

Supporting Information for

Cu(II)-catalyzed Cross Coupling Cyanomethylation of Tetrahydroisoquinolines with α -bromoalkynitrile

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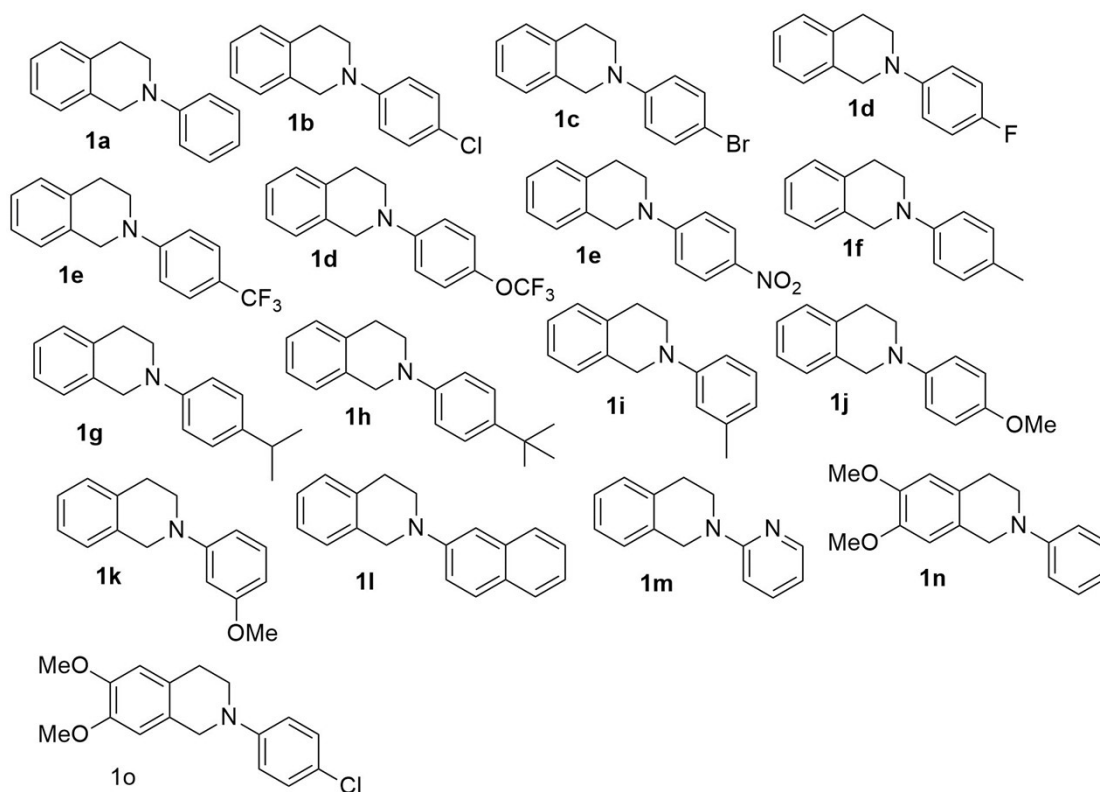
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1. General procedure

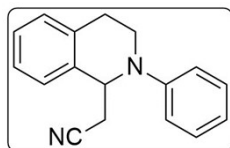
Experimental part: The reagents in the experiments were commercially available from the chemical company. All reagents were dried and distilled according to the standard reagent purification manual prior to use. The analyzed thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on a 60 F254 silica gel plate. TLC color development was developed by UV lamp (254 nm) and potassium permanganate. The ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained on a Mercury Plus-400(400 MHz). Chemical shifts are obtained as a residual solvent peak or trimethylsilane. The ¹³C NMR spectrum was also obtained by Mercury Plus-400 (100 MHz). The chemical shift was obtained by calibrating the intermediate peak of the deuterated chloroform triplet to 77.0 ppm or the deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide intermediate peak to 39.5 ppm. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was measured at the ACQUITY™ UPLC & Q-TOF MS Premier instrument at the Jinan University at Analytical Testing Center. Gas-mass chromatographic analysis was performed on a LECO Pegasus 4D GC x GC-TOFMS instrument. Gas chromatographic analysis was performed on a Shimadzu GC-2014 instrument.

2. Synthesis of substrates

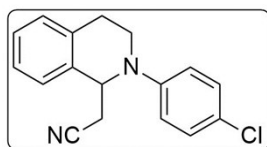
All these substrates were synthesized by following the procedure found in references 1-7.



5. NMR spectra information

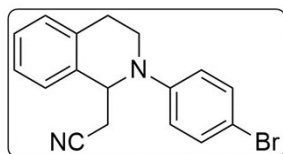


2-(2-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3a) Pale yellow solid, yield 89%; m.p. 87-89 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.66-2.72(m, 1H). 2.83-2.92 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.54 (m, 2H), 5.04 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 134.8, 134.6, 129.6, 127.8, 126.6, 119.3, 118.2, 115.4, 57.3, 42.3, 27.6. IR (KBr): 749, 957, 1031, 1158, 1229, 1396, 1494, 1596, 2241, 2820, 3039 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$ + $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 249.1350, found: 249.1339.

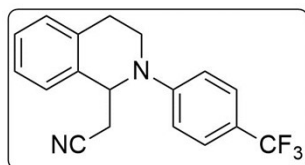


2-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3b): Yellow solid, yield 71%; m.p. 70-73 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.72-2.66 (m, 1H). 2.91-2.81 (m, 2H), 3.04-2.96 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.47 (m, 2H), 5.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, CDCl_3) 109.8, 56.2, 55.8, 42.3, 26.7, 24.2 IR (KBr): 2907, 2835, 2250, 1595, 1497, 130, 860, 806, 512 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for

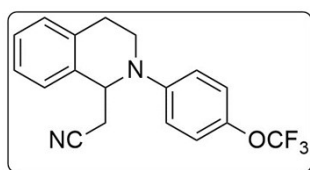
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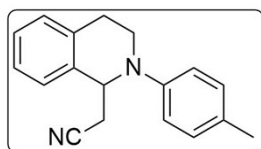
2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3c): Pale yellow solid, yield 78%; m.p. 97-99 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.73-2.67(m, 1H), 2.92-2.83 (m, 2H), 3.04-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.47 (m, 2H), 5.00 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 147.5, 134.5, 132.3, 128.8, 127.8, 126.5, 117.5, 166.8. IR (KBr): 2906, 2838, 2243, 1590, 1494, 1335, 1225, 1150, 1150, 798, 760, 583, 508 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆BrN₂+ [M+H]⁺ : 327.0491, found: 327.0504.



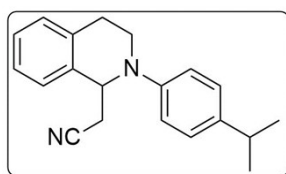
2-(2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3d): Pale yellow oil, yield 47%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.79-2.73(m, 1H), 3.00-2.91 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.58 (m, 2H), 5.12 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 150.5, 134.5, 132.3, 129.8, 128.8, 127.5, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 124, 120.1, 117.9, 113.5, 56.1, 42.8. ¹⁹F NMR (376MHz, CDCl₃) δ -179.6. IR (KBr): 2930, 2246, 1615, 1515, 1395, 1327, 1075, 823, 760, 590, 515 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₃N₂+ [M+H]⁺ : 317.1260, found: 317.1275.



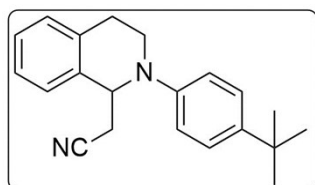
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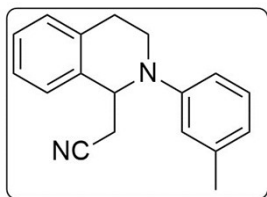
2-(2-(p-Tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3f): Yellow oil, yield: 86%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.26 (s, 3H); 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 2.73-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.91-2.81 (m, 2H), 3.05-2.98 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.51 (m, 2H), 5.00 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 1H),). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 146.4, 134.6, 129.7, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3, 116.2, 112.4, 56.3, 42.3, 27.7. IR (KBr): 3049, 2977, 2880, 2240, 1601, 1583, 1493, 1413, 1229, 1040, 954, 855, 785, 725, 695, 656 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂ + [M+H]⁺ : 263.1543, found: 263.1549.



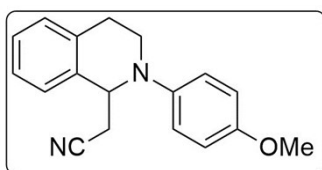
2-(2-(4-Isopropylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3g): Yellow solid, 50 mg, yield 79%; 68-74 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.21 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.73-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.80 (m, 3H), 3.06-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.52 (m, 2H), 5.00 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H),), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 148.4, 139.6, 134.7, 129.7, 128.8, 121.3, 120.2, 118.4, 116.3, 112.3, 56.7, 24.2. IR (KBr): 3149, 2984, 1737, 1518, 2240, 1601, 1583, 1493, 1518, 1129, 1040, 822, 572, 725, 812, 584, 556 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂ + [M+H]⁺ : 291.1856, found: 263.1861.



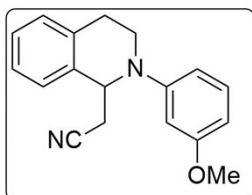
2-(2-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3h): White solid, yield 71%; m.p. 111-114 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.30 (s, 9H). 2.75-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.85 (m, 2H), 3.08-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.54 (m, 2H), 5.04 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 146.4, 142.6, 134.7, 129.7, 128.8, 121.3, 120.2, 118.4, 116.3, 112.3, 56.7, 24.2. IR (KBr): 3149, 2984, 1737, 1518, 2240, 1601, 1583, 1493, 1518, 1129, 1040, 822, 572, 725, 812, 584, 556 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₅N₂ + [M+H]⁺ : 305.2012, found: 303.2016.



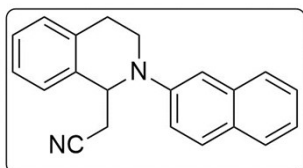
2-(2-(m-Tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3i): White solid, yield 62%; m.p. 67-70 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.75-2.69(m, 1H), 2.94-2.85 (m, 2H), 3.08-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 146.4, 134.6, 129.7, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3, 116.2, 112.4, 56.3, 42.3, 27.7. IR (KBr):3049, 2977,2880,2240, 1601,1583,1493, 1413,1229, 1040, 954, 855, 785, 725,695, 656cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂ + [M+H]⁺ : 263.1543, found: 263.1549.



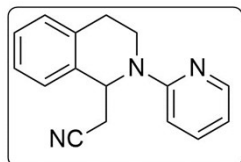
2-(2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3j): Pale yellow solid, yield 75%; m.p. 94-99 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.75 (m, 2H), 3.02-2.94 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.44 (m, 2H), 4.88 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H) 6.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 15.4, 143.6, 134.7, 134.9, 129.1, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3,119.6,118.3, 114.2, 57.3, 55.3, 43.5, 27.7. IR (KBr):3034, 2997, 1720, 1513,1493, 1213, 1031, 596, 560cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂ O + [M+H]⁺ : 279.1492, found: 279.1499.



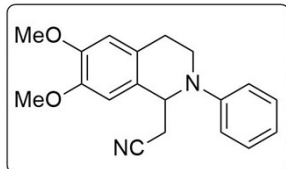
2-(2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3k) Yellow oil, yield 69%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.69-2.72 (m, 1H). 2.96-2.87 (m, 2H), 3.08-3.01 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 5H), 5.04 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, J₁ = 8.4 Hz, J₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (dd, J₁ = 8.0 Hz, J₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 15.4, 143.6, 134.7, 134.9, 129.1, 127.7, 126.8, 126.3,119.6,118.3, 114.2, 57.3, 55.3, 43.5, 27.7. IR (KBr):3034, 2997, 1720, 1513,1493, 1213, 1031, 596, 560cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂ O + [M+H]⁺: 279.1492, found: 279.1499.



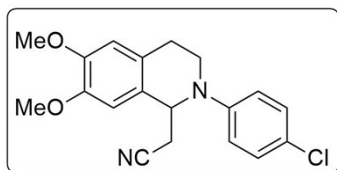
2-(2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3l): Pale yellow solid, yield 67%; m.p. 130-133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.77-2.68 (m, 1H). 2.90-2.82 (m, 2H), 3.08-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.57 (m, 2H), 5.16 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.15 (m, 6H), 7.37 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H). HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₂ + [M+H]⁺ : 299.1550, found: 299.15439, IR (KBr): 471, 756, 838, 959, 1109, 1176, 1291, 1469, 1508, 1593, 1628, 2244, 2910cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₂+ [M+H]⁺ : 299.1550, found: 299.15439.



2-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3m): Pale yellow solid, yield 47%; m.p. 52-56 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.01-3.25 (m, 3H), 3.19-3.11 (m, 1H), 3.61-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.76-3.70 (m, 1H), 5.78 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.62 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 8.21 (dd, J₁ = 4.8 Hz, J₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H),). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 157.8, 147.6, 137.6, 135.1, 135.0, 129.6, 127.8, 126.6, 118.3, 113.2, 57.3, 42.3, 27.6. IR (KBr): 749, 957, 1031, 1158, 1229, 1396, 1494, 1596, 2241, 2820, 3039cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂ + [M+H]⁺ : 250.1339, found: 249.1340.



2-(6,7-Dimethoxy-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3n): Pale yellow solid, yield 70%; m.p. 138-140 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.71-2.65(m, 1H), 2.86-2.74 (m, 2H), 3.00-2.92 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.43(m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 5.00 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26(t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 148.4, 147.6, 129.7, 126.9, 126.7, 119.7, 118.8, 115.3, 111.6, 108.3, 56.3, 55.3, 43.0, 23.7. IR (KBr): 3034, 2629 , 1720, 1593, 1143, 831, 754, 693 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂ O₂+ [M+H]⁺ : 309.1498, found: 279.1609.



2-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)acetonitrile (3o) Yellow solid, yield 47%; m.p. 173-177 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70-2.62 (m, 1H). 2.87-2.71 (m, 2H), 3.02-2.91 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.93 (t, J

= 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) 148.3, 147.6, 129.7, 126.9, 126.7, 119.7, 118.8, 115.3, 111.6, 108.3, 56.3, 55.3, 43.0, 23.7. IR (KBr): 3034, 2629, 1720, 1593, 1143, 831, 754, 693 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₂Cl O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ : 343.1208, found: 343.1220.

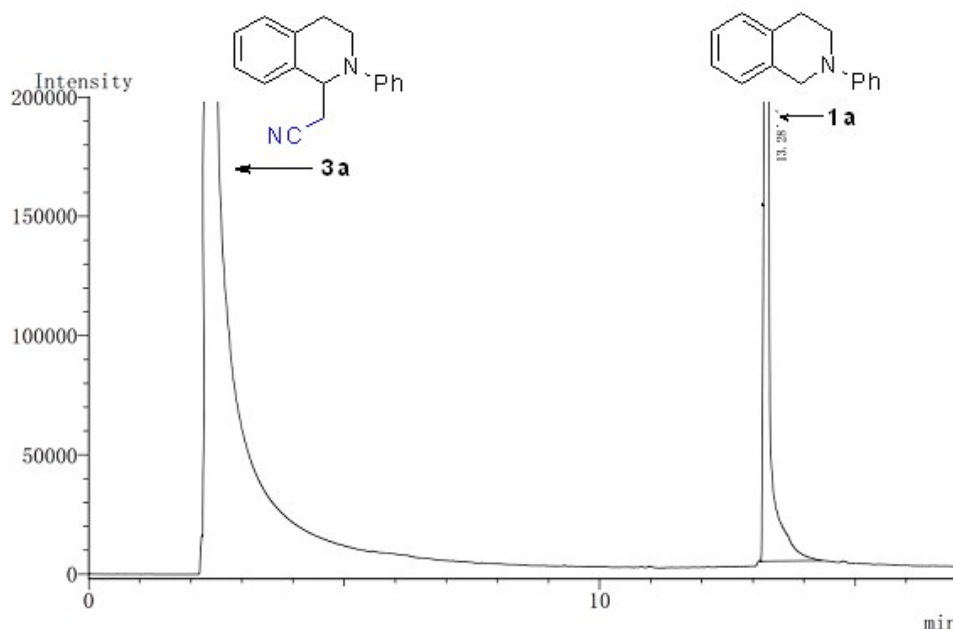


Figure. S₁. GC spectrum of product **2a**.

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6. Copies of ¹H/¹³C NMR spectra

