

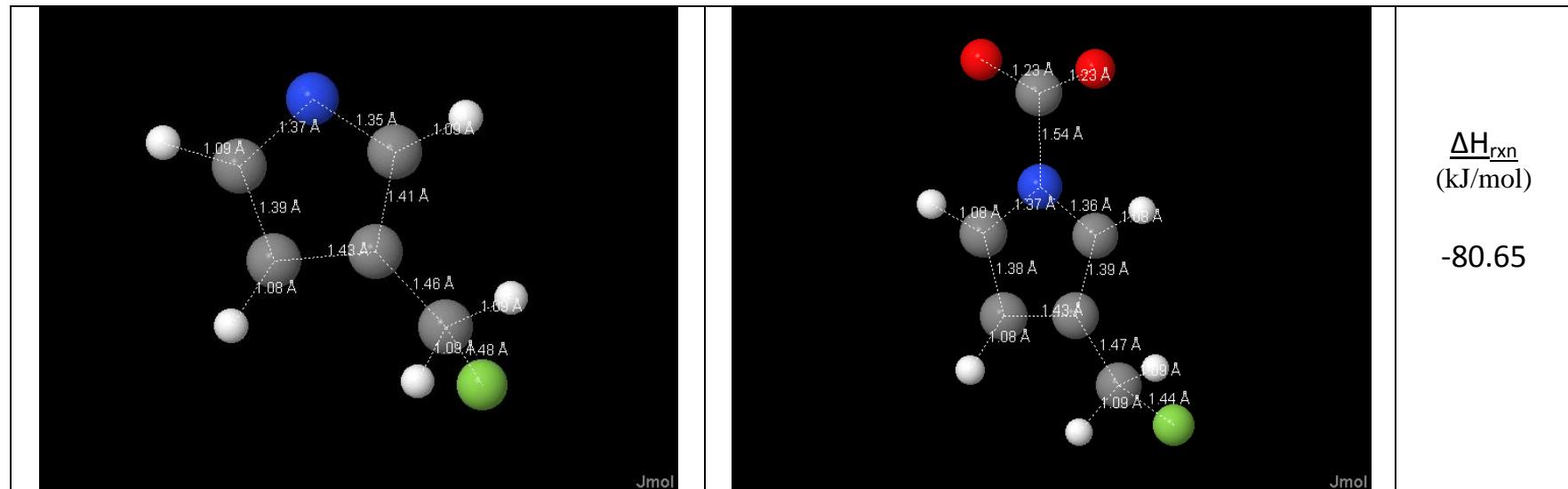
## **Supplemental Information**

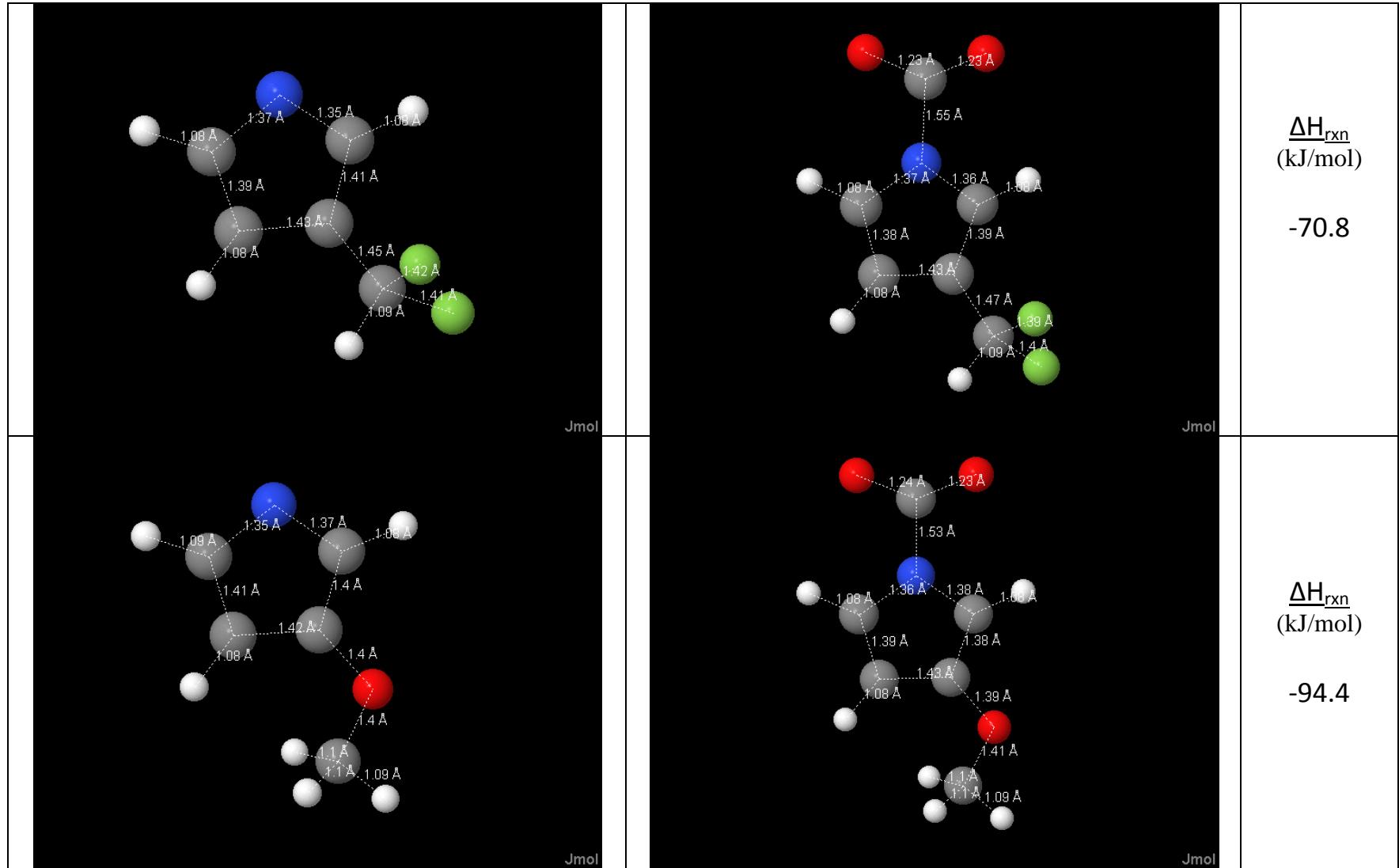
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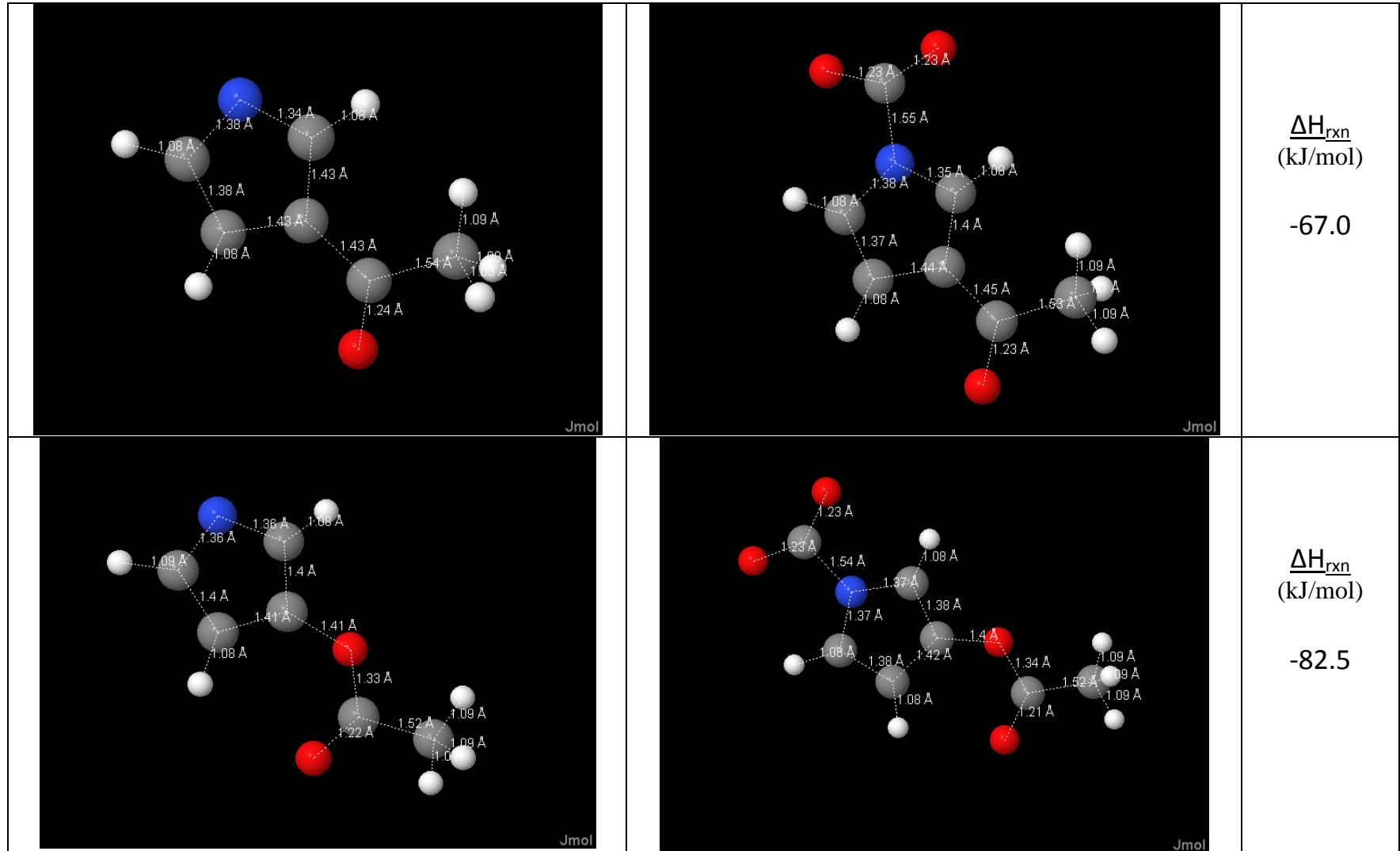
## **Computational Method**

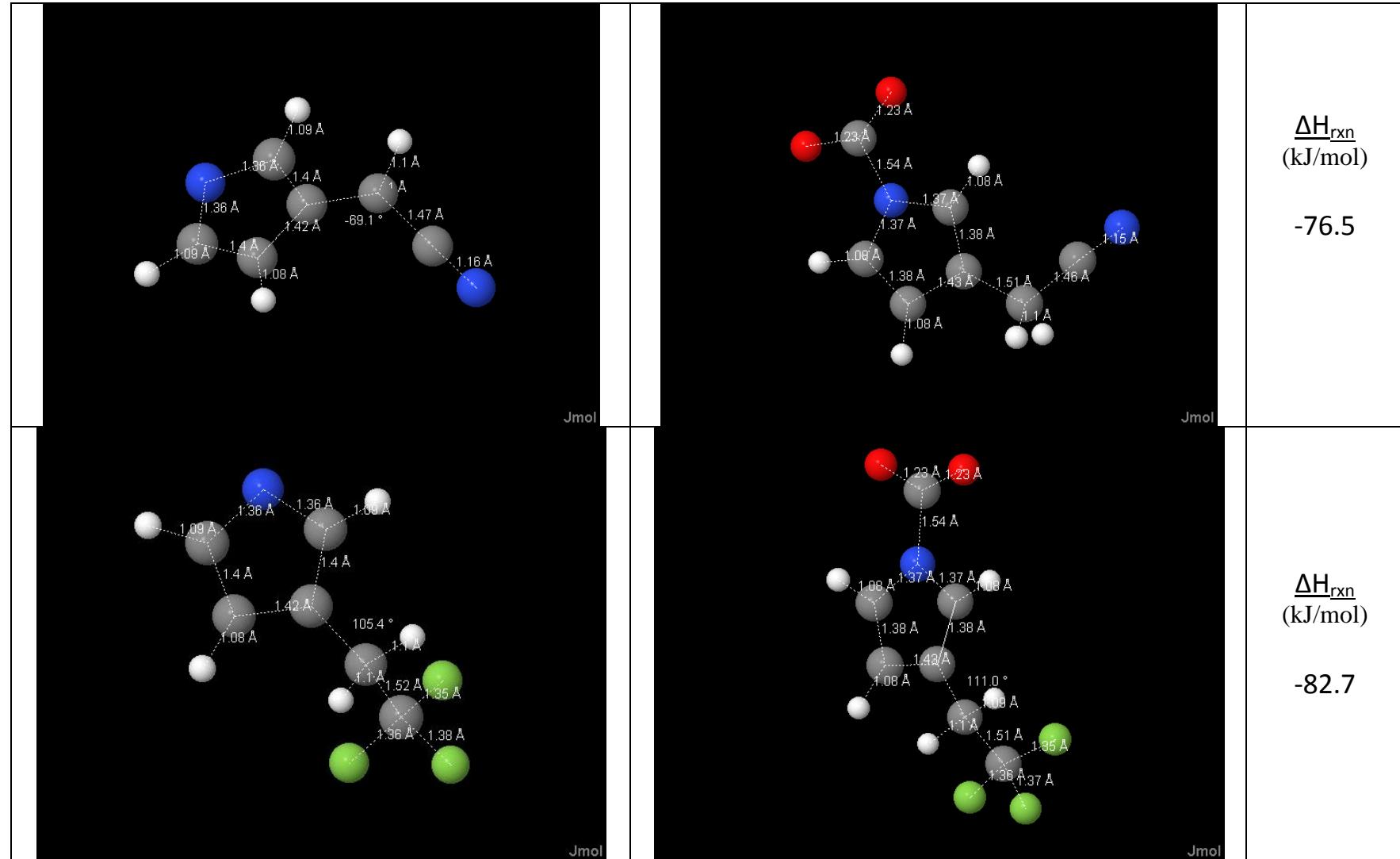
The following supplemental information contains the optimized structures of both reactant and product structures for the reaction:  $IL^- + CO_2 \rightarrow IL-CO_2^-$ , where  $IL^-$  represents the ionic liquid anion that binds  $CO_2$ . The reaction enthalpies shown in Figure 7, were calculated as the enthalpy difference between the respective product and reactant states. The functional and basis set used in all calculations was B3LYP 6-311++G (d,p). A tight force convergence criterion, in which the RMS force convergence criterion is  $10^{-5}$  Hartrees/Bohr, was used. Zero point vibrational energies were calculated using the harmonic oscillator approximation. Also, T=298K vibrational corrections were calculated for determining  $\Delta H_{rxn}$  at 298 K. All of the above calculations were implemented in the GAUSSIAN 2003 software package.

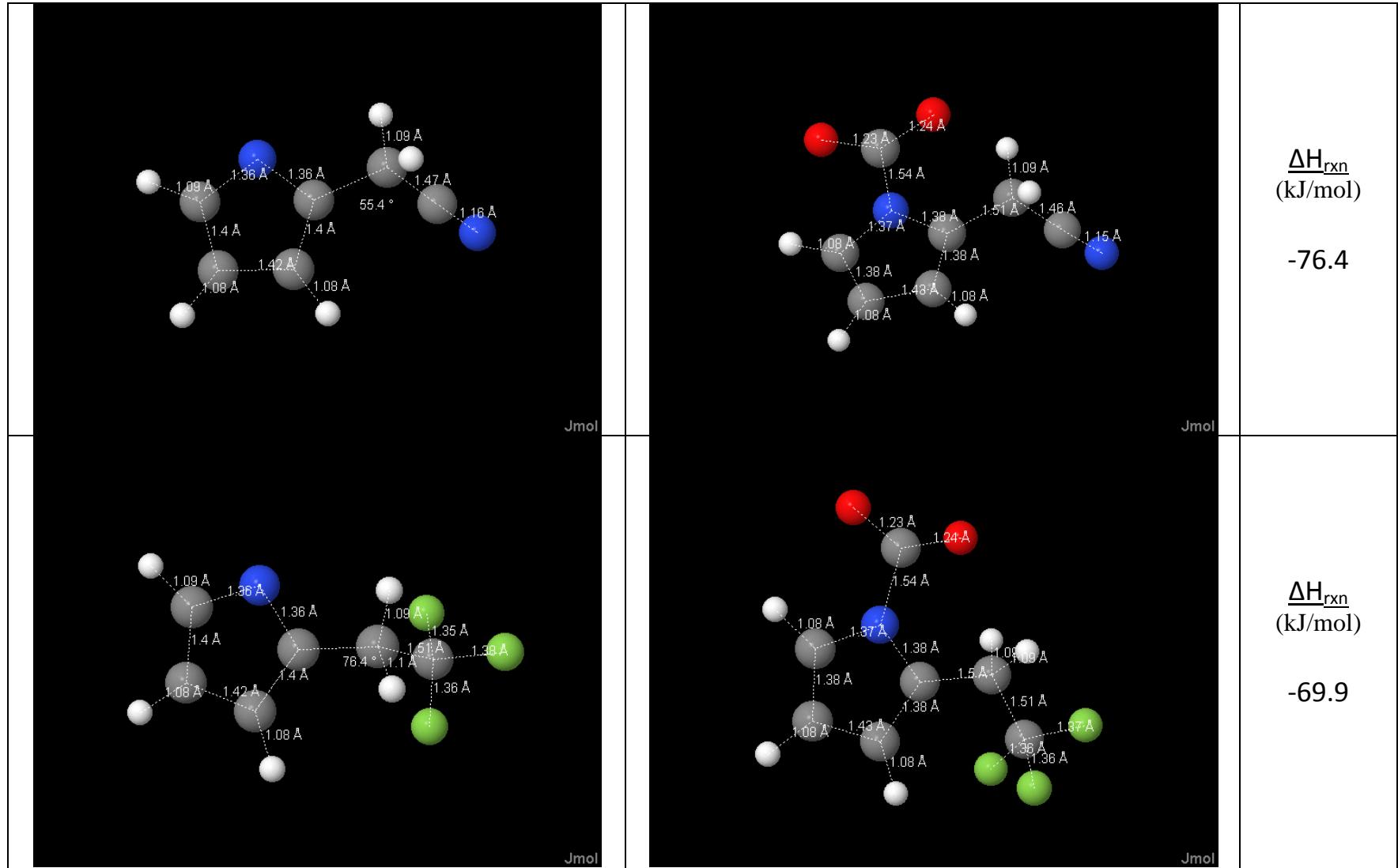
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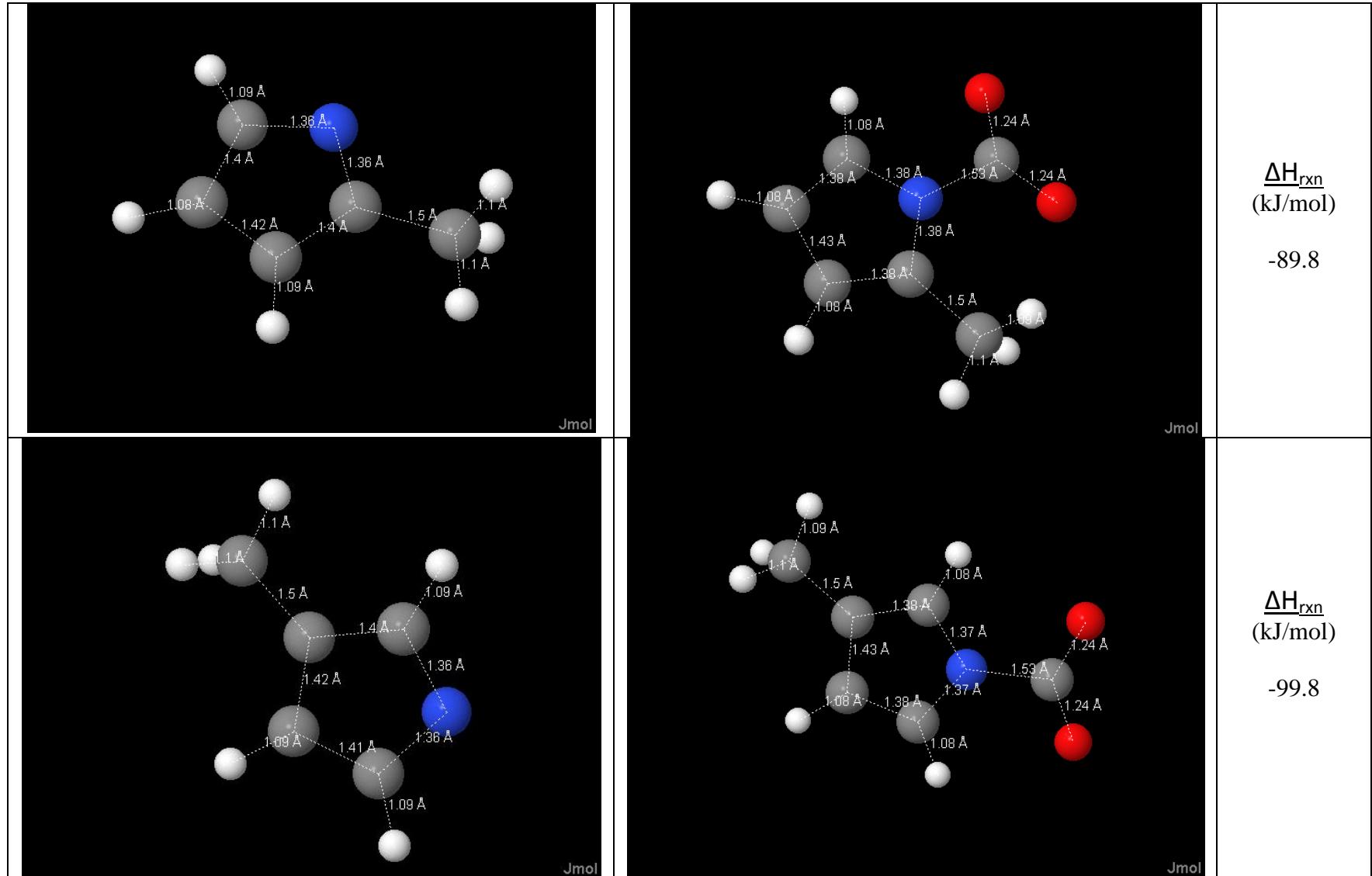




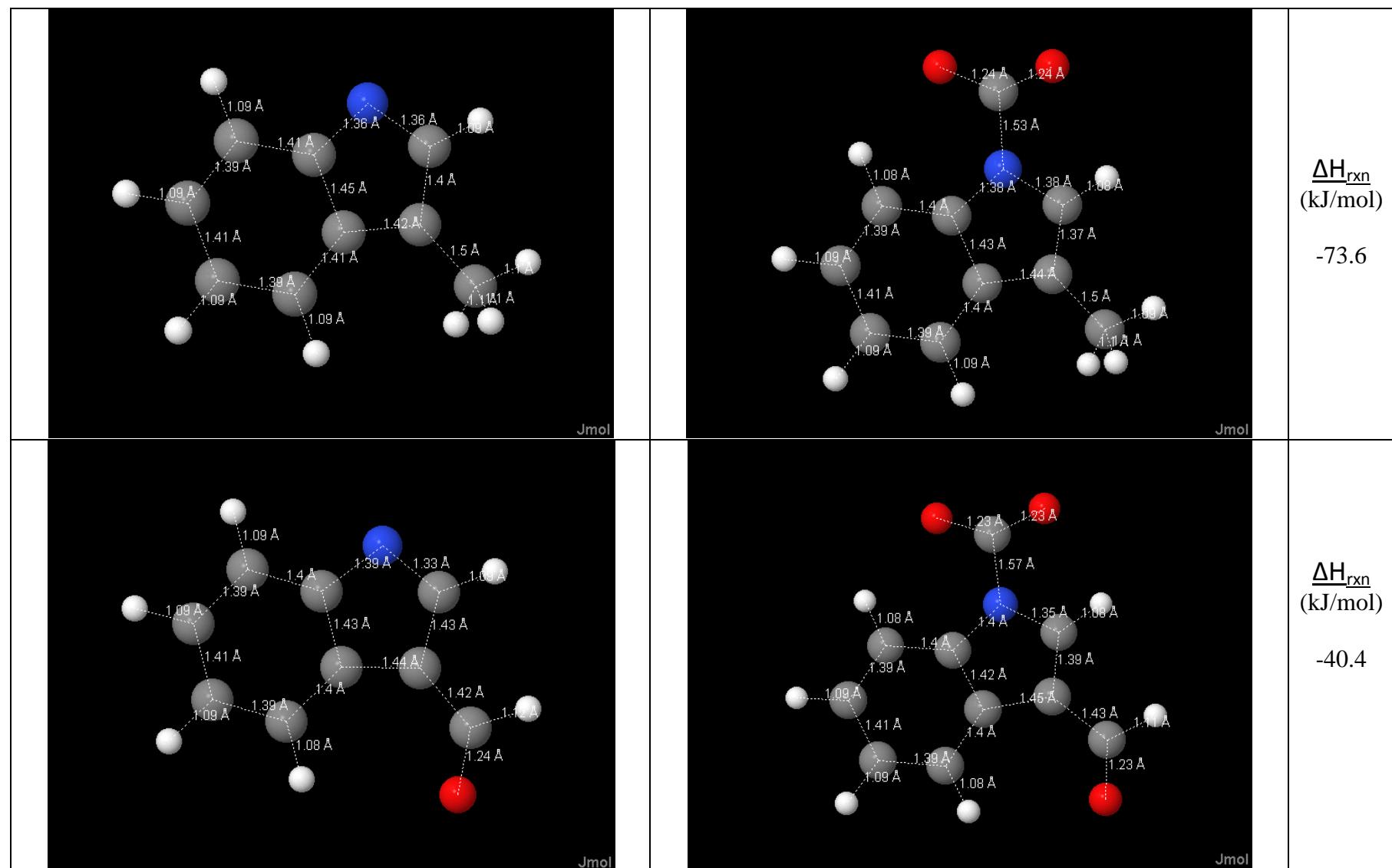


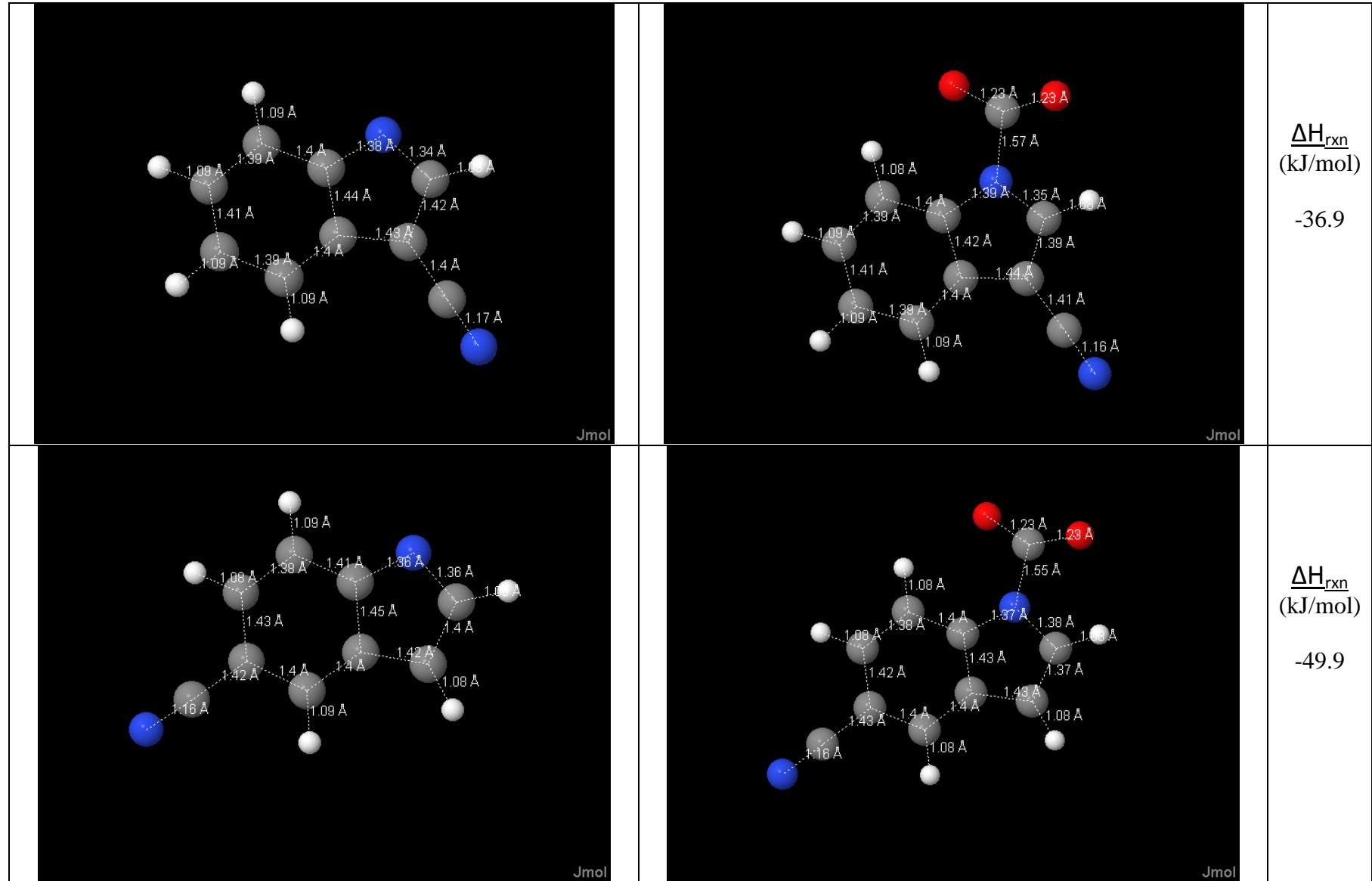


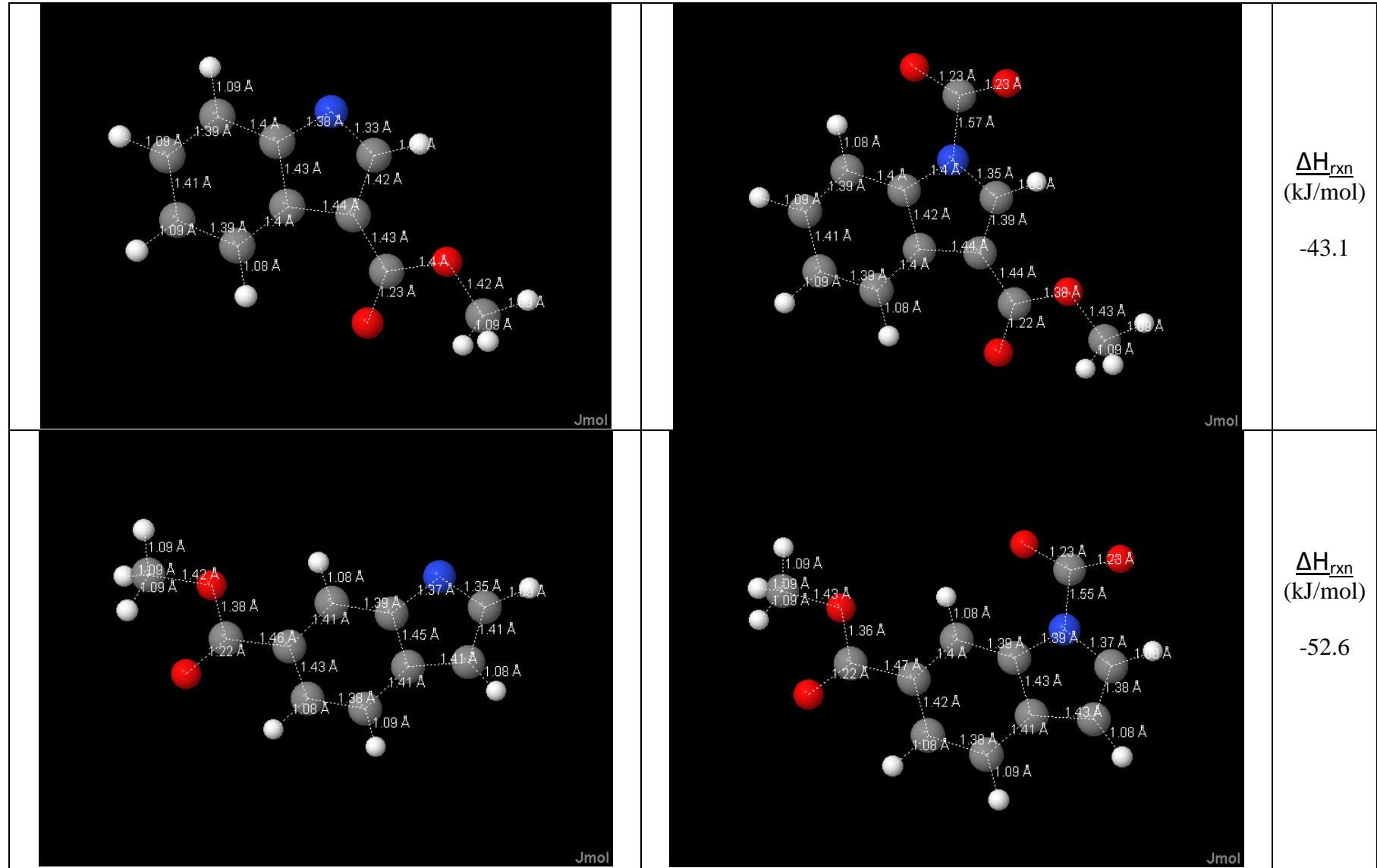


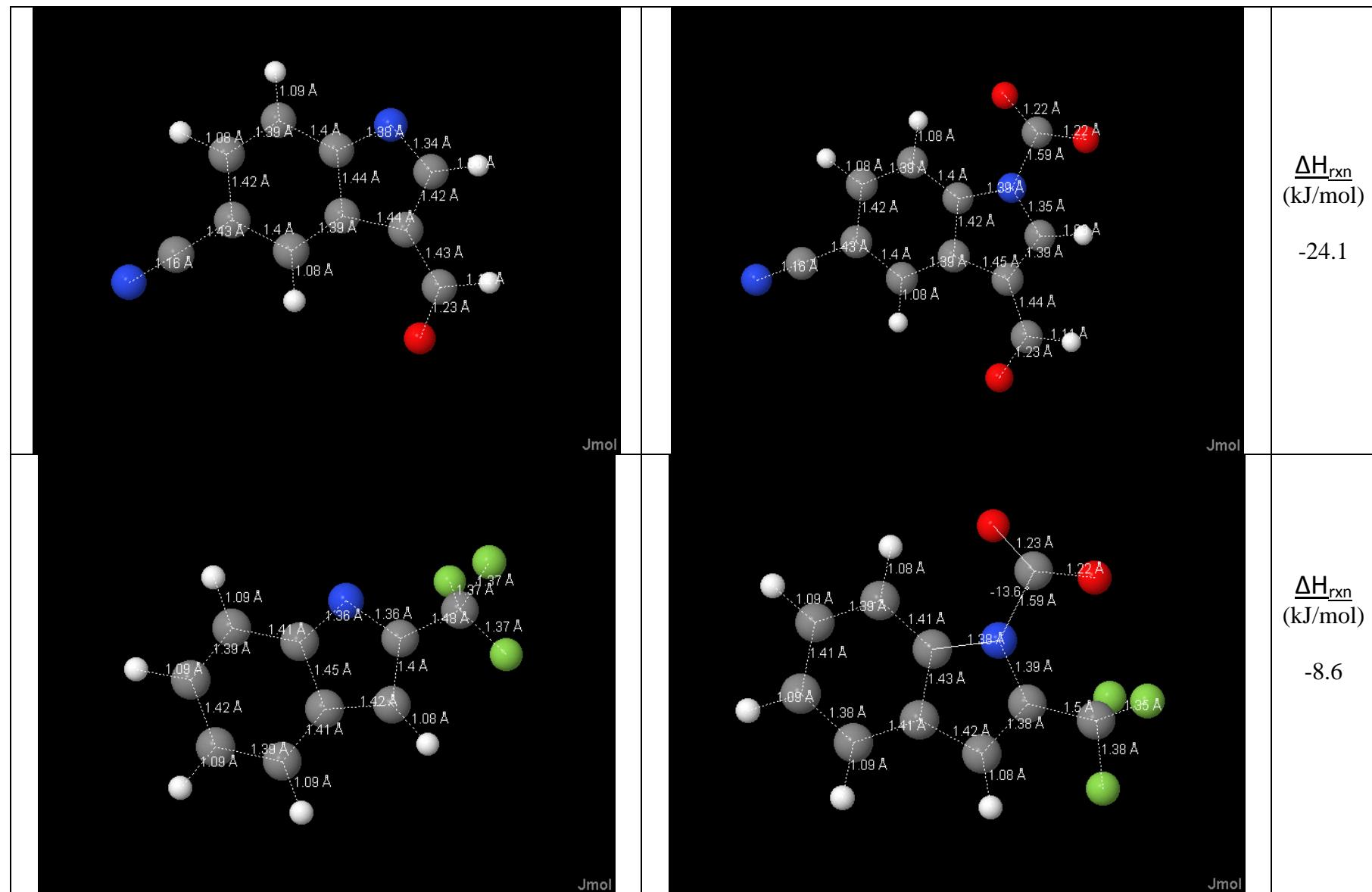


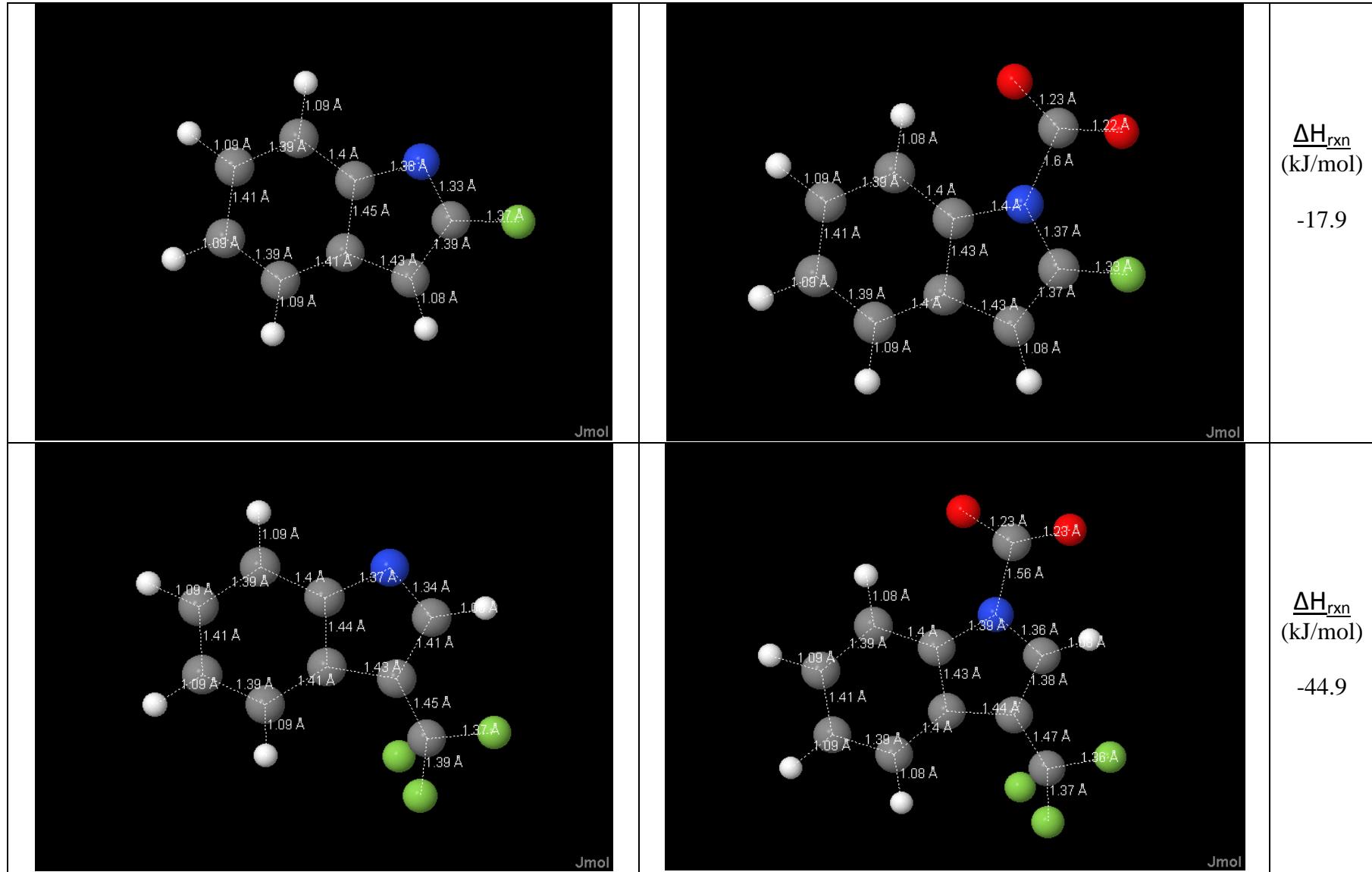
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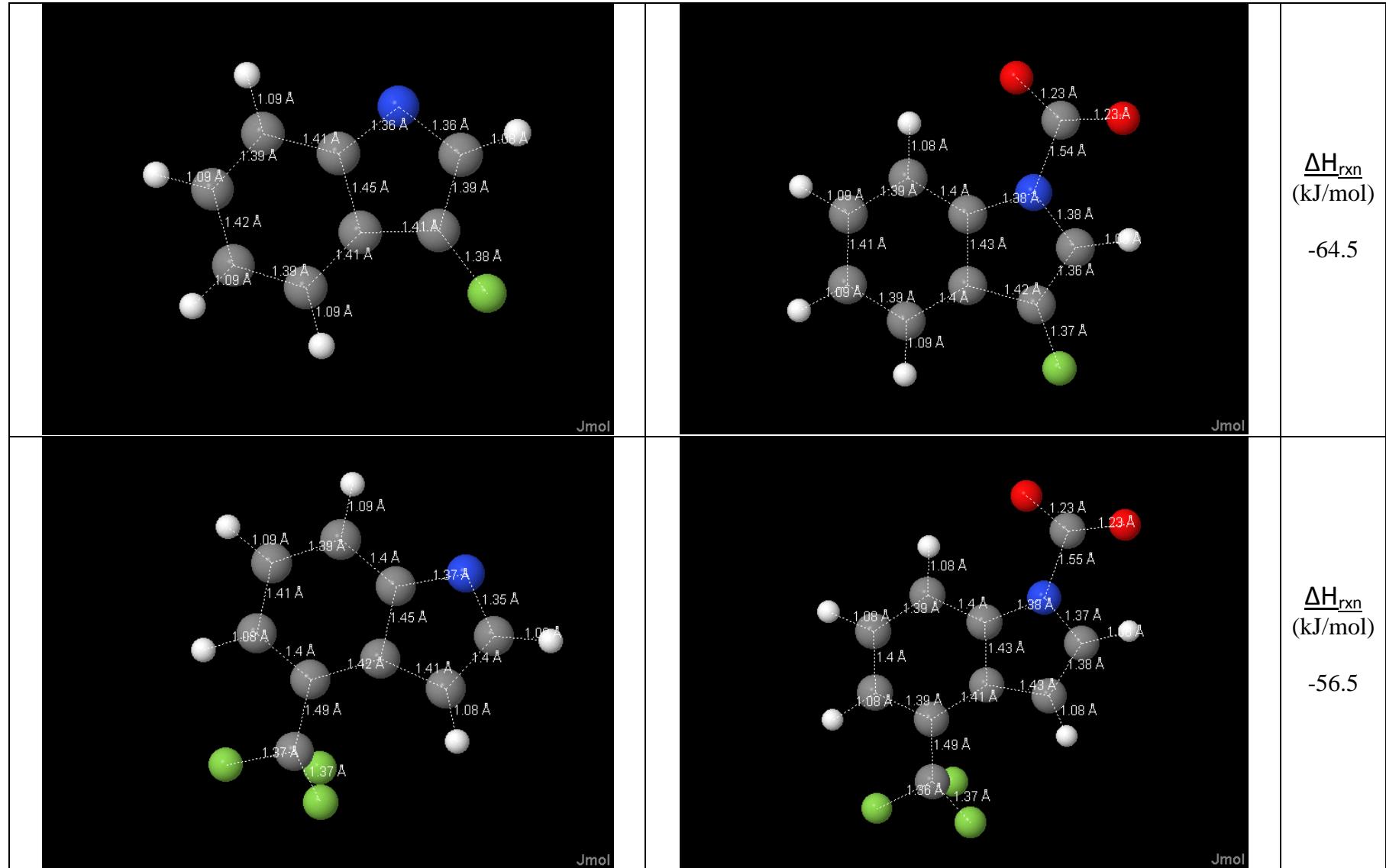


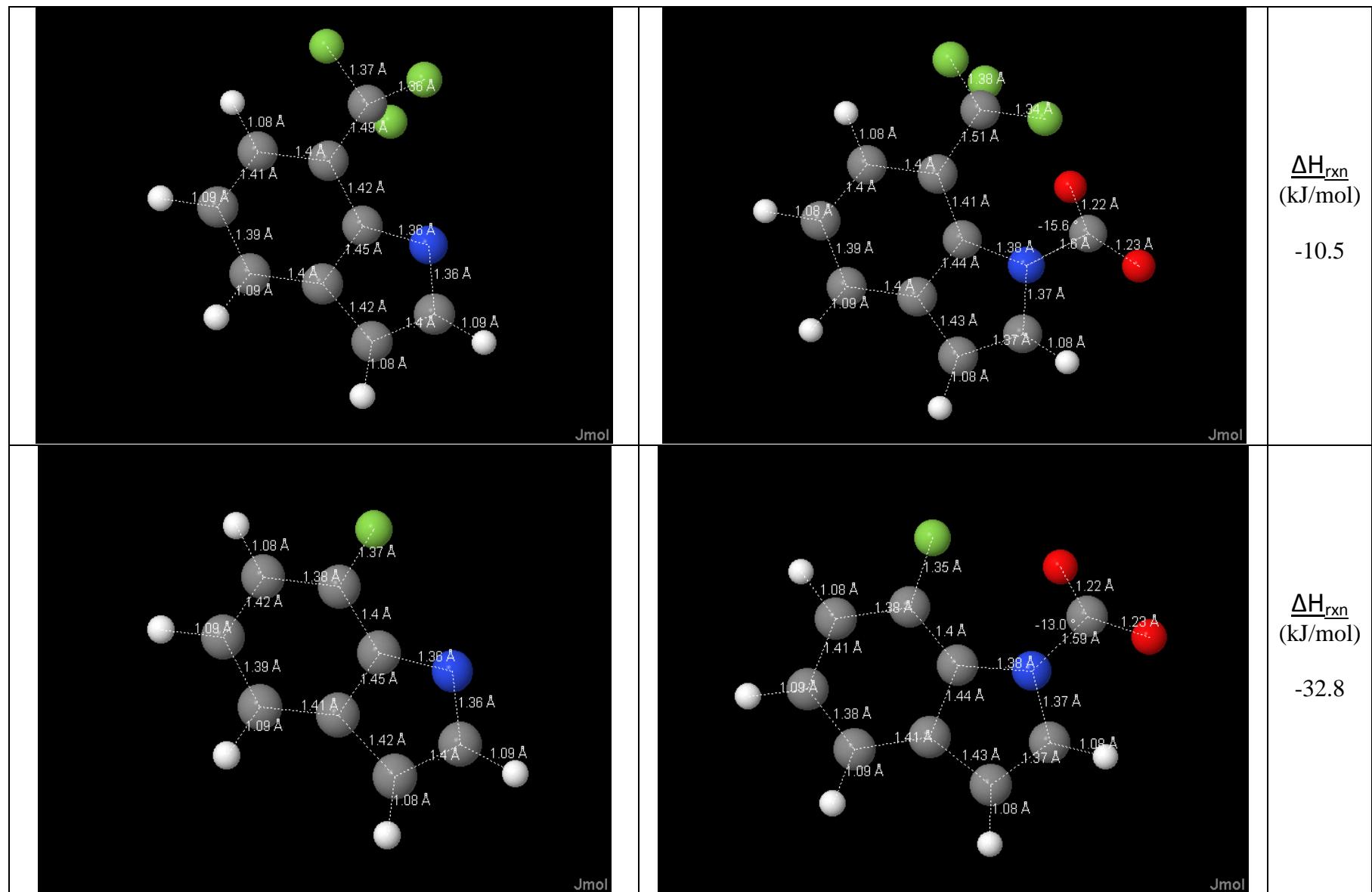


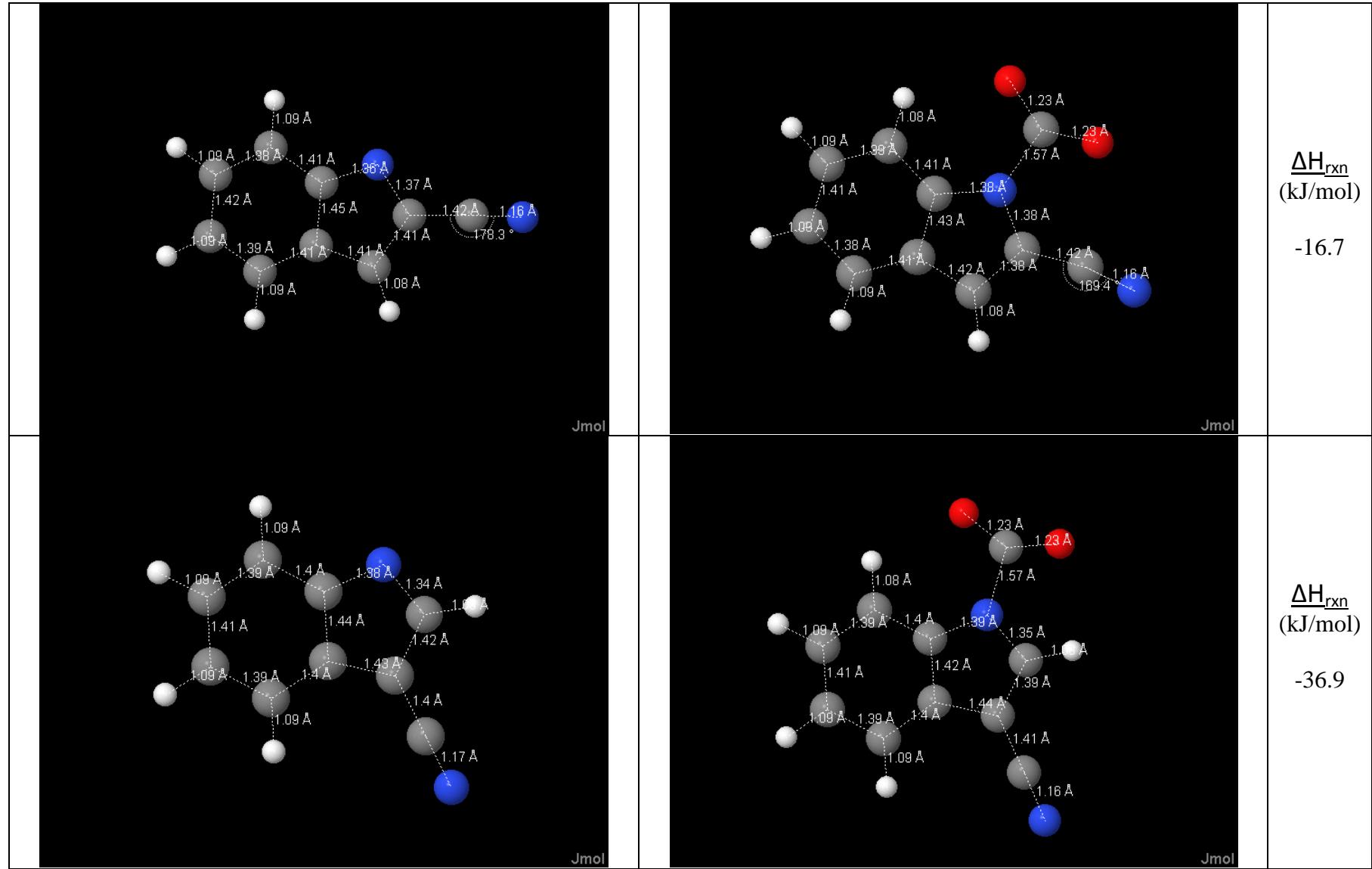


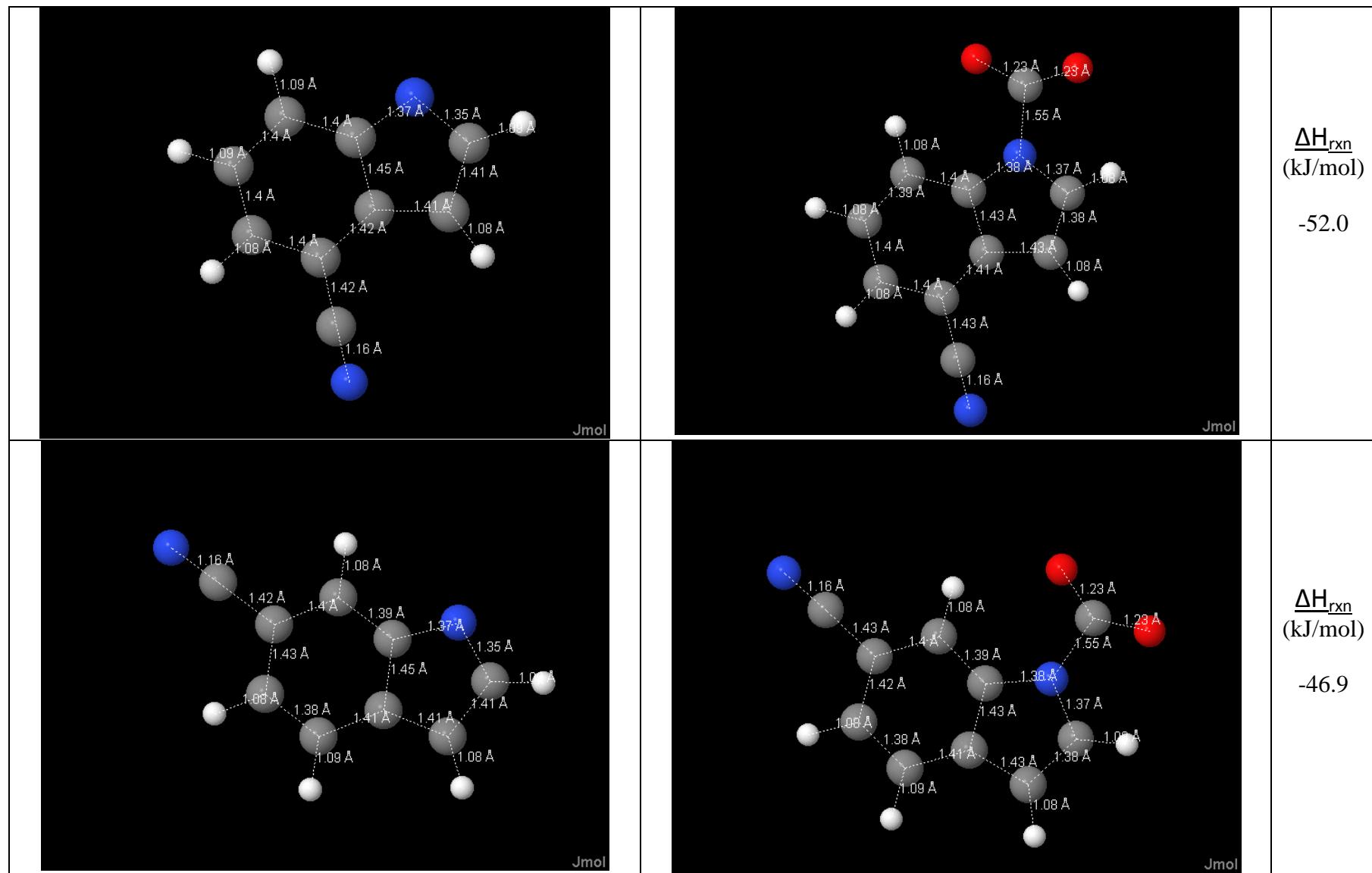


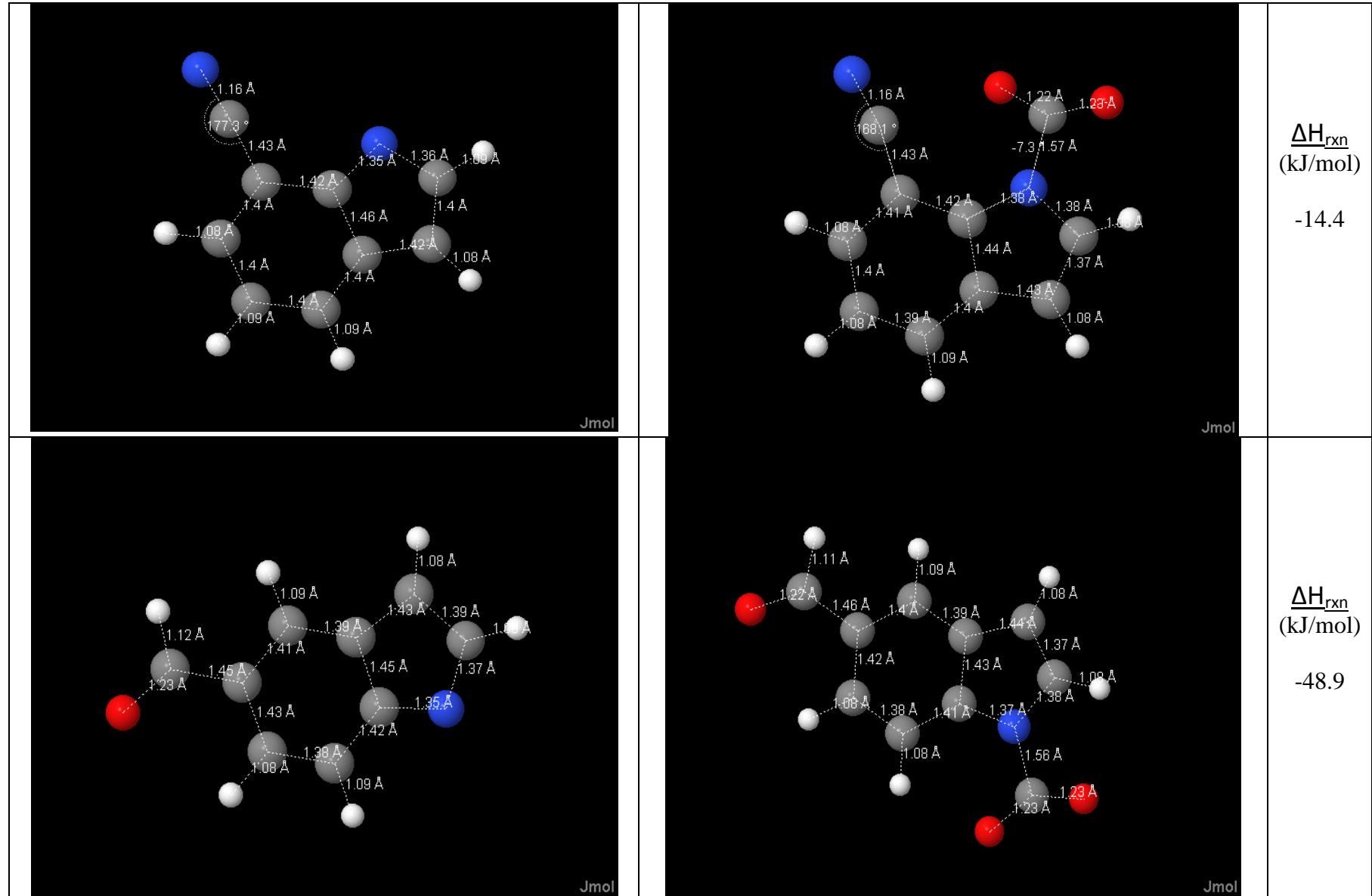


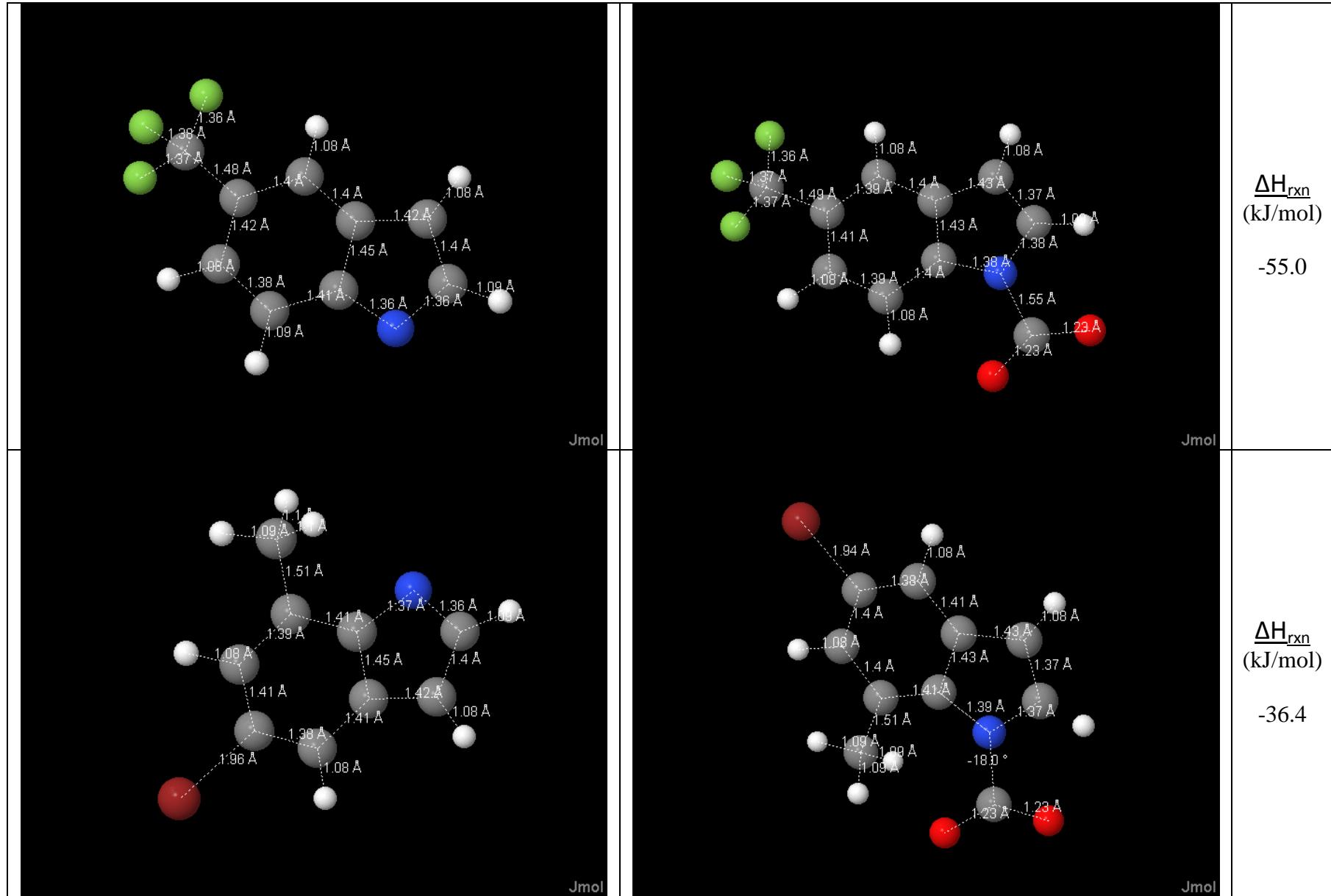


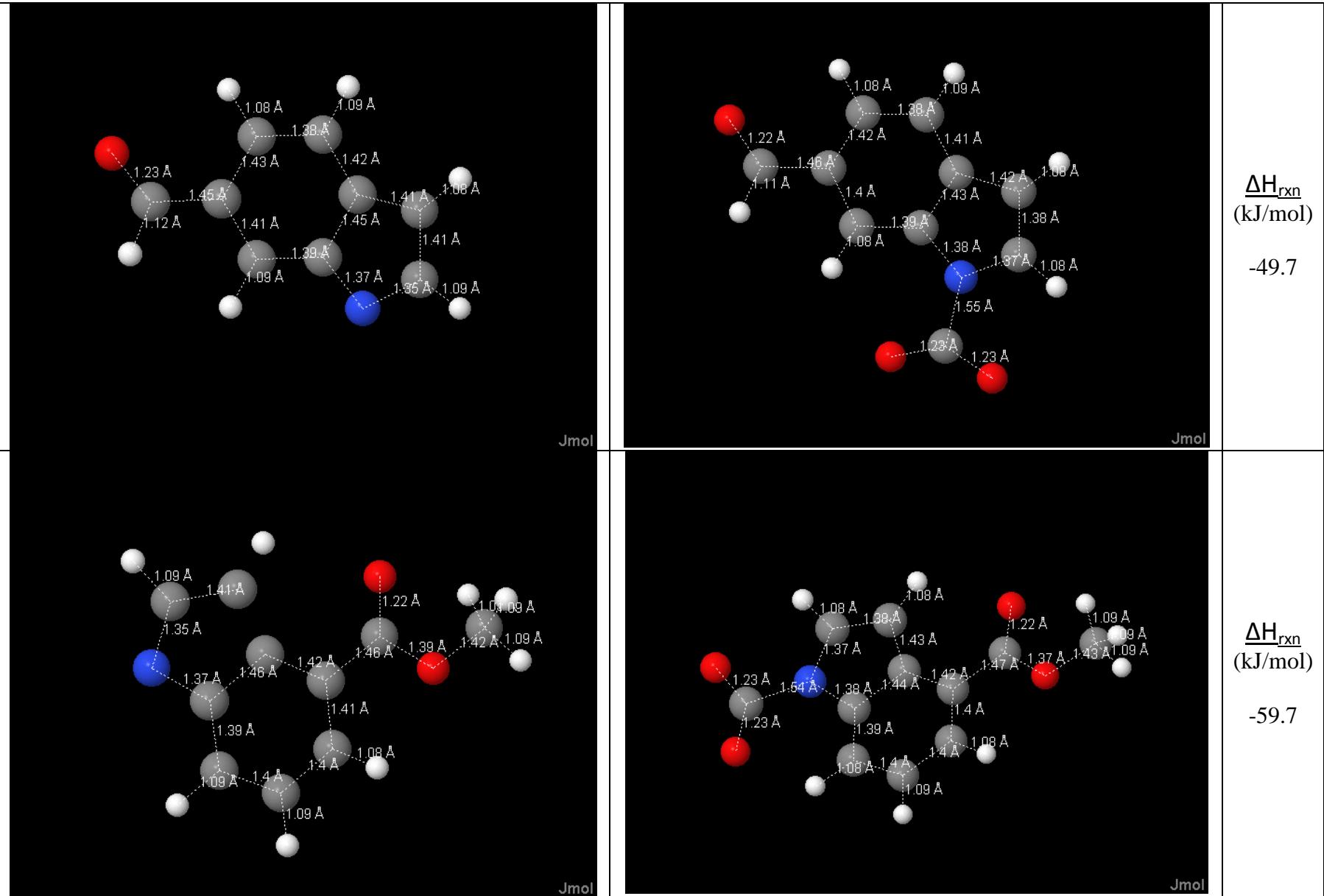


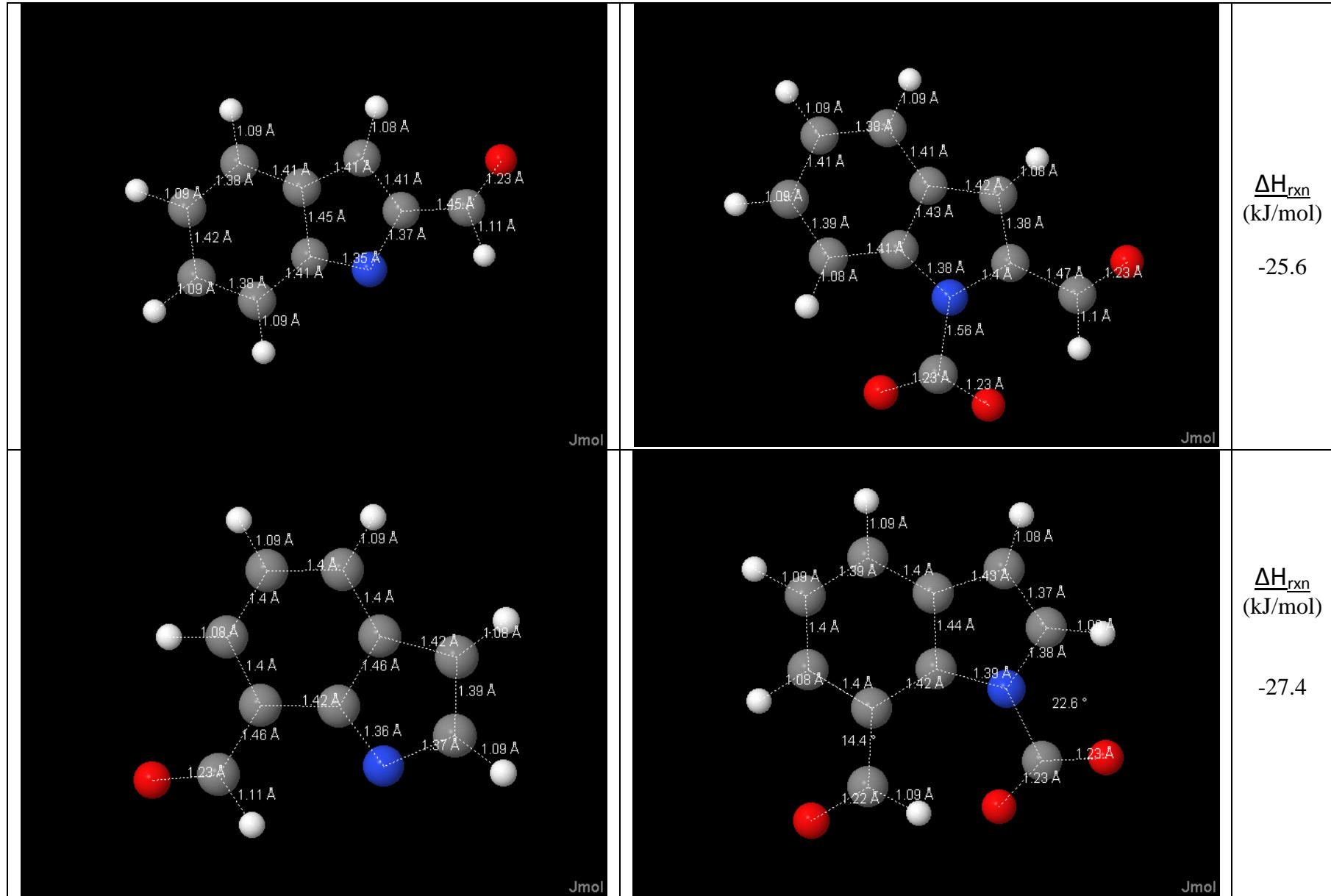


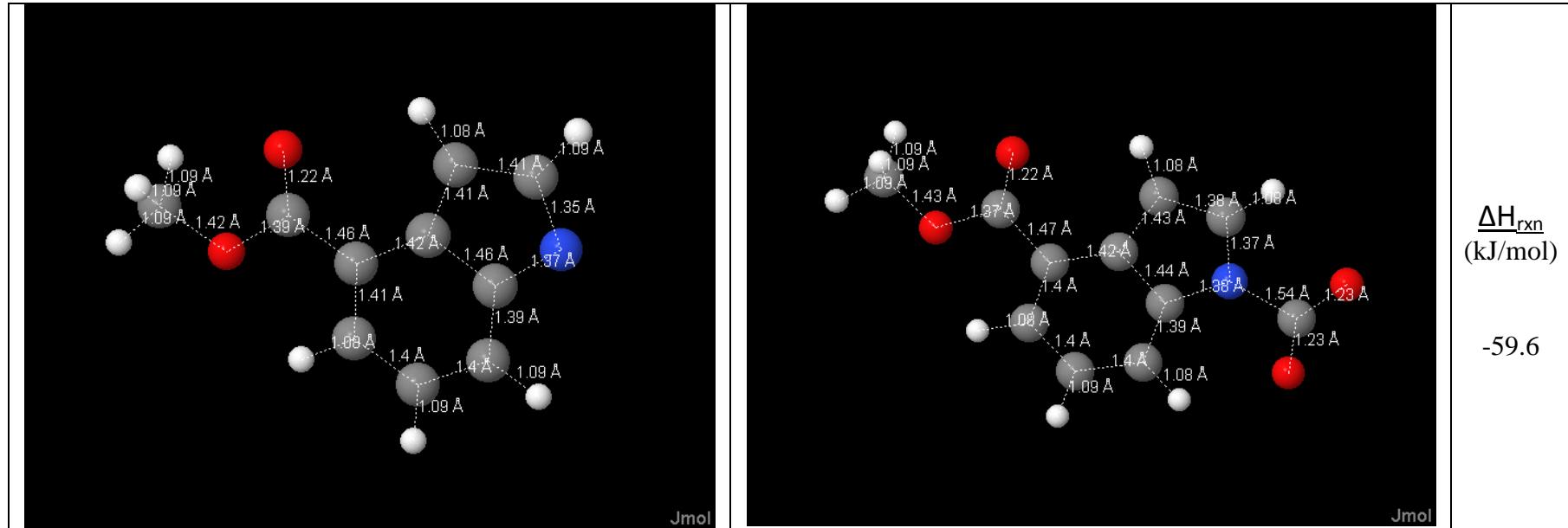




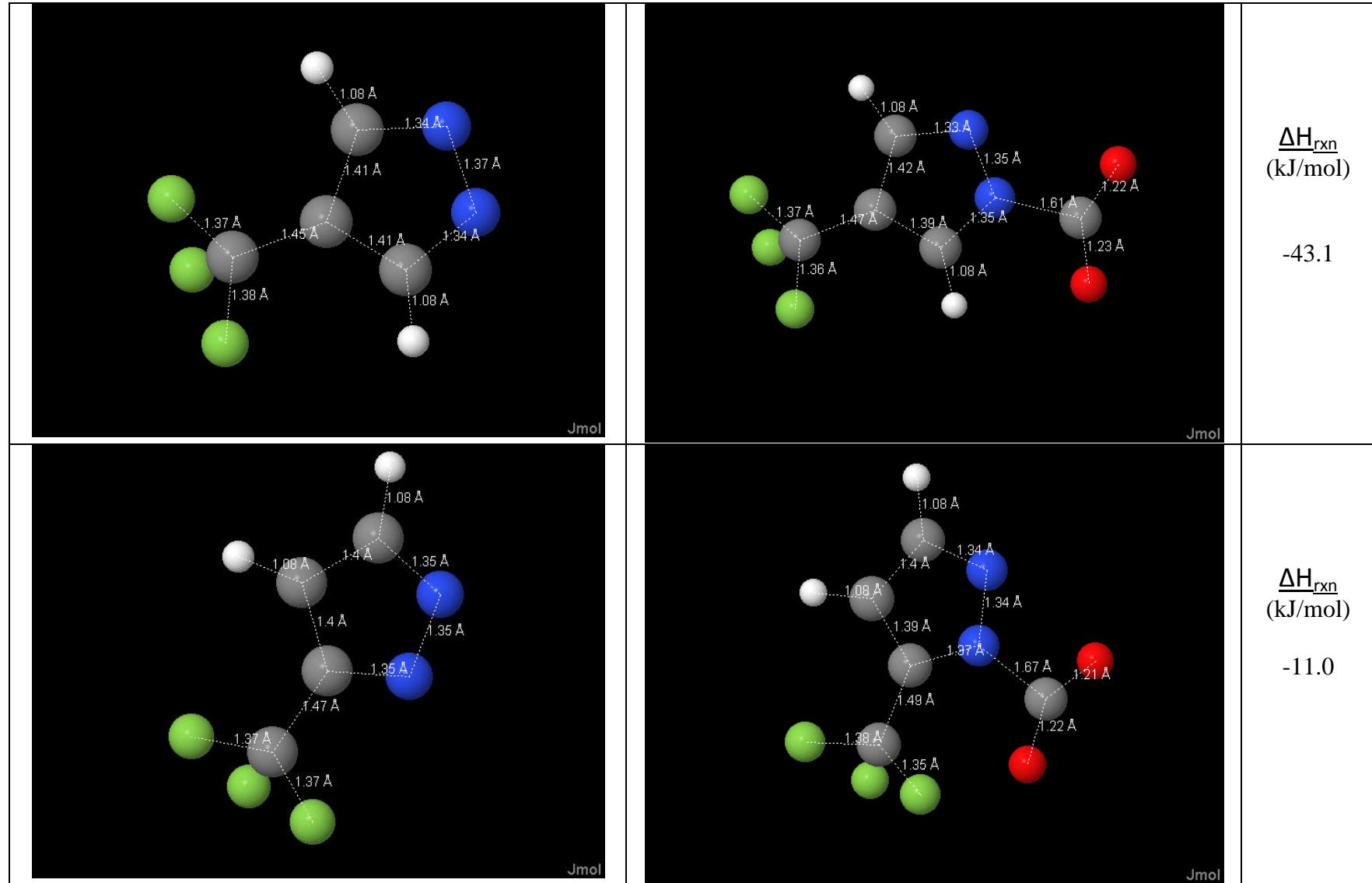


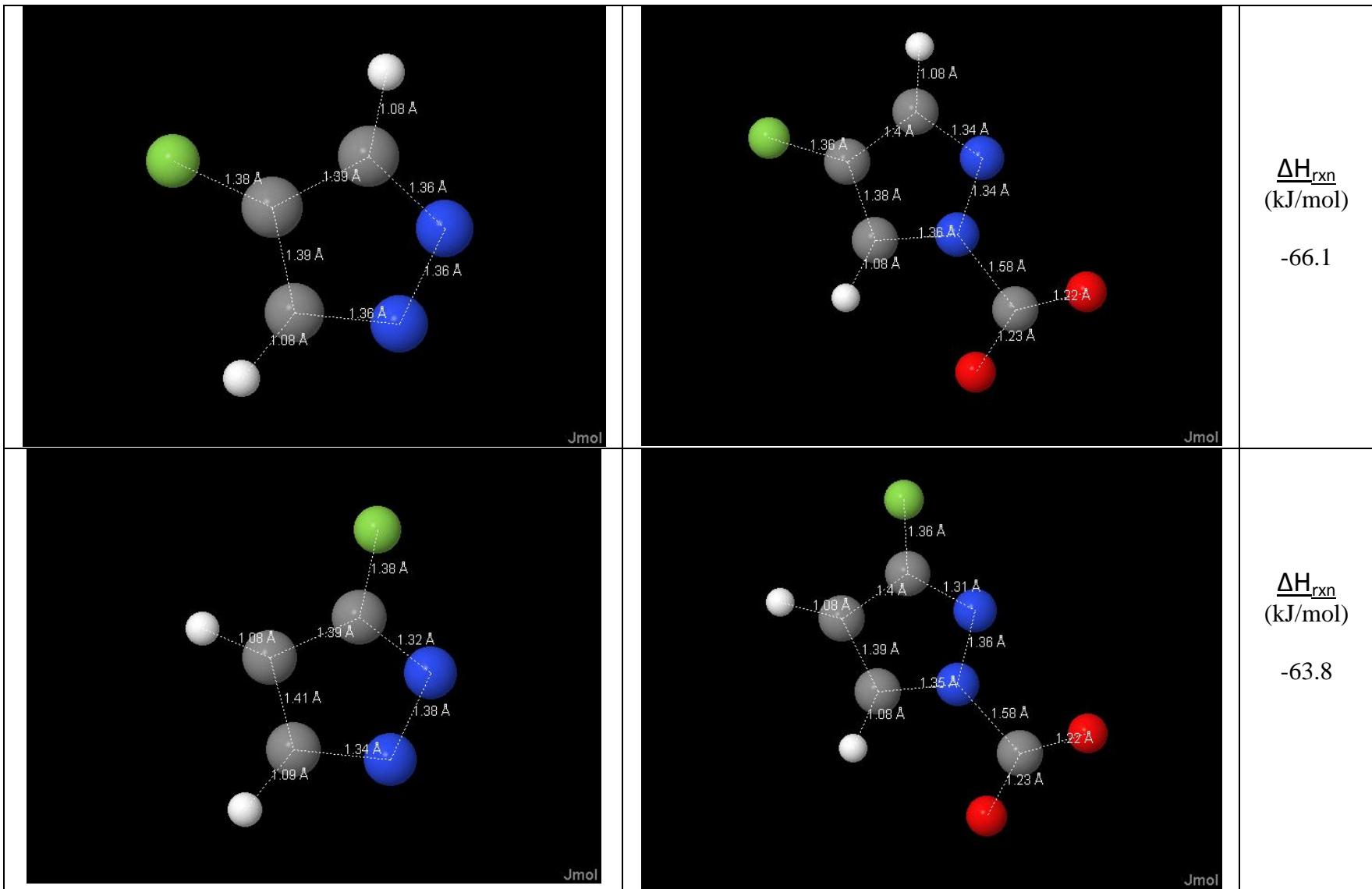


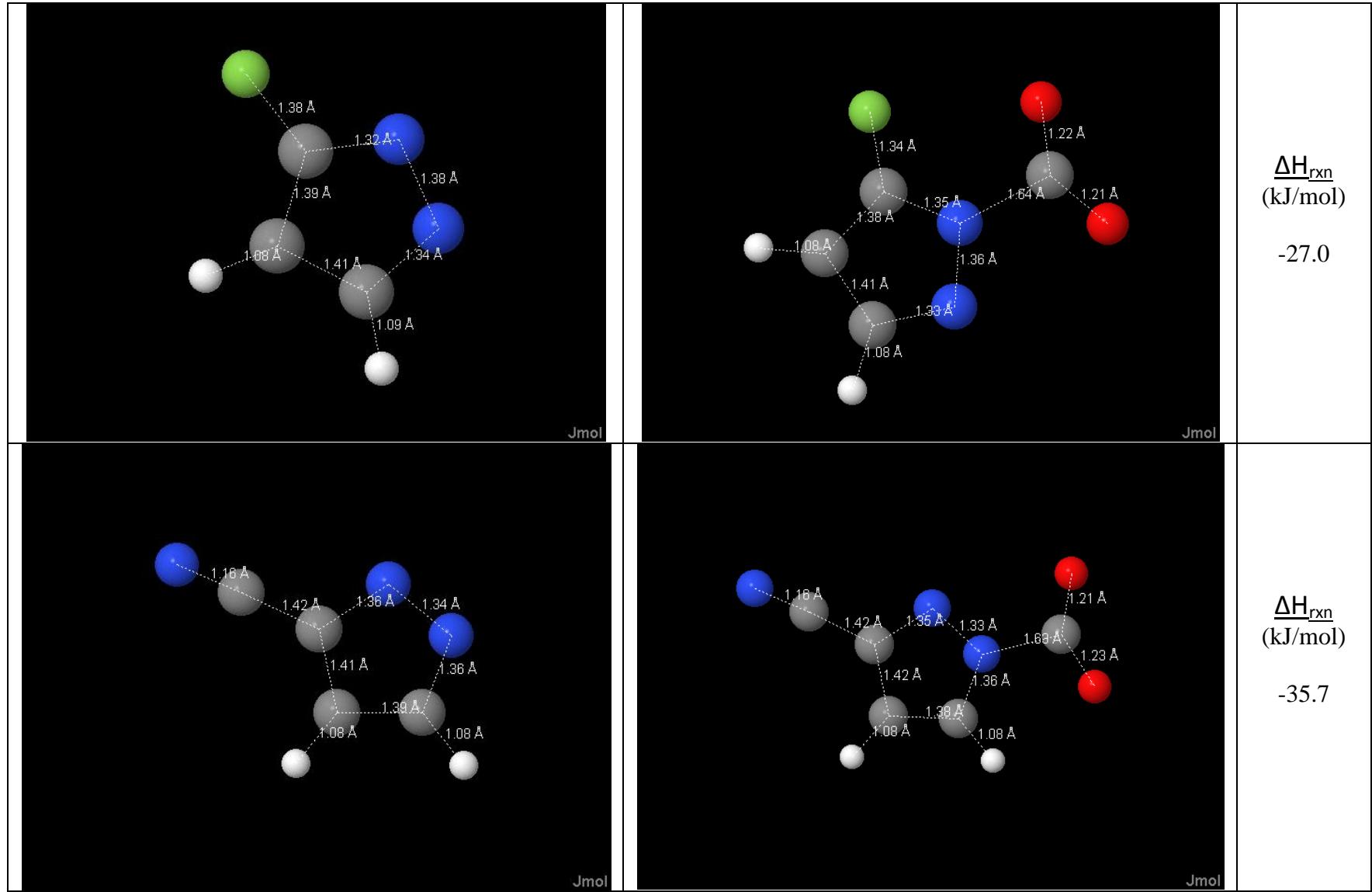


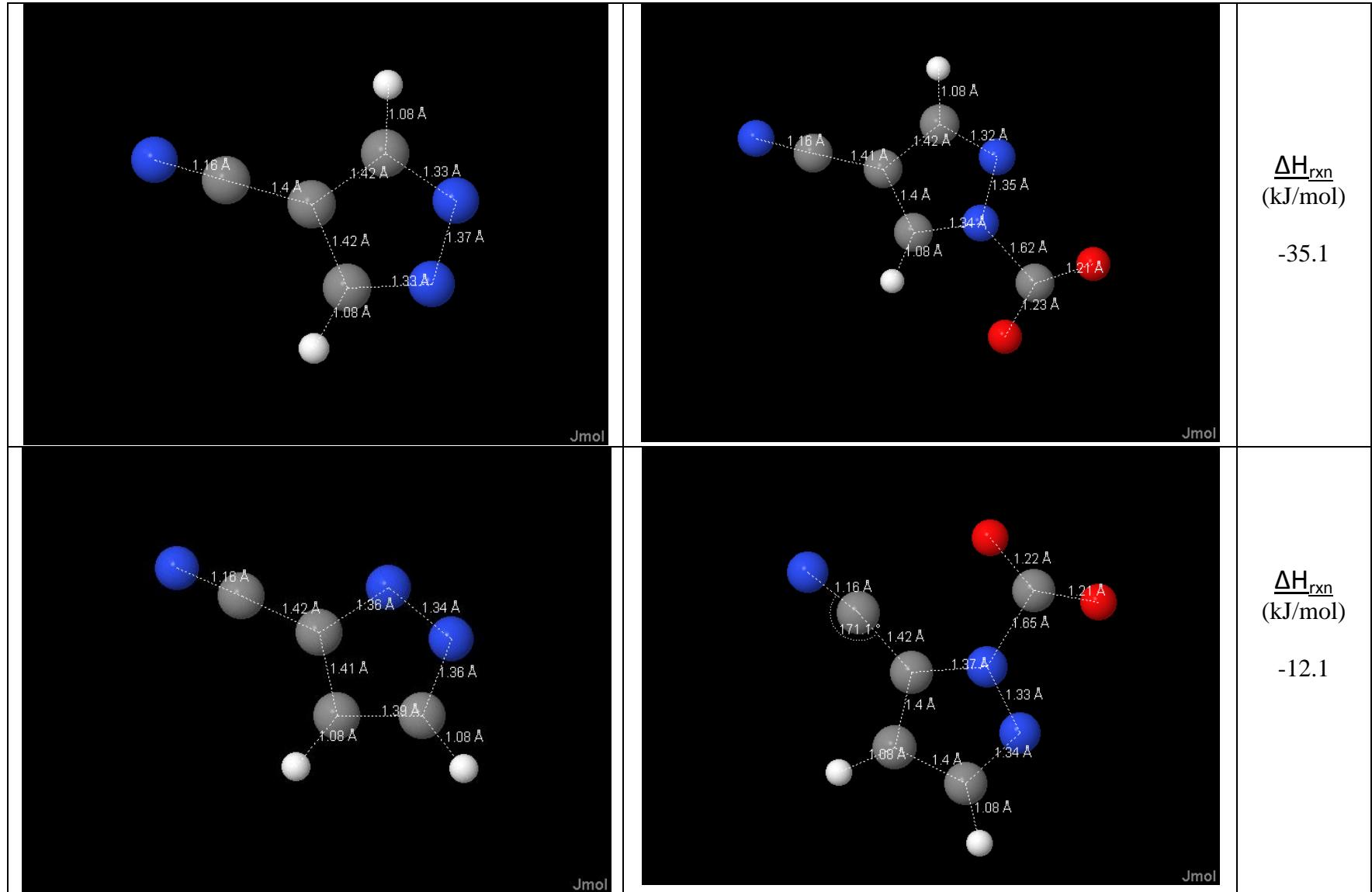


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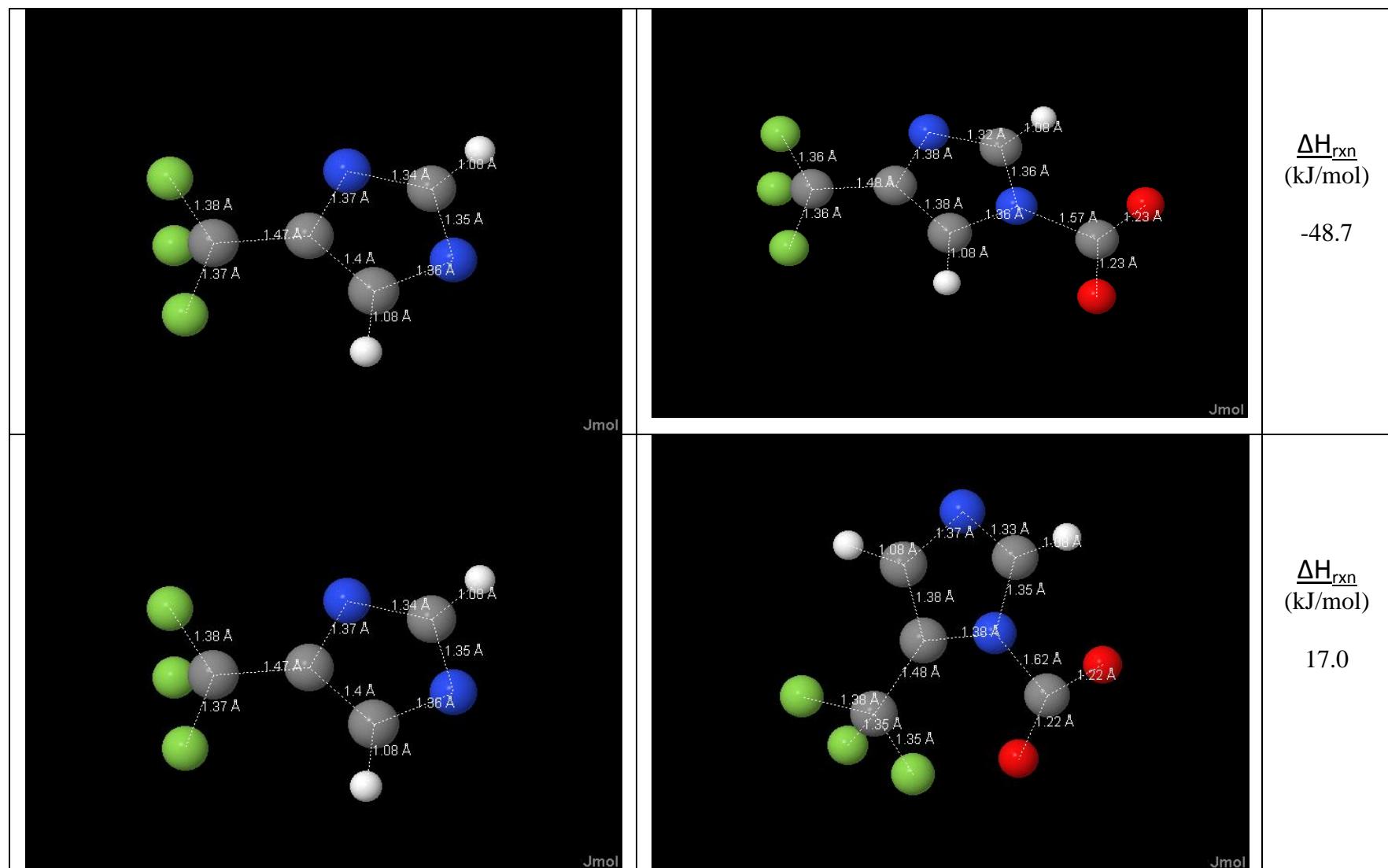


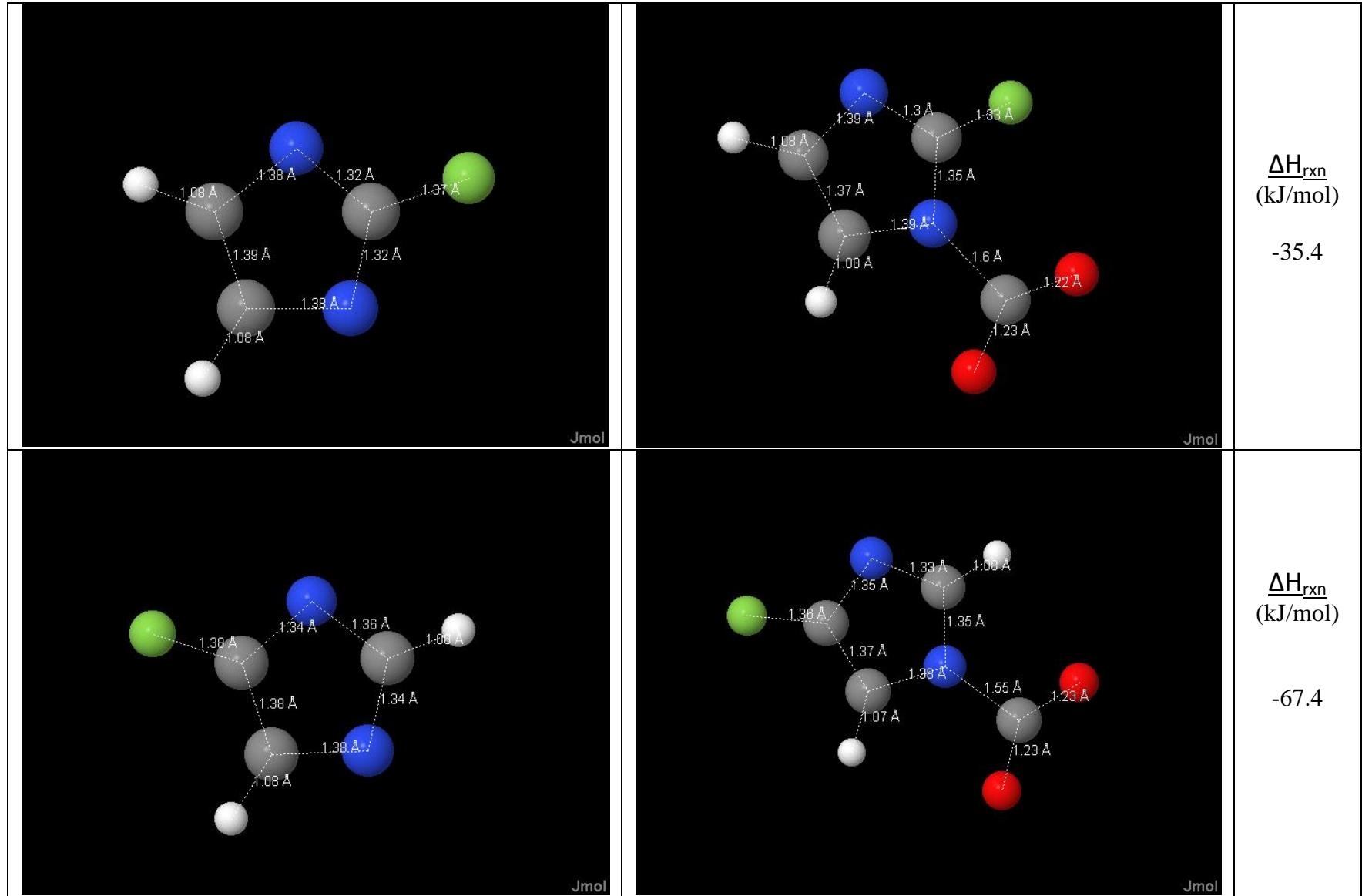


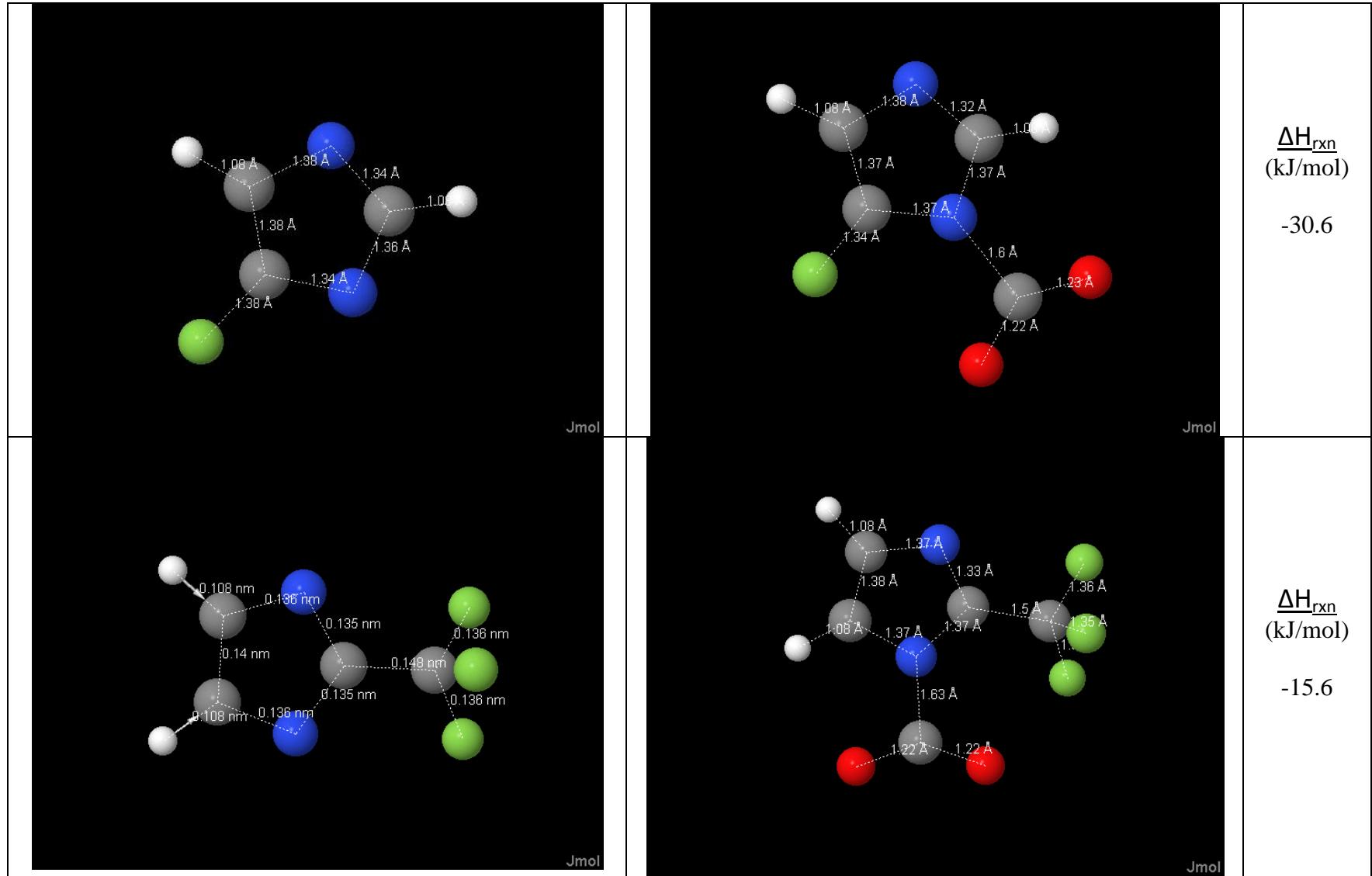


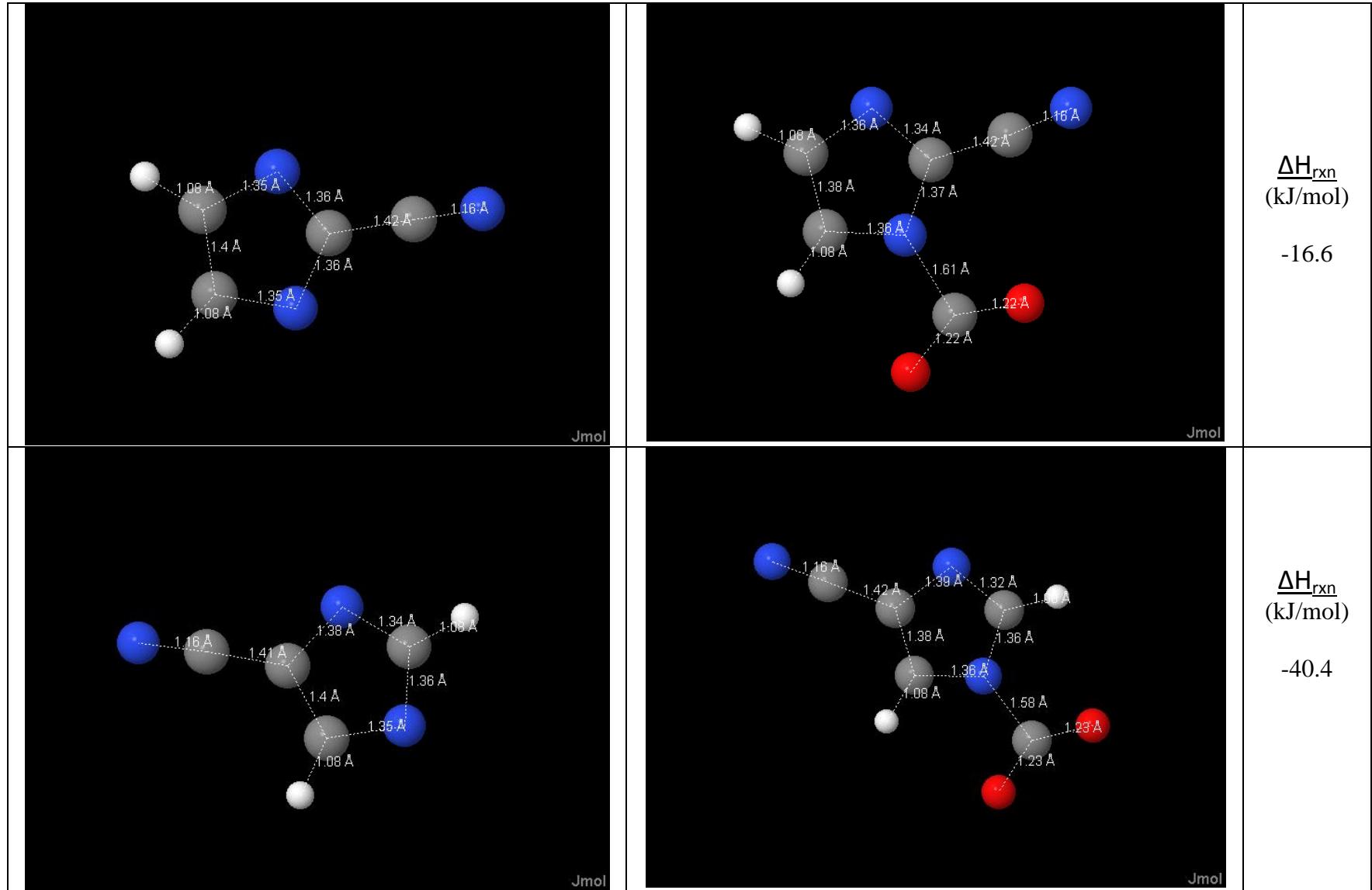


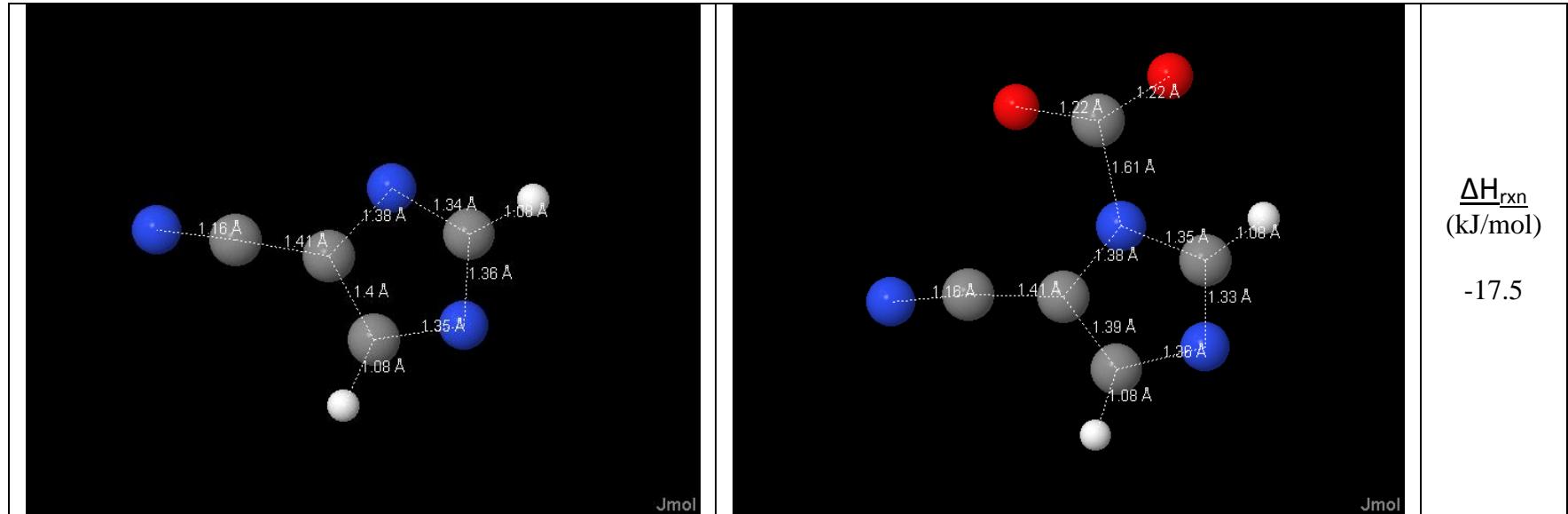
## Imidazolidine











## Benzimidazolide

