

The First Indazolimine-Arylazobenzonitrile Rearrangement

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A series of 2-arylazobenzonitriles (**5a** – **f**) have been obtained through a novel indazolimine-arylazobenzonitrile rearrangement. The products **5a** – **f** were fully characterized and their structure elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic and analytical data. The mechanism of formation of **5a** – **f** is discussed.

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