

Supporting Information

**Competition between $n \rightarrow \pi_{Ar}^*$ and conventional hydrogen bonding
(N-H...N) interactions: An ab initio study of the complexes of 7-
azaindole and fluorosubstituted pyridines**

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		7-AI...2,6- FP	7AI...2,4,6 -FP	7AI...2,3,6 -FP	7AI...2,3,4 ,6-FP	7AI...2,3, 5,6-FP	7AI...2,3,4, 5,6-FP
B3LYP/a VDZ	$d_{(N-H...N)} (\text{\AA})$	2.13	2.17	2.19	2.24	2.27	2.31
	$R_{(N...Ar)} (\text{\AA})$	4.68	4.05	3.99	3.62	3.58	3.40
	$\theta_{\angle N-H...N} (\text{deg})$	168	156	154	148	147	145
M05- 2X/aVDZ	$d_{(N-H...N)} (\text{\AA})$	2.21	2.25	2.26	2.28	2.30	2.33
	$R_{(N...Ar)} (\text{\AA})$	3.15	3.08	3.08	3.01	3.01	2.97
	$\theta_{\angle N-H...N} (\text{deg})$	142	141	140	139	139	138
B97- D/aVDZ	$d_{(N-H...N)} (\text{\AA})$	2.14	2.18	2.20	2.26	2.28	2.30
	$R_{(N...Ar)} (\text{\AA})$	3.20	3.09	3.09	3.00	2.99	2.96
	$\theta_{\angle N-H...N} (\text{deg})$	144	143	142	141	140	140
MP2/aVD Z	$d_{(N-H...N)} (\text{\AA})$	2.11	2.14	2.15	2.18	2.18	2.21
	$R_{(N...Ar)} (\text{\AA})$	2.88	2.84	2.82	2.80	2.78	2.76
	$\theta_{\angle N-H...N} (\text{deg})$	139	139	138	138	137	137
M05- 2X/cc- pVTZ	$d_{(N-H...N)} (\text{\AA})$	2.20	2.24	2.25	2.28	2.29	2.34
	$R_{(N...Ar)} (\text{\AA})$	3.22	3.13	3.13	3.05	3.07	2.97
	$\theta_{\angle N-H...N} (\text{deg})$	143	141	141	140	140	139

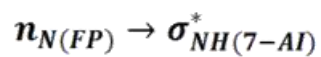
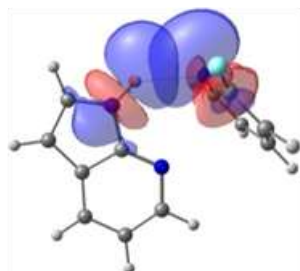
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	ΔE_{elec}	ΔE_{ex}	ΔE_{rep}	ΔE_{pol}	ΔE_{dis}	ΔE_{tot}
7-AI...2,6-FP	-9.46	-6.59	22.65	-3.13	-8.5	-5.03
7-AI...2,4,6-FP	-9.92	-7.26	24.85	-2.84	-10.14	-5.31
7-AI...2,3,6-FP	-9.55	-7.02	24.27	-2.81	-10.03	-5.14
7-AI...2,3,4,6-FP	-10.39	-7.66	26.08	-2.74	-10.77	-5.48
7-AI...2,3,5,6-FP	-10.02	-7.42	25.47	-2.76	-10.61	-5.34
7-AI...2,3,4,5,6-FP	-10.78	-7.9	26.73	-2.65	-11.15	-5.74

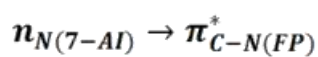
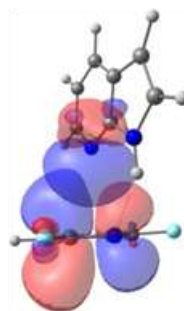
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	ΔE_{elec}	ΔE_{ex}	ΔE_{rep}	ΔE_{pol}	ΔE_{dis}	ΔE_{tot}
7-AI...2,3-FP	-12.26	-7.16	22.18	-4.10	-6.66	-8.0
7-AI...2,3,4-FP	-12.40	-7.20	22.36	-4.10	-6.73	-8.06
7-AI...2,3,4,5-FP	-12.21	-7.10	22.17	-3.96	-6.78	-7.88

7-AI...2,6-FP

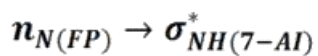
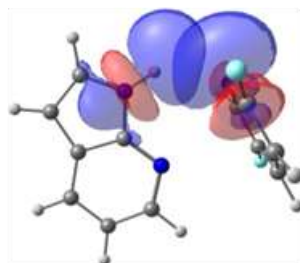


$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 6.58 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

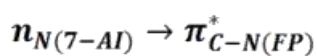
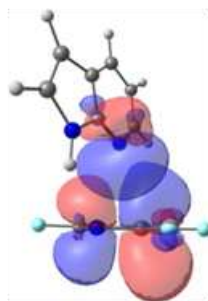


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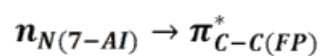
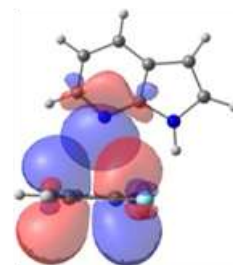
7-AI...2,3,6-FP



$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 5.65 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

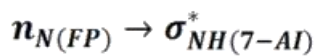
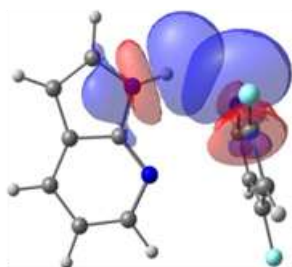


$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.49 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

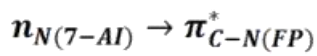
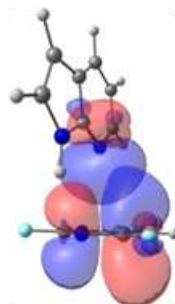


$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.10 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

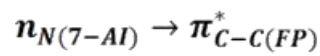
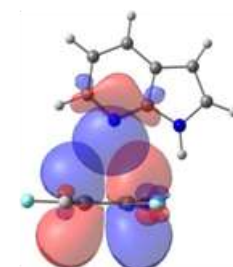
7-AI...2,4,6-FP



$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 5.75 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

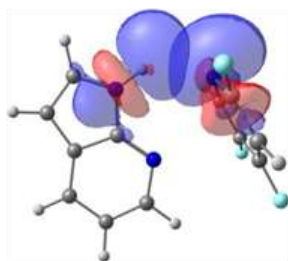


$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.46 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



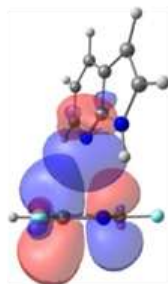
$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.18 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

7-AI...2,3,4,6-FP



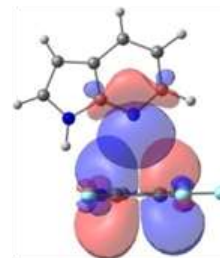
$$n_{N(FP)} \rightarrow \sigma_{NH(7-AI)}^*$$

$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 4.97 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



$$n_{N(7-AI)} \rightarrow \pi_{C-N(FP)}^*$$

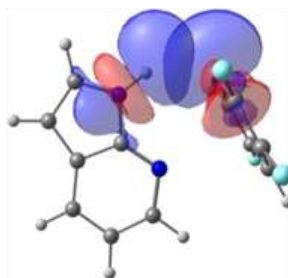
$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.38 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



$$n_{N(7-AI)} \rightarrow \pi_{C-C(FP)}^*$$

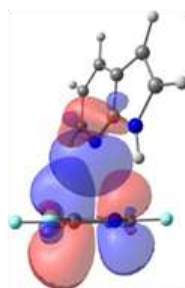
$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.15 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

7-AI...2,3,5,6-FP



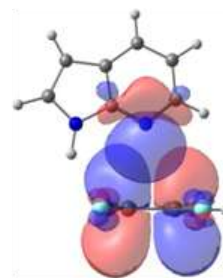
$$n_{N(FP)} \rightarrow \sigma_{NH(7-AI)}^*$$

$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 4.92 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



$$n_{N(7-AI)} \rightarrow \pi_{C-N(FP)}^*$$

$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.39 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



$$n_{N(7-AI)} \rightarrow \pi_{C-C(FP)}^*$$

$$E_{i \rightarrow j}^{(2)} = 0.08 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Figure S1. The NBO pictures depicting the overlap between the donor and acceptor orbitals corresponding to the $n \rightarrow \pi_{Ar}^*$ and N-H...N interactions present in the complexes of 7-AI with 2,6-FP, 2,3,6-FP, 2,4,6-FP, 2,3,4,6-FP, and 2,3,5,6-FP.