**4-(1-Hydroxyethyl)benzonitrile, OSM-S-XXX**

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Representative Example:http://bit.ly/2kIQTWG

4-Formylbenzonitrile (1.00 g, 7.63 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous Et2O (14 mL) and stirred at 0 ˚C. MeMgBr solution (3M in ether, 2.57 mL, 7.70 mmol, 1.01 equiv.) was added and the reaction stirred for 5 min at 0 ˚C, then at rt until completion as indicated by TLC (25% ethyl acetate in hexanes). The reaction was cooled to 0 ˚C and HCl (1M aqueous, 10 mL) was added dropwise with stirring. The solvent was removed and the residue partitioned between EtOAc (20 mL) and a saturated aqueous solution of NH4Cl (20 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 15 mL) and the combined organic layers washed with water (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO4), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude title compound as a yellow liquid (1.38 g, >100%) that was used without further purification in the subsequent reaction; **IR** νmax (film) /cm-1 XX;**1H NMR** (X MHz, CDCl3) δ: XX; **13C NMR** (X MHz, CDCl3) δ: XX; **HRMS** (XX) found XX [M+X]+, XXrequiresXX.

*CC(O)C1=CC=C(C#N)C=C1*

*InChI=1S/C9H9NO/c1-7(11)9-4-2-8(6-10)3-5-9/h2-5,7,11H,1H3*