

Supporting Information

A Convenient Reagent for the Conversion of Aldoximes into Nitriles and Isonitriles

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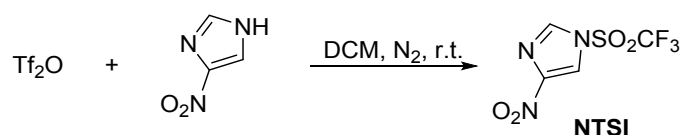
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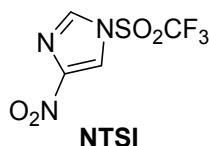
I. General information:

^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra were detected on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Data for ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR were recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, coupling constant(s) in Hz). Mass spectra were obtained on GC-MS (EI). High resolution mass data were recorded on a high resolution mass spectrometer in the EI or ESI mode. The mass analyzer types for HRMS-EI and HRMS-ESI are time-of-flight and Fourier transform mass spectrometer, respectively.

II. The procedure for the preparation of NTSI:



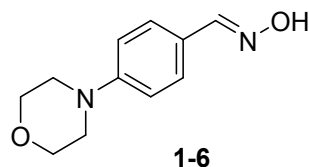
The mixture of nitro-imidazole (22.6 g, 200 mmol), dichloromethane (200 mL), and trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (28.2 g, 100 mmol) was stirred at room temperature for overnight under a N_2 atmosphere. After the reaction was finished as monitored by ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy, the solid was filtered through a short pad of Celite, and the solid was washed with dichloromethane. The combined organic phase was concentrated under vacuum to remove the solvent and the product was obtained as a pale yellow solid (19.6 g, 80 mmol, 80%). NTSI is sensitive to moisture but stable under dry atmosphere.



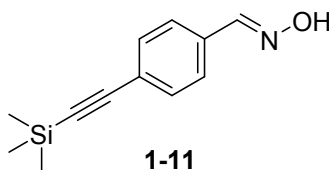
4-Nitro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-imidazole (NTSI): Pale yellow solid, m.p. 55-56 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -74.9 (s, 3F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.4, 136.6, 118.6 (q, J = 323.0 Hz), 118.0. HRMS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{SO}_4$ [M^+]: 244.9718; Found: 244.9728. IR (KBr): 3152, 1560, 1526, 1443, 1354, 1229, 1131, 1056, 995, 971, 852, 823, 747, 645, 598, 531 cm^{-1} .

III. The procedure for the preparation of aldoximes:

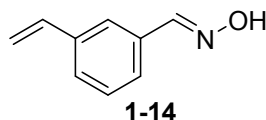
All aldoximes were synthesized according to the literature [1-3]. The new compounds **1-6** and **1-11** were prepared according to Ref. [1], and **1-14** was prepared according to Ref. [3]. Their characterization data are shown as follows:



(E)-4-Morpholinobenzaldehyde oxime (1-6): White solid, m.p. 188-190 °C, 73%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 9.95 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 153.1, 149.1, 128.5, 125.0, 115.6, 67.2, 49.2. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 207.1128; Found: 207.1127. IR (KBr): 3317, 2821, 1609, 1445, 1266, 1110, 953, 933, 813, 532 cm⁻¹.



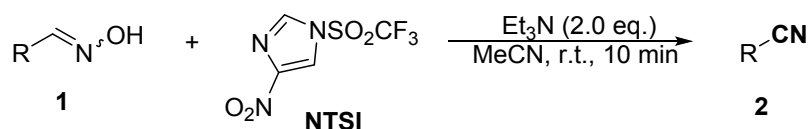
(E)-4-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzaldehyde oxime (1-11): White solid, m.p. 110-112 °C, 47%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.23 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 148.7, 134.5, 132.9, 127.5, 124.7, 105.6, 96.0, -0.1. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₁₂H₁₆ONSi [M+H]⁺: 218.0996; Found: 218.0994. IR (KBr): 3290, 2957, 2156, 1512, 1301, 1248, 977, 844, 761, 654, 547, 458 cm⁻¹.



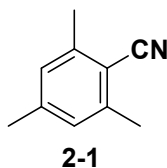
(E)-3-Vinylbenzaldehyde oxime (1-14): White solid, m.p. 49-51 °C, 63%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-acetone) δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J*₁ = 17.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd, *J*₁ = 17.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, *J*₁ = 11.0 Hz, *J*₂

= 0.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -acetone) δ 149.2, 138.9, 137.3, 134.6, 129.7, 127.8, 126.8, 125.3, 114.9. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 148.0757; Found: 148.0756. IR (KBr): 3373, 1727, 1631, 1484, 1442, 1308, 1167, 947, 800, 709, 669 cm^{-1} .

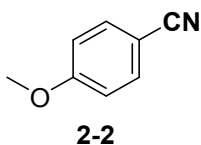
IV. The general procedure for the conversion of aldoximes into nitriles:



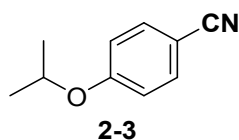
Into a sealed tube was added aldoxime **1** (0.5 mmol), NTSI (147 mg, 0.6 mmol), dry CH_3CN (2 mL) and Et_3N (101 mg, 1.0 mmol) under a N_2 atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. The desired product was isolated by flash column chromatography.



2,4,6-Trimethylbenzonitrile (2-1)^[4]: White solid, 82%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.93 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 6H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.7, 141.9, 128.1, 117.6, 110.2, 21.5, 20.6. MS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}^+]$: 145.1; Found: 145.1.

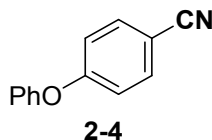


4-Methoxybenzonitrile (2-2)^[4]: White solid, 72%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.7, 133.8, 119.1, 114.6, 103.8, 55.4. MS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}^+]$: 133.1; Found: 133.0.

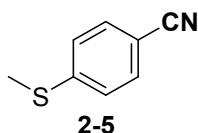


4-Isopropoxybenzonitrile (2-3)^[5]: Pale yellow oil, 92%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

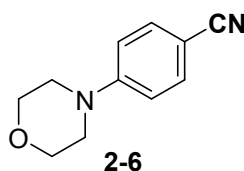
CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (sep, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 133.8, 119.2, 115.9, 103.2, 70.3, 21.6. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₀H₁₁NO [M⁺]: 161.1; Found: 161.1.



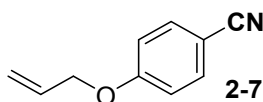
4-Phenoxybenzonitrile (2-4)^[6]: Colorless oil, 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 154.6, 133.9, 130.1, 125.0, 120.2, 118.6, 117.7, 105.6. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₃H₉NO [M⁺]: 195.1; Found: 195.0.



4-(Methylthio)benzonitrile (2-5)^[7]: White solid, 93%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.9, 131.9, 125.2, 118.8, 107.3, 14.4. MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₇NS [M⁺]: 149.0; Found: 149.0.

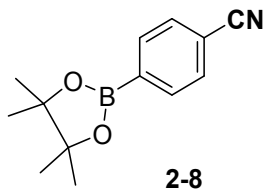


4-Morpholinobenzonitrile (2-6)^[8]: White solid, 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.29-3.27 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 133.3, 119.7, 113.9, 100.6, 66.2, 47.1. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₁H₁₂N₂O [M⁺]: 188.1; Found: 188.0.

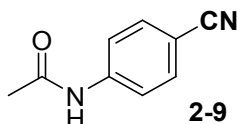


4-(Allyloxy)benzonitrile (2-7)^[6]: White solid, 96%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.08-5.98 (m, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

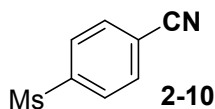
CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 133.7, 131.9, 119.0, 118.2, 115.3, 103.8, 68.8. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₀H₉NO [M⁺]: 159.1; Found: 159.1.



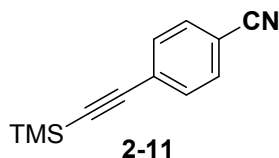
4-(4,4,5,5-Tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzonitrile (2-8)^[8]: White solid, 35%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.0, 131.1, 118.8, 114.5, 84.4, 24.8.



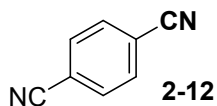
N-(4-Cyanophenyl)acetamide (2-9)^[9]: White solid, 84%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 10.37 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 4H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 169.2, 143.5, 133.2, 119.1, 118.9, 104.7, 24.2. MS (EI): Calculated for C₉H₈N₂O [M⁺]: 160.1; Found: 160.1.



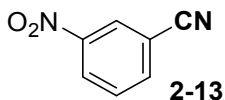
4-(Methylsulfonyl)benzonitrile (2-10)^[10]: White solid, 77%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 133.1, 128.1, 117.4, 117.0, 44.1. MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₇NO₂S [M⁺]: 181.0; Found: 181.0.



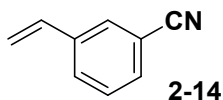
4-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (2-11)^[11]: White solid, 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.27 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.3, 131.8, 127.8, 118.2, 111.6, 102.8, 99.4, -0.4. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₂H₁₃NSi [M⁺]: 199.1; Found: 199.1.



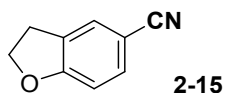
Terephthalonitrile (2-12)^[8]: White solid, 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.7, 117.0, 116.7. MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₄N₂ [M⁺]: 128.0; Found: 128.0.



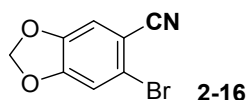
3-Nitrobenzonitrile (2-13)^[6]: White solid, 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 137.6, 130.6, 127.4, 127.0, 116.4, 113.9. MS (EI): Calculated for C₇H₄N₂O₂ [M⁺]: 148.0; Found: 148.1.



3-Vinylbenzonitrile (2-14)^[9]: Colorless oil, 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, *J*₁ = 17.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.6, 134.7, 131.0, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 118.7, 116.5, 112.7. MS (EI): Calculated for C₉H₇N [M⁺]: 129.1; Found: 129.1.

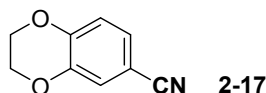


2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-5-carbonitrile (2-15)^[12]: White solid, 81%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 133.3, 128.7, 128.5, 119.4, 110.0, 103.2, 72.0, 28.8. MS (EI): Calculated for C₉H₇NO [M⁺]: 145.1; Found: 145.0.

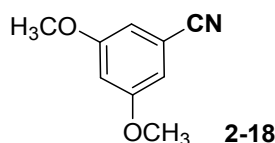


6-Bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonitrile (2-16)^[13]: White solid, 93%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.1, 147.3, 118.7, 117.2, 113.2, 112.3, 107.6, 103.0. MS (EI):

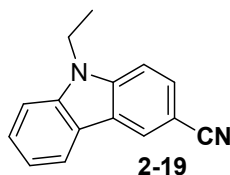
Calculated for $C_8H_4NO_2Br$ [M^+]: 224.9; Found: 224.9.



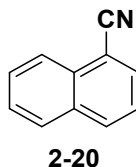
2,3-Dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine-6-carbonitrile (2-17)^[8]: White solid, 97%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.26 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.6, 143.7, 125.8, 121.1, 118.8, 118.1, 104.3, 64.5, 64.0. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_9H_7NO_2$ [M^+]: 161.0; Found: 161.0.



3,5-Dimethoxybenzonitrile (2-18)^[14]: White solid, 94%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.75 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 160.8, 118.6, 113.2, 109.7, 105.4, 55.5. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_9H_9NO_2$ [M^+]: 163.1; Found: 163.0.

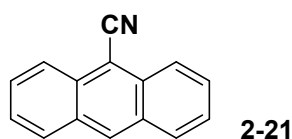


9-Ethyl-9H-carbazole-3-carbonitrile (2-19)^[15]: White solid, 80%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 141.2, 140.1, 128.5, 126.9, 124.8, 122.7, 121.6, 120.47, 120.45, 120.0, 108.9, 108.8, 101.0, 37.5, 13.5. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{15}H_{12}N_2$ [M^+]: 220.1; Found: 220.0.

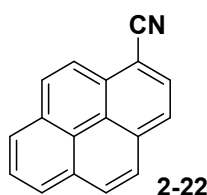


1-Naphthonitrile (2-20)^[4]: Pale yellow oil, 94%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 133.2, 132.8, 132.5, 132.3, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 125.0, 124.8, 117.7, 110.1. MS (EI):

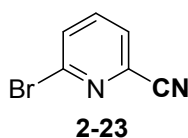
Calculated for $C_{11}H_7N$ $[M^+]$: 153.1; Found: 153.1.



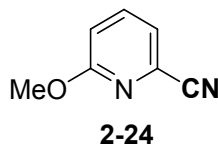
Anthracene-9-carbonitrile (2-21)^[14]: Yellow solid, 82%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 133.0, 132.5, 130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 126.2, 125.0, 117.1, 105.1. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{15}H_9N$ $[M^+]$: 203.1; Found: 203.1.



Pyrene-1-carbonitrile (2-22)^[16]: Yellow solid, 82%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.01-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.88 (m, 3H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 133.5, 132.2, 130.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 128.9, 126.64, 126.58, 126.5, 126.3, 123.8, 123.23, 123.16, 122.8, 118.6, 105.0. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{17}H_9N$ $[M^+]$: 227.1; Found: 227.2.

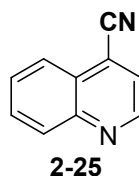


6-Bromopicolinonitrile (2-23)^[17]: White solid, 86%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.82-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.23 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 142.8, 139.2, 133.5, 132.1, 127.5, 115.8. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_6H_3N_2Br$ $[M]$: 181.9; Found: 181.9.

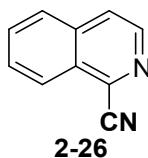


6-Methoxypicolinonitrile (2-24)^[18]: White solid, 79%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.68 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.2, 138.9, 130.2, 122.1, 117.2, 116.0,

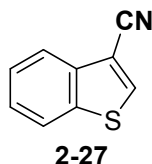
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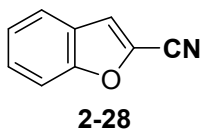
Quinoline-4-carbonitrile (2-25)^[19]: White solid, 88%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.04 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.21-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.84 (m, 1H), 7.77-7.32 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 149.3, 147.9, 131.0, 130.2, 129.0, 125.5, 124.74, 124.68, 118.5, 115.3. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{10}H_6N_2$ [M^+]: 154.1; Found: 154.0.



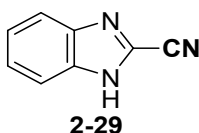
Isoquinoline-1-carbonitrile (2-26)^[19]: White solid, 96%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.63 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 143.0, 135.6, 134.4, 131.6, 129.7, 129.0, 127.2, 124.9, 124.3, 115.6. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{10}H_6N_2$ [M^+]: 154.1; Found: 154.0.



Benzo[b]thiophene-3-carbonitrile (2-27)^[18]: White solid, 93%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 138.3, 137.4, 137.0, 126.0, 125.8, 122.7, 122.3, 114.2, 106.9. MS (EI): Calculated for C_9H_5NS [M^+]: 159.0; Found: 159.0.



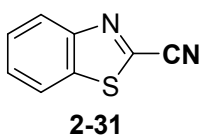
Benzofuran-2-carbonitrile (2-28)^[18]: Pale yellow solid, 80%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 155.5, 128.4, 127.1, 125.4, 124.5, 122.5, 118.4, 111.9, 111.7. MS (EI): Calculated for C_9H_5NO [M^+]: 143.0; Found: 143.0.



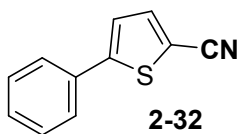
1H-Benzo[d]imidazole-2-carbonitrile (2-29)^[20]: White solid, 73%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ 14.20 (br, 1H), 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H). MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₅N₃ [M⁺]: 143.0; Found: 143.1.



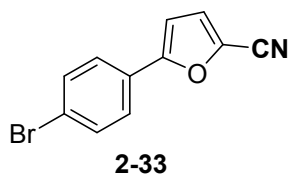
1H-Indazole-3-carbonitrile (2-30)^[21]: White solid, 48%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.23 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.0, 128.7, 124.3, 124.0, 119.6, 119.4, 113.6, 111.0. MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₅N₃ [M⁺]: 143.0; Found: 143.1.



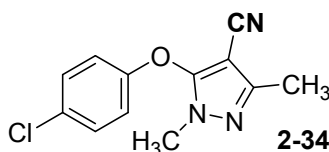
Benzo[d]thiazole-2-carbonitrile (2-31)^[22]: White solid, 79%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23-8.19 (m, 1H), 8.01-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.1, 136.4, 135.2, 128.6, 127.8, 125.1, 121.7, 112.9. MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₄N₂S [M⁺]: 160.0; Found: 160.0.



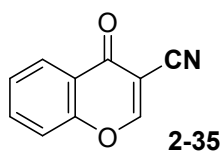
5-Phenylthiophene-2-carbonitrile (2-32)^[23]: Yellow solid, 82%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 138.3, 132.1, 129.3, 129.2, 126.3, 123.1, 114.3, 108.0. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₁H₇NS [M⁺]: 185.0; Found: 185.1.



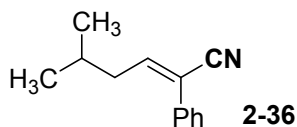
5-(4-Bromophenyl)furan-2-carbonitrile (2-33)^[24]: White solid, 82%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (s, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 132.0, 127.4, 126.1, 125.2, 123.9, 123.6, 111.6, 106.4. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₁H₆NBrO [*M*⁺]: 247.0; Found: 247.0.



5-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile (2-34): White solid, m.p.: 73-75 °C, 86%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 152.7, 150.4, 130.8, 130.0, 118.9, 111.6, 78.2, 34.4, 13.0. HRMS (EI): Calculated for C₁₂H₁₀ClN₃O [*M*⁺]: 247.0512; Found: 247.0506. IR (KBr): 2951, 2227, 1556, 1417, 1245, 1195, 1090, 1012, 831, 635, 496 cm⁻¹.

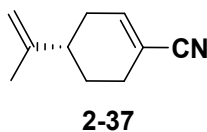


4-Oxo-4H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (2-35)^[25]: White solid, 83%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 173.9, 165.0, 156.8, 136.5, 128.0, 126.3, 124.1, 119.7, 113.8, 102.8. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₀H₅NO₂ [*M*⁺]: 171.0; Found: 171.1.

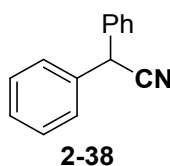


(E)-5-Methyl-2-phenylhex-2-enenitrile (2-36)^[26]: Colorless oil, 70%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.34 (m, 5H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.82-1.72 (m, 1H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 132.4, 128.7, 128.61, 128.60, 119.6, 115.7, 38.3, 28.4, 22.2. MS (EI):

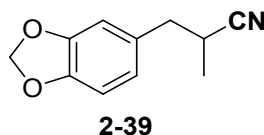
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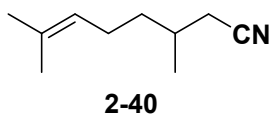
(S)-4-(Prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carbonitrile (2-37)^[27]: Colorless oil, 64%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.66-7.64 (m, 1H), 4.80-4.78 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.37-2.28 (m, 3H), 2.22-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.47 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.6, 144.5, 119.4, 111.9, 109.7, 39.0, 30.8, 26.8, 26.1, 20.5. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{10}H_{13}N$ $[M^+]$: 147.1; Found: 147.0.



2,2-Diphenylacetonitrile (2-38)^[28]: White solid, 78%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.34-7.25 (m, 10H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 135.8, 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 119.6, 42.4. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{14}H_{11}N$ $[M^+]$: 193.1; Found: 193.1.



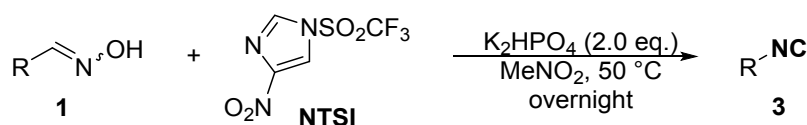
3-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (2-39)^[7]: Colorless oil, 75%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71-6.67 (m, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 2.85-2.71 (m, 3H), 1.31 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.7, 146.6, 130.4, 122.4, 122.1, 109.2, 108.3, 100.9, 39.6, 27.6, 17.4. MS (EI): Calculated for $C_{11}H_{11}NO_2$ $[M^+]$: 189.1; Found: 189.0.



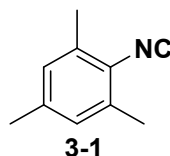
3,7-Dimethyloct-6-enenitrile (2-40)^[23]: Colorless oil, 75%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 5.07 (tt, J_1 = 6.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.3 Hz 1H), 2.33 (dd, J_1 = 16.4 Hz, J_2 = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dd, J_1 = 16.4 Hz, J_2 = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.06-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.2, 123.4, 118.8, 35.8, 29.9, 25.6, 25.2, 24.4, 19.3, 17.6. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₀H₁₇N [M⁺]: 151.1; Found: 151.2.

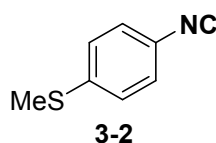
V. The general procedure for the conversion of aldoximes into isonitriles



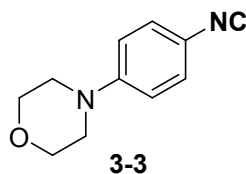
Into a sealed tube were sequentially added aldoxime **1** (0.5 mmol), NTSI (147 mg, 0.6 mmol), K₂HPO₄ (174, mg, 1.0 mmol) and dry MeNO₂ (2.0 mL) under a N₂ atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for overnight. The product was isolated by flash column chromatography.



2-Isocyano-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (3-1)^[29]: White solid, 51%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.89 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 138.7, 134.5, 128.4, 124.0 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz), 21.1, 18.7. MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₀H₁₁N [M⁺]: 145.1; Found: 145.1.

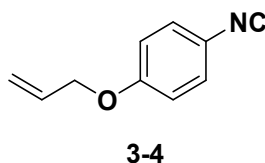


(4-Isocyanophenyl)(methyl)sulfane (3-2)^[30]: Green oil, 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0, 141.1, 126.4, 126.1, 122.9 (t, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 15.1. MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₇NS [M⁺]: 149.0; Found: 149.0.

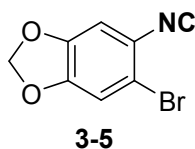


4-(4-Isocyanophenyl)morpholine (3-3)^[31]: Brown oil, 57%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.19 (t, *J* =

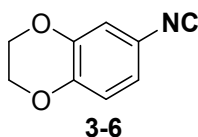
4.8 Hz, 4 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.1, 151.2, 127.3, 117.8 (t, J = 13.1 Hz), 114.9, 66.5, 48.1. MS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [M^+]: 188.0; Found: 188.0.



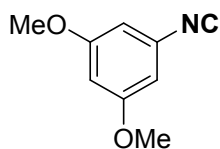
1-(Allyloxy)-4-isocyanobenzene (3-4)^[32]: Colorless oil, 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.07-5.97 (m, 1H), 5.41 (dd, J_1 = 17.2 Hz, J_2 = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, J_1 = 10.5 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.6 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 158.8, 132.3, 127.6, 119.5 (t, J = 13.1 Hz), 118.1, 115.3, 69.0. MS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{NO}$ [M^+]: 159.1; Found: 159.0.



5-Bromo-6-isocyanobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole (3-5): Pale pink solid, m.p. 86-88 °C, 48%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 149.0, 147.4, 120.5 (t, J = 12.5 Hz), 112.3, 112.1, 107.8, 102.8. HRMS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{Br}$ [M^+]: 224.9425; Found: 224.9431. IR (KBr) 3052, 2127, 1606, 1504, 1410, 1358, 1259, 1174, 1124, 1037, 928, 869, 769, 667, 574, 446 cm^{-1} .

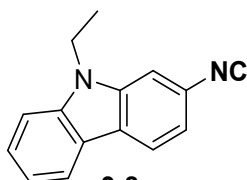


6-Isocyano-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (3-6): White solid, m.p. 85-86 °C, 73%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.90-6.81 (m, 3H), 4.27 (s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.1, 144.5, 143.4, 119.6, 119.5 (t, J = 12.8 Hz), 117.7, 115.5, 64.2, 64.1. HRMS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{NO}_2$ [M^+]: 161.0477; Found: 161.0479. IR (KBr) 3075, 2129, 1593, 1504, 1457, 1293, 1244, 1205, 1117, 1063, 1043, 912, 871, 807, 756, 716, 602, 502, 456 cm^{-1} .



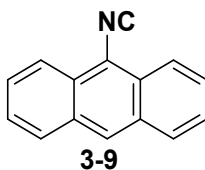
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1-Isocyano-3,5-dimethoxybenzene (3-7): White solid, m.p. 70-72 °C, 42%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.51 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.48-6.47 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.5, 160.9, 127.6 (t, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 104.7, 102.0, 55.6. HRMS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2$ [M^+]: 163.0633; Found: 163.0635. IR (KBr) 3004, 2135, 1598, 1465, 1350, 1214, 1195, 1163, 1133, 1066, 938, 843, 821, 756, 668, 530 cm^{-1} .



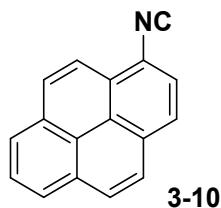
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9-Ethyl-2-isocyano-9H-carbazole (3-8): Pale yellow oil, 71%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.6, 140.4, 139.0, 126.7, 123.5, 122.6, 121.8, 120.5, 119.6, 118.4, 117.7 (t, $J = 13.3$ Hz), 108.8, 108.6, 37.5, 13.6. HRMS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ [M^+]: 220.1000; Found: 220.1003. IR (KBr) 3054, 2976, 2119, 1597, 1479, 1384, 1332, 1291, 1234, 1150, 880, 803, 746, 726, 602, 554, 423 cm^{-1} .

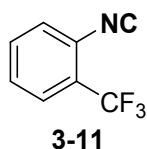


3-9

9-Isocyanoanthracene (3-9): Yellow solid, 71%, m.p. 151-153 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 130.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.5, 126.0, 122.7, 118.1 (t, $J = 13.2$ Hz). HRMS (EI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{N}$ [M^+]: 203.0735; Found: 203.0738. IR (KBr) 2110, 1341, 1265, 951, 888, 841, 777, 728, 601, 548, 410 cm^{-1} .

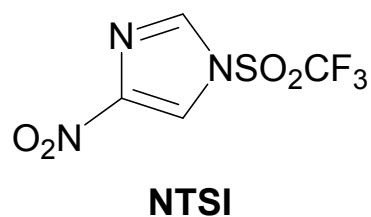
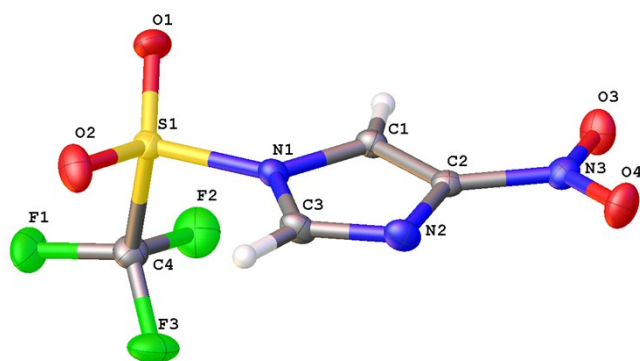


1-Isocyanopyrene (3-10)^[33]: White solid, 65%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10-8.03 (m, 3H), 7.96-7.92 (m, 3H), 7.82-7.94 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 131.2, 130.6, 130.3, 129.3, 128.7, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 124.2, 123.9, 123.5, 123.2, 121.2, 119.4 (t, *J* = 13.5 Hz). MS (EI): Calculated for C₁₇H₉N [M⁺]: 227.1; Found: 227.1.



1-Isocyano-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (3-11)^[34]: Yellow oil, 15% NMR yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.52 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376Hz, CDCl₃) δ -62.9 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 132.9, 129.4, 128.8, 126.9 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 126.7 (q, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 124.0-123.6 (m, C-(N≡C)), 122.2 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz). MS (EI): Calculated for C₈H₄F₃N [M⁺]: 171.0; Found: 171.0.

VI. The X-ray structure of NTSI



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0030 Å Wavelength = 1.34139

Cell: a=12.0715(9) Å b=5.7257(4) Å c=12.5111(10) Å

alpha=90°

beta=101.199(4)°

gamma=90°

Temperature: 170 K

	Caculated	Reported
Volume	848.27(11)	848.27(11)
Space group	P 21/c	P 1 21/c 1
Hall group	-p 2ybc	-p 2ybc
Moiety formula	C ₄ H ₂ F ₃ N ₃ O ₄ S	C ₄ H ₂ F ₃ N ₃ O ₄ S
Sum formula	C ₄ H ₂ F ₃ N ₃ O ₄ S	C ₄ H ₂ F ₃ N ₃ O ₄ S
Mr	245.15	245.15
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.920	1.920
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	2.631	2.610
F000	488.0	488.0
F000'	490.91	
h, k, lmax	14, 6, 15	14, 6, 15
Nref	1602	1595
Tmin, Tmax	0.829, 0.855	0.423, 0.751
Tmin'	0.812	

Correction method = # Reported T Limits: Tmin = 0.423 Tmax = 0.751

AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness = 0.996 Theta(max) = 54.921

R (reflections) = 0.0589(1513) wR2 (reflections) = 0.1481(1595)

S = 1.131 Npar= 136

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VIII. Copies of NMR spectra of the products

