

There was an error in the original publication. The paper originally reported that the concentrations of compounds used in the reactions were in the millimolar (mM) range (e.g., 1 mM for each nitrile studied and 2 mM for sodium formate). This was erroneously reported due to a calculation error. The concentrations for the original published experiments reported are in the molar (M) range (1 M for each nitrile and 2 M for sodium formate).

The figures and data reported here have not been altered. The original supplementary information is presented as *millimolar* but is in *Molar* concentrations.

The new data labelled as “addendum” is correctly presented and is in *millimolar* concentrations.