Supporting information for

Synthesis of 2-trifluoromethyl benzimidazoles, -benzoxazoles, and -benzothiazoles via condensation of diamines or amino(thio)phenols with CF₃CN

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General information

¹H NMR, ¹⁹F NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker AVIII 400 spectrometer. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl₃ as the external standard and low field is positive. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). The residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: ¹H NMR (chloroform-*d* δ 7.26; DMSO-*d*₆ δ 2.50 ppm; methanol-*d*₄ δ 3.31 ppm), ¹³C NMR (chloroform-*d* δ 77.0; DMSO-*d*₆ δ 39.52 ppm; methanol-*d*₄ δ 49.0 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Solvents are directly purchased commercially without further purification. The infrared(IR) spectra were recorded using a Nicolet iS 50 at room temperature. HRMS data were recorded on a high-resolution Thermo Scientific Exactive Plus instrument. 2,2,2-Trifluoroacetaldehyde *O*-(4'-cyanophenyl)oxime was prepared according to the published procedures.¹

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-trifluoromethyl benzimidazoles (3)



Diamines 2 (0.30 mmol), 2,2,2-trifluoroacetaldehyde O-(4'-cyanophenyl)oxime 1 (96.4 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), MeOH (2 ml), and pyridine (35.6 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 15 hours. After the reaction was terminated, the filtrate was vacuumed to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain 2-trifluoromethyl benzimidazoles **3**.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-trifluoromethyl benzoxazoles (5)



Aminophenols 4 (0.30 mmol), 2,2,2-trifluoroacetaldehyde O-(4'-cyanophenyl)oxime 1 (96.4 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), toluene (2 ml), and pyridine (35.6 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 15 hours. After the reaction was terminated, the resulting solution was vacuumed to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain 2-trifluoromethyl benzoxazoles 5.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-trifluoromethyl benzothiazoles (7)



Aminothiophenols **6** (0.30 mmol), 2,2,2-trifluoroacetaldehyde O-(4'-cyanophenyl)oxime **1** (96.4 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), MeOH (2 ml), and pyridine (36.6 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 15 hours. After the reaction was terminated, the resulting solution was vacuumed to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain 2-trifluoromethyl benzothiazoles **7**.

Procedure for gram scale reaction



4-Methylbenzene-1,2-diamine **2b** (0.76 g, 6.25 mmol), 2,2,2-trifluoroacetaldehyde O-(4'-cyanophenyl)oxime **1** (2.00 g, 9.37 mmol, 1.5 equiv), MeOH (10 ml), and pyridine (1.11 g, 9.37 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 15 hours. After the reaction was terminated, the resulting solution was vacuumed to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain 6-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole **3b** (1.20 g, 96%).



3-Amino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol **4f** (0.88 g, 4.75 mmol), 2,2,2-trifluoroacetaldehyde O-(4'-cyanophenyl)oxime **1** (1.53 g, 7.12 mmol, 1.5 equiv), toluene (10 ml), and pyridine (0.84 g, 7.12 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 15 hours. After the reaction was terminated, the filtrate was vacuumed to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain 5-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole **5f** (1.07, 85%).

Control experiments



5-Bromo-6-methylpyridine-2,3-diamine **2u** (202.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), 2,2,2-trifluoroacetaldehyde *O*-(4'-cyanophenyl)oxime **1** (214.0 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), MeOH (5 mL), and pyridine (118.6 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 hours. After the reaction was terminated, the resulting solution was vacuumed to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain *N*-(2-amino-5-bromo-6-methylpyridin-3-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetimidamide **8** (50.3 mg, 17%).

N-(2-amino-5-bromo-6-methylpyridin-3-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetimidamide **8** (29.5 mg, 0.10 mmol), MeOH (1.0 mL), and pyridine (11.9 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 48 hours or 110 °C for 15 hours. After the reaction was terminated, the resulting solution was vacuumed to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel) with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to obtain 6-bromo-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine **3u** (6.7 mg, 24% or 22.3 mg, 80%, respectively).

Elaboration of 2-trifluoromethyl benzimidazole products



A Schlenk tube was charged with 2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole 3a (186.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium hydroxide (40 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnetic stir bar and 20 mL tetrahydrofuran (THF) in sequence. Then the reaction mixture is stirred for 10 minutes at room temperature. Bromomethylbenzene (171.0 mg, 118.8 µL, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the mixture. The mixture was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. After the reaction was terminated, organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times and washed with water and brine. The solution was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The residue was chromatography purification flash column obtain by to 1-benzyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (9)² as a white solid in 82% yield (226.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.10 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -61.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2 (s), 140.9 (q, J = 38.5 Hz), 135.6 (s), 134.9 (s), 129.0 (s), 128.3 (s), 126.3 (s), 125.6 (s), 123.8 (s), 121.6 (s), 119.2 (q, J = 271.4 Hz), 111.2 (s), 48.4 (q, J = 2.0 Hz). GC-MS (EI) m/z 276 (M⁺).



А Schlenk tube with charged was 2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(1-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-5-yl)acetimida mide 3z (37.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenyliodine diacetate (PIDA) (38.6 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), magnetic stir bar and 1 mL MeCN in sequence. Then the reaction mixture is stirred for 2 hours at 60 °C. After the reaction was terminated and the solution was concentrated. The residue was purification by flash column chromatography obtain to 6-phenyl-2,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,6-dihydrobenzo[1,2-d:3,4-d']diimidazole (10) as a white solid in 90% yield (33.3 mg). Mp: 127.1 - 128.9 °C. $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl

acetate = 5:1) = 0.63. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), NH was not observed. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ -61.5 (s, 3F), -65.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 139.8 (q, J = 39.8 Hz), 139.4 (q, J = 38.8 Hz), 135.0 (s), 134.3 (s), 130.1 (s), 130.0 (s), 129.7 (s), 127.4 (s), 127.3 (s), 119.0 (q, J = 269.5 Hz), 118.9 (q, J = 270.8 Hz), 112.6 (s), 111.5 (s), 108.5 (s). IR (ATR): v 1635, 1514, 1413, 1340, 1134, 971 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₆H₈F₆N₄ [M]⁺: 370.0648; found: 370.0649.



2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3a)³

Obtained as a white solid in 92% yield (51.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.93 (br s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -62.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 140.50 (q, J = 39.4 Hz), 138.4 (br), 124.6 (s), 119.5 (q, J = 270.4 Hz), 117.0 (br). GC-MS (EI) m/z 186 (M⁺).



6-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3b)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 99% yield (59.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.72 (br s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -62.7 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 140.1 (q, J = 39.1 Hz), 137.6 (br), 134.2 (s), 132.7 (s), 126.1 (s), 124.1 (s), 119.6 (q, J = 270.2 Hz), 116.7 (br), 21.7 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 200 (M⁺).



4-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3c)⁵

Obtained as a white solid in 85% yield (51.1 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.83 (br s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -62.6 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 140.0 (q, J = 39.4 Hz), 138.8 (br), 136.9 (br), 127.5 (br), 126.1(s), 124.6 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 119.6 (q, J = 270.4 Hz), 113.6 (br), 17.0 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 200 (M⁺).



5,6-dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3d)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 89% yield (57.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 7.39 (s, 2H), 5.02 (br s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ -65.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 139.6 (q, J = 40.2 Hz), 136.0 (br), 133.9 (s), 119.1 (q, J = 269.5 Hz), 115.4 (br), 19.1 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 214 (M⁺).



6-(tert-butyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3e)

Obtained as a white solid in 99% yield (71.9 mg). Mp: 157.3 – 158.6 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.70. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (br s, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ -65.6 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 148.2 (s), 140.4 (q, J = 40.2 Hz), 137.3 (br), 135.7 (br), 122.8 (s), 119.0 (q, J = 269.8 Hz), 115.6 (br), 111.2 (br), 34.4 (s), 30.6 (s). IR (ATR): v 2961, 1548, 1324, 1164, 1129, 983, 807, 651 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. For C₁₂H₁₄F₃N₂ [M + H]⁺: 243.1104; found: 243.1099.



2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-naphtho[2,3-*d*]imidazole (3f)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 65% yield (46.1 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 8.13 (s, 2H), 8.01 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 4.99 (br s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ -66.4 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, methanol- d_4) δ 144.6 (q, J = 40.0 Hz), 137.5 (br), 131.4 (s), 127.7 (s), 124.4 (s), 118.8 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 112.6 (br). GC-MS (EI) m/z 236 (M⁺).



6-methoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3g)^{3,5}

Obtained as a white solid in 92% yield (59.7 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 13.00 (br s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -63.6 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 161.6 (s), 158.2 (s), 140.4 (q, *J* = 40.7 Hz), 134.3 (s), 119.8 (s), 118.9 (q, *J* = 270.6 Hz), 116.8 (s), 115.6 (s), 55.8 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 216 (M⁺).



4-methoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3h)⁵

Obtained as a white solid in 70% yield (45.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 12.08 (br s, 1H), δ 7.39 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -63.9 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 161.2 (s), 139.8 (q, J = 42.2 Hz), 134.1 (s), 119.7 (s), 118.7 (q, J = 270.6 Hz), 116.7 (s), 104.8 (br), 102.6 (s), 55.7 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 216 (M⁺).



6-(phenylthio)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3i)

Obtained as a white solid in 96% yield (84.8 mg). Mp: 119.9 – 120.8 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.70. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 13.45 (br s, 1H), δ 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.21 (m, 5H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -63.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 141.9 (q, J = 41.0 Hz), 138.1 (br), 137.2 (br), 136.0 (s), 132.5 (s), 130.7 (s), 129.3 (s), 128.7 (s), 127.2 (s), 124.9 (s), 119.1 (br), 118.8 (q, J = 271.1 Hz). IR (ATR): v 2826, 1544, 1439, 1308, 1142, 982, 807, 735, 688, 622, 592 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₄H₁₀F₃N₂S [M + H]⁺: 295.0511; found: 295.0508.



2,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[d]imidazole $(3j)^4$

Obtained as a white solid in 70% yield (53.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.47 (br s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -59.4 (s, 3F), -63.2 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 143.0 (q, J = 39.8 Hz), 139.5 (br), 138.5 (br), 125.1 (q, J = 31.9 Hz), 125.0 (q, J = 271.8 Hz), 121.3 (s), 117.3 (br), 115.9 (br), 119.2 (q, J = 270.9 Hz). GC-MS (EI) m/z 254 (M⁺).



2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid (3k)⁵

Obtained as a brown solid in 74% yield (51.1 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.29 (br s, 1H), 12.93 (br s, 1H), 8.41 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.8 (s), 142.6 (q, J = 39.6 Hz), 136.9 (s), 129.9 (s), 127.1 (br), 125.6 (br), 122.4 (s), 120.2 (s), 119.2 (q, J = 270.8 Hz). GC-MS (EI) m/z 230 (M⁺).



methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-5-carboxylate (31)⁶

Obtained as a white solid in 35% yield (25.6 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.4 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.6 (s), 140.6 (br), 138.6 (br), 142.8 (q, J = 39.8 Hz), 125.7 (s), 125.2 (s), 119.6 (br), 119.2 (q, J = 270.6 Hz), 116.3 (br), 52.5 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 244 (M⁺).



2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-5-carbonitrile (3m)⁷

Obtained as a brown solid in 68% yield (28.7 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.46 (br s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 143.4 (q, J = 40.0 Hz), 129.4 (s), 127.8 (s), 123.9 (br s), 123.1 (s), 121.7 (s), 119.7 (s), 119.1 (q, J = 271.0 Hz), 106.7 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 211 (M⁺).



6-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3n)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 92% yield (56.3 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.04 (br s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.1 (s, 3F), δ -117.6 (s, 1F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 160.0 (d, J = 239.2 Hz), 141.7 (q, J = 40.7, 39.5 Hz), 138.2 (br), 135.2 (br), 119.3 (q, J = 270.5 Hz), 118.6 (br), 113.2 (d, J = 26.1 Hz), 102.5 (br). GC-MS (EI) m/z 204 (M⁺).



4-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (30)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 83% yield (50.8 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.29 (br s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -62.9 (s, 3F), -127.7 (s, 1F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 153.2 (d, J = 252.5 Hz), 141.1 (q, J = 39.9 Hz), 138.6 (br), 129.5 (br), 125.9 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 119.2 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 111.1 (br), 109.0 (d, J = 16.7 Hz). GC-MS (EI) m/z 204 (M⁺).



5,6-difluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3p)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 82% yield (54.6 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.76 (br s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.72 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.0 (s, 3F), -140.7 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 148.6 (dd, J = 242.5, 15.9 Hz), 142.2 (q, J = 40.0 Hz), 133.6 (s), 119.1 (q, J = 270.4 Hz), 104.7 (br). GC-MS (EI) m/z

222 (M⁺).



6-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3q)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 83% yield (54.9 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 13.97 (br s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 141.7 (q, J = 39.6 Hz), 139.1 (br), 136.9 (br), 128.9 (s), 125.0 (s), 119.3 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 118.4 (br), 116.8 (br). GC-MS (EI) m/z 220 (M⁺).



4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3r)

Obtained as a white solid in 96% yield (63.5 mg). $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.53. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 14.16 (br s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -63.8 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 141.9 (q, J = 41.3 Hz), 138.2 (br), 135.9 (br), 125.7 (s), 124.9 (s), 124.3 (s), 118.7 (q, J = 271.3 Hz), 112.4 (br). IR (ATR): v 2983, 2905, 2758, 1708, 1456, 1316, 1199, 1139, 1043, 954, 784, 745, 612 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₈H₅ClF₃N₂ [M + H]⁺: 221.0088; found: 221.0084.



6-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3s)⁴

Obtained as a White solid in 90% yield (71.56 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.17 (br s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.39 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 141.5 (q, J = 39.6 Hz), 139.7 (br), 136.8 (br), 127.6 (s), 119.7 (br), 119.2 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 118.9 (br), 116.8 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 264 (M⁺).



2,2'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-3H,3'H-5,5'-bibenzo[d]imidazole (3t)⁴

Obtained as a Brown solid in 80% yield (88.86 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 14.05 (br s, 2H), 8.70 – 7.30 (m, 6H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -62.8 (s, 6F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 141.1 (q, J = 39.3 Hz), 137.6 (s), 134.7 (br), 124.7 (br), 124.3 (br), 119.9 (s), 119.5 (q, J = 270.4 Hz), 116.9 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 370 (M⁺).



6-bromo-5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-3*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine (3u)

Obtained as a white solid in 36% yield (30.2 mg). Mp: 174.4 - 175.0 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.36. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -63.4 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 153.9 (s), 148.3 (s), 142.4 (q, J = 40.1 Hz), 130.5 (s), 119.1 (q, J = 270.9 Hz), 116.8 (s), 115.9 (s), 25.7 (s). IR (ATR): v 3066, 2949, 2784, 2691, 1545,

1450, 1356, 1258, 1187, 1137, 988, 956, 780, 727, 670, 552 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for $C_8H_6BrF_3N_3 [M + H]^+$: 279.9692; found: 279.9690.



ethyl 1-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole-5-carboxylate (3v)⁵

Obtained as a white solid in 80% yield (65.3 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-d) δ -62.9 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 166.5 (s), 142.5 (q, *J* = 39.0 Hz), 140.6 (s), 138.9 (s), 126.5 (s), 126.4 (s), 124.0 (s), 118.8 (q, *J* = 271.6 Hz), 109.9 (s), 61.2 (s), 31.1 (s), 14.3 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 272 (M⁺).



1-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3w)⁴

Obtained as a white solid in 79% yield (47.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.09 – 3.61 (m, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -62.6 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 140.9 (s), 140.4 (q, *J* = 38.5 Hz), 136.0 (s), 125.3 (s), 123.6 (s), 121.5 (s), 119.1 (q, *J* = 271.2 Hz), 110.1 (s), 30.7 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 200 (M⁺).



6-bromo-1-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3x)

Obtained as a white solid in 40% yield (33.7 mg). Mp: 134.7 - 135.2 °C. R_f

(petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.76. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -62.7 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 141.4 (q, *J* = 38.8 Hz), 139.8 (s), 136.9 (s), 127.2 (s), 122.8 (s), 118.8 (s), 118.7 (q, *J* = 271.5 Hz), 113.3 (s), 30.9 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz). IR (ATR): v 2957, 2924, 1614, 1522, 1479, 1405, 1259, 1221, 1117, 1081, 822, 728, 646, 596 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₉H₇BrF₃N₂ [M + H]⁺: 278.9739; found: 278.9737.



1-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3y)⁴

Obtained as a yellow liquid in 73% yield (57.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -60.5 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 140.8 (q, J = 38.5 Hz), 140.7 (s), 137.3 (s), 134.4 (s), 129.9 (s), 129.8 (s), 127.4 (s), 125.9 (s), 124.1 (s), 121.4 (s), 118.9 (q, J = 271.9 Hz), 111.2 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 262 (M⁺).



2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(1-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-5-yl)acetimi damide (3z)

Obtained as a white solid in 41% yield (45.8 mg). Mp: 185.4 – 186.6 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.59. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-d) δ

7.65 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -60.5 (s, 3F), -73.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 146.1 (q, J = 35.5 Hz), 142.2 (d, J = 175.5 Hz), 141.3 (q, J = 38.3 Hz), 134.4 (s), 134.2 (s), 130.1 (s), 129.9 (s), 127.3 (s), 120.6 (s), 118.7 (q, J = 272.0 Hz), 118.2 (q, J = 278.0 Hz), 116.4, 112.5 (s), 111.8 (s). IR (ATR): v 3276, 3093, 1674, 1499, 1440, 1262, 1195, 1134, 876, 762, 696, 653, 626, 536, 487, 441 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁F₆N₄ [M + H]⁺: 373.0882; found: 373.0879.



2-(trifluoromethyl)-3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3aa)

Obtained as a white solid in 60% yield (34.6 mg). Mp: 114.0 – 115.2 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.63. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.84 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 1.60 – 1.15 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -70.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 156.7 (q, J = 37.3 Hz), 118.0 (q, J = 274.3 Hz), 72.6 (s), 67.5 (s), 30.3 (s), 25.2 (s), 24.2 (s). IR (ATR): v 3121, 2937, 2860, 1716, 1603, 1186, 1138, 1077, 969, 740 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₈H₁₂F₃N₂ [M + H]⁺: 193.0947; found: 193.0948.



4,5-diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazole (3ab)

Obtained as a white solid in 88% yield (76.6 mg). Mp: 160.4 – 161.2 °C. $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8:1) = 0.59. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-d) δ

7.66 – 6.87 (m, 10H), 5.69 (br s, 1H), 5.23 – 4.72 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -69.4 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 154.3 (q, *J* = 37.5 Hz), 141.4 (s), 128.9 (s), 128.1 (s), 126.4 (s), 117.7 (q, *J* = 274.9 Hz), 79.9 (s), 69.8 (s). IR (ATR): v 3089, 2857, 1629, 1515, 1455, 1385, 1157, 1146, 1078, 1007, 925, 751, 691, 614, 523 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄F₃N₂: 291.1104; found: 291.1100.



2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5a)³

Obtained as a yellow oil in 80% yield (44.9 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 151.7 (q, J = 43.6 Hz), 150.6 (s), 139.4 (s), 127.9 (s), 125.9 (s), 121.9 (s), 116.8 (q, J = 271.7 Hz), 111.6 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 187 (M⁺).



7-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5b)

Obtained as a yellow oil in 90% yield (54.3 mg). $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.41. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 151.4 (q, J = 43.4 Hz), 149.9 (s), 138.9 (s), 134.2 (s), 128.7 (s), 125.9 (s), 118.9 (s), 116.9 (q, J = 271.6 Hz), 14.9 (s). IR (ATR): v 3235, 2959, 2227, 1736, 1609, 1587, 1513, 1374, 1286, 1241, 1168, 1045, 839, 548, 523 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₉H₇F₃NO [M + H]⁺: 202.0474; found: 202.0473.



4-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5c)

Obtained as a yellow oil in 92% yield (56.7 mg). $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.42. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.51 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.2 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 150.9 (q, J = 43.4 Hz), 150.4 (s), 138.8 (s), 132.7 (s), 127.5 (s), 126.3 (s), 116.9 (q, J = 271.5 Hz), 108.8 (s), 16.3 (s). IR (ATR): v 2928, 1632, 1586, 1370, 1317, 1227, 1203, 1158, 1118, 777, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₉H₇F₃NO [M + H]⁺: 202.0474; found: 202.0475.



5,7-dimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (5d)

Obtained as a white solid in 92% yield (59.4 mg). Mp: 40.8 - 41.2 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.48. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 151.4 (q, J = 43.3 Hz), 148.3 (s), 139.2 (s), 135.9 (s), 130.0 (s), 121.6 (s), 118.6 (s), 116.9 (q, J = 271.4 Hz), 21.4 (s), 14.9 (s). IR (ATR): v 2927, 1366, 1315, 1204, 1153, 1141, 1110, 941, 849, 750, 597, 564 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₀H₉F₃NO [M + H]⁺: 216.0631; found: 216.0629.



5-(*tert*-butyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (5e)

Obtained as a colorless oil in 90% yield (65.7 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.48. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.72 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 151.8 (q, *J* = 43.4 Hz), 149.8 (s), 148.7 (s), 139.4 (s), 125.8 (s), 118.1 (s), 116.9 (q, *J* = 271.5 Hz), 110.8 (s), 35.1 (s), 31.6 (s). IR (ATR): v 2964, 1482, 1365, 1210, 1158, 1135, 1105, 943, 837, 812, 745, 652 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₂H₁₃F₃NO [M + H]⁺: 244.0945; found: 244.0944.



5-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5f)⁸

Obtained as a white solid in 88% yield (69.5 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.40 (m, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.2 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 152.2 (q, *J* = 43.7 Hz), 150.1 (s), 140.2 (s), 140.1 (s), 140.0 (s), 129.1 (s), 127.8 (s), 127.5 (s), 120.1 (s), 116.8 (q, *J* = 271.8 Hz), 111.7 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 263 (M⁺).



2-(trifluoromethyl)naphtho[2,3-d]oxazole (5g)

Obtained as a brown solid in 65% yield (46.3 mg). Mp: 110.8 – 111.1 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.45. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.08 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.7 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 153.6 (q, *J* = 43.6 Hz), 148.9 (s), 138.7 (s), 132.8 (s), 131.7 (s), 128.9 (s), 128.1 (s), 126.8 (s), 125.6 (s), 120.1 (s), 116.8 (q, *J* = 272.2 Hz), 107.8 (s). IR (ATR): v 2981, 1738, 1626, 1401, 1338, 1240, 1209, 1152, 1123, 1078, 1045, 936, 865, 841, 749, 736, 551 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₂H₇F₃NO [M + H]⁺: 238.0474; found: 238.0473.



5-methoxy-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5h)

Obtained as a colorless oil in 82% yield (53.4 mg). $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.43. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.54 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 158.3 (s), 152.2 (q, J = 43.4 Hz), 145.2 (s), 140.3 (s), 117.3 (s), 116.8 (q, J = 271.5 Hz), 111.9 (s), 103.6 (s), 55.9 (s). IR (ATR): v 2943, 1737, 1485, 1371, 1269, 1207, 1147, 1119, 1023, 945, 833, 807, 741, 626 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₉H₇F₃NO₂ [M + H]⁺: 218.0423; found: 218.0422.



2,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5i)

Obtained as a colorless oil in 40% yield (30.6 mg). $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.84. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.96 – 7.64 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -61.5 (s, 3F), -66.4 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 153.3 (q, *J* = 44.3 Hz), 139.5 (s), 129.0 (q, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 125.2 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 125.2 (s), 123.6 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 119.8 (q, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 116.5 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 112.5 (s). IR (ATR): v 1586, 1436, 1371, 1324, 1271, 1217, 1162, 1128, 1099, 1047, 893, 821, 669 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₉H₄F₆NO [M + H]⁺: 256.0192; found: 256.0191.



methyl 2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole-5-carboxylate (5j)

Obtained as a white solid in 40% yield (29.4 mg). Mp: 55.8 – 56.7 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.76. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 166.0 (s), 153.2 (s), 152.9 (q, J = 44.1 Hz), 139.5 (s), 129.5 (s), 128.6 (s), 124.0 (s), 116.6 (q, J = 272.3 Hz), 111.6 (s), 52.6 (s). IR (ATR): v 2957, 1726, 1435, 1307, 1297, 1211, 1159, 1100, 941, 766, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₁₀H₇F₃NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 246.0373; found: 246.0374.



2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole-5-carbonitrile (5k)

Obtained as a white solid in 40% yield (25.5 mg). Mp: 110.9 – 112.6 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.75. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.97 – 7.74 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 153.7 (q, J = 44.5 Hz), 152.7 (s), 139.8 (s), 131.6 (s), 126.9 (s), 117.7 (s), 116.3 (q, J = 272.5 Hz), 113.3 (s), 110.5 (s). IR (ATR): v 2984, 1736, 1372, 1235, 1166, 1096, 1044, 938, 846, 631 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₉H₄F₃N₂O [M + H]⁺: 213.0275; found: 213.0270.



7-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5l)

Obtained as a yellow oil in 65% yield (43.0 mg). R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) = 0.47. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51

(m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 152.0 (q, *J* = 44.3 Hz), 147.3 (s), 140.6 (s), 128.2 (s), 126.7 (s), 120.3 (s), 117.1 (s), 116.5 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz). IR (ATR): v 2957, 2925, 2855, 1723, 1460, 1266, 1101, 1019, 967, 800, 731 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₈H₄ClF₃NO [M + H]⁺: 221.9928; found: 221.9929.



4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5m)

Obtained as a colorless oil in 84% yield (55.8 mg). $R_{\rm f}$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.84. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.1 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 152.1 (q, *J* = 44.3 Hz), 151.2 (s), 137.5 (s), 128.4 (s), 126.8 (s), 126.3 (s), 116.6 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz), 110.3 (s). IR (ATR): v 2927, 1615, 1418, 1372, 1208, 1156, 1110, 952, 781, 747, 648 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₈H₄ClF₃NO [M + H]⁺: 221.9928; found: 221.9929.





Obtained as a yellow oil in 72% yield (47.9 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.4 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 152.9 (q, J = 44.0 Hz), 149.1 (s), 140.4 (s), 131.7 (s), 128.5 (s), 121.9 (s), 117.9 (q, J = 272.2 Hz), 112.5 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 221 (M⁺).



5-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (50)⁸

Obtained as a white solid in 88% yield (70.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -66.3 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 152.7 (q, J = 44.1 Hz), 149.6 (s), 140.9 (s), 131.2 (s), 124.9 (s), 118.9 (s), 116.5 (q, J = 272.1 Hz), 112.9 (s). GC-MS (EI) m/z 265 (M⁺).



2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazole (7a)⁹

Obtained as a colorless oil in 84% yield (50.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.50 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -61.7 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 155.9 (q, *J* = 40.5 Hz), 152.1 (s), 135.0 (s), 127.5 (s), 127.3 (s), 125.0 (s), 122.0 (s), 119.9 (q, *J* = 273.2 Hz). GC-MS (EI) m/z 203 (M⁺).



5-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazole (7b)⁹

Obtained as a yellow oil in 90% yield (63.9 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -61.9 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 157.8 (q, J = 40.8 Hz), 152.9 (s), 133.7 (s), 133.2 (s), 128.3 (s), 124.8 (s), 122.8 (s), 119.5 (q, J = 273.6 Hz). GC-MS (EI) m/z 237 (M⁺).



N-(2-amino-5-bromo-6-methylpyridin-3-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetimidamide (8)

Obtained as a white solid in 17% yield (15.1 mg). Mp: 152.7 – 153.4 °C. R_f (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) = 0.31. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.21 (s, 1H), 5.55 (s, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ -72.9 (s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 150.8 (s), 150.4 (s), 146.8 (q, *J* = 35.7 Hz), 130.4 (s), 125.5 (s), 117.9 (q, *J* = 278.0 Hz), 107.6 (s), 23.8 (s). IR (ATR): v 3404, 3072, 1671, 1598, 1453, 1428, 1219, 1200, 1148, 987, 902, 723, 701, 636, 513 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for C₈H₉BrF₃N₄ [M + H]⁺: 296.9957; found: 296.9958.

Crystal structure analyses

The crystal samples of **3z**, **8**, and **10** were prepared by slow volatilization in ethyl acetate. The suitable crystals of **3z** (CCDC 2251314), **8** (CCDC 2251569), and **10** (CCDC 2251569) were mounted on quartz fibers and X-ray data collected on a Bruker AXS APEX diffractometer, equipped with a CCD detector at -50 °C, using MoK α radiation (λ 0.71073 Å) and CuK α radiation (λ 1.54184 Å). The data was corrected for Lorentz and polarisation effect with the **SMART** suite of programs and for absorption effects with SADABS.¹⁰ Structure solution and refinement were carried out with the SHELXTL suite of programs. The structure was solved by direct methods to locate the heavy atoms, followed by difference maps for the light non-hydrogen atoms.

Note: Some Alert level A and Alert B were appeared in the check cif file of compound **8**. We still did not solve the alert when we tried to give additional refinement cycles or use new space group. But we have given sufficient evidence to prove the accuracy of this structure by ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR as well as high resolution mass spectra.

Compound	3z (CCDC 2251314)	8 (CCDC 2251569)	10 (CCDC 2260578)
Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{10}F_6N_4$	$C_8H_8BrF_3N_4$	$C_{16}H_8F_6N_4{\cdot}H_2O$
Formula weight	372.28	297.09	388.28
Temperature/K	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
Wavelength/Å	1.54184	1.15184	1.54184
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
a/Å	10.1807(3)	29.3359(4)	14.5247(5)
b/Å	21.2316(5)	9.24130(10)	7.3697(3)
c/Å	16.3707(4)	38.2126(6)	15.8219(6)
α/°	90	90	90
β/°	104.958 (3)	90.0520(10)	102.633(4)
γ/°	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	3418.66(16)	10359.5(2)	1652.62(11)
Z	8	32	4
Density (calc.)/cm ³	1.447	1.524	1.561
Absorption coefficient /mm ⁻¹	1.199	4.544	1.314
F(000)	1504.0	4672.0	784.0
Crystal size/mm	$0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$	$0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.05$	$0.10 \times 0.05 \times 0.05$
Theta range for data collection / $^{\circ}$	6.97~136.458	4.624~136.55	3.127~67.5070
Reflections collected	8658	38924	7782
Independent reflections	3105 [R(int) = 0.0434]	17263 [R(int) = 0.0752]	2986 [R(int) = 0.1052]
Data/restraints/parameters	3105 / 48 /239	17263 / 0 /1184	2986/0/252
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.070	1.414	1.060
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	0.0998	0.1209	0.0958
Final R indexes [all data]	0.1253	0.1346	0.1317
Largest diff. peak and hole / e Å ⁻³	0.57/-0.46	2.08/-2.01	0.30/-0.40

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds

ORTEP diagrams



Figure S1. ORTEP diagram of 3z with thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level



Figure S2. ORTEP diagram of 8 with thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level



Figure S3. ORTEP diagram of $10 \cdot H_2O$ with thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level

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Copies of ¹H NMR, ¹⁹FNMR and ¹³C NMR spectra

¹H NMR spectra of **3a** in DMSO- d_6



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3a** in DMSO- d_6

5 0 -5 -10 -15 -20 -25 -30 -35 -40 -45 -50 -55 -60 -65 -70 -75 -80 -85 -90 -95 -100 -105 -110 -115 -120 -125 -130 -135



¹H NMR spectra of **3b** in DMSO- d_6


¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3b** in DMSO- d_6





¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **3b** in DMSO- d_6

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¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3c** in DMSO- d_6



20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -2

¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **3c** in DMSO- d_6



¹H NMR spectra of **3d** in methanol- d_4









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0 -10

210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3e** in methanol- d_4

CF3

-62.0 -62.5 -63.0 -63.5 -64.0 -64.5 -65.0 -65.5 -66.0 -66.5 -67.0 -67.5 -68.0 -68.5 -69.0 -69.5 -70.0



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3f** in methanol- d_4





 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR spectra of **3f** in methanol- d_4

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¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3g** in CDCl₃

СFз



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3h** in CDCl₃









¹H NMR spectra of **3i** in CDCl₃



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3i** in CDCl₃

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PhS

-59.5 60.0 60.5 61.0 61.5 62.0 62.5 63.0 63.5 64.0 64.5 65.0 65.5 66.0 66.5 67.0 67.5 68.0 68.5 69.0 69.5 70.0 70.5 71.0 71.5 72.0 72.5 72



¹H NMR spectra of 3j in DMSO- d_6



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3j** in DMSO- d_6





¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **3j** in DMSO- d_6



¹H NMR spectra of **3k** in DMSO- d_6





¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3k** in DMSO- d_6

---63.127

HOOC N CF3

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$^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra of **3k** in DMSO- d_6



¹H NMR spectra of **3l** in DMSO- d_6

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MeO CF3



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3l** in DMSO- d_6





¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **31** in DMSO- d_6



¹H NMR spectra of **3m** in DMSO- d_6



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3m** in DMSO- d_6







¹H NMR spectra of **3n** in DMSO- d_6





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¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **3n** in DMSO- d_6



¹H NMR spectra of **30** in DMSO- d_6





¹⁹F NMR spectra of **30** in DMSO- d_6











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¹H NMR spectra of **3p** in DMSO- d_6







¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3p** in DMSO- d_6



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10 0 -10

210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50





¹⁹F NMR spectra of 3q in DMSO- d_6



¹H NMR spectra of **3r** in CDCl₃



 19 F NMR spectra of **3r** in CDCl₃



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210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10





¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3s** in DMSO- d_6





210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10

¹H NMR spectra of **3t** in DMSO- d_6







¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3t** in DMSO- d_6

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¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **3t** in DMSO- d_6







¹H NMR spectra of **3v** in CDCl₃



EtOOC N CF3



 $^{19}\text{F}\,\text{NMR}$ spectra of $3\mathbf{v}$ in CDCl₃











¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3w** in CDCl₃

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-100 -105 -110 -115





¹H NMR spectra of **3x** in CDCl₃





¹⁹F NMR spectra of 3x in CDCl₃





¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **3x** in CDCl₃

141.976 141.590 141.590 141.504 139.845 139.845 139.845 139.971 122.853 122.853 122.853 122.853 122.853 122.853 122.853 123.85 111



¹H NMR spectra of **3y** in CDCl₃



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3y** in CDCl₃

42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 8



¹H NMR spectra of **3z** in CDCl₃

7.619 7.613 7.613 7.463 7.463 7.448 7.448 7.442 7.442 7.442 7.442 7.442 7.7412 7.744 7.717 7.022




^{19}F NMR spectra of 3z in CDCl_3





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210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50

¹H NMR spectra of **3aa** in CDCl₃





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¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3aa** in CDCl₃





¹H NMR spectra of **3ab** in CDCl₃

7,414 7,7392 7,7364 7,7348 7,7348 7,7348 7,7348 7,7244 7,7244 7,7286 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7287 7,7297 7,7207 7,7



¹⁹F NMR spectra of **3ab** in CDCl₃

¹H NMR spectra of **5a** in CDCl₃

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5a** in CDCl₃

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-95 -100 -105 -110 -115

-65 -70

¹H NMR spectra of **5b** in CDCl₃

7.705 7.680 7.680 7.680 7.7.884 7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.384 7.7.7.374 - 2.599

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5b** in CDCl₃

¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **5b** in CDCl₃

¹H NMR spectra of 5c in CDCl₃

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5c** in CDCl₃

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-76 -78 -80 -82

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-62 -64

-56 -58 -60

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¹H NMR spectra of **5e** in CDCl₃

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-96 -98

-16 -18 -50 -52 -51 -56 -58 -60 -62 -61 -66 -68 -70 -72 -74 -76 -78 -80 -82 -81 -86 -88 -90 -52 -94

¹H NMR spectra of **5f** in CDCl₃

Ph CF3

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5f** in CDCl₃

— -66.244

¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **5f** in CDCl₃

¹H NMR spectra of **5g** in CDCl₃

— -66.714

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5g** in CDCl₃

CF3

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 ^{19}F NMR spectra of **5h** in CDCl₃

¹H NMR spectra of **5i** in CDCl₃

8.216 8.214 8.214 8.212 8.210 8.210 8.208 7.872 7.867 7.867 7.867 7.850 7.846 7.835

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¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5i** in CDCl₃

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^{19}F NMR spectra of 5j in CDCl_3

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5k** in CDCl₃

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¹H NMR spectra of **5**l in CDCl₃

7.819 7.780 7.792 7.770 7.770 7.553 7.553 7.553 7.553 7.553 7.553 7.553 7.553 7.7471 7.471 7.478 7.473 7.473 7.473 7.449

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **51** in CDCl₃

— -66.141

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¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5m** in CDCl₃

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¹H NMR spectra of **5n** in CDCl₃

 ^{19}F NMR spectra of 5n in CDCl_3

¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **5n** in CDCl₃

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **50** in CDCl₃

CF3 Br

¹H NMR spectra of **7a** in CDCl₃

8.21 8.8.21 8.8.19 8.8.19 8.8.18 8.8.19 7.7.99 7.7.95 7.7.63 7.7.63 7.7.63 7.7.63 7.7.64 7.7.64 7.7.64 7.7.64 7.7.64 7.7.64 7.7.64 7.7.65 7.7.557 7.7.557 7.7.557 7.7.557 7.7.557 7.7.557 7.7.557 7.7.557 7.7

 19 F NMR spectra of **7a** in CDCl₃

¹H NMR spectra of **7b** in $CDCl_3$

8.213 7.949 7.528 7.582 7.577 7.577 7.556

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **7b** in CDCl₃

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 ^{19}F NMR spectra of **8** in CDCl₃

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¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **8** in CDCl₃

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¹⁹F NMR spectra of **9** in CDCl₃

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¹H NMR spectra of **10** in methanol- d_4

¹⁹F NMR spectra of **10** in methanol- d_4

 $^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra of **10** in methanol- d_4

