

Supporting Information

Theoretical screening of bistriazole-derived energetic salts with high energetic properties and low sensitivity

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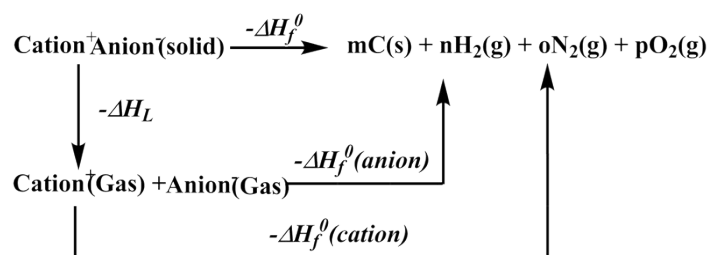
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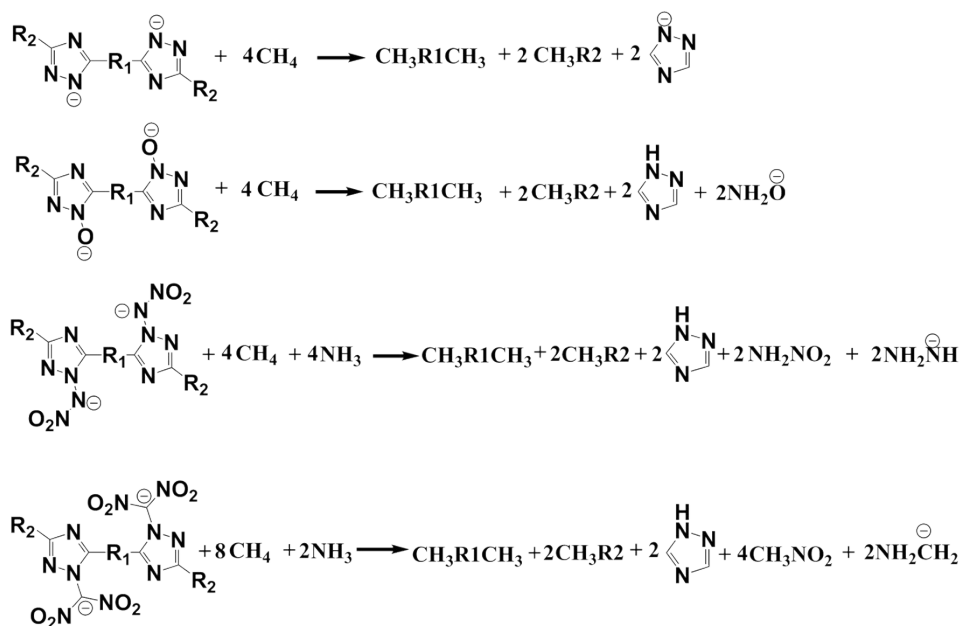
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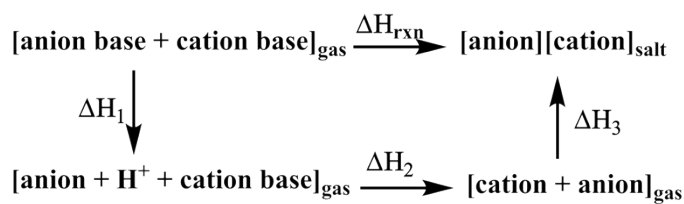


Scheme S1. Born–Haber energy cycle for the formation of the salts

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Scheme S2. Isodesmic reactions for the anions.



Scheme S3. Born–Haber cycle for the formation of the salts

Table S1. Volumes ($\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$) and densities (g cm^{-3}) of the salts

Salts	V	A_s^+	V_s^+	A_s^-	V_s^-	ρ
A1	163.05	61.68	152.51	226.28	-155.43	1.71
A2	171.32	61.68	152.51	242.08	-149.09	1.73
A3	181.02	61.68	152.51	256.75	-142.99	1.73
A4	178.56	61.68	152.51	253.89	-144.84	1.74
A5	184.77	61.68	152.51	261.83	-143.45	1.77
A6	261.68	61.68	152.51	359.28	-128.75	1.92 (1.97) ^a
A7	269.1	61.68	152.51	374.25	-124.67	1.93
A8	281.83	61.68	152.51	390.81	-120.27	1.91
A9	276.56	61.68	152.51	386.7	-121.91	1.93
A10	285.51	61.68	152.51	391.61	-125.58	1.93
B1	176.44	61.68	152.51	242.56	-150.35	1.77 (1.9) ^b
B2	185.76	61.68	152.51	261.73	-144.35	1.78
B3	194.26	61.68	152.51	275.96	-138.11	1.78
B4	188.57	61.68	152.51	272.3	-140.87	1.82
B5	197.62	61.68	152.51	278.92	-139.28	1.82
B6	271.38	61.68	152.51	376	-125.69	1.98 (1.99) ^c
B7	282.51	61.68	152.51	394.76	-122.14	1.96

B8	293.52	61.68	152.51	417.69	-115.54	1.95
B9	289.18	61.68	152.51	404.98	-119.51	1.96
B10	291.16	61.68	152.51	405.19	-123.93	2.00
C1	213.38	61.68	152.51	315.31	-135.61	1.90 (1.86) ^d
C2	223.08	61.68	152.51	325.43	-131.88	1.90
C3	238.1	61.68	152.51	344.52	-127.2	1.86
C4	238.21	61.68	152.51	342.94	-128.36	1.85
C5	238.24	61.68	152.51	349.69	-126.17	1.91
C6	323.85	61.68	152.51	446.43	-119.36	1.96
C7	331.41	61.68	152.51	447.13	-117.51	1.97
C8	334.08	61.68	152.51	475	-112.62	2.00
C9	337.31	61.68	152.51	476.92	-112.18	1.97
C10	341.41	61.68	152.51	482.45	-111.35	2.00
D1	259.48	61.68	152.51	366.5	-127.63	1.94 (1.86) ^e
D2	271.2	61.68	152.51	385.15	-122.44	1.92
D3	281.28	61.68	152.51	401.41	-117.95	1.91
D4	277.28	61.68	152.51	401.87	-119.11	1.93
D5	281.85	61.68	152.51	399.77	-120.9	1.95
D6	355.11	61.68	152.51	499.74	-114.63	2.05
D7	371.82	61.68	152.51	511.85	-111.36	2.01
D8	380.91	61.68	152.51	531.56	-106.36	2.01
D9	381.98	61.68	152.51	535.38	-107.19	2.00
D10	375.36	61.68	152.51	534.93	-107.5	2.07

^a The value is from Ref¹; ^b The value is from Ref²; ^c At the B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ level; ^d The value is from Ref³; ^e The value is from Ref⁴.

Table S2. Calculated and experimental gas-phase heats of formation (kJ mol⁻¹) for small molecules and ions at 298 K

Molecules/ions	ΔH_f° (calculated)	ΔH_f° (literature)
CH ₄	-73.6	-74.4 ^a
NH ₃	-45.3	-46.1 ^a
CH ₃ NO ₂	-85.9	-80.8 ^a
CH ₃ C(NO ₂) ₃	-23.2	
NH ₂ NO ₂	-3.9	-3.2 ^a
CH ₃ CH ₃	-84	-87 ^a
CH ₃ NHCH ₃	-18.8	-19.1 ^a
CH ₃ NHNHCH ₃	92.2	93.5 ^a
CH ₃ N=NCH ₃	151.5	153.2 ^a
CH ₃ N=N(O)CH ₃	-40.16	
1,2,4-triazole	192.9	192.9 ^a
H ⁺		1536.2
NH ₂ O ⁻	37.21 ^b	36.5 ^c
NH ₂ NH ⁻	223.92 ^b	225.2 ^c
NH ₂ CH ₂ ⁻	196.11 ^b	193.4 ^c

^a The values were taken from Ref⁵. ^b The values were predicted by protonation reactions: $\text{NH}_2\text{O}^- + \text{H}^+ = \text{NH}_2\text{OH}$, $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}^- + \text{H}^+ = \text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2^- + \text{H}^+ = \text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $1,2,4\text{-triazolide} + \text{H}^+ = 1,2,4\text{-triazole}$. ^c The values were taken from Ref⁶.

Table S3. The HOFs (kJ mol^{-1}) of cage anions, ammonium-based cation, and their salts and lattice energies of these salts

Salts	ΔH_f° (cation)	ΔH_f° (anion)	Lattice energy	ΔH_f° (salt)
A1	678.80	258.95	1338.87	277.69
A2	678.80	261.65	1317.99	301.26
A3	678.80	344.77	1294.99	407.39
A4	678.80	431.29	1300.50	488.40
A5	678.80	301.91	1285.45	374.06
A6	678.80	279.11	1140.78	495.93
A7	678.80	282.31	1129.78	510.13
A8	678.80	366.48	1112.20	611.88
A9	678.80	464.94	1119.14	703.40
A10	678.80	376.16	1106.56	627.20
B1	678.80	110.71	1304.25	164.06 (213) ^a
B2	678.80	82.48	1282.98	157.10
B3	678.80	158.59	1264.41	251.78
B4	678.80	262.29	1276.13	343.76
B5	678.80	153.54	1256.37	254.77
B6	678.80	148.22	1125.68	380.13 (358.61) ^b
B7	678.80	126.47	1110.35	373.72
B8	678.80	210.63	1095.96	472.27
B9	678.80	312.36	1101.29	568.67
B10	678.80	237.38	1097.89	497.09
C1	678.80	288.21	1223.49	422.31 (535) ^c
C2	678.80	263.28	1205.47	415.41
C3	678.80	362.19	1179.92	539.87
C4	678.80	512.60	1179.85	690.35
C5	678.80	376.81	1178.78	555.63
C6	678.80	348.34	1058.01	647.93
C7	678.80	463.48	1049.23	771.85
C8	678.80	408.72	1045.97	720.35
C9	678.80	554.25	1042.70	869.15
C10	678.80	448.45	1037.82	768.22
D1	678.80	-30.40	1144.01	183.18 (360) ^d
D2	678.80	-51.50	1127.06	179.03
D3	678.80	35.25	1113.04	279.81
D4	678.80	175.93	1118.36	415.17
D5	678.80	98.03	1111.43	344.20
D6	678.80	40.85	1022.38	376.07

D7	678.80	39.46	1006.09	390.97
D8	678.80	104.95	997.44	465.11
D9	678.80	251.09	996.56	612.13
D10	678.80	174.03	1001.92	529.71

^aThe value is from Ref²; ^b At the B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ level; ^c The value is from Ref³; ^d The value is from Ref⁴.

Table S4. Predicted entropies (S_{salt}), entropies of reaction (ΔS_{rxn}), enthalpies of reaction (ΔH_{rxn}), and free energies of reaction (ΔG_{rxn}) of the salts.

Anion	S_{salts}	ΔS_{rxn}	ΔH_{rxn}	ΔG_{rxn}
A1	276.19	-691.82	-432.22	-226.06
A2	285.54	-693.82	-377.04	-170.28
A3	296.46	-731.87	-400.48	-182.39
A4	293.78	-708.75	-437.10	-225.89
A5	301.19	-715.84	-429.20	-215.88
A6	391.20	-860.75	-309.18	-52.68
A7	399.75	-872.18	-263.69	-3.78
A8	414.02	-885.93	-279.08	-15.08
A9	408.29	-880.03	-318.55	-56.30
A10	418.77	-881.39	-317.63	-54.97
B1	291.98	-695.01	-464.75	-257.63
B2	302.44	-715.09	-438.67	-225.57
B3	312.09	-761.65	-466.74	-239.77
B4	305.94	-742.85	-494.29	-272.92
B5	316.42	-751.01	-485.64	-261.84
B6	403.00	-883.34	-348.31	-85.08
B7	415.57	-899.15	-323.99	-56.04
B8	427.93	-928.01	-340.17	-63.63
B9	423.28	-914.07	-368.50	-96.11
B10	426.23	-911.47	-358.74	-87.12
C1	335.20	-788.18	-443.03	-208.16
C2	346.27	-807.48	-445.82	-205.19
C3	362.99	-821.64	-415.18	-170.33
C4	363.04	-792.74	-433.93	-197.69
C5	363.76	-828.79	-452.83	-205.85
C6	463.35	-959.30	-319.71	-33.83
C7	472.18	-965.13	-334.90	-47.29
C8	475.53	-986.16	-322.10	-28.23
C9	478.91	-983.29	-337.52	-44.50
C10	484.04	-996.58	-339.82	-42.83
D1	388.74	-868.05	-428.31	-169.63
D2	401.90	-873.65	-441.33	-180.98
D3	413.32	-919.82	-462.59	-188.49
D4	408.93	-898.29	-441.32	-173.63
D5	414.67	-915.87	-435.54	-162.61

D6	500.83	-1033.40	-347.35	-39.40
D7	517.25	-1056.83	-351.61	-36.68
D8	529.85	-1069.37	-351.33	-32.65
D9	530.92	-1067.02	-342.02	-24.05
D10	524.45	-1091.43	-350.23	-24.98

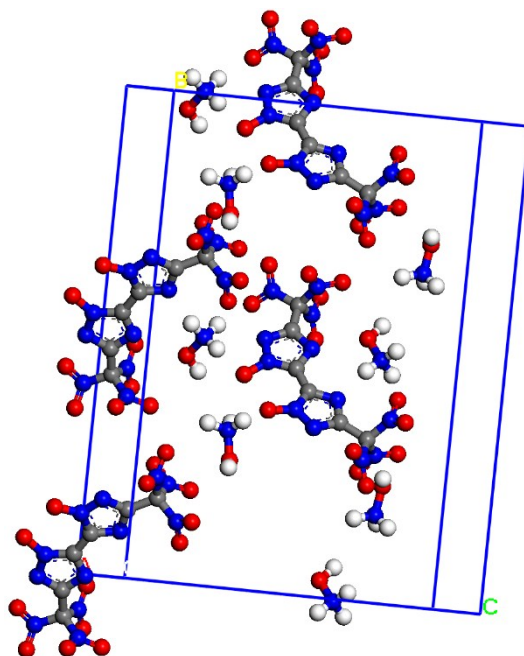
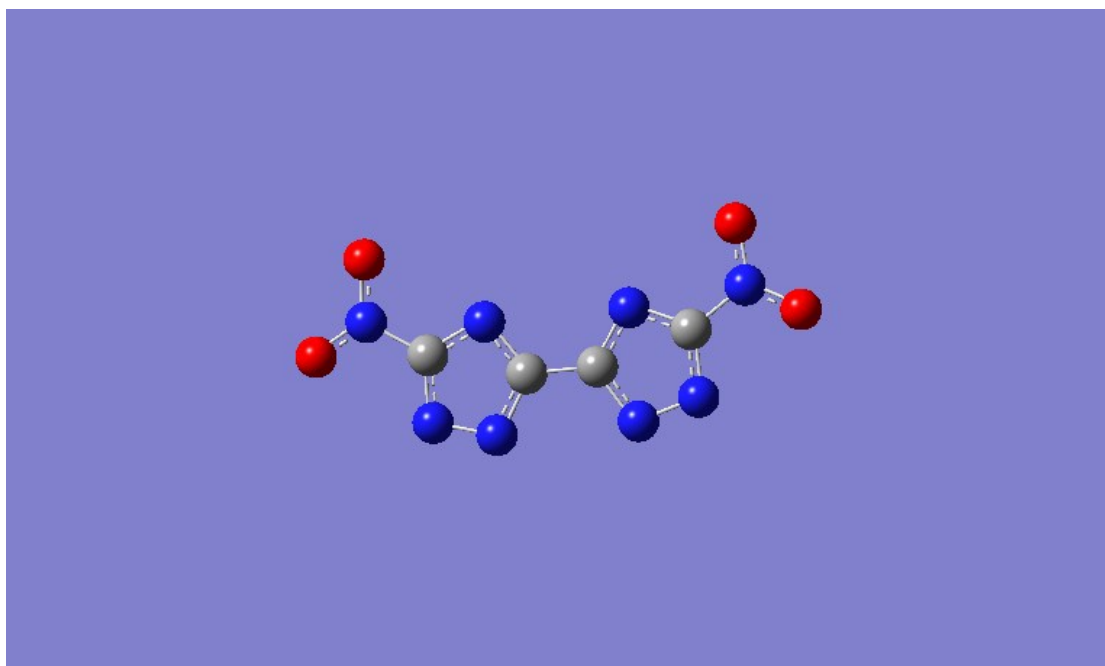
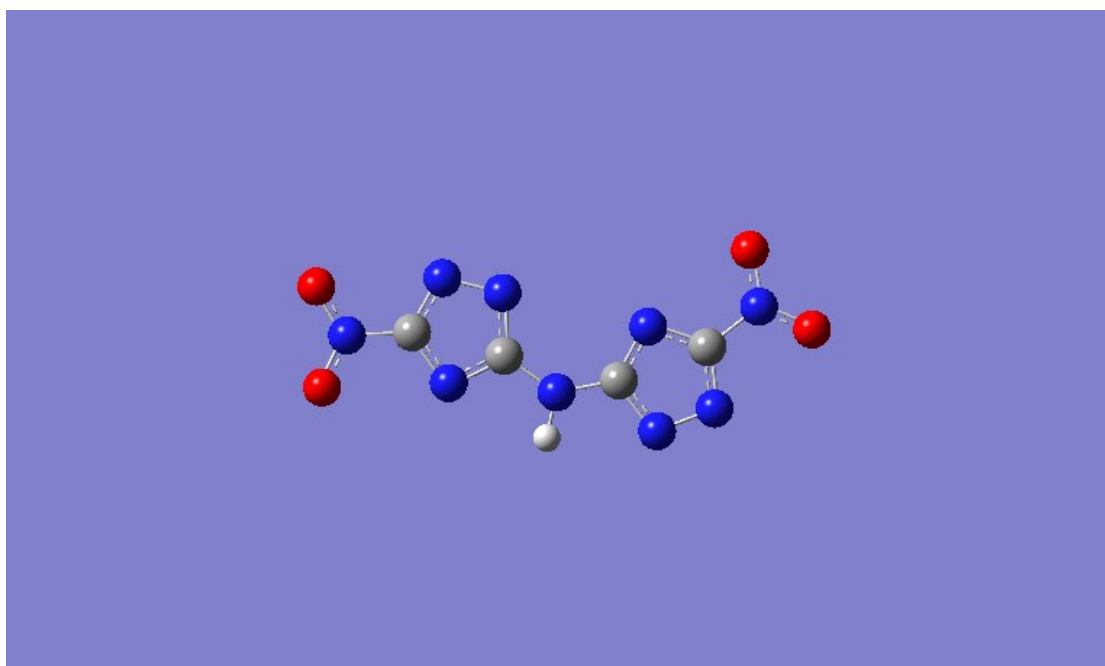


Figure S1. Optimized crystal structure of the **B6**

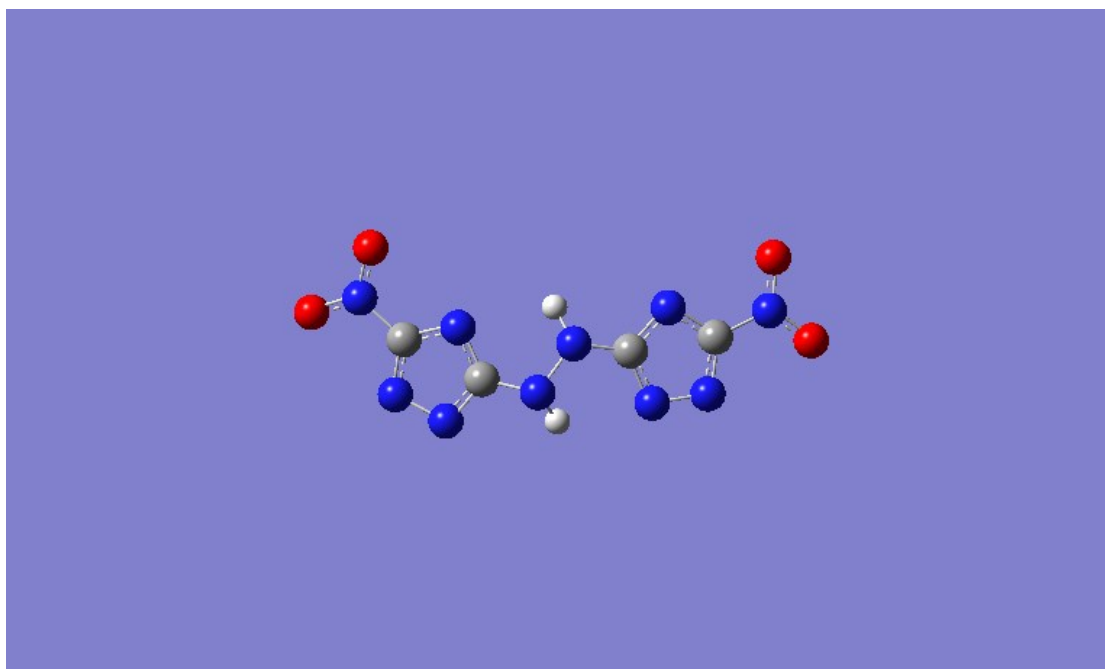
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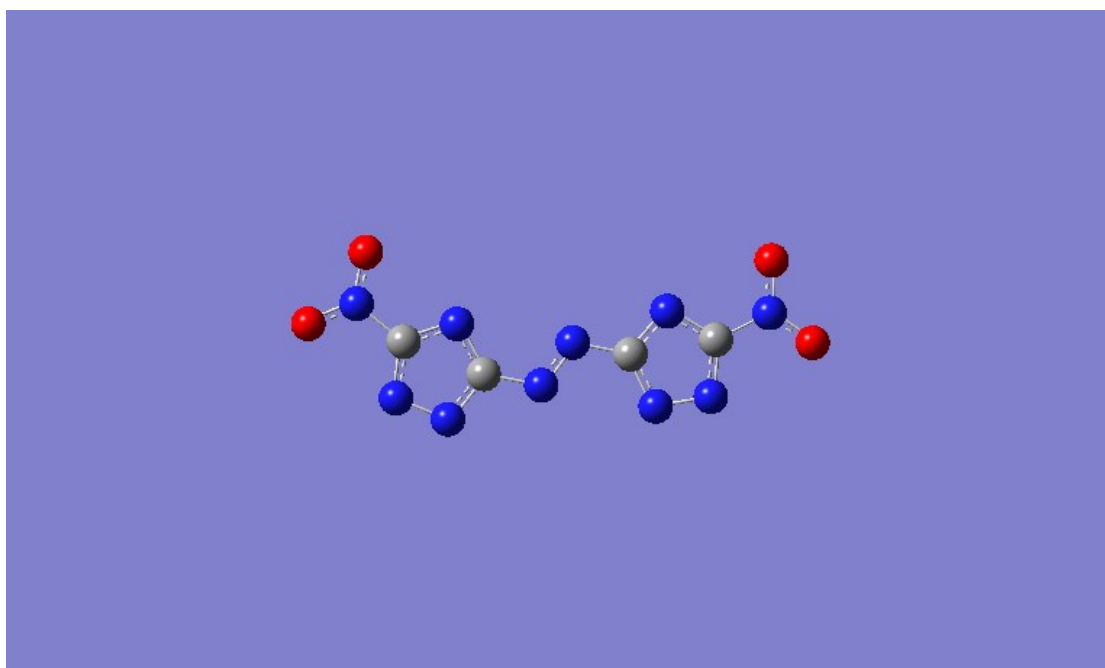
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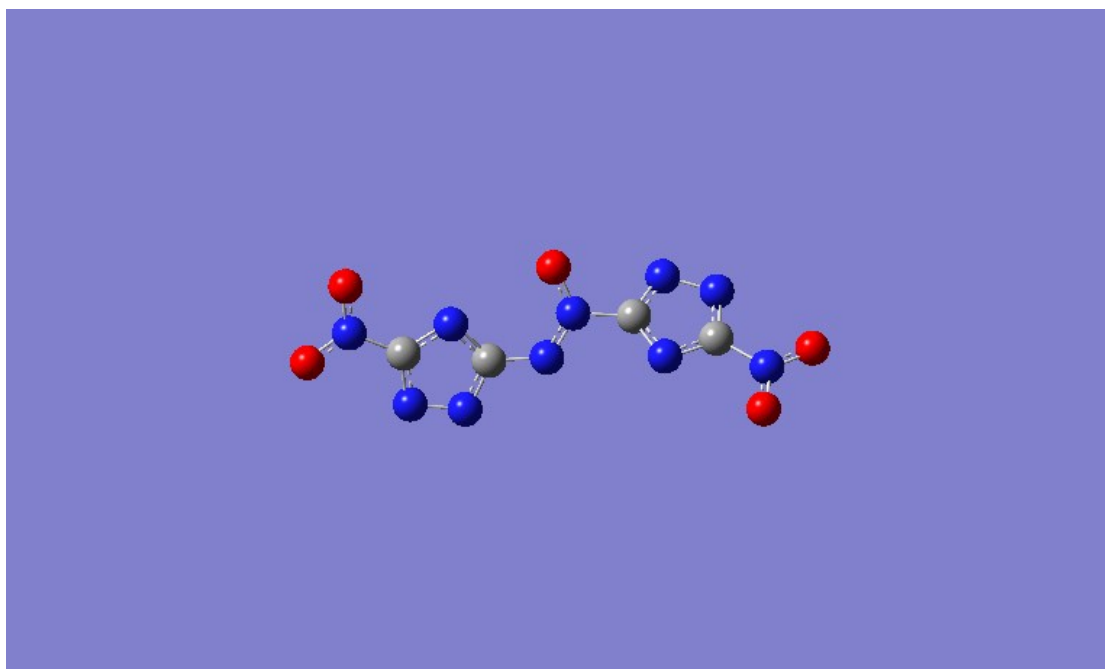
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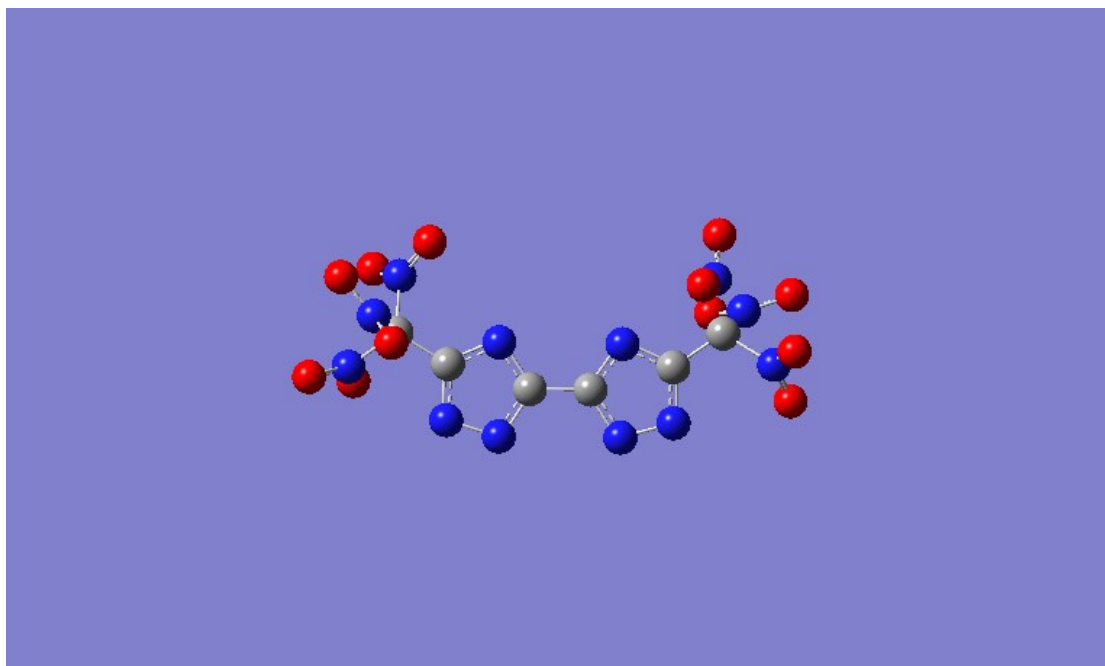
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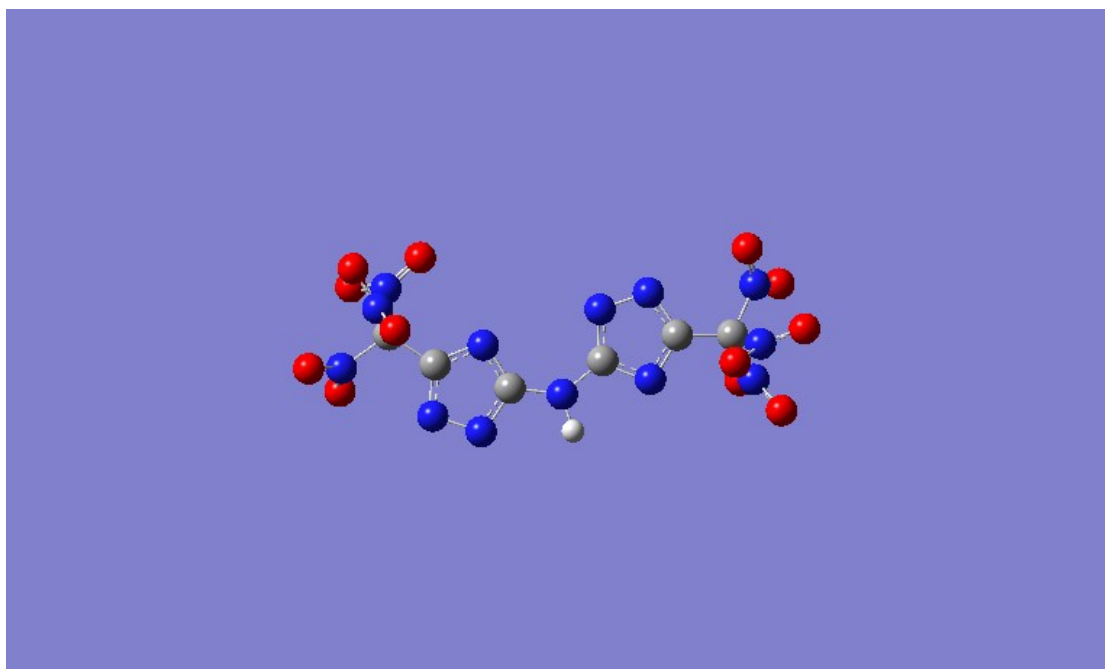
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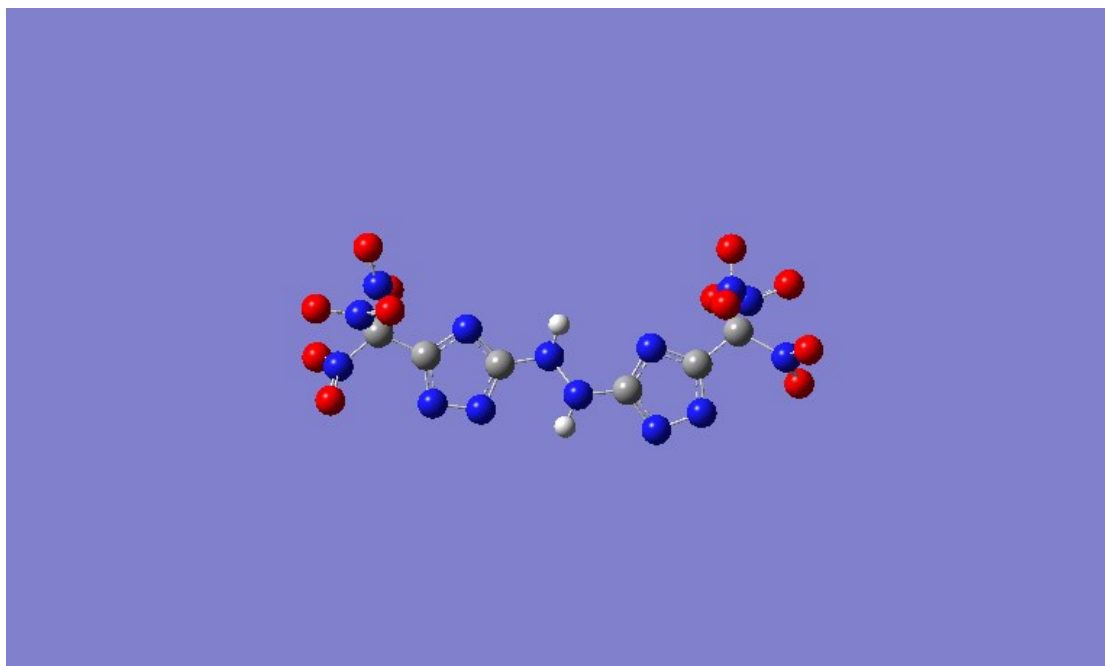
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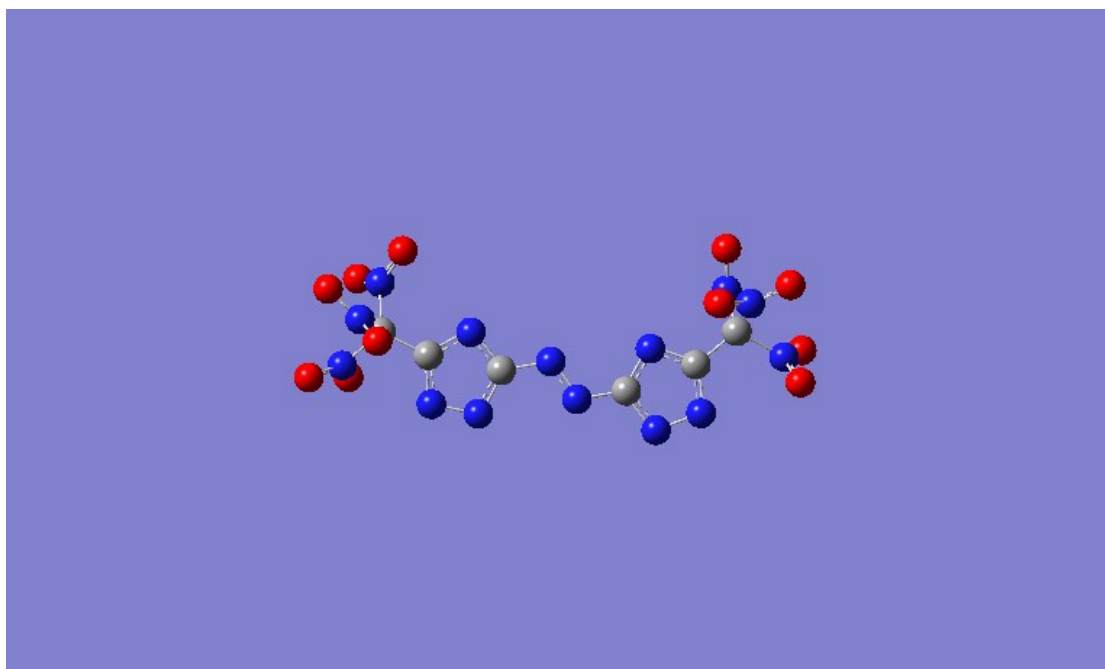
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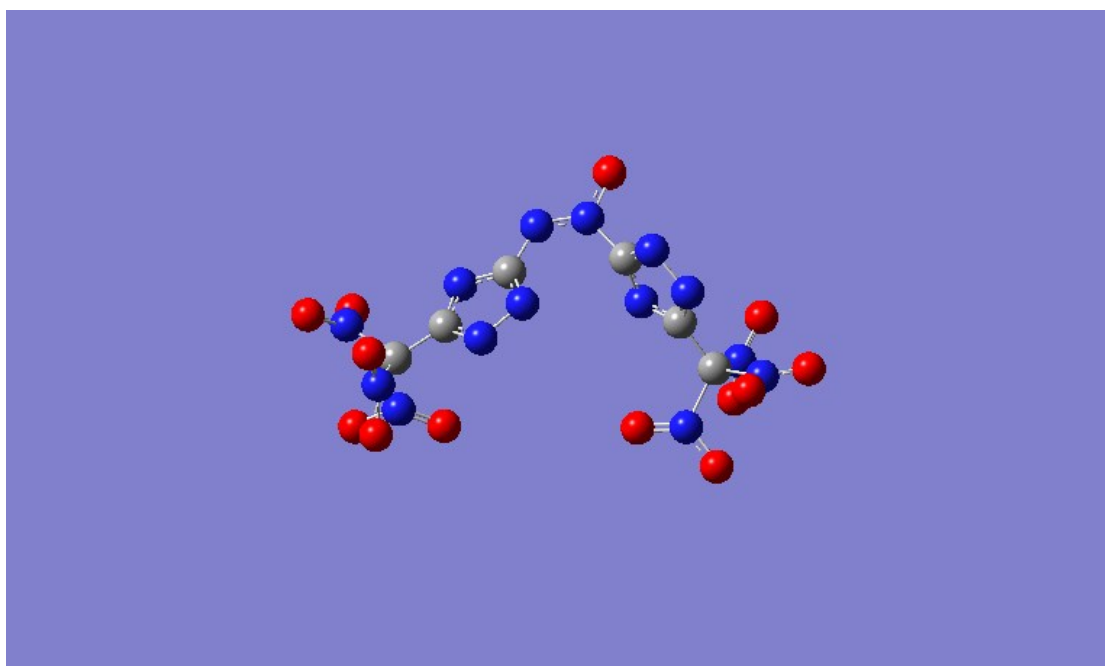
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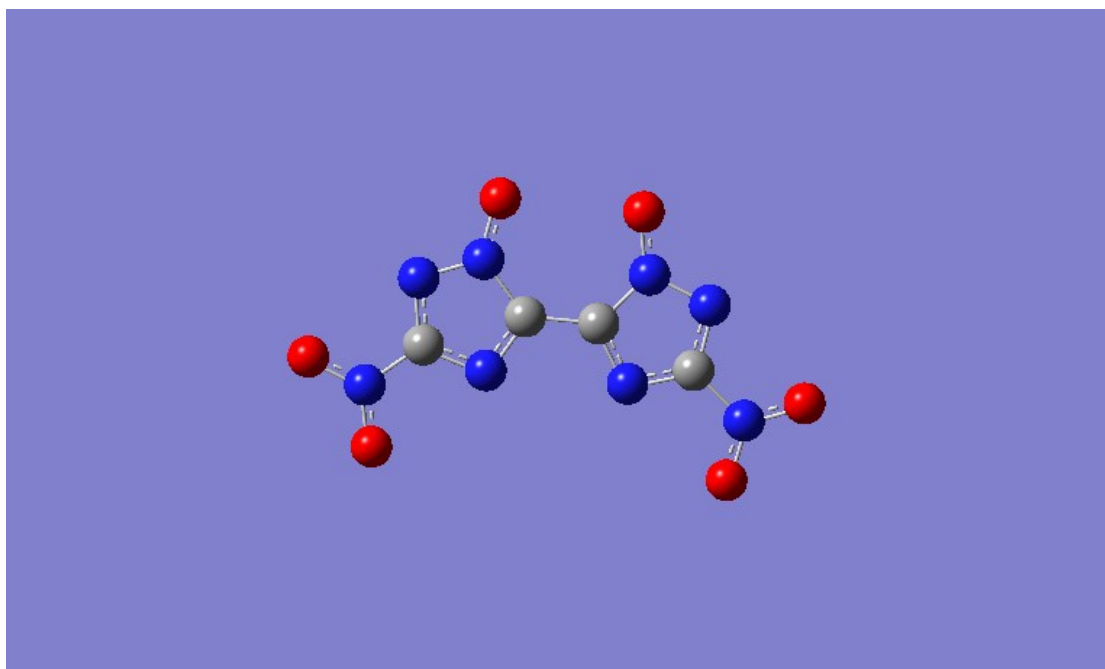
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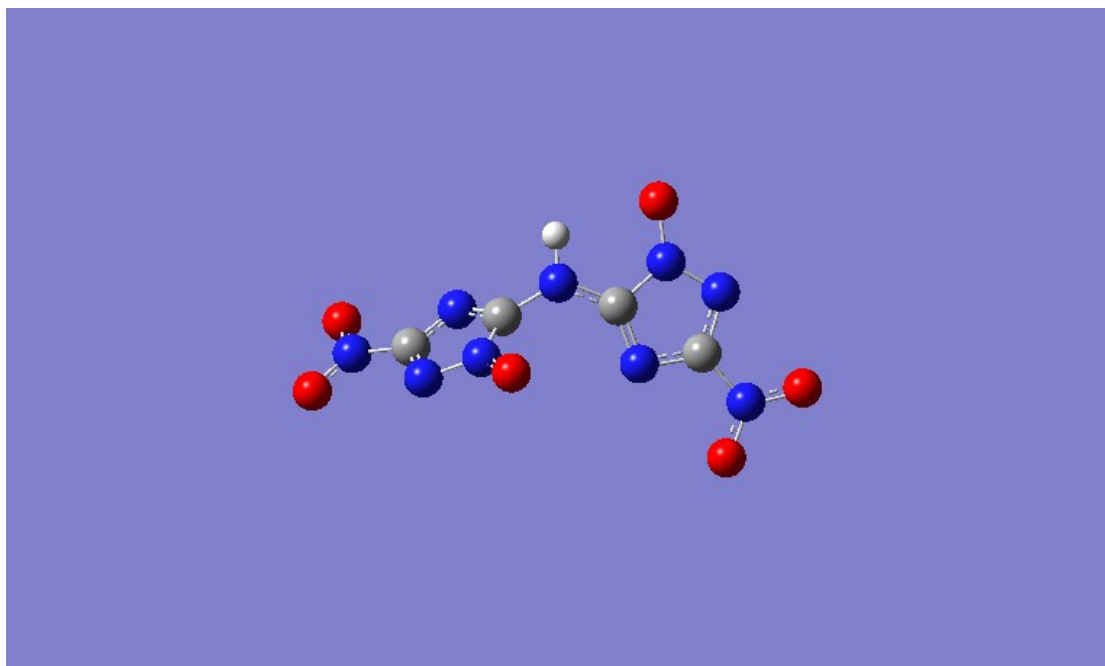
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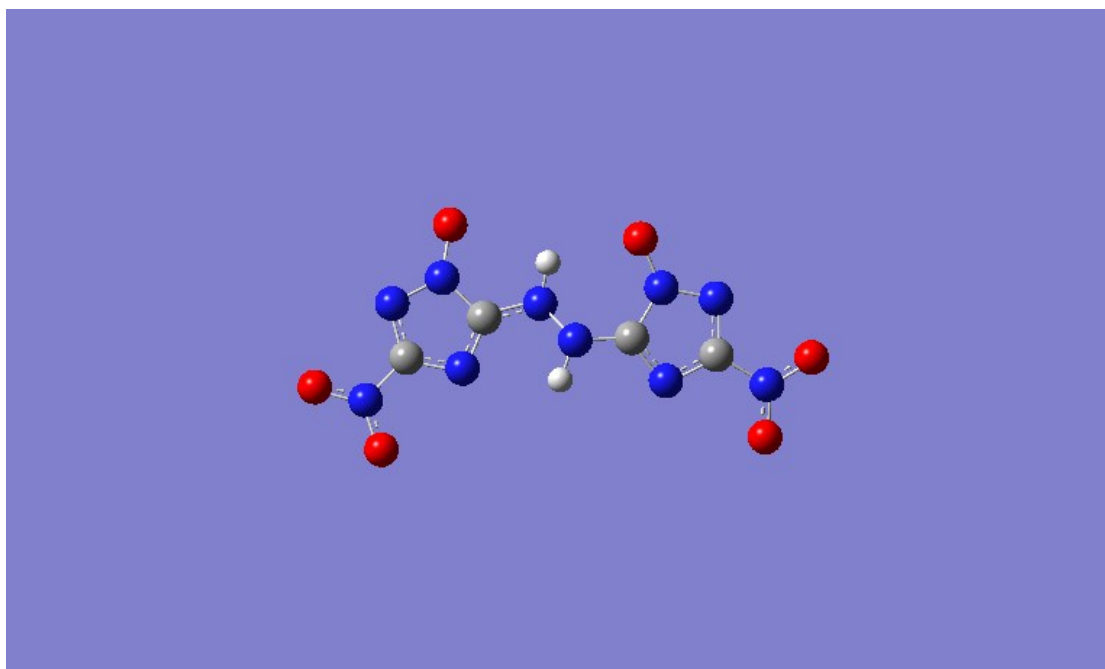
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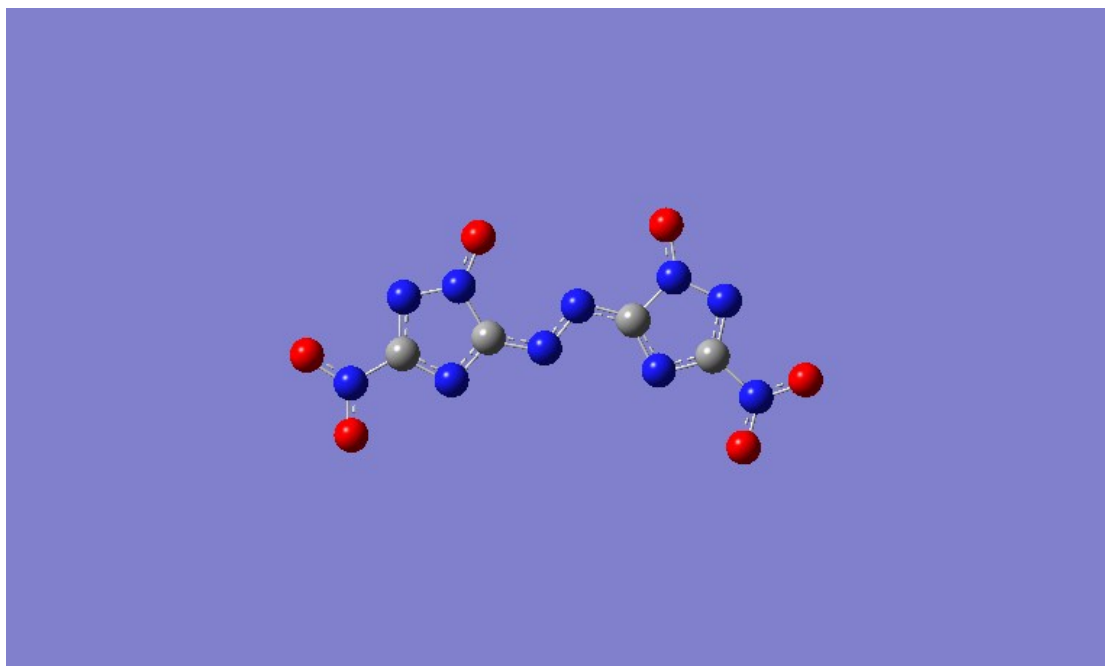
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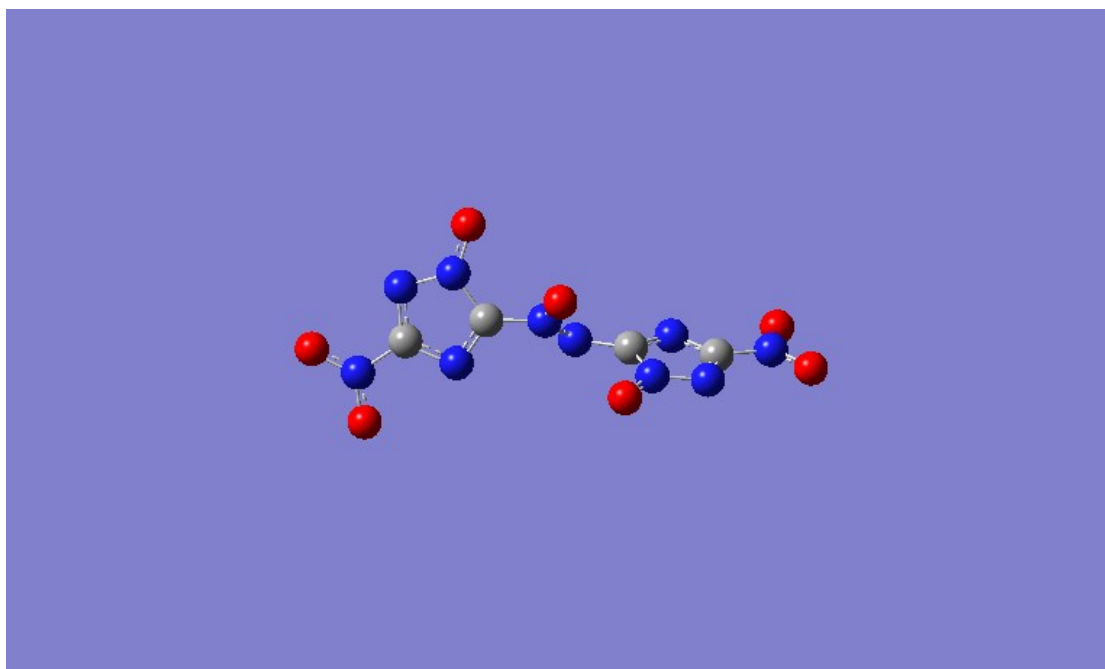
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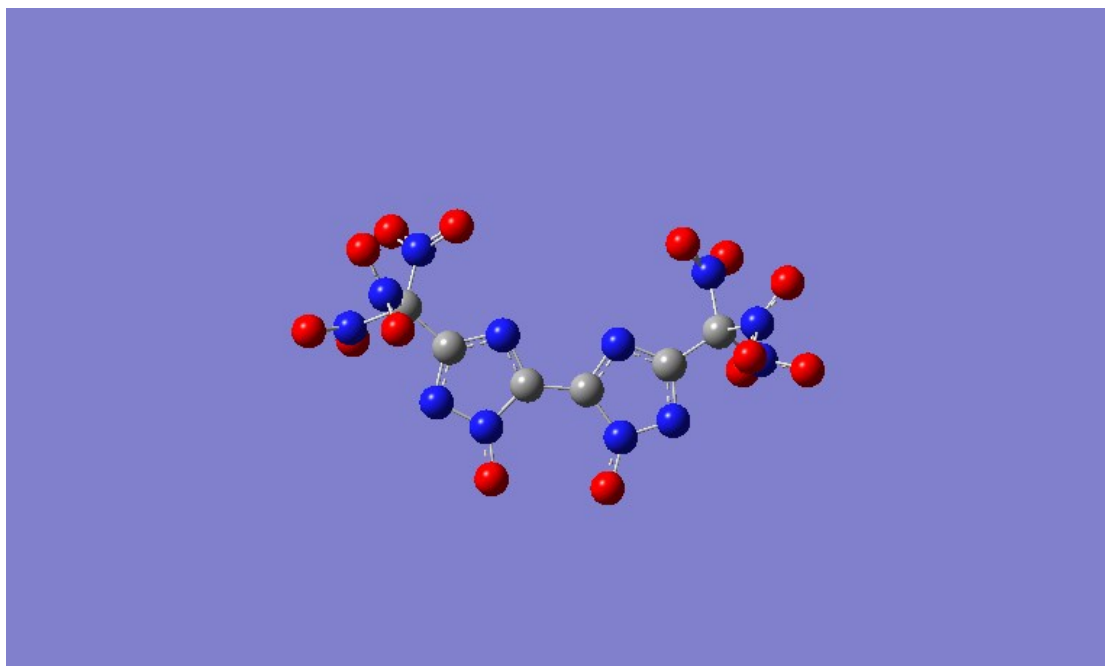
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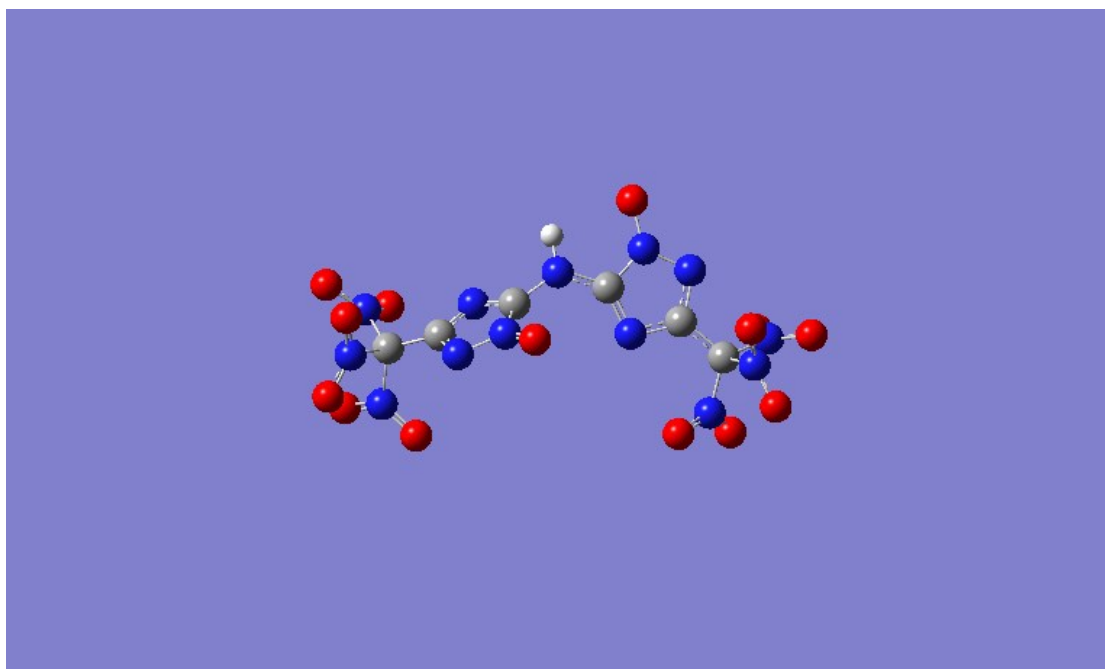
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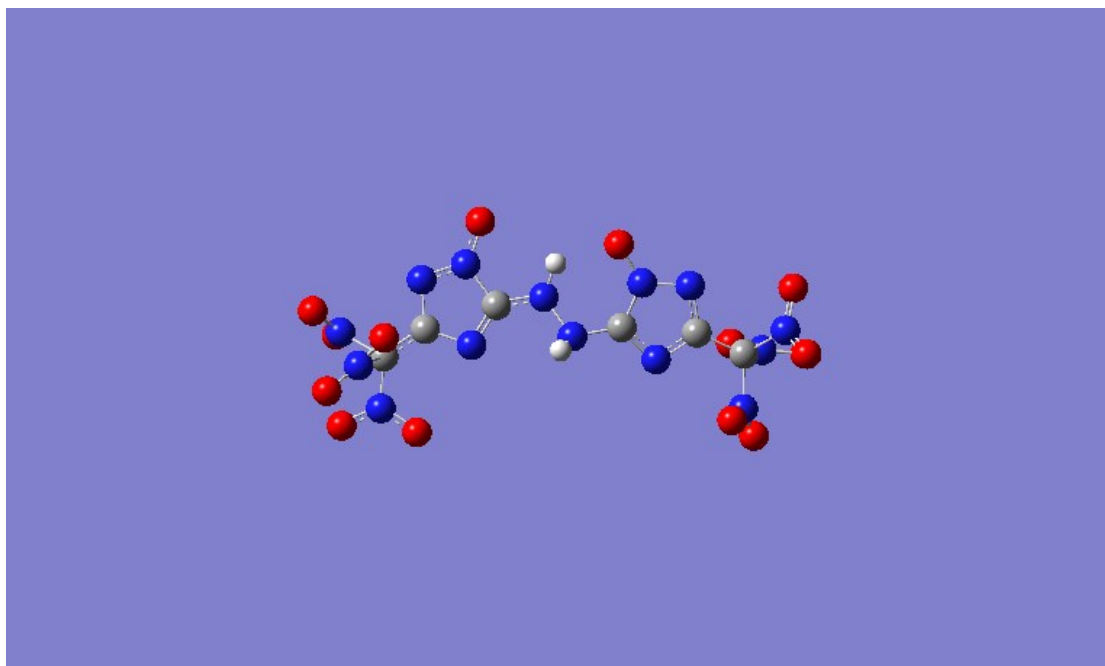
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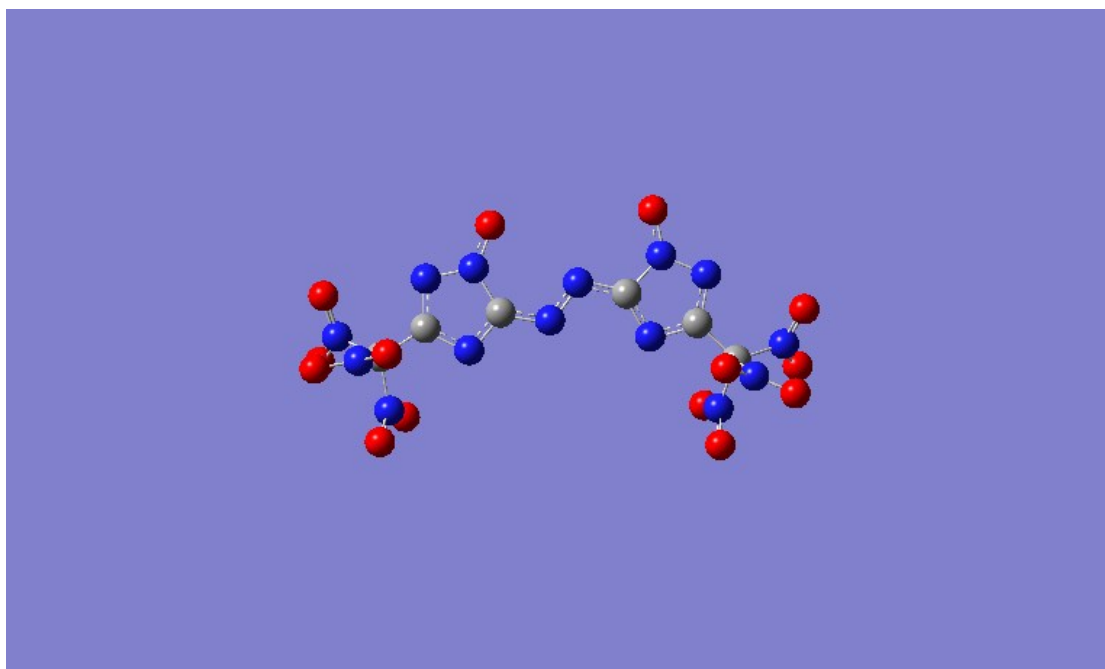
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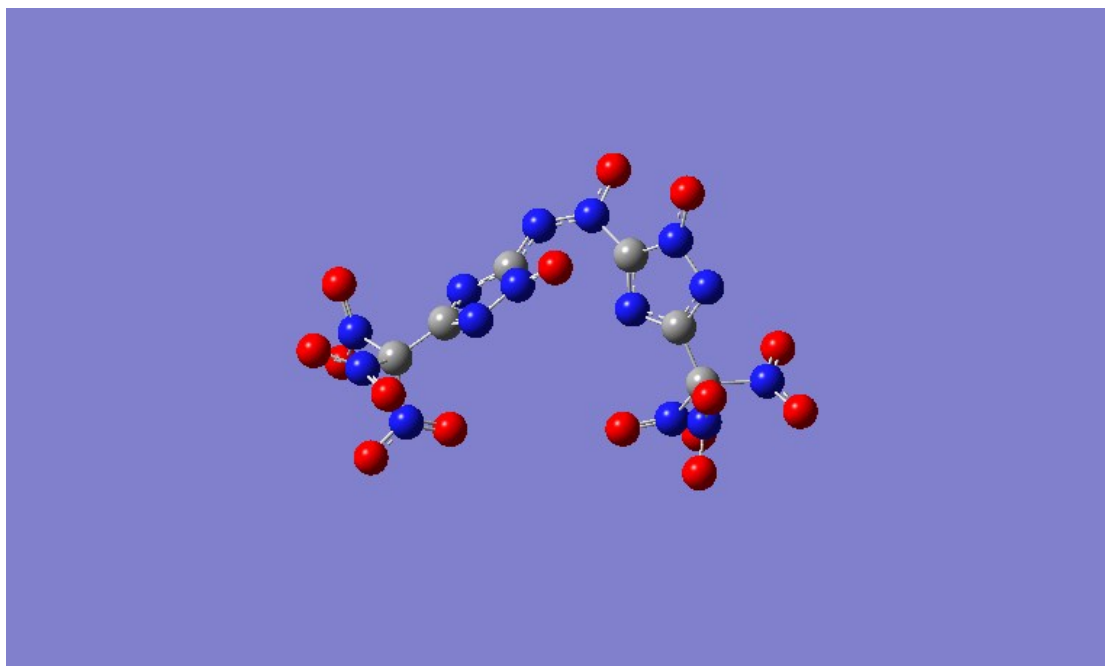
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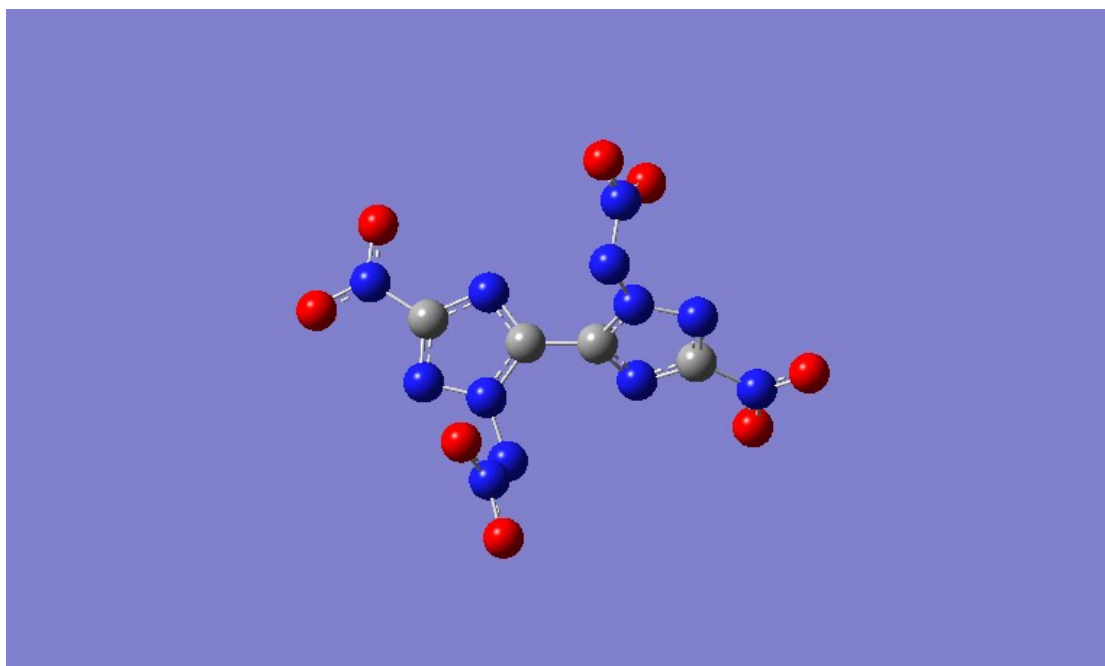
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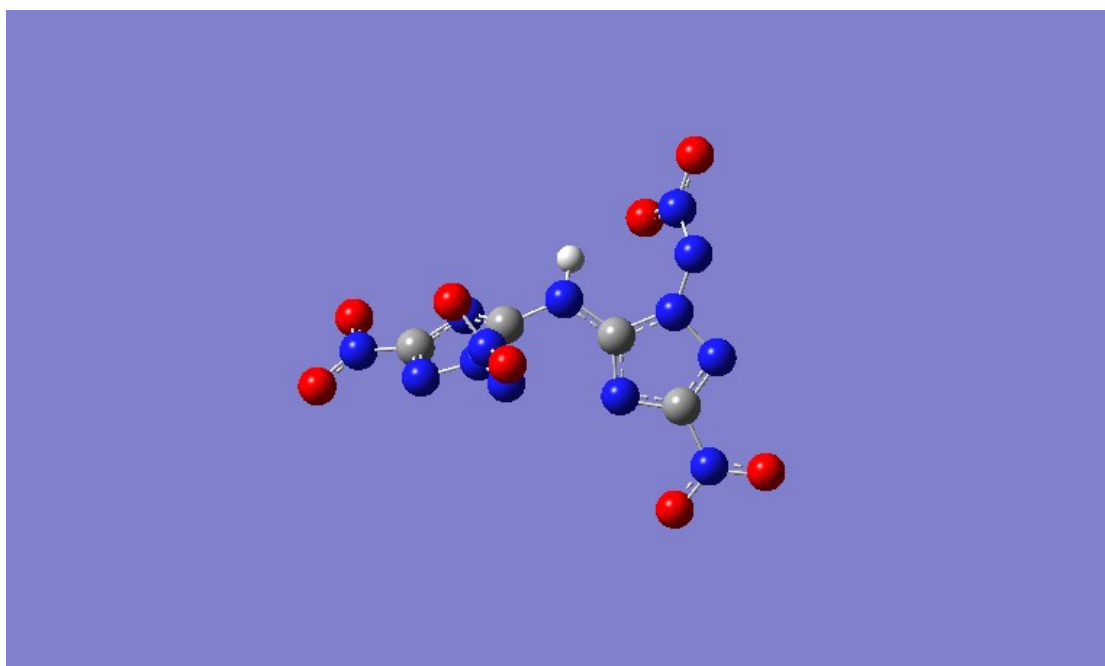
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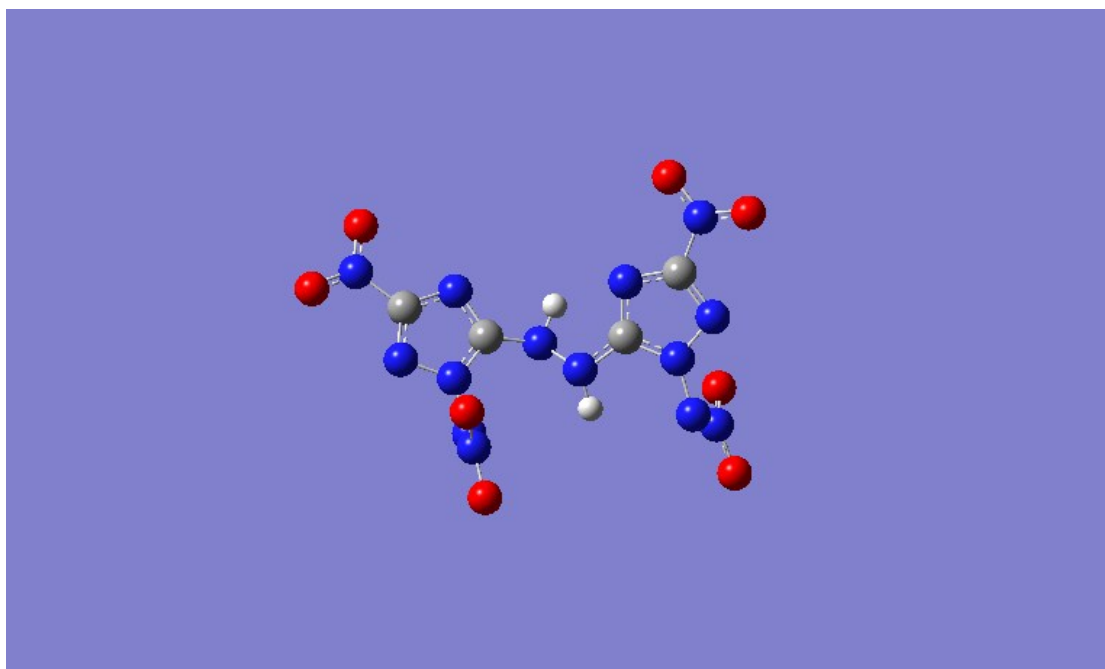
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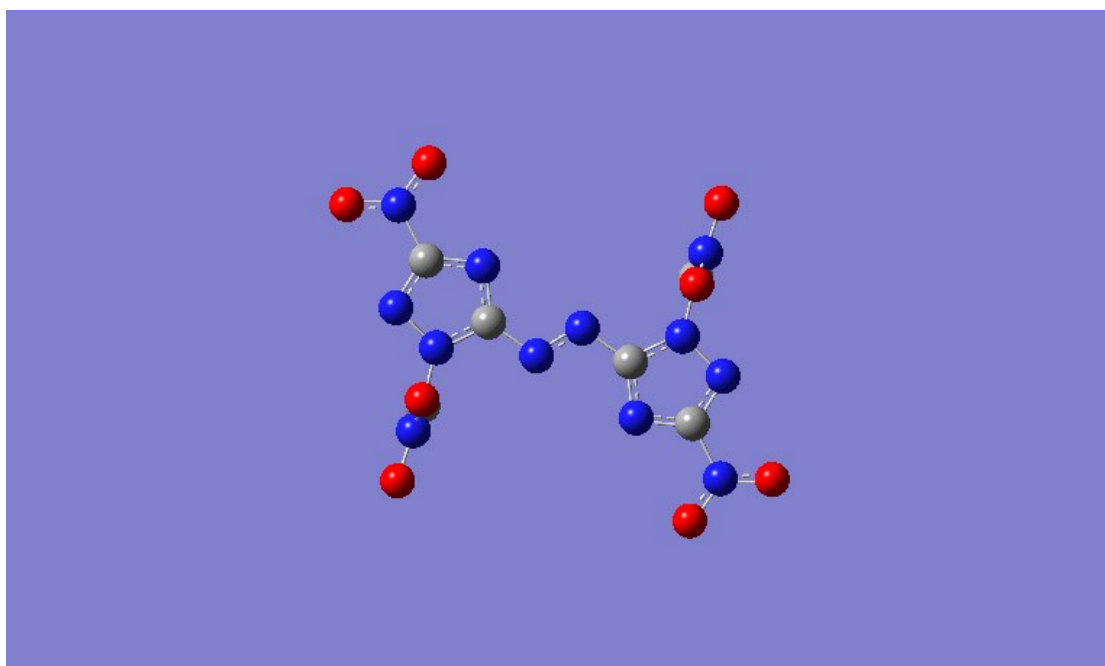
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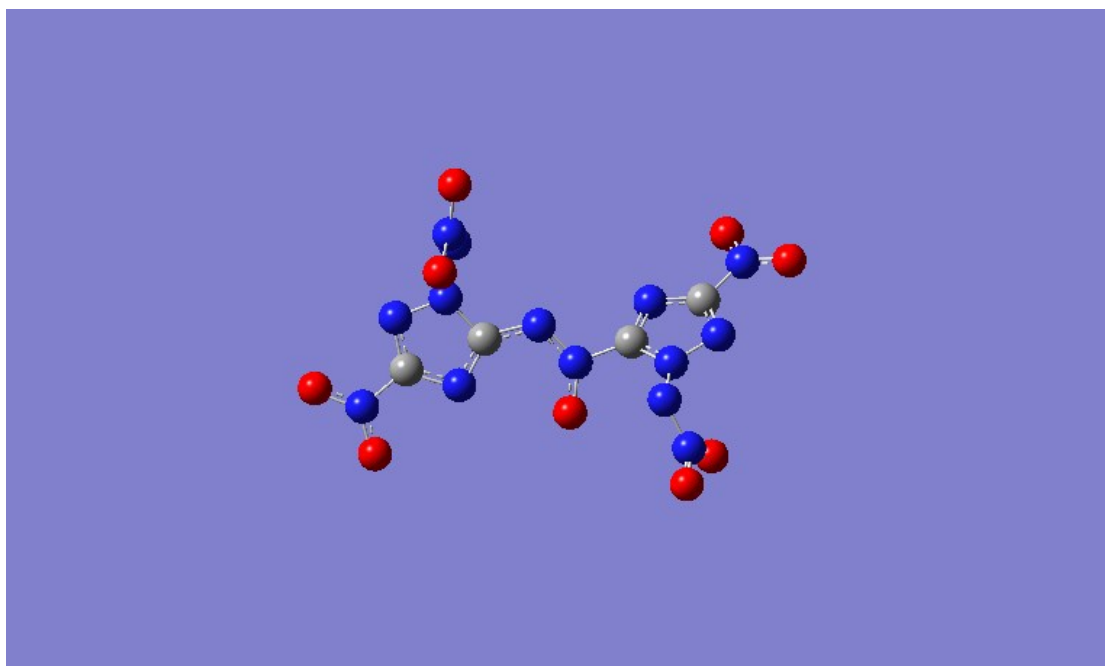
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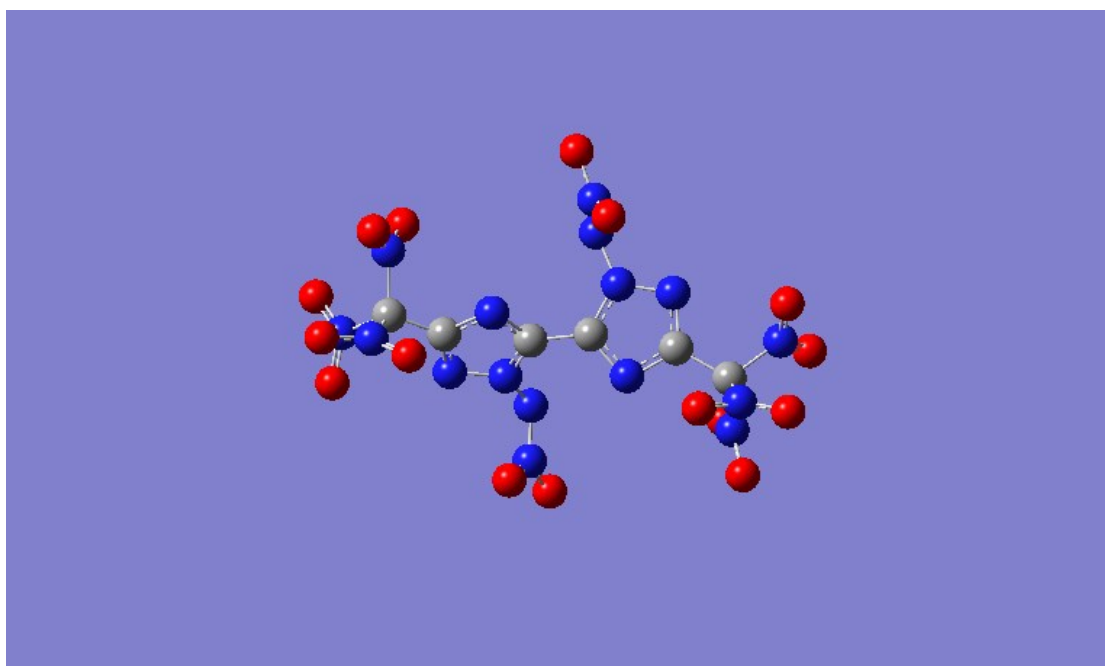
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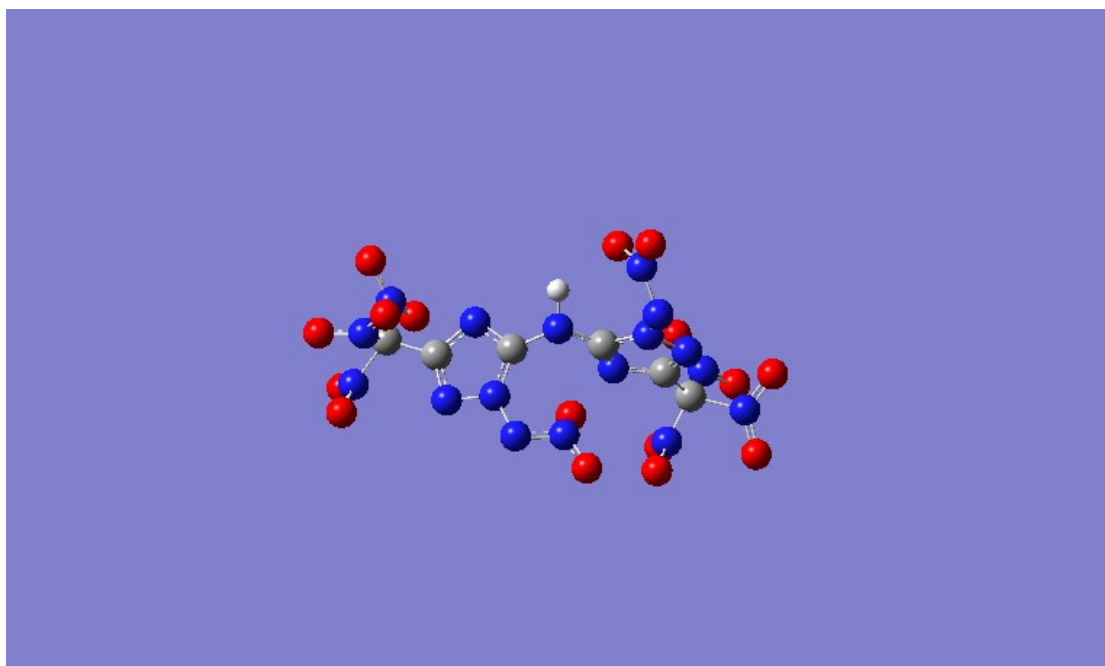
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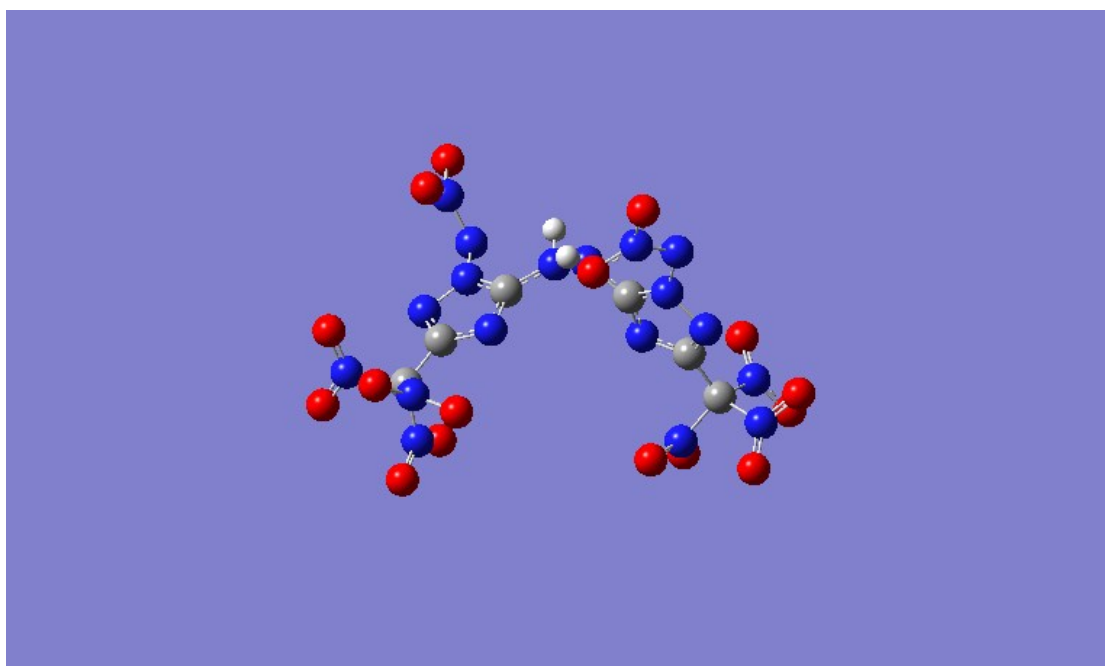
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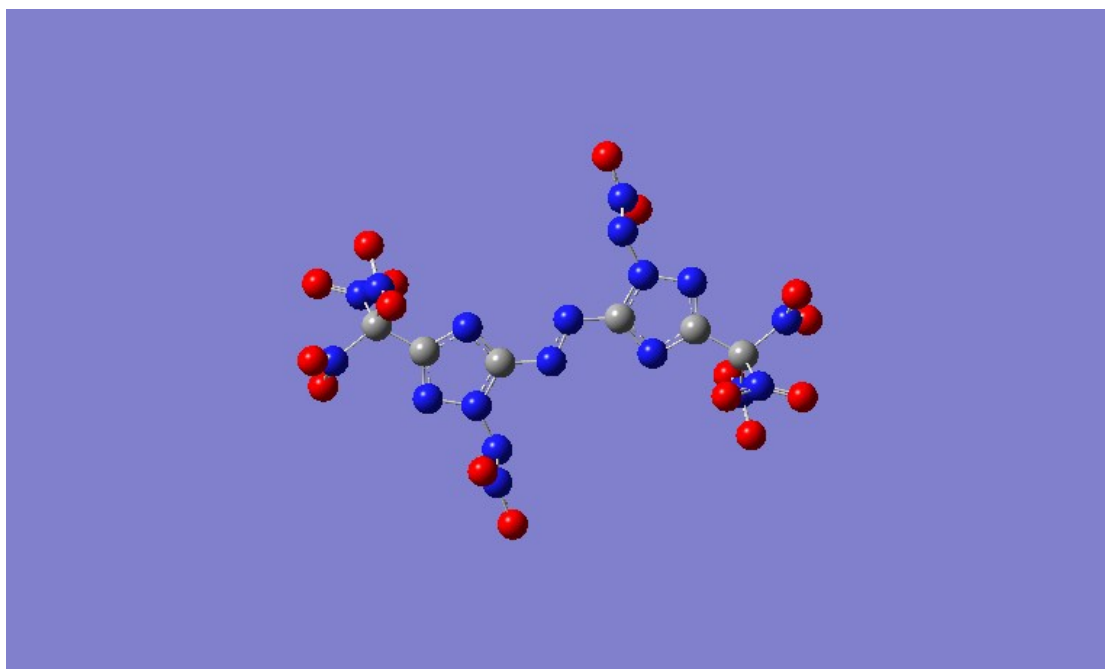
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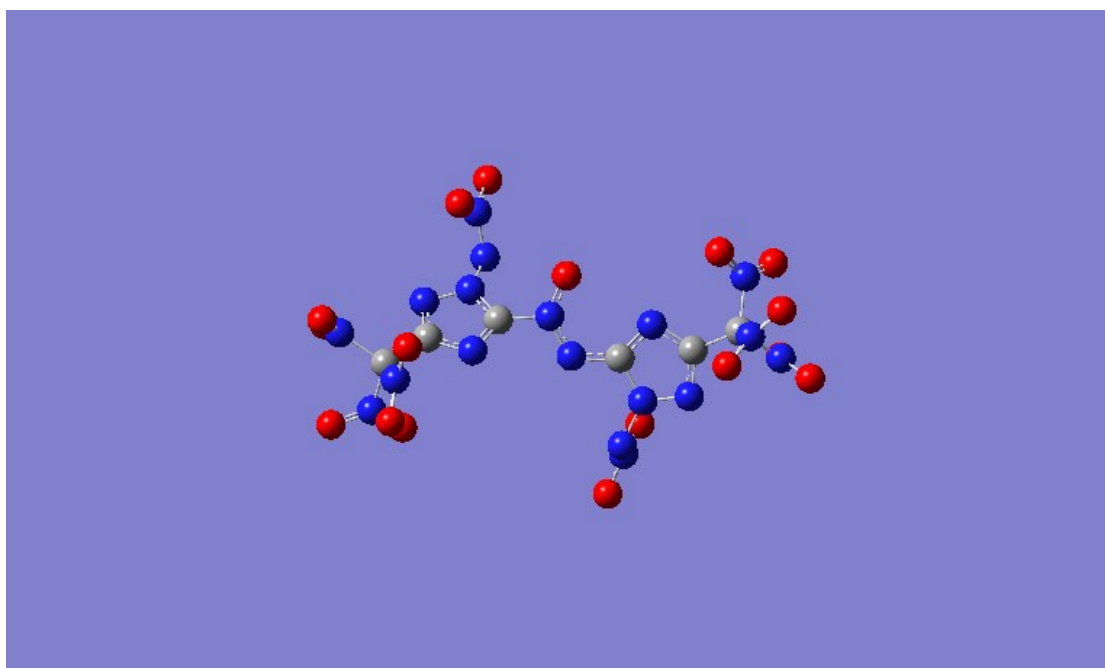
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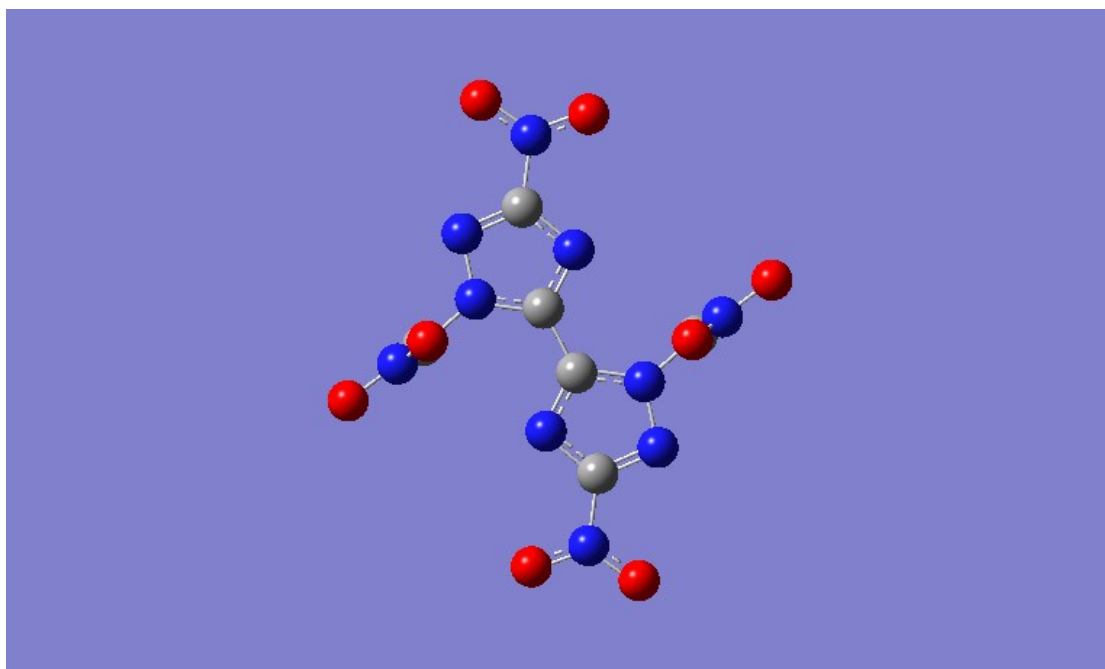
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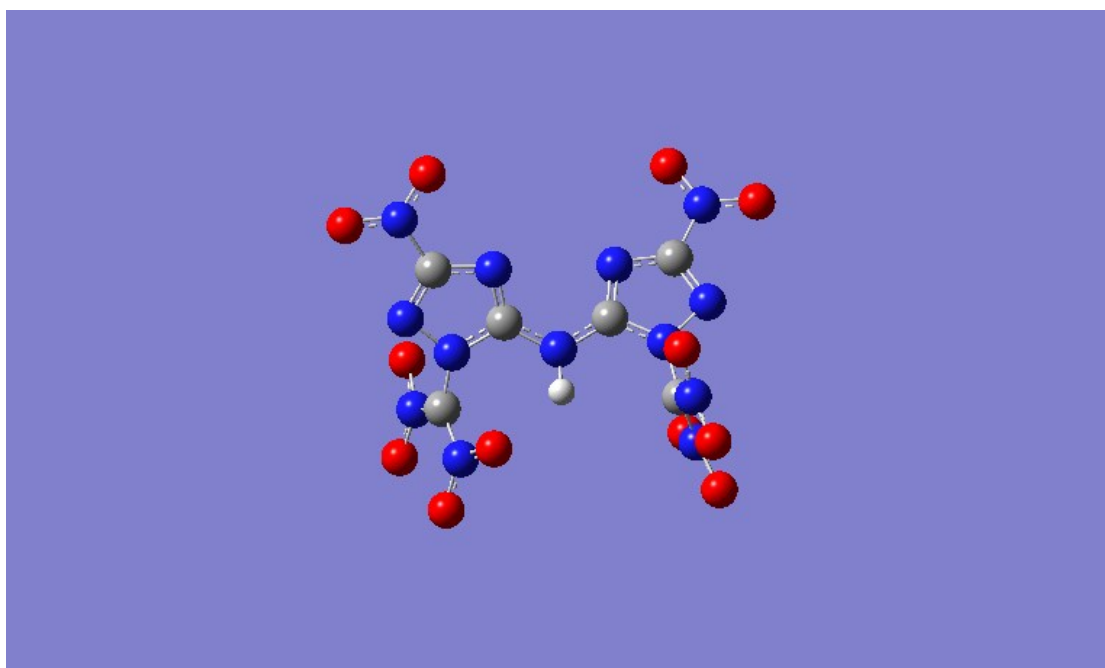
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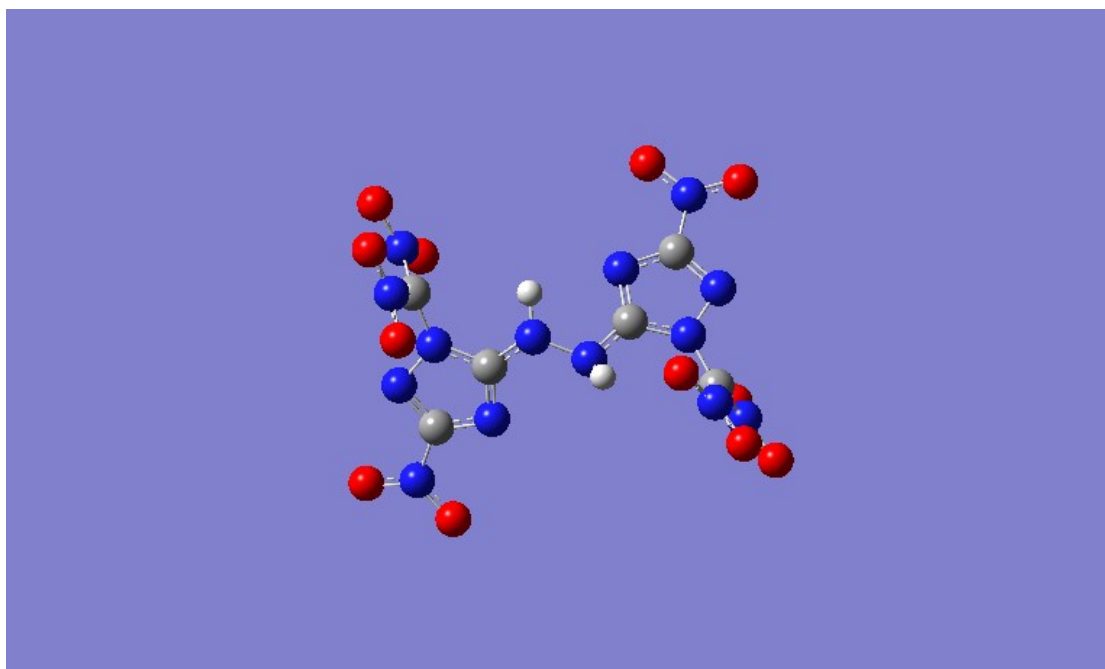
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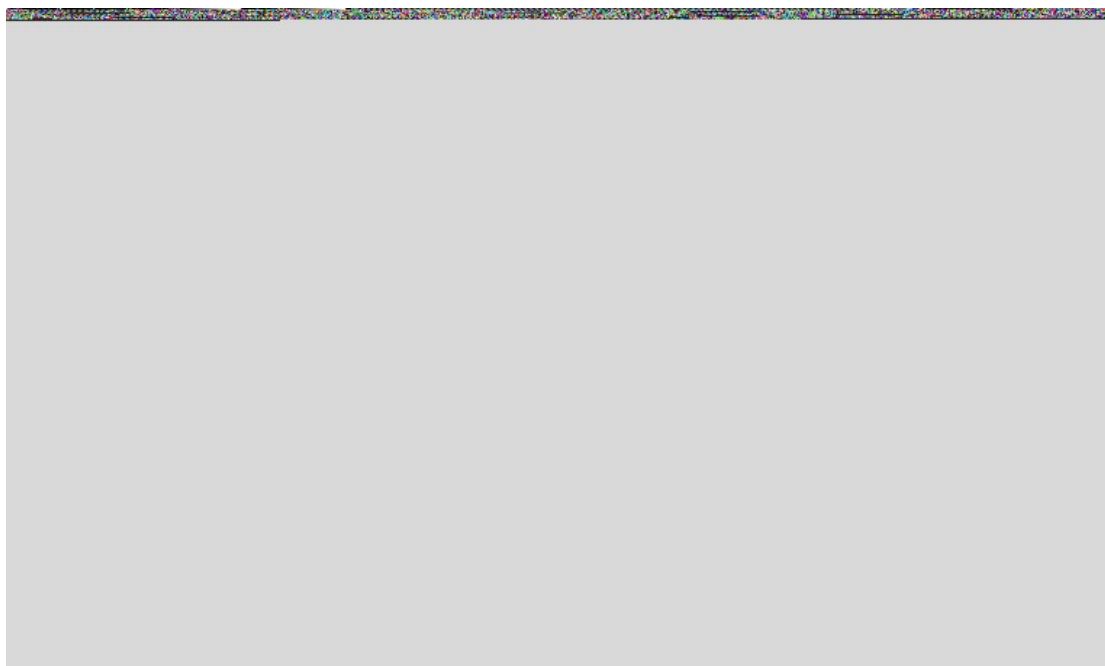
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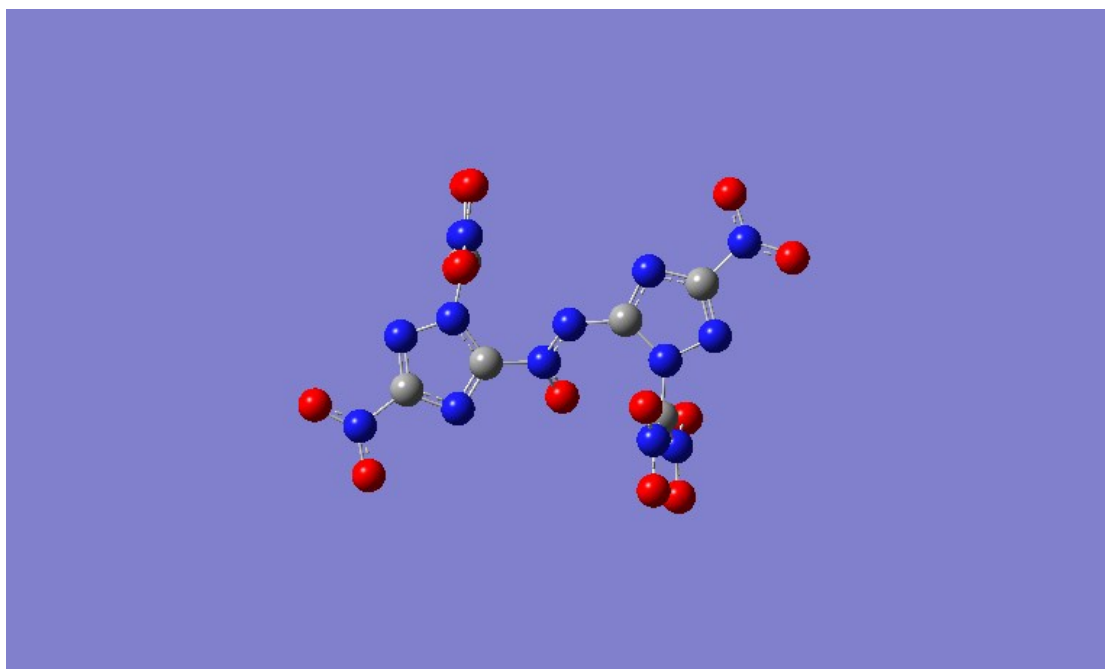
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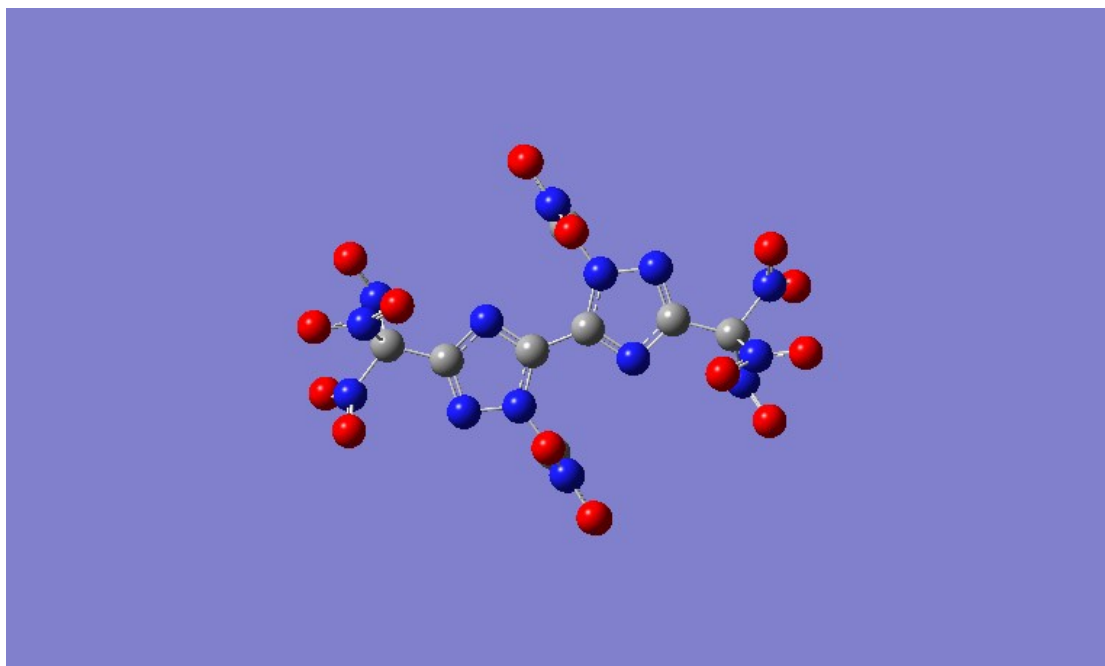
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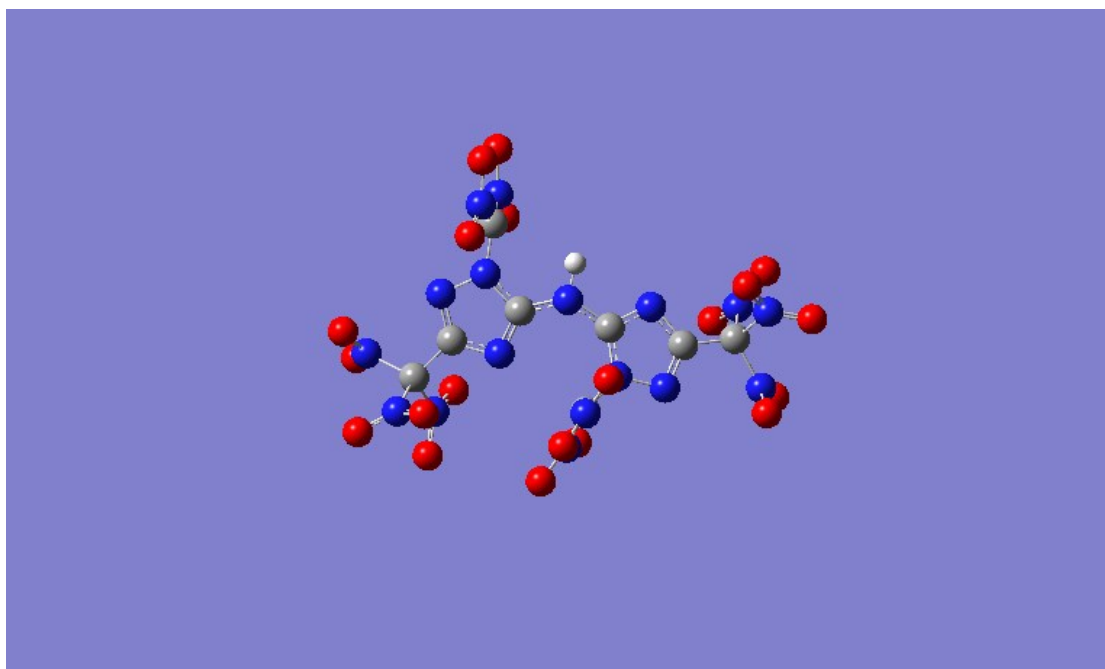
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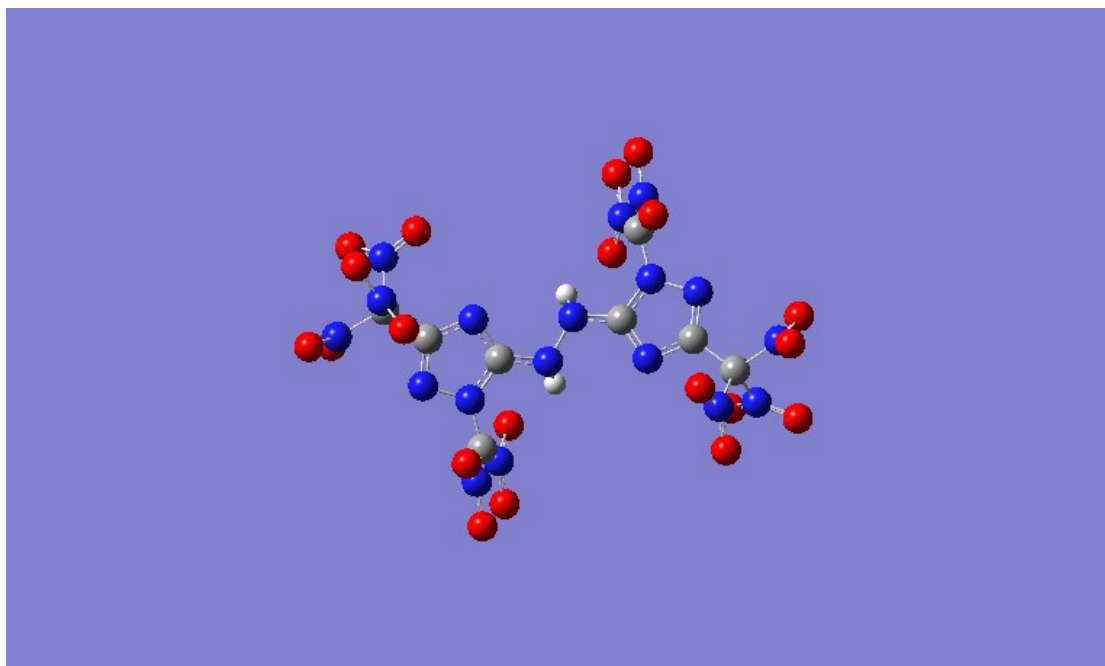
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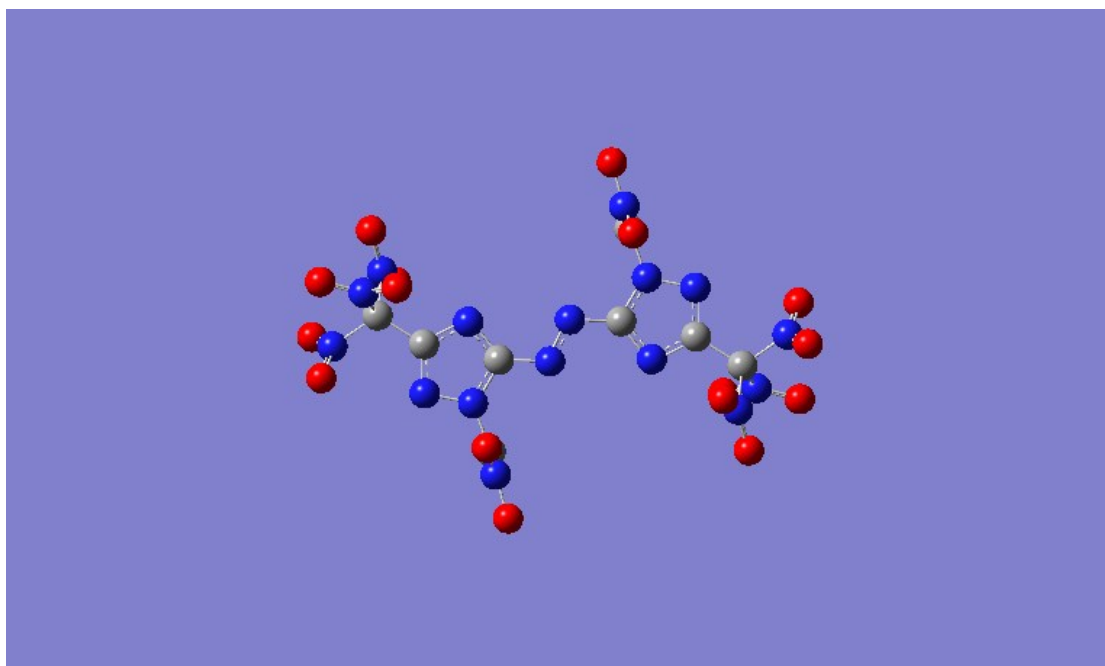
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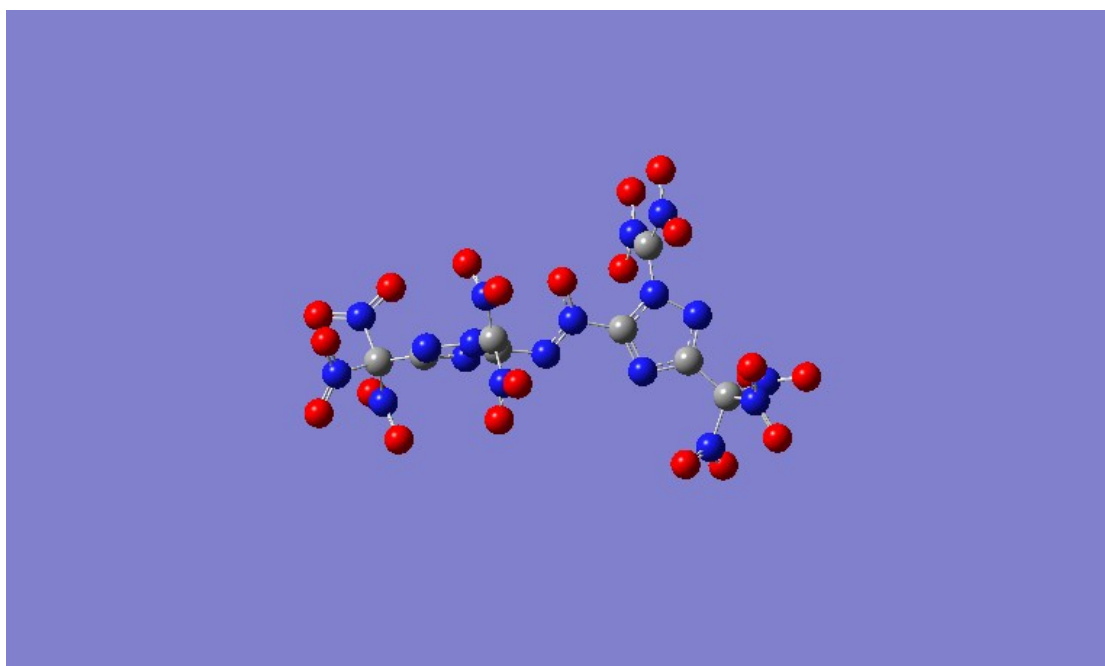
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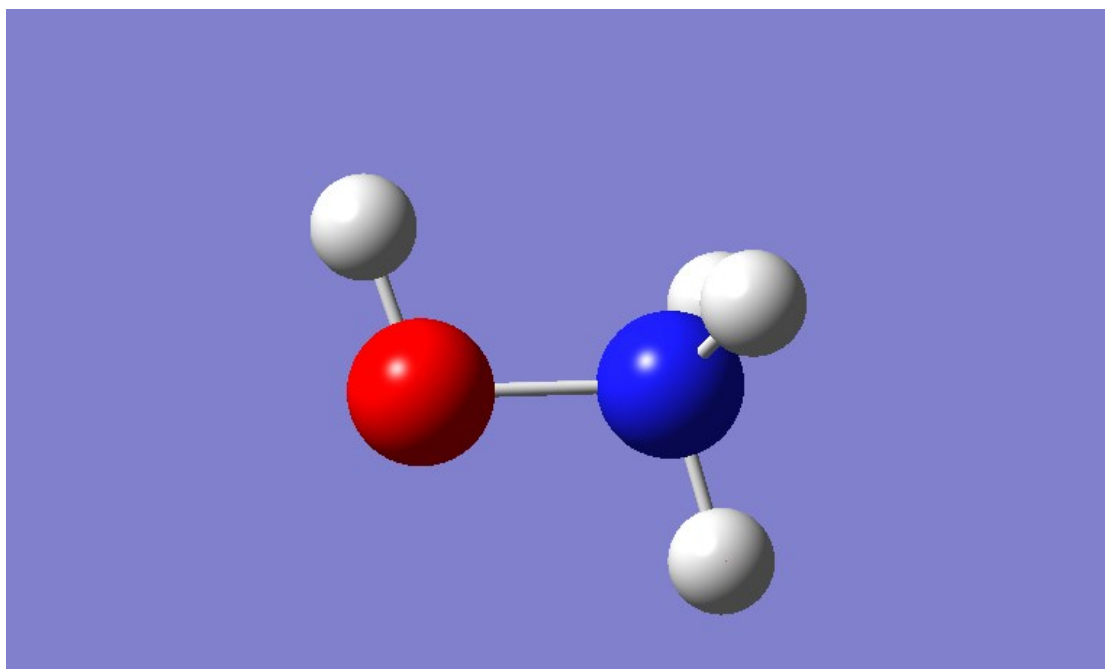


Figure S1. Optimized structures of the related anions and cation

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