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Synthesis and Neuroprotective Potential of Carvacrol-Derived Selenides-1,2,3-Triazoles for Alzheimer's Disease

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ABSTRACT

Natural products inspire synthetic chemists, and modifying these compounds can lead to promising new structures. In this context, theoretical tools optimize and guide the synthesis of these compounds [1-2]. Thus, our research focused on carvacrol, known for its neuroprotective properties, and organochalcogen derivatives that also exhibit a range of biological activities [3]. In this work, we designed structural modifications in carvacrol to potentiate its neuroprotective effects, particularly for Alzheimer's disease. First, azides (**2a-i**) were synthesized from chlorides (**1a-i**) by reacting sodium azide (NaN₃) with acetonitrile (CH₃CN) and 18-crown-6 as a catalyst, produced an 87-92% yield. Finally, we obtained nine new carvacrol-derived selenides-1,2,3-triazoles (**4a-i**) via click chemistry with yields ranging from 44% to 63%. Figure 1 shows the synthetic routes and docking molecular of compound **4e**, revealing interactions with residues Trp286 and Tyr341, suggesting potential as a therapeutic for Alzheimer's.

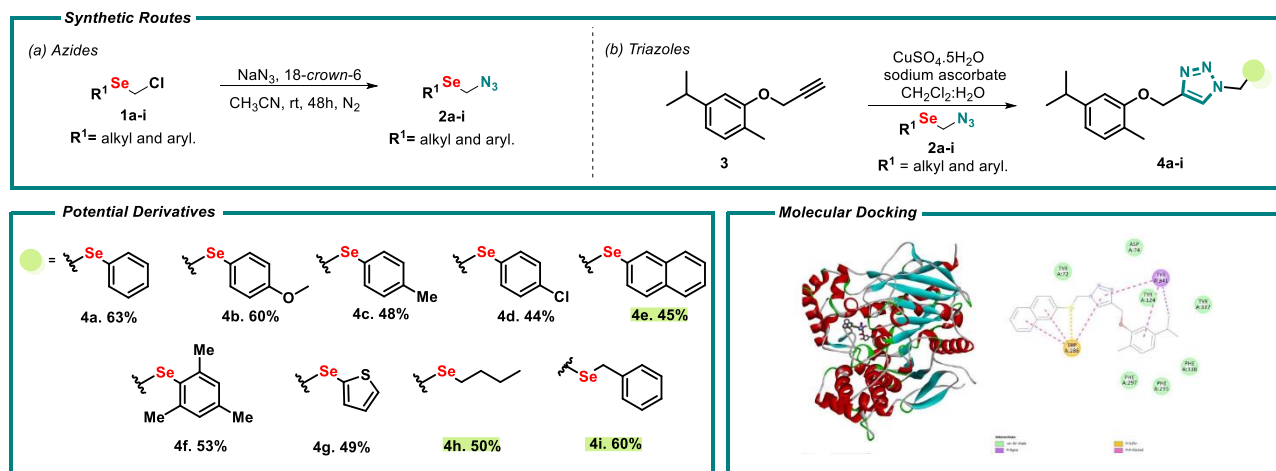


Figure 1. Synthetic routes for obtaining carvacrol derivatives and docking molecular of compound **4e**.

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