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Organometallic Hollow Spheres Bearing Bis(N-Heterocyclic Carbene)–Palladium Species: Catalytic Application in Three-Component Strecker Reactions

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## **Self-Supported NHC-Palladium Catalyst for the Strecker Synthesis**

**Significance:** The organometallic hollow sphere (OMHS) catalyst was prepared by self-supporting of  $Pd(OAc)_2$  and tetrahedral **1** having four imidazolium salts. The Strecker reaction of aryl methyl ketones **2** with OMHS gave the corresponding  $\alpha$ -aminonitriles **3** in 3–91% yield.

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**Comment:** The average diameter of OMHS was  $1.50\pm0.15~\mu m$ . OMHS was reused twice without loss of catalytic activity. The catalyst was characterized with SEM, TEM, EDS, TGA, elementary analysis, and solid-phase  $^{13}C$  NMR spectroscopy.

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