

Supporting Information

## Synthesis and Characteristics of a Novel, High-Nitrogen, Heat-Resistant, Insensitive Material (NOG<sub>2</sub>Tz)

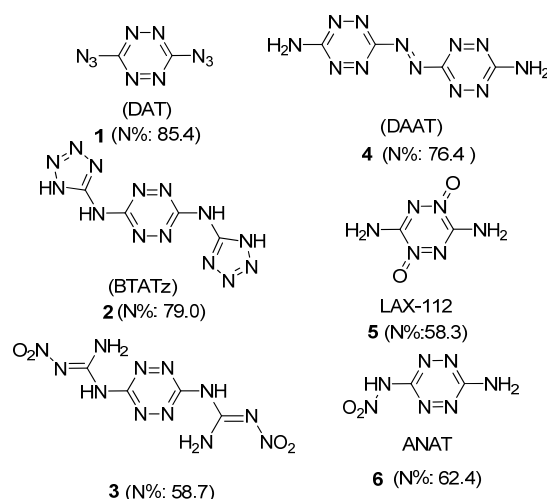
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### General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 spectrometer at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to TMS. The solvent is [D<sub>6</sub>]dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) unless otherwise specified. The melting, decomposition points and TG are recorded with the peak value on a METTLER TOLEDO differential scanning calorimeter at a scan rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>. IR spectra were recorded on an IR-408 using KBr pellets. ESI-MS were recorded and analysed on an Agilent 500-MS, a Bruker Apex IV FTMS and a Bruker Compass Data Analysis 4.0. NOG and BT were prepared according to reported methods.<sup>1</sup> Other materials were purchased from Alfa Aesar.

**Caution!** When handling these energetic materials, small scale and good safety practices (leather gloves, face shield) are strongly encouraged.



**Figure S1** High-nitrogen *s*-tetrazine derivatives for energetic material applications

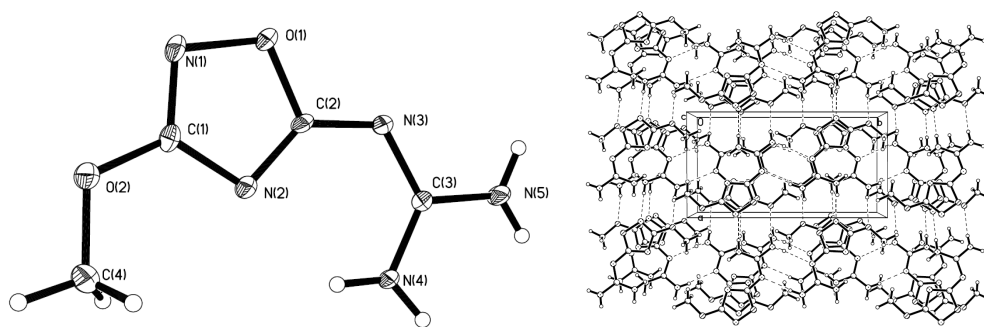
### 3-methoxy-5-methoxy-1,2,4-oxadiazole (7)

NOG (344 mg, 2 mmol) was added to a solution of methanol (8 mL) and sodium methoxide (30% solution in methanol, 720 mg, 4 mmol). The mixture was stirred with an overhead stirrer at 70 °C, then BT (270 mg, 1 mmol) was added in portions over 3-5 min. The reaction was maintained at 70 °C for 2 h. The reaction was then poured into ice water (10 mL) and acidified by adding 3N HCl, until the pH was equal to 1. The pink-orange precipitate was filtered, washed thoroughly with water and air dried to give **7** (280 mg, 89.2%).  $T_{dec}$ : 260 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.01 (bs, 4H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  56.2, 159.4, 172.4, 174.2 ppm. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3439, 3367, 3192, 3121, 2957, 2759, 1670, 1645, 1586, 1562, 1524, 1465, 1385, 1282, 1100, 1005, 1003, 976, 771, 514  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-MS (157):  $m/z$  positive mode, 158[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; 180[M+23]<sup>+</sup>.

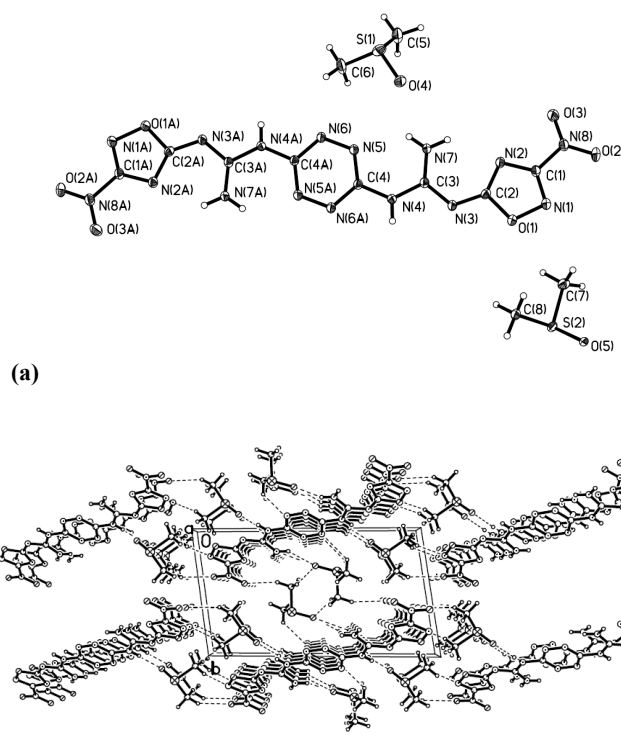
### 3,6-bis(3-nitro-1,2,4-oxadiazole-5-guanyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (8)

NOG (860 mg, 5 mmol) was placed in an oven-dried, round-bottomed flask (50 mL) with a stirbar and dissolved in anhydrous dimethylformamide (20 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and NaH (60% dispersion in oil, 280 mg, 7 mmol) was added in portions over 5 min. The reaction was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and BT (540 mg, 2 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for an additional 4 h. The reaction was then poured into ice water (20 mL) and acidified by the addition of 3 N HCl until the pH was equal to 1. The orange precipitate was filtered, washed thoroughly with water and dried to give **8** (800 mg, 94.7%).  $T_{dec}$ : 329 °C,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  12.36 (bs, NH), 9.27 (bs, 2H), 8.74(bs, 2H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  155.8, 159.2, 169.0, 175.3 ppm. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3365, 3264, 3216, 1633, 1568, 1538, 1477, 1405, 1386, 1302, 1052, 1026, 980, 955, 828, 787, 755, 695, 599  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (421.0584):  $m/z$  negative mode, 421.05796 [M-H]<sup>-</sup>. The crystal density was calculated by a patented method.<sup>2</sup>

X-ray analysis data of **7** and **8**·2DMSO



**Figure S1** Displacement ellipsoid plot (30%) and ball-and-stick packing diagram of **7**.



**Figure S2** Displacement ellipsoid plot (30%) (a) and ball-and-stick packing diagram (b) of **8**·2DMSO

**Table S1** Crystallographic data for **7** and **8**·2DMSO

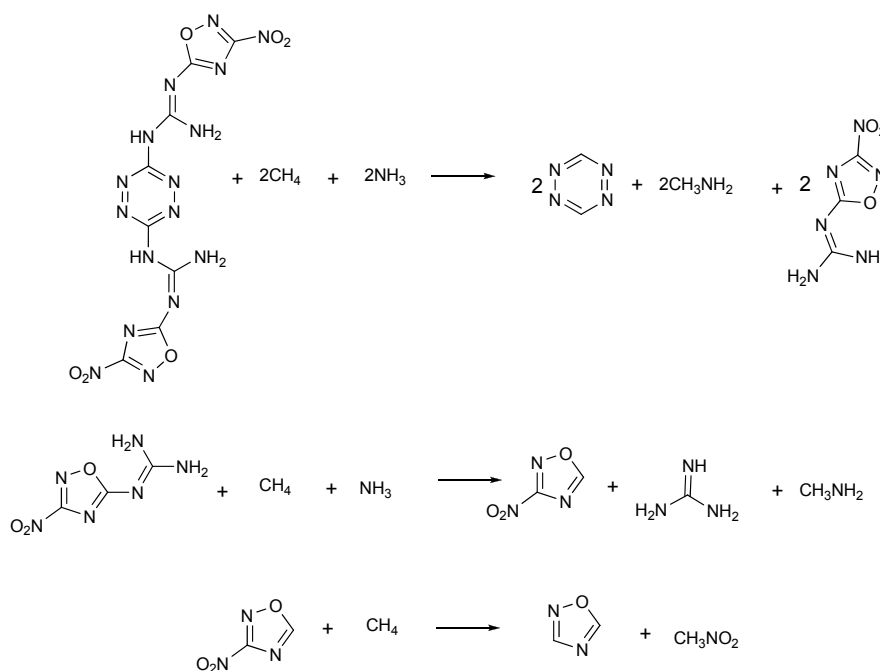
Compound	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ·2DMSO
Empirical formula	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	157.15	578.09
Temperature	153(2) K	153(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space	Monoclinic, P2(1)/c	Triclinic, P-1

group		
Unit cell dimensions	a= 7.129(3) Å α=90° b= 13.514(5) Å β= 91.715(5)° c= 6.915(3) Å γ=90°	a=5.750(2) Å α=80.614(11)° b=8.875(3) Å β=80.732(10)° c =15.739(6) Å γ=81.456(10)°
Volume	665.9(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	775.9(5) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.567 g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1, 1.573 g cm <sup>-3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.128 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.383 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	328	382
Crystal size	0.32 × 0.28 × 0.11 mm	0.61 × 0.21 × 0.07 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.86° to 29.10°	2.34° to 29.09°
Limiting indices	-7<=h<=9, -18<=k<=18, -9<=l<=9	-7<=h<=7, -10<=k<=12, -21<=l<=21
Reflections collected/unique	5660/1753 [R(int)= 0.0387]	8329/4037 [R(int)=0.0305]
Completeness to theta=27.48	98.2%	97.0%
Absorption correction	None	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data/restraints/parameters	1753/0/177	4037/19/279
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.002	1.002
Final R indices	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0492, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1355	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0511, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1117

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R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0784, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1470	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0858, wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1271
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.287 and -0.235 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.595 and -0.346 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Calculated total energy (E<sub>0</sub>), zero-point energy (ZPE), enthalpy of formation (HOF) of compound 8**

Isodesmic reactions for compound 8



All the calculations are done at the semi-empirical level using the PM6 method<sup>3</sup> implemented in the MOPAC package.<sup>4</sup> The heat of formation is obtained at room temperature (298.15K) throughout the atomisation reaction.

**Table S2** Calculated heats of formation by MOPAC

Compd.	E <sub>0</sub> /ev	ZPE/ev	HOF/(KJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>NOG</b>	-2367.64277	2.60549941449	235.07941
<b>8</b>	-5667.81698	5.60450188663	957.34882

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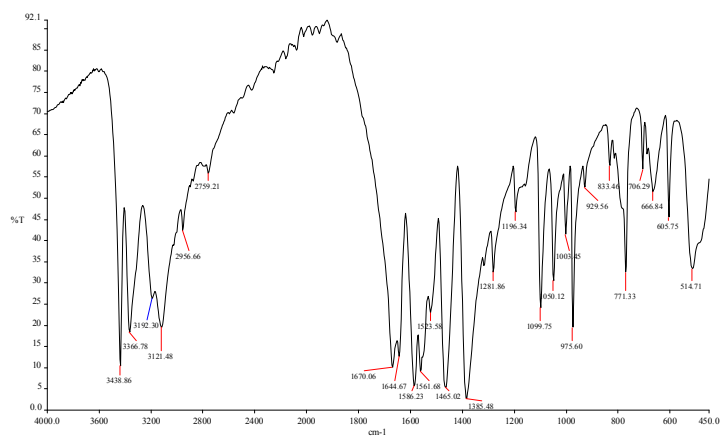


Figure S1 IR spectra of 7

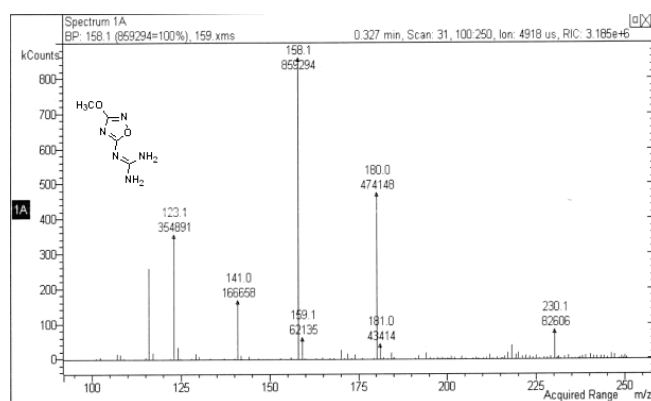


Figure S2 ESI of 7

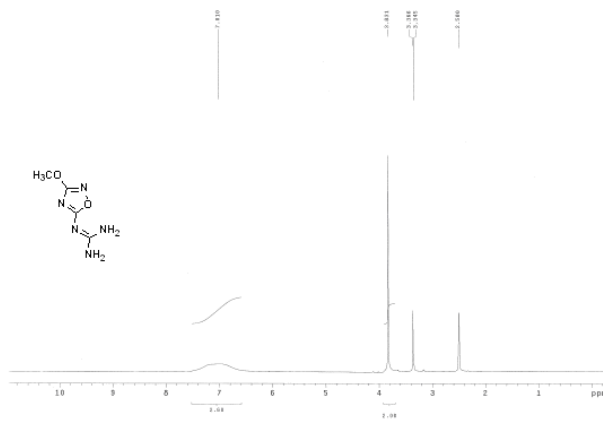
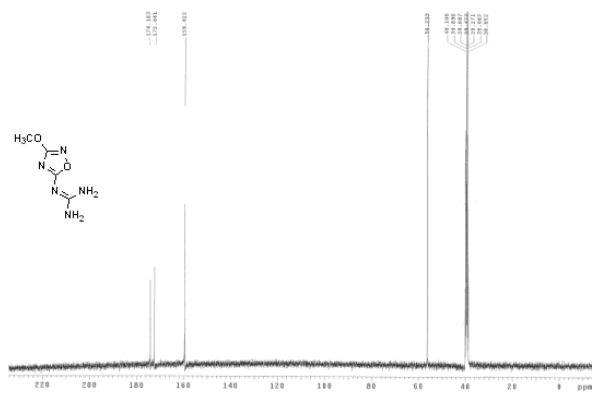
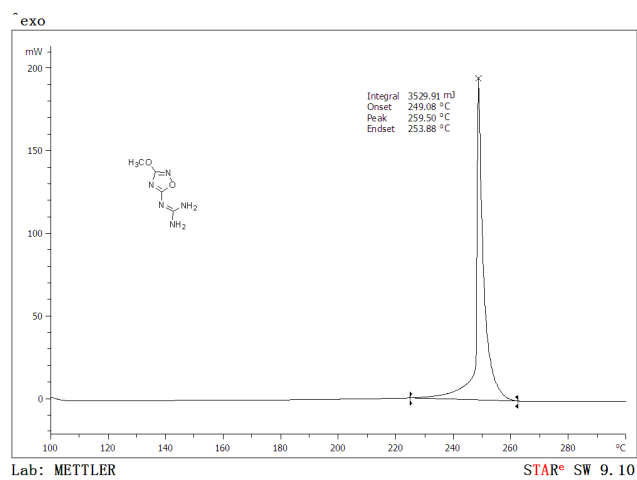


Figure S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 7



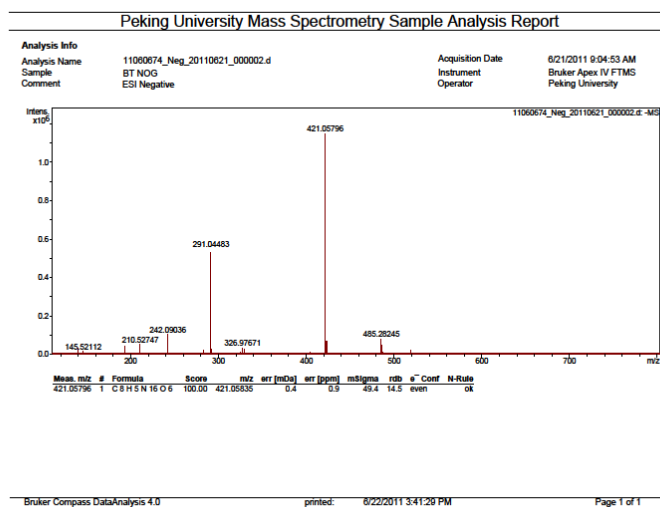
**Figure S4** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 7



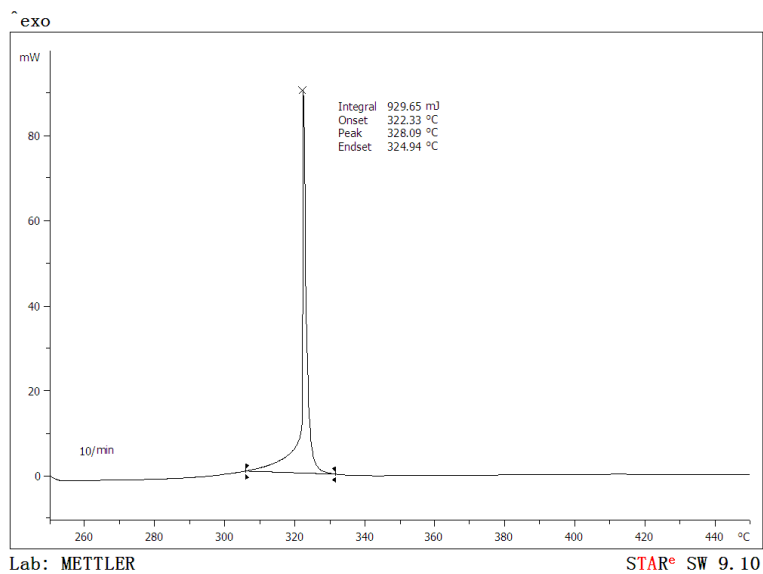
**Figure S5** DSC of 7



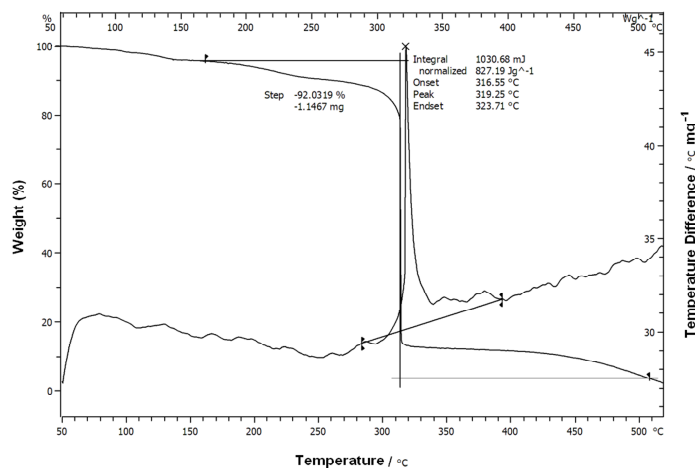




**Figure S9** HRMS of **8**



**Figure S10** DSC of **8**



**Figure S11** TGA of **8**