

Table S1. Magnitude of the spin contamination, $S(S+1)$, for the open shell systems, at BH&HLYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory.

	$S(S+1)$
<i>OH</i>	0.752
<i>RC-I</i>	0.752
<i>RC-II</i>	0.752
<i>RC-III</i>	0.752
<i>RC-IV</i>	0.753
<i>TS-I</i>	0.767
<i>TS-II</i>	0.764
<i>TS-III</i>	0.766
<i>TS-IV</i>	0.761
<i>PC-I</i>	0.755
<i>PC-II</i>	0.755
<i>PC-III</i>	0.764
<i>PC-IV</i>	0.756
<i>R-I</i>	0.755
<i>R-II</i>	0.755
<i>R-III</i>	0.767
<i>R-IV</i>	0.755

RC=Reactant Complexes, *TS*=Transition States, *PC*=Product Complexes, *R*=Radical Products, **Channel I**= abstraction from the amino end, **Channel II**= abstraction from the $-CH_2-$ group next to the amino end, **Channel III**= abstraction from the $-CH_2-$ group next to the carboxyl end, **Channel IV**= abstraction from the $-CH_2-$ group next to the carboxyl end.

Table S2. Topological data for N1-H11 intramolecular interaction in the different species involved in β -alanine + OH gas phase reaction.

	Bond Critical Point (1,11)			Ring Critical Point (1-5,11)	
	$d_{I-II}(\text{\AA})$	ρ_{I-II} (a.u.)	$\nabla^2(\rho)_{I-II}$ (a.u.)	ρ (a.u.)	$\nabla^2(\rho)$ (a.u.)
β-alanine	1.820	0.0414	-0.0282	0.0172	-0.0253
<i>RC-I</i>	1.744	0.0443	-0.0285	0.0162	-0.0240
<i>RC-II</i>	1.773	0.0464	-0.0289	0.0180	0.0268
<i>RC-III</i>	1.785	0.0449	-0.0287	0.0177	-0.0263
<i>RC-IV</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>TS-I</i>	1.913	0.0319	-0.0251	0.0156	-0.0225
<i>TS-II</i>	1.885	0.0354	-0.0259	0.0169	-0.0242
<i>TS-III</i>	1.817	0.0418	-0.0279	0.0175	-0.0254
<i>TS-IV</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>PC-I</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>PC-II</i>	1.895	0.0336	-0.0255	0.0178	-0.0246
<i>PC-III</i>	1.805	0.0430	-0.0288	0.0170	-0.0254
<i>PC-IV</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>P-I</i>	1.883	0.0332	-0.0268	0.0153	-0.0228
<i>P-II</i>	1.971	0.0286	-0.0230	0.0171	-0.0232
<i>P-III</i>	1.829	0.0406	-0.0282	0.0167	-0.0247
<i>P-IV</i>	-	-	-	-	-

Table S3. Topological data for intramolecular interactions (other than N1-H11) in the different species involved in β -alanine + OH gas phase reaction.

	Bond Critical Point			Ring Critical Point		
	<i>Atoms</i>	ρ	$\rho(\nabla^2)$	<i>Atoms</i>	ρ	$\rho(\nabla^2)$
<i>RC-I</i>	4, 15	0.0133	-0.0115	1, 4, 11, 12, 14, 15	0.0046	-0.0053
	12, 14	0.0051	-0.0054			
<i>RC-II</i>	4, 15	0.0198	-0.0181	2- 5,10, 14, 15	0.0043	-0.0047
	10, 14	0.0067	-0.0052			
<i>RC-III</i>	6, 15	0.0288	-0.0270	3, 5, 6, 7,14, 15	0.0068	-0.0075
	7, 14	0.0070	-0.0072			
<i>RC-IV</i>	6, 15	0.0287	-0.0254	4-6, 11, 14, 15	0.0136	-0.0151
	11, 14	0.0265	-0.0235			
<i>TS-III</i>	6, 15	0.0168	-0.0153	3, 5-7, 14, 15	0.0137	-0.0165
<i>TS-IV</i>	6, 14	0.0508	-0.0537	4-6, 11, 14, 15	0.0338	-0.0478
<i>PC-I</i>	1, 12	0.0298	-0.0245	1-3, 8, 12, 14	0.0069	-0.0080
	8, 14	0.0089	-0.0090	3-5, 8, 11, 14	0.0086	-0.0091
	11, 14	0.0377	-0.0331			
<i>PC-II</i>	4, 15	0.0129	-0.0121	1-3, 8, 12, 14	0.0053	-0.0059
	8, 14	0.0067	-0.0059	3-5, 8, 11, 14	0.0054	-0.0061
	12, 14	0.0163	-0.0166			
<i>PC-III</i>	6, 15	0.0255	-0.0244	3, 5, 6, 8, 14, 15	0.0088	-0.0099
	8, 14	0.0129	-0.0112			
<i>PC-IV</i>	4, 11	0.0228	-0.0217	4-6, 11, 14	0.0124	-0.0145
	6, 14	0.0174	-0.0170			
<i>R-IV</i>	4, 13	0.0108	-0.0101	1-5, 13	0.0104	-0.0119

Table S4. Variation of the activation energies (kcal mol^{-1}) with temperature, in the 200 – 500 K range.

<i>T</i>	<i>Ea</i> ($k_{tot}^{(2)}$)	<i>Ea</i> ($k_{tot}^{(4)}$)
250	-1.16	-1.20
260	-1.10	-1.13
270	-1.04	-1.07
280	-0.98	-1.01
290	-0.91	-0.95
298.15	-0.86	-0.90
300	-0.85	-0.89
310	-0.79	-0.83
320	-0.73	-0.77
340	-0.61	-0.64
350	-0.54	-0.58
360	-0.48	-0.52
370	-0.42	-0.46
380	-0.36	-0.40
400	-0.23	-0.27

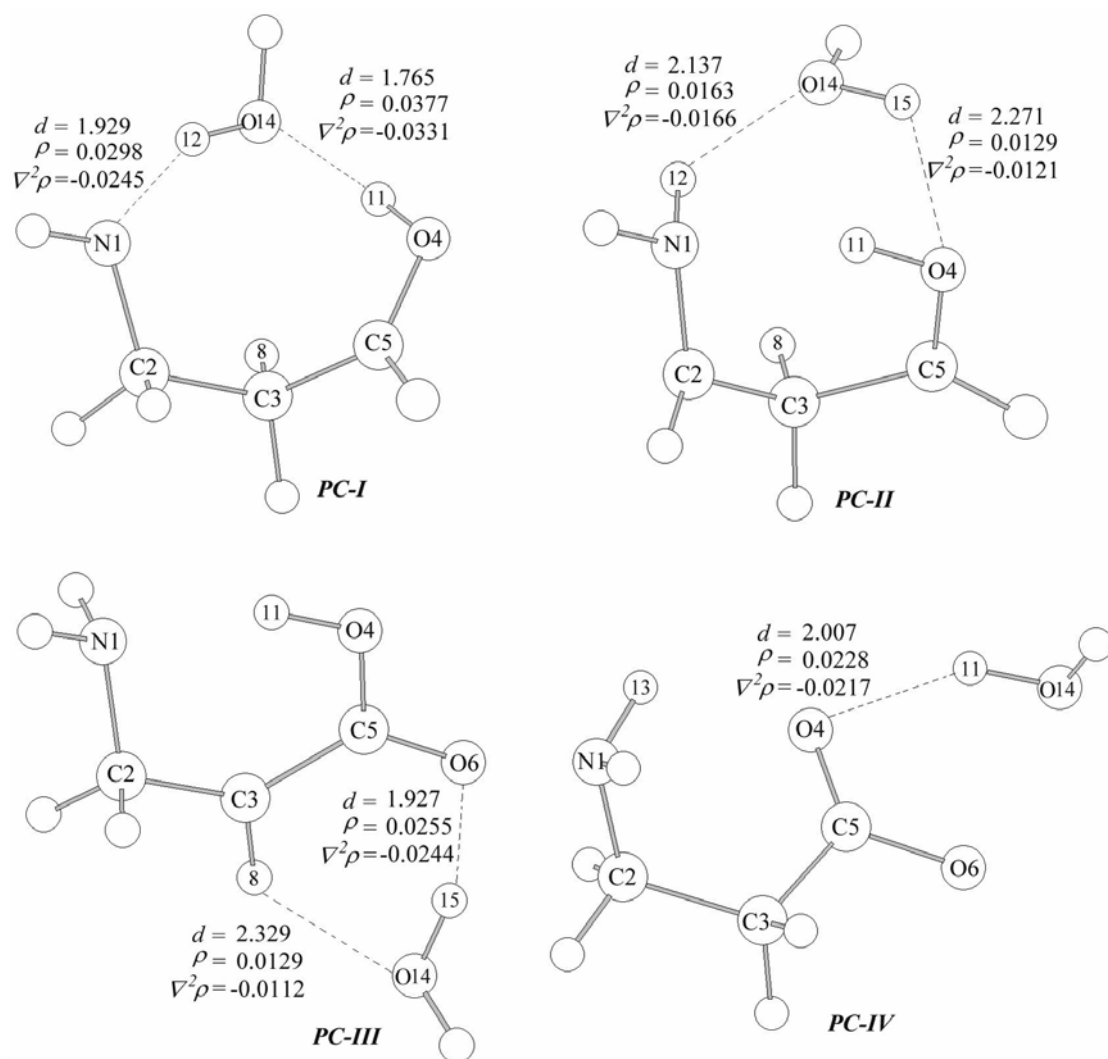


Figure 1S. Fully optimized BH&HLYP/6-311G(d,p) product complexes of the β -alanine + OH reaction. Distances (d) are reported in Å.

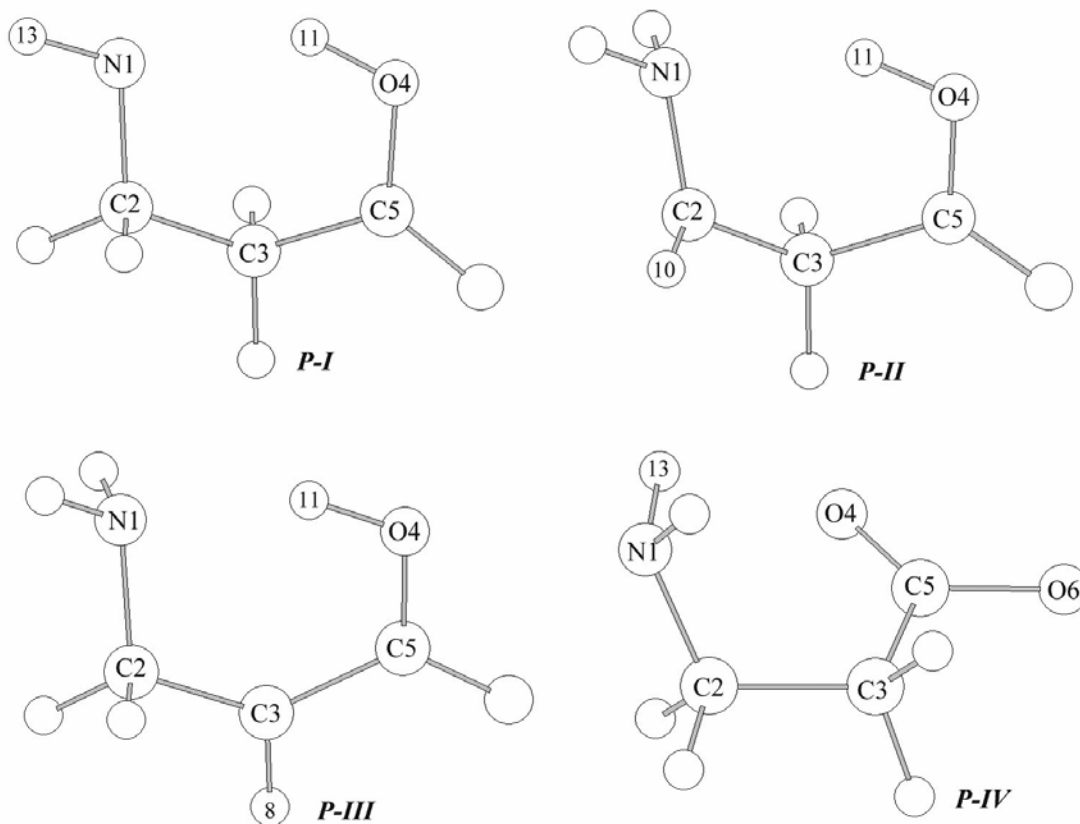


Figure 2S. Fully optimized BH&HLYP/6-311G(d,p) radical products of the β -alanine + OH reaction. Distances (d) are reported in Å.