

## **Supporting Information**

### **Palladium Catalyzed Norbornene Mediated Tandem *Ortho* C-H Amination/ *Ipsò* C-I Cyanation of Iodoarenes: Regiospecific Synthesis of 2-Amino Benzonitrile**

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## **General Procedure for the Synthesis of *O*-Benzoyl Hydroxylamines (2a-2h):**

To a 50 mL round bottom flask with stir bar and a rubber septum was charged with benzoyl peroxide (3.46 g, 70% purity 10 mmol, 1 equiv), dipotassium hydrogen phosphate (3.50 g, 20 mmol, 2 equiv) and N,N-dimethylformamide (25 mL). A solution of morpholine (1.3 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C temperature. After complete addition, the reaction was further stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After monitored by TLC to see the full conversion of benzoyl peroxide, water (100 mL) was added, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $5 \times 30$  mL). The combined organic extract was washed with brine ( $2 \times 20$  mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9:1) to give morpholino benzoate (**2a**) as a white solid.

Piperidine-1-yl benzoate (**2b**), 4-methylpiperidine-1-yl benzoate (**2c**), 2-methylpiperidine-1-yl benzoate (**2d**), ethyl-1-(benzoyloxy)piperidine-4-carboxylate (**2e**), pyrroldine-1-yl benzoate (**2f**), *O*-benzoyl-N,N-diethylhydroxyl amine (**2g**) and *O*-benzoyl-N-benzyl-N-methylhydroxylamine (**2h**) were prepared according to the same procedure.

## **Representative Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 3aa**

An oven dried 10 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene (**1a**, 0.5 mmol, 109 mg, 1 equiv.), morpholine benzoate (**2a**, 0.75 mmol, 155 mg, 1.5 equiv.), K<sub>4</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>].3H<sub>2</sub>O (2.5 mmol, 1.0 g, 5 equiv.), norbornene (1.0 mmol, 94 mg, 2 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol, 26 mg, 20 mol %), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mmol, 326 mg, 2 equiv.), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 11 mg, 10 mol %) and anhydrous toluene in an argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and was further stirred at 100 °C for 14 h. After the reaction was complete (TLC), it was allowed to cool to room temperature and was extracted with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The extract was washed with water (10 mL) and then brine solution (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue (crude product) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure product, 2-methyl-6-morpholinobenzonitrile (**3aa**, 92 mg, 91 %) as a white solid, m.p. 68-70 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.17 (m, 4H), 3.87-3.90 (m, 4H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.0, 52.2 (2C), 67.1 (2C), 107.3, 115.9, 117.3, 123.8, 133.2, 144.1, 156.2; IR (KBr): 2960, 2855, 2216, 1583, 1473, 1449, 1243, 1117 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 203.1179, found 203.1178.

This procedure was followed for all the reactions listed in Scheme 2 and Scheme 6.

## **Representative Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 5aa**

An oven dried 10 mL round-bottom flask was charged with iodobenzene (**4a**, 0.5 mmol, 109 mg, 1 equiv.), morpholine benzoate (**2a**, 1.25 mmol, 259 mg, 2.5 equiv.), K<sub>4</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>].3H<sub>2</sub>O (2.5 mmol, 1.0 g, 5 equiv.), norbornene (1.5 mmol, 141 mg, 3 equiv.), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol, 26 mg, 20 mol %), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.5 mmol, 489 mg, 3 equiv.), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 11 mg, 10 mol %) and anhydrous toluene in an argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and was further stirred at 100 °C for 16 h. After the reaction was complete (TLC), it was allowed to cool to room temperature and was extracted with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The extract was washed with water (10 mL) and then brine solution (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue (crude product) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure product, 2,6-dimorpholinobenzonitrile (**5aa**, 118 mg, 86 %) as a white solid : mp 88-90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.15-3.18 (m, 8H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 8H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 52.1 (4C), 67.0 (4C), 100.2, 111.9 (2C), 117.6, 134.3, 157.8 (2C);

IR (KBr): 2854, 2210, 1576, 1448, 1235, 1116  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 274.1550, found 274.1553.

This procedure was followed for all the reactions listed in Scheme 3 and Scheme 5.

All the products were not reported earlier and are characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR, IR, and HRMS or elemental analysis. These data are given below in the order of their entries in Scheme 2, Scheme 3, Scheme 4, Scheme 5 and Scheme 6.

## Characterization Data of Products:

**2-Methoxy-6-morpholinobenzonitrile (3ba, Scheme 2):** White solid (77.43 mg, 71%); m.p. 117-119 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.19 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 51.9 (2C), 56.3, 67.1 (2C), 104.6, 110.6 (2C), 115.9, 134.5, 157.3, 163.2; IR (KBr): 2858, 2216, 1587, 1477, 1273, 1234, 1109  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 219.1128, found 219.1125.

**2-Fluoro-6-morpholinobenzonitrile (3ca, Scheme 2):** White solid (71.1 mg, 69%); m.p. 81-83 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.23-3.26 (m, 4H), 3.86-3.89 (m, 4H), 6.74-6.79 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.49 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 51.7 (2C), 66.9 (2C), 95.1 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 16.5 Hz, 1C), 108.8 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.3 Hz, 1C), 113.5 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 113.8 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3 Hz, 1C), 135.0 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 10.5 Hz, 1C), 156.9 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3 Hz, 1C), 164.9 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 255.7 Hz, 1C); IR (KBr): 2959, 2219, 1614, 1497, 1453  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O: C 64.07, H 5.38, N 13.58; found C 64.01, H 5.42, N 13.61%.

**2-Chloro-6-morpholinobenzonitrile (3da, Scheme 2):** White solid (69.95 mg, 63%); m.p. 84-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.19-3.22 (m, 4H), 3.87-3.90 (m, 4H), 6.90 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 51.9 (2C), 66.9 (2C), 107.2, 115.5, 116.8, 123.0, 134.1, 138.6, 157.5; IR (KBr): 2866, 2845, 2228, 1589, 1556, 1443, 1244, 1113  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O: C 59.33, H 4.98, N 12.58; found C 59.30, H 4.95, N 12.63%.

**2,4-Difluoro-6-morpholinobenzonitrile (3ea, Scheme 2):** White solid (68.34 mg, 61%); m.p. 98-100 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.25-3.28 (m, 4H), 3.85-3.89 (m, 4H); 6.43-6.53 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 51.4 (2C), 66.7 (2C), 90.8 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 17.25 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.75 Hz, 1C), 97.6 (t, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.75 Hz, 1C), 101.7 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 24 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3 Hz, 1C), 113.0, 158.0 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.5 Hz, 1C), 165.9 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 257.25 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 16.5 Hz, 1C), 166.4 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 255.75 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 15.75 Hz, 1C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> as standard compound): δ -101.2 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1F), -104.2 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1F); IR (KBr): 2976, 2869, 2229, 1616, 1580, 1442, 1115  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C 58.93, H 4.50, N 12.49; found C 58.95, H 4.52, N 12.46%.

**3-Chloro-2-methyl-6-morpholinobenzonitrile (3fa, Scheme 2):** White solid (105.33 mg, 89%); m.p. 99-101 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.53 (s, 3H), 3.10-3.13 (m, 4H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 19.1, 52.1 (2C), 66.9 (2C), 109.0, 116.6, 117.3, 128.1, 133.9, 141.3, 155.0; IR (KBr): 2859, 2828, 2220, 1573, 1445, 1238, 1114  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 237.0789, found 237.0788.

**Methyl 2-cyano-3-morpholinobenzoate (3ga, Scheme 2):** Light yellow solid (86.19 mg, 70%); m.p. 120-122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.18-3.21 (m, 4H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 7.23 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.1 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 0.9 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 52.2 (2C), 52.9, 67.0 (2C), 106.7, 116.2, 123.0, 124.5, 133.1, 134.8, 157.6, 165.1; IR (KBr): 2963, 2216, 1720, 1584, 1451, 1273  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C 63.40, H 5.73, N 11.38; found C 63.45, H 5.70, N 11.33%.

**2-(Dimethylamino)-6-morpholinobenzonitrile (3ha, Scheme 2):** White solid (61.29 mg, 53%); m.p. 84-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.00 (s, 6H), 3.15-3.18 (m, 4H), 3.87-3.89 (m, 4H), 6.44 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.1 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 43.5 (2C), 52.4 (2C), 67.1 (2C), 96.6, 109.0, 110.7, 118.7, 133.9, 158.1, 158.3; IR (KBr): 2952, 2206, 1571, 1493, 1437, 1236, 1113 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 254.1264, found 254.1268.

**2-Methyl-6-(piperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3ab, Scheme 2):** White solid (88.12 mg, 88%); m.p. 49-51 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.56-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.81 (m, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 4H), 6.80-6.84 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.0, 24.2, 26.3 (2C), 53.5 (2C), 107.1, 116.1, 117.6, 122.8, 132.9, 143.7, 157.7; IR (KBr): 2933, 2848, 2215, 1584, 1470, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 201.1386, found 201.1384.

**2-(Piperidin-1-yl)-6-(trifluoromethoxy)benzonitrile (3ib, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (98.59 mg, 73%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.59-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.80 (m, 4H), 3.21 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 4H), 6.83-6.90 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 24.0, 26.0 (2C), 53.0 (2C), 99.8, 112.1, 114.1, 116.7, 120.4 (q, J = 258.75, 1C), 134.1, 151.6, 158.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> as standrad compound): δ -60.82; IR (KBr): 2973, 2871, 2207, 1572, 1463, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C 57.78, H 4.85, N 10.37; found C 57.83, H 4.90, N 10.35%.

**2-Methyl-6-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3ac, Scheme 2):** White solid (86.79 mg, 81%); m.p. 83-85 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.99 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 1.44-1.51 (m, 3H), 1.73-1.76 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.71-2.78 (m, 2H), 3.51 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 10.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.0, 21.9, 30.7, 34.6 (2C), 52.9 (2C), 107.1, 116.1, 117.7, 122.7, 132.9, 143.7, 157.6; IR (KBr): 2950, 2922, 2808, 2215, 1584, 1467, 1382, 1238 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 215.1543, found 215.1545.

**2-Ethyl-6-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3jc, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (102.75 mg, 90%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.99 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.45-1.52 (m, 3H), 1.73-1.76 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.86 (m, 4H), 3.48-3.53 (m, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 15.1, 21.9, 28.1, 30.7, 34.6 (2C), 52.9 (2C), 106.4, 116.3, 117.5, 121.3, 133.1, 149.9, 157.7; IR (KBr): 2925, 2808, 2215, 1581, 1465, 1381, 1235 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 229.1699, found 229.1697.

**2,4-Dimethyl-6-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3kc, Scheme 2):** White solid (100 mg, 88%); m.p. 74-76 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.99 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 1.43-1.51 (m, 3H), 1.72-1.75 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.68-2.76 (m, 2H), 3.49 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 10.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.62-6.66 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 20.9, 21.9, 22.0, 30.8, 34.6 (2C), 52.8 (2C), 104.1, 116.9, 118.0, 123.8, 143.4, 143.7, 157.5; IR (KBr): 2922, 2807, 2213, 1601, 1569, 1453 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C 78.90, H 8.83, N 12.27; found C 78.93, H 8.80, N 12.31%.

**2-(4-Methylpiperidin-1-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (3lc, Scheme 2):** White solid (103.29 mg, 77%); m.p. 78-80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.01 (d, J = 6 Hz, 3H), 1.45-1.55 (m, 3H), 1.76-1.80 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.89 (m, 2H), 3.55-3.60 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.55 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.8, 30.8, 34.4 (2C), 52.8 (2C), 103.0, 115.1, 118.5 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 5.3 Hz, 1C), 122.6, 122.7 (q, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 272.2 Hz, 1C), 133.2, 134.6 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.2 Hz, 1C), 158.9; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> as standrad compound): δ -65.2; IR (KBr): 2960, 2924, 2218, 1595, 1458, 1315, 1128 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C 62.68, H 5.64, N 10.44; found C 62.64, H 5.61, N 10.48%.

**Methyl-4-cyano-3-methyl-5-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzoate (3mc, Scheme 2):** Off white solid (93.96 mg, 69%); m.p. 72-74 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.99 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 1.43-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.73-1.77 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.79 (t, J = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (d, J = 12 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s,

3H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.0, 21.8, 30.6, 34.4 (2C), 52.6, 52.7 (2C), 110.8, 116.9, 117.0, 123.2, 133.9, 143.9, 157.4, 166.3; IR (KBr): 2952, 2218, 1727, 1573, 1435, 1230  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C 70.56, H 7.40, N 10.29; found C 70.58, H 7.43, N 10.25%.

**2-(4-Methylpiperidin-1-yl)-6-nitrobenzonitrile (3nc, Scheme 2):** Yellow solid (96.88 mg, 79%), m.p. 112-114 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.02 (d,  $J$  = 6 Hz, 3H), 1.47-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.78-1.82 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.96 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.67 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.4 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.1 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.8, 30.5, 34.3 (2C), 52.8 (2C), 99.9, 114.3, 116.9 (2C), 124.4, 133.2, 151.4, 159.2; IR (KBr): 2928, 2222, 1538, 1452, 1345, 1245  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  246.1237, found 246.1235.

**2-Methyl-6-(2-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3ad, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (38.58 mg, 36%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.96 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.49-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.77 (m, 3H), 1.87-1.94 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.76-2.83 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.57 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.92 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  16.8, 21.0, 21.7, 26.5, 32.9, 51.1, 54.7, 110.2, 117.5, 119.5, 123.9, 132.5, 143.6, 157.0; IR (KBr): 2934, 2856, 2217, 1582, 1468, 1256  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  215.1543, found 215.1544.

**Ethyl 1-(2-cyano-3-methylphenyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3ae, Scheme 2):** White solid (117.12 mg, 86%); m.p. 72-74 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.94-2.07 (m, 4H), 2.37-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.77-2.86 (m, 2H), 3.44-3.50 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.79-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.4, 21.0, 28.5 (2C), 40.8, 51.9 (2C), 60.6, 107.4, 116.2, 117.4, 123.3, 133.0, 143.8, 157.0, 174.7; IR (KBr): 2956, 2215, 1730, 1584, 1469, 1172  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  273.1598, found 273.1597.

**Ethyl 1-(1-cyanonaphthalen-2-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3oe, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (127.97, 83%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.99-2.11 (m, 4H), 2.45-2.55 (m, 1H), 3.04-3.12 (m, 2H), 3.73-3.77 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.3, 28.5 (2C), 40.7, 51.4 (2C), 60.5, 98.1, 117.8, 118.6, 124.0, 124.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.7, 133.8, 134.2, 156.2, 174.5; IR (KBr): 2963, 2216, 1721, 1583, 1272  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C 74.00, H 6.54, N 9.08; found C 74.06, H 6.60, N 9.02%.

**Ethyl 1-(3-(benzyloxy)-2-cyanophenyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3pe, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (142.13 mg, 78%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.92-2.08 (m, 4H), 2.40-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.92 (m, 2H), 3.54-3.60 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 6.53-6.57 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.2, 28.3 (2C), 40.8, 51.4 (2C), 60.5, 70.6, 96.0, 105.4, 111.1, 115.8, 126.9 (2C), 128.0, 128.7 (2C), 134.0, 136.0, 157.9, 161.9, 174.6; IR (KBr): 2959, 2925, 2214, 1719, 1582, 1454, 1382, 1274  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [M+H] $^+$  365.1860, found 365.1862.

**2-Methyl-6-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3af, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (59.60 mg, 64%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.96-2.01 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.61 (m, 4H), 6.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.6, 25.9 (2C), 50.3 (2C), 96.1, 111.8, 117.7, 120.0, 132.9, 144.3, 151.5; IR (KBr): 2969, 2873, 2204, 1591, 1482, 1379  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  187.1230, found 187.1232.

**2-(Diethylamino)-6-methylbenzonitrile (3ag, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (45.18 mg, 48%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 3.33 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  12.6 (2C), 21.3, 47.1 (2C), 106.2, 117.5, 118.0, 122.1, 132.6 (2C), 144.2; IR (KBr): 2974, 2932, 2212, 1584, 1469, 1381, 1262  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  189.1386, found 189.1387.

**2-(Benzyl(methyl)amino)-6-methylbenzonitrile (3ah, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (91.16 mg, 78 %); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 6.81-6.85 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.2, 40.5, 60.2, 105.0, 116.3, 118.0, 122.2, 127.4, 128.2 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 132.9, 137.6, 144.1, 156.2; IR (KBr): 2954, 2212, 1583, 1477, 1450, 1362 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 259.1206, found 259.1213.

**2-(Benzyl(methyl)amino)-6-fluorobenzonitrile (3ch, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (79.29 mg, 66%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.03 (s, 3H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 6.58-6.67 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 40.3, 59.1, 91.1, 105.8 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.25 Hz, 1C), 113.1 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3 Hz, 1C), 114.5 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.25 Hz, 1C), 127.6 (2C), 127.7, 128.8 (2C), 134.4 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 11.25 Hz, 1C), 137.0, 155.9 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3 Hz, 1C), 165.3 (d, J<sub>C-F</sub> = 254.25 Hz, 1C); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> as standrad compound): δ -108.1; IR (KBr): 2958, 2219, 1613, 1560, 1496, 1453 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>: C 74.98, H 5.45, N 11.66; found C 74.95, H 5.49, N 11.60%.

**2-(Benzyl(methyl)amino)-1-naphthonitrile (3oh, Scheme 2):** Colorless gummy liquid (100.77 mg, 74%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.23 (s, 3H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.54-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.7 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 0.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 40.9, 59.0, 92.7, 118.3, 119.0, 123.9, 124.4, 127.4, 127.5 (2C), 127.6, 128.3, 128.9 (2C), 129.0, 133.8, 134.9, 137.3, 154.9; IR (KBr): 2201, 1620, 1597, 1509, 1449, 1356 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 273.1386, found 273.1389.

**4-Methyl-2,6-dimorpholinobenzonitrile (5ba, Scheme 3):** White solid (109.19 mg, 76%); m.p. 69-71 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.13-3.16 (m, 8H), 3.86 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 8H), 6.41 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 22.6, 52.2 (4C), 67.0 (4C), 97.3, 109.2, 112.8 (2C), 117.9, 145.4, 157.6; IR (KBr): 2854, 2209, 1596, 1563, 1445, 1230, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 288.1707, found 288.1709.

**4-(Tert-butyl)-2,6-dimorpholinobenzonitrile (5ca, Scheme 3):** White solid (126.83, 77%); m.p. 103-105 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.30 (s, 9H), 3.17-3.20 (m, 8H), 3.87-3.90 (m, 8H), 6.63 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 31.2 (3C), 35.9, 52.3 (4C), 67.2 (4C), 97.7, 109.4 (2C), 117.9, 157.5 (2C), 158.6; IR (KBr): 2963, 2209, 1592, 1561, 1430, 1235, 1113 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.2176, found 330.2177.

**4-Methoxy-2,6-dimorpholinobenzonitrile (5da, Scheme 3):** White solid (104.66 mg, 69%); m.p. 75-77 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.16 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 8H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.87 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 8H), 6.10 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 52.1 (4C), 55.6, 67.0 (4C), 92.1, 97.9 (2C), 118.3, 159.4 (2C), 164.7; IR (KBr): 2956, 2857, 2195, 1590, 1568, 1438, 1114 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 304.1656, found 304.2234.

**3,5-Dimorpholino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile (5ea, Scheme 3):** Off white solid (127.54 mg, 73%), m.p. 165-167 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.25 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 8H), 3.90 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 8H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 7.41-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 52.2 (4C), 67.0 (4C), 98.7, 110.9 (2C), 117.8, 127.3 (2C), 128.7, 129.0 (2C), 140.4, 147.6, 158.0 (2C); IR (KBr): 2964, 2848, 2207, 1591, 1552, 1418, 1232 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 350.1863, found 350.1864.

**4-(Allyloxy)-2,6-dimorpholinobenzonitrile (5fa, Scheme 3):** Light brown gummy liquid (118.58 mg, 72%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.14-3.17 (m, 8H), 3.86-3.88 (m, 8H), 4.54-4.56 (m, 2H), 5.29-5.44 (m, 2H), 5.95-6.08 (m, 1H), 6.12 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 52.1 (4C), 67.0 (5C), 69.1, 98.7 (2C), 118.2, 118.5, 132.5, 159.3 (2C), 163.7; IR (KBr): 2960, 2856, 2207, 1592, 1443, 1266, 1116 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.1812, found 330.1813.

**4-Acetyl-2,6-dimorpholinobenzonitrile (5ga, Scheme 3):** Light yellow solid (108.80 mg, 69%); m.p. 108-110 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.57 (s, 3H), 3.19-3.23 (m, 8H), 3.86-3.89 (m, 8H),

7.09 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.9, 52.0 (4C), 66.9 (4C), 103.5, 111.0 (2C), 117.0, 141.6, 157.9 (2C), 197.3; IR (KBr): 2854, 2212, 1688, 1562, 1430, 1264, 1116  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  316.1656, found 316.1655.

**2,6-Dimorpholino-4-nitrobenzonitrile (5ha, Scheme 3):** Yellow solid (100.27 mg, 63%); m.p. 121-123  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.26-3.29 (m, 8H), 3.87-3.90 (m, 8H), 7.34 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  51.8 (4C), 66.7 (4C), 103.4, 105.7 (2C), 116.5, 151.8, 158.4 (2C); IR (KBr): 2859, 2216, 1577, 1526, 1438, 1116  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ : C 56.60, H 5.70, N 17.60; found C 56.62, H 5.73, N 17.57 %.

**2,6-Di(piperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (5ab, Scheme 3):** White solid (103.71 mg, 77%); m.p. 84-86  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.54-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.79 (m, 8H), 3.12 (t,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 8H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  24.3 (2C), 26.3 (4C), 53.5 (4C), 100.1, 111.1 (2C), 118.2, 133.7, 159.1 (2C); IR (KBr): 2934, 2209, 1574, 1469, 1453, 1218  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3$ : C 75.80, H 8.61, N 15.60; found C 75.83, H 8.66, N 15.56%.

**2,6-Bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (5ac, Scheme 3):** White solid (117 mg, 79%); m.p. 93-95  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.98 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 6H), 1.41-1.50 (m, 6H), 1.72 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 4H), 2.74 (t,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 4H), 3.50-3.54 (m, 4H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.9 (2C), 30.8 (2C), 34.5 (4C), 52.8 (4C), 99.9, 111.1 (2C), 118.3, 133.7, 158.8 (2C); IR (KBr): 2918, 2799, 2210, 1576, 1455, 1379, 1231  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  298.2278, found 298.2276.

**2,6-Bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzonitrile (5ic, Scheme 3):** White solid (118.24 mg, 62%); m.p. 95-97  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.99 (d,  $J = 6$  Hz, 6H), 1.42-4.54 (m, 6H), 1.71-1.76 (m, 4H), 2.74-2.82 (m, 4H), 3.56 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 4H), 6.28 (d,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.8 (2C), 30.8 (2C), 34.3 (4C), 52.6 (4C), 96.6, 102.7 (2C), 117.8, 120.4 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 256.5$  Hz, 1C), 153.6, 160.0 (2C);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (470 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_6$  as standard compound):  $\delta$  -60.4; IR (KBr): 2925, 2815, 2212, 1584, 1448, 1381, 1256, 1222  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  382.2101, found 382.2102.

**Ethyl 4-cyano-3,5-bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)benzoate (5jc, Scheme 3):** Light yellow gummy liquid (109.0 mg, 59%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.99 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 6H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 1.47-1.50 (m, 6H), 1.74 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 4H), 2.80 (t,  $J = 11.4$  Hz, 4H), 3.55 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 4H), 4.35 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.4, 21.9 (2C), 30.7 (2C), 34.4 (4C), 52.7 (4C), 61.6, 103.2, 111.7 (2C), 117.7, 135.0, 158.6 (2C), 166.1; IR (KBr): 2923, 2812, 2212, 1722, 1564, 1436, 1380, 1260  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  370.2489, found 370.2487.

**2,6-Bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (5kc, Scheme 3):** White solid (135.21 mg, 74%); m.p. 136-138  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.99 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 6H), 1.43-1.53 (m, 6H), 1.73-1.77 (m, 4H), 2.82 (t,  $J = 12$  Hz, 4H), 3.57 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 4H), 6.67 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.8 (2C), 30.7 (2C), 34.3 (4C), 52.6 (4C), 101.5, 107.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.7$  Hz, 2C), 117.5, 123.7 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 272.3$  Hz, 1C), 135.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 31.5$  Hz, 1C), 159.0 (2C); IR (KBr): 2951, 2818, 2210, 1572, 1444, 1377, 1288  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3$ : C 65.73, H 7.17, N 11.50; found C 65.75, H 7.16, N 11.54%.

**2,6-Bis(diethylamino)benzonitrile (5ag, Scheme 3):** Colorless gummy liquid (46.62 mg, 38%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.14 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 12H), 3.30 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 8H), 6.49 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  12.7 (4C), 46.8 (4C), 99.5, 111.7 (2C), 119.2, 132.7, 156.8 (2C); IR (KBr): 2973, 2931, 2870, 2207, 1573, 1462, 1380, 1251  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  246.1965, found 246.1966.

**Diethyl 1,1'-(2-cyano-1,3-phenylene)bis(piperidine-4-carboxylate) (5ae, Scheme 3):** White solid (173.67 mg, 84%); m.p. 83-85 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.94-2.04 (m, 8H), 2.37-2.47 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.88 (m, 4H), 3.46-3.53 (m, 4H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.4 (2C), 28.5 (4C), 40.9 (2C), 51.9 (4C), 60.6 (2C), 100.5, 111.8 (2C), 117.9, 133.9, 158.4 (2C), 174.8 (2C); IR (KBr): 2960, 2926, 2214, 1719, 1583, 1275 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 414.2387, found 414.2385.

**Diethyl 1,1'-(2-cyano-5-formyl-1,3-phenylene)bis(piperidine-4-carboxylate) (5ke, Scheme 3):** Light yellow solid (183.23 mg, 83%); mp 79-81 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.25 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.91-2.08 (m, 8H), 2.41-2.49 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.97 (m, 4H), 3.53-3.59 (m, 4H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 9.89 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.3 (2C), 28.3 (4C), 40.6 (2C), 51.6 (4C), 60.6 (2C), 104.3, 111.7 (2C), 117.1, 140.0, 158.8 (2C), 174.5 (2C), 191.7; IR (KBr): 2957, 2819, 2211, 1729, 1565, 1444, 1171 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 464.2156, found 464.2163.

**Diethyl 1,1'-(5-(benzyloxy)-2-cyano-1,3-phenylene)bis(piperidine-4-carboxylate) (5me, Scheme 3):** Colorless gummy liquid (202 mg, 78%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.26 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.90-2.06 (m, 8H), 2.39-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.87 (m, 4H), 3.48-3.54 (m, 4H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 6.14 (s, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 14.4 (2C), 28.4 (4C), 40.9 (2C), 51.7 (4C), 60.6 (2C), 70.3, 92.5, 98.6 (2C), 118.4, 127.7 (2C), 128.5, 128.9 (2C), 136.2, 159.8 (2C), 163.5, 174.8; IR (KBr): 2955, 2814, 2206, 1729, 1588, 1446, 1168 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C 69.34, H 7.18, N 8.09; found C 69.32, H 7.20, N 8.05%.

**2,6-Bis(1-phenylpropan-2-yl)benzonitrile (5ah, Scheme 3):** Colorless gummy liquid (129.0 mg, 76%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.89 (s, 6H), 4.49 (s, 4H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 40.6 (2C), 60.2 (2C), 96.0, 110.5 (2C), 118.9, 127.4 (2C), 128.1 (4C), 128.6 (4C), 133.7, 137.8 (2C), 158.0 (2C); IR (KBr): 2954, 2804, 2206, 1725, 1571, 1449, 1361 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N: C 88.45, H 7.42, N 4.13; found C 88.49, H 7.45, N 4.10%.

**(1S,2R,4R)-3-(4-Cyano-3,5-bis(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)phenyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-carbonitrile (7ac, Scheme 4):** Colorless gummy liquid (147.89 mg, 71%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 0.98 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 6H), 1.33-1.38 (m, 3H), 1.43-1.56 (m, 6H), 1.67-1.73 (m, 6H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 1H), 2.72-2.75 (m, 5H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 4H), 6.38 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 21.9 (2C), 27.7, 30.6, 30.8 (2C), 34.5 (4C), 37.2, 41.1, 41.4, 42.6, 50.8, 52.8 (4C), 98.5, 110.7 (2C), 118.2, 120.0, 132.9, 147.2, 158.8; IR (KBr): 2953, 2924, 2874, 2808, 2235, 2208, 1713, 1594, 1560, 1441, 1381, 1227 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C 77.84, H 8.71, N 13.45; found C 77.88, H 8.74, N 13.47%.

**2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(benzyl(methyl)amino)terephthalonitrile (7ah, Scheme 4):** Colorless gummy liquid (211.67 mg, 70%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.88 (s, 12H), 4.50 (s, 8H), 6.31 (s, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 16H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 27.6, 30.4, 37.1, 40.4, 40.7, 42.6, 50.5, 60.1, 93.9, 109.8, 119.9, 127.3, 128.1 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 132.6, 137.7, 147.2, 157.9; IR (KBr): 2960, 2876, 2233, 2204, 1593, 1556, 1450, 1219 cm<sup>-1</sup>; anal. calcd. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>6</sub>: C 79.44, H 6.67, N 13.90; found C 79.47, H 6.69, N 13.87%.

**1-Methyl-4,6-dimorpholino-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile (9aa, Scheme 5):** Off white solid (88.13 mg, 54%); m.p. 163-165 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.13-3.16 (m, 4H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.89-3.94 (m, 8H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 3.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 0.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 33.3, 52.9 (2C), 53.3 (2C), 67.3 (2C), 67.8 (2C), 93.8, 94.2, 101.7, 117.8, 119.6, 128.5, 140.6, 151.8, 152.2; IR (KBr): 2956, 2200, 1597, 1444, 1267, 1112 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS: m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 349.1635, found 349.1642.

**2-(4-Methylpiperidin-1-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (11ac, Scheme 6):** Colorless gummy liquid (97.86 mg, 73%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.01 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.40-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.79 (dd,  $J_1 = 12.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.87-2.95 (m, 2H), 3.71-3.76 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.8, 30.6, 34.2 (2C), 51.8 (2C), 103.9, 117.9, 118.6, 122.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.7$  Hz, 1C), 123.6 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 270$  Hz, 1C), 130.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.75$  Hz, 1C), 132.0 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.75$  Hz, 1C), 158.2;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (470 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_6$  as standrad compound):  $\delta$  -65.4; IR (KBr): 2955, 2928, 2222, 1616, 1510, 1462, 1384, 1333, 1126  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS: m/z calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  269.1260, found 269.1261.

































































































