

**Transient absorption, femtosecond dynamics, vibrational coherence and  
molecular modelling of the photoisomerization of  
N-salicylidene-o-aminophenol in solution**

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**Table S1:** Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ ) of the ground state of each conformer of the keto-tautomer calculated with respect to the lowest value, the respective Boltzmann weight and the corresponding absorption transition energy (E)

Transition $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$			
Conformer	$\Delta E$ , kcal/mol	Boltzmann weight	E, eV
1	1.373	0.074	2.773
2 <sup>#</sup>	0.000	0.748	2.708
3	0.855	0.177	2.752
4	3.626	0.002	2.855
		Averaged E, eV	<b>2.721</b>
Transition $S_0 \rightarrow S_2$			
1	1.373	0.074	2.854
2	0.000	0.748	2.673
3	0.855	0.177	2.761
4	3.626	0.002	2.722
		Averaged E, eV	<b>2.702</b>
Transition $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$			
1	1.373	0.074	3.104
2	0.000	0.748	3.113
3	0.855	0.177	3.238
4	3.626	0.002	3.106
		Averaged E, eV	<b>3.135</b>

<sup>#</sup>Ground state energy of conformer 2: -707.058700 a. u.

**Table S2:** Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ ) of the excited state of each conformer of the keto-tautomer calculated with respect to the lowest value, the respective Boltzmann weight and the corresponding emission transition energy (E)

Transition $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$			
Conformer	$\Delta E$ , kcal/mol	Boltzmann weight	E, eV
1	3.008	0.006	2.336
2 <sup>#</sup>	0.000	0.983	2.346
3	2.690	0.011	2.387
4	5.212	0	2.325
		Averaged E, eV	<b>2.346</b>
Transition $S_2 \rightarrow S_0$			
1	0.002	0.497	2.411
2 <sup>#</sup>	0.000	0.499	2.411
3	2.889	0.004	2.464
4	4.909	0	20450
		Averaged E, eV	<b>2.411</b>

<sup>#</sup>Excited state energy of conformer 2: ( $S_1$ ) -706.965941 a. u.; ( $S_2$ ) -706.950928 a. u.

**Table S3:** Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ ) of the ground state of each conformer of the enol-tautomer calculated with respect to the lowest value, the respective Boltzmann weight and the corresponding absorption transition energy (E)

Transition $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$			
Conformer	$\Delta E$ , kcal/mol	Boltzmann weight	E, eV
1	4.764	0.000	2.888
2	6.911	0.000	2.867
3 <sup>#</sup>	0.000	0.859	2.893
4	3.448	0.003	2.863
5	1.289	0.097	3.030
6	6.288	0.000	2.980
7	1.800	0.041	3.141
		Averaged E, eV	<b>2.916</b>
Transition $S_0 \rightarrow S_2$			
1	4.764	0.000	3.334
2	6.911	0.000	3.291
3	0.000	0.859	3.299
4	3.448	0.003	3.350
5	1.289	0.097	3.295
6	6.288	0.000	3.411
7	1.800	0.041	3.365
		Averaged E, eV	<b>3.302</b>
Transition $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$			
1	4.764	0.000	3.625
2	6.911	0.000	3.600
3	0.000	0.859	3.625
4	3.448	0.003	3.541
5	1.289	0.097	3.693
6	6.288	0.000	3.597
7	1.800	0.041	3.720
		Averaged E, eV	<b>3.635</b>

<sup>#</sup>Ground state energy of conformer 3: -707.063924 a. u.

**Table S4:** Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ ) of the excited state of each conformer of the enol-tautomer calculated with respect to the lowest value, the respective Boltzmann weight and the corresponding emission transition energy (E)

Transition $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$			
Conformer	$\Delta E$ , kcal/mol	Boltzmann weight	E, eV
7 <sup>#</sup>	0.000	1	0.079
		'Averaged' E, eV	<b>0.079</b>
Transition $S_2 \rightarrow S_0$			
1	7.041	0.000	3.019
3 <sup>#</sup>	0.000	0.911	2.873
5	1.374	0.090	2.861
6	9.888	0.000	3.118
		Averaged E, eV	<b>2.872</b>

<sup>#</sup>  $S_1$  energy of conformer 7: -706.969153 a. u.;  $S_2$  energy of conformer 3: -706.937523 a. u.