

# Evaluating the role of electron-correlation in the external prediction of the toxicity of Nitrobenzenes towards *Tetrahymena pyriformis*

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Sr. No.	Name of Compounds	Log $IGC_{50}^{-1}$	$-E_{\text{PM7}}$	$-E_{\text{HF}}$	$-E_{\text{DFT}}$	$-E_{\text{CORR}}$	$-E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{HOMO}}$	$-E_{\text{HF}}^{\text{HOMO}}$	$-E_{\text{DFT}}^{\text{HOMO}}$	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{HOMO}}$	$-E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{LUMO}}$	$E_{\text{HF}}^{\text{LUMO}}$	$-E_{\text{DFT}}^{\text{LUMO}}$	$-E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{LUMO}}$	$d_{\text{PM7}}$	$d_{\text{HF}}$	$d_{\text{DFT}}$	$-d_{\text{CORR}}$
1	2-methylnitrobenzene	0.052	63.508	473.319	476.189	2.870	0.377	0.357	0.275	0.082	0.043	0.064	0.091	0.155	4.776	4.696	4.263	0.433
2	3methylnitrobenzene	0.054	63.509	473.323	476.193	2.870	0.378	0.356	0.274	0.082	0.045	0.057	0.093	0.150	5.505	5.311	4.866	0.445
3	nitrobenzene	0.140	57.991	434.277	436.865	2.588	0.394	0.369	0.287	0.082	0.048	0.055	0.096	0.151	5.059	5.017	4.541	0.476
4	4methylnitrobenzene	0.170	63.506	473.324	476.194	2.869	0.378	0.363	0.278	0.085	0.026	0.060	0.092	0.152	5.979	5.618	5.201	0.417
5	2,6dimethylnitrobenzene	0.300	69.024	512.362	515.514	3.152	0.367	0.347	0.265	0.082	0.034	0.082	0.084	0.166	4.106	4.134	3.650	0.484
6	4bromonitrobenzene	0.380	65.667	3006.058	3010.405	4.347	0.379	0.370	0.279	0.091	0.061	0.043	0.105	0.148	3.353	3.203	3.061	0.142
7	4chloronitrobenzene	0.430	67.307	893.197	896.485	3.288	0.390	0.376	0.285	0.091	0.061	0.044	0.105	0.149	3.146	3.082	2.863	0.219
8	3,5dinitrobenzyl alcohol	0.530	107.806	790.758	795.301	4.543	0.401	0.384	0.293	0.091	0.071	0.029	0.115	0.144	6.736	6.815	6.238	0.577
9	2,3dimethylnitrobenzene	0.560	69.024	512.361	515.514	3.153	0.367	0.347	0.265	0.082	0.039	0.072	0.086	0.158	5.208	4.938	4.541	0.397
10	2methyl3chloronitrobenzene	0.680	72.823	932.234	935.806	3.572	0.377	0.361	0.274	0.087	0.052	0.058	0.098	0.156	3.422	3.456	3.101	0.354
11	2chloronitrobenzene	0.680	67.303	893.182	896.472	3.290	0.383	0.367	0.279	0.088	0.052	0.059	0.097	0.156	5.466	5.552	4.952	0.600
12	3chloronitrobenzene	0.730	67.306	893.195	896.484	3.288	0.386	0.369	0.282	0.087	0.060	0.043	0.106	0.149	4.244	4.264	3.835	0.429
13	2bromonitrobenzene	0.750	65.662	3006.043	3010.393	4.350	0.371	0.362	0.273	0.089	0.052	0.059	0.096	0.155	5.362	5.394	4.774	0.620
14	2methyl5chloronitrobenzene	0.820	72.823	932.237	935.808	3.571	0.373	0.357	0.272	0.085	0.054	0.052	0.101	0.153	4.345	4.297	3.888	0.409
15	2,4,6trimethylnitrobenzene	0.860	74.544	551.409	554.842	3.433	0.365	0.345	0.260	0.085	0.030	0.084	0.081	0.165	5.016	4.677	4.262	0.415
16	6methyl1,3dinitrobenzene	0.870	91.449	676.837	680.741	3.904	0.407	0.393	0.304	0.089	0.071	0.031	0.115	0.146	5.490	5.385	4.854	0.531
17	1,3dinitrobenzene	0.890	85.922	637.793	641.415	3.622	0.418	0.404	0.316	0.088	0.062	0.023	0.121	0.144	4.590	4.742	4.211	0.531
18	2,4dichloronitrobenzene	0.990	76.618	1352.100	1356.091	3.991	0.390	0.378	0.286	0.092	0.065	0.047	0.105	0.152	3.642	3.679	3.315	0.363
19	3bromonitrobenzene	1.030	65.666	3006.057	3010.404	4.347	0.375	0.364	0.275	0.089	0.059	0.043	0.106	0.149	4.309	4.287	3.862	0.425
20	2,3dichloronitrobenzene	1.070	76.615	1352.094	1356.086	3.992	0.382	0.371	0.281	0.090	0.060	0.052	0.102	0.154	4.800	4.914	4.304	0.610
21	3,4dinitrobenzyl alcohol	1.090	107.795	790.739	795.285	4.546	0.398	0.385	0.286	0.099	0.066	0.040	0.109	0.149	9.500	9.542	8.684	0.858
22	2,5dichloronitrobenzene	1.130	76.617	1352.099	1356.090	3.991	0.380	0.367	0.278	0.089	0.064	0.047	0.106	0.153	4.317	4.420	3.915	0.505
23	3,5dichloronitrobenzene	1.130	76.619	1352.112	1356.101	3.989	0.390	0.375	0.287	0.088	0.071	0.032	0.115	0.147	3.022	2.951	2.643	0.309
24	3,4dichloronitrobenzene	1.160	76.618	1352.109	1356.099	3.990	0.387	0.377	0.286	0.091	0.070	0.034	0.112	0.146	2.849	2.833	2.645	0.188
25	3methyl4bromonitrobenzene	1.160	71.185	3045.104	3049.734	4.630	0.373	0.363	0.274	0.089	0.057	0.045	0.101	0.146	3.818	3.537	3.450	0.088
26	1,2dinitrobenzene	1.250	85.919	637.774	641.399	3.625	0.416	0.402	0.299	0.103	0.074	0.032	0.117	0.149	7.284	7.577	6.667	0.910
27	1,4dinitrobenzene	1.300	85.930	637.792	641.415	3.623	0.422	0.399	0.314	0.085	0.089	0.007	0.134	0.141	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.001
28	2,5dibromonitrobenzene	1.370	73.337	5577.822	5583.932	6.109	0.368	0.359	0.270	0.089	0.062	0.048	0.105	0.153	4.387	4.370	3.873	0.497
29	2,4,6trichloronitrobenzene	1.430	85.929	1811.009	1815.701	4.692	0.395	0.384	0.286	0.098	0.064	0.066	0.096	0.162	3.788	4.039	3.334	0.705
30	2,3,4trichloronitrobenzene	1.510	85.926	1811.006	1815.700	4.694	0.388	0.380	0.287	0.093	0.063	0.043	0.108	0.151	3.406	3.466	3.075	0.391
31	5methyl1,2dinitrobenzene	1.520	91.438	676.822	680.728	3.906	0.402	0.389	0.291	0.098	0.069	0.038	0.112	0.150	8.129	8.177	7.323	0.855
32	2,4,5trichloronitrobenzene	1.530	85.928	1811.012	1815.704	4.692	0.384	0.375	0.283	0.092	0.073	0.038	0.112	0.150	2.974	2.968	2.730	0.238
33	2,3,4,5tetrachloronitrobenzene	1.780	95.237	2269.916	2275.312	5.396	0.385	0.379	0.286	0.093	0.078	0.035	0.115	0.150	2.412	2.417	2.230	0.187
34	2,3,5,6tetrachloronitrobenzene	1.820	95.238	2269.915	2275.310	5.395	0.380	0.375	0.282	0.093	0.070	0.058	0.100	0.158	3.662	3.968	3.253	0.715
35	6chloro1,3dinitrobenzene	1.980	95.240	1096.697	1101.022	4.325	0.408	0.401	0.306	0.095	0.085	0.017	0.125	0.142	4.066	4.249	3.763	0.485
36	6iodo1,3dinitrobenzene	2.120	93.632	648.339	652.175	3.835	0.356	0.375	0.283	0.092	0.080	0.018	0.123	0.141	4.108	4.620	4.191	0.429
37	2,4,6trichloro1,3dinitrobenzene	2.190	113.861	2014.498	2020.230	5.732	0.410	0.406	0.299	0.107	0.085	0.043	0.111	0.154	3.609	3.920	3.207	0.714
38	1,2dichloro4,5dinitrobenzene	2.210	104.542	1555.602	1560.630	5.028	0.404	0.400	0.300	0.100	0.092	0.014	0.130	0.144	4.688	4.896	4.395	0.501
39	6bromo1,3dinitrobenzene	2.310	93.600	3209.558	3214.942	5.385	0.393	0.393	0.298	0.095	0.084	0.017	0.124	0.141	4.199	4.323	3.876	0.447
40	4,6dichloro1,2dinitrobenzene	2.420	104.543	1555.597	1560.626	5.029	0.406	0.400	0.297	0.103	0.090	0.015	0.130	0.145	5.500	5.869	4.963	0.906
41	2,4,5trichloro1,3dinitrobenzene	2.590	113.859	2014.501	2020.233	5.732	0.397	0.395	0.298	0.097	0.092	0.018	0.126	0.144	2.893	3.098	2.606	0.492
42	2,3,5,6tetrachloro1,4dinitrobenzene	2.740	123.168	2473.403	2479.838	6.435	0.393	0.394	0.297	0.097	0.093	0.036	0.112	0.148	0.004	0.001	0.001	0.001
43	pentachloronitrobenzene	NTAS*	104.547	2728.819	2734.918	6.099	0.384	0.380	0.287	0.093	0.077	0.051	0.103	0.154	2.642	2.911	2.414	0.497

\*Not toxic at saturation [Ref. 17]

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Sr. No.	Name of Compounds	Log $IGC_{50}^{-1}$	$\chi_{PM7}$	$\chi_{HF}$	$\chi_{DFT}$	$\chi_{CORR}$	$\eta_{PM7}$	$\eta_{HF}$	$\eta_{DFT}$	$-\eta_{CORR}$	$\omega_{M7}$	$\omega_{HF}$	$\omega_{DFT}$	$-\omega_{CORR}$
1	2-methylnitrobenzene	0.052	0.210	0.147	0.183	0.037	0.334	0.421	0.184	0.237	0.066	0.025	0.091	0.003
2	3methylnitrobenzene	0.054	0.212	0.150	0.184	0.034	0.333	0.413	0.181	0.232	0.067	0.027	0.093	0.002
3	nitrobenzene	0.140	0.221	0.157	0.192	0.035	0.346	0.424	0.191	0.233	0.071	0.029	0.096	0.003
4	4methylnitrobenzene	0.170	0.202	0.152	0.185	0.034	0.351	0.423	0.186	0.237	0.058	0.027	0.092	0.002
5	2,6dimethylnitrobenzene	0.300	0.201	0.133	0.175	0.042	0.333	0.429	0.181	0.248	0.060	0.020	0.084	0.004
6	4bromonitrobenzene	0.380	0.220	0.164	0.192	0.029	0.318	0.413	0.174	0.239	0.076	0.032	0.106	0.002
7	4chloronitrobenzene	0.430	0.225	0.166	0.195	0.029	0.329	0.420	0.180	0.240	0.077	0.033	0.106	0.002
8	3,5dinitrobenzyl alcohol	0.530	0.236	0.178	0.204	0.027	0.330	0.413	0.178	0.235	0.084	0.038	0.117	0.001
9	2,3dimethylnitrobenzene	0.560	0.203	0.138	0.176	0.038	0.327	0.419	0.179	0.240	0.063	0.023	0.086	0.003
10	2methyl3chloronitrobenzene	0.680	0.215	0.152	0.186	0.035	0.325	0.419	0.176	0.243	0.071	0.027	0.098	0.002
11	2chloronitrobenzene	0.680	0.218	0.154	0.188	0.034	0.331	0.426	0.182	0.244	0.072	0.028	0.097	0.002
12	3chloronitrobenzene	0.730	0.223	0.163	0.194	0.031	0.326	0.412	0.176	0.236	0.076	0.032	0.107	0.002
13	2bromonitrobenzene	0.750	0.212	0.152	0.185	0.033	0.319	0.421	0.177	0.244	0.070	0.027	0.096	0.002
14	2methyl5chloronitrobenzene	0.820	0.214	0.153	0.187	0.034	0.320	0.409	0.171	0.238	0.071	0.028	0.102	0.002
15	2,4,6trimethylnitrobenzene	0.860	0.198	0.131	0.171	0.040	0.335	0.429	0.179	0.250	0.058	0.020	0.081	0.003
16	6methyl1,3dinitrobenzene	0.870	0.239	0.181	0.210	0.029	0.335	0.424	0.189	0.235	0.085	0.039	0.116	0.002
17	1,3dinitrobenzene	0.890	0.240	0.191	0.219	0.028	0.356	0.427	0.195	0.232	0.081	0.042	0.122	0.002
18	2,4dichloronitrobenzene	0.990	0.227	0.166	0.196	0.030	0.325	0.425	0.181	0.244	0.079	0.032	0.106	0.002
19	3bromonitrobenzene	1.030	0.217	0.161	0.191	0.030	0.316	0.407	0.169	0.238	0.075	0.032	0.107	0.002
20	2,3dichloronitrobenzene	1.070	0.221	0.160	0.192	0.032	0.321	0.423	0.179	0.244	0.076	0.030	0.102	0.002
21	3,4dinitrobenzyl alcohol	1.090	0.232	0.173	0.198	0.025	0.332	0.425	0.177	0.248	0.081	0.035	0.110	0.001
22	2,5dichloronitrobenzene	1.130	0.222	0.160	0.192	0.032	0.317	0.414	0.172	0.242	0.078	0.031	0.107	0.002
23	3,5dichloronitrobenzene	1.130	0.230	0.172	0.201	0.030	0.319	0.407	0.172	0.235	0.083	0.036	0.117	0.002
24	3,4dichloronitrobenzene	1.160	0.228	0.172	0.199	0.028	0.317	0.411	0.174	0.237	0.082	0.036	0.114	0.002
25	3methyl4bromonitrobenzene	1.160	0.215	0.159	0.188	0.029	0.316	0.408	0.173	0.235	0.073	0.031	0.102	0.002
26	1,2dinitrobenzene	1.250	0.245	0.185	0.208	0.023	0.343	0.434	0.182	0.252	0.087	0.039	0.119	0.001
27	1,4dinitrobenzene	1.300	0.256	0.196	0.224	0.028	0.333	0.406	0.180	0.226	0.098	0.047	0.139	0.002
28	2,5dibromonitrobenzene	1.370	0.215	0.156	0.188	0.032	0.306	0.407	0.165	0.242	0.075	0.030	0.107	0.002
29	2,4,6trichloronitrobenzene	1.430	0.230	0.159	0.191	0.032	0.330	0.450	0.190	0.260	0.080	0.028	0.096	0.002
30	2,3,4trichloronitrobenzene	1.510	0.226	0.169	0.198	0.029	0.325	0.423	0.179	0.244	0.078	0.034	0.109	0.002
31	5methyl1,2dinitrobenzene	1.520	0.235	0.176	0.202	0.026	0.333	0.427	0.179	0.248	0.083	0.036	0.113	0.001
32	2,4,5trichloronitrobenzene	1.530	0.228	0.169	0.198	0.029	0.310	0.413	0.171	0.242	0.084	0.034	0.114	0.002
33	2,3,4,5tetrachloronitrobenzene	1.780	0.232	0.172	0.201	0.029	0.307	0.414	0.171	0.243	0.088	0.036	0.118	0.002
34	2,3,5,6tetrachloronitrobenzene	1.820	0.225	0.159	0.191	0.033	0.310	0.433	0.182	0.251	0.082	0.029	0.100	0.002
35	6chloro1,3dinitrobenzene	1.980	0.247	0.192	0.216	0.024	0.323	0.418	0.181	0.237	0.094	0.044	0.128	0.001
36	6iodo1,3dinitrobenzene	2.120	0.218	0.179	0.203	0.025	0.276	0.393	0.160	0.233	0.086	0.041	0.129	0.001
37	2,4,6trichloro1,3dinitrobenzene	2.190	0.248	0.182	0.205	0.024	0.325	0.449	0.188	0.261	0.094	0.037	0.112	0.001
38	1,2dichloro4,5dinitrobenzene	2.210	0.248	0.193	0.215	0.022	0.312	0.414	0.170	0.244	0.098	0.045	0.136	0.001
39	6bromo1,3dinitrobenzene	2.310	0.239	0.188	0.211	0.023	0.309	0.410	0.174	0.236	0.092	0.043	0.128	0.001
40	4,6dichloro1,2dinitrobenzene	2.420	0.248	0.193	0.214	0.021	0.316	0.415	0.167	0.248	0.097	0.045	0.136	0.001
41	2,4,5trichloro1,3dinitrobenzene	2.590	0.244	0.189	0.212	0.024	0.306	0.413	0.172	0.241	0.098	0.043	0.131	0.001
42	2,3,5,6tetrachloro1,4dinitrobenzene	2.740	0.243	0.179	0.205	0.026	0.300	0.430	0.185	0.245	0.099	0.037	0.113	0.001
43	pentachloronitrobenzene	NTAS*	0.231	0.165	0.195	0.031	0.307	0.431	0.184	0.247	0.087	0.031	0.103	0.002

\*Not toxic at saturation [Ref. 17]

**Table S2.** Compounds in the training set (T), prediction set (P) and excluded set (E) in different types of splitting methods employed<sup>a</sup>. Excluded compounds are either response or structural outliers (determined from Williams plot).

<i>ID Number of Chemicals</i>	<i>Name of the Chemicals</i>	<i>Log IGC<sub>50</sub><sup>-1</sup></i>	<i>Complete Set</i>	<i>Full Set (excluding outliers)</i>	<i>Activity Sampling (ordered response splitting)</i>	<i>30% ordered response splitting</i>	<i>45% ordered response splitting</i>
1	2-methylnitrobenzene	0.052	T	T	T	T	T
2	3-methylnitrobenzene	0.054	T	T	P	P	P
3	nitrobenzene	0.140	T	T	T	P	P
4	4-methylnitrobenzene	0.170	T	T	P	T	T
5	2,6-dimethylnitrobenzene	0.300	T	E	E	E	E
6	4-bromonitrobenzene	0.380	T	T	T	T	T
7	4-chloronitrobenzene	0.430	T	T	P	T	P
8	3,5-dinitrobenzyl alcohol	0.530	T	E	E	E	E
9	2,3-dimethylnitrobenzene	0.560	T	T	T	T	T
10	2-methyl-3-chloronitrobenzene	0.680	T	T	P	P	T
11	2-chloronitrobenzene	0.680	T	T	T	T	P
12	3-chloronitrobenzene	0.730	T	T	P	T	T
13	2-bromonitrobenzene	0.750	T	T	T	T	T
14	2-methyl-5-chloronitrobenzene	0.820	T	T	P	P	P
15	2,4,6-trimethylnitrobenzene	0.860	T	T	T	T	T
16	6-methyl-1,3-dinitrobenzene	0.870	T	T	P	T	T
17	1,3-dinitrobenzene	0.890	T	T	T	T	P
18	2,4-dichloronitrobenzene	0.990	T	T	P	T	P
19	3-bromonitrobenzene	1.030	T	T	T	P	T
20	2,3-dichloronitrobenzene	1.070	T	T	P	T	T
21	3,4-dinitrobenzyl alcohol	1.090	T	T	T	T	T
22	2,5-dichloronitrobenzene	1.130	T	T	P	T	P
23	3,5-dichloronitrobenzene	1.130	T	T	T	P	T
24	3,4-dichloronitrobenzene	1.160	T	T	P	T	P
25	3-methyl-4-bromonitrobenzene	1.160	T	T	T	P	P
26	1,2-dinitrobenzene	1.250	T	E	E	E	E
27	1,4-dinitrobenzene	1.300	T	T	P	T	T
28	2,5-dibromonitrobenzene	1.370	T	E	E	E	E
29	2,4,6-trichloronitrobenzene	1.430	T	T	T	T	T
30	2,3,4-trichloronitrobenzene	1.510	T	T	P	T	P
31	5-methyl-1,2-dinitrobenzene	1.520	T	T	T	T	T
32	2,4,5-trichloronitrobenzene	1.530	T	T	P	T	T
33	2,3,4,5-tetrachloronitrobenzene	1.780	T	T	T	P	P
34	2,3,5,6-tetrachloronitrobenzene	1.820	T	T	P	P	P
35	6-chloro-1,3-dinitrobenzene	1.980	T	T	T	T	T
36	6-iodo-1,3-dinitrobenzene	2.120	T	E	E	E	E
37	2,4,6-trichloro-1,3-dinitrobenzene	2.190	T	E	E	E	E
38	1,2-dichloro-4,5-dinitrobenzene	2.210	T	T	P	T	P
39	6-bromo-1,3-dinitrobenzene	2.310	T	T	T	T	T
40	4,6-dichloro-1,2-dinitrobenzene	2.420	T	T	P	P	T
41	2,4,5-trichloro-1,3-dinitrobenzene	2.590	T	T	T	T	T
42	2,3,5,6-tetrachloro-1,4-dinitrobenzene	2.740	T	E	E	E	E
<b>Number of compounds in Training Set</b>			42	35	18	24	21
<b>Number of compounds in Prediction Set</b>			0	0	17	11	14
<b>Number of compounds in Excluded Set</b>			0	7	7	7	7

<sup>a</sup> Splitting is performed through QSARINS software. Ref. [43] Chirico, N.; Papa, E.; Kovarich, S.; Cassani, S.; Gramatica, P. QSARINS, Software for QSAR MLR model development and validation. 2012. QSAR Res. Unit in Environ Chem and Ecotox University of Insubria, Varese, Italy, (<http://www.qsar.it>).

Table S3. Value of internal and external validation parameters of two- and one-descriptor QSAR models, for inhibitory growth concentration (Log  $IC_{50}$ ) of alkyl- and halogen-substituted nitrobenzenes, developed using PM7, HF, DFT and electron-correlation contribution (CORR) based descriptors through activity sampling (ordered responses) splitting method.

Model	Variables	N										F																							
		$Q^2_{LOO}$	$R^2_{adj}$	$R^2_{cv}$	$R^2$	NR	RMSSE <sub>cv</sub>	RMSSE <sub>ext</sub>	F	ExtCOR	$Q^2_{15}$	$Q^2_{10}$	$Q^2_{5}$	CCC <sub>15</sub>	CCC <sub>10</sub>	CCC <sub>5</sub>	$\chi^2$	$\Delta_{cv}$	MAE <sub>cv</sub>	MAE <sub>ext</sub>	MAE <sub>cv}</sub>	RSS <sub>cv</sub>	PRESS <sub>cv}</sub>	PRESS <sub>ext</sub>	$Q^2_{100}$	$Q^2_{150}$	$R^2_{cv}$	$Q^2_{15}$	$Q^2_{10}$	$Q^2_{5}$	$Q^2_{100}$	$Q^2_{150}$			
1	$E_{CORR-E_{HF}}$	0.7138	0.0946	0.7828	0.0256	0.8084	-0.0657	0.2996	0.3661	0.2061	31.6376	5	0.8932	0.8931	0.8930	0.8930	0.894	0.8421	0.939	0.7888	0.094	0.2271	0.2762	0.1642	1.6156	2.4237	0.7221	81.2052	59.8714	11.4945	28.2559	12.1912	-27.6783	11.2708	-27.1183
2	$E_{PM7-E_{DFT}}$	0.7118	0.1103	0.7984	0.0237	0.8221	0.3008	0.2886	0.3674	0.1983	34.6675	5	0.9011	0.901	0.901	0.9024	0.8473	0.9427	0.748	0.9594	0.2336	0.2757	0.1523	1.4995	2.4295	0.6685	82.4457	59.5313	11.6118	29.3412	11.7442	-28.2962	11.3306	-28.678	
3	$E_{CORR-E_{PM7}}$	0.7071	0.1147	0.7912	0.0236	0.8138	0.302	0.2937	0.3742	0.1963	31.216	5	0.9229	0.9221	0.9219	0.9216	0.888	0.9439	0.8216	0.9594	0.2334	0.2756	0.1581	1.5529	2.4199	0.6562	82.1515	59.5313	11.534	28.303	12.1042	-27.4903	11.6309	-27.0911	
4	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.7079	0.1	0.7816	0.0257	0.8073	0.3025	0.2925	0.3703	0.1961	31.411	5	0.9033	0.9032	0.9031	0.9031	0.8883	0.9468	0.7981	0.967	0.2335	0.2755	0.1512	1.625	2.4178	0.6458	81.9442	59.5313	11.7746	27.6394	11.9466	-27.8489	11.4665	-27.8489	
5	$E_{CORR-E_{PM7}}$	0.6855	0.0988	0.7601	0.0282	0.7883	0.1493	0.3149	0.382	0.1894	27.8256	5	0.9008	0.9007	0.9006	0.9016	0.8264	0.9463	0.1919	0.9778	0.2321	0.2878	0.1566	1.7849	2.4242	0.6095	76.4706	55.9678	11.1393	27.4245	12.0688	-28.0427	11.6466	-27.917	
6	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.6815	0.0944	0.7461	0.0299	0.7786	0.126	0.3239	0.3862	0.1903	25.9795	5	0.9008	0.9008	0.9007	0.9027	0.7828	0.8262	0.1943	0.954	0.2308	0.2866	0.1544	1.5188	2.4888	0.6156	77.0878	55.9678	12.4681	27.4245	11.9798	-28.048	11.6466	-28.048	
7	$E_{CORR-E_{CORR}}$	0.6721	0.0902	0.7305	0.0317	0.7822	0.0625	0.3137	0.3919	0.2034	24.0428	4	0.8256	0.8254	0.8253	0.8253	0.8127	0.8758	0.5792	0.1779	0.2096	0.1039	0.2076	2.0046	2.7447	1.1791	76.5658	49.955	11.8772	27.6746	10.8023	-29.292	11.4777	-28.5731	
8	$E_{CORR-E_{PM7}}$	0.6716	0.1211	0.7651	0.0276	0.7927	0.0383	0.3116	0.3922	0.2043	26.8838	5	0.895	0.8949	0.8948	0.8944	0.8264	0.9408	0.7772	0.0951	0.2422	0.3001	0.1605	1.7474	2.7686	0.7099	79.991	51.3478	11.7515	28.5358	11.3404	-28.9361	11.9632	-28.3651	
9	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.6687	0.1012	0.7392	0.0307	0.7699	0.0323	0.3283	0.3939	0.2025	25.0979	5	0.8969	0.8968	0.8965	0.8917	0.8128	0.8939	0.8217	0.0302	0.2734	0.3316	0.1564	1.9397	2.7929	0.6969	77.5112	51.3478	11.5813	28.374	11.9884	-27.6685	11.3326	-27.757	
10	$E_{CORR-E_{CORR}}$	0.6686	0.104	0.7423	0.0303	0.7794	0.1686	0.3303	0.394	0.2044	24.8979	5	0.8949	0.8949	0.8948	0.8918	0.8135	0.9374	0.7963	0.0814	0.2667	0.3489	0.1636	1.9167	2.7939	0.7101	77.3249	53.2955	11.632	28.508	11.3184	-28.8288	11.4892	-28.6336	
11	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.658	0.1059	0.7324	0.0315	0.7639	0.1316	0.3325	0.4002	0.1925	24.2665	5	0.9058	0.9057	0.9059	0.8652	0.807	0.9424	0.7636	0.0785	0.2708	0.3294	0.1494	1.9904	2.8834	0.6301	76.5402	47.9975	10.5828	29.935	12.0449	-27.7737	11.9528	-28.0806	
12	$E_{CORR-E_{CORR}}$	0.6438	0.1006	0.7102	0.0341	0.7443	0.1109	0.3461	0.4085	0.1949	21.8337	5	0.9045	0.9044	0.9049	0.8534	0.7957	0.9389	0.7335	0.0829	0.2885	0.3453	0.1424	1.555	3.0032	0.6457	74.6332	44.392	11.5082	28.7427	11.8024	-28.3623	11.8085	-28.1559	
13	$E_{CORR}$	0.6335	0.0618	0.6741	0.032	0.6933	0.8236	0.379	0.4155	0.2635	36.165	5	0.8253	0.8252	0.8251	0.8189	0.7788	0.8921	0.7361	0.1228	0.3017	0.3355	0.1817	2.5858	3.1071	1.1806	68.9688	39.4566	10.2039	29.9887	5.8952	-19.3182	5.7429	-20.1775	
14	$E_{CORR-E_{CORR}}$	0.6245	0.1103	0.6995	0.0304	0.7448	0.0425	0.3524	0.4194	0.2137	20.7844	5	0.8852	0.8851	0.8851	0.8878	0.7888	0.8904	0.7781	0.0911	0.2791	0.3354	0.172	2.2355	3.1654	1.1701	74.4888	43.6869	11.6808	28.0063	11.7348	-28.4265	11.9898	-28.7624	
15	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.6216	0.0802	0.662	0.0388	0.7101	0.0382	0.3717	0.421	0.2764	17.6481	5	0.8078	0.8076	0.8076	0.8084	0.7753	0.8895	0.7991	0.1213	0.3038	0.3525	0.206	2.5143	3.1903	1.2992	69.8271	43.905	11.3215	11.4883	11.8426	-28.2286	11.8299	-31.7658	
16	$E_{CORR-E_{CORR}}$	0.6156	0.11	0.689	0.0366	0.7256	0.0396	0.3585	0.4243	0.2277	19.8844	5	0.8066	0.8065	0.8065	0.8041	0.7757	0.893	0.7946	0.0922	0.2881	0.3465	0.1674	2.1312	3.2409	1.2885	72.3623	48.2445	11.6208	28.7211	12.0219	-27.6709	11.7713	-28.5204	
17	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.6101	0.0984	0.6606	0.0389	0.7085	0.1457	0.3695	0.4271	0.2409	18.2275	5	0.8541	0.8539	0.8539	0.8294	0.7705	0.905	0.7072	0.1107	0.2947	0.3478	0.1705	2.4577	3.287	1.0865	71.005	42.9941	11.3212	29.889	12.1216	-27.4009	11.9001	-29.435	
18	$E_{PM7-E_{DFT}}$	0.6099	0.1855	0.7881	0.0273	0.7954	0.3153	0.3096	0.4274	0.2291	29.1537	4	0.775	0.7749	0.7749	0.775	0.6868	0.7971	0.8672	0.0921	0.1962	0.2543	0.129	0.2182	1.72	3.2896	1.521	86.417	46.942	11.428	34.6382	11.776	-28.3647	12.0893	-31.8865
19	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.6093	0.1189	0.6919	0.0362	0.7382	0.1179	0.3568	0.4378	0.2378	20.8899	5	0.7916	0.7915	0.7915	0.8427	0.7748	0.8783	0.714	0.0346	0.2844	0.3414	0.2039	2.2018	3.2938	1.4083	71.13	42.5676	12.4508	26.677	12.109	-27.6389	11.2884	-28.375	
20	$E_{CORR-E_{CORR}}$	0.6091	0.0843	0.6525	0.0409	0.6934	0.2648	0.3709	0.4279	0.2629	36.9615	5	0.8262	0.826	0.826	0.818	0.7666	0.881	0.7623	0.1129	0.3032	0.3478	0.1811	2.5488	3.2959	1.1749	69.8239	47.4646	12.0943	28.4	11.865	-28.0022	11.8689	-29.4584	
21	$E_{PM7-E_{DFT}}$	0.6067	0.1536	0.7376	0.0366	0.6903	0.0521	0.3789	0.4275	0.2075	30.0513	5	0.8063	0.8063	0.8063	0.8095	0.7897	0.8936	0.6819	0.1239	0.2446	0.3196	0.203	1.8388	3.3161	1.3093	69.399	45.628	12.0442	29.84	11.825	-28.5342	11.9744	-28.9426	
22	$E_{PM7-E_{DFT}}$	0.5904	0.1935	0.75	0.0288	0.7888	0.105	0.3182	0.438	0.2879	27.1914	5	0.7916	0.7914	0.7914	0.8788	0.7884	0.834	0.6668	0.1045	0.2588	0.3327	0.206	1.8226	3.435	1.4087	78.8409	45.7273	11.7134	29.8111	11.4157	-28.5187	11.6219	-30.1669	
23	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.5895	0.1299	0.7019	0.0375	0.7194	0.8482	0.3245	0.4385	0.3756	41.0188	0	0.6451	0.6448	0.6448	0.8319	0.7884	0.8136	0.7309	0.1256	0.2918	0.3657	0.4609	0.2986	3.7281	4.0305	1.6502	70.1957	45.9157	10.957	24.627	10.3021	-28.9349	11.9301	-30.361
24	$\omega_{PM7}$	0.5894	0.1189	0.6901	0.0382	0.7083	0.8416	0.3066	0.4385	0.3862	38.853	0	0.6459	0.6446	0.6446	0.8293	0.7652	0.7833	0.5508	0.2288	0.2994	0.3457	0.2869	2.4991	3.4612	1.5355	71.2039	39.3552	11.6732	19.2066	5.9687	-19.3021	11.8399	-15.574	
25	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.5852	0.1154	0.6571	0.0403	0.6975	0.1916	0.3764	0.4424	0.2813	17.2903	5	0.801	0.8008	0.8008	0.8292	0.7652	0.8814	0.711	0.1333	0.3088	0.3687	0.1999	2.5506	3.5236	1.3451	70.7167	40.1999	11.6368	19.9218	11.9717	-28.0715	11.8991	-34.8221	
26	$E_{PM7}$	0.5802	0.129	0.6698	0.0314	0.6892	0.3832	0.3815	0.4538	0.2713	35.763	4	0.8148	0.8147	0.8148	0.8148	0.7435	0.8773	0.583	0.192	0.2871	0.3324	0.2114	2.6204	3.7076	1.2517	69.9343	32.05	9.7052	19.3138	6.1885	-19.1587	11.939	-19.816	
27	$E_{CORR-E_{DFT}}$	0.5807	0.1571	0.6575	0.0403	0.6978	0.2559	0.3763	0.4638	0.2633	17.32	4	0.8256	0.8255	0.8255	0.822	0.7341	0.884	0.5962	0.1807	0.2815	0.3439	0.212	2.5475	3.8718	1.1786	70.7792	38.5881	11.6971	20.3436	11.8368	-18.0865	12.3038	-27.8287	
28	$E_{PM7-E_{DFT}}$	0.5823	0.1804	0.6688	0.0389	0.7046	0.1213	0.3694	0.4701	0.2824	18.2382	4	0.7994	0.799																					





Table S6. Value of internal validation parameters of two- and one-descriptor QSAR models, for inhibitory growth concentration ( $\text{Log } IGC_{50}$ ) of alkyl- and halogen-substituted nitrobenzenes, developed using PM7, HF, DFT and electron-correlation contribution (CORR) based descriptors, by employing complete data set comprising of 42 compounds in the training set, with no prediction set.

Model	Variables	$Q^2_{\text{int}}$	$R^2_{\text{int}}$	$Q^2_{\text{ext}}$	$R^2_{\text{ext}}$	$R^2_{\text{ext}}$	$R^2_{\text{ext}}$	AK	$RMS_{\text{vs}}$	$RMS_{\text{cv}}$	F	CCC <sub>vs</sub>	CCC <sub>cv</sub>	MAE <sub>vs</sub>	MAE <sub>cv</sub>	BSS <sub>vs</sub>	PRESS <sub>vs</sub>	$R^2_{\text{int}}$	$Q^2_{\text{int}}$	$R^2_{\text{int}}$	$Q^2_{\text{ext}}$	$R^2_{\text{ext}}$	$Q^2_{\text{ext}}$	$R^2_{\text{ext}}$	$Q^2_{\text{ext}}$	$R^2_{\text{ext}}$	$Q^2_{\text{ext}}$
1	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\omega\text{PM7}}$	0.7744	0.0317	0.7961	0.0099	0.8061	0.1082	0.3105	0.335	80.0581	0.8926	0.8758	0.2224	0.2416	4.0499	4.7126	80.8906	75.1785	4.9306	-10.5181	4.797	-10.5496	4.8924	-10.6862			
2	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{LUMO}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.7705	0.0361	0.7966	0.0099	0.8066	0.0903	0.3101	0.3378	81.3019	0.8929	0.874	0.2259	0.2466	4.0401	4.7931	80.8836	75.3285	4.8272	-10.7709	4.6753	-10.6588	4.6076	-11.0062			
3	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\omega\text{PM7}}$	0.7544	0.0438	0.7879	0.0103	0.7983	0.2527	0.3167	0.3494	77.1563	0.8878	0.8654	0.2273	0.2483	4.2134	5.1287	80.2466	73.9012	4.7441	-10.8613	4.9644	-10.3776	4.914	-10.61			
4	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\omega\text{HF}}$	0.7351	0.039	0.7626	0.0116	0.7742	0.2071	0.3351	0.3629	66.8409	0.8727	0.851	0.2525	0.2742	4.7168	5.5321	77.8056	71.5374	4.9761	-10.3993	4.8008	-10.4391	4.804	-10.6845			
5	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{XHF}}$	0.723	0.0404	0.7513	0.0121	0.7634	0.1918	0.343	0.3711	62.9175	0.8658	0.8436	0.25	0.2715	4.9413	5.7855	76.6453	70.6075	5.0313	-10.379	5.0244	-10.2235	4.9907	-10.4761			
6	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{EHF}}$	0.7158	0.0396	0.7429	0.0125	0.7534	-0.089	0.3487	0.3759	60.2286	0.8687	0.839	0.2437	0.2645	5.1082	5.936	75.6682	71.0968	5.1155	-10.7469	4.7688	-10.5806	4.8817	-11.165			
7	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{EHF}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.7141	0.0371	0.7385	0.0128	0.7512	0.1815	0.3517	0.3771	58.8807	0.8579	0.8375	0.2546	0.2755	5.1958	5.9713	75.2042	70.0685	4.7836	-10.7455	5.1374	-10.2211	4.7337	-10.8434			
8	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.7113	0.0517	0.7509	0.0122	0.763	0.0575	0.3433	0.3789	62.7936	0.8656	0.8378	0.2388	0.2612	4.9487	6.0289	76.8877	70.5231	5.008	-10.6156	4.9188	-10.3873	4.9539	-10.7269			
9	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{XCORR}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.7108	0.0433	0.7414	0.0126	0.7541	0.1373	0.3497	0.3792	59.7865	0.8598	0.8359	0.2614	0.2842	5.1364	6.0403	75.0895	71.2462	4.8695	-10.539	4.7521	-10.5539	5.0095	-10.4154			
10	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{LUMO}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.7066	0.058	0.7526	0.0121	0.7646	0.0211	0.3421	0.3819	63.3481	0.8666	0.8357	0.2592	0.2841	4.9156	6.1269	76.7431	70.4088	4.5461	-11.0478	4.7725	-10.492	4.9606	-10.5456			
11	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{XPM7}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.7058	0.0375	0.7301	0.0132	0.7433	0.162	0.3573	0.3825	56.4536	0.8527	0.8319	0.2457	0.2656	5.3618	6.1446	74.3857	69.4339	4.9096	-10.4982	4.9487	-10.3973	4.8565	-10.6452			
12	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.7053	0.0453	0.7378	0.0128	0.7506	0.2128	0.3522	0.3828	58.6771	0.8575	0.8322	0.2651	0.2881	5.2093	6.1557	75.2782	69.2635	5.1637	-10.2968	5.0744	-10.2183	4.907	-10.481			
13	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{CORR}}$	0.6963	0.0438	0.7205	0.0156	0.7341	0.0743	0.3636	0.3924	45.2307	0.8626	0.8226	0.2679	0.2915	5.5531	6.468	73.6821	67.9733	4.8604	-10.7792	4.6964	-10.569	4.5719	-10.3026			
14	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\omega\text{PM7}}$	0.6799	0.0616	0.7282	0.0133	0.7414	0.0042	0.3586	0.399	55.9101	0.8515	0.8181	0.2685	0.2937	5.4005	6.6859	74.8658	65.7077	5.0412	-10.2692	4.7128	-10.6817	4.8761	-10.6236			
15	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{dCORR}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.6764	0.0535	0.716	0.0139	0.7298	0.1255	0.3665	0.4012	52.6801	0.8438	0.8152	0.2677	0.2923	5.6421	6.7588	73.2911	66.8612	4.7707	-10.7046	5.1248	-10.2023	4.5662	-11.0536			
16	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{LUMO}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.6683	0.0392	0.7006	0.0173	0.7076	0.0761	0.3813	0.4061	96.7787	0.8287	0.8074	0.3066	0.3246	6.1076	6.9266	70.7448	64.5062	2.4854	-7.5902	2.4181	-7.6383	2.4841	-7.5532			
17	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{dPM7}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.6592	0.0658	0.7109	0.0141	0.725	0.3729	0.3698	0.4117	55.4094	0.8406	0.8068	0.2854	0.3138	5.7432	7.1184	73.0336	65.7637	5.0698	-10.7055	4.6236	-10.745	4.9218	-10.8443			
18	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{CORR}}$	0.6463	0.0525	0.6834	0.0154	0.6988	0.2696	0.387	0.4194	45.2307	0.8626	0.8226	0.2679	0.2915	5.5531	7.386	70.3035	62.2533	4.7286	-10.6406	4.6776	-10.3701	4.6352	-11.7049			
19	$\omega\text{PM7}$	0.6418	0.0391	0.6729	0.008	0.6809	0.8252	0.3983	0.422	85.3619	0.8102	0.788	0.3234	0.3411	6.6638	7.4812	68.3094	59.9734	2.3941	-7.6771	2.3373	-7.7268	2.5416	-7.539			
20	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.627	0.0528	0.6634	0.0164	0.6798	0.038	0.399	0.4307	41.3948	0.8094	0.778	0.2876	0.3098	6.6878	7.7899	68.033	61.433	4.7706	-10.6857	4.6815	-10.6924	5.0332	-10.4419			
21	$E_{\text{PM7}}$	0.6174	0.0456	0.6546	0.0084	0.663	0.8143	0.4093	0.4362	78.7004	0.7974	0.7703	0.2936	0.3102	7.0378	7.9909	66.917	56.7013	2.5073	-7.6001	2.3767	-7.6801	2.4883	-7.6083			
22	$E_{\text{CORR}}$	0.6162	0.0374	0.645	0.0087	0.6536	0.8085	0.415	0.4368	75.4884	0.7906	0.7683	0.2945	0.3097	7.2335	8.015	65.603	57.761	2.442	-7.7076	2.5775	-7.4849	2.4304	-7.7196			
23	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{CORR}}$	0.616	0.0702	0.665	0.0161	0.6861	0.292	0.3951	0.437	42.4246	0.8138	0.7745	0.2765	0.3019	6.5554	8.0206	69.2483	60.9631	4.8771	-10.6406	4.6776	-10.4883	4.6523	-11.6273			
24	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{XPM7}}$	0.6096	0.0599	0.6526	0.0169	0.6696	-0.0053	0.4053	0.4406	39.5171	0.8021	0.7664	0.2969	0.3212	6.9005	8.1524	66.9847	59.8976	4.5279	-10.8516	4.8915	-10.4001	4.7991	-10.674			
25	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{dPM7}}$	0.6014	0.0571	0.6409	0.0175	0.6585	0.196	0.4121	0.4452	37.5929	0.7941	0.7612	0.2885	0.3128	7.1331	8.3248	66.1483	58.9004	4.8178	-10.9374	4.8783	-10.4468	4.9477	-10.6969			
26	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{dCORR}}$	0.6013	0.0591	0.6209	0.0174	0.6603	0.3951	0.411	0.4453	37.9072	0.7954	0.7598	0.2945	0.3201	7.0941	8.3275	66.4112	59.0569	4.8138	-10.7669	4.8332	-10.4968	5.0663	-10.4755			
27	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{dCORR}}$	0.5977	0.056	0.6359	0.0178	0.6537	0.1428	0.415	0.4473	36.8084	0.7906	0.7579	0.2946	0.3178	7.2325	8.4021	65.8141	58.2321	4.8409	-10.4992	4.8285	-10.4896	4.8498	-10.6056			
28	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{dCORR}}$	0.5952	0.0596	0.6372	0.0177	0.6569	0.2121	0.4143	0.4486	37.0013	0.7914	0.7569	0.2921	0.3177	7.2078	8.4533	65.982	57.6286	4.8396	-10.8665	5.0017	-10.3701	4.6352	-11.1763			
29	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{dPM7}}$	0.5885	0.096	0.6683	0.0162	0.6845	0.073	0.3961	0.4523	42.3093	0.8127	0.7568	0.2929	0.3265	6.5888	8.593	68.9562	60.422	5.0371	-11.4574	4.8114	-10.4759	4.7111	-12.1894			
30	$E_{\text{CORR}}^{\text{dHF}}$	0.5842	0.0719	0.6584	0.0176	0.6561	0.3561	0.4135	0.4547	37.2001	0.7923	0.7507	0.2931	0.3184	7.1825	8.6838	65.9035	57.5606	4.6812	-10.9349	4.7001	-10.6951	4.8484	-10.76			
31	$E_{\text{PM7}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{CORR}}$	0.5164	0.0496	0.6051	0.0134	0.605	0.5762	0.4646	0.4904	52.1372	0.7228	0.6707	0.3699	0.39	9.0648	10.1005	56.7275	49.5059	2.5213	-7.5938	2.6191	-7.3801	2.4883	-7.818			
32	$E_{\text{HF}}^{\text{EHOMO}} E_{\text{DFT}}$	0.492	0.0709	0.549	0.022	0.571	0.3378	0.4619	0.5026	25.9566	0.7269	0.6828	0.3667	0.3996	8.9591	10.6095	57.5935	48.4276	4.8597	-11.0412	5.1868	-10.0522	4.6143	-11.4565			
33	$\omega\text{DFT}$	0.4754	0.0939	0.5472	0.0221	0.5693	0.2929	0.4628	0.5107	25.7767	0.7256	0.6753	0.3649	0.4005	8.9947	10.9559	58.1132	46.6929	4.8363	-11.1325	4.9594	-10.402	4.7731	-10.9417			
34	$E_{\text{HF}}^{\omega\text{HF}}$	0.4673	0.091	0.5357	0.0226	0.5583	0.2949	0.4686	0.5147	24.6508	0.7166	0.6676	0.389	0.4253	9.2241	11.1251	56.6839	46.1924	5.1298	-10.6276	4.9585	-10.3638	5.1635	-10.7186			
35	$E_{\text{HF}}^{\omega\text{HF}} E_{\text{DFT}}^{\text{LUMO}}$	0.4643	0.0911	0.5326	0.0228	0.5554	0.1859	0.4702	0.5161	24.3593	0.7142	0.6648	0.387	0.4231	9.2854	11.1884	56.942	43.9514	4.8651	-10.8622	4.8916	-10.4087	4.9937	-10.6425			
36	$X\text{CORR}$	0.4613	0.0965	0.5351	0.0227	0.5578	0.2968	0.4689	0.5175	24.5967	0.7161	0.6646	0.3736	0.4102	9.2354	11.2499	56.1793	47.7036	4.9514	-10.9542	5.0913	-10.2008	4.9208	-10.9293			
37	$\omega\text{DFT}$	0.4599	0.0513	0.499	0.0122	0.5112	0.715	0.493	0.5182	41.8414	0.6766	0.6456	0.4	0.4212	10.2074	11.2797	51.1572	42.3698	2.3267</								



Table S7. Value of internal validation parameters of two- and one-descriptor QSAR models, for inhibitory growth concentration ( $Log IC_{50}$ ) of alkyl- and halogen-substituted nitrobenzenes, developed using PM7, HF, DFT and electron-correlation contribution (CORR) based descriptors, by employing full data set comprising of 35 compounds in the training set excluding outliers as listed in Table S1, with no prediction set.

Model	Variables	$Q^2_{100}$	$R^2/Q^2_{100}$	$R^2_{adj}$	$R^2 - R^2_{adj}$	$R^2$	$\Delta K$	$RMSE_{TR}$	$RMSE_{CV}$	$F$	$CCC_{TR}$	$CCC_{CV}$	$MAE_{TR}$	$MAE_{CV}$	$RSS_{TR}$	$PRESS_{CV}$	$R^2_{100}$	$Q^2_{100}$	$R^2_{100}$	$Q^2_{100}$	$R^2_{100}$	$Q^2_{100}$	$R^2_{100}$	$Q^2_{100}$
1	$E_{CORR}^{\omega PM7}$	0.8286	0.0297	0.8494	0.0089	0.8583	0.1108	0.248	0.2727	96.9148	0.9237	0.808	0.1832	0.202	2.152	2.6036	85.6795	81.6074	5.7223	-13.1896	5.6215	-13.135	5.9835	-13.053
2	$E_{PM7}^{\omega PM7}$	0.8179	0.0434	0.8526	0.0087	0.8613	0.2583	0.2453	0.2811	99.3484	0.9255	0.9036	0.1863	0.2081	2.1066	2.7654	86.4772	80.7938	5.9378	-13.1119	5.7862	-12.7705	6.032	-12.9777
3	$E_{CORR}^{\chi PM7}$	0.8164	0.0305	0.8373	0.0096	0.8468	0.18	0.2578	0.2823	88.465	0.9171	0.9006	0.1963	0.2157	3.2261	2.7891	84.7297	79.681	5.6125	-13.4215	5.9665	-12.6642	6.0053	-12.975
4	$E_{CORR}^{\omega HF}$	0.8149	0.0279	0.833	0.0098	0.8428	0.1861	0.2612	0.2834	85.7745	0.9147	0.8993	0.1948	0.2128	2.3876	2.8116	84.1642	79.0757	6.0155	-12.8736	5.8637	-12.8258	6.1713	-12.7154
5	$E_{CORR}^{\omega EPM7}$	0.814	0.0335	0.838	0.0095	0.8475	0.087	0.2572	0.2841	88.9369	0.9175	0.8999	0.1875	0.207	2.3156	2.8245	84.8945	79.8927	6.2103	-12.5515	5.8932	-12.713	5.957	-12.8841
6	$E_{CORR}^{\omega EPM7}$	0.8112	0.0462	0.8485	0.0089	0.8574	0.0707	0.2488	0.2863	96.1964	0.9232	0.8989	0.1846	0.2065	2.1658	2.8681	86.1778	79.7023	5.9639	-12.8959	5.7564	-12.906	5.6874	-12.984
7	$E_{CORR}^{\omega HF}$	0.8063	0.0412	0.8379	0.0095	0.8475	-0.0449	0.2573	0.2899	88.8918	0.9174	0.8951	0.1961	0.2184	2.3166	2.9422	85.2673	79.4879	5.7321	-13.3025	6.0085	-12.7296	5.828	-13.1233
8	$E_{CORR}^{\omega HF}$	0.8006	0.0335	0.8238	0.0104	0.8341	0.1779	0.2683	0.2941	80.4652	0.9096	0.8914	0.1978	0.2174	2.519	3.028	83.6631	77.4428	5.846	-12.7349	5.6552	-13.1089	5.8157	-13.0613
9	$E_{CORR}^{\omega EPM7}$	0.7984	0.0326	0.8204	0.0106	0.831	0.3301	0.2708	0.2958	78.6728	0.9077	0.8897	0.2125	0.2331	2.5667	3.0625	83.3655	77.1697	5.8143	-13.0602	5.6514	-13.1327	5.682	-13.1559
10	$E_{CORR}^{\omega HF}$	0.7966	0.0351	0.8212	0.0105	0.8318	0.1782	0.2702	0.2971	79.1007	0.9082	0.8889	0.2116	0.2333	2.5551	3.0887	83.085	77.1534	5.9825	-12.6376	6.4488	-12.123	5.7446	-13.0577
11	$E_{CORR}^{\omega EPM7}$	0.7922	0.0324	0.8136	0.011	0.8246	0.188	0.2759	0.3003	75.2105	0.9039	0.8861	0.2046	0.224	2.6641	3.1559	82.4311	75.9355	5.7855	-13.1565	5.8769	-12.7784	5.9325	-12.9026
12	$E_{CORR}^{\omega XCORR}$	0.7739	0.0371	0.7991	0.0118	0.8109	0.1032	0.2864	0.3132	68.6208	0.8956	0.8749	0.2142	0.2357	2.8716	3.4343	81.8425	72.2085	5.8767	-13.0991	6.126	-12.4714	5.7948	-13.053
13	$E_{CORR}^{\omega XCORR}$	0.7693	0.0384	0.7958	0.012	0.8078	0.1149	0.2888	0.3164	67.235	0.8937	0.8725	0.2126	0.2343	2.9194	3.5029	81.1197	72.9717	5.6912	-13.224	5.6789	-13.0259	5.968	-12.797
14	$E_{CORR}^{\omega XCORR}$	0.7541	0.0403	0.7816	0.0128	0.7944	0.0339	0.2987	0.3267	61.8277	0.8854	0.862	0.2261	0.2495	3.1222	3.7345	79.3658	72.6104	5.8074	-12.9943	5.8126	-13.0104	5.7312	-13.1559
15	$E_{PM7}^{\omega EPM7}$	0.7497	0.0657	0.8038	0.0115	0.8153	0.045	0.2831	0.3296	70.648	0.8983	0.8648	0.2153	0.2427	2.8044	3.8017	82.1065	73.5693	6.0146	-12.8827	5.8443	-12.8509	5.7286	-13.3305
16	$E_{CORR}^{\omega EPM7}$	0.7472	0.0375	0.7713	0.0135	0.7848	0.2572	0.3056	0.3312	58.3438	0.8984	0.8586	0.2249	0.2461	3.2685	3.8388	78.2467	72.6914	6.146	-12.6077	6.1127	-13.0188	5.832	-12.689
17	$E_{CORR}^{\omega HF}$	0.7344	0.0253	0.7524	0.0073	0.7597	0.8716	0.3229	0.3395	104.3214	0.8634	0.8484	0.2431	0.2576	3.6497	4.0338	75.7004	70.0061	2.8053	-9.4043	2.9703	-9.1854	2.9102	-9.3592
18	$E_{CORR}^{\omega HF}$	0.7298	0.0314	0.7463	0.0149	0.7612	-0.0004	0.3219	0.3424	51.0096	0.8644	0.8462	0.2452	0.2638	3.6263	4.1031	76.0638	68.6495	5.8314	-13.6427	6.1157	-12.4674	5.6143	-13.604
19	$E_{PM7}^{\omega PM7}$	0.7293	0.0171	0.7879	0.0125	0.8004	0.0306	0.2943	0.3427	64.149	0.8827	0.862	0.2236	0.252	3.0318	4.1106	80.666	71.5625	6.0053	-12.8952	5.7814	-12.9847	5.967	-13.023
20	$E_{CORR}^{\omega HF}$	0.7274	0.0341	0.7465	0.0149	0.7614	0.3761	0.3217	0.3439	51.0646	0.8646	0.8453	0.237	0.2568	3.6233	4.1405	76.1567	69.7071	5.796	-13.528	5.8388	-12.7554	5.7923	-13.3137
21	$E_{CORR}^{\omega XCORR}$	0.7207	0.0405	0.7462	0.0149	0.7612	0.1494	0.3219	0.3481	50.995	0.8644	0.8414	0.239	0.2615	3.6271	4.2418	76.203	69.8057	5.9029	-12.9582	5.7175	-12.9642	6.0137	-12.7241
22	$E_{PM7}^{\omega dPM7}$	0.7188	0.0874	0.794	0.0121	0.8061	0.3975	0.29	0.3493	66.526	0.8727	0.8488	0.2203	0.2525	2.9445	4.2712	81.1769	72.3726	5.9771	-13.3559	5.8404	-12.6638	6.0096	-13.1278
23	$E_{CORR}^{\omega dCORR}$	0.7129	0.0583	0.7569	0.0143	0.7712	0.3266	0.3151	0.3529	53.9374	0.8708	0.8383	0.2379	0.2652	3.4745	4.3597	77.8886	67.5906	5.9435	-12.9789	6.2722	-12.2768	5.7986	-12.9654
24	$E_{PM7}^{\omega PM7}$	0.7058	0.0471	0.7454	0.0075	0.7529	0.8677	0.3274	0.3573	100.5679	0.8591	0.8329	0.2348	0.252	3.7522	4.4675	75.537	65.5995	5.0697	-9.1406	2.7987	-9.306	3.1177	-9.2348
25	$E_{PM7}^{\omega EPM7}$	0.7051	0.058	0.7483	0.0148	0.7631	0.045	0.3206	0.3577	51.5381	0.8656	0.834	0.2292	0.2523	3.5979	4.4792	76.8309	68.2883	5.6326	-13.3518	5.8029	-12.8508	5.911	-13.0139
26	$E_{CORR}^{\omega dPM7}$	0.6981	0.0619	0.745	0.015	0.76	0.2803	0.3227	0.3619	50.6597	0.8636	0.8298	0.2428	0.2724	3.6453	4.5847	76.5783	68.2601	5.9504	-13.3794	5.7384	-12.9014	5.637	-13.8345
27	$E_{CORR}^{\omega dPM7}$	0.694	0.0656	0.7447	0.015	0.7597	0.32	0.3229	0.3644	50.5811	0.8634	0.8277	0.2431	0.2735	3.6496	4.6466	76.6897	66.9832	5.6811	-13.449	5.9201	-12.8173	6.1242	-13.0373
28	$E_{PM7}^{\omega XPM7}$	0.6917	0.0676	0.7443	0.015	0.7593	0.2027	0.3232	0.3658	50.7434	0.8632	0.8268	0.2394	0.2655	3.6555	4.6824	76.6057	64.7418	5.9102	-13.0641	6.0544	-12.6925	5.9497	-12.5278
29	$E_{PM7}^{\omega PM7}$	0.6433	0.0551	0.6893	0.0091	0.6984	0.8357	0.3618	0.3934	76.4158	0.8227	0.7926	0.2308	0.252	3.9045	5.417	70.1242	59.8426	2.8587	-9.54	2.9005	-9.2408	2.8034	-9.2864
30	$\omega PM7$	0.6259	0.0553	0.6716	0.0097	0.6812	0.8254	0.3719	0.4029	70.5284	0.8104	0.7796	0.3022	0.3238	4.841	5.6814	68.0731	59.2526	2.9654	-9.3368	2.972	-9.2781	3.0632	-9.1607
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38	$E_{HF}^{\omega HF}$	0.4671	0.1169	0.558	0.026	0.584	0.2915	0.4248	0.4809	22.4648	0.7374	0.6707	0.3502	0.3908	6.3173	8.093	59.4013	44.9001	6.1386	-12.6232	5.8652	-12.7542	6.2381	-12.

# Supporting Information Figures S1 and S2

Evaluating the role of electron-correlation in the external prediction of the toxicity of Nitrobenzenes towards *Tetrahymena pyriformis*

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**Figure S2.** Scatter plots of the Experimental vs Predicted inhibitory growth concentration ( $\text{Log } IGC_{50}^{-1}$ ) of alkyl- and halogen-substituted nitrobenzenes for best models developed with the electron-correlation contribution (CORR) of the energies based descriptors with 30% ordered response splitting. Training and prediction set chemicals are represented with open (yellow) and filled (blue) circles, respectively.

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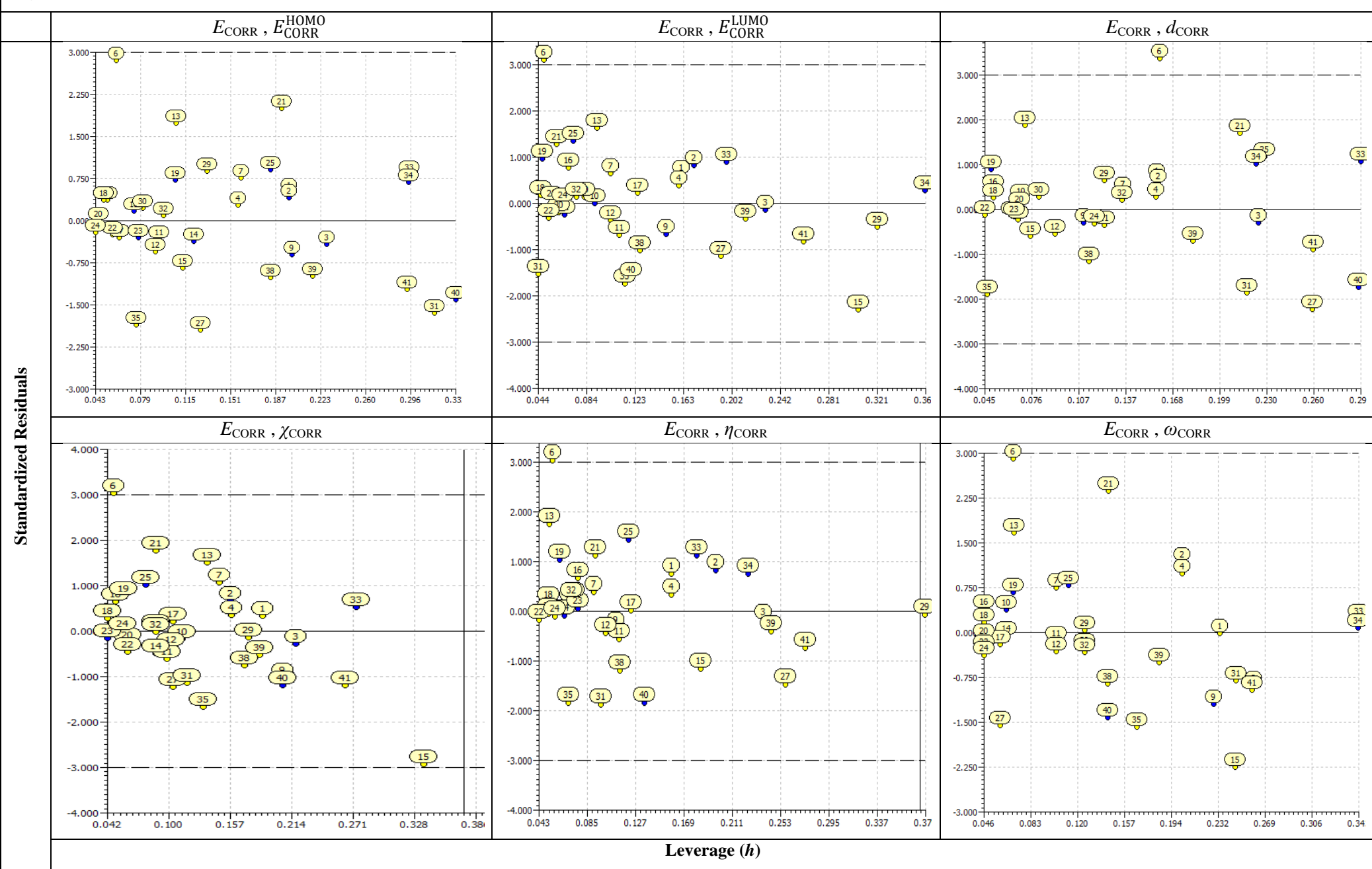


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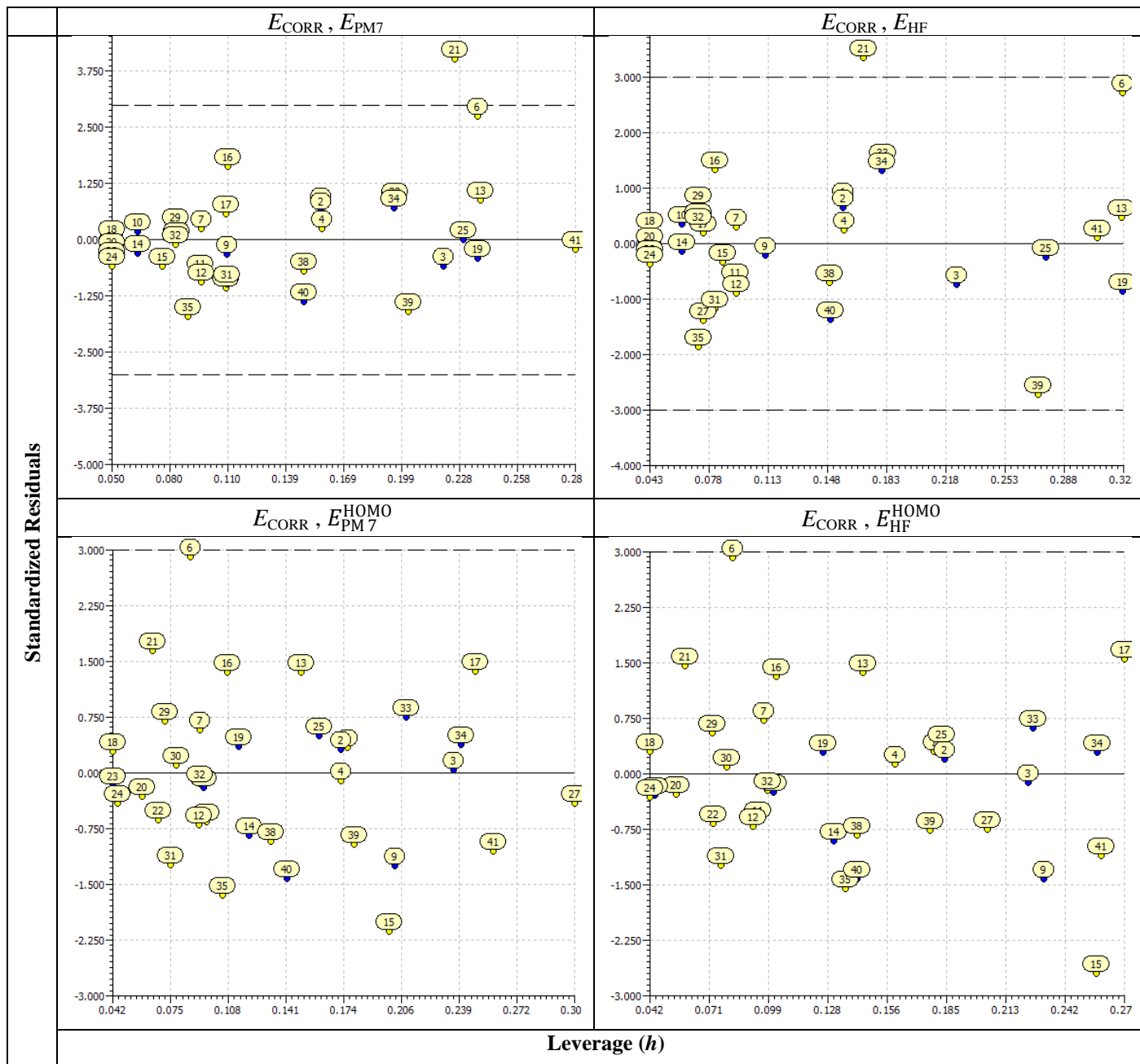


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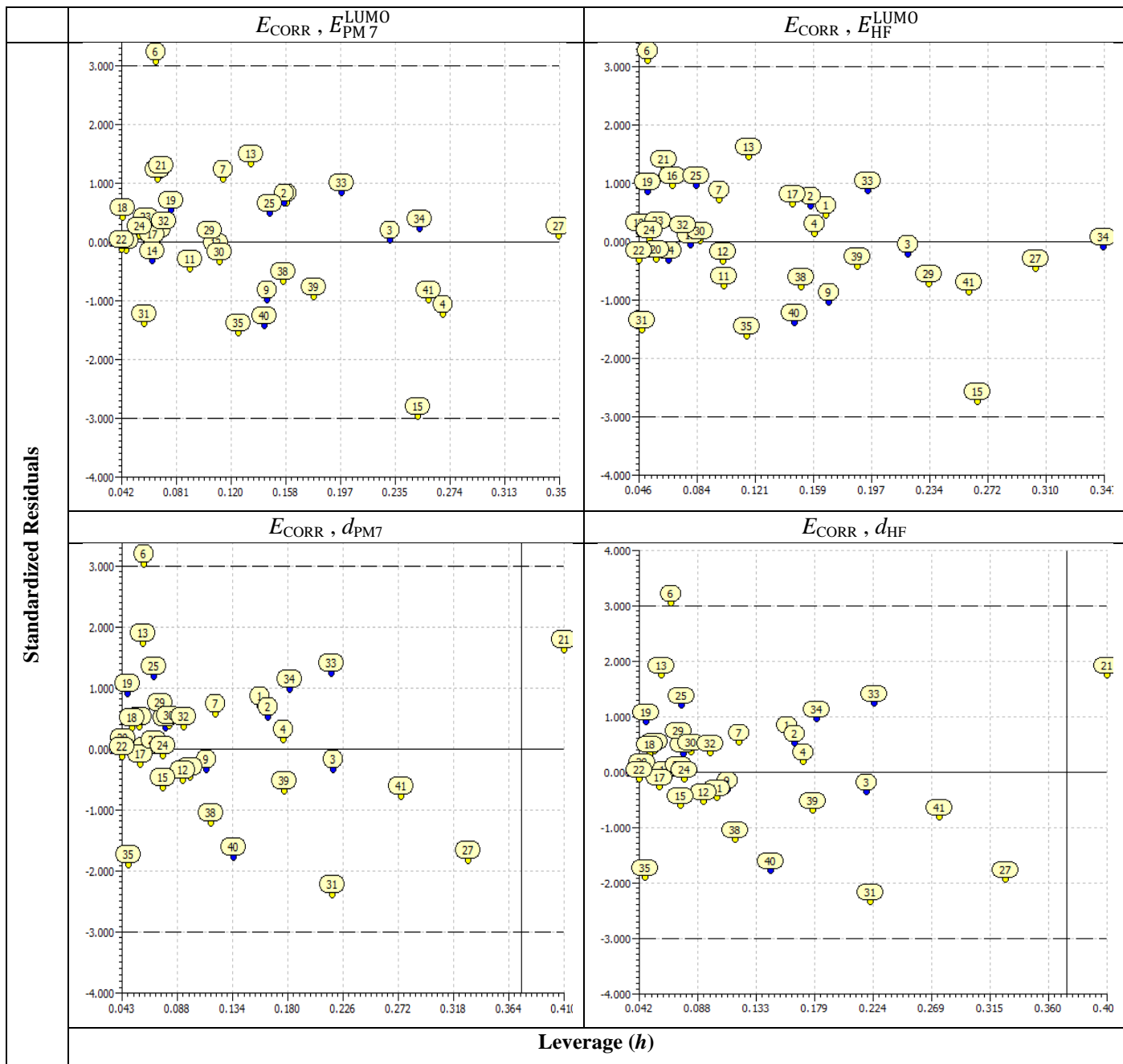


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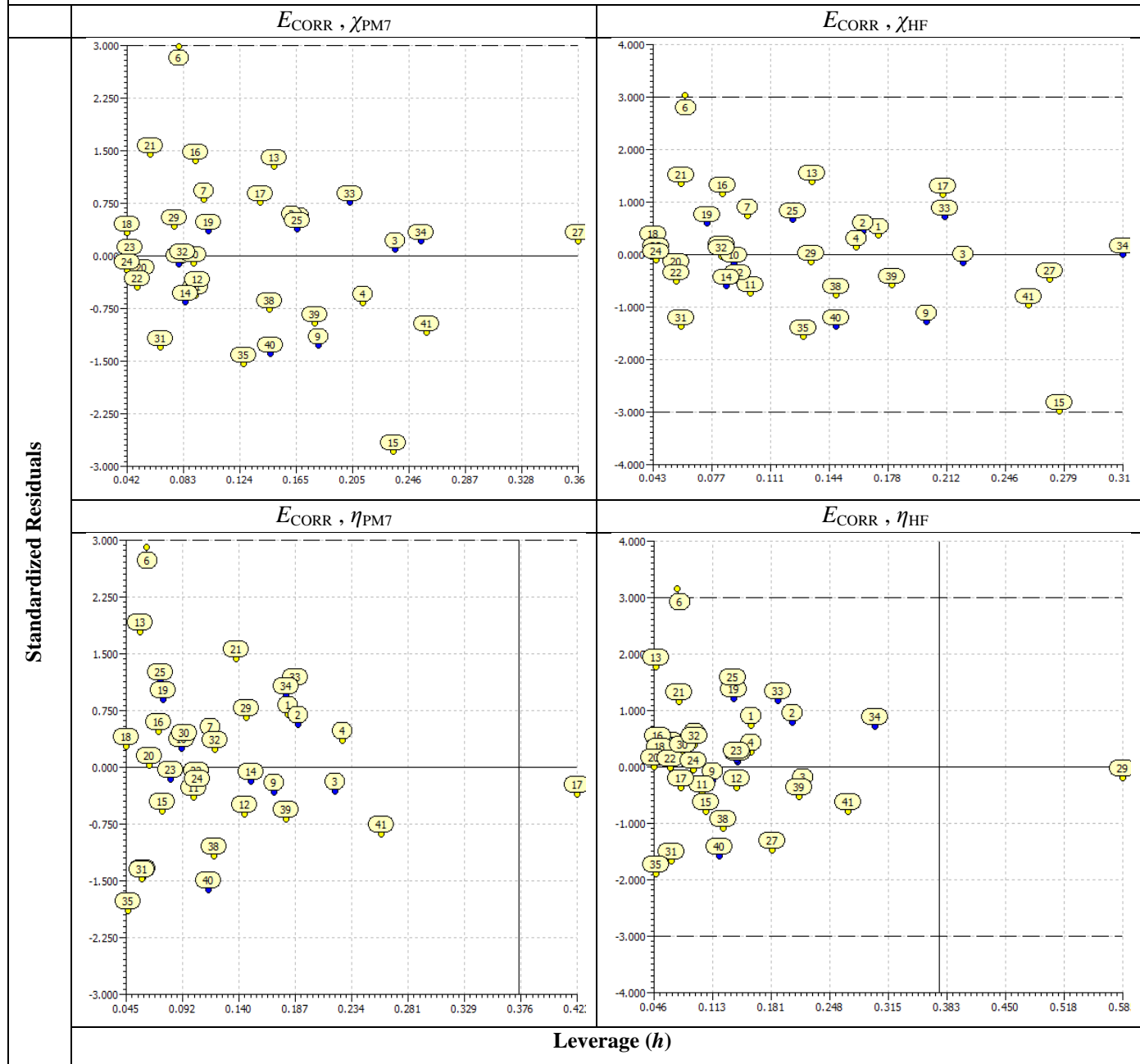


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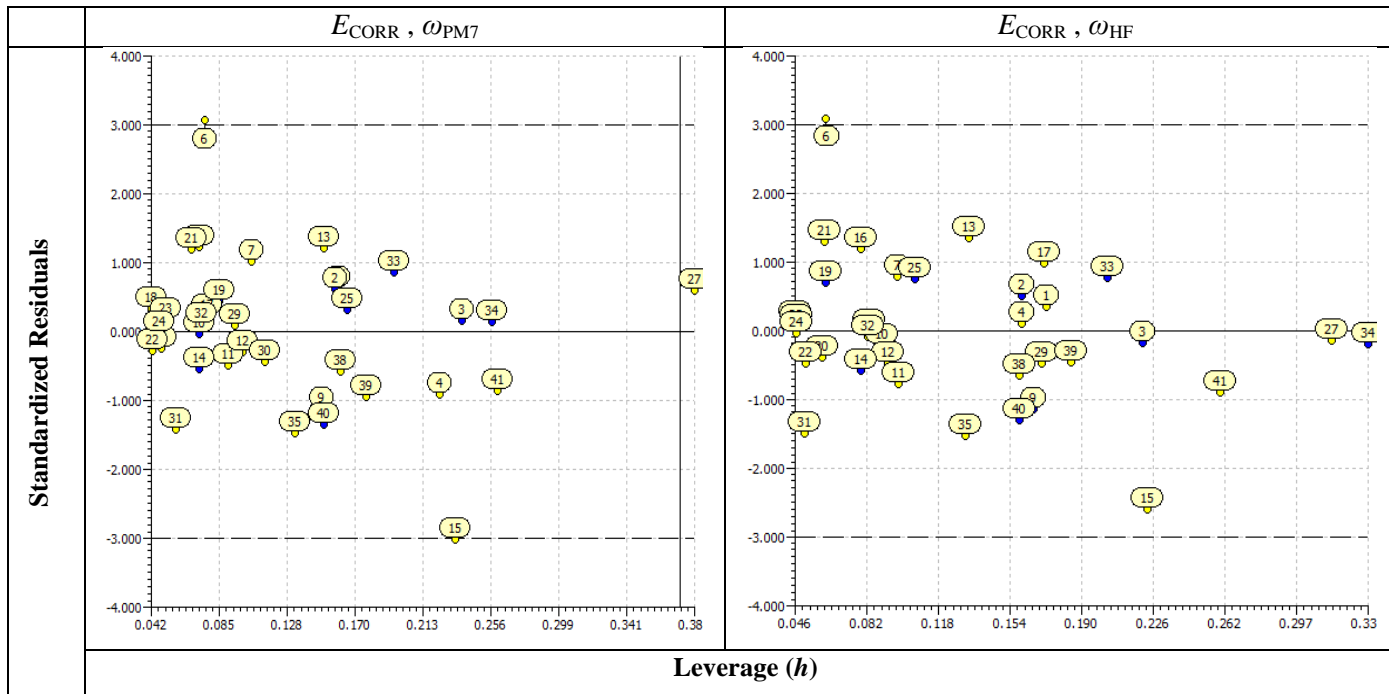


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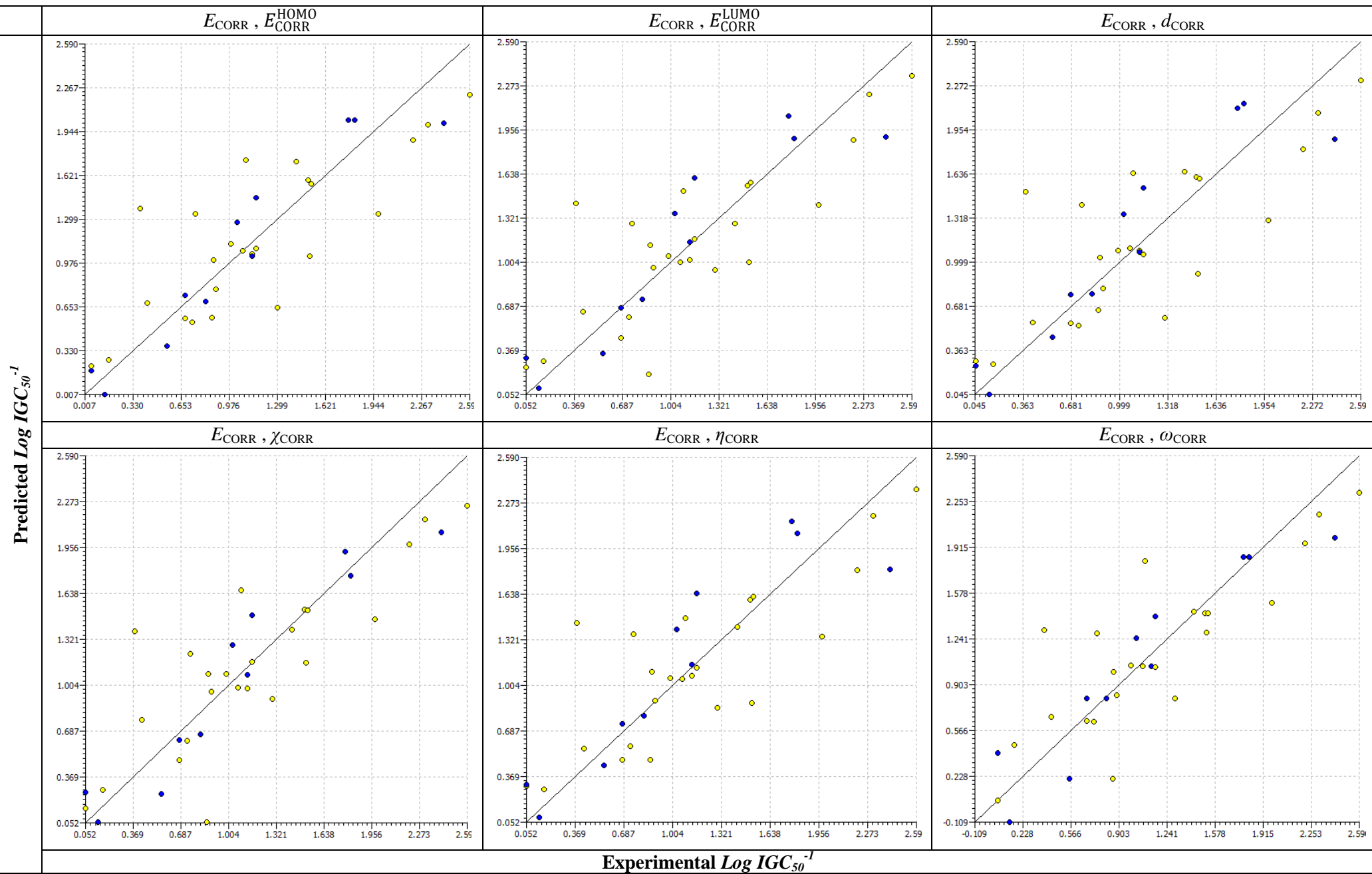


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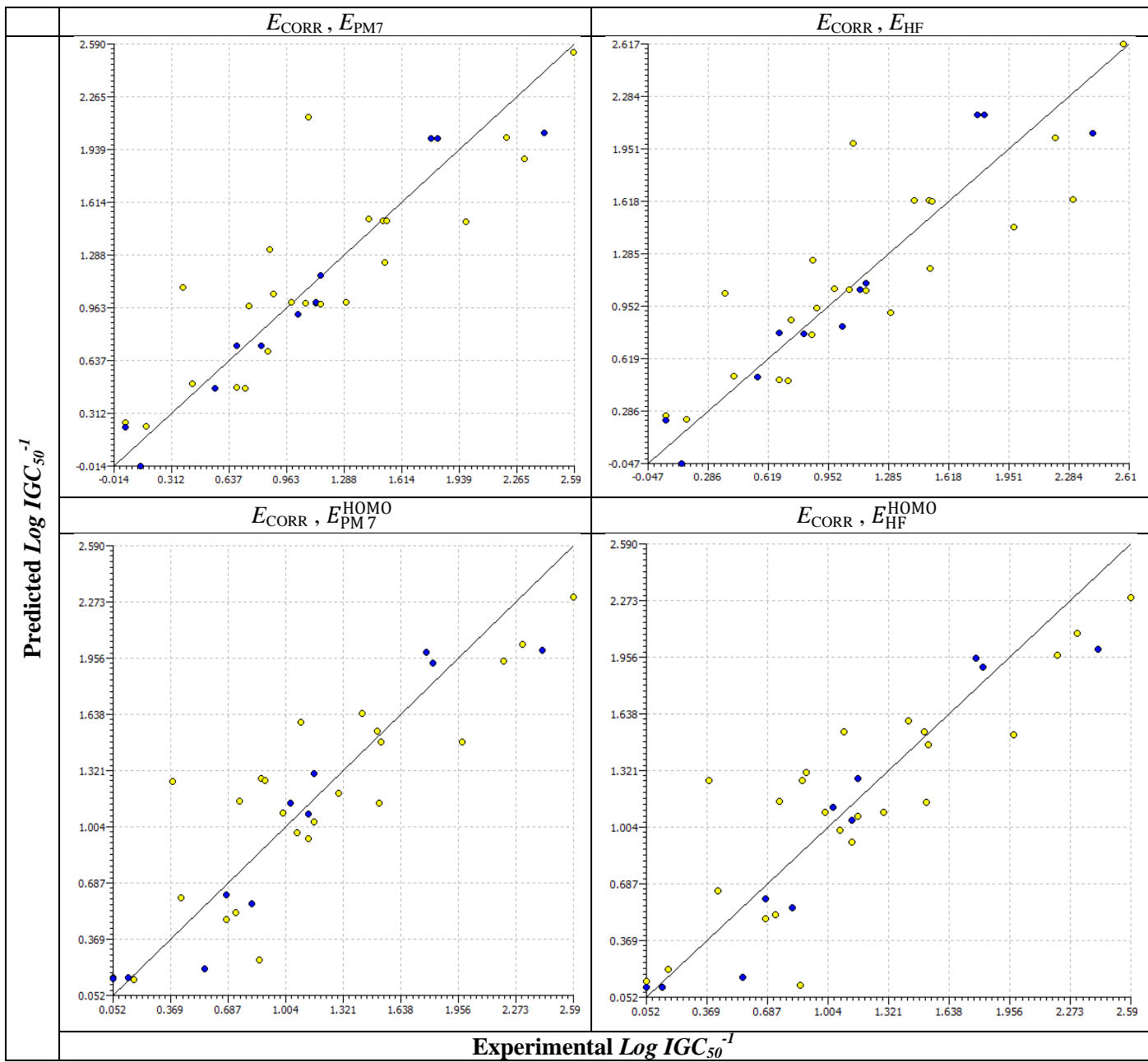


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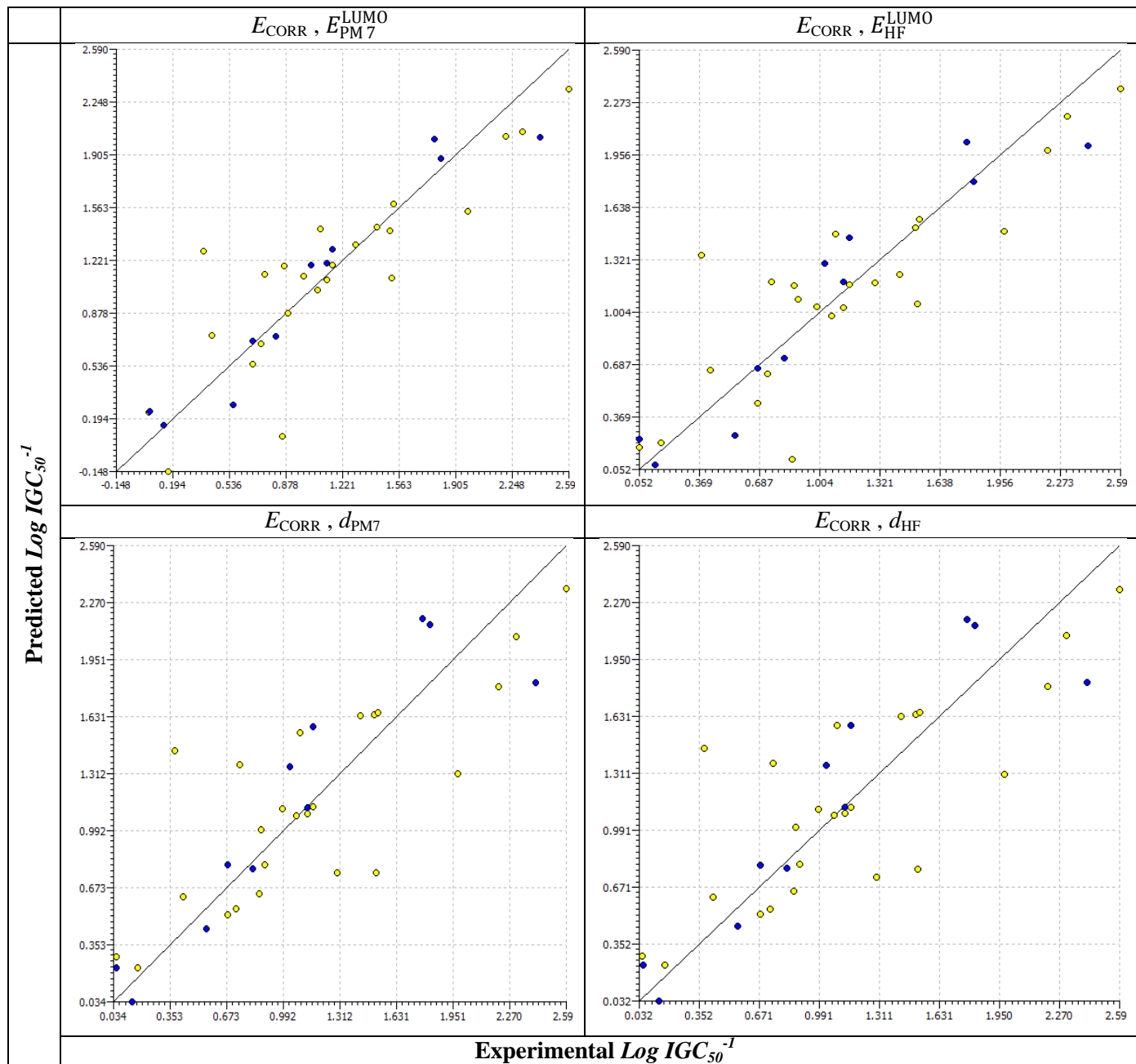


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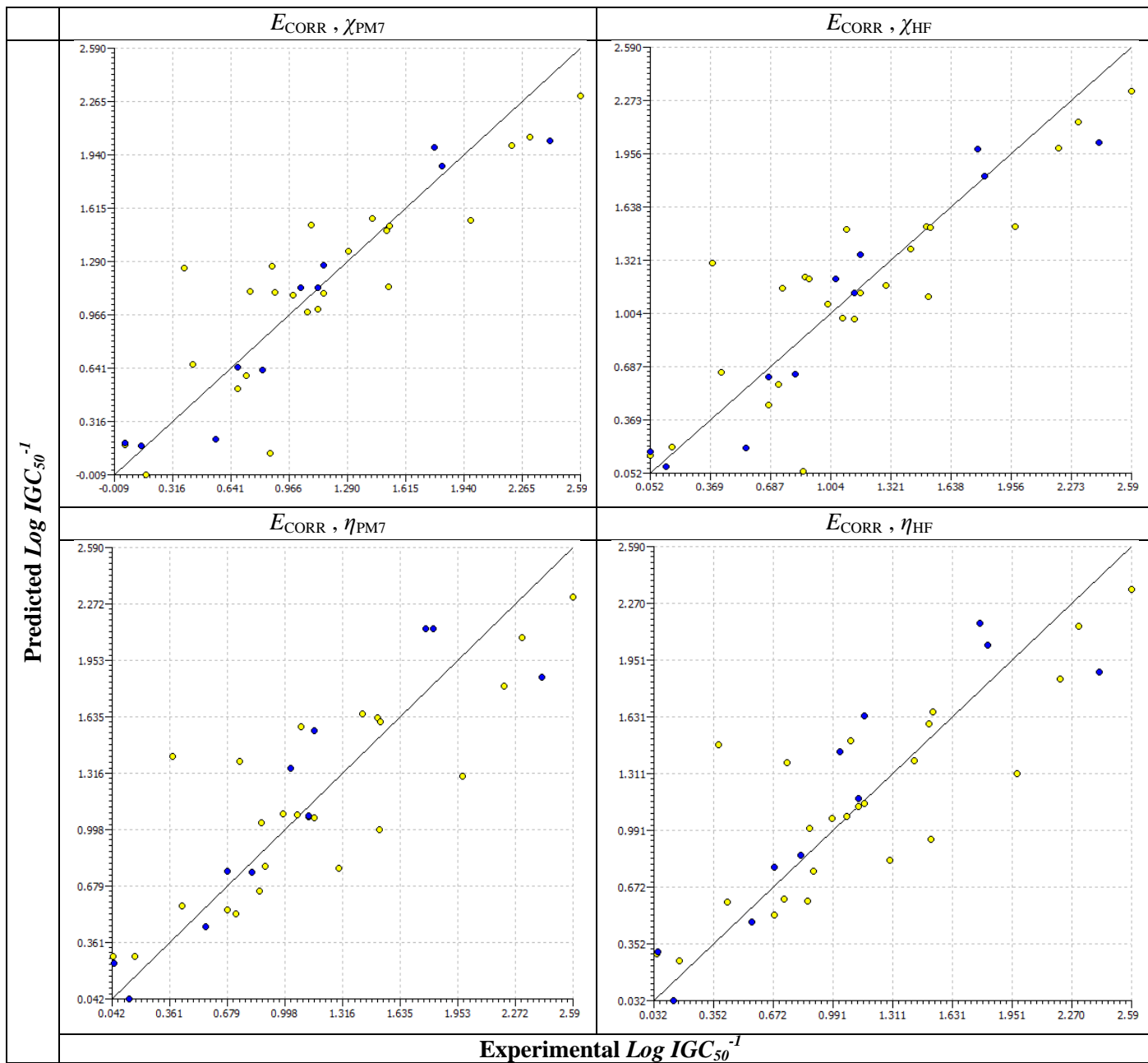


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