

Density functional theory applied to excited state intramolecular proton transfer in imidazole-, oxazole- and thiazole-based systems

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Table S1: Comparison between structural parameters of S_E and HBT from Purkayastha [5] and crystallographic data [78]. Bond length (Å) and angle formed (°) in ground state

| Structural parameters | Calculated | Purkayastha | Cryst. data |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| C ₈ – O | 1.342 | 1.366 | 1.305 |
| C ₃ – N ₁ | 1.315 | 1.327 | 1.280 |
| C ₂ – N ₁ | 1.379 | 1.400 | 1.404 |
| C ₃ – S | 1.751 | 1.751 | 1.749 |
| C ₄ – S | 1.747 | 1.687 | 1.757 |
| C ₂ – N – C ₃ | 113.3 | 110.3 | 110.8 |
| C ₃ – S – C ₄ | 90.1 | 91.0 | 88.6 |

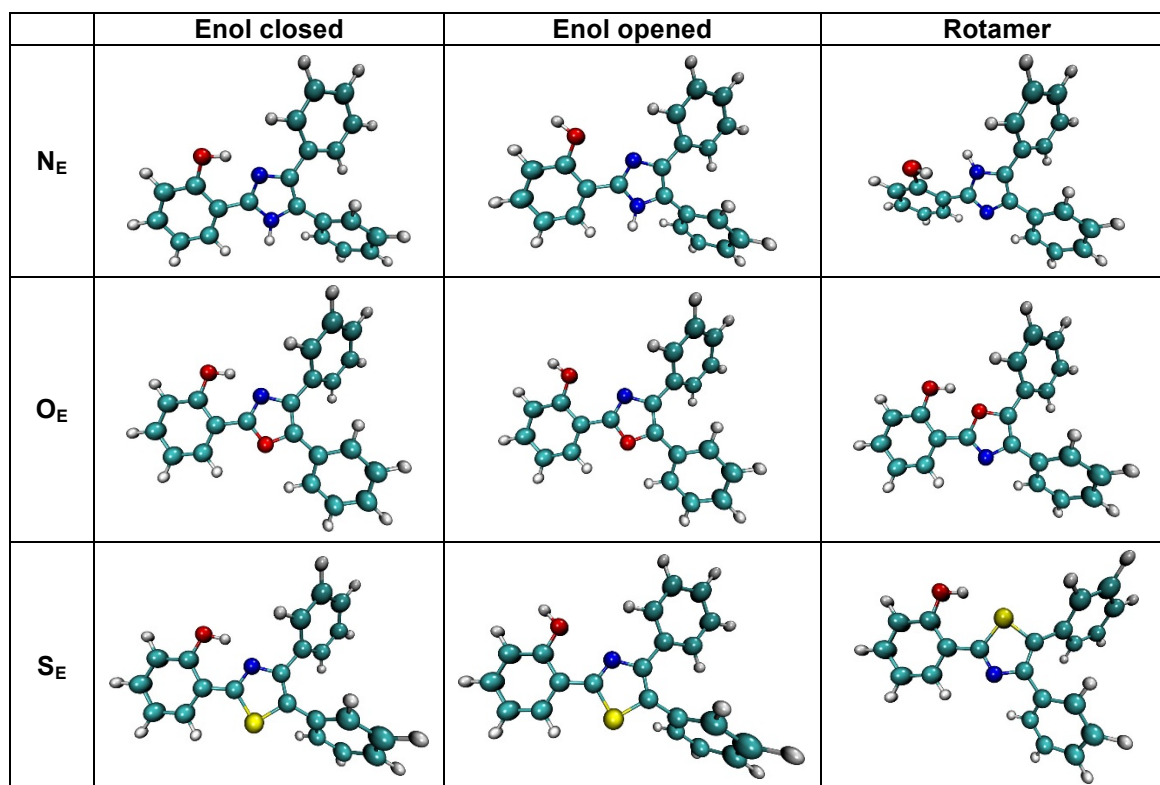


Figure S1: Optimized structure of N_E, O_E and S_E in enol closed forms, enol opened forms and their rotamers.

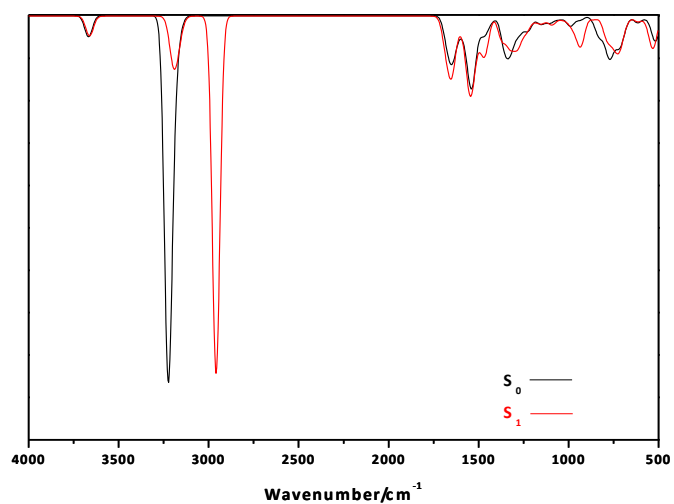


Figure S2: Vibrational spectrum of N_E in the ground and excited state in gas phase.

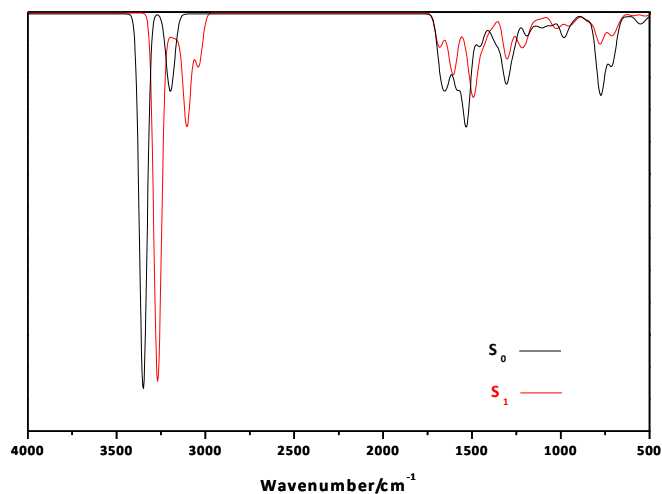


Figure S3: Vibrational spectrum of O_E in the ground and excited state in gas phase.

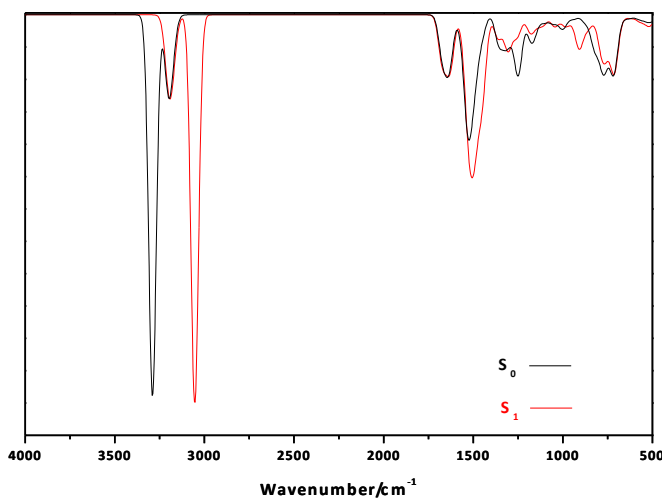


Figure S4: Vibrational spectrum of S_E in the ground and excited state in gas phase.

Table S2: HOMO → LUMO transition calculated with different functionals: theoretical absorption wavelength (λ_{abs}) and oscillator strength (f) calculated for N_E compound

| Functional | % HF exchange | λ_{abs} (nm) | f |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| B3LYP | 20 | 337.5 | 0.3850 |
| M06 | 27 | 329.4 | 0.2948 |
| wB97X-D3 | 22* | 283.7 | 0.6434 |
| M06-2X | 54 | 274.6 | 0.4458 |

* Range separated hybrid functional with 22% short-range HF exchange, Grimme's dispersion correction and range-separation parameter $\gamma = 0.2$

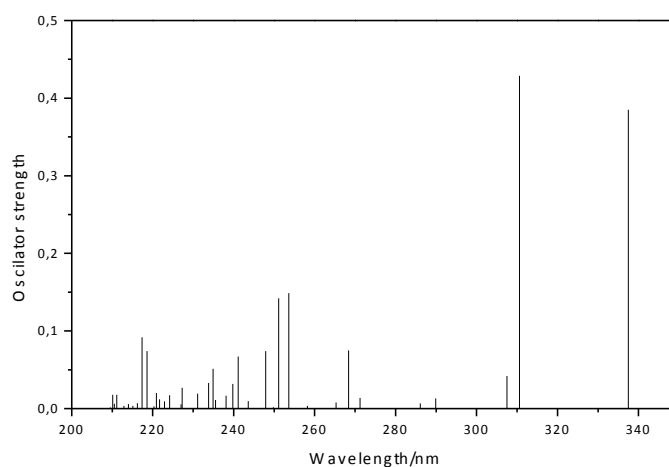


Figure S5: Absorption spectrum of N_E in gas phase.

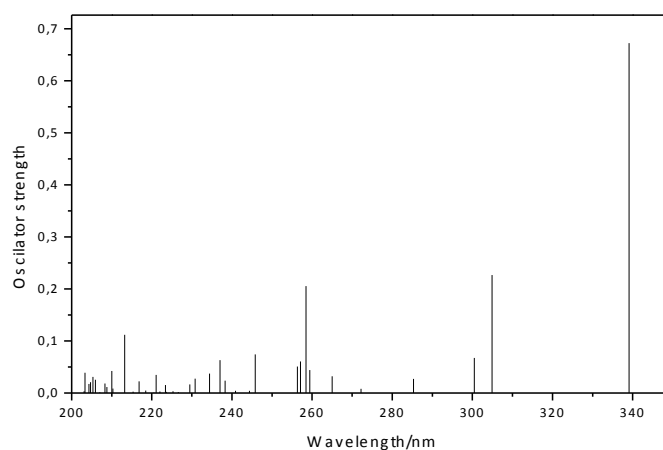


Figure S6: Absorption spectrum of O_E in gas phase.

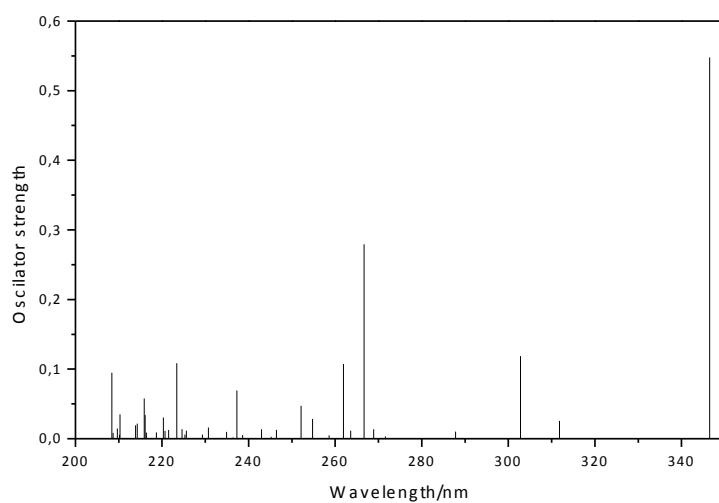


Figure S7: Absorption spectrum of S_E in gas phase.

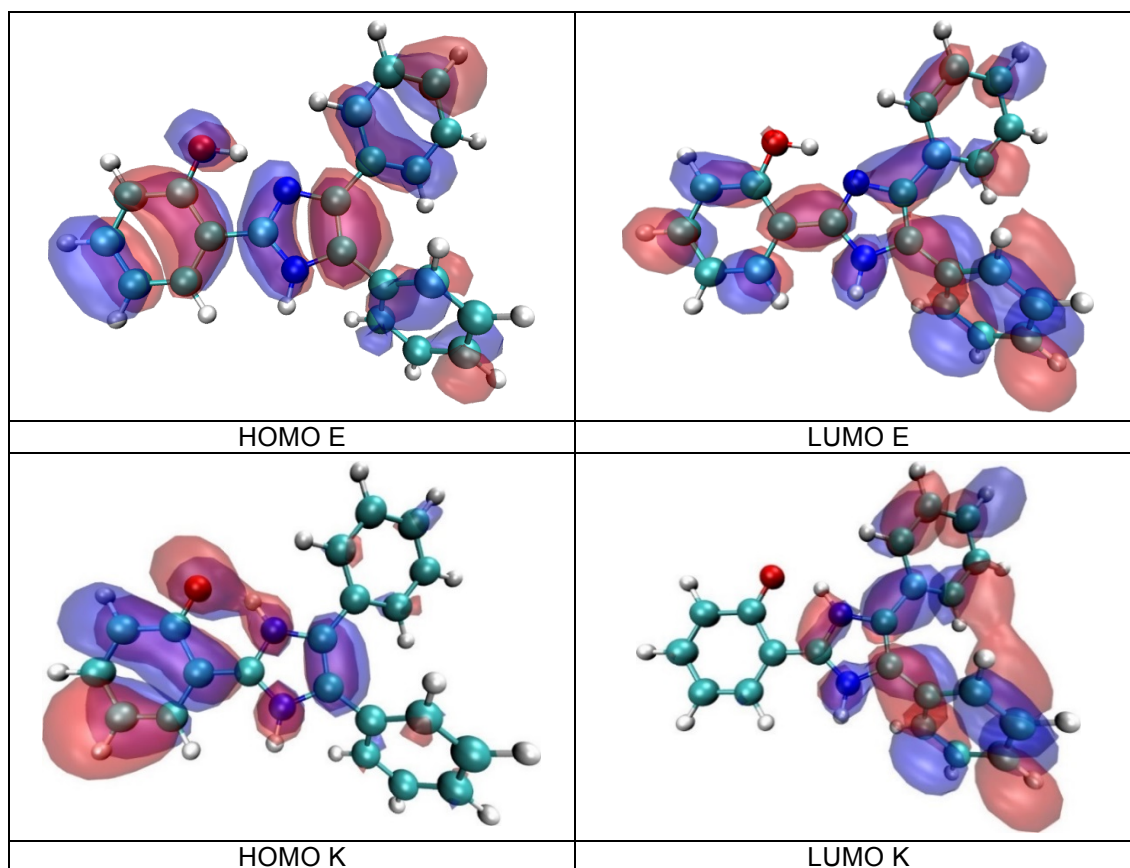


Figure S8: HOMO and LUMO orbitals of enolic (E) and ketonic (K) forms of triphenylimidazolic species.

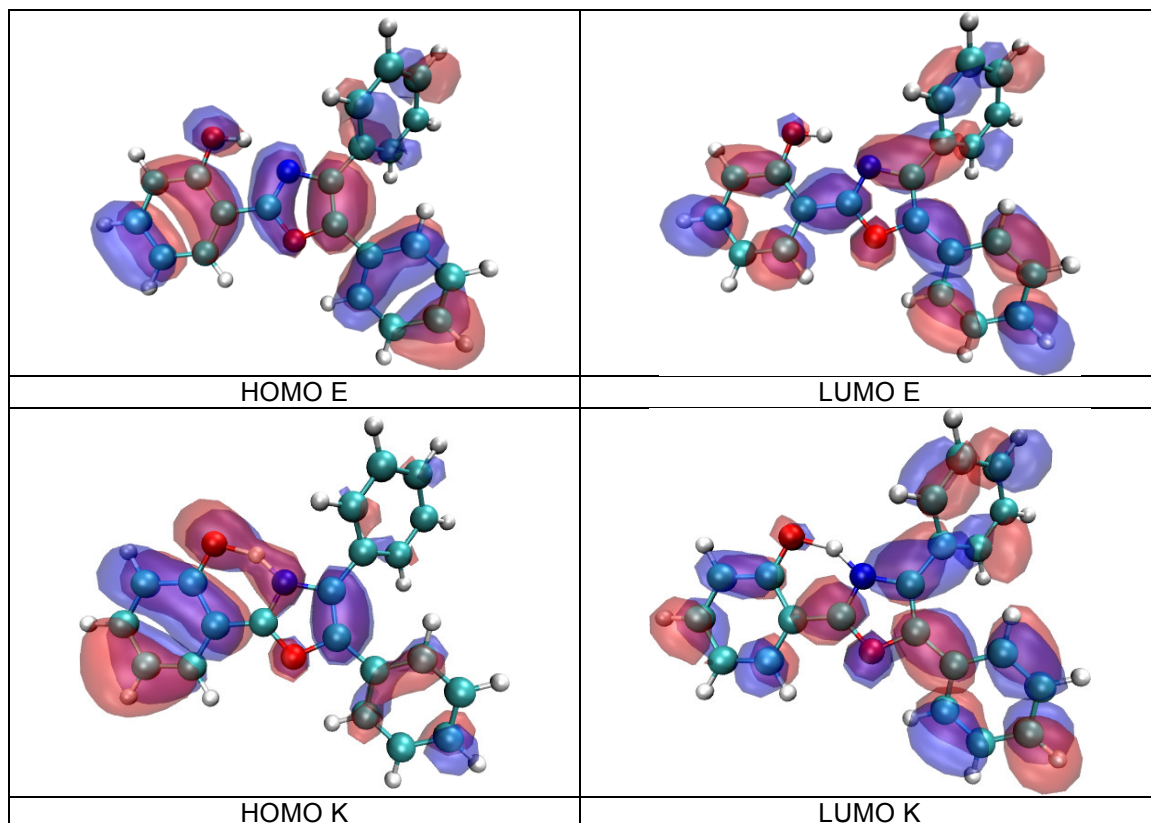


Figure S9: HOMO and LUMO orbitals of enolic (E) and ketonic (K) forms of triphenyloxazolic species.

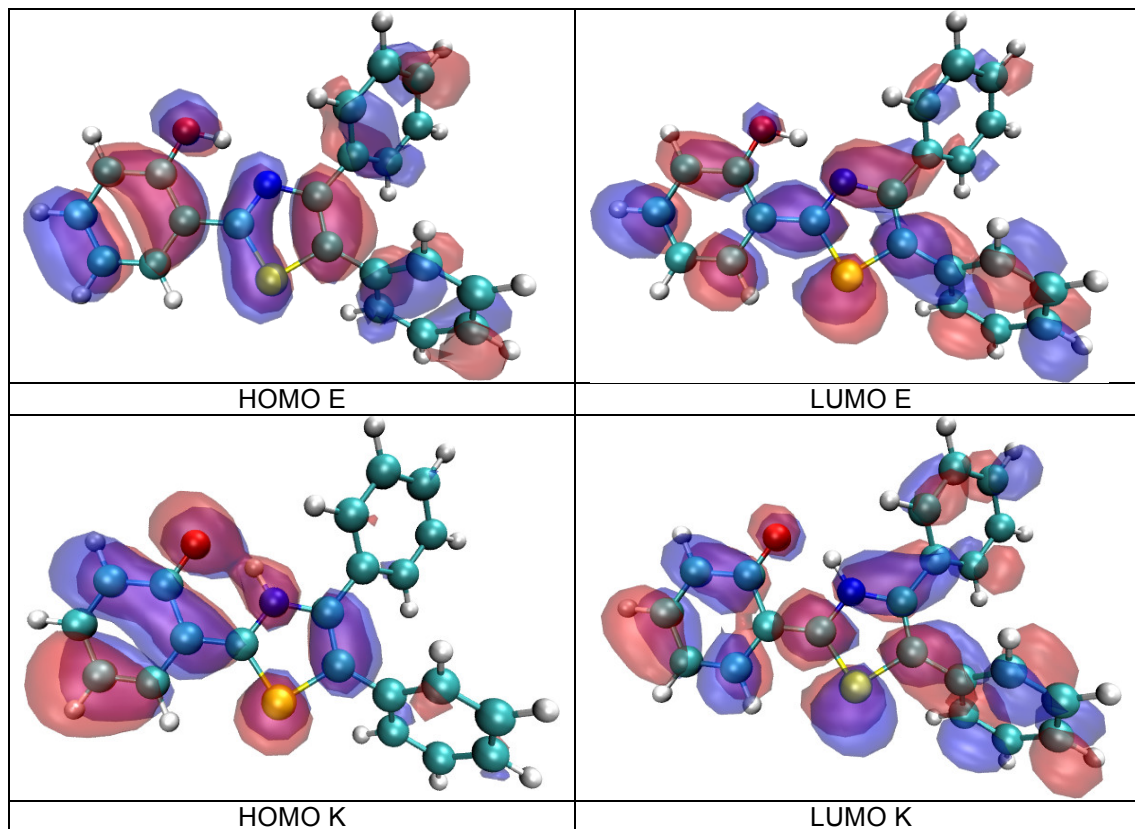


Figure S10: HOMO and LUMO orbitals of enolic (E) and ketonic (K) forms of triphenylthiazolic species.