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# Theoretical Investigation on Rh(III)- And Pd(II)-Catalyzed Regioselective Oxidative Annulation of 2-Arylimidazo[1,2-A]Pyridine with Cinnamalde-Hyde for Synthesis of N-Heterocycle

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## Abstract

The mechanism is investigated for regio-divergent oxidative annulation of 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine with cinnamaldehyde. For Rh(III) catalyzed reaction, the coordination at N exists for initial complex followed by C-H activation of phenyl and chelation. Seven-membered rhodacycle generated by rollover undergoes elimination reduction. For Pd(II) catalyzed case, the palladation at imidazoly C takes place followed by alkenylated insertion and metalation deprotonation furnishing six-membered palladacycle, which experiences reductive elimination. The olefin insertion is rate-limiting for both Rh(III) and Pd(II). The regio-divergence of dominant product is kinetically controlled by catalyst presenting as six-membered N-heterocycle preferred by Rh(III) and five-membered isomer favored by Pd(II). The promotion of catalyst is in the deprotonation assisted by ligand and coordination of metal. The positive solvation effect was suggested by decreased relative and activation energies in DMA and DMF solution. These results are supported by Frontier MO analysis on specific TSs, ELF isosurface, and MBO value of vital bonding, breaking.

**Keywords:** Oxidative annulation, Regio-divergent, Isomeric N-heterocycle, Olefin insertion, Reductive elimination

## Introduction

As an interesting part with privileged chemical moiety, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridines have been found in several marketed drugs. The necopidem and saripidem were used for treatment of anxiety and insomnia [1]. The therapeutic effect of minodronic acid was evaluated for osteoporosis [2]. Olprinone was a newly developed phosphodiesterase III inhibitor and GSK812397 was CXCR4 receptor antagonist [3,4]. Hence, the bicyclic system imidazo-[1,2-a]pyridine with bridgehead nitrogen was an important biologically active moiety towards synthetic drug molecule in medicinal chemistry [5]. In addition, with extended  $\pi$ -system, this framework has shown electronic and optical properties [6,7]. The imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine has been targeted for synthetic chemists in decades due to its

significance in material chemistry. Especially the C3-functionalized imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine was more easily attacked by electrophile or radical with electron-rich character including C3-alkylation, C3-carbonylation, C3-arylation, C3-selenation, C3-N-Substitution, and C3-halogenation [8]. Recently, transition-metal-catalyzed regioselective functionalization and transition-metal-free C-H functionalization have attracted considerable attention [9,10]. Therefore, it is important to construct such molecular skeleton efficiently and greenly.

As versatile organic electronic material, arene and heteroarene have received considerable attention with extended conjugated  $\pi$ -system [11]. These hybrid scaffolds especially 2-arylimidazo-



of [1,2-a]pyridine were key components of pharmaceuticals [12]. The annulation with appropriate coupling partner catalyzed by transition-metal could lead to several heteropolycyclic aromatic systems. The direct dehydrogenative annulation of imidazo[1,2-a]pyridines with diarylalkynes catalyzed by Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> was developed to synthesize π-conjugated polyaromatic heterocycles [13]. Rh(III)-catalyzed annulative C-H functionalization of arenes with sulfoxonium ylides was realized affording structurally diverse fused hetero- and carbocycles [14]. The naphtho[1',2':4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]-pyridine was synthesized from cascade reaction of 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridines with α-diazo carbonyl compounds via Rh(III)-catalyzed regioselective C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-H alkylation followed by intramolecular annulation [15]. The bridged imidazopyridine was yielded by Rh(III)-catalyzed bicyclization with cyclic enone [16]. A selenium-coordinated Pd(II) trans-dichloride could catalyze site-selective annulation of 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridines leading to 2,3,4-triarylphenyl-1,7b-diaza-cyclopenta[cd]indene [17]. The naphtho[1',2':4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine was produced via oxidative C-H/C-H annulation of imidazopyridine with vinylene carbonate catalyzed by Rh(III) [18]. The Rh(III)-catalyzed [4 + 2] oxidative cycloaddition was reported to furnish maleimide fused benzocarbazoles [19]. Similarly, a diverse range of benzo[e]pyrido[1',2':1,2]imidazo[4,5-g]isoindole was achieved through Ru(II)-catalyzed C-H metalation followed by maleimide insertion and intramolecular cyclization [20].

As powerful platform of molecular synthesis, many advances are developed in electro catalytic, photo induced and asymmetric C-H activation [21]. Therefore the progress of transition-metal-catalyzed C-H activation in heterocycle has been particularly noticeable in recent years, such as the access to isogranulatimide alkaloid via Rh(III)-catalyzed dehydrogenative annulation/spirocyclization and switchable regioselective hydroalkylation of 2-arylimidazole with maleimide [22,23]. After Hanchate reported the synthesis of furanone-fused 1,2-benzothiazine via Rh(III)-catalyzed sulfoximine-directed C-H activation [24], a new breakthrough was Meena's construction of fused N-heterocycle via regioselective oxidative annulation of 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine with cinnamaldehyde [25]. Although two different isomeric annulated products were provided, there is no report about detailed mechanistic study explaining the obvious advantage of regioselective oxidative annulation. What's the function of [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]Z in the generation of 5-arylnaphtho-[1',2':4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-6-carbaldehyde?

How 1,7-diarylimidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-6-carbaldehyde was afforded with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> as catalyst? Why the regioselectivity was dependent on different transition-metal, wherein the regulation of changes in valence states and the effects of solvent? To solve these mechanic problems in experiment, an in-depth theoretical study was necessary for this strategy applied versatile 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine. The Density Functional Theory (DFT) method was employed focusing on the promotion during the transformation from Rh(III) to Rh(I) and from Pd(II) to Pd(0).

## Computational Details

The geometry optimizations were performed at the B3LYP/BSI

level with the Gaussian 09 package [26,27]. The mixed basis set of LanL2DZ for Rh, Pd and 6-31G(d) for non-metal atoms [28-32] was denoted as BSI. Different singlet and multiplet states were clarified with B3LYP and ROB3LYP approaches including Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional combined with Lee-Yang-Parr correction for correlation [33-39]. The nature of each structure was verified by performing harmonic vibrational frequency calculations. Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) calculations were examined to confirm the right connections among key transition-states and corresponding reactants and products. Harmonic frequency calculations were carried out at the B3LYP/BSI level to gain Zero-Point Vibrational Energy (ZPVE) and thermodynamic corrections at 393 K, 413 K and 1 atm for each structure in N,N-dimethylacetamide (DMA) and N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF). The solvation-corrected free energies were obtained at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) (LanL2DZ for Rh, Pd) level by using Integral Equation Formalism Polarizable Continuum Model (IEFPCM) in Truhlar's "density" solvation model [40-42] on the B3LYP/BSI-optimized geometries.

As an efficient method obtaining bond and lone pair of a molecule from modern ab initio wave functions, NBO procedure was performed with Natural bond orbital (NBO3.1) to characterize electronic properties and bonding orbital interactions [43-44]. The representation of electron localization function (ELF) attractors were obtained through Natural Population Analysis (NPA) based on the Molecular Electron Density Theory (MEDT) [45]. The wave function analysis was provided using Multiwfn\_3.7\_dev package [46] including research on Frontier Molecular Orbital (FMO), ELF and Mayer Bond Order (MBO).

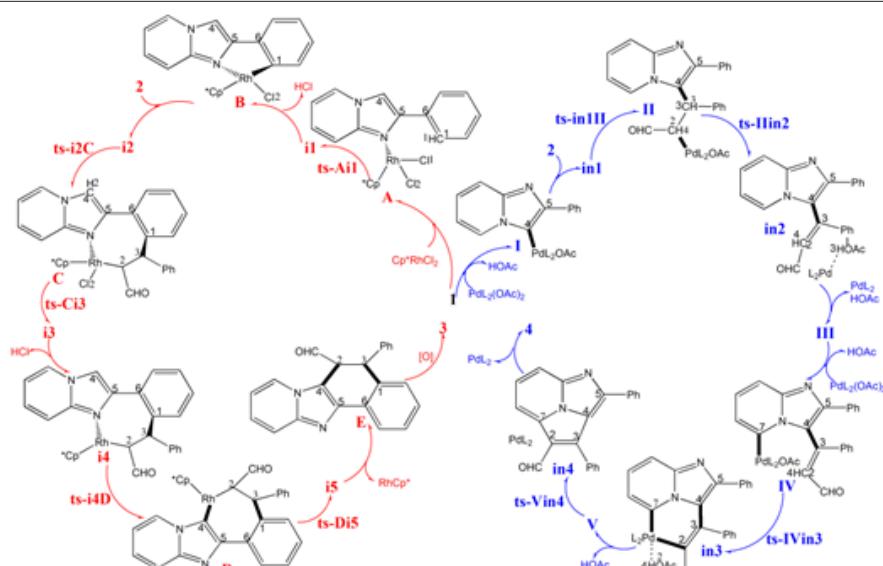
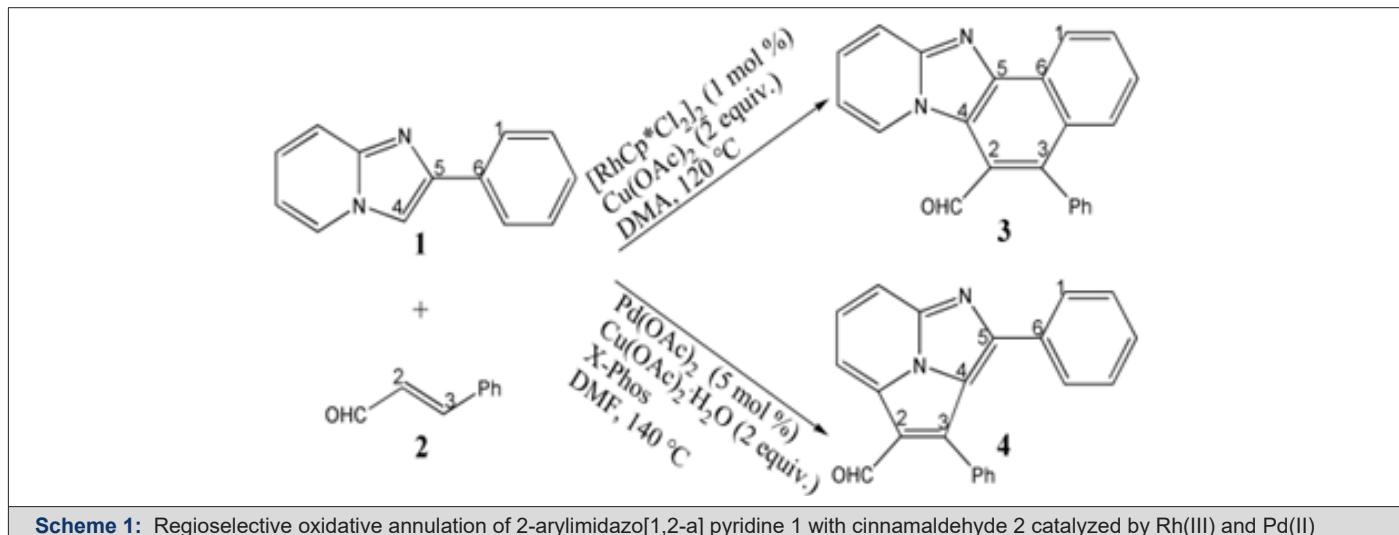
## Results and Discussion

Based on previous research [21-25], the mechanism was explored for regioselective oxidative annulation of 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine 1 with cinnamaldehyde 2 catalyzed by and leading to different isomeric N-heterocycle 3 (path A) and 4 (path B) (Scheme 1). Illustrated by red arrow of Scheme 2, the monomeric cationic rhodium complex Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub> was taken as model catalyst of Rh(III) to coordinate with N atom of 1 forming intermediate A. After the removal of HCl, a rhodacycle B was generated via o-C-H bond activation of C1-phenyl ring. The chelation of it with 2 afforded C followed by oxidative migratory insertion into Rh-C1 bond. The elimination of another HCl promoted rollover along C5-C6 axis producing seven-membered rhodacycle D which underwent reduction giving E and Cp\*Rh species. Finally, oxidation of E and Rh(I) furnished six-membered annulated product 3 and recovered Rh(III).

In the case catalyzed by PdL2(OAc)<sub>2</sub> as Pd(II) (blue arrow), the electrophilic palladation at imidazolyl C4 of 1 delivering HOAc takes place initially to generate intermediate I, from which the insertion of 2 afforded the carbopalladation II. Then the alkenylated III was produced via β-hydrogen elimination with the help of OAc and Pd(0)L2. Subsequently, IV was obtained with palladation C7 which furnished a six-membered palladacycle V by concerted metalation deprotonation. The reductive elimination from V yielded five-membered annulated product 4 and the regeneration of Pd(II) upon oxidation of Pd(0). The optimized structures of TSs in

Scheme 2 were listed by Figure 1. The activation energy was shown in Table 1 for all steps. Supplementary Table S1, Table S2 provided the relative energies of all stationary points. According to experi-

ment, the Gibbs free energies in DMA and DMF solution phase are discussed here.

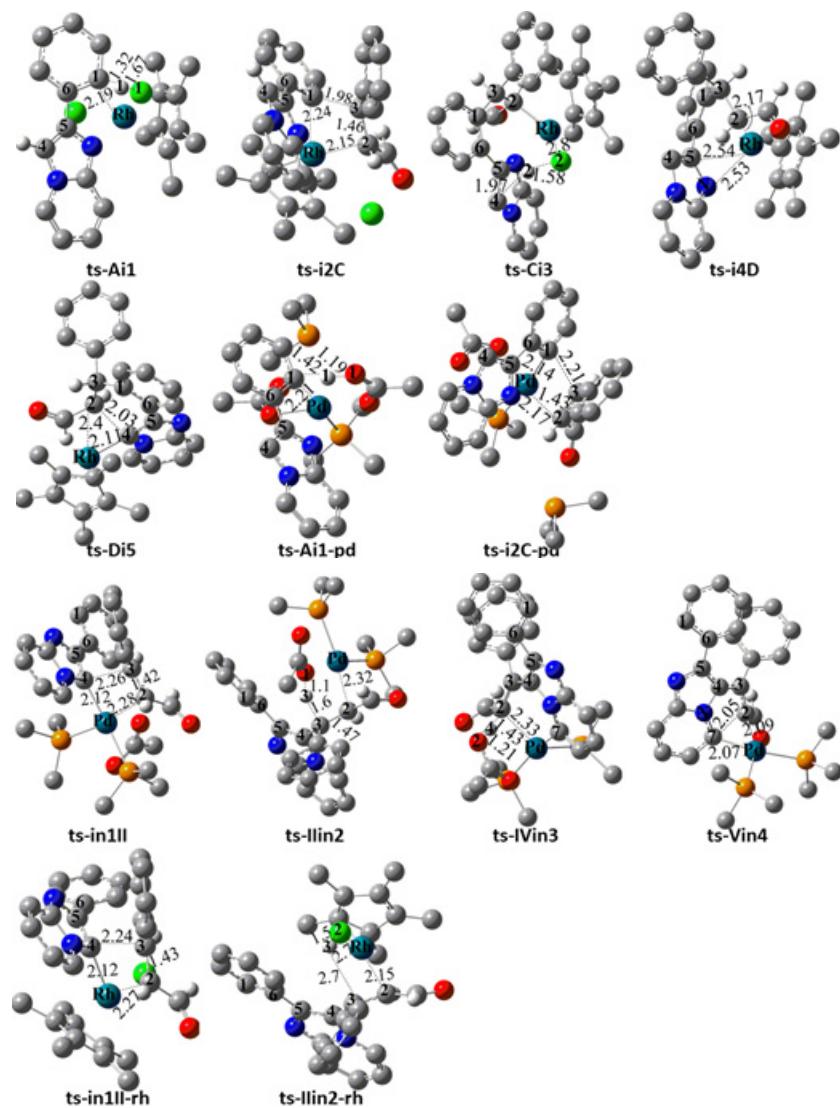


**Scheme 2:** Proposed reaction mechanism of regioselective oxidative annulation of 1 with 2 leading to 3 preferred by Rh(III) and 4 favored by Pd(II). TS is named according to the two intermediates it connects.

#### Rh(III)-catalyzed Annulation Via Path A

Initially, a complex A was located through the coordination of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2$  with 1 at N atom (black dash line of Figure 2a). With the reactive intermediate in hand, dehydrogenation proceeds via ts-Ai1 as step 1 with a mediate activation energy of 26.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> relative to the starting point A. The formation of i1 realized the o-C bond activation at C1-phenyl ring endoergic by 15.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. The transition vector of ts-Ai1 corresponds to the moving of H1 from C1 to Cl1 and closing of C1 to Rh slightly later (1.32, 1.67, 2.19 Å) (Figure S1a). This indicated the activation of phenyl C1 was driven by one coordinating Cl atom of catalyst and the Rh...C1 bonding was further promoted by Rh(III). After the removal of HCl, a five-mem-

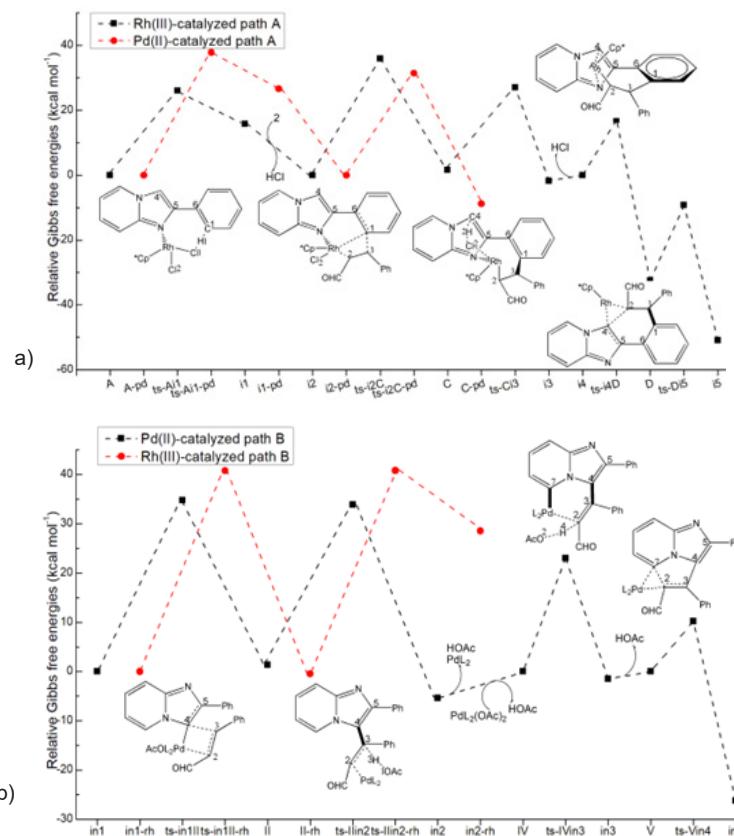
bered rhodacycle B was generated involving a similar relative energy with i1. Thankfully the following combination of 2 and B brought about the 7.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> energy decrease of i2 as the starting point of step 2, which occurs via ts-i2C with activation energy of 35.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> endoergic by 1.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> furnishing seven-membered complex C with Rh-C2, C2-C3 and C1-C3 single bonds. The transition vector includes the elongation of Rh-C1, C2-C3 and concerted approach of Rh...C2, C1...C3 (2.24, 1.46, 2.15 and 1.98 Å), suggesting oxidative migratory insertion of C2-C3 double bond into Rh-C1 (Figure S1b). Kinetically, this chelation process is determined to be rate-limiting of path A leading to product 3.



**Figure 1:** Proposed reaction mechanism of regioselective oxidative annulation of 1 with 2 leading to 3 preferred by Rh(III) and 4 favored by Pd(II). TS is named according to the two intermediates it connects.

**Table 1:** The activation energy (in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) of all reactions in gas and solvent.

TS	$\Delta G^\ddagger_{\text{gas}}$	$\Delta G^\ddagger_{\text{sol}}$
ts-Ai1	29.9	26.0
ts-i2C	40.7	35.9
ts-Ai1-pd	37.1	37.8
ts-i2C-pd	29.1	31.5
ts-Ci3	29.0	25.5
ts-i4D	20.7	17.1
ts-Di5	27.6	23.2
ts-in1II	39.1	34.8
ts-IIin2	36.1	32.5
ts-in1III-rh	38.1	40.8
ts-IIin2-rh	34.8	41.3
ts-IVin3	24.0	23.0
ts-Vin4	13.6	10.2



**Figure 2:** Relative Gibbs free energy profile catalysed by Rh(III) and Pd(II) in solvent phase starting from complex (a) A, A-pd, i1, i2-pd, i4 (b) in1, in1-rh, IV, V.

To highlight the idea of feasibility for changes in electron density and not molecular orbital interactions are responsible of the reactivity of organic molecules, quantum chemical tool Multiwfnn was applied to analyze of electron density such as topological analysis of ELF, MBO results of bonding atoms and contribution of atomic orbital to HOMO of typical TSs (Table 2,3). ELF isosurface was presented by Figure 3 with green color denoting the electron localization. The marked small green part means good electron delocalization between two bonding atoms. The progress of bonding changes were focused on along reaction coordinate based on a new reactivity theory named MEDT. On ELF isosurface of ts-Ai1, besides

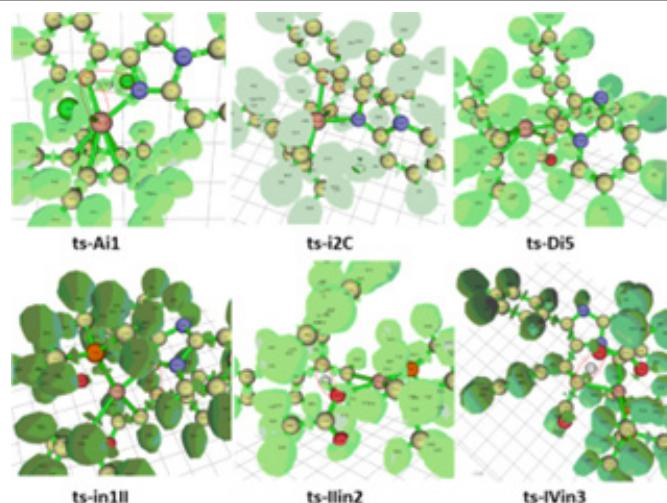
obvious connection of Rh-C1, the electron is mainly localized on H1 and Cl1 in agreement with the d electron of Rh (23.49%), bonding orbital of C1-H1 (6.77%, 3.34%) and p electron of Cl1 (7.07%) contributed to HOMO (Figure 4). This is beneficial for the abstraction of H1 by Cl1 and Rh-C1 bonding just as the results of MBO values for H1…Cl1 and Rh…C1 (0.46, 0.55). The correctness of ts-i2C is also verified by ELF analysis and HOMO composition. There is direct Rh-C2 linkage (25.56%, 3.23%) and bonding electron between C1 and C3 (5.61%, 8.86%), which is confirmed by MBO values of Rh…C2 and C1…C3 (0.59, 0.51).

**Table 2:** Mayer Bond Order (MBO) of typical transition states.

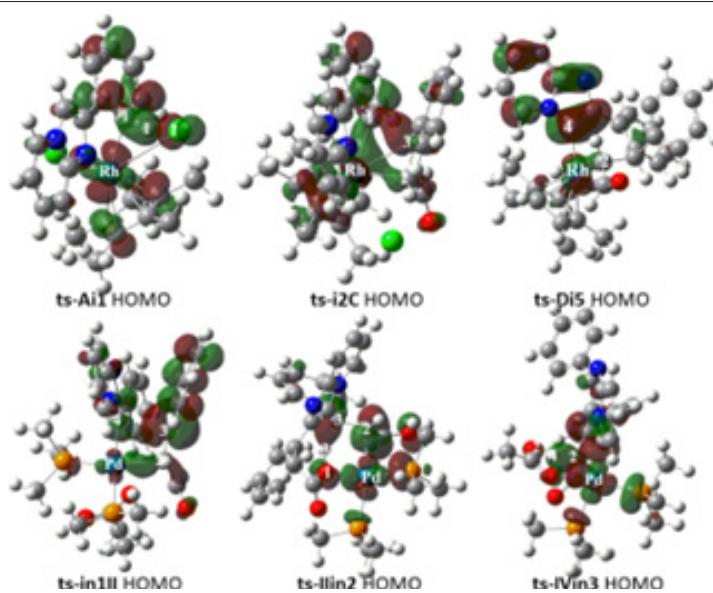
	Rh…C1	C1…H1	H1…Cl1	
ts-Ai1	0.55	0.46	0.46	
	Rh…C1	Rh…C2	C2…C3	C1…C3
ts-i2C	0.49	0.59	1.03	0.51
	C2…C4	Rh…C2	Rh…C4	
ts-Di5	0.25	0.77	0.74	
	Pd…C4	Pd…C2	C2…C3	C3…C4
ts-in1II	0.72	0.47	1.18	0.29
	Pd…C2	C3…H3	H3…O1	C2…C3
ts-IIin2	0.54	0.31	0.52	1.13
	Pd…C2	C2…H4	H4…O2	
ts-IVin3	1.06	0.08	0.28	

**Table 3:** Contribution (%) of Natural Atomic Orbital (NAO) to Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital (HOMO) of typical transition states.

	Rh	C1	H1	Cl1	
ts-Ai1	23.49	6.77	3.34	7.07	
	Rh	C1	C2	C3	
ts-i2C	25.56	5.61	3.23	8.86	
	Rh	C2	C4		
ts-Di5	17.7	3.29	9.14		
	Pd·	C2	C3	C4	
ts-in1II	5.55	1.02	10.71	5.61	
	Pd	C2	C3	H3	O1
ts-IIin2	25.78	14.58	6.01	0.65	3.79
	Pd	C2	H4	O2	
ts-IVin3	26.32	6.33	1.51	1.33	



**Figure 3:** Representation of ELF graph (isosurface value=0.84), attractors and valence basin population for typical TSs.



**Figure 4:** Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital (HOMO) of typical TSs. Different colors are used to identify the phase of the wave functions.

The next cleavage of another coordinated Cl atom in forms of HCl occurs in step 3 to get ready for the coordination of Rh transfer from N to C4 of step 4. Via ts-Ci3, the activation energy is 25.5 kcal mol-1 with respect to C exothermic by -1.7 kcal mol-1 leading to i3, from which the rupture of HCl gives i4 as the new starting point of following ring rotation. With previous preparation the rollover along C5-C6 axis is fairly easy via ts-i4D with a smaller barrier of 17.1 kcal mol-1 tremendously exothermic by -32.5 kcal mol-1 delivering stable complex D with seven-membered rhodacycle. Besides the breaking of Cl2 from Rh (2.8 Å), the transition vector of ts-Ci3 corresponds to the shift of H2 from C4 to Cl2 (1.97, 1.58 Å). The transition vector of ts-i4D indicates a loose structure with closing of Rh to C5 and transient no longer bonded of Rh···C2 (2.54, 2.17 Å). The above two steps are both readily accessible with low activation energy from kinetics and quite favorable from thermodynamics with huge heat release.

From D the last step 5 takes place via ts-Di5 with small barrier of 23.2 kcal mol-1 continuously exothermic by -50.9 kcal mol-1. When this reduction elimination was completed, i5 would be generated binding complex E and Cp<sup>\*</sup>Rh as precursors of one annulated product 3 and recovered catalyst Rh(III) with the participation of oxidants. From the transition vector of ts-Di5, C2 and C4 is linking to form new six-membered ring along with the stretching of Rh-C2, Rh-C4 bond to squeeze Rh (2.03, 2.40, 2.11 Å) (Figure. S1c). The rationality of ts-Di5 can be approved by ELF isovalue of MEDT analysis. Although Rh-C2, Rh-C4 single bond still exists, there is remarkable green color denoting electron distribution between C2 and C4 (3.29%, 9.14%). The upcoming formation of C2-C4 bond is in accordance with MBO values for Rh···C2, Rh···C4, C2···C4 (0.77, 0.74, 0.25).

#### Pd(II)-Catalyzed Annulation Via Path B

When the reaction was catalyzed by Pd(II), the process delivering another major isomeric annulated product 4 was located as path B (black dash line of Figure 2b). The initial electrophilic palladation forms C4-Pd bond for complex I, which is reactive with a relative energy higher by 15.0 kcal mol-1 than isolated species of 1 and catalyst after the departure of HOAc. The introduction of 2 stabilizes intermediate in1 as the starting point, from which the insertion of olefin double bond takes place via ts-in1II in step 1 with a barrier of 34.8 kcal mol-1 generating carbopalladation complex II endoergic by 1.4 kcal mol-1. The transition vector corresponds to the stretching of C4-Pd to breaking, extension of C2-C3 double bond to single one and the simultaneous bonding of C2···Pd, C3···C4 (2.12, 1.42, 2.28 and 2.26 Å) (Figure S1d). Next step 2 proceeds via ts-IIin2 with a slightly lower barrier of 32.5 kcal mol-1 relative to II exothermic by -5.4 kcal mol-1 affording stable intermediate in2. Thus, step 1 is determined to be rate-limiting of path B, which is also the insertion process of 2. Two aspects of atomic motions can be seen from the transition vector. One is H3 transferring from C3 to O1 (1.60, 1.10 Å) denoting β-hydrogen elimination assisted by OAc. The other is C2-Pd fracture and C2-C3 contracted to double one (2.32, 1.47 Å). The alkenylated III is produced after the catalyst leaving in forms of HOAc and and Pd(0)L2.

The complex IV with C7-Pd bond is formed through a second electrophilic palladation based on the reintroduction of PdL2(OAc)2 and the removal of one HOAc just like the generation of I. The step 3 occurs via ts-IVin3 from IV with activation energy of 23.0 kcal mol-1 furnishing intermediate in3 exothermic by -1.5 kcal mol-1. The transition vector demonstrates a concerted metalation deprotonation in collaborative asynchronous mode including the earlier H shifting C2···H4···O2 and later linkage of C2-Pd (1.43, 1.21, 2.33 Å) (Figure S1f). Evidently, H4 can be easily taken away from C2 driven by OAc of catalyst. This assembles HOAc on one hand to leave freely and makes C2 more negative enhancing its nucleophilicity to Pd on the other. Hence in3 is characterized with stable six-membered palladacycle and C2-C3 double bond, from which complex V is given after the departure of HOAc. The reductive elimination takes place in step 4 via ts-Vin4 with lower barrier of 10.2 kcal mol-1 more dramatically exothermic by -26.3 kcal mol-1 delivering in4. Involving ring closure via C2···C7 approaching and departure of C2···Pd, C7···Pd (2.05, 2.09, 2.07 Å), the transition vector presents a process squeezing Pd(0)L2 and liberating five-membered product 4.

On ELF isosurface of ts-in1II, both the linkage between C2 and Pd and green color between C3 and C4 are obvious denoting bonding interaction. This echoes MBO values of Pd···C2 and C3···C4 (0.47, 0.29). Meanwhile Pd is leaving C4 together with the elongation of C2···C3 (0.72, 1.18). Here HOMO is composed by d electron of Pd, p lone pair of C4 (5.55%, 5.61%) and anti-bonding orbital on C2-C3 (1.02%, 10.71%), which indicates the coordination on Pd changing from C4 to C2. For ts-IIin2, C2 and Pd is still bonded with MBO value of 0.54. H3 is already leaving from C3 to O1 shown by the green color on ELF isosurface among them as well as MBO values for C3···H3 and H3···O1 (0.31, 0.52). The mismatch of d orbital on Pd (25.78%) and anti-bonding π electron on C2-C3 (14.58%, 6.01%) predicts the cleavage of C2-Pd. The electron on p lone pair orbital of O1 (3.79%) is conducive for H3 to approach. When it comes to ts-IVin3, HOMO is mainly located on bonding orbital of C2-Pd (26.32%, 6.33%) beneficial for the linkage. A small part on H4 and O2 points the following bonding between them (1.51%, 1.33%). The correctness is verified by green bond on C2-Pd and color by ELF analysis. MBO values for Pd···C2 and H4···O2 (1.06, 0.28) is also according to this outcome.

#### Regio-Divergence and Solvent Effect

To explore the relation of catalysts with regio-divergence puzzled in experiment, the annulation via Pd(II)-catalyzed path A and Rh(III)-catalyzed path B are also investigated (red dash line of Figure 2) in contrast with dominant paths (black dash line).

On one hand for the former, the H1 capture was realized with the assistance of OAc and phenyl C1 was coordinated to Pd(II) via ts-Ai1-pd (1.42, 1.19, 2.21 Å) (Figure 1) with a barrier of 37.8 kcal mol-1 relative to its starting point A-pd, which turns to be rate-limiting as step 1. The olefin insertion into Pd-C1 in step 2 is via ts-i2C-pd with a barrier of 31.5 kcal mol-1 with respect to i2-pd. Compared with the case of Rh(III), although the barrier is slightly reduced owing to one OAc ligand not bonded to Pd alleviating space congestion,

path A is more preferred by Rh(III) considering the lower barrier of chela-tion in rate-limiting step 2 (35.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) yielding dominant 3 as regioselectivity. On the other for the latter, the barriers of step 1 via ts-in1II-rh and step 2 via ts-IIin2-rh (40.8, 41.3 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) are both higher distinctly than the case with Pd(II) involving rate-limiting step 1 (34.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). Furthermore from thermodynamics, compared with stable interme-diate in2 exothermic by -5.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, the production of in2-rh is required to be endoergic by 28.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Hence the regioselectivity of 4 via path B domi-nated by Pd(II) is more apparently. Finally, the region-divergence of isomeric 3 and 4 are both kinetically controlled by catalyst present-ing with six- and five-membered annulated cycles.

The impact of DMA and DMF solution is studied in view of the solvent effect on reaction estimated by our approach [28-32]. Obvi-ously, the absolute energies of all stationary points in solution are lower than those in gas phase (Table S1). In general, DMA exerted bigger influence than DMF on annulation via both path A and B with relative energies de-creased by -21~-45 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> vs -20~-35 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. This range was -25~-45 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> vs -21~-27 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> in DMA for path A catalyzed by Rh(III) and Pd(II). For most steps, the activation energies are reduced in solution phase compared with in gas (Table S2). With reduction values -3~-5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, the solvent effect of DMA is also more visible than DMF. Accordingly, the DMA and DMF solution both produce favorable influence on this regioselec-tive oxidative annulation of 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine with cinnamaldehyde catalyzed by Rh(III) and Pd(II) leading to different isomeric N-heterocycles.

## Conclusions

Our DFT calculations provide the first theoretical investigation on regio-divergent oxidative annulation of 2-arylimidazo[1,2-a] pyridine with cinnamaldehyde. For reaction catalyzed by Rh(III), the coordination at N exists for initial complex followed by C-H activation of phenyl and chelation. The seven-membered rhoda-cycle generated by rollover undergoes elimination reduction gives six-membered N-heterocycle preferred as major product. For Pd(II) cata-lyzed case, the palladation at imidazolyl C takes place at first followed by alkenylated insertion and metalation deproto-nation furnishing six-membered palladacycle, the reductive elimination of which yields favored isomer with five-membered N-heterocycle. The olefin insertion is rate-limiting step for both Rh(III) and Pd(II).

The promotion of catalyst is reflected in the deprotonation as-sisted by ligand OAc or Cl and coordination of metal. Based on the comparison between possible paths, regio-divergence of isomeric product is kinetically controlled by cata-lyst presenting as six- and five-membered annulated cycles. The positive solvation effect is suggested by decreased abso-lute and activation energies in DMA and DMF solution compared with in gas. These results are support-ed by Multiwfnn analysis on ELF isosurface, FMO composition of spe-cific TSs, and MBO value of vital bonding, breaking.

## Electronic Supplementary Material

Supplementary data available: [Computation information and cartesian coordinates of stationary points; Calculated rela-tive en-

ergies for the ZPE-corrected Gibbs free energies ( $\Delta G_{\text{gas}}$ ), and Gibbs free energies ( $\Delta G_{\text{sol}}$ ) for all species in solution phase at 393, 413 K.]

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## Conflicts of Interest

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## Supplementary Information

**Theoretical Investigation on Rh(III)- And Pd(II)-Catalyzed Regioselective Oxidative Annulation of 2-Arylimidazo[1,2-A]Pyri-dine with Cinnamaldehyde for Synthesis of N-Heterocycle**

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**Software:** GAUSSIAN09

**Level of Theory:** B3LYP

**Basis Set:** 6-31G(d)

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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-Ai1

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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-i2C

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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-i2C-pd

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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2	6	0	1.492790	1.795415	-1.772821
3	6	0	2.197304	2.937653	-2.071093
4	6	0	1.824145	4.185416	-1.494851
5	6	0	0.754849	4.263318	-0.646720
6	6	0	-1.052925	2.918735	0.446151
7	6	0	-1.323384	1.558134	0.379840
8	1	0	1.740641	0.829412	-2.199937
9	1	0	3.043738	2.894805	-2.748677
10	1	0	2.381206	5.087350	-1.721137
11	1	0	0.417284	5.178532	-0.175618
12	1	0	-1.492326	3.720734	1.016670
13	6	0	-2.369543	0.827323	1.108787
14	6	0	-2.337101	-0.579655	1.268570
15	6	0	-3.414936	1.541753	1.720405
16	6	0	-3.320173	-1.210420	2.041386
17	6	0	-4.388321	0.901883	2.483964
18	1	0	-3.467927	2.619313	1.592261
19	6	0	-4.337010	-0.482344	2.659685
20	1	0	-3.285722	-2.289334	2.174048
21	1	0	-5.185344	1.483393	2.938609
22	1	0	-5.083453	-0.990412	3.264152
23	7	0	-0.430921	0.927085	-0.444054
24	7	0	0.044658	3.125067	-0.353859
25	6	0	-0.797376	-2.248214	-0.731704
26	6	0	-2.154502	-1.849835	-0.533273
27	1	0	-0.173186	-1.700802	-1.430573
28	1	0	-2.768114	-2.601458	-0.041968
29	6	0	-2.930617	-1.009069	-1.472497
30	6	0	-2.339113	-0.337318	-2.556016
31	6	0	-4.330291	-0.963639	-1.334867
32	6	0	-3.129578	0.361714	-3.467144

33	1	0	-1.264526	-0.359293	-2.684729
34	6	0	-5.116976	-0.267360	-2.246853
35	1	0	-4.796522	-1.468485	-0.493480
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37	1	0	-2.657633	0.875886	-4.299517
38	1	0	-6.195838	-0.245397	-2.123710
39	1	0	-5.128117	0.945618	-4.032003
40	6	0	-0.495681	-3.674136	-0.595018
41	8	0	0.463128	-4.243065	-1.111625
42	1	0	-1.221227	-4.252676	0.019079
43	46	0	-0.388600	-1.481089	1.263943
44	15	0	1.316224	-2.114056	-4.289582
45	15	0	1.822540	-2.326925	1.474290
46	6	0	-0.169061	-3.165121	-4.691013
47	1	0	0.025868	-3.866615	-5.510363
48	1	0	-0.441435	-3.734826	-3.798144
49	1	0	-1.017557	-2.529353	-4.961248
50	6	0	1.806795	-1.574446	-6.007368
51	1	0	2.768005	-1.052535	-5.967122
52	1	0	1.893736	-2.417013	-6.703255
53	1	0	1.064106	-0.872123	-6.398556
54	6	0	2.565954	-3.463893	-3.998855
55	1	0	2.278415	-4.008201	-3.094854
56	1	0	2.622070	-4.168667	-4.836581
57	1	0	3.557048	-3.027826	-3.839583
58	6	0	2.795619	-1.580484	2.843476
59	1	0	3.817892	-1.972244	2.841759
60	1	0	2.794747	-0.495344	2.729523
61	1	0	2.311064	-1.822147	3.792096
62	6	0	2.001516	-4.136060	1.796618
63	1	0	3.055407	-4.400300	1.933084
64	1	0	1.449472	-4.392461	2.704980
65	1	0	1.596220	-4.703076	0.956142
66	6	0	2.864973	-2.042753	-0.016124
67	1	0	3.882175	-2.420751	0.130114
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70	6	0	0.260434	0.346033	3.474566
71	8	0	-0.297026	-0.809334	3.271523
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74	1	0	0.753202	1.689311	5.099196

75	1	0	-0.965982	1.238900	5.001614
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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-Ci3

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-5.289867	-3.036204	3.706420
2	6	0	-6.544617	-2.516711	4.108240
3	6	0	-6.837946	-2.466363	5.449253
4	6	0	-5.908832	-2.935287	6.424592
5	6	0	-4.698235	-3.418361	6.023925
6	6	0	-3.167139	-3.865841	4.147924
7	6	0	-3.418688	-3.719315	2.753449
8	1	0	-7.221174	-2.133691	3.358748
9	1	0	-7.785227	-2.048217	5.775428
10	1	0	-6.148783	-2.897472	7.480502
11	1	0	-3.915089	-3.776490	6.679717
12	1	0	-3.813514	-5.110206	2.758196
13	6	0	-2.284832	-3.621884	1.769478
14	6	0	-2.322215	-3.310577	0.388018
15	6	0	-1.017370	-3.846251	2.364637
16	6	0	-1.083970	-3.183205	-0.284695
17	6	0	0.173334	-3.746586	1.667905
18	1	0	-1.010747	-4.084764	3.421291
19	6	0	0.144188	-3.391254	0.318361
20	1	0	-1.106022	-2.929779	-1.341337
21	1	0	1.115117	-3.925362	2.178732
22	1	0	1.060281	-3.280577	-0.254599
23	7	0	-4.730640	-3.183433	2.502999
24	7	0	-4.386602	-3.461978	4.685345
25	6	0	-7.843377	-4.838486	0.427063
26	6	0	-7.906723	-3.390929	0.332825
27	6	0	-7.818454	-3.061693	-1.142503
28	6	0	-7.483953	-4.195380	-1.808054
29	6	0	-7.365889	-5.298029	-0.809602
30	6	0	-8.303523	-5.671836	1.596710
31	1	0	-7.832673	-6.656884	1.607532
32	1	0	-8.089813	-5.194584	2.558367
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34	6	0	-7.062370	-6.712820	-1.185852

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 37 1 0 -6.903296 -7.345519 -0.310746  
 38 6 0 -7.270174 -4.404000 -3.275419  
 39 1 0 -7.972509 -5.144069 -3.680890  
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 41 1 0 -6.260097 -4.770961 -3.488458  
 42 6 0 -8.091996 -1.693655 -1.681527  
 43 1 0 -7.475019 -0.949623 -1.167132  
 44 1 0 -7.897387 -1.634299 -2.755447  
 45 1 0 -9.140620 -1.408097 -1.521235  
 46 6 0 -8.693270 -2.494667 1.245367  
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 48 1 0 -9.696521 -2.319809 0.831164  
 49 1 0 -8.824481 -2.932413 2.237342  
 50 45 0 -5.871136 -4.113080 0.996729  
 51 17 0 -4.665054 -6.326593 2.217944  
 52 6 0 -4.922563 -2.712312 -0.187085  
 53 6 0 -3.497440 -3.128048 -0.603481  
 54 1 0 -5.537470 -2.652755 -1.086434  
 55 1 0 -3.184704 -2.248525 -1.190577  
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 67 6 0 -4.948532 -1.388304 0.525824  
 68 8 0 -5.888900 -0.609772 0.531916  
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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-i4D

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Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z

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1	6	0	-0.683842	3.380178	1.466044
2	6	0	-0.355634	4.681452	1.917672
3	6	0	-0.501011	5.747319	1.061784
4	6	0	-0.982791	5.539526	-0.265190
5	6	0	-1.309608	4.283991	-0.693415
6	6	0	-1.459123	1.873967	-0.138138
7	6	0	-1.122044	1.297222	1.096763
8	1	0	-0.014795	4.812838	2.939754
9	1	0	-0.259559	6.752179	1.393754
10	1	0	-1.099072	6.376608	-0.944605
11	1	0	-1.685384	4.045657	-1.680520
12	6	0	-1.266743	-0.121035	1.508013
13	6	0	-0.692227	-1.234017	0.816854
14	6	0	-2.079705	-0.384806	2.649188
15	6	0	-1.027401	-2.538302	1.255833
16	6	0	-2.380920	-1.669340	3.053951
17	1	0	-2.493983	0.471178	3.171586
18	6	0	-1.860893	-2.763696	2.336148
19	1	0	-0.618962	-3.382471	0.706087
20	1	0	-3.033044	-1.834760	3.906974
21	1	0	-2.110636	-3.779633	2.629294
22	7	0	-0.659456	2.203882	2.086961
23	7	0	-1.168529	3.204731	0.147156
24	6	0	1.633045	1.069438	4.163869
25	6	0	1.527332	-0.327029	4.173577
26	6	0	2.445263	-0.866978	3.158775
27	6	0	3.212251	0.226120	2.627232
28	6	0	2.599276	1.433105	3.119849
29	6	0	0.870256	2.051561	4.996368
30	1	0	0.434877	1.573933	5.877296
31	1	0	1.524519	2.859477	5.340496
32	1	0	0.060080	2.485869	4.400771
33	6	0	3.052367	2.827316	2.820367
34	1	0	2.203944	3.513256	2.761116
35	1	0	3.724646	3.187943	3.610848
36	1	0	3.590357	2.872206	1.871257
37	6	0	4.499500	0.149616	1.869131
38	1	0	4.694332	-0.861914	1.506586
39	1	0	4.524494	0.815852	1.003595
40	1	0	5.320368	0.427761	2.542636
41	6	0	2.720970	-2.327841	2.968842
42	1	0	3.381767	-2.700393	3.763125

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 45 6 0 0.653460 -1.175555 5.042076  
 46 1 0 0.039209 -1.857947 4.445930  
 47 1 0 1.265016 -1.787289 5.717166  
 48 1 0 -0.021688 -0.569819 5.648807  
 49 45 0 1.082212 0.365666 1.970016  
 50 6 0 1.210532 0.099259 -0.180000  
 51 6 0 0.319324 -1.140228 -0.338660  
 52 1 0 0.805694 1.015800 -0.602370  
 53 1 0 0.987847 -1.994047 -0.161315  
 54 6 0 -0.263750 -1.385322 -1.733577  
 55 6 0 -1.230167 -0.543614 -2.305541  
 56 6 0 0.183457 -2.496807 -2.463897  
 57 6 0 -1.730800 -0.823455 -3.578223  
 58 1 0 -1.563180 0.338864 -1.753576  
 59 6 0 -0.320045 -2.772841 -3.736104  
 60 1 0 0.936886 -3.154650 -2.034220  
 61 6 0 -1.283952 -1.934536 -4.297152  
 62 1 0 -2.478219 -0.163533 -4.011438  
 63 1 0 0.040227 -3.639154 -4.284599  
 64 1 0 -1.680782 -2.144208 -5.286984  
 65 6 0 2.615189 -0.090479 -0.556341  
 66 8 0 3.381615 0.791470 -0.921365  
 67 1 0 2.989188 -1.140642 -0.458185

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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-Di5

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Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	Type	X	Y	Z
1	6	0	4.601376	-0.436689	5.026859
2	6	0	5.519803	-0.527377	6.095174
3	6	0	5.122021	-1.082037	7.289782
4	6	0	3.787821	-1.551852	7.451381
5	6	0	2.890093	-1.452383	6.424041
6	6	0	2.566564	-0.670472	4.049449
7	6	0	3.543021	-0.138565	3.188571
8	1	0	6.524835	-0.154847	5.932812
9	1	0	5.822681	-1.163883	8.114320
10	1	0	3.466258	-1.991119	8.388898
11	1	0	1.858358	-1.775238	6.482897

12	6	0	3.371230	0.116877	1.753999
13	6	0	2.561644	-0.713066	0.951896
14	6	0	4.065152	1.188169	1.160585
15	6	0	2.426995	-0.403966	-0.409782
16	6	0	3.927966	1.471874	-0.193502
17	1	0	4.713236	1.787703	1.791690
18	6	0	3.092100	0.677418	-0.983328
19	1	0	1.807665	-1.044619	-1.032993
20	1	0	4.465986	2.307718	-0.631633
21	1	0	2.969132	0.890293	-2.041409
22	7	0	4.754604	0.040820	3.794791
23	7	0	3.284581	-0.907582	5.225376
24	6	0	-1.599770	0.341065	4.571021
25	6	0	-0.712436	1.142748	5.436079
26	6	0	0.173056	1.839865	4.608018
27	6	0	-0.132540	1.468758	3.218206
28	6	0	-1.317335	0.645876	3.215235
29	6	0	-2.727681	-0.527316	5.047440
30	1	0	-3.663952	0.043606	5.107701
31	1	0	-2.887497	-1.366461	4.365059
32	1	0	-2.530507	-0.935350	6.042694
33	6	0	-2.045101	0.095070	2.024387
34	1	0	-3.098492	0.399920	2.028472
35	1	0	-1.603036	0.450912	1.090565
36	1	0	-2.011815	-1.002421	2.017434
37	6	0	0.482514	2.121961	2.018169
38	1	0	0.426779	1.487140	1.131548
39	1	0	-0.044965	3.059631	1.793568
40	1	0	1.533744	2.364457	2.180865
41	6	0	1.250452	2.803471	5.005796
42	1	0	0.982876	3.830767	4.726240
43	1	0	1.426049	2.789994	6.084118
44	1	0	2.197767	2.566848	4.511458
45	6	0	-0.819112	1.212596	6.930451
46	1	0	0.087193	1.622689	7.382244
47	1	0	-1.659301	1.852736	7.232259
48	1	0	-0.995328	0.227017	7.371472
49	45	0	0.467728	-0.467471	4.152223
50	6	0	1.690274	-2.151271	2.957767
51	6	0	1.853349	-1.975050	1.446928
52	1	0	2.447769	-2.771824	3.432210
53	1	0	0.829463	-1.925307	1.058431

54	6	0	2.468930	-3.265505	0.891919
55	6	0	1.640545	-4.381598	0.698917
56	6	0	3.839978	-3.385643	0.629520
57	6	0	2.171281	-5.587132	0.239227
58	1	0	0.581583	-4.297171	0.928447
59	6	0	4.369649	-4.593554	0.171944
60	1	0	4.492813	-2.529733	0.772156
61	6	0	3.537697	-5.696719	-0.027825
62	1	0	1.516225	-6.440998	0.089063
63	1	0	5.434187	-4.670091	-0.031930
64	1	0	3.951104	-6.634561	-0.388229
65	6	0	0.320117	-2.418745	3.419273
66	8	0	-0.642124	-2.914522	2.816018
67	1	0	0.285737	-2.360556	4.613407

Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-in1II

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	2.924288	-0.227545	1.706101
2	6	0	3.852733	-1.012310	2.422520
3	6	0	3.620323	-2.360656	2.575361
4	6	0	2.452141	-2.950263	2.022187
5	6	0	1.546048	-2.180126	1.341097
6	6	0	1.011265	0.140631	0.532998
7	6	0	1.791035	1.318560	0.717771
8	1	0	4.727399	-0.521140	2.832920
9	1	0	4.324657	-2.977232	3.124361
10	1	0	2.259097	-4.010660	2.138803
11	1	0	0.617950	-2.543978	0.917161
12	6	0	1.572747	2.672417	0.179020
13	6	0	2.578445	3.644400	0.360915
14	6	0	0.279499	4.311117	-1.064658
15	6	0	2.431064	4.924887	-0.162868
16	1	0	3.468260	3.371155	0.916608
17	6	0	1.281222	5.264826	-0.882942
18	1	0	-0.623508	4.557951	-1.615605
19	1	0	3.216269	5.660761	-0.011540
20	1	0	1.168843	6.264478	-1.293717
21	7	0	2.929657	1.075290	1.429162
22	7	0	1.776831	-0.837822	1.185566

23	6	0	1.212554	-0.268368	-1.685767
24	6	0	0.018419	-0.979964	-1.979014
25	1	0	1.173383	0.801373	-1.879398
26	1	0	0.070244	-2.062922	-2.048265
27	46	0	-0.952951	-0.490732	0.028054
28	6	0	-3.312269	1.865964	-0.650235
29	8	0	-2.211817	1.521355	-1.182227
30	8	0	-3.838088	1.346937	0.370218
31	6	0	-4.043459	3.041567	-1.317255
32	1	0	-4.045084	2.921382	-2.404573
33	1	0	-5.066902	3.132560	-0.947357
34	1	0	-3.507581	3.972247	-1.095779
35	15	0	-2.875441	-1.914369	-0.530173
36	15	0	-1.565075	0.211381	2.224346
37	6	0	-3.823275	-2.733903	0.833209
38	1	0	-4.507538	-3.476877	0.411333
39	1	0	-3.144336	-3.235254	1.528697
40	1	0	-4.407153	-1.993087	1.379406
41	6	0	-4.227337	-1.199501	-1.548625
42	1	0	-3.804332	-0.806754	-2.474656
43	1	0	-4.968640	-1.970856	-1.782964
44	1	0	-4.680401	-0.384886	-0.980831
45	6	0	-2.366437	-3.395538	-1.520680
46	1	0	-1.578542	-3.951718	-1.003589
47	1	0	-3.222483	-4.059981	-1.678213
48	1	0	-2.000756	-3.050930	-2.490265
49	6	0	-0.411325	-0.340934	3.565268
50	1	0	-0.779907	0.007551	4.535537
51	1	0	-0.335650	-1.430955	3.585386
52	1	0	0.584842	0.073485	3.401234
53	6	0	-1.515885	2.041532	2.398163
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55	1	0	-0.593561	2.445608	1.980308
56	1	0	-2.373787	2.439111	1.854876
57	6	0	-3.197221	-0.188388	2.980743
58	1	0	-3.292327	0.362886	3.922164
59	1	0	-3.970697	0.137988	2.284825
60	1	0	-3.279234	-1.255986	3.191710
61	6	0	2.562856	-0.840590	-1.698860
62	6	0	3.668515	0.034133	-1.702694
63	6	0	2.804410	-2.227463	-1.756803
64	6	0	4.967615	-0.459867	-1.772585

65	1	0	3.498308	1.104990	-1.652764
66	6	0	4.105508	-2.718220	-1.820122
67	1	0	1.973063	-2.923744	-1.770736
68	6	0	5.190517	-1.837755	-1.828720
69	1	0	5.805975	0.229967	-1.781853
70	1	0	4.274362	-3.789861	-1.870025
71	1	0	6.204138	-2.224000	-1.884074
72	6	0	-0.932507	-0.360969	-2.925943
73	8	0	-1.693754	-1.020087	-3.625275
74	1	0	-0.910956	0.739058	-2.983800
75	6	0	0.415174	3.025146	-0.537980
76	1	0	-0.403130	2.323508	-0.677182

Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-IIin2

Center	Atomic Number	Atomic Number	Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
				X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-2.790051	1.212953	2.827663	
2	6	0	-3.686339	2.142166	3.407129	
3	6	0	-4.598047	2.791504	2.610265	
4	6	0	-4.642727	2.526959	1.211298	
5	6	0	-3.780153	1.627574	0.647787	
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7	6	0	-1.287431	-0.252923	2.351812	
8	1	0	-3.620700	2.311626	4.475868	
9	1	0	-5.291376	3.505755	3.042693	
10	1	0	-5.364717	3.028373	0.576859	
11	1	0	-3.772416	1.367260	-0.402178	
12	6	0	-0.218962	-1.217680	2.681506	
13	6	0	0.693891	-0.901773	3.703491	
14	6	0	0.847058	-3.396008	2.470636	
15	6	0	1.675183	-1.812268	4.091543	
16	1	0	0.602451	0.058668	4.199475	
17	6	0	1.757907	-3.064608	3.475315	
18	1	0	0.887683	-4.375512	2.001659	
19	1	0	2.368341	-1.550515	4.886710	
20	1	0	2.514569	-3.779858	3.785622	
21	7	0	-1.835705	0.475312	3.378423	
22	7	0	-2.866294	0.980359	1.444694	
23	6	0	-1.607779	-0.268038	-0.319207	
24	6	0	-0.937988	0.862149	-0.978193	

25	1	0	-0.397791	-1.284923	-0.562728
26	1	0	-1.094791	1.830883	-0.513762
27	46	0	1.355862	0.612307	-0.701932
28	6	0	0.891635	-2.639490	-1.604734
29	8	0	0.623440	-1.546478	-0.858077
30	8	0	2.007785	-2.833167	-2.047343
31	6	0	-0.269938	-3.579173	-1.835978
32	1	0	-1.060050	-3.076365	-2.401544
33	1	0	0.084812	-4.449388	-2.387544
34	1	0	-0.711853	-3.893674	-0.886420
35	15	0	1.630170	2.928031	-0.713067
36	15	0	3.711460	-0.189918	-0.456603
37	6	0	2.659478	3.651623	0.641010
38	1	0	2.747356	4.736518	0.521934
39	1	0	2.187087	3.436533	1.603277
40	1	0	3.657850	3.213326	0.644903
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42	1	0	1.839395	3.175352	-3.101799
43	1	0	2.607633	4.562530	-2.279198
44	1	0	3.442564	2.987435	-2.355986
45	6	0	0.155459	4.036032	-0.674728
46	1	0	-0.388353	3.911473	0.265752
47	1	0	0.473371	5.079897	-0.764859
48	1	0	-0.495986	3.773502	-1.511460
49	6	0	5.044779	0.854957	0.302937
50	1	0	5.995953	0.312301	0.326023
51	1	0	5.187014	1.771982	-0.275954
52	1	0	4.772993	1.126552	1.326684
53	6	0	3.892617	-1.754801	0.505894
54	1	0	4.944125	-2.055821	0.570467
55	1	0	3.486651	-1.627011	1.512130
56	1	0	3.323410	-2.533184	-0.004343
57	6	0	4.472966	-0.629820	-2.082604
58	1	0	5.486375	-1.025445	-1.954345
59	1	0	3.840542	-1.387360	-2.549793
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61	6	0	-2.647912	-1.109894	-0.989268
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63	6	0	-3.289773	-2.132061	-0.247159
64	6	0	-3.994426	-1.824368	-2.911588
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 70 1 0 -4.702484 -3.743923 -0.208115  
 71 1 0 -5.325707 -3.501446 -2.615073  
 72 6 0 -0.666950 0.961001 -2.419304  
 73 8 0 -0.638664 2.014423 -3.064716  
 74 1 0 -0.463823 0.002119 -2.936897  
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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-in1II-rh

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Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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2	6	0	-3.203632	0.864526	1.823901
3	6	0	-4.159902	1.321193	0.944052
4	6	0	-3.905863	1.279252	-0.450106
5	6	0	-2.711825	0.797172	-0.923934
6	6	0	-0.469765	-0.202119	-0.292439
7	6	0	-0.021181	-0.476171	1.042679
8	1	0	-3.344456	0.872996	2.898487
9	1	0	-5.102482	1.713919	1.310924
10	1	0	-4.646856	1.627864	-1.160612
11	1	0	-2.456102	0.761860	-1.970594
12	6	0	1.254109	-1.022314	1.568071
13	6	0	1.876785	-0.322352	2.617301
14	6	0	2.953872	-2.745939	1.779332
15	6	0	3.033832	-0.812435	3.218503
16	1	0	1.433013	0.606306	2.961425
17	6	0	3.576996	-2.029721	2.800977
18	1	0	3.363281	-3.696881	1.451141
19	1	0	3.505253	-0.249480	4.019412
20	1	0	4.475096	-2.418843	3.272576
21	7	0	-0.935113	-0.126566	1.983477
22	7	0	-1.753753	0.350991	-0.053879
23	6	0	-0.951255	-1.943471	-1.617623
24	6	0	-0.896682	-1.273766	-2.881558
25	1	0	-0.041826	-2.470679	-1.343994
26	1	0	-1.807130	-0.803207	-3.247522

27	6	0	-2.176396	-2.439291	-0.977121
28	6	0	-2.081756	-3.145245	0.240857
29	6	0	-3.445383	-2.294770	-1.570516
30	6	0	-3.213512	-3.680547	0.843569
31	1	0	-1.111397	-3.261161	0.713791
32	6	0	-4.578686	-2.834686	-0.964244
33	1	0	-3.540204	-1.796989	-2.528965
34	6	0	-4.468055	-3.523651	0.243878
35	1	0	-3.120614	-4.221108	1.780554
36	1	0	-5.547892	-2.723971	-1.441543
37	1	0	-5.352141	-3.944809	0.713671
38	6	0	-0.076904	-1.792022	-3.991329
39	8	0	-0.316912	-1.517195	-5.163887
40	1	0	0.763155	-2.449209	-3.715698
41	6	0	1.805507	-2.245564	1.165337
42	1	0	1.344088	-2.813681	0.368879
43	6	0	0.704856	2.517855	-1.649674
44	6	0	2.000164	1.988664	-1.918815
45	6	0	2.030884	1.571342	-3.325836
46	6	0	0.757823	1.808885	-3.885843
47	6	0	-0.099243	2.342148	-2.838022
48	6	0	0.269186	3.189328	-0.381439
49	1	0	0.486860	4.264124	-0.427331
50	1	0	-0.803503	3.076553	-0.209679
51	1	0	0.791441	2.781314	0.486546
52	6	0	-1.442695	2.959991	-3.096635
53	1	0	-1.316206	3.941488	-3.573350
54	1	0	-2.046626	2.351455	-3.776486
55	1	0	-2.011497	3.115653	-2.178207
56	6	0	0.343605	1.589644	-5.310204
57	1	0	1.207125	1.632918	-5.978386
58	1	0	-0.130575	0.610060	-5.453093
59	1	0	-0.362766	2.362676	-5.629072
60	6	0	3.250572	1.067791	-4.031823
61	1	0	3.991663	1.871756	-4.127928
62	1	0	3.706058	0.245497	-3.473509
63	1	0	3.011377	0.700805	-5.031821
64	6	0	3.190553	1.990104	-1.009633
65	1	0	3.738316	1.048206	-1.092028
66	1	0	3.872789	2.810279	-1.270425
67	1	0	2.898333	2.115016	0.035252
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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-IIin2-rh

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
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2	6	0	-4.347369	-1.726344	-2.161343
3	6	0	-4.594682	-2.935285	-1.559758
4	6	0	-3.874980	-3.303941	-0.388332
5	6	0	-2.918072	-2.478294	0.132297
6	6	0	-1.744048	-0.251003	-0.174838
7	6	0	-2.039187	0.761722	-1.107669
8	1	0	-4.885526	-1.388203	-3.039303
9	1	0	-5.346564	-3.605841	-1.962461
10	1	0	-4.081556	-4.240851	0.116144
11	1	0	-2.361558	-2.706462	1.029669
12	6	0	-1.486574	2.122249	-1.265028
13	6	0	-1.728132	2.804608	-2.474372
14	6	0	-0.255618	4.072871	-0.480881
15	6	0	-1.228293	4.085899	-2.686211
16	1	0	-2.314385	2.306459	-3.238056
17	6	0	-0.479425	4.725163	-1.693060
18	1	0	0.302770	4.564170	0.310788
19	1	0	-1.424460	4.589255	-3.629108
20	1	0	-0.089012	5.725504	-1.858174
21	7	0	-3.006537	0.356130	-1.989839
22	7	0	-2.636858	-1.281471	-0.491383
23	6	0	-0.793721	-0.379837	0.969127
24	6	0	-0.086885	-1.633167	1.060517
25	1	0	1.359591	1.336829	0.677888
26	1	0	-0.248648	-2.333877	0.246885
27	6	0	-1.179014	0.399528	2.205408
28	6	0	-0.345536	0.551892	3.331026
29	6	0	-2.472827	0.953489	2.291096
30	6	0	-0.785047	1.209302	4.478319
31	1	0	0.672373	0.191347	3.306557
32	6	0	-2.913513	1.610359	3.439208
33	1	0	-3.148077	0.865215	1.447992
34	6	0	-2.073133	1.741353	4.543739
35	1	0	-0.107676	1.312173	5.321256

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 37 1 0 -2.412508 2.255324 5.438291  
 38 6 0 0.439061 -2.347623 2.231342  
 39 8 0 0.819391 -3.513866 2.152031  
 40 1 0 0.492166 -1.817571 3.196410  
 41 6 0 -0.758396 2.787855 -0.264642  
 42 1 0 -0.610639 2.324257 0.700392  
 43 6 0 2.967845 0.338915 -1.387979  
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 66 1 0 5.670016 -0.599736 -0.524221  
 67 1 0 4.786976 0.112569 0.829608  
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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-IWin3

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Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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3	6	0	0.959283	-2.493505	-3.058170
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5	6	0	0.480625	-0.726397	-1.419857
6	6	0	2.225548	-0.638758	0.416651
7	6	0	3.365439	-1.451332	0.590782
8	1	0	2.775712	-3.632507	-2.746334
9	1	0	0.652530	-3.020742	-3.956984
10	1	0	-0.777943	-1.204894	-3.061546
11	6	0	4.314446	-1.515819	1.719673
12	6	0	5.665390	-1.801596	1.462034
13	6	0	4.808256	-1.511388	4.098363
14	6	0	6.577528	-1.921599	2.508026
15	1	0	5.982437	-1.935161	0.433019
16	6	0	6.153231	-1.772588	3.830869
17	1	0	4.465636	-1.414391	5.124775
18	1	0	7.620587	-2.136139	2.291626
19	1	0	6.863770	-1.869477	4.647119
20	7	0	3.505467	-2.342863	-0.424562
21	7	0	1.628007	-1.115240	-0.759348
22	6	0	1.687661	0.461824	1.196331
23	6	0	0.326362	0.668706	1.324537
24	1	0	-0.402987	-0.548488	1.509455
25	46	0	-0.886053	0.584777	-0.666861
26	6	0	-1.714239	-2.060051	0.967955
27	8	0	-0.849516	-1.626345	1.818751
28	8	0	-2.126244	-1.423245	-0.028944
29	6	0	-2.237259	-3.459984	1.235835
30	1	0	-2.550342	-3.549995	2.279556
31	1	0	-3.066988	-3.693460	0.567378
32	1	0	-1.428215	-4.180004	1.075210
33	15	0	-2.948086	1.669643	0.118191
34	15	0	-0.505343	1.921847	-2.559964
35	6	0	-3.064867	3.428405	0.674795
36	1	0	-4.104477	3.685238	0.903085
37	1	0	-2.461935	3.528580	1.580640
38	1	0	-2.690394	4.113390	-0.088254
39	6	0	-4.243093	1.550712	-1.198850
40	1	0	-4.305096	0.510880	-1.530529
41	1	0	-5.221472	1.866708	-0.822416
42	1	0	-3.980964	2.172506	-2.059407
43	6	0	-3.740048	0.774035	1.517104
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 49 1 0 -2.095643 3.781015 -2.348143  
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 53 1 0 1.811464 2.465181 -2.059222  
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 56 1 0 -0.943897 2.213640 -4.968677  
 57 1 0 -0.856118 0.496189 -4.512426  
 58 1 0 -2.313510 1.431012 -4.134324  
 59 6 0 2.688036 1.352475 1.858829  
 60 6 0 2.514629 1.807046 3.178117  
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 62 6 0 3.425288 2.690816 3.756795  
 63 1 0 1.675485 1.441734 3.761314  
 64 6 0 4.715006 2.696503 1.717723  
 65 1 0 3.970486 1.452153 0.128978  
 66 6 0 4.526336 3.142323 3.028446  
 67 1 0 3.277006 3.019034 4.781639  
 68 1 0 5.570655 3.040744 1.143422  
 69 1 0 5.236401 3.829605 3.479536  
 70 6 0 -0.138948 1.891272 1.979410  
 71 8 0 -1.116673 1.994046 2.724108  
 72 1 0 0.431242 2.814936 1.724082  
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 74 1 0 2.845361 -1.216495 3.268843

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Optimized Cartesian coordinates for ts-Vin4

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Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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57	1	0	1.476573	3.251053	0.140198
58	6	0	3.923346	3.264269	2.502595
59	1	0	4.519225	1.544277	3.660581
60	1	0	3.105350	4.782893	1.208257
61	1	0	4.640449	3.931803	2.971818
62	6	0	-0.889466	1.926485	1.531101
63	8	0	-2.039992	2.363442	1.481312
64	1	0	-0.225883	2.246886	2.361735
65	6	0	4.406309	-0.313579	-0.393361
66	1	0	3.737138	0.461914	-0.750604

**Table S1:** Calculated relative energies (all in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, relative to isolated species) for the ZPE-corrected Gibbs free energies ( $\Delta G_{\text{gas}}$ ), Gibbs free energies for all species in solution phase ( $\Delta G_{\text{sol}}$ ) at 393 K, 413 K by B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) method and difference between absolute energy.

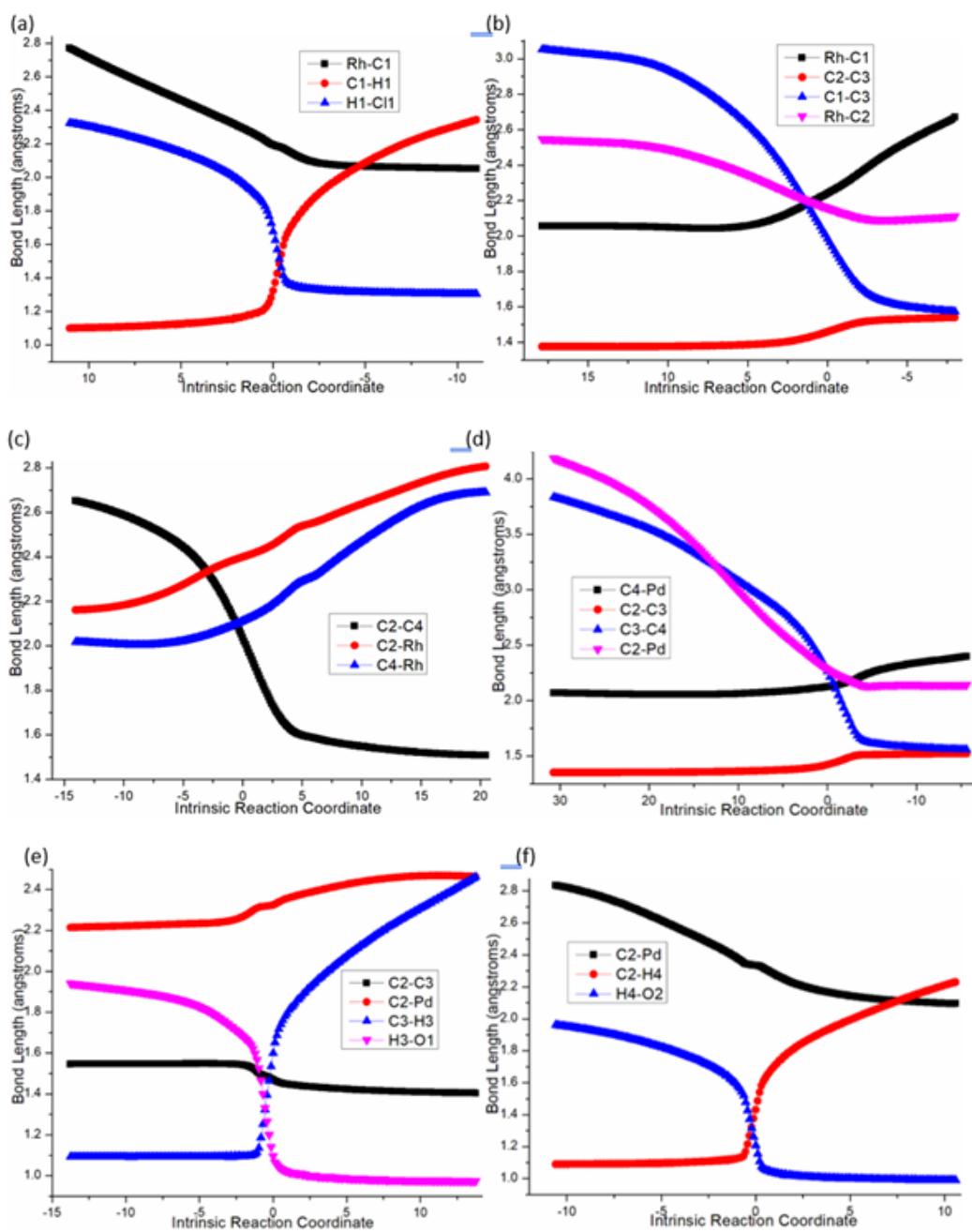
Species	$\Delta G_{\text{gas}}$	$\Delta G_{\text{sol(DMA)}}$	$\Delta \Delta G_{\text{sol-gas}}$
1+cprhcl2	0.00	0.00	
A	-4.22	5.81	-30.38
ts-Ai1	25.65	31.86	-34.19
i1	9.12	21.61	-27.91
1+cprhcl2-hcl	0.00	0.00	
B	12.97	22.60	-27.13
1+cprhcl2-hcl+2	0.00	0.00	
i2	5.02	13.87	-29.84
ts-i2C	45.67	49.80	-41.56
C	8.09	15.51	-33.27
ts-Ci3	37.08	40.97	-29.73
i3	4.59	12.16	-42.26
1+cprhcl2-2hcl+2	0.00	0.00	
i4	94.65	87.27	-37.66
ts-i4D	115.39	104.34	-33.99
D	69.79	54.79	-30.05
ts-Di5	97.38	78.03	-25.69
i5	55.96	36.41	-25.49
1+cprhcl2-2hcl+2-cprh=1+2-2h	0.00	0.00	
E	17.66	15.42	-19.74
1+2-4h	0.00	0.00	
3	5.18	-6.81	-15.88
1+pdl2oac2	0.00	0.00	

		$\Delta G_{\text{gas}}$	$\Delta G_{\text{sol(DMF)}}$	$\Delta \Delta G_{\text{sol-gas}}$
A-pd	-2.32	0.19	-22.22	
ts-Ai1-pd	34.80	38.01	-21.53	
i1-pd	25.58	26.83	-23.48	
1+pdl2oac2-hoac	0.00	0.00		
B-pd	30.18	19.98	-21.26	
1+pdl2oac2-hoac+2	0.00	0.00		
i2-pd	24.87	20.60	-27.26	
ts-i2C-pd	53.94	52.07	-24.86	
C-pd	14.85	11.81	-26.03	
1+pdl2oac2-hoac	0.00	0.00		
I	2.26	15.03	-23.83	
1+pdl2oac2-hoac+2	0.00	0.00		
in1	3.66	-5.96	-28.39	
ts-in1II	42.79	28.83	-24.05	
II	4.84	-4.58	-28.59	
ts-IIin2	40.90	27.93	-25.04	
in2	4.24	-11.33	-22.44	
1+pdl2oac2-2hoac+2-pdl2=1+2-2h	0.00	0.00		
III	-1.90	-2.14	-20.44	
1+2-2h+pdl2oac2-hoac	0.00	0.00		
IV	13.30	24.33	-28.82	
ts-IVin3	37.31	47.35	-27.82	
in3	16.22	22.83	-24.40	
1+2-2h+pdl2oac2-2hoac	0.00	0.00		
V	9.93	29.39	-23.58	
ts-Vin4	23.49	39.56	-20.18	
in4	-12.71	3.14	-19.96	
1+2-2h+pdl2oac2-2hoac-pdl2=1+2-4h	0.00	0.00		
4	1.65	-16.05	-18.15	
1+cprhcl2-hcl	0.00	0.00		
I-rh	26.55	34.06	-29.26	
1+cprhcl2-hcl+2	0.00	0.00		
in1-rh	19.48	34.00	-34.16	
ts-in1II-rh	57.54	74.77	-29.45	
II-rh	16.20	33.55	-31.33	
ts-IIin2-rh	51.04	74.81	-24.90	
in2-rh	41.62	62.56	-27.73	

**Table S2:** The activation energy (local barrier) (in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) of all reactions in the gas, solution phase calculated with B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) method and difference between the two.

TS	$\Delta G_{\text{gas}}$	$\Delta G_{\text{sol}}$	$\Delta \Delta G_{\text{sol-gas}}$
ts-Ai1 (660i)	29.86	26.05	-3.82
ts-i2C (347i)	40.65	35.93	-4.72
ts-Ai1-pd (1021i)	37.12	37.82	0.7
ts-i2C-pd (237i)	29.07	31.47	2.4
ts-Ci3 (790i)	28.99	25.46	-3.53
ts-i4D (140i)	20.74	17.07	-3.67
ts-Di5 (331i)	27.59	23.24	-4.35

ts-in1II (206i)	39.12	34.79	-4.34
ts-IIin2 (609i)	36.06	32.51	-3.55
ts-in1II-rh (260i)	38.06	40.77	2.71
ts-IIin2-rh(147i)	34.83	41.26	6.43
ts-IVin3 (1242i)	24.01	23.02	-0.99
ts-Vin4 (272i)	13.56	10.17	-3.4



**Figure S1:** Evolution of bond lengths along the IRC for (a) ts-Ai1 (b) ts-i2C (c) ts-Di5 (d) ts-in1II (e) ts-IIin2 (f) ts-IVin3 at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level