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# Catalytic Mechanism of C-F bond Cleavage: Insights from QM/MM Analysis of Fluoroacetate Dehalogenase

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**Scheme S1** Gas phase calculations of defluorination and dechlorination reactions performed at RIMP2/cc-pVTZ//B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

**Figure S1** a~b, binding of substrate FAc with FAcD in the present study; c~d, binding of substrate FAc with FAcD in a previous study (T. Kamachi, et. al., *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2009, 15, 7394); e, locations of a water molecule and the F atom. H1~H8 represents for eight hydrogen bonds, the corresponding distances are provided in Table S1.

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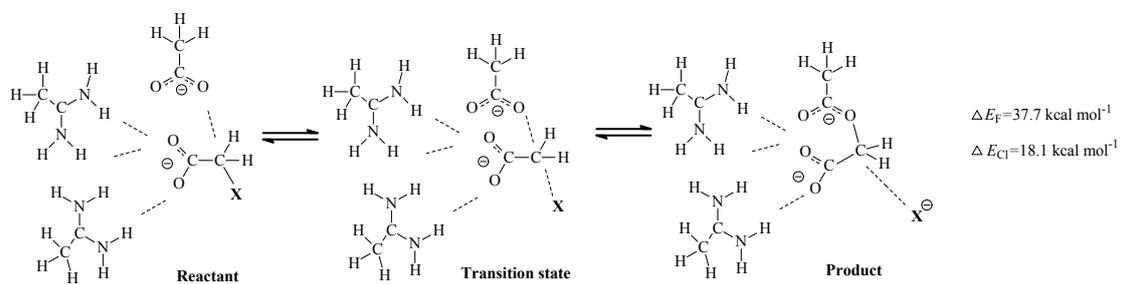
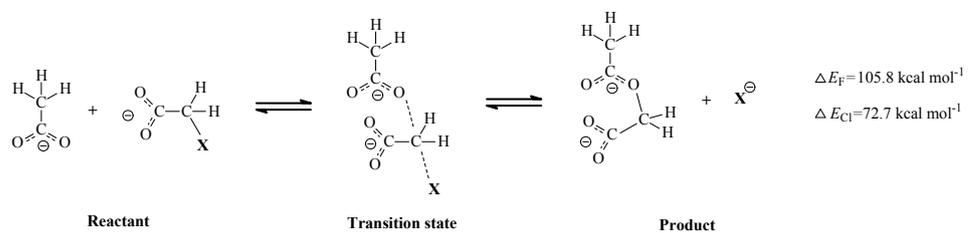
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Hydrogen bonds	FAcD <sub>Hse155</sub> -FAc			FAcD <sub>Hse155</sub> -ClAc		
	R	TS	P	R	TS	P
H1	1.90±0.03	1.89±0.03	2.01±0.05	1.92±0.03	1.95±0.08	2.03±0.06
H2	1.88±0.03	1.91±0.07	1.89±0.06	1.88±0.05	1.88±0.06	1.88±0.06
H3	1.79±0.03	1.77±0.03	1.79±0.03	1.86±0.02	1.82±0.03	1.83±0.04
H4	1.66±0.03	1.69±0.05	1.87±0.10	1.77±0.06	1.70±0.08	1.81±0.09
H5	2.69±0.16	2.71±0.15	2.83±0.16	2.94±0.15	3.01±0.17	3.48±0.33
H6	2.46±0.27	1.98±0.25	1.54±0.05	2.78±0.18	2.84±0.30	2.42±0.41
H7	2.13±0.19	1.78±0.10	1.65±0.07	2.70±0.17	2.45±0.22	2.38±0.20
H8	1.94±0.07	1.68±0.09	1.59±0.06	2.29±0.08	2.01±0.09	1.93±0.06

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Atoms/Residues/ Substrates	FAcD <sub>Hse155</sub> -FAc			FAcD <sub>Hse155</sub> -ClAc		
	R	TS	P	R	TS	P
O <sub>β</sub>	-0.76±0.01	-0.76±0.01	-0.79±0.01	-0.76±0.01	-0.75±0.01	-0.79±0.01
O <sub>ω</sub>	-0.77±0.01	-0.75±0.01	-0.74±0.01	-0.78±0.01	-0.75±0.01	-0.75±0.01
C <sub>γ</sub>	0.82±0.01	0.82±0.00	0.82±0.01	0.84±0.00	0.82±0.00	0.82±0.00
O <sub>ε</sub>	-0.82±0.02	-0.72±0.02	-0.57±0.01	-0.82±0.02	-0.74±0.01	-0.57±0.01
C <sub>δ</sub>	-0.12±0.01	-0.16±0.01	-0.24±0.01	-0.52±0.01	-0.32±0.01	-0.24±0.01
F/Cl	-0.43±0.02	-0.59±0.03	-0.73±0.04	-0.18±0.02	-0.52±0.03	-0.89±0.02
FAc/ClAc	-0.78±0.01	-0.93±0.03	-1.17±0.03	-0.82±0.01	-0.96±0.03	-1.32±0.02
Asp110	-0.96±0.01	-0.73±0.01	-0.41±0.01	-0.95±0.01	-0.79±0.01	-0.40±0.01
Arg111	0.94±0.01	0.93±0.01	0.94±0.01	0.94±0.00	0.93±0.01	0.94±0.01
Arg114	0.92±0.01	0.92±0.01	0.92±0.01	0.91±0.02	0.91±0.02	0.90±0.02
Hse155	-0.04±0.02	-0.05±0.02	-0.11±0.02	-0.03±0.01	-0.04±0.01	-0.06±0.02
Trp156	-0.04±0.01	-0.06±0.01	-0.08±0.02	-0.03±0.01	-0.03±0.01	-0.05±0.02
Tyr219	-0.04±0.01	-0.06±0.00	-0.05±0.02	-0.03±0.01	-0.04±0.02	-0.04±0.01
Wat	-0.01±0.01	-0.05±0.01	-0.09±0.01	-0.01±0.01	-0.04±0.01	-0.04±0.01



**Scheme S1**

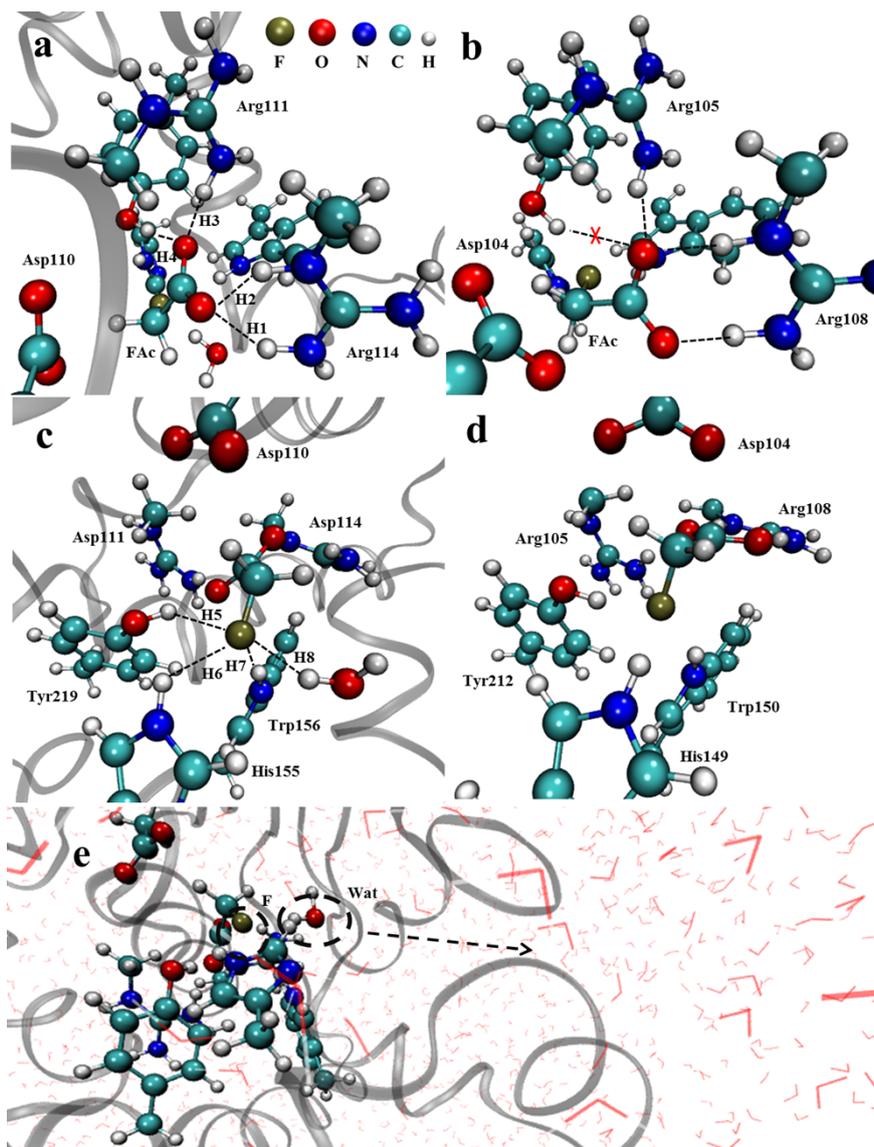
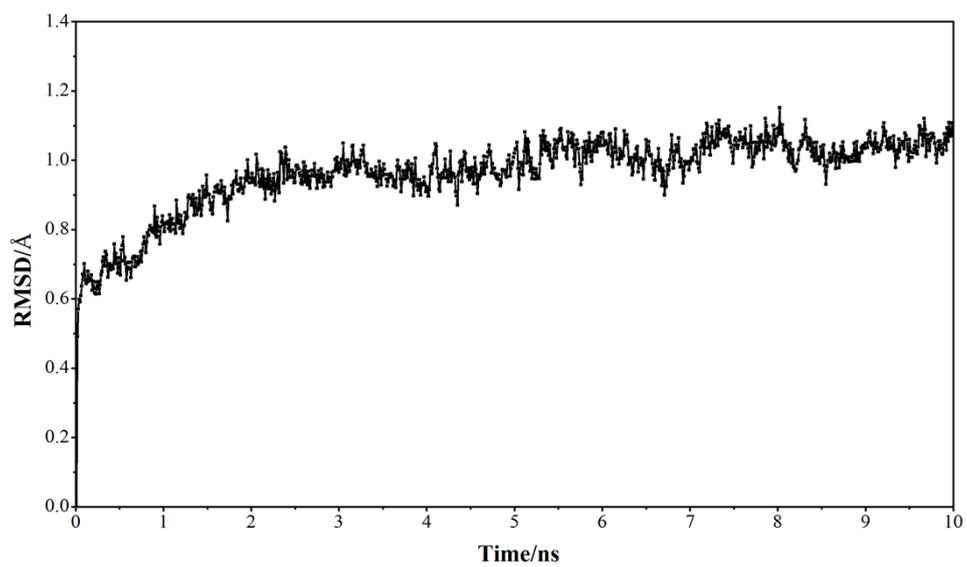


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**Figure S2**

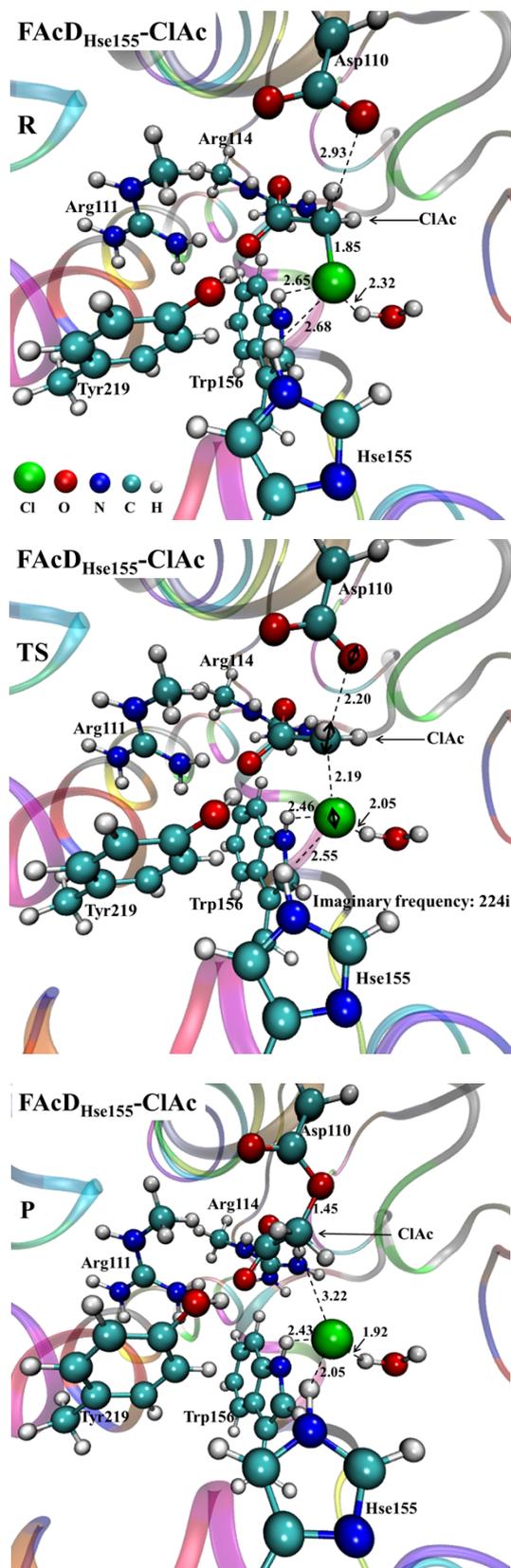


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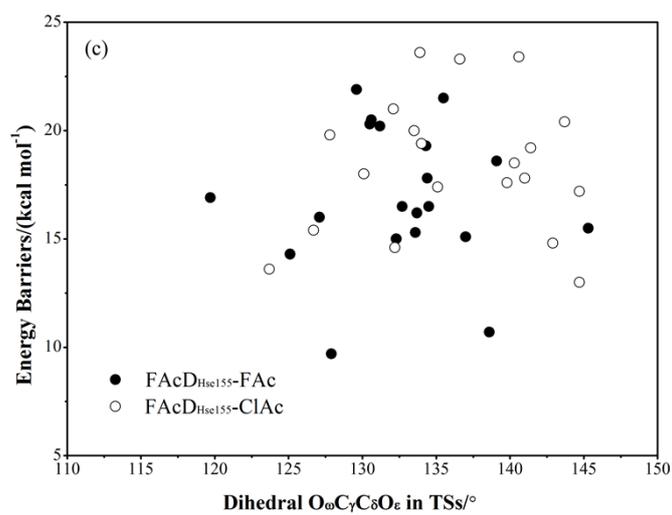
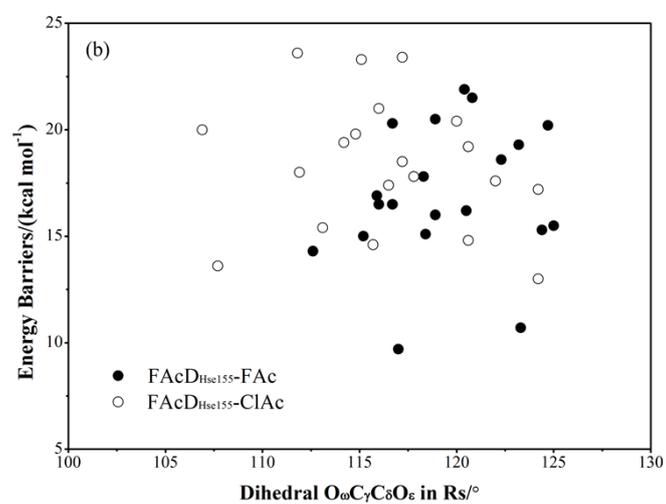
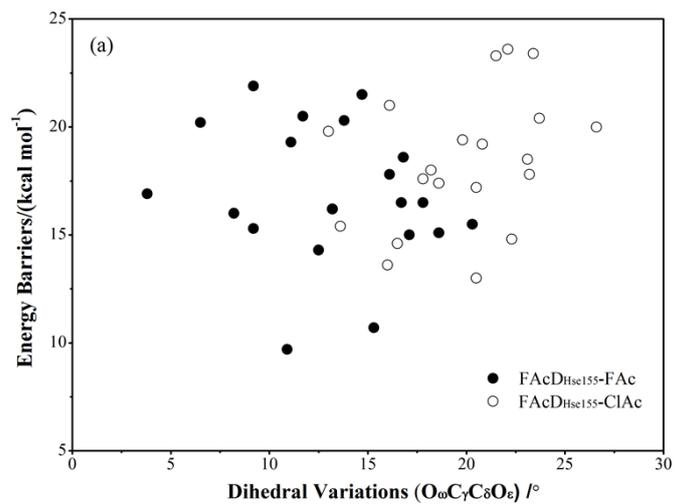


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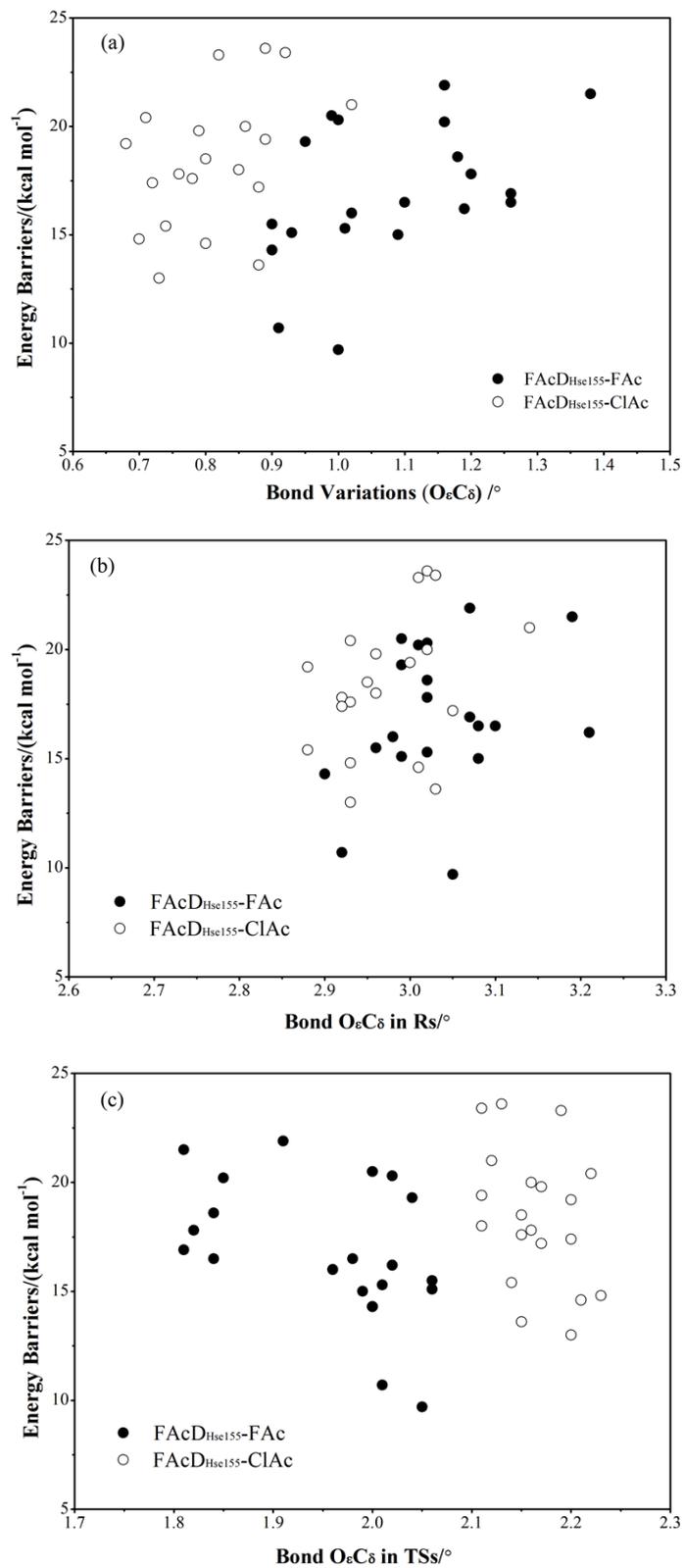


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