

Water-assisted Ground State Intra-molecular Proton Transfer in 2,5-dihydroxy-Substituted Azobenzenes: Experimental and Computational Studies

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Instrumentation

All the recrystallized products were used for spectroscopic characterizations [^1H and ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, Bruker ultrashield plus Avance-III NMR spectrometer), FT-IR (PerkinElmer Spectrum 2), UV-Visible Spectrophotometer (LabIndia UV 3200)]. The melting points and melting enthalpies were determined based on DSC (PerkinElmer DSC 8000) traces recorded at a heating rate of $5\text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ under nitrogen atmosphere. The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were recorded on a Rigaku Ultima IV diffractometer with a parallel beam geometry, $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ radiation, 2.5° primary and secondary solar slits, a 0.5° divergence slit with a 10 mm height limit slit, sample rotation stage (120 rpm) attachment and DTex Ultra detector at a tube voltage of 40 kV and current of 40 mA. The data sets were collected over 2θ values ranging from 5° to 50° with a scanning speed of 3°min^{-1} and a 0.02° per step for all compounds. The simulated PXRD spectra were generated using Mercury 3.10.2 from solved single crystal X-ray data and compared with the observed PXRD patterns using WINPLOTR.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data of **1k**, **2e**, **3k**, and **4k** (except **2-int** and **3e**) were recorded using a Rigaku XtaLAB mini diffractometer with Mercury375/M CCD detector, $\text{Mo-K}\alpha$ radiation, a sample-to-detector distance of 4.95 cm, and 2θ fixed at 29.85° using the CrysAlisPro software. The 100 K data were collected using Oxford Cryosystem. The data for **2-int** was collected on a Bruker D8 Venture and **3e** was on Bruker Kappa Apex II CCD diffractometer. All the crystal structures were solved using ShelXT and were refined using ShelXL available within Olex2. The crystal data and refinement parameters for all these compounds are listed in Table 1. All hydrogen atoms were geometrically fixed and refined using the riding model. The thermal ellipsoid plots and packing diagrams of all the molecules are drawn at 50% probability for non-H atoms using Olex 2 and Mercury 3.10.3. All the packing and interaction diagrams were generated using Mercury 3.10.3.

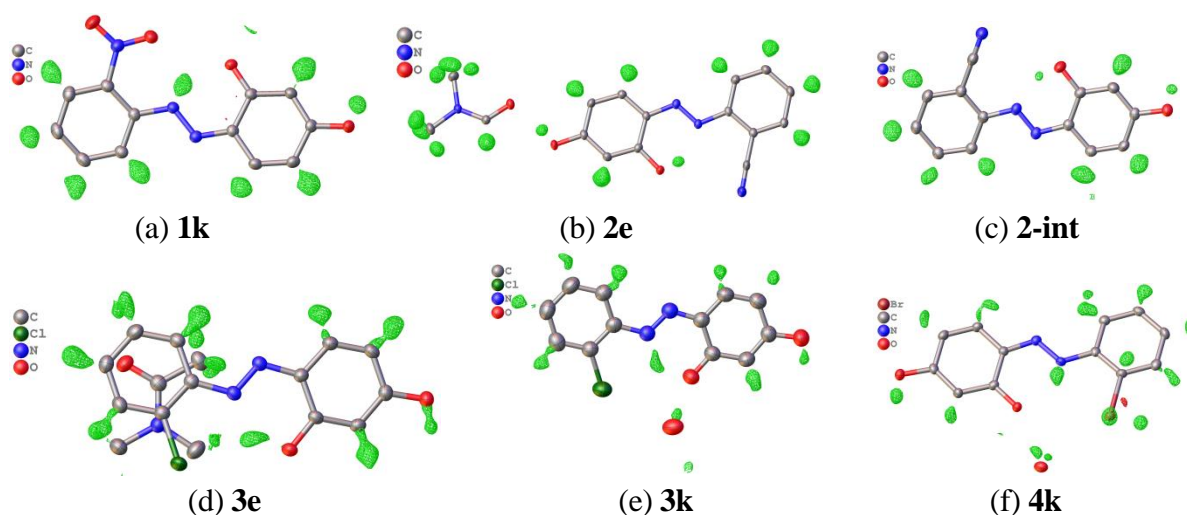


Figure S1. Difference Fourier Map of the crystal structure excluding hydrogen atoms.

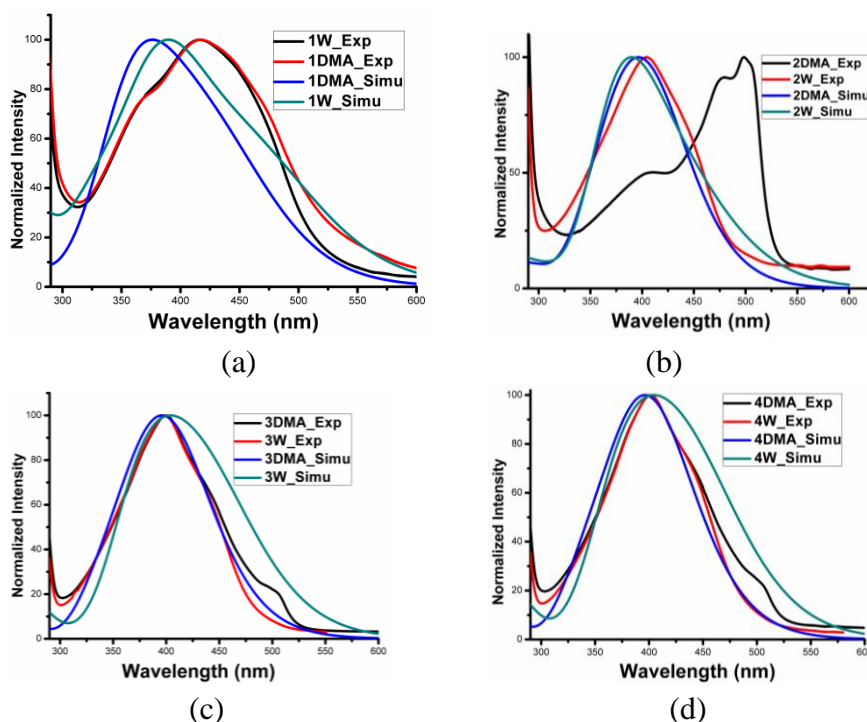


Figure S2. UV-Vis spectra and their theoretical fitting of (a) **1**, (b) **2**, (c) **3**, and (d) **4**.

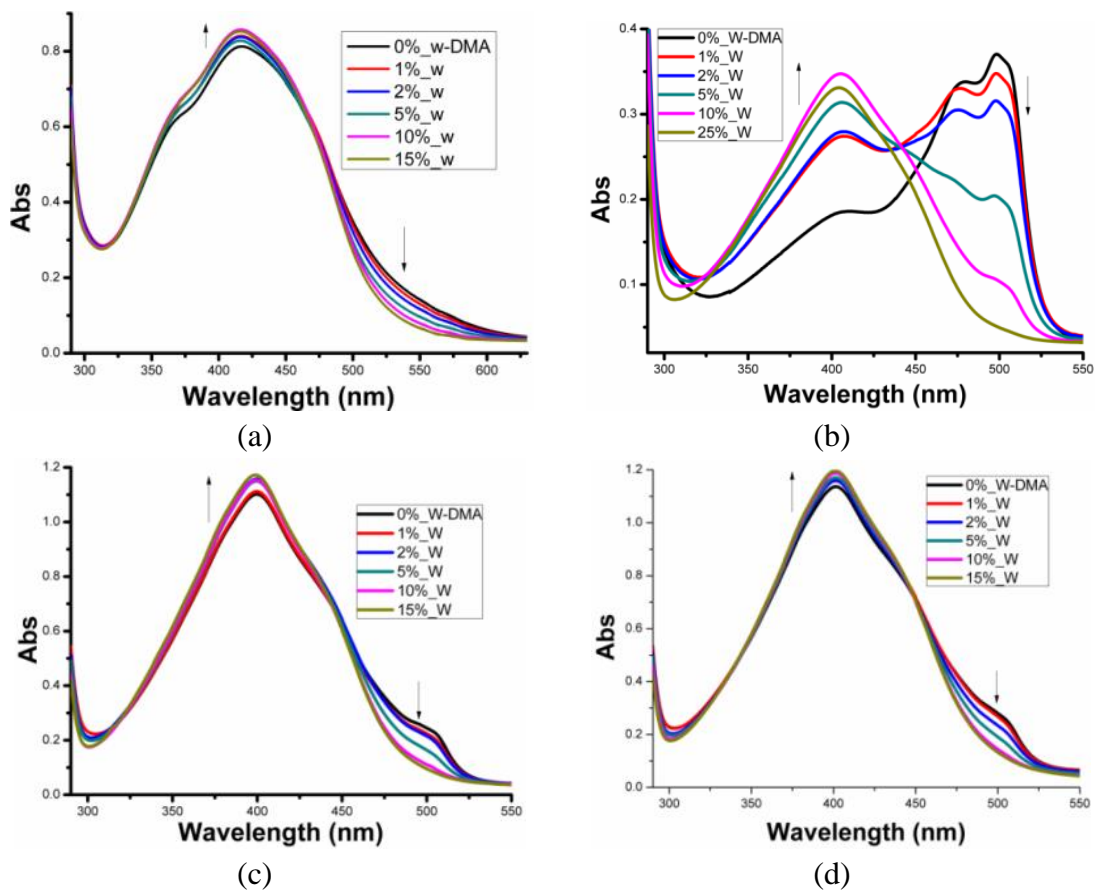
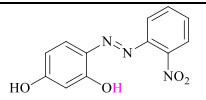
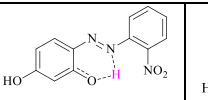
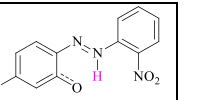
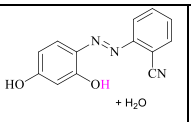
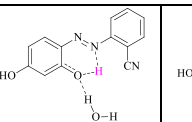
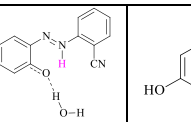
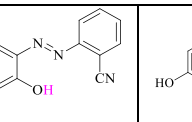
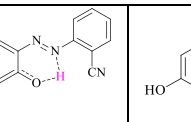
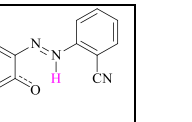


Figure S3. UV-Vis study of the compounds (a) **1**, (b) **2**, (c) **3**, and (d) **4** {0% w-DMA = 0 % water in 3 mL of Dimethyl acetamide, x%_w = x (= 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25) % water in 3 mL of Dimethyl acetamide}.

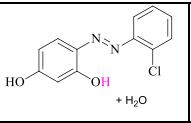
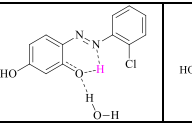
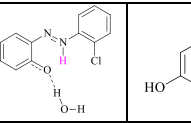
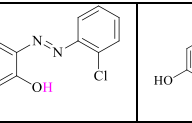
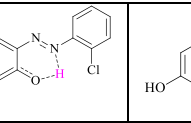
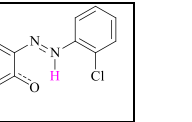
Table S1a-d. DFT calculated thermodynamics parameters at 298 K.

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	Reactant	TS	Product
ΔG_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	1.20	-1.31
ΔH_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	0.58	-1.35
ΔE_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	0.58	-1.35

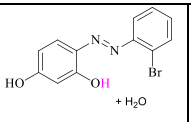
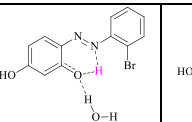
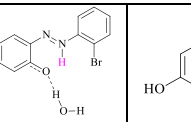
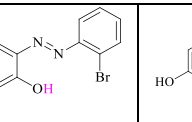
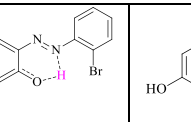
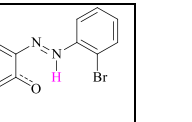
(a)

2						
	Reactants	TS	Product	Reactant	TS	Product
ΔG_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	20.27	5.56	0.0	13.65	1.76
ΔH_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	11.09	-2.06	0.0	13.25	1.84
ΔE_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	11.68	-1.47	0.0	13.25	1.83

(b)

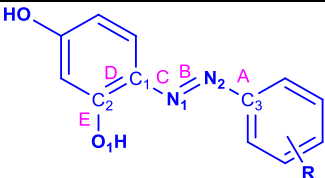
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ΔG_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	16.94	5.08	0.0	9.01	0.88
ΔH_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	7.83	-2.85	0.0	8.23	0.68
ΔE_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	8.42	-2.26	0.0	8.23	0.68

(c)

4						
	Reactants	TS	Product	Reactant	TS	Product
ΔG_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	5.81	4.83	0.0	1.43	0.78
ΔH_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	-2.03	-2.91	0.0	0.92	0.88
ΔE_{298} (kcal/mol)	0.0	-1.44	-2.32	0.0	0.92	0.88

(d)

Table S2. Normal important bond distances in Azobenzenes reported in literature.

Ref Code	CCDC no.	Bond distances (Å)
BIHLOU	236353	C7N1 (A) = 1.424(2) N1N3 (B) = 1.274(2) N3C13 (C) = 1.403(2) C13C23 (D) = 1.421(2) C23O12 (E) = 1.345(2)
BIHLUA	236354	C4N1 (A) = 1.420(3) N1N2 (B) = 1.276(3) N2C7 (C) = 1.397(3) C7C12 (D) = 1.421(3) C12O5 (E) = 1.343(3)
FONZEP	993686	C8N4 (A) = 1.279(11) N4N1 (B) = 1.264(7) N1C5 (C) = 1.292(10) C5C4 (D) = 1.37(2) C4O1 (E) = 1.38(2)
OQEREI	814670	C31N3 (A) = 1.400(4) N3N4 (B) = 1.279(4) N4C47 (C) = 1.359(4) C47C48 (D) = 1.446(5) C48O7 (E) = 1.306(4)
WALHAV	1440778	C3N4 (A) = 1.407(4) N4N1 (B) = 1.289(4) N1C7 (C) = 1.343(4) C7C11 (D) = 1.442(4) C11O1 (E) = 1.313(4)
YAZLEQ	161659	C4N1 (A) = 1.414(5) N1N2 (B) = 1.281(4) N2C7 (C) = 1.392(5) C7C12 (D) = 1.413(5) C12O5 (E) = 1.343(4)
		

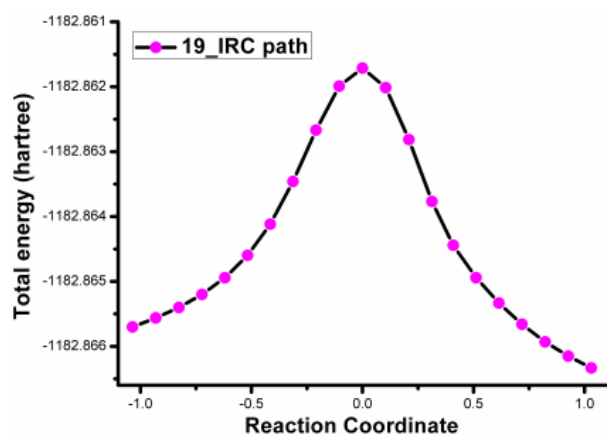


Figure S4. IRC calculation for **3**.

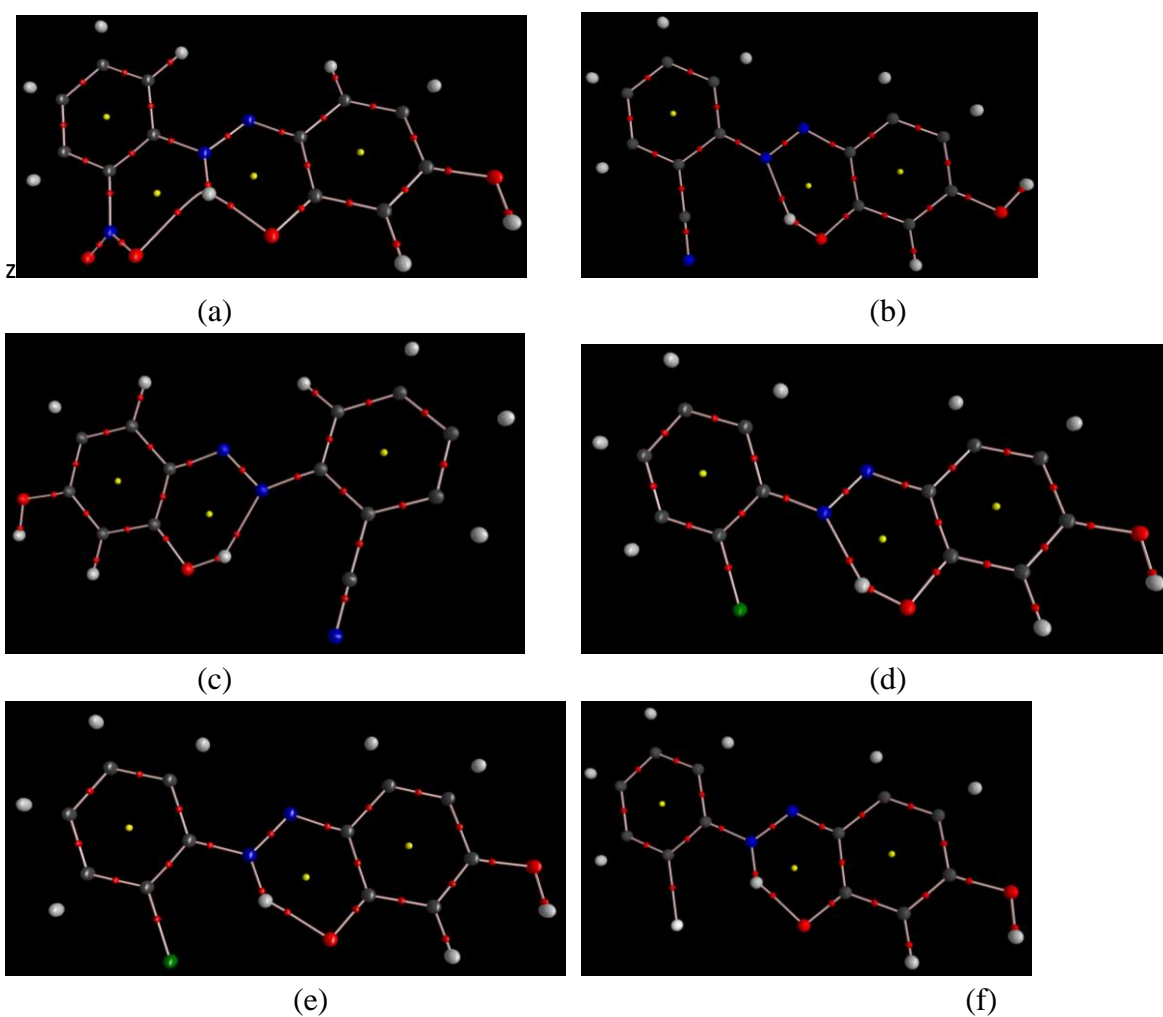
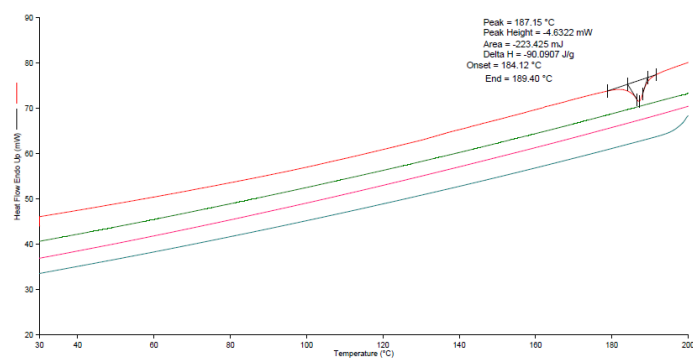
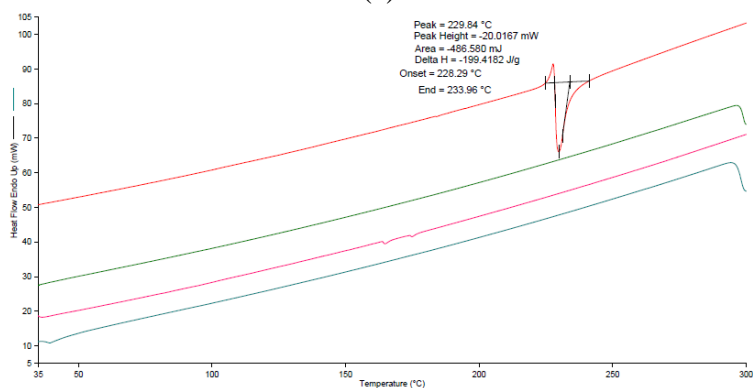


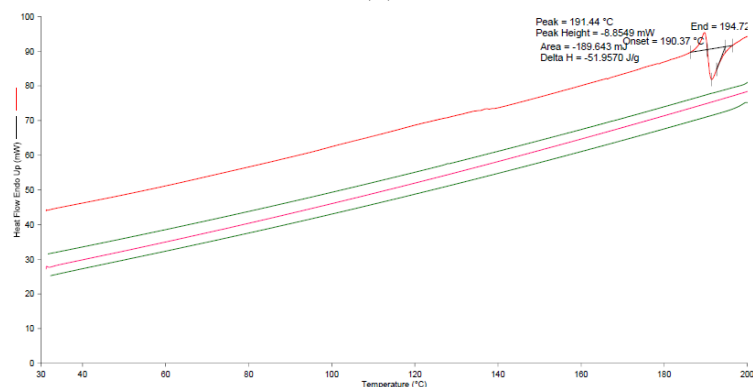
Figure S5. AIM analysis and bond path showing BCPs (red dots) and RCPs (yellow dots) (a) for **1k**, (b) for **2e**, (c) for **2-int**, (d) for **3e**, (e) for **3k** and (f) for **4k**.



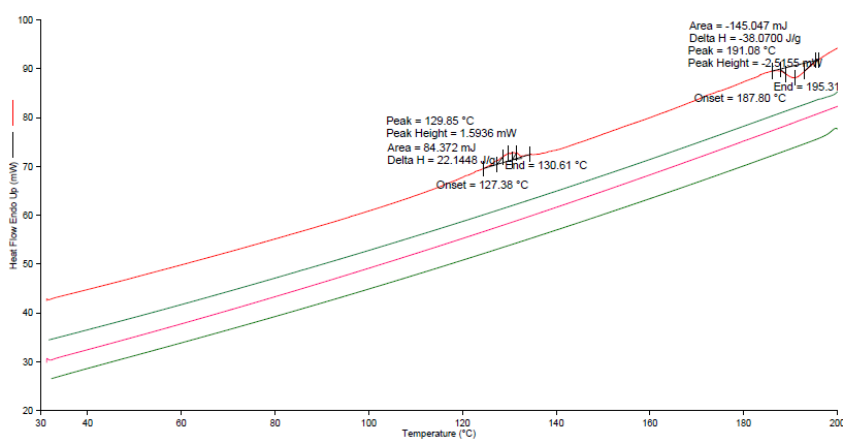
(a)



(b)



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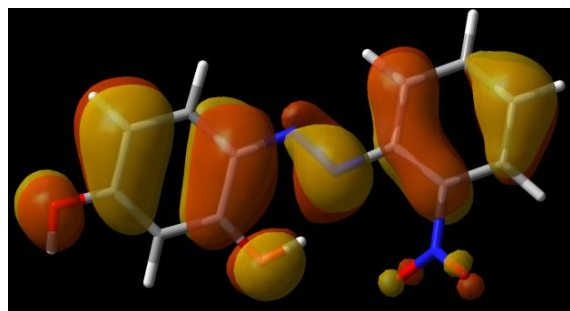


(d)

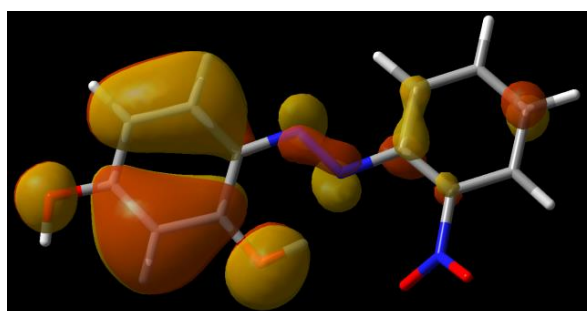
Figure S6. DSC curve of **1** (a), **2** (b), **3** (c), and **4** (d).

Table S3. Melting point of the compounds obtained from DSC measurement.

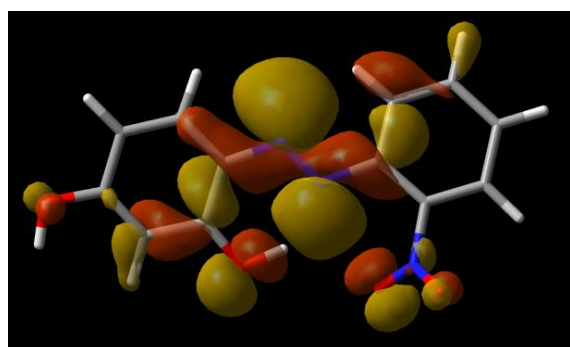
Sample	Melting range (°C)	Enthalpy of melting ($J g^{-1}$)
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2	228-234	-199.41
3	190-195	-51.95
4	188-195	-38.07



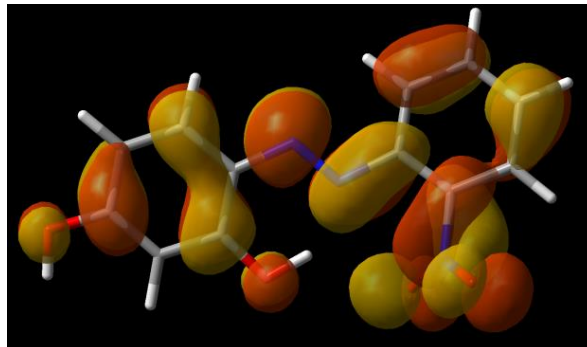
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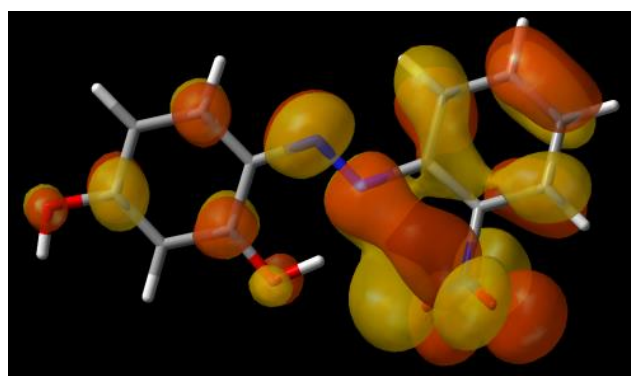
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HOMO-2

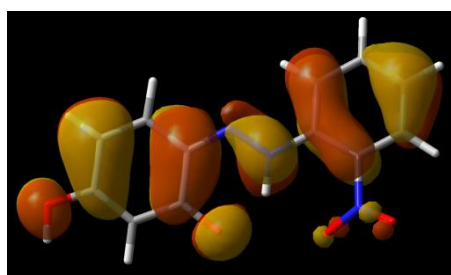


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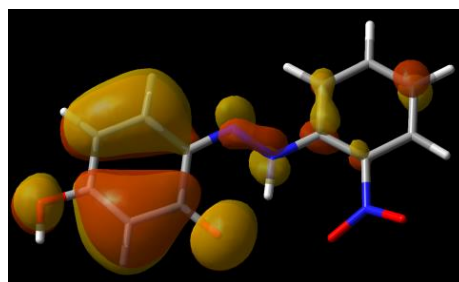


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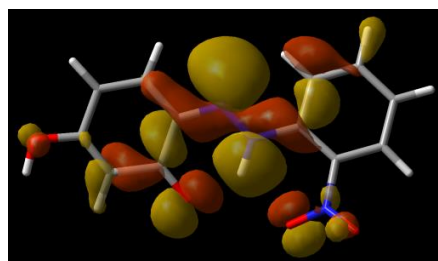
Figure S7. HOMO and LUMO for **1** in DMA.



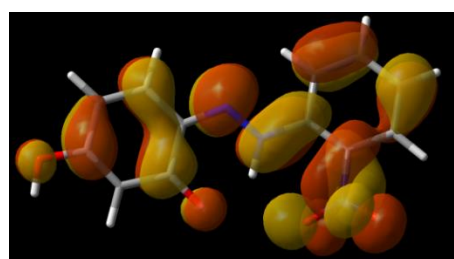
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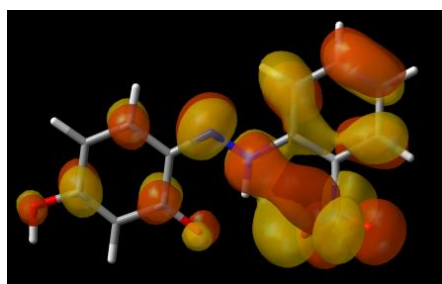
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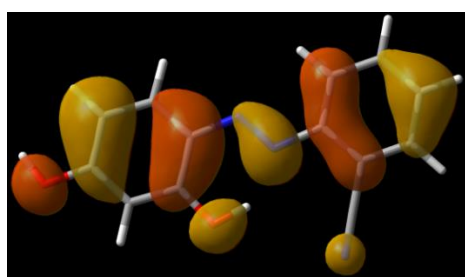


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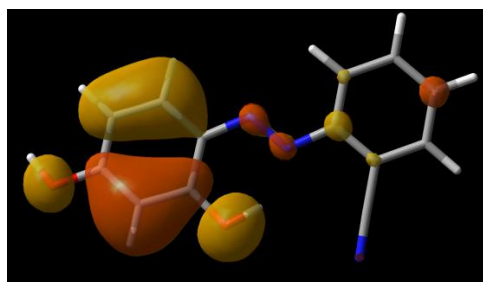


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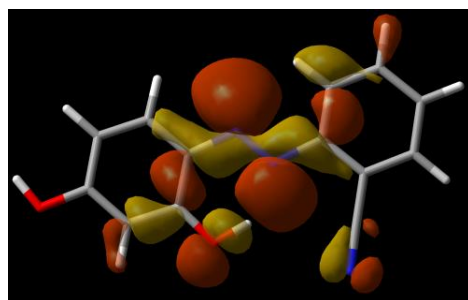
Figure S8. HOMO and LUMO for **1** in water.



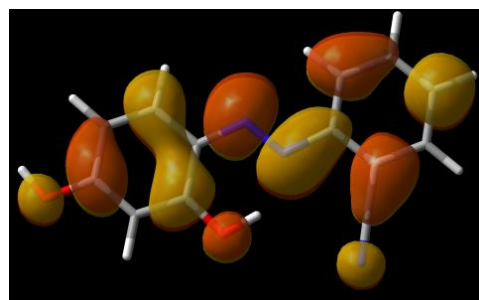
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HOMO-2



LUMO

Figure S9. HOMO and LUMO for **2** in DMA.

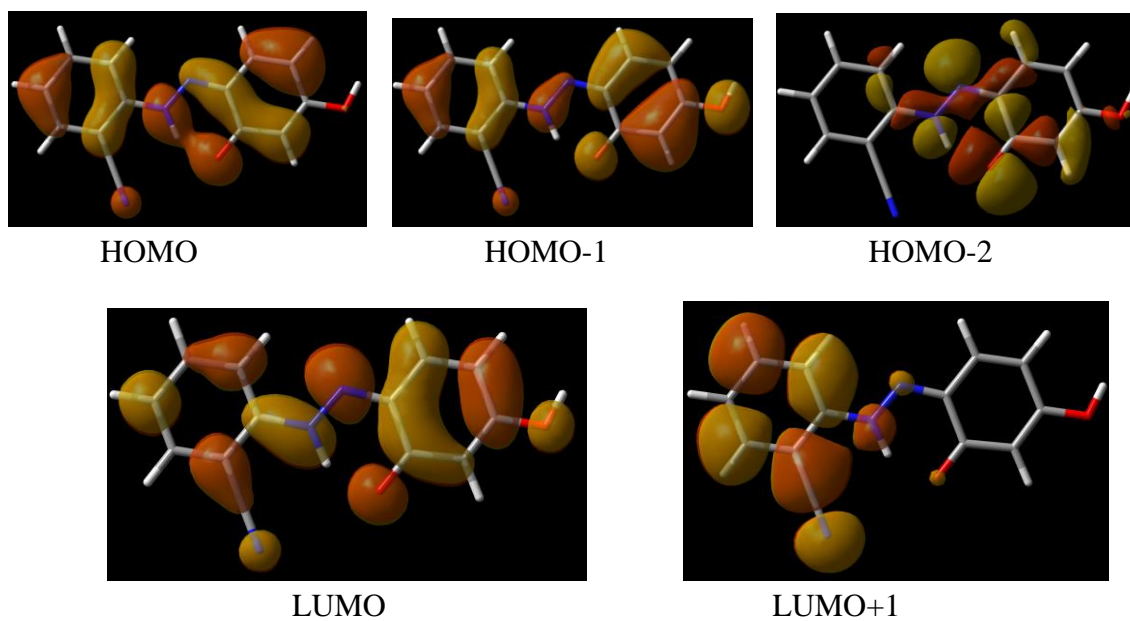


Figure S10. HOMO and LUMO for **2** in water.

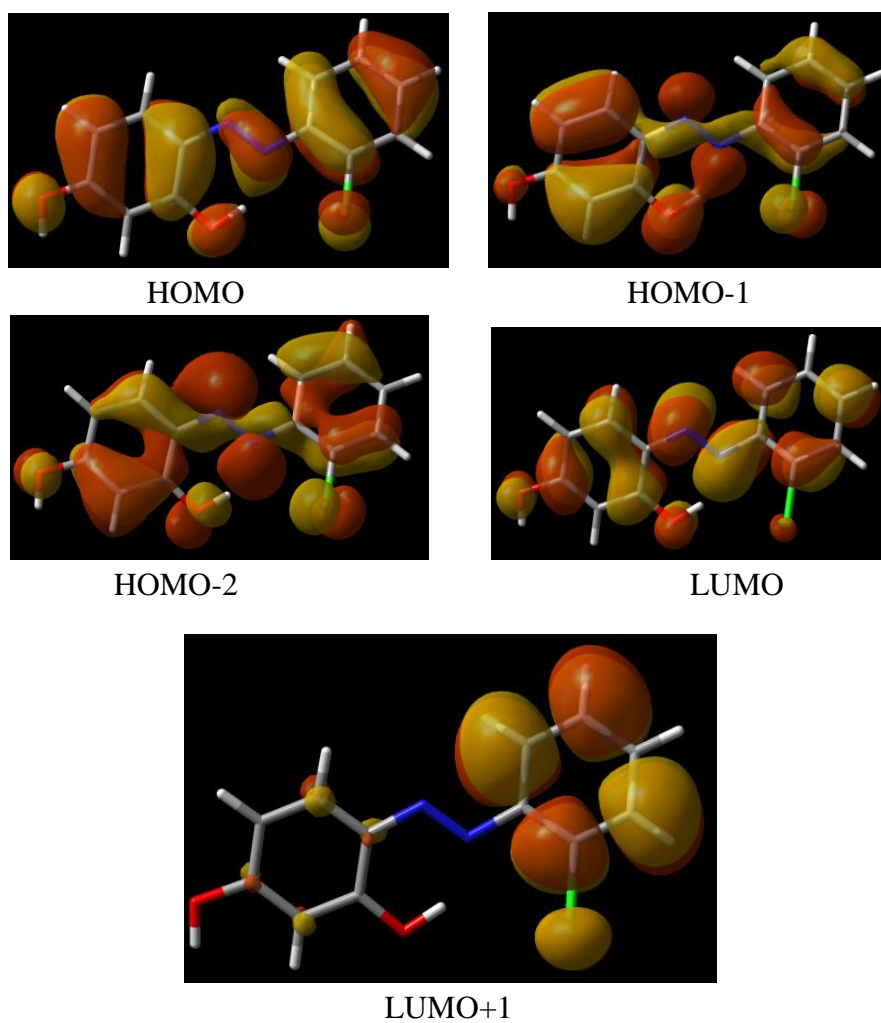


Figure S11. HOMO and LUMO for **3** in DMA.

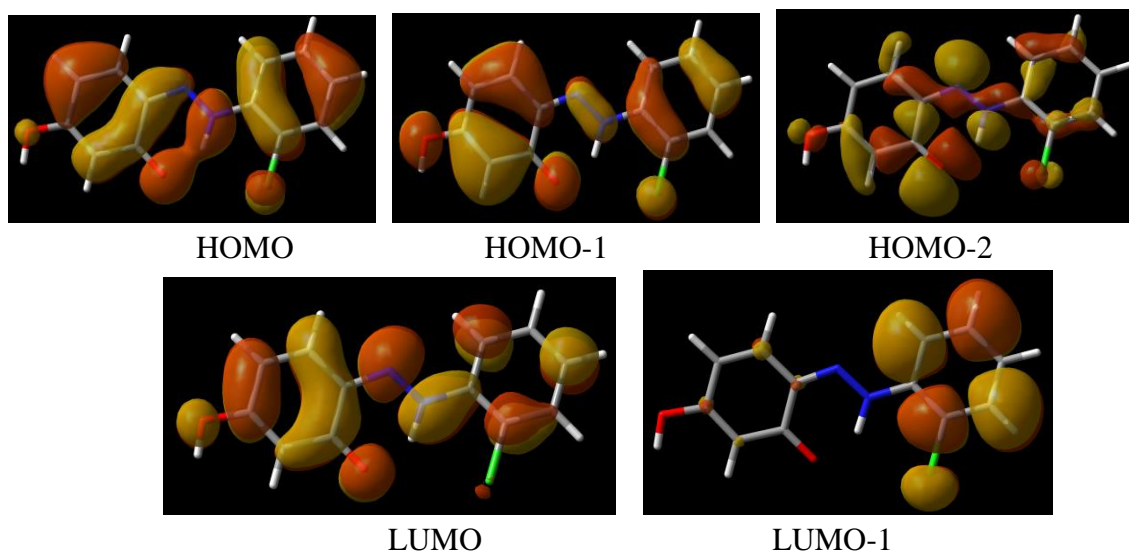


Figure S12. HOMO and LUMO for **3** in water.

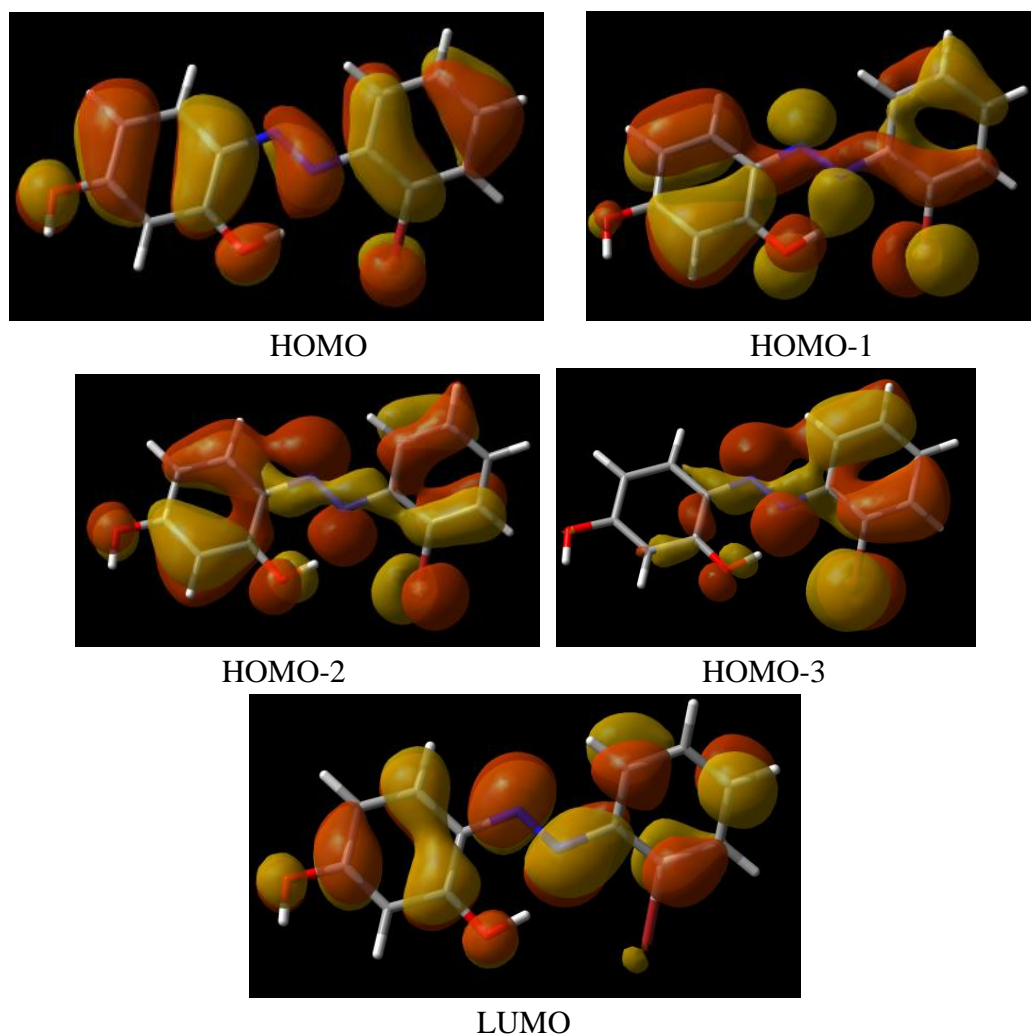


Figure S13. HOMO and LUMO for **4** in DMA.

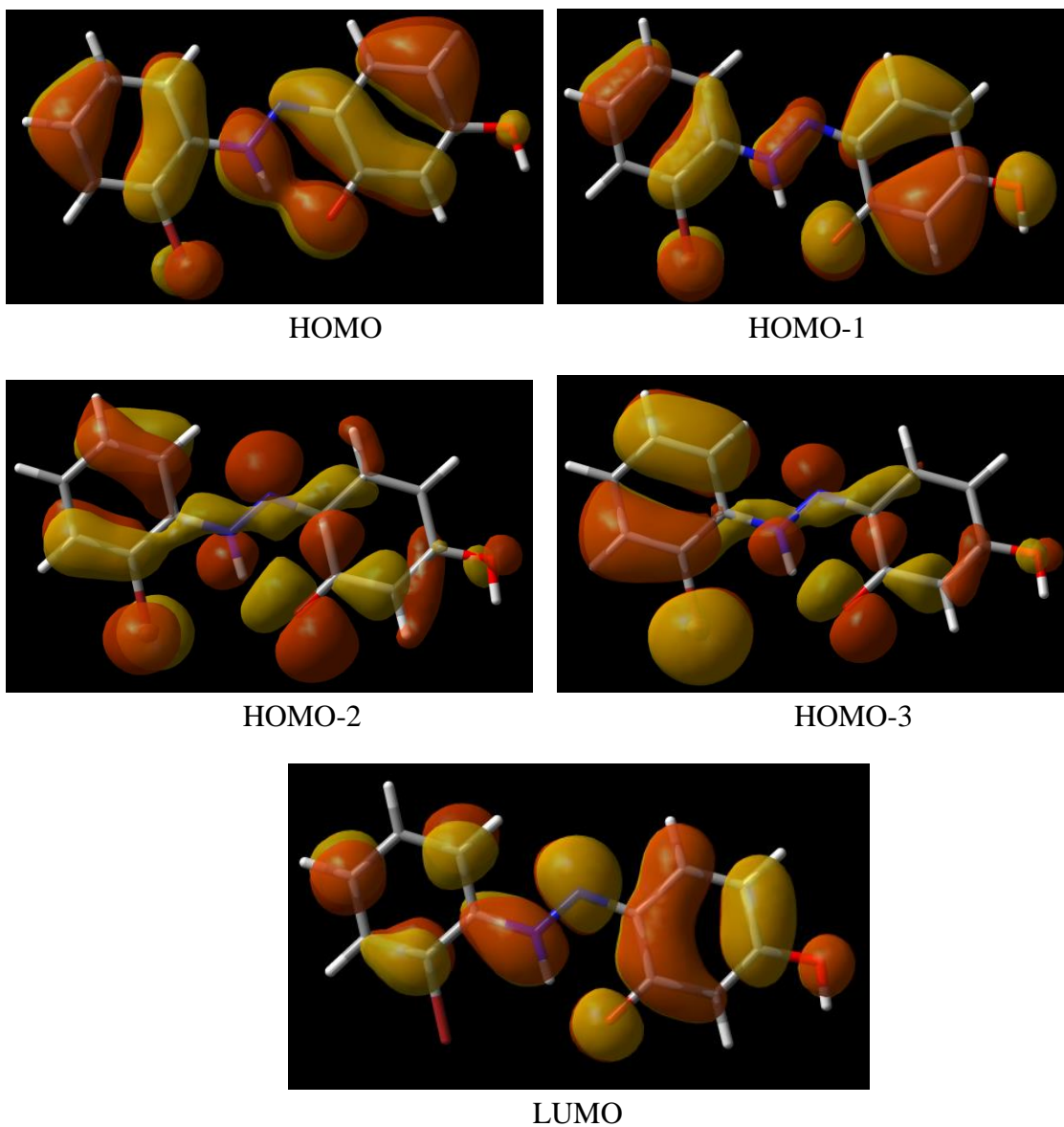
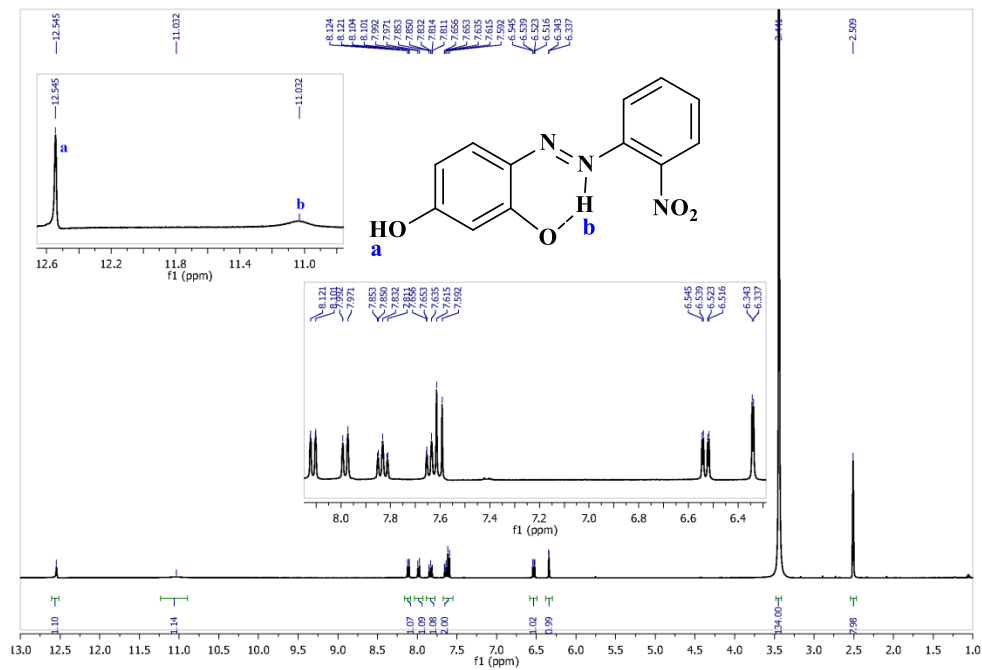
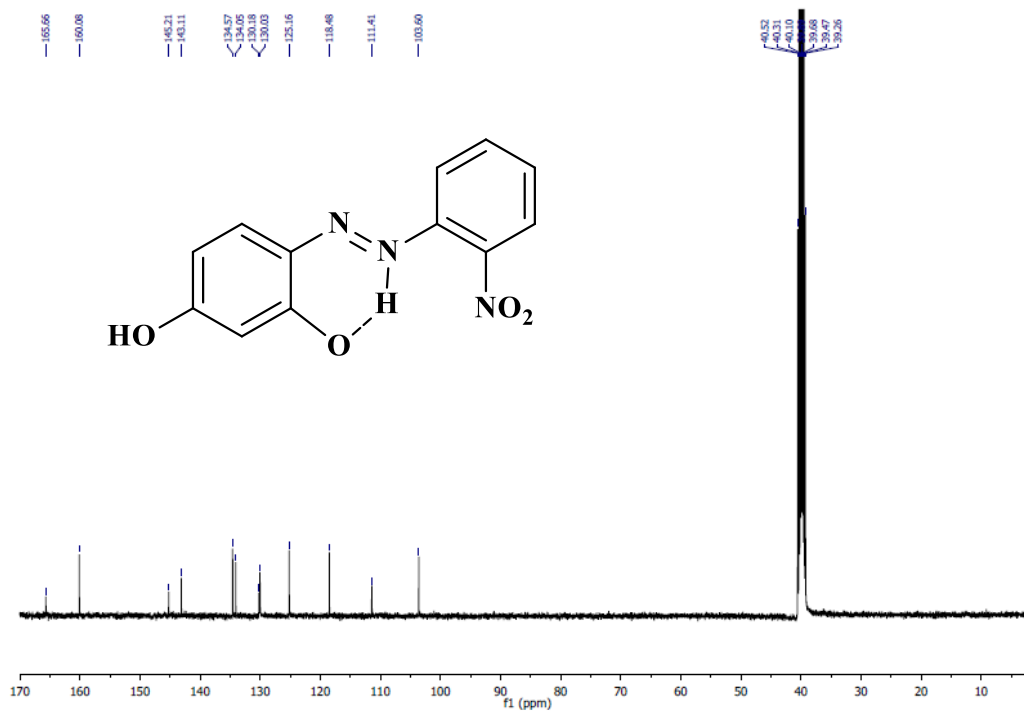


Figure S14. HOMO and LUMO for **4** in water.

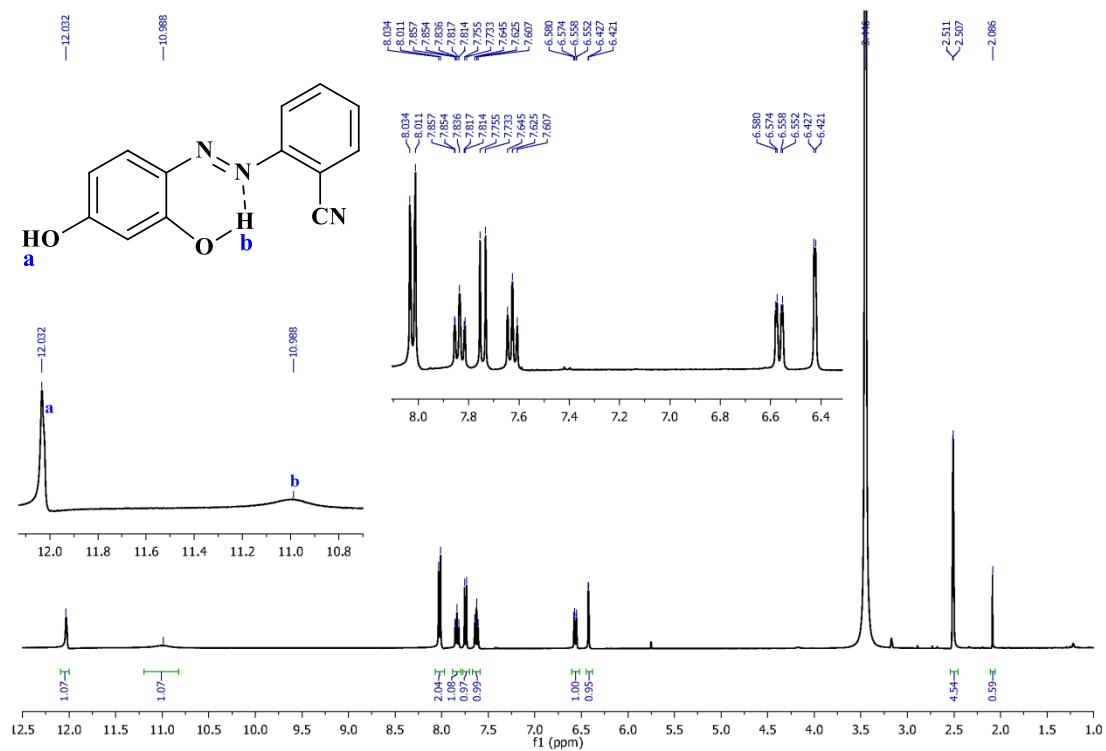


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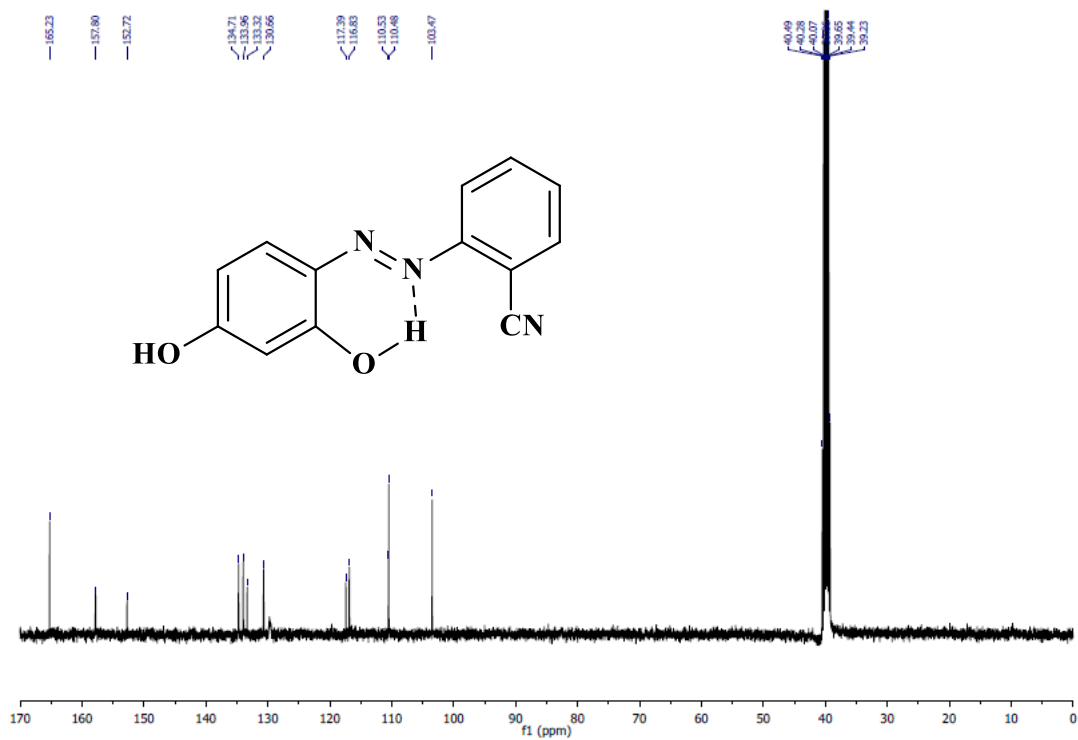


(b)

Figure S15. (a) ¹H and (b) ¹³C NMR spectra of **1** in [d₆-DMSO].



(a)



(b)

Figure S16. (a) ¹H and (b) ¹³C NMR spectra of **2** in [d₆-DMSO].

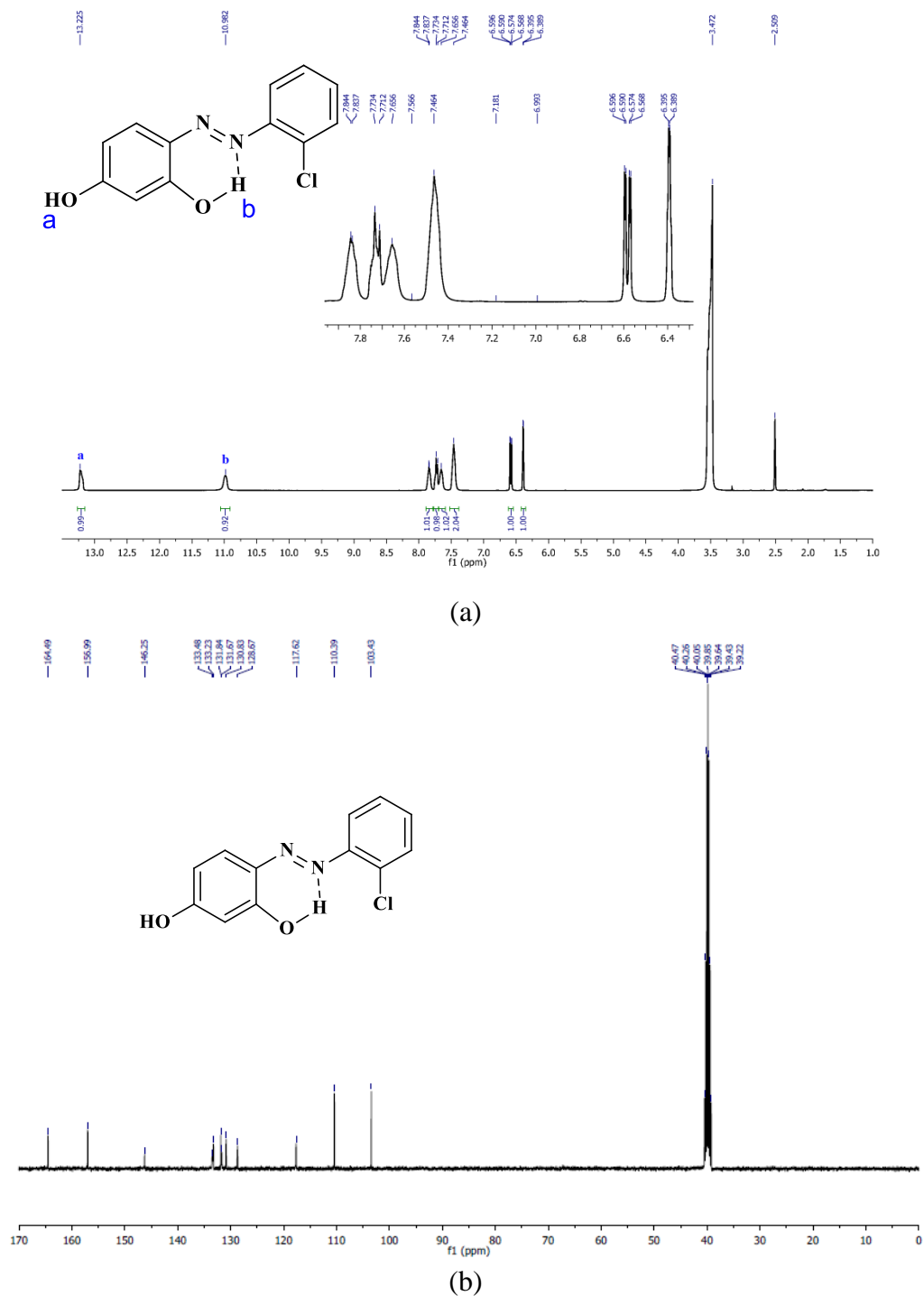
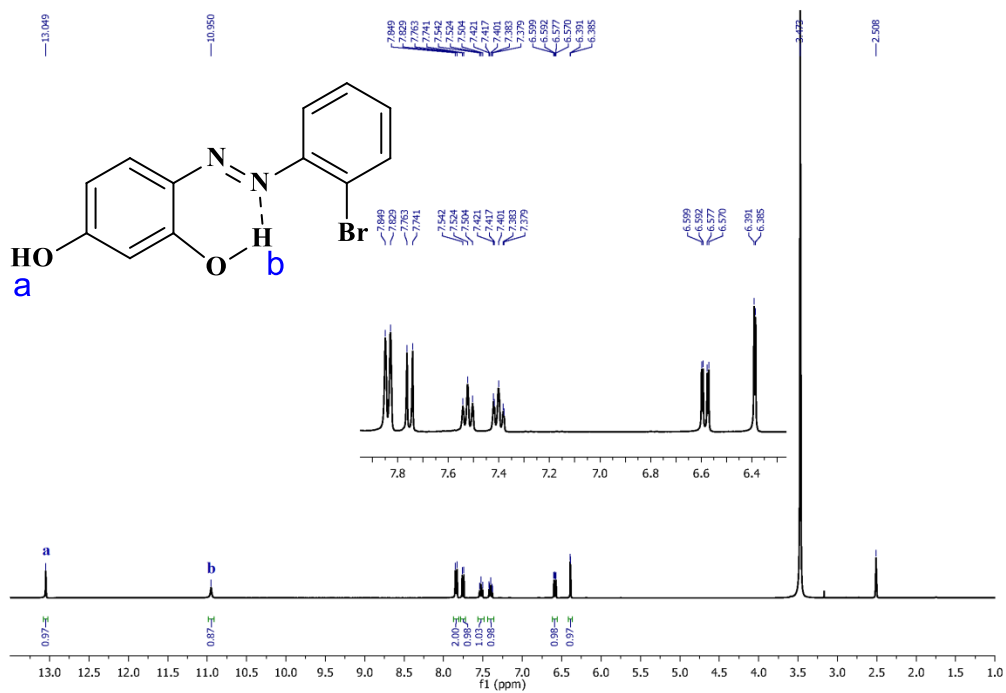
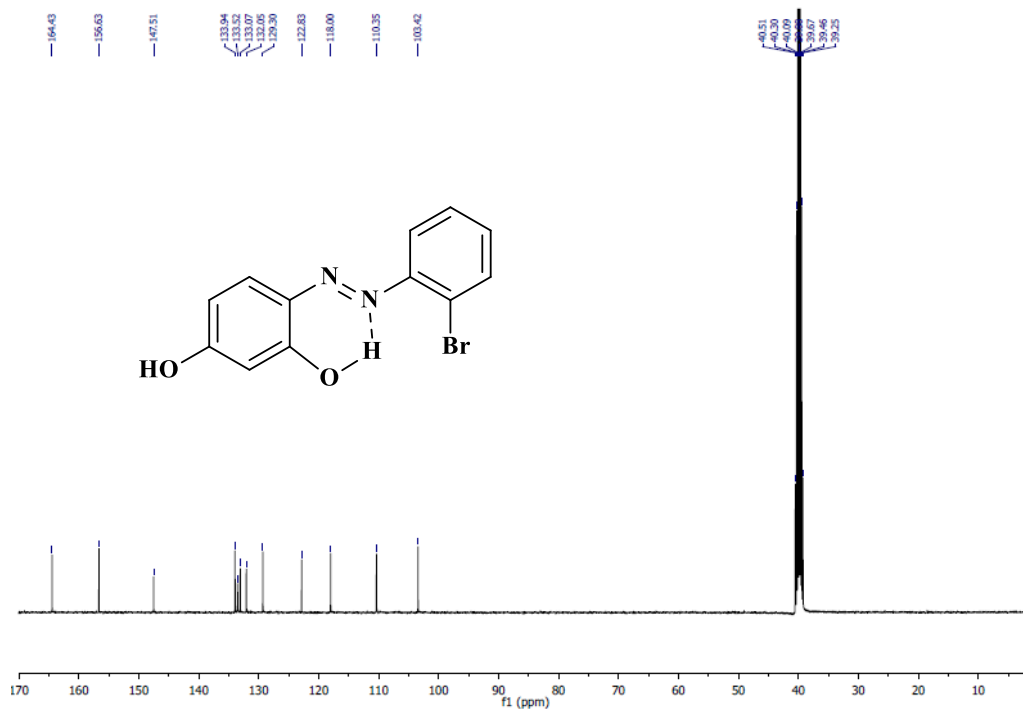


Figure S17. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra of **3** in $[\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}]$.



(a)



(b)

Figure S18. (a) ¹H and (b) ¹³C NMR spectra of **4** in [d₆-DMSO].

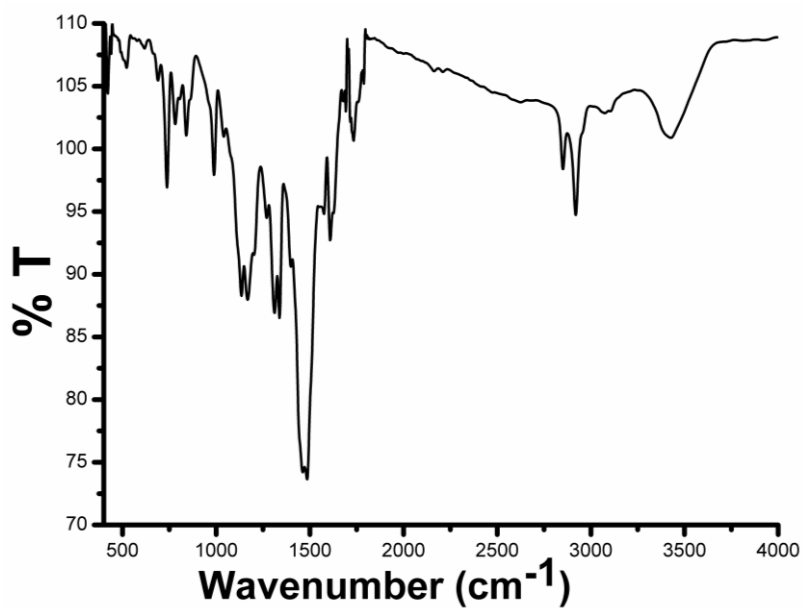


Figure S19a. FT-IR spectrum of **1**.

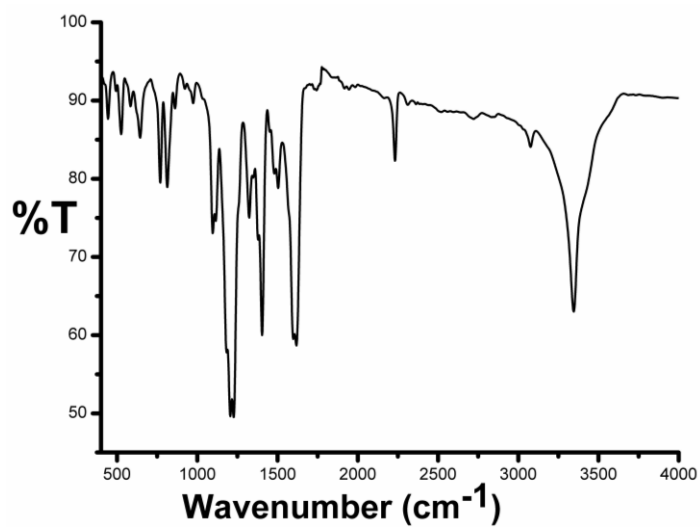


Figure S19b. FT-IR spectrum of **2**.

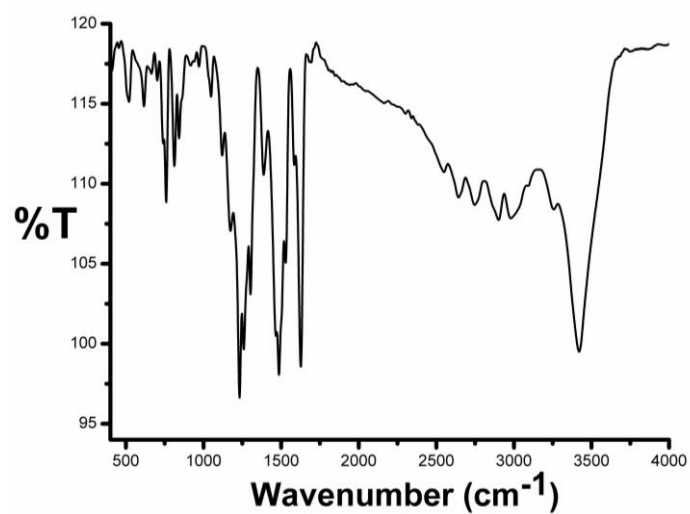


Figure S19c. FT-IR spectrum of **3**.

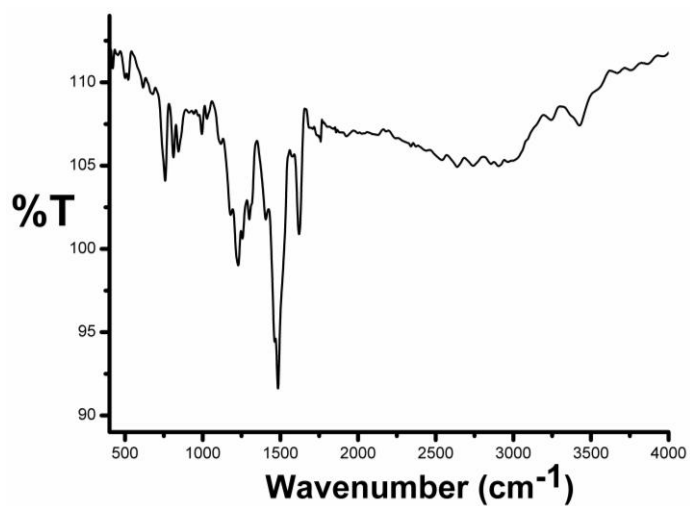


Figure S19d. FT-IR spectrum of **4**.

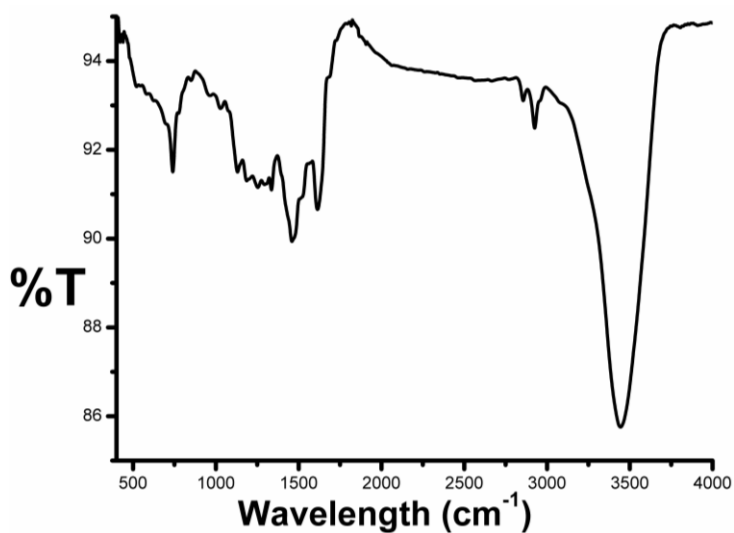


Figure S19e. FT-IR spectrum of **1** after DSC.

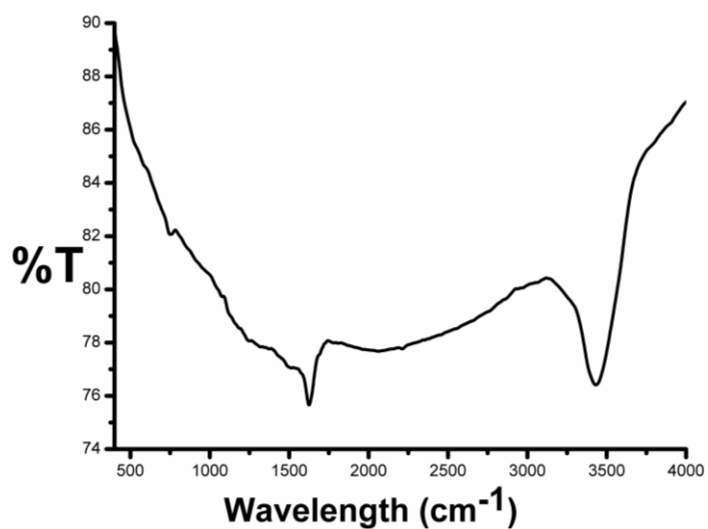


Figure S19f. FT-IR spectrum of **2** after DSC.

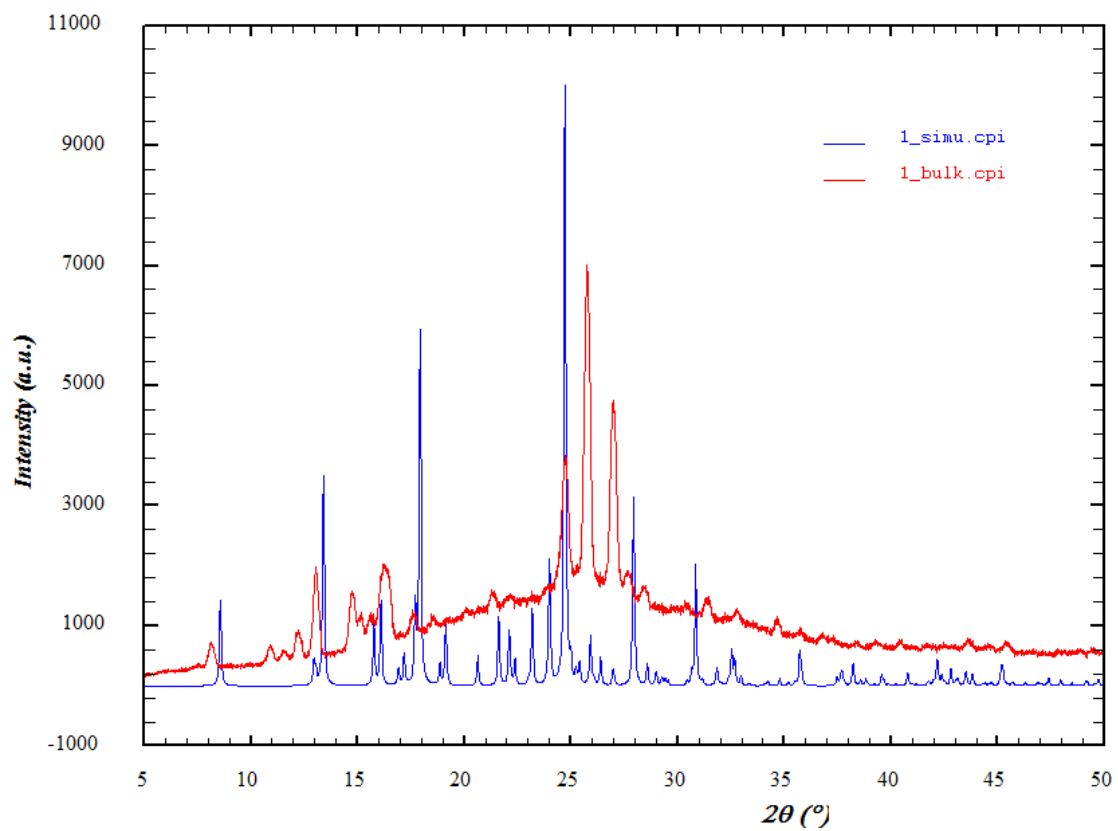


Figure S20a. PXRD of 1.

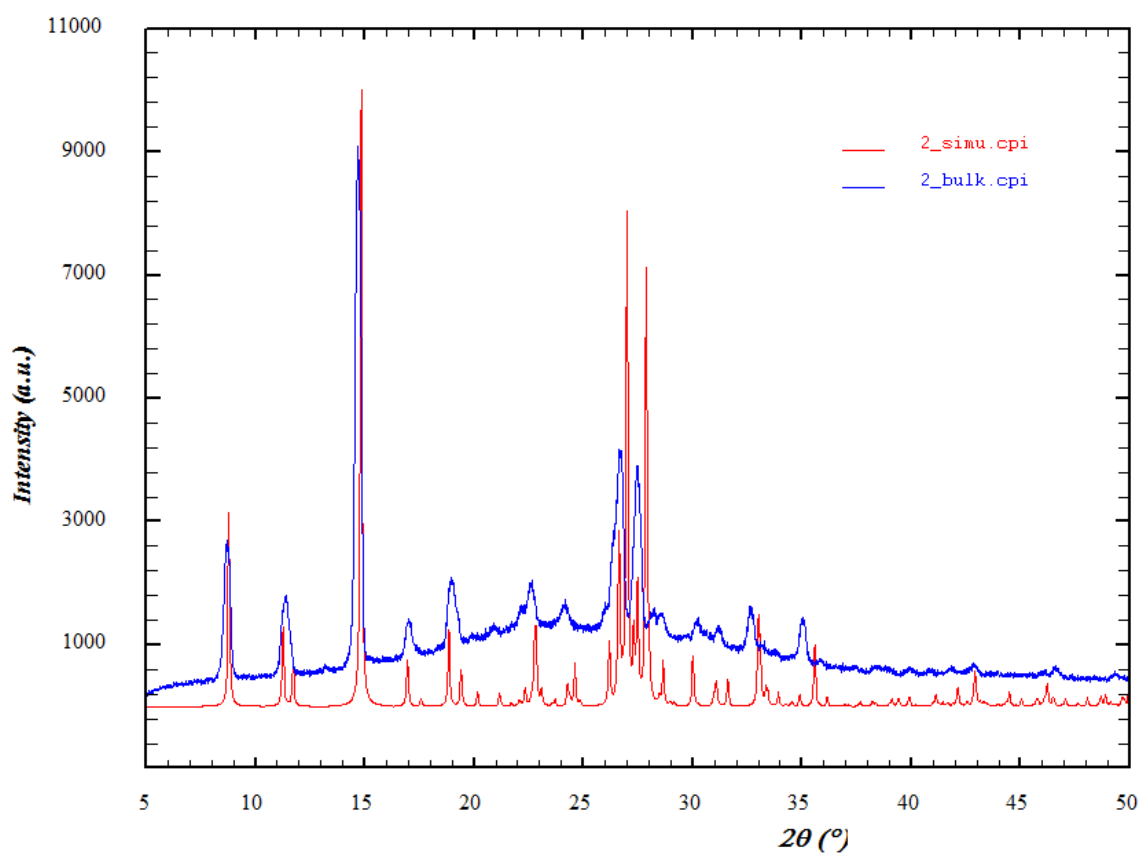


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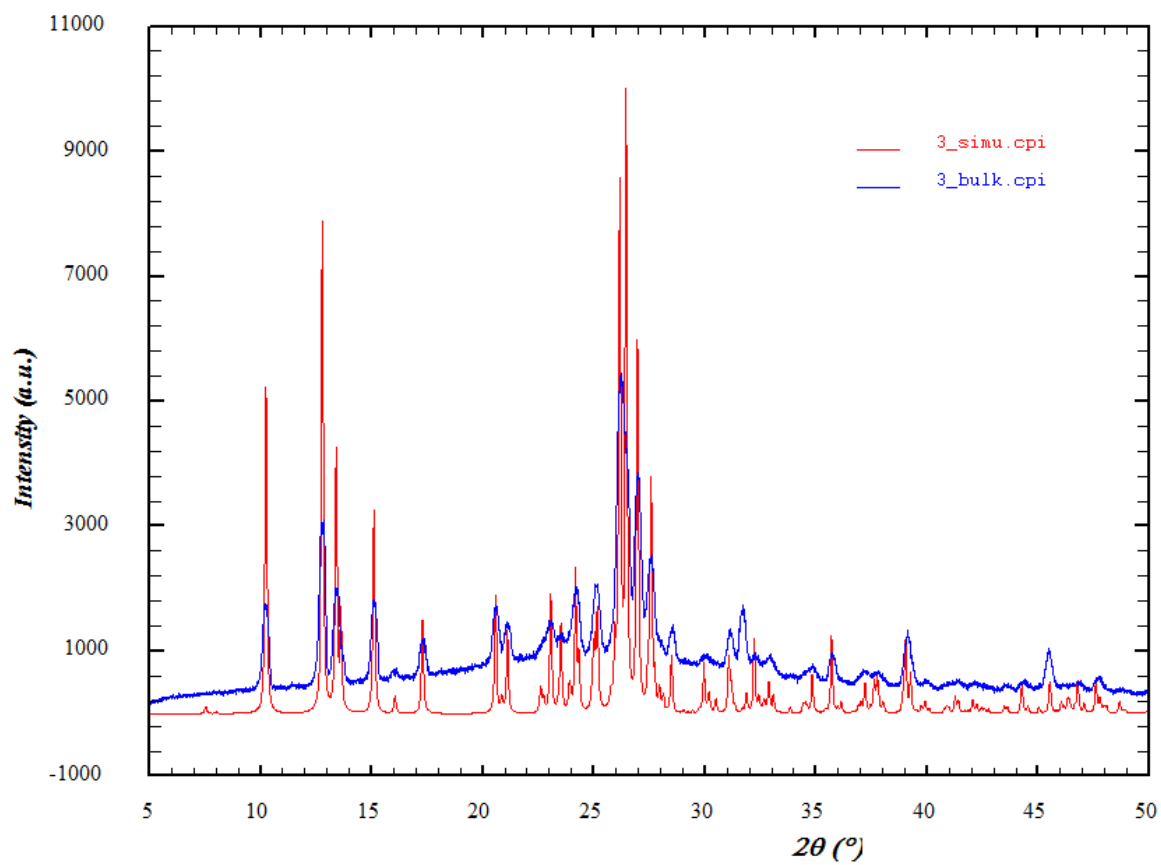


Figure S20c. PXRD of 3

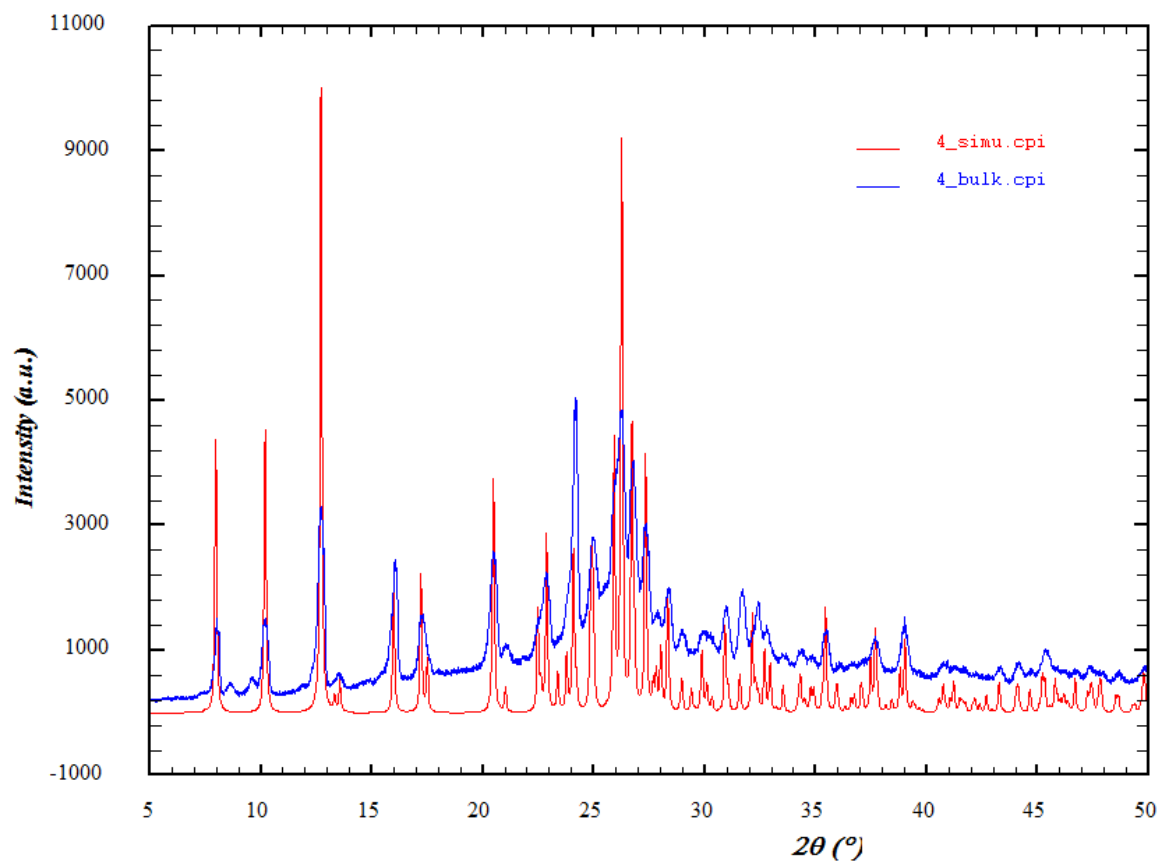
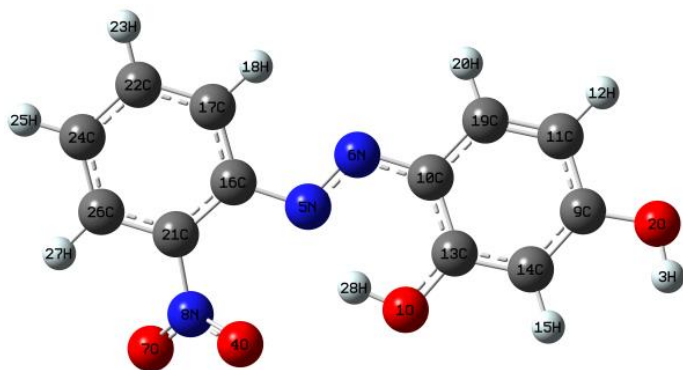


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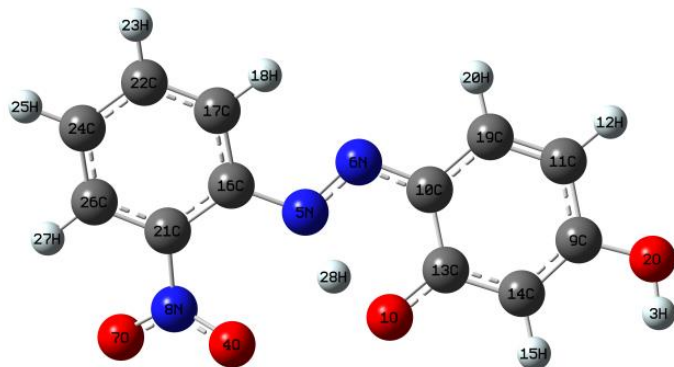
Figure S21a. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **1e** (enol form of **1**)



C12H9N3O4

O	-0.031311000	-0.017887000	0.005849000
O	0.097776000	0.012972000	4.769032000
H	1.048723000	0.123360000	4.618320000
O	-0.504572000	-0.011917000	-2.986372000
N	-2.374114000	-0.293756000	-0.990843000
N	-2.927377000	-0.395102000	0.158404000
O	-1.328583000	1.257152000	-4.547402000
N	-1.454892000	0.419811000	-3.646544000
C	-0.575481000	-0.072823000	3.595557000
C	-2.093763000	-0.273808000	1.247796000
C	-1.975191000	-0.251757000	3.684567000
H	-2.442912000	-0.310476000	4.660559000
C	-0.672357000	-0.089945000	1.179836000
C	0.069753000	0.007922000	2.359711000
H	1.144918000	0.143890000	2.293990000
C	-3.236230000	-0.458146000	-2.091253000
C	-4.549299000	-0.950711000	-1.966766000
H	-4.897898000	-1.232034000	-0.981001000
C	-2.708222000	-0.351117000	2.522714000
H	-3.783789000	-0.491645000	2.554859000
C	-2.801441000	-0.096166000	-3.388913000
C	-5.379076000	-1.077076000	-3.074965000
H	-6.381724000	-1.472948000	-2.948297000
C	-4.931117000	-0.699305000	-4.347978000
H	-5.576758000	-0.800914000	-5.213342000
C	-3.644101000	-0.195709000	-4.500470000
H	-3.272416000	0.105416000	-5.471980000
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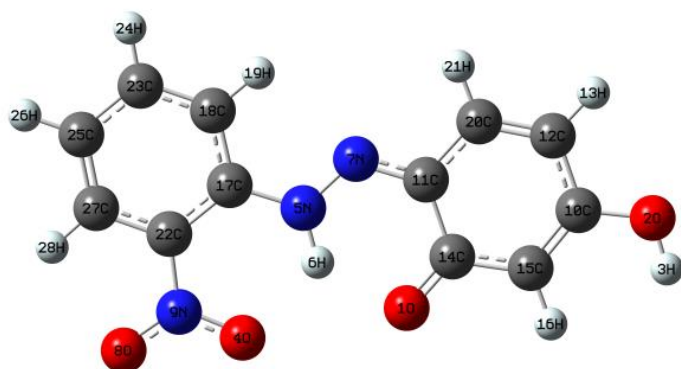
Figure S21b. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **1ts** (transition state of **1**)



C12H9N3O4

O	-0.182226000	-0.072150000	-0.061994000
O	0.131041000	-0.047756000	4.707784000
H	1.084447000	0.023060000	4.546520000
O	-0.532106000	0.258817000	-2.877588000
N	-2.382838000	-0.272127000	-0.979156000
N	-2.967582000	-0.333738000	0.181016000
O	-1.281869000	1.126751000	-4.724177000
N	-1.444404000	0.476804000	-3.683246000
C	-0.556207000	-0.104270000	3.543916000
C	-2.151733000	-0.246663000	1.254022000
C	-1.973115000	-0.223333000	3.676278000
H	-2.403834000	-0.258691000	4.670230000
C	-0.708232000	-0.118222000	1.128922000
C	0.068023000	-0.051514000	2.304429000
H	1.146403000	0.040637000	2.218281000
C	-3.198199000	-0.427875000	-2.108678000
C	-4.505214000	-0.941105000	-1.982738000
H	-4.847203000	-1.227490000	-0.996738000
C	-2.746644000	-0.293200000	2.549217000
H	-3.825972000	-0.387037000	2.612283000
C	-2.769818000	-0.066500000	-3.412703000
C	-5.336034000	-1.086933000	-3.085586000
H	-6.331743000	-1.496842000	-2.949611000
C	-4.895970000	-0.719422000	-4.364705000
H	-5.540111000	-0.840507000	-5.228472000
C	-3.617171000	-0.203806000	-4.520505000
H	-3.247579000	0.088892000	-5.494729000
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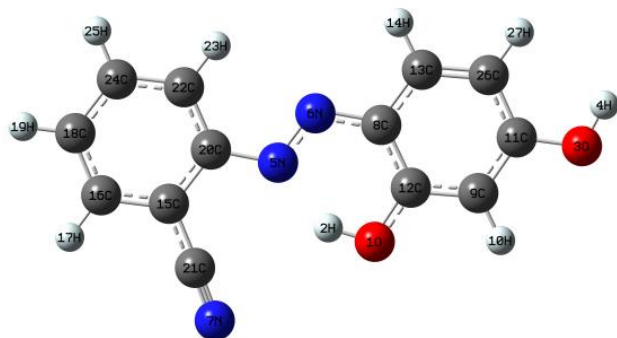
Figure S21c. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **1k** (keto form of **1**)



C12H9N3O4

O	-0.039660000	0.260645000	0.027190000
O	0.010753000	-0.068484000	4.781179000
H	0.947203000	0.170292000	4.697417000
O	-0.584015000	0.403888000	-2.950602000
N	-2.353659000	-0.229993000	-1.091363000
H	-1.360158000	0.030298000	-1.192941000
N	-2.836387000	-0.439316000	0.115034000
O	-1.126596000	0.468043000	-5.052658000
N	-1.413775000	0.268942000	-3.866161000
C	-0.584686000	-0.129078000	3.568453000
C	-2.051780000	-0.320277000	1.174095000
C	-1.984139000	-0.477691000	3.608359000
H	-2.444396000	-0.660272000	4.572698000
C	-0.607422000	0.040150000	1.130950000
C	0.077107000	0.118536000	2.388328000
H	1.130847000	0.379828000	2.375328000
C	-3.194393000	-0.367333000	-2.195518000
C	-4.537424000	-0.752779000	-2.005376000
H	-4.878732000	-0.932716000	-0.995074000
C	-2.683681000	-0.567942000	2.447959000
H	-3.737053000	-0.828414000	2.443219000
C	-2.766334000	-0.136126000	-3.532452000
C	-5.403361000	-0.901340000	-3.078069000
H	-6.429482000	-1.200723000	-2.890093000
C	-4.967388000	-0.671972000	-4.392266000
H	-5.645074000	-0.790186000	-5.230154000
C	-3.654423000	-0.291130000	-4.610087000
H	-3.284619000	-0.105685000	-5.609690000

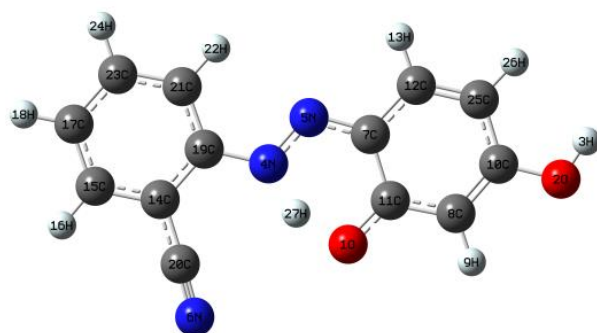
Figure S21d. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **2e** (enol form of **2**)



C13N3H9O2

O	-0.007562000	-0.078833000	-0.005949000
H	0.051314000	-0.068026000	0.991669000
O	2.903823000	-0.021503000	-3.699150000
H	3.839215000	0.004275000	-3.950642000
N	1.122617000	-0.022249000	2.314202000
N	2.292889000	0.008432000	1.803542000
N	-2.355020000	-0.114540000	2.821684000
C	2.373109000	-0.001050000	0.426152000
C	1.466060000	-0.049507000	-1.846388000
H	0.618884000	-0.081956000	-2.522471000
C	2.768542000	-0.013541000	-2.349252000
C	1.252939000	-0.043716000	-0.468352000
C	3.676399000	0.034423000	-0.123592000
H	4.513564000	0.066474000	0.566233000
C	-0.223627000	-0.044228000	4.304279000
C	-0.375054000	-0.038018000	5.701952000
H	-1.370773000	-0.062826000	6.130732000
C	0.750525000	-0.000381000	6.520196000
H	0.634045000	0.004322000	7.598672000
C	1.067209000	-0.012416000	3.722543000
C	-1.388254000	-0.082828000	3.471171000
C	2.190822000	0.025367000	4.563629000
H	3.178284000	0.049450000	4.119349000
C	2.029670000	0.031251000	5.946114000
H	2.906876000	0.060501000	6.584970000
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H	4.892395000	0.056358000	-1.896226000

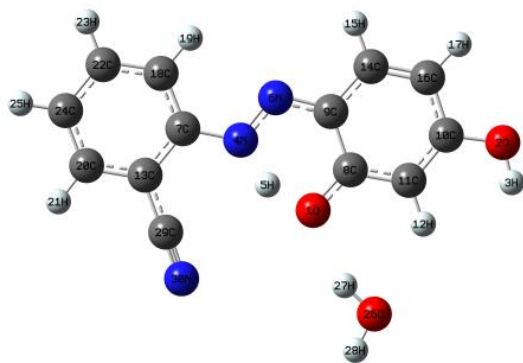
Figure S21e. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **2ts** (transition state of **2**)



C13N3H9O2

O	0.165318000	0.081973000	-0.129568000
O	-0.085377000	0.025253000	4.583562000
H	0.482421000	0.012911000	5.365865000
N	2.344823000	0.084219000	-1.131673000
N	2.970844000	0.067197000	0.007582000
N	-0.166455000	0.125965000	-3.711055000
C	2.189403000	0.057333000	1.107088000
C	-0.003781000	0.053800000	2.241146000
H	-1.086870000	0.059297000	2.206381000
C	0.664706000	0.035713000	3.450154000
C	0.730237000	0.065147000	1.029575000
C	2.832431000	0.038599000	2.377854000
H	3.917644000	0.033163000	2.400018000
C	2.424683000	0.112812000	-3.550856000
C	3.159936000	0.123882000	-4.749642000
H	2.622289000	0.137490000	-5.691623000
C	4.550540000	0.117515000	-4.724188000
H	5.109869000	0.126205000	-5.653882000
C	3.104201000	0.095021000	-2.308491000
C	0.993787000	0.119805000	-3.616787000
C	4.509061000	0.088797000	-2.297452000
H	5.020991000	0.075122000	-1.343363000
C	5.219266000	0.099947000	-3.492720000
H	6.304861000	0.094922000	-3.466028000
C	2.093933000	0.027908000	3.530817000
H	2.578329000	0.013506000	4.503482000
H	1.157258000	0.087235000	-0.940977000

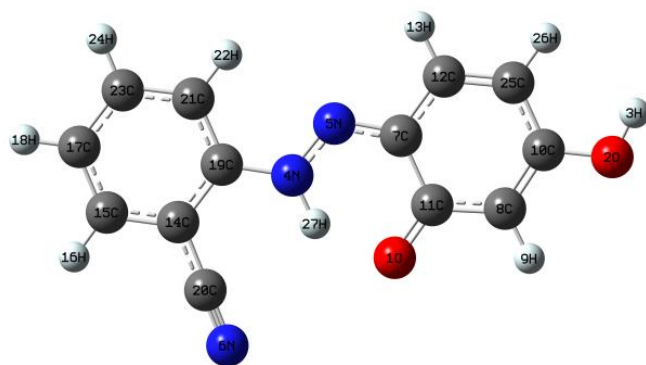
Figure S21f. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **2ts_w** (transition state of **2** with water)



C13N3H11O3

O	0.000821000	-0.007532000	0.003628000
O	-0.006071000	-0.003977000	4.780566000
H	0.955644000	-0.007574000	4.667963000
N	-2.138738000	-0.000127000	-1.062693000
H	-0.929542000	-0.004582000	-0.813797000
N	-2.804922000	0.003206000	0.051009000
C	-2.852927000	0.001987000	-2.267044000
C	-0.607239000	-0.004401000	1.157218000
C	-2.060631000	0.001124000	1.180457000
C	-0.620216000	-0.002574000	3.572378000
C	0.091264000	-0.006130000	2.381919000
H	1.177848000	-0.010226000	2.359765000
C	-2.117210000	-0.002039000	-3.477506000
C	-2.743965000	0.004600000	2.431203000
H	-3.829163000	0.008679000	2.415936000
C	-2.046701000	0.002825000	3.609522000
H	-2.542187000	0.005413000	4.573342000
C	-4.256435000	0.007957000	-2.318728000
H	-4.811358000	0.011042000	-1.388775000
C	-2.794918000	-0.000028000	-4.709210000
H	-2.215507000	-0.003178000	-5.626173000
C	-4.910297000	0.009856000	-3.546010000
H	-5.995899000	0.014477000	-3.570021000
C	-4.185537000	0.005897000	-4.745740000
H	-4.702343000	0.007430000	-5.699721000
O	2.794326000	-0.017879000	0.554655000
H	1.923371000	-0.014750000	0.116173000
H	3.450634000	-0.021976000	-0.151606000
C	-0.684808000	-0.008203000	-3.465777000
N	0.479344000	-0.013238000	-3.477891000

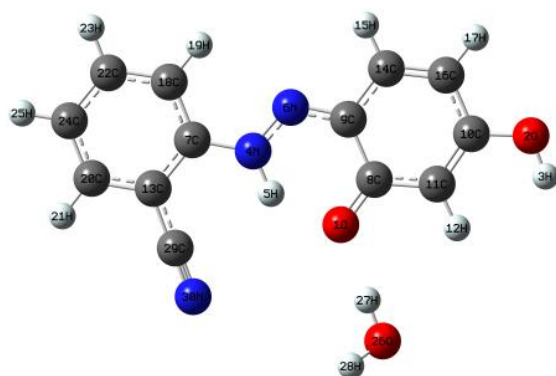
Figure S21g. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **2k** (keto form of **2**)



C13N3H9O2

O	0.025956000	0.086955000	-0.040438000
O	-0.003642000	0.024576000	4.669658000
H	0.591840000	0.010913000	5.433907000
N	2.331865000	0.085292000	-1.170290000
N	2.898504000	0.065367000	0.009270000
N	-0.132998000	0.121454000	-3.752206000
C	2.127982000	0.056154000	1.093961000
C	-0.022009000	0.055945000	2.329884000
H	-1.106418000	0.064077000	2.345638000
C	0.692511000	0.034689000	3.508022000
C	0.645718000	0.067563000	1.067870000
C	2.818159000	0.033732000	2.355054000
H	3.903182000	0.025602000	2.336673000
C	2.457154000	0.112211000	-3.591431000
C	3.217538000	0.123178000	-4.775613000
H	2.703975000	0.135730000	-5.730586000
C	4.606673000	0.117796000	-4.715994000
H	5.188396000	0.126410000	-5.631115000
C	3.108197000	0.095704000	-2.332820000
C	1.029832000	0.117372000	-3.677756000
C	4.509654000	0.090268000	-2.286403000
H	5.005067000	0.077576000	-1.324028000
C	5.244823000	0.101273000	-3.468010000
H	6.328874000	0.097058000	-3.415127000
C	2.132334000	0.022967000	3.531105000
H	2.653555000	0.005540000	4.483085000
H	1.289260000	0.092463000	-1.173672000

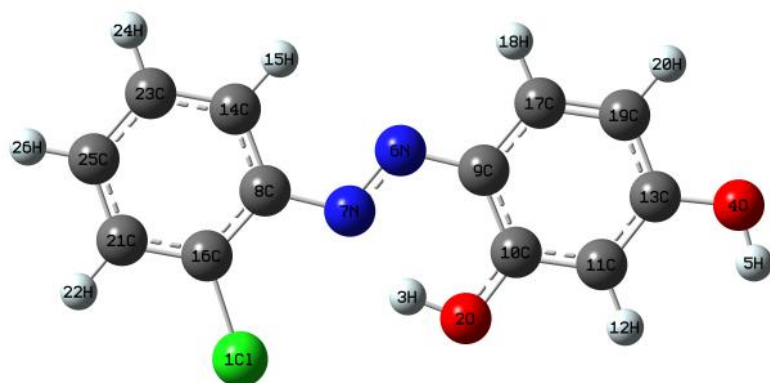
Figure S21h. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **2k_w** (keto form of **2** with water)



C13N3H11O3

O	0.001623000	-0.014665000	0.009286000
O	-0.010351000	-0.002584000	4.779945000
H	0.955324000	-0.009711000	4.688380000
N	-2.331142000	-0.000259000	-1.086973000
H	-1.293153000	-0.008794000	-1.126910000
N	-2.866531000	0.007379000	0.104563000
C	-3.136342000	0.004745000	-2.231388000
C	-0.601327000	-0.007931000	1.133862000
C	-2.078235000	0.003706000	1.177459000
C	-0.614045000	-0.001139000	3.571401000
C	0.086481000	-0.008987000	2.381145000
H	1.172093000	-0.017564000	2.369513000
C	-2.514890000	-0.007407000	-3.504525000
C	-2.751030000	0.012100000	2.448974000
H	-3.836036000	0.020390000	2.443070000
C	-2.050323000	0.009786000	3.615545000
H	-2.541476000	0.016033000	4.581693000
C	-4.535493000	0.021606000	-2.149984000
H	-5.007293000	0.031172000	-1.175771000
C	-3.303166000	-0.002514000	-4.670029000
H	-2.812796000	-0.012040000	-5.637083000
C	-5.298796000	0.026133000	-3.313862000
H	-6.381141000	0.039257000	-3.235228000
C	-4.690480000	0.014145000	-4.576564000
H	-5.293945000	0.017864000	-5.477504000
O	2.773637000	-0.037441000	-0.249818000
H	1.793903000	-0.045458000	-0.167298000
H	2.967200000	-0.490233000	-1.080739000
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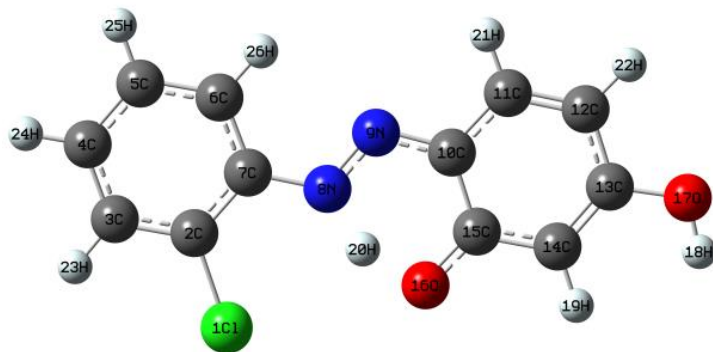
Figure S21i. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **3e** (enol form of **3**)



C12H9N2O2Cl

Cl	-0.091291000	-0.207219000	-0.024796000
O	-0.017232000	-0.025311000	3.674018000
H	0.475707000	-0.133331000	2.806444000
O	1.093624000	0.084853000	8.312518000
H	0.138283000	0.213359000	8.408154000
N	2.816399000	-0.411763000	3.070035000
N	1.982360000	-0.360144000	2.105739000
C	2.518822000	-0.499357000	0.810009000
C	2.293170000	-0.276920000	4.343840000
C	0.907097000	-0.087830000	4.646575000
C	0.496424000	0.034210000	5.976713000
H	-0.558782000	0.176492000	6.189711000
C	1.440485000	-0.028055000	7.003974000
C	3.889424000	-0.691643000	0.546601000
H	4.572445000	-0.735013000	1.386814000
C	1.633618000	-0.444170000	-0.284672000
C	3.217040000	-0.334462000	5.413949000
H	4.264455000	-0.477938000	5.168140000
C	2.812310000	-0.213527000	6.727511000
H	3.520171000	-0.257332000	7.547390000
C	2.092991000	-0.574578000	-1.595183000
H	1.388108000	-0.527789000	-2.417798000
C	4.352267000	-0.822390000	-0.757516000
H	5.411997000	-0.970117000	-0.940303000
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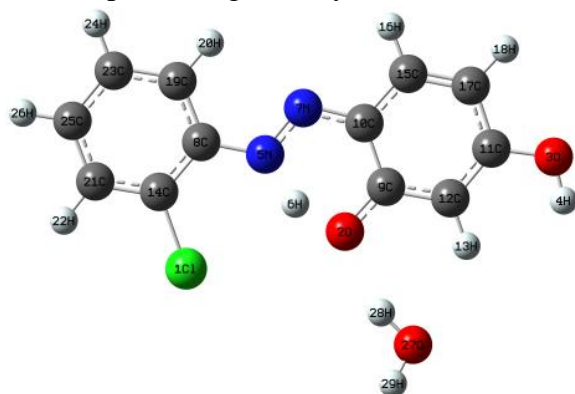
Figure S21j. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **3ts** (transition state of **3**)



C12H9N2O2Cl

Cl	-0.028604000	0.001331000	-0.023459000
C	-0.006593000	0.000681000	1.729028000
C	1.224241000	0.000657000	2.385594000
C	1.269452000	0.000139000	3.779397000
C	0.078251000	-0.000349000	4.515185000
C	-1.148575000	-0.000323000	3.862440000
C	-1.212651000	0.000193000	2.456504000
N	-2.431514000	0.000212000	1.762290000
N	-3.532729000	-0.000101000	2.443474000
C	-4.673041000	-0.000170000	1.710322000
C	-5.913533000	-0.000513000	2.407400000
C	-7.103221000	-0.000617000	1.726634000
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C	-5.903037000	-0.000039000	-0.421194000
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O	-3.524977000	0.000403000	-0.368956000
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H	-8.206399000	-0.000190000	-1.259925000
H	-5.896917000	0.000137000	-1.507553000
H	-2.688549000	0.000383000	0.567770000
H	-5.884684000	-0.000693000	3.492527000
H	-8.059844000	-0.000883000	2.235783000
H	2.135964000	0.001043000	1.798432000
H	2.229682000	0.000119000	4.285433000
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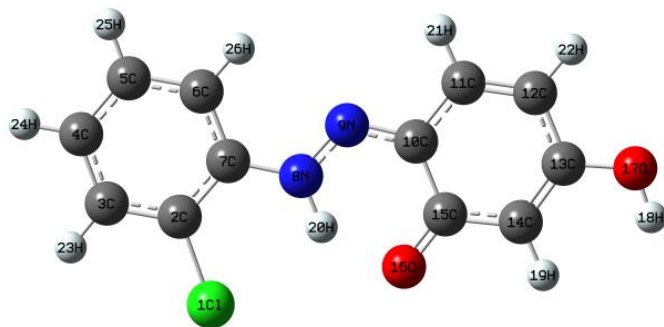
Figure S21k. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **3ts_w** (transition state of **3** with water)



C12H11N2O3Cl

Cl	0.269452000	0.757085000	-0.184023000
O	0.283151000	0.623617000	3.330334000
O	0.825431000	0.288601000	8.070331000
H	-0.109989000	0.537757000	8.074914000
N	2.220104000	0.153462000	2.008084000
H	1.076487000	0.444712000	2.413788000
N	2.982862000	-0.091532000	3.022272000
C	2.770362000	0.056618000	0.720636000
C	1.000781000	0.388967000	4.401333000
C	2.392269000	0.019905000	4.241126000
C	1.284344000	0.216273000	6.795008000
C	0.469009000	0.480294000	5.702466000
H	-0.574764000	0.758976000	5.820869000
C	1.953892000	0.317620000	-0.396767000
C	3.187142000	-0.239928000	5.391230000
H	4.226022000	-0.514092000	5.237499000
C	2.652924000	-0.146632000	6.651190000
H	3.238934000	-0.340708000	7.541925000
C	4.115860000	-0.293430000	0.501215000
H	4.739952000	-0.493374000	1.363889000
C	2.464424000	0.231935000	-1.691977000
H	1.811280000	0.438451000	-2.532545000
C	4.623731000	-0.378658000	-0.789332000
H	5.664093000	-0.650265000	-0.938878000
C	3.800061000	-0.116258000	-1.890774000
H	4.192921000	-0.181790000	-2.900470000
O	-2.336068000	1.268630000	4.237021000
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H	-2.939500000	1.744446000	3.655029000

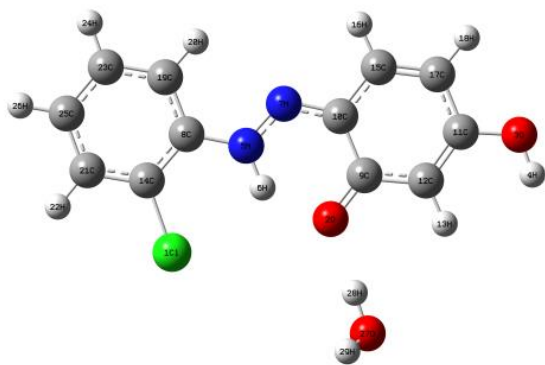
Figure S21I. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **3k** (keto form of **3**)



C₁₂H₉N₂O₂Cl

Cl	0.060055000	0.048861000	-0.027292000
C	0.027945000	-0.001319000	1.731960000
C	1.235563000	0.006613000	2.427828000
C	1.231516000	-0.033602000	3.822904000
C	0.014983000	-0.081634000	4.513785000
C	-1.190674000	-0.089260000	3.819609000
C	-1.201576000	-0.048923000	2.414871000
N	-2.399615000	-0.055108000	1.687883000
N	-3.552122000	-0.103398000	2.298456000
C	-4.670895000	-0.106304000	1.572504000
C	-5.901041000	-0.160272000	2.313798000
C	-7.106458000	-0.166812000	1.679935000
C	-7.144352000	-0.119016000	0.244369000
C	-5.998388000	-0.067252000	-0.520490000
C	-4.706647000	-0.057681000	0.094182000
O	-3.628287000	-0.010010000	-0.575296000
O	-8.389097000	-0.129212000	-0.290949000
H	-8.347824000	-0.095443000	-1.259037000
H	-6.046212000	-0.033046000	-1.605161000
H	-2.427523000	-0.021264000	0.649120000
H	-5.834932000	-0.195279000	3.396573000
H	-8.042429000	-0.207216000	2.225210000
H	2.167996000	0.044055000	1.875582000
H	2.172776000	-0.027256000	4.362385000
H	0.004725000	-0.113024000	5.598462000
H	-2.136546000	-0.126235000	4.345818000

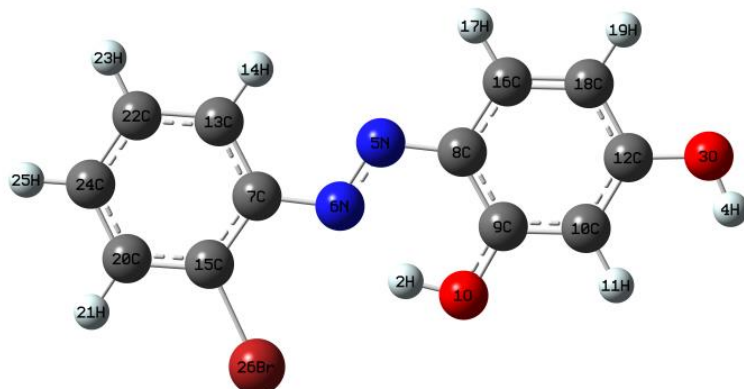
Figure S21m. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **3k_w** (keto form of **3** with water)



C12H11N2O3Cl

Cl	0.252150000	0.727990000	-0.226514000
O	0.141068000	0.617491000	3.512989000
O	0.979213000	0.232071000	8.195757000
H	0.041556000	0.464295000	8.281186000
N	2.180380000	0.157750000	2.000677000
H	1.183822000	0.405889000	2.149117000
N	2.894950000	-0.063951000	3.066042000
C	2.746462000	0.060448000	0.721094000
C	0.914012000	0.386032000	4.503959000
C	2.327060000	0.035872000	4.270742000
C	1.349318000	0.186534000	6.895384000
C	0.474727000	0.446284000	5.857887000
H	-0.562390000	0.703129000	6.051473000
C	1.949797000	0.304376000	-0.412677000
C	3.188549000	-0.224103000	5.390303000
H	4.222288000	-0.478651000	5.180034000
C	2.724492000	-0.153875000	6.669502000
H	3.362116000	-0.347355000	7.524361000
C	4.098025000	-0.276728000	0.537776000
H	4.710434000	-0.464774000	1.411012000
C	2.484943000	0.215518000	-1.696507000
H	1.848666000	0.408591000	-2.552912000
C	4.631382000	-0.365351000	-0.743945000
H	5.677083000	-0.627001000	-0.868479000
C	3.829135000	-0.120037000	-1.864630000
H	4.243326000	-0.188722000	-2.864995000
O	-2.549526000	1.255100000	3.746388000
H	-1.589547000	1.052572000	3.669047000
H	-2.692928000	2.042234000	3.205369000

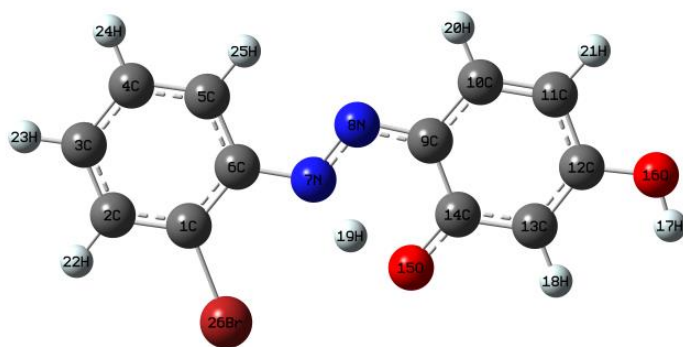
Figure S21n. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **4e** (enol form of **4**)



C₁₂H₉N₂O₂Br

O	-0.003054000	-0.003288000	-0.006540000
H	-0.009619000	-0.001801000	0.996604000
O	3.276386000	-0.002959000	-3.471918000
H	2.492378000	-0.005901000	-4.041356000
N	2.164408000	0.003566000	1.954902000
N	0.959124000	0.002302000	2.372195000
C	0.785070000	0.004723000	3.771082000
C	2.342170000	0.001710000	0.583228000
C	1.286127000	-0.001631000	-0.382541000
C	1.591533000	-0.003232000	-1.746194000
H	0.779169000	-0.005723000	-2.466562000
C	2.925626000	-0.001589000	-2.159591000
C	1.855516000	0.008331000	4.687308000
H	2.865784000	0.009280000	4.295512000
C	-0.525519000	0.003659000	4.280376000
C	3.679863000	0.003306000	0.122796000
H	4.468954000	0.005820000	0.867891000
C	3.982145000	0.001711000	-1.223355000
H	5.007160000	0.002897000	-1.576138000
C	-0.768010000	0.005783000	5.653522000
H	-1.787824000	0.004762000	6.021341000
C	1.620797000	0.010603000	6.056434000
H	2.458421000	0.013336000	6.746806000
C	0.306951000	0.009260000	6.543137000
H	0.117337000	0.010971000	7.611884000
Br	-2.017591000	-0.001265000	3.096099000

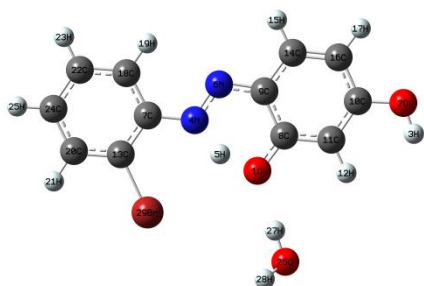
Figure S21o. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **4ts** (transition state of **4**)



C12H9N2O2Br

C	-0.001937000	0.000118000	0.006347000
C	0.000986000	0.000054000	1.400523000
C	1.212900000	-0.000083000	2.091302000
C	2.420716000	-0.000156000	1.382525000
C	2.415397000	-0.000093000	-0.006563000
C	1.201612000	0.000045000	-0.720748000
N	1.163130000	0.000111000	-2.124114000
N	2.280998000	0.000033000	-2.773988000
C	2.174291000	0.000101000	-4.127793000
C	3.376054000	0.000019000	-4.888812000
C	3.339194000	0.000077000	-6.259973000
C	2.076821000	0.000221000	-6.919877000
C	0.878217000	0.000309000	-6.217080000
C	0.892177000	0.000250000	-4.806619000
O	-0.201705000	0.000325000	-4.093185000
O	2.124219000	0.000268000	-8.275234000
H	1.231247000	0.000351000	-8.652361000
H	-0.077147000	0.000421000	-6.732898000
H	0.227362000	0.000235000	-2.928175000
H	4.320156000	-0.000093000	-4.353280000
H	4.244138000	0.000014000	-6.856683000
H	-0.940004000	0.000113000	1.938569000
H	1.211672000	-0.000131000	3.176548000
H	3.366553000	-0.000264000	1.914887000
H	3.342863000	-0.000150000	-0.566221000
Br	-1.675598000	0.000306000	-0.898464000

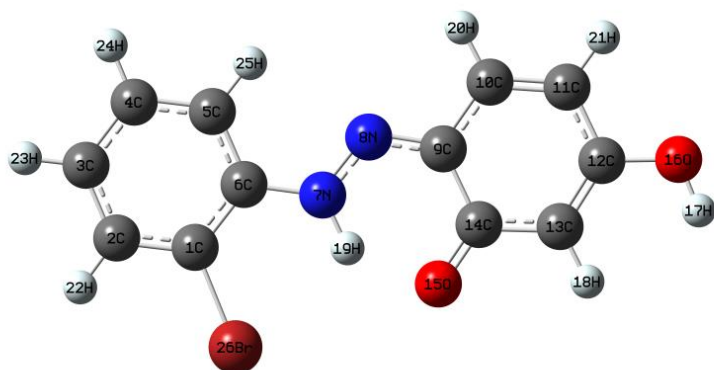
Figure S21p. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **4ts_w** (transition state of **4** with water)



C12H11N2O3Br

O	-0.000685000	0.007277000	-0.016800000
O	0.015951000	0.009847000	4.773798000
H	0.979424000	0.019561000	4.667313000
N	-2.154010000	-0.019302000	-1.062111000
H	-0.919657000	-0.004987000	-0.808683000
N	-2.810438000	-0.024799000	0.047424000
C	-2.872537000	-0.027294000	-2.268609000
C	-0.608171000	0.000758000	1.152209000
C	-2.052688000	-0.015283000	1.180231000
C	-0.607183000	0.002620000	3.570471000
C	0.095746000	0.009969000	2.368108000
H	1.181199000	0.021574000	2.351616000
C	-2.170535000	-0.021671000	-3.487559000
C	-2.729275000	-0.021600000	2.429001000
H	-3.814485000	-0.033541000	2.421787000
C	-2.027883000	-0.012867000	3.609700000
H	-2.528129000	-0.017773000	4.571256000
C	-4.279880000	-0.040508000	-2.304874000
H	-4.820945000	-0.044481000	-1.366413000
C	-2.847155000	-0.029730000	-4.706088000
H	-2.284528000	-0.025123000	-5.632632000
C	-4.956362000	-0.048063000	-3.518296000
H	-6.041640000	-0.058155000	-3.526960000
C	-4.242204000	-0.042931000	-4.722928000
H	-4.766663000	-0.048730000	-5.672985000
O	2.799859000	0.037595000	-0.419289000
H	1.829030000	0.002130000	-0.299910000
H	2.990633000	-0.556880000	-1.156390000
Br	-0.266598000	-0.006573000	-3.503347000

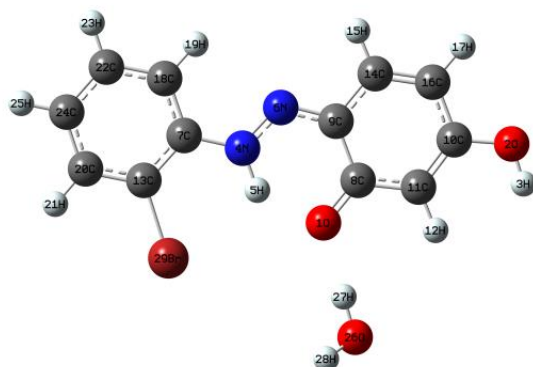
Figure S21q. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **4k** (keto form of **4**)



C₁₂H₉N₂O₂Br

C	-0.007018000	-0.002470000	0.007394000
C	0.006378000	-0.001338000	1.401151000
C	1.223376000	0.001789000	2.083333000
C	2.424262000	0.003742000	1.363986000
C	2.410582000	0.002319000	-0.025954000
C	1.190997000	-0.000986000	-0.725743000
N	1.157378000	-0.002293000	-2.126871000
N	2.263646000	-0.000573000	-2.818995000
C	2.200027000	-0.001902000	-4.150326000
C	3.462084000	0.000029000	-4.838132000
C	3.522737000	-0.001124000	-6.198315000
C	2.301265000	-0.004271000	-6.955558000
C	1.061490000	-0.006179000	-6.352317000
C	0.940553000	-0.005146000	-4.926512000
O	-0.180942000	-0.006583000	-4.331522000
O	2.469122000	-0.005178000	-8.300174000
H	1.612864000	-0.007455000	-8.754892000
H	0.148209000	-0.008504000	-6.940675000
H	0.269972000	-0.004725000	-2.667511000
H	4.364050000	0.002407000	-4.234509000
H	4.466367000	0.000292000	-6.731868000
H	-0.931282000	-0.002886000	1.944996000
H	1.230863000	0.002771000	3.168377000
H	3.374888000	0.006230000	1.887580000
H	3.333699000	0.003730000	-0.592279000
Br	-1.681940000	-0.007510000	-0.897559000

Figure S21r. Optimized geometry and coordinates of **4k_w** (keto form of **4** with water)



C12H11N2O3Br

O	-0.001153000	-0.022512000	0.017289000
O	-0.015457000	-0.001168000	4.790867000
H	0.949717000	-0.011246000	4.696447000
N	-2.336119000	-0.003904000	-1.077207000
H	-1.299513000	-0.015985000	-1.125441000
N	-2.871100000	0.007929000	0.109029000
C	-3.133928000	0.001567000	-2.230115000
C	-0.606946000	-0.011654000	1.142043000
C	-2.080414000	0.004177000	1.185376000
C	-0.621545000	-0.000257000	3.581261000
C	0.079340000	-0.012583000	2.390686000
H	1.165076000	-0.024136000	2.380029000
C	-2.527219000	-0.011163000	-3.497981000
C	-2.753929000	0.016917000	2.453828000
H	-3.839001000	0.028160000	2.446139000
C	-2.055590000	0.014857000	3.623724000
H	-2.549689000	0.024341000	4.588425000
C	-4.536611000	0.019922000	-2.150435000
H	-5.001629000	0.030089000	-1.172329000
C	-3.298018000	-0.006429000	-4.658489000
H	-2.808677000	-0.016518000	-5.625636000
C	-5.305196000	0.024870000	-3.308982000
H	-6.387535000	0.039008000	-3.230602000
C	-4.690187000	0.011631000	-4.566184000
H	-5.288031000	0.015542000	-5.471649000
O	2.751611000	-0.042556000	-0.305688000
H	1.773571000	-0.052010000	-0.196068000
H	2.922310000	-0.477166000	-1.151162000
Br	-0.628839000	-0.037881000	-3.654332000

Water molecule

H₂O

O	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
H	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.966850000
H	0.934181000	0.000000000	-0.249227000

17: Safety and hazards

The chemicals used in this research have their own safety requirements (as prescribed in their MSDS) and handling procedure as prescribed in MSDS should be followed. Local rules of handling X-ray diffractometer and UV-VIS instruments should be followed.