

FIGURE S1. The energy profile [kcal/mol] and geometrical parameters for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot$  reaction obtained by CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ// $\omega$ B97XD/cc-pVTZ and CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVQZ// $\omega$ B97XD/aug-cc-pVTZ calculations.

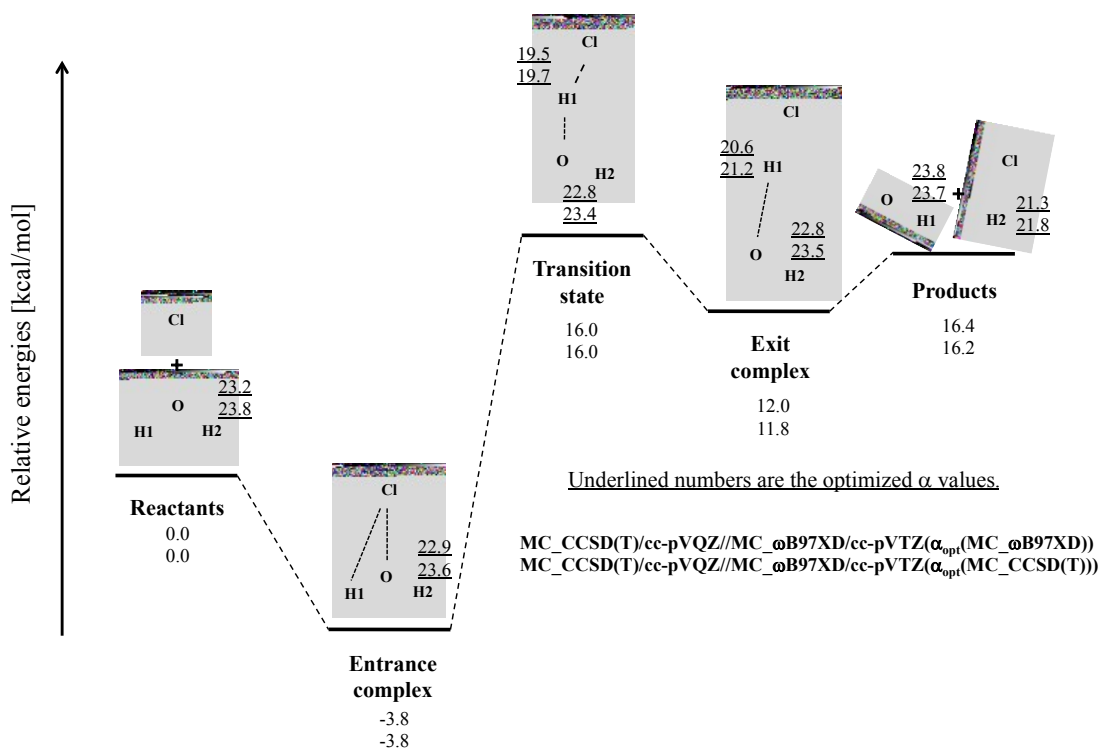


FIGURE S2. The potential energy profile [kcal/mol] for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot$  reaction by MC\_CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ/MC\_ωB97XD/cc-pVTZ calculations with the optimized  $\alpha_{\text{opt}}$  values by MC\_ωB97XD/MC\_cc-pVQZ/MC\_ωB97XD/cc-pVTZ( $\alpha_{\text{opt}}(\text{MC}_\omega\text{B97XD})$ ) and MC\_CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ/MC\_ωB97XD/cc-pVTZ( $\alpha_{\text{opt}}(\text{MC\_CCSD(T)})$ ) calculations.

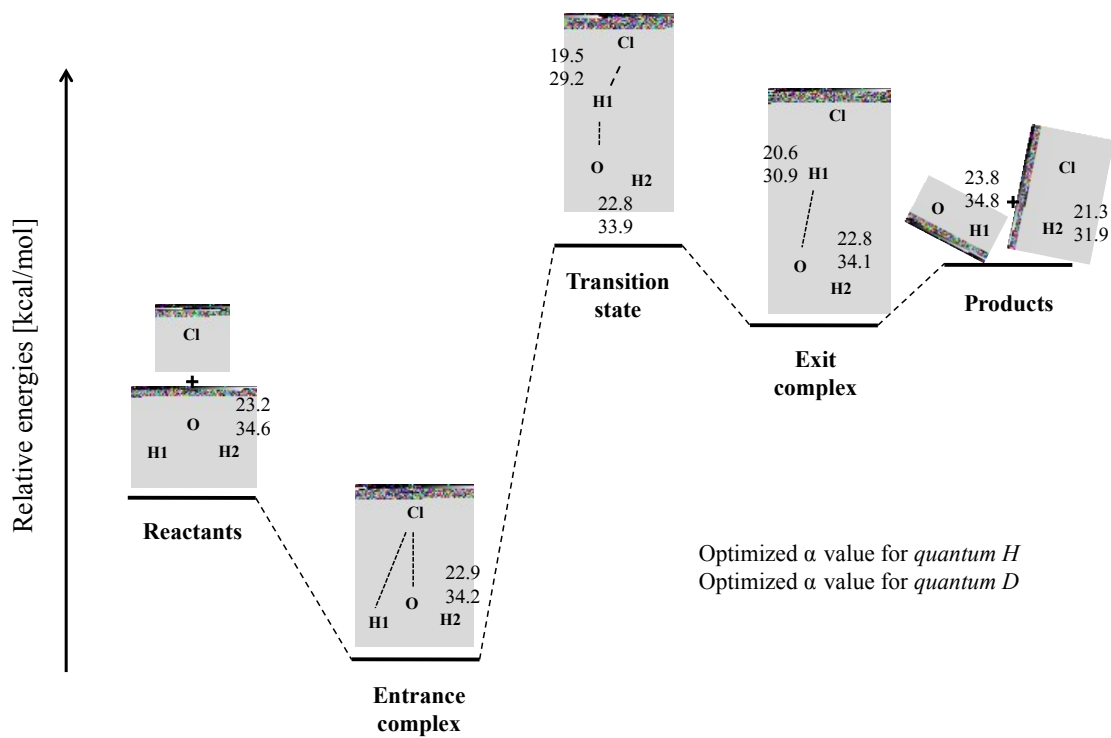


FIGURE S3. The exponent  $\alpha_{\text{opt}}$  value of nuclear basis function obtained by MC $\omega$ B97XD/cc-pVQZ//MC $\omega$ B97XD/cc-pVTZ calculation for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot$  and  $\text{Cl}\cdot + \text{D}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{DCl} + \text{OD}\cdot$  reaction.

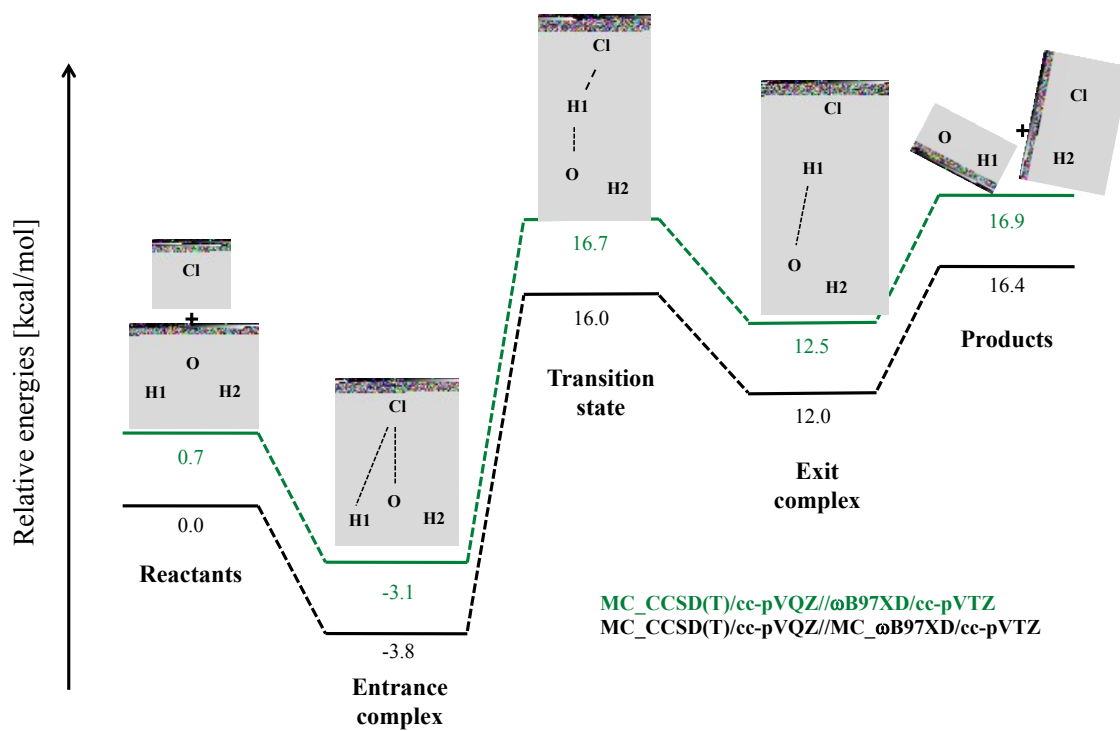


FIGURE S4. The potential energy profile [kcal/mol] for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot$  reaction obtained by  $\text{MC\_CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ//}\omega\text{B97XD/cc-pVTZ}$  and  $\text{MC\_CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ//MC}_\omega\text{B97XD/cc-pVTZ}$  methods.

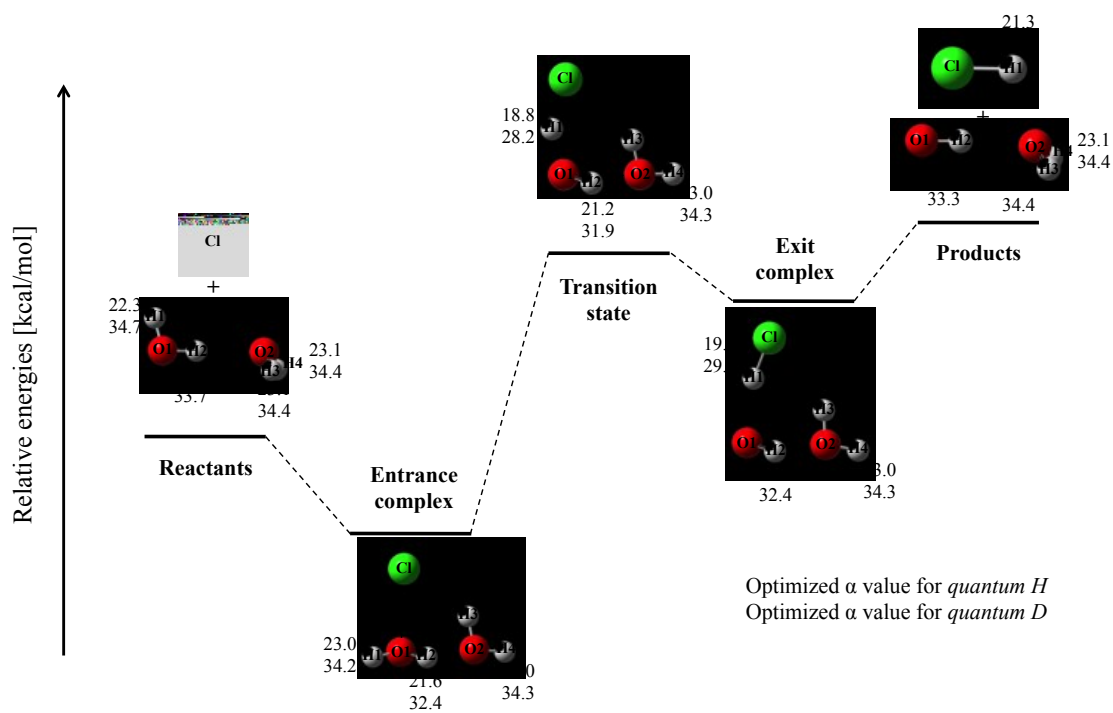


FIGURE S5. The exponent  $\alpha_{\text{opt}}$  value of nuclear basis function obtained by MC\_ωB97XD.cc-pVQZ//MC\_ωB97XD/cc-pVTZ calculation for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  and  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{D}_2\text{O})_2 \rightarrow \text{DCl} + \text{OD}\cdot(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  reaction.

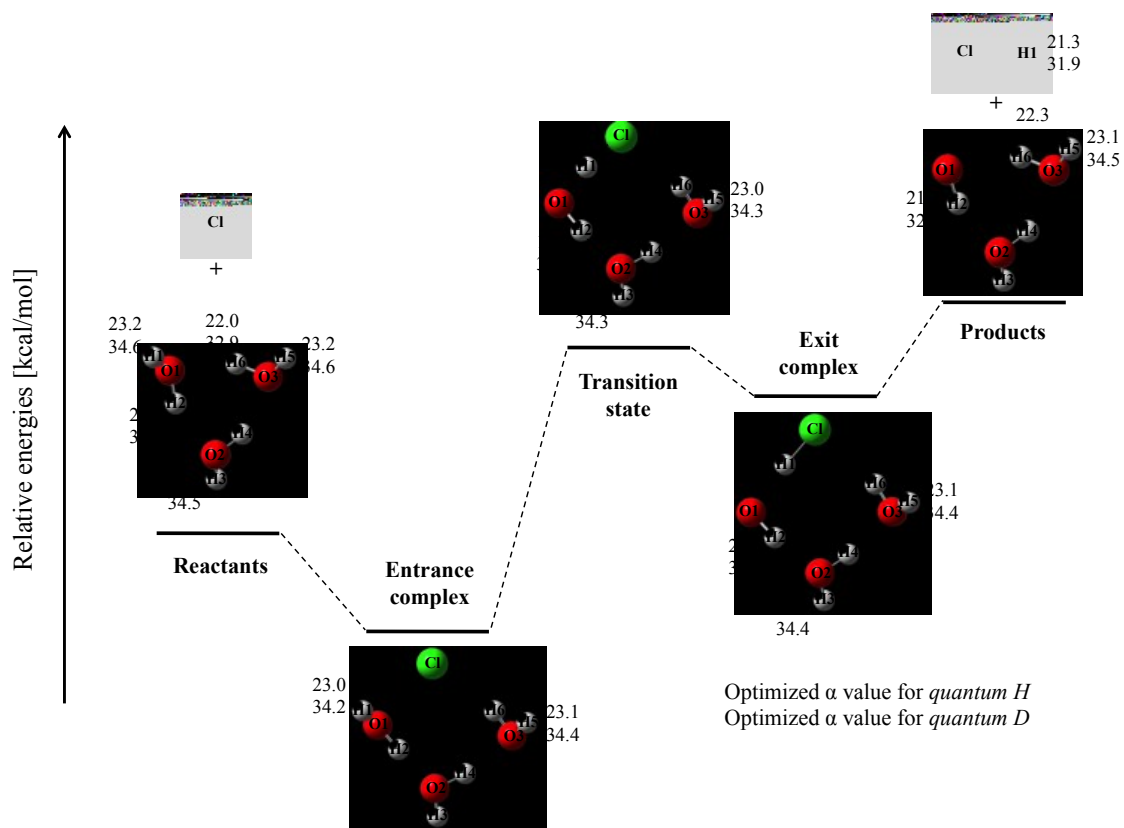


FIGURE S6. The exponent  $\alpha_{\text{opt}}$  value of nuclear basis function obtained by MC $\omega$ B97XD/cc-pVQZ//MC $\omega$ B97XD/cc-pVTZ calculation for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  and  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{D}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{DCl} + \text{OD}\cdot(\text{D}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction.

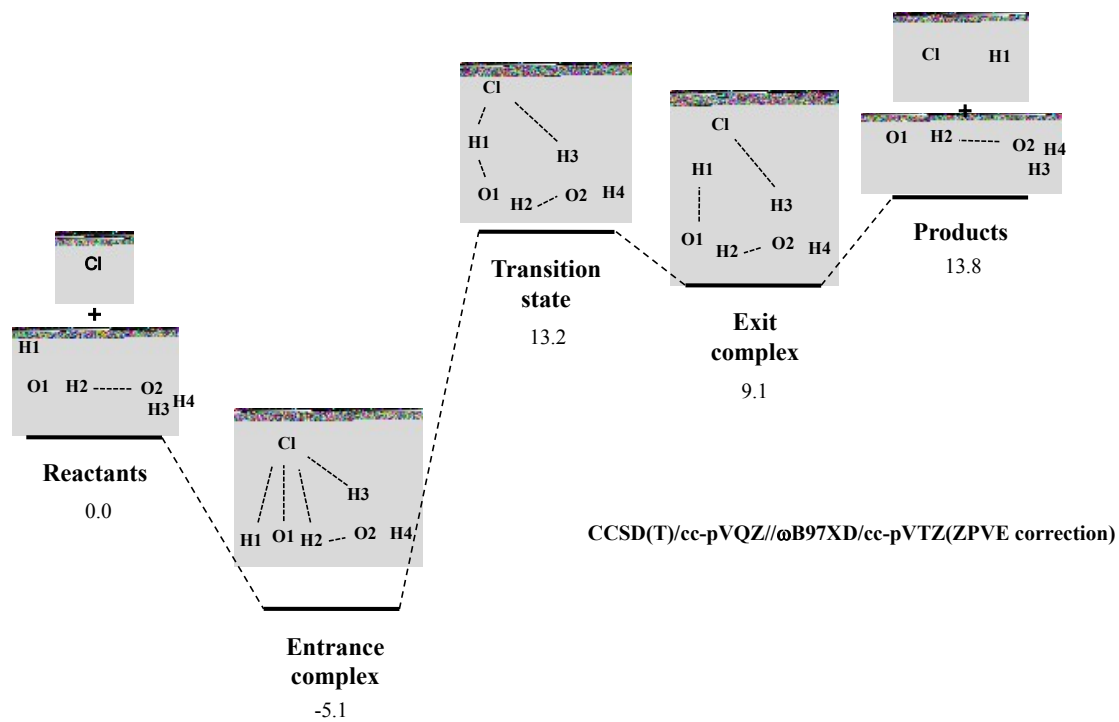


FIGURE S7. The potential energy profile (kcal/mol) and the optimized geometrical parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  reaction obtained by CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ// $\omega$ B97XD/cc-pVTZ calculations. Relative energies are calculated as the energy difference between the energy of each stationary point structure and sum of energies of Cl radical and  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  (**Reactants**).

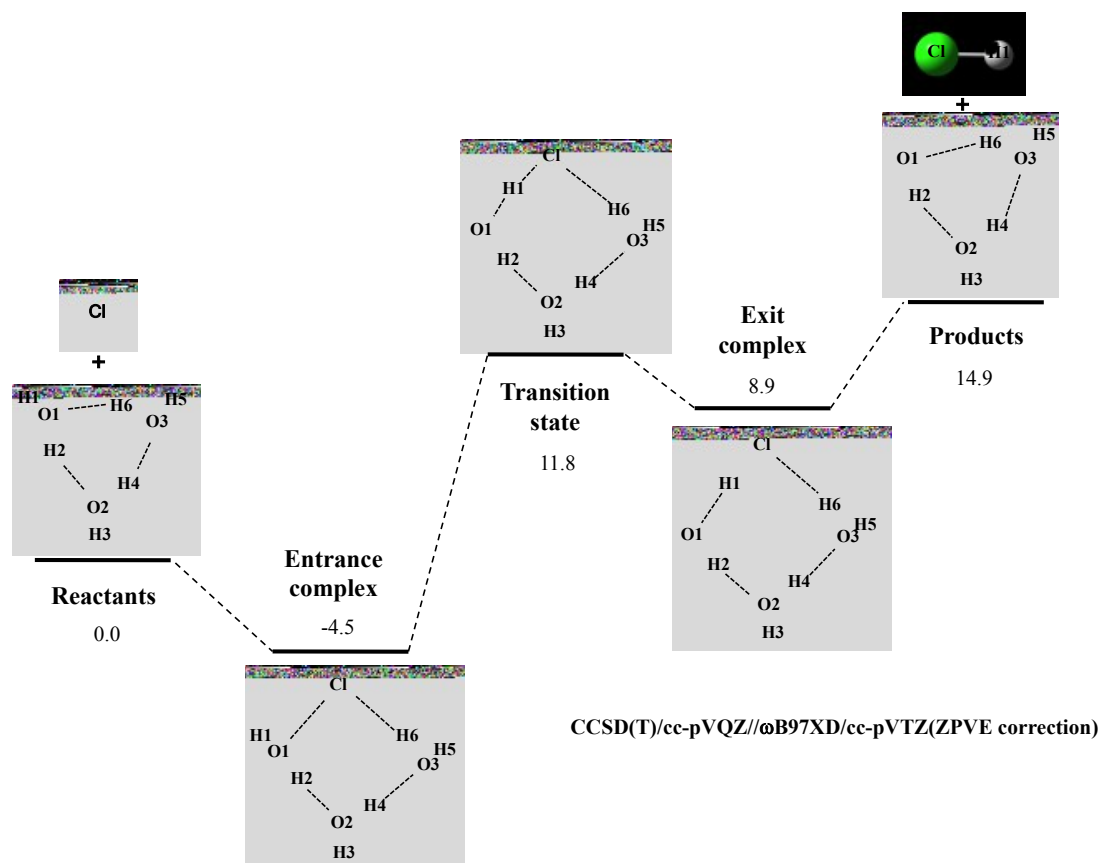


FIGURE S8. The potential energy profile (kcal/mol) and stationary point structures for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction obtained by CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ// $\omega$ B97XD/cc-pVTZ calculations. Relative energies are calculated as the energy difference between the energy of each stationary point structure and sum of energies of Cl radical and  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$  (**Reactants**).



TABLE S1. Optimized geometrical parameter (Å) of **Reactants** for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods.

Method	R(O1-H1)	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2...H2)
<b>B3LYP</b>	0.960	0.968	0.962	1.948
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	0.959	0.967	0.961	1.906
<b>M06</b>	0.957	0.966	0.959	1.936
<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD</b>	0.956	0.965	0.958	1.936
<b>MPW1K</b>	0.950	0.958	0.951	1.933
<b>CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ<sup>a</sup></b>	0.957	0.964	0.959	1.953

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 7

TABLE S2. Optimized geometrical parameter (Å) of **Exit complex** for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods.

Method	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2-H4)	R(O1...H1)	R(O2...H2)	R(Cl...H1)	R(Cl...H3)
<b>B3LYP</b>	0.994	0.967	0.962	1.818	1.788	1.318	2.649
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	0.993	0.966	0.960	1.810	1.761	1.313	2.582
<b>M06</b>	0.989	0.965	0.958	1.877	1.809	1.311	2.514
<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD</b>	0.988	0.962	0.957	1.844	1.800	1.311	2.640
<b>MPW1K</b>	0.981	0.955	0.951	1.813	1.779	1.304	2.661
<b>CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ<sup>a</sup></b>	0.983	0.962	0.968	1.916	1.835	1.298	2.616

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 7

TABLE S3. Optimized geometrical parameter (Å) of **Products** for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods.

<b>Method</b>	<b>OH·(H<sub>2</sub>O)</b>			<b>HCl</b>
	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2···H2)	R(Cl-H2)
<b>B3LYP</b>	0.983	0.962	1.881	1.283
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	0.982	0.960	1.848	1.280
<b>M06</b>	0.980	0.958	1.886	1.283
<b>ωB97XD</b>	0.979	0.957	1.882	1.280
<b>MPW1K</b>	0.971	0.951	1.871	1.273
<b>CCSD(T)/cc-pVQZ<sup>a</sup></b>	0.976	0.958	1.903	1.277

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 7

TABLE S4. Optimized geometrical parameters (Å) of **Reactants** for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods.

Method	R(O1-H1)	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2-H4)	R(O3-H5)	R(O3-H6)	R(O1⋯H6)	R(O2⋯H2)	R(O3⋯H4)
<b>B3LYP</b>	0.961	0.977	0.961	0.977	0.961	0.977	1.894	1.877	1.876
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	0.959	0.977	0.959	0.977	0.959	0.976	1.856	1.841	1.837
<b>M06</b>	0.957	0.974	0.957	0.974	0.957	0.974	1.891	1.882	1.876
<b>ωB97XD</b>	0.956	0.972	0.957	0.973	0.956	0.972	1.896	1.882	1.877
<b>MPW1K</b>	0.950	0.966	0.950	0.966	0.950	0.965	1.882	1.862	1.859

TABLE S5. Optimized geometrical parameters (Å) of **Entrance complex** for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods.

Method	R(O1-H1)	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2-H4)	R(O3-H5)	R(O3-H6)	R(O1⋯Cl)	R(O2⋯H2)	R(O3⋯H4)	R(Cl⋯H6)
<b>B3LYP</b>	0.965	1.000	0.961	0.984	0.962	0.973	2.419	1.660	1.752	2.311
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	0.963	0.997	0.960	0.982	0.960	0.971	2.371	1.649	1.730	2.295
<b>M06</b>	0.962	0.990	0.958	0.978	0.958	0.969	2.433	1.706	1.776	2.331
<b>ωB97XD</b>	0.960	0.991	0.957	0.978	0.957	0.968	2.386	1.676	1.761	2.313
<b>MPW1K</b>	0.953	0.984	0.951	0.971	0.951	0.961	2.356	1.664	1.749	2.320

TABLE S6. Optimized geometrical parameters (Å) of **Transition state** for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods.

Method	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2-H4)	R(O3-H5)	R(O3-H6)	R(O1⋯H1)	R(O2⋯H2)	R(O3⋯H4)	R(Cl⋯H1)	R(Cl⋯H6)
<b>B3LYP</b>	1.017	0.961	0.985	0.962	0.973	1.379	1.611	1.739	1.418	2.324
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	1.022	0.960	0.986	0.960	0.972	1.289	1.563	1.700	1.452	2.273
<b>M06</b>	1.001	0.958	0.980	0.958	0.970	1.374	1.631	1.754	1.420	2.289
<b>ωB97XD</b>	1.013	0.957	0.981	0.957	0.969	1.295	1.598	1.733	1.446	2.297
<b>MPW1K</b>	1.018	0.951	0.978	0.951	0.964	1.197	1.532	1.694	1.503	2.255

TABLE S7. Optimized geometrical parameters (Å) of **Exit complex** for  $\text{Cl}\cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods.

Method	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2-H4)	R(O3-H5)	R(O3-H6)	R(Cl-H1)	R(O1⋯H1)	R(O2⋯H2)	R(O3⋯H4)	R(Cl⋯H6)
<b>B3LYP</b>	1.008	0.961	0.983	0.962	0.971	1.341	1.668	1.659	1.760	2.361
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	1.007	0.960	0.982	0.960	0.970	1.335	1.662	1.636	1.732	2.326
<b>M06</b>	0.998	0.957	0.978	0.958	0.968	1.325	1.752	1.701	1.783	2.343
<b>ωB97XD</b>	1.000	0.957	0.977	0.958	0.966	1.332	1.690	1.671	1.764	2.343
<b>MPW1K</b>	0.994	0.950	0.971	0.951	0.960	1.326	1.661	1.652	1.751	2.350

TABLE S8. Optimized geometrical parameters (Å) of **Products** for  $\text{Cl} \cdot + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \rightarrow \text{HCl} + \text{OH} \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction obtained by DFT/cc-pVTZ methods

<b>Method</b>	<b>OH·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub></b>						<b>HCl</b>		
	R(O1-H2)	R(O2-H3)	R(O2-H4)	R(O3-H5)	R(O3-H6)	R(O1···H6)	R(O2···H2)	R(O3···H4)	R(Cl-H1)
<b>B3LYP</b>	0.994	0.961	0.977	0.961	0.973	2.018	1.808	1.878	1.283
<b>CAM-B3LYP</b>	0.994	0.959	0.976	0.959	0.972	1.977	1.775	1.838	1.280
<b>M06</b>	0.989	0.957	0.973	0.957	0.970	2.006	1.822	1.877	1.283
<b>ωB97XD</b>	0.988	0.957	0.972	0.957	0.968	2.032	1.817	1.881	1.280
<b>MPW1K</b>	0.980	0.950	0.965	0.950	0.961	2.018	1.799	1.865	1.273