Highly Efficient Cyanoimidation of Aldehydes

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1. General Experimental Section

The Silica gel F_{254} plates were used for thin layer chromatography (TLC) in which the spots were examined under UV light at 254 nm and then developed by an iodine vapor. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel H. Solvents were purified according to standard procedures. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC-E 200 MHz and Varian Mercury 400 MHz spectrometer. The mass spectra (ESI / HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics Data analysis 3.2 mass spectrometer.

2. Procedure and Characterization of Compounds

$$R_1$$
CHO + R_2 OH H_2 NCN , t-BuONa R_1 OR_2 + R_1 OR_2

Preparation of methyl N-cyanobenzimidate(3a): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of benzaidehyde (106 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa (388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3a**(87% yield).¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10-8.08 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (t, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 4.07(s,3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 133.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 113.5, 57.0; **HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₈N₂NaO₁: [M+Na]⁺, 183.0529.Found: m/z 183.0524.**



NCN

Preparation of methyl 4-chloro-N-cyanobenzimidate (3b): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (140 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and t-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The

mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3b**(85% yield).¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.06-8.04 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H),7.50-7.48 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H),4.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 140.4, 130.1, 129.3, 127.6, 113.1, 57.0; **HRMS (ESI) Calcd C**₉**H**₈**Cl**₁**N**₁**O**₂ for :[M]⁺ 195.0320. Found: m/z 195.0312.



Preparation of methyl N-cyano-4-methoxybenzimidate (3c): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (136 mg, 1mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-20:1) as eluent to give 3c(82% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17-8.15 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 6.99-6.97 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.7, 163.9, 131.1, 121.6, 114.1, 113.9, 56.5, 55.6; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₁₀N₁Na₁O₂:[M+Na]⁺, 213.0634.Found: m/z 213.0647.



Preparation of methyl N-cyano-4-nitrobenzimidate (3d): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (151 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml), then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1-10:1) as eluent to give 3d(67% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39-8.37 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 8.27-8.24 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 2H), 4.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.0, 150.4, 134.3, 130.0, 124.0, 112.4, 57.6; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₇N₃Na₁O₃:[M+Na]⁺, 228.0380.Found: m/z 228.0374.



Br Preparation of methyl 4-bromo-N-cyanobenzimidate (3e): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-bromobenzaldehyde (185 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and t-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature,

then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3e** (76% yield). ¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 7.99-7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.66 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 4.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.7, 132.3, 130.1, 129.0, 128.1, 113.0, 57.0; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_9H_7N_2NaO_1$: $[M+Na]^+$, 260.9634.Found: m/z 260.9634.



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Preparation of methyl N-cyano-3-methoxybenzimidate (3f): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (136 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and t-BuONa (388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml), the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-30:1) as eluent to give 3f(58% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.67 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.57(s,1H), 7.44-7.40 (t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.14(m, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ174.7, 159.7, 130.4, 130.0, 121.0, 120.2, 113.3, 112.8, 56.8, 55.6; **HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C_{10}H_{10}N_2Na_1O_2:** [M+Na]⁺, 213.0634. Found: m/z 213.0643.

Preparation of methyl N-cvano-3-nitrobenzimidate (3g): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (151 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and t-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml), then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1-20:1) as eluent to give **3g**(72% yield).¹H NMR (400 **MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.82-8.81 (t, J = 2.0Hz, 1H), 8.58-8.56 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 8.51-8.48 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.75 (t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 148.3, 134.2, 130.7, 130.4, 128.0, 123.8, 112.4, 57.6; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₇N₃Na₁O₃:[M+Na]⁺, 228.0380.Found: m/z 228.0386.



Preparation of methyl 3-bromo-N-cyanobenzimidate (3h): To a 25 ml flask

with a mixture of 3-bromobenzaldehyde (185 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3h**(94% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39(t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 136.7, 131.5, 131.0, 130.4, 127.3, 122.9, 112.7, 57.1; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₇Br₁N₂Na₁O₁:[M+Na]⁺, 260.9634.Found: m/z 260.9643.

Preparation of methyl 3-chloro-N-cyanobenzimidate (3i): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 3-chlorobenzaldehyde (140 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3i**(83% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, **d**₆-DMSO) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.79(d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63(t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, **d**₆-DMSO) δ 174.9, 134.0, 133.9, 131.6, 131.4, 128.6, 127.5, 113.4, 58.0; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₇Cl₁N₂Na₁O₁:[M+Na]⁺, 217.0139.Found: m/z 217.0129.



Preparation of methyl N-cyano-1-naphthimidate (3j): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 1-naphthaldehyde (140mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (156 mg, 3 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3j**(76% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, **d**₆-DMSO) δ 8.24-8.22 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 8.10-8.09 (d, J = 6.8Hz, 1H), 7.88(s, 2H), 7.68(s, 3H), 4.20(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, **d**₆-DMSO) δ 180.3, 133.4, 132.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 125.5, 124.7, 113.6, 58.3; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₂Na₁O₁: [M+Na]⁺, 233.0685.Found: m/z 233.0692.



Preparation of methyl N-cyanoquinoline-6- carbimidate(3k): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of quinoline-6-carbaldehyde (157 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (156 mg, 3 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1-5:1) as eluent to give **3k**(80% yield).¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ 9.10-9.06 (m, 1H), 8.79-8.78 (d, J = 1.6Hz, 1H), 8.35-8.30(m, 1H), 8.28-8.22(m, 2H), 7.56-7.53(q, J = 4.0Hz, 1H), 4.15(s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (**400 MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ 174.1, 153.3, 149.8, 137.7, 130.7, 130.5, 127.6, 122.5, 113.2, 57.2; **HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C**₁₃**H**₉**N**₃**O**₁**:**[M]⁺, 212.0818.**Found:** m/z 212.0831.

Preparation of methyl N-cyanothiophene-2-carbimidate (3l): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (112 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3l**(49% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59-8.58 (dd, J₁ = 4.0Hz, J₂ = 1.2Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.10 (dd, J₁ = 4.8Hz, J2 = 1.2Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 4.03(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 135.3, 134.2, 131.3, 128.7, 113.5, 56.6; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₇H₇N₂O₁S₁:[M]⁺, 167.0274.Found: m/z 167.0266.

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Preparation of ethyl N-cyanobenzimidate (3m): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of benzaidehyde (106 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in EtOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3m**(74% yield).¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.08-8.07 (d, J = 5.2Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.61 (t, J = 5.2Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (t, J = 5.2Hz, 2H), 4.50-4.47(q, J = 4.8Hz, 2H), 1.47-1.45(t, J = 4.8Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 133.6, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 113.6, 66.3, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₁₀N₂Na₁O₁:[M+Na]⁺, 197.0685.Found: m/z 197.0699.



Cl² Preparation of ethyl 4-chloro-N-cyanobenzimidate (3n): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (140 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in EtOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give 3n(79% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07-8.03 (dt, J₁ = 9.2Hz, J₂ = 2.4Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (dt, J₁ = 9.2Hz, J₂ = 2.4Hz, 2H), 4.52-4.46(q, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 1.48-1.45(t, J = 7.2Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 140.2, 130.1, 129.2, 127.9, 113.3, 66.5, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₉Cl₁N₂Na₁O₁:[M+Na]⁺, 231.0296.Found: m/z 231.0286.



 O_2N Preparation of ethyl N-cyano-4-nitrobenzimidate (3p): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (151mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in EtOH (8 ml), then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1-20:1) as eluent to give **3p**(84% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, **d**₆-DMSO) δ 8.45-8.42 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 8.19-8.17 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 4.54-4.49 (q, J = 6.8Hz, 2H), 1.43-4.39 (t, J = 6.8Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (200 MHz, **d**₆-DMSO) δ 174.2, 150.1, 135.0, 130.2, 124.1, 113.0, 57.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₉N₃Na₁O₃:[M+Na]⁺, 242.0536.Found: m/z 242.0528.



Preparation of ethyl N-cyano-3-methoxybenzimidate (3q): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (136 mg, 1 mmol) and H_2NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa (388 mg,4 equiv) in EtOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room

temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 24h at room temperature. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-30:1) as eluent to give 3q(77% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68-7.66(d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.56(t, J = 2.0Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.40(t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.14(m,1H), 4.51-4.45(q, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 1.48-1.44(t, J = 7.2Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.3, 159.7, 130.7, 129.9, 121.0, 120.0, 113.5, 113.4, 66.3, 55.6, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂N₂Na₁O₂:[M+Na]⁺, 227.0791.Found: m/z 227.0784.



Preparation of ethyl N-cyano-3-nitrobenzimidate (3r): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (151 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in EtOH (8 ml), then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1-20:1) as eluent to give 3r(81% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81-8.80(t, J = 2.0Hz, 1H), 8.55-8.52(m,1H), 8.50-8.47(m, 1H), 7.80-7.76(t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.56(q, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 1.54-1.51(t, J = 7.2Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 148.3, 134.2, 131.0, 130.3, 127.9, 123.8, 112.6, 67.3, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₉N₃Na₁O₃:[M+Na]⁺, 242.0536.Found: m/z 242.0540.



Preparation of ethyl 3-chloro-N-cyanobenzimidate (3s): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 3-chlorobenzaldehyde (140 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in EtOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3s**(92% yield).¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 8.07-8.05(d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.95(t, J = 2.0Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (dt,J₁ = 8.0Hz, J₂ = 0.8Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45(t, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.47(q, J = 7.2Hz, 2H), 1.49-1.45(t, J = 7.2Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ 172.9, 135.1, 133.7, 131.1, 130.2, 128.6, 126.8, 113.0, 66.7, 13.8; HRMS(ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₉Cl₁N₂Na₁O₁: [M+Na]⁺, 231.0296.Found: m/z 231.0308.

Preparation of isopropyl N-cyanobenzimidate (3t): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of benzaldehyde (106 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg, 4 equiv) in i-PrOH(8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-50:1) as eluent to give **3t** (20% yield).¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.06-8.03(m, 2H), 7.64-7.59(m, 1H), 7.54-7.49(m, 2H); **HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂N₂Na₁O₁:[M+Na]⁺, 211.0842.Found: m/z 211.0838.**

NCN

 O_2N Preparation of propyl N-cyano-4- nitrobenzimidate (3u): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (140 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN (168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) in n-PrOH(8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-10:1) as eluent to give **3u**(51% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38-8.36(m, 2H), 8.25-8.22(m, 2H), 4.47-4.44 (t, 2H, J = 6.8Hz), 1.94-1.85(m, 2H), 1.09-1.05(t, 3H, J = 7.2Hz); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 150.4, 134.7, 129.9, 124.0, 112.6, 72.8, 21.6, 10.4; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃Na₁O₃:[M+Na]⁺, 256.0693.Found: m/z 256.0697.



Preparation of methyl N-cyano-2-fluorobenzimidate (3v): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 2-fluorobenzaldehyde (124 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa (388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1) as eluent to give 3v(90% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.06(s,3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 160.6, 158.0, 134.8, 134.7, 129.6, 124.6, 124.5

118.6, 118.5, 117.1, 116.8, 112.7, 57.3; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_9H_8F_1N_2O_1$: [M]⁺, 179.0615.Found: m/z 179.0624.



Preparation of methyl 2,6-dichloro-N-cyanobenzimidate (3w): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 2,6-dichlorobenzaldehyde (174 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa (388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1-25:1) as eluent to give 3v(84% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.41 (t, 3H), 4.14(s,3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.6, 132.7,132.3, 130.6, 128.3, 111.8, 57.6 ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₇Cl₂N₂O₁: [M]⁺, 228.9930.Found: m/z 228.9922.



Preparation of methyl N-cyano- 2-methoxybenzi- midate (3x): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (136 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa (388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1) as eluent to give 3x(85% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.38(dd, 1H, J₁ = 8.0Hz, J₂ = 2.0Hz), 7.04-7.01(m, 2H),4.04(s, 3H), 3.94(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 157.1, 133.9, 129.1, 120.5, 119.7, 113.4, 112.0, 56.8, 55.8; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₁₀N₂Na₁O₂: [M+Na]⁺, 213.0634.Found: m/z 213.0633.



O NCN Preparation of methyl 4-(N-cyano(methoxy) carbonoimidoyl) benzoate (3I) and methyl 4-(N-cyano(methoxy) carbonoimidoyl) N-cyanobenzimidate(4I): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of terephthalaldehydee (134 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(264 mg, 6 equiv) and *t*-BuONa (576 mg,6 equiv) in MeOH (16 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (1068 mg, 3 equiv.) was added. The

resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1-5:1) as eluent to give **3I** (37% yield) and **4I** (40% yield). **3I** ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 8.16-8.14(d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 8.09-8.07(d, J = 8.4Hz, 2H), 4.08(s, 3H), 3.91(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 175.7, 165.7, 134.1, 133.6, 130.0, 129.3, 128.9, 127.5, 113.4, 58.1, 53.1; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀N₂Na₁O₃: [M+Na]⁺, 241.0584.Found: m/z 241.0594. **4I** ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 8.14(s, 4H), 4.08(s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) 179.9, 133.7, 129.3, 113.4, 58.2; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₂H₁₀N₄Na₁O₂: [M+Na]⁺,265.0696. .Found: m/z 265.0693.

Preparation of methyl N-cyano-4-methylbenzimidate (3II): To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-methylbenzaldehyde (120 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa (388 mg,4 equiv) in MeOH (8 ml),the mixture was stirred for 0.5h at room temperature, then NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1) as eluent to give **3II** (72% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02-8.00 (d, 2H, J = 8.0Hz), 7.32-7.30(d, 2H, J = 8.0Hz), 4.04(s, 3H), 2.43(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 143.8, 128.5, 127.7, 125.5, 112.5, 55.6, 20.7.



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Cl⁷ Preparation of methyl 4-chlorobenzoate (4b)^[1]: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.97 (d, 2H, J = 8.4Hz), 7.43-7.41(d, 2H, J = 8.4Hz), 3.92(s, 3H);¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 139.4, 131.0, 128.7, 128.6, 52.3.



^{O₂N[']} Preparation of methyl 4-methoxybenzoate (4d) ^[2]: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31-8.29m (d, 2H, J = 8.8Hz), 8.23-8.21(d, 2H, J = 8.8Hz), 3.99(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 150.5, 135.5, 130.7, 123.5, 52.8.



 $\overset{\circ}{\longrightarrow} Preparation of methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (4f)^{[2]}:.^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 8.00-7.98(d, 2H, J = 8.8Hz), 6.93-6.90(d, 2H, J = 8.8Hz);^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) \delta 179.2, 166.8, 163.3, 131.6, 113.6, 55.4, 51.8.$



Preparation of methyl 3-nitrobenzoate (4g) ^[3]: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.87(s, 1H), 8.44-8.37(m, 2H), 7.69-7.65(t, 1H, J = 8.0Hz), 4.00(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 148.3, 135.2, 131.9, 129.6, 127.4, 124.6, 52.8.



Preparation of 2-hydroxyethyl 3-nitrobenzoate (4y) ^[4] :To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (151 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) and NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added in glycol (8 ml), The mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1-5:1) as eluent to give 4y(67% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 8.37-8.35(d, 2H, J = 8.8Hz), 8.24-8.22(d, 2H, J = 8.8Hz), 5.01-4.99(t, 1H, J = 5.6Hz) 4.36-4.34(t, 2H, J = 5.2Hz), 3.76-3.72(q, 2H, J = 5.2Hz);¹³C NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 164.9, 150.7, 135.7, 131.2, 124.3, 67.9, 57.4.



Preparation of 2-hydroxyethyl benzoate $(4z)^{[5]}$: To a 25 ml flask with a mixture of benzaidehyde (106 mg, 1 mmol) and H₂NCN(168 mg, 4 equiv) and *t*-BuONa(388 mg,4 equiv) and NBS (708 mg, 4 equiv.) was added in glycol (8 ml), The mixture was stirred for 12 h at 50°C. The mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1-5:1) as eluent to give 4z(68% yield).¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08-8.06(d, 2H, J = 7.2Hz), 7.60-7.56(t, 1H, J = 7.2Hz), 7.47-7.43(t, 2H, J = 7.2Hz) 4.47-4.46(t, 2H, J = 8.4Hz), 3.98-3.96(t, 2H, J = 8.4Hz), 2.04(br, 1H);¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 133.2, 129.9, 129.7, 128.4, 66.6, 61.2.

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.84, 7.44-7.43(d, 1H, J = 1.6Hz), 7.38-7.35(dd, 1H, J₁ = 8.0Hz, J₂ = 1.6Hz), 6.95-6.93(d, 1H, 8.0Hz), 6.13(s, 2H); HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₆N₂O₂: [M+Na]⁺ 197.0321.Found: m/z 197.0322.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85-7.83(dd, 1H, J₁ = 8.4Hz, J₂ = 2.0Hz), 7.54-7.53(d, 1H, J = 2.0Hz), 6.92-6.90(d, 1H, J = 8.4Hz), 4.02(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 152.3, 148.1, 125.3, 123.0, 113.6, 108.7, 108.4, 102.3, 56.7; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₈N₂NaO₃: [M+Na]⁺ 227.0427. Found: m/z 227.0434.

General procedure of 3-amino-l, 2, 4-triazole derivants: A mixture of N-Cyanoimidates (1mmol), phenylhydrazine (1.2mmol) and methanol (3ml) was refluxed for 4h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography to obtain the final product.

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01(s, 1H), 7.99(s, 1H), 7.62-7.53(m, 4H), 7.46-7.40(m, 3H), 4.90(br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 158.4, 154.4, 136.8, 135.0, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 128.3, 127.5, 123.5; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁ClN₄ : [M+H]⁺ 271.07482.Found: m/z 271.07450.

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 8.91-8.90(d, 1H,J = 3.2Hz), 8.55(s,1H), 8.50-8.48(d, 1H, J = 8.0Hz), 8.36-8.33(d, 1H, J = 8.8Hz), 8.09-8.07(d, 1H, J= 8.8Hz), 7.69-7.67(d, 2H, J = 8.0Hz), 7.59-7.55(t, 3H, J = 7.2Hz), 7.44-7.40(t, 1H, 7.2Hz), 6.68(br,1H); ¹³C NMR (400 **MHz, d₆-DMSO**) δ 157.7, 155.6, 150.8, 147.9, 137.2, 136.5, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 127.9, 127.3, 127.0, 124.7, 123.0, 121.9; **HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₅:** [M+H]⁺ 288.12456. **Found:** m/z 288.12437.



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¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 7.89-7.87(d, 2H, J = 8.4Hz), 7.63-7.61(d, 2H, J = 8.0Hz), 7.55-7.51(t, 2H, J = 7.6Hz), 7.40-7.37(t, 2H, J = 7.2Hz), 7.01-6.99(d, 1H, J = 8.4Hz), 6.21(br, 2H), 3.80(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 159.8, 158.1, 155.2, 137.3, 129.4, 127.0, 126.9, 124.0, 122.7, 113.9, 55.1; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₄O: [M+H]⁺267.12462, Found: m/z 267.12404.

^NNH₂ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 7.99-7.97(t, 1H, J = 5.2Hz), 7.64-7.62(d, 1H, J = 5.2Hz), 7.57-7.54(t, 2H, J = 5.2Hz), 7.47-7.42(m, 2H), 7.31-7.28(m, 2H), 6.62(s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 160.3, 158.7, 155.0, 154.9, 137.1, 130.6, 130.5, 129.7, 129.4, 127.2, 124.3, 123.0, 119.2, 119.2, 116.5, 116.4; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁FN₄ : [M+H]⁺ 255.10455. Found: m/z 255.10405.

^N NH₂ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 7.87-7.84(d, 2H, J = 9.6Hz), 7.63-7.62(d, 2H, J = 5.2Hz), 7.55-7.52(t, 2H, J = 9.6Hz), 7.40-7.38(t, 1H, J = 5.2Hz), 7.25-7.24(d, 2H, J = 5.2Hz), 2.34(s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄N₄: [M+H]⁺ 251.12951. Found: m/z 251.12912

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