

**Sulfonated carbon-encapsulated iron nanoparticles as efficient magnetic  
nanocatalyst for highly selective synthesis of benzimidazoles**

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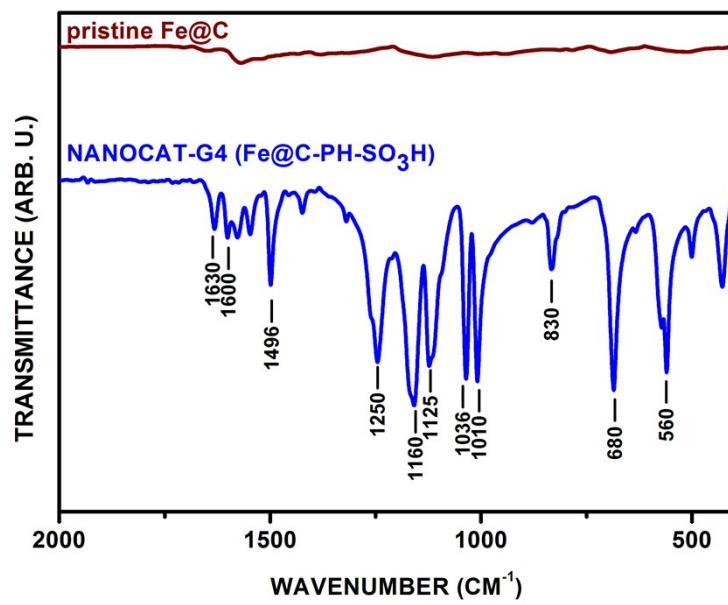
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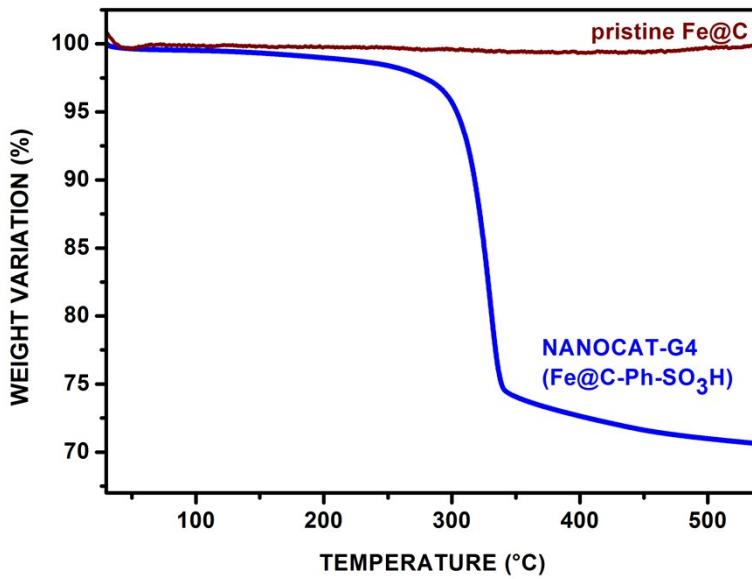
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## 1. FT-IR and TGA data for NANOCAT-G4 (Fe@-Ph-SO<sub>3</sub>H)



**Fig. S1.** FT-IR spectrum of NANOCAT-G4 (Fe@C-Ph-SO<sub>3</sub>H). FT-IR spectrum of pristine Fe@C is also presented

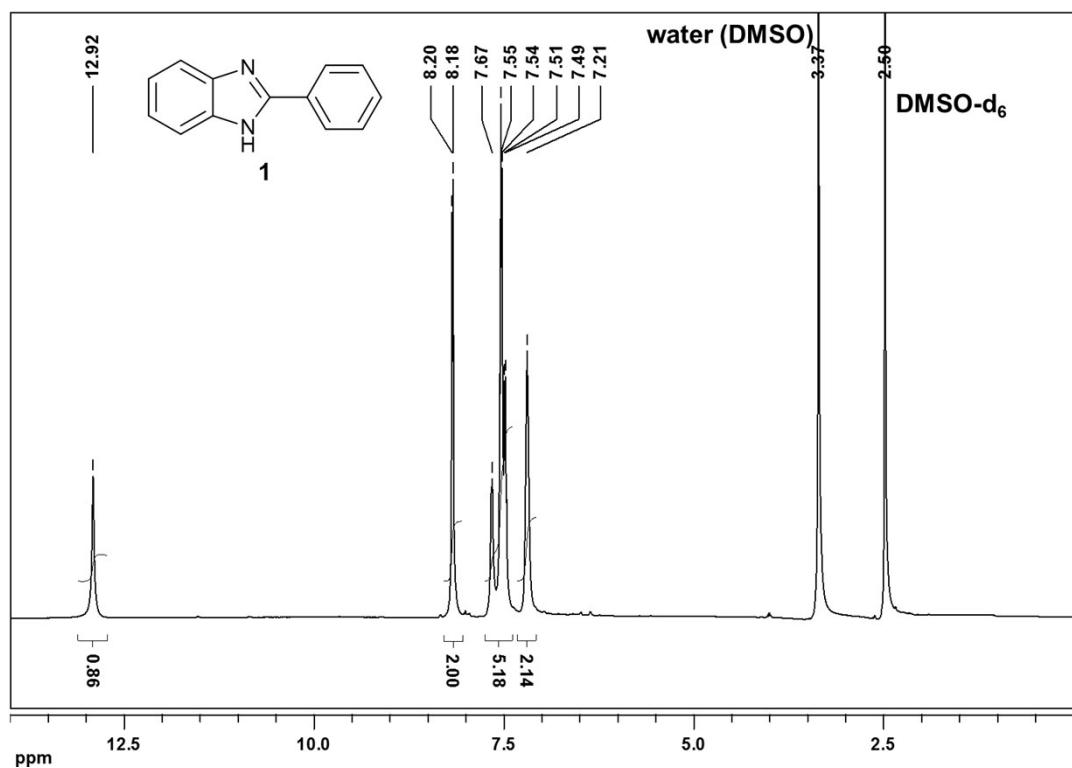


**Fig. S2.** TGA curve (in nitrogen) of NANOCAT-G4 (Fe@C-Ph-SO<sub>3</sub>H). TGA curve (in nitrogen) of pristine Fe@C is also presented

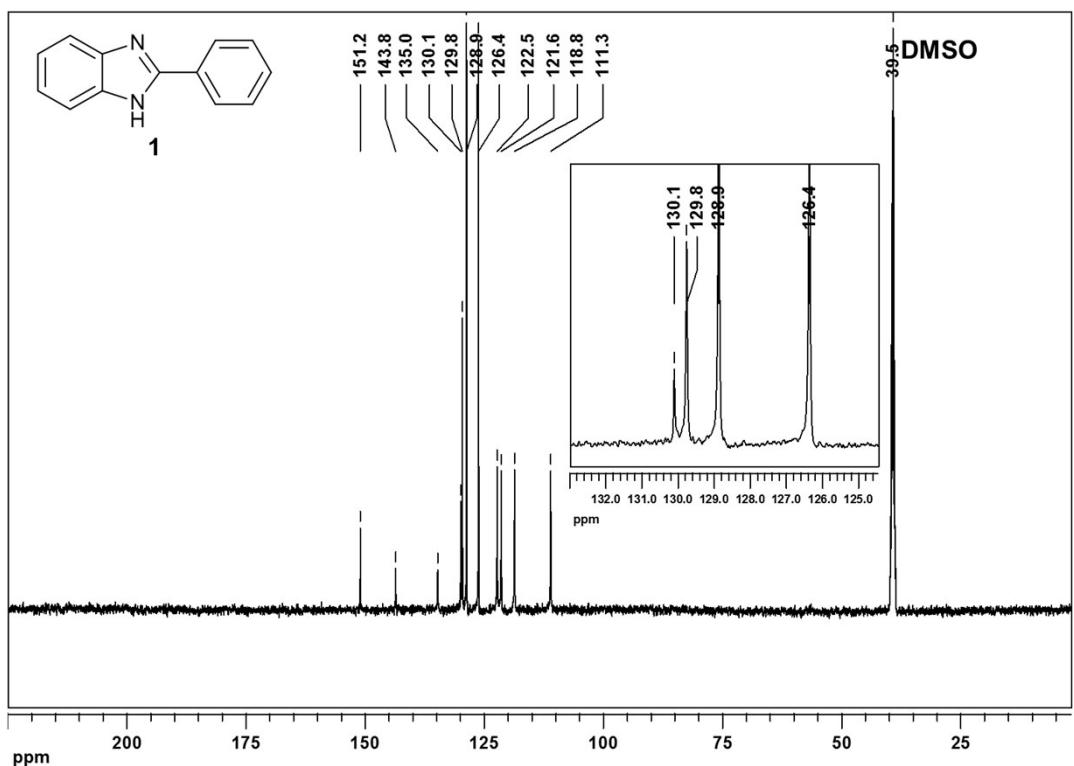
First weight loss on the TGA curve (Fig. S2) between ca. 50 °C–120 °C, is related to the desorption of moisture. The next weight loss, which is not observed for pristine Fe@C, starts at ca. 150 °C and is completed at ca. 500 °C, which is clearly attributed to the decomposition of covalently attached moieties. Content of introduced organic moiety for **NANOCAT-G4** was calculated as follows:  $C_F = (WL_{500} - M)$ , where  $C_F$  is the content of introduced organic moiety [wt%],  $WL_{500}$  is the observed weight loss up to 500°C,  $M$  is a content of moisture in the sample (weight loss up to 120°C).<sup>1–3</sup>

## 2. NMR and FT-IR for the benzimidazoles obtained (1-13)

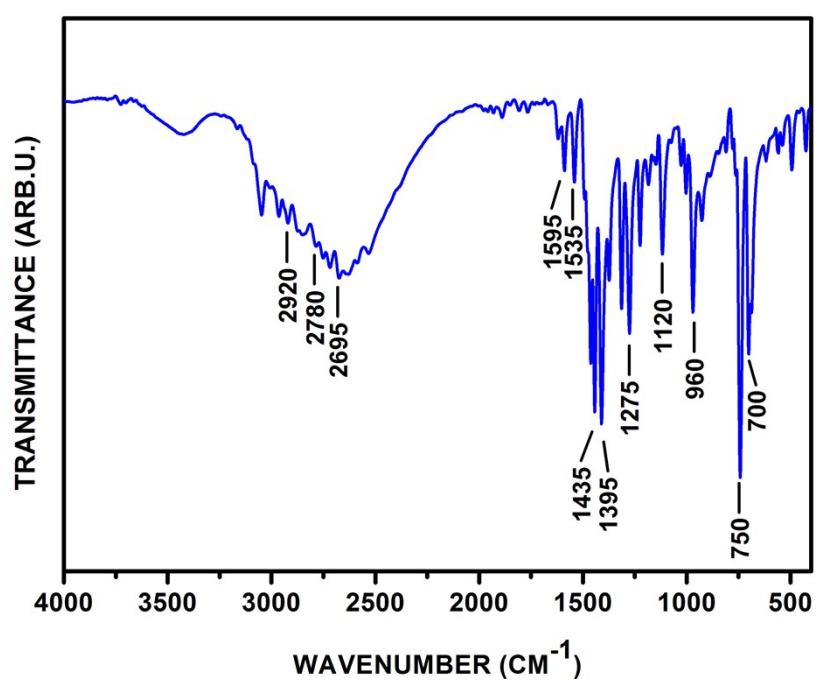
The spectral data for the obtained benzimidazoles are consistent with the literature. The references are given in the figure description.



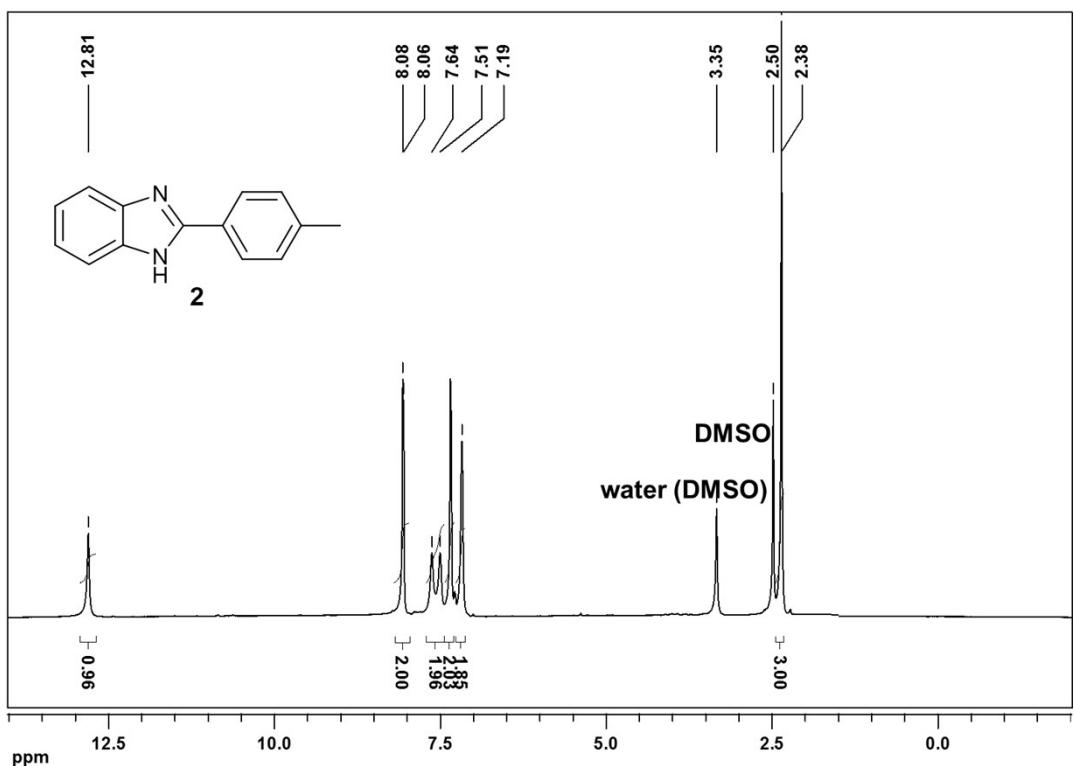
**Fig. S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-phenylbenzimidazole (**1**)<sup>4</sup>



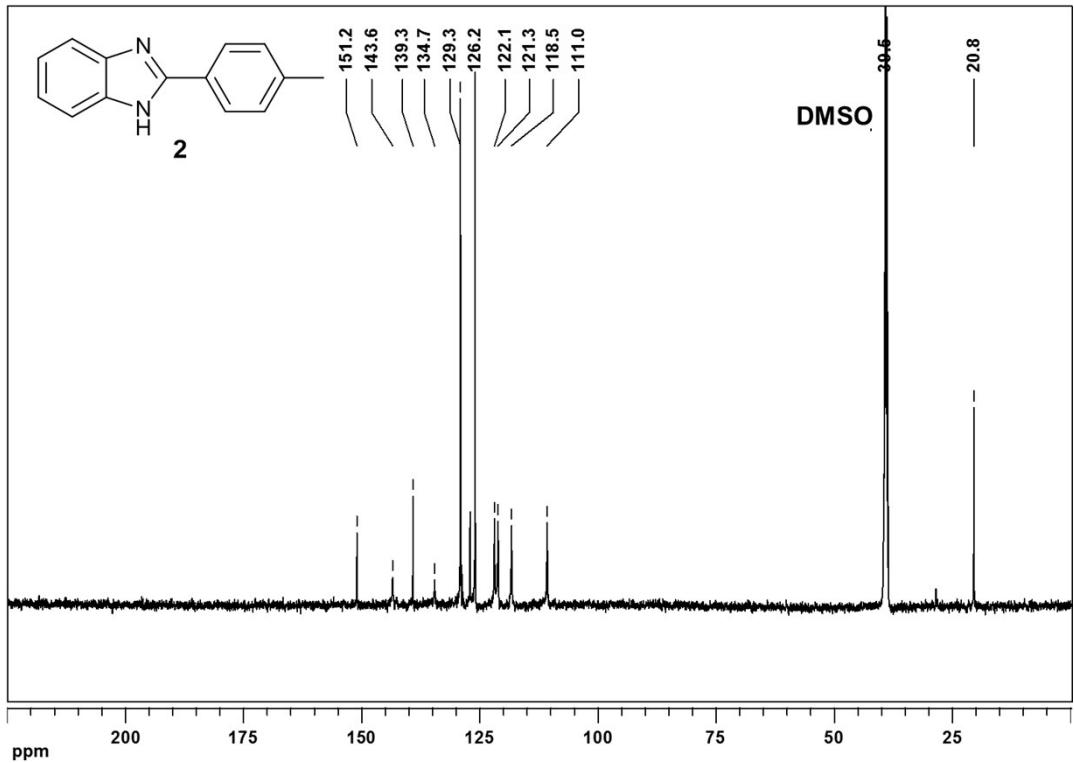
**Fig. S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-phenylbenzimidazole (**1**)<sup>4</sup>



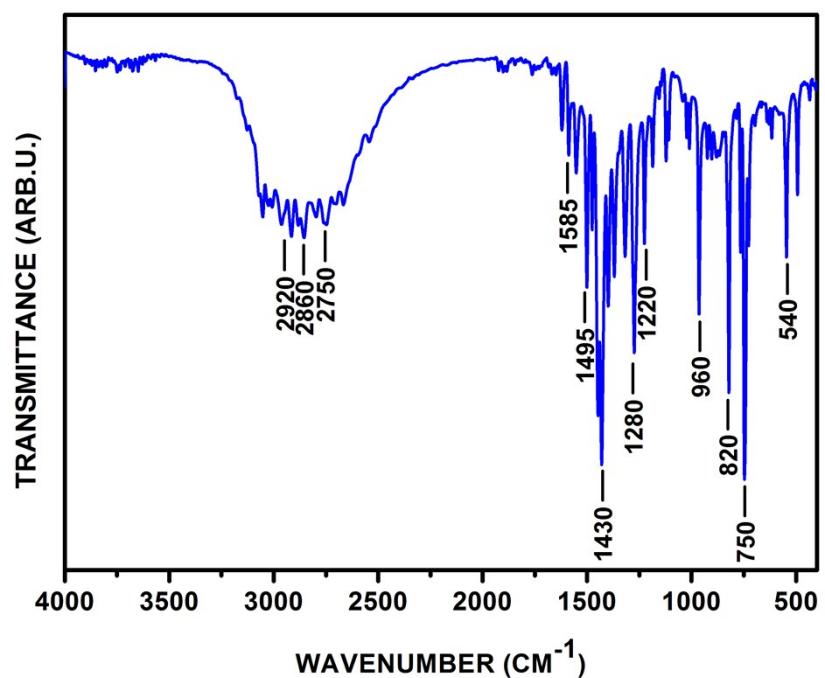
**Fig. S5.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-phenylbenzimidazole (**1**)<sup>5</sup>



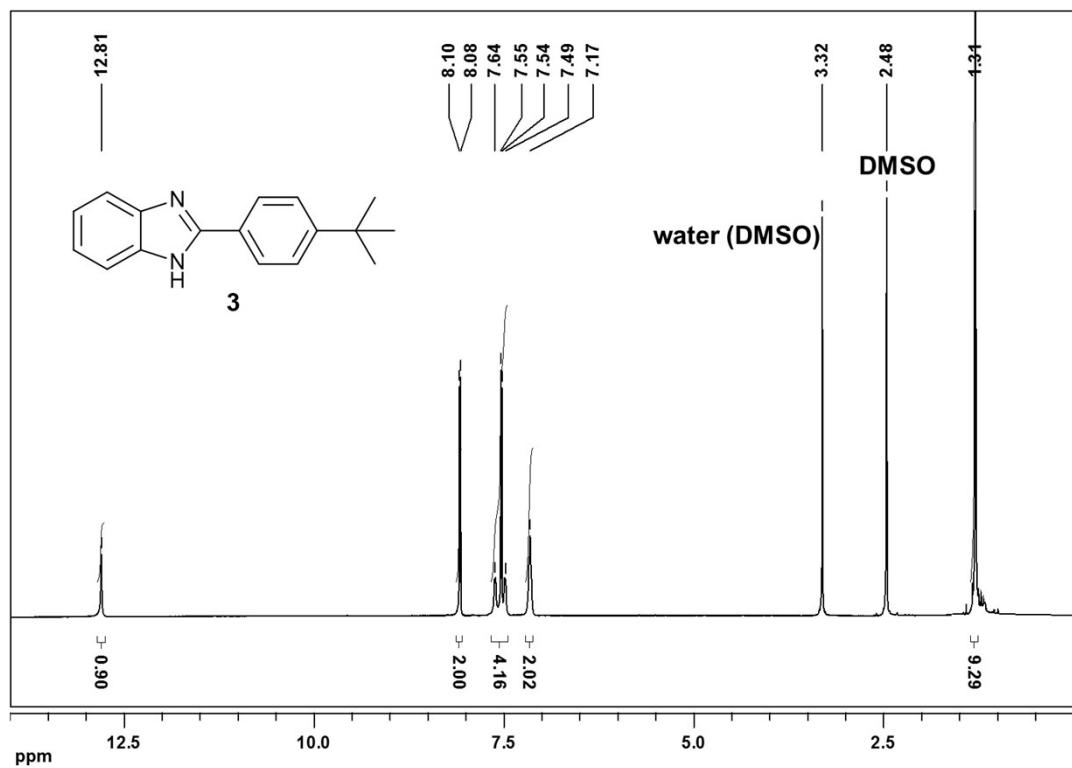
**Fig. S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(4-tolyl)benzimidazole (**2**)<sup>4</sup>



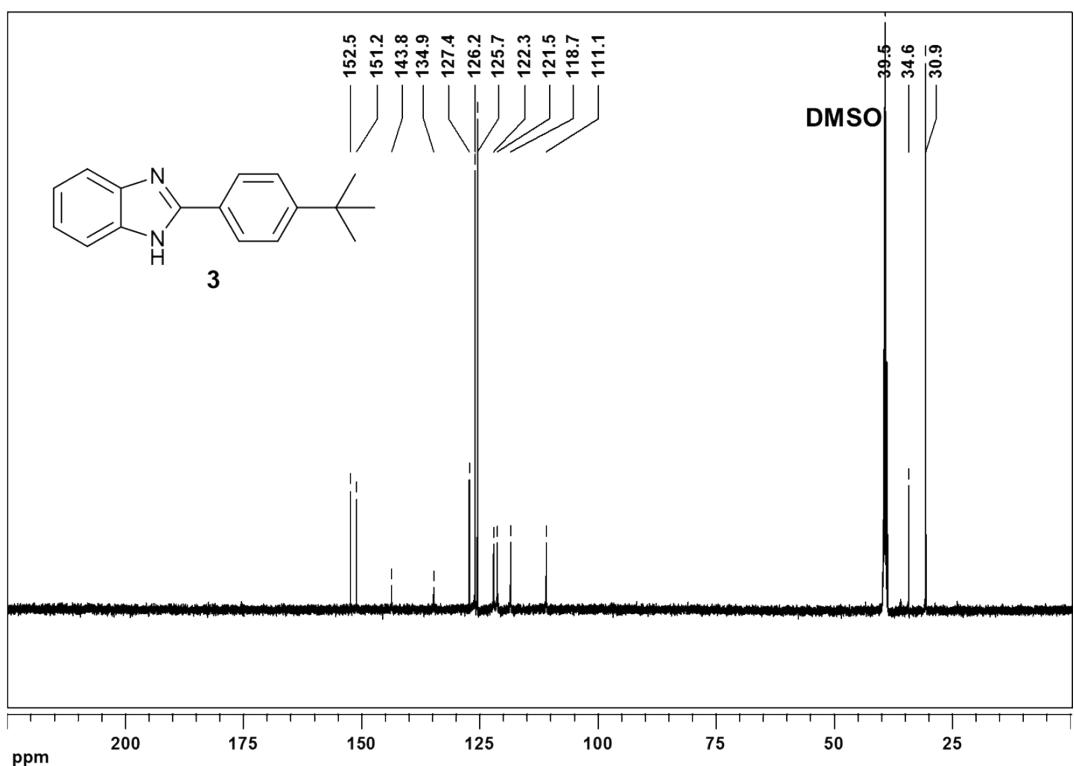
**Fig. S7.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(4-tolyl)benzimidazole (**2**)<sup>4</sup>



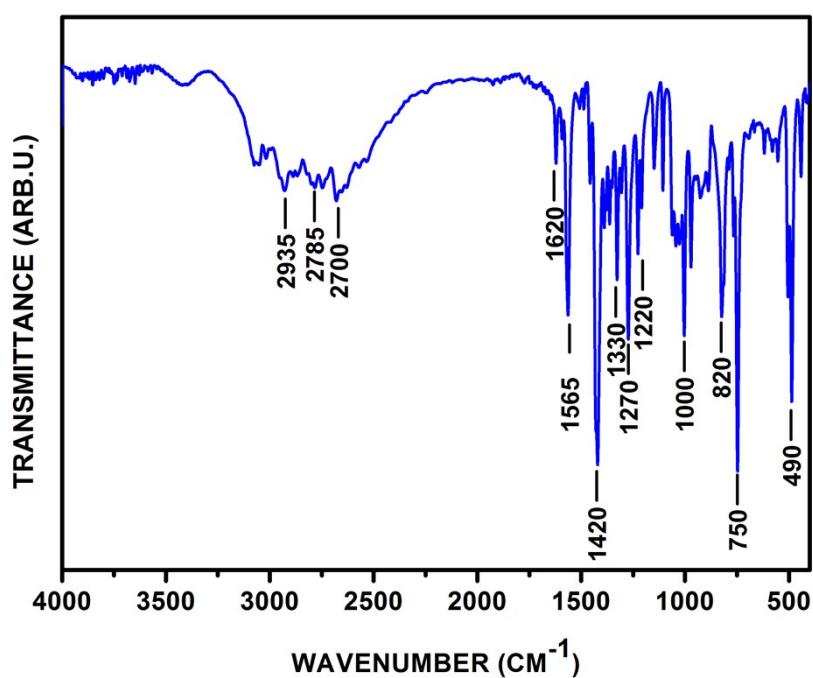
**Fig. S8.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(4-tolyl)benzimidazole (**2**)<sup>6</sup>



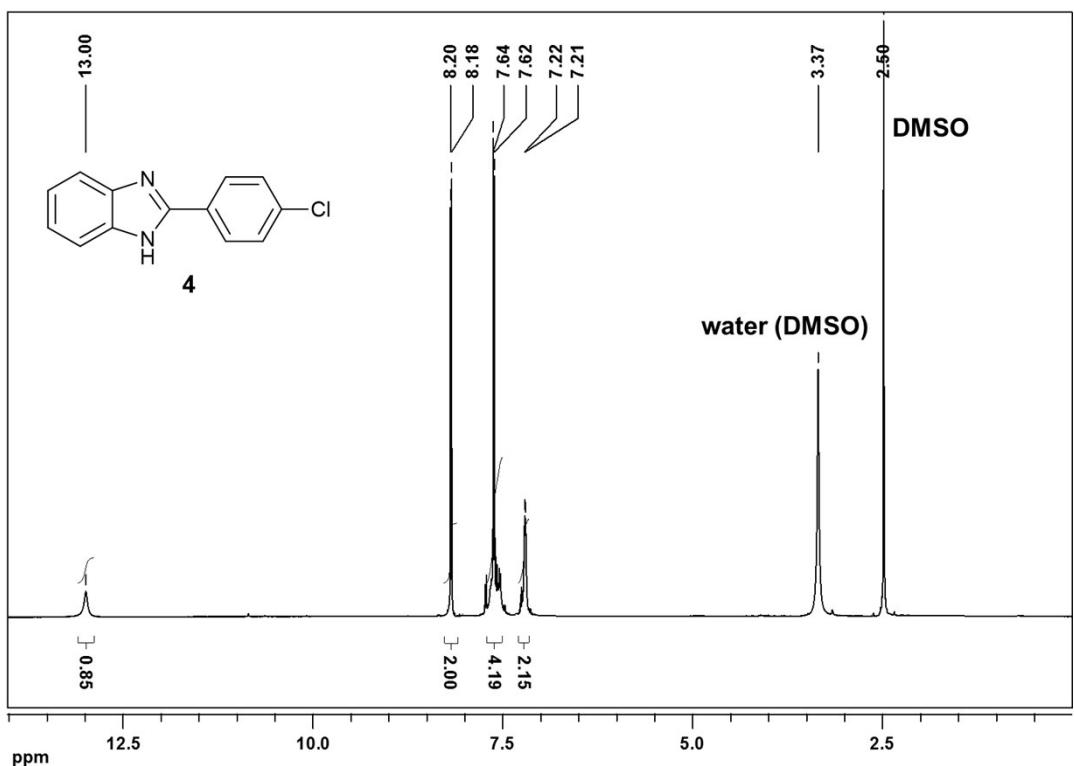
**Fig. S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)benzimidazole (**3**)<sup>4</sup>



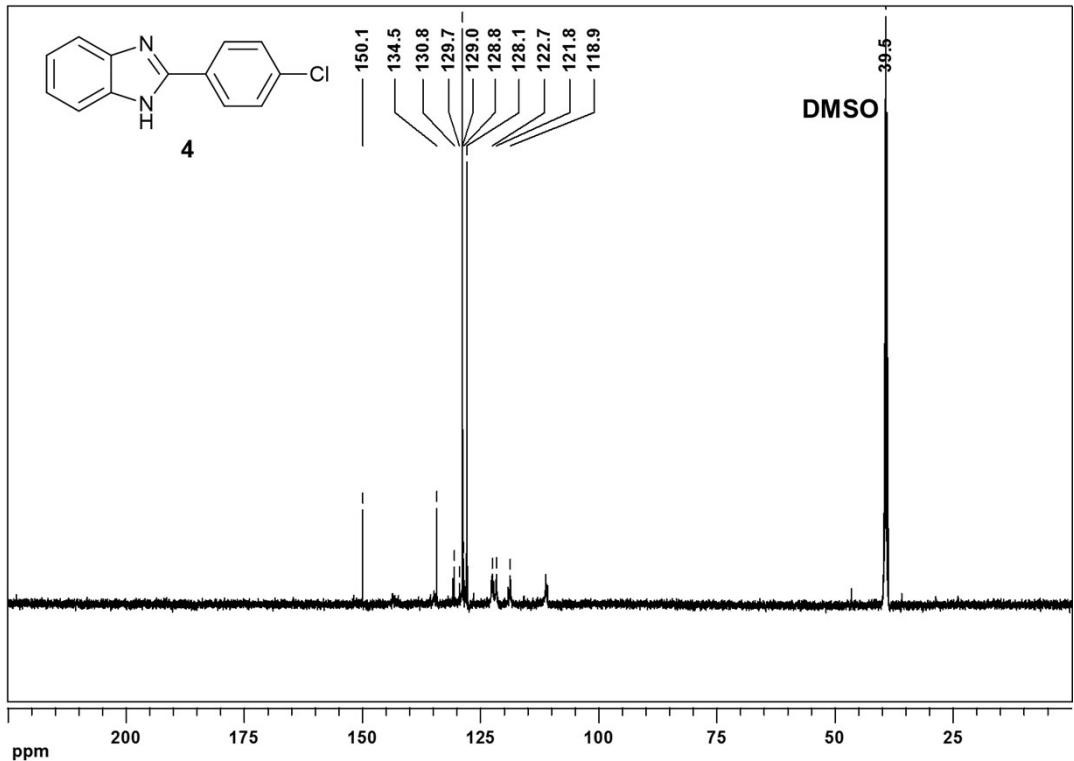
**Fig. S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)benzimidazole (**3**)<sup>4</sup>



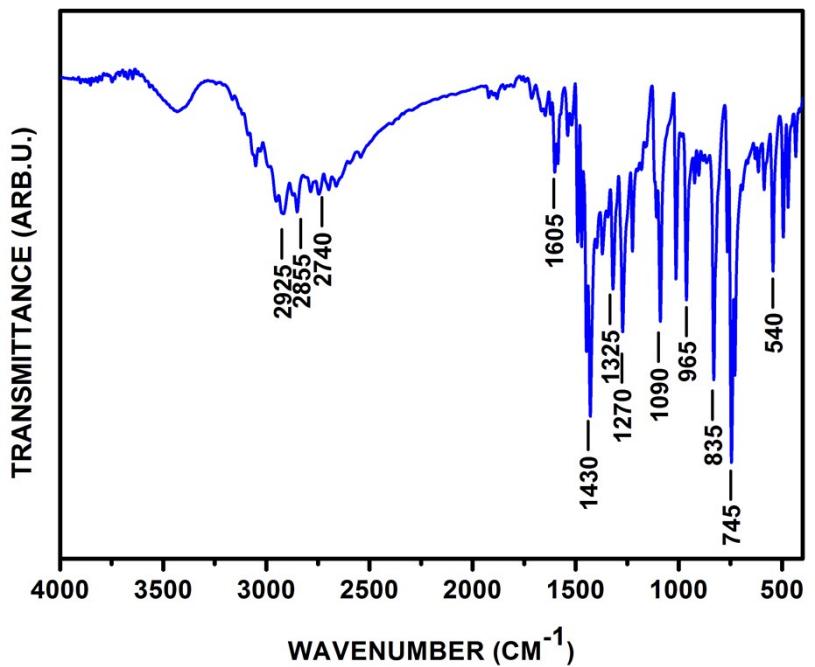
**Fig. S11.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)benzimidazole (**3**)<sup>6</sup>



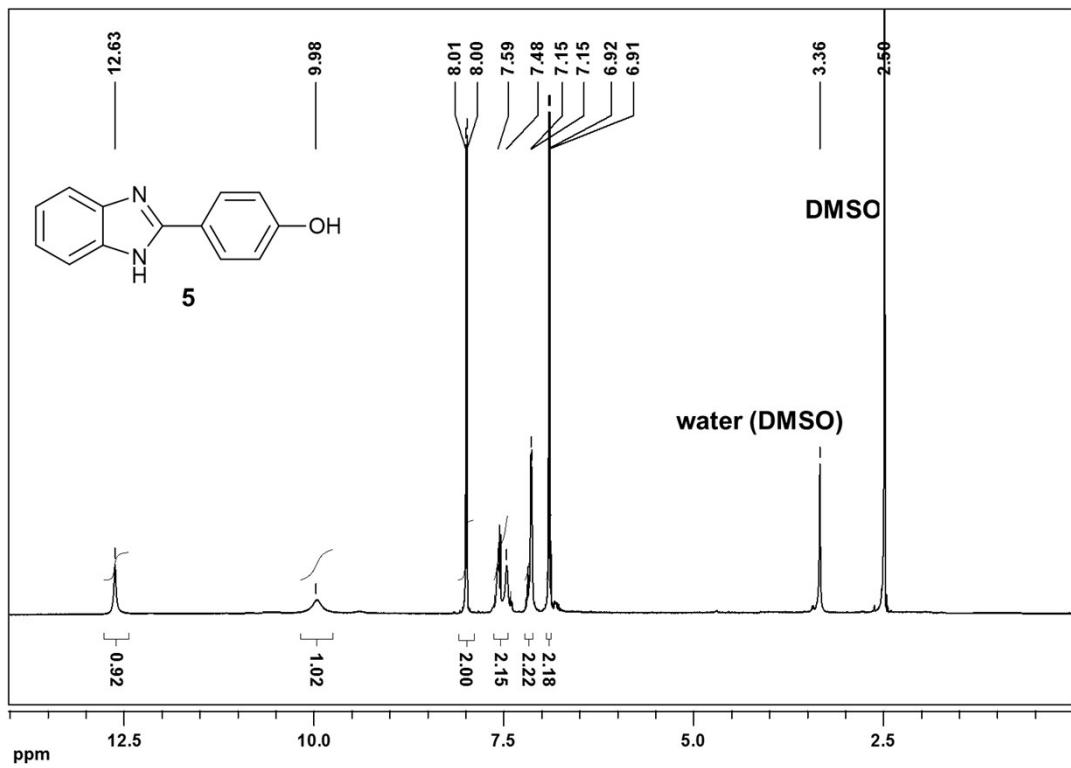
**Fig. S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzimidazole (**4**)<sup>4</sup>



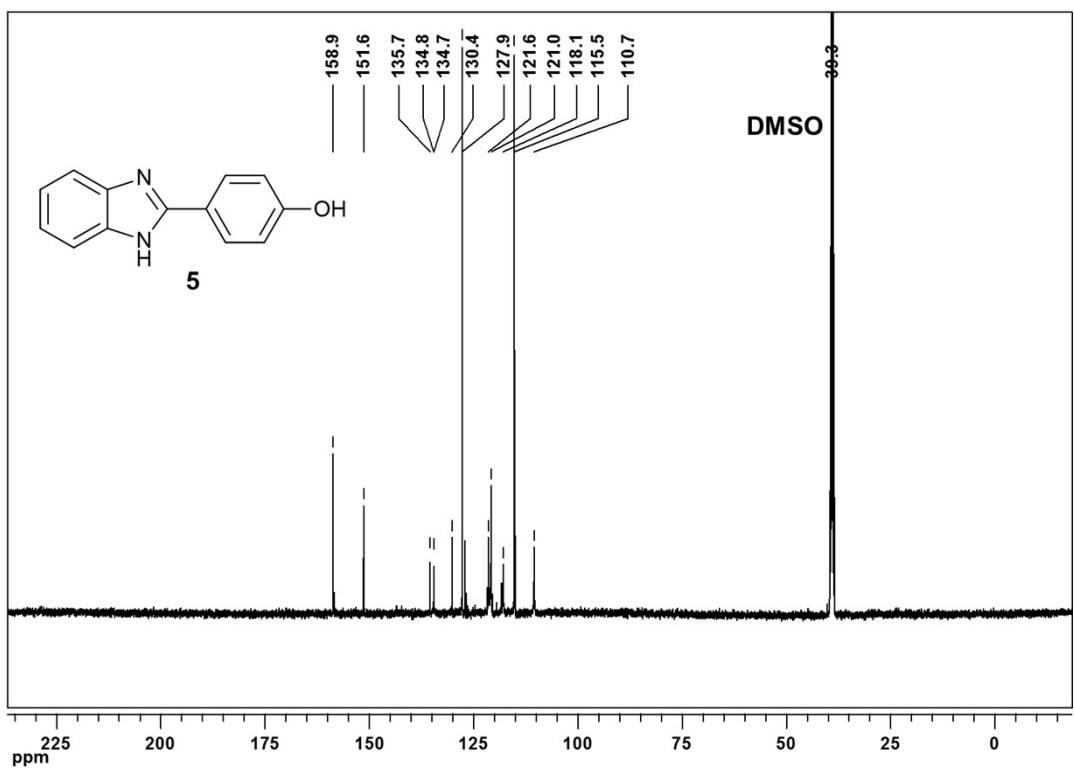
**Fig. S13.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzimidazole (**4**)<sup>4</sup>



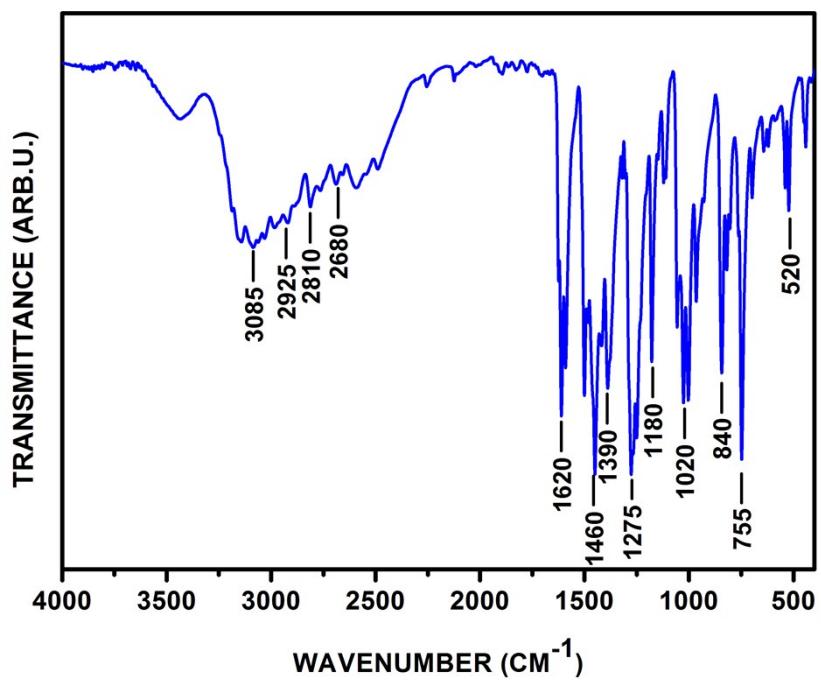
**Fig. S14.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzimidazole (**4**)<sup>7</sup>



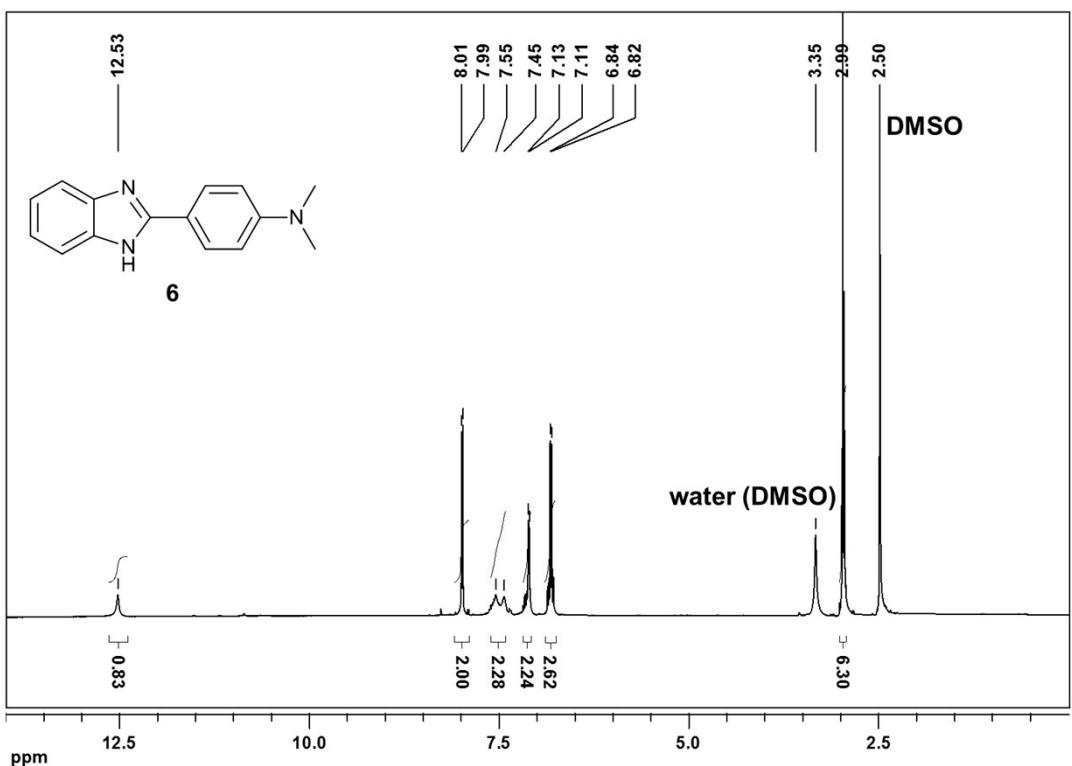
**Fig. S15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)benzimidazole (**5**)<sup>8</sup>



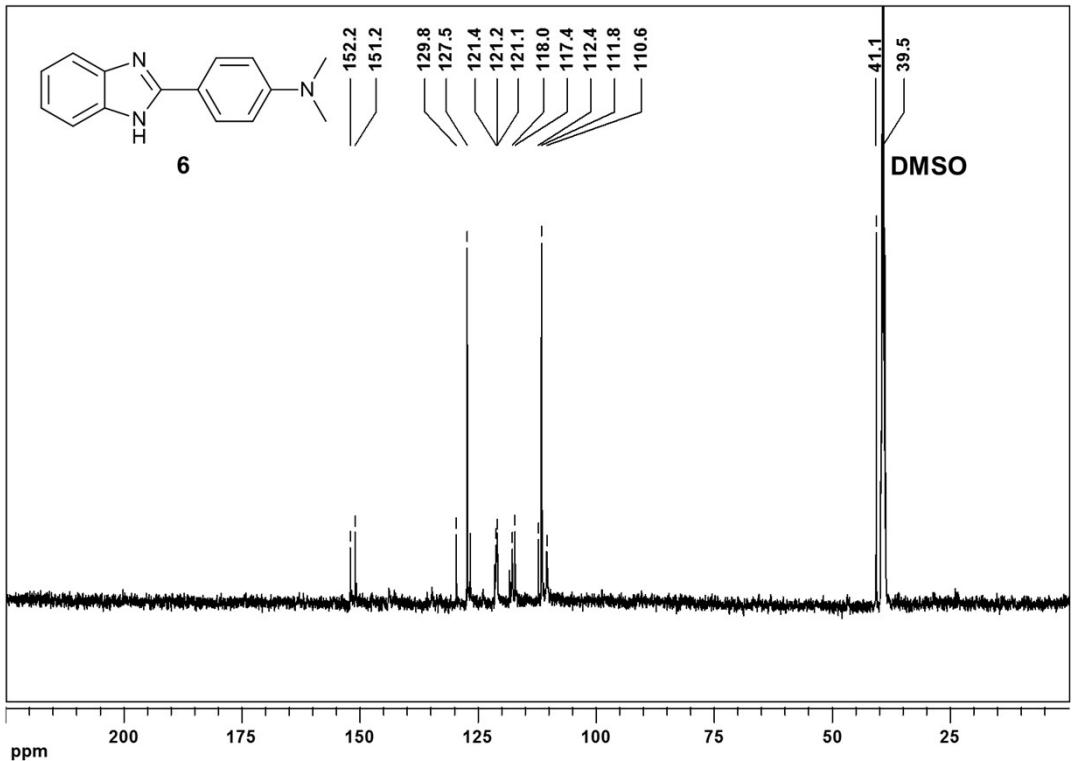
**Fig. S16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)benzimidazole (**5**)<sup>8</sup>



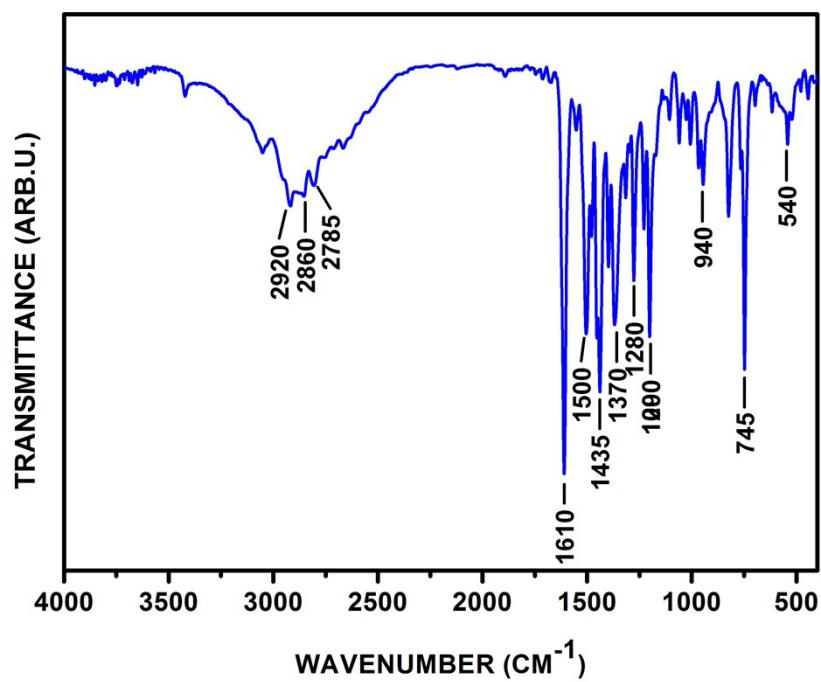
**Fig. S17.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)benzimidazole (**5**)<sup>8</sup>



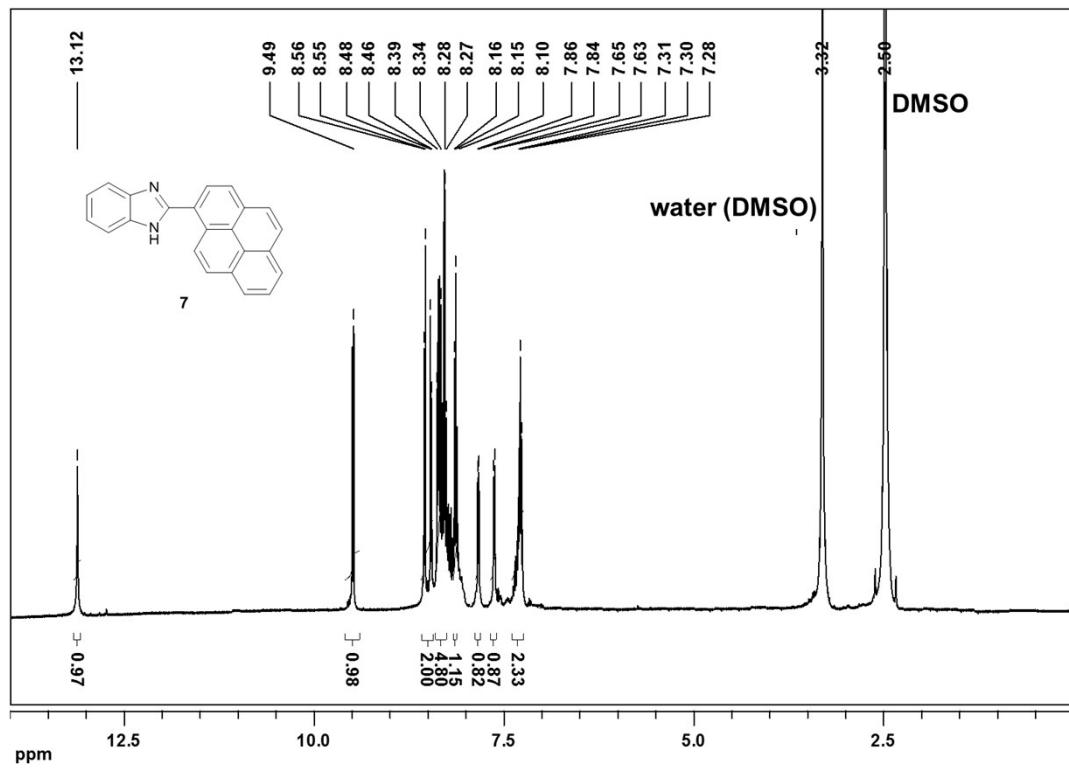
**Fig. S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)benzimidazole (**6**)<sup>7</sup>



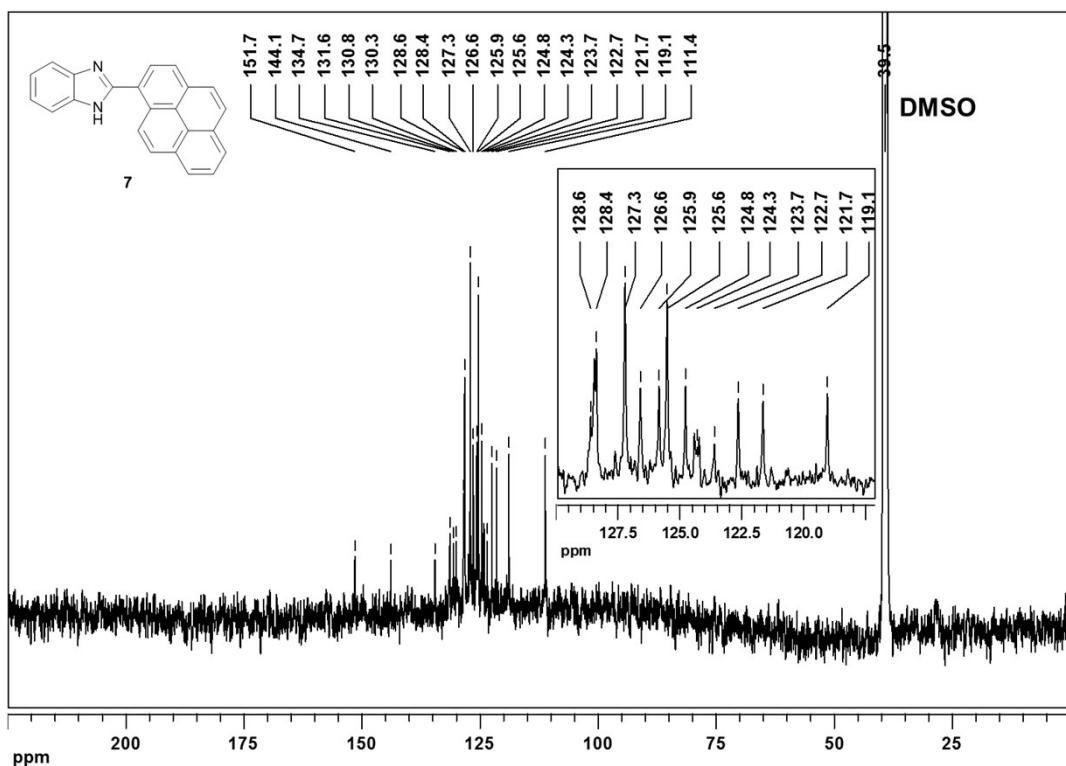
**Fig. S19.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)benzimidazole (**6**)<sup>7</sup>



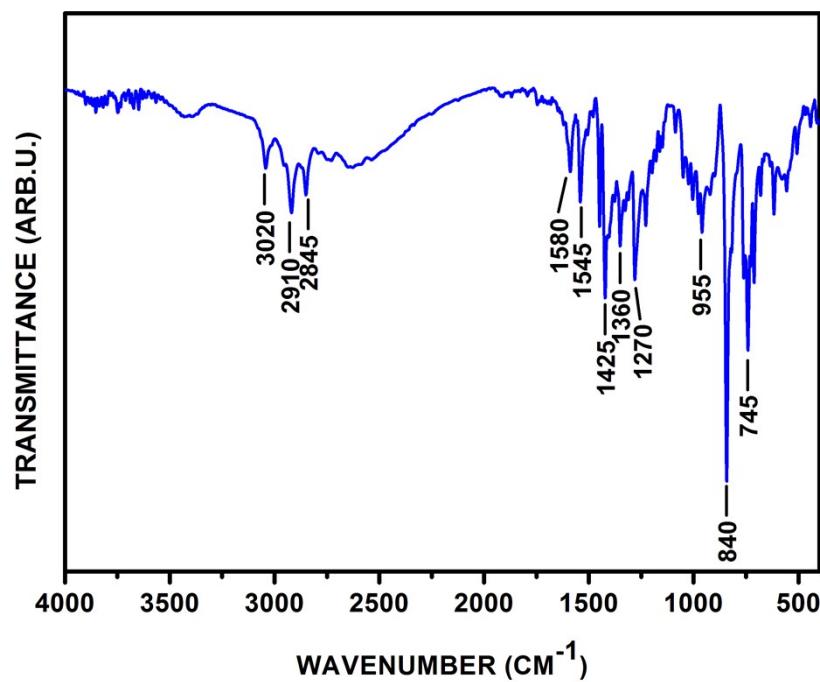
**Fig. S20.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)benzimidazole (**6**)<sup>7</sup>



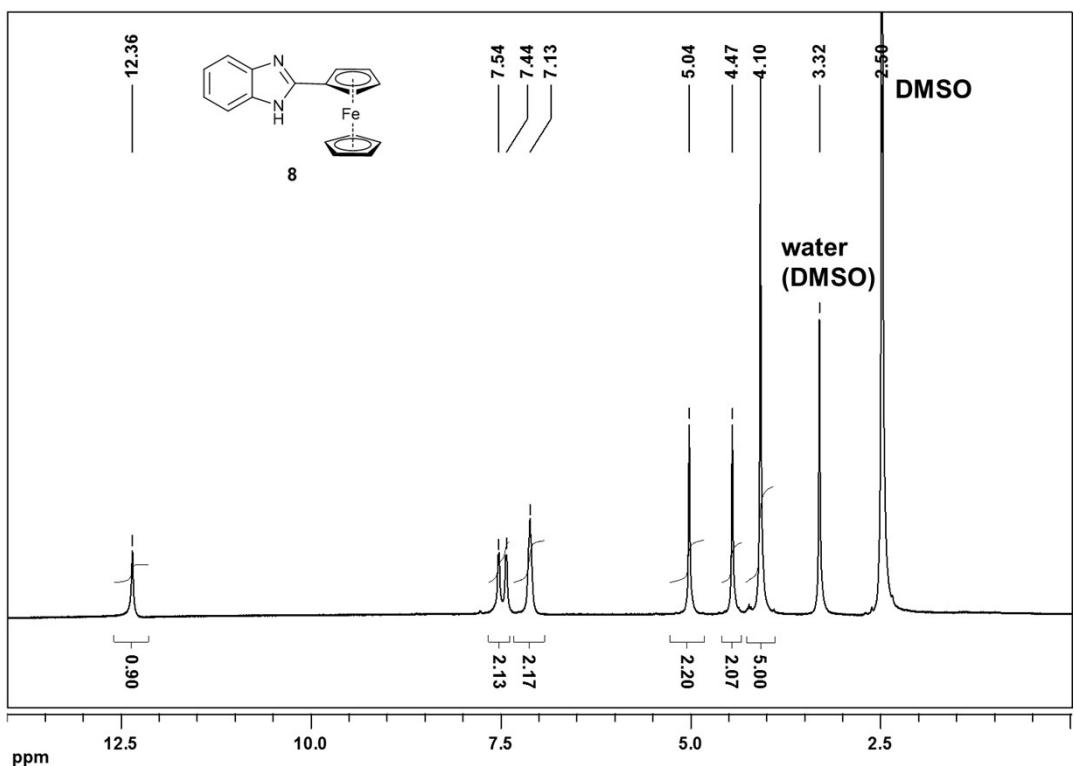
**Fig. S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO- $\text{d}_6$ ) of 2-(1-pyrenyl)benzimidazole (7)<sup>9</sup>



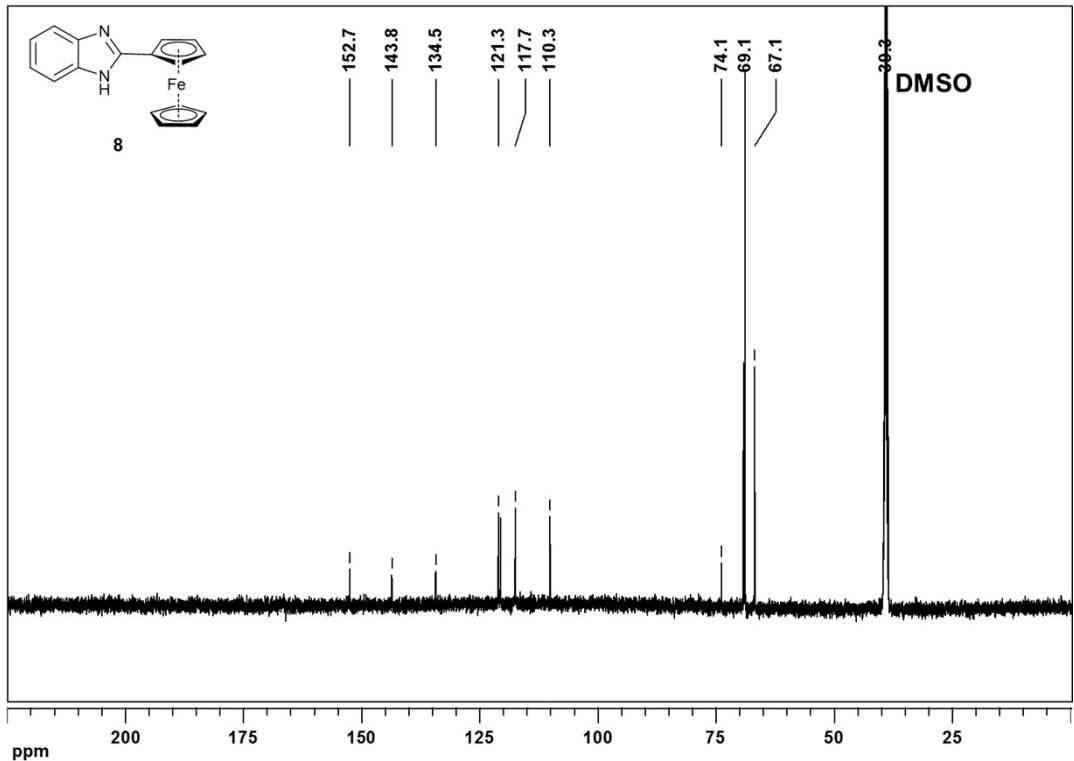
**Fig. S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of 2-(1-pyrenyl)benzimidazole (7)<sup>9</sup>



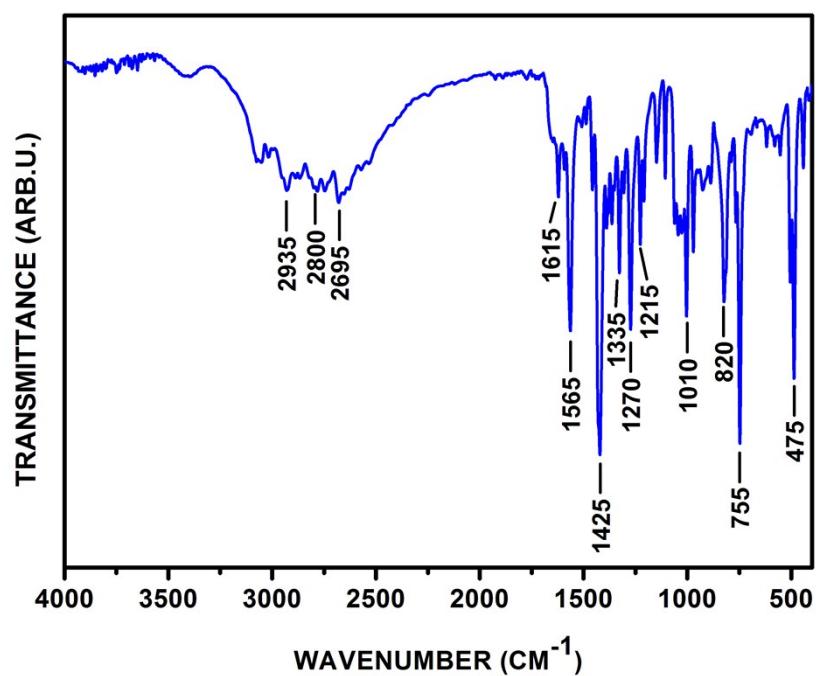
**Fig. S23.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(1-pyrenyl)benzimidazole (7)<sup>9</sup>



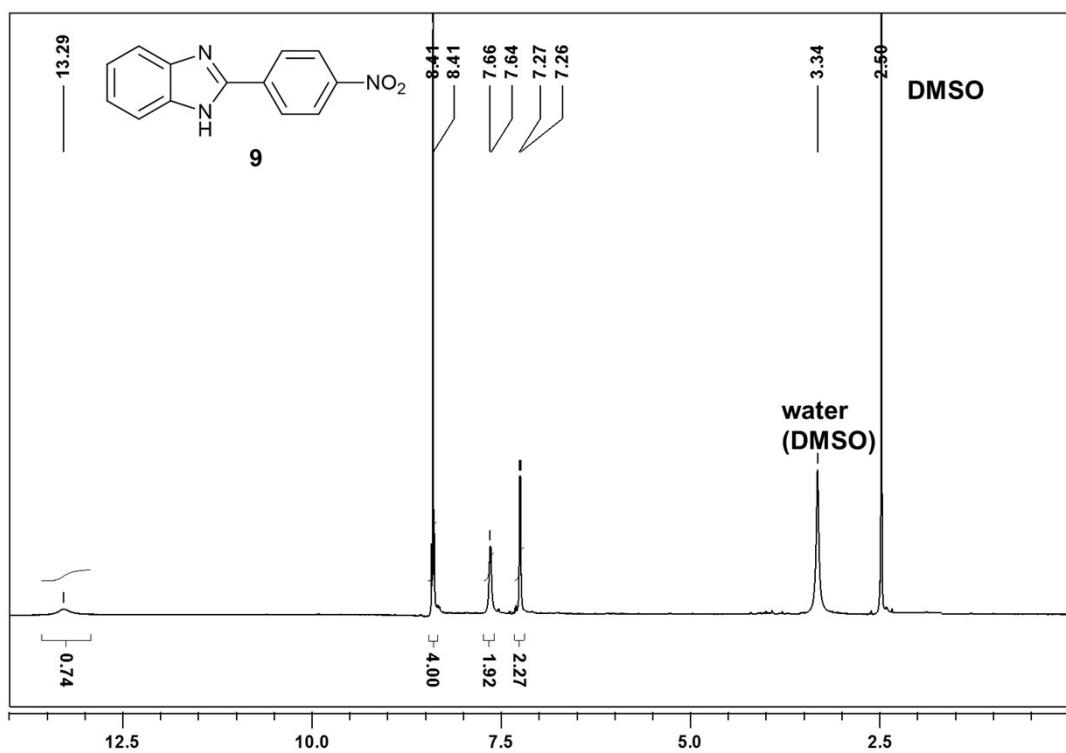
**Fig. S24.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(ferrocenyl)benzimidazole (**8**)<sup>10</sup>



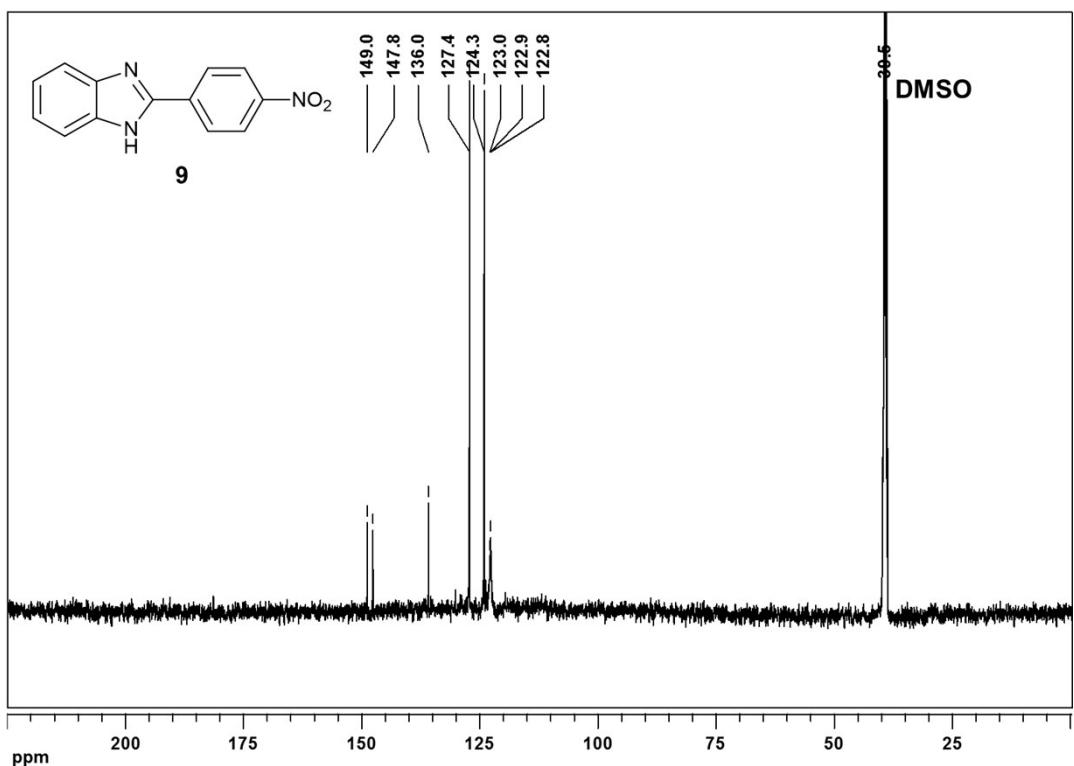
**Fig. S25.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(ferrocenyl)benzimidazole (**8**)<sup>10</sup>



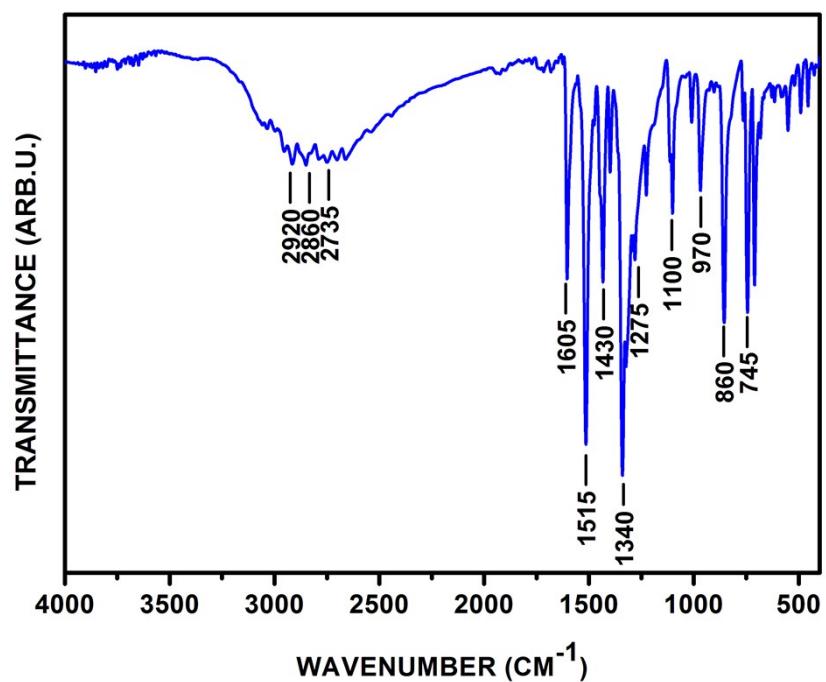
**Fig. S26.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(ferrocenyl)benzimidazole (**8**)<sup>10</sup>



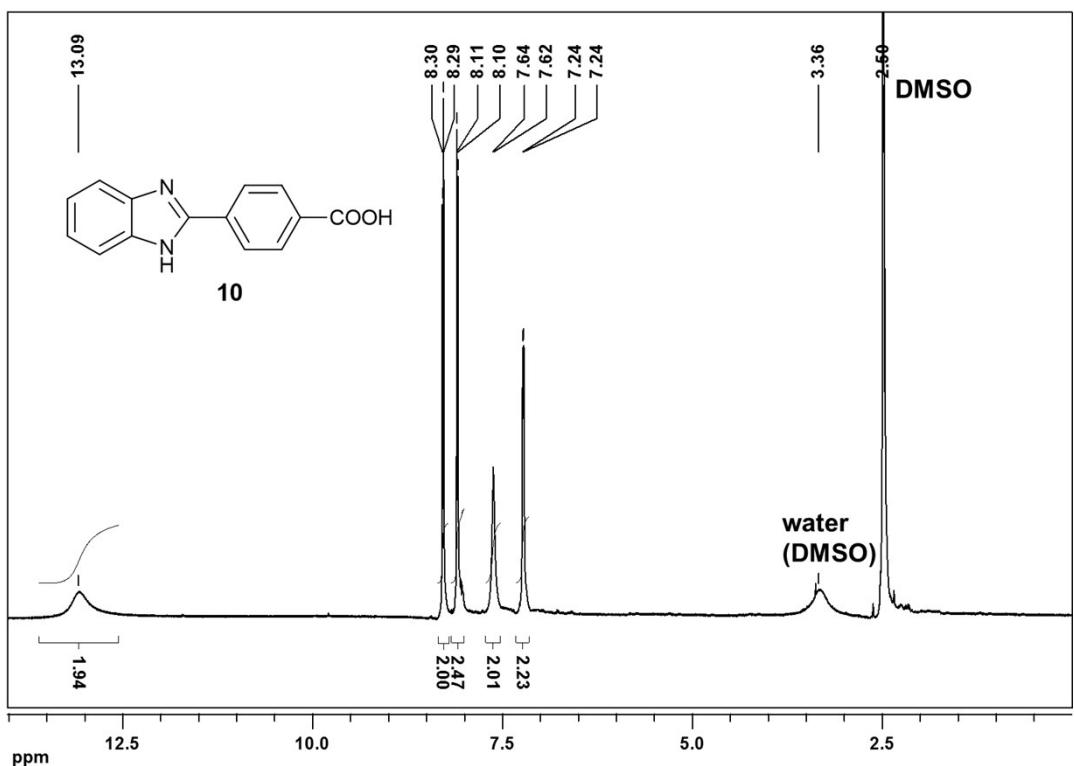
**Fig. S27.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-nitrophenyl)benzimidazole (**9**)<sup>4</sup>



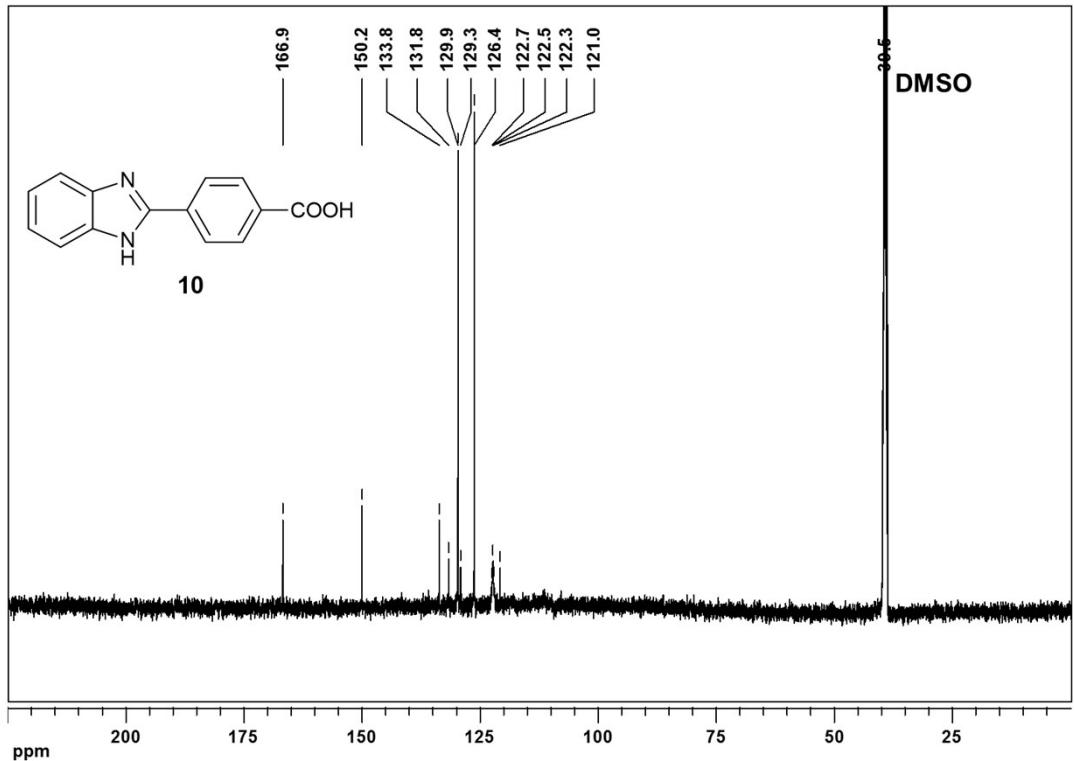
**Fig. S28.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-nitrophenyl)benzimidazole (**9**)<sup>4</sup>



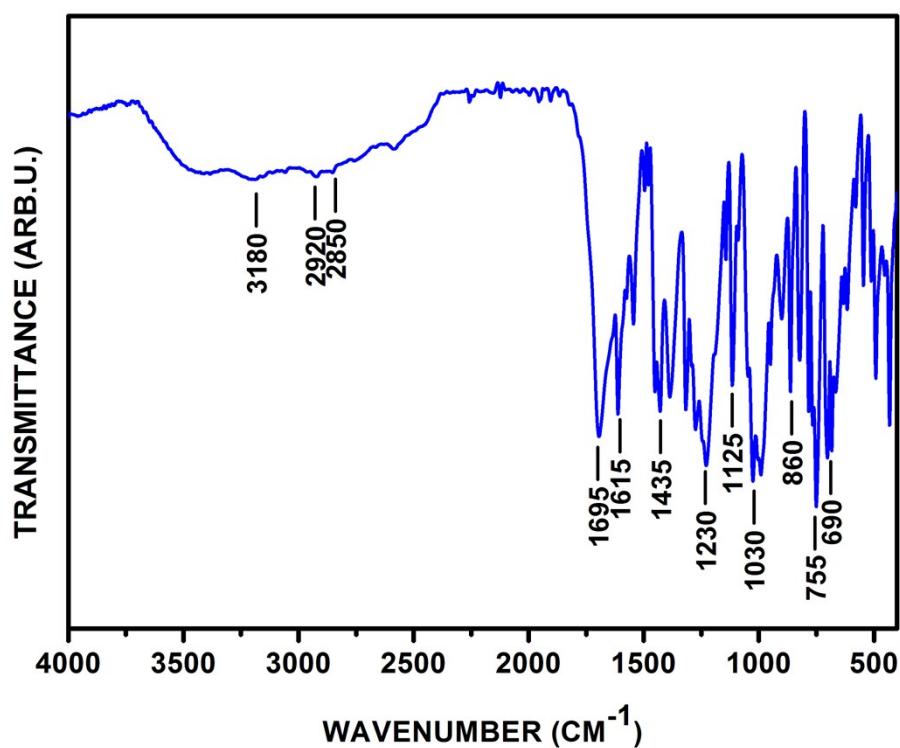
**Fig. S29.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(4-nitrophenyl)benzoimidazole (**9**)<sup>7</sup>



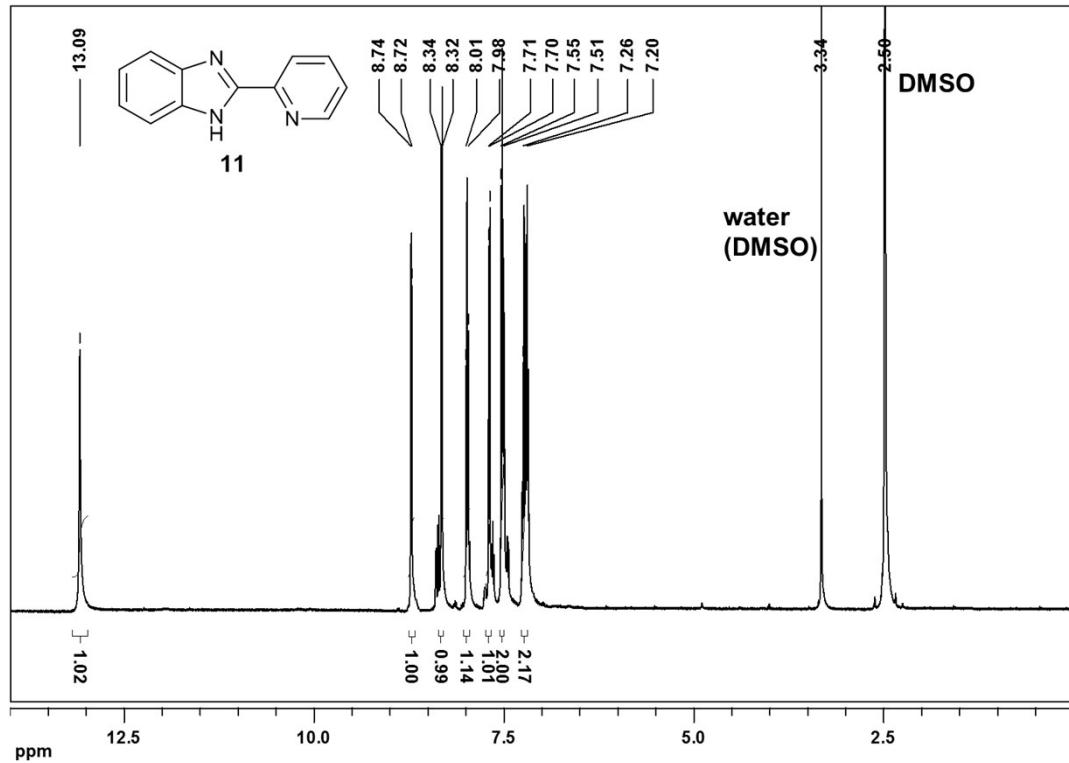
**Fig. S30.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-carboxyphenyl)benzimidazole (**10**)<sup>5</sup>



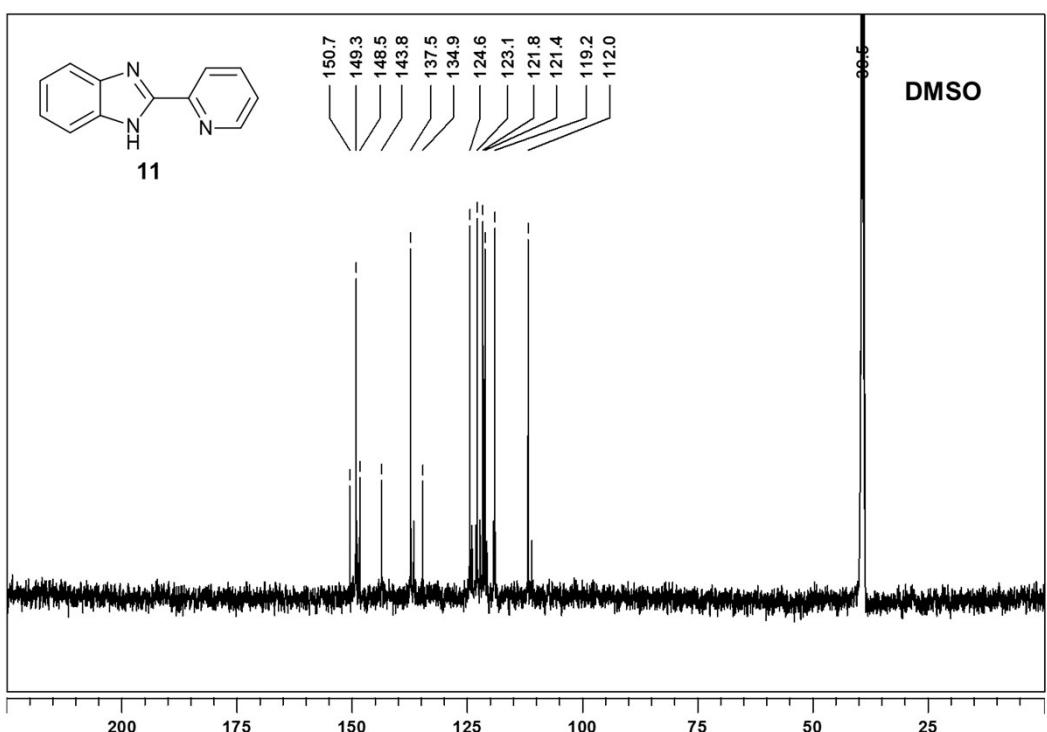
**Fig. S31.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-(4-carboxyphenyl)benzimidazole (**10**)<sup>5</sup>



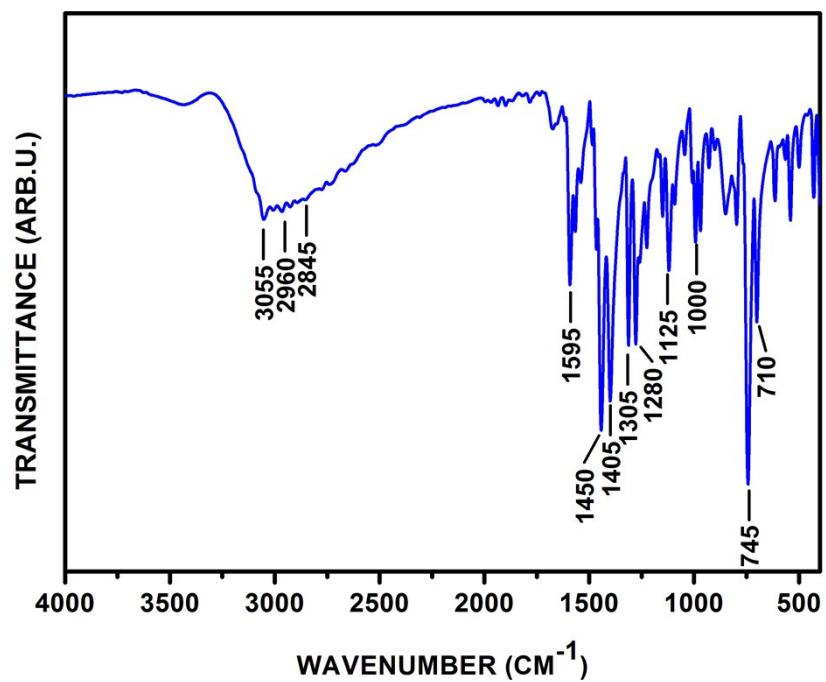
**Fig. S32.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(4-carboxyphenyl)benzimidazole (**10**)<sup>5</sup>



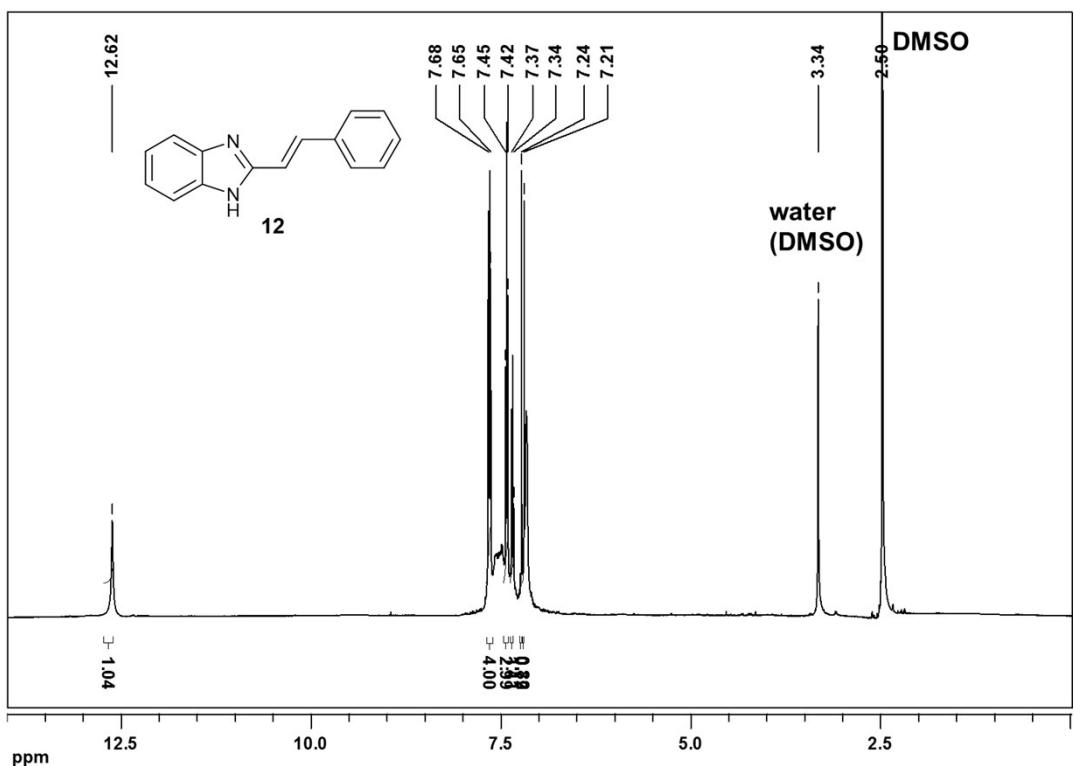
**Fig. S33.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole (**11**)<sup>4</sup>



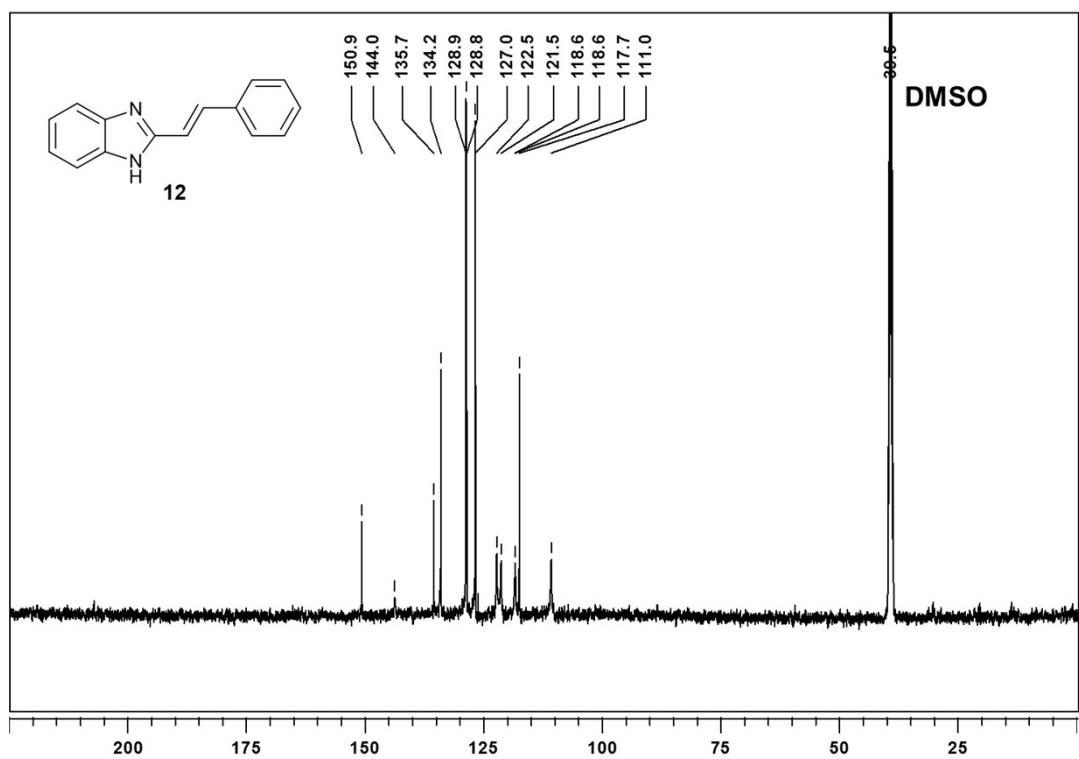
**Fig. S34.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole (**11**)<sup>4</sup>



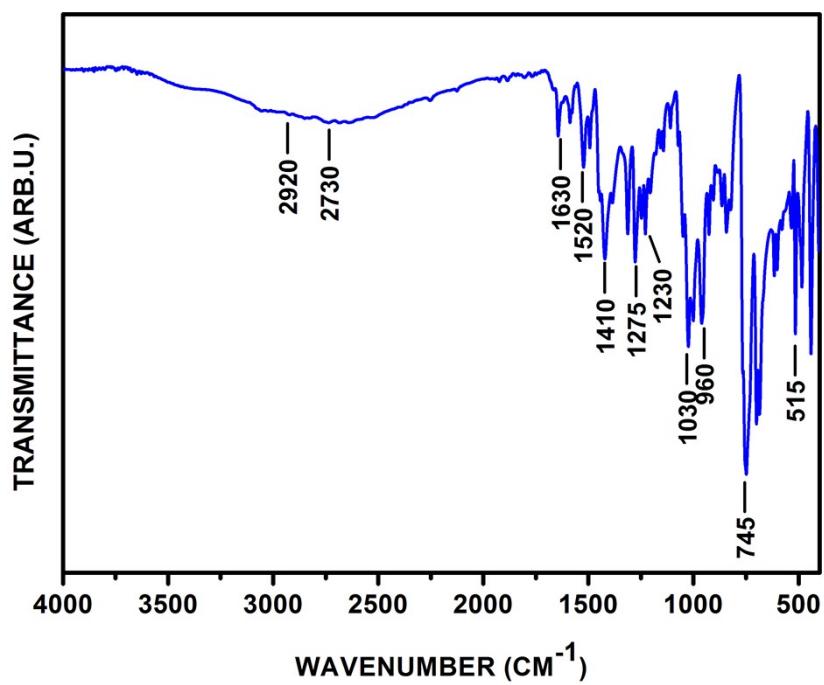
**Fig. S35.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole (**11**)<sup>5</sup>



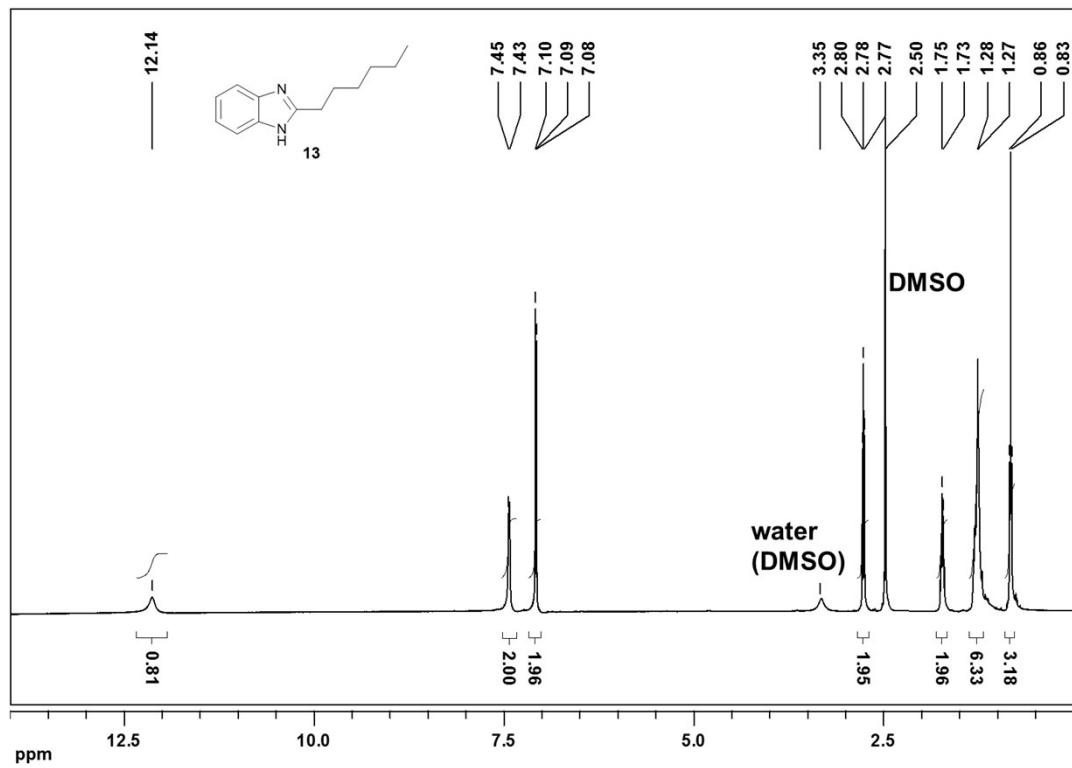
**Fig. S36.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of (*E*)-2-styrylbenzimidazole (**12**)<sup>11</sup>



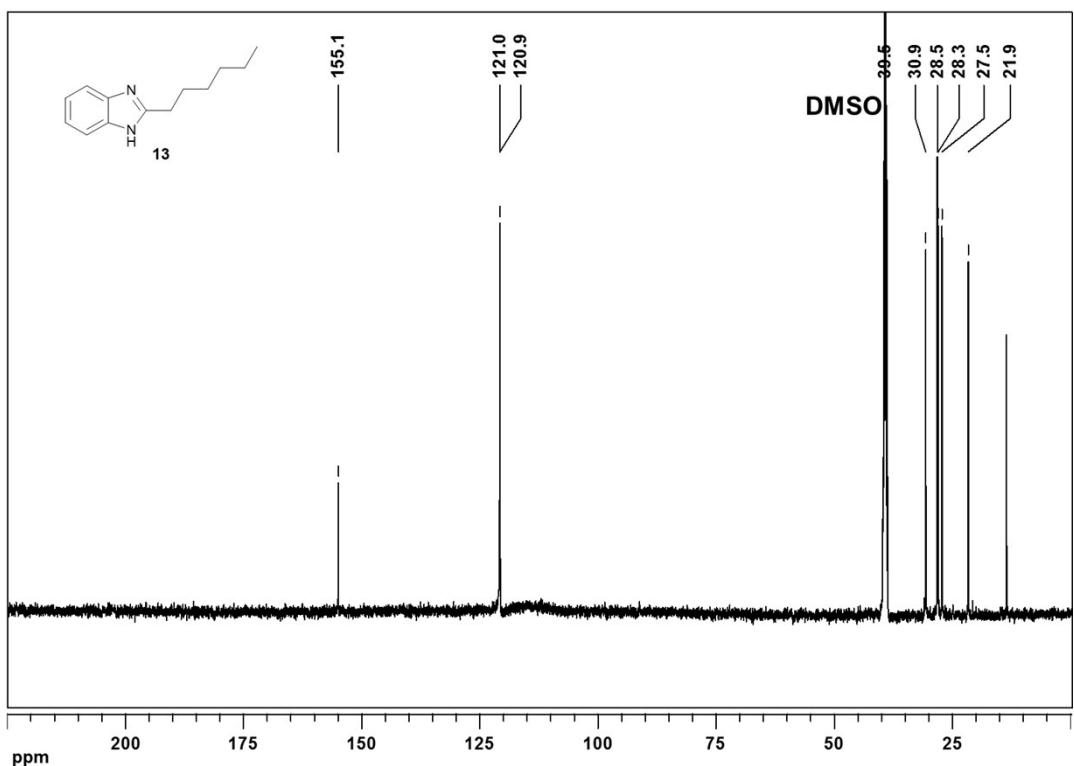
**Fig. S37.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of (*E*)-2-styrylbenzimidazole (**12**)<sup>11</sup>



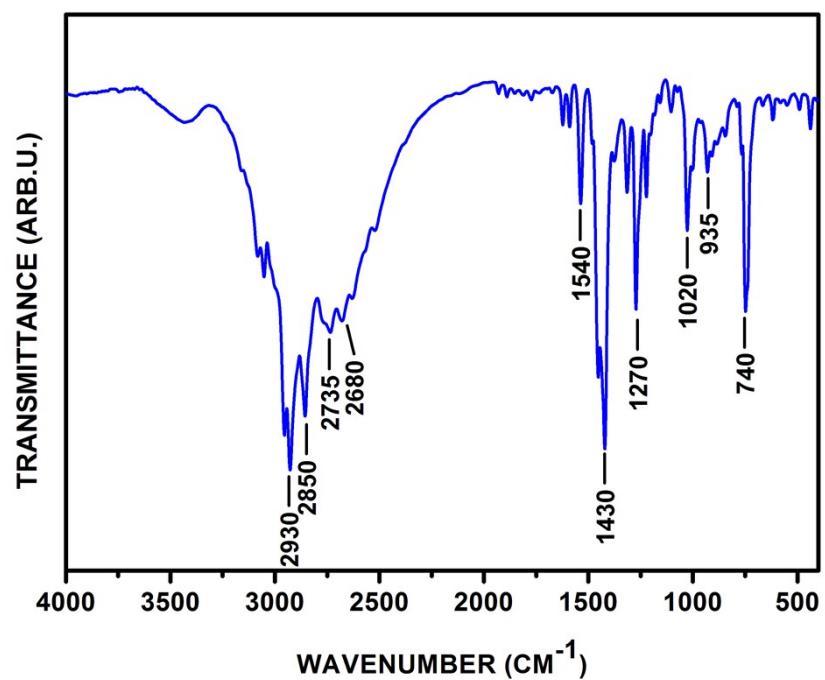
**Fig. S38.** FT-IR spectrum of (*E*)-2-styrylbenzimidazole (**12**)<sup>11</sup>



**Fig. S39.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of 2-hexylbenzimidazole (**13**)<sup>12</sup>

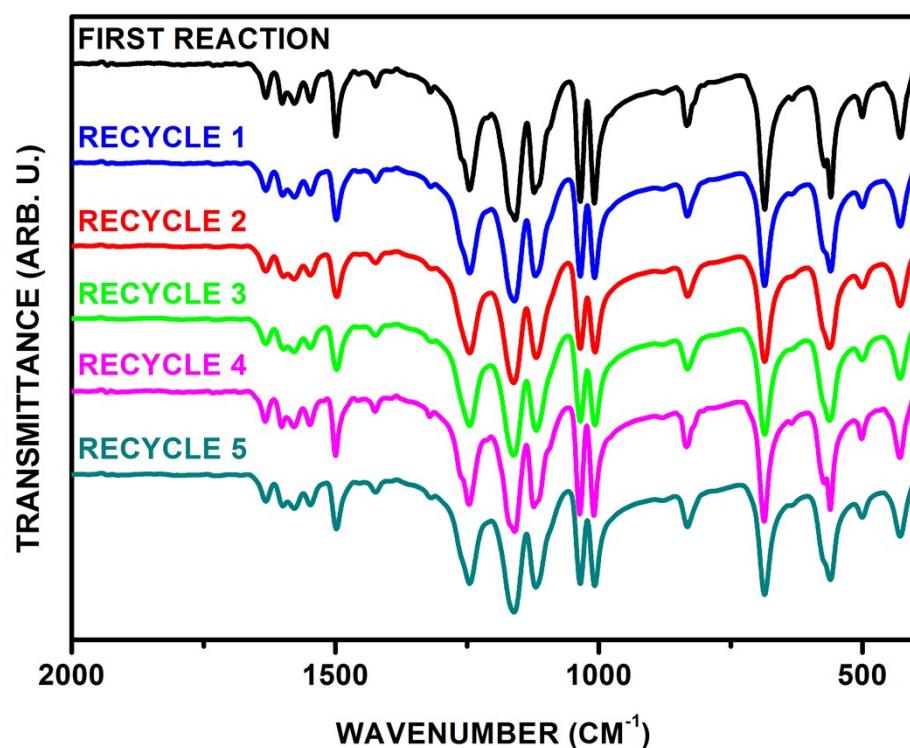


**Fig. S40.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) of 2-hexylbenzimidazole (**13**)<sup>12</sup>



**Fig. S41.** FT-IR spectrum of 2-hexylbenzimidazole (**13**)<sup>12</sup>

3. Recyclability study on NANOCAT-G4: FT-IR data



*Fig. S42.* Comparison of FT-IR spectra of NANOCAT-G4 after 5 reaction cycles

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