1,3-dipolarcycloaddition between organic azides and alkynes to give 1,4and 1,5-disubstitued 1,2,3-triazoles

1.3.1.2. Cycloaddition of azides to allenes

Allenes are cumulated dienes having an *sp*-hybridized carbon atom and two *sp*²-hybridized carbons. Due to their electronic properties, they tolerate [2 + 2] and [2 + 4] cycloaddition reactions.⁴⁶ For example, the reaction of allenes with aromatic azides in Deep Eutectic Solvent (DES) at 90 °C gives two different 1,4-disubstituted-1,2,3-triazole derivatives in low yield (Scheme 10).⁴⁷



Scheme 10. Synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole derivatives from the cycloaddition of allene to aromatic azides in Deep Eutectic Solvent (DES)

Solvent-free and uncatalyzed cycloaddition of tetrasubstituted allene **28** and aromatic azide **29** affords highly substituted triazoles **30** and **31** in 25% and 3%, respectively. The reaction is non-regioselective and time consuming as it requires 14 day to obtain the products (Scheme 11).⁴⁸



Scheme 11. Solvent-free synthesis of highly substituted 1,2,3-triazole derivatives 30 and 31

1.3.1.3. Copper-catalyzed cycloaddition reaction (Click reaction)

The term "click chemistry" has been released in 2001 by Sharpless and coworkers⁴⁹ on the reactions that happened in nature between two substrates or more to form a joint. However, this term is not limited to bioconjugation, it can be utilized in pharmacological and chemical applications.^{50,51} In chemistry, click reaction is the reaction which has relatively high yield with inoffensive byproducts and less sensitive to moisture and air. Moreover, it is a one-pot reaction.⁵² In 2002, copper(I)-catalyzed

azide-alkyne cycloaddition (CuAAC) to prepare 1H-1,2,3-triazole was independently discovered by Sharpless⁵³ and Meldal⁵⁴ research groups. The reaction occurs by adding Cu(I) salts to the azide alkyne mixture or using Cu(II) slats which are mostly reduced by ascorbic acid salts *in situ* to form Cu(I). The first step in the suggested reaction mechanism (Scheme 12) demonstrates that the terminal alkyne couples with Cu(I) to form copper(I) acetylide **I**. Then, the electron-rich nitrogen donates lone pair of electrons to the copper to give complex **II** followed by the intramolecular attack of internal *sp*-carbon on terminal nitrogen of the azide moiety to form the six-membered ring intermediate **III**. Ring contraction of **III** affords intermediate **IV** that eventually releasees the copper complex to the cycle and gives the regioselective product 1,4-disubstituted-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole derivative **V**.



Scheme 12. Proposed mechanism copper(I)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (CuAAC) to prepare 1,4-disubstituted 1*H*-1,2,3-triazole derivatives.⁵³

Various 1,4-disubstituted 1*H*-1,2,3-triazole derivatives have been synthesized by Sharpless and Meldal research groups in high yield at ambient temperature without minor products (Figure 6).



Figure 6. 1,4-Disubstituted 1*H*-1,2,3-triazole derivatives synthesized by Sharpless and Meldal research groups

1,5-disubstituted 1*H*-1,2,3-triazoles are also prepared metal-catalyzed cycloaddition. Nickel and ruthenium with suitable ligands in water or organic solvent were used for this purpose to afford regioselective 1,5-disubstitued product.^{55,56} The proposed mechanism of nickel-catalyzed alkyne-azide cycloaddition NiAAC reaction is illustrated in Scheme 13:



Scheme 13. The proposed mechanism of nickel-catalyzed alkyne-azide cycloaddition NiAAC reaction⁵⁵

1.3.2. Applications of 1,2,3-triazole derivatives

Due to their unique structural properties and high stability towards various conditions, 1,2,3-triazoles have many applications starting from drug discovery to material science.⁵⁷ One of the significant features of 1,2,3-triazoles is their behavior as a hydrogen bond donor owning to the H-5 that is attached to an sp^2 carbon atom and as a hydrogen bond acceptor due to the existence of pyridine- and pyrrole-like nitrogen atom in their structure (Figure 7). This improves their ability in the biological and other fields of research.^{58,59}



Figure 7. Hydrogen bond donor and acceptor events in 1,2,3-triazoles

1.3.2.1. Biological and medicinal applications

Triazole core is considered as amide bioisostere and it can replace the peptide bond in proteins and peptide (Figure 8). However, computational studies found that the hydrogen bonds formed by amide are stronger than those created by triazole analogues and this will alter the peptide or protein activity in biological application.⁶⁰



Figure 8. Structure similarity between amide and its triazole analogue

Consequently, triazole derivatives are extensively synthesized for drug discovery applications. A recent study found that substituting of amide in Lumacaftor (VX 809) **38** by 1,2,3-triazole analogue maintains hydrogen bonding. However, the calculations revealed that triazole analogue **39** formed weaker hydrogen bonds than its amide counterpart **38** and this may eliminate some of the intermolecular interaction which in turn affect the drug activity (Figure 9).⁶¹



Figure 9. Structures of Lumacaftor (VX 809) 38 which is used for the treatment of cystic fibrosis, and its triazole analogue 39

Mohammed *et al.*, $^{62-64}$ synthesized a collection of sugar-based 1,2,3-tiazoles **40**, bistriazole **41** and tetrakistriazole **42** derivatives. All compounds exhibited moderate to good antibacterial activity and this activity is attributed to the presence of triazole moiety (Figure 10).



Figure 10. Sugar-based 1,2,3-tiazoles 40, bistriazole 41 and tetrakistriazole 42 derivatives that have antibacterial activity

A novel set of uracil-containing bistriazole derivatives having silatrane moiety are tailored and screened *in vitro* against *E.coli*, *B. subtillus*, *V. cholera* and *S. aureus*. The antibacterial study showed these compounds are promising in the drug design (Figure 11).⁶⁵



Figure 11. Uracil-containing bistriazole derivatives having silatrane moiety

Gondru *et al.*,⁶⁶ synthesized a new hybrid series of 1,2,3-triazole-thiazole derivatives and they examined their antibacterial and antifungal activity. It is found that

the designed compounds have promising *in vitro* toxicity against *B. subtilis*, *S. aureus* and *Candida* strains (Figure 12).



Figure 12. Hybrid 1,2,3-triazole-thiazole derivatives that have antibacterial and antifungal activity

Composites of quinoline–1,2,3-triazole **46** and **47** have been prepared through click reaction of propargyl quinoline ether **43** and alcohol or tosylated alcohol azides **44** and **45**, respectively (Scheme 14). Compound **47** was screened *in vitro* against bacterial and fungal pathogens; *K. pneumoniae*, *P. aeruginosa*, *C. albicans* and *C. neoformans*, and it exhibited more than 80% inhibition to the microbial growth.⁶⁷



Scheme 14. Synthesis of quinoline–1,2,3-triazole hybrids 46 and 47 via click chemistry

Claisen-Schmidt condensation has been employed to couple 1,2,3-triazolecontaining aldehydes and indolin-2-ones derivatives (Scheme 15). The resulting compounds were tested *in vivo* as vascular endothelial growth factor receptors VEGFR-2 inhibitors and the best kinase inhibition activity ($IC_{50} = 26.38$ nM) is recorded for compound **48**.⁶⁸



Scheme 15. Claisen-Schmidt condensation of indolin-2-ones derivatives with 1,2,3triazole-containing aldehydes; structure of compound **48**

Vo *et al.*,⁶⁹ designed and synthesized new series of fluorinated 1,2,3-triazole analogues of the antidiabetic medication sitagliptin **49** using click conditions. The inhibitory activity of the synthesized derivatives was examined *in vitro* against the human dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (hDDP-4) and two of them **50–51** showed remarkable potency against the enzyme IC50 = 28 and 14 nM respectively (Figure 13).



Figure 13. Comparison between the structure and the inhibitory activity against (hDDP-4) of sitagliptin 49 and its triazole analogues 50–51

A novel set of piperidine-based bis-1,2,3-trizoles have been tailored using computational studies. The derivatives were then synthesized by double-click reaction of dipropargyl piperidine 52 with α -azido amides 53–55. The antitubercular activity were evaluated and it is demonstrated that the bis-1,2,3-trizole derivatives possess promising antitubercular activity. However, three of the prepared compounds 56–58

were assigned as the best agent as they required low minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC = $12.5 \mu g / L$) compared to the other derivatives (Scheme 16).⁷⁰



Scheme 16. Synthesis of piperidine-based bis-1,2,3-trizoles via click chemistry

Huang *et al.*,⁷¹ synthesized quinoline–1,2,3-triazole hybrids through coppercatalyzed cycloaddition reaction. The structure activity relationship (SAR) and the antimalarial activity of the prepared derivatives have been profiled and it was revealed that compound **59** has the best antimalarial activity (EC₅₀ = 40 nM) among the synthesized derivatives (Figure 14).



Figure 14. Structure and EC₅₀ of compound 59

Recently, Nerella and co-workers⁷² reported the synthesis of carbohydratebased 1,2,3-triazoles *via* silver (I)-*N*-heterocyclic carbene **60** (Ag(I)-NHC)-catalyzed cycloaddition. Among the synthesized hybrids, sugar triazoles **61** and **62** demonstrated notable anticancer activity against prostate and breast cancer cell lines (Figure 15).



derivates 61 and 62

One-pot synthesis and anticancer activity of arylacetamides based 1,4disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles have been reported. The anticancer activity against four human tumor cell lines; prostate cancer, lung cancer, liver cancer and breast epithelial exhibited significant antitumor activity of the compounds bearing phenyl **63** and naphthyl **64** group which possess $IC_{50} = 4.0$ and $3.5 \mu g / mL$ respectively (Figure 16).⁷³



Figure 16. Arylacetamides based 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles that have antitumor activity

Moderate anticancer activity of monosaccharide-containing 1,2,3-triazoles when screened against human liver, breast and lung cancer cells. The triazole derivatives **68**

and **69** were synthesized via Cu(I) catalyzed cycloaddition between *N*-propargyl imidazolopyrimidine **65** and glycosyl azides **66** and **67** (Scheme 17).⁷⁴



Scheme 17. Monosaccharide-containing 1,2,3-triazoles 68 and 69

Seghetti and co-workers⁷⁵ functionalized the naturally occurring curcumin **70** with 1,2,3-triazole moiety at position 4 using click chemistry approach. The effects of the synthesized derivative on the cancer apoptosis pathway have been studied and it is revealed that compound **71** is the most potent derivative because its IC_{50} against leukemia cell growth was 3.13 µM after 48 h compared with parent curcumin ($IC_{50} = 10.51 \mu M$) (Figure 17).



A recent *in silico* study of a library of phthalimide-based 1,2,3-triazoles demonstrated that these derivatives **72–78** (Figure 18) can be active against viruses.

Moreover, they are promising drug for treatment of COVID-19 through the interruption of virus spike, protease or nucleocapsid proteins.⁷⁶



Figure 18. Structure of phthalimide-based 1,2,3-triazole derivatives 72-78

1.3.2.2. Other applications

Apart from biological and pharmaceutical applications, 1,2,3-triazole derivatives are widely used in the material sciences due to their physicochemical properties. Several studies demonstrate the use of 1,2,3-triazole compounds as chemosensors for different species.^{77–79}

Kamble *et al.*,⁸⁰ synthesized helicenoid bis-1,2,3-triazole **81** starting from dipropargyl derivative **79** and azide **80** by Cu(I)-catalyzed cycloaddition approach. Then compound **81** was converted to compound **82** by Williamson etherification. The target

compound has been utilized as a sensor for iodide and its sensing ability was followed by ¹H NMR titration with tetrabutylammonium iodide TBAI (Scheme 18).



Scheme 18. Synthesis of helicenoid bis-1,2,3-triazole 82 and its complex with iodide 83

Niskanen and co-workers,⁸¹ prepared 1,2,3-triazole-based polyionic liquids bearing organic counterion **84**. The thermal stability and electrical properties of the synthesized polymer have been characterized. It was suggested that such polymer can be used in organic electronics (Figure 19).


Figure 19. Structure of polymer 84

In the field of catalysis, 1,2,3-triazole ligands were employed to aid the formation of other triazole derivative through cycloaddition in the presence of copper iodide. It was revealed that adding 0.5 mol% of the ligands **87** and **88** to the reaction of phenyl acetylene **85** with benzyl azide **86** produce the corresponding triazole **89** in quantitative yields (Scheme 19).



Scheme 19. Copper-catalyzed cycloaddition of phenyl acetylene 85 and benzyl azide 86 in the presence of catalytic amounts of ligands 87 or 88

Nahle *et al.*,⁸² synthesized a couple of 1,2,3-triazole derivatives using click protocol and investigated their anticorrosion activity by different electrochemical

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measurements. It was demonstrated that the corrosion of mild steel was inhibited by 95.3% and 95% when triazole compounds **90** and **91** were employed in 1.0 HCl (Figure 20).



Figure 20. Structures of anticorrosion triazole 90 and 91

Finally, as liquid crystals, 1,2,3-triazoles have been successfully utilized as a spacer to join two cholesteryl moieties (Figure 21). The prepared dimers were examined by polarising optical microscopy and differential scanning calorimetry to display enantiotropic mesophases, nematic or smectic phases.⁸³



Figure 21. Structure of compounds 92–97 that have liquid crystal properties

1.4.Aim of this work

The aim of the current work is:

- 1- Synthesis of new bis-1,2,3-triazole derivative starting from D-mannitol *via* copper-catalyzed cycloaddition reaction.
- 2- Characterization of the synthesized molecules by TLC in addition to spectroscopic techniques; FT-IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ¹⁹F NMR, COSY, HSQC and HRMS.
- Examining the cytotoxicity of the synthesized compounds against mesenchymal stem cells MSCs.



2. Experimental Part

2.1. General methods

The reagents and solvents were purchased from different chemicals' suppliers and they were used as supplied. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware unless stated otherwise. The progress of performed reactions was monitored by a Thin Layer of Chromatography using Merck aluminium-backed silica 60 F₂₅₄ (0.2 mm) TLC plates and the spots were visualised by KMnO₄ staining solutions. Silica gel 40-63 mesh was utilized in the column chromatography as stationary phase and the stated eluting solvents were used as mobile phase. Melting points were measured using Stanford Research System Optimelt automated melting point apparatus. IR spectra were collected using Shimadzu FTIR spectrometer, University of Karbala, Iraq. 1D and 2D NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K (± 1 K) using Bruker Advance III, 500 or 600 MHz instruments, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Facility, Mark Wainwright Analytical Centre, The University of New South Wales UNSW, Sydney, Australia. Residual solvents peaks were utilised to calibrate ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra. Chemical shifts were reported in part per million (ppm). High resolution mass spectra HRMS were recorded at the Bioanalytical Mass Spectrometry Facility, Mark Wainwright Analytical Centre, The University of New South Wales UNSW, Sydney, Australia using Orbitrap LTQ XL ion trap MS in positive ion mode using electrospray ionisation (ESI) source.

2.2. Synthetic procedures and characterization

General procedure 1: Synthesis fluorobenzyl azides 99a-c (Modified procedure)⁸⁴

Sodium azide (1.95 g, 30 mmol) was added to the stirred solution of the appropriate fluorobenzyl bromide **98 a–c** (10 mmol) in DMSO (25 mL) and the suspension was stirred at 50 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water

(50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturation solution of NaCl (2 \times 50 mL), water (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to give a yellow liquid. Column chromatography of the residue (silica gel, n-hexane / EtOAc; 10:0 \rightarrow 9:1,) afforded the appropriate fluorobenzyl azide.

1-(Azidomethyl)-2-fluorobenzene (99a)

Colorless liquid (1.35 g, 89%). $R_f = 0.75$ (EtOAc). FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3053, 2937, 2881, 2100, 1616, 1587, 1492, 1454, 1348, 1236, 1180, 1103, 1031, 941, 883, 839, 756, 669, 588, 551, 520, 424. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.36–7.32 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.17 (td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 7.11 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 4.41 (s, 2H, Ar–C<u>H</u>₂). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 161.0 (d, J = 247.4 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 130.5 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 130.4 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 124.5 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 122.8 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 115.8 (d, J = 21.7 Hz, Ar–<u>C</u>), 48.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, Ar–<u>C</u>H₂). ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: –117.9 (m, 1F, Ar–<u>F</u>).

1-(Azidomethyl)-3-fluorobenzene (99b)

Colorless liquid (1.22 g, 81%). $R_f = 0.75$ (EtOAc). FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3064, 2933, 2879, 2102, 1616, 1593, 1487, 1450, 1344, 1259, 1139, 1103, 1078, 943, 891, 860, 785, 750, 690, 557, 524, 443. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, F CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.36 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.11 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.06–703 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 4.34 (s, 2H, Ar–C<u>H</u>₂). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 163.0 (d, J = 246.6 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 138.0 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 130.5 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 123.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 115.3 (d, J = 21.1 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 115.1 (d, J = 22.0 Hz, Ar–<u>C</u>), 54.2 (Ar–<u>C</u>H₂). ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: –112.3 (m, 1F, Ar–<u>F</u>).

1-(Azidomethyl)-4-fluorobenzene (99c)

Colorless liquid (1.35 g, 1.40%). $R_f = 0.75$ (EtOAc). FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3045, 2933, 2879, 2100, 1602, 1510, 1450, 1344, 1226, 1157, 1097, 1016, 941, 881, 852, 823, 767, 665, 540, 480, 420. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.32–7.28 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.01–7.05 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 4.31 (s, 2H, Ar–C<u>H</u>₂). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 162.7 (d, J = 248.1 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 131.3 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 130.1 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, Ar<u>C</u>), 115.8 (d, J = 21.9 Hz, Ar–<u>C</u>), 54.1 (Ar–<u>C</u>H₂). ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: –113.6 (m, 1F, Ar–<u>F</u>).

Synthesis of 1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (101)⁸⁵

Anhydrous zinc chloride (60 g, 0.44 mol) was suspended in acetone (300 mL) in closed flask at room temperature then D-mannitol (100) (10 g, 0.055 mol) was added, and the resulting white suspension stirred vigorously for 24 h at 25 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction mixture was poured



onto a solution of K₂CO₃ (70 g, 0.506 mol) in (70 mL) of H₂O and covered with (300 mL) of Et₂O. The mixture is stirred for 2h, then filtered and the organic layer was washed with (100 mL) of ((CH₃)₂CO / Et₂O, 1:1) and the combined filtrates evaporated to dryness on a rotary evaporator at 40°C. The dry residue was yellow oil extracted with ether (5 × 250 mL), the combined filters evaporated and slowly cooled to give crystals. The product was purified by re-crystallization with *n*-hexane to yield compound **101** as tiny white crystals (7.8 g, 54%). R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc), m.p. 120–121 °C. FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3464, 3317, 2989, 2935, 2881, 1485. 1458, 1417, 1379, 1255, 1211, 1155, 1072, 1041, 997, 852, 781, 698, 646, 592, 516. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ ppm: 4.14 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-C**H**O-CH₂O)), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CHO-C**H**₂O)), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CHO-C**H**₂O)), 3.64 (d, *J* = 8.2

Hz, 2H, 2 × ($-C\underline{H}OH$)), 1.37 (s, 6H, 2 × ($-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2$)), 1.33 (s, 6H, 2 × ($-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2$)). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (150 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) δ ppm: 110.2 (2 × ($-\underline{C}(CH_3)_2$)), 76.5 (2 × ($-\underline{C}HO-CH_2O$)), 72.2 (2 × ($-CHO-\underline{C}H_2O$)), 68.2 (2 × ($-\underline{C}HOH$)), 27.2 (2 × ($-C(CH_3)_2$)), 25.7 (2 × ($-C(CH_3)_2$)). HRMS-ESI [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₂₂O₆Na⁺: 285.1308; found: 285.1306.

Synthesis of 3,4-Bis-O-propargyl-1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (102)⁸⁶

1,2:5,6-Di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (**101**) (0.787 g, 3 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (30 mL) in a dry flask and crushed NaOH (0.48 g, 12 mmol) was added. The flask was cooled in an ice–salt bath at -20 °C and the contents stirred



for 10 min before propargyl bromide (0.76 mL, 8.54 mmol) was added dropwise over one minute. The mixture was then allowed to stir for a further 24 h, while gradually warming to r.t. Then, the mixture was quenched with H₂O (30 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with aqueous saturated NH₄Cl (3 × 20 mL) and H₂O (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield a pale-yellow oil. Column chromatography (silica gel, *n*-hexane / EtOAc; 9:1–3:1) afforded 3,4-bis-*O*-propargyl-1,2:5,6-di-*O*isopropylidene-D-mannitol (**102**) as white prismatic crystals (0.85 g, 84%); m.p. 51–52 °C; R_f = 0.56 (EtOAc). FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3252, 2985, 2931, 2904, 2115, 1456, 1379, 1348, 1265, 1213, 1163, 1109, 1060, 1018, 964, 918, 862, 817, 675, 515. ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 4.60 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 2.2 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-C**H**₂C≡CH)), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 2.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-C**H**₂C≡CH)), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-C**H**O-CH₂O)), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CHO-C**H**₂O)), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CHO-C**H**₂O)), 3.84 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-C**H**O-CH₂C≡CH)), 2.45 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CH₂C≡C**H**)), 1.39 (s, 6H, 2 × (-C(**CH**₃)₂)), 1.32 (s, 6H, 2 × (-C(C<u>H</u>₃)₂)). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 108.5 (2 × (-<u>C</u>(CH₃)₂)), 79.9 (2 × (-CH₂<u>C</u>=CH)), 78.6 (2 × (-CH₂C=<u>C</u>H)), 76.5 (2 × (-<u>C</u>HO-CH₂O)), 74.9 (2 × (-CHO-<u>C</u>H₂O)), 66.2 (2 × (-<u>C</u>HO-CH₂C=CH)), 59.7 (2 × (-<u>C</u>H₂C=CH)), 26.6 (2 × (-C(CH₃)₂)), 25.3 (2 × (-C(CH₃)₂)). HRMS-ESI [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₆O₆Na: 361.1621; found: 361.1621.

General procedure 2: Synthesis of bis-1,2,3-triazoles 103 a–c (Modified procedure)⁸⁷

A suspension of sodium ascorbate (0.0396 g, 0.2 mmol) and CuSO₄·5H₂O (0.025 g, 0.01 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL) was added to a solution of propargyl ether **102** (0.34 g, 1.0 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. Next, appropriate fluorobenzyl azide **99 a**–c (0.35 g, 2.5 mmol) was added, and the mixture heated at 50 °C with stirring for 36 h. The mixture was diluted with H₂O (30 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL), the combined organic layers washed with saturated NaCl (2 × 20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was flash chromatographed (silica gel, *n*-hexane / EtOAc; 2:1 \rightarrow 1:2,) to yield the corresponding bis-1,2,3-triazole.

3,4-Bis-O-((2-fluorobenzyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl)methyl)1,2:5,6-di-O-

isopropylidene-D-mannitol (103a)



(Ar–H)), 7.25 (td, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H, 2 × (Ar–H)), 7.13 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 2H, 2 × (Ar–H)), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 2H, 2 × (Ar–H)), 5.55 (s, 4H, 2 × (Ar–CH₂–triazole)), 4.79 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–CH₂–triazole)), 4.785 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–CH₂–triazole)), 4.785 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–CH₂–triazole)), 4.785 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–CH₂0)), 3.96 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.4 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–CH₂0)), 3.86 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.2 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–CH₂0)), 3.77–3.75 (m, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–triazole)), 1.36 (s, 6H, 2 × (–C(CH₃)₂)), 1.29 (s, 6H, 2 × (–C(CH₃)₂)). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 160.7 (d, J = 248 Hz, 2 × (ArC)), 145.6 (2 × (–C triazole)), 131.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 × (ArC)), 130.1 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 2 × (ArC)), 125.0 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 2 × (ArC)), 122.9 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 2 × (–C triazole)), 122.0 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 2 × (ArC)), 116.0 (d, J = 21.1 Hz, 2 × (Ar–C)), 108.8 (2 × (–C(CH₃)₂)), 80.3 (2 × (–CHO–CH₂–triazole)), 75.7 (2 × (–CHO–CH₂O)), 66.7 (2 × (–CHO–CH₂O)), 66.7 (2 × (–C(CH₃)₂)), 25.3 (2 × (–C(CH₃)₂)). ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: –118.2 (m, 2F, Ar–F). HRMS-ESI [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₂H₃₈F₂N₆O₆Na⁺: 663.2713; found: 663.2708.

3,4-Bis-O-((3-fluorobenzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl)methyl)1,2:5,6-di-O-

isopropylidene-D-mannitol (103b)

White solid (0.52 g, 81%); m.p. 116–118 °C; R_f = 0.57 (EtOAc). FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3136, 3072, 2987, 2937, 2877, 1647, 1593, 1544, 1492,



1485, 1454, 1373, 1249, 1114, 1024, 887, 783, 750, 682, 513. ¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.50 (s, 2H, 2 × H triazole)), 7.33 (ddd, J = 13.8, 7.8, 5.9 Hz, 2H, 2 × (Ar–H)), 7.03 (td, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 4H, 2 × (2Ar–H)), 6.94 (dt, J = 9.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H, 2 × (Ar–H)), 5.48 (s, 4H, 2 × (Ar–C**H**₂–triazole)), 4.80 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 ×

(-CHO-C<u>H</u>₂-triazole)), 4.797 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CHO-C<u>H</u>₂-triazole)), 4.18 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-C<u>H</u>O-CH₂O)), 3.96 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CHO-C<u>H</u>₂O)), 3.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × (-CHO-C<u>H</u>₂O)), 3.75 (broad d, J = 5.5 Hz 2H, 2 × (-C<u>H</u>O-triazole)), 1.36 (s, 6H, 2 × (-C(C<u>H</u>₃)₂)), 1.29 (s, 6H, 2 × (-C(C<u>H</u>₃)₂)). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 163.1 (d, J = 247.6 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 145.8 (2 × (-<u>C</u> triazole)), 137.2 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 130.9 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 123.7 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 122.8 (2 × (-<u>C</u> triazole)), 115.9 (d, J = 21.0Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 115.1 (d, J = 22.7 Hz, 2 × (Ar-<u>C</u>)), 108.9 (2 × (-<u>C</u>(CH₃)₂)), 80.3 (2 × (-<u>C</u>HO-CH₂-triazole)), 75.7 (2 × (-<u>C</u>HO-CH₂O)), 66.6 (2 × (-CHO-<u>C</u>H₂O)), 66.2 (2 × (-CHO-<u>C</u>H₂-triazole)), 53.6 (2 × (Ar-<u>C</u>H₂-triazole)), 26.7 (2 × (-C(CH₃)₂)), 25.3 (2 × (-C(CH₃)₂)). ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: -111.6 (ddd, J = 14.6, 8.6, 5.7 Hz, 2F, Ar-<u>F</u>). HRMS-ESI [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₂H₃₈F₂N₆O₆Na: 663.2713; found: 663.2715.

3,4-Bis-*O*-((4-fluorobenzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl)methyl)1,2:5,6-di-*O*isopropylidene-D-mannitol (103c)



1606, 1512, 1460, 1375, 1224, 1072, 1024, 844, 748, 599, 499. ¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 7.45 (s, 2H, 2 × H triazole)), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.5 Hz, 4H, 2 × (2Ar–H)), 7.05 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H, 2 × (2Ar–H)), 5.46 (s, 4H, 2 × (Ar–C<u>H</u>₂–triazole)), 4.783 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–C<u>H</u>₂–triazole)), 4.78 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–C<u>H</u>₂–triazole)), 4.78 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–C<u>H</u>₂–triazole)), 4.78 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–C<u>H</u>₂–triazole)), 4.17 (dd, J = 12.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–C<u>H</u>O–CH₂O)), 3.94 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.4 Hz, 2H, 2 × (–CHO–C<u>H</u>₂O)), 3.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 2H, 2 ×

(-CHO-C<u>H</u>₂O)), 3.75 (broad d, J = 5.9 Hz 2H, 2 × (-C<u>H</u>O-triazole)), 1.36 (s, 6H, 2 × (-C(C<u>H</u>₃)₂)), 1.29 (s, 6H, 2 × (-C(C<u>H</u>₃)₂)). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 163.0 (d, J = 248.4 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 145.7 (2 × (-<u>C</u> triazole)), 130.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 130.9 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 130.1 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 122.6 (2 × (-<u>C</u> triazole)), 116.3 (d, J = 21.6 Hz, 2 × (Ar<u>C</u>)), 108.8 (2 × (-<u>C</u>(CH₃)₂)), 80.3 (2 × (-<u>C</u>HO-CH₂-triazole)), 75.8 (2 × (-<u>C</u>HO-CH₂O)), 66.6 (2 × (-CHO-<u>C</u>H₂O)), 66.2 (2 × (-CHO-<u>C</u>H₂-triazole)), 53.5 (2 × (Ar-<u>C</u>H₂-triazole)), 26.7 (2 × (-C(CH₃)₂)), 25.3 (2 × (-C(CH₃)₂)). ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: -112.7 (tt, J = 8.5, 5.2 Hz, 2F, Ar-<u>F</u>). HRMS-ESI [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₃₂H₃₈F₂N₆O₆Na: 663.2713; found: 663.2712.

General procedure 3: Acetal removal of bis-1,2,3-triazoles⁸⁸

To the solution of protected triazole (0.186 g, 0.29 mmol) in MeOH / H₂O (1:1, 5 mL), Amberlite IR 120 H⁺ (0.29 g, 1.0 g.mol⁻¹) was added and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 72 h. The resin was filtered and washed with MeOH (3 × 5 mL). The filtrate was evaporated to yield the deprotected triazole as a white gum.

3,4-Bis-O-((2-fluorobenzyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl)methyl)-D-mannitol (104a)





3,4-Bis-O-((3-fluorobenzyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl)methyl)-D-mannitol (104b)

White gum (0.161 g, 77%); $R_f = 0.17$ (DCM / MeOH, 9:1). FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3396, 2926, 2856, 1579, 1421, 1340, 1203, 1132, 1047, 1012, 925, 833, 786, 650, 617, 509, 468. HRMS-ESI [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H30F₂N₆O₆Na⁺: 583.2087; found: 583.2086.



3,4-Bis-O-((4-fluorobenzyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl)methyl)-D-mannitol (104c)

White gum (0.160 g, 77%); $R_f = 0.16$ (DCM / MeOH, 9:1). FTIR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3433, 2924, 2856, 1653, 1610, 1514, 1460, 1371, 1226, 1168, 1122, 1039, 1003, 837, 781, 707, 599, 449. HRMS-ESI [M + Na]⁺ calculated for $C_{26}H30F_2N_6O_6Na^+$: 583.2087; found: 583.2087.



2.3. Cytotoxicity of triazoles (Modified Procedure)⁸⁹

Sample preparation: all compounds were dissolved in 10% DMSO. Briefly 20 μ L was added to all samples until they were completely dissolved, and the volume was completed to 200 μ L with MiliQ water to make up 1 mM stock solution. The latter was subsequently diluted to make 0.5 mM solutions.

Cell maintenance: Mesenchymal stem cells were harvested in passage 14 when they reached 80% confluency by adding pre-warmed 0.25% Trypsin-EDTA (catalog #: 15050065, Thermo Fisher scientific) Then, incubated at 37 °C incubator supplied with 5% CO₂ for 5 minutes. When cells were completely detached form the flask, the trypsinization were neutralized by adding cell growth media (10% FBS, 1% penicillin/streptomycin in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium). Cell suspension was transferred in 15 mL tube and centrifuged at 600 rpm for 6 minutes. The supernatant was discarded, and cell pellet was then re-suspended in 1 mL cell growth media.

Cell culture: 1 mM and 0.5 mM samples were deposited in triplicate in polystyrene 96 well plate (COSTAR) and 5000 cells/well added atop of samples. The control included untreated cells in the same cell density. The plate was left overnight in 37 °C incubator supplied with 5% CO₂. The viability rate was then quantified with alamarBlue assay (catalog # DAL1025, Thermo Fisher scientific). Briefly, 10% alamarBlue in DMEM solution was added on each well. Samples were placed in incubator for 4 hours and the fluorescence with 560 Excitation /590 Emission was recorded using CLARIOstar plate reader.

Chapter Three

Results and discussion

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Heterocyclic compounds have a wide range of applications particularly in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals and medications. One of those important derivatives that comprise of three nitrogen atoms are triazoles. It has been increasingly synthesized since the discovery of copper-catalyzed alkyne azide 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction in the early of the last decade.^{90–92}

In the current project, three novel D-mannitol-based 1,2,3-triazole derivatives have been prepared starting from the alcoholic monosaccharide D-mannitol (Scheme 20).



Reagents and conditions: **i**] NaN₃, DMSO, 50 °C, 24 h; 88-91%ii] acetone, ZnCl₂, r.t., 24 h, 54%; **iii**] propargyl bromide, DMF, -20 °C-r.t.,24 h, 84%; iv] **99a-c**, Na ascorbate, CuSO₄•5H₂O, DMSO, 50 °C, 36 h, 77–81%; v] Amberlite IR 120 H+, MeOH / H₂O, 60 °C, 72 h.quantitative.

Scheme 20. Synthesis of D-mannitol-based 1,2,3-triazole derivatives

3.1.Synthesis of fluorine-containing benzyl azides

Fluorine-containing benzyl bromides **98a–c** were reacted with sodium azide via $S_N 2$ mechanism^{93,94} in DMSO at 50 °C for 24 h to afford the corresponding benzyl azides **99a–c** in 88–91% yields (Scheme 21).



Scheme 21. Synthesis of fluorine-containing benzyl azides 99a-c

FT-IR spectra of compounds **99a–c** (Figures 22–24) showed C–H aromatic stretching bands above 3000 cm⁻¹ in addition to the characteristic $-N_3$ stretching band around 2100 cm⁻¹ and the C=C aromatic stretching bands above 1600 cm⁻¹ and 1580 cm⁻¹. Other important bands are shown above 1220 cm⁻¹ attributed to stretching of the C–F aromatic.



Figure 22. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 99a



Figure 23. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 99b



Figure 24. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 99c

The synthesized benzyl azide derivatives **99a–c** were also characterized by NMR technique. ¹H NMR spectra (Figures 25–27) of these compounds displayed multiplet signals integrated for four protons at δ 7.50–7.00 ppm belong to the aromatic

protons and singlets between δ 4.41 ppm and 4.31 ppm attributed to the methylene protons.



Figure 25. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 99a



Figure 26. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 99b



Figure 27. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 99c

¹³C NMR spectra of compounds **99a–c** (Figures 28–30) demonstrated that all aromatic carbon signals have been splitting due to the fluorine effect⁹⁵ particularly the signal of the quaternary carbon attached to the fluorine around 162 ppm with coupling constant higher than 245 Hz. In addition, the benzylic carbon signal of the *meta* and *para* isomers appeared around 54.2 ppm and 54.1 ppm respectively while that of *ortho* counterpart was observed at 48.6 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR spectra of the azide derivatives **99a–c** (Figures 31–33) showed one multiplet at δ –117.9 ppm, –112.3 ppm and –113.6 ppm assigned to one fluorine atom for 2-, 3- and 4-fluorobenzyl azide, respectively.



Figure 28. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 99a



Figure 29. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 99b



Figure 30. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 99c



Figure 31. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) of compound 99a



Figure 32. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) of compound 99b



Figure 33. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) of compound **99c**

3.2.Synthesis of dipropargyl derivative

Next, four hydroxyl groups of D-mannitol (**100**) are protected using excess of $(CH_3)_2CO$ in the presence of ZnCl₂ at room temperature for 24 h to produce 1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (**101**) in 54% yield (Scheme 22).



Scheme 22. Synthesis of 1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (101)

The mechanism of the acetal formation is catalyzed by Lewis acid (zinc chloride).⁹⁶ Initially, the oxygen atom of the carbonyl group forms coordination bond with zinc, and this will promote the attack of the hydroxyl group of the diol by increasing the electrophilicity of the carbon atom of the carbonyl to form tetrahedral intermediate followed proton transfer then the attack of the second hydroxyl group and elimination of zinc complex. Finally, oxonium ion is deprotonated to afford the cyclic acetal.⁹⁷



Scheme 23. Proposed mechanism of the cyclic acetal formation

The formation of compound **101** is confirmed by FT-IR spectrum (Figure 34) that shows characteristic O–H stretching bands at 3464 cm⁻¹ and 3317 cm⁻¹. Also, intense C–H stretching bands appeared at 2989 cm⁻¹, 2935 cm⁻¹ and 2881 cm⁻¹ in addition to various C–O stretching bands between 1255 cm⁻¹ and 1072 cm⁻¹.



Figure 34. FT-IR spectrum of compound 101

¹H NMR spectrum of compound **101** (Figure 35) displayed a doublet of doublet of doublet centred at 4.14 ppm attributed to H-2 and H-5, two doublets of doublet belong to H-1ab and H-6 ab at 4.08 ppm and 3.97 ppm, a doublet at 3.64 ppm assigned for H-3 and H-4, and two singlets of isopropylidene protons at 1.37 ppm and 1.33 ppm. ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **101** (Figure 36) showed six signals that confirm the suggested structure; a signal at δ 110.2 ppm belongs to the quaternary carbon of the isopropylidene moiety, 76.5 ppm for C-2 and C-5, 72.2 ppm for C-1 and C6, 68.2 for C-3, and signals at δ C-4, 27.2 ppm and 25.7 ppm that assigned for CH₃ carbon atoms of the isopropylidene protecting group. The accurate assignment of the proton and carbon signals was also verified by 2D NMR spectra (Figures 37 and 38). Finally, HRMS analysis (Figure 39) afforded a base peak at *m/z* 285.1306, consistent with the formula C₁₂H₂₂O₆Na⁺.



Figure 35. ¹H NMR spectrum (MeOH-*d*₄, 600 MHz) of compound 101



Figure 36. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (MeOH-d4, 150 MHz) of compound 101



Figure 37. ¹H–¹H COSY (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) of compound 101



Figure 38. ¹H–¹³C HSQC (600 MHz, MeOH-*d*₄) of compound 101



Figure 39. HRMS of compound 101

The reaction of the diol **101** with using propargyl bromide in DMF at -20 °C to the ambient temperature for 24 h afforded 3,4-bis-*O*-propargyl-1,2:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (**102**) in very good yield (Scheme 24).



Scheme 24. Synthesis of 3,4-bis-*O*-propargyl-1,2:5,6-di-*O*-isopropylidene-D-mannitol (102)

The suggested mechanism of the formation of compound **102** is Williamson etherification.⁹⁸ First, the sp^3 carbon atom of propargyl bromide has been directly attacked by the hydroxyl group of an alcohol through S_N2 mechanism to form a transition state followed by NaOH-assisted elimination of HBr to form the desired product (Scheme 25).



Scheme 25. Suggested mechanism of the alkyl propargyl ether formation

The formation the dipropargyl ether **102** is confirmed FT-IR (Figure 40) which showed strong absorption band at 3252 cm⁻¹ due to the terminal alkyne C–H stretching and weak absorption band at 2115 cm⁻¹ of the C=C stretching. Moreover, all hydroxyl absorption bands disappeared in the spectrum, which also confirms the dipropargyl ether formation.



Figure 40. FT-IR spectrum of compound 102

¹H NMR spectrum (Figure 41) has also added a further evidence for the formation of compound **102**. New signals belong to the propargyl moiety appeared in the spectrum. The first two doublet of doublets at 4.38 ppm and 4.33 ppm having similar coupling constants 16.0 Hz and 2.2 Hz due to the methylene protons (H-7 and H-10) and a triplet at 2.45 ppm with coupling constant 2.0 Hz attributed to the acetylenic protons (H-9 and H-12). In the ¹³C NMR spectrum (Figure 42), three new signals appeared at 78.9 ppm, 78.6 and 59.7 which ascribed to *sp* carbon atoms (C-8, C-9, C-11 and C-12) and methylene carbons (C-7 and C-10) respectively. Finally, HRMS analysis (Figure 43) afforded a base peak at m/z 361.1621, consistent with the formula $C_{18}H_{26}O_6Na^+$.



Figure 41. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) of compound 102



Figure 42. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) of compound 102



Figure 43. HRMS of compound 102

3.3.Synthesis of bistriazoles

The last stage in the synthetic protocol in the current work is the combination of the aromatic azides **99a–c** with the dipropargyl sugar derivative **102**. For this purpose, aromatic azides **99a–c** were separately reacted with the compound **102** in DMSO⁹⁹ in the presence of sodium ascorbate and copper sulphate pentahydrate at 50 °C for 36 h to produce bis-1,2,3-triazoles **103 a–c** in approximately very good yield (Scheme 26).



Scheme 26. Synthesis of bis-1,2,3-triazoles 103 a-c

The mechanism of copper(I)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (CuAAC) is illustrated in Chapter 1 (Scheme 12). The first step in the suggested reaction mechanism is the generation Cu(I) *in situ* through the reduction of Cu(II) by sodium ascorbate. Then, the terminal alkyne couples with Cu(I) to form copper(I) acetylide I followed by the complexation of copper with the electron-rich nitrogen. Afterwards, the terminal nitrogen of the azide is intramolecularly attacked by internal *sp*-carbon to form the sixmembered ring intermediate III. Ring contraction of III affords intermediate IV that eventually release the copper complex to the cycle and gives the regioselective product 1,4-disubstituted-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole derivative V.

The formation of the triazole derivatives **103 a–c** is confirmed by FT-IR spectra (Figures 44–46) that displayed C–H triazole stretching band at 3136 cm⁻¹, C–H aromatic stretching band around 3072 cm⁻¹, C=C stretching bands around 1610 cm⁻¹ and 1500 cm⁻¹ and the characteristic sharp C–F stretching band from 1240–1220 cm⁻¹.



Figure 44. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 103a



Figure 45. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 103b





Moreover, ¹H NMR spectra (Figures 47–49) of compounds **103a–c** confirm the formation of 1,4-disubstited triazole by affording one singlet between 7.53 ppm and 7.45 ppm that indicates the presence of one triazole isomer. Furthermore, the appearance of the aromatic signals between 7.50 ppm and 7.00 ppm and the benzylic protons singlet around 5.50 ppm is an excellent proof of the azide-alkyne cycloaddition.

There is also significant shift downfield of the $-O-CH_2-$ protons doublet of doublet from 4.36 ppm in alkyne **102** to 4.79 ppm in the spectra of triazoles **103a–c**. The ¹³C NMR spectra (Figures 50–52) of triazole derivatives **103a–c** demonstrated the formation and the high purity of the produced compounds as it has the exact number of carbon signals corresponding to each derivative. First, the aromatic region includes all phenylene signals between 161 ppm and 115 ppm in addition to the triazole carbon signal around 145 ppm and 122 ppm. It is important to mention that the isopropylidene protecting groups did not affect by click reaction condition due to the presence of the isopropylidene carbon signals at 108.8 ppm, 26.7 ppm and 25.3 ppm. All other signals in ¹³C NMR spectra are attributed either to the sugar backbone carbon signals or to the methylene carbons.



Figure 47. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 103a



Figure 48. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 103b



Figure 49. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) of compound 103c


Figure 50. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 103a



Figure 51. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 103b



Figure 52. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) of compound 103c
All ¹⁹F NMR spectra (Figures 53–55) showed one fluorine signal due to two
symmetrical fluorine atoms at –118.2 ppm, –111.6 ppm, –112.7 ppm for compounds
triazole derivatives 103a, 103b and 103c respectively. The multiplicity of the fluorine
signal is caused by fluorine-hydrogen splitting.¹⁰⁰



Figure 53. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) of compound 103a



Figure 54. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) of compound 103b



Figure 55. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 564 MHz) of compound **103c**

The accurate characterization of compounds 103a-c is also achieved by 2D NMR technique ¹H–¹H COSY, ¹H–¹³C HSQC and ¹H–¹³C HMBC. COSY spectra are important tool to determine proton–proton coupling by showing cross peaks between the protons on neighboured carbons. The zoomed in ¹H–¹H COSY spectra (Figures 56–58) of compound **103a–c** exhibited the cross signals between mannitol core protons and they are almost similar. However, the magnified spectra (Figures 59–61) of the aromatic region exhibit significant differences between the three derivatives **103a–c** due to the substitution on the aromatic ring that results in different splitting patterns. This is also clear from the 1D NMR spectra.



Figure 56. Zoomed in ¹H–¹H COSY (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103a



Figure 57. Zoomed in ¹H–¹H COSY (600 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 103b



Figure 58. Zoomed in ¹H–¹H COSY (600 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 103c



Figure 59. Zoomed in ¹H–¹H COSY (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103a



Figure 60. Zoomed in ¹H–¹H COSY (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103b



Figure 61. Zoomed in ¹H–¹H COSY (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103c

Derivatives **103a–c** were also precisely identified using Heteronuclear Single Quantum Coherence HSQC and Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Correlation HMBC (Figures 62–66). All compounds displayed almost similar spectra for the sugar core region. However, the aromatic region exhibited obvious differences between the three compounds.



Figure 62. Zoomed in ¹H-¹³C HSQC (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103a



Figure 63. Zoomed in ¹H–¹³C HSQC (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103b



Figure 64. Zoomed in ¹H–¹³C HSQC (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103c



Figure 65. Zoomed in ¹H-¹³C HMBC (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103a



Figure 66. Zoomed in ¹H–¹³C HMBC (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of compound 103b

Finally, high resolution mass spectra have been utilized to identify the accurate mass of each derivative. HRMS analysis (Figures 67–69) base peaks at m/z 663.2707, 663.2714 and 663.2711 were observed for the compounds **103a**, **103b** and **103c** respectively consistent with the formula C₃₂H₃₈F₂N₆O₆Na⁺.







Figure 68. HRMS of compound 103b



Figure 69. HRMS of compound 103c

3.4. Acetal removal of bistriazoles

The last step in the synthetic protocol of the current work is the removal of acetal protecting groups. The treatment of compounds 103a-c with acidic resin (Amberlite IR 120 H⁺) in a mixture of methanol / water at 60 °C for 72 h produced the deprotected triazole derivatives 104a-c quantitative yields (Scheme 27). The employment of the resin in the step is to avoid the cleavage of other ether linkage because ethers are sensitive to the acid.¹⁰¹



Scheme 27. Acetal removal of bis-1,2,3-triazoles 103 a-c

The formation of compounds **104 a–c** was confirmed by IR and HRMS. FTIR spectra (Figures 70–72) showed a broad band assigned for the hydroxyl groups between 3360 cm⁻¹ and 3433 cm⁻¹ whereas the concrete evidence was afforded by high resolution mass spectra HRMS. The HRMS of compound **104a** (Figure 73) exhibited a base peak at m/z 561.2269 consistent with the formula C₂₆H₃₁F₂N₆O₆⁺ while HRMS of compounds **104b** and **104c** (Figures 74 and 75) showed base peaks at 583.2086 and 583.2087 respectively consistent with the formula C₂₆H₃₀F₂N₆O₆Na⁺.



Figure 70. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 104a



Figure 71. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 104b



Figure 72. FT-IR spectrum of compounds 104c







Figure 74. HRMS of compound 104b



Figure 75. HRMS of compound 104c

The important physical properties and spectral data of the synthesized compounds are summarized in Table 1.

Comp	Physical	R _f and	IR data	NMR data	HRMS	
No.	state and melting point	eluent			calculated	found
99a	Colorless liquid	0.75 (EtOAc)	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3352, 3053, 2937, 2881, 2100, 1616, 1587, 1492, 1454, 1348, 1236, 1180, 1103, 1031, 941, 883, 839, 756, 669, 588, 551, 520, 424.	¹ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 7.36–7.32 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.17 (td, $J = 7.6$, 1.0 Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 7.11 (t, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 4.41 (s, 2H, Ar–C <u>H</u> ₂). ¹³ C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 161.0 (d, $J = 247.4$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 130.5 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 130.4 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 124.5 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 122.8 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 115.8 (d, $J = 21.7$ Hz, Ar– <u>C</u>), 48.6 (d, $J = 3.2Hz, Ar–CH2). 19F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl3) \delta ppm: –117.9 (m,1F, Ar–F).$		
99b	Colorless liquid	0.74 (EtOAc)	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3064, 2933, 2879, 2102, 1616, 1593, 1487, 1450, 1344, 1259, 1139, 1103, 1078, 943, 891, 860, 785, 750, 690, 557, 524, 443.	¹ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 7.36 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.11 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.06–703 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 4.34 (s, 2H, Ar–C <u>H</u> ₂). ¹³ C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 163.0 (d, $J = 246.6$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 138.0 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 130.5 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 123.7 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 115.3 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 115.1 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, Ar– <u>C</u>), 54.2 (Ar– <u>C</u> H ₂). ¹⁹ F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: –112.3 (m, 1F, Ar– <u>F</u>).		
99c	Colorless liquid	0.76 (EtOAc)	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3045, 2933, 2879, 2100, 1602, 1510, 1450, 1344, 1226, 1157, 1097, 1016, 941, 881, 852, 823, 767, 665, 540, 480, 420.	¹ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 7.32–7.28 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.01–7.05 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 4.31 (s, 2H, Ar–C <u>H</u> ₂). ¹³ C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 162.7 (d, $J = 248.1$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 131.3 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 130.1 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, Ar <u>C</u>), 115.8 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz, Ar– <u>C</u>), 54.1 (Ar– <u>C</u> H ₂). ¹⁹ F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: –113.6 (m, 1F, Ar– <u>F</u>).		
101	With solid 120–121 °C	0.30 (EtOAc)	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3464, 3317, 2989, 2935, 2881, 1485. 1458, 1417, 1379, 1255, 1211, 1155, 1072, 1041, 997, 852, 781, 698, 646, 592, 516.	¹ H NMR (600 MHz, MeOH- d_4) δ ppm: 4.14 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 6.0, 6.0$ Hz, 2H, 2 × ($-C\underline{H}O-CH_2O$)), 4.08 (dd, $J = 8.3, 6.3$ Hz, 2H, 2 × ($-CHO-C\underline{H}_2O$)), 3.97 (dd, $J = 8.4, 5.3$ Hz, 2H, 2 × ($-CHO-C\underline{H}_2O$)), 3.64 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, 2 × ($-C\underline{H}OH$)), 1.37 (s, 6H, 2 × ($-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2$)), 1.33 (s, 6H, 2 × ($-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2$)). ¹³ C { ¹ H} NMR (150 MHz, MeOH- d_4) δ ppm: 110.2 (2 × ($-\underline{C}(CH_3)_2$)), 76.5 (2 × ($-\underline{C}HO-CH_2O$)), 72.2 (2 × ($-CHO-\underline{C}H_2O$)), 68.2 (2 ×	285.1308	285.1306

Table 1. Some of the physical properties and spectral data of the synthesized compounds

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103b	White solid	0.52	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3136, 3072, 2987,	¹ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 7.50 (s, 2H, 2 × H	663.2713	663.2715
	116–118 °C	(EtOAc)	2937, 2877, 1647, 1593, 1544, 1492,	triazole)), 7.33 (ddd, $J = 13.8$, 7.8, 5.9 Hz, 2H, 2 × (Ar–H)),		
		· · · ·	1485, 1454, 1373, 1249, 1114, 1024,	7.03 (td, $J = 7.5$, 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 4H, 2 × (2Ar–H)), 6.94 (dt, $J =$		
			887, 783, 750, 682, 513.	9.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H, 2 × (Ar-H)), 5.48 (s, 4H, 2 ×		
				$(Ar-C\underline{H}_2-triazole)), 4.80 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 \times$		
				$(-CHO-CH_2-triazole)), 4.797 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 \times$		
				$(-CHO-C\overline{H}_2-triazole)), 4.18 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H, 2 \times$		
				$(-C\underline{H}O-CH_2O))$, 3.96 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 6.4 Hz, 2H, 2 ×		
				$(-CHO-C\underline{H}_{2}O)), 3.87 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 2H, 2 \times$		
				$(-CHO-C\underline{H}_2O))$, 3.75 (broad d, $J = 5.5$ Hz 2H, 2 ×		
				$(-C\underline{H}O-triazole)), 1.36 (s, 6H, 2 \times (-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2)), 1.29 (s, 6H, 2 \times$		
				$(-C(C\underline{H}_{3})_{2}))$. ¹³ C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 163.1 (d, $J =$		
				247.6 Hz, $2 \times (\text{Ar}\underline{\mathbf{C}})$), 145.8 ($2 \times (-\underline{\mathbf{C}} \text{ triazole})$), 137.2 (d, $J = 7.1$		
				Hz, $2 \times (Ar\underline{C})$), 130.9 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $2 \times (Ar\underline{C})$), 123.7 (d, $J =$		
				3.1 Hz, $2 \times (\text{Ar}\underline{\mathbf{C}})$), 122.8 ($2 \times (-\underline{\mathbf{C}} \text{ triazole})$), 115.9 (d, $J = 21.0$		
				Hz, $2 \times (Ar\underline{C})$), 115.1 (d, $J = 22.7$ Hz, $2 \times (Ar-\underline{C})$), 108.9 (2 ×		
				$(-\underline{\mathbf{C}}(CH_3)_2)), 80.3 (2 \times (-\underline{\mathbf{C}}HO-CH_2-triazole)), 75.7 (2 \times$		
				$(-\underline{\mathbf{C}}HO-CH_2O)), 66.6 (2 \times (-CHO-\underline{\mathbf{C}}H_2O)), 66.2 (2 \times$		
				$(-CHO-\underline{C}H_2-\text{triazole})), 53.6 (2 \times (Ar-\underline{C}H_2-\text{triazole})), 26.7 (2 \times$		
				$(-C(CH_3)_2)), 25.3 (2 \times (-C(CH_3)_2)).$ ¹⁹ F NMR (564 MHz,		
				CDCl ₃) δ ppm: -111.6 (ddd, $J = 14.6, 8.6, 5.7$ Hz, 2F, Ar- <u>F</u>).		
103c	White solid	0.52	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3136, 3074, 2985,	¹ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 7.45 (s, 2H, 2 × H	663.2713	663.2712
	105–107 °C	(EtOAc)	2877, 1606, 1512, 1460, 1375, 1224,	triazole)), 7.25 (dd, $J = 8.6$, 3.5 Hz, 4H, 2 × (2Ar–H)), 7.05 (t, J		
			1072, 1024, 844, 748, 599, 499.	$=$ 8.6 Hz, 4H, 2 \times (2Ar-H)), 5.46 (s, 4H, 2 \times		
				(Ar–C <u>H</u> ₂ –triazole)), 4.783 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 2H, 2 ×		
				$(-CHO-C\underline{H}_2-triazole)), 4.78 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H, 2 \times$		
				$(-CHO-C\underline{H}_2-triazole)), 4.17 (dd, J = 12.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H, 2 \times$		
				$(-C\underline{H}O-CH_2O))$, 3.94 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 6.4 Hz, 2H, 2 ×		
				$(-CHO-C\underline{H}_{2}O)), 3.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 2H, 2 \times$		
				$(-CHO-C\underline{H}_2O))$, 3.75 (broad d, $J = 5.9$ Hz 2H, 2 ×		
				$(-C\underline{H}O-triazole)), 1.36 (s, 6H, 2 \times (-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2)), 1.29 (s, 6H, 2 \times (-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2))))$		
				$(-C(C\underline{H}_3)_2))$. ¹⁵ C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: 163.0 (d, $J =$		
				248.4 Hz, $2 \times (Ar\underline{C})$, 145.7 ($2 \times (-\underline{C} \text{ triazole})$), 130.6 (d, $J = 3.2$		
				Hz, $2 \times (Ar\underline{U})$, 130.9 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, $2 \times (Ar\underline{U})$), 130.1 (d, $J = 120$ G $\times (4.60)$ 120 G $\times (4.60)$ 120 G $\times (4.60)$		
				8.2 Hz, $2 \times (Ar\underline{C})$, 122.6 ($2 \times (-\underline{C} \text{ triazole})$), 116.3 (d, $J = 21.6$		
				Hz, 2 × (Ar <u>C</u>)), 108.8 (2 × (- <u>C</u> (CH ₃) ₂)), 80.3 (2 ×		

				$(-\underline{C}HO-CH_2-triazole)), 75.8 (2 \times (-\underline{C}HO-CH_2O)), 66.6 (2 \times$		
				$(-\overline{CHO}-\underline{CH}_{2}O)), 66.2 (2 \times (-CHO}-\underline{CH}_{2}-triazole)), 53.5 (2 \times$		
				$(Ar-\underline{C}H_2-triazole)), 26.7 (2 \times (-C(CH_3)_2)), 25.3 (2 \times$		
				$(-C(CH_3)_2)$). ¹⁹ F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm: -112.7 (tt, J)		
				$= 8.5, 5.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{F}, \text{Ar}-\underline{\mathbf{F}}$).		
104a	White gum	0.15	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3360, 2924, 2856,		561.2267	561.2269
	_	(DCM /	1653, 1592, 1562, 1498, 1386, 1226,			
		MeOH,	1128, 1041, 767, 650, 609, 522, 492.			
		9:1)				
104b	White gum	0.17	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3396, 2926, 2856,		583.2087	583.2086
	_	(DCM /	1579, 1421, 1340, 1203, 1132, 1047,			
		MeOH,	1012, 925, 833, 786, 650, 617, 509,			
		9:1)	468.			
104c	White gum	0.15	FTIR (KBr) cm ⁻¹ : 3433, 2924, 2856,		583.2087	583.2087
		(DCM /	1653, 1610, 1514, 1460, 1371, 1226,			
		MeOH,	1168, 1122, 1039, 1003, 837, 781, 707,			
		9:1)	599, 449.			

3.5. Cytotoxicity of compounds 103a–103c

The *in vitro* cytotoxicity of compounds **103a–103c** is screened against human mesenchymal stem cells using alamarBlue as an Indicator in two concentrations 1.0 mM and 0.5 mM. This is a colorimetric method depends on the reduction of non-toxic indicator resazurin dye (7-hydroxy-10-oxidophenoxazin-10-ium-3-one) (**105**), by dehydrogenase enzymes in the living cells, to the resofurin (**106**) (Scheme 28).¹⁰²



Scheme 28. Reduction of resazurin (105) to resofurin (106) by dehydrogenase of living cells

The concentration of the red dye resofurin (**106**) and the amount of the fluorescence produced increase as the amount of the living in the assay rises. Table 2 and Figure 76 illustrate that compounds **103a–103c** possess fair cytotoxicity. Generally, compounds **103a** and **103c** have higher cytotoxic effect 48% and 40% respectively at 1.0 mM. However, the increase of the concentration of compound **103b** from 0.5 mM to 1.0 mM does not affect the cytotoxicity. This can be attributed to the structures of the compounds. The electron-withdrawing effect extends in the first two compounds because the fluorine atom attaches to the *ortho* and *para* positions, which disturbs the lipophilicity of the molecules and hence affects the diffusion of the molecules into cells through the lipid bilayer membrane.¹⁰³

 Table 2. In vitro cytotoxicity of compounds 103a–103c against human mesenchymal

Compound No.	Cells Viability%		
0011 F 001101100	1.0 mM	0.5 mM	
Control	100%		
103a	52%	69%	
103b	79%	72%	
103c	60%	77%	





Figure 76. Cytotoxicity studies using alamarBlue assay with MSCs seeded overnight on top of compounds **103a–103c**. Control represents the bottom well.

3.6.Conclusion

Triazole are important class of organic compounds that have a wide range of applications. This work included the synthesis of new category of bis-1,2,3-triazoles starting of readily available carbohydrate derivative (D-mannitol). The synthesized molecules were fully characterized by TLC and spectroscopic techniques. Insertion of fluorine containing segment in the molecule increase the lipophilicity as the fluorine is hydrophilic element. This enhanced the properties of molecules towards the biological applications. The cytotoxicity of the protected triazoles **103a–103c** against human mesenchymal stem cells was reasonable at two concentrations 0.5 mM and 1.0 mM.

3.7.Future work

It is recommended to study the cytotoxicity of the deprotected set of the bis-1,2,3triazoles 103a-103c against human mesenchymal stem cells because they have both hydrophilic and hydrophobic parts. This will facilitate the transmission of the molecules inside the cells through the lipid bilayer membrane and consequently affords better results. It is also proposed to profoundly examine the activity of the synthesized compounds against different types of pathogenic bacteria and fungi due to the aforementioned reason. Moreover, the synthesized compounds can be utilized as ligands in the synthesis of various organometallic complexes which have numerous applications such medicinal, the catalysis material science fields. as or



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Reagents and conditions: **i**] NaN₃, DMSO, 50 °C, 24 h; 88-91%ii] acetone, ZnCl₂, r.t., 24 h, 54%; **iii**] propargyl bromide, DMF, -20 °C–r.t.,24 h, 84%; iv] **99a–c**, Na ascorbate, CuSO₄•5H₂O, DMSO, 50 °C, 36 h, 77–81%; v] Amberlite IR 120 H+, MeOH / H₂O, 60 °C, 72 h.quantitative.

الخلاصة

تضمن العمل الحالي تحضير مشتق 3,2,1- ترايازول جديد ابتداءا من المانيتول

(mannitol based bis-1,2,3-triazoles) و دراسة سميتها ، في البداية تم تخليق أزيدات أروماتية (99a-c) بناتج ممتاز من خلال تفاعل بروميدات البنزين مع أزيد الصوديوم في مذيب DMSO . و في خطوة منفصلة ، تم تفاعل D-Mannitol المتوفر تجاريا مع الأسيتون بوجود كلوريد الزنك ليعطى :

1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropargyl-1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannitol 101

بنسبة انتاج (%54) و الذي تمت معالجته مع بروميد البروبرجيل في مذيب DMF لينتج

(3,4-bis-O-propargyl-1,2:5,6-di-O-isopropylidene-D-mannitol 102) بکمیة جیدة جدا .

أعطى تفاعل الإضافة الحلقية للألكاين الثنائي 102 المحفز بواسطة النحاس مع أزيدات 99a-c مشتقات 3,2,1- ترايازول الثنائي (103a-c) نتائج جيدة جدا تقريبا .

الخطوة الأخيرة في التحضير كانت إزالة مجموعة الأسيتال لمركبات (c)-103a) لتوفير مشتقات الترايازول الغير محمية (104a-c) بنواتج كمية .

تم تشخيص المركبات المحضرة بواسطة HMBC ، COSY، NMR، FT-IR، TLC ، HSQC ، COSY، NMR، FT-IR، TLC و HRMS و تم فحص المركبات (103A-C) في المختبر ضد الخلايا الجذعية اللحمية البشرية و وجد انها تمتلك سمية خلوية معتدلة .



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