

NBS mediated nitriles synthesis through C=C double bond cleavage

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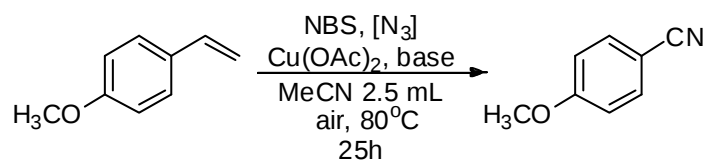
Table S1: the reactions of **1a** with different catalysts, temperature and nitrogen source.^a

Reaction scheme: 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene (**1a**) reacts with K_2CO_3 , $[\text{N}_3]$, NBS, and $[\text{Cu}]$ in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air to produce 1-methoxy-4-cyanobenzene.

entry	[Cu]	[N ₃]	T [°C]	yield ^b
1	Cu(OAc) ₂	TMSN ₃	80	47%
2	CuI	TMSN ₃	80	25%
3	CuCl ₂	TMSN ₃	80	<10%
4	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O	TMSN ₃	80	47%
5 ^c	Cu(OAc) ₂	TMSN ₃	80	42%
6 ^c	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·2H ₂ O	TMSN ₃	80	trace
7	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·2H ₂ O	TMSN ₃	70	55%
8	Cu(OAc) ₂	DPPA	80	trace
9	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·2H ₂ O	DPPA	80	trace
10	Cu(OAc) ₂	TsN ₃	80	trace
11	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·2H ₂ O	TsN ₃	80	trace

^a 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene **1a** (0.4 mmol), [Cu] (0.08 mmol), NBS (0.4 mmol), [N₃] (1.08 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), MeCN (2.5 mL), air (1 atm), 25 h. ^b Isolated yields. ^c 0.4 mmol [Cu] was used. TMSN₃ was trimethylsilyl azide, DPPA was diphenylphosphoryl azide, TsN₃ was *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide.

Table S2: the effect of different base on the reactions of **1a**.^a



entry	Base (eq.)	[N ₃] (eq.)	yield ^b
1	Li ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	ND
2	Na ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	22%
3	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	47%
4	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	53%
5	KOH (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	30%
6	NaOH (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	24%
7	NaHCO ₃ (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	<10%
8	t-BuOK (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	52%
9	t-BuONa (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	<10%
10	CH ₃ CH ₂ ONa (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	<10%
11	CH ₃ ONa (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	ND
12	AgOAc (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	ND
13	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	<10%
14	K ₃ PO ₄ •7H ₂ O (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	49%
15	Et ₃ N (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	<10%
16	Pyridine (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	ND
17	NaH ₂ PO ₄ •2H ₂ O (1.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	ND
18	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (1.2)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	45%
19	t-BuOK (1.2)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	<10%
20	K ₃ PO ₄ •7H ₂ O (1.2)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	42%
21	K ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	50%
22	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	45%
23	t-BuOK (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	41%
24	K ₃ PO ₄ •7H ₂ O (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	61%
25	K ₃ PO ₄ •7H ₂ O (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.5)	77%
26	K ₃ PO ₄ •7H ₂ O (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.0)	55%
27	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	49%
28	K ₃ PO ₄ •3H ₂ O (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.5)	24%
29	KH ₂ PO ₄ (2.0)	TMSN ₃ (2.7)	ND

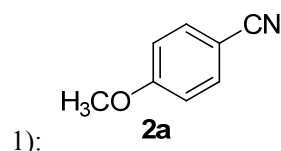
^a 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene **1a** (0.4 mmol), NBS (0.4 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.08 mmol), MeCN (2.5 mL), air (1 atm), 80 °C, 25 h, ND was not detected. ^b Isolated yields.

Experimental section:

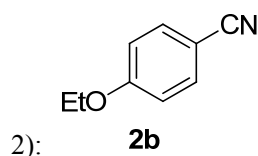
General Remarks.

All manipulations were conducted with Schlenk tube. ^1H -NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVIII-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0$ ppm) in CDCl_3 as an internal standard. ^{13}C -NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and were calibrated with CDCl_3 ($\delta = 77.00$ ppm). Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification.

Analytical data for compounds 2 and 3

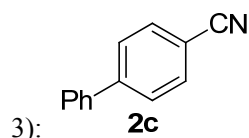


4-Methoxybenzonitrile.¹ **Typical procedure:** Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene **1a** (53.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (71.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (115.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. After cooling down to room temperature and concentrating in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on a short silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford 41.0 mg (77%) of **2a**. **2a:** colorless solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.58$ (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 162.8, 133.9, 119.2, 114.7, 103.9, 55.5$ ppm; IR (neat): $\nu = 2977.6, 2217.6, 1258.5, 1175.8, 829.7$ cm^{-1} ; MS (70 eV): $m/z(\%)$ 133.0 (M^+ , 100).

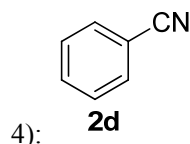


4-Ethoxybenzonitrile.² Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-ethoxy-4-vinylbenzene **1b** (59.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (71.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction

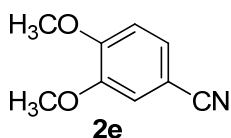
mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 41.2 mg (70%) of **2b**. **2b**: colorless solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 162.2, 133.9, 119.2, 115.1, 103.6, 63.9, 14.5 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 2981.3, 2219.7, 1258.9, 1172.5, 1039.1 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z*(%) 147.1 (M⁺, 100).



[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile.¹ Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 4-vinyl-1,1'-biphenyl **1c** (72.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), *N*-iodosuccinimide (90.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (115.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 118.1 mg (66%) of **2c**. **2c**: white solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 145.7, 139.2, 132.6, 129.1, 128.7, 127.7, 127.2, 118.9, 110.9 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 3030.8, 2101.3, 1484.6, 768.0, 697.7 cm⁻¹; MW (70 eV):*m/z* (%) 179.1 (M⁺,100).

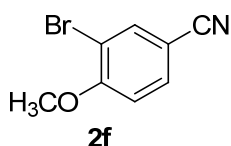


Benzonitrile.¹ Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), styrene **1d** (41.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), *N*-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (115.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. After cooling down to room temperature and concentrating in vacuum, This reaction was determined by GC using n-dodecane as internal standard to afford 26% of **2d**. **2d**: colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.66-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 132.7, 132.0, 129.0, 118.7, 122.2 ppm; MS (70 eV): *m/z* (%) 103.0 (M⁺, 100).



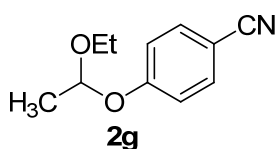
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3,4-Dimethoxybenzonitrile.¹ Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1,2-dimethoxy-4-vinylbenzene **1e** (65.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 33.9 mg (52%) of **2e**. **2e**: colorless solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.29 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 152.8, 149.1, 126.4, 119.1, 113.8, 111.2, 103.8, 56.1, 56.0 ppm;



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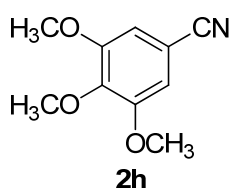
3-Bromo-4-methoxybenzonitrile.³ **Typical procedure:** Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 2-bromo-1-methoxy-4-vinylbenzene **1f** (84.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 44.7 mg (53%) of **2f**. **2f**: colorless solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J_1 = 8.6 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 159.4, 136.7, 133.1, 117.7, 112.3, 111.9, 105.2, 56.5 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 2923.0, 2225.3, 1494.9, 1262.9, 1246.6 cm^{-1} ; MS (70 eV): m/z (%) 211.0 ($[\text{M}-1]^+$, 100), 213.0 ($[\text{M}+1]^+$, 100).



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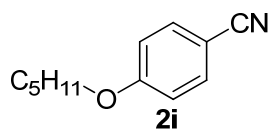
4-(1-Ethoxyethoxy)benzonitrile.⁴ **Typical procedure:** Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-(1-ethoxyethoxy)-4-vinylbenzene **1g** (76.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This

reaction was determined by NMR using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as internal standard afforded 53% of **2g**. **2g**: colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.50 (m, 1H), 1.53 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 160.3, 133.8, 119.1, 117.3, 104.6, 99.1, 60.9, 19.7, 15.0 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 2980.8, 2225.5, 1604.6, 1505.1, 1251.4 cm^{-1} ; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NNaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 214.0844, found 214.0841.



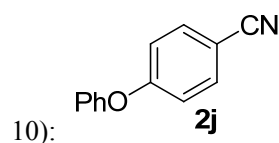
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3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzonitrile.¹ Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1,2,3-trimethoxy-5-vinylbenzene **1h** (77.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h.. This reaction afforded 41.7 mg(54%) of **2h**. **2h**: colorless solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 6.87 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 153.5, 142.2, 118.9, 109.4, 106.6, 60.9, 56.3 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 2938.6, 2225.6, 1242.1, 1131.4, 998.8 cm^{-1} ; MS (70 eV): m/z (%).193.1 (M^+ , 100)..

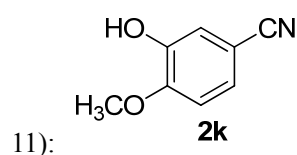


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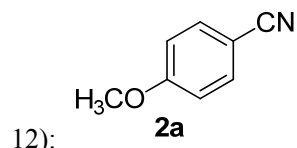
4-(Pentyloxy)benzonitrile.⁵ Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-(pentyloxy)-4-vinylbenzene **1i** (76.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction was determined by NMR using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as internal standard afforded 59% of **2i**. **2i**: colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.57 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz 2H), 3.99 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.77(m, 2H), 1.46-1.36(m, 4 H), 0.94(t, J = 4.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 162.4, 133.9, 119.3, 115.1, 103.6, 68.3, 28.6, 28.0, 22.3, 13.9 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%) 119.0 (100), 189.1 (M^+ , 30).



4-Phenoxybenzonitrile.⁶ Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-phenoxy-4-vinylbenzene **1j** (78.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h.. This reaction was determined by NMR using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as internal standard afforded 56% of **2j**. **2j**: white solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 161.6, 154.7, 134.1, 130.2, 125.1, 120.3, 118.8, 117.8, 105.7 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 2924.8, 2226.5, 1502.7, 1485.1, 1245.6 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z*(%) 195.1 (M⁺, 100).

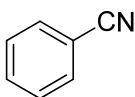


3-Hydroxy-4-methoxybenzonitrile.⁷ Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), *tert*-butyl(2-methoxy-5-vinylphenoxy)dimethylsilane **1k** (105.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction was determined by NMR using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as internal standard afforded 51% of **2k**. **2k**: white solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.21 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (brs, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 150.2, 145.9, 125.6, 119.0, 117.6, 110.8, 104.6, 56.1 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 3321.3, 2229.9, 1510.8, 1283.4, 1247.0 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z*(%) 149.1 (M⁺, 95), 134.0 (100).



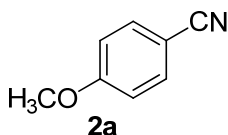
4-Methoxybenzonitrile.¹ Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), (E)-1-methoxy-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene **1l** (59.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (71.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (115.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL)

under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 26.6 mg (50%) of **2a**. **2a**: colorless solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.58 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 162.8, 133.9, 119.2, 114.7, 103.9, 55.5 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 2977.6, 2217.6, 1258.5, 1175.8, 829.7 cm^{-1} ; MS (70 eV): m/z (%) 133.0 (M^+ , 100).



13): **2d**

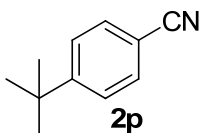
Benzonitrile.¹ Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), (E)-1,2-diphenylethene **1m** (72.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (115.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction was determined by GC using n-dodecane as internal standard to afford 52% of **2d**. **2d**: colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.66-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 132.7, 132.0, 129.0, 118.7, 122.2 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z (%) 103.0 (M^+ , 100).



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2a

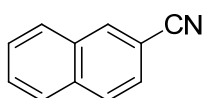
4-Methoxybenzonitrile.¹ Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene **1n** (52.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-iodosuccinimide (90 mg, 0.40 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (115.2 mg, 1.00 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 26.6 mg (50%) of **2a**. **2a**: colorless solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.58 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 162.8, 133.9, 119.2, 114.7, 103.9, 55.5 ppm; IR (neat): ν = 2977.6, 2217.6, 1258.5, 1175.8, 829.7 cm^{-1} ; MS (70 eV): m/z (%) 133.0 (M^+ , 100).



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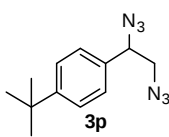
4-(tert-Butyl)benzonitrile.² Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-(tert-butyl)-4-vinylbenzene **1p** (64.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 50% of **2p**. **2p**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 156.6, 131.9, 126.1, 119.0, 109.3, 35.2, 30.9 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₄N (M+H)⁺ 160.1126, found 160.1122.



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2s

2-Naphthonitrile.² Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 2-vinylnaphthalene **1t** (61.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-iodosuccinimide (108 mg, 0.48 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (127.0, 1.10 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 59% of **3s**. **3s**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.88(t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 134.5, 134.0, 132.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 126.2, 119.1, 109.2 ppm; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₈N (M+H)⁺ 154.0651, found 154.0654.

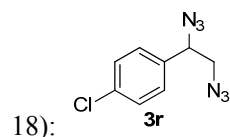


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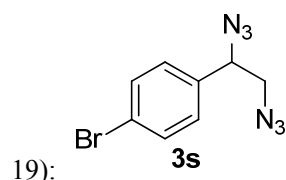
3p

1-(tert-Butyl)-4-(1,2-diazidoethyl)benzene. Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-(tert-butyl)-4-vinylbenzene **1p** (64.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (124.4 mg, 1.08 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. After cooling down to room temperature and concentrating in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on a short silica gel. The product was mixed with 4-(tert-Butyl)benzonitrile, and the proportion was determined by NMR spectrum. This reaction afforded 20% of **3p**. **3p**: yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H),

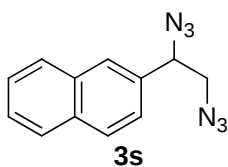
4.66-4.63 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.41(m, 2H). 1.32(s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 152.0, 133.2, 126.6, 125.9, 65.2, 55.9, 34.6, 31.2, 31.0 ppm; MS (70 eV): $m/z(\%)$ 160.2 (100), 145.2 (40), 188.2 ($[\text{M}-\text{N}_4]^+$, 10)); HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3$ ($\text{M}-\text{N}_3$) $^+$ 202.1339, found 202.1335.



1-Chloro-4-(1,2-diazidoethyl)benzene. Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-chloro-4-vinylbenzene **1r** (59.3 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.48 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (140.8 mg, 1.20 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 87% of **3r**. **3r**: pale-yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.66-4.63 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.40(m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 134.9, 134.8, 129.3, 128.3, 64.7, 55.8 ppm; MS (70 eV): $m/z(\%)$ 111.1(100), 138.1 (85), 166.1 ($[\text{M}-\text{N}_4]^+$, 20)).



1-Bromo-4-(1,2-diazidoethyl)benzene.⁸ Mix $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 1-bromo-4-vinylbenzene **1r** (72.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (85.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (140.8 mg, 1.20 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 81.9 mg(77%) of **3s**. **3s**: pale-yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.65-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.39(m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 135.4, 132.2, 128.6, 123.0, 64.8, 55.7 ppm; MS (70 eV): $m/z(\%)$ 154.9 (100), 181.9 (80), 211.9 ($[\text{M}-\text{N}_4]^+$, 10)).



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2-(1,2-Diazidoethyl)naphthalene. Mix Cu(OAc)₂ (14.5 mg, 0.08 mmol), 2-vinylnaphthalene **1t** (61.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), *N*-iodosuccinimide (108 mg, 0.48 mmol), K₃PO₄ • 7H₂O (270 mg, 0.80 mol), azidotrimethylsilane (127.0, 1.10 mmol) in MeCN (2.5 mL) under air (1 atm). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 25 h. This reaction afforded 59% of **3s**. **3s**: pale-yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 4.83-4.79 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.46 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 133.6, 133.0, 129.1, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 126.5, 123.9, 65.6, 55.7 ppm; MS (70 eV): m/z(%) 153.1 (100), 154.2 (70), 182.1 ([M-N₄]⁺, 25).

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