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## Li@Organic Superhalogens: Possible Electrolytes in Li-ion Batteries

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**Figure S1.** Natural Bond Orbital(NBO) Charges of neutral and anion of  $[C_2H_3BNO]$ ,  $[C_2H_3BNS]$ ,  $[C_3H_4BN_2]$ ,  $[C_3H_4BS]$ , and  $[C_4H_5BN]$ .



Figure S2. Natural Bond Orbital(NBO) Charges of neutral and anion of  $[C_2BNO(NO_2)_3]$ ,  $[C_2BNS(NO_2)_3], [C_3BN_2(NO_2)_4], [C_3BN_2(NO_2)_4], [C_3BS(NO_2)_4], and [C_4BN(NO_2)_5].$ 



 $[C_3BN_2(NO_2)_4]$ 







 $[C_4BN(NO_2)_5]$ 



 $[C_3BS(NO_2)_4]^-$ 



 $[C_4BN(NO_2)_5]^-$ 



Figure S3. Natural Bond Orbital(NBO) Charges of  $Li[C_2BNO(NO_2)_3]$ ,  $Li[C_2BNS(NO_2)_3]$ ,  $Li[C_3BN_2(NO_2)_4]$ ,  $Li[C_3BS(NO_2)_4]$ , and  $Li[C_4BN(NO_2)_5]$ .

 $Li[C_4BN(NO_2)_5]$ 

(0.4

3)

(0.819)

(0.9

**Figure S4.** Optimized geometries of neutral and anions of  $[C_2HBNS(NO_2)_2]$ ,  $[C_2HBNS(NO_2)_2]$ ,  $[C_3H_2BN_2(NO_2)_2]$ ,  $[C_3H_2BS(NO_2)_2]$ , and  $[C_4H_2BN(NO_2)_2]$  in wB97XD/6-311+G(d) level.







 $[C_3H_2BS(NO_2)_2]$ 



 $[C_4H_2BN(NO_2)_2]$ 

 $[C_3H_2BS(NO_2)_2]$ 



 $[C_4H_2BN(NO_2)_2]^-$ 

Figure S5. Optimized geometries of  $Li[C_2HBNO(NO_2)_2]$ ,  $Li[C_2HBNS(NO_2)_2]$ ,  $Li[C_3H_2BN_2(NO_2)_2]$ ,  $Li[C_3H_2BS(NO_2)_2]$ , and  $Li[C_4H_3BN(NO_2)_2]$  in wB97XD/6-311+G(d) level.



**Table 1.** Calculated VDE of two  $NO_2$ -substituted electrolytes in gas phase and insolvent(ethylenecarbonate) phase at wB97XD level of theory using 6-311+G(d) basis set.

|   | VDE            | VDE                |                                  | VDE*           |
|---|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Anions  | (in eV)        | (in eV)            | Anions                           | (in eV)        |
|   | (in gas phase) | (in solvent phase) |                                  | (In gas phase) |
| $C_3H_2BN_2(NO_2)_2$  | 4.66           | 6.11               | CIO <sub>4</sub>                 | 5.83           |
| C <sub>2</sub> HBNO(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>              | 4.91           | 6.36               | $N(SO_2CF_3)_2$                  | 7.01           |
| C <sub>2</sub> HBNS(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>              | 5.41           | 6.93               | BF <sub>4</sub>                  | 7.66           |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> BN(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 3.93           | 6.09               | PF <sub>6</sub>                  | 8.55           |
| C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> BS(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 4.58           | 5.45               | CB <sub>11</sub> H <sub>12</sub> | 5.99           |

\*Values taken from reference 28.

**Table 2.** Calculated BE's of Li-heterocycles in gas phase and solvent(ethylene carbonate)phase at wB97XD level of theory using 6-311+G(d) basis set.

|  | Binding  | g energy(BE)       |                                    | BE*                       |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Li-Salts   | BE= E <sub>Salt</sub> -(E <sub>Li</sub> <sup>+</sup> + E <sub>Anion</sub> )<br>(in eV) |                    | Li-Salts                           | (in eV)<br>(In gas phase) |
|  | (in gas phase)   | (in solvent phase) |                                    |                           |
| $Li[C_3H_2BN_2(NO_2)_2]$   | 5.60   | 5.11               | LiClO <sub>4</sub>                 | 5.96                      |
| Li[C <sub>2</sub> HBNO(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]              | 6.05   | 5.37               | $LiN(SO_2CF_3)_2$                  | 6.01                      |
| Li[C <sub>2</sub> HBNS(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]              | 6.43   | 5.42               | LiBF <sub>4</sub>                  | 6.08                      |
| $Li[C_4H_3BN(NO_2)_2]$   | 5.23   | 5.52               | LiPF <sub>6</sub>                  | 5.73                      |
| Li[C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> BS(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] | 6.34   | 4.97               | LiCB <sub>11</sub> H <sub>12</sub> | 5.08                      |

\*Values taken from reference 28.