

Table S1 Supplementary data: total BHandHLYP/6-311G** energies (E) and zero point energies (zpe), both in a.u., of reactants and products; also, molecular symmetries and (for radicals) electronic states

	symmetry	E	zpe		symmetry	E	zpe
H ₂	D _{∞h}	-1.1695	0.0103	H	K _{h} / ² S	-0.5000	
HO ₂	C _{s} / ² A''	-150.8716	0.0150	O ₂	D _{∞h} / ³ Σ_g	-150.2888	0.0041
				HO ₂ NO ₂	C _{1} / ¹ A	-355.9093	0.0315
HCHO	C _{$2v$}	-114.4688	0.0277	HCO	C _{s} / ² A'	-113.8221	0.0136
H ₂ O	C _{$2v$}	-76.4054	0.0222	OH	D _{∞h} / ² Π	-75.7235	0.0088
CH ₃ OH	C _{s}	-115.6869	0.0531	CH ₃ O	C _{s} / ² A'	-115.0232	0.0380
				CH ₂ OH	C _{1} / ² A	-115.0289	0.0386
H ₂ S	C _{$2v$}	-399.3951	0.0156	SH	D _{∞h} / ² Π	-398.7520	0.0063
HBr	C _{∞v}	-2574.7073	0.0062	Br	K _{h} / ² P	-2574.0681	
HI	C _{∞v}	-11.9548	0.0053	I	K _{h} / ² P	-11.3432	
NO ₂	C _{$2v$} / ² A ₁	-205.0119	0.0094	trans-HONO	C _{s}	-205.6422	0.0217
				cis-HONO	C _{s}	-205.6433	0.0218
				H-NO ₂	C _{$2v$}	-205.6292	0.0234

Note:

For the H atom, the exact value is used for all levels of theory: values for HI and I are from the BHandHLYP/SDD method.