

*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 0.0000000000	0.0000000000	0.107999000	-75.733789				3742.0378 (3737.8) <sup>1</sup>			
	1 0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.863995000								
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b> (C <sub>2v</sub> )	8 0.0000000000	0.0000000000	0.116332000	-76.4300922	0.021565	1615.7190 3873.1681 3977.2474					
	1 0.0000000000	0.762680000	-0.465326000			(1595.0; 3657.0 <sup>2</sup> ; 3756.0 <sup>1</sup> )					
	1 0.0000000000	-0.762680000	-0.465326000								
<b>H</b> (D <sub>∞h</sub> )	1 1.216198000	-1.008264000	0.000000000	-0.498207	0.00000	/					
<b>Oxazole</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6 -0.596128000	-0.958006000	0.000000000	-246.070729	0.059464	636.7748	672.7995	797.9645			
	6 0.747760000	-0.876311000	0.000000000			885.0241	915.1526	921.4602			
	6 0.000000000	1.095687000	0.000000000			940.2646	1100.3657	1123.0928			
	1 -1.308232000	-1.761359000	0.000000000			1148.6577	1204.8602	1283.0508			
	1 1.474977000	-1.668136000	0.000000000			1385.5414	1562.3750	1615.3641			
	1 -0.165749000	2.159282000	0.000000000			3291.0473	3292.7571	3325.3136			
	7 1.116500000	0.461873000	0.000000000								
	8 -1.090786000	0.308611000	0.000000000								
<b>RC1</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6 1.721018000	0.652095000	-0.000185000	-321.815627	0.070739	27.5531	50.3706	153.0587			
	6 0.450760000	1.094129000	-0.000136000			510.7275	604.3560	639.0300			
	6 0.388414000	-1.022099000	0.000211000			678.2631	804.2877	892.7808			
	1 2.687245000	1.119458000	-0.000366000			918.5816	929.0307	949.0072			
	1 0.079310000	2.102595000	-0.000290000			1100.2549	1129.7351	1150.9743			
	1 0.130025000	-2.066867000	0.000377000			1218.1618	1284.9065	1386.9349			
	7 -0.398388000	-0.004735000	0.000176000			1566.5702	1621.7838	3296.5116			
	8 1.690153000	-0.708408000	0.000036000			3297.5241	3327.8663	3512.5079			
	8 -3.330448000	0.023028000	-0.000080000								
	1 -2.346666000	0.016248000	0.000063000								
<b>RC2</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6 0.224094000	1.102852000	0.369204000	-321.812220	0.070274	53.9898	71.2194	150.1954			
	6 0.012462000	0.023123000	1.149561000			259.4291	449.3223	635.3024			
	6 1.017457000	-0.635940000	-0.587052000			673.6946	805.8382	886.2231			
	7 0.529133000	-1.097161000	0.509567000			914.2190	922.8671	940.5613			
	8 0.878578000	0.690491000	-0.744723000			1103.1085	1125.8072	1146.7449			
	8 -2.185761000	-0.093976000	-0.505972000			1205.7007	1283.5438	1383.9629			

Species	Cartesian coordinate (Å)				$E_{elec}^{0K}$ (Hartree)	ZPE (Hartree)	Unscaled vibrational frequencies <sup>[a]</sup> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		
	1	-0.010112000	2.147786000	0.443259000					1559.0111 1605.5523 3294.1852
	1	-0.473599000	-0.036909000	2.106496000					3295.8570 3328.1194 3752.1552
	1	1.515339000	-1.173458000	-1.375499000					
	1	-1.802171000	-0.969628000	-0.325938000					
<b>TS0</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.637384000	1.129986000	-0.059036000	-321.812101	0.070026	-32.4625	56.4346	125.7412
	6	0.056556000	0.550071000	0.938871000			317.6213	390.8075	635.1652
	6	-0.860792000	-0.993363000	-0.175961000			675.0909	801.4452	886.6854
	1	-0.799240000	2.140678000	-0.382178000			912.1490	922.3681	940.5829
	1	0.657439000	1.007438000	1.703789000			1100.6451	1126.4619	1142.5448
	1	-1.225847000	-1.914209000	-0.597014000			1207.1946	1283.1028	1383.0511
	7	-0.097859000	-0.829433000	0.845859000			1562.6880	1609.5644	3294.1036
	8	-1.235502000	0.145588000	-0.778971000			3296.4685	3328.8373	3739.0516
	8	2.319901000	0.009408000	-0.568089000					
	1	2.027188000	-0.788014000	-0.092371000					
<b>Abstraction channels</b>									
<b>TS1</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	0.371146000	-0.027998000	0.000282000	-321.787013	0.064025	-1791.7503	56.3438	91.7093
	6	-1.683252000	-0.570740000	-0.000161000			190.9498	407.0605	573.4561
	6	-1.566071000	0.769227000	-0.000095000			632.7030	779.9621	795.0320
	1	-2.335034000	1.520218000	-0.000215000			803.0743	903.4646	913.3530
	1	-2.502027000	-1.265040000	-0.000323000			954.5022	1101.3714	1129.3270
	8	2.805860000	-0.101460000	-0.000087000			1145.3307	1204.1924	1352.4921
	8	-0.420420000	-1.102868000	0.000054000			1446.5832	1577.6847	1629.5329
	7	-0.209339000	1.103553000	0.000165000			3295.7156	3325.8193	3794.0470
	1	1.628687000	-0.235600000	0.000515000					
	1	2.859283000	0.867245000	-0.001024000					
<b>TS2</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.525092000	1.129596000	0.000002000	-321.789082	0.064520	-1686.9089	95.4286	96.0232
	6	-1.438270000	-0.811567000	0.000002000			198.8532	408.2293	597.8720
	6	0.410019000	0.162859000	-0.000016000			663.8153	755.9093	798.5073
	1	-2.263275000	-1.502609000	0.000009000			828.3227	887.9882	933.3386
	1	-0.521261000	2.202028000	0.000005000			943.6355	1095.9607	1168.5822
	8	2.841865000	0.067907000	-0.000004000			1192.2362	1250.4411	1353.0413
	7	-0.176584000	-1.071905000	-0.000013000			1478.1242	1558.4704	1587.4050
	8	-1.734618000	0.498182000	0.000011000			3294.8700	3333.3309	3800.5794
	1	1.665818000	0.291247000	-0.000029000					

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<b>TS3</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	1	2.816887000	-0.901363000	0.000127000	-321.785808	0.064256			
	6	-0.391273000	0.145365000	-0.109589000			-1638.7196	81.8274	110.8762
	6	1.557207000	-0.682257000	0.043018000			152.3471	381.7764	596.9248
	6	0.497606000	1.153111000	-0.018862000			670.3165	724.1507	873.8520
	1	0.333426000	2.214340000	-0.023530000			884.0732	894.7077	931.5417
	1	2.278242000	-1.479977000	0.086803000			972.7428	1098.6327	1152.2258
	8	0.258429000	-1.035586000	-0.057219000			1160.6057	1249.6285	1332.9311
	7	1.762918000	0.585819000	0.067566000			1379.5567	1530.1026	1604.9189
	8	-2.813057000	-0.023775000	-0.031743000			3296.2529	3311.0102	3813.9707
	1	-1.668365000	0.103898000	-0.238738000					
<b>P1</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	1	-2.827947000	-0.161409000	0.926801000					
	6	0.000000000	1.082554000	0.000000000	-245.374418	0.046487	618.0690	624.0449	788.3333
	6	1.069772000	0.268097000	0.000000000			892.0394	901.4470	932.6202
	6	-0.627104000	-0.938299000	0.000000000			1075.6487	1106.8643	1126.6834
	7	0.629358000	-1.064984000	0.000000000			1192.8102	1337.1069	1569.8687
	8	-1.128026000	0.289785000	0.000000000			1618.3726	3294.5008	3327.0308
	1	-0.152655000	2.145003000	0.000000000					
<b>P2</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	1	2.115349000	0.517495000	0.000000000					
	6	-0.513485000	-1.038813000	0.000000000	-245.374966	0.046846	618.8719	671.8595	786.7383
	6	0.817335000	-0.861849000	0.000000000			879.8643	885.1457	938.6087
	6	0.000000000	1.045727000	0.000000000			1079.2258	1159.8451	1200.5114
	1	-0.201129000	2.102719000	0.000000000			1258.3242	1359.7499	1528.3098
	7	1.145408000	0.448895000	0.000000000			1560.2032	3295.8400	3339.8907
	8	-1.056682000	0.219661000	0.000000000					
<b>P3</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	1	-1.186373000	-1.872656000	0.000000000					
	6	-0.658840000	-0.957892000	0.000000000	-245.370901	0.046664	589.6886	671.1587	857.7760
	6	0.685069000	-0.965838000	0.000000000			865.2341	892.0553	935.1308
	6	0.000000000	1.048585000	0.000000000			1084.2179	1120.5949	1151.3254
	1	1.375111000	-1.787347000	0.000000000			1246.2106	1353.1233	1502.7057
	1	-0.1286668000	2.116711000	0.000000000			1596.3059	3297.9591	3319.7053
	7	1.088346000	0.368522000	0.000000000					
<b>Addition channels</b>									
<b>TS4</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.291409000	-0.494564000	-0.449208000	-321.807206	0.070611	-514.0005	148.1643	188.9194
	6	-1.127195000	0.841057000	-0.275618000			272.9454	609.9035	637.0587

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	6	0.425509000	-0.146229000	0.774611000			715.3770	808.4276	870.9678
	7	-0.045876000	1.054233000	0.536914000			915.5789	923.6861	934.7299
	8	-0.328286000	-1.131315000	0.247748000			1108.6563	1119.9676	1169.5641
	8	1.933297000	-0.067970000	-0.641284000			1193.5030	1276.5411	1344.6938
	1	-1.988979000	-1.102886000	-0.994199000			1501.4839	1549.3957	3287.0272
	1	-1.711942000	1.648337000	-0.679036000			3303.6364	3320.3071	3794.1098
	1	1.160540000	-0.427646000	1.506332000					
	1	1.980004000	0.895263000	-0.741918000					
<b>TS5</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	0.111160000	1.079124000	0.343664000	-321.803989	0.070584	-468.2233	121.6401	155.7664
	6	-0.498930000	-0.070781000	0.792978000			222.6002	557.3184	645.1855
	6	1.228288000	-0.624971000	-0.305915000			774.6482	818.8873	901.8642
	7	0.295102000	-1.152547000	0.389930000			909.1226	927.1083	939.2520
	8	1.186774000	0.727406000	-0.386693000			1094.5937	1100.9099	1126.6484
	8	-1.949152000	-0.006632000	-0.593209000			1185.6024	1283.5110	1381.0300
	1	-0.139208000	2.121583000	0.396279000			1491.9882	1616.2212	3292.2872
	1	-1.238563000	-0.173531000	1.563702000			3304.9067	3325.7505	3805.8382
	1	2.036202000	-1.112586000	-0.824342000					
	1	-1.668219000	-0.834054000	-1.010296000					
<b>TS6</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.408062000	-0.206921000	0.815751000	-321.809542	0.070523	-343.3531	122.4405	146.0179
	6	0.071357000	1.032397000	0.481862000			222.0139	598.2260	653.7705
	6	1.302513000	-0.396420000	-0.453517000			700.0912	848.3477	883.7214
	1	-1.131740000	-0.561841000	1.522877000			904.3972	920.1868	940.0978
	1	-0.312203000	1.995929000	0.766204000			1105.7141	1111.5498	1162.0219
	1	2.041615000	-0.939468000	-1.016888000			1192.9180	1284.1521	1368.2273
	7	1.151909000	0.880210000	-0.358369000			1500.7400	1577.7509	3291.9071
	8	0.418182000	-1.120836000	0.253082000			3294.6426	3334.8318	3792.2030
	8	-2.011063000	-0.106988000	-0.583468000					
	1	-1.712839000	0.592171000	-1.185104000					
<b>TS7</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-1.391033000	-0.639498000	-0.043468000	-321.798411	0.066377	-1078.6398	312.7456	335.1122
	6	-1.369854000	0.709842000	-0.052079000			440.6915	551.7050	581.8007
	6	0.628672000	0.044293000	0.078788000			635.5599	738.0695	774.4055
	7	-0.064401000	1.151760000	-0.027464000			820.7407	910.5592	934.2361
	8	-0.100444000	-1.084610000	-0.018868000			989.7768	1117.3518	1148.1358
	8	1.935645000	-0.114947000	-0.133129000			1180.8259	1218.1048	1327.3126
	1	-2.163274000	-1.384419000	-0.047656000			1485.0498	1572.4475	1583.9125

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	1	-2.200998000	1.391307000	-0.074865000					3291.4649
	1	0.595760000	0.075979000	1.800613000					3330.8298
	1	2.331003000	0.763445000	-0.169307000					3855.4808
<b>TS8</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	0.178657000	1.111341000	-0.029601000	-321.788855	0.066080	-1134.4803	241.8096	303.5017
	6	-0.674120000	0.038664000	0.080231000			417.6370	549.4946	609.2550
	6	1.291066000	-0.727023000	-0.042415000			622.3695	686.1156	746.4252
	7	0.079286000	-1.136499000	-0.023188000			817.1797	907.6352	929.2475
	8	1.445098000	0.609625000	-0.032374000			1004.8741	1093.9471	1160.2885
	8	-1.998296000	0.053928000	-0.181412000			1213.3088	1276.0044	1331.2930
	1	0.050009000	2.175143000	0.001884000			1389.2319	1599.8983	1630.3736
	1	-0.768234000	0.026850000	1.762436000			3289.1703	3333.9681	3852.6267
	1	2.190813000	-1.317850000	-0.073175000					
	1	-2.375638000	-0.774964000	0.132173000					
<b>TS9</b> (C <sub>1</sub> )	6	-0.653368000	0.087736000	0.033999000	-321.793757	0.065624	-812.1535	214.2445	300.6564
	6	0.218617000	1.138402000	-0.031872000			411.2220	498.9767	525.6702
	6	1.360670000	-0.637670000	-0.024474000			661.1747	691.8485	735.6612
	1	-0.702640000	0.105928000	1.859805000			846.8297	871.2586	934.6531
	1	-0.009863000	2.188238000	-0.018899000			997.8421	1139.6751	1170.7092
	1	2.126290000	-1.393791000	-0.012067000			1211.8113	1277.3117	1292.8493
	7	1.502729000	0.641106000	-0.031278000			1382.8292	1569.6335	1647.9333
	8	0.080261000	-1.062322000	-0.040842000			3294.9385	3303.3981	3824.5681
	8	-1.967284000	0.014399000	-0.201937000					
	1	-2.392219000	-0.535535000	0.466411000					
<b>P4</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	-1.385670000	-0.634986000	-0.000608000	-321.310927	0.064331	307.5991	426.7563	457.2223
	6	-1.361527000	0.706528000	0.000622000			629.3045	740.2670	743.6521
	6	0.632343000	0.050057000	0.000062000			784.2251	907.7183	935.5118
	7	-0.038324000	1.145455000	-0.000525000			1003.9828	1108.2961	1145.8017
	8	-0.080345000	-1.073955000	0.000442000			1185.6279	1237.3139	1320.6971
	8	1.948400000	-0.115533000	-0.000029000			1520.1798	1613.1542	1686.2423
	1	-2.148968000	-1.388533000	-0.001136000			3292.6002	3335.1537	3856.6423
	1	-2.186761000	1.395426000	0.000994000					
	1	2.348675000	0.761240000	0.000052000					
<b>P5</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6	0.165343000	1.109716000	-0.000019000	-321.303968	0.064038	309.6683	338.3939	424.4395
	6	-0.678771000	0.056906000	-0.000013000			643.2671	703.6299	706.5179
	6	1.268681000	-0.730927000	-0.000039000			767.8086	888.3554	944.6532

Species	Cartesian coordinate (Å)				$E_{elec}^{0\text{K}}$ (Hartree)	ZPE (Hartree)	Unscaled vibrational frequencies <sup>[a]</sup> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		
	7 0.038620000	-1.117065000	0.000040000				1027.9925	1096.5891	1170.2003
	8 1.434885000	0.591574000	0.000037000				1232.9816	1279.6055	1352.2901
	8 -2.021713000	0.061855000	-0.000032000				1415.2086	1583.6906	1725.8241
	1 0.054792000	2.175418000	-0.000023000				3294.4556	3340.1582	3863.8566
	1 2.154071000	-1.342802000	-0.000009000						
	1 -2.316088000	-0.854767000	0.000133000						
<b>P6</b> (C <sub>s</sub> )	6 0.657225000	0.122127000	0.000006000	-321.300660	0.063365		112.0359	311.4878	426.1972
	6 -0.216009000	1.147916000	0.000014000				668.7776	695.4818	707.5113
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	1 -0.020825000	2.203239000	0.000028000				1013.3539	1118.7507	1135.7609
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	8 -0.027955000	-1.042646000	-0.000010000				3302.8473	3314.6731	3869.6214
	8 1.990403000	0.059764000	-0.000058000						
	1 2.270649000	-0.861053000	0.000484000						

Frequencies in the parentheses ("(" )") are taken from experimental studies.

**Table S2:** Calculated overall rate constants,  $k_{\text{tot}}$ , of the oxazole + OH → products over the range of temperature 299 – 468 K at different pressures, including the HIR treatments, Eckart quantum tunneling effects. Units are in cm<sup>3</sup>/molecule/s.

T (K)	0.76 Torr	7.6 Torr	76 Torr	100 Torr	750 Torr	760 Torr	7600 Torr	76000 Torr
299	8.72E-12	9.39E-12	9.62E-12	9.65E-12	1.07E-11	1.07E-11	1.56E-11	4.60E-11
324	7.57E-12	8.37E-12	8.55E-12	8.57E-12	9.30E-12	9.31E-12	1.23E-11	2.72E-11
348	6.56E-12	7.50E-12	7.67E-12	7.71E-12	8.22E-12	8.21E-12	1.02E-11	1.79E-11
373	5.60E-12	6.65E-12	6.87E-12	6.88E-12	7.24E-12	7.25E-12	8.63E-12	1.28E-11
398	4.73E-12	5.92E-12	6.15E-12	6.16E-12	6.42E-12	6.43E-12	7.41E-12	1.02E-11
423	3.93E-12	5.25E-12	5.49E-12	5.52E-12	5.70E-12	5.69E-12	6.39E-12	8.38E-12
449	3.25E-12	4.62E-12	4.91E-12	4.92E-12	5.07E-12	5.09E-12	5.61E-12	7.10E-12
468	2.83E-12	4.21E-12	4.51E-12	4.54E-12	4.66E-12	4.65E-12	5.11E-12	6.36E-12

**Table S3:** Comparison of the zero-point energy corrected relative energies (in  $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ) of all species involved in the title reaction calculated at the same methods, M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ and ROCBS-QB3//M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ, by this work and Shiroudi *et al.*<sup>3</sup> (0 K). The numbers are relative to the energies of oxazole + OH. See Fig. 1 for the species notations.

Species	M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ		ROCBS-QB3//M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ	
	This work	Shiroudi <i>et al.</i> <sup>3</sup>	This work	Shiroudi <i>et al.</i> <sup>3</sup>
<b>RC1</b>	-5.3	-3.3	-5.4	-2.3
<b>RC2</b>	-3.5	-3.5	-2.3	-2.3
<b>TS0</b>	-3.5	N/A	-2.6	N/A
<b>TS1</b>	8.5	8.3	8.7	8.4
<b>TS2</b>	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.4
<b>TS3</b>	9.4	9.4	8.8	8.9
<b>TS4</b>	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8	-1.0
<b>TS5</b>	2.0	2.0	0.5	0.6
<b>TS6</b>	-1.6	-1.6	-2.2	-2.3
<b>TS7</b>	2.8	N/A	4.3	N/A
<b>TS8</b>	8.6	N/A	9.0	N/A
<b>TS9</b>	5.3	N/A	6.3	N/A
<b>I1</b>	-34.3	-34.1	-34.3	-34.1
<b>I2</b>	-20.6	-20.3	-20.1	-19.9
<b>I3</b>	-32.3	-32.1	-32.4	-32.3
<b>P1 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.1
<b>P2 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	-0.1	0.0	0.8	1.0
<b>P3 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	2.4	2.4	3.2	3.3
<b>P4 + H</b>	-5.2	N/A	-3.3	N/A
<b>P5 + H</b>	-1.0	N/A	0.4	N/A
<b>P6 + H</b>	0.6	N/A	2.4	N/A
<b>MAD (kcal/mol)</b>	<b>0.25</b>		<b>0.35</b>	

**Table S4:** Calculated overall rate constants,  $k_{\text{tot}}$ , of the oxazole + OH → products over the range of temperature 299 – 468 K at  $P = 100$  Torr with and without HIR treatments based on M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory. Units are in  $\text{cm}^3/\text{molecule/s}$ .

T (K)	Oxazole + OH → products ( $k_{\text{tot}}$ )		HIR factor
	With HIR	Without HIR	
299	9.65E-12	6.30E-12	1.53
324	8.57E-12	5.60E-12	1.53
348	7.71E-12	5.03E-12	1.53
373	6.88E-12	4.50E-12	1.53
398	6.16E-12	4.03E-12	1.53
423	5.52E-12	3.62E-12	1.52
449	4.92E-12	3.24E-12	1.52
468	4.54E-12	3.00E-12	1.51



449	3.23E-13	6.20E-03	2.27E-14	8.80E-02	4.71E-12	4.20E-04	2.24E-15	8.90E-01	3.08E-15	6.50E-01	4.00E-16	5.00E+00
468	3.11E-13	6.40E-03	2.44E-14	8.20E-02	4.32E-12	4.60E-04	3.34E-15	6.00E-01	3.88E-15	5.20E-01	5.00E-16	4.00E+00

**P = 760 Torr**

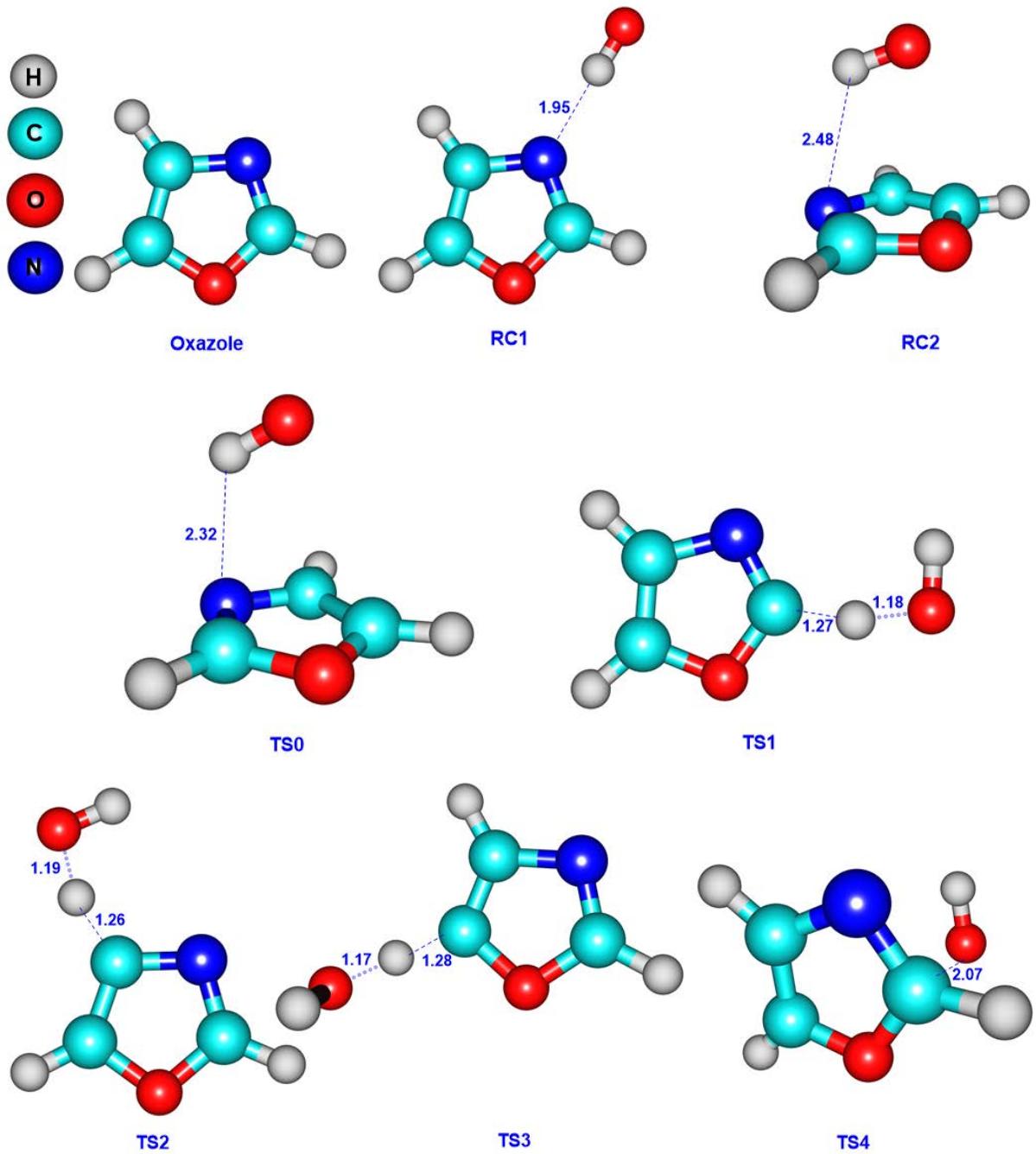
T (K)	I1	Unc. (%)	I2	Unc. (%)	I3	Unc. (%)	P1 + H <sub>2</sub> O	Unc. (%)	P2 + H <sub>2</sub> O	Unc. (%)	P3 + H <sub>2</sub> O	Unc. (%)
299	4.82E-13	4.10E-03	1.22E-14	1.60E-01	1.01E-11	2.00E-04	1.00E-16	2.00E+01	8.00E-17	2.50E+01	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
324	4.46E-13	4.50E-03	1.32E-14	1.50E-01	8.81E-12	2.30E-04	1.40E-16	1.40E+01	1.80E-16	1.10E+01	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
348	4.22E-13	4.70E-03	1.60E-14	1.20E-01	7.76E-12	2.60E-04	3.60E-16	5.60E+00	5.60E-16	3.60E+00	8.00E-17	2.50E+01
373	3.98E-13	5.00E-03	1.83E-14	1.10E-01	6.82E-12	2.90E-04	4.00E-16	5.00E+00	7.40E-16	2.70E+00	6.00E-17	3.30E+01
398	3.72E-13	5.40E-03	1.96E-14	1.00E-01	6.03E-12	3.30E-04	9.20E-16	2.20E+00	1.58E-15	1.30E+00	1.60E-16	1.20E+01
423	3.44E-13	5.80E-03	2.14E-14	9.40E-02	5.32E-12	3.80E-04	1.22E-15	1.60E+00	2.20E-15	9.10E-01	1.20E-16	1.70E+01
449	3.30E-13	6.10E-03	2.29E-14	8.70E-02	4.73E-12	4.20E-04	2.18E-15	9.20E-01	3.66E-15	5.50E-01	2.00E-16	1.00E+01
468	3.08E-13	6.50E-03	2.49E-14	8.00E-02	4.31E-12	4.60E-04	3.54E-15	5.60E-01	4.44E-15	4.50E-01	5.40E-16	3.70E+00

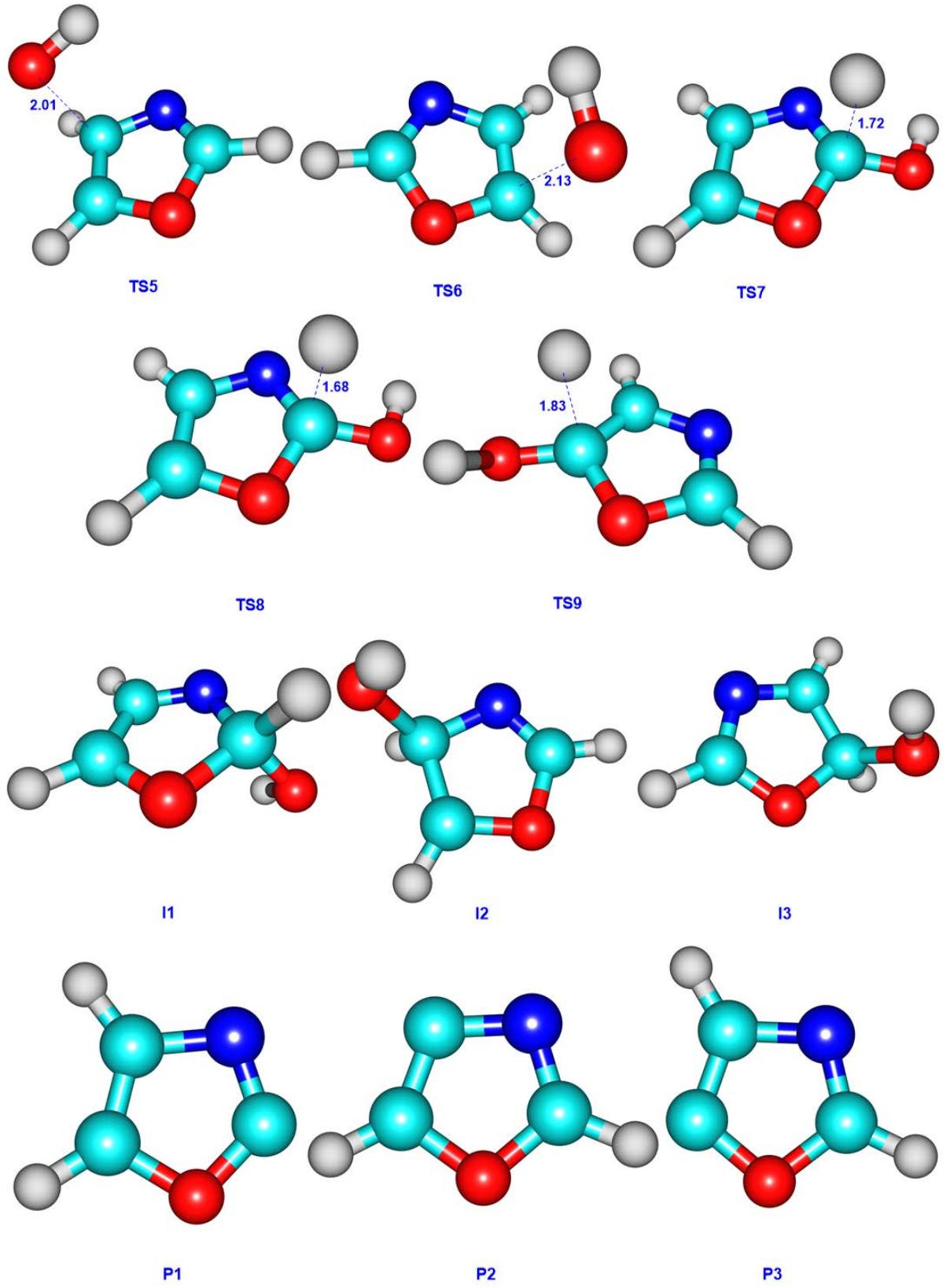
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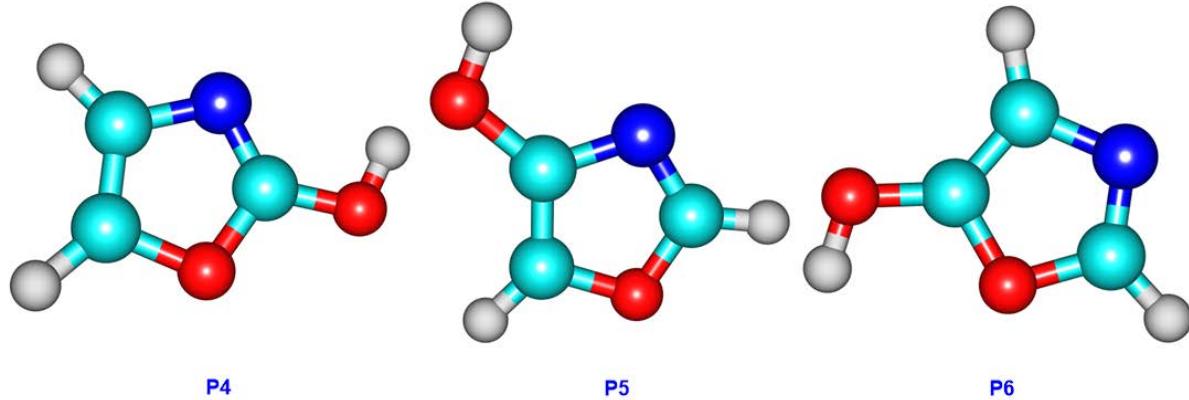
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299	5.05E-13	4.00E-03	1.34E-14	1.50E-01	1.25E-11	1.60E-04	4.00E-17	5.00E+01	1.40E-16	1.40E+01	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
324	4.71E-13	4.20E-03	1.60E-14	1.20E-01	1.07E-11	1.90E-04	1.60E-16	1.20E+01	2.00E-16	1.00E+01	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
348	4.44E-13	4.50E-03	1.81E-14	1.10E-01	9.21E-12	2.20E-04	3.00E-16	6.70E+00	5.80E-16	3.40E+00	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
373	4.22E-13	4.70E-03	2.05E-14	9.80E-02	7.92E-12	2.50E-04	3.80E-16	5.30E+00	8.80E-16	2.30E+00	4.00E-17	5.00E+01
398	3.94E-13	5.10E-03	2.27E-14	8.80E-02	6.84E-12	2.90E-04	8.60E-16	2.30E+00	1.22E-15	1.60E+00	8.00E-17	2.50E+01
423	3.66E-13	5.50E-03	2.23E-14	9.00E-02	5.92E-12	3.40E-04	1.22E-15	1.60E+00	1.80E-15	1.10E+00	1.80E-16	1.10E+01
449	3.39E-13	5.90E-03	2.54E-14	7.90E-02	5.19E-12	3.90E-04	2.14E-15	9.30E-01	3.22E-15	6.20E-01	2.20E-16	9.10E+00
468	3.30E-13	6.10E-03	2.66E-14	7.50E-02	4.72E-12	4.20E-04	3.00E-15	6.70E-01	4.06E-15	4.90E-01	3.40E-16	5.90E+00

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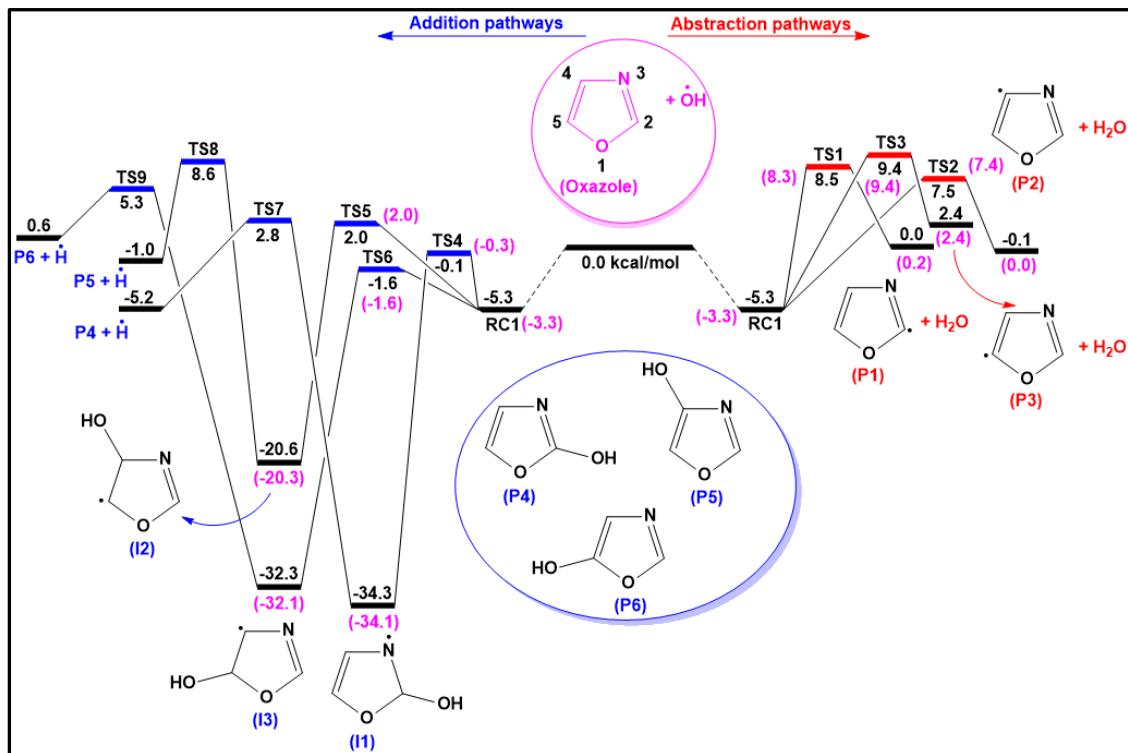
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299	5.24E-13	3.80E-03	1.85E-14	1.10E-01	1.28E-11	1.60E-04	8.00E-17	2.50E+01	1.60E-16	1.20E+01	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
324	5.21E-13	3.80E-03	2.22E-14	9.00E-02	1.16E-11	1.70E-04	1.40E-16	1.40E+01	3.40E-16	5.90E+00	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
348	5.07E-13	3.90E-03	2.84E-14	7.10E-02	1.03E-11	1.90E-04	2.40E-16	8.30E+00	3.20E-16	6.20E+00	6.00E-17	3.30E+01
373	4.89E-13	4.10E-03	2.99E-14	6.70E-02	8.98E-12	2.20E-04	4.80E-16	4.20E+00	6.40E-16	3.10E+00	2.00E-17	1.00E+02
398	4.68E-13	4.30E-03	3.37E-14	5.90E-02	7.81E-12	2.60E-04	7.80E-16	2.60E+00	1.08E-15	1.90E+00	1.00E-16	2.00E+01
423	4.49E-13	4.50E-03	3.70E-14	5.40E-02	6.88E-12	2.90E-04	1.38E-15	1.40E+00	1.68E-15	1.20E+00	8.00E-17	2.50E+01
449	4.24E-13	4.70E-03	4.02E-14	5.00E-02	6.09E-12	3.30E-04	2.46E-15	8.10E-01	3.54E-15	5.60E-01	3.60E-16	5.60E+00
468	4.08E-13	4.90E-03	4.15E-14	4.80E-02	5.55E-12	3.60E-04	3.28E-15	6.10E-01	3.90E-15	5.10E-01	4.80E-16	4.20E+00



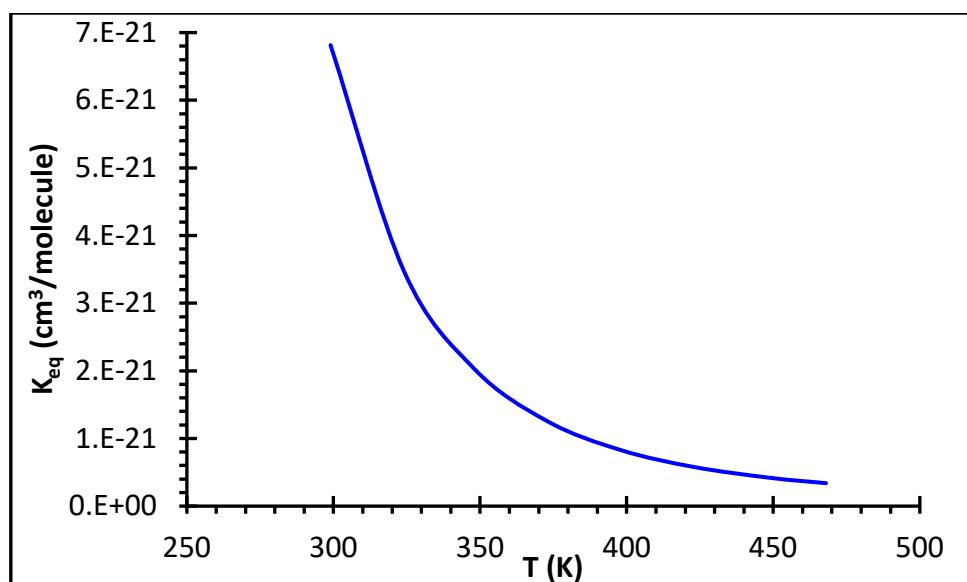




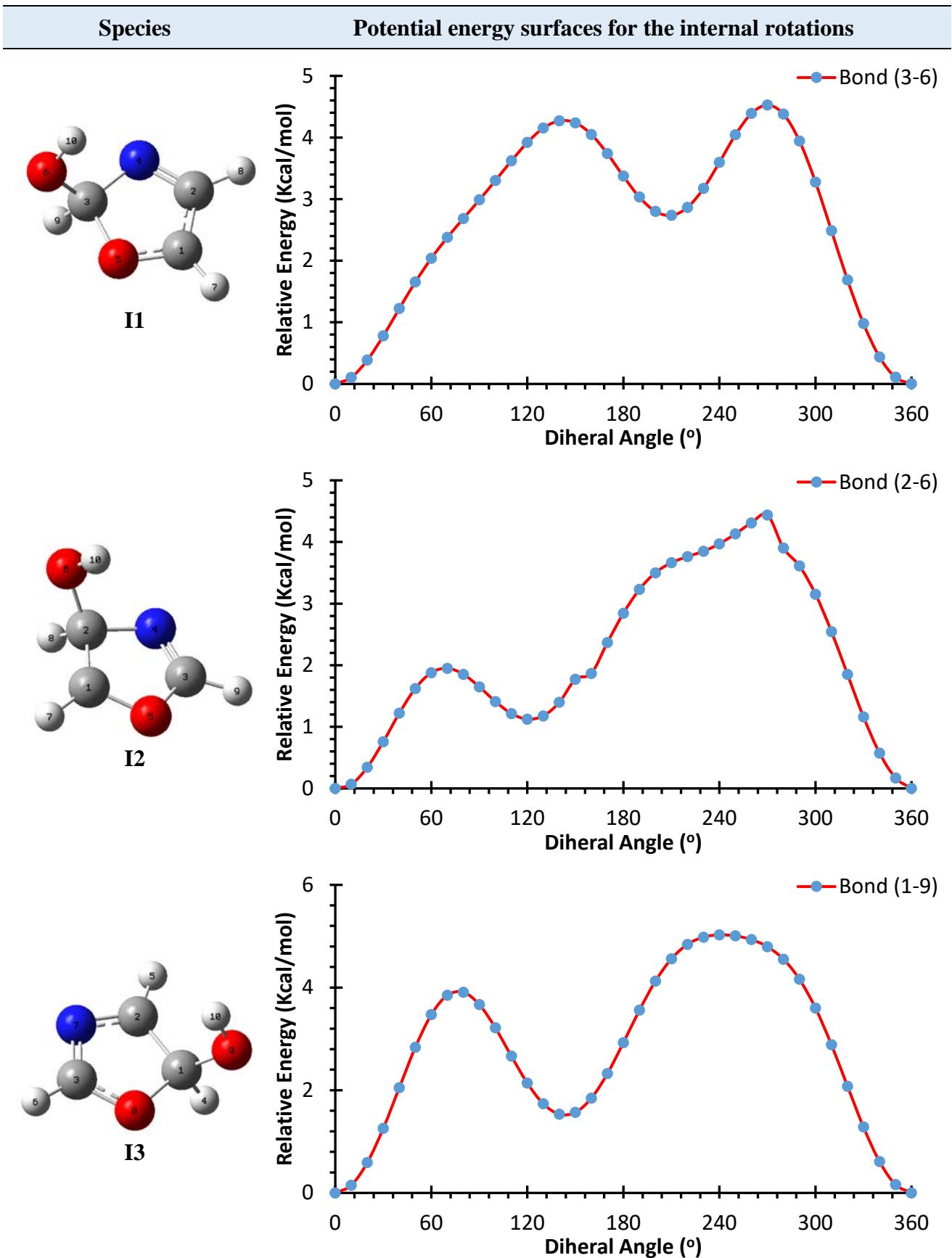
**Figure S1:** M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ optimized geometries for the species involved in the oxazole + OH reaction. All structures were obtained for the lowest-energy conformer of a given species. Bond lengths are in Å.

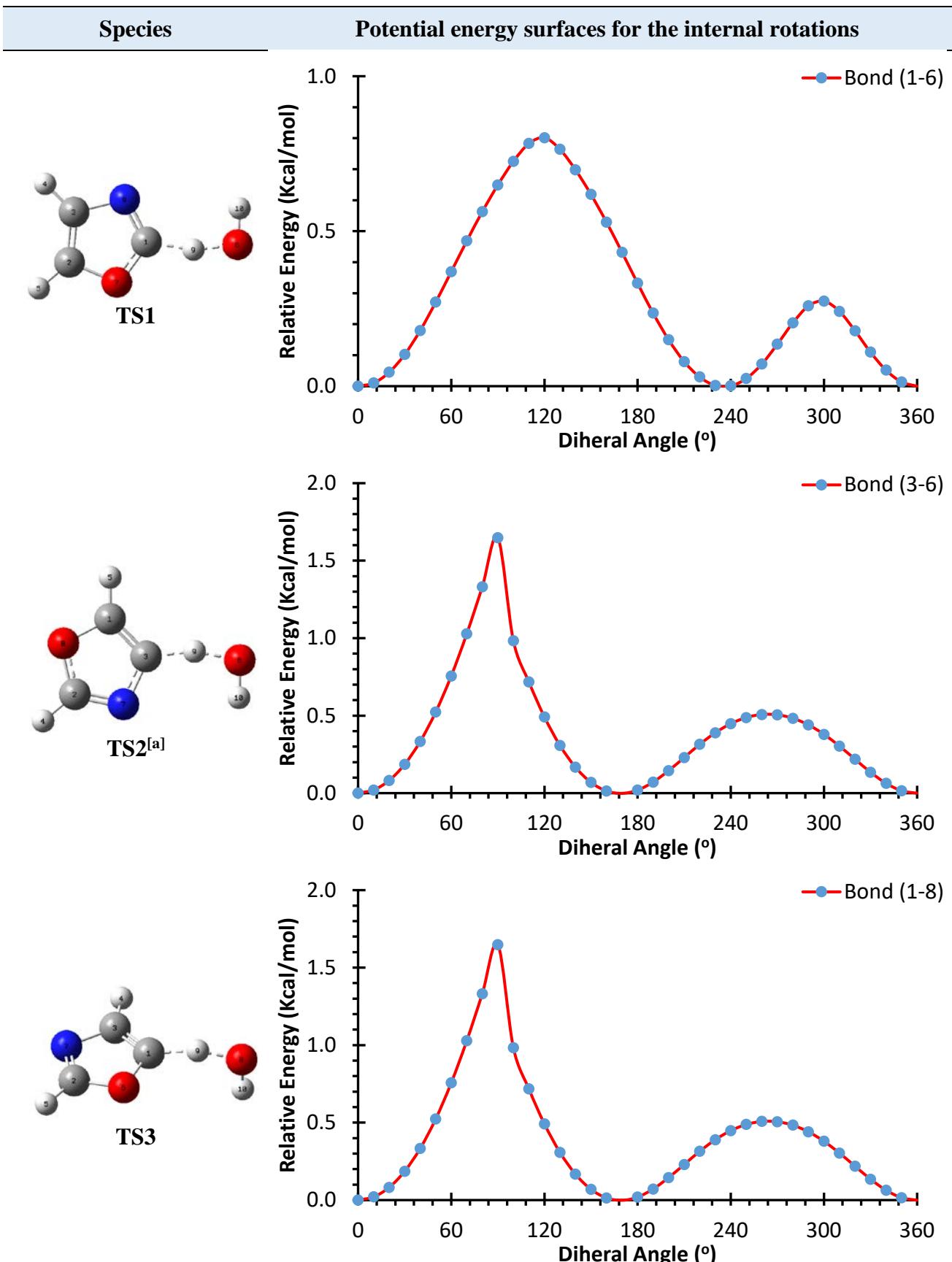


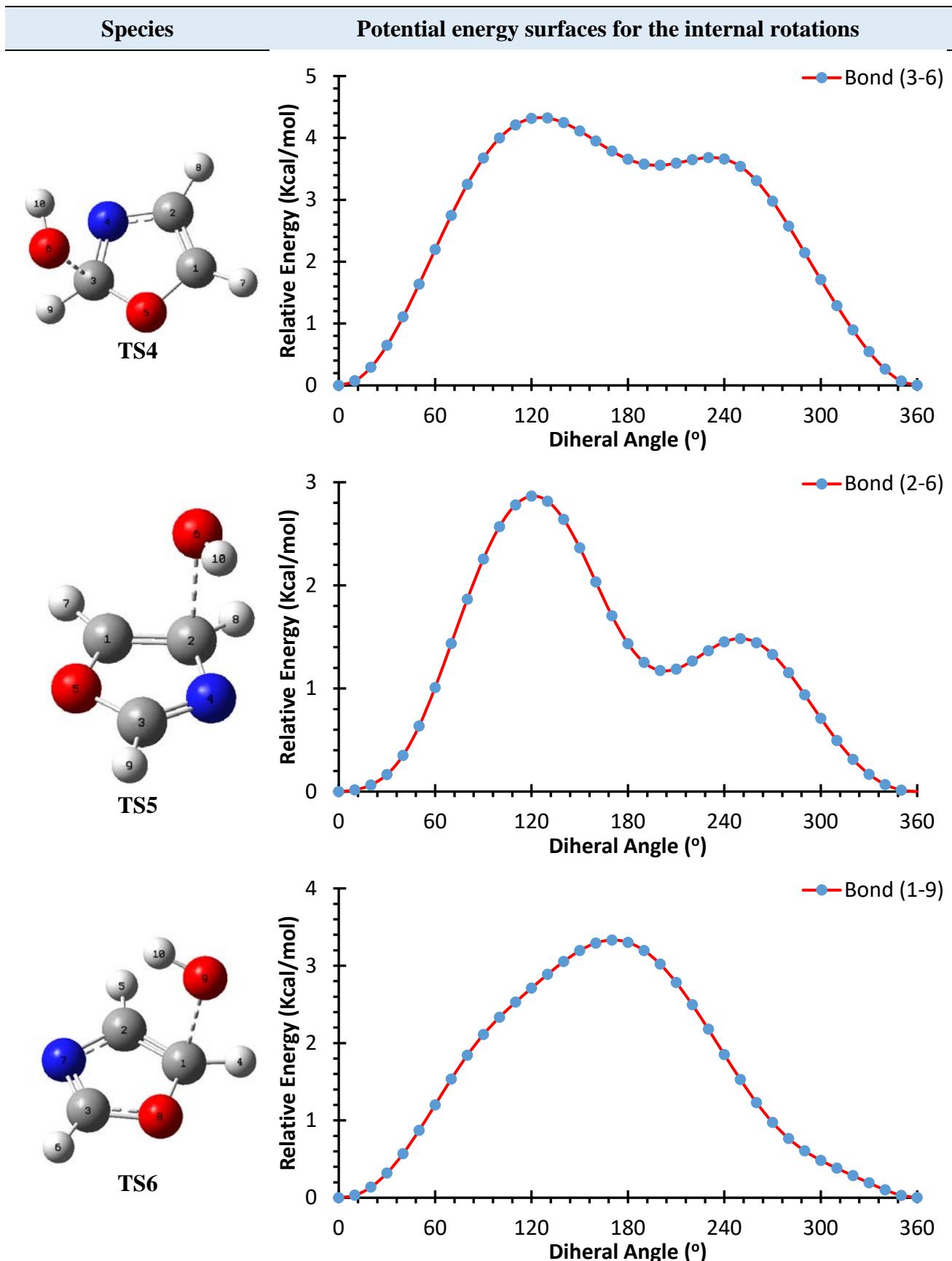
**Figure S2:** The M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ ZPE-corrected energy profiles (0 K) used for the RC1 rate model. Numbers in parentheses, “( )”, are suggested by Shiroudi *et al.*<sup>3</sup> at the same level. Units are in kcal/mol.

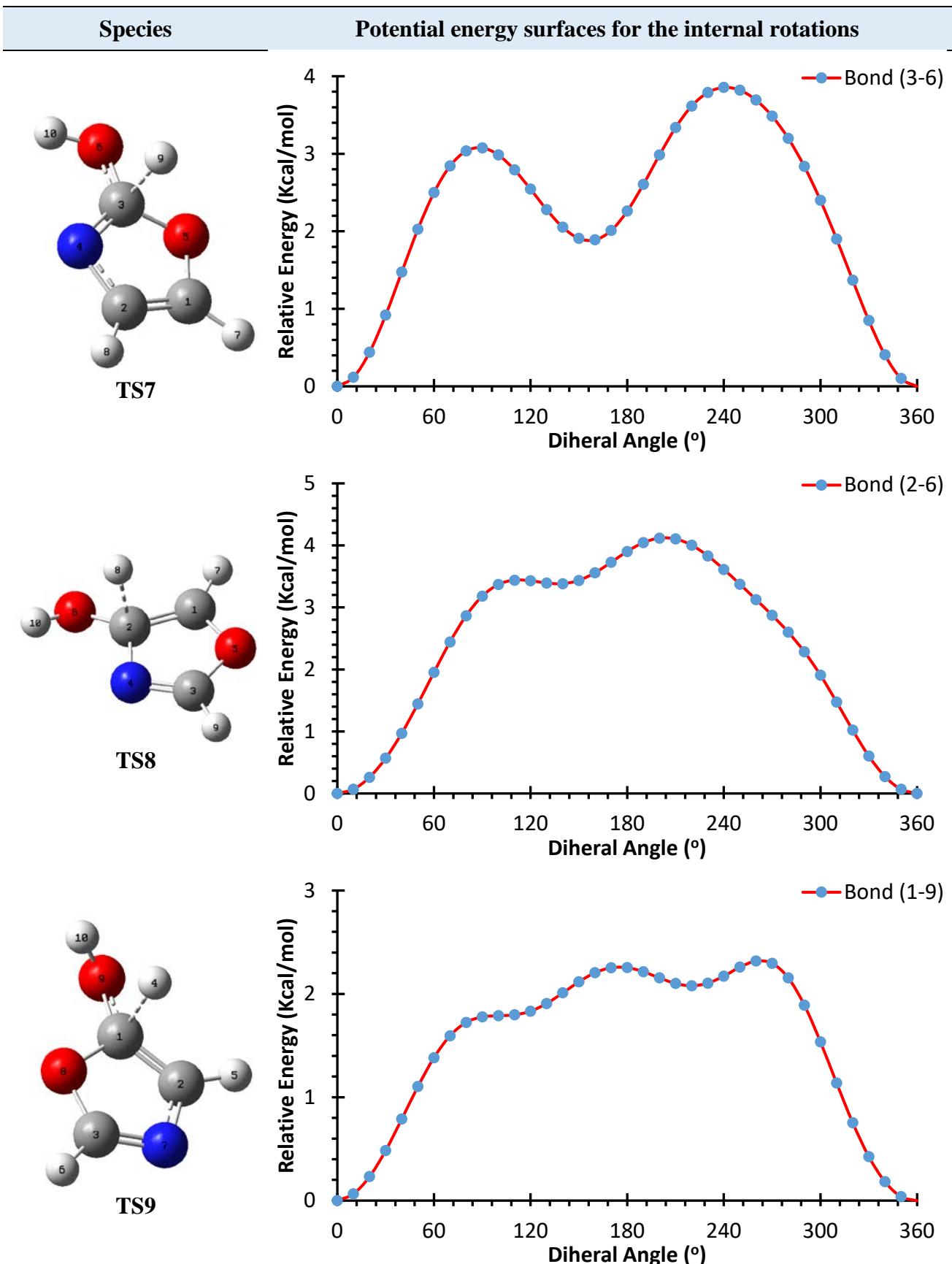


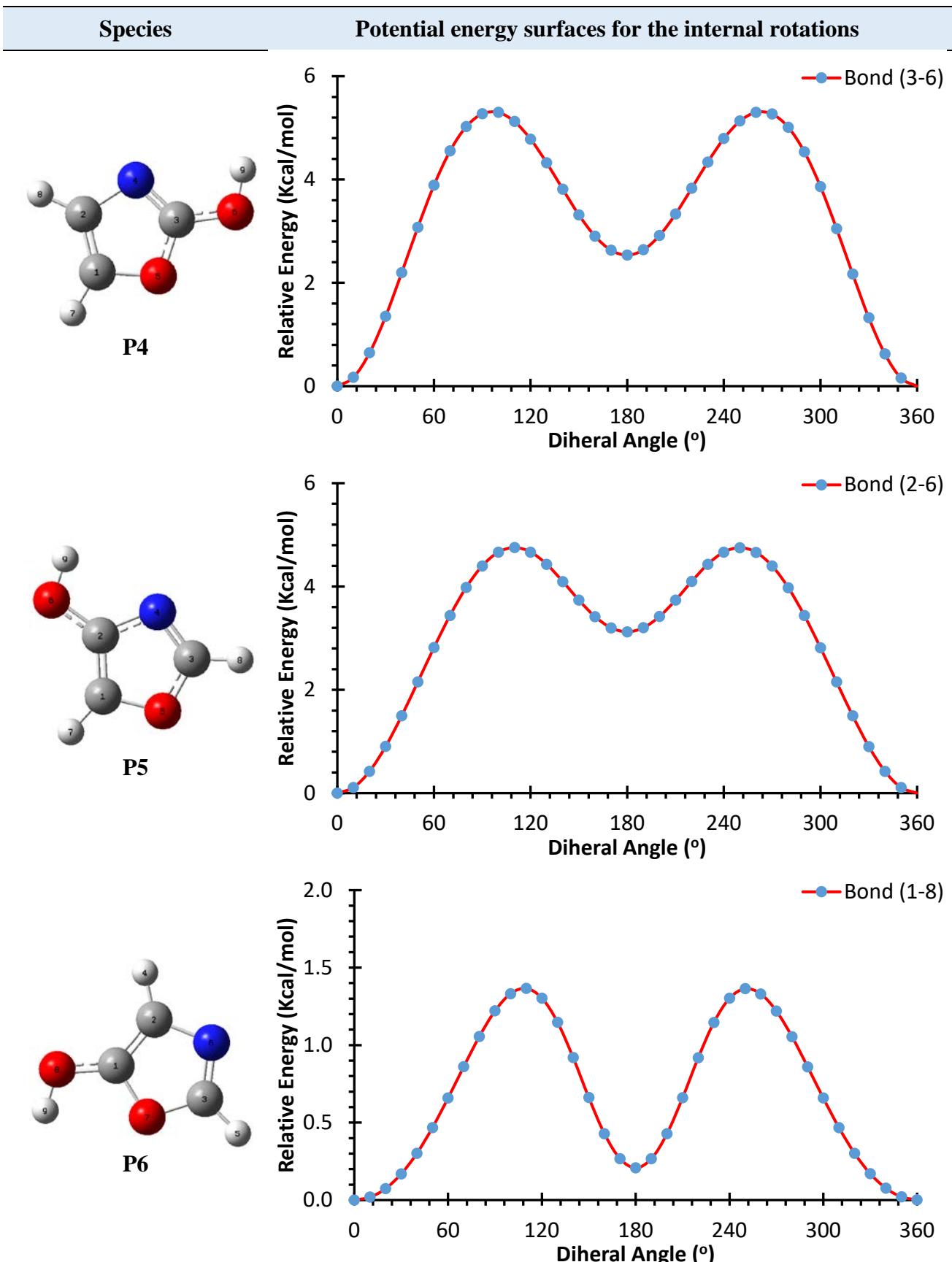
**Figure S3:** Plot of  $K_{eq}$  for the reaction of oxazole + OH  $\rightarrow$  RC1 ( $K_{eq} = [RC1]_{eq}/([OH]_{eq} \times [\text{oxazole}]_{eq})$ ) as a function of temperature ( $T = 299 - 468$  K).











**Figure S4:** Hindrance potentials for the species involved in the oxazole + OH reaction, calculated at M06-2X/cc-pVDZ level of theory. <sup>[a]</sup> assumed as TS3).

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