Supporting Information

Cyano-Borrowing: Titanium-Catalyzed Direct Amination of Cyanohydrins with Amines and Enantioselective Examples

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I. General information

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 MHZ instruments. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26), carbon (chloroform δ 77.0) or tetramethylsilane (TMS δ 0.00) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). All high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Bruker Apex-2. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), Qingdao Haiyang Chemical were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine, or potassium permanganate solution followed by heating using a heat gun. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Qingdao Haiyang Chemical 300-400 mesh silica gel. The enantiomeric excess (ee) of products were determined by chiral phase HPLC analysis on SHIMAZU HPLC units, including the following instruments: pump, LC-20A; detector, SPD-20A; column, Chiralcel IC. All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. All commercially available reagents were used as received for the reactions without any purification. All solvents were dried on alumina columns using a solvent dispensing system.

II. General Procedure for preparation of product from cyanohydrins

Method A: To a vial equipped with a dried stir bar was added amines (0.2 mmol) cyanohydrins (0.4 mmol), $Ti(O^{i}Pr)_4$ (10 mol%), toluene (1 mL) in the glovebox. The reaction mixture was taken outside the glovebox. Then, the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at the settle temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was added to water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The organic layer was washed with aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. And the residue was purified by column chromatography with silica gel to give pure products.

Method B: To a vial equipped with a dried stir bar was added $Ti(O^{i}Pr)_4$ (0.01 mmol), (*S*)-BINOL (0.01 mmol), quinine (0.025 mmol) and toluene (1 mL) in the glovebox. The mixture was taken outside the glovebox. Then, the mixture was allowed to stir at

40 °C for 2 hours to give a clear solution. After that, PMPNH₂ (0.1 mmol), cyanohydrins (0.2 mmol), TBME (2 mL) was added to the mixture in the glovebox. The reaction mixture was taken outside the glovebox. Then, the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 40 °C for 36 hours. The reaction mixture was added to water (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL). The organic layer was washed with aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. And the residue was purified by column chromatography with silica gel to give pure products.

III. Optimization of Reaction Parameters

Table S1. Effect of transition metal

	OH CN + PMPNH ₂ -	[M]/Acid Toluene, 100 °C,18 h	ИР I
Entry	[M]	Acid	Yield (%)
1	Ni(OTf) ₂	TsOH	Trace
2	Pd(TFA) ₂	TsOH	NR
3	AgOTf	TsOH	NR
4	Sc(OTf) ₃	TsOH	67
5	Ti(OiPr) ₄	TsOH	90
6	Ti(OiPr)4		90

Table S2. Effect of temperature

	CN + PMPNH ₂ Ti(O ^{<i>i</i>-} Pr) ₄ Toluene, Temp,18 h	PMP CN
Entry	Temp (°C)	Yield (%)
1	100	90
2	80	87
3	60	88
4	40	89
5	25	84

	OH CN + PMPNH ₂	Ti(O ⁱ ·Pr)₄ (10 mmol%) Alkaloid (10 mmol%) BINOL (10 mmol%) Toluene, rt, 18 h		
Entry	Alkaloid	(R/S)BINOL	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	Cinchonine	S	87	0
2	Cinchonidine	S	88	0
3	Quinine	S	91	14
4	Quinidine	S	91	0
5	Quinine	R	90	0

Table S3. Effect of chiral ligand's configuration in asymmetric reaction

	OH CN + PMPNH ₂ CN + PMPNH ₂ CN + PMPNH ₂ CN + PMPNH ₂	mmol%) mmol%) 18 h	
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	Toluene	91	14
2	THF	10	0
3	DME	82	8
4	TBME	36	30
5 ^[a]	TBME	12	50
6	CPME	trace	
7	DCM	62	3
8	Toluene:TBME=1:1	9	27
9 ^[a,b]	Toluene:TBME=1:1	29	57
10 ^[a,b]	Toluene:TBME=1:2	44	65
11 ^[a,b,c]	Toluene:TBME=1:2	89	67
12 ^[a,b]	Toluene:TBME=1:3	28	60
13 ^[a,b]	Toluene:TBME=2:1	30	45
14 ^[a,b]	Toluene:TBME=3:1	29	48

Table S4. Effect of solvent in asymmetric reaction

[a] PMPNH2 0.1 mmol was used. [b] The mixture was string in toluene, and then PMPNH2 0.1 mmol, anhydrous cyanohydrin 0.2

mmol,TBME 2 mL was added. [c] The reaction temperature was 40 °C.

	Ti(H Q `CN + PMPNH ₂ Tc	O ^{/-} Pr) ₄ (10 mmol%) uinine (10 mmol%) Diol (10 mmol%) Diuene:TBME=1:2, rt, 18 h	
Entry	Diol	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	L1	89	67
2	L2	89	13
3	L3	90	22
4	L4	83	28
5	L5	91	26
6	L6	87	5
7	L7	84	6
8	L8	82	5
9	L9	89	4
10	L10	90	3
11	L11	93	2
12	L12	90	4
13	L13	89	36
14	L14	91	19
15	L15	87	14
16	L16	91	15
17	L17	88	15
18	L18	87	9
19	L19	82	0
20	L20	84	0
21	L21	89	0

Table S5. Effect of Diols in asymmetric reaction







Entry	Quninie	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	L22	54	25
2	L23	61	20
3	L24	55	15
4	L25	86	43
5	L26	83	43
6	L27	86	37
7	L28	84	0
8	L29	78	35
9	L30	66	15
10	L31	60	21
11	L32	89	43

$\begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{CN + } \text{PMPNH}_2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Ti}(O^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_4 (10 \text{ mmol}\%)}_{\text{Toluene:TBME=1:2,}} \\ \text{OH} \\$			
Entry	Temp (°C)	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	40	89	67
2	20	54	60
3	30	83	65

Table S7. Effect of temperature in asymmetric reaction

Table S8. Effect of ligand quantity in asymmetric reaction

	OH CN + PMPNH ₂ -	Ti(O ⁱ⁻ Pr) ₄ (10 mmol%) Quinine. (x mmol%) S-BINOL (y mmol%) Toluene:TBME=1:2, 40 °C, 18 h		
Entry	S-BINOL(x mmol%)	Quinine (y mmol%)	Yield (%)	ee (%)
1	10	20	90	60
2	20	10	89	41
3	20	20	91	55
4	0	10	42	3
5	10	0	trace	
5	10	15	90	60
6	10	22	90	61
7	10	25	91	70
8	10	30	91	66

$\begin{array}{c c} & \text{Ti}(O^{i}\text{Pr})_{4} (10 \text{ mmol}\%) \\ & \text{OH} \\ & \text{Quinine.} (25 \text{ mmol}\%) \\ & \text{S-BINOL} (10 \text{ mmol}\%) \\ \hline & \text{Toluene:TBME=1:2,} \\ & 40 ^{\circ}\text{C}, 18 \text{ h} \end{array}$				
Entry	Concentration (mmol/mL)	Yield (%)	ee (%)	
1	0.1	89	67	
2	0.067	56	70	
3	0.050	45	70	
4 ^a	0.033	67	77	

Table S9. Effect of Concentration in asymmetric reaction

[a] The reaction time was 36 h.

IV. The mechanism studies.

1, The role of titanium catalyst in the cyano-borrowing reaction.

While this cyano borrowing reaction was carried out without titanium catalyst, low reactivity was achieved, and deliver the product was obtained in <10% yield, but we got imine as a byproduct.



Figure S1. The importance of Ti(O^{*i*}-Pr)₄.

Additionally, in order to understand the role of titanium catalyst, we have tested every step of the reaction in the presence and absence of the titanium catalyst, respectively, as is shown in Finger S2. We found that the titanium catalyst improves the step of imine intermediate formation, and the titanium catalyst was indispensable for the cleavage of C-CN bond in cyanohydrins and the formation of C-CN in the Stercker reaction under the optimal reaction condition.



Finger S2. The role of titanium catalyst in the transformation.

2, The evidence for the formation of Ti-CN

The ¹H NMR and HIMS of the reaction mixture were tested. The NMR shows that under the titanium catalyst, cyanohydrin **1a** could cleavage C-CN bond, and led to aldehyde (ppm: 9.55). As it shown below, we found the fragment of $[Ti(O^{i-}Pr)_3(CN)+H^+]$

(251.9628), $[p-BrC_6H_4CH(CN)O-Ti(O^{i-}Pr)_3]$ (437.1935), $[p-BrC_6H_4CHO-Ti(CN)(O^{i-}Pr)_2]$ (378.0007) and $[imine-Ti(CN)(O^{i-}Pr)_2]$ (482.2210). All these results could prove the formation of Ti-CN bond.





The HIMS for the mixture of *p*-Bromobenzaldehyde cyanohydrin (1d), PMPNH₂ (2a) with Ti(O^{*i*}-Pr)₄ under the standard reaction condition.





The proposed catalytic cycle is shown as Finger S3: the cyanohydrin replaced one of the iPrO in Ti(O^{i} -Pr)₄ and deliver the intermediate SI-A, then aldehyde (SI-B) and the fragment [Ti(O^{i} -Pr)₃(CN)] (SI-C) were formed via the β -carbon elimination of SI-A. Condensation of the aldehyde with the amine to form imine (Shift base, SI-D), connation of SI-C with imine gave SI-E, then transfer the cyano group from titanium to imine and led to the intermediate SI-F, protonation of SI-F with cyanohydrin and deliver the product and SI-A for a new catalyst cycle.



Finger S3. The proposed catalytic cycle.

V. The analytical and spectral characterization data 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (3)^[1]

NHPMPThe title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as
described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using
hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) ($\mathbf{R}f = 0.5$ in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1)resulting in a yellow solid in 89% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.25, 138.65, 134.27, 129.43, 129.26, 127.25, 118.46, 116.43, 115.08, 55.68, 51.68.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, t_R = 13.2 min for minor isomer, t_R = 9.6 min for major isomer, 78% ee.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -7.5 \ (c = 0.01, CH_2Cl_2).$



2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (4)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf=0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 91% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.04, 162.38, 154.39, 138.37, 129.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 118.30, 116.62, 116.25 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 115.07, 55.66, 51.06.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (5)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 92% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.44, 138.27, 135.49, 132.76, 129.44, 128.60, 118.10, 116.70, 115.08, 55.66, 51.14.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₃ClN₂O, M+H]⁺: 273.0789; Found: 273.0790.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, $t_R = 11.4$ min for minor isomer, $t_R = 8.6$ min for major isomer, 68% ee. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -41.1$ (c = 0.08, CH₂Cl₂).



2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (6)^[2]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 90% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.43, 138.25, 133.27, 132.41, 128.88, 123.60, 118.05, 116.68, 115.08, 55.67, 51.19.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, t_R = 12.0 min for minor isomer, t_R = 9.0 min for major isomer, 52% ee. $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -116.9$ (c = 0.24, CH₂Cl₂).



2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)acetonitrile (7)^[3]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure NHPMF as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 90% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.16, 139.46, 138.72, 131.32, 129.90, 127.16, 118.61, 116.32, 115.05, 55.69, 51.39, 21.16.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, t_R = 14.7 min for minor isomer, t_R = 10.3 min for major isomer, 64% ee.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -29.75 \text{ (c} = 0.4, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{)}.$



2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (8)^[3]

NHPMP The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 90% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.43, 154.19, 138.70, 128.58, 126.28, 118.65, 116.36, 115.05, 114.60, 55.68, 55.42, 51.12.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, $t_R = 19.8$ min for minor isomer, $t_R = 13.8$ min for major isomer, 48% ee.



4-(cyano((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)methyl)benzonitrile (9)

NHPMP CN NC g

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.2 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 49% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (s, 4H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.36 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.75, 139.19, 137.77, 132.98, 127.99, 117.93, 117.44, 117.02, 115.12, 113.58, 55.65, 51.49.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for $[C_{16}H_{13}N_{3}O, M^{+}H]^{+}$: 286.0651; Found: 286.0650.

Methyl 4-(cyano((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)methyl)benzoate (10)^[3]

The title compound was prepared according to the general NHPMP CN procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography MeO₂C was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in 10 hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 41% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.79(d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.26, 154.50, 138.84, 138.19, 131.28, 130.46, 127.26, 117.93, 116.76, 115.08, 55.66, 52.34, 51.53.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetonitrile (11)^[4]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure NHPMP CN as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl 11 acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 85% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.03, 162.38, 154.38, 138.39, 130.12 (d, J = 3.1 Hz),

129.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 118.32, 116.62, 116.25 (q, J = 22.0 Hz), 115.08, 55.66, 51.05.

2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (12)^[3]

NHPMP
CN
CIThe title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as
described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using
hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) ($\mathbf{R}f = 0.3$ in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1)resulting in a yellow solid in 92% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.52, 138.43, 133.52, 132.08, 130.89, 130.44, 129.06, 127.73, 118.00, 116.95, 115.05, 55.65, 49.69.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, $t_R = 12.1$ min for minor isomer, $t_R = 8.0$ min for major isomer, 87% ee.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -62.4 \ (c = 0.25, CH_2Cl_2).$



2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (13)

NHPMP
CN
OMeThe title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as
described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using
hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) ($\mathbf{R}f = 0.3$ in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1)resulting in a yellow oil in 69% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 12.5 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (dd, J = 9.5 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.82, 154.14, 139.00, 130.92, 128.76, 122.79, 121.18, 118.87, 116.77, 114.98, 111.48, 55.84, 55.67, 47.45.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₂, M+H]⁺: 269.1285; Found: 269.1283.

2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (14)

NHPMP The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a white solid in 81% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.50, 138.16, 136.13, 135.27, 130.50, 129.67, 127.46, 125.35, 116.75, 115.10, 55.67, 51.25.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₃ClN₂O, M+Na]⁺: 295.0609; Found: 295.0608.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, $t_R = 10.3$ min for minor isomer, $t_R = 8.1$ min for major isomer, 51% ee.



$[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -60.8 (c = 0.12, CH_2Cl_2).$

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetonitrile (15)^[3]

NHPMPThe title compound was prepared according to the general procedureCNas described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed15using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethylacetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 93% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.28, 138.68, 133.53, 133.16, 131.52, 129.32, 128.26, 127.80, 127.10, 126.95, 126.57, 124.50, 118.53, 116.53, 115.10, 55.69, 51.82.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)acetonitrile (16)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 89% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.47, 134.07, 130.71, 130.26, 129.11, 127.44, 126.56, 126.42, 125.26, 122.84, 118.37, 116.35, 115.18, 55.72, 49.87.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₆N₂O, M+Na]⁺: 311.1155; Found: 311.1154.

2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (17)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 80% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.77-6.74 (m, 3H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.23, 148.55, 148.47, 138.56, 128.01, 120.92, 118.52, 116.45, 115.05, 108.64, 107.69, 101.63, 55.67, 51.36.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₃, M+Na]⁺: 305.0897; Found: 305.0896.

2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (18)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 68% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.70, 137.77, 137.45, 135.98, 129.70, 125.75, 117.40, 116.94, 115.11, 55.65, 50.93.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₂Cl₂N₂O, M+Na]⁺: 329.0219; Found: 329.0217.

2-(furan-2-yl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (19)^[1]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 79% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, J = 3.1 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.66, 146.47, 143.88, 137.83, 117.19, 116.70, 115.04, 110.87, 109.51, 55.63, 46.03.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetonitrile (20)

NHPMPThe title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as
described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using
hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1)20resulting in a yellow oil in 56% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.66, 137.97, 137.25, 127.12, 127.09, 126.94, 117.78, 117.14, 115.06, 55.65, 47.86.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₃H₁₂N₂OS, M+Na]⁺: 267.0563; Found: 267.0561.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, $t_R = 10.8$ min for minor isomer, $t_R = 9.1$ min for major isomer, 31% ee.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -116.9 \ (c = 0.12, \ CH_2Cl_2).$



2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-4-phenylbut-3-enenitrile (21)^[5]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a white solid in 81% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (dd, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.38, 138.31, 135.07, 134.89, 128.88, 128.84, 126.94, 121.45, 117.94, 116.78, 115.10, 55.67, 49.36.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)heptanenitrile (22)

NHPMP CN described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed 22 using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a white solid in 63% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (dd, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3.3 Hz, 4H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.13, 138.71, 119.82, 116.34, 115.06, 55.67, 47.54, 33.54, 31.11, 25.31, 22.36, 13.87.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₄H₂₀N₂O, M+Na]⁺: 255.1468; Found: 255.1466.

HPLC condition: Dalcel IC column, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80:20, flow rate = 1 mL/min, wavelength = 254 nm, $t_R = 11.2$ min for minor isomer, $t_R = 7.9$ min for major isomer, 57% ee.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -206.5 \text{ (c} = 0.06, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{)}.$



2-cyclohexyl-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetonitrile (23)^[6]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as CN described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1) resulting in a white solid in 48% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.66 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 1.26-1.13 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.98, 139.13, 119.10, 116.21, 115.06, 55.70, 53.37,

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (24) [7]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as $Me^{\downarrow}CN$ $Me^{$

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.17, 138.69, 120.31, 116.34, 115.08, 55.67, 42.38, 19.83.

2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)acetonitrile (25)^[8]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a white solid in 86% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.36 (q, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.71, 134.03, 129.60, 129.55, 129.36, 127.28, 120.36, 118.22, 114.28, 50.31.

2-phenyl-2-(p-tolylamino)acetonitrile (26)^[8]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a white solid in 87% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 142.45, 134.22, 130.07, 129.79, 129.45, 129.30, 127.26, 118.36, 114.58, 50.76, 20.50.

2-((4-isopropoxyphenyl)amino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (27)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 92% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.34 (dt, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (150MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.34, 138.69, 134.27, 129.43, 129.26, 127.26, 118.49, 117.73, 116.26, 70.88, 51.57, 29.71, 22.15.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₈N₂O, M+Na]⁺: 289.1311; Found: 289.1310.

2-((4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)amino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (28)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 72% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 5H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (150 z, CDCl₃) δ 153.40, 138.88, 137.30, 134.21, 129.46, 129.29, 128.57, 127.91, 127.49, 127.26, 118.44, 116.24, 70.69, 51.55.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₂₁H₁₈N₂O, M+Na]⁺: 337.1311; Found: 337.1310.

2-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (29)^[9]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a white solid in 59% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 143.19, 133.56, 129.71, 129.50, 129.43, 127.23, 125.29, 117.84, 115.48, 50.39.

2-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (30)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 61% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 143.68, 133.53, 132.39, 129.72, 129.44, 127.22, 117.81, 115.87, 112.39, 50.23.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₄H₁₁BrN₂, M+Na]⁺: 308.9998; Found: 308.9997.

2-((2-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (31) [10]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 47% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dt, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.57, 134.66, 134.24, 129.42, 129.30, 127.31, 121.28, 119.68, 118.26, 111.83, 110.15, 55.54, 50.02.



2-((2-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (32)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography

was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a white solid in 84% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dt, *J* = 14.5, 4.8 Hz, 3H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 160.92, 146.11, 146.08, 133.99, 130.43, 129.55, 129.36, 127.26, 118.17, 118.15, 106.88, 105.53, 100.60, 55.22, 50.24.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₄N₂O, M+Na]⁺: 261.0998; Found: 261.0998.

2-(benzylamino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (33) [10]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 9:1) resulting in a white solid in 51% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 5.2 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 138.14, 134.80, 129.05, 128.98, 128.66, 128.43, 127.67, 127.32, 118.74, 53.49, 51.31.

N-(cyano(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (34)^[10]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as HN, TS described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a white solid in 47% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.72, 136.12, 132.17, 130.08, 129.92, 129.43, 127.36, 127.09, 116.28, 48.25, 21.65.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (37)^[11]

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37The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as
described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using
hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1)

resulting in a white solid in 62% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.22, 140.20, 137.23, 129.14, 128.59, 125.16, 121.00, 118.58, 114.50, 58.27, 55.51, 32.91.

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (39)^[12]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure F as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 52% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 163.52, 161.87, 154.42, 136.93, 135.94, 127.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 120.78, 118.78, 116.08 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 114.54, 57.78, 55.50, 32.97.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (40)^[12]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf=0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate

= 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 59% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.46, 138.78, 136.80, 134.57, 129.35, 126.71, 120.57, 118.71, 114.58, 57.87, 55.51, 32.79.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (41)^[12]

 $\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \text{PMPHN} \\ \text{Br} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{CN} \\ \text{Me} \end{array} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure} \\ \text{as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed} \\ \text{using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (R} f = 0.5 \text{ in hexane:ethyl} \\ \text{acetate} = 7:1) \text{ resulting in a yellow solid in 64\% yield.} \end{array}$

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.35 (m, 4H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.39, 139.39, 136.85, 132.32, 127.00, 122.66, 120.54, 118.59, 114.57, 57.86, 55.51, 32.83.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(p-tolyl)propanenitrile (42)^[12]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) ($\mathbf{R}f = 0.5$ in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 57% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.16, 138.43, 137.36, 137.26, 129.79, 125.07, 121.13, 118.57, 114.49, 58.05, 55.51, 32.92, 21.05.

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (43)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 55% yield. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 159.74, 154.30, 137.29, 132.11, 126.47, 121.13, 118.86, 114.49, 114.42, 57.87, 55.50, 55.34, 32.83.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₂, M+Na]⁺: 305.1260; Found: 305.1260.

2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (44)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as M_{Me}^{CN} described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (R*f* = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1)

resulting in a yellow solid in 51% yield.

PMPHN

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.08, 136.91, 135.16, 132.06, 131.47, 129.94, 128.91, 127.41, 120.08, 118.21, 114.47, 57.33, 55.51, 28.41.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₅ClN₂O, M+Na]⁺: 309.0765; Found: 309.0764.

2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (45)^[12]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.4 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1)

resulting in a yellow solid in 52% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.72 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.39, 154.20, 137.59, 129.90, 127.50, 126.56, 121.16, 120.99, 119.37, 114.32, 112.15, 55.68, 55.50, 28.25.

2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (46)^[12]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as M_{Cl} $M_$

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.44, 142.45, 136.82, 135.25, 130.46, 128.94, 125.47, 123.44, 120.43, 118.63, 114.59, 57.92, 55.51, 32.82.

2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (47)^[13]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.3 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 48% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 160.28, 154.25, 141.92, 137.24, 130.21, 120.93, 118.53, 117.42, 114.51, 113.97, 110.98, 58.25, 55.51, 55.34, 32.83.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)propanenitrile (48)^[12]



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a white solid in 67% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.28, 137.67, 137.32, 133.28, 133.26, 129.31, 128.31, 127.70, 126.70, 124.63, 122.48, 121.05, 118.66, 114.55, 58.54, 55.48, 32.85.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-methylbutanenitrile (49)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as Me 49The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow solid in 72% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82-6.73 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H),

1.89-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 155.84, 136.64, 123.16, 121.94, 114.55, 55.53, 33.62, 29.68, 24.98, 8.48.

HRMS (ESI): m/z Calcd. for [C₁₂H₁₆N₂O, M+Na]⁺: 227.1155; Found: 227.1155.

2-cyclopropyl-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)propanenitrile (50)

resulting in a yellow solid in 24% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dt, *J* = 12.7, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.07, 136.44, 119.78, 117.12, 112.56, 56.15, 53.62, 49.10, 39.77, 22.31, 19.99.

2-ethyl-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)butanenitrile (51)^[14]

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as Me Me Me 51The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow oil in 52% yield. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 3.70 (s, 1H), 1.82 (dt, J = 15.3 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.79-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 155.38, 136.86, 122.26, 121.56, 114.58, 59.45, 55.54, 29.54, 7.92.

2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-2-methylpropanenitrile (52)^[15].

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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 5:1)

resulting in a yellow oil in 42% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.04, 136.63, 123.45, 122.58, 114.55, 55.52, 51.07, 28.16.

1-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)cyclopentane-1-carbonitrile (53)^[14].

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure as described, silica gel flash column chromatography was performed using hexanes and ethyl acetate (10:1) (Rf = 0.5 in hexane:ethyl acetate = 7:1) resulting in a yellow oil in 57% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.86-6.72 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.85-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.01-0.98 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 154.52, 137.69, 122.65, 119.29, 114.75, 59.02, 55.63, 40.94, 39.97, 23.63, 23.17.
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VII. NMR spectra of the products





























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