

## **ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Rethinking the $X^- + CH_3Y$ [ $X = OH, SH, CN, NH_2, PH_2$ ; $Y = F, Cl, Br, I$ ] $S_N2$ reactions**

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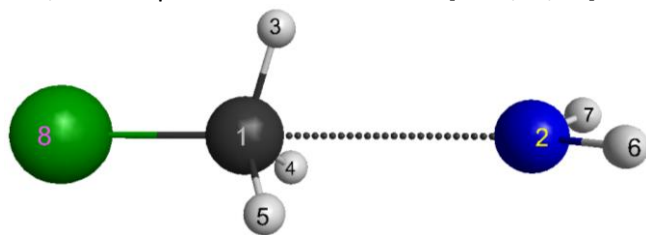
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**Table S1.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the PreMIN [Y = F, Cl, Br] ion-dipole complexes ( $C_s$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory

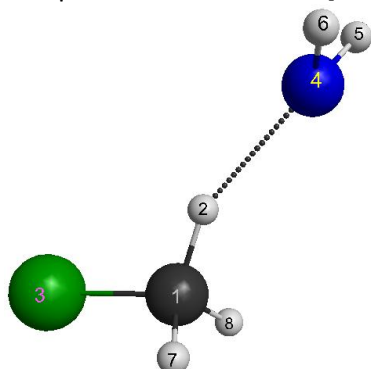


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|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|
| 1 | C |   |       |   |       |   |        |
| 2 | N | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |   |        |
| 3 | H | 1 | $r_2$ | 2 | $a_1$ |   |        |
| 4 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 | $d_1$  |
| 5 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 | $-d_1$ |
| 6 | H | 2 | $r_4$ | 1 | $a_3$ | 3 | $d_2$  |
| 7 | H | 2 | $r_4$ | 1 | $a_3$ | 3 | $-d_2$ |
| 8 | Y | 1 | $r_5$ | 3 | $a_4$ | 2 | 180.0  |

| Level <sup>a</sup>                | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ                                  |   |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ                         |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ                         |   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|
|                                   | FCH <sub>3</sub> ...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ClCH <sub>3</sub> ...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | BrCH <sub>3</sub> ...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | FCH <sub>3</sub> ...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ClCH <sub>3</sub> ...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | FCH <sub>3</sub> ...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ClCH <sub>3</sub> ...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> |
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | -195.194146                                      | -555.205059                                       | -511.169956                                       | -195.436811                                      | -555.417945                                       | -195.471860                                      | -555.462948                                       |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 2.833  | 2.759   | 2.663   | 2.844  | 2.802   | 2.841  | 2.777   |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 1.092  | 1.090   | 1.089   | 1.085  | 1.082   | 1.083  | 1.080   |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.093  | 1.091   | 1.090   | 1.086  | 1.083   | 1.084  | 1.081   |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 1.036  | 1.036   | 1.035   | 1.028  | 1.028   | 1.027  | 1.027   |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 1.453  | 1.859   | 2.050   | 1.423  | 1.829   | 1.424  | 1.839   |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 71.8   | 72.0  | 66.4  | 68.3   | 60.7  | 68.1   | 64.0  |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 71.6   | 72.5  | 78.1  | 72.4   | 77.1  | 72.5   | 75.9  |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 129.0  | 128.7   | 120.3   | 129.0  | 128.0   | 129.0  | 128.1   |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 108.5  | 107.9   | 106.5   | 109.4  | 109.5   | 109.3  | 109.0   |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 120.3  | 120.4   | 121.8   | 121.0  | 122.6   | 121.0  | 122.0   |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | 108.5  | 85.0  | 115.8   | 91.9   | 99.2  | 91.9   | 98.5  |
| ZPE [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]           | 13026  | 12655   | 12489   | 12974  | 12580   | 12979  | 12607   |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 20i  | 28i   | 50i   | 2i   | 43i   | 37i  | 32i   |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 64   | 58  | 67  | 69   | 55  | 57   | 62  |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 85   | 80  | 88  | 71   | 68  | 75   | 71  |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 163  | 156   | 127   | 158  | 148   | 157  | 148   |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 167  | 167   | 186   | 166  | 160   | 163  | 160   |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 197  | 172   | 223   | 184  | 167   | 188  | 169   |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 891  | 584   | 407   | 941  | 596   | 935  | 593   |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1119   | 969   | 894   | 1133   | 953   | 1130   | 955   |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1124   | 978   | 914   | 1143   | 992   | 1142   | 982   |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1379   | 1262  | 1168  | 1399   | 1286  | 1401   | 1286  |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1462   | 1432  | 1418  | 1479   | 1452  | 1483   | 1461  |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1467   | 1439  | 1424  | 1486   | 1465  | 1491   | 1471  |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1468   | 1465  | 1461  | 1503   | 1499  | 1507   | 1503  |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3142   | 3160  | 3165  | 3098   | 3121  | 3101   | 3130  |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3267   | 3296  | 3316  | 3198   | 3233  | 3202   | 3246  |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3279   | 3306  | 3327  | 3213   | 3246  | 3217   | 3257  |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3335   | 3338  | 3340  | 3314   | 3317  | 3314   | 3318  |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3442   | 3448  | 3452  | 3395   | 3401  | 3395   | 3401  |

<sup>a</sup> For Br effective core potential and the corresponding aug-cc-pVDZ-PP basis set are employed.

**Table S2.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the HMIN [Y = Cl, Br, I] H-bonded complexes ( $C_s$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory

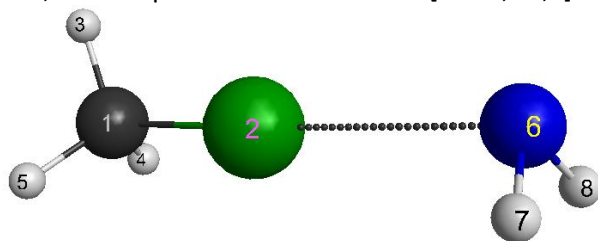


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|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|--|--|
| 1 | C |   |       |   |       |   |        |  |  |
| 2 | H | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |   |        |  |  |
| 3 | Y | 1 | $r_2$ | 2 | $a_1$ |   |        |  |  |
| 4 | N | 2 | $r_3$ | 1 | $a_2$ | 3 | 180.0  |  |  |
| 5 | H | 4 | $r_4$ | 2 | $a_3$ | 1 | $d_1$  |  |  |
| 6 | H | 4 | $r_4$ | 2 | $a_3$ | 1 | $-d_1$ |  |  |
| 7 | H | 1 | $r_5$ | 3 | $a_4$ | 2 | $d_2$  |  |  |
| 8 | H | 1 | $r_5$ | 3 | $a_4$ | 2 | $-d_2$ |  |  |

| Level <sup>a</sup>                | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ                                    |  |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ                           |  |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ                           |  |   |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| System                            | ClCH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | BrCH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ICH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ClCH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | BrCH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ICH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ClCH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | BrCH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | ICH <sub>2</sub> H...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> |
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | -555.205422  | -511.170457  | -390.316815                                       | -555.418682  | -511.380069  | -390.521703                                       | -555.463380  | -511.427267  | -390.559794                                       |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 1.120  | 1.126  | 1.140   | 1.110  | 1.115  | 1.130   | 1.108  | 1.113  | 1.127   |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 1.830  | 1.980  | 2.181   | 1.804  | 1.971  | 2.167   | 1.813  | 1.974  | 2.168   |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.936  | 1.888  | 1.817   | 1.950  | 1.901  | 1.834   | 1.958  | 1.910  | 1.841   |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 1.035  | 1.034  | 1.034   | 1.027  | 1.026  | 1.026   | 1.026  | 1.025  | 1.025   |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 1.098  | 1.098  | 1.099   | 1.089  | 1.088  | 1.089   | 1.087  | 1.086  | 1.087   |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 111.4  | 111.0  | 110.1   | 111.7  | 110.9  | 109.8   | 111.6  | 110.8  | 109.6   |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 157.6  | 159.6  | 163.3   | 157.4  | 158.8  | 163.8   | 155.8  | 157.9  | 163.4   |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 127.5  | 127.0  | 122.8   | 127.0  | 126.3  | 120.8   | 127.2  | 126.7  | 121.9   |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 106.2  | 105.6  | 105.3   | 106.8  | 105.6  | 105.3   | 106.5  | 105.5  | 105.1   |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 100.6  | 102.0  | 111.6   | 102.5  | 104.3  | 114.5   | 101.4  | 102.8  | 112.9   |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | 121.3  | 121.5  | 121.7   | 121.2  | 121.4  | 121.6   | 121.2  | 121.3  | 121.5   |
| ZPE [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]           | 12694  | 12523  | 12338   | 12712  | 12533  | 12283   | 12674  | 10538  | 12359   |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 70   | 68   | 47  | 72   | 75   | 44i   | 68   | 60   | 56  |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 76   | 71   | 64  | 112  | 95   | 67  | 71   | 94   | 69  |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 92   | 97   | 124   | 123  | 113  | 108   | 91   | 112  | 140   |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 178  | 152  | 155   | 182  | 166  | 161   | 175  | 158  | 167   |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 211  | 217  | 229   | 215  | 223  | 230   | 211  | 221  | 233   |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 294  | 308  | 334   | 287  | 301  | 324   | 274  | 293  | 325   |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 671  | 569  | 512   | 672  | 564  | 504   | 672  | 561  | 503   |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1001   | 953  | 917   | 1018   | 958  | 924   | 1008   | 958  | 924   |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1050   | 992  | 937   | 1061   | 991  | 932   | 1051   | 992  | 933   |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1368   | 1333   | 1306  | 1389   | 1345   | 1319  | 1387   | 1346   | 1320  |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1448   | 1439   | 1428  | 1465   | 1457   | 1446  | 1471   | 1462   | 1452  |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1470   | 1468   | 1468  | 1504   | 1501   | 1502  | 1507   | 1505   | 1505  |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1522   | 1520   | 1523  | 1542   | 1535   | 1538  | 1540   | 1538   | 1540  |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 2799   | 2710   | 2492  | 2792   | 2712   | 2492  | 2812   | 2734   | 2519  |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3134   | 3133   | 3120  | 3095   | 3105   | 3094  | 3105   | 3112   | 3100  |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3199   | 3202   | 3194  | 3148   | 3166   | 3162  | 3160   | 3174   | 3168  |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3347   | 3351   | 3356  | 3331   | 3336   | 3338  | 3329   | 3335   | 3339  |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3459   | 3465   | 3470  | 3415   | 3422   | 3426  | 3415   | 3421   | 3426  |

<sup>a</sup> For Br and I effective core potentials and the corresponding aug-cc-pVDZ-PP and aug-cc-pVTZ-PP basis sets are employed.

**Table S3.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the FSMIN [Y = Cl, Br, I] front-side complexes ( $C_s$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory

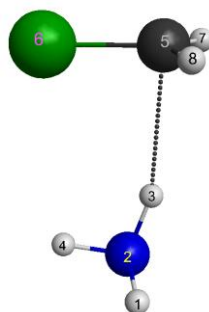


|   |   |   |       |   |       |   |        |  |  |
|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|--|--|
| 1 | C |   |       |   |       |   |        |  |  |
| 2 | Y | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |   |        |  |  |
| 3 | H | 1 | $r_2$ | 2 | $a_1$ |   |        |  |  |
| 4 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 | $d_1$  |  |  |
| 5 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 | $-d_1$ |  |  |
| 6 | N | 2 | $r_4$ | 1 | $a_3$ | 3 | 0.0    |  |  |
| 7 | H | 6 | $r_5$ | 2 | $a_4$ | 3 | $d_2$  |  |  |
| 8 | H | 6 | $r_5$ | 2 | $a_4$ | 3 | $-d_2$ |  |  |

| Level <sup>a</sup>                | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ                                   |   |  | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ                          |   |  | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ                          |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|
|                                   | CH <sub>3</sub> Cl...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> Br...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> I...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> Cl...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> Br...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> I...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> Cl...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> Br...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> I...NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> |
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | -555.182982                                       | -511.165771                                       | -390.331342                                      | -555.398808                                       | -511.375592                                       | -390.536491                                      | -555.443150                                       | -511.422802                                       | -390.574684                                      |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 1.824   | 2.132   | 2.341  | 1.805   | 2.094   | 2.317  | 1.821   | 2.091   | 2.315  |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 1.100   | 1.103   | 1.103  | 1.092   | 1.092   | 1.094  | 1.090   | 1.090   | 1.092  |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.100   | 1.102   | 1.103  | 1.092   | 1.092   | 1.094  | 1.090   | 1.090   | 1.092  |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 2.773   | 2.398   | 2.463  | 2.736   | 2.422   | 2.437  | 2.681   | 2.425   | 2.438  |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 1.037   | 1.035   | 1.034  | 1.029   | 1.026   | 1.024  | 1.028   | 1.025   | 1.024  |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 109.3   | 108.5   | 109.1  | 109.5   | 108.7   | 109.3  | 109.3   | 108.6   | 109.1  |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 109.4   | 108.5   | 109.0  | 109.7   | 108.7   | 109.2  | 109.4   | 108.6   | 109.0  |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 176.1   | 178.7   | 178.5  | 177.2   | 179.0   | 178.8  | 178.0   | 179.0   | 178.8  |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 109.1   | 99.5  | 102.0  | 101.8   | 99.0  | 102.2  | 101.5   | 99.0  | 102.1  |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 120.0   | 120.0   | 120.0  | 120.0   | 120.0   | 120.0  | 120.0   | 120.0   | 120.0  |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | 124.7   | 128.0   | 127.2  | 127.4   | 128.0   | 127.0  | 127.5   | 127.9   | 126.9  |
| ZPE [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]           | 12618   | 12613   | 12614  | 12630   | 12594   | 12582  | 12608   | 12610   | 12587  |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 17i   | 11i   | 27   | 88i   | 55i   | 8i   | 9   | 86i   | 78i  |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 80  | 146   | 136  | 96  | 150   | 139  | 101   | 154   | 148  |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 102   | 150   | 140  | 128   | 152   | 143  | 109   | 156   | 149  |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 126   | 238   | 288  | 131   | 225   | 276  | 135   | 225   | 275  |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 232   | 374   | 371  | 279   | 396   | 379  | 268   | 399   | 380  |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 240   | 577   | 603  | 303   | 541   | 596  | 282   | 535   | 591  |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 655   | 580   | 617  | 624   | 546   | 614  | 618   | 537   | 607  |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 976   | 761   | 708  | 993   | 784   | 712  | 969   | 786   | 709  |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 977   | 767   | 725  | 995   | 789   | 728  | 970   | 792   | 726  |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1313  | 1120  | 1101   | 1331  | 1168  | 1126   | 1324  | 1169  | 1123   |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1453  | 1436  | 1434   | 1479  | 1458  | 1455   | 1487  | 1463  | 1457   |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1465  | 1437  | 1435   | 1480  | 1459  | 1455   | 1488  | 1465  | 1459   |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1466  | 1478  | 1486   | 1490  | 1513  | 1522   | 1497  | 1514  | 1522   |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3057  | 3032  | 3028   | 3025  | 3013  | 3003   | 3029  | 3017  | 3005   |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3163  | 3154  | 3146   | 3111  | 3114  | 3102   | 3118  | 3120  | 3105   |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3164  | 3155  | 3147   | 3111  | 3115  | 3103   | 3119  | 3120  | 3106   |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3326  | 3354  | 3360   | 3299  | 3338  | 3361   | 3304  | 3338  | 3360   |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3440  | 3468  | 3474   | 3386  | 3426  | 3451   | 3390  | 3427  | 3451   |

<sup>a</sup> For Br and I effective core potentials and the corresponding aug-cc-pVDZ-PP and aug-cc-pVTZ-PP basis sets are employed.

**Table S4.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the DITS [Y = F, Cl, Br, I] double-inversion transition states ( $C_1$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory

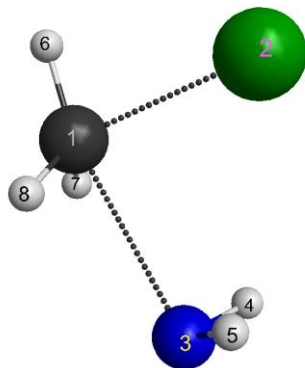


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|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | H |   |       |   |       |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | N | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | H | 2 | $r_2$ | 1 | $a_1$ |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | H | 2 | $r_3$ | 3 | $a_2$ | 1 | $d_1$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | C | 3 | $r_4$ | 2 | $a_3$ | 1 | $d_2$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Y | 5 | $r_5$ | 3 | $a_4$ | 2 | $d_3$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | H | 5 | $r_6$ | 6 | $a_5$ | 2 | $d_4$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | H | 5 | $r_7$ | 6 | $a_6$ | 2 | $d_5$ |  |  |  |  |  |

| Level <sup>a</sup>                | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ                                      |   |   |  | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ                             |   |   |  | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ                             |   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|                                   | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> F] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> Cl] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> Br] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> I] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> F] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> Cl] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> Br] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> I] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> F] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> Cl] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> Br] <sup>−</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> NH...CH <sub>2</sub> I] <sup>−</sup> |
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | −195.154806  | −555.183791   | −511.152363   | −390.304547  | −195.401002  | −555.401389   | −511.365616   | −390.513706  | −195.435904  | −555.445948   | −511.412793   | −390.552163  |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 1.023  | 1.023   | 1.023   | 1.023  | 1.016  | 1.016   | 1.016   | 1.016  | 1.015  | 1.015   | 1.015   | 1.015  |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 1.041  | 1.043   | 1.043   | 1.042  | 1.033  | 1.034   | 1.034   | 1.033  | 1.032  | 1.034   | 1.033   | 1.032  |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.023  | 1.023   | 1.023   | 1.023  | 1.016  | 1.016   | 1.016   | 1.016  | 1.016  | 1.015   | 1.015   | 1.015  |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 2.301  | 2.294   | 2.304   | 2.323  | 2.330  | 2.321   | 2.332   | 2.352  | 2.330  | 2.319   | 2.334   | 2.359  |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 1.450  | 1.802   | 1.937   | 2.114  | 1.425  | 1.775   | 1.930   | 2.097  | 1.426  | 1.783   | 1.932   | 2.098  |
| $r_6$ [Å]                         | 1.087  | 1.086   | 1.087   | 1.088  | 1.078  | 1.077   | 1.076   | 1.077  | 1.076  | 1.075   | 1.075   | 1.075  |
| $r_7$ [Å]                         | 1.087  | 1.086   | 1.087   | 1.088  | 1.078  | 1.077   | 1.077   | 1.077  | 1.076  | 1.075   | 1.075   | 1.076  |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 102.9  | 104.3   | 104.3   | 104.4  | 102.8  | 104.5   | 104.5   | 104.6  | 102.8  | 104.5   | 104.5   | 104.6  |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 104.2  | 103.4   | 103.6   | 103.9  | 104.4  | 103.0   | 103.6   | 103.9  | 104.5  | 103.4   | 103.5   | 103.8  |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 202.8  | 166.6   | 169.1   | 172.2  | 207.3  | 163.3   | 166.3   | 169.4  | 207.0  | 163.9   | 166.2   | 169.0  |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 75.8   | 84.7  | 86.9  | 90.2   | 76.1   | 84.9  | 87.3  | 90.6   | 75.9   | 85.1  | 87.2  | 90.6   |
| $a_5$ [deg]                       | 114.5  | 115.6   | 115.6   | 116.1  | 114.8  | 116.0   | 115.5   | 116.2  | 114.8  | 115.9   | 115.4   | 116.1  |
| $a_6$ [deg]                       | 114.4  | 115.6   | 115.6   | 116.1  | 114.7  | 116.0   | 115.5   | 116.2  | 114.7  | 115.9   | 115.4   | 116.1  |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 109.3  | 109.4   | 109.4   | 109.5  | 109.5  | 109.7   | 109.7   | 109.8  | 109.6  | 109.6   | 109.6   | 109.7  |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | 178.8  | 262.3   | 267.2   | 274.7  | 176.0  | 264.3   | 270.3   | 279.0  | 176.3  | 265.9   | 270.7   | 278.9  |
| $d_3$ [deg]                       | 11.4   | −16.8   | −18.3   | −20.1  | 11.4   | −17.1   | −18.7   | −21.9  | 11.9   | −17.5   | −18.4   | −20.9  |
| $d_4$ [deg]                       | 91.4   | 84.2  | 84.3  | 84.2   | 91.2   | 85.2  | 85.5  | 85.6   | 91.1   | 85.4  | 85.6  | 85.7   |
| $d_5$ [deg]                       | 276.5  | 270.7   | 270.7   | 270.7  | 275.7  | 271.4   | 271.1   | 271.5  | 275.5  | 271.0   | 270.9   | 271.3  |
| ZPE [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]           | 12972  | 12804   | 12714   | 12637  | 12942  | 12768   | 12675   | 12621  | 12940  | 12750   | 12647   | 12600  |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 952i   | 862i  | 865i  | 841i   | 960i   | 851i  | 888i  | 853i   | 967i   | 875i  | 902i  | 864i   |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 99   | 86  | 72  | 61   | 94   | 77  | 54  | 47   | 90   | 79  | 68  | 53   |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 101  | 95  | 89  | 80   | 99   | 101   | 98  | 105  | 98   | 93  | 81  | 92   |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 151  | 160   | 158   | 153  | 151  | 150   | 160   | 156  | 147  | 156   | 152   | 153  |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 158  | 168   | 167   | 165  | 158  | 158   | 165   | 170  | 155  | 158   | 155   | 162  |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 295  | 320   | 319   | 315  | 281  | 299   | 302   | 304  | 280  | 295   | 293   | 298  |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 376  | 400   | 405   | 404  | 362  | 388   | 398   | 393  | 361  | 386   | 387   | 386  |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 913  | 710   | 619   | 576  | 934  | 704   | 601   | 562  | 928  | 699   | 596   | 559  |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ]    | 1070   | 954   | 905   | 852  | 1081   | 966   | 901   | 847  | 1081   | 954   | 894   | 841  |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 1189   | 1193  | 1192  | 1186   | 1205   | 1207  | 1208  | 1201   | 1207   | 1209  | 1207  | 1202   |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 1393   | 1354  | 1332  | 1313   | 1397   | 1362  | 1317  | 1300   | 1397   | 1344  | 1307  | 1290   |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 1625   | 1628  | 1630  | 1632   | 1650   | 1655  | 1657  | 1660   | 1655   | 1658  | 1661  | 1664   |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 1663   | 1672  | 1673  | 1675   | 1685   | 1697  | 1699  | 1700   | 1690   | 1700  | 1701  | 1703   |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 3198   | 3167  | 3171  | 3187   | 3169   | 3174  | 3177  | 3171   | 3172   | 3177  | 3179  | 3173   |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 3211   | 3212  | 3209  | 3201   | 3225   | 3206  | 3211  | 3230   | 3225   | 3200  | 3209  | 3231   |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 3395   | 3382  | 3382  | 3370   | 3340   | 3330  | 3345  | 3334   | 3343   | 3336  | 3348  | 3336   |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 3509   | 3509  | 3509  | 3510   | 3490   | 3493  | 3494  | 3496   | 3489   | 3492  | 3492  | 3495   |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>−1</sup> ] | 3597   | 3596  | 3596  | 3595   | 3564   | 3566  | 3565  | 3566   | 3564   | 3565  | 3564  | 3565   |

<sup>a</sup> For Br and I effective core potentials and the corresponding aug-cc-pVDZ-PP and aug-cc-pVTZ-PP basis sets are employed.

**Table S5.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the FSTS [Y = F, Cl, Br, I] front-side attack transition states ( $C_s$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory

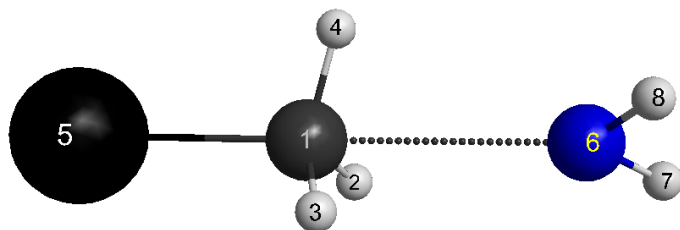


|   |   |   |       |   |       |   |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | C |   |       |   |       |   |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Y | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |   |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | N | 1 | $r_2$ | 2 | $a_1$ |   |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | H | 3 | $r_3$ | 1 | $a_2$ | 2 | $d_1$  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | H | 3 | $r_3$ | 1 | $a_2$ | 2 | $-d_1$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | H | 1 | $r_4$ | 2 | $a_3$ | 3 | 180.0  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | H | 1 | $r_5$ | 3 | $a_4$ | 2 | $d_2$  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | H | 1 | $r_5$ | 3 | $a_4$ | 2 | $-d_2$ |  |  |  |  |  |

| Level <sup>a</sup>                | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ  |   |   |  | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ                               |   |   |  | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ                               |   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|                                   | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...F] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...Cl] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...Br] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...I] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...F] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...Cl] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...Br] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...I] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...F] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...Cl] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...Br] <sup>-</sup> | [H <sub>2</sub> N...CH <sub>3</sub> ...I] <sup>-</sup> |
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | -195.125918  | -555.148462   | -511.119619   | -390.270534  | -195.364914  | -555.365229   | -511.335042   | -390.482482  | -195.400155  | -555.409382   | -511.381518   | -390.519450  |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 1.745  | 2.161   | 2.289   | 2.471  | 1.779  | 2.227   | 2.342   | 2.487  | 1.781  | 2.226   | 2.347   | 2.504  |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 2.096  | 2.293   | 2.336   | 2.388  | 2.130  | 2.555   | 2.628   | 2.707  | 2.136  | 2.483   | 2.558   | 2.638  |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.034  | 1.035   | 1.035   | 1.035  | 1.025  | 1.026   | 1.027   | 1.027  | 1.024  | 1.025   | 1.026   | 1.026  |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 1.117  | 1.104   | 1.104   | 1.103  | 1.101  | 1.084   | 1.084   | 1.083  | 1.099  | 1.083   | 1.083   | 1.082  |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 1.101  | 1.094   | 1.093   | 1.093  | 1.088  | 1.081   | 1.081   | 1.082  | 1.086  | 1.079   | 1.079   | 1.080  |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 81.7   | 85.6  | 86.3  | 87.1   | 80.8   | 83.3  | 84.9  | 86.0   | 80.8   | 84.2  | 85.2  | 86.2   |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 101.2  | 102.5   | 102.9   | 102.5  | 98.7   | 91.0  | 91.6  | 87.9   | 98.5   | 94.3  | 94.0  | 90.8   |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 81.3   | 82.6  | 83.0  | 83.8   | 79.9   | 84.2  | 85.3  | 87.4   | 79.8   | 82.5  | 83.7  | 85.5   |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 80.7   | 74.5  | 73.6  | 72.7   | 80.0   | 69.8  | 68.3  | 67.6   | 79.9   | 70.6  | 69.1  | 68.2   |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 308.4  | 307.9   | 307.7   | 307.7  | 309.0  | 309.7   | 309.6   | 309.6  | 309.0  | 309.4   | 309.3   | 309.5  |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | 123.8  | 120.2   | 119.7   | 119.2  | 123.4  | 117.2   | 115.9   | 115.6  | 123.3  | 117.7   | 116.6   | 116.1  |
| ZPE [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]           | 13031  | 12785   | 12680   | 12562  | 12919  | 12225   | 12323   | 12013  | 12946  | 12535   | 12201   | 11984  |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 668i   | 725i  | 694i  | 723i   | 683i   | 722i  | 821i  | 1097i  | 686i   | 701i  | 708i  | 843i   |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 87   | 106   | 97  | 95   | 68   | 90  | 111   | 17   | 91   | 174   | 67  | 46i  |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 272  | 222   | 186   | 162  | 229  | 161   | 150   | 105  | 231  | 176   | 138   | 41   |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 335  | 298   | 290   | 262  | 307  | 180   | 231   | 138  | 305  | 251   | 142   | 107  |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 463  | 383   | 361   | 340  | 401  | 191   | 235   | 178  | 401  | 261   | 218   | 194  |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 527  | 389   | 370   | 345  | 513  | 208   | 262   | 194  | 504  | 328   | 229   | 205  |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 732  | 591   | 552   | 503  | 716  | 450   | 442   | 370  | 715  | 506   | 434   | 376  |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 953  | 828   | 800   | 769  | 911  | 622   | 652   | 603  | 910  | 691   | 631   | 600  |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1042   | 900   | 861   | 817  | 1001   | 778   | 767   | 696  | 998  | 801   | 744   | 687  |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1306   | 1232  | 1205  | 1183   | 1280   | 1082  | 1050  | 1053   | 1287   | 1125  | 1089  | 1076   |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1428   | 1397  | 1393  | 1389   | 1433   | 1404  | 1409  | 1397   | 1440   | 1417  | 1404  | 1397   |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1496   | 1471  | 1463  | 1457   | 1491   | 1425  | 1430  | 1420   | 1495   | 1444  | 1429  | 1426   |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1511   | 1496  | 1492  | 1487   | 1550   | 1525  | 1535  | 1528   | 1552   | 1540  | 1531  | 1527   |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 2878   | 3019  | 3029  | 3040   | 2917   | 3086  | 3101  | 3096   | 2924   | 3087  | 3090  | 3091   |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3049   | 3153  | 3166  | 3176   | 3063   | 3207  | 3221  | 3200   | 3073   | 3209  | 3215  | 3208   |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3153   | 3248  | 3256  | 3261   | 3151   | 3259  | 3264  | 3253   | 3160   | 3266  | 3267  | 3260   |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3363   | 3365  | 3364  | 3365   | 3363   | 3354  | 3353  | 3349   | 3364   | 3359  | 3350  | 3349   |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3467   | 3473  | 3473  | 3475   | 3443   | 3428  | 3432  | 3428   | 3443   | 3436  | 3426  | 3426   |

<sup>a</sup> For Br and I effective core potentials and the corresponding aug-cc-pVDZ-PP and aug-cc-pVTZ-PP basis sets are employed.

**Table S6.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the PreTS [Y = I] transition states ( $C_1$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory

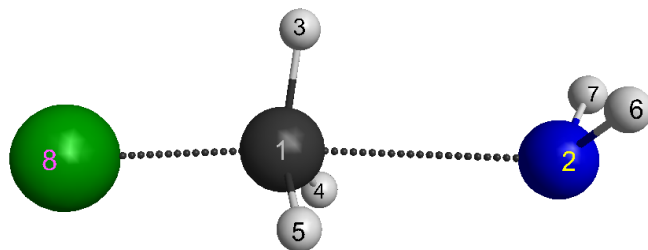


|   |   |   |       |   |       |   |        |
|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|--------|
| 1 | C |   |       |   |       |   |        |
| 2 | H | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |   |        |
| 3 | H | 1 | $r_2$ | 2 | $a_1$ |   |        |
| 4 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 | $d_1$  |
| 5 | Y | 1 | $r_4$ | 4 | $a_3$ | 2 | $d_2$  |
| 6 | N | 3 | $r_5$ | 1 | $a_4$ | 2 | $d_3$  |
| 7 | H | 6 | $r_6$ | 1 | $a_5$ | 3 | $d_4$  |
| 8 | H | 6 | $r_7$ | 1 | $a_6$ | 3 | $-d_5$ |

| Level <sup>a</sup>                | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | -390.315390     | -390.520178              | -390.558526              |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 1.090           | 1.080                    | 1.078                    |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 1.089           | 1.079                    | 1.077                    |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.089           | 1.079                    | 1.077                    |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 2.253           | 2.240                    | 2.250                    |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 2.521           | 2.513                    | 2.511                    |
| $r_6$ [Å]                         | 1.034           | 1.026                    | 1.025                    |
| $r_7$ [Å]                         | 1.034           | 1.026                    | 1.025                    |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 112.8           | 112.8                    | 113.1                    |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 112.6           | 112.5                    | 113.0                    |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 105.7           | 105.8                    | 105.4                    |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 82.5            | 83.2                     | 82.1                     |
| $a_5$ [deg]                       | 131.1           | 131.7                    | 131.1                    |
| $a_6$ [deg]                       | 125.8           | 125.1                    | 125.5                    |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 130.3           | 129.9                    | 131.2                    |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | -114.5          | -114.6                   | -114.1                   |
| $d_3$ [deg]                       | 66.7            | 66.6                     | 67.3                     |
| $d_4$ [deg]                       | 114.3           | 109.6                    | 115.6                    |
| $d_5$ [deg]                       | 65.7            | 69.6                     | 64.1                     |
| ZPE [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]           | 12329           | 12306                    | 12262                    |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 246i            | 264i                     | 276i                     |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 34              | 60                       | 33i                      |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 81              | 92                       | 78                       |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 118             | 116                      | 110                      |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 145             | 148                      | 139                      |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 193             | 189                      | 194                      |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 345             | 330                      | 311                      |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 845             | 838                      | 836                      |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 861             | 855                      | 853                      |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1130            | 1137                     | 1132                     |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1410            | 1430                     | 1432                     |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1416            | 1438                     | 1441                     |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1449            | 1483                     | 1485                     |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3165            | 3148                     | 3151                     |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3318            | 3284                     | 3290                     |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3330            | 3296                     | 3301                     |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3351            | 3339                     | 3340                     |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3469            | 3431                     | 3433                     |

<sup>a</sup> For I effective core potentials and the corresponding aug-cc-pVDZ-PP and aug-cc-pVTZ-PP basis sets are employed.

**Table S7.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the WaldenTS [Y = F, Cl] transition states ( $C_s$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory

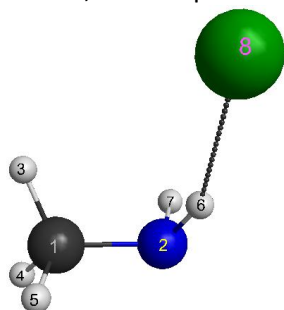


|   |   |   |       |   |       |          |
|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|----------|
| 1 | C |   |       |   |       |          |
| 2 | N | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |          |
| 3 | H | 1 | $r_2$ | 2 | $a_1$ |          |
| 4 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 $d_1$  |
| 5 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 $-d_1$ |
| 6 | H | 2 | $r_4$ | 1 | $a_3$ | 3 $d_2$  |
| 7 | H | 2 | $r_4$ | 1 | $a_3$ | 3 $-d_2$ |
| 8 | Y | 1 | $r_5$ | 3 | $a_4$ | 2 180.0  |

| Level                             | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ                                    |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ                           |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ                           |   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|
|                                   | [F·CH <sub>3</sub> ·NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>‡</sup> | [Cl·CH <sub>3</sub> ·NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>‡</sup> | [F·CH <sub>3</sub> ·NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>‡</sup> | [Cl·CH <sub>3</sub> ·NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>‡</sup> | [F·CH <sub>3</sub> ·NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>‡</sup> | [Cl·CH <sub>3</sub> ·NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>‡</sup> |
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | -195.182073  | -555.203107   | -195.421524  | -555.415425   | -195.456971  | -555.460749   |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 2.194  | 2.453   | 2.170  | 2.460   | 2.172  | 2.462   |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 1.084  | 1.085   | 1.074  | 1.076   | 1.073  | 1.074   |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.084  | 1.086   | 1.075  | 1.076   | 1.073  | 1.074   |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 1.035  | 1.035   | 1.027  | 1.028   | 1.026  | 1.027   |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 1.705  | 2.010   | 1.708  | 2.006   | 1.708  | 2.002   |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 87.4   | 82.9  | 87.3   | 81.8  | 87.2   | 81.8  |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 81.9   | 75.8  | 82.8   | 76.0  | 82.8   | 75.8  |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 107.7  | 111.8   | 105.6  | 107.5   | 105.5  | 108.1   |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 95.8   | 101.6   | 95.2   | 101.7   | 95.2   | 101.8   |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 120.0  | 119.5   | 120.1  | 119.6   | 120.1  | 119.6   |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | 54.8   | 56.9  | 53.9   | 54.7  | 53.9   | 55.0  |
| ZPE [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]           | 13220  | 12738   | 13146  | 12639   | 13147  | 12642   |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 561i   | 362i  | 600i   | 371i  | 598i   | 361i  |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 140  | 80  | 132  | 82  | 128  | 61  |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 238  | 139   | 246  | 149   | 247  | 141   |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 281  | 183   | 280  | 176   | 281  | 177   |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 361  | 266   | 347  | 261   | 346  | 261   |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 497  | 359   | 515  | 364   | 515  | 355   |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 544  | 372   | 558  | 365   | 555  | 361   |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1080   | 958   | 1073   | 932   | 1072   | 939   |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1099   | 965   | 1092   | 936   | 1091   | 944   |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1188   | 1128  | 1178   | 1114  | 1174   | 1123  |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1400   | 1408  | 1401   | 1419  | 1401   | 1427  |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1401   | 1413  | 1402   | 1423  | 1401   | 1431  |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1483   | 1468  | 1516   | 1503  | 1519   | 1505  |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3174   | 3191  | 3148   | 3168  | 3151   | 3170  |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3345   | 3344  | 3323   | 3318  | 3324   | 3319  |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3371   | 3368  | 3330   | 3330  | 3334   | 3331  |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3378   | 3377  | 3336   | 3334  | 3339   | 3335  |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3460   | 3457  | 3414   | 3405  | 3416   | 3406  |



**Table S8.** Energies, structures, and frequencies for the PostHMIN [Y = F, Cl, Br, I] H-bonded complexes ( $C_1$  symmetry) obtained at different levels of theory



|   |   |   |       |   |       |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | C |   |       |   |       |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | N | 1 | $r_1$ |   |       |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | H | 1 | $r_2$ | 2 | $a_1$ |   |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | H | 1 | $r_3$ | 2 | $a_2$ | 3 | $d_1$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | H | 1 | $r_4$ | 2 | $a_3$ | 3 | $d_2$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | H | 2 | $r_5$ | 1 | $a_4$ | 3 | $d_3$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | H | 2 | $r_6$ | 1 | $a_5$ | 3 | $d_4$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Y | 6 | $r_7$ | 2 | $a_6$ | 7 | $d_5$ |  |  |  |  |  |

| Level <sup>a</sup>                | MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ                                   |                                       |  |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVDZ                          |                                       |  |   | CCSD(T)-F12b/aug-cc-pVTZ                          |                                       |  |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                   | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...F <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...Cl | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...Br <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...I <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...F <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...Cl | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...Br <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...I <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...F <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...Cl | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...Br <sup>-</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ...I <sup>-</sup> |
| Energy [E <sub>h</sub> ]          | -195.267900                                       | -555.312607                           | -511.284597  | -390.437401                                       | -195.506945                                       | -555.523934                           | -511.495079  | -390.643393                                       | -195.541935                                       | -555.568939                           | -511.542224  | -390.681558                                       |
| $r_1$ [Å]                         | 1.466   | 1.472                                 | 1.473  | 1.474   | 1.458   | 1.463                                 | 1.464  | 1.464   | 1.458   | 1.464                                 | 1.465  | 1.465   |
| $r_2$ [Å]                         | 1.111   | 1.106                                 | 1.106  | 1.106   | 1.103   | 1.103                                 | 1.098  | 1.097   | 1.101   | 1.096                                 | 1.096  | 1.096   |
| $r_3$ [Å]                         | 1.107   | 1.104                                 | 1.104  | 1.103   | 1.099   | 1.096                                 | 1.096  | 1.095   | 1.097   | 1.094                                 | 1.094  | 1.093   |
| $r_4$ [Å]                         | 1.103   | 1.101                                 | 1.101  | 1.101   | 1.094   | 1.093                                 | 1.093  | 1.093   | 1.093   | 1.091                                 | 1.091  | 1.091   |
| $r_5$ [Å]                         | 1.068   | 1.034                                 | 1.031  | 1.029   | 1.061   | 1.026                                 | 1.024  | 1.021   | 1.060   | 1.026                                 | 1.023  | 1.021   |
| $r_6$ [Å]                         | 1.023   | 1.022                                 | 1.022  | 1.022   | 1.016   | 1.015                                 | 1.015  | 1.015   | 1.015   | 1.014                                 | 1.014  | 1.014   |
| $r_7$ [Å]                         | 1.589   | 2.345                                 | 2.540  | 2.805   | 1.577   | 2.331                                 | 2.542  | 2.816   | 1.579   | 2.330                                 | 2.539  | 2.826   |
| $a_1$ [deg]                       | 114.7   | 114.1                                 | 114.1  | 114.0   | 114.4   | 113.9                                 | 113.9  | 113.9   | 114.4   | 113.8                                 | 113.9  | 113.9   |
| $a_2$ [deg]                       | 111.3   | 110.1                                 | 109.8  | 109.7   | 111.4   | 110.2                                 | 109.9  | 109.8   | 111.3   | 110.1                                 | 110.0  | 109.8   |
| $a_3$ [deg]                       | 108.6   | 108.7                                 | 108.7  | 108.8   | 108.8   | 108.9                                 | 108.9  | 108.9   | 108.8   | 108.9                                 | 108.9  | 108.9   |
| $a_4$ [deg]                       | 106.7   | 106.1                                 | 106.2  | 106.5   | 106.6   | 106.4                                 | 106.6  | 106.9   | 106.7   | 106.3                                 | 106.6  | 107.0   |
| $a_5$ [deg]                       | 107.9   | 108.0                                 | 108.1  | 108.0   | 108.0   | 108.2                                 | 108.3  | 108.4   | 107.9   | 108.1                                 | 108.2  | 108.3   |
| $a_6$ [deg]                       | 187.6   | 201.0                                 | 203.9  | 207.0   | 188.7   | 201.4                                 | 204.3  | 207.4   | 188.3   | 201.0                                 | 203.8  | 207.4   |
| $d_1$ [deg]                       | 122.9   | 122.8                                 | 122.8  | 122.5   | 122.8   | 122.7                                 | 122.7  | 122.5   | 122.7   | 122.6                                 | 122.6  | 122.5   |
| $d_2$ [deg]                       | -119.3  | -119.6                                | -119.6   | -120.0  | -119.1  | -119.5                                | -119.5   | -119.9  | -119.2  | -119.5                                | -119.5   | -119.9  |
| $d_3$ [deg]                       | 53.2  | 51.2                                  | 52.2   | 52.0  | 53.3  | 51.4                                  | 52.7   | 52.2  | 53.3  | 51.3                                  | 53.5   | 52.2  |
| $d_4$ [deg]                       | -58.5   | -59.0                                 | -58.3  | -57.9   | -58.7   | -59.6                                 | -58.7  | -58.7   | -58.8   | -59.7                                 | -57.6  | -58.7   |
| $d_5$ [deg]                       | -97.5   | -102.6                                | -97.2  | -115.2  | -97.5   | -102.7                                | -97.9  | -114.4  | -98.2   | -103.5                                | -103.2   | -114.5  |
| ZPE [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]           | 14192   | 14287                                 | 14274  | 14266   | 14180   | 14068                                 | 14257  | 14214   | 14166   | 14268                                 | 14244  | 14227   |
| $\omega_1$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 121   | 69                                    | 65   | 57  | 124   | 179i                                  | 58   | 59  | 119   | 71                                    | 64   | 57  |
| $\omega_2$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 144   | 109                                   | 101  | 97  | 158   | 4                                     | 119  | 79  | 137   | 113                                   | 99   | 84  |
| $\omega_3$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 301   | 165                                   | 140  | 122   | 305   | 149                                   | 146  | 120   | 302   | 171                                   | 140  | 121   |
| $\omega_4$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 513   | 393                                   | 381  | 358   | 516   | 329                                   | 377  | 342   | 515   | 389                                   | 368  | 340   |
| $\omega_5$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 978   | 962                                   | 954  | 952   | 984   | 948                                   | 958  | 953   | 982   | 967                                   | 958  | 953   |
| $\omega_6$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1055  | 1002                                  | 995  | 989   | 1056  | 988                                   | 1001   | 993   | 1054  | 1007                                  | 1000   | 993   |
| $\omega_7$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1087  | 1078                                  | 1076   | 1075  | 1089  | 1072                                  | 1077   | 1075  | 1088  | 1076                                  | 1073   | 1072  |
| $\omega_8$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1252  | 1214                                  | 1208   | 1206  | 1265  | 1214                                  | 1209   | 1216  | 1212  | 1224                                  | 1217   | 1213  |
| $\omega_9$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]    | 1416  | 1377                                  | 1371   | 1368  | 1433  | 1378                                  | 1385   | 1378  | 1432  | 1391                                  | 1384   | 1379  |
| $\omega_{10}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1421  | 1426                                  | 1428   | 1429  | 1437  | 1444                                  | 1445   | 1446  | 1438  | 1445                                  | 1448   | 1449  |
| $\omega_{11}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1479  | 1481                                  | 1481   | 1483  | 1489  | 1478                                  | 1492   | 1492  | 1492  | 1495                                  | 1496   | 1497  |
| $\omega_{12}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1504  | 1507                                  | 1507   | 1509  | 1515  | 1504                                  | 1520   | 1519  | 1519  | 1523                                  | 1522   | 1524  |
| $\omega_{13}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 1703  | 1663                                  | 1657   | 1655  | 1726  | 1687                                  | 1680   | 1677  | 1726  | 1687                                  | 1682   | 1678  |
| $\omega_{14}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 2757  | 3023                                  | 3028   | 3030  | 2766  | 2980                                  | 2993   | 2995  | 2766  | 2990                                  | 2994   | 2998  |
| $\omega_{15}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 2981  | 3093                                  | 3099   | 3105  | 2946  | 3036                                  | 3047   | 3053  | 2946  | 3045                                  | 3049   | 3058  |
| $\omega_{16}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3045  | 3136                                  | 3141   | 3141  | 2995  | 3079                                  | 3090   | 3088  | 2997  | 3088                                  | 3093   | 3094  |
| $\omega_{17}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3112  | 3340                                  | 3378   | 3414  | 3062  | 3340                                  | 3387   | 3420  | 3064  | 3337                                  | 3380   | 3417  |
| $\omega_{18}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> ] | 3514  | 3535                                  | 3539   | 3542  | 3491  | 3512                                  | 3522   | 3527  | 3492  | 3517                                  | 3520   | 3528  |

<sup>a</sup> For Br and I effective core potentials and the corresponding aug-cc-pVDZ-PP and aug-cc-pVTZ-PP basis sets are employed.