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Cyanation of Aryl and Heteroaryl Aldehydes Using In-Situ-Synthesized Ag Nanoparticles in *Crocus sativus* L. Extract

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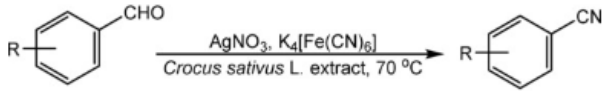
Graphical Abstract

We have successfully synthesized Ag nanoparticles by using *Crocus sativus* L. extract. Ag nanoparticles show good catalytic activity for the cyanation of aryl and heteroaryl aldehydes. The developed protocol avoids the use of organic solvents and is efficient being applicable to a wide range of substrate. With this method, the corresponding nitriles can be obtained for further transformations.



Abstract

An efficient, inexpensive and simple methodology has been reported for the cyanation of aryl and heteroaryl aldehydes using *in situ* synthesized silver nanoparticles (Ag NPs) with