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### New Method for the Synthesis of Nitriles from *O*-Arylaldoximes with $ZrCl_4$

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Nitriles were readily synthesized from the corresponding *O*-phenyl- or *O*-(*p*-cyanophenyl)-aldoximes with  $ZrCl_4$  in nitromethane or in benzene.

