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## Electronic Supplementary Information

## Characterisation of the electronic structure of galvinoxyl free radical by variable energy UPS, XPS and NEXAFS spectroscopy

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**Table S1.** Cartesian coordinates of galvinoxyl optimized at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31+G(d,p) level ( $C_2$  symmetry).

Н	2.655302	4.873852	1.639729
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**Table S2.** Harmonic vibrational frequencies  $(cm^{-1})$  of galvinoxyl calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31+G(d,p) level ( $C_2$  symmetry).

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Table S3. Cartesian coordinates of galvinol optimized at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31+G(d,p) level.

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Table S4. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of galvinol calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31+G(d,p) level.

17.2911	18.6735	28.1903
38.9200	52.2267	67.8898
70.0223	79.9079	88.2733
124.8041	133.8355	147.5173
149.6712	161.0678	163.9215
169.9495	190.9864	200.6257
206.9181	218.3288	225.7608
244.3392	250.8928	254.3850
258.3705	271.0025	273.7206
281.9068	286.0774	295.0182
306.8635	319.6546	323.9422
326.3351	341.0190	349.7177
353.7385	357.0235	361.5814
371.3392	376.9594	378.2305
383.0687	389.5814	399.1968
402.7536	408.0298	415.2642
433.6810	441.1807	442.1127
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3186.0411	3186.3988	3186.9724
3189.9102	3218.4615	3242.2891
3248.5433	3261.6857	3940.7844



Figure S1. SOMO and low-lying virtual orbitals (V) of galvinoxyl at the SRC2-BLYP/6-311(2+)G\* level ( $\alpha\text{-spin set})$  .

**Table S4.** Shake-up spectrum and the corresponding monopole intensities of galvinoxyl (relative to the O 1s CEBE) at the TD-CAM-B3LYP//mixed basis set level (cc-pwCVTZ on O; Miyoshi mcp-dzp on C; STO-3G on H atoms).

state	E/eV	Mon. Int.	Relative
1	1.100	7.89E-05	0.001
2	1.869	1.69E-02	0.221
3	1.941	7.67E-02	1.000
4	2.170	4.27E-04	0.006
5	2.495	5.12E-02	0.667
6	3.080	1.51E-03	0.020
7	3.129	3.78E-04	0.005
8	3.201	1.17E-02	0.152
9	3.639	3.50E-04	0.005
10	3.673	8.07E-05	0.001



Figure S2. The RSES TDDFT modelled C 1s NEXAFS spectra of galvinoxyl at the SRC2-BLYP/6-311(2+)G\* and M06-2X/Def2-TZVPD<sup>1</sup> (upshifted by 5.0 eV).



Figure S3. The RSES TDDFT modelled O 1s NEXAFS spectra of galvinoxyl at the SRC2-BLYP/6-311(2+)G\* and M06-2X/Def2-TZVPD<sup>1</sup> (upshifted by 7.7 eV).

**Table S5.** C 1s core-electron binding energies (eV) of the half-fragment of galvinoxyl at the B3LYP//mixed basis set level (cc-pwCVTZ on C whose CEBE is calculated; Miyoshi mcp-dzp on O and remaining Cs; STO-3G on H atoms) (q = quaternary C atom)



C1(end)	C2 (bridge)	C3(CH₃)	C4(q)	C5(CH₃)	C6(CH₃)
289.59	290.26	289.67	290.19	290.05	289.69
C7 (benzene)	C8 (benzene)	C9 (benzene)	C10 (benzene)	C11 to •O	C12 (benzene)
289.71	290.15	289.70	289.47	291.22	289.51
C13(CH₃)	C14(q)	C15(CH₃)	C16(CH₃)		
289.69	290.21	289.70	290.07		

**Table S6.** C 1s core-electron binding energies (eV) of the phenolic fragment of galvinol at the B3LYP//mixed basis set level (cc-pwCVTZ on C whose CEBE is calculated; Miyoshi mcp-dzp on O and remaining Cs; STO-3G on H atoms) (q = quaternary C atom)



C1(end)	C2 (bridge)	C3(CH₃)	C4(q)	C5(CH₃)	C6(CH₃)
289.18	289.85	289.64	290.06	289.87	289.64
C7 (benzene)	C8 (benzene)	C9 (benzene)	C10 (benzene)	C11 to OH	C12 (benzene)
289.14	289.34	289.10	289.27	290.78	289.41
C13(CH₃)	C14(q)	C15(CH₃)	C16(CH₃)		
290.35	290.60	290.31	290.24		

**Table S7.** C 1s core-electron binding energies (eV) of the quinonic fragment of galvinol at the B3LYP//mixed basis set level (cc-pwCVTZ on C whose CEBE is calculated; Miyoshi mcp-dzp on O and remaining Cs; STO-3G on H atoms) (q = quaternary C atom)



C1(CH₃)	C2 (q)	C3(CH₃)	C4(CH₃)	C5(ring)	C6(ring)
289.70	290.23	290.08	289.72	289.89	290.54
C7 (ring)	C8 (ring)	C9 to O	C10 (ring)	C11 (CH₃)	C12 (q)
289.87	289.69	291.85	289.74	289.72	290.25
C13(CH₃)	C14(CH₃)	C15(end)			
289.73	290.10	289.57			

(1) For the TD-M06-2X calculations we use the property-optimized Def2-TZVPD basis set, which is a triple- $\zeta$ -valence polarized diffuse set contracted to

6s3p3d1f on the C and O atoms and to 3s2p on the H atoms.<sup>2</sup> To speed up the calculations, the resolution of identity approximation was adopted employing the Def2-TZVPP/J auxiliary basis set for fitting the Coulomb term<sup>3</sup> and the RIJCOSX integration scheme for the HF exchange term.<sup>4</sup> The final M06-2X energies are converged with respect to the 302 points Lebedev angular grid, which on average amounted to 3877 grid points per atom. The calculations are done with the Orca 3.0.3 package<sup>5</sup>

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