

Supporting Information

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Experimental and Theoretical Approaches in the Study of Phenanthroline-Tetrahydroquinolines for Alzheimer's Disease

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Chemistry

FT-IR spectra were recorded in potassium bromide pellets using a Thermo Nicolet NEXUS 670 FT-IR spectrophotometer, with 0.125 cm⁻¹ spectral resolution. ¹H NMR (200 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (101 MHz) spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆, with a Bruker AMX or a Bruker AM-400 spectrometers. High-resolution mass spectrometry ESI-MS and ESI-MS/MS analyses were conducted in a high-resolution hybrid quadrupole (Q) and orthogonal time-of-flight (TOF) mass spectrometer (Waters/Micromass Q-TOF micro, Manchester, UK) with a constant nebulizer temperature of 100 °C. The samples were directly infused into the ESI source, via a syringe pump, at flow rates of 5 µL/min, via the instrument's injection valve.

NMR, IR and Mass Spectra for products







Molecule 4b













Molecule 4c





Molecule 4d







Molecule 4f





Molecule 4g







Theoretical Study

Computational study



Scheme 1. Possible Mechanisms for the iDA Reaction, one-step and step-wise mechanism.

Energy aspects:



Scheme 2: iDA reaction between *N*-aryl imine and NVF using M06-2X/6-311G** level of theory. The relative energies are in kcal mol⁻¹.



Figure 1. Relative Energy profile (ΔE in kcal mol⁻¹) of the iDA reaction between N-aryl imine and NVF.

Reactivity index analysis:

Table 1. *Reactivity index analysis*: M06-2X/6-311G^{**} level of theory. Electronic chemical potential μ , hardnesses η , global electrophilicity ω , and global nucleophilicity

| Compounds | μ | η | ω | Ν | $\Delta \omega$ |
|-----------|---------|--------|------|------|-----------------|
| NVF | -0.1545 | 0.3273 | 0.99 | 2.91 | |
| 1a | -0.1802 | 0.1988 | 2.22 | 2.71 | 1.23 |
| 1b | -0.1848 | 0.1822 | 2.55 | 2.65 | 1.59 |
| 1c | -0.1891 | 0.2251 | 2.16 | 2.62 | 1.17 |

N indices, for the reagents and compounds involved in iDA reactions for phenanthroline-THQ.



Figure 2. M06-2X/6-311G** 3D Maps of the ASD (Atomic Spin Densities) and electrophilic P+k Parr functions of 1a, 1b and 1c compounds.

Table 2. *Reactivity index analysis*: M06-2X/6-311G** level of theory. Electronic chemical potential μ , hardnesses η , global electrophilicity ω , and global nucleophilicity N indices, for the intermediaries involved in iDA reactions for phenanthroline THQ.

| Compounds | μ | η | ω | Ν |
|-----------|---------|--------|------|------|
| INa | -0.1797 | 0.1757 | 2.50 | 3.54 |
| INb | -0.1814 | 0.1773 | 2.52 | 3.47 |
| INc | -0.1808 | 0.1759 | 2.53 | 3.51 |



Figure 3. M06-2X/6-311G** 3D Maps of the ASD (Atomic Spin Densities) and electrophilic P+k Parr functions of intermediaries 1a, 1b and 1c involved in iDA reaction.

This result suggests that the polarity of the process depends mostly on a high electrophilicity value at any of both fragments, thereby suggesting that during an electrophile–nucleophile interaction the effect of electrophilicity outweigh the effect of nucleophilicity.