

Supplementary information

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Aerobic photolysis of MeCbl: structural and electronic properties of Cbl-O-O-CH₃ intermediate

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Table S1. Selected structural parameters for singlet and triplet states of {Im-[Co^{III}(corrin)]-O-O-CH₃}⁺ model complex.

	S ₀	S ₁	T ₁
Bond Distances, Å			
Co-O	1.929	1.971	2.001
Co-N _{Im}	2.033	1.901	2.529
Co-N ₂₁	1.889	1.904	1.889
Co-N ₂₂	1.945	1.952	1.939
Co-N ₂₃	1.944	1.961	1.950
Co-N ₂₄	1.885	1.907	1.886
O-O	1.441	1.351	1.403
O-C _{CH3}	1.426	1.451	1.434
Bond Angles, deg			
N _{Im} -Co-O	174.1	175.2	179.2
Co-O-O	114.9	116.3	116.1
O-O-C _{CH3}	108.1	109.3	108.1
N ₂₁ -Co-N ₂₃	173.1	172.7	169.1
N ₂₂ -Co-N ₂₄	172.3	172.6	173.4
Torsion Angles, deg			
N ₂₁ -N ₂₂ -N ₂₃ -N ₂₄	-4.5	-3.1	-5.3
N ₂₁ -N ₂₂ -N ₂₃ -Co	-1.3	-1.2	-6.2
C ₁₀ -Co-O-O	-22.8	-44.8	4.1
Co-O-O-C _{CH3}	-107.2	178.3	-178.6

Table S2. The ten lowest vertical singlet and five lowest vertical triplet electronic transitions for Im-[Co^{III}(corrin)]-O₂Me⁺ model complex based on the TD-DFT/BP86/TZVPP calculations.

	E(eV)	λ (nm)	f	%		Character	
Singlet states							
S ₁	1.89	655.9	0.0040	94	125 → 126	H → L	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow \pi^*$
S ₂	2.14	578.0	0.0017	91	125 → 127	H → L+1	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
S ₃	2.37	522.7	0.0291	81	124 → 126	H-1 → L	$\pi + d_{yz} + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \pi^*$
				13	122 → 126	H-3 → L	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{xz} + \pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
S ₄	2.47	501.8	0.0102	68	124 → 127	H-1 → L+1	$\pi + d_{yz} + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
				12	123 → 127	H-2 → L+1	$\pi + [d_{xz} + d_{yz}] + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
				10	125 → 128	H → L+2	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow d_{xy}-n$
S ₅	2.53	489.6	0.0007	76	125 → 128	H → L+2	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow d_{xy}-n$
				12	122 → 127	H-3 → L+1	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{xz} + \pi \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
S ₆	2.62	473.5	0.0188	61	123 → 126	H-2 → L	$\pi + [d_{xz} + d_{yz}] + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \pi^*$
S ₇	2.65	467.4	0.0066	63	123 → 127	H-2 → L+1	$\pi + [d_{xz} + d_{yz}] + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
				12	125 → 129	H → L+3	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow \pi^*$
S ₈	2.70	458.5	0.0107	49	125 → 129	H → L+3	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow \pi^*$
				15	121 → 126	H-4 → L	$p_{\text{O}} + [d_{x2-y2} + d_{yz}] + \pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
S ₉	2.74	451.7	0.0105	52	121 → 126	H-4 → L	$p_{\text{O}} + [d_{x2-y2} + d_{yz}] + \pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
				23	125 → 129	H → L+3	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow \pi^*$
S ₁₀	2.79	444.9	0.0613	37	122 → 126	H-3 → L	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{xz} + \pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
				32	124 → 128	H-1 → L+2	$\pi + d_{yz} + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow d_{xy}-n$
Triplet states							
T ₁	1.45	857.1		49	125 → 127	H → L+1	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
T ₂	1.70	727.9		47	125 → 126	H → L	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow \pi^*$
T ₃	1.98	625.1		22	124 → 127	H-1 → L+1	$\pi + d_{yz} + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
				15	125 → 128	H → L+2	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow d_{xy}-n$
T ₄	2.00	621.2		25	125 → 128	H → L+2	$p_{\text{O}} + d_{yz} \rightarrow d_{xy}-n$
				12	124 → 127	H-1 → L+1	$\pi + d_{yz} + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \sigma^*(d_{z2})$
T ₅	2.03	611.4		46	124 → 126	H-1 → L	$\pi + d_{yz} + p_{\text{O}} \rightarrow \pi^*$

Table S3. The ten lowest vertical singlet and five lowest vertical triplet electronic transitions for Im-[Co^{III}(corrin)]-O₂Me⁺ model complex based on the TD-DFT/ωB97x/TZVPP calculations.

	E(eV)	λ(nm)	f	%	Character		
Singlet states							
S ₁	2.32	533.3	0.0001	32	124 → 128	H-1 → L+2	[p _O +d _{yz}]+π → σ*(d _{z2})
				17	122 → 128	H-3 → L+2	p _O +d _{yz} → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₂	2.62	473.1	0.0000	26	119 → 128	H-6 → L+2	d _{xz} +π _{Im} → σ*(d _{z2})
				17	120 → 128	H-5 → L+2	π+[p _O +d _{xz}] → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₃	3.11	399.3	0.0116	37	116 → 129	H-9 → L+3	d _{x2-y2} +corr → d _{xy} -n
				22	118 → 129	H-7 → L+3	d _{x2-y2} +n → d _{xy} -n
				10	117 → 129	H-8 → L+3	corr+d _{x2-y2} +π → d _{xy} -n
S ₄	3.19	388.9	0.1484	79	125 → 126	H → L	π → π*
S ₅	3.41	364.1	0.0004	27	124 → 129	H-1 → L+3	[d _{yz} +p _O]+π → d _{xy} -n
				13	122 → 129	H-3 → L+3	p _O +d _{yz} → d _{xy} -n
S ₆	3.69	335.6	0.0006	31	119 → 129	H-6 → L+3	d _{xz} +π _{Im} → d _{xy} -n
				21	120 → 129	H-5 → L+3	π+[p _O +d _{xz}] → d _{xy} -n
S ₇	3.74	331.1	0.0011	40	116 → 128	H-9 → L+2	d _{x2-y2} +corr → σ*(d _{z2})
				21	118 → 128	H-7 → L+2	d _{x2-y2} +n → σ*(d _{z2})
				10	117 → 128	H-8 → L+2	corr+d _{x2-y2} +π → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₈	4.16	298.0	0.0440	75	125 → 128	H → L+2	π → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₉	4.24	292.7	0.2061	40	124 → 126	H-1 → L	[d _{yz} +p _O]+π → π*
				28	125 → 129	H → L+3	π → d _{xy} -n
				18	125 → 127	H → L+1	π → π*
S ₁₀	4.31	288.0	0.0566	49	125 → 129	H → L+3	π → d _{xy} -n
				18	124 → 126	H-1 → L	[d _{yz} +p _O]+π → π*
Triplet states							
T ₁	1.46	849.3		16	124 → 128	H-1 → L+2	[p _O +d _{yz}]+π → σ*(d _{z2})
				8	122 → 128	H-3 → L+2	p _O +d _{yz} → σ*(d _{z2})
T ₂	1.80	687.0		13	119 → 128	H-6 → L+2	d _{xz} +π _{Im} → σ*(d _{z2})
				8	120 → 128	H-5 → L+2	π+[p _O +d _{xz}] → σ*(d _{z2})
T ₃	2.04	608.7		10	124 → 129	H-1 → L+3	[p _O +d _{yz}]+π → d _{xy} -n
T ₄	2.23	556.1		17	116 → 128	H-9 → L+2	d _{x2-y2} +corr → σ*(d _{z2})
				8	118 → 128	H-7 → L+2	d _{x2-y2} +n → σ*(d _{z2})
T ₅	2.29	541.6		39	125 → 126	H → L	π → π*

Table S4. The ten lowest, vertical singlet and triplet electronic transitions for Im-[Co^{III}(corrin)]-O₂Me⁺ model complex based on the TD-DFT/LB94/TZ2P calculations (geometry of complex was optimized at DFT/BP86/TZVPP level).

	E(eV)	λ (nm)	f	%		Character	
Singlet states							
S ₁	1.96	632.9	0.0005	75	125 → 126	H → L	p ₀ +d _{yz} → σ*(d _{z2})
				20	124 → 126	H-1 → L	π → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₂	2.01	618.2	0.0093	73	124 → 126	H-1 → L	π → σ*(d _{z2})
				16	125 → 126	H → L	p ₀ +d _{yz} → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₃	2.10	590.1	0.0156	85	125 → 127	H → L+1	p ₀ +d _{yz} → π*
S ₄	2.35	528.1	0.0162	80	123 → 126	H-2 → L	π+[d _{xz} +p ₀] → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₅	2.36	524.3	0.1264	82	124 → 127	H-1 → L+1	π → π*
S ₆	2.51	493.2	0.0018	71	125 → 128	H → L+2	p ₀ +d _{yz} → d _{xy} -n
				22	122 → 126	H-3 → L	[d _{xz} +p ₀]+π → σ*(d _{z2})
S ₇	2.52	491.3	0.0038	93	124 → 128	H-1 → L+2	π → d _{xy} -n
S ₈	2.59	478.9	0.0690	78	123 → 127	H-2 → L+1	π+[d _{xz} +p ₀] → π*
S ₉	2.69	461.2	0.0057	50	122 → 126	H-3 → L	[d _{xz} +p ₀]+π → σ*(d _{z2})
				16	122 → 127	H-3 → L+1	[d _{xz} +p ₀]+π → π*
S ₁₀	2.73	454.0	0.0387	59	122 → 127	H-3 → L+1	[d _{xz} +p ₀]+π → π*
				13	122 → 126	H-3 → L	[d _{xz} +p ₀]+π → σ*(d _{z2})
Triplet states							
T ₁	1.49	830.5		98	125 → 126	H → L	p ₀ +d _{yz} → σ*(d _{z2})
T ₂	1.82	683.1		77	124 → 126	H-1 → L	π → σ*(d _{z2})
				14	125 → 127	H → L+1	p ₀ +d _{yz} → π*
T ₃	1.87	664.0		81	125 → 127	H → L+1	p ₀ +d _{yz} → π*
				15	124 → 126	H-1 → L	π → σ*(d _{z2})
T ₄	1.99	622.7		96	124 → 127	H-1 → L+1	π → π*
T ₅	2.01	618.3		82	123 → 126	H-2 → L	π+[d _{xz} +p ₀] → σ*(d _{z2})

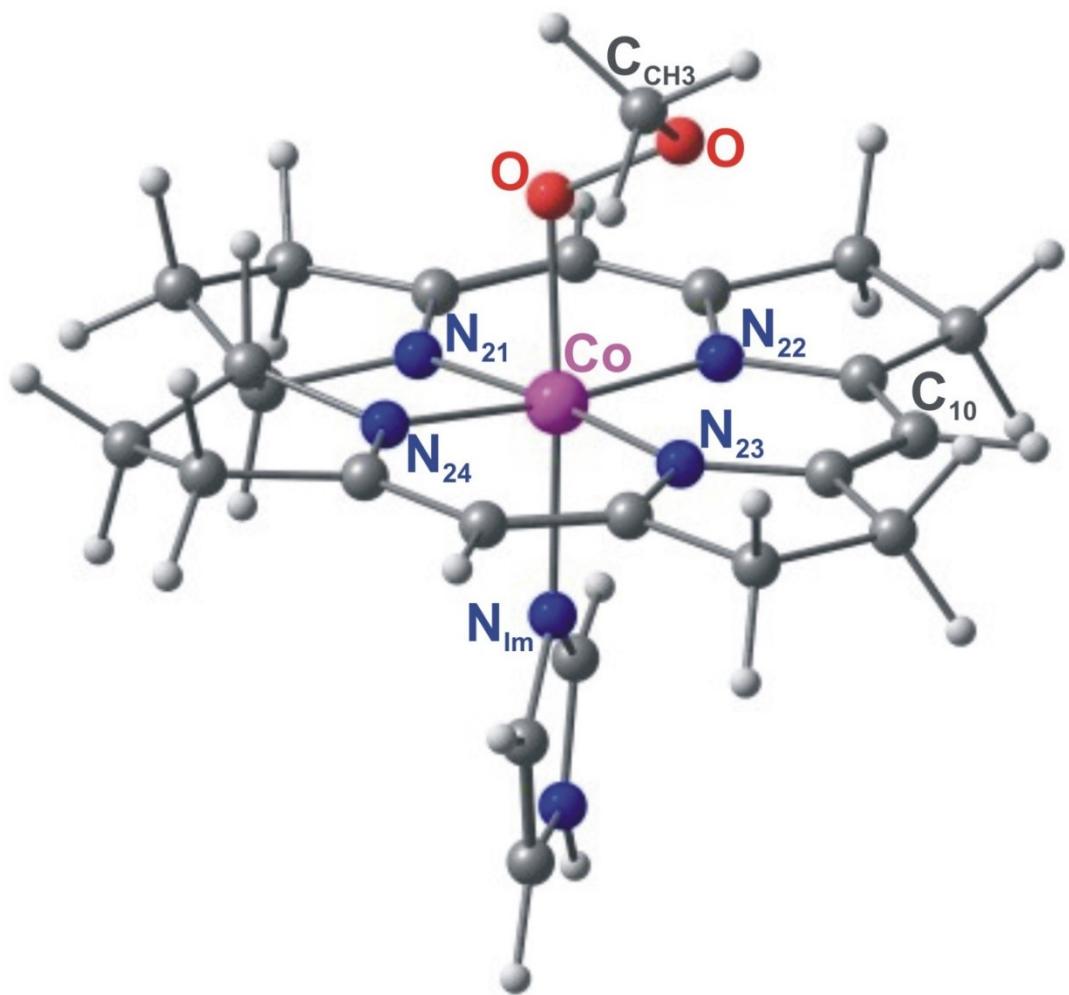


Figure S1. Molecular geometry of $\{\text{Im}-[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{corrin})]-\text{O}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3\}^+$ model complex.

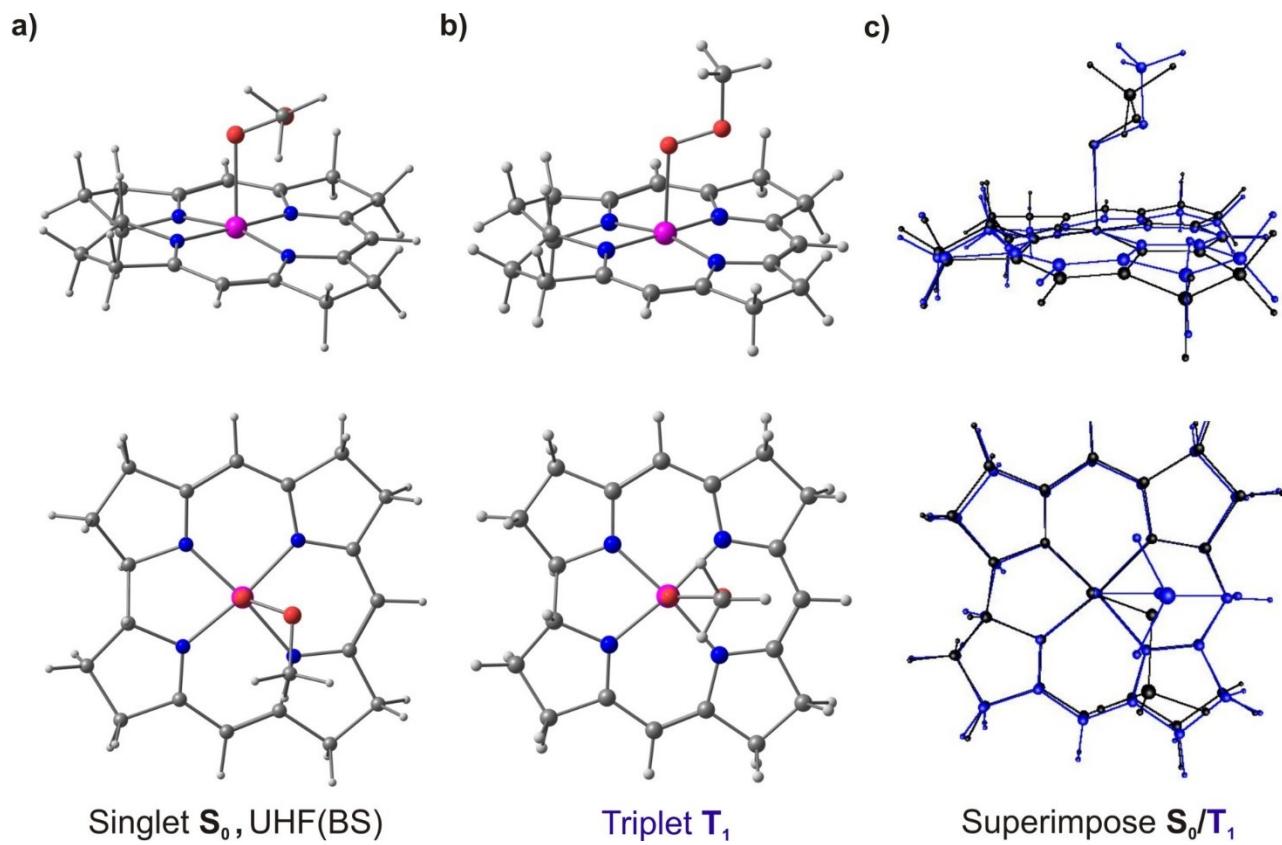


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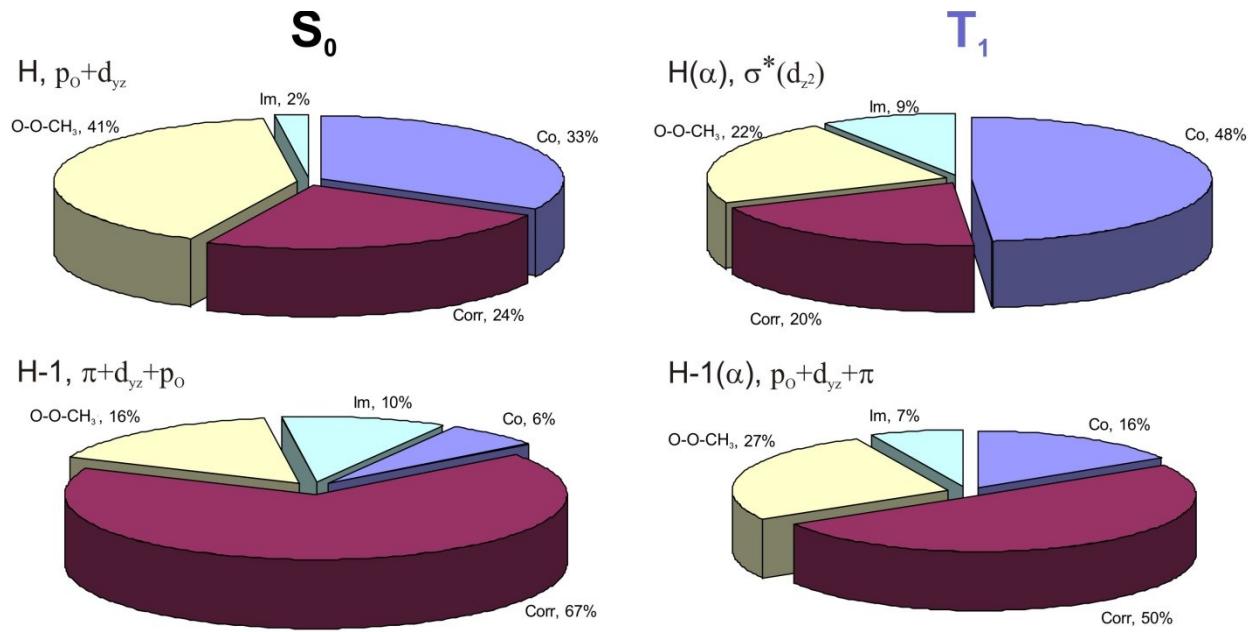


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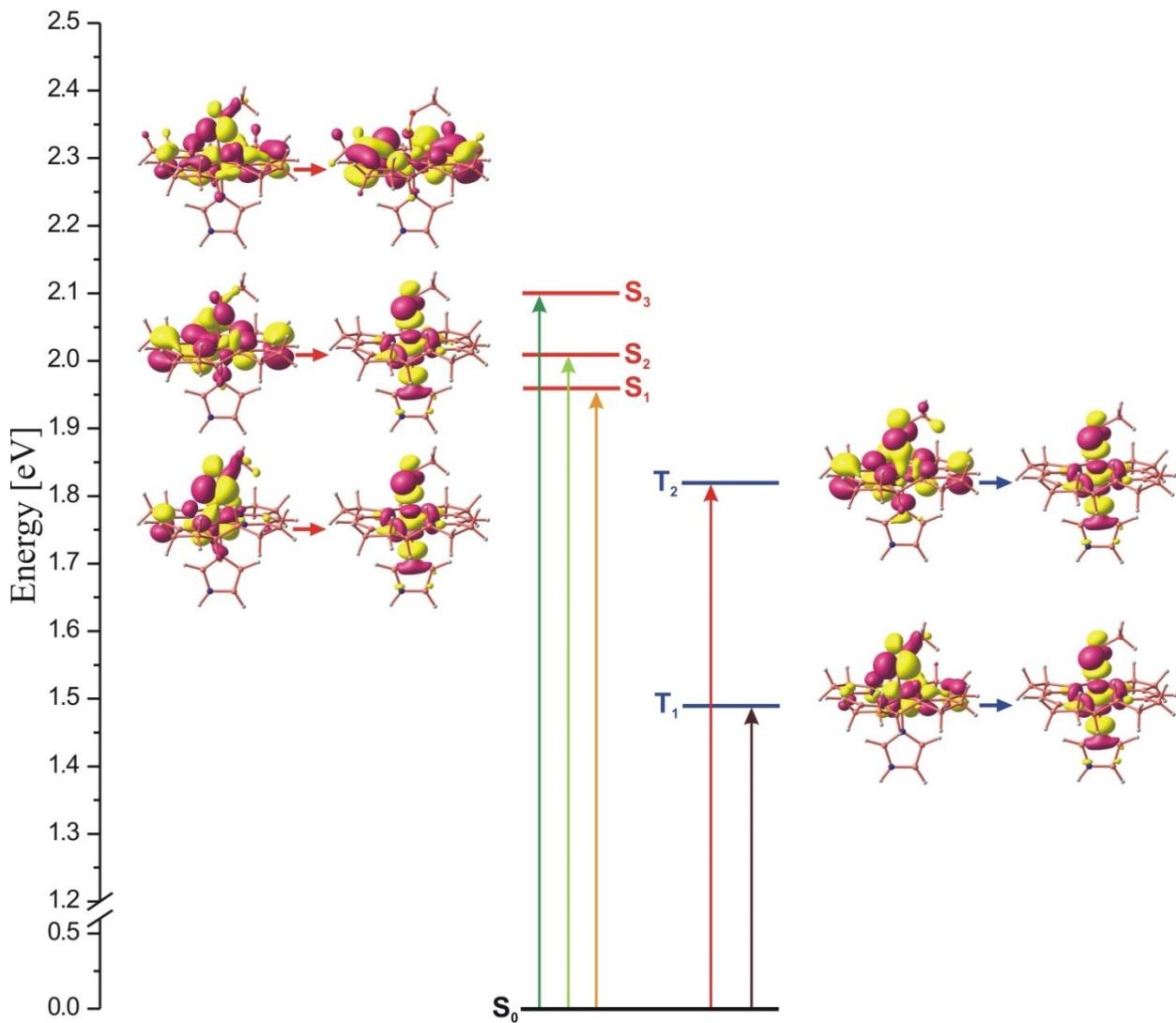


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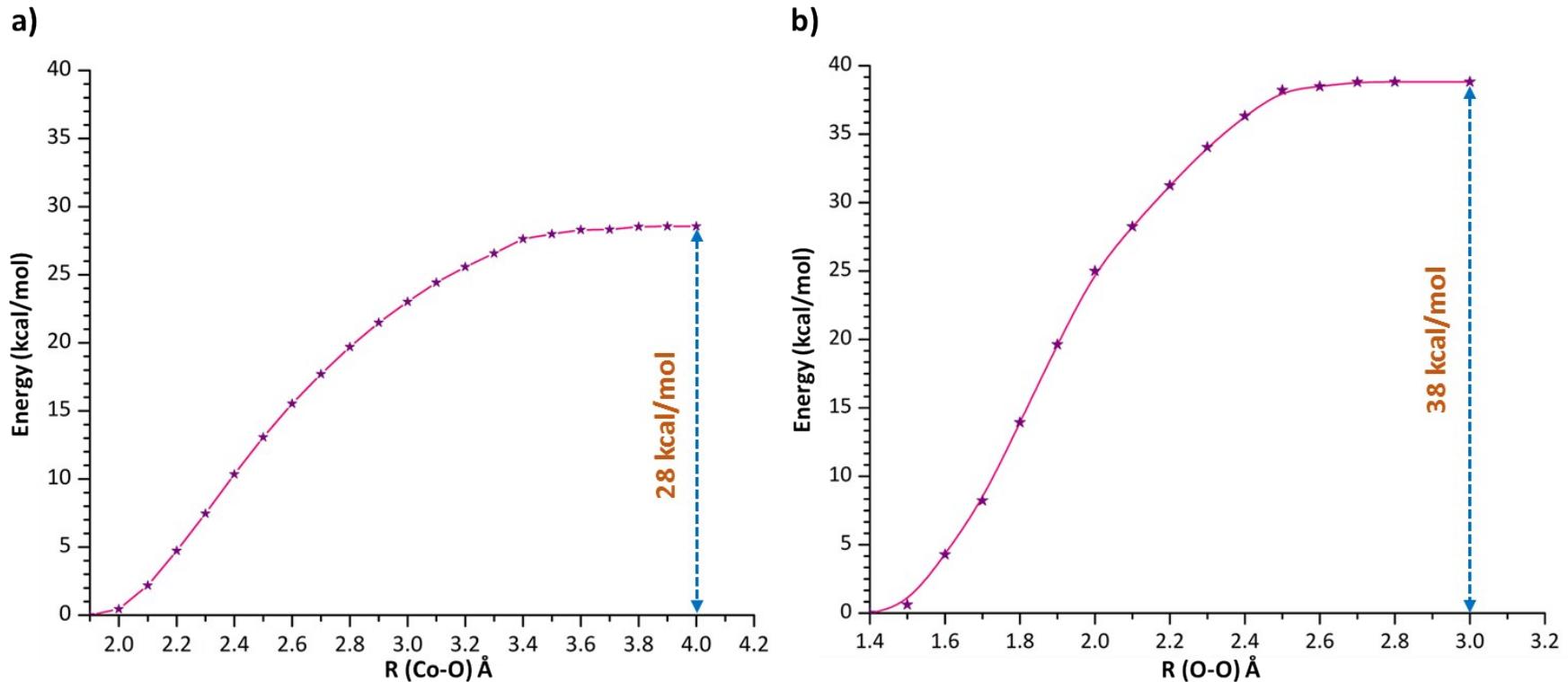


Figure S5. Bond dissociation curves for the $\{\text{Im}-[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{corrin})]-\text{O}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3\}^+$ complex computed at BP86/TZVPP level of theory by systematically stretching Co-O and O-O bond. a) along Co-O bond b) along O-O bond