**Supplementary Information** 

## Ab initio molecular dynamics study of thermal decomposition of 3,6di(azido)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine

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**Fig. S1** Time dependences of total potential energy in the 5 ps of equilibration at 300 K.



Fig. S2 Time dependences of total kinetic energy in the 5 ps of equilibration at 300 K.



Fig. S3 Time dependences of temperature in the 5 ps of equilibration at 300 K.



Fig. S4 Rough estimating of change trend of pressure as a function of time in the system of  $1 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell.

Bonds	Mulliken	BDE (kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )		
N1-N2	1.300	743.9		
N2-N3	0.810	728.9		
N3-C4	0.790	370.6		
C4-N5	0.880	258.4		
N5-N6	0.870	332.6		

**Table S1** The calculated Mulliken bond orders and bond dissociation energies (BDE) of unimolecular DiAT at 300 K.

Initiation reactions	Observe	Observed times	
	$1 \times 2 \times 2$ supercell	$1 \times 3 \times 2$ supercell	
N-N <sub>2</sub> cleavage	16	9	
Ring opening	6	2	
Isomerization	2	1	

**Table S2** The observed times of the three initiation reactions from the simulations by using a time step of 0.1 fs.

Table S3. A comparison of the numbers of released nitrogen gas in 0.5 and 1.0 ps for systems of  $1 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell and  $1 \times 3 \times 2$  supercell by using a time step of 0.1 and 1.0 fs.

Systems	Numbers of released nitrogen gas	
	0.5 ps	1.0 ps
$1 \times 2 \times 2$ supercell (1.0 fs) <sup>a</sup>	22	26
$1 \times 2 \times 2$ supercell (0.1 fs) <sup>a</sup>	21	25
$1 \times 3 \times 2$ supercell (1.0 fs)	26	32
$1 \times 3 \times 2$ supercell (0.1 fs)	24	31

<sup>a</sup> The values are the averaged results of the three independent simulations.

Table S4. The global endothermic reactions rate constant ( $\tau_{endo}$ ) and the time when the maximum in total energy is obtained ( $t_{max}$ ) for systems of  $1 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell and  $1 \times 3 \times 2$  supercell by using a time step of 1.0 fs and 0.1 fs.

Systems	$t_{\max}$ (ps)	$ au_{ m endo}\left( m ps ight)$
$1 \times 2 \times 2$ supercell (1.0 fs) <sup>a</sup>	0.20	0.1
$1 \times 2 \times 2$ supercell (0.1 fs) <sup>a</sup>	0.15	0.08
$1 \times 3 \times 2$ supercell (1.0 fs)	0.27	0.14
$1 \times 3 \times 2$ supercell (0.1 fs)	0.25	0.12

<sup>a</sup> The values are the averaged results of the three independent simulations.