

Supporting Information
for
**Synthesis of SF₅-containing benzisoxazoles, quinolines, and
quinazolines by the Davis reaction of nitro-
(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzenes**

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**Experimental details, characterization data, and copies of NMR spectra for
all new compounds**

1. General experimental procedures

Infrared spectra were measured on Bruker Equinox 55 FTIR instrument. UV–vis spectra were measured on a Varian Cary 5000 instrument. NMR spectra were recorded at rt on Bruker Avance 400 or 500 MHz instruments. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to Me₄Si (0 ppm, for ¹H NMR), residual CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR), CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR), and internal CFCl₃ (0 ppm for ¹⁹F NMR). GC–MS spectra were recorded on an Agilent 7890A gas chromatograph coupled with a 5975C quadrupole mass-selective electron impact (EI) detector (70 eV). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent 7890A gas chromatograph coupled with a Waters GCT Premier orthogonal acceleration time-of-flight detector using electron impact (EI) or chemical ionizations (CI) or on a LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument using electrospray ionization (ESI). PE refers to petroleum ether bp 40–60 °C.

2. General procedure for the synthesis of benzisoxazoles 7–9

Powdered NaOH (0.8 g, 20 mmol, 10 equiv) was stirred with ethanol (10 mL) at rt for 20 min. A mixture of **3** or **4** (500 mg, 2 mmol) and arylacetonitrile **6** (3–4 mmol, 1.5–2 equiv) was added, and the mixture was stirred in a closed reaction flask at rt for the given time (1–2 h) and then poured into water (70 mL). The crude product was extracted into EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with saturated NH₄Cl (20 mL), dried and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography using silica gel (EtOAc–PE) provided pure products.

2.1. 3-Phenyl-5-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzo[*c*]isoxazole (**7a**)

A white solid (66% yield); mp 129–130 °C; *R*_f 0.40 (EtOAc–PE, 4:96); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3128, 3090, 3050, 1631, 1547, 1521, 1495, 1466, 1447, 1368, 1144, 1064, 935, 839; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} 7.56–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.65 (dd, 1H, ³*J*_{HH} = 9.8 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.8 Hz), 7.67 (br d, 1H, ³*J*_{HH} = 9.8 Hz), 7.98 (m, 2H), 8.31 (br dd, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.8 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HF} = 0.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} 112.4, 116.3, 121.3 (quint., ³*J*_{CF} = 5.3 Hz), 127.0, 127.2, 127.5 (quint., ³*J*_{CF} = 4.1 Hz), 129.6, 131.5, 150.4 (quint., ²*J*_{CF} = 18.1 Hz), 156.4, 168.6; ¹⁹F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} 62.8 (d, 4F, ²*J*_{FF} = 150.4 Hz), 83.6 (quint., 1F, ²*J*_{FF} = 150.4 Hz); MS (EI) *m/z* (rel. int.) 322 (32), 321 (100) [M]⁺, 213 (55), 194 (24), 185 (35), 184 (21), 166 (55), 140 (21), 139 (32), 105 (18), 77 (70), 51 (19); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₈F₅NOS [M]⁺ 321.0247, found 321.0244.

2.2. 5-(Pentafluorosulfanyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)benzo[*c*]isoxazole (**7c**)

A pale yellow solid (65% yield); mp 108.4–109.8 °C; *R*_f 0.50 (EtOAc–PE, 10:90); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3007, 2943, 2840, 1635, 1602, 1583, 1552, 1523, 1495, 1468, 1436, 1367, 1250, 1047, 935, 843, 824; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} 3.91 (s, 3H), 7.10 (ddd, 1H, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.6, 1.4 Hz), 7.48 (ddd, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.6, 1.6 Hz, ⁵*J*_{HH} = 0.5 Hz), 7.50 (ddd, 1H, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.8, 7.7 Hz, ⁵*J*_{HH} = 0.5 Hz), 7.53 (ddd, 1H, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.7 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.6, 1.4 Hz), 7.64 (dd, 1H, ³*J*_{HH} = 9.8 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.8 Hz), 7.66 (br d, 1H, ³*J*_{HH} = 9.8 Hz), 8.28 (dd, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.8 Hz, ⁵*J*_{HH} = 0.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} 55.5, 112.2, 112.4, 116.2, 117.3, 119.3, 121.3 (quint., ³*J*_{CF} = 5.2 Hz), 127.4 (quint., ³*J*_{CF} = 4.1 Hz), 128.1, 130.7, 150.4 (quint., ²*J*_{CF} = 18.3 Hz), 156.3, 160.2, 168.4; ¹⁹F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{F} 62.8 (d, 4F, ²*J*_{FF} = 150.4 Hz), 83.6 (quint., 1F, ²*J*_{FF} = 150.4 Hz); MS (ESI) *m/z* (rel. int.) 352 (32) [M + H]⁺, 332 (100), 224 (90); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₁F₅NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 352.04252, found 352.05233.

2.3. 5-(Pentafluorosulfanyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (7d)

A yellow solid (50% yield); mp 117–118 °C; R_f 0.34 (EtOAc–PE, 20:80); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3089, 3006, 2963, 2940, 2841, 1634, 1601, 1587, 1553, 1512, 1467, 1436, 1370, 1265, 1240, 1142, 1134, 1065, 1024, 933, 843; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 4.00 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 7.08 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.4$ Hz), 7.51 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$ Hz), 7.58 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.4$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.0$ Hz), 7.64 (d, 2H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 1.4$ Hz), 8.27 (t, 1H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 1.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 56.10, 56.14, 109.6, 111.6, 111.7, 116.0, 120.0, 120.5, 121.5 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.2$ Hz), 127.4 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.1$ Hz), 149.8, 150.0 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.7$ Hz), 152.0, 156.4, 168.7; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 62.9 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.4$ Hz), 83.9 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.4$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z (rel. int.) 404 (70) $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 382 (43) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 254 (45); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 382.05308, found 382.05287.

2.4. 5-(Pentafluorosulfanyl)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (7e)

A pale yellow solid (54% yield); mp 138–139 °C; R_f 0.44 (EtOAc–PE, 15:85); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 2942, 2836, 2362, 2337, 1633, 1585, 1552, 1503, 1467, 1418, 1377, 1240, 1128, 837, 824; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 3.97 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 6H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 7.62 (d, 2H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 1.4$ Hz), 8.23 (t, 1H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 1.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 56.2, 60.8, 104.3, 111.9, 116.0, 121.1 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.1$ Hz), 122.0, 127.2 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$ Hz), 141.0, 150.1 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 17.9$ Hz), 153.9, 156.2, 168.4; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 62.8 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.3$ Hz), 83.8 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.3$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z (rel. int.) 434 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 412 (8) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 381 (20), 379 (17), 368 (12), 284 (10); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_5\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 434.04559, found 434.04563.

2.5. 3-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-5-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (7f)

A pale yellow solid (83% yield); mp 156–157 °C; R_f 0.44 (EtOAc–PE, 10:90); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3060, 3033, 1665, 1634, 1606, 1582, 1564, 1537, 1513, 1489, 1465, 1409, 1370, 1063, 1007, 932, 840; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.99 (m, 2H), 8.30 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 112.3, 116.2, 121.3 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.1$ Hz), 125.7, 127.0, 127.2, 127.3 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.9$ Hz), 128.0, 128.3, 129.0, 139.3, 144.0, 150.3 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.2$ Hz), 156.3, 168.2; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 62.9 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.5$ Hz), 83.8 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.5$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 399 (75), 398 (100), 397 (50) $[\text{M}]^+$, 322 (30), 181 (38), 153 (30), 152 (56); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_5\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 397.0560, found 397.0566.

2.6. 3-Phenyl-6-(pentafluorosulfanyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (8a)

A white solid (83% yield); mp 120–122 °C; R_f 0.49 (EtOAc–PE, 5:95); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3119, 3092, 3060, 1633, 1601, 1551, 1517, 1496, 1456, 1438, 842; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 7.35 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz), 7.50–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.87 (dsex, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{HH}} = ^5J_{\text{HF}} = 0.9$ Hz), 7.95 (m, 2H), 8.07 (dd, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{HH}} = 0.9$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 113.7, 115.6 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.3$ Hz), 121.0 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.2$ Hz), 121.9, 126.6, 127.3, 129.4, 131.1, 155.5 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.1$ Hz), 156.2, 166.1; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 61.6 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz), 82.2 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 322 (19), 321 (100) $[\text{M}]^+$, 213 (25), 194 (19), 185 (18), 166 (31), 139 (19), 105 (10), 77 (38); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{F}_5\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 321.0247, found 321.0249.

2.7. 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (9b)

A yellow solid (58% yield); mp 146–147 °C; R_f 0.56 (EtOAc–PE, 10:90); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3118, 3097, 3056, 1648, 1595, 1578, 1523, 1499, 1461, 1438, 1398, 1347, 1271, 1171, 1153, 1128, 1096; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 7.20 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.2$ Hz, $J_{\text{HH}} = 1.3$ Hz), 7.52–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.89–7.96 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 114.6 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.2$ Hz), 120.5 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 2.7$ Hz), 122.2, 123.3 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 272.9$ Hz), 126.1, 127.8, 129.8, 133.0 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 32.7$ Hz), 137.2, 156.6, 164.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} –65.0 (s); MS (ESI) m/z (rel. int.) 300 (22), 299 (22), 298 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 297 (55), 288 (12), 280 (18), 278 (46); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{ClF}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 298.02410, found 298.02403.

2.8. 6-(Pentafluorosulfanyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (8c)

A pale yellow solid (59% yield); mp 88.0–89.4 °C; R_f 0.43 (EtOAc–PE, 10:90); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3085, 3008, 2944, 2840, 1634, 1601, 1582, 1554, 1516, 1495, 1463, 1437, 1290, 1247, 1061, 1048, 843, 820; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 3.89 (s, 3H), 7.04 (ddd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.2$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.6$, 1.0 Hz), 7.34 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz), 7.44 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.2$, 7.7 Hz), 7.45 (dd, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.6$, 1.6 Hz), 7.51 (ddd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.7$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.6$, 1.0 Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz), 8.07 (dd, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{HH}} = 0.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 55.3, 111.8, 113.7, 115.5 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.2$ Hz), 116.8, 118.8, 121.0 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.2$ Hz), 121.9, 128.3, 130.5, 155.5 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 17.9$ Hz), 156.2, 160.1, 165.9; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 61.6 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz), 82.2 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z (rel. int.) 352 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 337 (20), 244 (50), 229 (13); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 352.04252, found 352.04251.

2.9. 6-(Pentafluorosulfanyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (8d)

A yellow solid (55% yield); mp 128–129 °C; R_f 0.30 (EtOAc–PE, 20:80); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3087, 3008, 2965, 2940, 2841, 1632, 1603, 1585, 1553, 1524, 1506, 1458, 1436, 1264, 1239, 1142, 1129, 1061, 1024, 916, 847; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 3.99 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 7.04 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.5$ Hz), 7.35 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz), 7.51 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.1$ Hz), 7.59 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.5$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.1$ Hz), 7.88 (dsex, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{HH}} = ^5J_{\text{HF}} = 0.8$ Hz), 8.08 (dd, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{HH}} = 0.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 56.06, 56.1, 119.3, 111.5, 113.1, 115.4 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.2$ Hz), 120.1, 120.3, 120.6, 122.1, 149.7, 151.6, 155.6 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.0$ Hz), 156.4, 166.2; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 61.6 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.1$ Hz), 82.2 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.1$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z (rel. int.) 404 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 382 (40) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 254 (40); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 382.05308, found 382.05294.

2.10. 6-(Pentafluorosulfanyl)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (8e)

A pale yellow solid (57% yield); mp 149.5–150.5 °C; R_f 0.15 (EtOAc–PE, 7:93); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3110, 3082, 3063, 3004, 2946, 2839, 1633, 1586, 1553, 1501, 1460, 1428, 1400, 1334, 1301, 1276, 1242, 1134, 1127, 1060, 1001, 845, 826, 776; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 6H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.38 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz), 7.87 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.5$ Hz), 8.09 (dd, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{HH}} = 0.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 56.3, 61.0, 104.1, 113.4, 115.5 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 5.1$ Hz), 120.9 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.1$ Hz), 121.8, 122.5, 140.8, 153.9, 155.5 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.5$ Hz), 156.3, 166.0; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 61.6 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz), 82.1 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz); MS (ESI) m/z (rel. int.) 434 (100) $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$, 412 (25) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 412.06365, found 412.06369.

3. General procedure for the reduction of benzisoxazoles to *ortho*-aminobenzophenones **10** and **11**

Benzisoxazole **7** or **8** (0.55 mmol) was dissolved in acetic acid (8.2 mL) and a suspension of iron powder (369 mg, 6.6 mmol, 12 equiv) in water (0.5 mL) was added. The mixture was heated at 95 °C for 1 h, then water (50 mL) was added and the product was extracted into EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure giving pure products **10** or **11**.

3.1. (2-Amino-5-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (10a)

A pale yellow oil (98% yield); R_f 0.25 (EtOAc–PE, 15:85); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3473, 3351, 3100, 3081, 3064, 3033, 1638, 1618, 1587, 1549, 1483, 1308, 1261, 1179, 1106, 951, 840; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 6.51 (br s, 2H), 6.69 (br d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.2$ Hz), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.60 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.2$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.6$ Hz), 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 115.8, 116.2, 128.4, 129.2, 131.1 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.2$ Hz), 132.0, 132.5 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.6$ Hz), 138.6, 141.3 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.5$ Hz), 152.4, 197.8; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 63.7 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.5$ Hz), 86.3 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.5$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 324 (16), 323 (81) $[\text{M}]^+$, 322 (100), 246 (35), 214 (10), 105 (46), 77 (48); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_5\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 323.0403, found 323.0394.

3.2. (2-Amino-5-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl)(biphenyl-4-yl)-methanone (10f)

A pale yellow solid (98% yield); mp 144.0–146.0 °C; R_f 0.22 (EtOAc–PE, 15:85); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3478, 3348, 1640, 1616, 1586, 1548, 1514, 1485, 1401, 1310, 1257, 1179, 1104, 947, 836, 811; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 6.72 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.1$ Hz), 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.1$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.6$ Hz), 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 116.1, 116.2, 127.1, 127.3, 128.2, 129.0, 130.0, 131.1 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.1$ Hz), 132.4 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.5$ Hz), 137.2, 139.8, 141.5 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.1$ Hz), 144.9, 152.3, 197.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 63.7 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.5$ Hz), 86.2 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.5$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 400 (20), 399 (81) $[\text{M}]^+$, 398 (100), 322 (34), 181 (36), 153 (22), 152 (46); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_5\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 400.07890, found 400.07893.

3.3. (2-Amino-4-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (11a)

A yellow oil (93% yield); R_f 0.61 (EtOAc–PE, 20:80); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3475, 3357, 3105, 3084, 3065, 3023, 1640, 1619, 1580, 1552, 1486, 1432, 1318, 1248, 894, 842, 807; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 6.28 (br s, 2H), 6.92 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.8$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.2$ Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.2$ Hz), 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.50 (br d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.8$ Hz), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.63 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 112.1 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.5$ Hz), 114.5 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.7$ Hz), 119.4, 128.2, 129.1, 131.8, 134.5, 138.8, 150.5, 157.2 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 17.5$ Hz), 198.0; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 61.2 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.0$ Hz), 83.2 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.0$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 324 (14), 323 (81) $[\text{M}]^+$, 322 (100), 246 (24), 214 (16), 105 (43), 77 (47); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_5\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 323.0403, found 323.0408.

3.4. (2-Amino-4-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl)(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)methanone (11d)

A pale yellow solid (98% yield), mp 104.0–105.8 °C; R_f 0.11 (EtOAc–PE, 15:85); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3465, 3361, 2938, 2841, 2362, 2337, 1635, 1615, 1581, 1513, 1488, 1465, 1417, 1306, 1262, 1229, 1128, 1024, 927, 843, 804; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 5.92 (br s, 2H), 6.91 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.4$ Hz), 6.99 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.7$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.1$ Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.1$ Hz), 7.25–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.8$ Hz), 7.54 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 56.0, 56.1, 109.9, 111.9, 112.5 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.6$ Hz), 114.4 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.7$ Hz), 120.8, 124.6, 131.2, 133.7, 149.0, 149.0, 149.8, 152.8, 157.0 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 17.3$ Hz), 196.2; ^{19}F NMR (376.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 61.2 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 149.9$ Hz), 83.2 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 149.9$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 384 (17), 383 (79) $[\text{M}]^+$, 382 (100), 369 (10), 368 (63), 366 (14), 336 (14), 352 (13), 165 (29), 138 (17); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_5\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 406.05068, found 406.05066.

3.5. (2-Amino-4-(pentafluorosulfanyl)phenyl)(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)methanone (11e)

A pale yellow solid (98% yield), mp 128.5–129.4 °C; R_f 0.16 (EtOAc–PE, 15:85); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3464, 3356, 2943, 2840, 1640, 1617, 1583, 1550, 1504, 1488, 1465, 1415, 1333, 1230, 1129, 1002, 930, 845, 823, 805; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 6.18 (br s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 6.97 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.8$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.2$ Hz), 7.17 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.2$ Hz), 7.57 (br d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 56.2, 60.8, 106.8, 112.2 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.4$ Hz), 114.5 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.6$ Hz), 119.7, 133.9, 134.0, 141.4, 150.4, 152.8, 157.2 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 17.2$ Hz), 196.8; ^{19}F NMR (470.3 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 61.1 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 149.8$ Hz), 83.1 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 149.8$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 414 (18), 413 (86) $[\text{M}]^+$, 412 (55), 398 (12), 383 (18), 382 (100), 370 (9), 338 (9), 286 (11), 246 (17), 195 (16), 138 (10); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 414.07930, found 414.07926.

4. Synthesis of ethyl 2-methyl-4-phenyl-6-(pentafluorosulfanyl)quinoline-3-carboxylate (12)

A mixture of **10a** (90 mg, 0.28 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (109 mg, 0.84 mmol, 3 equiv), CAN (15 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and methanol (0.7 mL) was stirred at rt for 24 h. Water (40 mL) was added, and the crude product was extracted into EtOAc (3 $\times$ 15 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL) and dried, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography using silica gel (EtOAc–PE, 15:85) provided pure **12** as a colorless film (107 mg, 92% yield). R_f 0.45 (EtOAc–PE, 20:80); IR

(film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3090, 3062, 3035, 1730, 1641, 1613, 1583, 1564, 1486, 1446, 1401, 1385, 1313, 1296, 1229, 1093, 1069, 959, 854, 815; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 0.96 (t, 3H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz), 2.82 (s, 3H), 4.09 (q, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz), 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.53 (m, 3H), 8.02 (br d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.5$ Hz), 8.04 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.1$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.5$ Hz), 8.14 (br d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.1$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 13.6, 24.0, 61.6, 124.2, 125.2 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.8$ Hz), 126.7 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.1$ Hz), 128.6, 128.8, 129.2, 129.8, 134.3, 147.3, 147.8, 151.4 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 17.3$ Hz), 157.8, 167.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 62.9 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz), 83.4 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.2$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 418 (14), 417 (65) $[\text{M}]^+$, 473 (21), 472 (100), 471 (39), 217 (35); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_5\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 418.08947, found 418.08892.

5. Synthesis of 9-phenyl-6-(pentafluorosulfanyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridine (13)

A mixture of **11a** (148 mg, 0.46 mmol), cyclohexanone (270 mg, 2.75 mmol, 6 equiv), CAN (50 mg, 0.09 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and methanol (1.8 mL) was stirred at rt for 48 h. Water (60 mL) was added, and the crude product was extracted into EtOAc (3×30 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (30 mL) and dried, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography using silica gel (EtOAc–PE, 5:95) provided pure **13** as a colorless film (110 mg, 62% yield). R_f 0.32 (EtOAc–PE, 5:95); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3060, 3030, 2941, 2866, 1579, 1561, 1499, 1485, 1434, 1358, 1351, 1082, 937, 898, 849, 815; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 2.65 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.5$ Hz), 3.22 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.6$ Hz), 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.41 (br d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.2$ Hz), 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.62 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.2$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.3$ Hz), 8.50 (d, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.3$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 22.6, 22.7, 28.1, 34.2, 121.7 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.2$ Hz), 126.5, 127.1 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.7$ Hz), 127.7, 128.2, 128.8, 128.9, 131.2, 136.0, 145.0, 146.2, 153.0 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 17.3$ Hz), 161.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 62.8 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.1$ Hz), 83.7 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.1$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 386 (21), 385 (100) $[\text{M}]^+$, 384 (34), 258 (39); HRMS (CI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_5\text{NS}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 386.1002, found 386.1008.

6. Synthesis of 2,4-diphenyl-7-(pentafluorosulfanyl)quinazoline (14)

A mixture of **11a** (90 mg, 0.28 mmol), benzylamine (210 mg, 2 mmol, 7 equiv), I_2 (7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 equiv) and $t\text{-BuOOH}$ (220 mg, 2 mmol, 7 equiv, 80% aq solution) was heated at 90 °C for 24 h. Water (40 mL) was added, and the crude product was extracted into EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (30 mL) and dried, and the

solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography using silica gel (EtOAc–PE, 5:95) provided pure **14** as a white solid (76 mg, 66% yield). mp 166–167 °C; R_f 0.56 (EtOAc–PE, 5:95); IR (film) $\nu_{\max}$ 3092, 3062, 3040, 2928, 1612, 1601, 1580, 1565, 1538, 1483, 1347, 1082, 929, 851, 817; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.83 (dd, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.1$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.3$ Hz), 7.86 (m, 2H), 8.19 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.1$ Hz), 8.57 (dd, 1H, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.3$ Hz, $^5J_{\text{HH}} = 0.5$ Hz), 8.68 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} 122.3, 123.3 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.2$ Hz), 127.8 (quint., $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 4.6$ Hz), 128.0, 128.6, 128.8, 128.8, 130.1, 130.5, 131.2, 136.7, 137.2, 151.5, 156.9 (quint., $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 18.1$ Hz), 161.6, 168.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{F} 62.0 (d, 4F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.3$ Hz), 81.8 (quint., 1F, $^2J_{\text{FF}} = 150.3$ Hz); MS (EI) m/z (rel. int.) 409 (19), 408 (80) $[\text{M}]^+$, 407 (54), 282 (24), 281 (100), 178 (13), 177 (12), 151 (13); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 409.07924, found 409.07927.

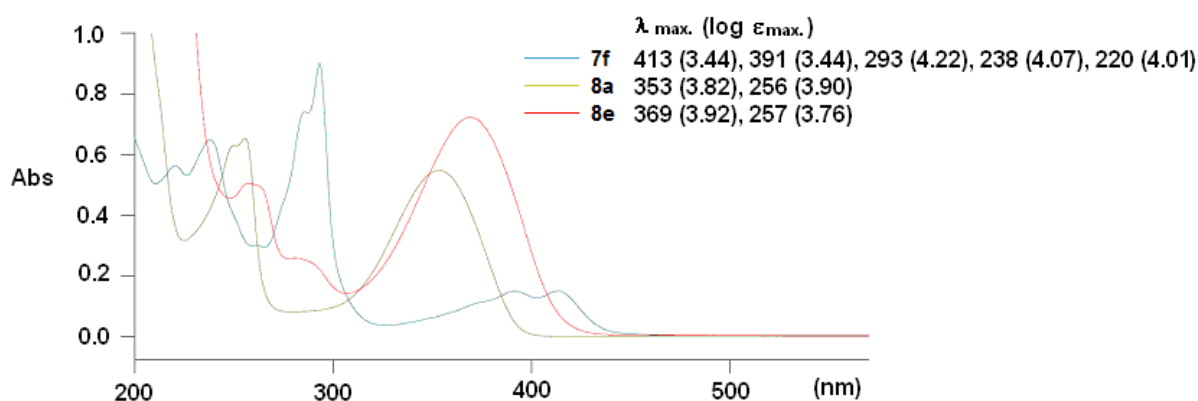
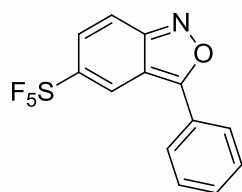


Figure S1: UV–vis absorption spectra of benzisoxazoles **7f**, **8a**, and **8e** in CHCl_3 .

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