# Synthetic Manifestation of Nitro Substituted Tetrazole-N-(Hetero)Aryl Derivatives and Energetic Studies

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# **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **General Experimental**

All the reactions were performed in an oven-dried round bottomed flask. Commercial grade solvents were distilled prior to use. Column chromatography was performed using either 100-200 or 230-400 Mesh silica gel. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel GF254 plates. Visualization of spots on TLC plate was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and staining over I<sub>2</sub> chamber. Proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR) were recorded based on the resonating frequencies as follows: (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, 400 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C NMR, 101 MHz) having the solvent resonance as internal standard (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm, DMSO D<sub>6</sub> at 2.50 & 3.50 ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 77.0 ppm, DMSO D<sub>6</sub> at 44.0 ppm). Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet; br s = broad singlet; d = doublet; br d = broad doublet, t = triplet; br t = broad triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet), coupling constants, J, in (Hz), and integration. Data for  ${}^{13}C$ NMR was reported in terms of chemical shift (ppm). Fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>19</sup>F NMR) were recorded based on the resonating frequency <sup>19</sup>F NMR, 376 MHz. IR spectra were reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. LC-MS spectra were obtained with ionization voltage of 70ev; data was reported in the form of m/z (intensity relative to base peak = 100). Elemental (C, H, N) analysis were carried out using FLASH EA 1112 analyzer. Melting points and decomposition temperatures (DTA) were determined by DSC-TGA measurements. X-ray data was collected at 298K on a SMART APEX CCD and Xcalibur Gemini Eos CCD single crystal diffractometer using graphite monochromated Mo-Kα radiation (0.71073 Å).

**Materials:** Unless otherwise noted all the reagents and intermediates were obtained commercially and used without purification. All the starting compounds of substituted *N*-aryl(hetero) anilines were purchased from Avra Synthesis Pvt Ltd and used as received. Sodium azide, ammonium chloride, aqueous ammonia purchased from Merck Ltd. Triethylorthoformate, 4-Iodobenzonitrile,  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin were purchased from Alfa Aesar and used as received. Sodium tungestnate hydrate purchased form Finar ltd.

**Caution!** All the 1,2,3,4-tetrazoles derivatives are energetic materials and it tends to explode under certain conditions unpredictably. However, none of the compounds described herein has exploded or detonated in the course of this research. Caution should be exercised at all times during the synthesis, characterization, and handling of any of these materials, and mechanical actions involving scratching or scraping must be avoided. Ignoring safety precautions can lead to serious injuries.

#### **Experimental Procedures:**

General procedure for the synthesis of aryl-tetrazoles (2a-r) (GP-1): A stirred suspension of the appropriate anilines 1a-r (1.0 mmol), triethylorthoformate (0.26 mL, 1.6 mmol), and sodium azide (0.097 g., 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (2-3 mL) were heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. The mixture was cooled, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The residue dissolved in a mixture of dichloromethane (50 mL) and 0.1 N aqueous HCl (2-3 mL). The organic phase was washed with water (2-3 mL), brine (2 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. The residue was suspended in ethyl ether (5 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product.

Physical characterization data is exactly matching with the reported values for the respective compounds 2a-2k, 2m-2o.

**1-Phenyl-1H-tetrazole (2a)**:<sup>[1]</sup>



Following the general procedure GP-1: a mixture of aniline **1a** (1.00 g, 10.73 mmol), triethylorthoformate (2.85 mL, 17.16 mmol), and sodium azide (1.04 g, 16.0 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100  $^{\circ}$ C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product **2a** (0.950 g) in 60% yield as colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ9.05 (s, 1H), 7.74–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.50 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ140.6, 133.8, 130.2, 130.1, 121.2.

**1-(4-Methylphenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3,4-triazole (2b)**:<sup>[2]</sup>



Following the general procedure GP-1: a mixture of 4-methylaniline **1b** (1.00 g, 9.33 mmol), triethylorthoformate (2.4 mL, 14.88 mmol), and sodium azide (0.90 g, 13.99 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100  $^{\circ}$ C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product **2b** (1.28 g) in 85% yield as light yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.98 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  140.5, 140.4, 131.5, 130.7, 121.1, 21.1.

1-(3-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2c).<sup>[3]</sup>



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 3-methylaniline 1c (1.00 g, 9.33 mmol), triethylorthoformate (2.4 mL, 14.93 mmol), and sodium azide (0.91 g, 13.99 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (30 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of 2c (1.21 g) in 81% yield as light yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  10.07 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  140.7, 140.6, 133.7, 130.7, 129.9, 121.7, 118.1, 21.3.

1-(2-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-triazole (2d):<sup>[3]</sup>



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 2-methylaniline 1d (3.00 g, 27.99 mmol), triethylorthoformate (7.42 mL, 44.78 mmol), and sodium azide (2.72 g, 41.95 mmol) in acetic acid (45 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (60 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of 2d (3.49 g) in 77% yield as colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ8.84 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ143.3, 133.6, 132.8, 131.7, 130.8, 127.2, 126.0, 125.8, 17.6.

**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2e)**:<sup>[1]</sup>



Following the general procedure GP-1: a mixture of 4-methoxyaniline **1e** (5.00 g, 40.60 mmol), triethylorthoformate (10.80 mL, 64.96 mmol), and sodium azide (3.95 g, 60.90 mmol) in acetic acid (50

mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (100 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product 2e (5.93 g) in 83% yield as colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.95 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.7, 140.7, 126.9, 122.9, 115.2, 55.7.

1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2f):<sup>[4]</sup>



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 3-methoxyaniline **1f** (1.00 g, 8.12 mmol), triethylorthoformate (2.16 mL, 12.99 mmol), and sodium azide (0.791 g, 12.18 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100  $^{\circ}$ C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (30 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of **2f** (1.20 g) in 84% yield as colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 160.9, 140.6, 134.8, 131.0, 115.7, 112.9, 107.1, 55.8.

**1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2g)**:<sup>[5]</sup>



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 2-methoxyaniline 1g (1.00 g, 8.12 mmol), triethylorthoformate (2.16 mL, 12.99 mmol), and sodium azide (0.791 g, 12.18 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of 2g (1.17 g) in 82% yield as brownish oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.15 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6, Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.11– 6.93 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  150.6, 143.2, 131.0, 124.5, 122.8, 121.3, 112.5, 56.1.

#### 1-(4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2h):



Following the general procedure GP-1: a mixture of 4-(trifluoromethoxy)aniline **1h** (1.50 g, 8.47 mmol), triethylorthoformate (2.25 mL, 13.54), and sodium azide (0.82 g, 12.70 mmol) in acetic acid (20 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product **2h** (1.52 g) in 78% yield as colorless solid. m.p. 103 °C;  $R_f = 0.52$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.08 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.9, 140.7, 132.1, 122.8 (d, J = 34 Hz), 121.1, 120.3 (q, J = 259.6 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ -58.02; IR. (KBr) v = 3127, 2920, 1680, 1510, 1469, 1210, 859, cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 231 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 199 (13); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C 41.75. H 2.19, N 24.34; Found: C 41.68, H 2.23, N 24.41.

# 1-(3-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2i):



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 3-(trifluoromethoxy)aniline **1i** (3.00 g, 16.93 mmol), triethylorthoformate (4.49 mL, 27.08 mmol), and sodium azide (1.14 g, 25.39 mmol) in acetic acid (40 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (50 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of **2i** (2.98 g) in 76% yield as colorless solid.

m.p. 63 °C;  $R_f = 0.50$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 9.29 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 150.0, 140.8, 134.8, 131.7, 122.1, 120.2 (q, J = 259.2 Hz), 119.2, 114.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ -58.02; IR. (KBr) v = 3121, 2915, 1608, 1500, 1402, 1086, 1222, 885 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 231 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 199 (13), 184 (5); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C 41.75. H 2.19, N 24.34; Found: C 41.65, H 2.23, N 24.38.

# 1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2j):<sup>[6]</sup>



Following the general procedure GP-1: a mixture of 4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline **1j** (1.00 g, 6.20 mmol), triethylorthoformate (1.64 mL, 9.92 mmol), and sodium azide (0.605 g, 9.3 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100  $^{\circ}$ C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of **2j** (1.09 g) in 82% yield as colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.23 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  142.9, 137.1, 130.1 (q, J = 32.9 Hz), 127.7 (q, J = 3.30 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 275 Hz), 122.1 ppm; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ -61.4;

1-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2k):<sup>[6]</sup>



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline **1k** (1.00 g, 6.206 mmol), triethylorthoformate (1.65 mL, 9.92 mmol), and sodium azide (0.605 g, 9.30 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (40 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of **2k** (1.07 g) in 81% yield as colorless solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.75 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 140.6, 134.3, 133.4 (q, J = 34.3 Hz ), 131.1, 126.7 (q, J = 2.54 Hz), 124.4, 123.0 (q, J = 276 Hz), 118.3 (q, J = 3.81 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ–62.94;

1-(4-(1H-Pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2l):



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)aniline **11** (0.45 g, 2.82 mmol), triethylorthoformate (0.75 mL, 4.51 mmol), and sodium azide (0.274 g, 4.23 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL) was heated at 100 °C for 6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (25

mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of **21** (0.42 g) in 71% as colorless solid.

DTA = 172 °C (exotherm);  $R_f = 0.57$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.14 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  142.7, 142.2, 140.6, 131.8, 128.6, 122.9, 119.9, 109.0; IR (KBr) v = 3128, 1605, 1528, 1391, 1336, 1210, 1090, 936; cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 213 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 186 (7), 129 (15); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>6</sub>: C 56.60, H 3.80, N 39.60; Found: C 56.71, H 3.73, N 39.52.

**1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2m)**:<sup>[7]</sup>



Following the general procedure GP-1: a mixture of 4-nitroaniline 1m (1.00 g, 7.24 mmol), triethylorthoformate (1.92 mL, 11.58 mmol), and sodium azide (0.705 g, 10.86 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (30 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product 2m (1.15 g) in 82% yield as yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO): δ10.28 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO): δ147.9, 143.2, 138.6, 126.1, 122.4.

**1-(3-Nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2n)**:<sup>[7]</sup>



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 3-nitroaniline 1n (1.00 g, 7.24 mmol), triethylorthoformate (1.92 mL, 11.58 mmol), and sodium azide (0.705 g, 10.86 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100 °C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (30 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of 2n (1.20 g) in 86% yield as yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.30 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6, Hz, 2H), 7.95 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  148.8, 143.1, 134.9, 132.1, 127.6, 124.5, 116.4.

# 2-(1H-Tetrazol-1-yl)pyridine (20):<sup>[8]</sup>

Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of pyridin-2-amine **10** (2.00 g, 21.20 mmol), triethylorthoformate (5.6 mL, 33.9 mmol), and sodium azide (2.00 g, 31.8 mmol) in acetic acid (30 mL) was heated at 100  $^{\circ}$ C in 5–6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (50 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of **20** (2.01 g) in 64% yield as colorless solid.

m.p. 127 °C; DTA = 195 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.50$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.52 (s, 1H), 8.50 (dd, J = 6.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.1, 146.8, 140.1, 139.9, 124.9, 114.3.

#### 2-(1H-Tetrazol-1-yl)pyrimidine (2p):



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of pyrimidin-2-amine **1p** (1.00 g, 10.51 mmol), triethylorthoformate (2.79 mL, 16.8 mmol), and sodium azide (1.02 g, 15.76 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100 °C for 6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (30 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product **2p** (0.912 g) in 58% as colorless solid. m.p. 142 °C; DTA = 194 °C (exotherm);  $R_f = 0.52$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.58 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.8, 152.8, 141.7, 122.0, 117.0; IR (KBr) v = 3106, 1720, 1589, 1463, 1424, 1380, 997 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 149 (100) [ $M^+$ +1]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>6</sub>: C 40.54, H 2.72, N 56.74; Found: C 40.61, H 2.78, N 56.85.

#### 2-(1H-Tetrazol-1-yl)pyrazine (2q):



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of pyrazin-2-amine 1q (2.00 g, 21.05 mmol), triethylorthoformate (5.5 mL, 33.63 mmol), and sodium azide (2.05 g, 31.57 mmol) in acetic acid (30 mL) was heated at 100 °C for 6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (50

mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product of 2q (1.92 g) in 61% as colorless solid.

m.p. 127 °C; DTA = 177 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.54$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.28 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 9.37 (s, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.78 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  146.4, 143.8, 143.7, 142.7, 137.6; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 3084, 1589, 1479, 1216, 865 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 149 (100) [ $M^+$ +1]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>6</sub>: C 40.54, H 2.72, N 56.74; Found: C 40.38, H 2.65, N 56.62.

2,6-di(1H-Ttetrazol-1-yl)pyridine (2r):



Following the general procedure (GP-1): a mixture of 2,6-diamino pyridine **1r** (1.00 g, 9.16 mmol), triethylorthoformate (4.87 mL, 29.31 mmol), and sodium azide (1.78 g, 27.48 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL) was heated at 100 °C for 6 h. Upon usual work-up, the residue was suspended in ethyl ether (30 mL), stirred for 30 min, and filtered to afford the desired product **2r** (0.356 g) in 18% as colorless solid. DTA = 224 °C (sharp exotherm);  $R_f = 0.55$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.51 (s, 2H), 8.51 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  145.6, 145.5, 142.5, 115.3; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 3117, 3046, 1605, 1583, 1490, 1424, 1282, 1210, 1095, 1008, 947 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 216 (100) [ $M^+$ +1], 199 (2), 157 (6), elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>9</sub>: C 39.07, H 2.34, N 58.59; Found: C 39.15, H 2.26, N 58.42.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-5 (GP-2): A mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (5.0 mL) and 95% nitric acid (2.5 mL) was added to 2 (1.0 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction was conducted at the respective conditions shown in Table 2 (Manuscript). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled by the addition of ice and neutralized with saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 20$  mL). The combined extracts were washed with water ( $2 \times 20$  mL), brine (25 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Solvent was filtered and evaporated under vacuum. The crude residue was purified using column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired nitration products in overall good yields.

#### Preparation of 2m from 2a:

Following the general procedure (GP-2): a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (12 mL) and 95% nitric acid (6 mL) was added to 1-Phenyl-1H-tetrazole (2a; 1.00 g, 6.84 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred RT for 24 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford 2m (1.02 g) in 78% yiled as light yellow color solid.

## 1-(4-Methyl-3-nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3b):



Following the general procedure (GP-2): a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (12 mL) and 95% nitric acid (6 mL) was added to 1-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-triazole (**2b**; 0.250 g, 1.56 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred RT for 2 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford **3b** (0.276 g) in 86% as light yellow color solid.

m.p. 104 °C; DTA = 193 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.48$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.19 (s, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  149.6, 143.0, 134.9, 134.5, 132.7, 125.8, 117.4, 19.7; IR. (KBr) v = 3111, 1722, 1536, 1360, 1221, 1086, 833 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 206 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>+1] elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 46.83. H 3.44, N 34.13; Found: C 46.75, H 3.51, N 34.07.

1-(4-Methyl-3,5-dinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (4b):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (16 mL) and 95% nitric acid (8 mL) was added to 1-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-triazole (**2b**; 0.378 g, 2.36 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford **4b** (0.486 g) in 82% as light yellow color solid.

DTA = 178 °C (exotherm);  $R_f = 0.47$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.25 (s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  151.8, 143.4, 132.9, 127.5,

120.8, 14.9; IR (KBr) v = 3452, 3113, 1633, 1547, 1504, 1344, 1219, 1174, 1089, 1012, 893, 713cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 251 (100) [ $M^{+}$ +1], 169 (15), 137(8); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 38.41, H 2.42, N 33.59; Found: C 38.51, H 2.49, N 33.48.

1-(3-Methyl-4-nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3c):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (6 mL) and 95% nitric acid (3 mL) was added to 1-(3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-triazole (2c; 0.273 g, 1.70 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred RT for 2 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford 3c (0.291 g) in 83% as light yellow color solid.

m.p. 163 °C; DTA = 192 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.52$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.20 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  149.0, 142.8, 136.9, 135.9, 127.0, 124.8, 119.7, 20.1; IR. (KBr)  $\nu = 3134$ , 3094, 1616, 1585, 1521, 1340, 1222, 1174, 879 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 206 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 171 (6), 167 (18); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 46.83. H 3.44, N 34.13; Found: C 46.94, H 3.48, N 34.07.

## 1-(5-Methyl-2,4-dinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (4c):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (20 mL) and 95% nitric acid (10 mL) was added to 1-(3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2c; 1.00 g, 6.24 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford 4c (1.217 g) 78% as light yellow color solid.

m.p. 135 °C; DTA = 168 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.55$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 6:4); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  149.5, 145.3, 141.5, 141.2, 133.4, 129.2, 123.2, 20.0; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 1600, 1534, 1353, 1090, 958

cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 249 (100)  $[M^+-1]$ , 237 (16); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 38.41, H 2.42, N 33.59; Found: C 38.56, H 2.36, N 33.45.

1-(2-Methyl-5-nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3d):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (12 mL) and 95% nitric acid (6 mL) was added to 1-(2-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-triazole (**2d**; 0.660 g, 4.12 mmol ) at 0 °C and stirred room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford **3d** (0.691 g) in 82% as yellow solid.

m.p. 143 °C; DTA = 187 °C (exotherm);  $R_f = 0.55$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 9.91(s, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 146.6, 145.2, 142.2, 133.8, 133.3, 125.5, 122.0, 18.2; IR (KBr)  $\nu = 3123$ , 2849, 1517, 1347, 1090, 849 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 204 (100) [ $M^+$ -1], 191 (3); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 46.83. H 3.44, N 34.13; Found: C 46.75, H 3.37, N 34.26. (2-Methyl-3,5-dinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (4d):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (20 mL) and 95% nitric acid (10 mL) was added to 1-(2-methylphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-triazole (**2d**; 1.00 g, 6.25 mmol ) at 0 °C and stirred 80 °C for 8 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford **4d** (1.181 g) in 75% as yellow solid.

m.p. 141 °C; DTA = 194 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.50$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  151.0, 146.1, 145.8, 136.6, 135.6, 126.2, 121.8, 15.1; IR (KBr) v = 3128, 3084,

2920, 1534, 1347, 1090, 909 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 251 (100) [ $M^+$ +1], 169 (15), 137 (11), 115 (5); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 38.41, H 2.42, N 33.59; Found: C 38.56, H 2.37, N 33.45. **1-(4-Methoxy-3,5-dinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (4e)**:



Following the general procedure (GP-2): a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (60 mL) and 95% nitric acid (30 mL) was added to 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-1,2,3,4-triazole (**2e**; 5.6 g, 31.78 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 1h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford **4e** (7.45 g) in 88% yield as colorless solid.

m.p. 106 °C; DTA = 156 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.54$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.20 (s, 1H), 8.94 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  147.0, 145.3, 143.4, 129.4, 122.9, 65.2; IR (KBr) v = 3138, 3043, 1630, 1543, 1352, 1211, 1184, 898 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 265 (100) [ $M^+$ -1], 254 (12), 237(10); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C 36.10, H 2.27, N 31.57; Found: C 36.19, H 2.21, N 31.68.

## Nitration of 2f for the preparation of 4f and 4f':

Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (16 mL) and 95% nitric acid (8 mL) was added to 1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (**2f**; 0.5 g, 2.84 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred at RT for 3 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction and upon usual work-up, the crude mixture was purified by silicagel column chromatography eluting with hexane: ethyl acetate to afford **4f** (0.138 g; 18%) and **4f'** (0.487 g; 64%) as yellow color solids.

However, nitration of **2f** (0.5 g, 2.84 mmol) at 80 °C for 6 h exclusively produced **4f'** (0.592 g) in 78% yield as yellow color solid.

# 1-(3-Methoxy-2,4-dinitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole (4f):



DTA = 154 °C (exotherm);  $R_f = 0.61$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  10.03 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  155.6, 146.4, 137.6, 136.5, 130.8, 121.7, 117.9, 59.2; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 3073, 1621, 1528, 1331, 1084, 838 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 267 (100) [ $M^+$ +1], 265 (48), 239 (9), 238 (53), 105 (9); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C 36.10, H 2.27, N 31.57; Found: C 36.21, H 2.23, N 31.45. **1-(5-Methoxy-2,4-dinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (4f')**:



DTA = 177 °C (exotherm);  $R_f = 0.64$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 9.97 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 4.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 156.3, 145.3, 139.2, 135.7,131.5, 124.4, 116.1, 59.4; IR (KBr) v = 3136, 3076, 2924, 1618, 1601, 1525, 1338, 1089, 997, 833 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 265 (100) [ $M^+$ -1], 254 (13), 237 (12); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C 36.10, H 2.27, N 31.57; Found: C 36.27, H 2.21, N 31.68.

### Nitration of 2g for the preparation of 3g and 4g :

Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (8 mL) and 95% nitric acid (4 mL) was added to 1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (**2g**; 0.378 g, 1.70 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature 30 min. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction and upon usual work-up, the crude mixture was purified by silicagel column chromatography eluting with hexane: ethyl acetate to afford **3g** (0.074 g; 29%) and **4g** (0.161 g; 55%) as yellow color solids. Whereas nitration of **2g** (0.720 g, 4.11 mmol) at room temperature for 6 h produced **4g** (0.894 g) in 82% as yellow color solid.

## 1-(2-Methoxy-5-nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3g):



m.p. 123 °C; DTA = 217 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.68$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  9.89 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  157.5, 145.3, 140.9, 127.8, 122.9, 122.3, 114.2, 58.1;

IR (KBr) v = 3139, 3101, 3052, 2871, 1616, 1605, 1550, 1347, 1276, 1123, 1084, 958 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 220 (100) [ $M^+$ -1], 205 (8), 177 (8); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C 43.44, H 3.19, N 31.66; Found: C 43.27, H 3.26, N 31.86.

1-(2-Methoxy-3,5-dinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (4g):



m.p. 132 °C; DTA = 171 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.59$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 4:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  9.96 (s, 1H), 9.05 (d, J =2.8 Hz, 1H), 9.00 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  152.0, 145.6, 143.4, 142.2, 129.3, 126.7, 123.3, 64.02; IR (KBr) v = 3139, 3095, 1600, 1556, 1342, 958 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 265 (100) [ $M^+$ -1], 254 (13), 237 (12); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C 36.10, H 2.27, N 31.57; Found: C 36.23, H 2.21, N 31.45.

# 1-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3h):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (12 mL) and 95% nitric acid (6 mL) was added to 1-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (**2h**; 0.378 g, 1.64 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford **3h** (0.352 g) in 78% yield as yellow color solid.

m.p. 63 °C; DTA = 161 °C (exotherm);  $R_f = 0.63$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO ):  $\delta$  10.09 (s, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.51 (br d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (br d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  = 145.2, 144.2, 132.4 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 132.2, 130.4, 129.8, 124.0, 122.9 (q, J = 274 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ -57.1 ; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 3057, 1556, 1353, 1287, 1090, 893 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 276 (100) [ $M^+$ +1], 251 (3), 236 (5); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C 34.92, H 1.47, N 25.45; Found: C 34.85, H 1.41, N 25.32.

#### Nitration of 2i for the preparation of 3i and 3i':

Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (10 mL) and 95% nitric acid (5 mL) was added to 1-(3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (**2i**; 0.3 g, 1.30 mmol ) at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction and upon usual work-up, the crude mixture was purified by silicagel column chromatography eluting with hexane: ethyl acetate to afford **3i** (0.194 g; 54%) and **3i'** (0.115 g; 32%) as yellow color solids.

#### 1-(2-Nitro-5-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1H-tetrazole (3i):



m.p. 58 °C; DTA = 169 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.40$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.10 (br s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  152.5, 141.4, 128.8, 128.5, 123.9, 123.0, 120.6, 120.0 (q, J = 263.2); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ -57.9; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  = 3139, 1610, 1539, 1347, 1090, 953 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 277 (100) [ $M^+$ +1]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C 34.92, H 1.47, N 25.45; Found: C 35.12, H 1.41, N 25.36.

#### 1-(4-Nitro-3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3i'):



m.p. 114 °C; DTA = 173 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.55$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.13 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (br d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  152.4, 143.7, 141.3, 128.6, 128.5, 123.0, 120.6, 119.9 (q, J = 263 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ -57.5; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 2920, 1599, 1462, 1293, 1161, 1090, 947 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 276 (100) [ $M^+$ +1]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C 34.92, H 1.47, N 25.45; Found: C 34.83, H 1.51, N 25.32.

#### 1-(2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3j):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (10 mL) and 95% nitric acid (5 mL) was added to 1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (2j; 0.214 g, 1.00 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred at 90 °C for 8 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford 3j (0.178g) in 68% yield as yellow color solid.

m.p. 73 °C; DTA = 158 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.52$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO ):  $\delta$ 10.07 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 145.2, 144.2, 143.4, 132.4 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 132.2, 130.4, 129.8, 124.0 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 122.9 (q, J = 274 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ -61.6; IR (KBr) v = 3150, 2915, 1627, 1550, 1473, 1326, 1271, 860 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 260 (100) [ $M^+$ +1], 163 (5); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 37.08, H 1.56, N 27.02; Found: C 37.16, H 1.61, N 27.15.

1-(4-Nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (3k):



Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (12 mL) and 95% nitric acid (6 mL) was added to 1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole ( $2\mathbf{k}$ ; 0.368 g, 1.72 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred at 90 °C for 8 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solution was poured into the crushed ice; the precipitate was filtred and washed with water. The solid compound was air dried to afford  $3\mathbf{k}$  (0.322 g) in 72% yield as yellow color solid.

m.p. 97 °C; DTA = 203 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f} = 0.52$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:2); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO ):  $\delta$  10.36 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  147.2, 143.4, 137.1, 128.2, 126.8, 123.7 (q, J = 34.4 Hz), 121.9 (q, J = 276 Hz), 121.2 (q, J = 4.0 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ -60.3; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 2904, 1605, 1539,

1353, 1287, 1090, 860 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 260 (100)  $[M^+-1]$ ; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 37.08, H 1.56, N 27.02; Found: C 37.21, H 1.61, N 27.16

#### Nitration of 2l for the preparation of 4l and 5l:

Following the general procedure (GP-2) : a mixture of 98% sulphuric acid (8 mL) and 95% nitric acid (4 mL) was added to 1-(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (**2l**; 0.186 g, 0.877 mmol) at 80  $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. The reaction was moniterd by TLC. After completion of the reaction and upon usual work-up, the crude mixture was purified by silicagel column chromatography eluting with hexane: ethyl acetate to afford **4l** (0.11 g; 42%) as orange color solid and **5l** (0.069 g; 20%) as yellow color semi solid.

1-(3-Nitro-4-(4-nitro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (4l):



m.p. 130 °C; DTA = 167 °C (exotherm);  $R_{\rm f}$  = 0.40 (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:2); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO):  $\delta$  10.30 (s, 1H), 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.82 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.52 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO):  $\delta$  144.7, 143.4, 138.4, 137.5, 134.9, 132.4, 131.5, 129.2, 126.4, 118.9; IR (KBr) v = 3139, 2958, 1545, 1512, 1413, 1331, 1210, 1084, 947 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 303 (100) [ $M^+$ +1], 282 (12), 215 (10); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 39.74, H 2.00, N 37.08; Found: C 39.65, H 2.10, N 37.21.

1-(4-(4,5-Dinitro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-3-nitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,3,4-tetrazole (5l):



 $R_{\rm f} = 0.55$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:2); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO):  $\delta$  10.35 (s, 1H), 9.90 (s, 1H), 8.94  $(d, J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.61 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.34 (d, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (127 \text{ MHz}, [D_6])$ DMSO):  $\delta$  148.9, 144.4, 143.5, 136.5, 136.0, 130.9, 130.6 128.1, 127.0, 119.2; IR (KBr) v = 3402,  $cm^{-1}$ : 2920. 2252. 1649. 1545. 1331, 1221. 1030. 860 MS 2126. (EI) m/z (%) 348 (100) [*M*<sup>+</sup>+1], 303 (16), 271(12); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C 34.59, H 1.45, N 36.31; Found: C 34.48, H 1.51, N 36.45.

## Preparation of 2,6-dinitro-4-(1H-tetrazol-1-yl)aniline (6):



An aqueous solution of ammonia (6.0 mL) was added to a solution of compound 4e (6.00 g, 22.54 mmol) in acetonitrile (120.0 mL). The resulting solution was refluxed for 8 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to RT. The reaction mixture was precipitated during cooling, the solid was filtered and washed with diethylether and dried in air to afford 6 (4.76 g) in 84% yield as orange color solid.

DTA = 223 °C (sharp exotherm);  $R_f = 0.52$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:2); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 10.13 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 2H), 8.60 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 143.1, 141.2, 135.3, 127.1, 120.2; IR (KBr) v = 3466, 3356, 1541, 1342, 1078, 773 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 252 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 212 (9), 91 (7); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 33.47, H 2.01, N 39.04; Found: C 33.52, H 2.12, N 39.15.

## Preparation of N-(2,6-dinitro-4-(1H-tetrazol-1-yl)phenyl)nitramide (7):



To an ice-cold fuming nitric acid (10 mL), was added **6** (0.8 g, 3.18 mmol) in small portions and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5 °C for 15-20 minutes.Then the resulting mixture was poured into crushed ice. The solid was collected by suction filtration and washed with cold water and dried under vaccum. The solid was further wased with triflouroacetic acid to afford **7** (0.72 g) in 76% yield as yellow color solid.

DTA = 175 °C (sharp exotherm);  $R_f = 0.50$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 1:4); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta 10.2$  (s, 1H), 9.43 (br s; 1H), 8.84 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta 145.9$ , 143.4, 130.3,129.9, 121.4; IR (KBr) v = 3512, 3150, 1567, 1347, 1002, 723 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 297 (100) [*M*<sup>+</sup>+1], 281 (18), 251 (5), 223 (5); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C 28.39, H 1.36, N 37.84; Found: C 28.31, H 1.31, N 37.92.

Preparation of 1-(3,4,5-trinitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole (8) :



Compound 6 (1.00 g, 3.98 mmol) was dissolved in sulphuric acid (100 mL), and Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub>  $^{\circ}$ 2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.987 g, 2.98 mmol) was subsequently added to the mixture at 0 °C. Hydrogen peroxide (30%, 7 mL) was then added dropwise to the reaction mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred at RT for 18 h and then poured into ice cold water. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold water and recrystallized from ethylacetate to afford **8** (0.831 g) in 74% as yellow color solid.

DTA = 175 °C (sharp exotherm);  $R_f = 0.54$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 3:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.71 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (127 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$ 147.5, 143.2, 141.1, 123.6, 123.2; IR (KBr) v = 3134, 1556, 1336, 1073, 991cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 282 (100) [ $M^+$ +1], 256 (11), 206 (7), 157 (11), 111 (28), 79 (36); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C 29.90, H 1.08, N 34.87; Found: C 30.07, H 1.16, N 34.75.

# Preparation of 1-(4-azido-3,5-dinitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole (9) :



Trimethylsilyl azide (0.654g, 5.69 mmol) was added to a solution of **8** (0.80 g, 2.84 mmol) in dimethyl formamide (8.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice. The colorless solid was collected by suction filtration and was washed with cold water and the solid was dried under vacuum to afford **9** (0.61 g) in 77% yield as colorless solid. DTA = 223 °C (sharp exotherm);  $R_f = 0.54$  (*n*-hexane/EtOAc, 7:3); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO ):  $\delta$  10.27 (s, 1H), 9.0 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  144.9, 143.4, 130.2, 128.7, 122.1; IR (KBr) v = 3156, 2180, 2142, 1534, 1358, 1084, 904 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z (%) 278 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>+1], 123 (5); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 30.33, H 1.09, N 45.48; Found: C 30.41, H 1.13, N 45.36. **X-ray crystallography**: X-ray reflections for **3d**, **4c**, **4e**, **6**, **7** and **9** were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer equipped with a graphite monochromator and Mo-K $\alpha$  fine-focus sealed tube ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). Data integration was done using SAINT.<sup>[9]</sup> Intensities for absorption were corrected using SADABS.<sup>[10]</sup> Structure solution and refinement were carried out using Bruker SHELX-TL.<sup>[11]</sup> X-ray reflections for **4b**, **4g**, **4f'** and **8** were collected on an Oxford Xcalibur Gemini Eos CCD diffractometer using Mo-K $\alpha$ , radiation. Data reduction was performed using CrysAlisPro (version 1.171.33.55). OLEX2-1.0<sup>[12]</sup> and SHELX-TL 97 programme were used to solve and refine the data. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and C–H hydrogens were fixed.

CCDC-1515416 (**3d**), CCDC-1515420 (**4b**), CCDC-1515419 (**4c**), CCDC-1515414 (**4e**), CCDC-1515422 (**4f'**), CCDC-1515413 (**4g**), CCDC-1515415 (**6**), CCDC-1515417 (**7**), CCDC-1515421 (**8**), and CCDC-1515418 (**9**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif.



Figure 1. Molecular structures of compounds **3d** thermal ellipsoids are set at 30% probability and hydrogen atoms are labelled for clarity.

Compound	3d	4b	4c	<b>4</b> e	4f'
CCDC	1515416	1515420	1515419	1515414	1515422
Formula	$C_8H_7N_5O_2$	$C_8H_6N_6O_4$	$C_8H_6N_6O_4$	$C_8H_6N_6O_5$	$C_8H_6N_6O_5$
$M_{ m w}$	205.19	250.19	250.19	266.19	266.19
crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
space group	$P2_{1}/c$	$P2_{1}/n$	Pbca	$P2_{1}/n$	Pbca
T [K]	273K	293K	273K	273K	293K
a [Å]	8.162(7)	13.869(9)	5.790(3)	71.027(5)	9.9081(8)
b [Å]	12.424(11)	5.589(2)	13.286(7)	9.0269(7)	10.2255(7)
c [Å]	9.201(8)	14.800(12)	13.788(7)	13.8125(10)	21.181(6)
α [°]	90	90	90	90	90
β [°]	104.868(14)	117.46(9)	90	100.138(2)	90
γ [°]	90	90	90	90	90
Ζ	4	4	4	32	8
V [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	901.8(14)	1018.0(14)	1060.7(9)	8717.7(11)	2146.0(6)
$D_{calc} [g cm^{-3}]$	1.511	1.632	1.567	1.622	1.648
$\mu [mm^{-1}]$	0.115	0.135	0.129	0.138	0.140
total reflns	1790	2073	2215	8967	2834
unique reflns	1770	1758	2149	8940	2258
observed reflns	1197	1065	1647	5947	1475
$R_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0433	0.0639	0.0400	0.0863	0.0531
$wR_2$ [all]	0.1105	0.1992	0.0845	0.2568	0.1419
GOF	0.953	1.025	1.019	1.025	1.060
Diffractometer	SMART APEX CCD	Xcalibur Gemini Eos CCD	SMART APEX CCD	SMART APEX CCD	Xcalibur Gemini Eos CCD

Table S1. Crystallographic data for compounds 3d, 4b, 4c, 4e and 4f'.

Compound	<b>4</b> g	6	7	8	9
CCDC	1515413	1515415	1515417	1515421	1515418
Formula	$C_8H_6N_6O_4$	$C_7H_5N_7O_4$	$C_7H_4N_8O_6$	$C_7H_3N_7O_6$	$C_7H_3N_9O_4$
$M_{\rm w}$	266.19	251.18	296.18	281.16	277.18
crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 1	$P2_{1}/c$	$P2_{1}/c$	Pbca	$P2_{1}/c$
T [K]	293K	273K	293K	293K	293K
a [Å]	7.1410(7)	12.780(2)	7.9223(5)	7.2628(3)	13.9435(18)
b [Å]	8.3150(7)	7.1353(12)	18.5920(11)	10.5375(4)	6.9570(6)
c [Å]	10.2670(12)	11.0435(3)	7.5610(6)	13.5924(5)	12.8193(11)
α [°]	84.165(8)	90	90	90	90
β [°]	73.123(10)	109.625(3)	98.730(2)	90	117.363(4)
γ [°]	66.337(9)	90	90	90	90
Z	2	4	4	4	4
V [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	534.25(10)	948.6(3)	1100.77(13)	1040.25(7)	1104.4(2)
$D_{calc} [g \ cm^{-3}]$	1.655	1.759	1.786	1.795	1.667
$\mu \ [mm^{-1}]$	0.141	0.148	0.158	1.410	0.141
total reflns	2194	2360	2530	2019	3154
unique reflns	2191	2289	2505	1604	3088
observed reflns	1845	1701	2029	1582	2556
$R_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0469	0.0484	0.0489	0.0515	0.0712
$wR_2$ [all]	0.1297	0.1181	0.1229	0.1584	0.2096
GOF	0.934	1.021	1.064	1.097	1.117
Diffractometer	Xcalibur Gemini Eos CCD	SMART APEX CCD	SMART APEX CCD	Xcalibur Gemini Eos CCD	SMART APEX CCD

Table S2. Crystallographic data for compounds 4g, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

**Theoretical study:** All the calculations were performed using the Gaussian 03 program suite.<sup>[13, 14]</sup> The geometric optimization of the structures and frequency analyses were carried out using B3PW91 functional with 6-31G (d, p) basis set. The zero point energies (ZPEs) and the corresponding thermal corrections ( $H_T$ ) to the enthalpy at 298.15 K were obtained from frequency calculations and were subsequently added to the electronic energies. All the optimized structures were characterized to be true local energy minima on the potential energy. The method of isodesmic reactions has been employed to calculate HOF from total energies obtained from DFT calculations. Crystal packing density was predicted by the molecular packing calculations using CVFF force field in the polymorph module of Material Studio Suite.<sup>[15]</sup> Based on the predicted densities and HOFs, using Explo5 *version* 6.02,<sup>[16]</sup> the detonation velocity (*D*) and detonation pressure (*P*) for the energetic materials are calculated.

Compound	<b>OB</b> <sup>[a]</sup>	$ ho^{[b]}$	$\boldsymbol{D}_{v}^{[c]}$	$P^{[d]}$	T <sub>m</sub> <sup>[e]</sup>	$T_{\rm d}^{\rm [e]}$	$HOF^{[f]}$
	(%)	$(g \text{ cm}^{-3})$	$(m \ s^{-1})$	(GPa)	(°C)	(°C)	(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
2m	-121.5	1.55	6793	15.60	101	183	415.85
2n	-121.5	1.56	6847	15.93	110	193	419.99
20	-157.8	1.46	5790	11.24	127	195	479.60
2p	-129.7	1.49	6125	13.54	142	194	542.30
2q	-129.7	1.47	6012	13.23	127	177	559.90
<b>3</b> b	-136.6	1.51	6760	14.60	104	193	396.25
3c	-136.6	1.51	6759	14.59	168	192	395.30
3d	-136.6	1.53 (1.51)	6851	15.15	143	187	389.38
3g	-119.5	1.56	6780	15.56	123	217	266.07
3h	-87.3	1.73	7246	18.98	76	156	-410.13
<b>3i</b>	-87.3	1.72	7213	18.72	58	169	-412.01
3i′	-87.3	1.74	7323	19.12	114	173	-413.22
3ј	-98.8	1.72	7120	18.72	73	152	-214.30
3k	-98.8	1.75	7295	19.68	97	195	-215.85

Table S3.	. The energe	tic propertie	s of <b>2m-2q</b> .	3b-d, 3g	, 3h, 3i, 3i', 3	j and 3k.
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[a] Oxygen balance; [b] Calculated density; the crystal density is shown in parenthesis. [c] Detonation velocity (calculated with Explo5 *version* 6.02).<sup>[16]</sup> [d] Detonation pressure (calculated with Explo5 *version* 6.02.[e] Thermal melting ( $T_m$ ) point and thermal decomposition ( $T_d$ ) temperature under nitrogen gas (10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>) [f] Heat of formation

## **Molecular Electrostatic Potentials**

The effect of substituents on nitration reactions was supported by the electrostatic potential surface graphs (Figure 2) of N-aryl-tetrazole derivatives. These graphs revealed the possibility of the occurrence of electrophilic substitution on arvl ring. The electrostatic potential surface graphs of all the N-arvltetrazole derivatives (2a-n) are obtained through DFT calculations at the [B3PW91/6-31G (d,p)] level with the electronegative and electropositive regions and 0.001 au (electrons/Bohr<sup>3</sup>) contour is the surface of the electron density, proposed by Bader et al.<sup>[17]</sup> The electrostatic potential of aryl ring in 2a is neutral, marked with green color as shown in Figure 2; as a result mono-nitration product is exclusively obtained. Whereas the electrostatic potential of aryl ring in the electron donating groups (-Me and -OMe, pyrazole) containing N-aryl tetrazole derivatives 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g and 2l showed negative potential (Figure 2). As a result nitration of -Me and -OMe and pyrazole substituted N-aryltetrazolesdelivered mono as well as dinitration products 3b, 3c, 3d, 3g, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f, 4f' 4g, 4l, and 51 (tri-nitro product). In case of  $-OCF_3$  and  $-CF_3$  substituted N-aryl-tetrazoles 2h, 2i, 2j and 2k the electrostatic potential of aryl ring has become neutral with green color (Figure 2), which in turn delivers the mono-nitration products (3h, 3i, 3i', 3j and 3k). Positive electrostatic potential (blue color) was observed in the aryl-ring for the strong electron withdrawing -NO<sub>2</sub> substituted N-aryl-tetrazoles 2m & 2n, (Figure 2). As a consequence, electrophilic substitution was not feasible on -NO<sub>2</sub> substituted N-aryltetrazoles.





**Figure 2.** Optimized structures and electrostatic potential surface graphs of compounds 2a-n (B3PW91/6-31G (d, p), 0.001 electron/bohr<sup>3</sup> isosurface. The red regions represent electron-rich sites and the blue regions represent electron-deficient sites. Gray = carbon; white = hydrogen; blue = nitrogen; red = oxygen; skyblue = fluorine.

**Isodesmic Reactions for the Prediction of Heat of Formation:** 



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Nitrogen	24. 41	0. 79
Carbon	41. 68	1. 15
Hydrogen	2. 23 <sub>S96</sub>	4. 56



Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen	24. 38	0.74
Carbon	41. 65	1.11
Hydrogen	2. 23 <sub>S97</sub>	4.61



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Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	39. 52 56. 71 3. 73	0. 75 1. 17 3. 93	
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Nitrogen Carbon	56. 85 40. 61 S99	0.87 1.43
Hydrogen	2. 78	4. 93



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Nitrogen Carbon	56.62 40.38 S100	0. 82 1. 24
Hydrogen	2. 65	4. 18

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Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	58. 42 39. 15 2. 26 S101	1. 28 2. 22 9. 15



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Nitrogen	34. 07	0. 88
Carbon	46. 75	1. 41
Hydrogen	3. 51 S102	4. 92

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Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	33. 48 38. 51 2. 49	0. 88 1. 36 4. 82

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Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	34. 07 46. 94 3. 48	0. 75 1. 18 5. 04
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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	33. 45 38. 56 2. 36 S105	0. 88 1. 41 4. 92



Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	34. 26 46. 75 3. 37	0. 73 1. 14 3. 92





Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen	33. 45	0. 74
Carbon	38. 56 s107	1. 16
Hydrogen	2. 37	3. 88



Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon	31. 68 36. 19	0. 88
Hydrogen	2. 21	4. 94

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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	31. 45 36. 21 2. 23 S109	0. 78 1. 18 4. 32

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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	31. 68 36. 27 2. 21	0. 87 1. 38 4. 78





Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	31. 86 43. 27 3. 26	0. 88 1. 38 4. 93

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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen	31. 45	0.78
Carbon	36. 23	1.18
Hydrogen	2. 21	4.29



Element	Name	Element %	Ret. Time	
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen		25. 32 34. 85 1. 41	0. 73 1. 16 3. 97	





Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen	25. 36	0. 78
Carbon	35. 12 S114	1. 20
Hydrogen	1. 41	4. 27



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Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogei	1	25. 32 34. 83 1. 51	S115	0. 77 1. 18 4. 28



Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	27. 15 37. 16 1. 61	0.75 1.13 4.11
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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	27. 16 37. 21 1. 61	0. 73 1. 13 3. 97



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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time	
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	36. 45 34. 48 1. 51	0. 87 1. 43 4. 93	
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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time	
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	39. 15 33. 52 2. 12	0.75 1.19 4.14	





Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen	37. 92	0. 75
Carbon	28. 31	1. 19
Hydrogen	1. 31 <sub>S121</sub>	4. 14

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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time	
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	34. 75 30. 07 1. 16	0. 78 1. 18 4. 53	
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Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen Carbon Hydrogen	45. 36 30. 41 1. 13	0.75 1.19 4.32
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