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Visible-Light Driven Regioselective Synthesis of 1*H*-Tetrazoles from Aldehydes through Isocyanide-Based [3+2] Cycloaddition

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Cobalt-Catalyzed Regioselective Photochemical Synthesis of 1*H*-Tetrazoles

Significance: A cobalt-doped polymeric graphitic carbon nitride catalyst ($Co@g-C_3N_4$) was prepared by calcination of urea followed by treatment with $Co(OAc)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ in aqueous methanol (eq. 1). $Co@g-C_3N_4$ catalyzed the reaction of aldehydes with sodium azide under visible-light irradiation and air to give the corresponding 5-substituted 1*H*-tetrazoles in up to 95% yield (eq. 2). The authors propose an isocyanide intermediate, formed through a $Co@g-C_3N_4$ -induced photocatalytic 1,2-phenyl migration from C to N.

Comment: Co@g- C_3N_4 was characterized by means of SEM, XPS, XRD, FTIR, UV-Vis, EDX, TEM, and photoluminescence analyses. In the reaction of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde with sodium azide, the catalyst was recovered by filtration and reused four times without significant loss of its catalytic activity.

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