

**Supporting Information for:**

**A Novel Yttrium-based Metal-Organic Framework for the Efficient Solvent-Free Catalytic Synthesis of Cyanohydrin Silyl Ethers.**

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## 1. General experimental information

All experiments involving moisture-sensitive compounds were performed under an inert atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> using standard techniques. Unless otherwise indicated, reagents and substrates were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Solvents not required to be dry were purchased as technical grade and used as received. Conversion values relative to the limiting reagent were calculated from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the reaction crudes. Isolated products were obtained after centrifugation (8000 rpm, 3 min) and washed with dichloromethane (2 x 0.5 mL) in order to remove the catalyst or column chromatography in silica gel using hexane as eluent.

**NMR measurements:** NMR spectra were measured in a Bruker Avance III 300 spectrometer equipped with a direct double SmartProbe BBFO <sup>1</sup>H/BB(<sup>19</sup>F) probe. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to residual solvent peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, <sup>1</sup>H: 7.26 ppm; <sup>13</sup>C: 77.16 ppm). Coupling constants are reported in Hertz. Multiplicity is reported with the usual abbreviations (s: singlet, bs: broad singlet, d: doublet, dd: doublet of doublets, ddd: doublet of doublet of doublets, t: triplet, td: triplet of doublets, q: quartet, dq: doublet of quartet, p: pentet, sex: sextet, hept: heptet, m: multiplet).

**IR (ATR) spectra** of products **3** were recorded in a FT-IR Bruker Alpha spectrophotometer whereas IR spectra of Ligand and Compound **1** were recorded on a Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrophotometer (Thermo Phisher Scientific, TX, USA) with samples as KBr disks.

**Elemental analyses (EA)** of the new synthesized cyanosilyl ethers **3** were performed on an Elementar vario EL cube in the CHN mode.

**Photoluminescence measurements.** Photoluminescence (PL) measurements were carried out on crystalline samples at room temperature using a Varian Cary-Eclipse fluorescence spectrofluorometer equipped with a Xe discharge lamp (peak power equivalent to 75 kW), Czerny–Turner monochromators, and an R-928 photomultiplier tube. For the fluorescence measurements, the photomultiplier detector voltage was fixed at 600 V, and the excitation and emission slits were set at 5 and 5 nm, respectively.

**Thermogravimetric analysis (TG/DTA)** were performed on a TG-Q500 TA Instruments thermal analyser from room temperature to 800 °C under a synthetic air atmosphere (79% N<sub>2</sub>/21% O<sub>2</sub>) at a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>.

**X-ray Diffraction Data Collection and Structure Determination.** Single-crystal diffraction data were collected at 100(2) K on a Bruker X8 APEX II and Bruker D8 Venture with a Photon detector equipped with graphite monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). The data reduction was performed with the APEX2 software<sup>1</sup> and corrected for absorption using SADABS.<sup>2</sup> These structures were solved by direct methods using the SHELXT program<sup>3</sup> and refined by full-matrix least-squares of F<sup>2</sup> including all reflections with SHELXL-2018/3 program.<sup>4</sup> All calculations for these structures were performed using the WINGX crystallographic software package.<sup>5</sup>

Powder X-ray diffractions (XRPD) patterns were collected on a Philips X'PERT powder diffractometer with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418$  Å) over the range of  $5 < 2\theta < 50^\circ$  with a step size of  $0.02^\circ$  and an acquisition time of 2.5 s per step at 25 °C. Indexation of the diffraction profiles were carried out using the FULLPROF program,<sup>6</sup> on the basis of the space group and cell parameters found for isostructural compounds by single crystal X-ray diffraction.

## 2. General procedures

**General procedure for the synthesis of Y-MOF (1):** 10 mg (0.0625 mmol) of 3-amino-4-hydroxybenzoic acid (HL) organic linker was dissolved in 0.5 mL of DMF containing 10  $\mu$ L of Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.072 mmol). Y(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (17 mg, 0.0434 mmol) was dissolved into a 0.5 mL of distilled water in a separate vial. Once dissolved, 0.5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O was added to the ligand solution and 0.5 mL of DMF to the metal solution. Metal solution was added dropwise to the ligand solution keeping magnetic stirring. The resulting yellow solution was poured into a screw-capped vial (6 mL) and introduced to the oven at 100 °C for 2 hours to give rise hexagonal shaped single crystals. Single-crystal X-ray structure determination, elemental analysis (EA) and TGA confirm the general formula [Y<sub>5</sub>L<sub>6</sub>(OH)<sub>3</sub>(DMF)<sub>3</sub>]·5H<sub>2</sub>O. EA for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>64</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>29</sub>Y<sub>5</sub> (1711.64 g mol<sup>-1</sup>). Calcd: C, 35.79; H, 3.77; N, 7.36. Found: C, 35.69; H, 3.71; N, 7.40.

**General procedure for the cyanosilylation reaction:** In a 1 ml vial with a septum screw capped equipped with a stirring bar, Y-MOF catalyst (2.3 mg, 0.5 mol%) was weighed. Subsequently, the corresponding amount of carbonylic compound **2** (0.25 mmol) was added followed by trimethylsilyl cyanide (TMSCN) (34  $\mu$ L, 0.275 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and the reaction was stirred under inert N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at room temperature during the corresponding time. Once the reaction was finished the catalyst was removed by centrifugation (8000 rpm, 3 min) and washed with DCM (2 x 0.5 mL) obtaining the corresponding pure product **3** after removal of the solvent with rotary evaporator. When not fully conversion was reached the product was purified by column chromatography using hexane as eluent.

**General procedure for the gram scale reaction:** In a 3 mL vial equipped with septum and stirring bar, it was weigh Y-MOF catalyst (46.52 mg, 0.5 mol%). Then, it was added benzaldehyde **2a** (507  $\mu$ L, 5 mmol) followed by TMSCN (688  $\mu$ L, 5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and the reaction was stirred under inert N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at room temperature during 5 hours. Once the reaction was finished the catalyst was removed by centrifugation (8000 rpm, 3 min) and washed with DCM (2 x 2 mL) obtaining the corresponding pure product **3a** after removal of the solvent with rotary evaporator with 86% isolated yield (877.8 mg).

**Quantitative NMR acquisition parameters.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR determination of product conversion was carried out by comparing signals arising from both CH of aldehyde **2** and cyanosilylated product **3**. The standard acquisition parameters were one-dimensional pulse sequence which includes a 30° flip angle (Bruker zg30), recycle time (D1 = 30 s), time domain (TD = 27k),

number of scans (NS = 32), acquisition time (AQ = 2.05 s), transmitter (frequency) offset (O1P = 6.0 ppm), and spectral width (SW = 22.0 ppm).

### 3. Crystallographic data

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data and structure refinement details of compound **1**.

<b>Compound</b>	<b>1</b>
Formula	C <sub>51</sub> H <sub>54</sub> N <sub>9</sub> O <sub>24</sub> Y <sub>5</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	1711.63
Crystal system	hexagonal
Space group (no.)	<i>P6<sub>3</sub>/m (176)</i>
a(Å)	14.730(3)
b(Å)	14.730
c(Å)	17.616(5)
α(°)	90
β(°)	90
γ(°)	120
V(Å <sup>3</sup> )	3310.1(17)
Z	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.627
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	4.415
F(000)	1620.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.660 × 0.164 × 0.090
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.624 to 46.716
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -19 ≤ l ≤ 19
Reflections collected	12689
Independent reflections	1674 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0937, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0934]
Data/restraints/parameters	1672/24/145
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.087
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0473, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1326
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0808, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1473
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.16/-0.87

#### 4. Selected bond lengths and angles data

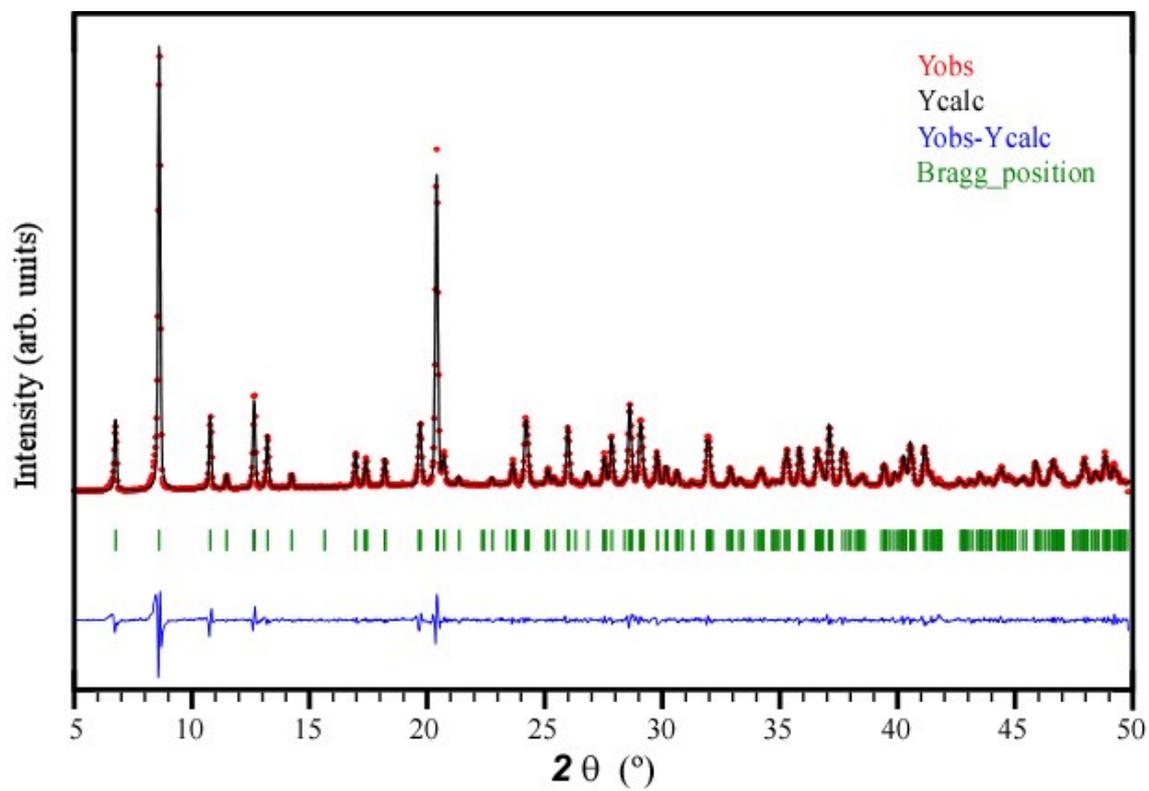
**Table S2.** Table of the selected  
for compound **1**.

bond lengths (Å) and angles (°)

Complex		1
Y1	O3	2.536(5)
Y1	N1	2.517(6)
Y1	O1H	2.349(4)
Y2	O1	2.425(5)
Y2	O2	2.396(5)
Y2	O3	2.349(5)
Y2	O1D	2.305(7)
Y2	O1H	2.348(6)

Complex			1		
N1	Y1	N1	81.5(2)		
N1	Y1	O3	64.60(17)	69.44(18)	137.62(19)
O1	Y2	O1	78.4(3)		
O1D	Y2	O1H	136.7(3)		
O1D	Y2	O3	81.1(2)		
O1D	Y2	O2	133.58(17)		
O1D	Y2	O1	82.5(2)		
O1H	Y1	O1H	71.50(18)		
O1H	Y1	N1	88.96(19)	132.1(2)	143.3(2)
O1H	Y1	O3	68.09(18)	74.49(19)	133.41(16)
O1H	Y1	Y1	42.43(11)		
O1H	Y2	O3	71.35(15)		
O1H	Y2	O2	75.35(18)		
O1H	Y2	O1	128.22(16)		
O2	Y2	O2	77.7(3)		
O2	Y2	O1	54.29(18)	102.08(19)	
O3	Y1	O3	119.956(9)		
O3	Y2	O3	99.1(2)		
O3	Y2	O2	81.82(18)	136.01(11)	
O3	Y2	O1	88.86(18)		
Y2	O3	Y1	107.03(17)	144.31(18)	
Y2	O1H	Y1	113.5(2)	160.43(18)	

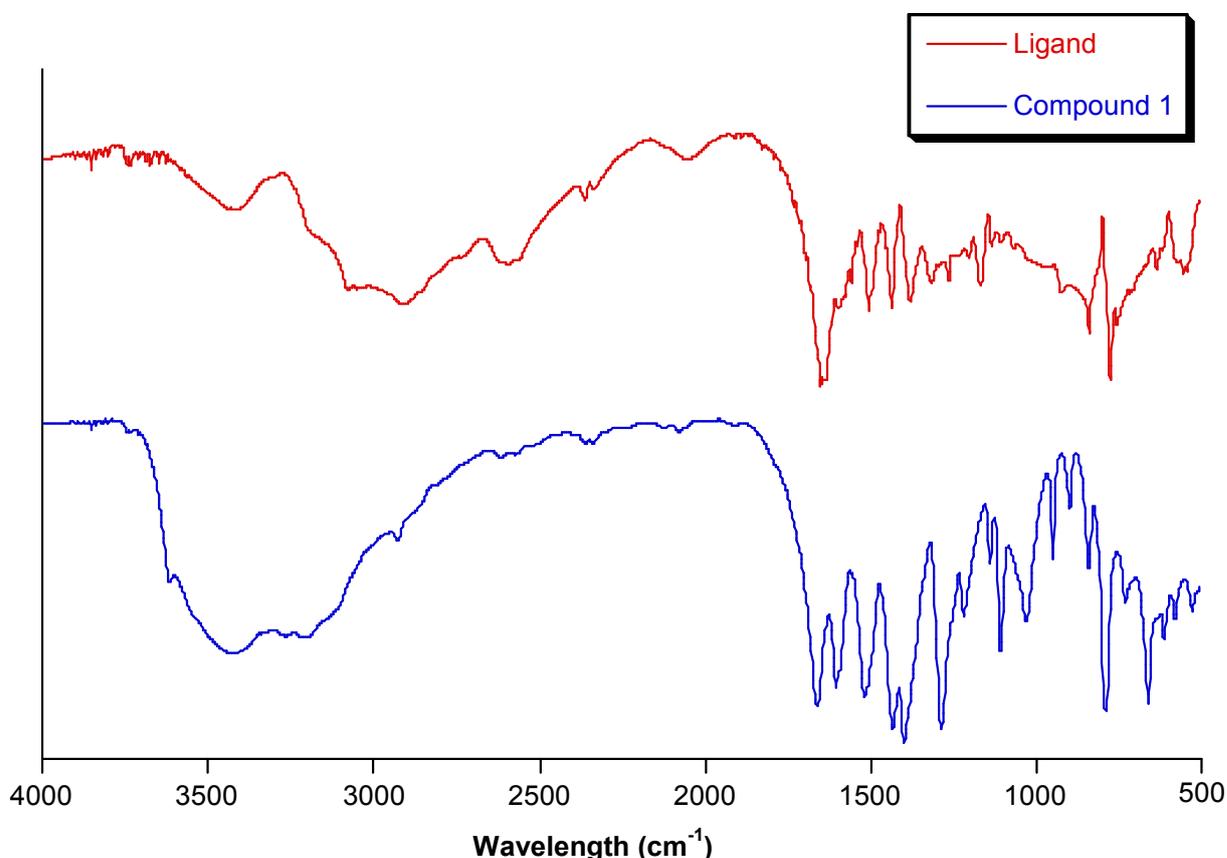
## 5. Experimental PXRD



**Figure S1.** Figure of the pattern matching analysis and experimental PXRD for complex 1.

## 6. FTIR analysis of Ligand and Catalyst

FTIR spectra of compound **1** exhibit a narrow peak at around  $3671\text{ cm}^{-1}$  attributed to the N–H stretching vibration of the amine group of 3-amino-4-hydroxybenzoate ligand. Additionally, it shows a broad and intense band around  $3424\text{ cm}^{-1}$  that corresponds to the vibration of the O–H bond of free ligand, followed by weak bands between  $3245$  and  $2929\text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponding to the C–H vibrations of the aromatic ring of the 3-amino-4-hydroxybenzoate ligand. The intense vibrations in the  $1662$ – $1433\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region are attributed to both the asymmetric stretching vibrations of the carboxylate groups and the aromatic C–C and C–N bonds, while the symmetric stretching vibrations of the carboxylate groups appear in the lower range of  $1399$ – $1287\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . At lower frequencies, the remaining bands are attributed to the distortions originated in the aromatic ring and the carboxylate groups of the ligands. The vibration bands of the M–O and M–N bonds are observed below  $662\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Nevertheless, there are some clear differences according to the ligand and coordination mode, in particular those involving the vibrations of the carboxylate groups. Concerning the spectra of compounds **1**, they show typical vibration bands (a broad band centred at  $1662\text{ cm}^{-1}$  plus a narrower band at  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) assigned to the asymmetric vibrations of carboxylate moieties establishing the bis-chelating mode of the ligand.

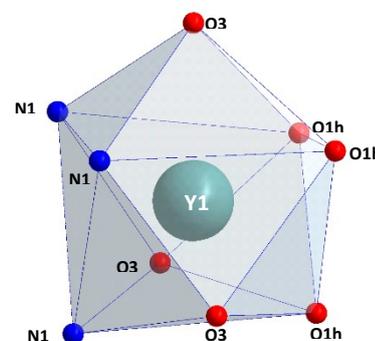


**Figure S2.** Figure of the infrared spectra of the ligand and compound **1**.

## 7. Continuous Shape Measurements

**Table S3.** Table of the continuous Shape Measurements for the  $\text{LnN}_3\text{O}_6$  coordination environment.

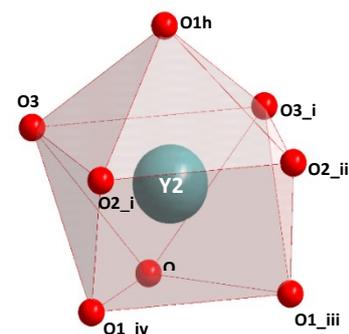
EP-9	1 D9h	Enneagon
OPY-9	2 C8v	Octagonal pyramid
HBPY-9	3 D7h	Heptagonal bipyramid
JTC-9	4 C3v	Johnson triangular cupola J3
JCCU-9	5 C4v	Capped cube J8
CCU-9	6 C4v	Spherical-relaxed capped cube
JCSAPR-9	7 C4v	Capped square antiprism J10
CSAPR-9	8 C4v	Spherical capped square antiprism
JTCTPR-9	9 D3h	Tricapped trigonal prism J51
TCTPR-9	10 D3h	Spherical tricapped trigonal prism
JTDIC-9	11 C3v	Tridiminished icosahedron J63
HH-9	12 C2v	Hula-hoop
MFF-9	13 Cs	Muffin



Complex	JCSAPR-9	CSAPR-9	JTCTPR-9	TCTPR-9	MFF-9
<b>Y1</b>	2.372	1.493	1.855	<b>0.829</b>	2.180

**Table S4.** Table of the continuous Shape Measurements for the  $\text{LnO}_8$  coordination environment.

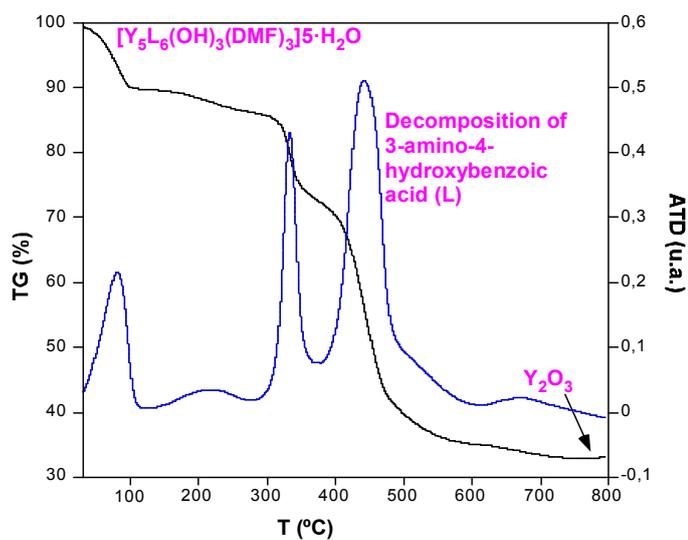
OP-8	1 D8h	Octagon
HPY-8	2 C7v	Heptagonal pyramid
HBPY-8	3 D6h	Hexagonal bipyramid
CU-8	4 Oh	Cube
SAPR-8	5 D4d	Square antiprism
TDD-8	6 D2d	Triangular dodecahedron
JGBF-8	7 D2d	Johnson - Gyrobifastigium (J26)
JETBPY-8	8 D3h	Johnson - Elongated triangular bipyramid (J14)
JBTP-8	9 C2v	Johnson - Biaugmented trigonal prism (J50)
BTPR-8	10 C2v	Biaugmented trigonal prism
JSD-8	11 D2d	Snub disphenoid (J84)
TT-8	12 Td	Triakis tetrahedron
ETBPY-8	13 D3h	Elongated trigonal bipyramid



Complex	SAPR-8	TDD-8	JBTPR-8	BTPR-8	JSD-8
<b>Y2</b>	2.927	<b>2.713</b>	3.638	3.183	5.487

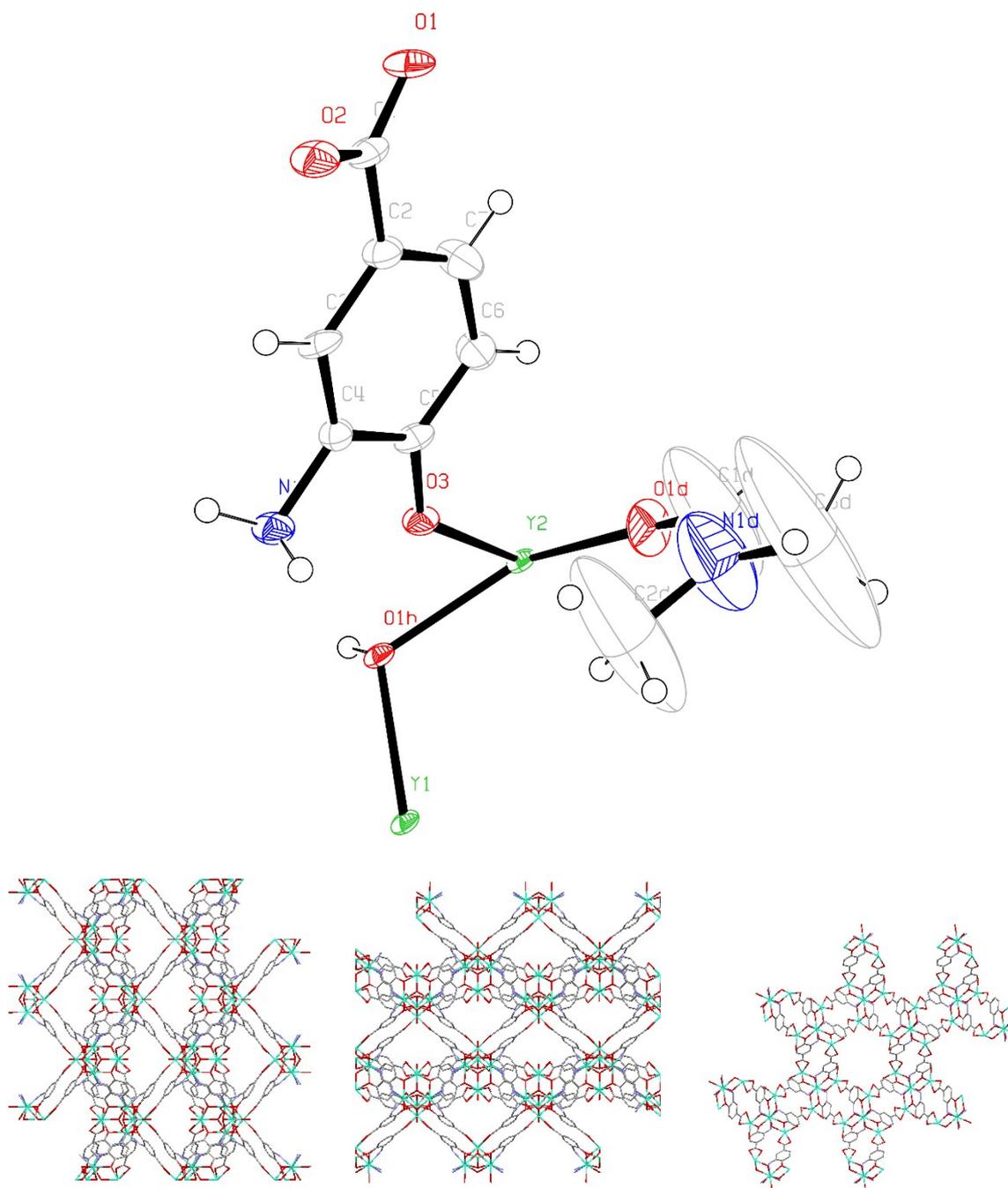
## 8. Thermal analysis

Thermogravimetric analyses have been performed over polycrystalline sample in compounds **1** in order to check the stability of the product. The TG curves show two main steps of weight losses. The first steps concerns to the release of the water lattice molecules which are released from room temperature up to 275 °C. Then, it starts the loss of coordinated DMF molecules, which is somewhat overlapped with the third step corresponding to the decomposition of the ligands. The latter involves the collapse of the crystal structure, evolving to  $Y_2O_3$  that is obtained at 800 °C as the final residue.



**Figure S3.** Figure of TG/DTA analysis of compound **1**.

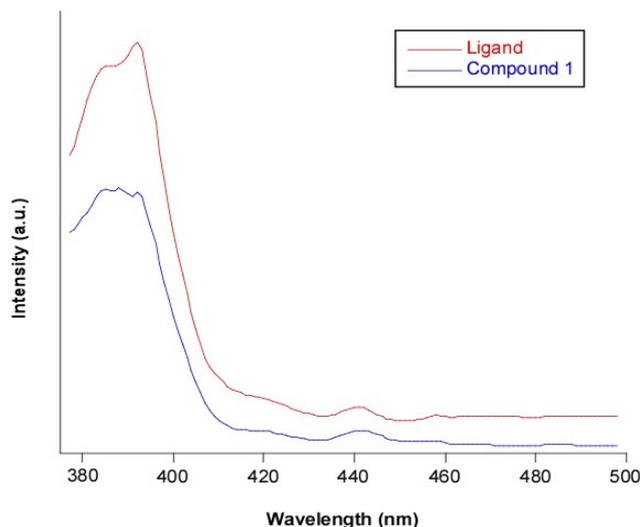
## 9. Additional views of the structure



**Figure S4.** View of the asymmetric unit of complex **1** showing the atomic ADPs (top). Views along a (left), b (middle) and c (right) axis of complex **1** (down). Yttrium, oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon are represented in green, red, blue, and grey, respectively; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

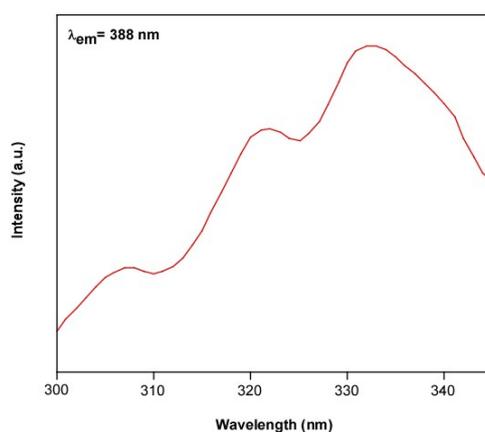
## 10. Luminescence properties

The emission spectrum of compound **1** and ligand are shown in Fig. S5. Compound **1** exhibits a broad band where two maxima can be observed at around 385 and 393 nm when it is excited at the wavelength of 325 nm.



**Figure S5.** Figure caption of the experimental room temperature photoluminescence emission spectra under  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 325$  nm of compounds **1** (blue) and ligand (red).

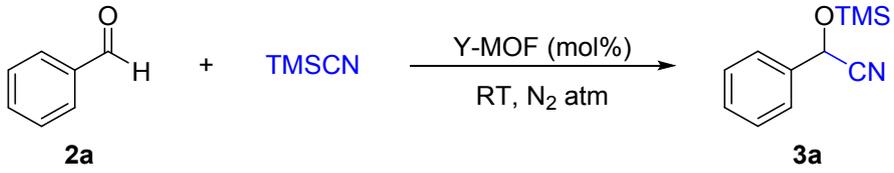
The excitation spectra have been measured for compound **1** by monitoring the emission maxima. As observed in Figure S6, the excitation spectra show a band covering the 300–350 nm range in which three peaks (sited at *ca.* 307, 322 and 332 nm) are distinguished.



**Figure S6.** Figure of the excitation spectrum spectra of compound **1** monitored at the emission maxima  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 388$  nm.

## 11. Optimization of the reaction conditions

**Table S5.** Optimization of the reaction conditions.<sup>a</sup>

				
Entry	Y-MOF (mol%)	time (h)	Ratio (1a:2)	Conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	-	14	1:2	4
2	0.5	14	1:2	>99
3	-	14	1:1.1	8
4	0.5	14	1:1.1	>99
5	0.5	1	1:1.1	53
		3.5		90
		5		>99
6 <sup>c</sup>	0.5	5	1:1.1	>99 (86)
7 <sup>c</sup>	0.1	5	1:1.1	28
		24		>99 (95)

<sup>a</sup> Reaction carried out using substrates **2a** (25  $\mu$ L, 0.25 mmol) and TMSCN (34  $\mu$ L, 0.275 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) under inert N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Conversions (relative to aldehyde **2a**) determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the reaction crude. Isolated yields are given in brackets. <sup>c</sup> Multigram scale reaction carried out with 507  $\mu$ L (5 mmol) of substrate **2a** and 688  $\mu$ L (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) of TMSCN.

## 12. Characterization Data of Products

**2-Phenyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3a).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.50–7.35 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.50 (s, 1H, CHCN), 0.23 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 136.2 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 129.3 (ArCH), 128.9 (ArCH), 126.3 (ArCH), 119.1 (CN), 63.6 (CH), -0.29 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(*p*-Tolyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3b).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.47 (s, 1H, CHCN), 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.23 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 139.3 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 133.3 (C<sub>ispo</sub>), 129.5 (ArCH), 126.3 (ArCH), 119.2 (CN), 63.5 (CH), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.29 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3c).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.43 (s, 1H, CHCN), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), -0.21 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.3 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 128.3 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 127.9 (ArCH), 119.3 (CN), 114.2 (ArCH), 63.3 (CH), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), -0.24 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3d).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.39 (s, 1H, CHCN), 2.98 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>), 0.19 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 151.1 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 127.8 (ArCH), 123.6 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 119.6 (CN), 112.1 (ArCH), 63.7 (CH), 40.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.16 (TMS) ppm. IR (ATR): ν 2959 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2230 (C≡N), 1621 (C=N), 1531 (C=C), 1371 (C-N), 1257 (C-O), 1061 (C-O), 835 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental Analysis calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSi: C 62.86, N 11.28, H 8.12; found: C 63.23, N 11.65, H 7.67.

**2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3e).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45–7.35 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.25–7.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.50 (s, 1H, CHCN), 0.25 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 162.8 (d, C<sub>ipso</sub>, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.7 Hz), 138.6 (d, C<sub>ipso</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 130.5 (d, ArCH, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 121.7 (d, ArCH, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 118.7 (CN), 116.3 (d, ArCH, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.2 Hz), 113.3 (d, ArCH, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.4 Hz), 62.8 (d, CH, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz), -0.4 (TMS) ppm. <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -111.4 ppm.

**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3f).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45–7.40 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.49 (s, 1H, CHCN), 0.26 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 135.3 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 134.8 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 129.1 (ArCH), 127.7 (ArCH), 118.8 (CN), 63.0 (CH), -0.30 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3g).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 5.59 (s, 1H, CHCN), 0.29 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 148.4 (C<sub>ipso</sub>), 142.8 (C<sub>ispo</sub>), 127.0 (ArCH), 124.1 (ArCH), 118.1 (CN), 62.6 (CH), -0.40 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(Pyridin-2-yl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3h).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.60–8.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.79 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35–7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.58 (s, 1H, *CHCN*), 0.26 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 155.4 (*C<sub>ipso</sub>*), 149.3 (ArCH), 137.5 (ArCH), 124.0 (ArCH), 120.5 (ArCH), 118.6 (CN), 65.1 (CH), -0.37 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(Quinolin-2-yl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3i).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80–7.70 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.60–7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.75 (s, 1H, *CHCN*), 0.27 (s, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 155.4 (*C<sub>ipso</sub>*), 147.2 (*C<sub>ipso</sub>*), 137.9 (ArCH), 130.1 (ArCH), 129.3 (ArCH), 128.0 (*C<sub>ipso</sub>*), 127.6 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 118.6 (CN), 117.8 (ArCH), 65.9 (CH), -0.31 (TMS) ppm. IR (ATR): ν 3058 (Csp<sup>2</sup>-H), 2959 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2170 (C≡N), 1593 (C=N), 1504 (C=C), 1254 (C-O), 1046 (C-O), 838, 774 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental Analysis calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: C 65.59, N, 10.93, H 6.29; found: C 64.85, N 10.66, H 5.98.

**2-(Furan-2-yl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3j).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.54 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.40 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.54 (s, 1H, *CHCN*), 0.19 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 148.2 (C), 143.8 (FurCH), 117.1 (CN), 110.8 (FurCH), 109.7 (FurCH), 57.4 (CH), -0.42 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(Thiophen-2-yl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)acetonitrile (3k).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.20–7.15 (m, 1H, CH), 7.05–7.00 (m, 1H, CH), 5.73 (s, 1H, *CHCN*), 0.23 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 139.5 (C), 127.2 (TiophCH), 126.9 (TiophCH), 126.3 (TiophCH), 118.3 (CN), 59.5 (CH), -0.31 (TMS) ppm.

**2-((Trimethylsilyl)oxy)butanenitrile (3l).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.34 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.85–1.75 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.21 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub> x 3) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.9 (CN), 62.7 (CH), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 8.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.4 (TMS) ppm.

**(E)-4-Phenyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)but-3-enenitrile (3m).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.45–7.30 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.82 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 0.26 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 135.0 (*C<sub>ipso</sub>*), 133.9 (CH), 128.76 (ArCH), 128.71 (ArCH), 126.96 (ArCH), 123.5 (CH), 118.4 (CN), 62.2 (CH), 0.15 (TMS) ppm.

**2-Phenyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)propanenitrile (3n).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.60–7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.45–7.30 (m, 3H, ArH), 1.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.18 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 142.0

( $C_{ipso}$ ), 128.68 (ArCH), 128.66 (ArCH), 124.6 (ArCH), 121.6 (CN), 71.6 (C), 33.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.03 (TMS) ppm.

**2-(4-Isobutylphenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyloxy)propanenitrile (3o).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 2.49 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.90–1.80 (m, 4H, CH, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.16 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 142.3 ( $C_{ipso}$ ), 139.2 ( $C_{ipso}$ ), 129.3 (ArCH), 124.5 (ArCH), 121.8 (CN), 71.5 (C), 44.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 (TMS) ppm.

**2,2-Diphenyl-2-((trimethylsilyloxy)acetonitrile (3p).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.55–7.50 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.40–7.35 (m, 6H, ArH), 0.15 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 141.9 ( $C_{ipso}$ ), 128.6 (ArCH), 128.5 (ArCH), 125.9 (ArCH), 120.7 (CN), 76.3 (C), 0.9 (TMS) ppm.

**2-Methyl-2-((trimethylsilyloxy)butanenitrile (3q).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.85–1.65 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.55 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.23 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 121.9 (CN), 70.2 (C), 36.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 8.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 (TMS) ppm.

**1-((Trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexane-1-carbonitrile (3r).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>21</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.10–2.00 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.75–1.70 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.70–1.45 (m, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub> x 3), 1.30–1.20 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.23 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 121.9 (CN), 70.6 (C), 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.38 (TMS) ppm.

**1-((Trimethylsilyloxy)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carbonitrile (3s).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.70–7.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30–7.20 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.15–7.05 (m, 1H, ArH), 2.85–2.80 (m, 2H), 2.40–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.15 (m, 1H), 2.10–1.95 (m, 2H), 0.21 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 136.1 ( $C_{ipso}$ ), 135.7 ( $C_{ipso}$ ), 129.3 (ArCH), 129.1 (ArCH), 128.0 (ArCH), 126.6 (ArCH), 122.1 (CN), 69.6 (C), 37.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.3 (TMS) ppm.

**2-((Trimethylsilyloxy)adamantane-2-carbonitrile (3t).** This product has been previously reported.<sup>23,24</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.20–2.00 (m, 6H), 1.95–1.80 (m, 3H), 1.80–1.65 (m, 3H), 1.60–1.50 (m, 2H), 0.25 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 122.1 (CN), 74.7 (C), 38.1 (CH), 37.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.3 (CH), 26.1 (CH), 1.2 (TMS) ppm.

**2,2-Dicyclohexyl-2-((trimethylsilyloxy)acetonitrile (3u).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.90–1.75 (m, 8H), 1.70–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.30–1.05 (m, 10H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.23 (s, 9H, TMS) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 120.5 (CN), 80.6 (C), 43.6 (CH), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.9 (TMS) ppm. IR (ATR): ν 2931 (CH<sub>2</sub>),

2858 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1451, 1249, 1123, 1023, 842, 766 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental Analysis calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NOSi: C 69.56, N 4.77, H 10.65; found: C 69.62, N 4.68, H 10.21.

### 13.NMR Spectra of New Compounds

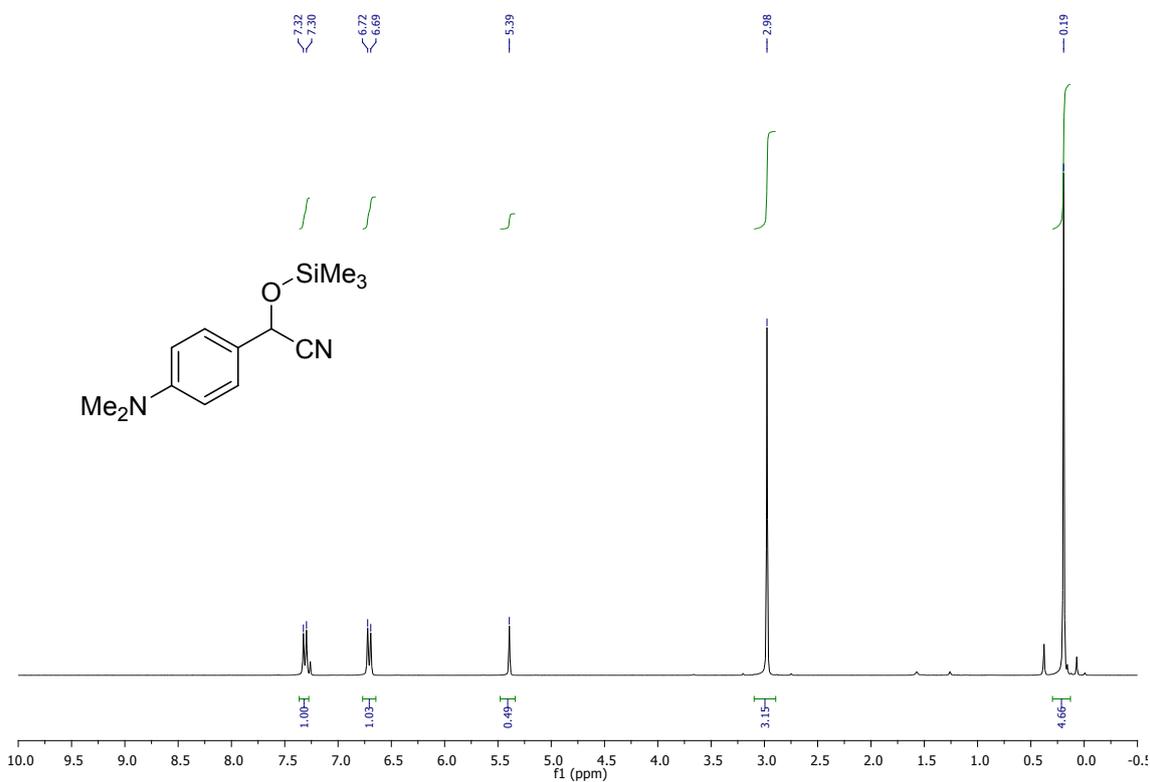


Figure S7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **3d**.

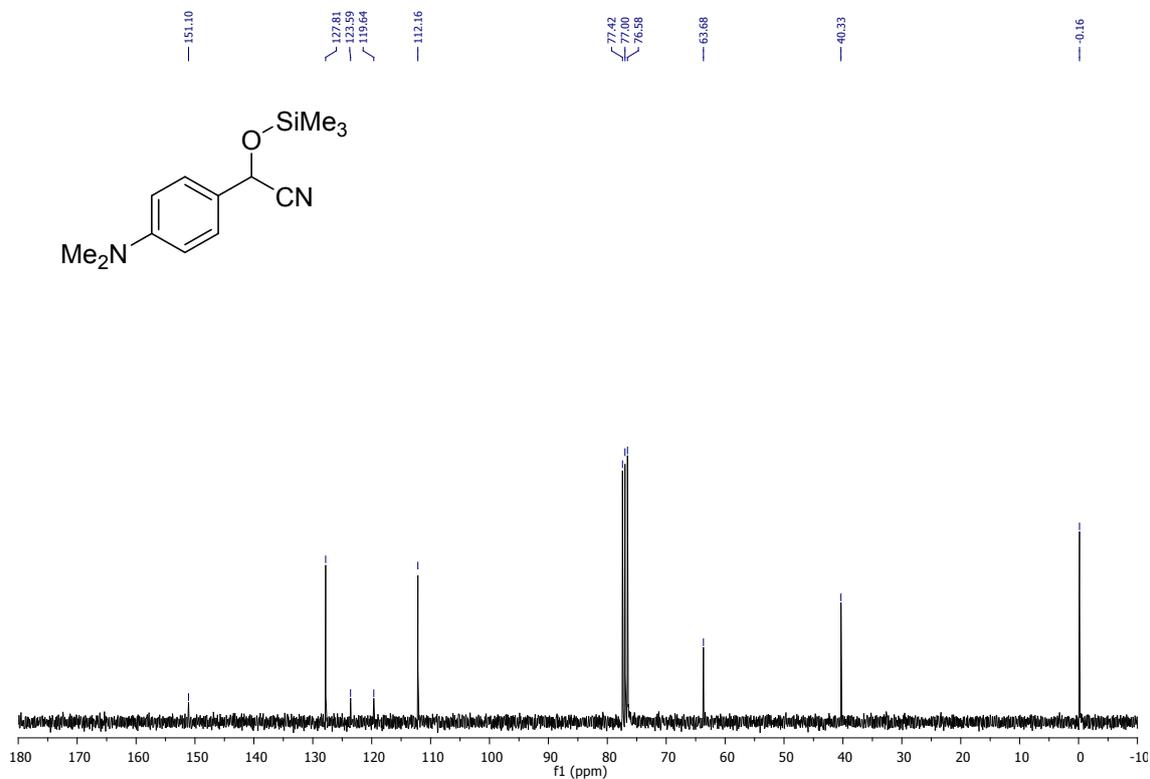
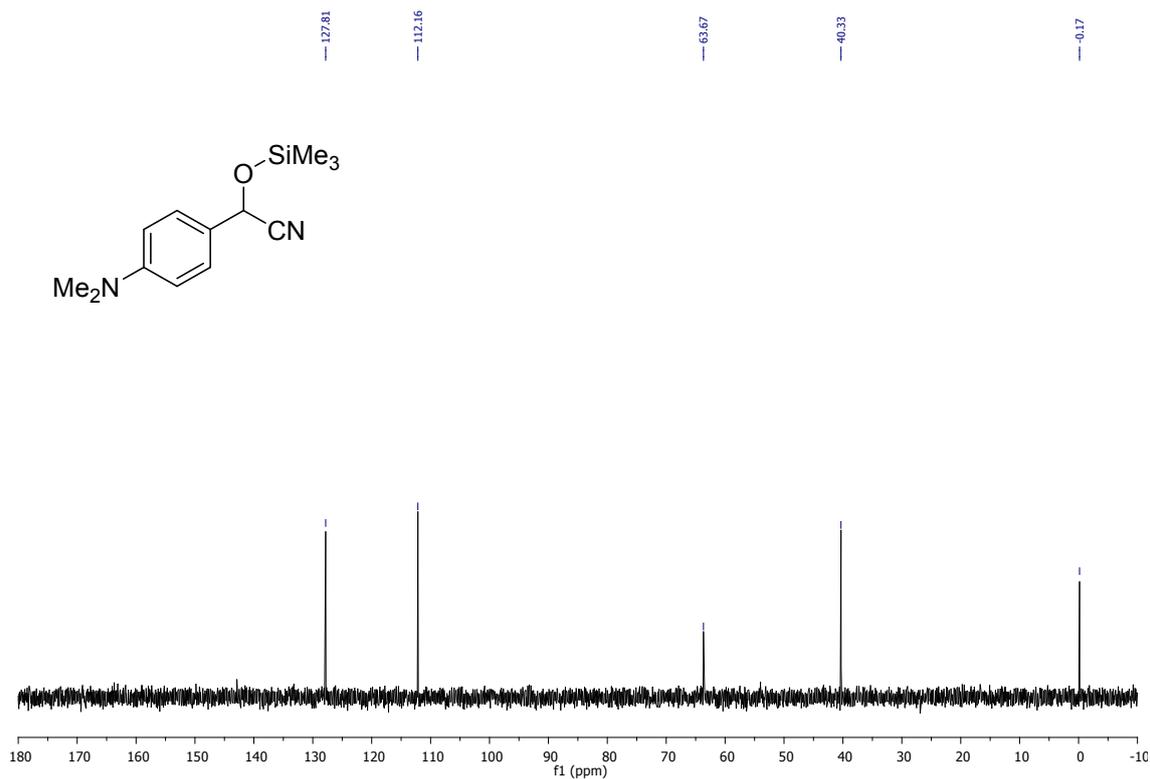
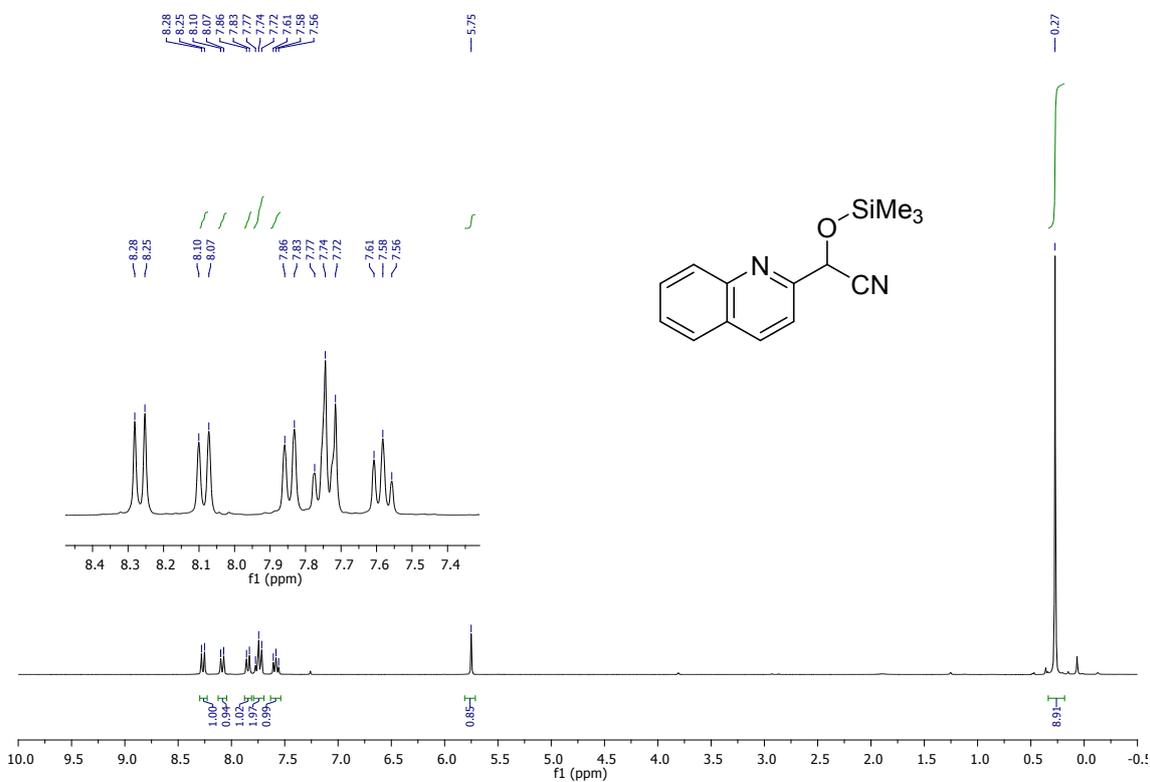


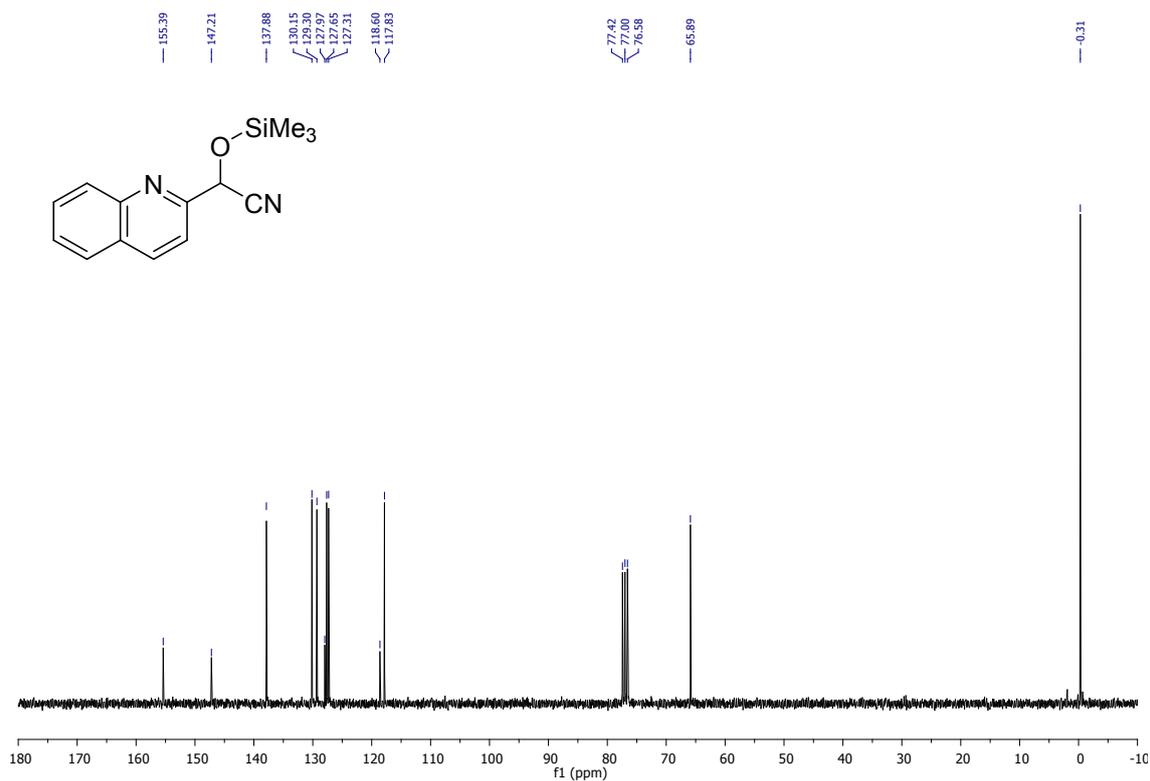
Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **3d**.



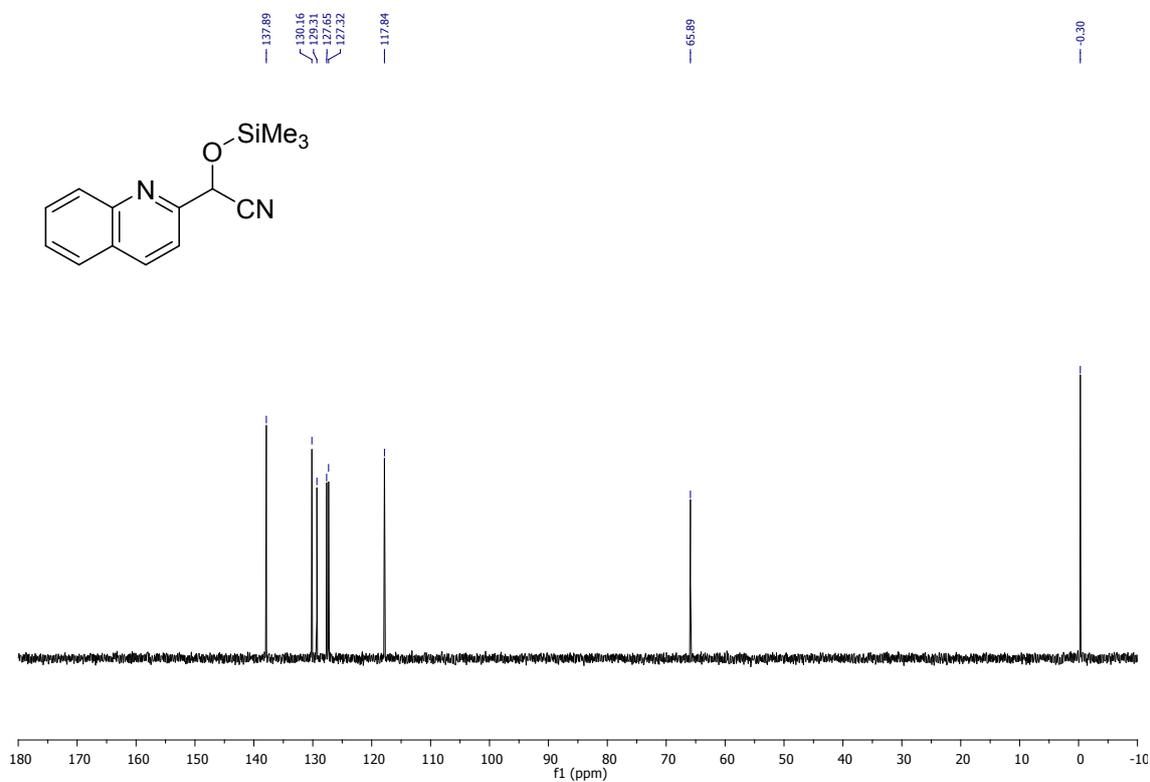
**Figure S9.** DEPT-135 spectrum of **3d**.



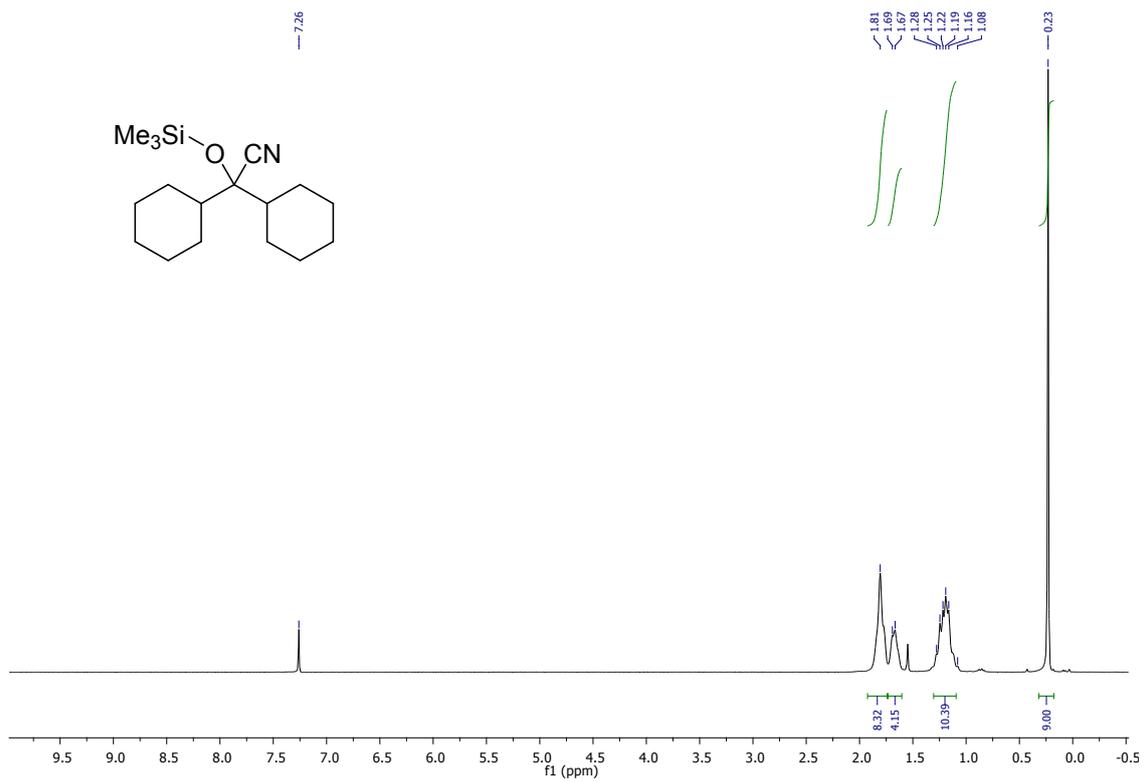
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **3i**.



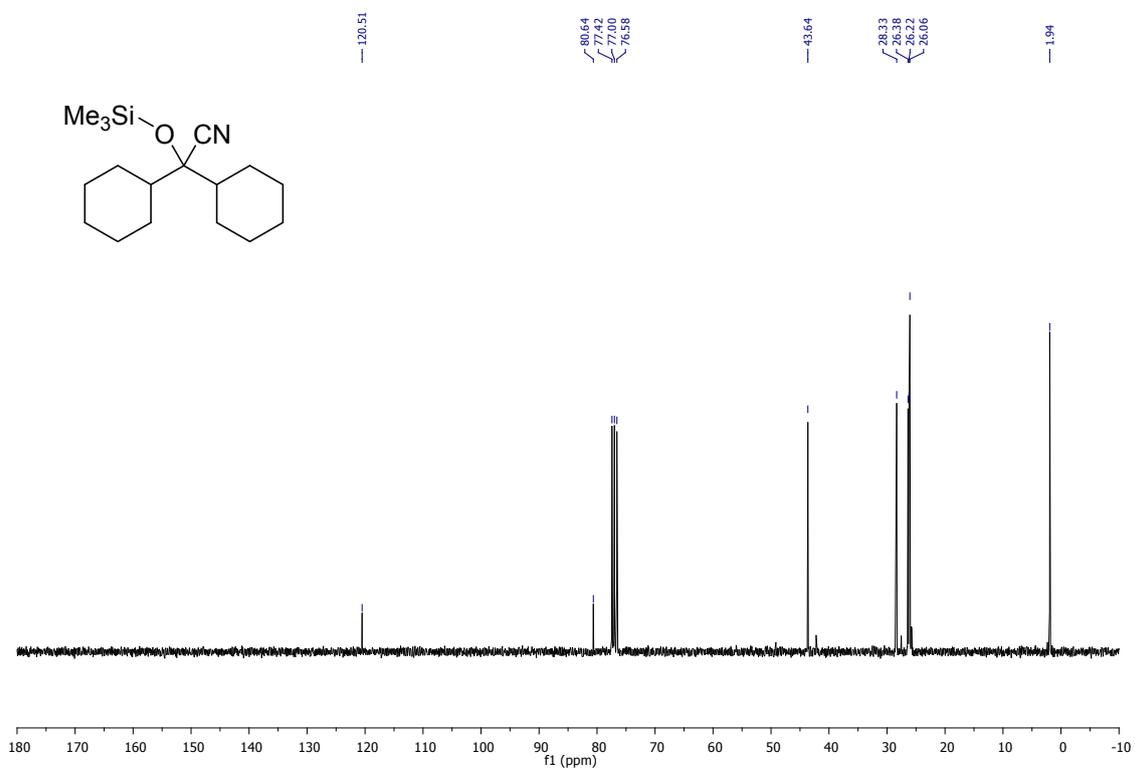
**Figure S11.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.48 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **3i**.



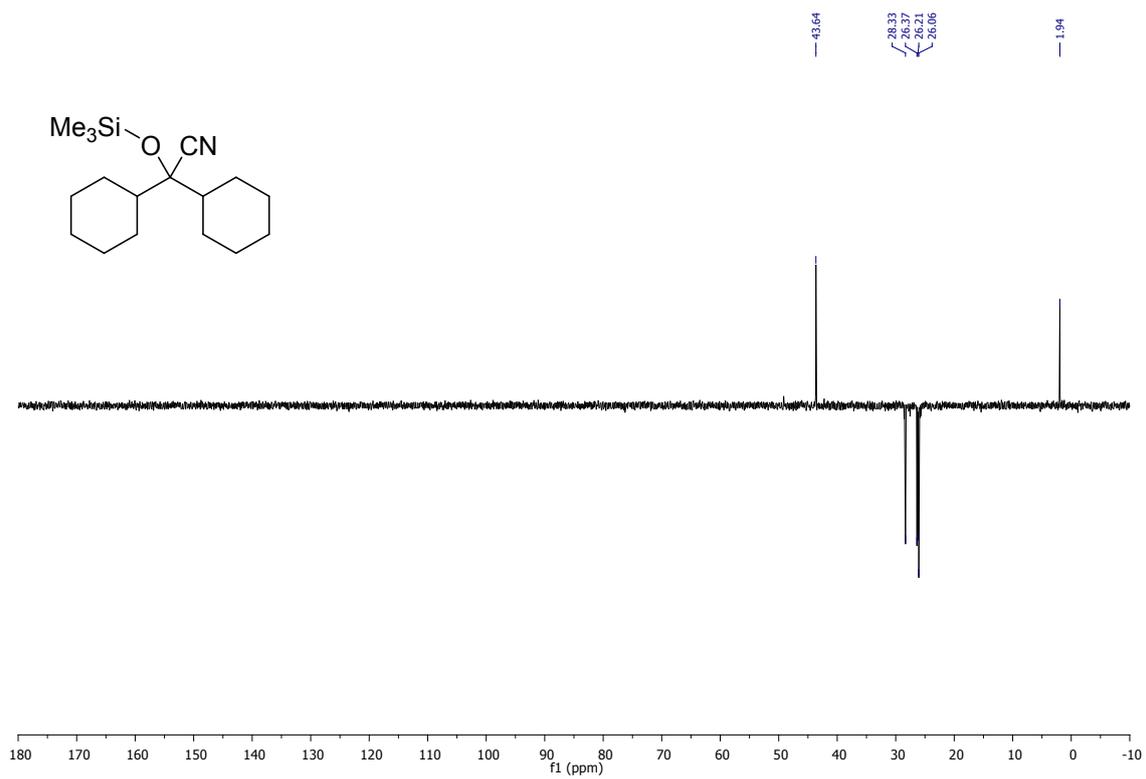
**Figure S12.** DEPT-135 spectrum of **3i**.



**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **3u**.



**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75.48 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **3u**.



**Figure S15.** DEPT-135 spectrum of **3u**.

## 14. IR Spectra of New Compounds

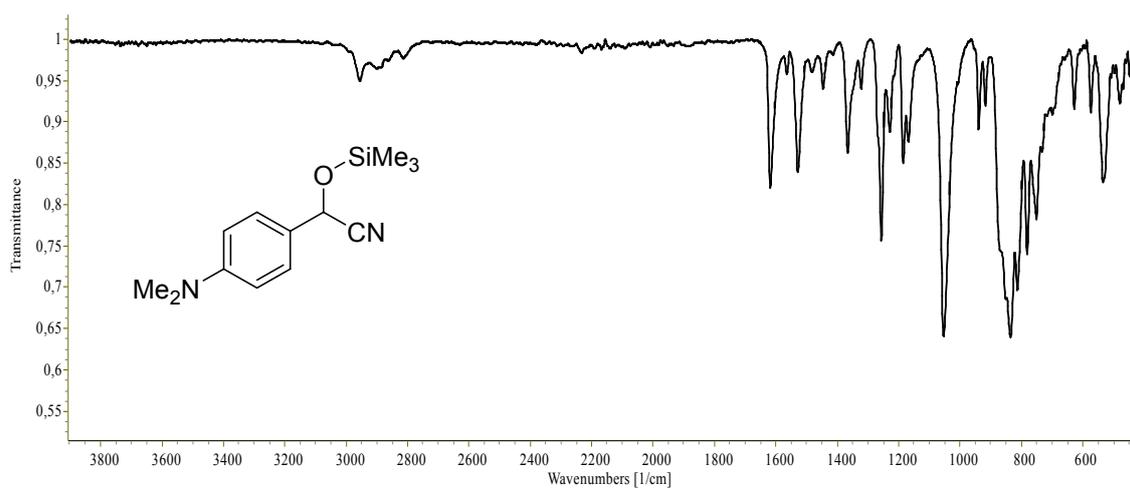


Figure S16. IR (ATR) spectra of compound 3d.

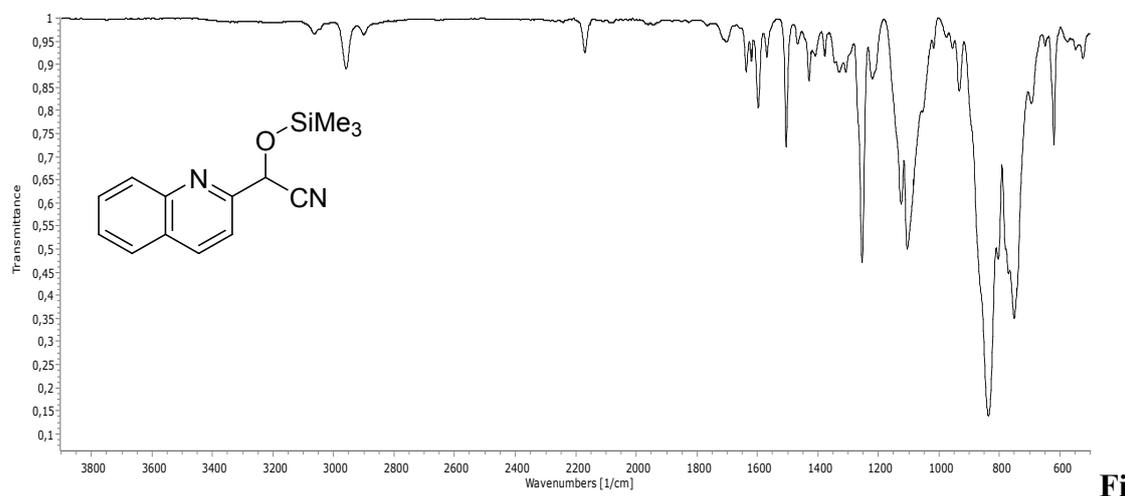


Figure S17. IR (ATR) spectra of compound 3i.

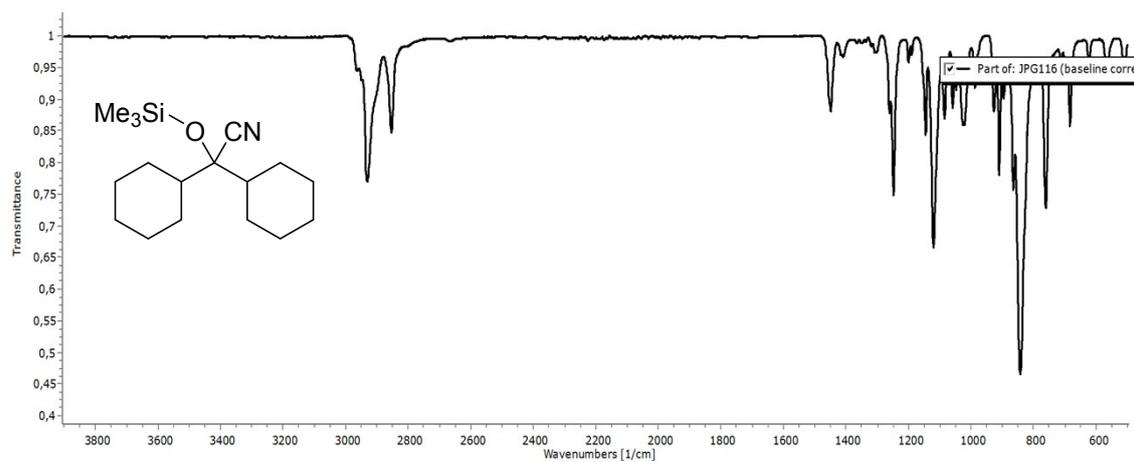
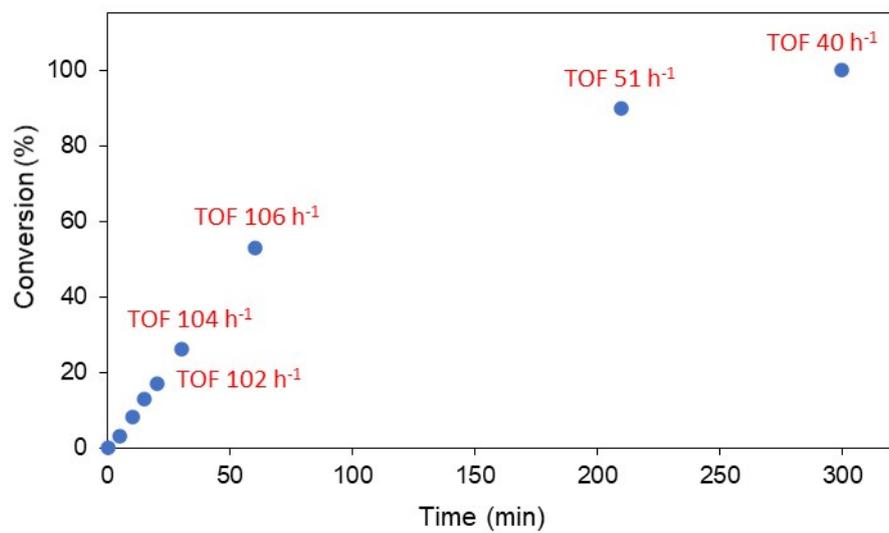


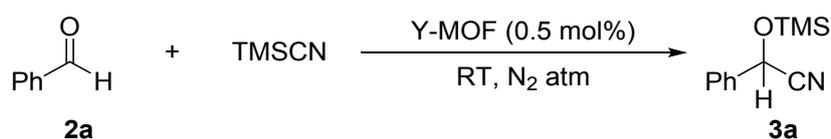
Figure S18. IR (ATR) spectra of compound 3i.



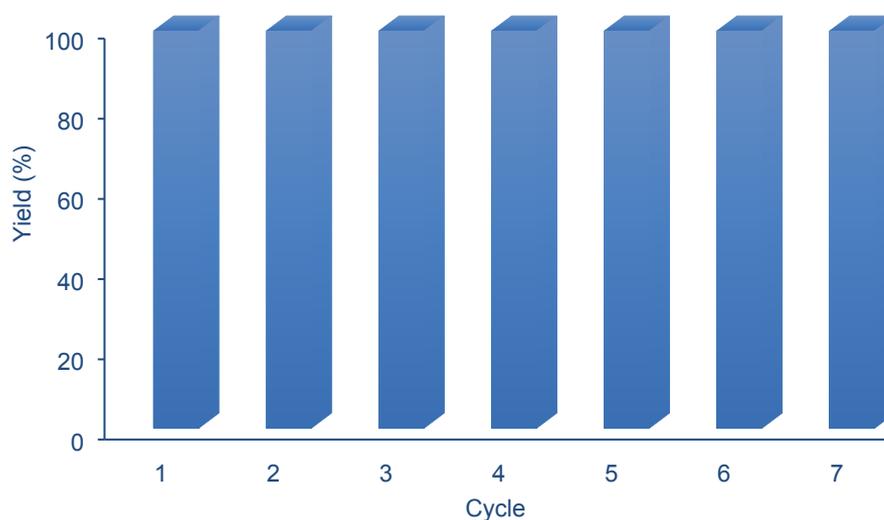
**Figure S18.** Kinetic profile for the cyanosilylation of benzaldehyde under optimized conditions. Numbers in red are TOF values calculated for some of the achieved conversions.

## 15. Catalyst Recyclability

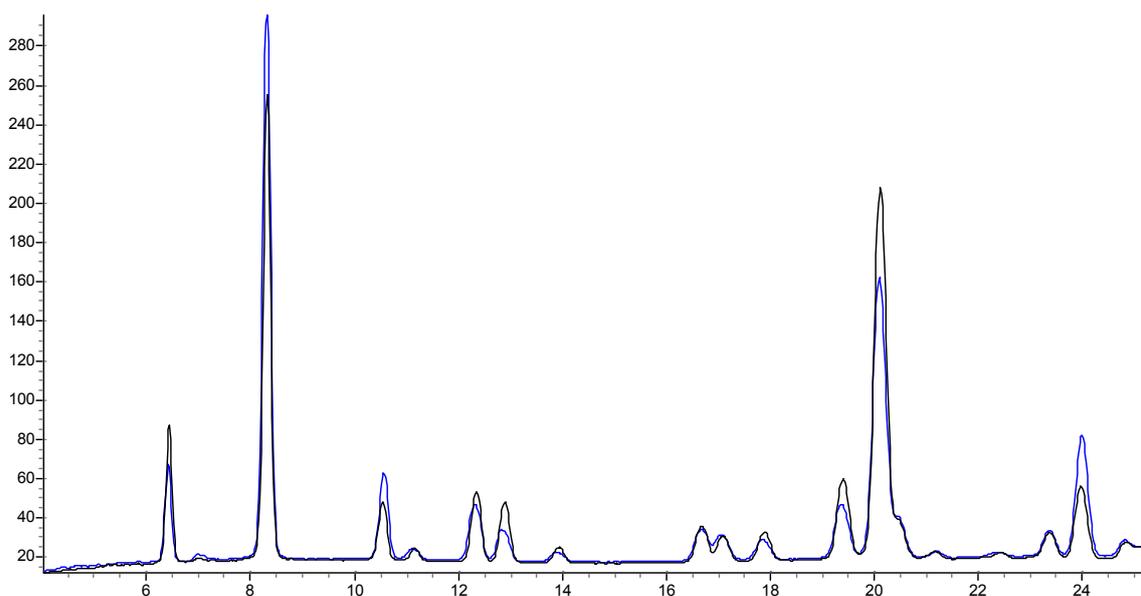
**Recyclability of the catalyst:** In a 1 mL vial with a septum screw capped equipped with a stirring bar, the catalyst Y-MOF (2.3 mg, 0.5 mol%) was weighed. Then, the corresponding amount of carbonylic compound **2a** (25  $\mu$ L, 0.25 mmol) followed by TMSCN (34  $\mu$ L, 0.275 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added and the reaction was stirred under inert N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at room temperature during 5 h. After this time, 1.5 mL of DCM was added to the reaction mixture and transferred to a centrifuge tube for the separation of the catalyst. The centrifugation of the mixture was carried out at 8000 rpm during 3 min. After that, the solution was eliminated, and the catalyst was washed with DCM (2 x 1.5 mL). Later on, the catalyst was dried under vacuum and reused in the next cycle of the reaction with the same reaction conditions previously described.



**Scheme S1.** Reaction conditions used for the study of recyclability of catalyst **1**.



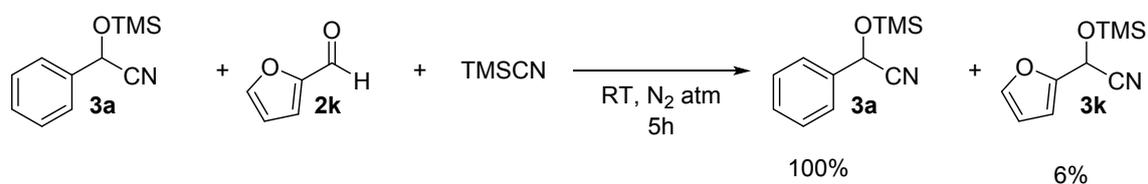
**Figure S19.** Recyclability of catalyst **1** during 7 consecutive cycles.



**Figure S20.** Powder XR patterns showing the recyclability of catalyst **1** before and after the cycles.

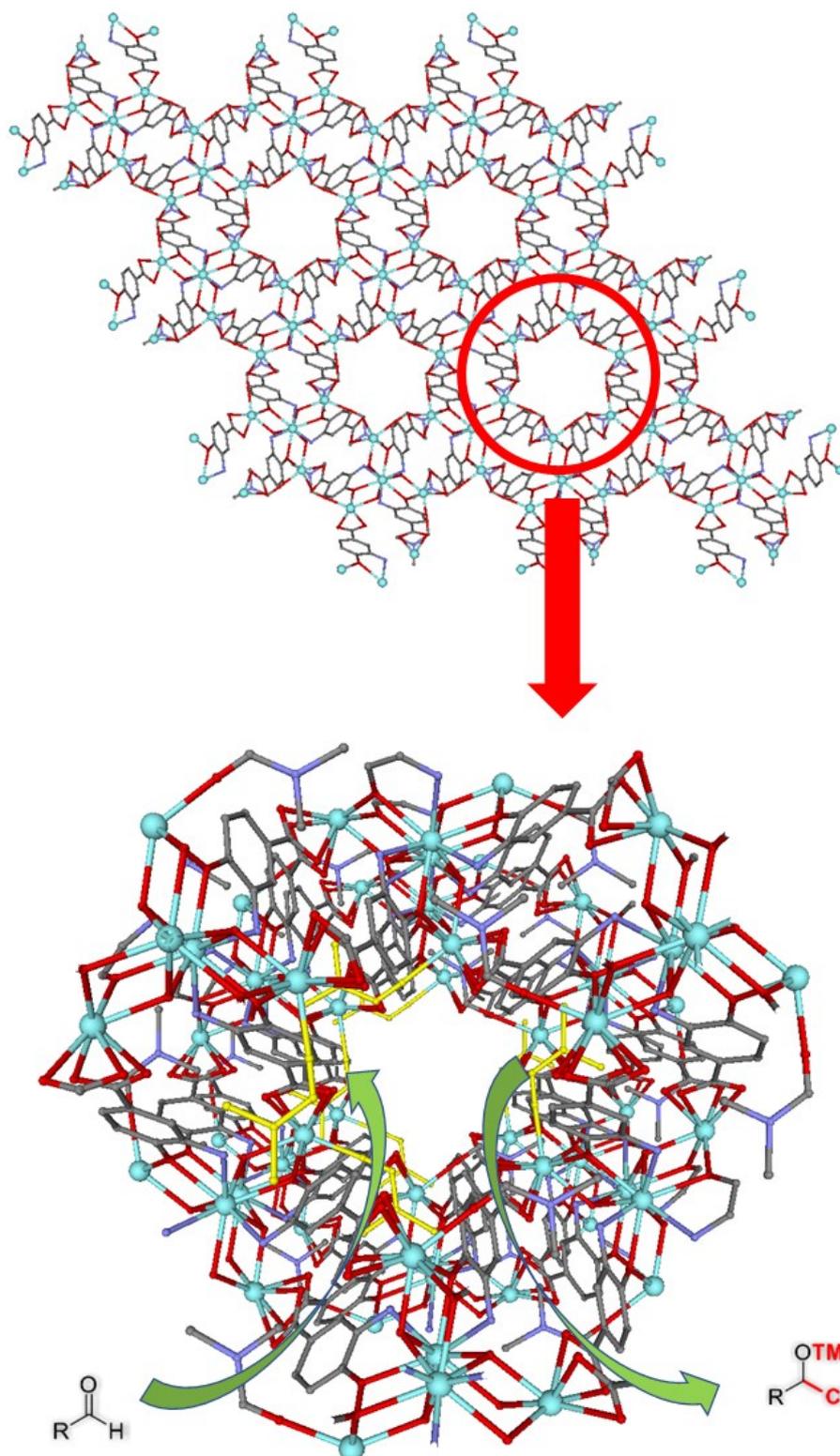
## 16. Leaching test

**Leaching test:** after the second reaction of the recyclability test was complete, the reaction was centrifuged and the supernatant was dried under vacuum and then compound **2k** (21  $\mu$ L, 0.25 mmol) and TMSCN (34  $\mu$ L, 0.275 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added and the reaction was stirred under inert  $N_2$  atmosphere at room temperature. An aliquot was analysed by  $^1H$  NMR after 5 and 24 hours obtaining only 6% of product **3k**.



**Scheme S2.** Leaching test.

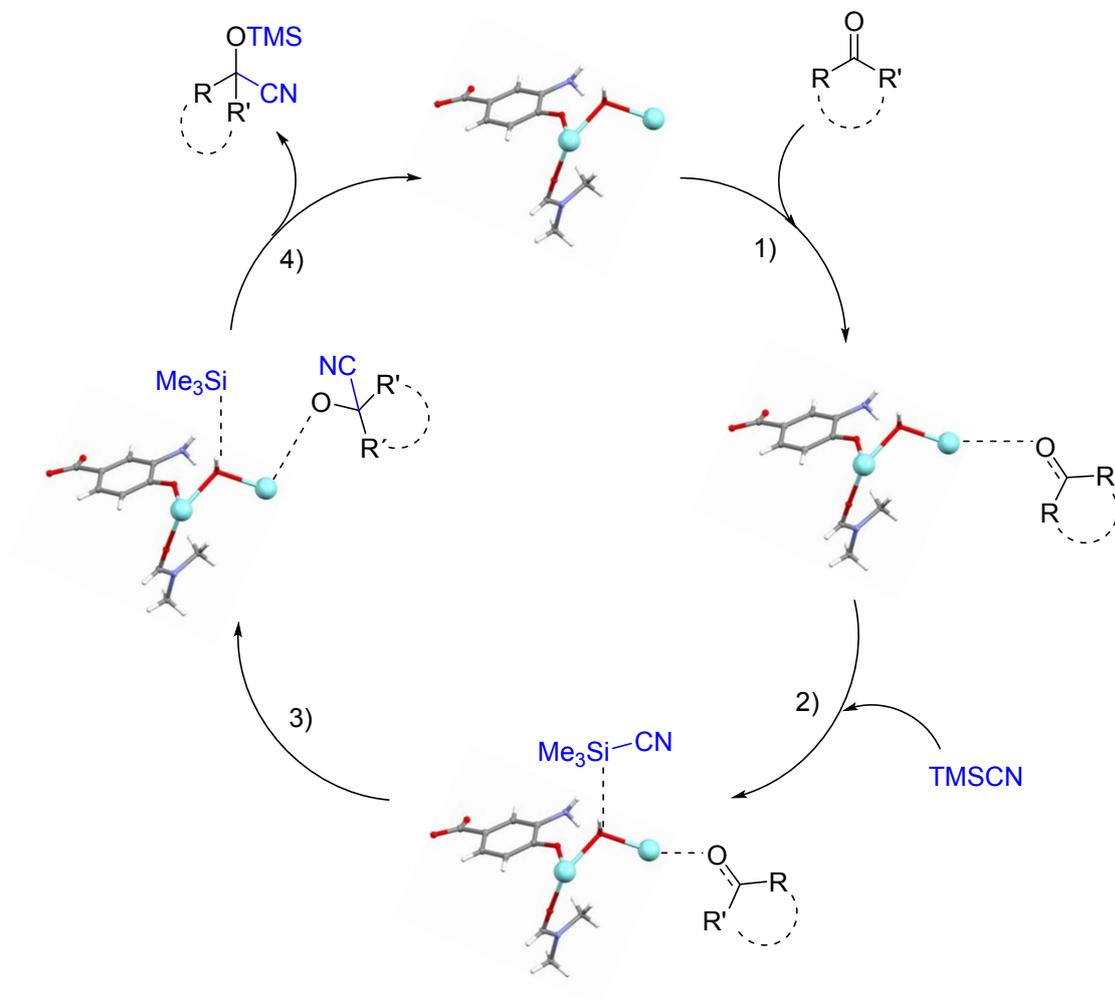
## 17. View of possible active sites in pores



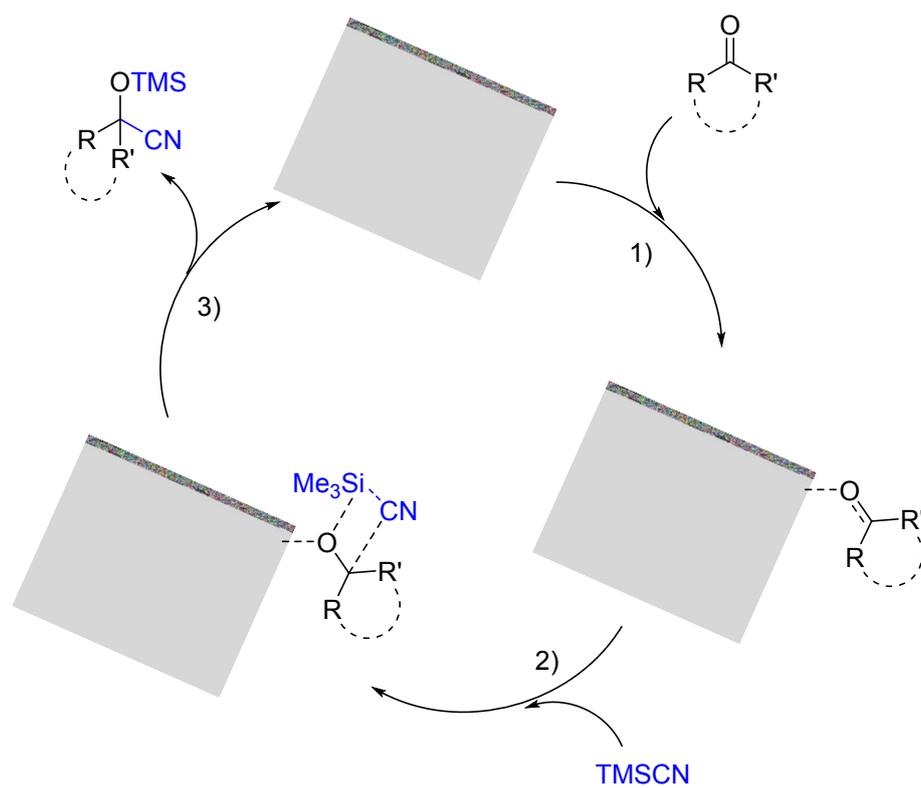
**Figure S21.** View of proposed possible active sites in pores. Coordinated DMF molecules (marked in yellow) occupy the unsaturated positions of the metal atoms in the pores.



## 18. Proposed mechanisms for the MOF-catalyzed cyanosilylation reaction



**Scheme S3.** Proposed mechanism (four steps) for the MOF-catalyzed cyanosilylation reaction.



**Scheme S4.** Proposed mechanism (three steps) for the MOF-catalyzed cyanosilylation reaction.

## 19. Results obtained with different lanthanides MOF catalysts.

**Table S6.** Catalytic cyanosilylation of benzaldehyde performances of Ln-MOFs reported in the literature.

MOF	mol%	Recyclability	Conv.	Conditions	Ratio[a]	TOF	Ref.
Eu <sub>2</sub> (MELL)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> [b]	10	5 cycles	>99% (3h)	RT, MeCN	1:2	3.2 h <sup>-1</sup>	25
[Sm/Dy/Yb(3,5-DSB)(Phen)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]·H <sub>2</sub> O[c]	2	4 cycles	>99% (3h) (Sm) 70%, 3h (Dy) 50%, 3h (Yb)	40 °C,	1:1.5	6-79 h <sup>-1</sup>	26-28
Sm/Eu/Gd/Tb/Eu-Gd/Eu-Tb-psa[d]	5	3 cycles	70%, <2h (Eu) 80%, <2h (Sm) 87%, <2h (Eu-Gd) 74%, <2h (Tb) 94%, <2h (Eu-Tb)	RT, DCM	1:1.5	84-112 h <sup>-1</sup>	29
Nd/Eu/Sm/Ho/Yb/Er-dms[e]	5	3 cycles	85%, <1h (Nd) 96%, <1h (Eu) 92%, <2h (Sm) 79%, <2h (Ho) 98%, <2h (Yb) 93%, <2h (Er)	RT, DCM	1:1.5	159-234 h <sup>-1</sup>	30
Nd, Ho, Er, Yb-btc[f]	4.5	5 cycles	>99%, 2h	RT, DCM	1:2	1-11 h <sup>-1</sup>	31
Tm(BDC) <sub>1.5</sub> (DMF)-(H <sub>2</sub> O)[g]	2	[h]	57%, 5h	RT	1:1	[h]	32
La/Ce/Nd/Sm/Dy(L)(NO <sub>3</sub> )(DMF) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> ·n(DMF)[i]	3	5 cycles	93%, 2h (La) 94%, 2h (Ce) 91%, 2h (Nd) 89%, 2h (Sm) 90%, 2h (Dy)	RT	1:4	2-16 h <sup>-1</sup>	33
Tb-TCA[j]	2	[h]	78%, 4h	RT, DCM[k]	1:2.4	9.8 h <sup>-1</sup>	34
[Sm(L-H <sub>2</sub> )(R-L-H <sub>3</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·nH <sub>2</sub> O[l]	10	[h]	69%, 16h	RT, DCM	1:2	0.4 h <sup>-1</sup>	35

[Yb <sub>2</sub> (L) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O[m]	1.4	5 cycles	>99%, 24h	RT	1:2	5 h <sup>-1</sup>	36
[Pr(L <sup>OMe</sup> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·2.5DMA·3H <sub>2</sub> O[n]	1.9	2 cycles	99%, 14h	RT	1:2	3.8 h <sup>-1</sup>	37
[Sm(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub> ][Sm(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>7</sub> ][Co <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>10</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>38</sub> ]·6H <sub>2</sub> O	2	3 cycles	98%, 5h	RT	1:3	9.8 h <sup>-1</sup>	38
[La/Ce/Nd(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>26</sub> ·8H <sub>2</sub> O	1	3 cycles	94%, 5h (La) 90%, 5h (Ce) 96%, 5h (Nd)	RT	1:3	10.4 h <sup>-1</sup> 10.0 h <sup>-1</sup> 13.7 h <sup>-1</sup>	39
Our Y-MOF catalyst ( <b>1</b> )	0.5	7 cycles	>99%, 5h	RT	1:1	51 h <sup>-1</sup>	This work

[a] Ratio between benzaldehyde and TMSCN; [b] MELL = mellitic acid; [c] 3,5-DSB = 3,5-disulfobenzoate, Phen = 1,10-phenanthroline; [d] psa = 2-phenylsuccinate; [e] dms = 2,3-dimethylsuccinate; [f] btc = 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate; [g] BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate; [h] Not given; [i] L = 5-[2-{2,4,6-trioxotetrahydropyrimidin-5(2*H*)-ylidene}hydrazinyl]isophthalate; [j] TCA = tricarboxytriphenylamine; [k] The aldehyde employed is 2-nitrobenzaldehyde. [l] L-H<sub>4</sub> = 2,2'-diethoxy-1,1'-binaphthalene-6,6'-bisphosphonic acid. [m] L = 4,4',4''-((2,4,6-trimethylbenzene-1,3,5-triyl)tris(methylene))tribenzoate; [n] L<sup>OMe</sup> = 3,3'-((2,3,6,7-tetramethoxyanthracene-9,10-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene))diacrylate.

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