# Substrate Controlled Synthesis of Benzisoxazole and Benzisothiazole Derivatives via PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub>-Mediated Oxidation Followed by Intramolecular Oxidative O-N/S-N Bond Formation

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Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** A phenyliodine(III) diacetate (PIDA)-mediated, highly efficient and tandem approach for the synthesis of aryldiazenylisoxazolo(isothiazolo)arenes from simple 2amino-N'-arylbenzohydrazides has been developed. The reaction proceeds via formation of (E)-(2-aminoaryl)-(aryldiazenyl)methanone as the key intermediate, followed by intramolecular oxidative O–N/S–N bond formation in one pot at room temperature. The quiet different reactivity of the



substrate is due to the formation of a diazo intermediate which encounters a nucleophilic attack by carbonyl oxygen on the electrophilic amine to produce isoxazole products, as compared to the previous reports<sup>1a,b,4</sup> in which an *N*-acylnitrenium ion intermediate is intramolecularly trapped by an amine group.

# INTRODUCTION

Direct construction of a N-X (X = N, O, S) bond is an interesting approach for the synthesis of diverse heterocyclic <sup>5</sup> N–X bond formations are relatively less compounds.<sup>1-</sup> explored as compared to C-C and C-X bond formations. Various metal-catalyzed approaches are reported for the formation of N-X bonds;<sup>2,3a-c,5</sup> however, in view of cost and environmental concerns of metal usage, the development of eco-friendly protocols are still highly desirable. Metal-free approaches for the construction of N-X bonds has attracted great attention due to their practical applicability and green chemistry aspects.<sup>1,3d,4</sup> Recently, environmentally benign iodine(III) reagents<sup>6</sup> emerged as inexpensive and efficient oxidizing agents which were successfully used for various intramolecular oxidative cyclizations.<sup>4,7</sup> Tellitu et al., reported the synthesis of indazolone and benzisothiazolone derivatives by using an iodine(III) reagent mediated intramolecular oxidative N-N/N-S bond formation from anthranilamide and 2-mercaptoamide derivatives as the starting substrates via formation of an N-acylnitrenium ion intermediate, <sup>1a,b,4</sup> which is stabilized by the electron-donating effect of proper neighboring groups.<sup>1a</sup> When we conducted the experiment with 2-amino-N'-phenylbenzohydrazides (1a) instead of anthranilamide, the course of reaction was changed and finally delivered the corresponding benzisoxazole  $(2a)^8$  as product (Scheme 1) and laid the foundation of the present work.

In line with the initial observations and continuation to our research on the development of mild and eco-friendly protocols,<sup>9</sup> we herein present an unprecedented, tandem approach for the synthesis of aryldiazenylisoxazolo-(isothiazolo)arenes from 2-amino-N'-arylarylhydrazides by

using PIDA as an external oxidant in an industrially acceptable and recommended green solvent, i.e., ethyl acetate (EtOAc),<sup>10</sup> at room temperature.

Benzisoxazoles and benzisothiazoles are very prominent scaffolds found in various biologically active compounds and drugs (Figure 1).<sup>11</sup> On the other hand, aromatic azo compounds have broad applications in the field of technical devices such as nonlinear optical devices, chemosensors, protein probes, and molecular machines.<sup>12</sup> Moreover, the azo group is also utilized as the directing group for *ortho* C–H functionalization of organic compounds.<sup>13</sup> The biological applications of these scaffolds as well as synthetic utility of azo compounds prompted us to further investigate and optimize the synthetic methodology.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We initiated our studies by choosing 2-amino-N'-phenylbenzohydrazide (1a) as a model substrate. On the basis of the previous methodologies, <sup>1a,b,4</sup> we carried out the reaction of 1a in dichloromethane (DCM) by using PIFA (phenyliodotrifluoroacetate) (1.5 equiv, 0.01 M) as an oxidant and trifluoroacetic acid (3 equiv) as an additive at 0 °C. The reaction failed to give the expected indazolone product. When we carried the same reaction without TFA at room temperature, surprisingly, (*E*)-(2-aminophenyl)(phenyldiazenyl)methanone (4a) was formed in 20% yield (Table 1, entry 2). When we used the 3 equiv of PIFA (0.01 M), the reaction delivered the unexpected (*E*)-3-(phenyldiazenyl)benzo[*c*]-

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Scheme 1. Direct N-X (X = N, S, O) Bond Annulation Strategies To Access Heterocyclic Compounds



isoxazole (2a) in 15% yield along with 4a (Table 1, entry 3). This interesting result motivated us to optimize the reaction condition to improve the yield of annulated product 2a. When we switched the oxidant from PIFA to PIDA (phenyliodoacetate) (3 equiv, 0.01 M), the yield of the benzisoxazole product 2a and the diazo product 4a increased to 35% and 40% yields, respectively (Table 1, entry 4). We performed the same reaction in DCM with 0.1 M dilution of PIDA (3 equiv); no change in the yields of 2a and 4a was observed (Table 1, entry 5). Next, we started optimization of solvents by keeping PIDA (3 equiv, 0.1 M) as an oxidant. We screened the reaction in various solvents such as DCE, IPA, THF, ACN, and EtOAc (Table 1, entries 6-10). Interestingly, EtOAc was found to be the best solvent and furnished the product 2a in 80% yield with complete conversion of the intermediate product 4a (entry 10). Other oxidants like PhI(OPiv)2, PhIO, and I2 were also screened (Table 1, entries 11-13); however, they failed to improve the yield of 2a. By decreasing the amount of PIDA



Oxidant (X) Solvent (Y) RT 6h NH2 NH<sub>2</sub> 1a 4a 2a oxidant (X) (equiv, conc.) solvent (Y)<sup>d</sup> vield<sup>b</sup> (%) 2a/4aentry PIFA (1.5, 0.01 M) DCM 0/0 1 2 PIFA (1.5, 0.01 M) DCM 0/20 3 PIFA (3.0, 0.01 M) DCM 15/204 PIDA (3.0, 0.01 M) DCM 35/40 5 PIDA (3.0, 0.1 M) DCM 35/40 6 PIDA (3.0, 0.1 M) DCE 30/50 7 PIDA (3.0, 0.1 M) IPA 32/418 PIDA (3.0, 0.1 M) THF 65/109 PIDA (3.0, 0.1 M) ACN 70/1010 PIDA (3.0, 0.1 M) **EtOAc** 80/0 11 PhI(OPiv), (3.0, 0.1 M) EtOAc 35/4012 PhIO (3.0, 0.1 M) EtOAc 0/20 13 I<sub>2</sub> (3.0, 0.1 M) EtOAc 0/0 PIDA (1.5, 0.1 M) 14 EtOAc 0/90

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: 1a (1 equiv), oxidant (X) (equiv, conc.) at RT, 6 h, under air. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>*c*</sup>Reaction carried out at 0 °C by using trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (3 equiv) as additive. <sup>*d*</sup>Abbreviations used in the table: PIFA = phenyliodine(III) bis(trifluoroacetate); PIDA = phenyliodine(III) diacetate; DCM = dichloromethane; DCE = dichloroethane; THF = tetrahydrofuran; IPA = isopropyl alcohol; ACN = acetonitrile.

(1.5 equiv, 0.1 M) in the reaction, only oxidized intermediate 4a was formed in 90% yield (entry 14).

With the optimal conditions (Table 1, entry 10) in hand, we next probed the scope and generality of this intramolecular oxidative O-N bond formation approach to a variety of 2amino-N'-arylarylhydrazides. The arylhydrazides containing electron-withdrawing groups (3-F, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 4-Br, 2,4dichloro, and 3,4-dichloro) underwent a smooth reaction and yielded the corresponding products in good yields (Table 2, 2b-2h). The structure of 2c was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis<sup>14</sup> (see the Supporting Information). Similarly, the arylhydrazides bearing electron-donating groups (CH<sub>3</sub>, and  $OCH_3$ ) are well tolerated in the reaction and afforded the desired products in excellent yields (2i-2l). Next, we demonstrated the reaction by using different substituents such as Cl, Br, and I on the aryl ring of arylhydrazides (derived from isatoic anhydride) (1m-1x; see the Experimental Section), and they successfully furnished the desired products in good yields (2m-2x).



Figure 1. Representative compounds of biological significance.







To expand the scope of the present approach, we studied the reaction of 2-amino-N'-phenylnicotinohydrazide (1a') (derived from 2-aminonicotinic acid and phenylhydrazine; see the Supporting Information) as diversified substrates under identical reaction conditions. Pleasingly, the corresponding product (*E*)-3-(phenyldiazenyl)isoxazolo[3,4-*b*]pyridine (2a') was formed in 63% yield. Likewise, various electron-withdrawing and electron-donating groups such as Cl, Br, CH<sub>3</sub>, and OCH<sub>3</sub> containing nicotinohydrazides are employed in the reaction and afforded the respective products in moderate to good yields (Table 2, 2b'-2e').

Additionally, in order to check the versatility of the reaction, the present method was extended for the synthesis of the biologically significant aryldiazenylbenzisothiazole scaffold from the reaction of 2-amino-N'-arylarylhydrazides. In this transformation, benzohydrazides were converted to benzothiohydrazides by using Lawesson's reagent (1 equiv) in THF under a  $N_2$  atmosphere at room temperature. After removal of THF under vacuum, the reaction mixture was directly subjected to oxidative intramolecular S–N bond formation by using standard reaction conditions and yielded the respective aryldiazenylbenzoisothiazoles in moderate to good yields (Table 3, 3a–3g). Notably, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first approach to synthesize aryldiazenylbenzisothiazoles from arylhydrazides in one pot, proving the practical application of the methodology.

Furthermore, in order to investigate the reaction mechanism, a few control experiments were performed (Scheme 2). The reaction of intermediate 4a with PIDA (1.5 equiv) under similar conditions produced the desired product 2a in 82% yield within 3 h (Scheme 2, eq (1)). It is evident that the reaction proceeds via formation of intermediate 4a. When the reaction was carried out by using 2-(methylamino)-N'-phenylbenzohydrazide (1y) under identical reaction conditions, only





<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: (A) **1** (1 equiv), Lawesson's reagent (1 equiv), THF, RT, N<sub>2</sub> atm, 12 h; (B) PIDA (3 equiv, 0.1 M), EtOAc, RT, 3 h, under air. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yields.



oxidized product 5a was formed in 85% yield (Scheme 2, eq (2)). Moreover, when the reaction of 1a was performed in the presence of a radical inhibitor such as TEMPO (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperdine 1-oxy) under similar conditions, no significant effect was observed on the yield of desired product (Scheme 2, eq (3)), which indicates the absence of a radical mechanism. These results collectively suggest that the formation of 4a is a prerequisite to getting the oxidative annulated product (2a). The set of experiments also justified the importance of oxidant and its stoichiometric amount in the present methodology.

On the basis of the control experiments and previous literature reports,  $^{1c,14}$  a presumptive mechanism is proposed (Scheme 3). Initially, the reaction of 1a with PhI(OCOCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (PIDA) gives the iodinated intermediate A with the removal of

Scheme 3. Plausible Reaction Mechanism



acetic acid. The intermediate A is further converted into an azo intermediate 4a via removal of iodobenzene and acetic acid. The reaction of 4a with another mole of PIDA gives the iodinated intermediate B with the removal of acetic acid, which, upon subsequent oxidative O–N bond forming annulation with the loss of iodobenzene and acetic acid, delivered the desired benzisoxazole product (2a).

In summary, we have developed a practical, mild, and efficient protocol for the synthesis of aryldiazenylisoxazoloarenes from the reaction of 2-amino-N'-arylarylhydrazides. Additionally, we also demonstrated the synthesis of aryldiazenylbenzisothiazoles in one pot by using a suitable thiation agent (Lawesson's reagent), followed by our standard reaction conditions. The present work offers an efficient method to access a highly interesting diazo group containing arylisoxazoles and benzisothiazoles in good yields. Multiple operations in one pot by using mild reaction conditions at room temperature under aerobic conditions are the attractive feature of the

present methodology. Further, diazo directed C–H functionalization of these compounds is underway in our laboratory.

## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General Information. Melting points were determined on a capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. All the compounds were fully characterized by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, IR, and HRMS analyses. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/ DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> using TMS as internal standard. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), broad singlet (br s), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), doublet of doublet of doublet (ddd), doublet of triplet (dt), and multiplet (m). Chemical shift and coupling constants are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the residual signal of TMS in deuterated solvents and hertz, respectively. IR spectra were recorded using an FT-IR spectrophotometer, and values are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS were recorded using a Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed over silica gel (60-120 mesh) and EtOAc-hexane as eluent. All chemicals and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

General Experimental Procedure for the Preparation of 1d, 1e, 1g, 1h, 1j, 1k, 1l, 1n-1q, 1s-1x, and 1a'-1e'. 2-Amino-N'arylbenzohydrazides 1a, 1b, 1c, 1f, 1i, 1m, 1r, and 1y were known, and they were prepared by a known literature procedure.<sup>16a</sup> The substrates 1d, 1e, 1g, 1h, 1j, 1k, 1l, 1n-1q, 1s-1x, and 1a'-1e' were unknown and prepared from a known literature procedure.<sup>16</sup> as given below.

In a 50 mL round-bottom flask, a suspension of isatoic anhydride (1.0 equiv) in THF (20 mL) was treated by slow addition of 1.2 equiv of phenylhydrazines. The reaction mixture was refluxed overnight (12 h). The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. 2-Amino-N'-arylbenzo-hydrazides (1) were obtained as solids after being crystallized from ethanol.

**Experimental Procedure for the Preparation of 1a'-1e'.** To a solution of 2-aminonicotinic acid (1 equiv) in dry THF (20 mL) at 0 °C placed into a 50 mL round-bottom flask was added 1,1'carbonyldiimidazole (CDI) (1.1 equiv). The suspension was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Eventually, the precipitate thinned out and *N*,*N*'-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) (1.2 equiv) was added, which caused the precipitate to fully dissolve, followed by the addition of phenylhydrazines. The mixture was stirred at rt for 24 h. The reaction was carefully quenched with water (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was crystallized from ethanol to give the desired products (1a'-1e').

**Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of (E)-(2-Aminophenyl)(phenyldiazenyl)methanone Intermediate (4a).** To a well stirred solution of phenyliodine(III) diacetate (PIDA) (637 mg, 1.5 equiv, 0.1 M) in ethyl acetate (20 mL) was added 2-amino-N'phenylbenzohydrazide (1a) (300 mg, 1.0 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), EtOAc was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60–120 mesh) eluting with hexane:EtOAc (97:3) to afford the red color solid product 4a (90%).

Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Aryldiazenylisoxazoloarenes (2a–2x and 2a'–2e'). To a well stirred solution of PIDA (3.0 equiv, 0.1 M) in ethyl acetate (40 mL) was added 2amino-N'-arylbenzohydrazides (1) (1.0 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 6 h. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of solvent under reduced pressure gave a crude product which was purified by silica gel (60–120 mesh) column chromatography by using hexane:EtOAc (98:2) as an eluent to afford the red color solid products (2a–2x and 2a'–2e'). Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Aryldiazenylbenzisothiazoles (3a–3g). To a solution of 1 (1 equiv) in THF (25 mL) was added the Lawesson's reagent (1 equiv), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at rt under a N<sub>2</sub> ballon. After complete conversion of 1, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was directly subjected for a similar experimental procedure as mentioned above. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc ( $20 \times 3$  mL). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a crude product, which was purified by silica gel (60–120 mesh) column chromatography by using hexane:EtOAc (99:1) as an eluent to afford the red color solid products (3a–3g).

2-Amino-N'-(4-bromophenyl)benzohydrazide (1d). White solid (314 mg, 56%); mp 198–200 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3391, 3019, 1669, 1422, 1289, 1215, 1065, 758, 668; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.09$  (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, 1H, J = 7.60 Hz), 7.29 (d, 2H, J = 8.56 Hz), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.74–6.71 (m, 3H), 6.56–6.52 (m, 1H), 6.36 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 168.8$ , 149.9 (C), 149.20 (C), 132.2 (CH), 131.3 (2 × CH), 127.9 (CH), 116.4 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 114.2 (2 × CH), 112.5 (C), 109.2 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 306.0242, found: 306.0242.

2-Amino-N'-(3-fluorophenyl)benzohydrazide (1e). White solid (225 mg, 50%); mp 164–166 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3399, 3019, 1634, 1403, 1216, 1067, 770, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.09 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.44 Hz), 7.21–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.76 Hz), 6.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.78 Hz), 6.55 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.95 Hz), 6.51–6.45 (m, 2H), 6.38 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 168.8, 163.1 (d, *J* = 238.72 Hz, C), 152.1 (d, *J* = 10.20 Hz, C), 149.9 (C), 132.2 (CH), 130.3 (d, *J* = 9.88 Hz, CH), 128.0 (CH), 116.4 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 112.5 (C), 108.2 (CH), 104.5 (d, *J* = 21.20 Hz, CH), 98.6 (d *J* = 25.46 Hz, CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 246.1043, found: 246.1040.

2-Amino-N'-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)benzohydrazide (**1g**). White solid (271 mg, 50%); mp 197–200 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3399, 3019, 1639, 1384, 1215, 1155, 1068, 770, 668; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.23$  (s, 1H), 7.67–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, 1H, J = 2.32 Hz), 7.23–7.17 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.78 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, 1H, J = 7.76), 6.55 (t, 1H, J = 7.18 Hz), 6.40 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 168.6$ , 150.0 (C), 144.3 (C), 132.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 121.9 (C), 117.7 (C), 116.4 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 114.0 (CH), 112.1 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 296.0357, found: 296.0346.

2-Amino-N'-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)benzohydrazide (1h). White solid (271 mg, 50%); mp 171–173 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3390, 3019, 1646, 1404, 1215, 1065, 770, 668; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.64 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.88, 1.15 Hz), 7.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.72 Hz), 7.21–7.17 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.61 Hz), 6.77–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.57–6.53 (m, 1H), 6.39 (br s, 2H) pm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 168.8, 150.07 (C), 150.00 (C), 132.4 (CH), 131.1 (C), 130.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 119.2 (C), 116.4 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 113.1 (CH), 112.5 (CH), 112.2 (C) pm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 296.0357, found: 296.0346.

2-Amino-N'-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)benzohydrazide (**1***j*). White solid (281 mg, 60%); mp 188–190 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3389, 3019, 1634, 1403, 1215, 1155, 1068, 758, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.02$  (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.72 (d, 1H, J = 8.24 Hz), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.56–6.52 (m, 2H), 6.35 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 168.7$ , 149.8 (C), 147.8 (C), 136.0 (C), 132.0 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 126.0 (C), 116.3 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 114.0 (CH), 112.9 (C), 110.0 (CH), 19.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 256.1450, found: 256.1449.

2-Amino-N'-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)benzohydrazide (1k). White solid (281 mg, 60%); mp 164–166 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ )

3425, 1618, 1584, 1404, 1216, 1066, 764, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.08 (s, 1H), 7.68 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.92, 1.2 Hz), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.04 (br s, 1H), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.48 Hz), 6.73 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.24, 0.84 Hz), 6.58–6.53 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.28 Hz), 6.39 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 168.6, 149.9 (C), 146.9 (C), 135.2 (C), 132.1 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 119.4 (CH), 119.0 (C), 116.4 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 112.8 (C), 111.8 (CH), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 256.1450; found: 256.1438.

2-Amino-N'-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzohydrazide (11). White solid (307 mg, 65%); mp 150–152 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3378, 3019, 2932, 1634, 1585, 1508, 1404, 1215, 1156, 1068, 1030, 757, 668; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.06$  (d, 1H, J = 2.6 Hz), 7.64 (d, 1H, J = 7.12 Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 2.84 Hz), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 6.79–6.74 (m, 4H), 6.72–6.70 (m, 1H), 6.54 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.35 (br s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 166.8$ , 152.7 (C), 149.8 (C), 143.6 (C), 132.1 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 116.3 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 114.2 (2 × CH), 113.8 (2 × CH), 112.9 (C), 55.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 258.1243, found: 258.1225.

2-Amino-4-chloro-N'-(4-fluorophenyl)benzohydrazide (1n). White solid (212 mg, 50%); mp 160–162 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3378, 1636, 1507, 1403, 1218, 1065, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.15 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, 1H, J = 8.46 Hz), 7.00–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.76 (m, 3H), 6.62 (s, 2H) 6.56 (dd, 1H, J = 8.41, 2.01 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 168.1, 155.9 (d, J = 232 Hz, C), 151.1 (C), 146.1 (C), 136.7 (C), 129.8 (CH), 115.2 (d, J = 10.38 Hz, 2 × CH), 115.0 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 113.5 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 2 × CH), 111.4 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClFN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 280.0653; found: 280.0653.

2-Amino-4-chloro-N'-(4-chlorophenyl)benzohydrazide (10). White solid (251 mg, 56%); mp 172–174 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3377, 3019, 1631, 1385, 1215, 1155, 1068, 927, 758, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.17$  (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, 1H, J = 8.32 Hz), 7.17 (d, 2H, J = 8.30), 6.79–6.76 (m, 3H), 6.63 (br s, 2H), 6.56 (d, 1H, J = 7.66 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 168.0$ , 151.2 (C), 148.6 (C), 136.8 (C), 129.8 (CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 121.8 (C), 115.1 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 113.7 (2 × CH), 111.3 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 296.0357, found: 296.0346.

2-Amino-4-chloro-N'-(3-chlorophenyl)benzohydrazide (1p). White solid (246 mg, 55%); mp 200–202 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3366, 3019, 1625, 1404, 1215, 1066, 849, 769, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.17 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, 1H, J = 8.44 Hz), 7.15 (t, 1H, J = 7.90 Hz), 6.80 (d, 1H, J = 1.30 Hz), 6.73–6.71 (m, 3H), 6.64 (br s, 2H), 6.57 (d, 1H, J = 7.90 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 168.0, 151.2 (2 × C), 136.8 (C), 133.4 (C), 130.4 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 118.0 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 114.4 (CH), 111.5 (CH), 111.1 (C), 110.8 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 296.0357; found: 296.0346.

2-Amino-4-chloro-N'-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)benzohydrazide (1q). White solid (263 mg, 60%); mp 187–189 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3385, 3019, 1613, 1492, 1404, 1215, 1154, 1068, 769, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.10$  (d, 1H, J = 2.03 Hz), 7.65 (d, 1H, J = 8.38 Hz), 7.50 (d, 1H, J = 2.03 Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, J = 7.94 Hz), 6.78 (d, 1H, J = 1.77 Hz), 6.61 (br s, 2H), 6.59–6.50 (m, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 168.0$ , 151.1 (C), 147.7 (C), 136.6 (C), 136.1 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 126.1 (C), 115.1 (CH), 114.4 (CH), 114.0 (CH), 111.6 (C), 110.0 (CH), 19.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 290.1060; found: 290.1053.

2-Amino-4-bromo-N'-(4-chlorophenyl)benzohydrazide (1s). White solid (229 mg, 55%); mp 185–187 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3379, 3019, 1636, 1403, 1215, 1066, 758, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.17$  (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, 1H, J = 8.44 Hz), 7.17 (d, 2H, J = 8.64 Hz), 6.96 (d, 1H, J = 1.24 Hz), 6.77 (d, 2H, J = 8.64 Hz), 6.60 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 168.7$ , 151.4 (C), 148.8 (C), 130.3 (CH), 128.9 (2 × CH), 126.3 (C), 122.5 (C), 118.6 (CH), 117.9 (CH), 114.2 (2 × CH), 112.1 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{13}H_{11}BrClN_3O$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 339.9852, found: 339.9848.

2-Amino-4-bromo-N'-p-tolylbenzohydrazide (1t). White solid (224 mg, 57%); mp 189–191 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3449, 3390, 3354, 3287, 3021, 1654, 1607, 1492, 1216, 1062, 907, 761, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.11$  (s, 1H), 7.59–7.56 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.94 (m, 3H), 6.69–6.67 (m, 3H), 6.58 (br s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 168.2$  (C), 151.2 (C), 147.4 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.2 (2 × CH), 127.4 (C), 125.7 (C), 118.2 (CH), 117.4 (CH), 112.7 (2 × CH), 112.1 (C), 20.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 320.0398, found: 320.0389.

2-Amino-5-iodo-N'-phenylbenzohydrazide (1u). White solid (210 mg, 58%); mp 218–220 °C; IR FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3402, 1638, 1403, 1217, 1155, 1068, 771, 668; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.16 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.92 Hz), 7.75 (br s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.68, 1.96 Hz), 7.16–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.68 Hz), 6.72–6.69 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.72 Hz), 6.51 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 168.0, 149.7 (C), 149.6 (C), 140.6 (CH), 136.1 (CH), 129.2 (2 × CH), 119.4 (CH), 119.3 (CH), 115.7 (C), 112.7 (2 × CH), 75.2 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 354.0103, found: 354.0102.

2-Amino-N'-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-iodobenzohydrazide (1v). White solid (219 mg, 55%); mp 178–180 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3399, 1650, 1403, 1216, 1066, 770, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.18 (s, 1H), 7.95–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.68, 1.40 Hz), 7.18 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.68 Hz), 6.77 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.68 Hz), 6.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.72 Hz), 6.52 (br s, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 167.5, 149.4 (C), 148.5 (C), 140.2 (CH), 135.7 (CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 121.8 (C), 118.9 (CH), 114.9 (C), 113.7 (2 × CH), 74.7 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClIN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 387.9714, found: 387.9711.

2-Amino-5-iodo-N'-p-tolylbenzohydrazide (1w). White solid (219 mg, 58%); mp 176–178 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3847, 3744, 3738, 3669, 3391, 1654, 1403, 1217, 1063, 771, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.13$  (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.64 Hz), 6.96 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.96 Hz), 6.68 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.00 Hz), 6.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.64 Hz), 6.50 (br s, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 167.5$ , 149.3 (C), 147.3 (C), 140.1 (CH), 135.7 (CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 127.3 (C), 118.9 (CH), 115.3 (C), 112.6 (2 × CH), 74.8 (C), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 368.0260, found: 368.0244.

2-Amino-N'-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-iodobenzohydrazide (1x). White solid (235 mg, 60%); mp 172–174 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3398, 2927, 1637, 1403, 1218, 1067, 771, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.18 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.60 Hz), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.24 Hz), 6.61–6.48 (m, SH), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.4, 149.4 (C), 146.7 (C), 140.1 (C), 135.7 (CH), 135.3 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 119.5 (CH), 119.0 (C), 119.0 (CH), 115.2 (C), 111.7 (CH), 74.8 (C), 21.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 382.0416, found: 382.0410.

2-Amino-N'-phenylnicotinohydrazide(1a'). White solid (272 mg, 55%); mp 158–160 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3398, 1639, 1403, 1219, 1065, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 10.27$  (d, 1H, J = 1.88 Hz), 8.12–8.05 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, 1H, J = 2.08 Hz), 7.15 (t, 2H, J = 8.12 Hz), 7.00 (br s, 2H), 6.78 (d, 2H, J = 7.76 Hz), 6.72 (t, 1H, J = 7.28 Hz), 6.63 (dd, 1H, J = 7.64, 4.8 Hz) pm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 167.6$ , 158.8 (C), 151.7 (CH), 149.5 (C), 136.4 (CH), 128.7 (2 × CH), 118.7 (CH), 112.3 (2 × CH), 111.4 (CH), 107.8 (C) pm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 229.1089, found: 229.1088.

2-Amino-N'-(4-chlorophenyl)nicotinohydrazide(1b'). White solid (295 mg, 52%); mp 220–222 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3401, 1637, 1403, 1216, 1068, 771, 668; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.28 Hz), 8.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.76, 1.72 Hz), 8.06–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.00 (br s, 2H), 6.80–6.76 (m, 2H), 6.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.68, 4.76 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 167.6, 158.8 (C), 151.9 (CH), 148.5 (C), 136.4 (CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 121.9 (C), 113.7 (2 × CH), 111.4 (CH), 107.6 (C)

ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}ClN_4O \ [M + H]^+$  263.0700, found: 263.0690.

2-Amino-N'-(4-bromophenyl)nicotinohydrazide (1*c*'). White solid (345 mg, 52%); mp 216–218 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3400, 3019, 1639, 1404, 1215, 1063, 928, 757, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.29 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.40 Hz), 8.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.76. 1.72 Hz), 8.05–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.28 (m, 2H), 6.99 (br s, 2H), 6.74–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.72, 4.8 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.6, 158.8 (C), 151.9 (CH), 148.9 (C), 136.4 (CH), 131.3 (2 × CH), 114.3 (2 × CH), 114.4 (CH), 109.4 (C), 107.6 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 307.0194, found: 307.0191.

2-Amino-N'-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinohydrazide (1e'). White solid (337 mg, 60%); mp 149–151 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3745, 3393, 3019, 1633, 1403, 1215, 1155, 1068, 769, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 10.26 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.04 Hz), 8.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.72, 1.60 Hz), 8.04 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.68, 1.52 Hz), 7.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.16 Hz), 6.99 (br s, 2H), 6.79–6.74 (m, 4H), 6.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.68, 4.80 Hz), 3.65 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 167.6, 158.7 (C), 152.8 (CH), 151.6 (C), 143.3 (CH), 136.3 (C), 114.2 (2 × CH), 113.8 (2 × CH), 111.4 (CH), 107.9 (C), 55.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 259.1195; found: 259.1191.

(*E*)-3-(*Phenyldiazenyl*)*benzo*[*c*]*isoxazole* (**2a**). Red solid (235 mg, 80%); mp 90–92 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3401, 3018, 1654, 1384, 1216, 1084, 770, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10–8.04 (m, 3H), 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.00 Hz), 7.67–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.40 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 166.9 (C), 157.9 (C), 152.7 (C), 133.6 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 129.7 (2 × CH), 129.5 (CH), 123.3 (2 × CH), 121.4 (CH), 115.5 (CH), 108.7 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 224.0824, found: 224.0824.

(E)-3-((4-Fluorophenyl))diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (**2b**). Red solid (205 mg, 70%); mp 158–159 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3400, 3019, 2400, 1592, 1496, 1384, 1215, 1070, 929, 846, 757, 669 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.02-7.96$  (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, 1H, J = 8.92 Hz), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 167.4$  (C), 165.7 (d, J = 254.57 Hz) (C), 158.5 (C), 150.1 (C), 131.6 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 125.9 (d, J = 9.03 Hz, 2 × CH), 121.8 (CH), 116.7 (d, J = 23.09 Hz, 2 × CH), 116.0 (CH), 109.8 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 242.0730, found: 242.0726.

(E)-3-((4-Chlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2c). Red solid (224 mg, 76%); mp 140–141 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3746, 3686, 3400, 3019, 2400, 1614, 1385, 1215, 1085, 929, 757, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.04–7.97 (m, 3H), 7.66 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.96 Hz), 7.52 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.56 Hz), 7.43–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.4 (C), 158.5 (C), 151.8 (C), 139.3 (C), 131.6 (CH), 129.8 (2 × CH), 128.8 (CH), 124.8 (2 × CH), 121.8 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 110.0 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 258.0434, found: 258.0434.

(E)-3-((4-Bromophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2d). Red solid (224 mg, 76%); mp 156–158 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3400, 3019, 1614, 1385, 1215, 1067, 758, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99 (d, 1H, J = 7.68 Hz), 7.86 (d, 2H, J = 6.72 Hz), 7.65–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.23 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.4 (C), 158.6 (C), 152.1 (C), 132.8 (2 × CH), 131.6 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 125 (2 × CH), 121.8 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 110.0 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 301.9929, found: 301.9923.

*(E)-3-((3-Fluorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2e).* Red solid (206 mg, 70%); mp 135–137 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3392, 1619, 1387, 1068, 770; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.13 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.72 Hz), 7.98–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.7 (C), 162.7 (d, *J* = 247.37 Hz, C), 158.0 (C), 154.1 (d, *J* = 8.89 Hz, C), 132.5 (2 × CH), 131.6 (d, *J* = 8.57 Hz, CH), 130.0 (CH), 121.3 (d, *J* = 11.03 Hz, CH), 120.2 (d, *J* = 22.09 Hz, CH), 115.7 (CH), 109.5 (C), 108.2 (d, *J* = 22.93 Hz, CH)

ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{13}H_8FN_3O [M + H]^+$  242.0730, found: 242.0726.

(E)-3-((3-Chlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2f). Red solid (206 mg, 71%); mp 155–156 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3401, 3019, 1613, 1385, 1215,1068, 930, 757, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.06–8.02 (m, 2H), 7.96–7.93 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, 1H, J = 9.04 Hz), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 1H) pm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.3 (C), 158.6 (C), 154.1 (C), 135.7 (C), 132.6 (CH), 131.7 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 121.7, 116.2 (CH), 110.2 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 258.0434, found: 258.0433.

(E)-3-((2,4-Dichlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (**2g**). Red solid (201 mg, 68%); mp 174–176 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{\rm max}/{\rm cm}^{-1}$ ) 3400, 1636, 1403, 1217, 1068, 840, 771, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.69 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.00 Hz), 7.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.16 Hz), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.6 (C), 158.6 (C), 147.9 (C), 139.6 (C), 138.5 (C), 131.8 (CH), 131.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 117.7 (CH), 116.1 (CH), 108.3 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.0044 ; found: 292.0042.

(E)-3-((3,4-Dichlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2h). Red solid (201 mg, 68%); mp 158–160 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{\rm max}/{\rm cm}^{-1}$ ) 3853, 3745, 3400, 3019, 2400, 1615, 1385, 1215, 1083, 758, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.13 (d, 1H, J = 2.12 Hz), 8.03 (d, 1H, J = 8.68 Hz), 7.90 (dd, 1H, J = 8.56, 2.16 Hz), 7.68 (d, 1H, J = 9.04 Hz), 7.63 (d, 1H, J = 8.56 Hz), 7.45–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H) pm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.2 (C), 158.6 (C), 152.3 (C), 137.1 (C), 134.1 (C), 131.7 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 121.7 (CH), 116.3 (CH), 110.5 (C) pm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.0044, found: 292.0045.

(*E*)-3-(*p*-Tolyldiazenyl)benzo[*c*]isoxazole (2i). Red solid (236 mg, 80%); mp 130–132 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3400, 3019, 1600, 1385, 1215, 1070, 757, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.06 (dt, 1H, *J* = 8.72, 1.0 Hz), 7.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.32 Hz), 7.65 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.04, 0.72 Hz), 7.40 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 10.2, 6.44, 1.0 Hz), 7.35 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.08 Hz), 7.26–7.22 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.8 (C), 158.5 (C), 151.8 (C), 144.4 (C), 131.5 (CH), 130.2 (2 × CH), 128.2 (CH), 123.8 (2 × CH), 122.0 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 109.5 (C), 21.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 238.0980, found: 238.0975.

(E)-3-((3,4-Dimethylphenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2j). Red solid (237 mg, 81%); mp 154–155 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3395, 1613, 1388, 1073, 760; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.09 (d, 1H, J = 8.64 Hz), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, 1H, J = 8.12 Hz), 7.65 (d, 1H, J = 8.96 Hz), 7.42–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, 1H, J = 7.96 Hz), 7.26–7.22 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.2 (C), 157.9 (C), 151.3 (C), 143.7 (C), 138.1 (C), 132.3 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 115.4 (CH), 108.3 (C), 19.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 252.1137, found: 252.1135.

(*E*)-3-((2,5-Dimethylphenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2k). Red solid (237 mg, 81%); mp 148–150 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3417, 1639, 1403, 1069, 757; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.03 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.68 Hz), 7.68 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.72 Hz), 7.43 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 6.48, 0.92 Hz), 7.29–7.27 (m, 3H), 2.77 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.6 (C), 158.5 (C), 151.5 (C), 138.0 (C), 136.6 (C), 134.5 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 131.4 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 115.9 (CH), 115.1 (CH), 107.9 (C), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 252.1137, found: 252.1132.

(E)-3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2I). Red solid (243 mg, 83%); mp 120–122 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3409, 1638, 1403, 1068, 760; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.07–8.03 (m, 3H), 7.63 (d, 1H, J = 9.05 Hz), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.03 (m, 2H), 3.93 (m, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.9 (C), 164.1 (C), 158.6 (C), 148.2 (C), 131.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.1 (2 × CH), 122.1 (CH), 115.8 (CH), 114.8

 $(2 \times CH)$ , 109.4 (C), 55.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{14}H_{11}N_3O_2$  [M + H] 254.0930, found: 254.0915.

(E)-6-Chloro-3-(phenyldiazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (**2m**). Red solid (230 mg, 78%); mp 119–121 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3401, 1643, 1403, 1069, 770; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.05–8.00 (m, 3H), 7.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.36, 0.8 Hz), 7.60–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.17 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.12, 1.56 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.0 (C), 158.6 (C), 153.4 (C), 137.9 (C), 133.6 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 123.9 (2 × CH), 123.3 (CH), 114.5 (CH), 107.3 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 258.0434, found: 258.0428.

(E)-6-Chloro-3-((4-fluorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2n). Red solid (206 mg, 70%); mp 170–172 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3403, 2922, 2314, 1642, 1402, 1069, 766; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10–8.07 (m, 2H), 8.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.04 Hz), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.26 (br t, 2H), 7.18 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.08, 1.44 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.8 (C), 167.3 (C), 158.6 (C), 150.1 (C), 138.0 (C), 130.2 (CH), 126.2 (d, *J* = 8.98 Hz, 2 × CH), 123.1 (CH), 116.8 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz, 2 × CH), 114.6 (CH), 107.8 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CIFN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 276.0340; found: 276.0330.

(*E*)-6-Chloro-3-((4-chlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (**2o**). Red solid (203 mg, 69%); mp 165–166 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3400, 3019, 2399, 1613, 1385, 1215, 1084, 928, 757, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.99 (d, 3H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.19 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.12, 1.36 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.8 (C), 158.6 (C), 151.7 (C), 139.9 (C), 138.0 (C), 130.5 (CH), 130.0 (2 × CH), 125.0 (2 × CH), 123.1 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 108.0 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.0044, found: 292.0044.

*(E)-6-Chloro-3-((3-Chlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2p).* Red solid (188 mg, 64%); mp 175–176 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3401, 2922, 1644, 1403, 1068, 840, 767; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.04–7.96 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 0.64 Hz), 7.56–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.08, 1.48 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.7 (C), 158.7 (C), 154.1 (C), 138.1 (C), 135.8 (C), 133.1 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 114.7 (CH), 108.3 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 292.0044; found: 292.0041

(E)-6-Chloro-3-((3,4-dimethylphenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2q). Red solid (234 mg, 80%); mp 158–160 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3394, 1619, 1386, 1300, 1045, 776; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.12 Hz), 7.78–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.00 Hz), 7.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.08, 1.48 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.2 (C), 158.5 (C), 152.0 (C), 143.9 (C), 138.1 (C), 137.8 (C), 130.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 124.4 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 107.3 (C), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 286.0747, found: 286.0734

(E)-6-Bromo-3-(phenyldiazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2r). Red solid (233 mg, 79%); mp 120–122 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3409, 1634, 1403, 1216, 1069, 770, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.07–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.08, 0.72 Hz), 7.88 (br t, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.31 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.08, 1.44 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.1 (C), 159.0 (C), 153.4 (C), 133.7 (CH), 132.5 (CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 126.4 (C), 123.9 (2 × CH), 123.2 (CH), 118.1 (CH), 107.8 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 301.9929, found: 301.9922.

(E)-6-Bromo-3-((4-chlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2s). Red solid (209 mg, 71%); mp 210–212 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3409, 1639, 1403, 1216, 1091, 840, 771, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.98 (dt, 2H, J = 9.48, 2.6 Hz), 7.91 (dd, 1H, J = 9.08, 0.72 Hz), 7.88 (br t, 1H), 7.53 (dt, 2H, J = 9.48, 2.60 Hz), 7.31 (dd, 1H, J = 9.08, 1.4 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.9 (C), 159.0 (C), 151.7 (C), 139.9 (C), 132.7 (CH), 130.0 (2 × CH), 126.5 (C), 125.0 (2 × CH), 123.0 (CH), 118.1 (CH), 108.1 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 335.9539, found: 335.9546.

(E)-6-Bromo-3-(p-tolyldiazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2t). Red solid (221 mg, 75%); mp 138–140 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3401, 1636, 1403, 1069, 768; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.95–7.92

(m, 3H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.27 (dd, 1H, J = 9.08, 1.32 Hz), 2.47 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 168.3$  (C), 158.9 (C), 151.7 (C), 145.1 (C), 132.0 (CH), 130.3 (2 × CH), 126.3 (C), 124.0 (2 × CH), 123.4 (CH), 117.9 (CH), 107.6 (C), 21.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 316.0085, found: 316.0072.

(E)-5-lodo-3-(phenyldiazenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (2u). Red solid (222 mg, 75%); mp 138–140 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3401, 1642, 1401, 1217, 1071, 769; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.54 (br t, 1H), 8.09–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.43 (dd, 1H, J = 9.32, 0.8 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.4 (C), 156.9 (C), 153.5 (C), 140.3 (CH), 133.6 (CH), 131.0 (CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 123.9 (2 × CH), 117.3 (CH), 110.8 (C), 94.2 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 349.9790, found: 349.9795.

(*E*)-3-((4-Chlorophenyl)diazenyl)-5-iodobenzo[c]isoxazole (**2v**). Red solid (191 mg, 65%); mp 185–187 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3401, 1637, 1403, 1068, 841, 760; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dt, 2H, *J* = 9.44, 2.64 Hz), 7.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.32, 1.48 Hz), 7.54 (dt, 2H, *J* = 9.48, 2.64 Hz), 7.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.32, 0.8 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.2 (C), 157.0 (C), 151.9 (C), 140.4 (CH), 139.8 (C), 130.9 (CH), 130.0 (2 × CH), 125.0 (2 × CH), 117.4 (CH), 111.0 (C), 94.6 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClIN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 383.9401, found: 383.9402.

(*E*)-5-lodo-3-(*p*-tolyldiazenyl)benzo[*c*]isoxazole (2*w*). Red solid (229 mg, 78%); mp 142–144 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3400, 1644, 1403, 1068, 760; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.32 Hz), 7.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.32, 1.44 Hz), 7.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.32, 0.76 Hz), 7.35 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.16 Hz), 2.46 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 166.6 (C), 156.9 (C), 151.8 (C), 145.0 (C), 140.2 (CH), 131.1 (CH), 130.3 (2 × CH), 124.0 (2 × CH), 117.3 (CH), 110.6 (C), 93.7 (C), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 363.9947, found: 363.9939.

(E)-3-((2,5-Dimethylphenyl)diazenyl)-5-iodobenzo[c]isoxazole (**2x**). Red solid (229 mg, 78%); mp 190–192 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3409, 1640, 1403, 1219, 1068, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.28, 1.4 Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.28 Hz), 7.29 (Br s, 2H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 167.3 (C), 156.9 (C), 151.6 (C), 140.2 (CH), 138.4 (C), 136.7 (C), 135.0 (CH), 131.7 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 117.3 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 109.8 (C), 94.0 (C), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 378.0103, found: 378.0103.

(*E*)-3-(*Phenyldiazenyl*)*isoxazolo*[3,4-*b*]*pyridine* (**2***a*'). Red solid (184 mg, 63%); mp 120–122 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3410, 1633, 1404, 1217, 1070, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.88 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.88, 1.76 Hz), 8.43 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.64, 1.72 Hz), 8.08–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.60, 3.90 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.2 (C), 166.3 (C), 158.6 (CH), 153.2 (C), 134.0 (CH), 131.7 (CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 124.0 (2 × CH), 123.8 (CH), 101.9 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 225.0776, found: 225.0772.

(*E*)-3-((4-Chlorophenyl)diazenyl)isoxazolo[3,4-b]pyridine (**2b**'). Red solid (182 mg, 62%); mp 179–181 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3401, 2922, 1644, 1403, 1068, 835, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.90 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.72, 1.56 Hz), 8.42 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.64, 1.6 Hz), 8.02 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.72 Hz), 7.56 (dd, 2H, *J* = 8.72 Hz), 7.26–7.23 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.1 (C), 166.4 (C), 158.6 (CH), 151.7 (C), 140.3 (C), 131.6 (CH), 130.1 (2 × CH), 125.2 (2 × CH), 124.0 (CH), 102.3 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 259.0387, found: 259.0395.

(*E*)-3-((*4*-Bromophenyl)/diazenyl)isoxazolo[3,4-b]pyridine (2*c*'). Red solid (181 mg, 62%); mp 180–182 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/$  cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3401, 1644, 1403, 1068, 838, 770; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.89 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.88, 1.72 Hz), 8.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.64, 1.72 Hz), 7.95–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.1 (C), 166.4 (C), 158.7 (CH), 152.0 (C), 133.1 (2 × CH), 131.6 (CH), 129.1 (C), 125.3 (2 × CH), 124.0 (CH), 102.3 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 302.9881, found: 302.9873. (*E*)-3-((2,5-Dimethylphenyl)diazenyl)isoxazolo[3,4-b]pyridine (2d'). Red solid (192 mg, 65%); mp 165–167 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3400, 1636, 1403, 1217, 1068, 840, 771, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.88, 1.72 Hz), 8.34 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 1.72 Hz), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 3.92 Hz), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 169.1 (C), 166.3 (C), 158.4 (CH), 151.4 (C), 138.7 (C), 136.8 (C), 135.5 (CH), 131.8 (CH), 131.7 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 115.2 (CH), 100.9 (C), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 253.1089, found: 253.1086.

(E)-3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)diazenyl)isoxazolo[3,4-b]pyridine (**2e**'). Red solid (198 mg, 67%); mp 165–167 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3399, 1637, 1403, 1217, 1069, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.85 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.88, 1.72 Hz), 8.41 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 1.72 Hz), 8.05 (dt, 2H, *J* = 10.2, 3.16 Hz), 7.16 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.64, 3.92 Hz), 7.07–7.03 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 168.7 (C), 166.3 (C), 164.8 (C), 158.4 (CH), 148.0 (C), 132.1 (CH), 126.5 (2 × CH), 123.0 (CH), 115.0 (2 × CH), 101.5 (C), 56.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 255.0882, found: 255.0878

(E)-3-(Phenyldiazenyl)benzo[c]isothiazole (**3a**). Red solid (220 mg, 70%); mp 96–98 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3399, 2923, 1639, 1385, 1219, 1154, 1068, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.28–8.26 (m, 1H), 8.02–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, 1H, J = 8.96 Hz), 7.58–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 173.2 (C), 162.8 (C), 152.6 (C), 132.5 (CH), 131.6 (C), 129.6 (CH), 129.4 (2 × CH), 126.7 (CH), 123.6 (2 × CH), 122.8 (CH), 121.2 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 240.0595; found: 240.0582.

(E)-6-Bromo-3-(phenyldiazenyl)benzo[c]isothiazole (**3b**). Red solid (205 mg, 66%); mp 116–118 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3399, 2922, 1638, 1385, 1218, 1153, 1068, 771; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.04, 0.36 Hz), 8.00–7.98 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.44 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.04, 1.56 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 174.0 (C), 162.6 (C), 152.4 (C), 132.9 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 129.9 (C), 129.5 (2 × CH), 124.9 (CH), 123.7 (2 × CH), 121.9 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 317.9701; found: 317.9687.

(E)-3-((4-Chlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isothiazole (**3c**). Red solid (186 mg, 60%); mp 135–138 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3400, 2921, 1639, 1385, 1218, 1153, 1068, 772; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.56 Hz), 7.96–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.92 Hz), 7.52–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 172.9 (C), 162.8 (C), 150.9 (C), 138.5 (C), 131.7 (C), 129.8 (2 × CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 124.7 (2 × CH), 122.9 (CH), 121.1 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 274.0206, found: 274.0199.

(*E*)-6-Bromo-3-((4-chlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isothiazole (**3d**). Red solid (179 mg, 58%); mp 162–168 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3399, 2922, 1639, 1385, 1218, 1154, 1068, 771, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.09 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.04, 0.48 Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.00 Hz), 7.95–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.04, 1.56 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 173.7 (C), 162.6 (C), 150.8 (C), 139.0 (C), 130.5 (CH), 129.8 (2 × CH), 129.3 (C), 127.5 (C), 125.0 (CH), 124.9 (2 × CH), 121.8 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrClN<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 351.9311; found: 351.9303.

(E)-3-((3,4-Dichlorophenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isothiazole (**3e**). Red solid (176 mg, 57%); mp 150–152 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3396, 3019, 2920, 1638, 1385, 1216, 1154, 1067, 771, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.56 Hz), 8.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 7.86 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.56, 2.24 Hz), 7.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.92 Hz), 7.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.56 Hz), 7.53–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 172.4 (C), 162.9 (C), 151.4 (C), 136.4 (C), 134.0 (C), 131.9 (C), 131.3 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 121.1 (CH) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> N<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 307.9816; found: 307.9807.

(E)-3-((2,5-Dimethylphenyl)diazenyl)benzo[c]isothiazole (**3f**). Red solid (212 mg, 68%); mp 124–126 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3847, 3744, 3669, 3392, 2923, 1638, 1385, 1218, 1155, 1068, 772, 669; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.30–8.27 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.96 Hz), 7.67 (br s, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 174.2 (C), 162.9 (C), 150.4 (C), 137.0 (C), 136.4 (C), 133.7 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 131.1 (C), 129.5 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 268.0908; found: 268.0902.

(*E*)-3-((2,5-Dimethylphenyl)diazenyl)-5-iodobenzo[*c*]isothiazole (**3g**). Red solid (199 mg, 65%); mp 197–199 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$ / cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3400, 3019, 2344, 1638, 1385, 1216, 1068, 769, 668; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.70–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.24 Hz), 7.28 (s, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 173.3 (C), 161.1 (C), 150.4 (C), 138.1 (CH), 137.4 (C), 136.5 (C), 134.1 (CH), 132.4 (C), 131.6 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 116.2 (CH), 93.1 (C), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 393.9875; found: 393.9867.

(E)-(2-Aminophenyl)(phenyldiazenyl)methanone (4a). Red solid (267 mg, 90%); mp 90–92 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3372, 3018, 2925, 2856, 1617, 1389, 1216, 1072, 669; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.96 (dt, 2H, J = 6.5, 1.26 Hz), 7.72–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (br s, 2H), 6.92 (d,1H, J = 8.35 Hz), 6.54–6.50 (m, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 182.9, 153.0 (C), 151.4 (C), 136.0 (CH), 133.3 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 129.7 (2 × CH), 122.9 (2 × CH), 116.9 (CH), 114.6 (CH), 109.1 (C) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 226.0980, found: 226.0972

(*E*)-(2-(*Methylamino*)*phenyl*)(*phenyldiazenyl*)*methanone* (*5a*). Red solid (266 mg, 90%); mp 85–87 °C; FT-IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ) 3407, 2938, 2088, 1723, 1638, 1593, 1404, 1385, 1238, 1217, 1149, 1069, 917, 668, 599; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.41 (br s, 1H), 8.01–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.79 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.12, 1.56 Hz), 7.60–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.44 (m,1H), 6.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.56 Hz), 6.60–6.56 (m, 1H), 3.01 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.08 Hz) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 183.0, 153.6 (C), 152.3 (C), 136.7 (CH), 133.2 (CH), 133.1 (CH), 129.4 (3 × CH), 123.7 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 111.5 (C), 111.3 (CH), 29.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 240.1137, found: 240.1133.

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