

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A direct ab-initio molecular dynamics (MD) study on the  
Benzophenone-Water 1:1 complex

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**Table S1.** Optimized geometrical parameters of benzophenone (Bp). Bond lengths and angles are in Å and in degrees, respectively.

	B3LYP/6-31G(d)	B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)
r(C=O)	1.2264	1.2192	1.2004
r(C-C <sub>1</sub> )	1.5010	1.5016	1.5007
r(C-C <sub>1</sub> ' )	1.5010	1.5016	1.5007
r(C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> )	1.4035	1.4006	1.4008
r(C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> )	1.3955	1.3930	1.3935
r(C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> )	1.3956	1.3928	1.3935
$\phi$	50.1	52.1	54.2
$\theta_1$	120.7	120.3	120.1
$\theta_2$	119.7	119.8	120.0
$\theta_3$	119.7	119.8	120.0

**Table S2.** Optimized geometrical parameters of benzophenone H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 complex Bp(H<sub>2</sub>O). Bond lengths and angles are in Å and in degrees, respectively.

parameter	B3LYP/6-31G(d)	B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)
r(C=O)	1.2323	1.2252	1.2265
r(C-C <sub>1</sub> )	1.4950	1.4959	1.4950
r(C-C <sub>1</sub> ' )	1.4985	1.4990	1.4975
r(C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> )	1.4054	1.4024	1.4026
r(C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> )	1.3942	1.3918	1.3923
r(C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> )	1.3960	1.3932	1.3939
$\phi$	51.3	53.0	55.0
$\theta_1$	120.7	120.4	120.2
$\theta_2$	120.7	120.7	120.7
$\theta_3$	118.6	118.9	119.1
r(O-O <sub>W</sub> )	2.8820	2.8869	2.8703
r(O-H <sub>W1</sub> )	1.9532	1.9756	1.9157
r(O <sub>W</sub> -H <sub>0</sub> )	2.3531	2.3528	2.4711
r(O <sub>W</sub> -H <sub>1</sub> )	0.9759	0.9691	0.9714
r(O <sub>W</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> )	0.9690	0.9623	0.9611
$\angle$ (C-O-O <sub>W</sub> )	131.5	130.5	133.5
$\angle$ (H <sub>W1</sub> -O <sub>W</sub> -H <sub>W2</sub> )	102.8	103.0	105.3

**Table S3.** Total energies of Bp, Bp(H<sub>2</sub>O) and H<sub>2</sub>O (in au), and solvation energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{solv}}$  in kcal/mol). Solvation energy corrected with the basis set superposition error (BSSE) is given in parenthesis (in kcal/mol).

Method	Bp	Bp(H <sub>2</sub> O)	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\Delta E_{\text{solv}}$
HF/3-21G(d)	-569.78756	-645.39423	-75.58596	13.0
B3LYP/6-31G(d)	-576.63227	-653.05484	-76.40895	8.5
B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)	-576.77441	-653.23565	-76.44745	8.7
B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	-576.78217	-653.25048	-76.45853	6.1 (5.5)
PW91PW91/6-311++G(d,p)	-576.55589	-652.9981393	-76.4304982	7.4

**Table S4.** Excitation energies (in eV) of Bp calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level and experimental excitation energies.

Assignment	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	Experiment	INDO/CIS (Ref.25)
$n\pi^*$	3.60 (0.0013)	3.58 (weak)	3.15
$\pi\pi^*(1)$	4.53 (0.0147)	4.46 (shoulder)	4.48
$\pi\pi^*(2)$	4.61 (0.0438)		4.50
$\pi\pi^*(3)$	4.71 (0.2464)	5.01 (strong and broad)	4.93
$\pi\pi^*(4)$	4.87 (0.0383)		5.04

**Table S5.** Excitation energies (in eV) of Bp and Bp(H<sub>2</sub>O), and energy shifts ( $\Delta E_{\text{shift}}$  in eV) caused by 1 : 1 complex formation

Method	Excitation	Bp	Bp(H <sub>2</sub> O)	$\Delta E_{\text{shift}}$
TD-B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d)				
	n $\pi^*$	3.55	3.66	+0.11
	$\pi\pi^*(1)$	4.48	4.34	-0.14
	$\pi\pi^*(2)$	4.55	4.43	-0.12
	$\pi\pi^*(3)$	4.64	4.53	-0.11
TD-PW91PW91/6-311++G(d,p)// PW91PW91/6-311++G(d,p)				
	n $\pi^*$	3.12	3.25	+0.13
	$\pi\pi^*(1)$	3.91	3.36	-0.55
	$\pi\pi^*(2)$	3.98	3.88	-0.11
	$\pi\pi^*(3)$	4.05	3.88	
TD-B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)				
	n $\pi^*$	3.60	3.75	+0.15
	$\pi\pi^*(1)$	4.53	4.37	-0.16
	$\pi\pi^*(2)$	4.61	4.50	-0.11
	$\pi\pi^*(3)$	4.71	4.58	-0.13
Expl. <sup>a</sup>	n $\pi^*$	3.58	3.85	+0.27
	$\pi\pi^*$	5.01	4.81	-0.20

<sup>a</sup>Experimental values are cited from Reference 32. The excitation energies of Bp in bulk water.

**Table S6.** Mulliken atomic charges, bond populations, and dipole moments (in Debye) calculated by SE-CI/6-31G(d) calculations.

	$S_0$	$n\pi^*(S_1)$	$\pi\pi^*(S_2)$	$\pi\pi^*(S_3)$
<b>Bp</b>				
charge				
O	-0.557	-0.298	-0.600	-0.588
C	+0.538	+0.264	+0.496	+0.520
bond population				
C=O	0.581	0.318	0.557	0.570
dipole moment				
$\mu^a$	3.41	1.52	3.95	3.88
<b>Bp-H<sub>2</sub>O</b>				
charge				
O	-0.606	-0.351	-0.653	-0.642
C	+0.565	+0.286	+0.511	+0.535
bond population				
C=O	0.541	0.301	0.509	0.522
O--H <sub>w1</sub>	0.023	0.009	0.028	0.026
H <sub>0</sub> --O <sub>w</sub>	0.016	0.045	0.017	0.016

[a] Experimental values of dipole moment of Bp are 2.98 D for  $S_0$  state and 1.50 D for  $S_1$  state.

*Table S6.* Formation energies of water dimer ( $\Delta E_{\text{dimer}}$  in kcal/mol) calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Method	H <sub>2</sub> O	(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	$\Delta E_{\text{dimer}}$
B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	-76.45853	-152.9263403	5.8
PW91PW91/6-311++G(d,p)	-76.4304982	-152.8718132	6.8

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*Table S7.* Excitation energies of BpH<sub>2</sub>O calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

	$n\pi^*$	$\pi\pi^*(1)$	$\pi\pi^*(2)$	$\pi\pi^*(3)$	$\pi\pi^*(4)$
B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	3.664	4.336	4.426	4.528	4.748
//B3LYP/6-31G(d)	0.00131	0.0163	0.0453	0.2783	0.0502