

**Supplementary Information for**  
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Species	Cartesian coordinate (Å)			$E_{elec}^{0K}$ (Hartree)	ZPE (Hartree)	Unscaled vibrational frequencies <sup>[a]</sup> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	
<b>OH</b> (C <sub>∞v</sub> )	8	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.10799900	-75.733789	0.008530	3742.0378 (3737.8) [1]
	1	0.00000000	0.00000000	-0.86399500			
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b> (C <sub>2v</sub> )	8	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.11633200	-76.4300922	0.021565	1615.7190 3873.1681 3977.2474 (1595.0; 3657.0 [2]; 3756.0 [1])
	1	0.00000000	0.76268000	-0.46532600			
	1	0.00000000	-0.76268000	-0.46532600			
<b>H</b> (D <sub>∞h</sub> )	1	1.21619800	-1.00826400	0.00000000	-0.498207	0.00000	/
<b>Imidazole</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	0.99189500	-0.52160000	-0.00017800	-226.212273	0.072087	570.1515 655.6537 690.2652 768.9928 862.3679 909.8507 910.1665 949.0447 1087.7462 1105.7237 1153.7695 1186.5050 1291.5984 1390.1990 1451.8367 1525.8087 1585.7463 3272.6666 3279.1160 3306.9022 3688.5662 (539; 621; 663; 674; 758; 831; 898; 923; 988; 1013; 1062; 1098; 1188; 1265; 1328; 1404; 1448; 3110; 3123; 3143; 3517)[3]
	6	-1.12769300	-0.29904500	-0.00006500			
	6	-0.62437000	0.96831500	0.00009000			
	7	0.73904900	0.81300500	0.00027600			
	1	1.42261800	1.54885100	-0.00018000			
	1	1.99340300	-0.91812500	-0.00005200			
	1	-2.16078900	-0.60002600	0.00069400			
	1	-1.09207900	1.93558200	-0.00124100			
	7	-0.11078400	-1.22047600	-0.00003300			
<b>RC</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.34172000	-1.02659500	0.00039300	-301.959810	0.083475	27.7239 49.7737 163.3562 564.4323 582.2844 649.9751 665.7123 704.3271 770.7221 868.1818 912.1842 923.9577 951.4751 1091.1359 1112.3555 1157.6952 1193.1697 1294.1036 1392.4034 1458.4002 1535.0027 1594.0495 3282.2318 3284.9411 3313.7299 3414.8382 3682.9096
	6	-0.43006300	1.11132000	0.00033600			
	6	-1.72325700	0.68421200	-0.00043400			
	7	-1.65189000	-0.68646200	-0.00038900			
	1	-2.42875500	-1.32364400	-0.00085200			
	1	-0.00435600	-2.04913400	0.00060400			
	1	-0.06226800	2.12210700	0.00055600			
	1	-2.65938200	1.21096100	-0.00100100			
	7	0.42181900	0.03488500	0.00085600			
	8	3.30253900	-0.00568300	-0.00056700			
	1	2.31518500	0.03259400	0.00019000			
<b>Addition channels</b>							

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<b>TS1</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	0.449183000	0.068890000	0.778685000	-301.951405	0.083283	-442.7900	143.8862	155.9370
	6	-1.183757000	-0.818475000	-0.281396000			261.7786	581.4107	617.5111
	6	-1.318494000	0.544442000	-0.436791000			650.6518	716.4407	788.6317
	7	-0.302689000	1.092908000	0.276252000			866.8406	907.2479	914.3586
	1	-0.044201000	2.063977000	0.293289000			943.9409	1086.4518	1112.3499
	1	1.214036000	0.225880000	1.517267000			1139.8109	1220.7718	1264.3800
	1	-1.812168000	-1.590234000	-0.691540000			1353.0264	1421.7157	1510.8125
	1	-2.027656000	1.138371000	-0.984206000			1539.6449	3273.5671	3294.7634
	7	-0.111707000	-1.104055000	0.491391000			3304.1177	3682.7795	3804.0832
	8	1.994986000	0.047131000	-0.634695000					
1	1.929281000	-0.906160000	-0.793740000						
<b>TS2</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	1.202696000	-0.713535000	-0.291502000	-301.947967	0.083421	-424.7340	156.5320	161.4007
	6	-0.532433000	-0.058146000	0.778008000			227.8314	553.3099	595.6916
	6	0.146043000	1.093167000	0.379666000			661.7717	767.5356	821.2313
	7	1.219101000	0.656329000	-0.324491000			875.5081	900.2722	936.2628
	1	1.877414000	1.230318000	-0.821687000			941.5155	1071.2117	1097.7393
	1	1.961736000	-1.302112000	-0.779966000			1136.3143	1158.5841	1291.0282
	1	-1.292094000	-0.130475000	1.533777000			1381.7081	1438.7126	1491.9378
	1	-0.105613000	2.132665000	0.477976000			1582.5447	3270.5304	3292.2473
	7	0.199493000	-1.173198000	0.388918000			3312.2982	3680.6377	3813.1188
	8	-1.935110000	0.074615000	-0.641397000					
1	-1.788556000	-0.838148000	-0.926946000						
<b>TS3</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.340225000	-0.415590000	-0.447051000	-301.953424	0.083182	-293.6567	127.9530	130.4954
	6	-0.107973000	1.062062000	0.456445000			205.7824	572.1014	610.7690
	6	0.441996000	-0.161775000	0.813182000			666.7836	696.6670	841.3414
	7	-0.404490000	-1.088884000	0.264312000			867.7178	901.2285	908.9851
	1	-0.259788000	-2.083255000	0.265911000			948.1575	1084.9843	1102.9637
	1	-2.103953000	-0.917214000	-1.017488000			1149.8118	1202.3980	1288.5681
	1	0.254651000	2.039859000	0.723251000			1357.1944	1426.9058	1507.6938
	1	1.197278000	-0.421442000	1.529219000			1552.9041	3273.9711	3279.2812
	7	-1.193358000	0.884874000	-0.343925000			3320.3477	3684.7559	3802.8287
	8	2.052236000	-0.086903000	-0.586840000					
1	1.716072000	0.597169000	-1.184332000						
<b>IM1</b>	6	0.728704000	-0.017358000	0.446380000	-301.995581	0.085842	129.1930	222.6640	310.7978

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(C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.274870000	-0.770904000	-0.138685000			438.9893	556.4630	605.4417
	6	-1.371637000	0.628230000	-0.205535000			703.4831	811.1898	872.6772
	7	-0.178920000	1.114911000	0.203558000			918.7739	958.5380	1011.2295
	1	0.153850000	2.050946000	0.051656000			1080.3666	1092.7747	1156.7321
	1	1.118417000	0.031238000	1.465272000			1242.9464	1301.3748	1306.0026
	1	-2.070038000	-1.461887000	-0.376480000			1408.2341	1440.9812	1474.9430
	1	-2.193556000	1.254019000	-0.505959000			1521.2047	3075.9441	3235.4717
	7	-0.089995000	-1.188131000	0.244731000			3285.9659	3675.3258	3842.6288
	8	1.844352000	0.013810000	-0.400934000					
	1	1.625727000	-0.512058000	-1.178007000					
IM2 (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.443910000	-1.303623000	-0.735797000	-301.978996	0.085185	140.3318	261.2880	329.4712
	1	-1.523539000	-2.112049000	-0.008989000			362.4059	446.8638	519.8841
	1	-2.022153000	-1.542452000	-1.628902000			614.3735	798.6812	880.8039
	6	-0.014917000	-0.903727000	-1.047932000			908.2420	942.5778	1017.0983
	1	0.008512000	-0.222671000	-1.903088000			1073.0264	1111.2017	1135.2959
	1	0.537283000	-1.797015000	-1.366088000			1253.5175	1277.3243	1312.1700
	6	0.777307000	-0.279778000	0.116596000			1394.5793	1421.1071	1447.6038
	6	0.260408000	2.043588000	-0.417337000			1661.4651	3036.7871	3224.9656
	1	-0.308457000	1.818734000	-1.324822000			3293.0285	3685.4617	3842.1325
	1	-0.203140000	2.899817000	0.071793000					
	1	1.288922000	2.305407000	-0.681515000					
	1	-2.056067000	-0.405891000	-0.241099000					
	8	0.213015000	0.981912000	0.515737000					
	6	0.682343000	-1.133841000	1.374916000					
	1	1.336314000	-0.726382000	2.147928000					
	1	-0.339401000	-1.137045000	1.758656000					
	1	0.983382000	-2.162836000	1.163689000					
	6	2.240208000	-0.105874000	-0.292087000					
	1	2.720734000	-1.083939000	-0.361480000					
	1	2.340655000	0.382516000	-1.264060000					
1	2.768944000	0.486476000	0.458199000						
8	-2.568481000	0.584379000	0.525240000						
1	-1.696899000	0.866528000	0.861809000						
IM3	6	-1.362634000	-0.576320000	-0.202586000	-301.990918	0.085373	111.8891	303.8544	340.0462

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(C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.190484000	1.151722000	0.214111000			429.2277	540.0630	599.0506
	6	0.753659000	0.006714000	0.457437000			635.7587	806.1415	822.6098
	7	-0.179012000	-1.083857000	0.233736000			893.6490	935.4359	1042.1312
	1	0.092148000	-2.049937000	0.207283000			1046.5429	1122.7825	1185.8826
	1	-2.185094000	-1.205525000	-0.501296000			1233.9762	1251.6076	1302.0933
	1	0.065830000	2.191635000	0.331263000			1323.5370	1419.1947	1471.1579
	1	1.183442000	-0.032947000	1.460258000			1532.9465	3072.9383	3257.1357
	7	-1.393497000	0.743090000	-0.208128000			3266.1203	3693.7479	3834.8887
	8	1.881627000	-0.030252000	-0.400976000					
	1	1.594975000	0.231470000	-1.282729000					
<b>TS-IM1a</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	0.644447000	-0.038719000	0.082155000	-301.939203	0.078751	-1054.2256	278.2412	311.2573
	6	-1.360404000	-0.750048000	-0.045324000			413.3013	504.1168	566.4830
	6	-1.447726000	0.614169000	-0.042261000			594.9989	646.5838	728.7360
	7	-0.151322000	1.067918000	-0.034980000			762.1572	809.7743	905.8808
	1	0.165140000	2.016973000	0.059659000			928.9285	1008.3741	1100.7872
	1	0.650687000	-0.078846000	1.790991000			1142.9257	1154.9237	1229.3117
	1	-2.170163000	-1.458358000	-0.065215000			1329.7931	1399.9548	1520.0361
	1	-2.289811000	1.281206000	-0.044058000			1528.0083	1579.3892	3278.5094
	7	-0.057081000	-1.156852000	-0.028922000			3307.1288	3682.8852	3855.0298
	8	1.967193000	0.088184000	-0.144741000					
1	2.347525000	-0.796319000	-0.103552000						
<b>TS-IM1b</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	0.658891000	-0.117227000	0.412257000	-301.900400	0.076950	-747.2610	180.2814	240.5513
	6	-1.350352000	-0.714850000	-0.189929000			306.6913	440.3886	458.9173
	6	-1.298539000	0.759682000	-0.039423000			599.3855	630.6665	805.4009
	7	-0.111889000	1.133209000	0.248880000			864.7160	875.2766	958.4460
	1	0.792162000	1.999317000	-1.126554000			968.8570	995.9030	1020.0356
	1	0.827831000	-0.226607000	1.487568000			1196.5693	1247.3376	1295.1087
	1	-2.224416000	-1.299393000	-0.448620000			1311.7941	1347.9901	1414.3051
	1	-2.117106000	1.453847000	-0.177412000			1588.7443	1699.4018	3078.5475
	7	-0.208354000	-1.231679000	0.017455000			3203.5004	3217.6156	3830.9152
	8	1.891012000	-0.108542000	-0.195077000					
1	1.775133000	0.064835000	-1.136142000						
<b>TS-IM2a</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	1.273859000	-0.792610000	-0.036631000	-301.932920	0.078760	-1096.1964	219.1447	300.9284
	6	-0.683541000	0.044032000	0.082530000			417.3443	544.0547	567.5351

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	6	0.182242000	1.126516000	-0.041006000			614.5620	642.9880	695.3685
	7	1.429670000	0.557323000	-0.033842000			751.0892	828.1037	879.8580
	1	2.304807000	1.050417000	-0.037892000			938.6511	998.2925	1088.7654
	1	2.115664000	-1.464531000	-0.059666000			1134.5010	1174.5285	1279.0542
	1	-0.713196000	0.073614000	1.736414000			1333.8404	1400.1362	1474.5905
	1	0.008804000	2.184541000	-0.003203000			1550.2022	1600.6899	3270.2745
	7	0.020822000	-1.142970000	-0.027851000			3320.9095	3689.1086	3857.2995
	8	-2.015034000	0.093916000	-0.163220000					
	1	-2.384617000	-0.763471000	0.072597000					
<b>TS-IM2b</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.189888000	-0.803674000	0.061413000	-301.895552	0.076558	-847.7798	169.2166	213.9651
	6	0.765488000	0.013552000	-0.392433000			309.5219	376.9409	385.0023
	6	-0.253378000	1.108484000	-0.208510000			582.0475	626.0554	786.7280
	7	-1.415781000	0.619301000	0.013880000			866.6145	901.5601	955.0518
	1	-2.288275000	0.771179000	1.560338000			997.0154	1010.2279	1052.8091
	1	-2.031348000	-1.451227000	0.267724000			1188.3671	1211.2097	1283.1247
	1	1.060518000	-0.016158000	-1.451518000			1309.9285	1327.3016	1424.3916
	1	-0.061274000	2.169263000	-0.289277000			1594.6890	1705.8855	3001.4816
	7	-0.004532000	-1.200243000	-0.134961000			3228.6795	3233.2796	3863.7923
	8	1.870179000	0.167431000	0.445154000					
	1	2.367811000	-0.656082000	0.436254000					
<b>TS-IM3a</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.427182000	-0.604596000	-0.010842000	-301.931486	0.078349	-775.5985	206.5242	296.8942
	6	-0.203025000	1.140451000	-0.053090000			387.1452	480.2467	572.0693
	6	0.666493000	0.063654000	0.036160000			594.1709	674.8900	676.4637
	7	-0.146270000	-1.048482000	-0.021074000			741.6812	851.0213	877.0916
	1	0.176206000	-1.999236000	0.034470000			925.8094	1029.1367	1110.5387
	1	-2.271336000	-1.273331000	0.001386000			1166.4001	1225.6018	1271.0578
	1	0.060338000	2.183777000	-0.069789000			1318.4385	1394.6486	1424.7131
	1	0.825622000	0.223464000	1.803013000			1513.8843	1603.0290	3273.0678
	7	-1.490913000	0.704984000	-0.032796000			3282.5212	3676.8264	3817.5175
	8	1.995285000	-0.050575000	-0.226944000					
	1	2.489460000	0.077366000	0.590193000					
<b>TS-IM3b</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.297384000	-0.707917000	-0.031624000	-301.896932	0.076854	-772.7133	164.8947	247.4538
	6	-0.300350000	1.174464000	-0.016182000			313.2266	391.3494	534.0513
	6	0.676993000	0.101385000	0.409130000			587.3501	609.6689	767.4236

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	7	-0.119538000	-1.121963000	0.251656000			867.5587	898.1283	964.4561
	1	0.708081000	-1.924638000	-1.138402000			982.9616	1022.6721	1069.6307
	1	-2.144714000	-1.365021000	-0.165337000			1181.9993	1248.1515	1270.6196
	1	-0.073313000	2.231221000	-0.078467000			1330.9526	1335.1610	1407.9179
	1	0.834040000	0.224973000	1.488217000			1556.7794	1683.7977	3038.5705
	7	-1.465779000	0.696146000	-0.218109000			3216.4082	3237.0682	3806.7097
	8	1.930749000	0.088922000	-0.181273000					
	1	1.851579000	-0.304786000	-1.058598000					
<b>P-IM1a</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.648687000	-0.043463000	-0.000212000	-301.4516126	0.07668	305.4508	388.5728	432.6472
	6	1.352168000	-0.745770000	-0.000283000			519.2337	647.0505	722.4406
	6	1.441972000	0.607749000	-0.000044000			723.3575	763.7087	896.8881
	7	0.130282000	1.058986000	0.000081000			931.5230	1023.4509	1085.9816
	1	-0.195703000	2.008811000	0.001306000			1147.5405	1163.1489	1230.7696
	1	2.153855000	-1.462647000	-0.000034000			1324.4494	1394.0675	1568.9186
	1	2.278159000	1.281428000	-0.000115000			1585.2269	1656.3296	3284.2272
	7	0.028247000	-1.149225000	0.000407000			3312.2275	3692.1458	3859.1644
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	1	-2.352690000	-0.802667000	0.001012000					
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	6	0.165722000	1.122835000	-0.000064000			706.2619	762.9977	854.6757
	7	1.420688000	0.544610000	0.000028000			951.0476	1016.5282	1086.5264
	1	2.297134000	1.034491000	0.000029000			1154.2919	1183.2539	1282.0905
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	6	-0.696387000	0.000233000	0.402211000			585.6328	612.0483	781.6698
	6	0.249831000	1.142014000	0.087740000			867.0722	903.5962	973.2147
	7	1.420431000	0.722424000	-0.181530000			1003.1187	1010.8345	1062.8536
	1	2.146766000	-1.325582000	-0.325104000			1167.3758	1253.4305	1268.5265
	1	-0.920361000	0.028109000	1.474483000			1324.6196	1334.1572	1404.5617
	1	-0.009292000	2.192900000	0.126511000			1629.8956	1718.8485	3053.7355
	7	0.134103000	-1.175122000	0.158665000			3211.4538	3229.1990	3860.4828
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	1	-1.766602000	-0.295547000	-1.172992000					
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	6	0.145961000	1.141172000	-0.000399000			537.0737	681.3832	687.0977
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	1	-2.451988000	0.713593000	0.011421000					
<b>Abstraction channels</b>									
<b>TS4</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.382513000	-0.122792000	-0.133936000	-301.933082	0.077070	-1690.9155	56.2313	109.0769
	6	1.648187000	-0.686905000	0.051358000			173.8397	376.3936	553.8201
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	1	2.425047000	1.404797000	0.146432000			1523.8662	1587.9035	3281.6905
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	1	-2.879172000	-0.558502000	0.759228000					
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	6	-0.419802000	0.160174000	-0.000249000			208.5779	412.1469	578.9108
	6	0.520603000	1.145992000	-0.000056000			606.8630	680.6669	753.7894
	7	1.713965000	0.461562000	0.000079000			810.3985	818.5724	859.0613
	1	2.632798000	0.869576000	0.000369000			922.4611	957.0728	1080.9508
	1	2.189508000	-1.623775000	0.000151000			1134.5876	1216.4121	1243.1062
	1	-1.657159000	0.304400000	-0.000478000			1357.4743	1446.4200	1471.5047
	1	0.459955000	2.217534000	0.000230000			1530.1095	1561.9296	3280.1552
	7	0.131825000	-1.070664000	-0.000118000			3317.8269	3674.9241	3800.4773
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	1	-2.825784000	-0.878712000	0.000760000					
<b>TS6</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	1.563584000	-0.712586000	0.062853000	-301.930900	0.077390	-1589.7045	83.3313	111.3952
	6	0.544763000	1.173974000	-0.036131000			210.3269	372.7757	558.3746
	6	-0.404421000	0.201713000	-0.139898000			620.5745	686.7543	718.3906
	7	0.241705000	-0.998499000	-0.050464000			857.3479	872.0428	878.3481
	1	-0.190022000	-1.904638000	-0.108701000			962.1520	1055.5942	1101.7819
	1	2.320140000	-1.476422000	0.126552000			1144.6847	1214.3634	1267.0049
	1	0.421942000	2.241608000	-0.052210000			1308.6102	1385.7404	1440.4486
	1	-1.667061000	0.213659000	-0.276697000			1486.3221	1570.9117	3274.2525
	7	1.776901000	0.578402000	0.072262000			3295.9275	3677.7942	3815.1624
	8	-2.800388000	-0.041092000	-0.010572000					
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<b>TS7</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.197366000	-1.001610000	-0.197098000	-301.935223	0.077606	-2261.3279	90.7369	105.9675
	6	-1.706282000	0.409657000	0.242154000			185.2426	347.8740	612.8233
	6	-0.575621000	1.144803000	-0.093822000			636.4363	654.1329	808.2431
	7	0.361371000	0.246946000	-0.431621000			881.7345	911.4315	923.7563
	1	1.482080000	0.329808000	-0.380510000			960.4439	1026.1820	1121.2708
	1	0.382939000	-1.899532000	-0.331440000			1148.0625	1213.7311	1275.6655
	1	-2.691217000	0.781695000	0.471282000			1337.8832	1402.8617	1452.2645
	1	-0.424846000	2.206227000	-0.176864000			1560.8935	1734.8663	3266.3079
	7	-1.444921000	-0.932932000	0.173310000			3279.3411	3298.1830	3828.8470
	8	2.632473000	-0.025444000	0.177584000					

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	1	2.651720000	0.270158000	1.097629000					
<b>PC4</b> (C <sub>i</sub> )	6	-0.582340000	-1.093682000	-0.001225000	-301.959329	0.082766	42.3597	56.7622	78.0465
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	6	-0.676209000	1.072759000	-0.000849000			586.1046	641.5161	764.1581
	7	0.200350000	0.002099000	-0.002664000			799.7167	870.9451	890.3774
	1	1.212291000	0.031449000	-0.004554000			939.7271	1093.3462	1108.6792
	1	3.664156000	-0.239486000	-0.763128000			1146.1781	1228.0821	1356.8006
	1	-2.875565000	1.028271000	0.003528000			1444.1585	1533.9258	1592.0564
	1	-0.332895000	2.091395000	-0.001482000			1622.1431	3279.8676	3304.5774
	7	-1.836441000	-0.859349000	0.001293000			3547.3845	3863.4074	3963.1058
	8	3.152806000	0.036576000	0.000989000					
1	3.657211000	-0.237775000	0.770327000						
<b>PC5</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	0.686858000	-1.032677000	-0.000076000	-301.959072	0.083048	43.6646	58.1810	137.3328
	6	1.937721000	0.651303000	0.000067000			142.5221	145.8278	228.7655
	6	0.676960000	1.166872000	0.000003000			624.5531	665.4271	760.1268
	7	-0.127722000	0.046712000	-0.000012000			812.8989	857.9278	879.1136
	1	-1.140523000	0.030725000	-0.000027000			947.3876	1075.1154	1163.3380
	1	0.311848000	-2.042111000	-0.000134000			1209.3236	1263.8730	1356.1930
	1	-3.668870000	-0.047727000	-0.767292000			1442.7958	1504.2178	1541.5048
	1	0.286354000	2.166051000	0.000011000			1621.2896	3275.9446	3317.8384
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1	-3.668854000	-0.047761000	0.767309000						
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	6	-1.904829000	-0.694209000	0.002938000			138.9606	152.8567	233.5057
	6	-0.616808000	-1.123982000	-0.003595000			554.4090	679.3421	793.6191
	7	0.201540000	-0.040486000	-0.006515000			845.0572	853.3894	882.9284
	1	1.214672000	-0.037114000	-0.011120000			943.0478	1097.2204	1142.6404
	1	-0.260973000	2.049622000	-0.002400000			1188.2680	1261.6681	1353.5955
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	1	3.684348000	-0.215693000	0.775404000			1622.2287	3272.2166	3303.9497
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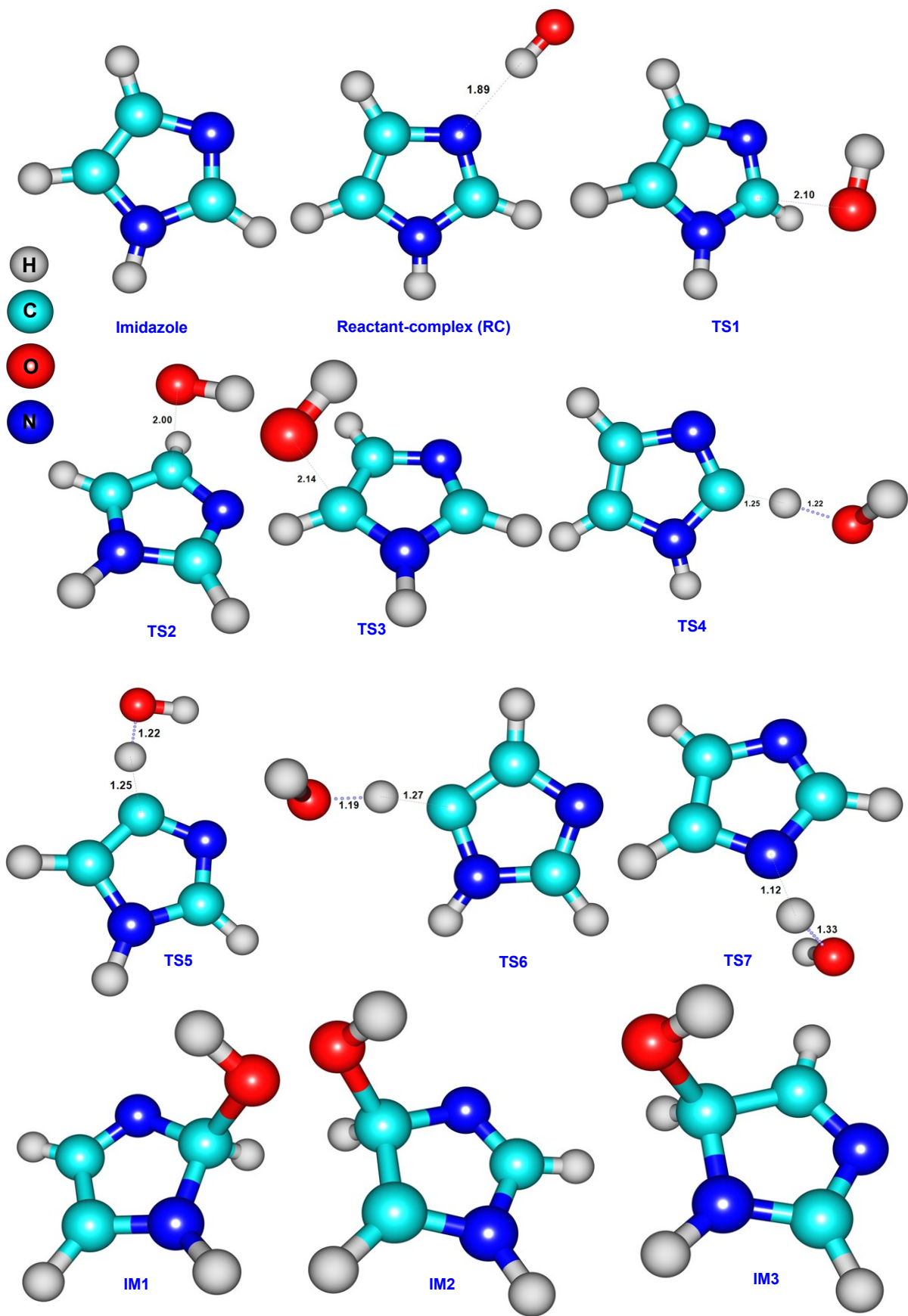
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<b>PC7</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.027081000	-0.730713000	0.003925000	-301.987121	0.081879	46.3109	68.6134	87.9763
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	1	2.217128000	0.516518000	-0.002027000			928.8760	1012.6109	1034.4694
	1	0.791686000	-1.434095000	0.006725000			1190.9561	1201.3379	1306.2714
	1	-3.058730000	0.099827000	-0.005376000			1333.3736	1483.1882	1564.5091
	1	-1.205707000	2.190248000	-0.002082000			1632.0989	3238.5971	3251.2559
	7	-1.336018000	-1.109268000	0.000490000			3262.3749	3747.2810	3948.0648
	8	2.950349000	-0.114551000	-0.009406000					
1	3.754753000	0.402752000	0.045963000						
<b>P4</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	-0.081162000	-1.154515000	-0.00004000	-225.519193	0.059146	504.4893	628.3427	640.5182
	6	0.843656000	0.738359000	0.000029000			762.5651	863.2769	891.3957
	6	-0.494556000	0.983255000	-0.000033000			941.8152	1077.3892	1103.5223
	7	-1.095792000	-0.265330000	0.000022000			1140.8324	1209.3039	1355.5777
	1	-2.078562000	-0.468871000	0.000021000			1418.5640	1537.0357	1598.7132
	1	1.653363000	1.446256000	0.000043000			3282.4013	3307.5479	3698.9384
	1	-1.065058000	1.894079000	-0.000035000					
	7	1.079025000	-0.630964000	-0.000019000					
<b>P5</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	-0.821106000	0.691955000	-0.000176000	-225.519074	0.059427	579.2094	626.7556	686.1431
	6	0.090039000	-1.199738000	0.000105000			755.4364	849.7343	873.5978
	6	1.135751000	-0.329742000	0.000222000			949.5478	1069.6258	1127.6826
	7	0.517136000	0.905244000	0.000032000			1205.9998	1262.1517	1361.5550
	1	0.973649000	1.801180000	0.000105000			1432.4571	1498.4453	1535.4125
	1	-1.538086000	1.495287000	-0.000354000			3278.5293	3320.5552	3672.5255
	1	2.201679000	-0.450284000	0.000412000					
	7	-1.097900000	-0.593963000	-0.000186000					
<b>P6</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	-0.696953000	0.810621000	-0.000140000	-225.513504	0.059251	499.2536	593.1680	684.6197
	6	1.178666000	-0.247502000	0.000143000			838.1425	855.4684	875.9973
	6	0.186435000	-1.171750000	0.000121000			944.4563	1085.3405	1122.2526
	7	-1.006154000	-0.517856000	-0.000061000			1179.0030	1258.2986	1355.3255
	1	-1.921229000	-0.932194000	-0.000239000			1422.4844	1470.6671	1559.8973
	1	-1.450040000	1.580526000	-0.000273000			3275.3040	3304.2602	3684.0864
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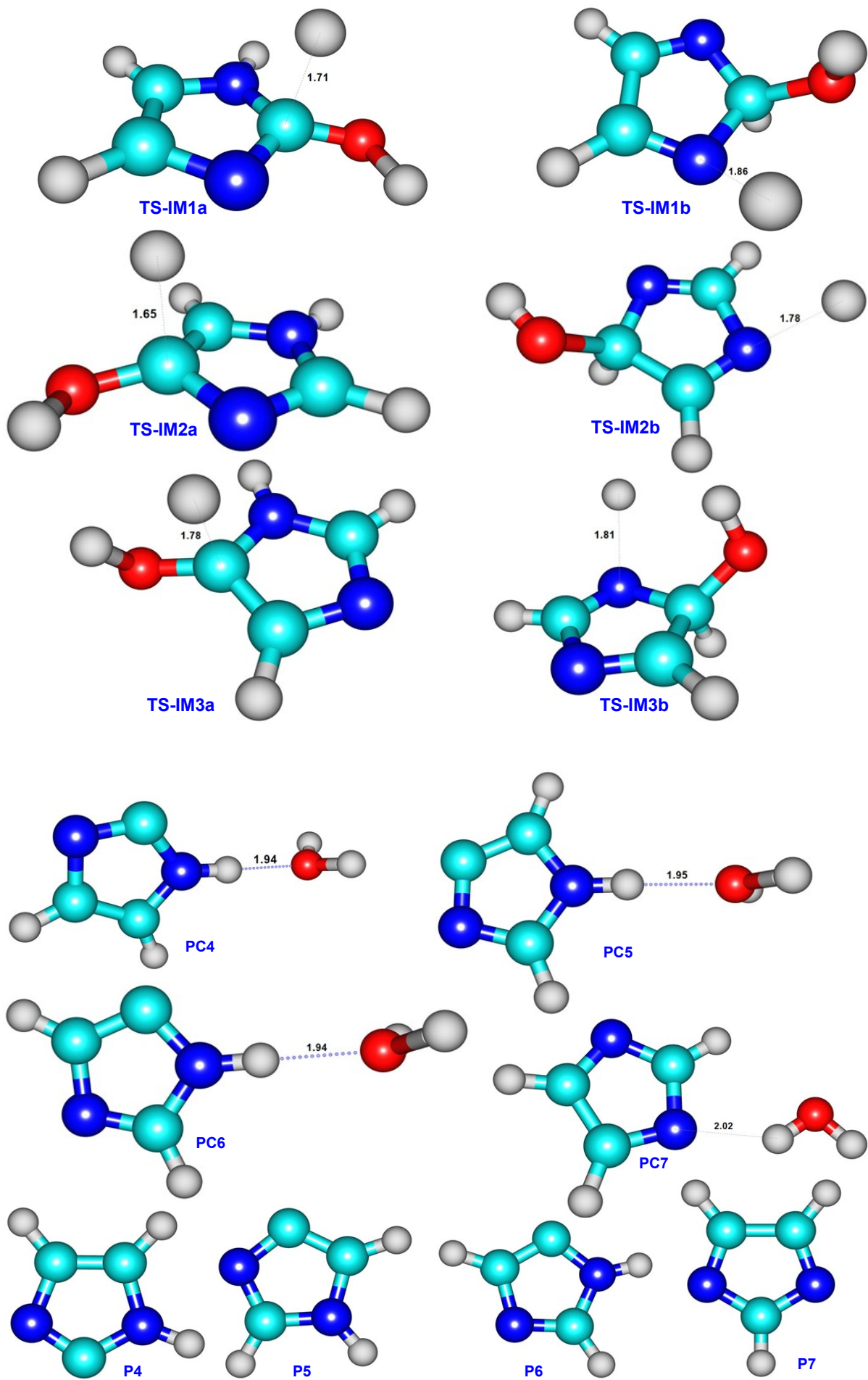
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	7	0.594551000	1.002064000	-0.000013000					
<b>P7</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	-0.002570000	-1.091399000	0.000025000	-225.547068	0.057567	531.7446	570.9612	772.0446
	6	0.735522000	0.868602000	0.000027000			797.4632	910.3987	923.3898
	6	-0.731416000	0.872030000	-0.000019000			925.3158	1007.5195	1028.8139
	7	-1.158602000	-0.366453000	0.000003000			1190.9896	1199.6502	1299.6417
	1	-0.005138000	-2.170191000	-0.000008000			1331.0873	1478.0055	1560.9905
	1	1.401818000	1.718161000	0.000035000			3234.7830	3247.3260	3258.8921
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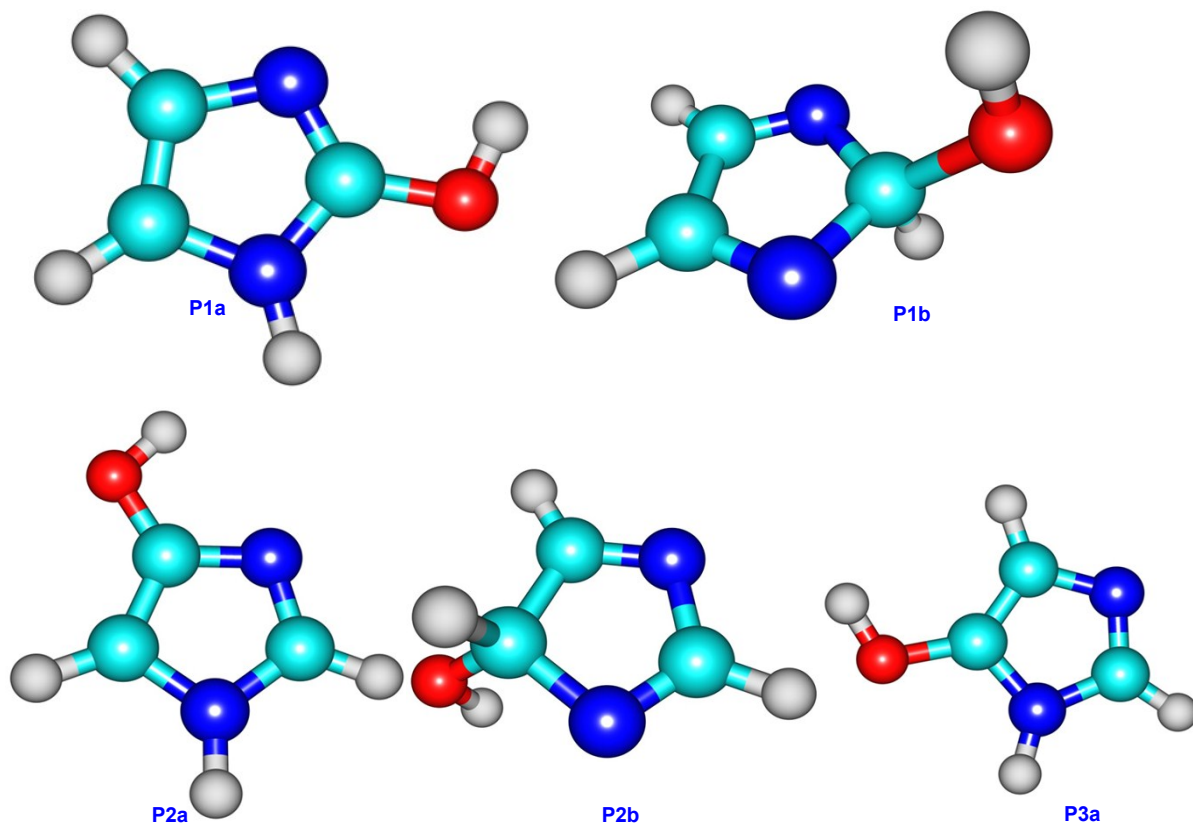
Frequencies in the parentheses (“( )”) are taken from experimental studies.

**Table S2:** Calculated overall rate constants,  $k_{tot}$ , of the imidazole + OH → products over the range of temperature 297 – 440 K at different pressures, including the HIR treatments, Eckart quantum tunneling effects. Units are in cm<sup>3</sup>/molecule/s.

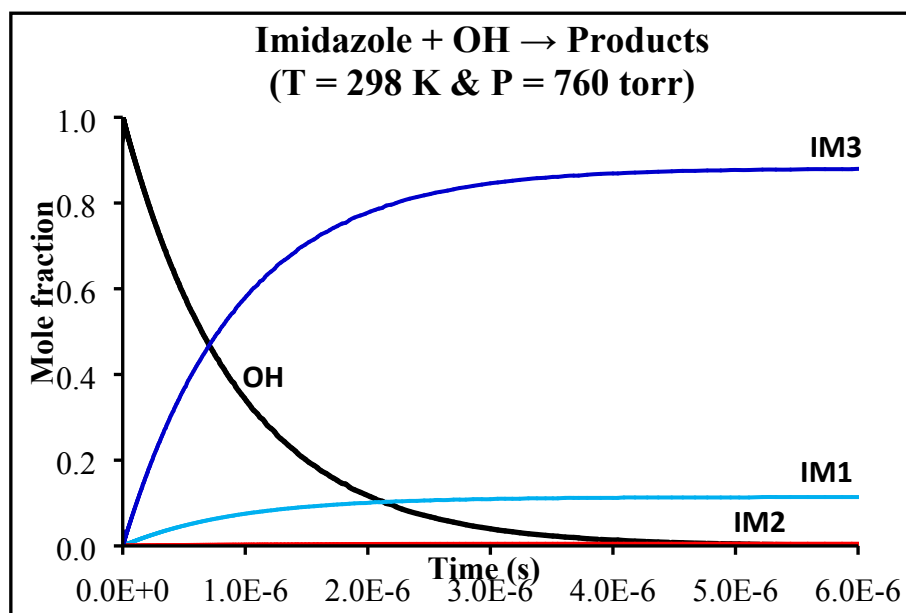
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316	1.51E-11	2.75E-11	3.16E-11	3.43E-11	3.45E-11	5.06E-11	1.32E-10	3.20E-10
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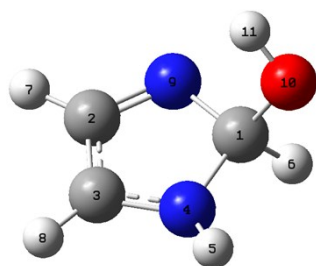
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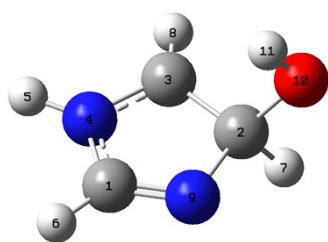
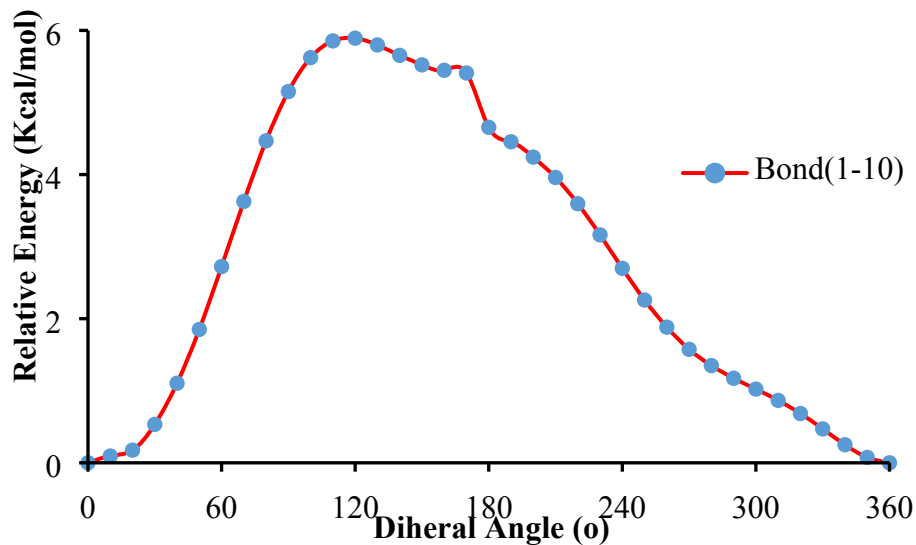
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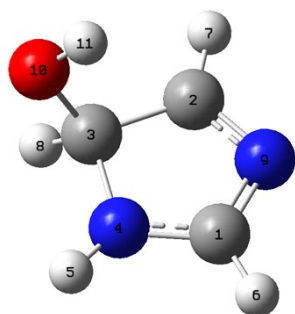
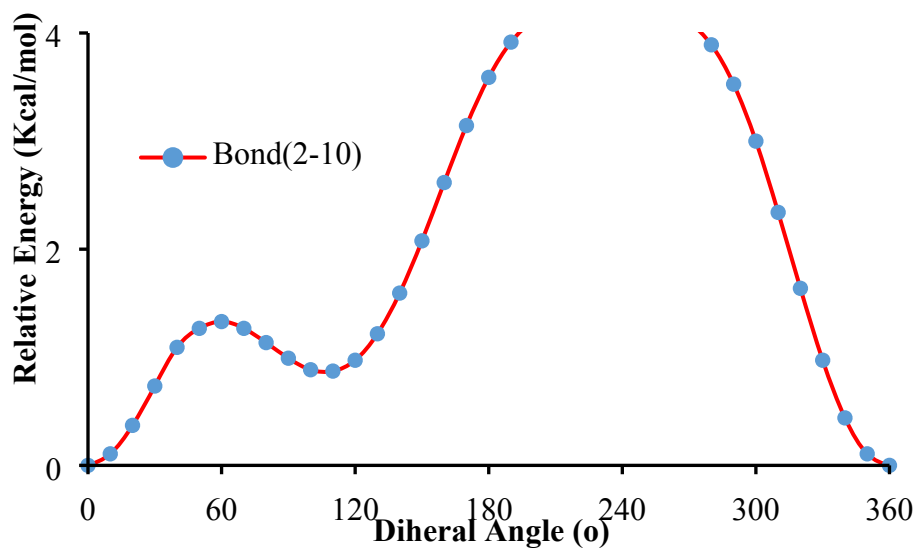
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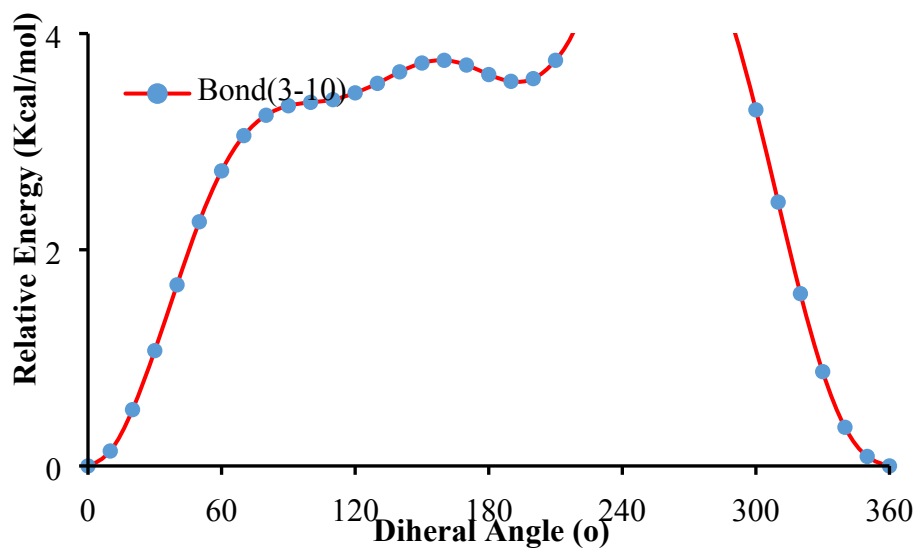
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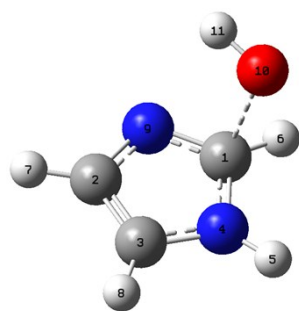


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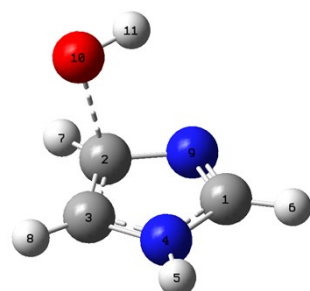
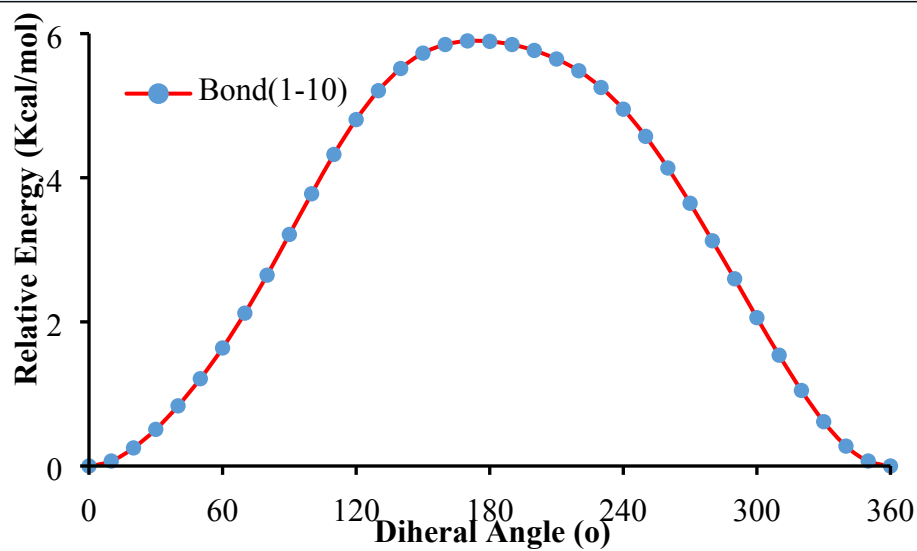


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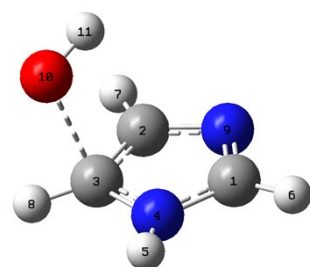
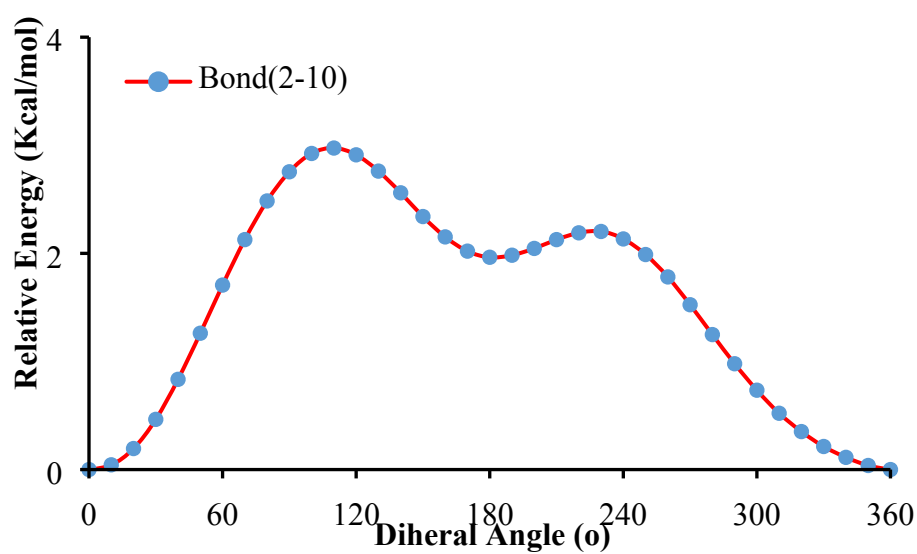
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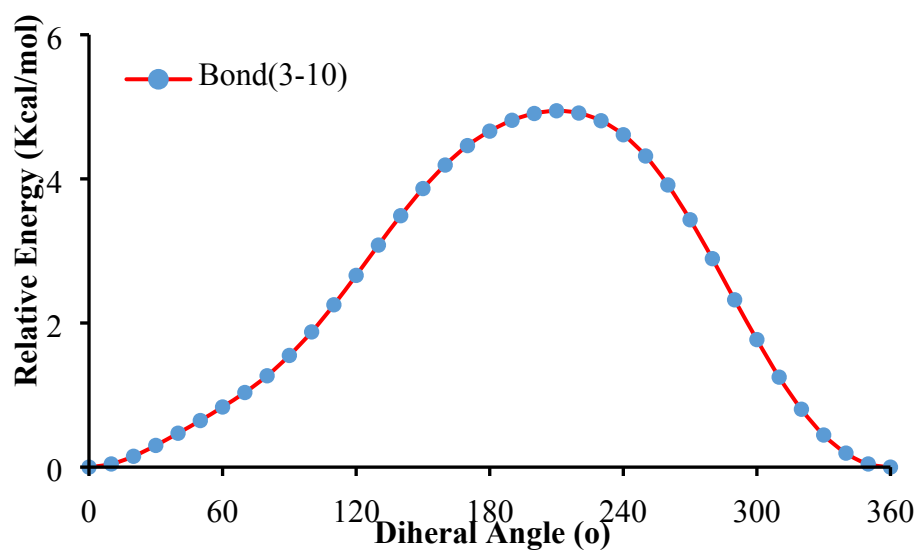
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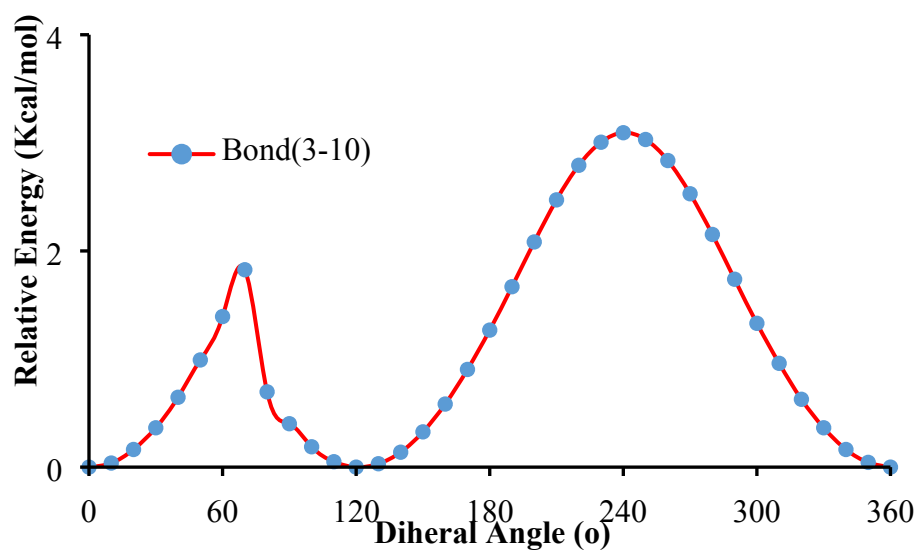
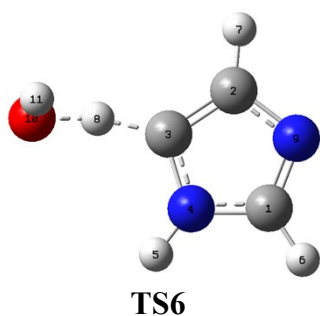
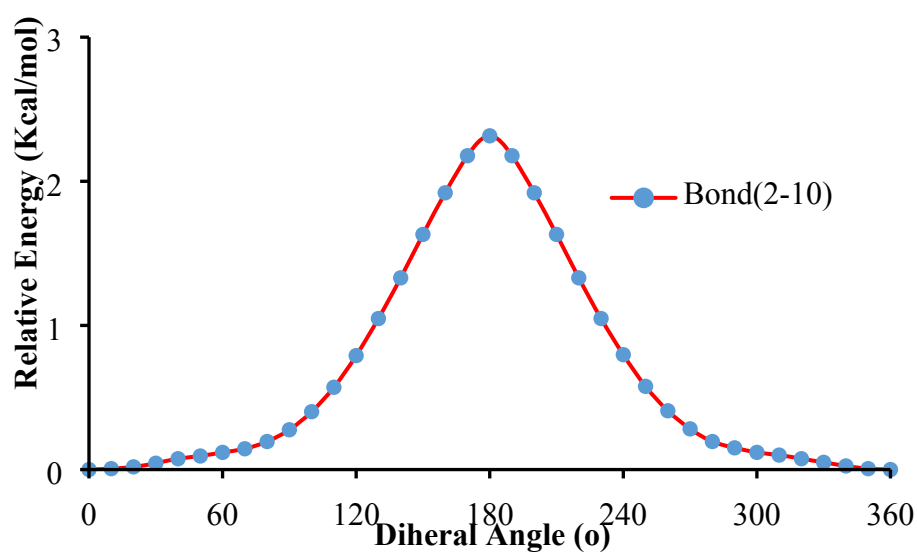
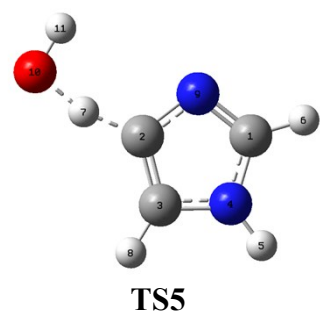
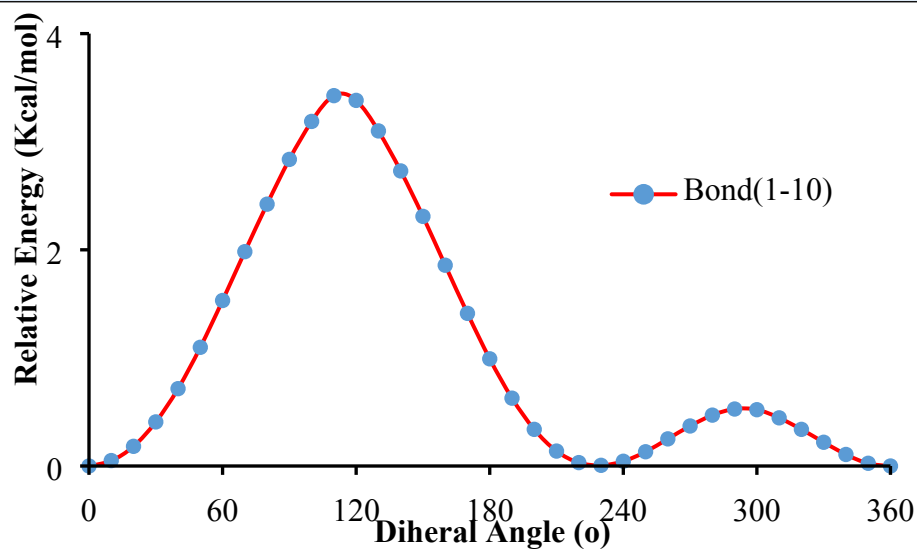
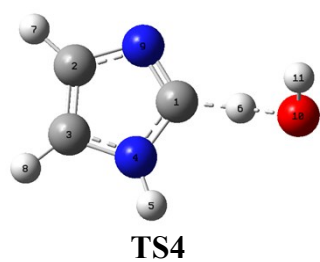


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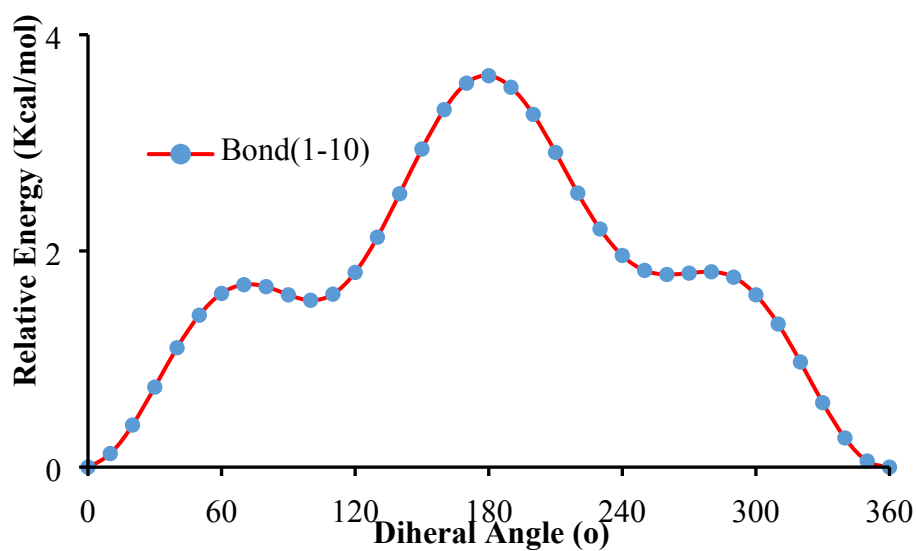
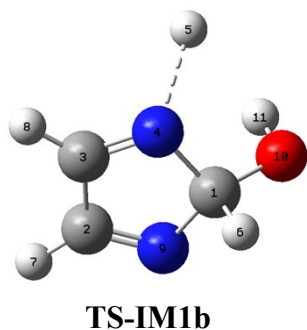
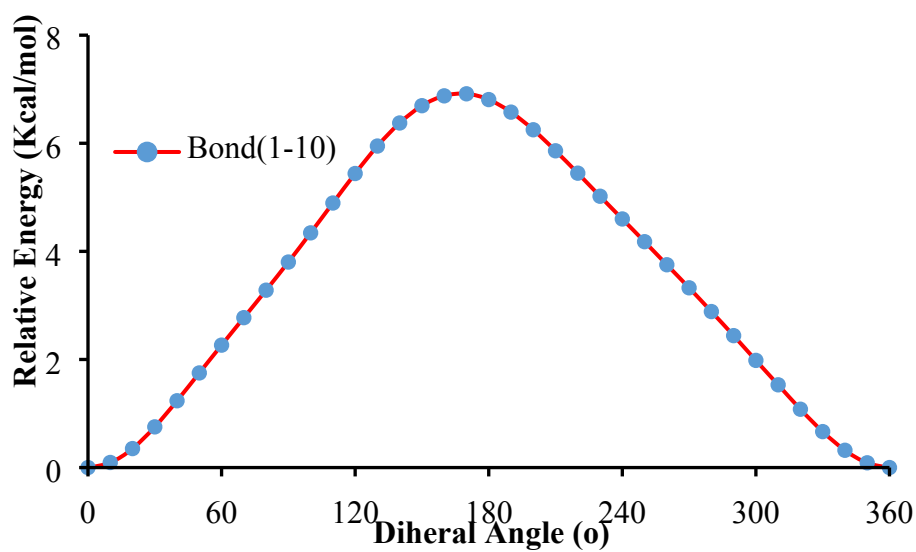
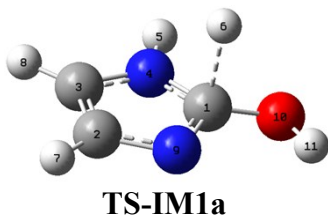
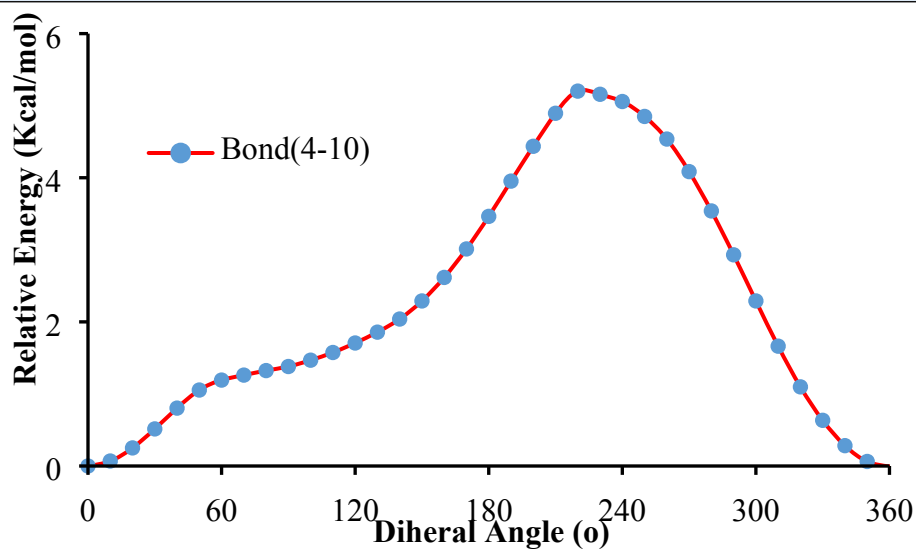
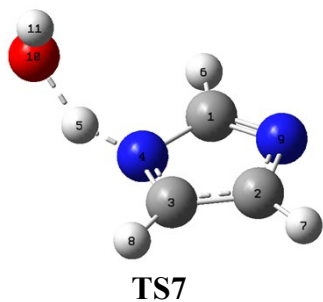
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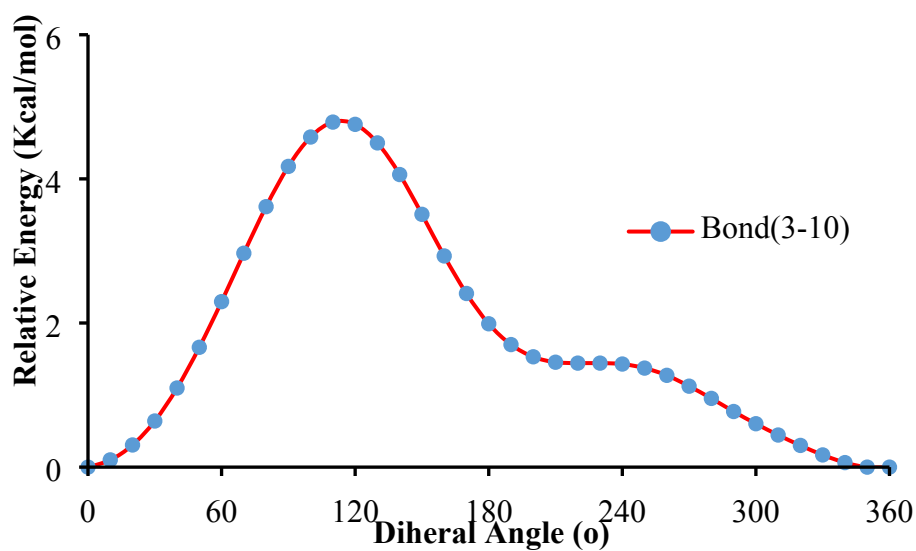
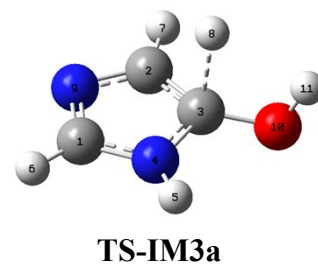
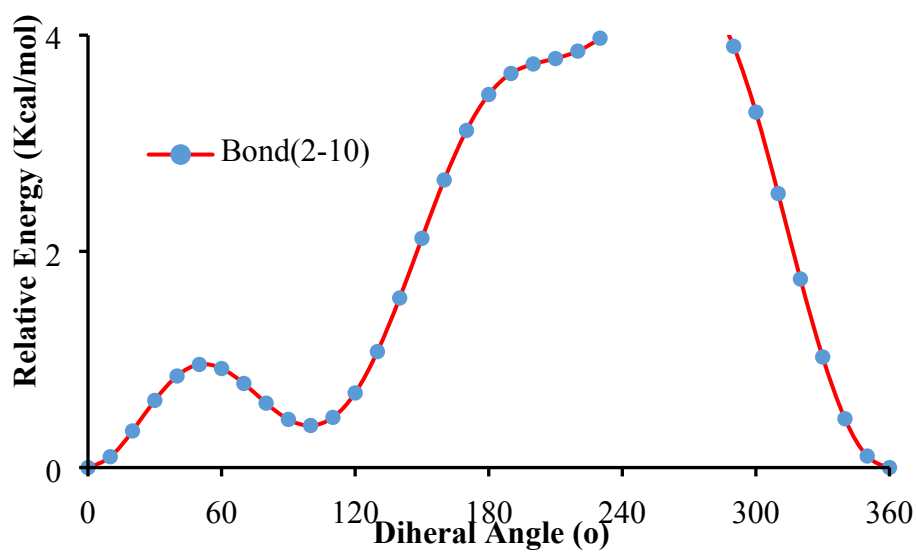
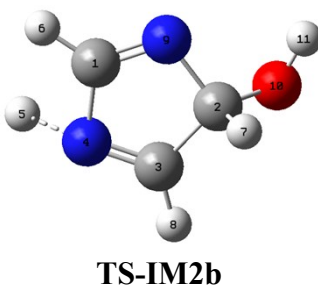
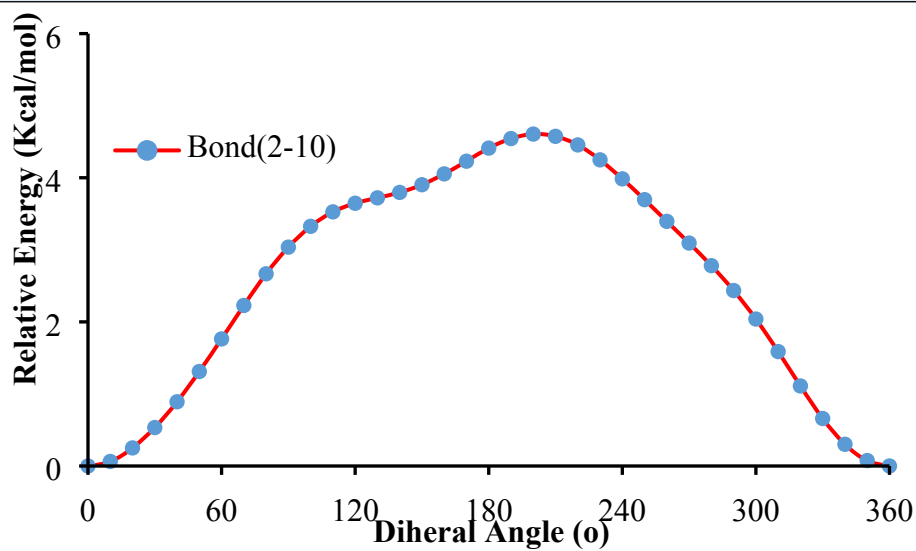
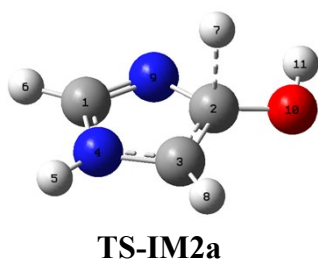
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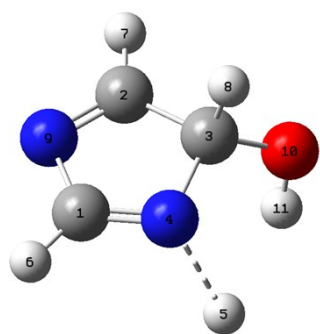
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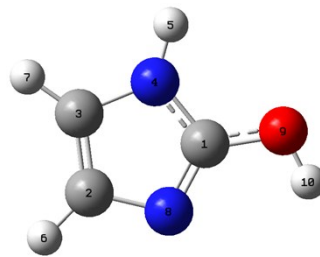
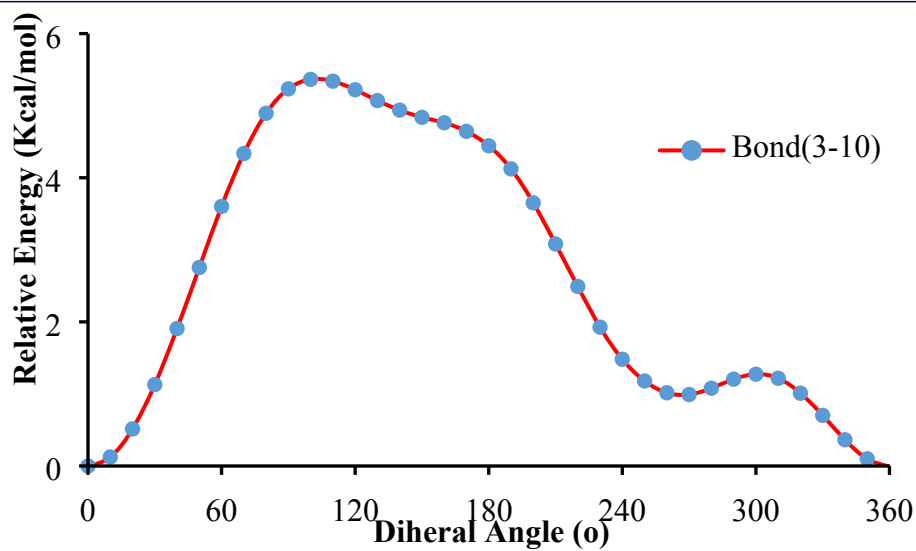


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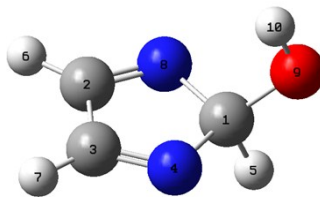
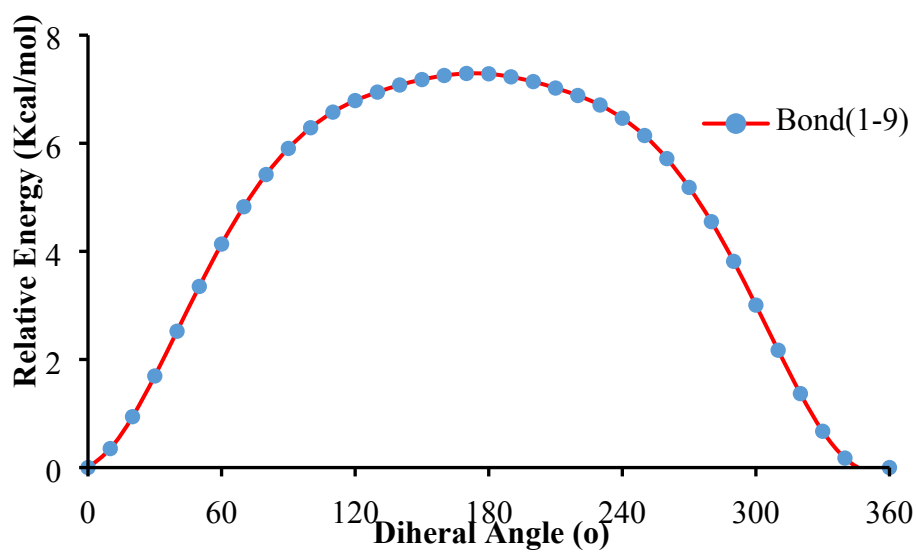
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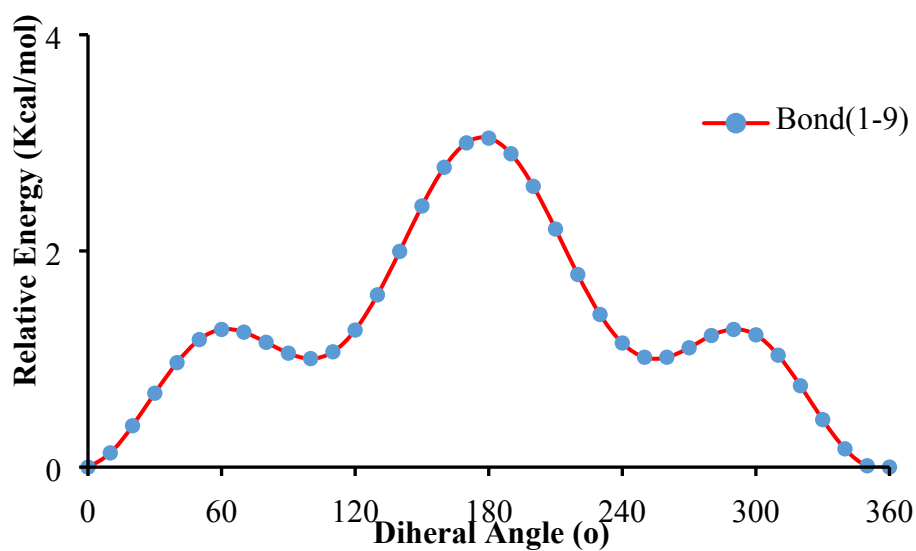
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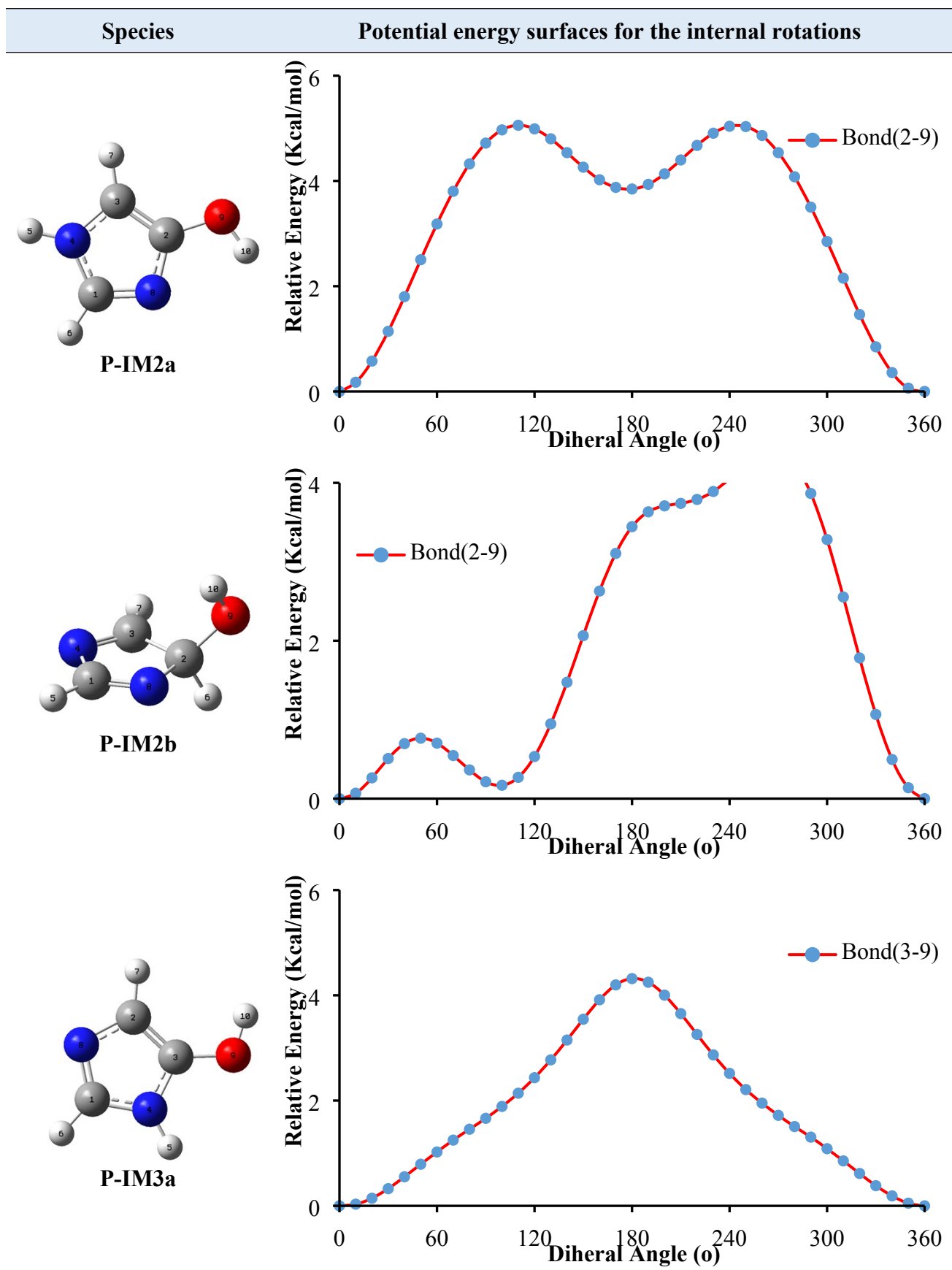


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**Figure S3:** Hindrance potentials for the species involved in the imidazole + OH reaction, calculated at M06-2X/cc-pVDZ level of theory.

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