# **Supporting Information**

# Switching between α-Alkenylation and α-Alkylation of Nitriles by Coupling Multiple Electrochemical Methods

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#### **General Information**

Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-500 (1H: 500 MHz, 13C: 125 MHz, 19F NMR: 470 MHz) spectrometer using TMS as internal reference. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants (J) were expressed in ppm and Hz, respectively. GC-MS was Shimadzu QP-5050 GC-MS system. Commercially available compounds were used without further purification. All substances were known available compounds. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured using electrospray ionization (ESI) and the time-of-flight (TOF) mass analyzer. The instrument for electrolysis is dual display potentiostat (CJS-292) (made in China). The electrodes are commercially available from GaossUnion, China. Cyclic voltammetry data were measured with a Shanghai Chenhua potentiostat (CHI760E). Working electrode: The working electrode is a 3 mm diameter Pt disk working electrode. Polished with 0.3 µm aluminum oxide and then sonicated in distilled water before drying. Reference electrode: The reference electrode consisted of a silver wire covered with silver chloride immersed in a saturated solution of potassium chloride. Counter electrode: The counter electrode is a platinum wire that was polished with sand paper. Single crystal data was collected at room temperature on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction SuperNova with an AtlaS2 CCD using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation.

#### **Experimental Procedure**



Scheme S1. Experimental procedure for 3aa.

Typical synthesis steps of (Z)-2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3aa): A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), NaOAc (0.6 mmol) and DMF = 5mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered. The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 6:1) to afford the desired product.



Scheme S2. Experimental procedure for 4aa.

**Typical synthesis of 2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4aa):** A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol) and DMF = 5mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered. The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1) to afford the desired product.



Scheme S3. The ratio of 3aa generating 4aa with the time extension

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol) and DMF = 5mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8h). When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered. The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The

residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1) to afford the desired product.



Scheme S4. Experimental procedure of gram scale for 3aa.

Gram-scale synthesis of (Z)-2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3aa): A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (6 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (5 mmol), NaOAc (10 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (1 mmol) and DMF = 85mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 11 mA under 50°C for 15 h. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 100$  mL). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered. The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 6:1) to afford the desired product.



Scheme S5. Experimental procedure of gram scale for 4aa.

Gram-scale synthesis of 2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4aa): A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (6 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (5 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (5 mmol) and DMF = 85mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 11 mA under 50°C for 45 h. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 100$  mL). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered. The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1) to afford the desired product.



Scheme S6. Deuterium exchange experiment.

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), D<sub>2</sub>O (100µL) and DMF (5mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for 0.25h. **4** was isolated in 91% yield with 150% D-incorporation at  $\alpha$ -position of cyano group as revealed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



Scheme S7. The electrolytes effect on the reaction.

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> or NaOAc or NaOAc $\cdot$ 3H<sub>2</sub>O (0.6 mmol) and DMF = 5mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for 4h. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered. The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1) to afford the desired product.

### **Optimization of Reaction Conditions**

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions for α-alkylation of nitriles.<sup>*a*</sup>

	CN + CHO TBABF₄ N DMF, 50 °C Pt(+)   C(-), I= 5 mA	CN 4aa
Entry	Variations from standard conditions	Yields <sup>b</sup>
1	None <sup><i>a</i></sup>	89%
2	$KNO_3 + 5\mu L H_2O$ instead of $TBABF_4$	82%
3	n-Bu <sub>4</sub> NPF <sub>6</sub> as electrolyte	77%
4	Me <sub>4</sub> NI as electrolyte	n.d. <sup>c</sup>
5	DMSO as solvent	25%
6	CH <sub>3</sub> CN as solvent	trace
7	DABCO (1 equiv.) as additive	61%
8	Pt-Pt	69%
9	10 mA	65%
10	no electricity	$\mathbf{n}.\mathbf{d}.^{c}$

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.36 mmol), **2a** (0.3mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), DMF (5.0 mL), 5 mA, 50 °C, undivided cell. <sup>*b*</sup> isolated yield. <sup>*c*</sup> not detected. The reaction time was determined by TLC and GC-MS.

#### **Preparation of intermediate 1**



Scheme S8. Experimental procedure for 1.

**Typical synthesis of 3-hydroxy-2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (1):** A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (3.6 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (3 mmol) and DMF:H<sub>2</sub>O (25mL:25mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time. When the reaction was finished, the solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 50$  mL). The combined organic layer was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered. The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 3:1) to afford the desired product.

#### Crystal data of 1

Recrystallization solvent: chloroform; Method for crystal growth: the crystal was prepared from the solution of **1** in chloroform. Dissolved 20 mg **1** with 1 mL of chloroform and volatilized slowly at 25°C for 15 days. (CCDC : 2425206)



Figure S1. Crystal structure for 1.

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for LK-2-EA\_auto.

Identification code	LK-2-EA_auto
Empirical formula	$C_{14}H_{12}N_2O$

Formula weight 224.26

Temperature/K	293(2)			
Crystal system	monoclinic			
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c			
a/Å	9.0084(3)			
b/Å	8.7513(2)			
c/Å	15.7194(4)			
α/°	90			
β/°	99.743(3)			
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90			
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1221.37(6)			
Z	4			
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.220			
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.628			
F(000)	472.0			
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.22 \times 0.19 \times 0.18$			
Radiation	Cu Ka ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )			
20 range for data collection/° 9.962 to 145.774				
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 10, -3 \le k \le 10, -19 \le l \le 19$			
Reflections collected	4213			
Independent reflections	2345 [ $R_{int} = 0.0166, R_{sigma} = 0.0199$ ]			
Data/restraints/parameters	2345/0/156			
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.061			
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0382,  \mathrm{wR}_2 = 0.0948$			
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0495, wR_2 = 0.1025$			
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> 0.16/-0.11				

#### **Mechanistic Studies**

#### (1) BHT capturing the radicals in the reaction to afford 2.

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, 0.6 mmol) and DMF (5 mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 336.2322, found 336.2331.





Figure S2. HRMS for 2.

#### (2) The self-coupling product of 1a to afford 1aa.

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, 0.6 mmol) and DMF (5 mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 233.1073, found 233.1074.

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compound 1aa



Figure S3. HRMS for 1aa.

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#### (3) The self-coupling product of 2a to afford 2aa..

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, 0.6 mmol) and DMF (5 mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>217.0972, found 217.0978.

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Figure S4. HRMS for 2aa.

#### (4) BHT capturing the radicals in the reaction to afford 3.

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, 0.6 mmol) and DMF (5 mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 328.2271, found 328.2276.



Figure S5. HRMS for 3.

#### (5) The ration of 3aa generating 4aa with the time extension



Figure S6. The ration of 3aa generating 4aa.

#### (6) Deuterium exchange of phenylacetonitrile to give D-incorporation product 4.

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), D<sub>2</sub>O (100 $\mu$ L) and DMF (5mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for 0.25h. **4** was isolated in 91% yield with 150% D-incorporation at  $\alpha$  position of cyano group as revealed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



#### (7) BHT capturing the radical from 1 to afford 5

A mixture of 1 (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, 0.6 mmol) and DMF = 5mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for 0.25h.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 443.2693, found 443.2701.





Figure S8. HRMS of 5.

#### (8) The Deuterium exchange of 6 to afford 7 (2-phenylpropanenitrile).

A mixture of 2-phenylpropanenitrile (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), D<sub>2</sub>O (100µL) and DMF = 5mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for 0.5h. 7 was isolated in 95% yield with 58% D-incorporation at  $\alpha$  position of cyano group as revealed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 7.

#### (9) Deuterium incorporation of 3aa to afford 8.

A mixture of phenylacetonitrile (0.36 mmol), 2-picolinaldehyde (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), D<sub>2</sub>O (100µL) and DMF = 5mL were added to an undivided electrolytic cell under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for corresponding time. **8** was isolated in 20% yield with 86% D-incorporation at  $\alpha$ -position and 75% D-incorporation at  $\beta$ -position of cyano group as revealed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.





Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3aa.

#### (10) The BHT capturing the radial in the reduction of 3aa to afford 10.

A mixture of **3aa** (0.3 mmol), TBABF<sub>4</sub> (0.3 mmol), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, 0.6 mmol) and DMF (5mL) were added to an undivided electrolytic cell. The electrolytic cell was equipped with a platinum electrode as anode and a carbon electrode as cathode. The reaction mixture was stirred and electrolyzed at a constant current of 5 mA under 50°C for 1h.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>427.2744, found 427.2750.



compound 10

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Figure S12. HRMS of 10.

#### **Detail Descriptions for Products**



(*Z*)-2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3aa) <sup>[S1]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 95% yield, 58.6mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.75 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 150.1, 141.1, 136.9, 134.1, 129.9, 129.2, 126.4, 124.4, 124.2, 117.5, 115.0.



(Z)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)acrylonitrile (3ba) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 58% yield, 38.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 150.0, 145.8, 136.9, 136.3, 135.1, 131.0, 129.5, 129.4, 126.6, 124.5, 124.0, 117.5, 114.8, 20.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.1073, found 221.1077.



(*Z*)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)acrylonitrile (3ca) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 58% yield, 60.7mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 149.9, 140.7, 138.9, 136.7, 133.9, 130.6, 129.0, 127.0, 124.2, 124.1, 123.4, 117.5, 114.8, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) *m*/z: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.1073, found 221.1084.



(*Z*)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)acrylonitrile (3da) <sup>[S1]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a yellow solid. 94% yield, 62.1mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.4, 150.0, 140.2, 140.0, 136.8, 131.2, 129.9, 126.3, 124.1, 124.0, 117.6, 114.9, 21.3.



**2-mesityl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ea,** *Z*: *E*= 5: 2) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 27% yield, 20.1mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 150.0, 146.4, 138.8, 136.9, 136.4, 129.3, 128.9, 124.5, 123.8, 117.3, 113.0, 21.1, 20.2.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 249.1386, found 249.1395.



(Z)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3fa) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 45% yield, 31.2mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.75 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.3, 152.7, 150.0, 145.1, 136.9, 131.0, 130.2, 124.2, 124.1, 124.0, 121.2, 117.7, 112.5, 111.7, 55.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O[M+H]<sup>+</sup>237.1022, found 237.1029.



(*Z*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ga) <sup>[S2]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 59% yield, 41.8mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.55 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 153.5, 150.8, 140.9, 133.9, 130.0, 129.3,



(Z)-2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ha) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 90% yield, 70.8mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.27 (ddd, *J* = 5.9, 4.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.2, 152.3, 149.9, 139.9, 136.7, 131.1, 126.1, 124.1, 124.0, 117.5, 114.6, 34.8, 31.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.1543, found 263.1550.



(*Z*)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ia) <sup>[S1]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a yellow solid. 75% yield, 50.2mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 5.9, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 4.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1 (d, *J* = 247.6 Hz), 151.7, 150.1, 141.8, 136.9, 136.2 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 124.5 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz), 122.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 117.1, 116.7 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 113.7 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 113.5, 113.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.52.



(Z)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ja) <sup>[S2]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a yellow solid. 93% yield, 62.4mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.6 (d, *J* = 251.1 Hz), 152.0, 150.0, 140.8, 136.9, 130.2 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 128.3 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 124.3 (d, *J* = 26.7 Hz), 117.4, 116.4, 116.2, 113.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -110.61.



(Z)-2-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ka) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 65% yield, 55.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.77 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.8, 150.1, 142.0, 137.1, 136.1, 132.9, 130.7, 129.4, 125.2, 124.8, 124.6, 123.4, 117.1, 113.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 285.0022, found 285.0031.



(Z)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylonitrile (3la) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 40% yield, 32.9mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.79 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 3H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.5, 150.0, 142.7, 137.4, 137.1, 131.6 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 126.8, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.9, 124.6, 122.7, 116.9, 113.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.79. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>275.0791, found 275.0800.



(Z)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ma) <sup>[S1]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a yellow solid. 60% yield, 50.7mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 150.0, 142.6, 140.5, 139.9, 136.9, 132.8, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.8, 124.3, 124.2, 117.4, 114.6.



**2,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3na, Z:** E=10: 3) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the product as a yellow oil. 70% yield, 43.5mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone)  $\delta$  8.82 – 8.75 (m, 1H), 8.70 (ddd, J = 4.7, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.02 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.95 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Acetone)  $\delta$  154.7, 151.0, 149.9, 148.9, 142.9, 137.7, 137.0, 125.9, 125.0, 124.5, 124.2, 121.4, 116.6.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 208.0869, found 208.0878.



(Z)-3-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ab) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 88% yield, 58.2mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.76 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9, 151.5, 141.3, 137.0, 134.1, 129.7, 129.1, 126.3, 124.1, 121.2, 117.5, 114.6, 24.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.1073, found 221.1076.



(Z)-3-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ac) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 69% yield, 45.6mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.5, 147.2, 138.4, 137.5, 134.7, 133.0, 129.7, 129.1, 126.6, 124.5, 117.7, 116.4, 18.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.1073, found 221.1073.



(Z)-3-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ad) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 58% yield, 38.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone)  $\delta$  8.45 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Acetone)  $\delta$  150.3, 149.6, 140.7, 137.1, 134.8, 134.7, 129.5, 129.1, 126.2, 124.7, 117.2, 113.1, 17.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 221.1073, found 221.1075.



(Z)-3-(5-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ae) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 42% yield, 29.8mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone)  $\delta$  8.30 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dddd, *J* = 10.3, 6.1, 5.5, 3.6 Hz, 4H), 2.73 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, Acetone)  $\delta$  156.4, 144.7, 140.2, 138.1, 134.9, 129.2, 129.1, 126.3, 126.0, 120.0, 117.4, 111.4, 55.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 237.1022, found 237.1028.

(Z)-3-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3af) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 54% yield, 38.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.55 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.5, 153.6, 150.9, 141.0, 134.0, 130.0, 129.3, 126.5, 117.5, 115.4, 110.7, 110.2, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 237.1022, found 237.1025.

(Z)-3-(6-fluoropyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ag) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 57% yield, 38.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.8 (d, *J* = 241.5 Hz), 150.7 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 142.0 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 139.0,

133.6, 130.1, 129.2, 126.4, 121.4 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 117.0, 116.1, 110.8 (d, J = 37.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -64.99. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 225.0823, found 225.0828.

(Z)-2-phenyl-3-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ah) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 48% yield, 39.5mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.00 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.4, 146.9 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 138.9, 134.2 (q, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 133.5, 130.5, 129.4, 126.6, 126.6 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 124.4, 123.7, 117.5, 117.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.51. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>275.0791, found 275.0794.



(*Z*)-2-phenyl-3-(quinolin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ai) <sup>[S4]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a yellow solid. 67% yield, 51.5mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.2, 148.1, 141.3, 137.3, 134.1, 130.6, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 120.9, 117.5, 116.4.



(Z)-2-phenyl-3-(thiazol-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3aj) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give the product as a yellow solid. M.P. 112- 114 °C. 85% yield, 54.1mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 9.1, 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.6, 144.2, 133.9, 132.9, 130.2, 129.3, 126.2, 122.3, 117.1, 114.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S[M+H]<sup>+</sup>213.0481, found 213.0489.



(Z)-2-phenyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ak) was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 53% yield, 32.9mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.97 (s, 1H), 8.79 – 8.72 (m, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.1, 145.4, 144.8, 144.6, 136.3, 133.6, 130.4, 129.3, 126.5, 117.4, 116.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 208.0869, found 208.0868.



**2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4aa)** <sup>[S3]</sup> was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 89% yield, 55.6mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.59 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (ddd, *J* = 20.4, 13.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.1, 149.6, 136.8, 135.4, 129.1, 128.2, 127.4, 123.9, 122.4, 120.6, 44.1, 37.3.



**3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)propanenitrile (4ba)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 48% yield, 31.8mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (ddd, *J* = 19.9, 13.9, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.4, 149.8 137.0, 135.5, 133.9, 131.1, 128.4, 127.6, 127.0, 124.0, 122.5, 121.0, 42.9, 34.3, 19.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1231.



**3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)propanenitrile (4ca)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 86% yield, 57.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.53 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 4.37 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.3, 149.7, 139.0, 137.0, 135.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 124.5, 124.1, 122.5, 120.8, 44.3, 37.4, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1228.



**3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)propanenitrile (4da)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 87% yield, 58.0mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (ddd, *J* = 20.4, 13.8, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.3, 149.6, 138.0, 136.9, 132.4, 129.8, 127.3, 124.1, 122.4, 120.8, 44.2, 37.0, 21.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1230.

**2-mesityl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ea)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 50% yield, 37.6mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.61 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 2H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (ddd, *J* = 20.2, 13.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.7, 149.9, 137.8, 136.7, 136.5, 130.3, 128.7, 123.8, 122.4, 120.5, 40.6, 31.4, 20.9, 20.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>251.1543, found 251.1544.



**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4fa)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 38% yield, 27.2mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.59 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz,

1H), 7.61 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.95 (td, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, J = 9.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.31 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.9, 156.4, 149.6, 136.7, 129.7, 128.8, 123.9, 123.7, 122.3, 121.0, 120.8, 111.0, 55.7, 41.7, 32.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 239.1179, found 239.1180.



**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ga)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 50% yield, 35.7mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.29 (ddd, *J* = 20.5, 13.8, 7.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.5, 156.4, 149.7, 136.9, 128.7, 127.5, 124.1, 122.4, 121.0, 114.5, 55.4, 44.4, 36.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O[M+H]<sup>+</sup>239.1179, found 239.1171.

**2-(4-(***tert***-butyl)phenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ha)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 74% yield, 58.7mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.4, 151.3, 149.7, 136.8, 132.5, 127.1, 126.1, 124.0, 122.4, 120.8, 44.2, 37.0, 34.6, 31.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 265.1699, found 265.1706.



**2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ia)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 60% yield, 40.7mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 8.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 - 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.01 (tdd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.7 Hz,

1H), 3.32 (ddd, J = 20.6, 13.9, 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.0 (d, J = 247.9 Hz), 155.7, 149.7, 137.8 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 136.9, 130.7 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 123.9, 123.2 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 122.5, 120.1, 115.3 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 114.7 (d, J = 22.6 Hz), 43.9, 36.9 (d, J = 1.5 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F **NMR** (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.53.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 227.0979, found 227.0981.



**2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ja)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 88% yield, 59.7mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.59 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (ddd, *J* = 20.7, 13.9, 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.5 (d, *J* = 247.8 Hz), 156.0, 149.8, 136.9, 131.3 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 124.0, 122.5, 120.6, 116.1 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 44.2, 36.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  - 113.58.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>227.0979, found 227.0980.



**2-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ka)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 46% yield, 39.6mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.62 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (ddd, *J* = 20.3, 13.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.7, 149.7, 137.6, 137.3, 131.6, 130.8, 130.7, 126.3, 124.2, 123.2, 122.8, 120.1, 43.9, 36.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>287.0178, found 287.0178.



**2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4la)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 40% yield, 34.1mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.63 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H),

7.25 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.35 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.9, 149.3, 141.2, 140.2, 137.4, 134.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.1, 124.3, 122.7, 120.5, 43.9, 37.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 285.1386, found 285.1395.



**2,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ma)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the product as a yellow oil. 63% yield, 39.4mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.63 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (ddd, *J* = 23.2, 14.0, 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.2, 154.6, 150.1, 149.5, 137.3, 136.9, 124.0, 123.1, 122.4, 122.4, 119.9, 41.7, 39.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 210.1026, found 210.1029.



**3-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ab)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 51% yield, 34.0mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (ddd, *J* = 20.4, 13.7, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.6, 155.5, 137.0, 135.7, 129.1, 128.2, 127.6, 122.1, 121.0, 120.8, 44.2, 37.5, 24.6. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1230.



**3-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ac)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 58% yield, 38.7mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.46 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (ddd, *J* = 21.2, 14.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.6, 146.9, 138.1, 136.0, 131.9, 129.1, 128.2, 127.5, 122.3, 121.2, 40.7, 36.3, 18.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1234.



**3-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ad)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 50% yield, 33.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.2, 150.0, 137.7, 135.6, 132.1, 129.2, 128.3, 127.5, 123.6, 120.7, 43.8, 37.7, 29.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, found 223.1231.



**3-(5-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ae)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 34% yield, 24.3mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.30 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.27 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.8, 148.0, 137.3, 135.5, 129.1, 128.2, 127.4, 124.2, 121.1, 120.7, 55.7, 43.3, 37.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O[M+H]<sup>+</sup>239.1179, found 239.1178.



**3-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4af)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 40% yield, 28.6mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.42 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.33 – 3.22 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4, 157.6, 150.6, 135.4, 129.1, 128.2, 127.4, 120.6, 110.2, 108.7, 55.3, 44.3, 37.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 239.1179, found 239.1178.



**2-phenyl-3-(quinolin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ag)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 54% yield, 41.8mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (ddd, *J* = 21.0, 14.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.6, 148.0, 136.9, 135.7, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.5, 121.8, 120.9, 44.5, 36.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 259.1230, found 259.1232.



**2-phenyl-3-(thiazol-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ah)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 70% yield, 45.0mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.78 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (ddd, *J* = 21.5, 14.9, 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.3, 143.0, 134.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.5, 120.0, 119.6, 38.9, 37.7.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S[M+H]<sup>+</sup>215.0637, found 215.0635.



**3-(benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ai)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 44% yield, 34.8mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (ddd, *J* = 21.7, 15.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.1, 153.0, 135.2, 134.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.5, 126.4, 125.4, 123.0, 121.7, 119.8, 39.9, 37.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S[M+H]<sup>+</sup>265.0794, found 265.0790.



**2-phenyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4aj)** was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to give the product as a colorless oil. 38% yield, 23.9mg. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.88 (s, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (ddd, *J* = 20.6, 14.1, 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1, 146.6, 135.0, 134.0, 129.3, 128.5, 127.4, 123.7, 120.2, 43.9, 36.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for  $C_{13}H_{11}N_3[M+Na]^+ 232.0845$ , found 232.0841.

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(Z)-2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3aa)



110 100 f1 (ppm) 200 190 180 150 140 130 

#### (Z)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)acrylonitrile (3ba)



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#### (Z)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)acrylonitrile (3ca)

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#### (Z)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)acrylonitrile (3da)

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#### (Z)-2-mesityl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ea)







(Z)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3fa)

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### (Z)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ga)



#### (Z)-2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ha)

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## (Z)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ia)



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#### (Z)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ja)



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(Z)-2-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ka)



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### (Z)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylonitrile (3la)

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### (Z)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ma)



#### (Z)-2,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3na)



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(Z)-3-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ab)

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### (Z)-3-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ac)



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(Z)-3-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ad)







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(Z)-3-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3af)





### (Z)-3-(6-fluoropyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile (3ag)



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	8 Author	
!	9 Solvent	CDC13
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	23 Nucleus	19F
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(Z)-2-phenyl-3-(quinolin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ai)



#### (Z)-2-phenyl-3-(thiazol-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3aj)





## (Z)-2-phenyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)acrylonitrile (3ak)





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## 2-phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4aa)



#### 3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)propanenitrile (4ba)





3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)propanenitrile (4ca)





### 3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)propanenitrile (4da)



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2-mesityl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ea)





#### 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4fa)



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2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ga)





#### 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ha)

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2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ia)







2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ja)









2-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ka)





### 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)



### 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4la)





### 2,3-di(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ma)







#### 3-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ab)





### 3-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ac)









### 3-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ad)







3-(5-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ae)







#### 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

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### 3-(4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4af)



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### 2-phenyl-3-(quinolin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ag)









#### 2-phenyl-3-(thiazol-2-yl)propanenitrile (4ah)





3-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (4ai)







2-phenyl-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)propanenitrile (4aj)

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Spectrum - [wzy-2]				
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