## **Supplementary Information**

## Does the tautomeric status of the adenine bases change under the dissociation of the A\*·A<sub>syn</sub> Topal-Fresco DNA mismatch? A combined QM and QTAIM atomistic insight

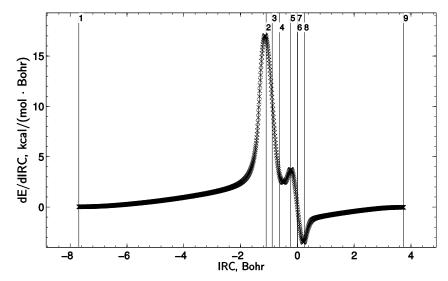
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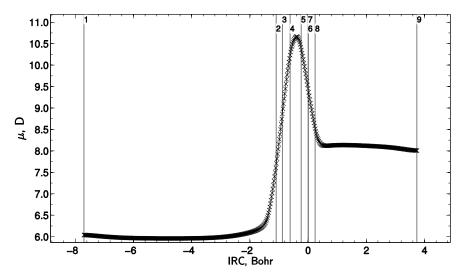
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**Fig. S1** Profile of the first derivative of the electronic energy E with respect to the IRC - dE/dIRC - along the IRC of the  $A^* \cdot A_{syn} \leftrightarrow A \cdot A^*_{syn}$  tautomerisation *via* the DPT obtained at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory *in vacuo*.



**Fig. S2** Profile of the dipole moment  $\mu$  of the base mispair along the IRC of the A\*·A<sub>syn</sub> $\leftrightarrow$ A·A\*<sub>syn</sub> tautomerisation *via* the DPT obtained at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory *in vacuo*.