## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Unravelling the early photochemical behavior of (8-substituted-7hydroxyquinolinyl)methyl acetates through electronic structure theory and ultrafast transient absorption spectroscopy

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Figure S1. ns-TA spectra of BHQ-OAc obtained in acetonitrile.



**Figure S2**. fs-TA spectra of CHQ-OAc obtained in acetonitrile at (a) early and (b) late times after irradiation at 267 nm.



**Figure S3**. Time evolution fitted with one exponential at 354 and 470 nm of CHQ-OAc in acetonitrile. The dots are experimental data and the lines are fitted results. The growth time constant for the 354-nm band and the decay time constant for the 470-nm band were each 1055 ps.



**Table S1** Absolute energies [eV] (with respect to the relaxed ground-state minimum) of the lowest singlet and triplet excited states as well as the ground state at the relaxed ground- (columns) and excited-state geometries (rows) for 8-bromo-7-hydroxyquinoline at the riCC2/SVP level of theory.

	S <sub>0</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> A'	1 <sup>1</sup> A''	1 <sup>3</sup> A′	1 <sup>3</sup> A''
<b>S</b> <sub>0</sub>	0.00	4.19	4.48	3.29	4.10
1 <sup>1</sup> A'	0.22	3.99	4.46	3.08	4.13
1 <sup>1</sup> A''	0.68	4.60	3.86	3.53	3.58
1 <sup>3</sup> A′	0.39	_	_	2.92	4.14
1 <sup>3</sup> A''	0.61	_	_	_	3.56