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The Reaction of *NH*-Indazoles with 1-Fluoro-2,4-dinitrobenzene: The Unusual Formation of Benzotriazole-*N*-oxides

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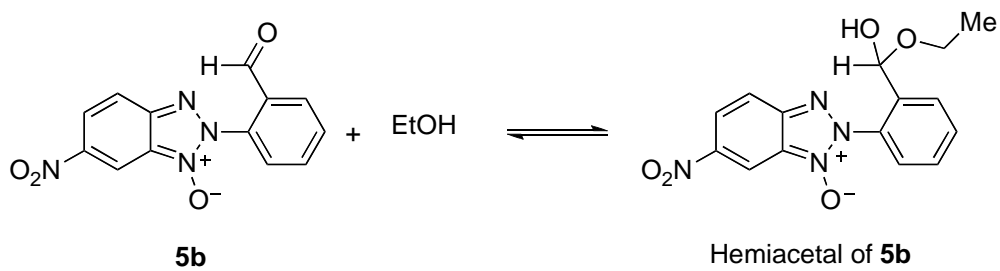
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1. General experimental methods

Flash column chromatography were run on silica gel 60 (0.040–0.063 nm) from Merck. Melting points were measured in open-end glass capillary tubes and are uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded on a Bruker 300 MHz spectrometer. The chemical shifts are reported relative to the deuterated solvents. LC-MS chromatograms and spectra were recorded on a HPLC 2695 with a Waters 2996 photodiode array detector and Waters Micromass ZQ module. The column used was a Sunfire C18 with 3.5 μm and 50 cm x 4.6 mm. MS spectra were recorded by positive ESI.

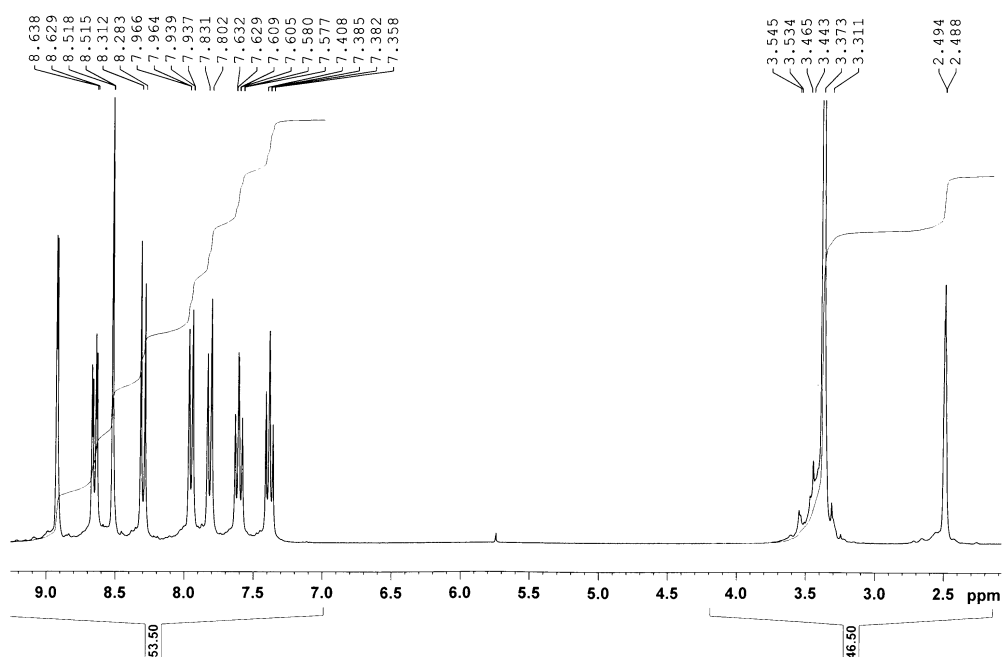
Microwave reactions were carried out using a Biotage Initiator TM 2,0. LC-MS analyses were performed using an Alliance 2695 (Waters) with a diode array UV/Vis detector Waters 2996 and interfaced to a Micromass ZQ mass spectrometer. Analyses were performed using reversed phase HPLC silica based columns: column Bridge C18 3.5 μm. (2.1 x 100 mm). Using an injection volume of 3 μL., a flow rate of 0.25 mL/min and gradient elution (5 to 95 % over 5 min) of acetonitrile in water. Acetonitrile contains 0.08 % v/v and water contains 0.1 % v/v formic acid. Analyses were monitored at 254 nm wavelength.



Equilibrium of **11** and its hemiacetal **17**

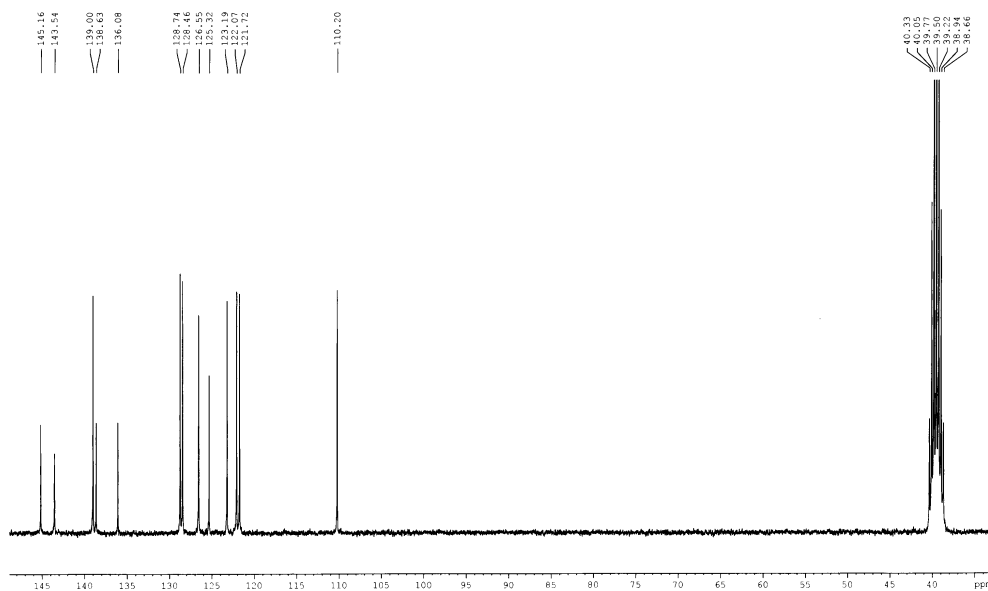
2. ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra

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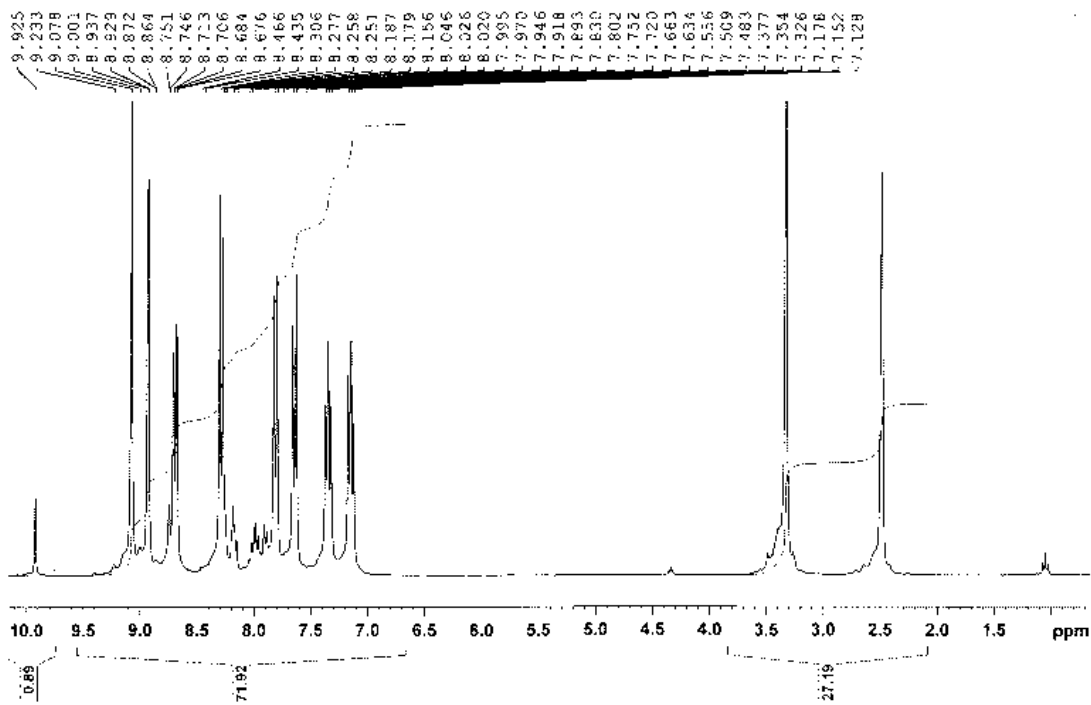
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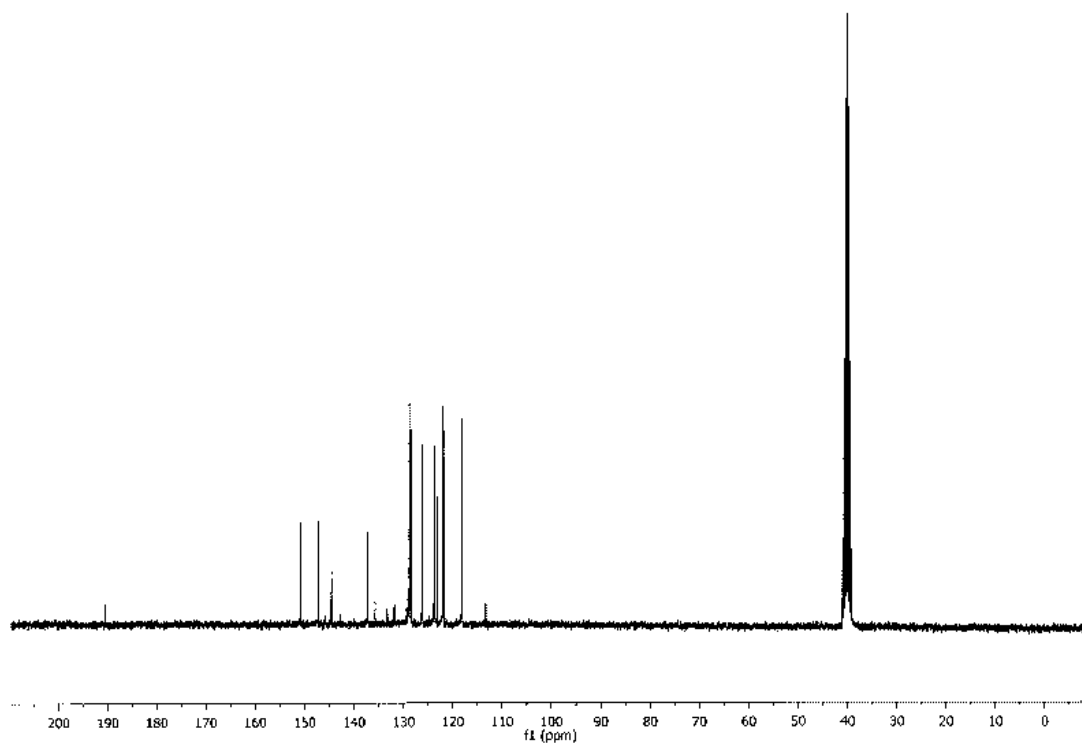
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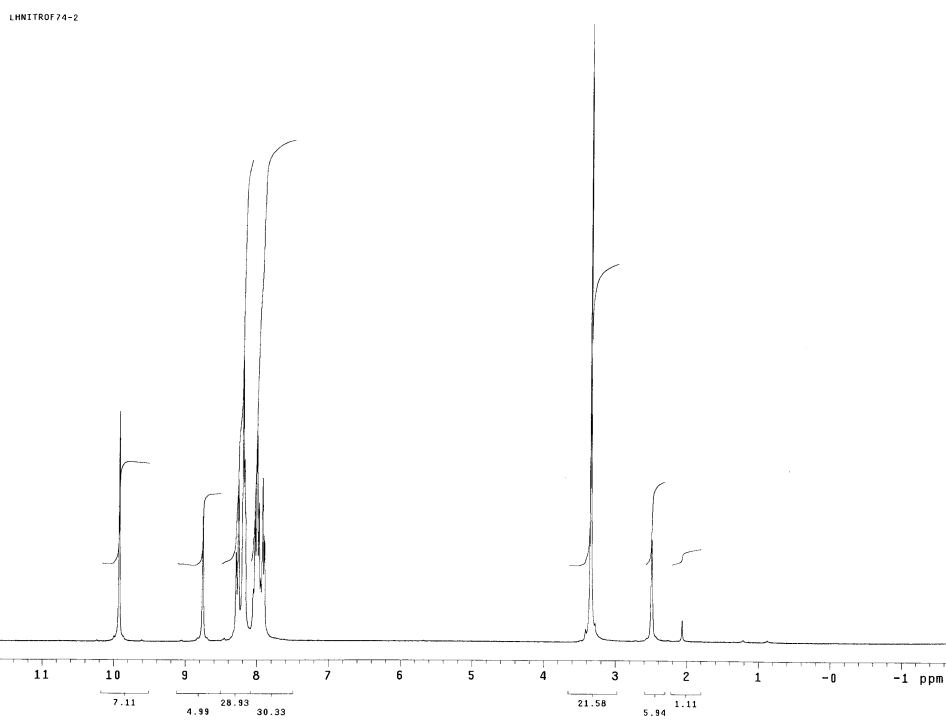


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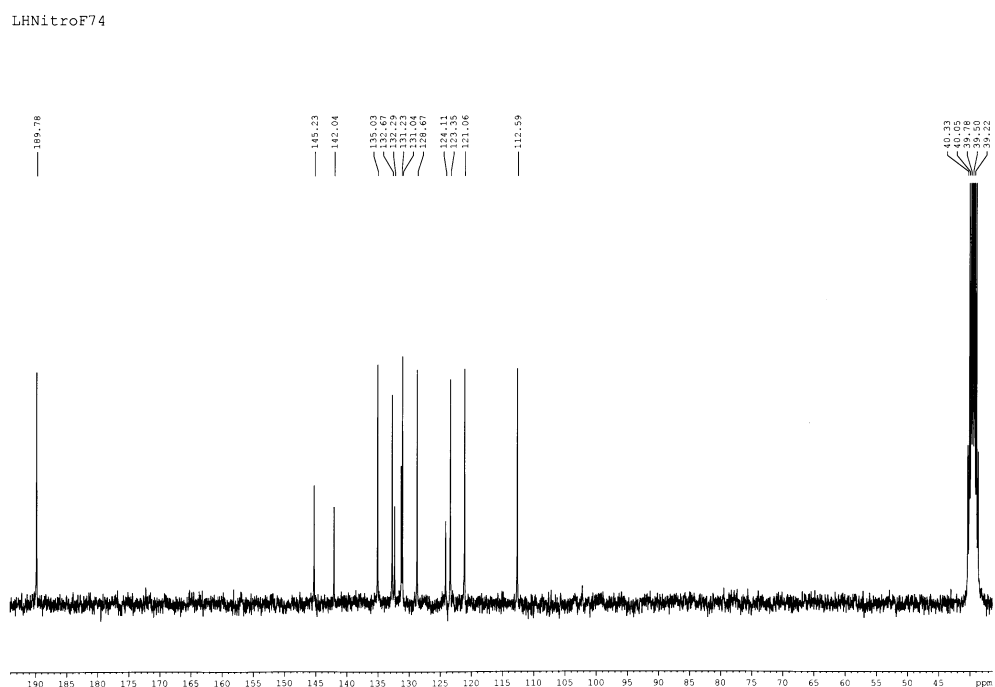
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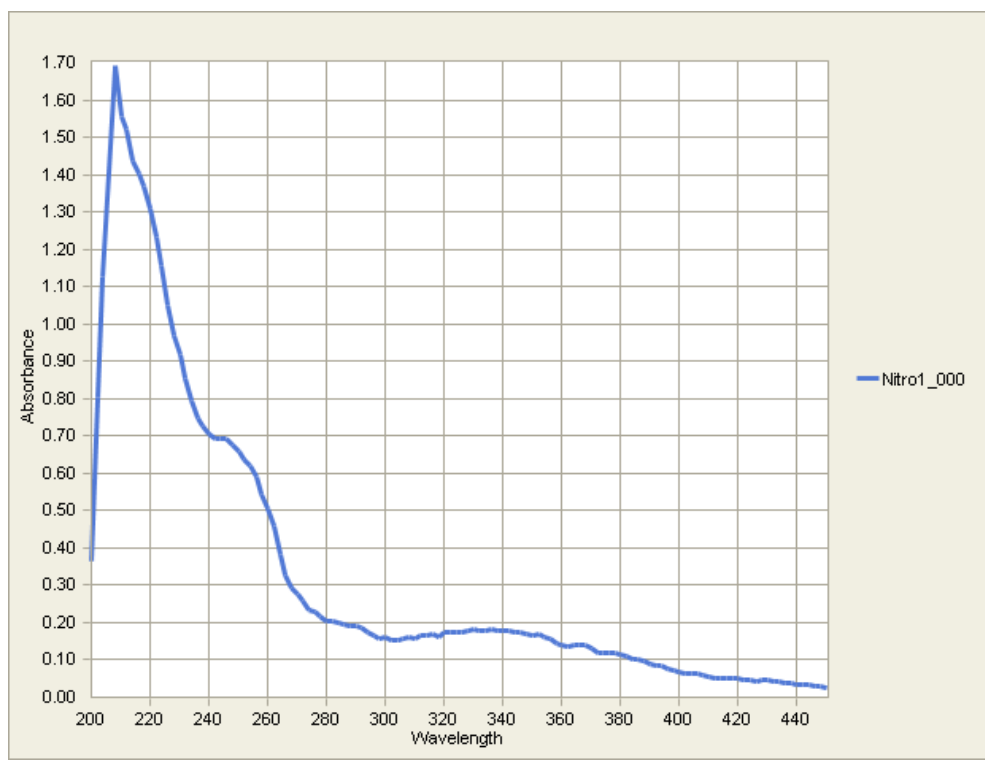
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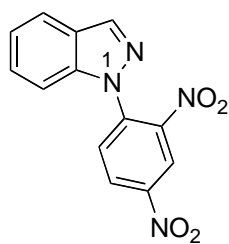


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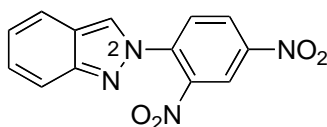
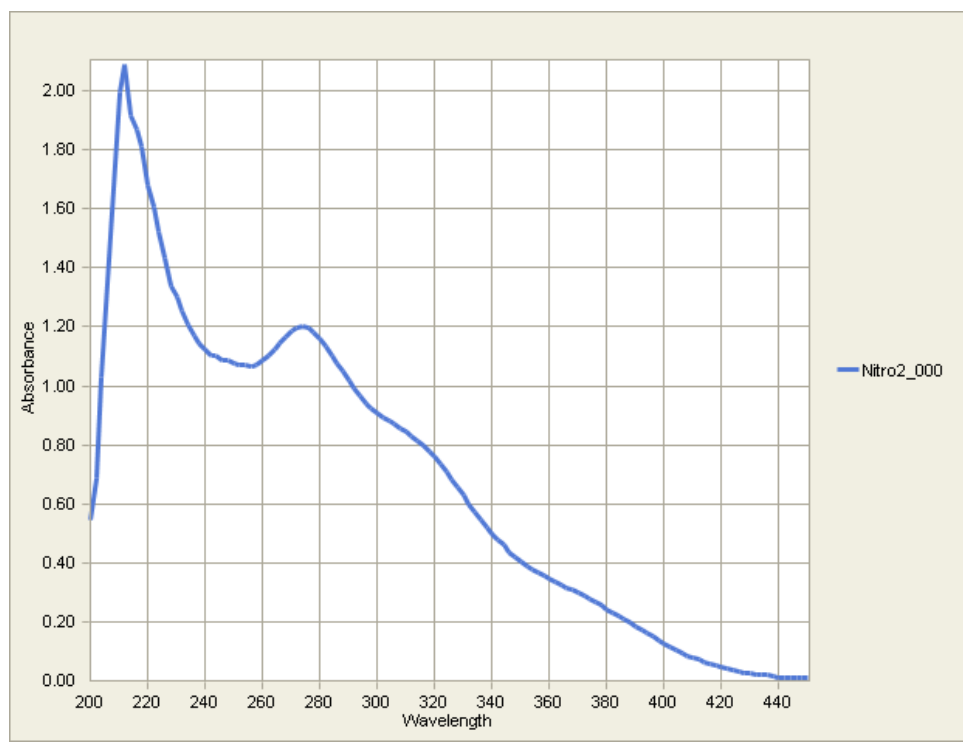
3. Electronic spectra

Compound 3 (246 nm, Abs= 0.69) [50 % EtOH, 50% PBS]

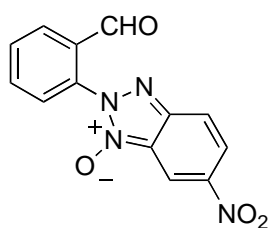
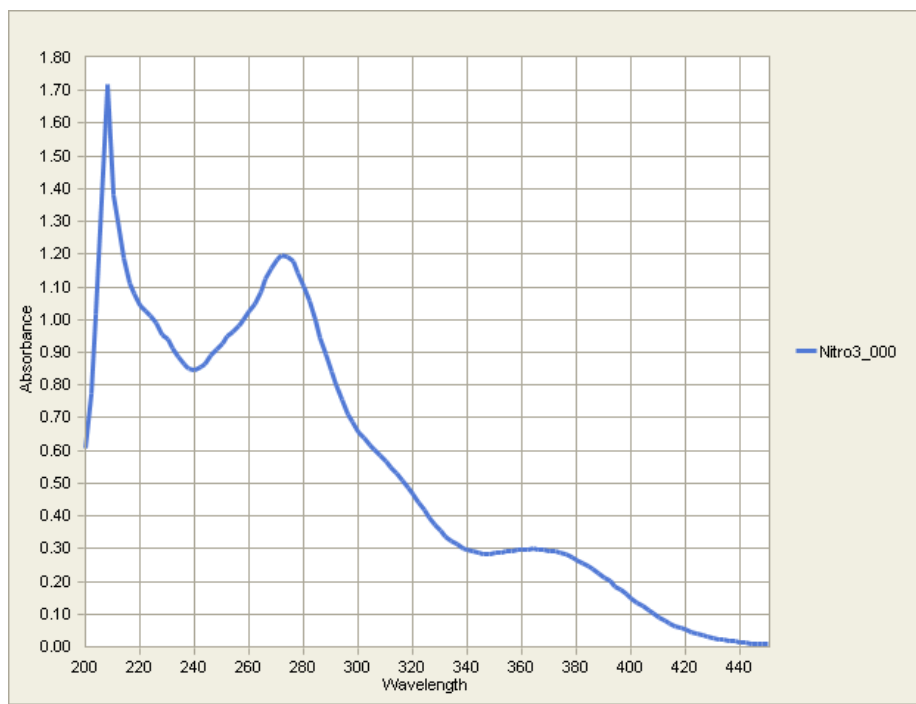




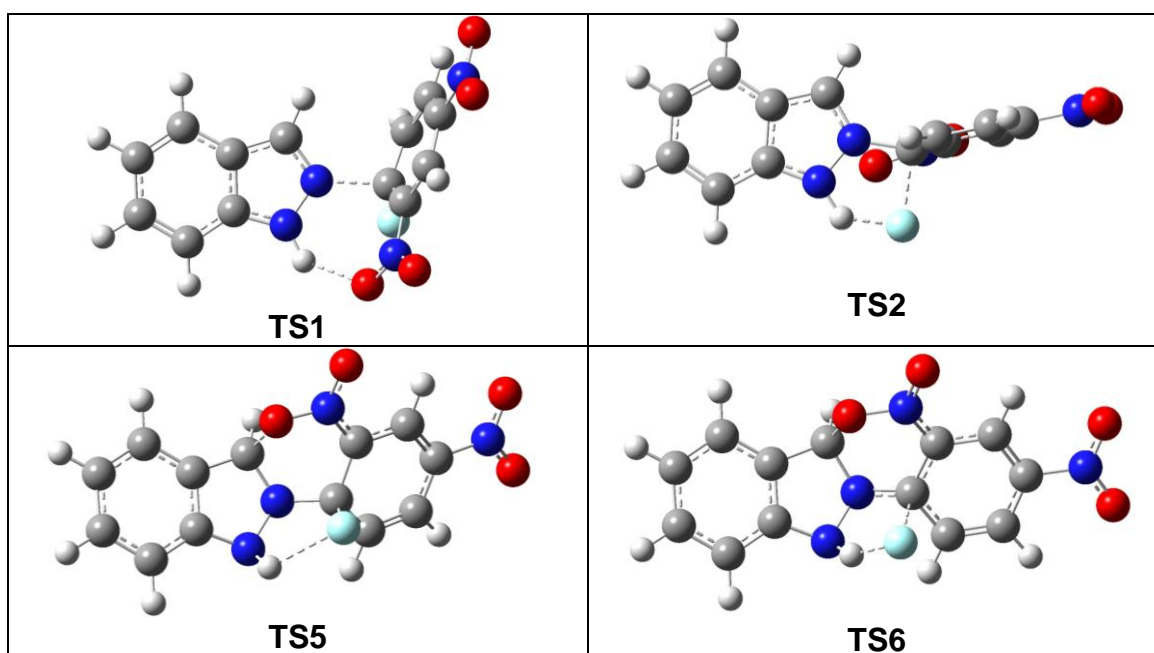
Compound 4 (274 nm, Abs= 1.20) [20 % EtOH, 80% PBS]



Compound 5 (272 nm, Abs = 1.20; 274 nm, Abs =1.19) [20 % EtOH, 80% PBS]



4. Computational data



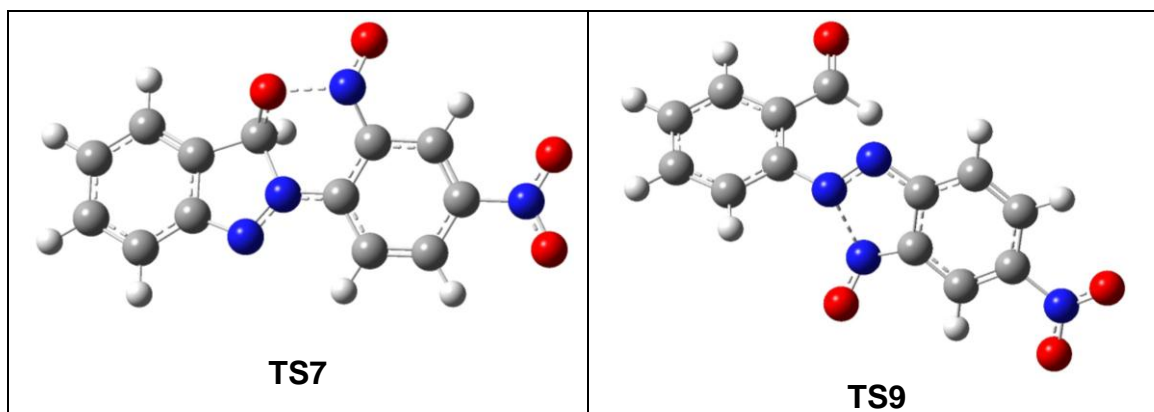


Figure S1. Fully optimized transition structures [B3LYP(PCM)/6-31G(d) level of theory] associated with the reaction profile represented in Figure 15.

Photochemical mechanism.

Supporting Information

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B3LYP/6-31G*

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	1.154819	0.978152	-0.000392
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6	6	0	-0.173862	-1.183599	-0.000156
7	6	0	-1.505981	-1.009221	-0.000205
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E(CASSCF,S1)= -504.936567 a. u.

ECASSCF-MP2,S1)= -506.430792 a. u.

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B3LYP/6-31G*

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7	6	0	1.537475	1.111078	0.113083
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B3LYP/6-31G*

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NIMAG=1 (-737.9960 cm⁻¹)

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