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for

One-pot synthesis of 4'-alkyl-4-cyanobiaryls on the basis of the terephthalonitrile dianion and neutral aromatic nitrile cross-coupling

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1. General

**General.** $^1$H, $^{13}$C and $^{19}$F NMR spectra of all compounds were acquired on a Bruker Avance-III 500 instrument at 500.13 MHz, 125.76 MHz and 470.59 MHz, respectively, in $[D_6]$acetone or $[D]$chloroform, chemical shifts (δ) of $^1$H and $^{13}$C are in ppm relative to TMS using the solvent signals as the internal standard (δH = 2.05 ppm, δC = 29.8 and 206.3 ppm for $[D_6]$acetone, δH = 7.25 ppm, δC = 77.15 ppm for $[D]$chloroform), the internal standard for $^{19}$F spectra was CF$_3$F (−162.9 ppm). Signal assignment and structure justification were carried out on the HSQC and HMBC data and, when appropriate, on the analysis of C–F spin–spin coupling constants. Numeration of atoms in compounds 5ae, 5af was changed for more convenient description (see below for details). IR spectra were recorded on a Vector-22 instrument for samples pelleted with KBr (0.25%). The GC–MS analysis was performed on a Hewlett-Packard G1081A instrument consisting of an HP-5890 Series II gas chromatograph and an HP-5971 mass-selective detector (IE, 70 eV) with an HP5 capillary column. The precise molecular ion weights were determined on a DFS instrument. Elemental analysis was carried out in a Carlo Erba automatic C, H, N-analyzer model 1106. Liquid ammonia was purified just before use by dissolving in it metallic sodium, followed by distillation into a reaction vessel, cooled to −80 to −70 °C. Metallic sodium was freed from oxide film under dry hexane. Commercial terephthalonitrile was purified by sublimation. Carbonitriles 2a–i and alkyl halides 6a–f were purchased (ABCR, Alfa Aesar or Sigma-Aldrich) and used without further purification. Melting points are uncorrected.

**General procedure for the synthesis of alklycyanobiaryls 5.** The first reaction stage was carried out in a similar manner as described earlier: $^1$metallic sodium (237 mg, 10.3 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of dinitrile 1 (640 mg, 5.0 mmol) in liquid ammonia (40–50 mL) at −33 °C under an atmosphere of evaporating ammonia. The mixture was kept for 5 min thus providing a dark-brown suspension of the dianion $^{12}$ salt. Monocarbonitrile 2 (10.0 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of $^{12}$ salt and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at −33 °C, then the alkyl halide 6 (10 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for 1.5 h. Then Et$_2$O (ca. 30 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was put into contact with air. The stirring was continued until the ammonia was evaporated completely and room temperature was reached. Water (ca. 30 mL) was poured onto the residue to dissolve inorganic salts. The Et$_2$O layer was separated, the products from the water fraction were extracted with Et$_2$O (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic extract was washed with brine, dried with MgSO$_4$, the desiccant was filtered off and the solvent was removed. The crude residue was analyzed by $^1$H NMR spectroscopy and GC–MS. Then the excess of alkyl halide, benzonitrile 2 and partially products 7–9 were distilled under reduced pressure with heating to 70–80°C. The pure products were isolated via preparative TLC on glass plates with a fixed layer of silica gel (60 PF$_{254}$, Merck) and hexane/Et$_2$O mixture (10 vol % of Et$_2$O) as eluent.

$^{4'}$-(Pent-4-en-1-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5ab):

Isolated yield 64%. Colorless oil. $^1$H NMR (500.13 MHz, $[D]$chloroform): δ = 7.69 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 3-H and 5-H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 2-H and 6-H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 5.84 (ddt, J = 17, 10, 6.6 Hz, 1H, 4′-H), 5.04 (dm, J = 17 Hz, 1H, 5′′-H), 5.00 (dm, J = 10 Hz, 1H, 5′′′-H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 1′′′-H), 2.12 (m, 2H, 3′′-H), 1.76 (m, 2H, 2′′-H) ppm. $^{13}$C NMR (125.77 MHz, $[D]$chloroform): δ = 145.8 (1C, 1-C), 143.5 (1C, 4′-C), 138.6 (1C, 4′′-C), 136.8 (1C, 1′-C), 132.7 (2C, 3-C and 5-C), 129.4

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(2C, 3′-C and 5′-C), 127.6 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 127.3 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 119.2 (1C, CN), 115.1 (1C, 5′′-C), 110.8 (1C, 4′-C), 35.1 (1C, 1′′-C), 33.4 (1C, 3′′-C), 30.7 (1C, 2′′-C) ppm. UV-Vis 
(C₂H₅OH), λₘₐₓ/nm (lg ε): 216 (4.53), 281 (4.69). IR (thin layer): ν = 2225 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. HRMS: calculated for C₁₈H₁₇N [M⁺] 247.1356; found 247.1358. MS (EI), m/z (Iₑ́), %: 247 (6) [M⁺], 205 (100), 192 (40), 177 (4).

4′-(5-Bromopent-1-yI)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5ac):

Isolated yield 55%. Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 3-H and 5-H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 2-H and 6-H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 3.40 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, 5′′-H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H1′′-H), 1.89 (m, 2H, 4′′-H), 1.65 (m, 2H, 3′′-H, 1.49 (m, 2H, 2′′-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 145.8 (1C, 1′-C), 143.3 (1C, 4′-C), 136.9 (1C, 1′′-C), 132.8 (2C, 3-C and 5-C), 129.4 (2C, 3′-C and 5′-C), 127.7 (2C, 2-C and 6-C), 127.4 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 119.2 (1C, CN), 111.6 (1C, 4-C), 35.6 (1C, 1′′-C), 33.8 (1C, 5′′-C), 32.8 (1C, 4′-C), 30.6 (1C, 2′′-C), 28.0 (1C, 3′′-C) ppm. UV-Vis (C₂H₅OH), λₘₐₓ/nm (lg ε): 215 (3.97), 280 (4.08). IR (thin layer): ν = 2225 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. HRMS: calculated for C₁₈H₁₇BrN [M⁺] 327.0617; found 327.0616. MS (EI), m/z (Iₑ́), %: 329, 327 (45) [M⁺], 192 (100), 165 (10).

4′-(4-Cyanobut-1-yI)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5ad):

Isolated yield 52%. White solid, m.p. 113.5-115.2°C. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 7.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 3-H and 5-H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 2-H and 6-H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, 1′′-H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, 4′′-H), 1.83 (m, 2H, 2′′-H), 1.72 (m, 2H, 3′′-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 145.6 (1C, 1′-C), 142.2 (1C, 4′-C), 137.3 (1C, 1′′-C), 132.8 (2C, 3-C and 5-C), 129.3 (2C, 3′-C and 5′-C), 127.7 (2C, 2-C and 6-C), 127.5 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 119.6 (1C, 4′′-C-CN), 119.1 (1C, 4-C-CN), 111.0 (1C, 4-C), 34.9 (1C, 1′′-C), 30.3 (1C, 3′′-C), 25.1 (1C, 2′′-C), 17.3 (1C, 4′′-C) ppm. UV-Vis (C₂H₅OH), λₘₐₓ/nm (lg ε): 279 (4.39). IR (KBr): ν = 2225 (C≡N), 2247 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. HRMS: calculated for C₁₈H₁⁴BrN₂ [M⁺] 260.1308; found 260.1304. MS (EI), m/z (Iₑ́), %: 260 (50) [M⁺], 192 (100), 165 (10). Elemental analysis C₁₈H₁⁴BrN₂ (260.34): calcd. C 83.04, H 6.19; N 10.76; found C 82.95, H 6.02, N 11.11.

Ethyl 6-(4′-cyanobiphenyl-4-yl)hexanoate (5ae):

Isolated yield 51%. White solid, m.p. 61.9-64.8°C. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 7.70 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, 3-H and 5-H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, 2-H and 6-H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, 7′-H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, 1′′-H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, 5′′-H), 1.68 (m, 4H, 2′′-H and 4′′-H), 1.40 (m, 2H, 3′′-H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, 8′′-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 173.8 (1C, 6′′-C), 145.8 (1C, 1′-C), 143.5 (1C, 4′-C), 136.8 (1C, 1′′-C), 132.7 (2C, 3-C and 5-C), 129.3 (2C, 3′′-C and 5′′-C), 127.6 (2C, 2′-C and 6-C), 127.2 (2C, 2′′-C and 6′-C), 119.1 (1C, CN), 110.1 (1C, 4-C), 60.3 (1C, 7′-C), 35.5 (1C, 1′′-C), 34.4 (1C, 5′′-C), 31.0 (1C, 2′′-C), 28.9 (1C, 3′′-C), 24.9 (1C, 4′′-C), 14.4 (1C, 8′′-C) ppm. UV-Vis (C₂H₅OH), λₘₐₓ/nm (lg ε): 280 (3.65). IR (KBr): ν = 1719 (C=O), 2228 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Iₑ́), %: 321 (47) [M⁺], 275(9), 231 (21),192 (100). HRMS: calculated for C₂₁H₂₃NO₂ [M⁺] 321.1724; found 321.1723. Elemental analysis C₂₁H₂₃NO₂ (321.42): calcd. C 78.47, H 7.21, N 4.36; found C 78.89, H 7.03, N 4.79.
4′-(2-(1,3-dioxane-2-yl)ethyl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5af):

Isolated yield 38%. White solid, m.p. 149.6-153.8 °C. 1H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 7.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 4.54 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H, 2″′-C), 4.12 (m, 2H, 4″′-H and 6″′-H), 3.76 (m, 2H, 4″′-H and 6″′-H), 2.77 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, 1″′-H) 2.03-2.15 (m, 1H, 5″′-H), 1.90-1.95 (m, 2H, 2″′-H), 1.35 (m, 1H, 5″′-H) ppm. 13C NMR (125.77 MHz, [D]chloroform): δ = 145.8 (1C, 1-1′C), 142.9 (1C, 4-4′C), 136.9 (1C, 1-1′C), 132.7 (2C, 3-3′C and 5-5′C), 129.4 (2C, 3′-C and 5′-C), 127.7 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 119.1 (1C, CN), 110.9 (1C, 4-C), 101.5 (1C, 2″′-C), 67.1 (1C, 4″′-C and 6″′-C), 36.7 (1C, 2″′-C), 29.9 (1C, 1″′-C), 26.0 (1C, 5″′-C) ppm. UV-Vis (C6H12O2), λmax/nm (lg ε): 280 (4.54).

IR (KBr): ν = 2224 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 293 (6) [M⁺], 234 (23), 192 (32), 114 (79), 87 (100). HRMS: calculated for C19H16NO2 [M⁺] 293.1410; found 293.1329. Elemental analysis C19H16NO2 (293.37): calcd. C 77.79, H 6.53, N 4.77; found C 77.39, H 6.24, N 4.92.

4′-Butyl-3′-methylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5ba):

Isolated yield 67%. Yellowish oil. 1H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D]acetone): δ = 7.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 7.44 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H, 6-H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, 5-H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 1″′-H), 2.37 (s, 3H, 3-C′-CH3), 1.57 (m, 2H, 2″′-H), 1.42 (m, J = 7.4 Hz x 5, 2H, 3″′-H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, 4″′-H) ppm. 13C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D]acetone): δ = 146.2 (1C, 1′-C), 142.5 (1C, 4-C), 137.3 (1C, 3-C), 137.1 (1C, 1-C), 133.2 (2C, 3′-C and 5′-C), 130.3 (1C, 5-C), 129.5 (1C, 2-C), 128.1 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 125.3 (1C, 6-C), 119.3 (1C, C=CN), 111.2 (1C, 4′-C), 33.2 (1C, 1″′-C), 33.1 (1C, 2″′-C), 23.2 (1C, 3″′-C), 19.4 (1C, 3-C′-CH3), 14.2 (1C, 4″′-C) ppm. IR (KBr): υ = 2226 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 249 (37) [M⁺], 206 (100), 190 (22). HRMS: calculated for C19H19N [M⁺] 249.1512; found 249.1510. Elemental analysis C19H19N (249.36): calcd. C 86.70, H 7.68, N 5.62; found C 85.90, H 8.36, N 5.92.

4′-Butyl-2′-methylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5ca):

Isolated yield 65%. Pale yellow solid. 1H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D]acetone): δ = 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.17 (br.m, 1H, 3-H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H, 1-H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 1″′-H), 2.24 (s, 3H, 3-C′-CH3), 1.63 (m, 2H, 2″′-H), 1.39 (m, 2H, 3″′-H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H, 4″′-H) ppm. 13C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D]acetone): δ = 147.7 (1C, 1′-C), 143.8 (1C, 4-C), 138.4 (1C, 1-C), 135.6 (1C, 2-C), 132.9 (2C, 3′-C and 5′-C), 131.6 (1C, 3-C), 131.1 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 130.3 (1C, 6-C), 127.1 (1C, 5-C), 119.4 (1C, CN), 111.4 (1C, 4′-C), 35.9 (1C, 1″′-C), 34.4 (1C, 2″′-C), 23.1 (1C, 3″′-C), 20.4 (1C, 3-C′-CH3), 14.2 (1C, 4″′-C) ppm. IR (KBr): υ = 2226 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 249 (48) [M⁺], 206 (100), 190 (30). HRMS: calculated for C19H19N [M⁺] 249.1512; found 249.1508.

4′-Butyl-3′-methoxybiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5da):

Isolated yield 56%. Yellowish oil. 1H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D]acetone): δ = 7.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 2′-H and 6′-H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, 3′-H and 5′-H), 7.28 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, 5-H), 7.23 (dd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, 6-H), 3.94 (s, 3H, OCH3), 2.65 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, 1″′-H), 1.58 (m, 2H, 2″′-H), 1.37 (m, J = 7.7 Hz x 5, 2H, 3″′-H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H, 4″′-H) ppm. 13C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D]acetone): δ = 159.0 (3-C), 146.5 (1′-C), 138.8 (1-C), 133.4 (2C, 3′-C and 5′-C), 132.6 (4-C), 131.2 (5-C), 128.5 (2C, 2′-C and 6′-C), 120.0 (6-C), 119.5 (CN), 111.5 (4′-C), 110.1 (2-C), 55.9 (OCH3), 32.8 (2″′-C), 30.3 (1″′-C), 23.3 (3″′-C), 14.2 (4″′-C) ppm. IR (KBr): υ = 2226 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 265 (39) [M⁺], 222
(100), 192 (39), 190 (17), 165 (17). HRMS: calculated for C₁₈H₁₉NO [M⁺] 265.1461; found 265.1465. Elemental analysis C₁₈H₁₉NO (265.36): calcd. C 81.47, H 7.22, N 5.28; found C 81.47, H 7.46, N 5.46.

4'-Butyl-2'-methoxybiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5ea):

Isolated yield 31%. Yellowish oil. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 3'-H and 5'-H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 2'-H and 6'-H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, 6-H), 7.00 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 6.91 (dd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, 5-H), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 1''-H), 1.64 (m, 2H, 2''-H), 1.38 (m, J = 7.5 Hz x 5, 2H, 3''-H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H, 4''-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 157.4 (1C, 2-C), 146.2 (1C, 4-C), 144.5 (1C, 1'-C), 132.5 (2C, 3'-C and 5'-C), 131.1(4) (1C, 6-C), 131.1(0) (2C, 2'-C and 6'-C), 126.7 (1C, 1-C), 121.9 (1C, 5-C), 119.6 (1C, CN), 112.8 (1C, 3-C), 110.8 (1C, 4'-C), 55.9 (1C, OCH₃), 36.3 (1C, 1''-C), 34.3 (1C, 2''-C), 23.0 (1C, 3''-C), 14.2 (1C, 4''-C) ppm. IR (KBr): ν = 2226 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 265 (93) [M⁺], 223 (100), 208 (15), 206 (24), 190 (22), 178 (12). HRMS: calculated for C₁₈H₁₉NO [M⁺] 265.1461; found 265.1458. Elemental analysis C₁₈H₁₉NO (265.36): calcd. C 81.47, H 7.22, N 5.28; found C 81.43, H 8.16, N 5.34.

4'-Butyl-3'-fluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5fa):

Isolated yield 47%. Yellowish oil. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 7.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, 2'-H and 6'-H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, 3'-H and 5'-H), 7.50 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H, 6-H), 7.46 (dd, J = 11.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H, 2-H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, 5-H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 1''-H), 1.63 (m, 2H, 2''-H), 1.39 (m, 2H, 3''-H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H, 4''-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 162.4 (d, Jₚ= 244 Hz, 1C, 3-C), 144.8 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1C, 1'-C), 139.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1C 1'-C), 133.6 (s, 2C, 3'-C and 5'-C), 132.4 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1C, 5-C), 130.8 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1C, 4-C), 128.5 (2C, 2'-C and 6'-C), 123.7 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1C, 6-C), 119.3 (1C, CN), 114.6 (d, J = 24.1 Hz, 1C, 2-C), 112.1 (1C, 4'-C), 33.0 (1C, 2''-C), 28.9 (1C, 1''-C), 23.0 (1C, 3''-C), 14.1 (1C, 4''-C) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (470.59 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 45.0 (dd, J = 11.1, 8.1 Hz, 1F, 3-F) ppm. IR (KBr): ν = 2227 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 253 (35) [M⁺], 210 (100). HRMS: calculated for C₁₇H₁₆FN [M⁺] 253.1261; found 253.1263.

4'-Butyl-3',5'-difluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5ga):

Isolated yield 60%. Yellowish oil, slowly crystallizes in cold. M.p.73°C. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 7.90 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 2'-H and 6'-H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 3'-H and 5'-H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, 2'-H and 6'-H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 1''-H), 1.58 (m, 2H, 2''-H), 1.38 (m, J = 7.6 Hz x 5, 2H, 3''-H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H, 4''-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 162.6 (dd, Jₚ=247=10.0 Hz, 2C, 3-C and 5-C), 143.3 (t, Jₚ=2.6 Hz, 1C, 1'-C), 140.0 (t, Jₚ=10.1 Hz, 1C, 1'-C), 133.7 (s, 2C, 3'-C and 5'-C), 128.6 (s, 2C, 2'-C and 6'-C), 119.1 (s, 1C, CN), 119.0 (t, Jₚ=21.0 Hz, 4-C), 112.7 (s, 1C, 4'-C), 110.7 (dd, Jₚ=20.8, 7.4 Hz, 2C, 2-C and 6-C), 32.4 (s, 1C, 2''-C), 23.0 (s, 1C, 3''-C), 22.5 (t, Jₚ=2.1 Hz, 1''-C), 14.0 (s, 1C, 4''-C) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (470.59 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 48.2 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2F, 3-F and 5-F) ppm. IR (KBr): ν = 2227 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 271 (24) [M⁺], 240 (17), 228 (100). HRMS: calculated for C₁₇H₁₅F₂N [M⁺] 271.1167; found 271.1166. Elemental analysis C₁₇H₁₅F₂N (271.31): calcd. C 75.26, H 5.57, F 14.00, N 5.16; found C 75.63, H 5.97, F 13.61, N 5.19.

4'-Butyl-4''-methyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4-carbonitrile (5ha):

Isolated yield 62%. Yellowish oil. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 7.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 2-H and 6-H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, 3-H and 5-H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H, 2'-H),
7.51 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, 6'-H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 3'-H), 7.25 (br. s, 4H, 2``-H, 3``-H, 5``-H and 6``-H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, α-H), 2.39 (s, 3H, 4''-CH₃), 1.48 (m, 2H, β-H), 1.23 (m, J = 7.5 Hz x5, 2H, γ-H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, δ-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 146.0 (1C, 1-C), 143.5 (1C, 3'-C), 141.9 (1C, 4'-C), 139.5 (1C, 1``-C), 137.5 (1C, 4``-C), 137.2 (1C, 1''-C), 133.5 (2C, 3-C and 5-C), 131.1 (1C, 5'-C), 130.0 (2C, 2''-C and 6''-C), 129.7 (2C, 3''-C and 5''-C), 129.5 (1C, 2'-C), 128.5 (2C, 2-C and 6-C), 126.7 (1C, 6'-C), 119.4 (1C, CN), 111.6 (1C, 4-C), 34.2 (1C, β-C), 33.1 (1C, α-C), 23.2 (1C, γ-C), 21.2 (1C, 4''-C-CH₃), 14.1 (1C, δ-C) ppm. IR (KBr): ν = 2226 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 325 (54) [M⁺], 282 (100), 267 (28). HRMS: calculated for C₂₄H₂₃N [M⁺] 325.1825; found 325.1827.

4-Butyl-1-(4-cyanophenyl)naphthalene (5ia):

Isolated yield 50%. While solid. M.p. 68.6°C (diethyl ether). ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 8.21 (ddd, J = 8.5, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H, 6-H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, 3'-H and 5'-H), 7.81 (ddd, J = 8.5, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H, 9-H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, 2'-H and 6'-H) 7.59 (ddd, J = 8.6, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, 7-H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 8.6, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, 8-H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, 3-H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.2, 1H, 2-H), 3.16 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H, 1``-H), 1.77 (m, 2H, 2''-H), 1.50 (m, J = 7.5 Hz x5, 2H, 3``-H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H, 4''-H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, [D₆]acetone): δ = 146.8 (1C, 1'-C), 140.6 (1C, 4'-C), 137.6 (1C, 1-C), 133.2 (1C, 5-C), 133.1 (2C, 3'-C and 5'-C), 132.3 (1C, 10-C), 131.9 (1C, 2'-C and 6'-C), 127.7 (1C, 2-C), 127.0 (1C, 8-C), 126.9 (1C, 7-C), 126.8 (1C, 9-C), 126.4 (1C, 3-C), 125.3 (1C, 6-C), 119.4 (1C, CN), 111.9 (1C, 4'-C), 33.9 (1C, 2''-C), 33.5 (1C, 1''-C), 23.5 (1C, 3''-C), 14.3 (1C, 4''-C) ppm. IR (KBr): ν = 2222 (C≡N) cm⁻¹. MS (EI), m/z (Irel., %): 285 (50) [M⁺], 242 (100), 227 (19). HRMS: calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N [M⁺] 285.1512; found 285.1514. Elemental analysis C₂₁H₁₉N (285.39): calcd. C 88.38, H 6.71, N 4.91; found C 88.02, H 6.71, N 4.90.
2. \( ^1\)H, \( ^{13}\)C and \( ^{19}\)F NMR spectra of synthesized compounds.

4'-(Pent-4-en-1-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile, \( ^1\)H (5ab)
4′-(Pent-4-en-1-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ab)
4′-(5-Bromopent-1-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5ac)
4'-((5-Bromopent-1-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ac)

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\begin{align*}
\text{H} & : 33.8 \\
\text{Br} & : 143.3 \\
\text{H} & : 129.4 \\
\text{H} & : 127.4 \\
\text{H} & : 136.9 \\
\text{H} & : 145.8 \\
\text{H} & : 127.7 \\
\text{H} & : 132.8 \\
\text{CN} & : 111.6 \\
\text{CN} & : 119.2 \\
\end{align*}
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4'-{(4-Cyanobutyl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5ad)
$^{13}$C NMR spectrum of 4'-(4-Cyanobutyl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ad)
Ethyl 6-(4'-cyanobiphenyl-4-yl)hexanoate, $^1$H (5ae)
Ethyl 6-(4'-cyanobiphenyl-4-yl)hexanoate, $^{13}$C (5ae)
4'-(2-(1,3-Dioxan-2-yl)ethyl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5af)
4′-Butyl-3′-methylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5ba)
4′-Butyl-3′-methylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ba)
4'-Butyl-2'-methylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5ca)

$$\text{H 0.94 t 7.4 Hz}$$

$$\text{2.63 t 7.8 Hz H}$$

$$\text{H 1.63 m}$$

$$\text{7.12 d 7.7 Hz H}$$

$$\text{H 7.17 br.m}$$

$$\text{7.15 d 7.7 Hz H}$$

$$\text{H 2.24 s}$$

$$\text{7.55 d 8.5 Hz H}$$

$$\text{CN}$$

$$\text{7.82 d 8.5 Hz H}$$
4'-Butyl-2'-methylybiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ca)
4'-Butyl-3'-methoxybiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5da)
$^{13}$C NMR spectrum of 4'-Butyl-3'-methoxybiphenyl-4-carbonitrile (5da)
4'-Butyl-2'-methoxybiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5ea)
4'-Butyl-2'-methoxylbiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ea)
4'-Butyl-3'-fluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5fa)
4'-Butyl-3'-fluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5fa)
4'-Butyl-3'-fluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{19}$F (5fa)
4'-Butyl-3',5'-difluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5ga)
4'-Butyl-3',5'-difluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ga)
4'-Butyl-3',5'-difluorobiphenyl-4-carbonitrile, $^{19}\text{F}$ (5ga)
4'-Butyl-4''-methyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4-carbonitrile, $^1$H (5ha)
4'-Butyl-4''-methyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4-carbonitrile, $^{13}$C (5ha)
4-Butyl-1-(4-cyanophenyl)naphthalene, $^1$H (5ia)
4-Butyl-1-(4-cyanophenyl)naphthalene, $^{13}$C (5ia)