nitriles

Compounds having the structure RC≡N; thus C-substituted derivatives of hydrocyanic acid, HC≡N. In systematic nomenclature, the suffix nitrile denotes the triply bound ≡N atom, not the carbon atom attached to it.

See also: cyanides, isocyanides, carbonitriles

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