Supporting Information

Insights on the Mechanism of Proton Transfer Reactions in Amino Acids.

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1. Isodensity surface

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2. Structural Rearrangement



Figure 2 shows the evolution along ξ of the distances between the donor and acceptor atoms.

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