

## Supporting Information

### **Ab Initio Study on the Excited-State Proton Transfer Mechanisms for 3-hydroxy-2-(thiophen-2-yl) chromen-4-one**

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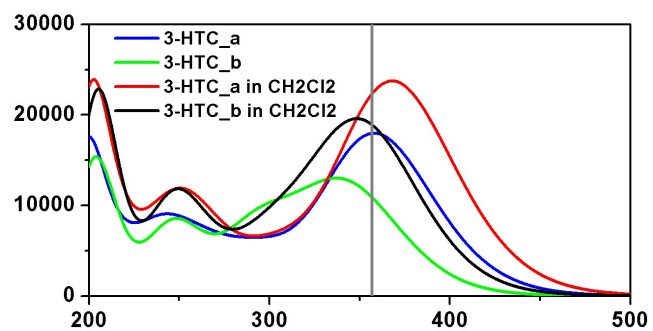


Figure S1. Calculated UV-Vis absorption spectra of 3-HTC-a and 3-HTC-b in vacuum (blue and green lines) and in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (red and black lines) based on the optimized geometries at DFT/B3LYP-D3BJ/TZVP level.

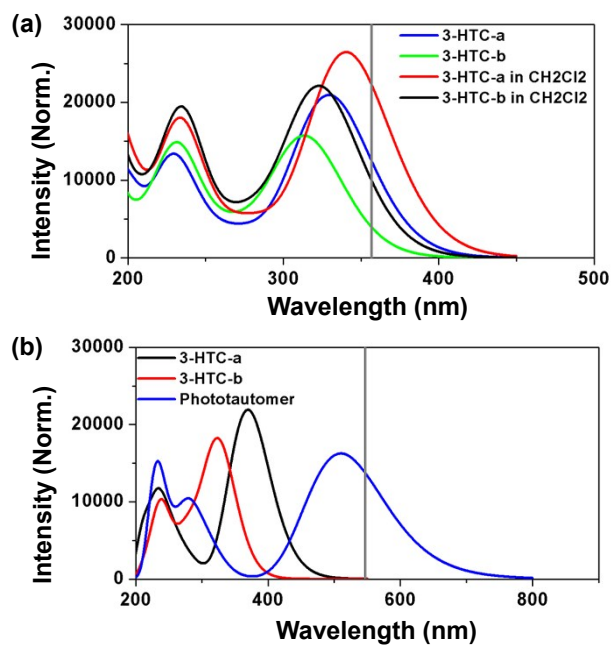


Figure S2. (a) Calculated UV-Vis absorption spectra of 3-HTC-a and 3-HTC-b in vacuum (blue and green lines) and in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (red and black lines); and (b) the fluorescence spectra of 3-HTC-a (red line), phototautomer of 3-HTC-a (blue line), and 3-HTC-b (black line) at DFT/cam-B3LYP/def2-qzvpd level; the cross vertical line shows the experimental data in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

Table S1 Calculated bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ), angles and dihedral angles of 3-HTC-a and 3-HTC-b structures of the  $S_0$  state in vacuum and in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at DFT/B3LYP-D3BJ/TZVP level, as well as structural parameters of  $S_1$  states in vacuum at TDDFT/cam-B3LYP/def2-qzvpd level.

Molecules	O1-H1		O2-H1		S-H1		O1-H1-O2/S		C1-C2-C3-S	
	$S_0$	$S_1$	$S_0$	$S_1$	$S_0$	$S_1$	$S_0$	$S_1$	$S_0$	$S_1$
<b>3-HTC-a</b>	0.978	0.995	2.047	1.853	3.815	3.880	117.5	123.0	0.0	0.0
<b>3-HTC-b</b>	0.967	0.963	3.628	3.571	2.401	2.363	126.6	124.5	27.8	15.6
<b>3-HTC-a(<math>\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2</math>)</b>	0.977		2.065		3.814		116.8		0.0	
<b>3-HTC-b(<math>\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2</math>)</b>	0.968		3.619		2.431		124.3		28.6	

Table S2. Calculated energies of 3-HTC-a and 3-HTC-b structures for the  $S_0$  state in vacuum and in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at DFT/B3LYP/TZVP level and DFT/B3LYP-D3BJ/TZVP level; and calculated energies of 3-HTC-a and 3-HTC-b structures for the  $S_1$  state in vacuum at TDDFT/B3LYP/TZVP level and TDDFT/cam-B3LYP/def2-qzvpd level.

<b>Molecules</b>	Energy for $S_0$ (Hartree)		Energy for $S_1$ (Hartree)	
	B3LYP/TZVP	B3LYP-D3/TZVP	B3LYP/TZVP	cam-B3LYP/ Def2QZVP
<b>3-HTC-a</b>	-1124.3173027	-1124.3765874	-1124.3100778	-1124.0591531
<b>3-HTC-b</b>	-1124.3003653	-1124.3599452	-1124.28401	-1124.0394386
<b>3-HTC-a (<math>\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2</math>)</b>	-1124.3250677	-1124.3843362		
<b>3-HTC-b (<math>\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2</math>)</b>	-1124.312819	-1124.3723956		