

Supplementary Information

**The impact of cation- $\pi$ , anion- $\pi$ , and CH- $\pi$  interactions on excited state intramolecular proton transfer of 1,4-dihydroxyanthraquinone**

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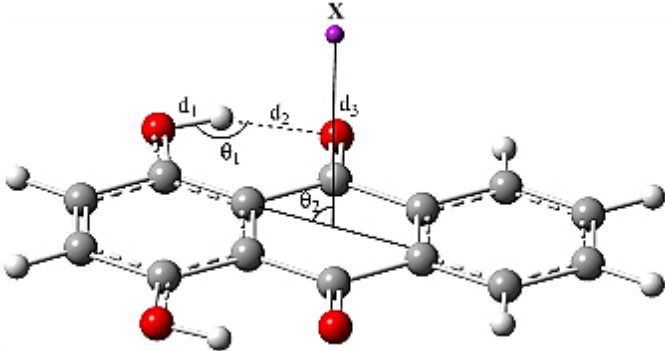
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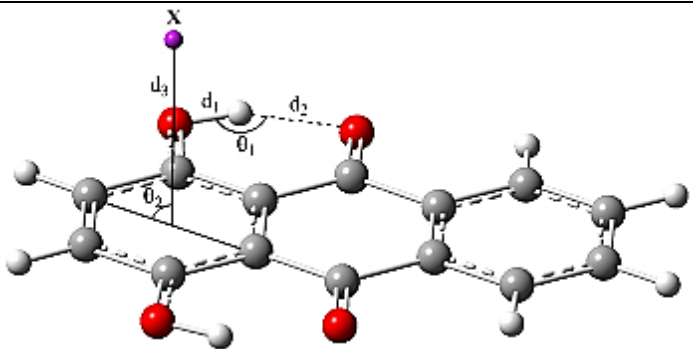
Table S1. The important geometrical parameters for the complexes of type b in the  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  states



| X                | $d_1/\text{\AA}$                      | $d_2/\text{\AA}$                      | $d_3/\text{\AA}$                | $\theta_1/^\circ$                         | $\theta_2/^\circ$                |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Q                | 0.978 (0.979)<br><b>1.017 (1.028)</b> | 1.732 (1.734)<br><b>1.554 (1.516)</b> |                                 | 143.95 (143.77)<br><b>151.76 (153.08)</b> |                                  |
| $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ | 0.981 (0.979)<br><b>(1.026)</b>       | 1.826 (1.735)<br><b>(1.523)</b>       | 1.831 (3.263)<br><b>(3.259)</b> | 138.29 (143.70)<br><b>(152.84)</b>        | 89.21 (90.92)<br><b>(91.61)</b>  |
| $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ | 0.982 (0.979)<br><b>(1.023)</b>       | 1.792 (1.733)<br><b>(1.561)</b>       | 2.248 (3.253)<br><b>(3.257)</b> | 139.06 (143.70)<br><b>(151.32)</b>        | 88.98 (90.43)<br><b>(89.67)</b>  |
| $\text{F}^-$     | 0.977 (0.980)<br><b>(1.028)</b>       | 1.732 (1.735)<br><b>(1.514)</b>       | 2.343 (2.971)<br><b>(3.291)</b> | 146.44 (143.86)<br><b>(153.19)</b>        | 109.83 (92.01)<br><b>(88.18)</b> |
| $\text{Cl}^-$    | 0.981 (0.978)<br><b>(1.015)</b>       | 1.695 (1.740)<br><b>(1.553)</b>       | 3.009 (3.144)<br><b>(3.482)</b> | 146.55 (143.74)<br><b>(152.28)</b>        | 102.28 (95.23)<br><b>(79.21)</b> |
| $\text{Br}^-$    | 0.979 (0.979)<br><b>(0.995)</b>       | 1.727 (1.733)<br><b>(1.614)</b>       | 3.180 (3.237)<br><b>(3.048)</b> | 144.97 (144.16)<br><b>(150.91)</b>        | 82.41 (92.00)<br><b>(105.52)</b> |

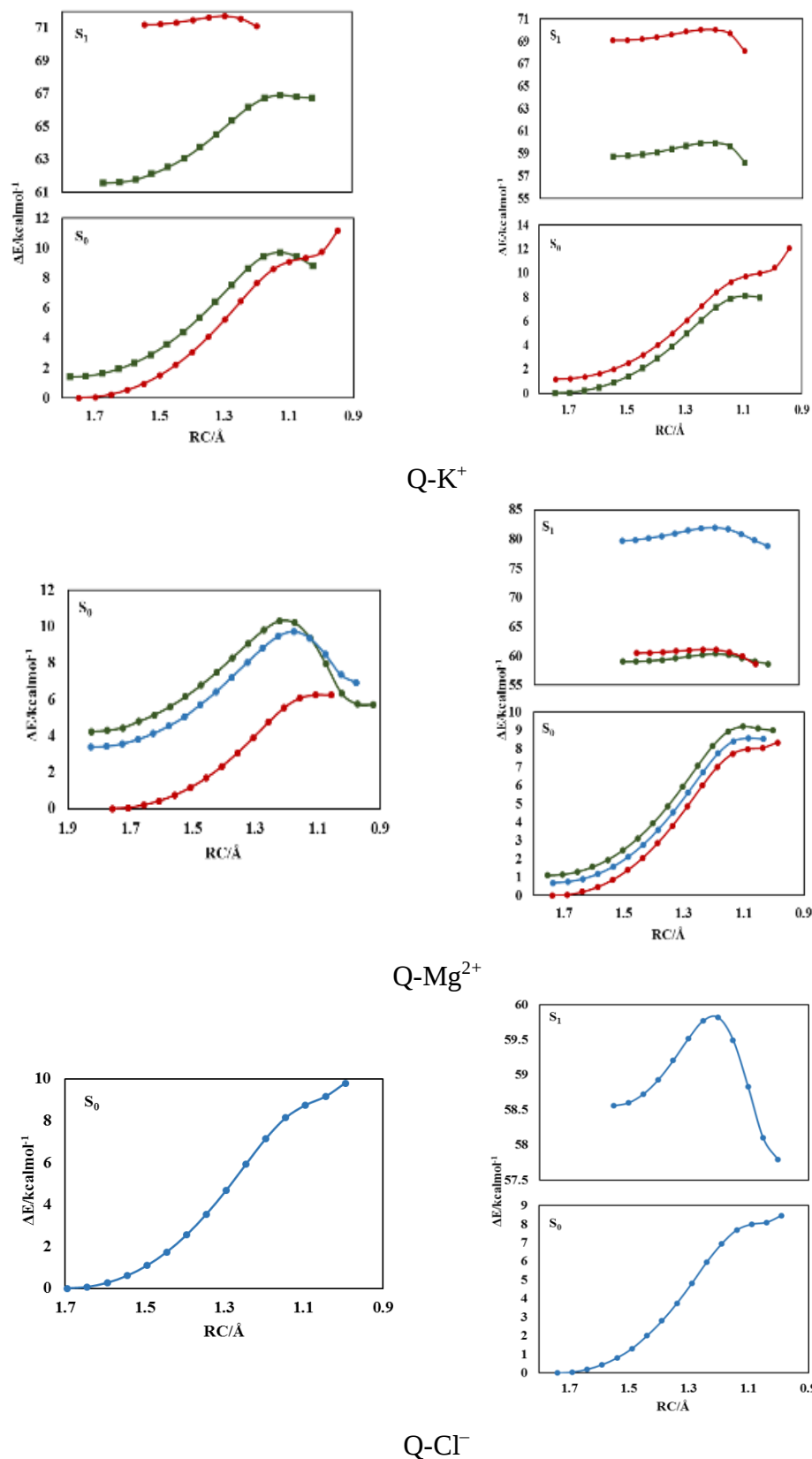
The bold values correspond to the  $S_1$  state of complexes. The data in parentheses calculated in the solution media.

Table S2. The important geometrical parameters for the complexes of type c in the  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  states

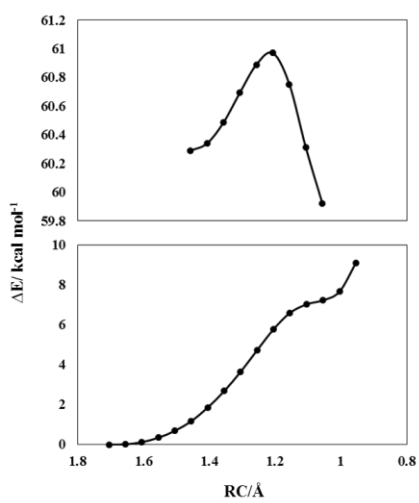


| X                | $d_1/\text{\AA}$                      | $d_2/\text{\AA}$                      | $d_3/\text{\AA}$                      | $\theta_1/^\circ$                         | $\theta_2/^\circ$                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Q                | 0.978 (0.979)<br><b>1.017 (1.028)</b> | 1.732 (1.734)<br><b>1.554 (1.516)</b> |                                       | 143.95 (143.77)<br><b>151.76 (153.08)</b> |                                       |
| Na <sup>+</sup>  | 0.980 (0.979)<br><b>1.037 (1.027)</b> | 1.748 (1.746)<br><b>1.527 (1.548)</b> | 2.379 (2.587)<br><b>2.477 (3.406)</b> | 141.72 (142.89)<br><b>151.14 (151.55)</b> | 89.27 (89.13)<br><b>83.32 (57.84)</b> |
| K <sup>+</sup>   | 0.979 (0.979)<br><b>1.030 (1.027)</b> | 1.748 (1.743)<br><b>1.544 (1.550)</b> | 2.850 (2.975)<br><b>2.936 (3.826)</b> | 141.97 (143.07)<br><b>150.74 (151.46)</b> | 89.84 (87.60)<br><b>87.68 (61.53)</b> |
| Mg <sup>2+</sup> | 0.986 (0.979)<br><b>(1.029)</b>       | 1.757 (1.737)<br><b>(1.512)</b>       | 1.973 (3.260)<br><b>(3.272)</b>       | 139.10 (143.57)<br><b>(153.22)</b>        | 86.89 (89.51)<br><b>(89.40)</b>       |
| Ca <sup>2+</sup> | 0.983 (0.979)<br><b>(1.024)</b>       | 1.759 (1.734)<br><b>(1.557)</b>       | 2.320 (3.276)<br><b>(3.286)</b>       | 139.36 (143.75)<br><b>(151.49)</b>        | 90.20 (90.72)<br><b>(90.58)</b>       |
| F <sup>-</sup>   | 0.994 (0.979)<br><b>(1.027)</b>       | 1.668 (1.734)<br><b>(1.516)</b>       | 2.345 (3.333)<br><b>(3.303)</b>       | 150.70 (143.79)<br><b>(153.16)</b>        | 71.63 (90.44)<br><b>(94.49)</b>       |
| Cl <sup>-</sup>  | <b>(1.018)</b>                        | <b>(1.574)</b>                        | <b>(3.260)</b>                        | <b>(151.21)</b>                           | <b>(92.01)</b>                        |
| Br <sup>-</sup>  | <b>(1.010)</b>                        | <b>(1.557)</b>                        | <b>(3.200)</b>                        | <b>(152.65)</b>                           | <b>(98.42)</b>                        |

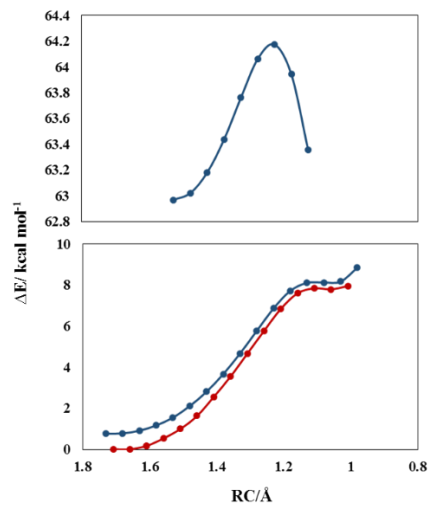
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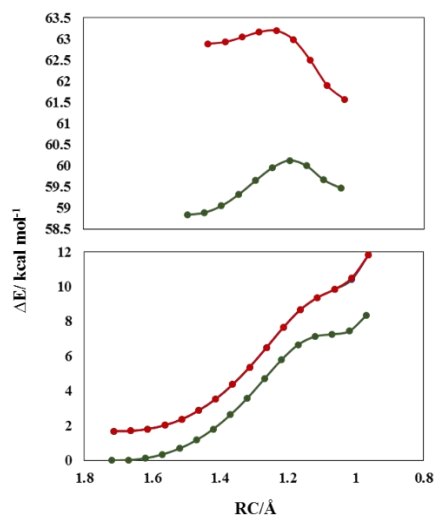
**Figure S1.** The potential energy curves of  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  states in the gas phase (left panel) and solution media (right panel) calculated at the M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) level. The green, blue, and red curves correspond to the complexes of types a, b, and c, respectively.



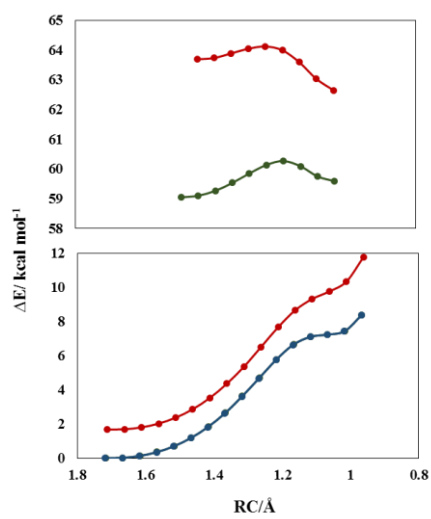
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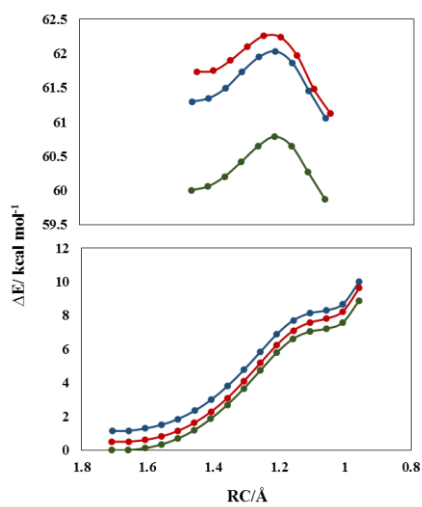
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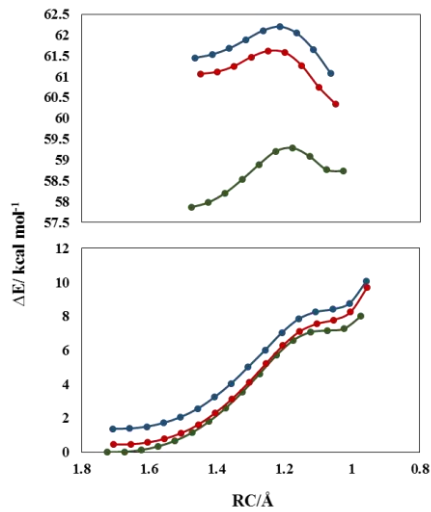
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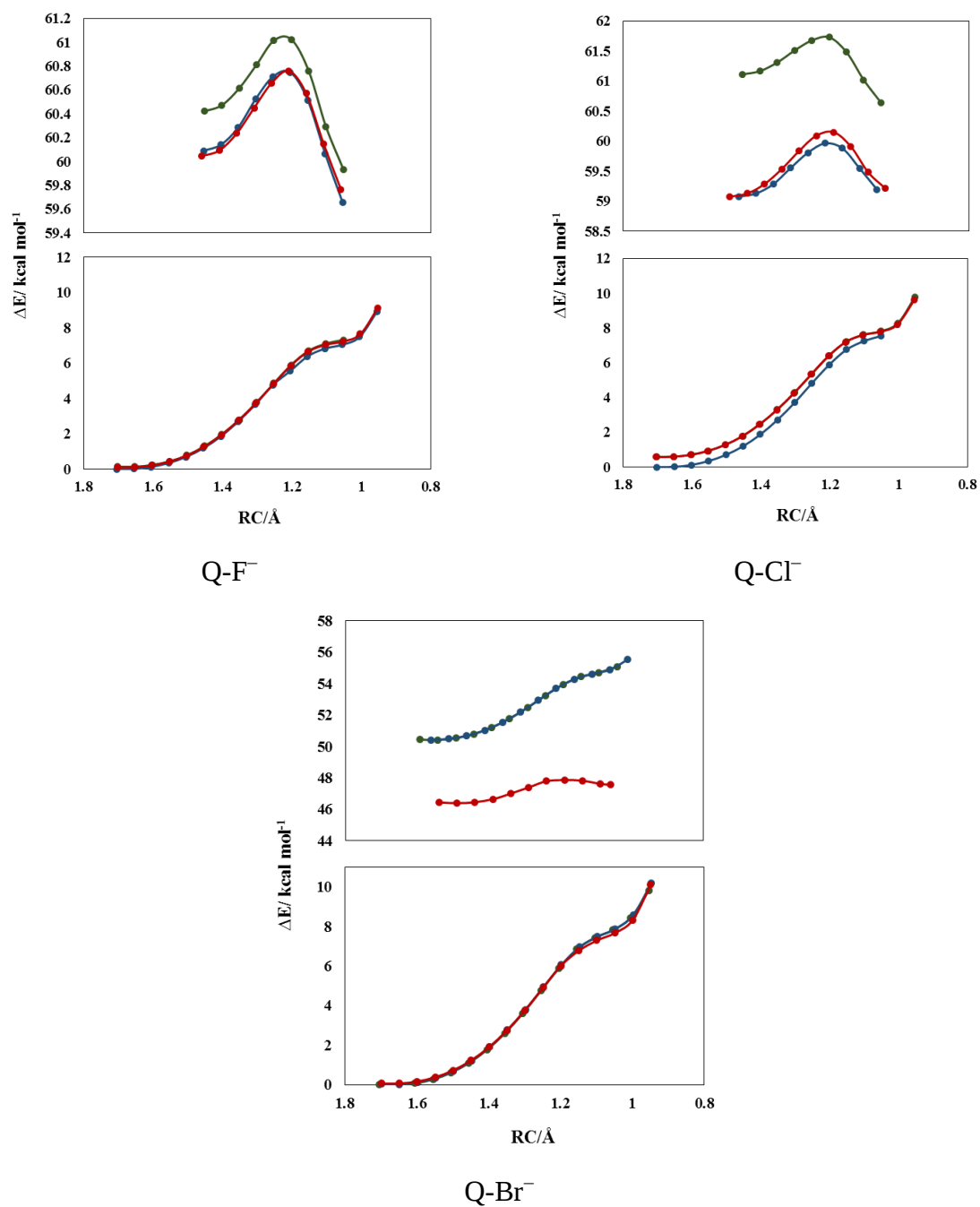
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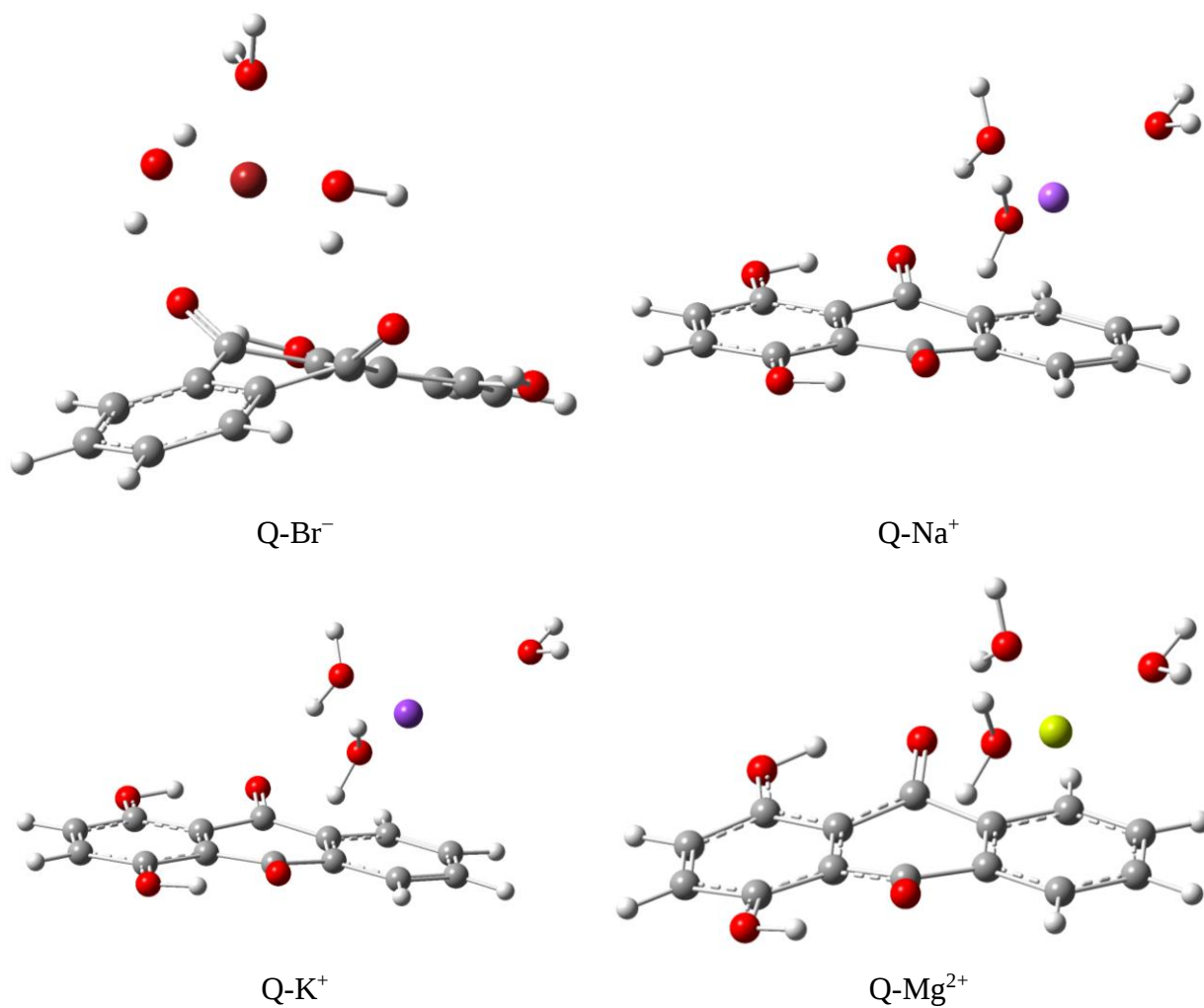
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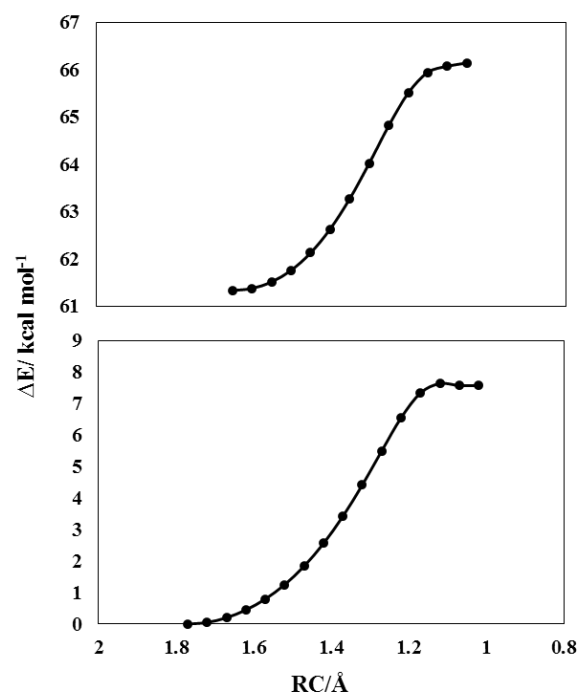
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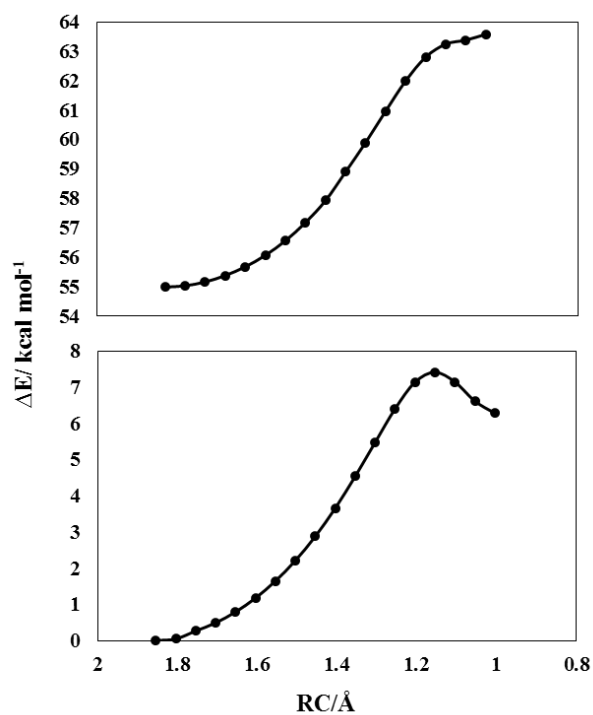
**Figure S2.** The potential energy curves of  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  states in the DMSO solvent calculated at the M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) level. The green, blue, and red curves correspond to the complexes of types a, b, and c, respectively.



**Figure S3.** The optimized structures of some complexes in the present of explicit water molecules calculated at the M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) level.

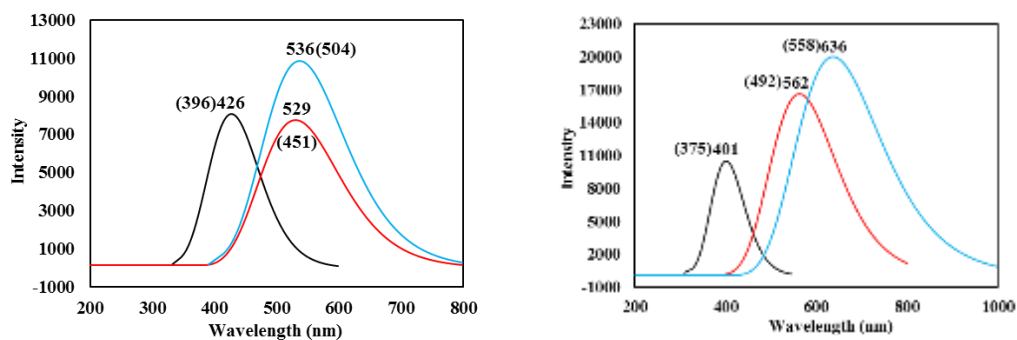


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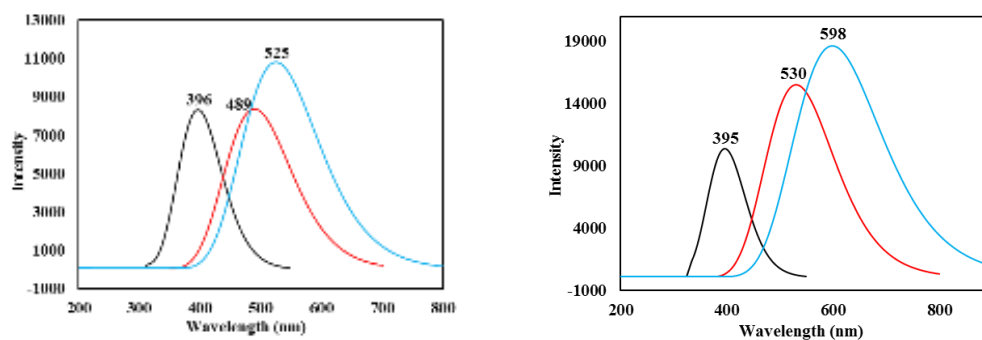


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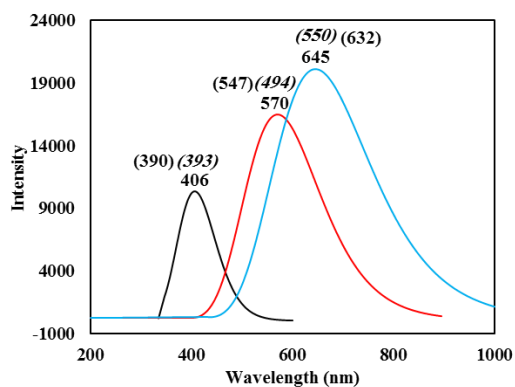
**Figure S4.** The potential energy curves of S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> states for some complexes in the present of explicit water molecules calculated at the M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) level.



Q-K<sup>+</sup>



Q-CF<sub>3</sub>H



Q-Mg<sup>2+</sup>

**Figure S5.** The absorption and fluorescence spectra calculated at the TDDFT/M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) theoretical level. The black, red, and blue lines represent the absorption, S<sub>1</sub>-N, and S<sub>1</sub>-T fluorescence emission, respectively. The italicized values and those are in the parenthesis correspond to the complexes of types b and c, respectively.