Supporting Information for:

Mechanism of the photochemical process by which

phenalenone produces singlet molecular oxygen

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	5 states averaged					
State		GS	¹ A'	¹ A'	¹ A'	¹ A'
Eigenvalues		-573.93820	-573.81020	-573.79131	-573.76223	-573.74126
				Eigenvectors		
1 A'	GS	0.9948	-0.0986	-0.0022	-0.0164	-0.0157
¹ A'	$2^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	-0.0122	-0.1582	0.9799	0.1135	-0.0390
¹ A'	3 $^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	-0.0811	-0.6432	-0.0509	-0.6173	-0.4426
¹ A'	4 ¹ (π - π *)	-0.0577	-0.7304	-0.1436	0.3988	0.5322
¹ A'	5 ¹ (π - π *)	0.0138	0.1337	0.1279	-0.6682	0.7203
		6 sta	tes averaged			
State		GS	¹ A'	¹ A'	¹ A'	¹ A'
Eigenvalues		-573.93826	-573.81091	-573.79116	-573.76214	-573.74558
				Eigenvectors		
$^{1}A'$	GS	-0.9944	-0.1023	-0.0023	-0.0122	-0.0204
¹ A'	$2^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	0.0111	-0.1431	0.9834	0.1037	-0.0188
1 A'	$3^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	-0.0788	0.6283	0.0443	0.6047	0.4285
¹ A'	4 ¹ (π - π *)	-0.0625	0.7378	0.1286	-0.3450	-0.5399
¹ A'	5 ¹ (π - π *)	-0.0123	0.1383	0.1194	-0.6933	0.5312
¹ A'	6 ¹ (π - π *)	0.0274	-0.1033	-0.0111	0.1533	-0.4917
		7 sta	tes averaged			
State		GS	¹ A'	¹ A'	¹ A'	¹ A'
Eigenvalues		-573.93828	-573.81208		-573.76200	-573.74597

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				-573.79121		
				Eigenvectors		
¹ A'	GS	-0.9944	-0.1021	0.0004	-0.0110	0.0203
$^{1}A'$	$2^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	0.0108	-0.1219	-0.9860	0.1004	0.0230
$^{1}A'$	$3^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	-0.0781	0.6244	-0.0324	0.6047	-0.4211
$^{1}A'$	4 ¹ (π - π *)	-0.0625	0.7352	-0.1051	-0.3318	0.5522
1 A'	5 ¹ (π - π *)	-0.0136	0.1517	-0.1190	-0.6954	-0.5016
1 A'	6 ¹ (π - π *)	-0.0286	0.1072	-0.0089	-0.1731	-0.5093
¹ A'	$7^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	-0.0027	0.0982	-0.0364	0.0159	-0.0757

S2. Vertical excitations energies (in eV) at ground state equilibrium geometry calculated at the CASSCF(16,15) and MS-CASPT2 levels using a 6-31G plus polaritzation basis set. The state with the largest oscillator strength is shown in bold.

State	CASSCF	MS-CASPT2
$1^1 A'(\mathrm{GS})$		
$2^1 A'$	3.97	3.57
$3^1A'$	4.94	4.07
$4^1A'$	5.34	4.92
$5^1 A'$	5.67	5.27
$6^1 A'$	5.78	5.88
$7^1A'$	6.48	6.30
$8^1A'$	6.72	6.51
$1^{1}A''$	3.09	3.29
$2^1 A'$	5.55	5.60
$1^3A'$	2.17	2.37
$1^3A''$	2.93	3.05

S3. Eigenvectors of the MS-CASPT2 effective hamiltonian matrix at the ground state geometry obtained at the CASSCF(16,15)/MS-CASPT2/6-31G* level.

State	$1^1 A' (\mathrm{GS})$	$2^1 A'$	$3^1 A'$	$4^1A'$
		eigenve	ctor	
$1^1 A' (\mathrm{GS})$	0.996	-0.083	-0.005	0.003
$2^1 A'$	-0.009	-0.157	0.984	0.068
$3^1 A'$	-0.053	-0.538	-0.065	-0.627
$4^1 A'$	0.062	0.771	0.130	-0.286
$5^1 A'$	-0.013	-0.116	-0.093	0.664
$6^1 A'$	-0.034	-0.136	-0.030	0.279
$7^1 A'$	-0.002	-0.091	-0.033	-0.004
$8^1 A'$	-0.009	0.213	0.007	0.045

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S4. Natural orbital and occupancies for the ground state and for the $1^{1}A''$, $2^{1}A'$, $1^{3}A''$ and ${}^{3}A''$ excited states obtained at the CASSCF(16,15)/6-31G* level at the FC geometry. Marked orbitals are eliminated from the active space in the CASSCF(12,12) calculations.



S5. Natural orbital and occupancies of the first five singlet states of A' symmetry, obtained at the CASSCF(16,15)/ANO-L level at the FC geometry.

		1 'A'	2 'A'	3 'A'	4 'A'	5 'A'							
14 a"	#	0,029	0,029	0,041	0,037	0,043							
13 a"	ŧå:	0,049	0,048	0,060	0,061	0,070	6 a"	4	1,892	1,846	1,570	1,449	1,582
12 a"		0,050	0,052	0,074	0,071	0,083	5 a"	1	1,904	1,887	1,866	1,811	1,770
11 a''	ur Ma	0.083	0 029	0 116	0 118	0 184	4 a"		1,921	1,910	1,885	1,888	1,815
10 a''	₩F AH	0,000	0,000	0,110	0,110	0,104	3 a"	-	1,945	1,940	1,918	1,920	1,908
		0,092	0,107	0,126	0,151	0,214	2 a''		1,948	1,947	1,931	1,934	1,921
9 a"		0,105	0,120	0,417	0,227	0,256	1 a''	-	1,966	1,962	1,950	1,948	1,946
8 a"	H	0,156	0,844	0,723	1,014	1,007							
7 a"		1,862	1,220	1,324	1,370	1,202							





S7. Natural orbital and occupancies of the first excited singlet A" state obtained at the CASSCF(16,15)/ANO-L level at the ${}^{1}A$ " equilibrium geometry.





S8. Natural orbital and occupancies of the first excited triplet A" state obtained at the CASSCF(16,15)/ANO-L level at the ${}^{3}A$ " equilibrium geometry.



S9. Natural orbital and occupancies of the first excited triplet A' state obtained at the CASSCF(16,15)/ANO-L level at the 3 A' equilibrium geometry.



S10. a) Optimized geometry calculated at MS-CASPT2(16,15) level of the ${}^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$ minumum. Optimized geometry calculated at CASSCF(16,15) level of the b) ${}^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$ -r3 and c) ${}^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$ -r4 minima.



S11. Vertical energies of four excited states at ${}^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$, ${}^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$ -4r and ${}^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$ -3r calculed at MS-CASPT2(16,15)/ANO-L level relative to ground state minimum.

	¹ (π-π*)	$^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})-4r$	$^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})-3r$
¹ (π-π*)	2.97	3.13	3.06
$^{1}($ n- π * $)$	2.93	3.15	3.11
³ (n-π*)	2.88		
³ (π-π*)	2.14		

S12. Geometries of S_0/S_1 conical intersections and S_0/T_1 ISC. a) $S_0/^1(\pi-\pi^*)$ non-planar CI ; b) $S_0/^1(n-\pi^*)$ planar CI; c) $S_0/^3(\pi-\pi^*)$ non-planar ISC; d) $S_0/^3(\pi-\pi^*)$ planar ISC; e) $S_0/^3(n-\pi^*)$ non-planar ISC; f) $S_0/^3(n-\pi^*)$ planar ISC.



S13. Energies (in eV) and energetic profiles of the PES of the ${}^{1}(n-\pi^{*})$, ${}^{3}(\pi-\pi^{*})$ and ${}^{3}(n-\pi^{*})$ states from the ${}^{1}(n-\pi^{*})$ minimum to the STC ${}^{1}(n-\pi^{*})/{}^{3}(\pi-\pi^{*})$. The profiles are obtained with linear geometric linear interpolations at CASSCF(12,12)/CASPT2/6-31G(d) level.



S14. Absorption energies (in eV), oscillator strengths (f), dipole moments (μ in Debyes) and weight of the CASSCF reference in the CASPT2 wavefunction (Weight) for PN computed with ANO-L basis set and an active space of 16 electrons and 15 orbitals.

Symm	State	CASSCF	SS-CASPT2	Weight	μ	f	MS-CASPT2	μ	f	
¹ A'	GS	0.00	0.00	0.6336	3.5		0.00	4.1		
¹ A''	$1^{-1}(n-\pi^*)$	3.22	3.32	0.6326	0.8	<10-3	3.36	0.8	<10 ⁻³	
$^{1}A'$	2 ¹ (π - π *)	3.94	3.96	0.6323	3.8	0.0100	3.48	6.63	0.2012	
$^{1}A'$	$3^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	4.89	4.29	0.6257	4.8	0.0779	4.00	3.95	0.0180	

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¹ A'	4 $^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	5.27	4.18	0.6219	5.7	0.1801	4.79	3.59	0.0163
¹ A'	5 $^{1}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	5.60	5.01	0.6263	4.0	0.0208	5.36	3.64	<10 ⁻³
³ A'	$^{3}(\pi-\pi^{*})$	2.33	2.53	0.6344	3.4	<10 ⁻³	2.57	3.4	<10 ⁻³
³ A''	$^{3}(n-\pi^{*})$	3.09	3.20	0.6344	0.7	<10 ⁻³	3.24	0.7	<10 ⁻³

S15. Cartesian coordinates in Angstroms for the minima of low-lying PES and

optimized crossing points.

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