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Towards greener MCRs: use of renewable reactants in Ugi and **Passerini reactions**

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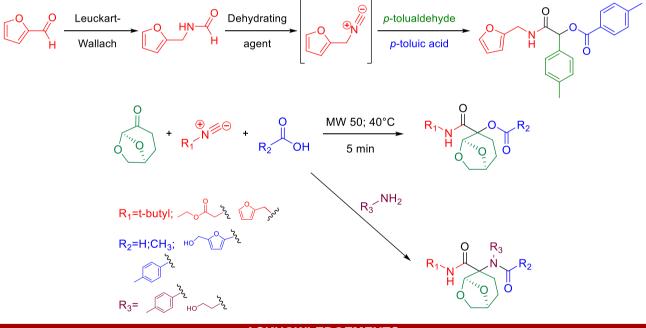
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ABSTRACT

Multicomponent reactions (MCRs) such as Passerini and Ugi are invaluable in organic synthesis, enabling high molecular complexity in a single step. Considering the challenges associated with toxic reactans (isocyanides, aldehydes, etc.).¹ we demonstrate the use of biomass-derived reactants in 3MCRs and 4MCRs. We explored in situ produced, biomass-derived isocyanides² as Passerini reactants and we utilized cyrene³ (a chiral ketone) with commercial isocyanides examining diastereomeric outcomes and the effect of chiral catalysts. Reactions were performed in a Monowave 50 reactor to reduce heating times.

These greener strategies yielded 8 products excluding diastereomers, optimizing the Passerini strategy with cyrene. Current efforts focus on the in situ generation of greener isocyanides and the synthesis of Ugi products using cyrene as the ketone component.



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