



## **THREE STEP SYNTHESIS OF SERIES OF 7-(4-NITROPHENYL)-1-((1H-1,2,3-TRIAZOL-4-YL))-1H-IMIDAZO[4,5-b][1,8]NAPHTHYRIDINES**

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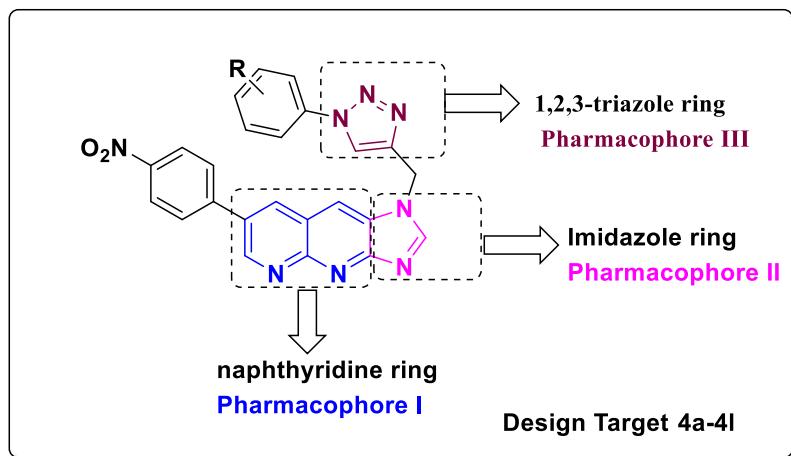
**ABSTRACT:** Herein, we report the heterocycles synthesis of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-((1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl))-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridines (4a-I) through 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition in between various azides and terminal alkynes such as 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (3) by means of CuI/DMF solvent at 80 °C temperature, during 10-12h to give desired 1,4-substituted regio triazoles with promising yields. Compound (3) is formed *N*-propargylation of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (2) by using Propargyl bromide, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF. Furthermore, structures are confirmed by spectral analysis.

**KEYWORDS:** 1,2,3-Triazole, Propargylation, Imidazole, [1,8] naphthyridines, CuI

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The benzimidazole ring system, a common substructure in heterocyclic pharmacophores, is privileged due to their frequent presence in bioactive compounds, with primary interest in their biological activities like anti-cancer, fungicidal, analgesic, anti-viral properties, cardiovascular and HIV infectivity<sup>i-x</sup>.

We are going to report 3 step synthesis of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-((1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl))-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridines(4a-I) depicted in Figure 1 below.



**Figure 1**

## EXPERIMENTAL:

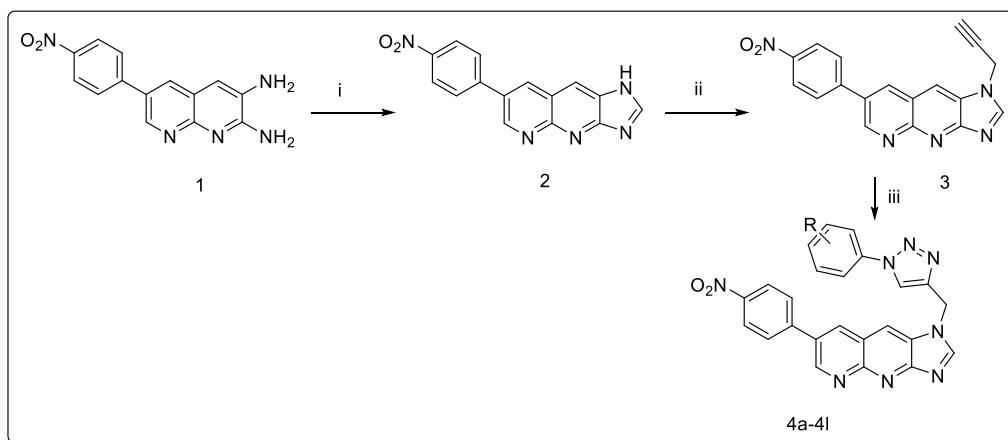
The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography on silica gel coated aluminum plates (Merck) as adsorbent. The purity of the compounds was monitored by TLC.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 500 MHz NMR spectrophotometer using DMSO- $\text{d}_6$ .  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 125 MHz NMR spectrophotometer using, DMSO- $\text{d}_6$  as solvent and TMS as an internal standard (chemical shifts in  $\delta$  ppm). mass spectra were recorded on Low-resolution mass spectra (LRMS) data were measured on GCMS-QP2010 Ultra.

## GENERAL PROCEDURE:

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

### Synthesis of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*][1,8] naphthyridine (2)

Half gram (0.0046 mol) of 6-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,8-naphthyridine-2,3-diamine (1) and 0.32 g (3 ml, 0.062 mol) of 90% formic acid was added in Erlenmeyer flask and the reaction mixture was homogeneously mixed. The mixture was heated at 20% for 80 s, the flask was then removed, cooled and 10% sodium hydroxide solution was added slowly, with constant stirring, until the mixture was just alkaline to litmus. The crude imidazo naphthyridine (2) was filtered off and washed thrice with ice-cold water and dried. The crude product obtained was dissolved in boiling water, 0.2 g of decolorizing carbon was added and digested for 10 min then filtered rapidly at 10 °C. The product was filtered off, washed with cold water and dried at 100 °C. Recrystallized the product with methanol and weighed <sup>xi</sup>.



**Scheme 1: Reagents & conditions.** (i) Formic acid, heat; (ii) Propargyl bromide,  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$ , DMF, 80 °C, 8h;(iii) Ar- $\text{N}_3$ ,  $\text{CuI}$ , DMF, 80 °C, 10-12h.

### Synthesis of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (3)

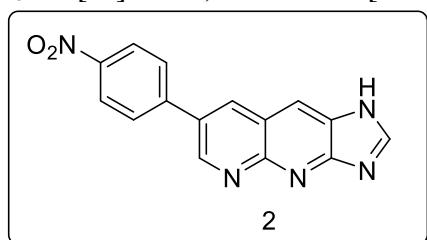
The reaction of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (2) Propargyl bromide(1 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF, reaction to examine the feasibility of N-propargylation under cited conditions, 80 °C, temperatures for an appropriate time 8h, (Scheme 1)on N-propargylation to yield desired product 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (3).

### Synthesis of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-((1-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4a)

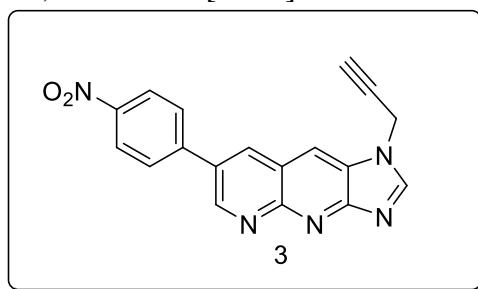
7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (3) is treated with aryl azides, followed by CuI, by means of solvent DMF, at 80 °C, to 10-12h to yield desired product 4a, via 3+2 1,3- dipolar cyclo addition viz quick protocols. By using various azides 4b to 4l different triazoles are obtained is shown in Scheme 1<sup>xii</sup>.

#### Characterization data

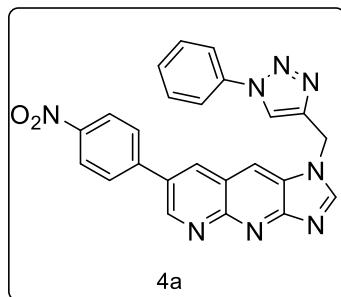
**7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (2):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.20 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85(s, 1H), 6.72 (brs, 1H, -NH) ;<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 156.34, 149.99 (2C), 149.74 , 147.84, 143.91, 143.32 , 133.66, 133.44 , 129.46, 126.48 , 124.44 (2C), 120.10 (2C), ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 291, found: 292 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



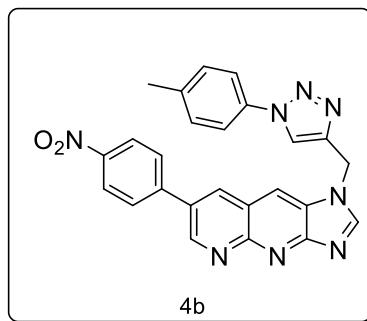
**7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (3):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83(s, 1H), 3.73 (d, J=4.0 Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.02(t, J=4.0Hz, 1H, CH-alkyne) ;<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.97, 149.99 , 148.39 (2C), 147.84 (2C), 143.32, 133.75 , 133.13 , 129.46 , 126.50 , 124.43 (2C), 121.38 , 73.39 , 70.16 , 37.21 , ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 329, found: 330 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



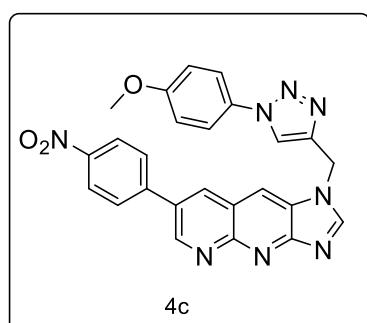
**7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-((1-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine 4a:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H);<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.97, 149.99(2C), 148.08(2C), 147.08,143.32, 139.31, 137.08 , 133.75, 133.13, 129.46(4C),127.60(2C), 126.50, 126.33, 124.43 (2C), 121.38(2C) , 41.43,ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 448, found: 449 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



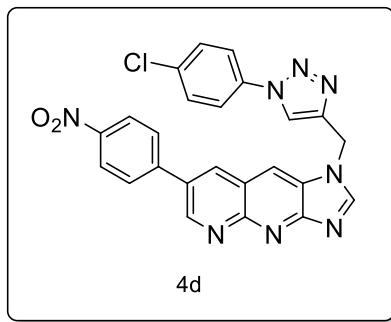
**7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-((1-(p-tolyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine 4b:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.97, 149.99, 147.84, 143.32, 139.31, 137.81, 136.90, 133.75, 133.13, 129.46, 129.04, 126.50, 124.43, 124.16, 121.38, 41.43, 21.12, ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 462, found: 463 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



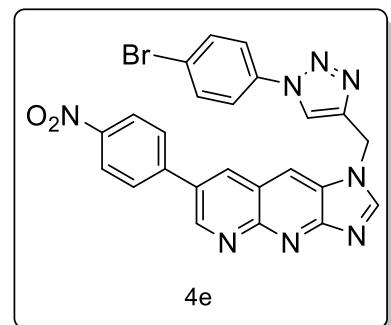
**1-((1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4c):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H, tri-H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (s, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.84 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 159.35, 151.09, 148.81, 147.74, 146.27, 144.49, 142.80, 139.69, 135.27, 133.65, 131.17, 129.43(2C), 126.65, 125.87, 124.80(2C), 123.68, 123.07(2C), 121.47, 114.88(2C), 56.74, 42.47; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 478, found: 479 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



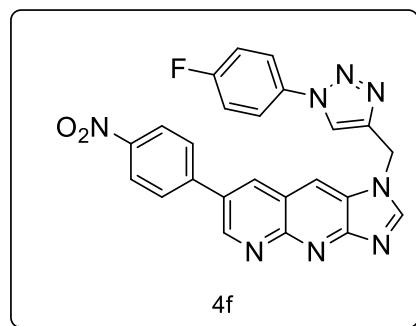
**1-((1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4d):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.69 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.97, 149.99, 147.84, 143.32, 139.31, 136.01, 133.75, 133.13, 132.65, 129.46(2C), 126.50, 126.33, 124.43(2C), 122.93(2C), 121.38, 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 482, found: 484 [M+2].



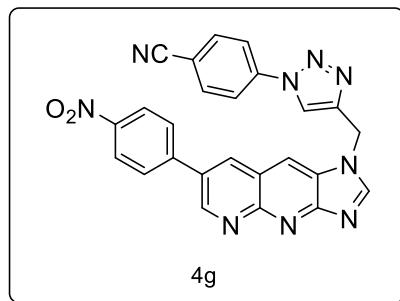
**1-((1-(4-bromophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4e):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.69 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.97, 149.99, 147.84, 143.32, 139.31, 136.01, 133.75(2C), 132.65, 129.46, 129.01, 126.50, 126.33, 124.43(2C), 122.93(2C), 121.38, 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 526, found: 528 [M+2].



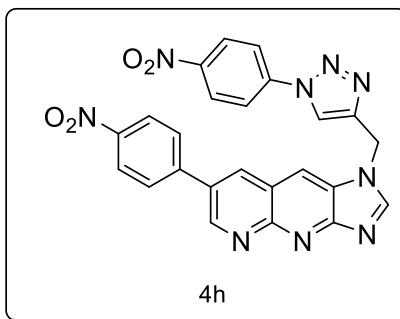
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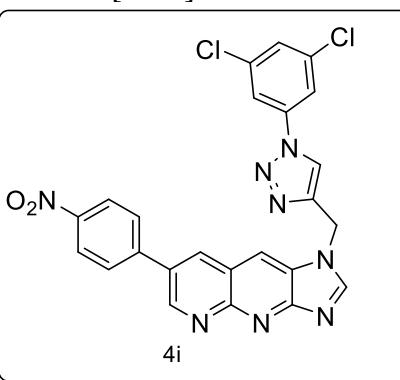
**4-(4-((7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridin-1-yl)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)benzonitrile (4g):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 152.97, 149.99, 147.84(2C), 143.32(2C), 139.31, 133.75, 133.13, 129.46(2C), 126.50, 126.33, 125.38, 125.22, 124.43(2C), 121.38, 119.12, 116.24(2C), 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 473, found: 474 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



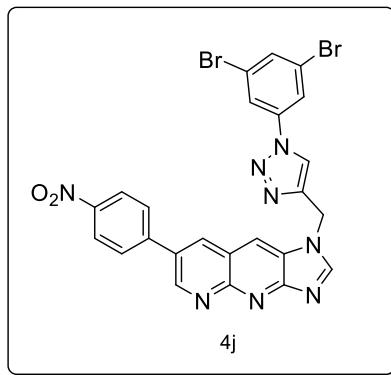
**7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-((1-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4h):**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  9.35 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  152.97, 149.99, 148.08, 147.84(2C), 146.86, 143.32, 140.69, 139.31, 133.75, 133.13, 129.46, 126.50(2C), 124.36, 122.47(2C), 121.38, 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 493, found: 494 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



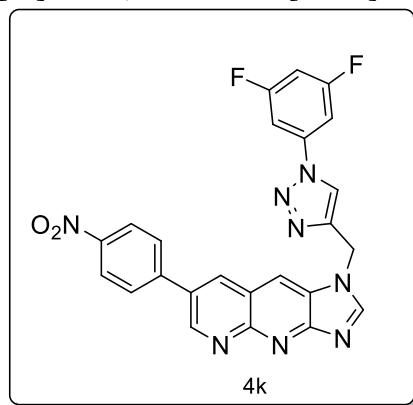
**1-((1-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4i):**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  9.35 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (s, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  152.97, 149.99, 147.84(2C), 143.32, 135.29, 133.75(2C), 133.13, 129.46(2C), 126.50, 126.33, 124.60(2C), 121.38, 118.71(2C), 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 516, found: 518 [M+2].



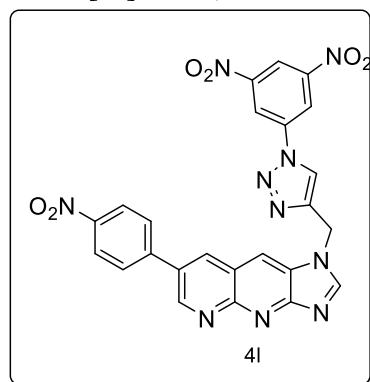
**1-((1-(3,5-dibromophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4j):**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  9.35 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  152.97, 149.99, 147.84(2C), 143.32, 139.31, 137.67, 133.75(2C), 129.46, 129.11, 126.50, 126.33, 124.43(2C), 124.12, 121.38, 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 606, found: 608 [M+2].



**1-((1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4k):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 164.42, 162.38, 152.97, 149.99, 148.08, 147.84 (2C), 143.32, 139.31, 135.74, 133.75, 133.13, 129.46, 126.50, 126.33, 124.36(2C), 121.38, 102.63, 102.39, 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 484, found: 485 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



**1-((1-(3,5-dinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-imidazo[4,5-b][1,8]naphthyridine (4l):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 164.42, 162.38, 152.97, 149.99, 148.08, 147.84 (2C), 143.32, 139.31, 135.74, 133.75, 133.13, 129.46, 126.50, 126.33 (2C), 124.36, 121.38 (2C), 102.63, 102.39, 41.43; ESI-MS (m/z): Cal for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 538, found: 539 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



## CONCLUSION:

We have reported the three-step synthesis of 7-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-((1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl))-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*][1,8] naphthyridines(4a-I) with good yields by joining three pharmacophores shown in Fig 1 and Scheme 1 under click protocols.

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