

Supplementary Information

Microwave-Assisted Synthesis of *N*-Heterocycles and Their Evaluation Using an Acetylcholinesterase Immobilized Capillary Reactor

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Synthesis

¹H and ¹³C nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX-400 (400 and 100 MHz, respectively). Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP5000. Direct infusion ultrahigh resolution and accurate mass spectrometry (orbitrap ESI-FT-MS) were carried out with an LTQ Orbitrap Velos FT-MS instrument (Thermo Fischer Scientific, Bremen, Germany) equipped with an electrospray source (HESI-II) operating in full scan negative ionization mode. Elemental analyses were performed on a Fisons EA 1108 CHNS-O.

General procedure: nitroethene **4** (165 mg, 1.0 mmol), diamine or hydroxylamine (1.0 mmol) and ethanol (3 mL) were placed in a glass tube, sealed and irradiated during 20-60 min in a CEM Discovery® focused microwave oven at 110 °C. *N*-heterocycles **5** and **7** were purified by flash chromatography employing hexanes:ethyl acetate (2:1 ratio) as eluent.

2-(nitromethylene)imidazolidine (**5a**)¹: ¹H NMR (MeOD, 400 MHz) δ 3.75 (s, 4H), 6.57 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD) δ 44.63, 98.13, 162.53.

2-(nitromethylene)oxazolidine (**5b**)²: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ 3.14-3.56 (m, 4H), 6.53 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 44.71, 59.92, 97.69, 156.75.

2-(nitromethylene)hexahydropyrimidine (**5c**)¹: ¹H NMR (MeOD, 400 MHz) δ 1.97 (quint, 2H, *J* 5.83 Hz), 3.41 (t, 4H, *J* 5.83 Hz), 6.48 (s, 1H); GC-MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 143 (M⁺, 100), 116 (23), 91 (13), 64 (18).

2-(nitromethylene)-1,3-oxazinane (**5d**)²: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 2.16-2.22 (m, 2H), 3.59 (t, 2H, *J* 6.02 Hz), 4.40 (t, 2H, *J* 5.40 Hz), 6.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 20.51, 37.50, 66.40, 101.07, 163.67.

(±)-2-(nitromethylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[1,2-*d*]oxazole (**5e**): ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) δ 3.25 (d, 1H, *J* 18.27 Hz), 3.44 (dd, 1H, *J* 18.27, 6.38 Hz), 5.54 (d, 1H, *J* 7.05 Hz), 5.63-5.67 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H); GC-MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 218 (18), 172 (75), 131 (85), 115 (100), 103(95); Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₀N₂O₃: C 60.55%, H 4.62%, N 12.84%; found: C 59.47%, H 4.78%, N 12.57%.

(±)-2-(nitromethylene)octahydro-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**5f**): ¹H NMR (MeOD, 400 MHz) δ 1.37-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.84-1.88 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.22 (m, 2H), 3.18-3.22 (m, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (MeOD, 100 MHz) δ 23.63, 28.66, 63.23, 97.64, 162.68; EI-HRMS ([M-H]⁻) calcd. for C₈H₁₂N₃O₂: 182.0931; found: 182.0889.

2-(nitromethyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**7a**): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 5.83 (s, 2H), 7.42-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.85 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 71.63, 111.21, 121.06, 125.28, 126.82, 140.62, 153.93; GC-MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 178 (M⁺, 2), 132 (100), 104 (25), 77 (35); EI-HRMS ([M-H]⁻) calcd. for C₈H₅N₂O₃: 177.0301; found: 177.0260.

4-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**7b**): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 2.64 (s, 3H), 5.80 (s, 2H), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* 7.51 Hz), 7.38-7.34 (dd, 1H, *J* 7.51, 8.07 Hz), 7.41 (d, 1H, *J* 8.07 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 16.42, 71.69, 108.46, 125.74, 126.55, 131.71, 139.99, 151.19, 153.15; GC-MS (70 eV) *m/z* (%): 192 (M⁺, 3), 146 (100), 117 (18), 91 (32); EI-HRMS ([M-H]⁻) calcd. for C₉H₇N₂O₃: 191.0457; found: 191.0413.

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5-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7c**): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 2.50 (s, 3H), 5.78 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, 1H, J 8.37 Hz), 7.57-7.60 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 21.48, 71.70, 110.58, 120.82, 128.06, 135.32, 140.84, 153.97.

6-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7d**): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 2.52 (s, 3H), 5.78 (s, 2H), 7.23 (d, 1H, J 8.23 Hz), 7.38-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, 1H, J 8.23 Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 21.87, 71.69, 111.24, 120.36, 126.66, 137.60, 138.46, 151.69, 153.40; GC-MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 192 (M^+ , 2), 146 (100), 118 (15), 78 (30). EI-HRMS ($[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$) calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$; 191.0457; found: 191.0413.

5-chloro-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7e**): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 5.81 (s, 2H), 7.44 (dd, 1H, J 8.49, 2.12 Hz), 7.54 (dd, 1H, J 8.49 Hz), 7.80 (d, 1H, J 2.12 Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 71.48, 112.07, 125.74, 121.04, 127.34, 130.97, 141.67, 149.90, 155.26; GC-MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 212 (M^+ , 5), 166 (100), 138 (25), 102 (45), 63 (40).

Bioassays

The biological assays were performed in an HPLC system (Kyoto, Japan) equipped with two LC-20AD pumps, auto sampler SIL-20A and CBM-20A interface at 20 °C. The system was coupled to a mass spectrometer Esquire 6000 IT (Bruker Daltonics, Germany) equipped with an

ESI-type ionization source operating in positive mode. All buffers used were prepared using ultrapure water (Milli-Q system, Millipore, São Paulo, Brazil)

The acetylcholinesterase from *Electrophorus electricus* immobilized onto a fused silica capillary (*eelAChE-ICER*) was coupled with mass spectrometry and the enzyme reaction product, choline, was monitored in positive mode ($[\text{M}]^+$ 104 m/z). The mobile phase was ammonium acetate buffer (15 mmol L^{-1} , pH 8.0) at a flow rate of 0.05 mL min^{-1} (pump A) with injection sample volume at the *eelAChE-ICER* of 10 μL . Methanol was used to improve ionization, which was delivered by pump B, at the same flow rate of pump A. The analysis time was 20 minutes.

The preparation of *eelAChE-ICER* and the screening assay of *N*-heterocycles **5a-f** and **7a-e** (1.0 mg) were carried out following the procedure previously reported.⁴ For each tested compound sample, a negative control (absence of ACh) and positive control samples (ACh and absence of *N*-heterocycles) were analyzed.

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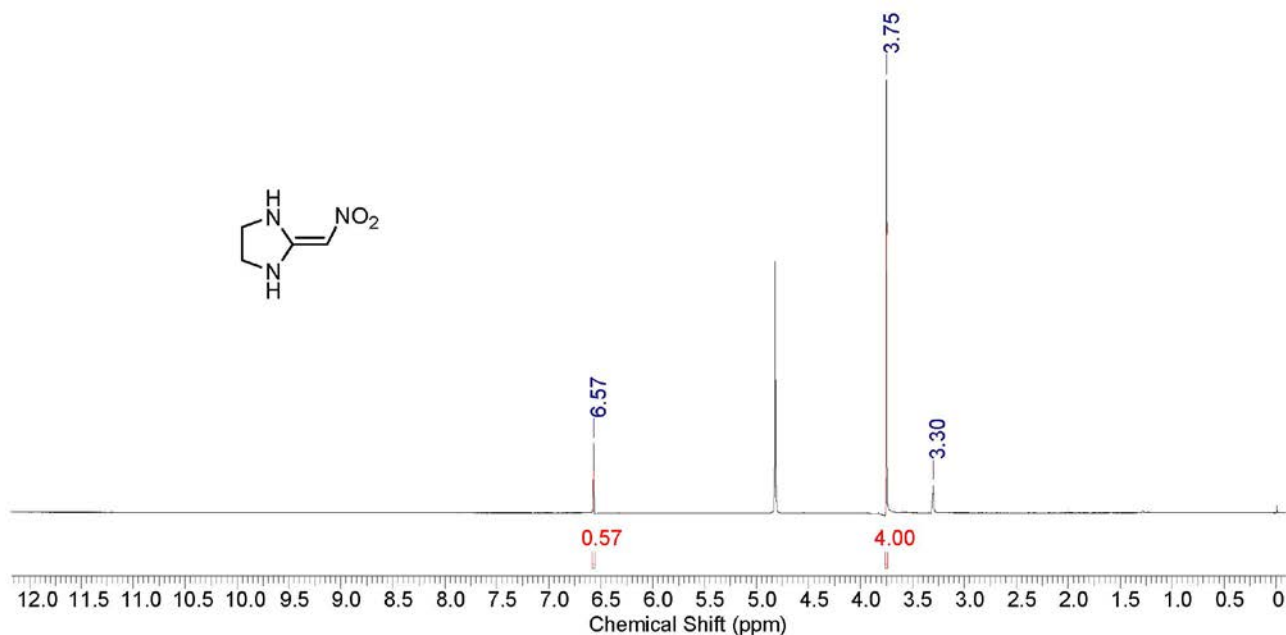


Figure S1. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (MeOD , 400 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)imidazolidine (**5a**).

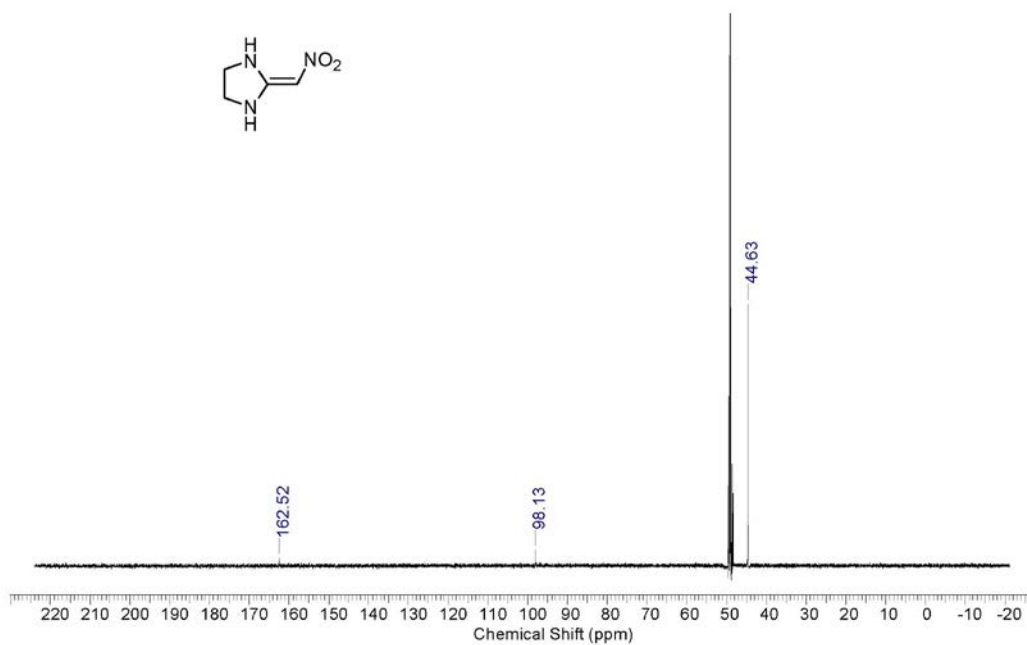


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (MeOD, 100 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)imidazolidine (**5a**).

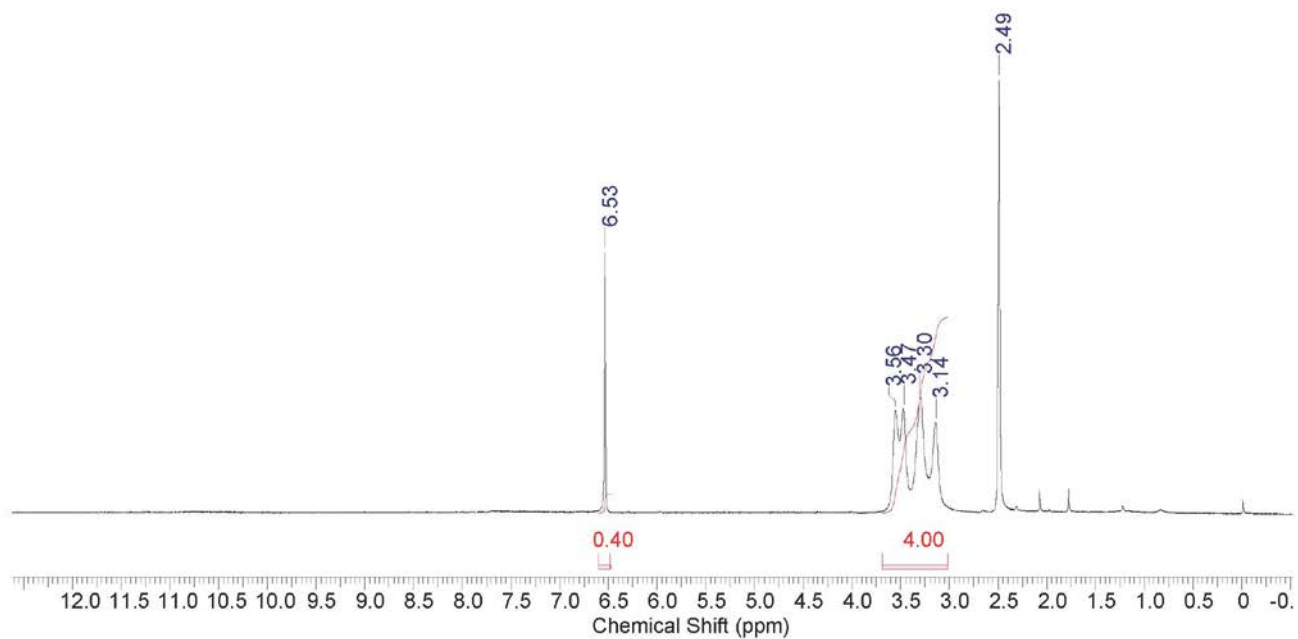


Figure S3. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)oxazolidine (**5b**).

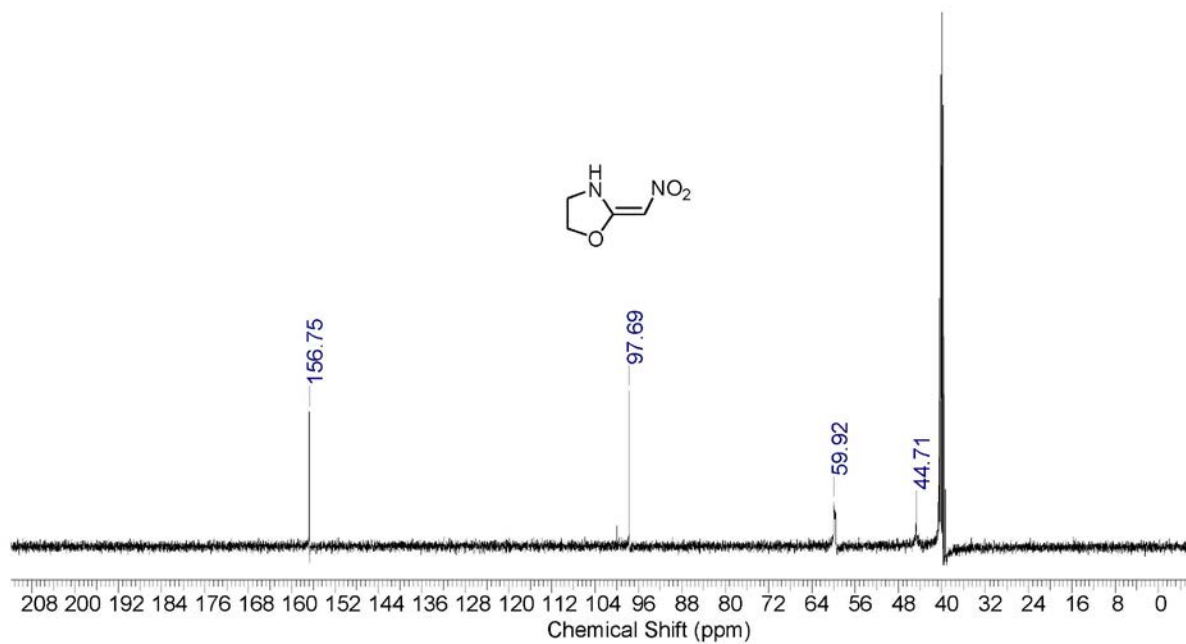


Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)oxazolidine (5b).

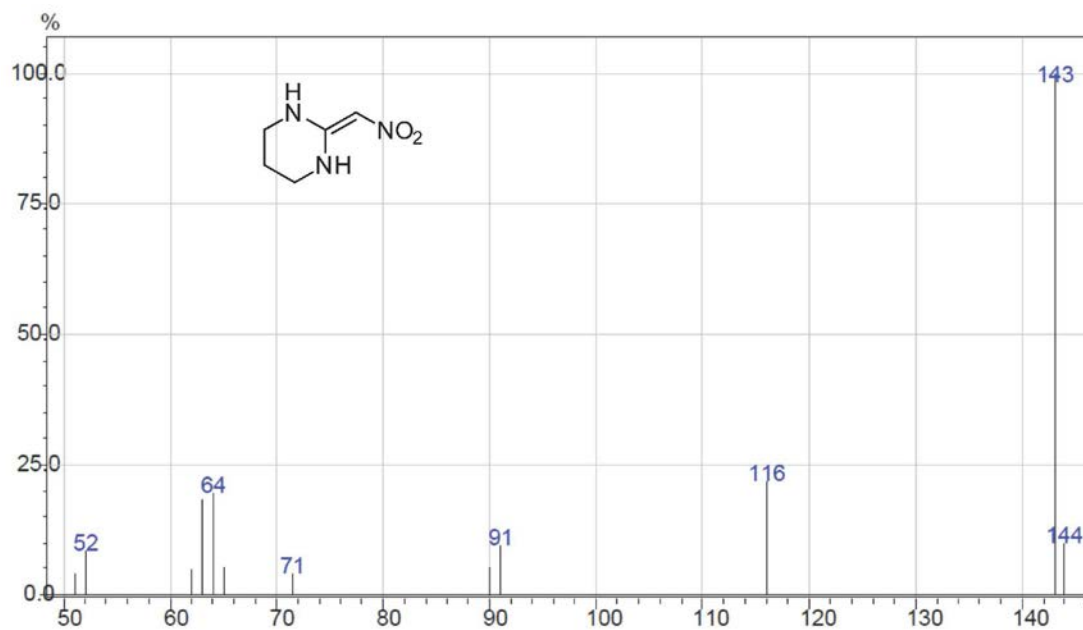


Figure S5. Mass spectrum of 2-(nitromethylene)hexahydropyrimidine (5c).

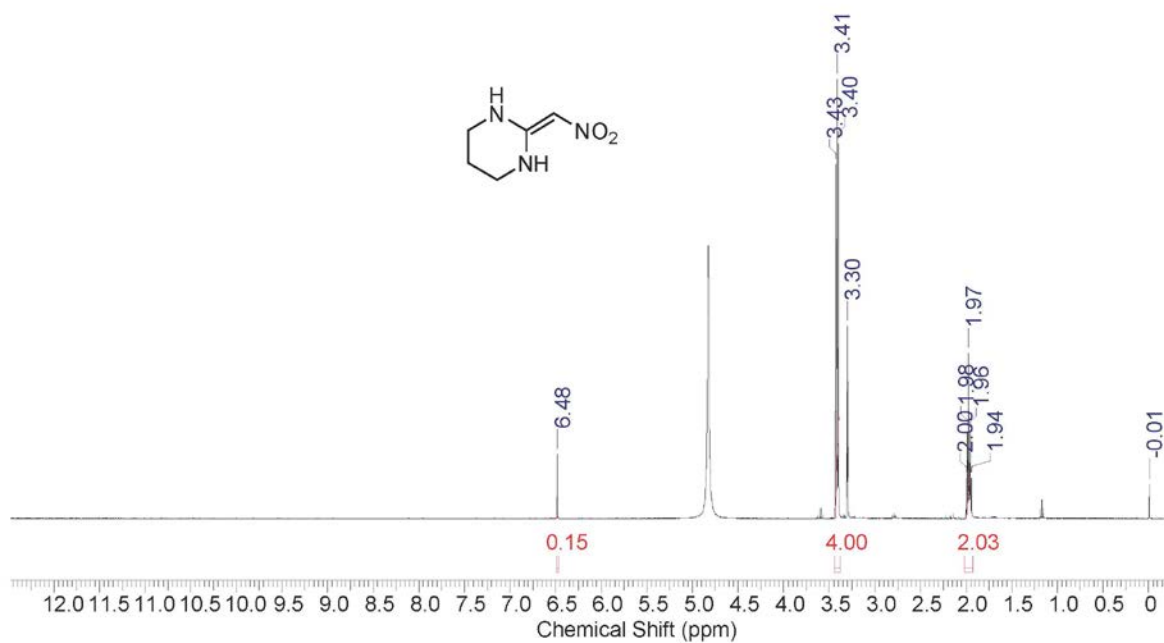


Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum (MeOD, 400 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)hexahydropyrimidine (5c).

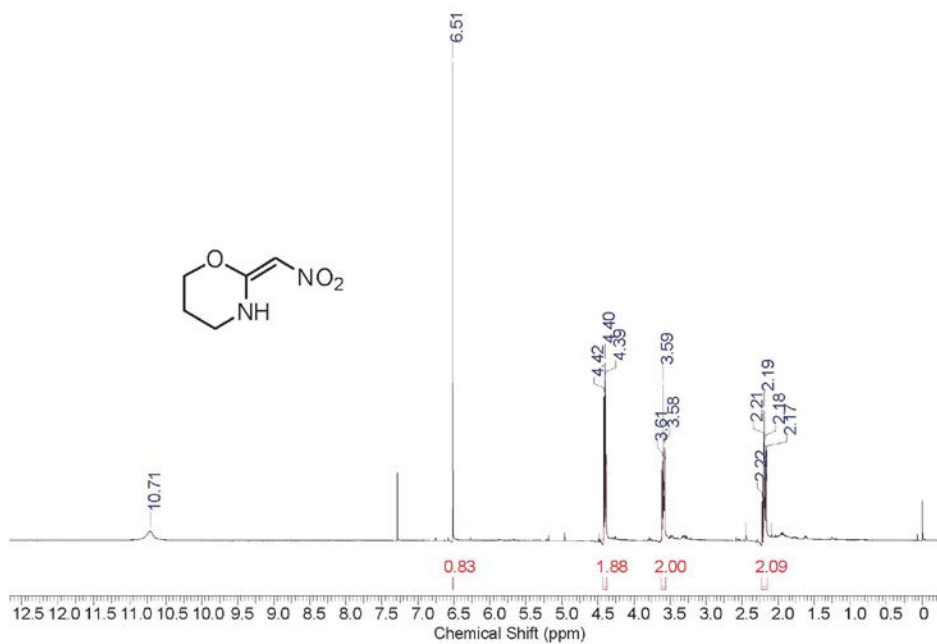


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)-1,3-oxazinane (5d).

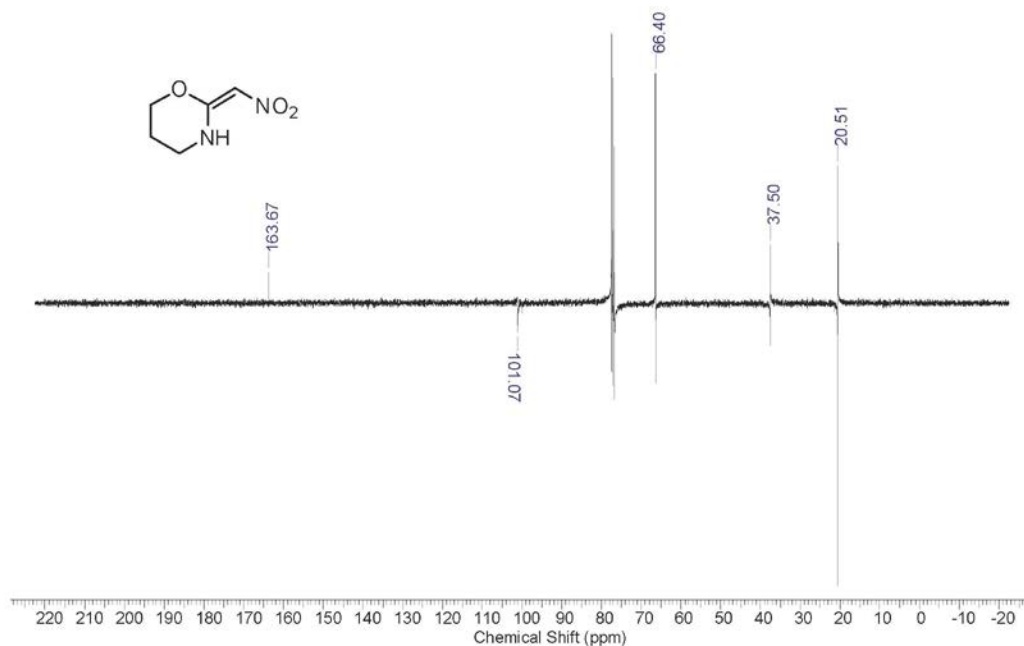


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)-1,3-oxazinan-2-ylidene (**5d**).

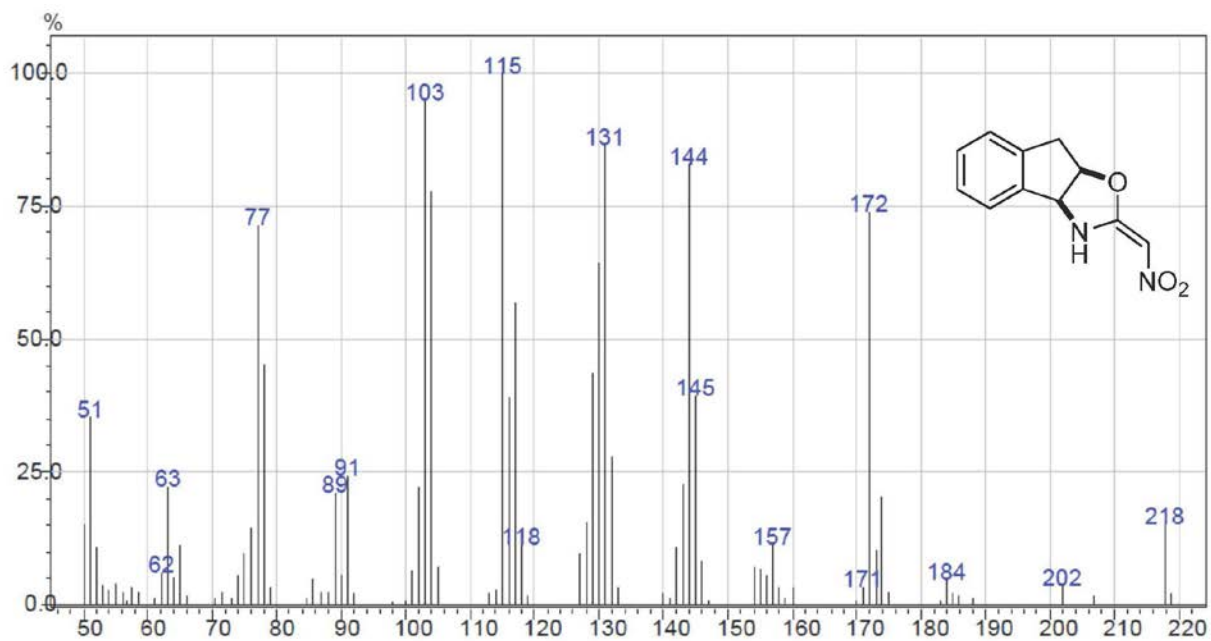


Figure S9. Mass spectrum of 2-(nitromethylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[1,2-d]oxazole (**5e**).

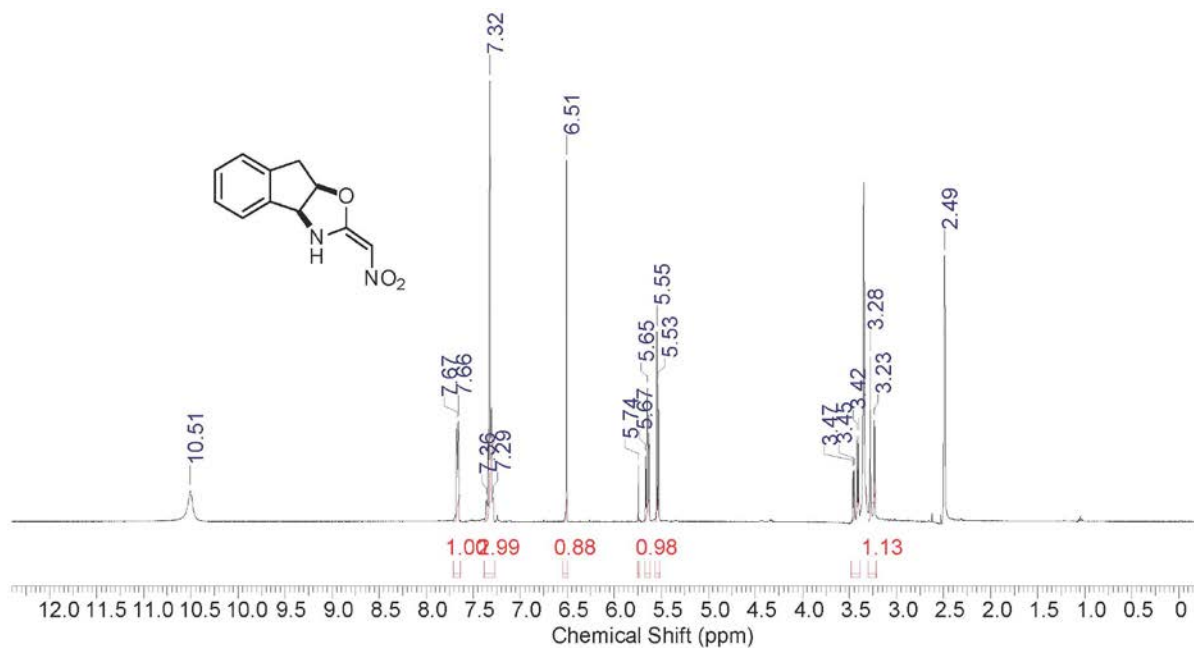


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectrum ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[1,2-d]oxazole (**5e**).

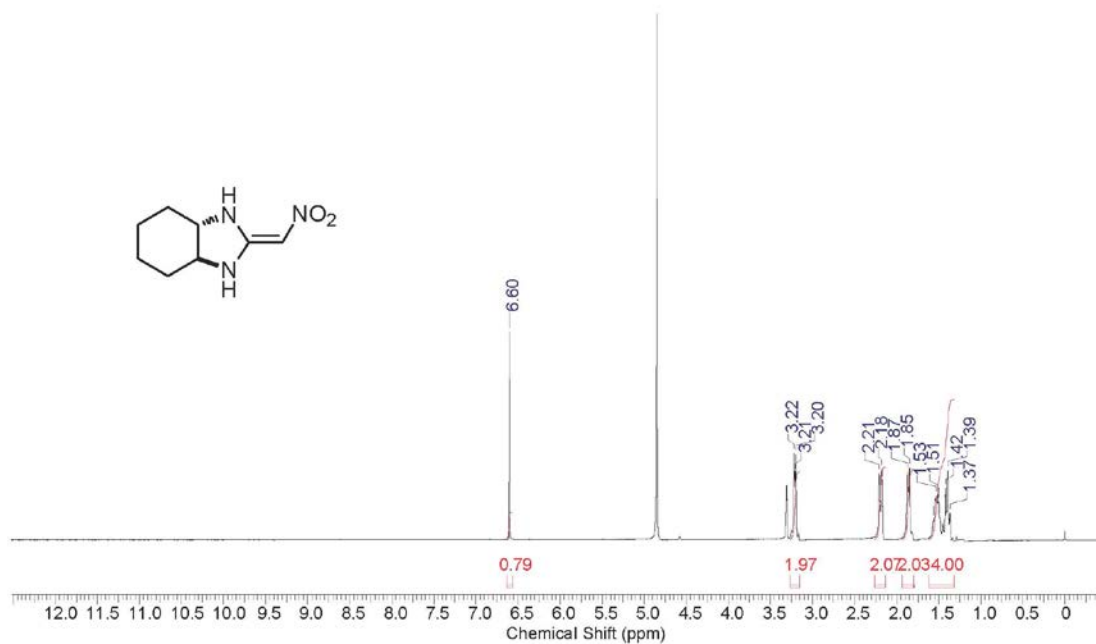


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum (MeOD , 400 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)octahydro-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (**5f**).

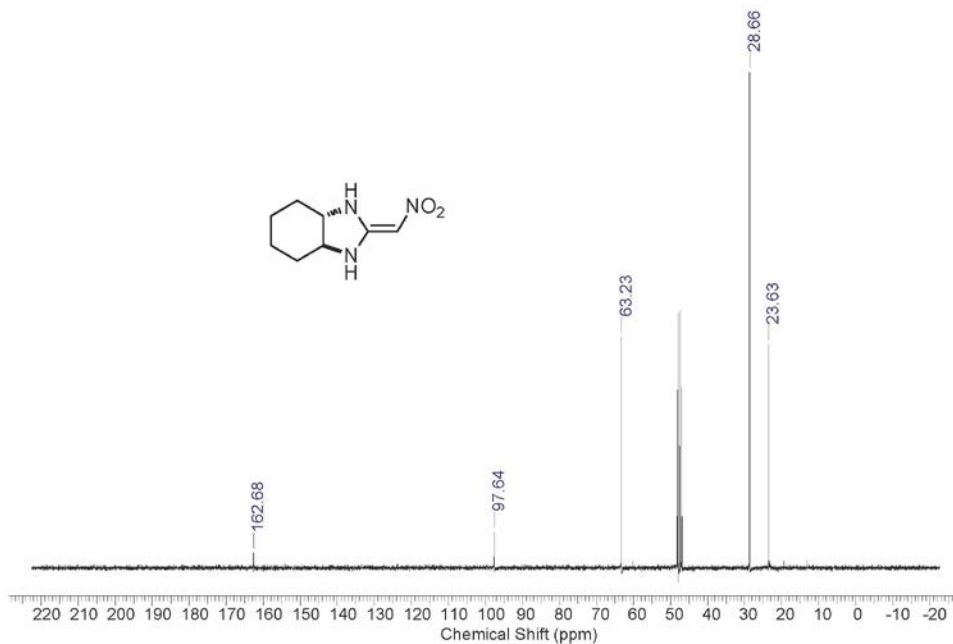


Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum (MeOD, 100 MHz) of 2-(nitromethylene)octahydro-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (**5f**).

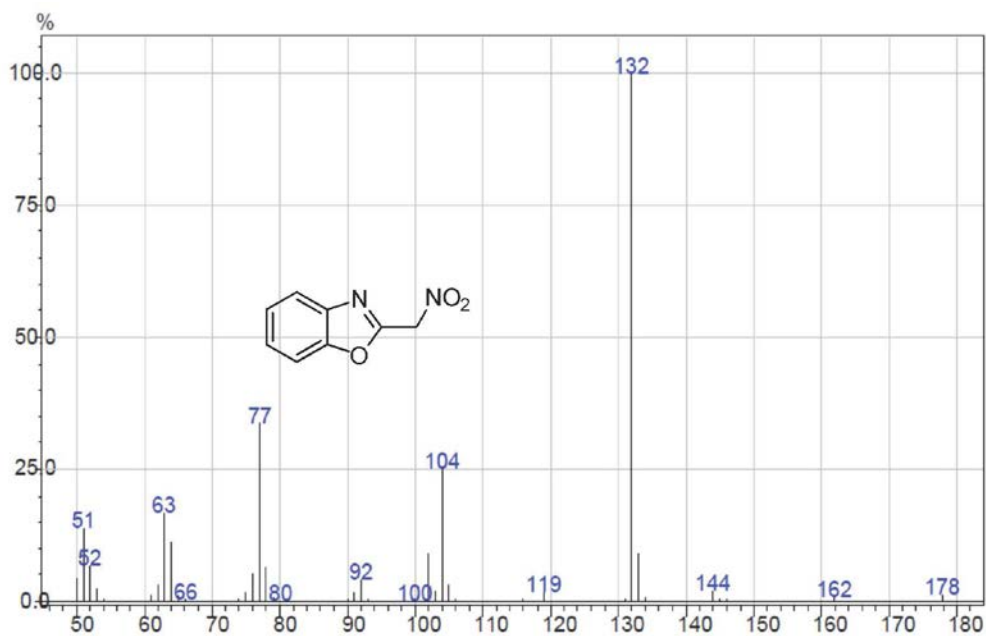


Figure S13. Mass spectrum of 2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7a**).

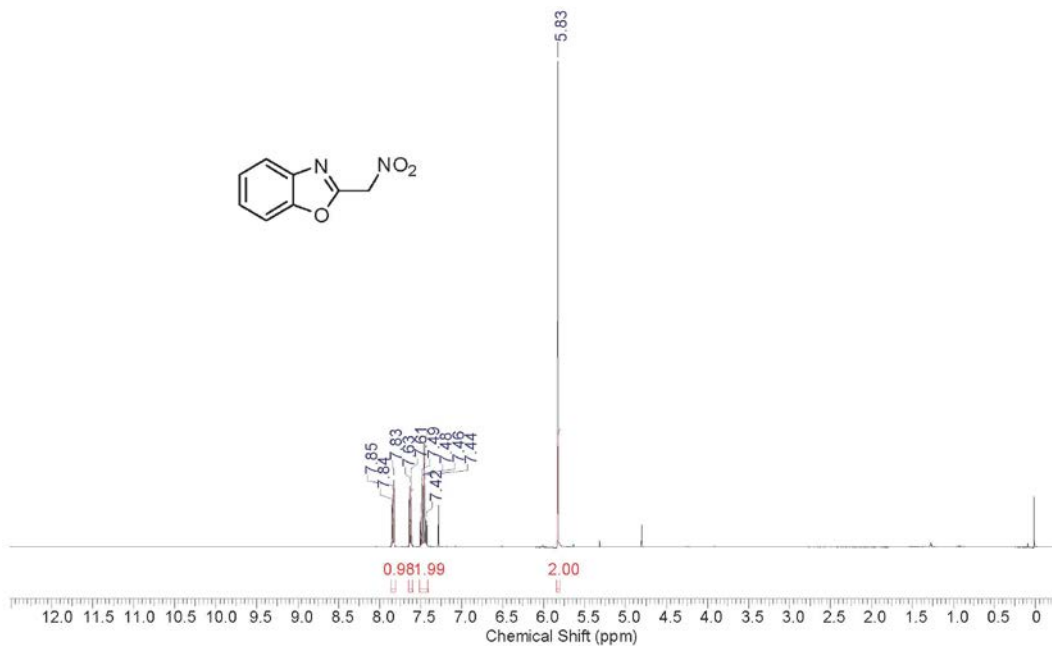


Figure S14. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of 2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7a**).

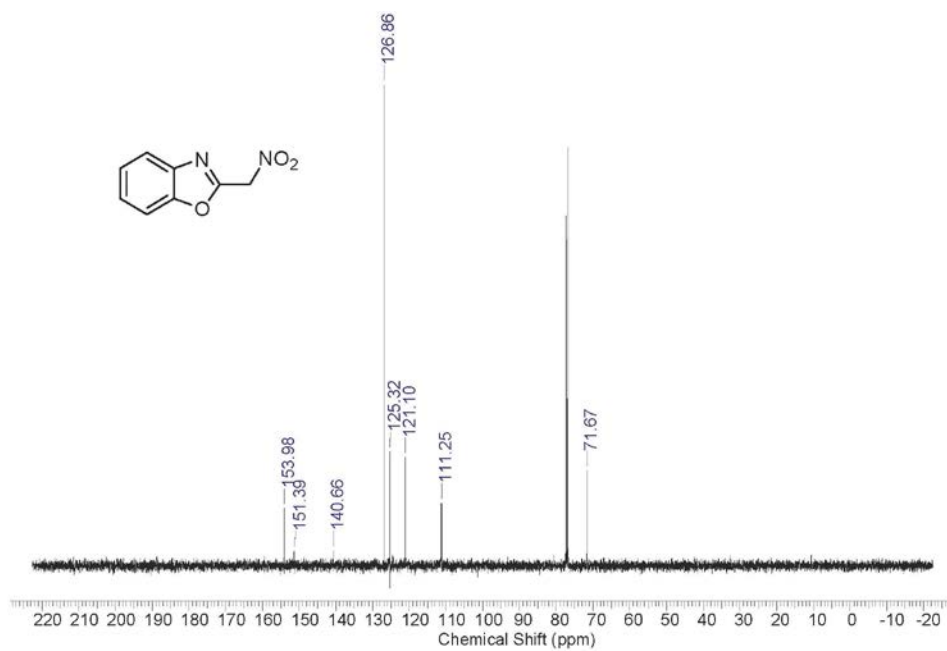


Figure S15. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7a**).

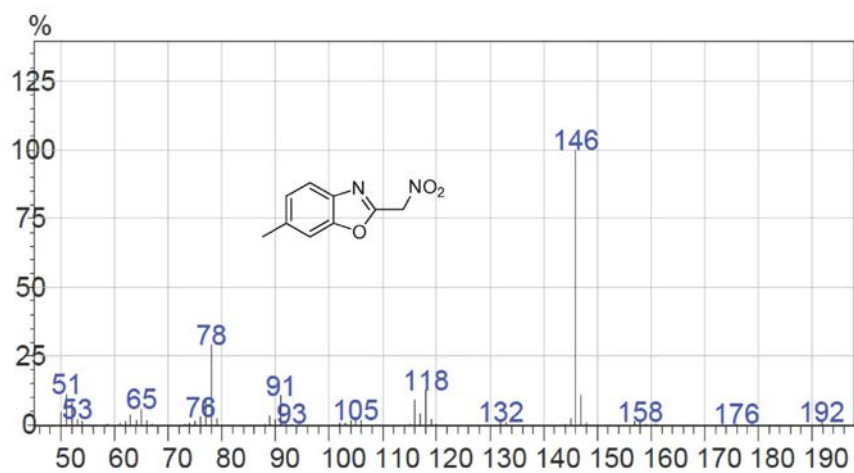


Figure S16. Mass spectrum of 6-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (7b).

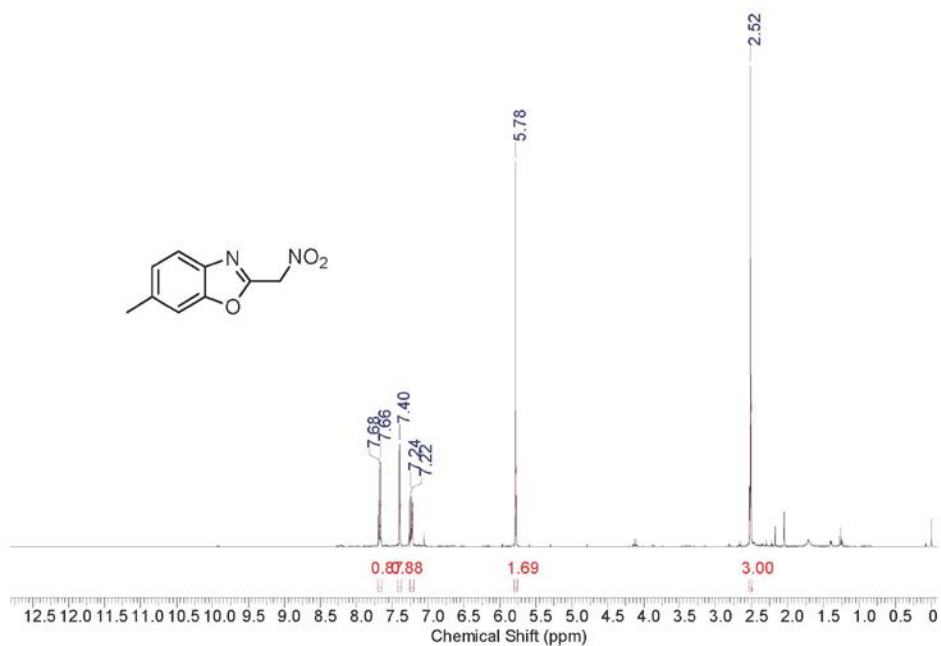


Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of 6-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (7b).

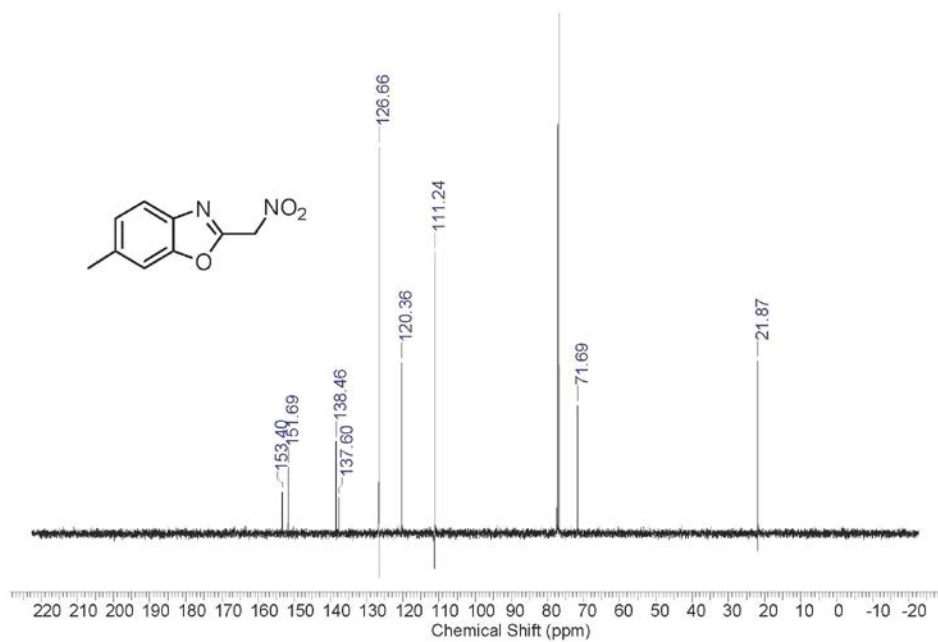


Figure S18. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) of 6-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (7b).

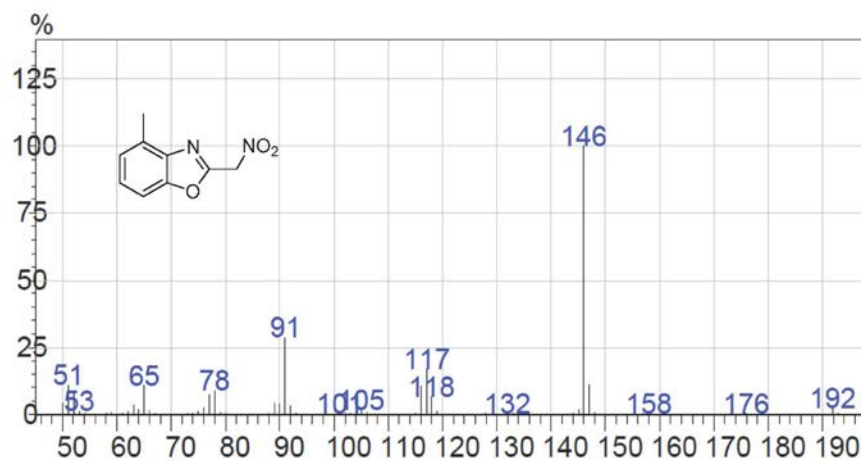


Figure S19. Mass spectrum of 4-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (7c).

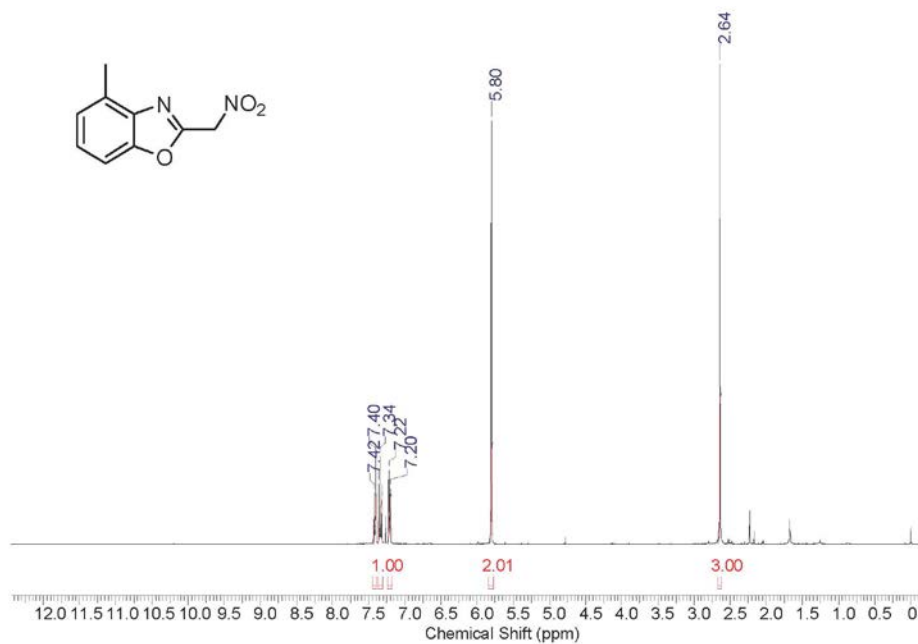


Figure S20. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of 4-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7c**).

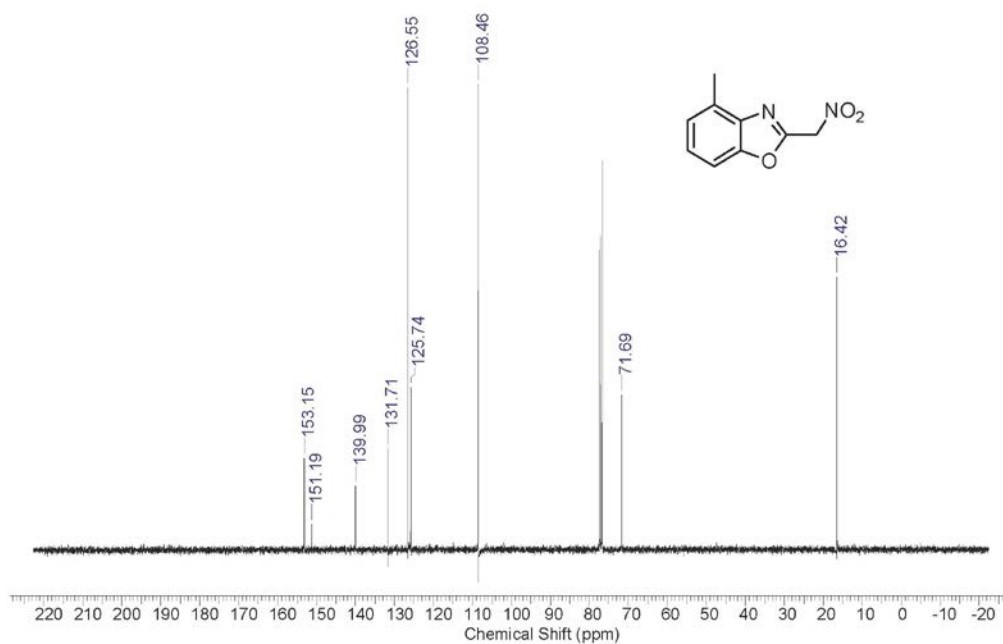


Figure S21. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) of 4-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7c**).

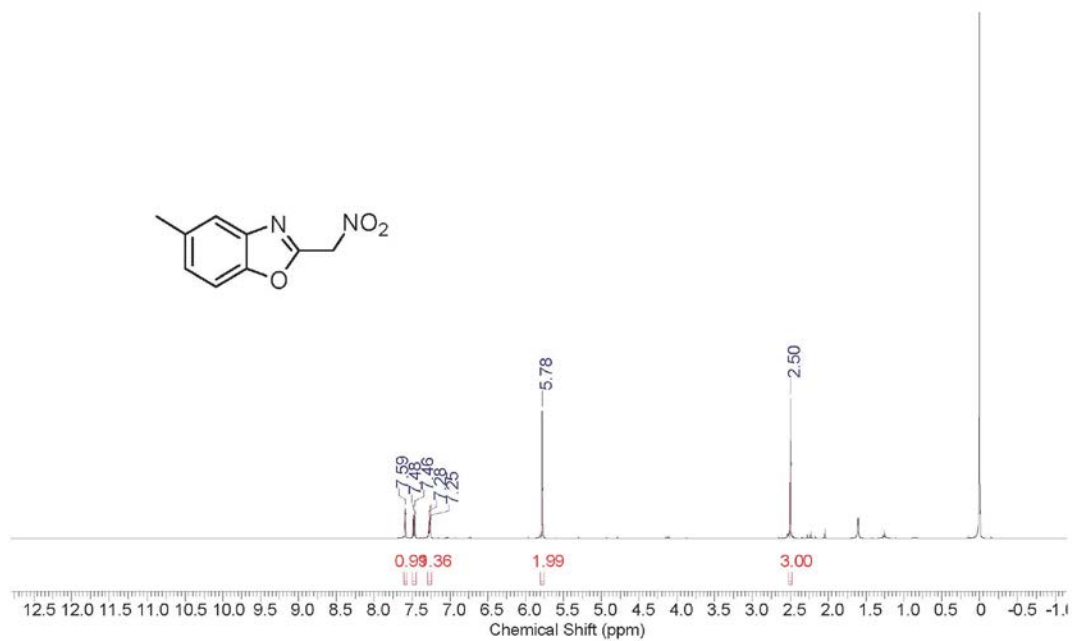


Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of 5-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7d**).

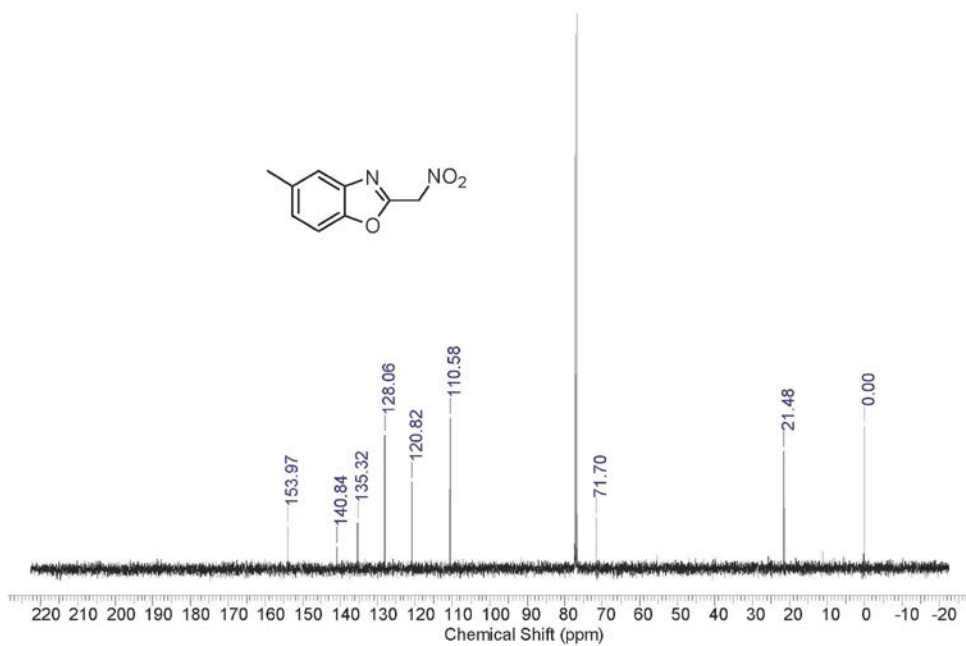


Figure S23. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of 5-methyl-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**7d**).

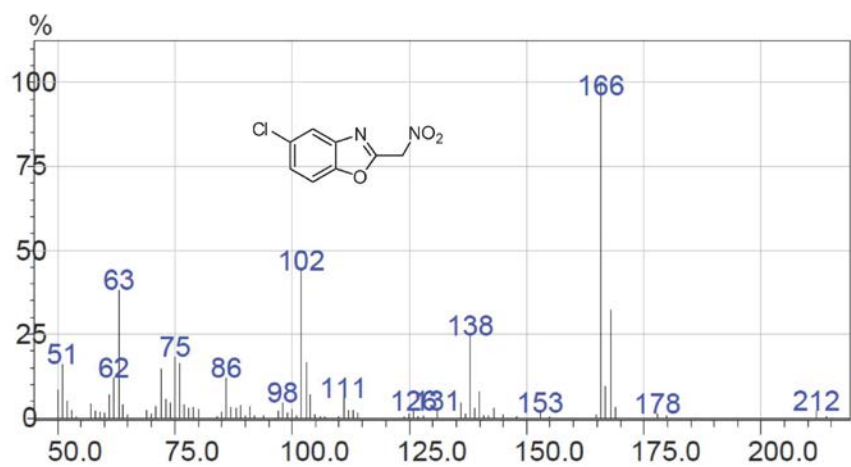


Figure S24. Mass spectrum of 5-chloro-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (7e).

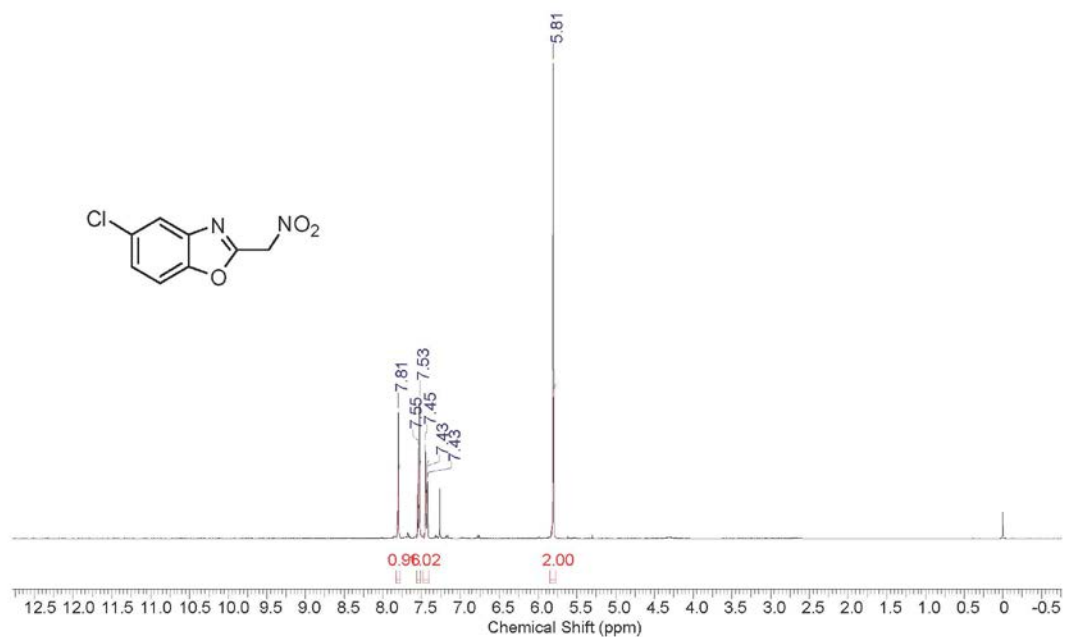


Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of 5-chloro-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (7e).

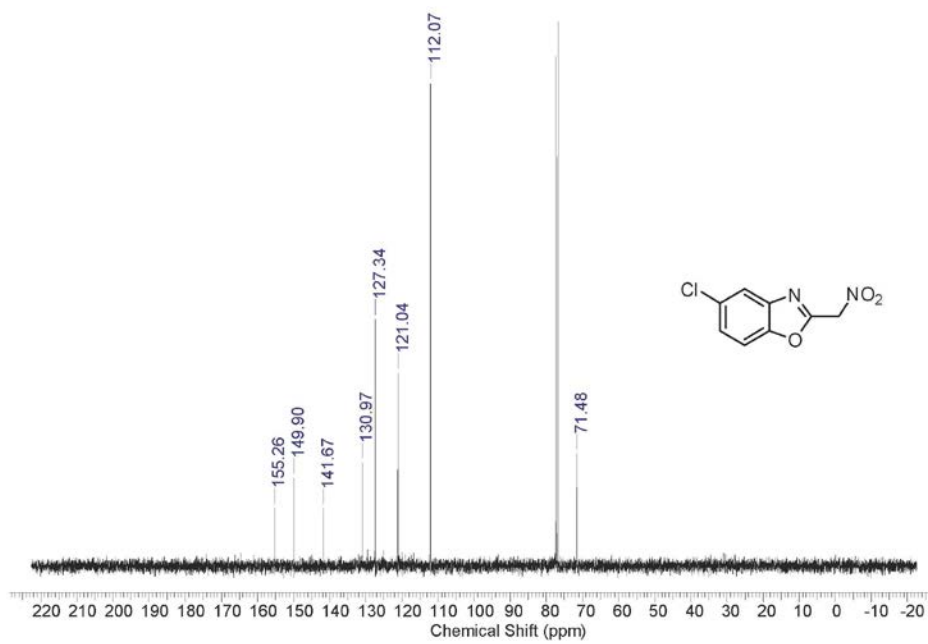


Figure S26. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) of 5-chloro-2-(nitromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (7e).