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A general benzylic C–H activation and C–C coupling reaction of zirconocenes mediated by C–N bond cleavage in *tert*-butylisocyanide – unusual formation of iminoacyl complexes

Reactions of a zirconocene complex with *tert*-butylisocyanide and methylbenzenes result in the formation of zirconocene η^2 -iminoacyl cyanide complexes by C–C coupling with a benzyl fragment through C–H bond activation of a methyl group of the methylbenzene and C–N cleavage at the isocyanide. A dimeric cyanide bridged zirconocene complex is formed as a side-product of this process.

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