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## Photoelectron Spectrum of the Pyridyl Radical

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	Open shell isomer	$IE_{calc.}$ (S <sub>0</sub> <sup>+</sup> )/ eV	$IE_{calc.}(T_1^+)/eV$	
1		6.10	9.11 eV	
2		4.42	8.47	
3		no convergence	8.35	
4		6.45	8.98	
5		5.20	8.19	

## Table S1: Calculated ionisation energies for the open shell isomers suggested by Liu et al.<sup>[1]</sup>



Fig. S1: SPES of m/z = 78 from 9.5 - 10.2 eV. The IE of m-pyridyl, computed by CCSD(T) is given as a purple line. For comparison the computed IEs for transitions into the triplet cation of the open-chain isomers are given as black lines. A second band starting at 9.6 eV is most likely due to transitions into the triplet states of the pyridyl cations. Due to the close-lying ionization energies, an identification of further isomers in addition to *o*- and *p*-pyridyl is not possible.

Notes and references

[1]: R. Liu, T. T.-S. Huang, J. Tittle and D. Xia, J. Phys. Chem. A,2000, 104, 8368-8374.