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Cyclic (aryl)(amido)carbenes: pushing the π -acidity of amidocarbenes through benzannulation

The π -acidity of amido carbenes can be pushed to the extreme through annulation to an aromatic ring. This results in a lowering and raising of the LUMO and HOMO energy levels, respectively, and provides access to exceptionally electrophilic carbenes with small singlet—triplet gaps. Such compounds exhibit unique chemical reactivity as described in the manuscript.



