

Summary Table 1: Summary of reactions discussed in the article and corresponding citations.

Entry	Reagents and Conditions	Ref. No.
	2. Synthesis	
	2.1. N-Cyanation of secondary amine	
	2.1.1. Using electrophilic nitrile [CN]⁺ reagents	
1.	NaOCl (aq) (1.5 equiv), TMSCN (1.2 equiv), MeCN, 4 h, 23 °C	[5]
2.	2-Thiocyanoimidazolium salt (1.2 equiv), DIPEA, DCM, RT	[6]
3.	i) Cl ₃ CCN (1.1 equiv), CH ₃ CN, 23 h, RT; ii) NaO ^t Am (2.0 equiv), DME, 0.5 h, RT	[7]
	2.1.2 Under copper catalysis	
4.	CuCN (2.0 equiv), Na ₂ SO ₄ (2.0 equiv), CuBr ₂ (5 mol %), TMEDA (2.0 equiv), CH ₃ CN, 4 h, RT	[8]
5.	AIBN (1.5 equiv), CuI (20 mol %), K ₂ CO ₃ (2.0 equiv), CH ₃ CN, O ₂ , 75 °C	[9]
	2.2 Cyanamides from amidoximes and guanidoximes	
6.	Fe-Porphyrin Catalyst (10 mol %), H ₂ O ₂ (2.0 equiv), [Bmim][PF ₆]; 5h, RT	[10]
7.	A: <i>p</i> -TsCl (1.05 equiv), DIPEA (1.05 equiv), CH ₂ Cl ₂ (0.1M); 3 h, 0 °C-RT B: <i>o</i> -NsCl (1.2 equiv), DIPEA (1.2 equiv), CH ₂ Cl ₂ (0.1M), 1 h, reflux C: ArSO ₂ Cl (1.05 equiv), Pyridine (1M); 0.5-12 h, 0 °C-RT	[12]
	2.3 Cyanamides from isoselenocyanates	
8.	i) NH ₃ (1.2 equiv), DCM, RT; ii) [dibmim][BF ₄] (1.0 equiv), THF, 0.5 h, RT	[13]
9.	NaN ₃ (1.2 equiv), PhCH ₂ Br (0.7 equiv), 1,4 Dioxane/H ₂ O (5 %)	[13]
	3. Synthetic Applications of Substituted Cyanamides	
	3.1.1. [3+2] Cycloaddition	
11.	<i>With alkyne</i> : cyanamide (5.0 equiv), 2-picoline oxide (2.0 equiv), Ph ₃ PAuNTf ₂ (3 mol %), PhCl, MeSO ₃ H, 60 °C, 2 h	[15]
12.	<i>With N-Boc-hydroxylamine</i> : i) cyanamide (1.0 equiv), ZnCl ₂ (2.2 equiv), THF; 16h 20°C; ii) TFA/TFAA (5/1.2 equiv), DCM, 2h, 20°C.	[16]
13.	<i>With chloroxime</i> : <i>p</i> -tosyl cyanamide (1.2 equiv), TBAF (3.0 equiv, 3h addition) THF, 0°C	[17]
	3.1.2 [2+2+2] Cycloaddition	

14.	<i>With dialkyne derivative:</i> [Ni(cod) ₂] (5 mol %), IMes (10 mol %), PhMe, 0.5 h, RT	[19]
15.	<i>With dialkyne derivative:</i> FeCl ₂ (5 mol %), Zn (10 mol %) Ligand 1 (10 mol %), PhMe, 0.5 h, 70 °C <i>With terminal alkyne:</i> FeCl ₂ (5 mol %), Zn (10 mol %), Ligand 1 (10 mol %), C ₆ H ₆ , 6 h, 50 °C	[20]
16.	<i>With alkenylnitrile derivative:</i> FeI ₂ (5 mol %), Zn (30 mol %), Ligand 2 (10 mol %), PhMe, 12-72 h, 40 °C	[21]
17.	<i>With dialkyne derivative:</i> [Ir(cod)Cl] ₂ (1 mol %), DPPF (2 mol %), C ₆ H ₆ , 1 h, reflux	[22]
3.2 N-CN bond cleavage		
3.2.1 Aminocyanation		
3.2.1.1 Metal catalysed		
18.	<i>N-Acyl cyanamide derivative:</i> CpPd(allyl) (5-10 mol%), Xantphos (5-10 mol%), BEt ₃ or BPh ₃ (20-40 mol %), PhMe, 2-48 h, 80 °C	[25]
19.	<i>p-Tosyl cyanamide derivative:</i> CuI (0.1 equiv), Na ₂ CO ₃ (4 equiv), 1,4-dioxane, 3 h, 80 °C	[26]
3.1.1.2 Metal Free		
20.	<i>Intramolecular alkene aminocyanation:</i> B(C ₆ F ₅) ₃ , PhMe, 24 h, 90 °C	[27]
21.	<i>Intermolecular benzyne aminocyanation:</i> phenylcyanamide (1.0 equiv), (CsF (2.4equiv), THF, 16 h, 70 °C	[28]
3.2.2 Aminating Agent		
22.	<i>With benzisoxazole derivative and dialkylcyanamide:</i> Ru/C, LiO ^t Bu (1.0 eq), DMF, 8 h, 80 °C	[29]
3.2.3 Electrophilic cyanation		
3.2.3.1 Metal catalyzed		
3.2.3.1.1 Cyanation under rhodium catalysis		
23.	<i>Tosyl-cyanamide derivative:</i> [RhCl(cod) ₂] (10 mol %), DPEphos (10 mol %), PhMe, 12-48 h, 120 °C	[35]
24.	<i>Methyl oxime derivative:</i> [RhCp(CH ₃ CN) ₃](SbF ₆) (5 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), Ag ₂ CO ₃ (20 mol %), 1,4-dioxane, 24 h, 120 °C.	[36]
25.	<i>Phenylpyridine derivative:</i> [Cp [*] RhCl ₂] ₂ (1 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (10 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), PhMe, 36 h, 120 °C	[37]
26.	<i>Phosphonate derivative:</i> [Cp [*] RhCl ₂] ₂ (5 mol%), AgSbF ₆ (15 mol%), NCTS (2.0 equiv), DCE, 24h, 110 °C	[38]

27.	<i>Diazo derivative</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5 mol %), AgNTf ₂ (50 mol %), NaOAc (1.0 equiv), NCTS (1.5 equiv), DCE, 24h 130 °C	[39]
28.	<i>N-Acylindolines</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (20 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), NaOAc (30 mol %), DCE, 40 h, 130 °C <i>N-Pyrimidyl Indoles</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (5 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (20 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), NaOAc (30 mol %), DCE, 20 h, 110 °C	[40]
29.	<i>N-2-Pyridyl 3-carboxylic acid Indole derivative</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (2.5 mol %), AgOAc (15 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), MeOH, 24 h, 60 °C.	[41]
30.	<i>N-2-Pyridyl indole derivative</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (1 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (10 mol %), NCTS (1.0 equiv), ^t AmOH, 18 h, 120 °C <i>N-2-Pyridyl pyrrole derivative</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (3 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (10 mol %), NCTS (1.0 equiv), ^t AmOH, 18 h, 120 °C	[42]
31.	<i>Alkene derivative</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (3 mol %), Cu(OAc) ₂ · H ₂ O (10 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), ^t AmOH, 12 h, 120 °C	[43]
32.	<i>Acrylamide derivative</i> : RhCp*(CH ₃ CN) ₃ (SbF ₆) ₂ (10 mol %), Ag ₂ CO ₃ (20 mol %), NaOAc (20 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), DCE, 24 h, 120 °C	[44]
33.	<i>N-Methoxyamide derivative</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (2.5 mol %), Ag ₂ CO ₃ (100 mol %), NCTS (1.0 equiv), 1,4-dioxane, 8-16 h, 80 °C	[45]
34.	<i>N-Nitrosoamine derivative</i> : [Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ (2.5 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (15 mol %), H ₂ O (2.0 equiv), NCTS (1.5 equiv), Acetone; 24h 120 °C	[46]
3.2.3.1.2 Cyanation under Cobalt Catalysis		
35.	<i>2-Phenylpyridine derivative</i> : [Cp*CoI ₂ (CO)](2.5 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (5 mol %), NCTS (1.5 equiv), KOAc (5 mol %), DCE, 16 h, 120 °C	[47]
36.	<i>2-Isopropenyl pyridine derivative</i> : [Cp*CoI ₂ (CO)](10 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (20 mol %), NCTS (1.5 equiv), NaOAc (5 mol %), DCE, 24 h, 110 °C	[48]
37.	<i>Organozinc derivative</i> : NCTS (1.0 equiv), Zn dust, CH ₃ CN, 2-6 h, 0-50 °C	[49]
38.	<i>2-Arylpyridine derivative</i> : [Cp*CoI ₂ (CO)](10 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (20 mol %), NCTS (1.0 equiv), DCE, 16 h, 120 °C	[50]
3.2.3.1.3 Cyanation under ruthenium catalysis		
39.	<i>N,N-Dialkylamide derivative</i> : [RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ (5 mol %), AgSbF ₆ (20 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), NaOAc (20 mol %), DCE, 24 h, 120 °C	[51]
40.	<i>Azaindole derivatives</i> : [RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)] ₂ (5 mol %), AgOTf (30 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), NaOAc (50 mol %), DCE, 30 h, 110 °C	[52]
3.2.3.1.4 Cyanation under copper catalysis		

41.	<i>2-Vinylnaphthalene derivative</i> : [CuCl(Ligand 3)](20 mol %), (BPin) ₂ (1.1-1.2 equiv), NCTS (1.2 equiv), LiO ^t Bu (1.5 equiv), 1,4-dioxane, 12 h, 80 °C	[53]
42.	<i>Styrene derivative</i> : IMesCuCl (10 mol %), (BPin) ₂ (1.5 equiv) NCTS (2.0 equiv), LiO ^t Bu (2.0 equiv), THF, 4Å mol. sieve; 12 h, RT	[54]
43.	<i>Terminal allene</i> : ICyCuCl (10 mol %), (BPin) ₂ (2.2 equiv), NCTS (1.5 equiv), NaO ^t Bu (2.2 equiv), THF, 40 h, RT	[55]
44.	<i>Dialkylnaphthylene derivative</i> : [CuCl(Ligand 3)] (20 mol %), (BPin) ₂ (1.1 equiv), NCTS (1.2 equiv), LiO ^t Bu (1.2 equiv), 1,4-dioxane, 12 h, 120 °C	[56]
3.2.3.1.5 Cyanation under palladium catalysis		
45.	<i>Arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate or aryl halide</i> : Pd(OAc) ₂ (15 mol %), Ag ₂ CO ₃ (5 mol %), NCTS (2.0 equiv), EtOH, 15 h, 55-60 °C	[57]
3.2.3.2 Metal free electrophilic cyanation		
46.	<i>With ketone</i> : i) <i>B</i> -Iodo-9-BBN (1.0 equiv), <i>i</i> Pr ₂ Net (1.0 equiv), Et ₂ O, 1 h, 0 °C-RT ii) NCTS (1.0 equiv), THF, 12 h, RT <i>With α,β-unsaturated ketone</i> : i) 9-BBN (1.0 equiv), THF, 3 h, RT; ii) NCTS (1.0 equiv), THF, 12 h, RT	[59]
3.3. Cyanamides in radical reactions		
47.	<i>With phenylselenide derivitised cyanamide</i> : Bu ₃ SnH/AIBN (2/1.5 equiv, 0.06 mmol/h), C ₆ H ₆ ; reflux	[60]
48.	<i>With N-Acyl cyanamide alkene derivative</i> : Ph ₂ HPO (1.0 equiv), AgNO ₃ (1.0 equiv), CH ₃ CN; Argon, 10h, 80°C	[63]
49.	<i>With boronic acid derivative</i> : PIFA (2.0 equiv), NBS (2.0 equiv), NH ₂ CN (1.1 equiv), CH ₃ CN, NaOH (aq), 1 h, RT	[64]
3.4. Co-ordination chemistry of cyanamides		
3.4.1. Dialkylcyanamide complexes		
50.	<i>Iron co-ordination complex</i> : <i>With FeCl₂</i> : i) P(OEt) ₃ (2.0 equiv), EtOH; 1.5h reflux; ii) Et ₂ NCN (2.0 equiv), EtOH, 3 h, RT; iii) NaBPh ₄ (excess), EtOH <i>Osmium/Ruthenium Hydride</i> : <i>With [OsCl₆][NH₄]₂ or RuCl₃.3H₂O</i> : i) P(OEt) ₃ (10 equiv.), EtOH, RT-(50-60) °C, N ₂ ; ii) NaBH ₄ (13 equiv.), EtOH, 50-60 °C, N ₂ <i>Osmium cyanamide complex</i> : <i>With [OsH₂(P(OEt)₃)₄]</i> i) CH ₃ OSO ₂ CF ₃ (1.0 equiv), toluene, 1h (-196 °C)–RT, N ₂ ; ii) Et ₂ NCN (3.0 equiv,) in 2 mL EtOH, toluene, 2 h, RT, N ₂ ; iii) NaBPh ₄ (3.0 equiv), EtOH, RT-(-25 °C)	[69a]

	<p>Ruthenium cyanamide complex:</p> <p><i>With [RuH₂(P(OEt)₃)₄] i) (a) HOSO₂CF₃ (1.0 equiv.) Toluene; 1 h (-196 °C)–RT, N₂; (b) HOSO₂CF₃ (1.0 equiv.) toluene, 1 h (-196 °C)–RT, N₂; ii) Et₂NCN (3.0 equiv) in 2mL EtOH, toluene, 2 h, RT, N₂; iii) NaBPh₄ (3.0 equiv), EtOH, RT-(-25 °C)</i></p>	
51.	<i>With CoX₂.6H₂O (X=Cl, Br): Me₂NCN (2.0 equiv.), MeOH, 2 h, 50 °C</i>	[70]
	3.4.2. Aryl cyanamide complexes	
52.	<i>With Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O: 4-nitrophenyl cyanamide (2.0 equiv), 1,10-phenanthroline (2.0 equiv), MeOH, 5 h, RT</i>	[73]
53.	<i>With Cd(OAc)₂: 4-nitrophenyl cyanamide (2.0 equiv), DMF, 3 h, RT</i>	[74]
54.	<p><i>With 4-nitro/bromo/chlorophenyl cyanamide:</i></p> <p>i) NaOH (2.0 equiv), acetone, 12 h, reflux; ii) Hg(NO₃)₂.H₂O (1.0 equiv), acetone, 4 h, reflux.</p>	[75]
55.	<p>Tin 4,4'-dicyanamide bipyridine complex:</p> <p><i>With SnMe₃Cl: 4,4'-dicyanamidobiphenyl (0.5 equiv), NaOH (1.0 equiv), EtOH, 1 h, then 24 h sonication, RT</i></p> <p>Tin 4-nitrophenyl cyanamide complex:</p> <p>4-nitrophenyl cyanamide (0.5 equiv), NaOH (1.0 equiv), EtOH, 1 h, then 24 h sonication, RT</p>	[76]
56.	<p>Nickel Imidazole complex:</p> <p><i>With Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O: i) imidazole (4.0 equiv), MeOH, 3 h, RT; ii) 4-nitrophenyl cyanamide (2.0 equiv), MeOH, 4 h, RT</i></p> <p>Nickel bipyridine complex:</p> <p><i>With Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O: i) 2,2'-bipyridine (2.0 equiv), MeOH, 3 h, RT; ii) 4-nitrophenyl cyanamide (2.0 equiv), MeOH, 4 h, RT</i></p> <p>Nickel Phenanthroline Complex:</p> <p><i>With Ni(OAc)₂.4H₂O: i) 1,10-phenanthroline (2.0 equiv), MeOH, 3 h, RT; ii) 4-nitrophenyl cyanamide (2.0 equiv), MeOH, 4 h, RT</i></p>	[77]