

# Zur Strukturchemie von 2-Methylenimidazolinen [1]

The Structural Chemistry of 2-Methylenimidazolines [1]

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The 2-methylenimidazolines  $\text{ImC}(\text{CN})_2$  (**6a – c**, Im = 1,3-dialkyl-4,5-dimethylimidazol-2-ylidene) are prepared by the reaction of the imidazolium salts  $[\text{ImBr}] \text{Br}$  (**5**) and malodinitrile while  $\text{ImC}\{\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Ph}\}_2$  (**7**) is obtained from  $\text{ImCH}_2$  (**2**) and benzoic fluoride. Both the structural data of **6b**, **6c**, and **7** and the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data demonstrate the influence of steric and electronic effects on the charge separation and the nonplanar arrangement of the substituents attached at the carbon atoms of the central olefinic bond.

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