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A Visible Light-Mediated Strategy for the Cyclopropenation of Ynamides with Aryldiazoacetates

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ABSTRACT

Ynamides are a special class of alkynes attached to a nitrogen atom bearing an electron-withdrawing group. Over the past years, these compounds have been widely used as building blocks for promoting many transformations in organic chemistry.¹ In particular, their unique structure and reactivity allow these substrates to be efficiently reacted with different electrophiles or in tandem reaction sequences, thus allowing a plethora of transformations. On the other hand, the chemistry of aryldiazoacetates under blue light irradiation has also emerged as a powerful strategy^{2,3} to afford different heterocycles. In this context, we became interested on the chemistry of ynamides under such photochemical conditions using aryldiazoacetates to produce densely substituted cyclopropenes under mild conditions.



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