

## Reaction Mechanism and Dynamics for C8-hydroxylation of 9-Methylguanine Radical Cation by Water Molecules

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## Instrumentation and Experimental Methods

Collision-induced reactions of  $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were measured on a home-built guided-ion beam scattering tandem mass spectrometer. The apparatus consists of an electrospray ionization (ESI) ion source, a radio frequency (rf) hexapole ion guide, a quadrupole mass filter, an rf octopole ion guide running through a scattering cell, a second quadrupole mass filter and a pulse-counting electron multiplier ion detector. Details of the instrument can be found in previous reports.<sup>1,2</sup>

$9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was generated by ESI of Cu(II)-9MG complexes, following the methods reported by the O'Hair group<sup>3-6</sup> and the Bohme group.<sup>7</sup> A 2:1 (v : v) methanol/water solution of 0.25 mM  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (Alfa Aesar, 99.999%) and 0.5 mM 9MG (Chemodex, > 98%) was freshly prepared and sprayed into the air through an ESI needle at a flow rate of 0.06 mL/hr. The ESI needle was maintained at 2.7 kV with respect to the ground. The Cu(II) complexes of 9MG formed in the electrospray entered the source chamber of the mass spectrometer through a desolvation capillary which is located 7 mm away from the tip of the ESI needle. The capillary was biased at 145 V with respect to the ground and heated up to 175 °C. Charged droplets underwent desolvation as they passed through the heated capillary. The source chamber was evacuated to a pressure of 1.7  $\tau$ . A skimmer with a 1.0 mm-diameter orifice was located 3 mm away from the end of the desolvation capillary, separating the source chamber and the hexapole ion guide. The skimmer was biased at 20 V with respect to the ground. The electrical field between the capillary and the skimmer prompted dissociation of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-9MG}$  complexes with the background gas in the source chamber, of which the  $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}$  radical cations were formed by the redox separation of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(9\text{MG})_3]^{\bullet 2+} \rightarrow [\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(9\text{MG})_2]^+ + 9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}$ .<sup>3-5,7</sup> Under mild heating and collision conditions, both dry and hydrated  $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}$  ions were produced in the ion beam. The ion beam intensities of  $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}$  and  $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were  $1.5 \times 10^6$  and  $5 \times 10^3$  count/s, respectively.

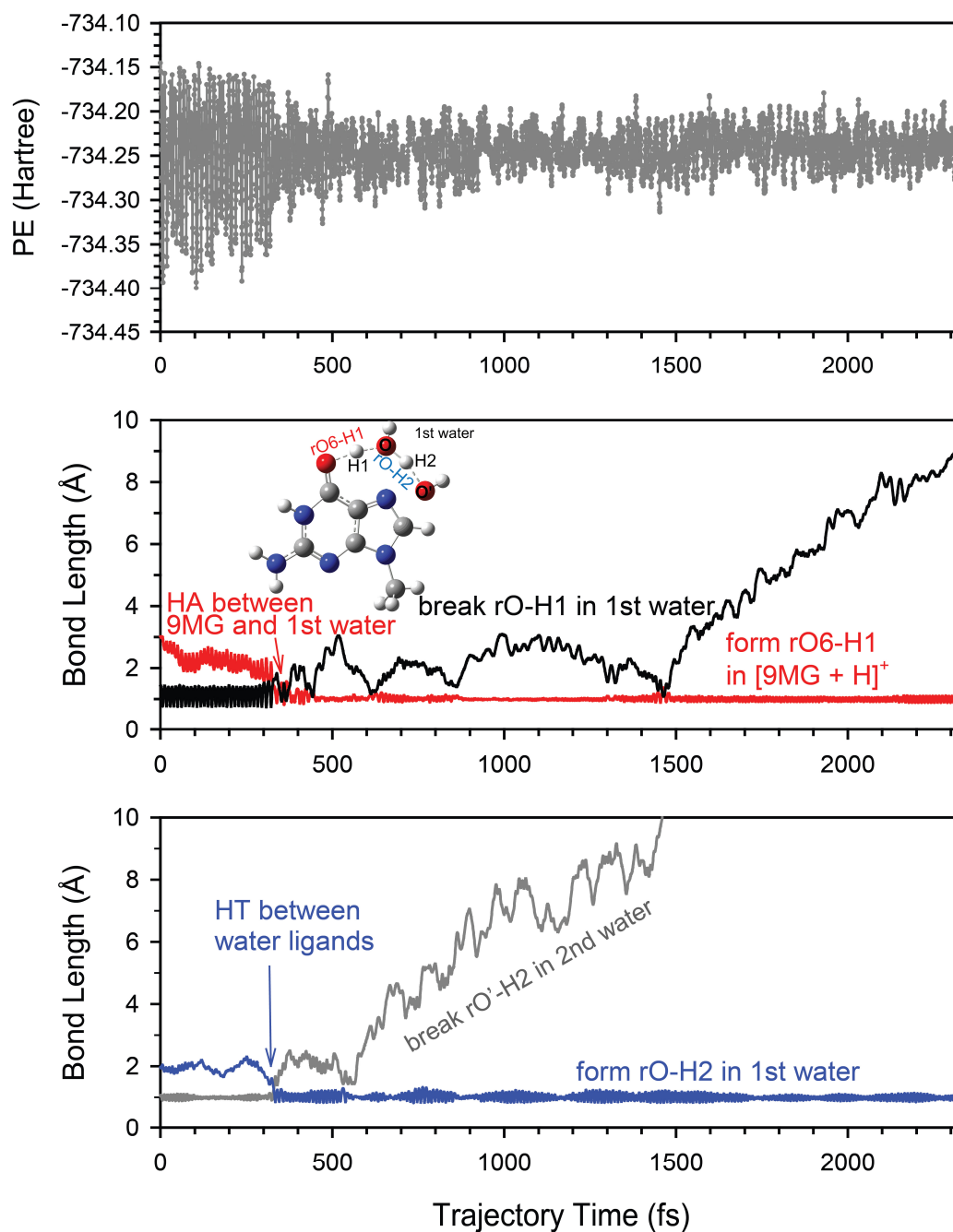
The radical cations were transported into the hexapole ion guide for collisional focusing and thermalization to 310 K, followed by mass selection of  $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $m/z = 183$ ) in the first quadrupole mass filter. By the combination of collisional damping in the hexapole and reducing the radius of the ion beam at the exit of the first quadrupole, initial kinetic energy of the ion beam was reduced to 0.8 eV with an energy spread of < 0.7 eV (FWHM of a Lorentzian line shape). The mass-selected  $9\text{MG}^{\bullet+}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  reactant radical ions were injected into the octopole ion guide that passes the 10-cm scattering cell containing the Xe gas (Spectral Gases, 99.995%). In addition to generating an rf potential for trapping ions in the radial direction, the octopole was biased at a DC potential of variable amplitude. The DC offset was utilized to adjust the kinetic energy of reactant ions in the laboratory frame ( $E_{\text{lab}}$ ) and thereby control the collision energy ( $E_{\text{col}}$ ) between radical cations and Xe in the center-of-mass frame, *i.e.*,  $E_{\text{col}} = E_{\text{lab}} \times m_{\text{neutral}} / (m_{\text{ion}} + m_{\text{neutral}})$  where  $m_{\text{neutral}}$  and  $m_{\text{ion}}$  are the masses of Xe and radical cations, respectively.

The product ions resulting from the collision-induced dissociation and reactions as well as the remaining reactant ions were collected by the octopole, passed into the second quadrupole mass filter for mass analysis, and pulse-counted by the ion detector.

Product ion cross sections were calculated from the ratio of reactant/product ion intensities at each  $E_{\text{col}}$ , the pressure of Xe in the scattering cell, and the effective cell length. The scattering cell gas pressure was maintained at 0.015 mT using a leak valve and continuously measured using a MKS Baratron capacitance manometer. At this pressure,  $9\text{MG}^+\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  had at most single collisions with Xe, so a thin-target limit (analogous to the Beer-Lambert Law)<sup>8</sup> could be assumed in the calculations of absolute product ion cross sections and reaction energy dependence. The entire measurement was repeated five times to reduce experimental uncertainty.

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**Fig. S1** A trajectory for water-assisted HA<sub>06</sub> in 9MG<sup>+</sup>·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> simulated at 1200 K using the B3LYP/6-31G(d) method. The top frame shows the change of PE, and the middle and bottom frames show the variations of bond lengths that are participating in the reaction. A trajectory video is provided in the Supporting Information.

**Cartesian coordinates for structures in Fig. 6,  
optimized at B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)**

**9MG<sup>+</sup>**

C1 1.204426 1.379573 -0.000003  
 C2 -0.215551 1.038288 0.000001  
 H3 3.007038 0.367513 -0.000007  
 C4 1.538965 -1.093398 -0.000005  
 C5 -2.328112 0.955876 0.000007  
 N6 2.006751 0.184393 -0.000005  
 N7 -1.296430 1.818769 0.000004  
 N8 0.215554 -1.402887 -0.000001  
 C9 -0.580658 -0.355482 0.000001  
 N10 2.391552 -2.116381 -0.000007  
 H11 2.010377 -3.054571 -0.000007  
 H12 3.396417 -2.003995 -0.000011  
 O13 1.729698 2.466296 -0.000003  
 H14 -3.368120 1.257131 0.000009  
 C15 -2.829089 -1.540815 0.000007  
 H16 -3.865606 -1.204458 0.000003  
 H17 -2.636558 -2.137740 0.893112  
 H18 -2.636553 -2.137747 -0.893091  
 N19 -1.958066 -0.358287 0.000005

**H<sub>2</sub>O**

O1 0.000000 0.000000 0.116499  
 H2 0.000000 0.769461 -0.465997  
 H3 0.000000 -0.769461 -0.465997

**9MG<sup>+</sup>·H<sub>2</sub>O**

C1 -1.656296 -1.464058 -0.000038  
 C2 -0.275045 -0.992283 0.000175  
 H3 -3.545130 -0.625357 -0.000350  
 C4 -2.219814 0.967060 -0.000198  
 C5 1.824935 -0.711059 0.000534  
 N6 -2.566659 -0.349409 -0.000206  
 N7 0.873187 -1.667608 0.000400  
 N8 -0.933821 1.399086 -0.000010  
 C9 -0.041428 0.430639 0.000163  
 N10 -3.167792 1.904372 -0.000374  
 H11 -2.877480 2.874178 -0.000358  
 H12 -4.156813 1.696059 -0.000523  
 O13 -2.080269 -2.595039 -0.000083  
 H14 2.895890 -0.891741 0.000697  
 C15 2.093949 1.815043 0.000559  
 H16 3.153733 1.559062 0.000081  
 H17 1.846110 2.392768 0.892975  
 H18 1.845464 2.393365 -0.891285  
 N19 1.327717 0.560946 0.000389  
 O20 4.924466 -0.159735 -0.000828  
 H21 5.499860 -0.281606 0.767047  
 H22 5.498560 -0.282291 -0.769566

**TS\_HA<sub>N7</sub>**

C1 -0.125893 -1.643589 0.000050  
 C2 0.473454 -0.333924 0.000054  
 H3 -2.035790 -2.412363 -0.000036  
 C4 -2.253624 -0.343546 -0.000089  
 C5 1.788486 1.392136 0.000078  
 N6 -1.547519 -1.521362 -0.000028  
 N7 1.782202 0.055714 0.000112  
 N8 -1.667653 0.860228 -0.000085  
 C9 -0.336482 0.804567 -0.000015  
 N10 -3.593322 -0.395211 -0.000157  
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 O13 0.420938 -2.730397 0.000098  
 H14 2.680660 2.002473 0.000106  
 H15 2.737311 -0.636513 0.000164  
 O16 3.868931 -1.289745 0.000054  
 H17 3.770401 -2.262279 0.000043  
 C18 0.135269 3.304152 -0.000052  
 H19 -0.457207 3.514141 0.891843  
 H20 -0.457122 3.514095 -0.892014  
 H21 1.034984 3.918838 -0.000025  
 N22 0.531891 1.889847 0.000003

**[9MG + H<sub>N7</sub>]<sup>+...•OH</sup>**

C1 0.477276 -1.477549 -0.000002  
 C2 0.586272 -0.047924 -0.000001  
 H3 -1.036678 -2.855149 -0.000005  
 C4 -1.963064 -0.984154 0.000001  
 C5 1.238236 2.049231 -0.000002  
 N6 -0.884874 -1.850685 -0.000001  
 N7 1.680685 0.794955 -0.000002  
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 H12 -3.370724 -2.511688 0.000021  
 O13 1.370771 -2.318825 -0.000005  
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 H15 2.658685 0.443416 -0.000002  
 O16 3.854746 -0.922987 0.000007  
 H17 3.229410 -1.695449 -0.000002  
 C18 -0.983637 3.244470 0.000000  
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 H21 -0.360775 4.138468 -0.000006  
 N22 -0.112649 2.060842 0.000000

**[9MG + H<sub>N7</sub>]<sup>+</sup>**

C1 1.157916 1.401804 -0.000002  
 C2 -0.214672 0.968391 -0.000002  
 H3 2.994683 0.483731 0.000002

C4 1.592596 -1.059168 0.000004  
 C5 -2.414104 0.793718 -0.000004  
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**•OH**

O1 0.000000 0.000000 0.108863  
 H2 0.000000 0.000000 -0.870904

**TS\_8OH\_H<sub>N7</sub>**

C1 -1.281977 1.474961 -0.083000  
 C2 0.013775 0.879085 -0.291604  
 H3 -3.182839 0.793705 0.289988  
 C4 -1.983348 -0.906258 0.149204  
 C5 2.152716 0.438456 -0.590457  
 N6 -2.240405 0.448835 0.132853  
 N7 1.244574 1.428347 -0.524558  
 N8 -0.770691 -1.421533 -0.043277  
 C9 0.176983 -0.506118 -0.254010  
 N10 -3.010862 -1.740315 0.369684  
 H11 -2.821354 -2.732583 0.389362  
 H12 -3.955839 -1.426566 0.530578  
 O13 -1.576243 2.654539 -0.081574  
 H14 3.187851 0.561408 -0.866601  
 O15 2.839204 0.441833 1.602200  
 H16 1.445339 2.420678 -0.587366  
 H17 3.526716 1.077365 1.885414  
 C18 2.175712 -2.061621 -0.400904  
 H19 1.427074 -2.825198 -0.606648  
 H20 2.584938 -2.191073 0.603479  
 H21 2.971916 -2.112595 -1.144167  
 N22 1.518719 -0.750641 -0.482477

**[8OH-9MG + H<sub>N7</sub>]\*<sup>+</sup>**

C1 -1.280562 1.489353 -0.036587  
 C2 0.021666 0.887901 -0.147286  
 H3 -3.230983 0.854437 0.149978  
 C4 -2.052863 -0.861902 0.082396  
 C5 2.283675 0.407455 -0.269314  
 N6 -2.286502 0.488951 0.074437

N7 1.238670 1.440913 -0.284630  
 N8 -0.831284 -1.402569 -0.012096  
 C9 0.167702 -0.534754 -0.122844  
 N10 -3.097656 -1.690656 0.191261  
 H11 -2.915787 -2.685117 0.199624  
 H12 -4.052119 -1.373271 0.274826  
 O13 -1.549503 2.678429 -0.033585  
 H14 2.880644 0.448389 -1.189919  
 O15 3.087537 0.508040 0.861012  
 H16 1.440527 2.430473 -0.199488  
 H17 4.008645 0.690275 0.626098  
 C18 2.088151 -2.144972 -0.189466  
 H19 1.289791 -2.885416 -0.154485  
 H20 2.714735 -2.236651 0.701353  
 H21 2.693509 -2.306597 -1.086219  
 N22 1.476793 -0.820463 -0.232197

**TS\_S<sub>N2</sub>\_H<sub>N7</sub>**

C1 -2.312751 -0.561514 0.000047  
 C2 -0.955158 -1.034791 -0.000004  
 H3 -3.244333 1.271427 0.000059  
 C4 -1.198858 1.666179 -0.000022  
 C5 0.931219 -2.163494 -0.000050  
 N6 -2.314787 0.862178 0.000027  
 N7 -0.419866 -2.296879 -0.000003  
 N8 0.046770 1.190998 -0.000059  
 C9 0.127195 -0.149816 -0.000050  
 N10 -1.373863 2.998890 -0.000033  
 H11 -0.550904 3.585154 -0.000067  
 H12 -2.281244 3.439724 -0.000012  
 O13 -3.345174 -1.206604 0.000094  
 H14 1.604398 -3.009178 -0.000067  
 H15 -0.942343 -3.165817 0.000020  
 O16 4.792598 0.953772 0.000149  
 H17 5.584791 0.378269 -0.000033  
 C18 3.117002 -0.009768 -0.000040  
 H19 3.363260 -0.488544 0.936087  
 H20 2.623355 0.948181 -0.000187  
 H21 3.363431 -0.488761 -0.936006  
 N22 1.297217 -0.887842 -0.000080

**7HG<sup>+</sup>**

C1 -0.218521 1.464201 -0.000056  
 C2 0.825557 0.461100 -0.000013  
 H3 -2.279216 1.485825 -0.000068  
 C4 -1.702814 -0.514804 0.000010  
 C5 2.642363 -0.776230 0.000043  
 N6 -1.495623 0.837495 -0.000040  
 N7 2.165001 0.544453 -0.000009  
 N8 -0.704531 -1.432109 0.000050  
 C9 0.523574 -0.943917 0.000039  
 N10 -2.943917 -0.993252 0.000021  
 H11 -3.057800 -2.001063 0.000058

H12 -3.771931 -0.411992 -0.000005  
 O13 -0.093055 2.671431 -0.000101  
 H14 3.705041 -0.982984 0.000056  
 H15 2.719373 1.395648 -0.000038  
 N16 1.694503 -1.670727 0.000072

### CH<sub>3</sub>OH

O1 0.749416 0.122407 0.000002  
 H2 1.154832 -0.753206 0.000118  
 C3 -0.667836 -0.020690 -0.000013  
 H4 -1.030235 -0.545561 0.894472  
 H5 -1.082708 0.989401 -0.000127  
 H6 -1.030197 -0.545747 -0.894404

### TS\_HA<sub>06</sub>

C1 0.054639 -1.510573 0.048036  
 C2 0.571838 -0.208962 0.069456  
 H3 -1.742464 -2.475694 -0.006381  
 C4 -2.128996 -0.411546 -0.009396  
 C5 1.810538 1.540472 0.039424  
 N6 -1.324501 -1.550178 0.018480  
 N7 1.868115 0.227713 0.100817  
 N8 -1.640376 0.818495 -0.016393  
 C9 -0.300265 0.877423 0.013937  
 N10 -3.460255 -0.602060 -0.032809  
 H11 -4.053728 0.214975 -0.056545  
 H12 -3.894973 -1.511575 -0.022814  
 O13 0.740761 -2.578453 0.042149  
 H14 2.657752 2.211364 0.027057  
 H15 1.908208 -2.236998 -0.042947  
 O16 2.976978 -1.681468 -0.230850  
 H17 3.493106 -1.566636 0.589906  
 C18 0.057668 3.387963 -0.041301  
 H19 -0.454961 3.639335 0.889344  
 H20 -0.621679 3.527659 -0.883697  
 H21 0.928938 4.030751 -0.165896  
 N22 0.506355 1.991392 -0.004290

### [9MG + H<sub>06</sub>]<sup>+</sup>•OH

C1 0.187629 -1.469464 0.053029  
 C2 0.603815 -0.143730 0.064963  
 H3 -1.493355 -2.616444 0.004624  
 C4 -2.084723 -0.602154 -0.013548  
 C5 1.645846 1.711846 0.054297  
 N6 -1.171888 -1.652758 0.020828  
 N7 1.857927 0.418789 0.099668  
 N8 -1.711451 0.666894 -0.023467  
 C9 -0.385479 0.853485 0.011958  
 N10 -3.391138 -0.919251 -0.039357  
 H11 -4.058944 -0.161775 -0.069122  
 H12 -3.738830 -1.865608 -0.032569  
 O13 0.934792 -2.526447 0.064889  
 H14 2.413844 2.473272 0.056523

H15 1.926315 -2.227261 0.007964  
 O16 3.215619 -1.452388 -0.249123  
 H17 3.758946 -1.163718 0.509912  
 C18 -0.285836 3.381421 -0.047273  
 H19 -0.942397 3.531800 0.811620  
 H20 -0.856185 3.500990 -0.970382  
 H21 0.522274 4.112194 -0.020903  
 N22 0.299055 2.037584 0.004563

### [9MG + H<sub>06</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

C1 -1.127108 1.243594 0.000517  
 C2 0.223982 0.974004 0.000117  
 H3 -2.963849 0.361518 0.001094  
 C4 -1.509240 -1.150291 -0.000334  
 C5 2.333151 0.961054 -0.001313  
 N6 -1.967573 0.162501 0.000467  
 N7 1.329170 1.798643 -0.000335  
 N8 -0.220455 -1.450933 -0.000714  
 C9 0.597469 -0.393020 -0.000742  
 N10 -2.429825 -2.129999 -0.000532  
 H11 -2.099775 -3.084964 -0.000746  
 H12 -3.424771 -1.966499 -0.000364  
 O13 -1.730398 2.416408 0.001140  
 H14 3.377939 1.243362 -0.002298  
 H15 -1.080442 3.142036 0.001064  
 C16 2.841438 -1.551770 0.003014  
 H17 2.611714 -2.191745 -0.850759  
 H18 2.709857 -2.114987 0.929154  
 H19 3.872303 -1.205461 -0.069504  
 N20 1.957547 -0.382490 -0.002358

### TS\_8OH\_H<sub>06</sub>

C1 -1.190593 1.338350 -0.119772  
 C2 0.084945 0.842892 -0.298934  
 H3 -3.120568 0.781876 0.223977  
 C4 -1.938139 -0.951047 0.141396  
 C5 2.153853 0.464400 -0.544712  
 N6 -2.181076 0.418216 0.092721  
 N7 1.281260 1.468610 -0.519915  
 N8 -0.729596 -1.466278 -0.018648  
 C9 0.237862 -0.571440 -0.233550  
 N10 -2.988555 -1.758661 0.357966  
 H11 -2.814984 -2.753423 0.401475  
 H12 -3.931262 -1.429767 0.500409  
 O13 -1.589326 2.594840 -0.123588  
 H14 3.187484 0.561362 -0.843274  
 O15 2.707327 0.631521 1.517713  
 H16 2.982838 1.559814 1.649915  
 C17 2.269203 -2.068036 -0.321328  
 H18 1.537409 -2.874238 -0.358709  
 H19 2.809085 -2.094790 0.628339  
 H20 2.968264 -2.170058 -1.153066  
 N21 1.557350 -0.793423 -0.435245

H22 -0.840740 3.198381 -0.278815

**[8OH-9MG + H<sub>06</sub>]<sup>+</sup>**

C1 -1.241009 1.356308 -0.039992  
 C2 0.062616 0.878261 -0.140476  
 H3 -3.197613 0.779255 0.126409  
 C4 -1.993947 -0.935782 0.080030  
 C5 2.240813 0.492858 -0.287920  
 N6 -2.248611 0.424425 0.062028  
 N7 1.211724 1.535213 -0.248385  
 N8 -0.770651 -1.449777 -0.004058  
 C9 0.222580 -0.565840 -0.111050  
 N10 -3.042153 -1.763036 0.186204  
 H11 -2.856194 -2.756750 0.202242  
 H12 -3.998504 -1.451254 0.265631  
 O13 -1.640464 2.616624 -0.033381  
 H14 2.785959 0.559765 -1.241355  
 O15 3.104018 0.537327 0.807374  
 H16 3.697903 1.298904 0.729027  
 C17 2.198840 -2.097203 -0.185901  
 H18 1.448542 -2.878210 -0.064871  
 H19 2.901537 -2.117887 0.649794  
 H20 2.741245 -2.252088 -1.122935  
 N21 1.522144 -0.804497 -0.213247  
 H22 -0.877837 3.218761 -0.101822

**TS\_S<sub>N2</sub>\_H<sub>06</sub>**

C1 -2.103352 -0.633669 -0.096536  
 C2 -0.802429 -1.068647 -0.002823  
 H3 -3.259554 1.045530 -0.146904  
 C4 -1.255011 1.631275 0.042353  
 C5 1.043699 -2.091149 0.112384  
 N6 -2.299321 0.723031 -0.073995  
 N7 -0.246274 -2.332153 -0.005251  
 N8 0.008881 1.253378 0.143626  
 C9 0.204351 -0.072897 0.125187  
 N10 -1.567458 2.940683 0.045346  
 H11 -0.810839 3.603221 0.140000  
 H12 -2.511173 3.292778 0.002825  
 O13 -3.208673 -1.349796 -0.204558  
 H14 1.797966 -2.866378 0.148276  
 H15 -3.002726 -2.301483 -0.214406  
 O16 4.586298 0.921376 -0.369564  
 H17 5.206708 0.255350 -0.728228  
 C18 3.141995 0.115229 0.203757  
 H19 2.739213 0.987540 0.693532  
 H20 2.984056 -0.021351 -0.875040  
 H21 3.575295 -0.664283 0.812130  
 N22 1.373391 -0.754141 0.240968

**6-enol-G<sup>+</sup>**

C1 0.179571 1.343149 0.000005  
 C2 -0.871958 0.428857 0.000072

H3 2.216687 1.466748 -0.000030  
 C4 1.662503 -0.562937 -0.000007  
 C5 -2.644758 -0.737235 0.000017  
 N6 1.438541 0.811670 -0.000005  
 N7 -2.192111 0.599614 0.000118  
 N8 0.680243 -1.474371 -0.000037  
 C9 -0.547505 -0.990478 -0.000044  
 N10 2.922770 -0.992720 0.000117  
 H11 3.070020 -1.996438 -0.000003  
 H12 3.732817 -0.387322 -0.000222  
 O13 0.122325 2.651136 -0.000077  
 H14 -3.707913 -0.944215 0.000027  
 H15 -0.801198 2.967871 -0.000032  
 N16 -1.728892 -1.687603 -0.000105

**TS\_HE**

C1 -1.300270 1.511540 -0.048178  
 C2 0.044609 0.903391 -0.167650  
 H3 -3.243309 0.865381 0.132345  
 C4 -2.069806 -0.853151 0.088383  
 C5 2.172127 0.431497 -0.337245  
 N6 -2.296587 0.502632 0.060979  
 N7 1.191495 1.485456 -0.280404  
 N8 -0.852964 -1.413939 0.013697  
 C9 0.150423 -0.561958 -0.112963  
 N10 -3.119636 -1.666511 0.200324  
 H11 -2.947844 -2.663548 0.222099  
 H12 -4.073407 -1.340224 0.266005  
 O13 -1.583746 2.683039 -0.045262  
 H14 2.741662 0.451813 -1.279137  
 O15 3.083653 0.585267 0.757551  
 H16 4.592534 0.286718 0.336851  
 H17 3.089504 1.524690 1.028839  
 C18 2.087636 -2.152893 -0.172173  
 H19 2.708451 -2.276301 -1.063734  
 H20 1.305373 -2.911286 -0.160312  
 H21 2.708447 -2.245917 0.722082  
 N22 1.450695 -0.837400 -0.195224

**8OH-9MG<sup>+</sup> + H**

C1 -1.257235 1.556281 -0.039570  
 C2 0.076222 0.894871 -0.135420  
 H3 -3.223820 0.986055 0.129255  
 C4 -2.116204 -0.777346 0.082110  
 C5 2.194918 0.324400 -0.306689  
 N6 -2.290280 0.588837 0.065752  
 N7 1.229587 1.433386 -0.226107  
 N8 -0.926878 -1.392007 -0.004021  
 C9 0.118930 -0.588604 -0.106025  
 N10 -3.198772 -1.544023 0.190345  
 H11 -3.070015 -2.548018 0.202109  
 H12 -4.137204 -1.177730 0.268474  
 O13 -1.490799 2.735994 -0.047912



H14	2.657696	0.373054	-1.304894
O15	3.113430	0.326528	0.723899
H16	5.206798	2.463171	0.326122
H17	3.762114	1.041355	0.600024
C18	1.981644	-2.255427	-0.159907
H19	2.448749	-2.482283	-1.122293
H20	1.188083	-2.974140	0.042000
H21	2.734876	-2.288103	0.630002
N22	1.395205	-0.917419	-0.195352

**Cartesian coordinates for structures in Fig. 8,  
optimized at B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)**

**9MG<sup>+</sup>·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>**

C1 -1.173135 -1.677627 0.022499  
 C2 -0.205547 -0.586331 0.015843  
 H3 -3.228653 -1.882909 0.009846  
 C4 -2.860845 0.156847 -0.009736  
 C5 1.489834 0.699693 0.012944  
 N6 -2.513148 -1.160614 0.006840  
 N7 1.126839 -0.604898 0.023486  
 N8 -1.954931 1.166558 -0.013762  
 C9 -0.701210 0.765276 -0.001161  
 N10 -4.147352 0.503759 -0.022888  
 H11 -4.373858 1.490561 -0.035132  
 H12 -4.904997 -0.165447 -0.021931  
 O13 -0.976279 -2.870315 0.039254  
 H14 2.531193 1.034076 0.015508  
 O15 4.426282 0.822068 0.084222  
 H16 2.937025 -1.938714 -0.029455  
 H17 5.291569 1.206521 -0.098554  
 O18 3.900216 -1.886822 -0.131742  
 H19 4.516091 -0.151621 0.025162  
 H20 4.269807 -2.726942 0.166112  
 C21 0.471347 3.021294 -0.015710  
 H22 -0.043795 3.410967 0.863906  
 H23 -0.009460 3.393954 -0.921828  
 H24 1.516164 3.329444 0.001939  
 N25 0.427807 1.553160 -0.001894

**TS(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>\_HA<sub>N7</sub>**

C1 -0.892980 -1.652809 0.048495  
 C2 -0.067781 -0.467541 0.075144  
 H3 -2.904575 -2.077290 -0.064331  
 C4 -2.758847 -0.003149 -0.082349  
 C5 1.515032 1.002449 0.168330  
 N6 -2.270317 -1.284197 -0.040072  
 N7 1.282412 -0.315308 0.159422  
 N8 -1.975044 1.081231 -0.044474  
 C9 -0.674869 0.800251 0.032253  
 N10 -4.085001 0.179513 -0.164981  
 H11 -4.432116 1.128374 -0.195359  
 H12 -4.748689 -0.579582 -0.204743  
 O13 -0.555599 -2.819522 0.095070  
 H14 2.506654 1.435278 0.218463  
 O15 4.391817 0.428678 -0.243069  
 H16 2.256059 -1.197601 0.097611  
 H17 5.233114 0.620496 -0.693740  
 O18 3.268341 -1.770751 -0.076083  
 H19 3.942021 -0.972967 -0.151699  
 H20 3.520501 -2.409263 0.606316  
 C21 0.219514 3.174509 0.080655  
 H22 -0.373470 3.491619 0.940220

H23 -0.275363 3.486423 -0.840582  
 H24 1.213169 3.618458 0.133936  
 N25 0.360209 1.713983 0.091734

**[9MG + H<sub>N7</sub>]<sup>+</sup>·H<sub>2</sub>O...·OH**

C1 -0.027407 -1.441473 -0.083671  
 C2 -0.020213 -0.006677 -0.077866  
 H3 -1.445896 -2.919085 0.011932  
 C4 -2.493371 -1.116911 0.097082  
 C5 0.488784 2.121699 -0.109594  
 N6 -1.362582 -1.907147 0.011656  
 N7 1.013713 0.903880 -0.151122  
 N8 -2.452563 0.208593 0.100143  
 C9 -1.207914 0.701305 0.011469  
 N10 -3.685185 -1.737276 0.181243  
 H11 -4.514328 -1.164405 0.241728  
 H12 -3.789896 -2.739620 0.179759  
 O13 0.916859 -2.217573 -0.155884  
 H14 1.046639 3.045189 -0.149557  
 O15 5.941628 -0.078616 0.478827  
 H16 2.026227 0.596408 -0.227590  
 H17 6.736128 -0.652883 0.446888  
 O18 3.241733 -0.437229 -0.402418  
 H19 4.166284 -0.433736 -0.093711  
 H20 2.877506 -1.335898 -0.327873  
 C21 -1.803022 3.167537 0.061425  
 H22 -2.366223 3.108799 0.994122  
 H23 -2.491433 3.116683 -0.783638  
 H24 -1.241335 4.100686 0.025972  
 N25 -0.860038 2.045139 -0.009821

**TS(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>\_8OH\_HA<sub>N7</sub>**

C1 -0.605435 1.619756 0.022860  
 C2 0.205097 0.456983 -0.214876  
 H3 -2.591230 2.013389 0.338606  
 C4 -2.442455 -0.055530 0.104722  
 C5 1.817506 -0.998372 -0.517220  
 N6 -1.958676 1.237791 0.165937  
 N7 1.552543 0.309873 -0.398146  
 N8 -1.667336 -1.113248 -0.107477  
 C9 -0.373737 -0.813226 -0.257929  
 N10 -3.762833 -0.238709 0.267822  
 H11 -4.117609 -1.183997 0.233267  
 H12 -4.410919 0.513459 0.443971  
 O13 -0.258417 2.791673 0.102621  
 H14 2.775017 -1.416944 -0.783116  
 O15 2.388479 -1.520523 1.616941  
 H16 2.213006 1.121377 -0.412111  
 H17 3.120122 -0.980495 1.976912  
 O18 2.596281 2.748938 -0.204670  
 H19 3.251445 3.378604 -0.530220  
 H20 1.749089 3.215562 -0.082718  
 C21 0.549681 -3.165296 -0.470717

H22 -0.487190 -3.428200 -0.674789  
 H23 0.847890 -3.534784 0.513034  
 H24 1.196642 -3.583033 -1.242914  
 N25 0.656167 -1.701641 -0.485292

**[8OH-9MG + H<sub>N7</sub>]<sup>+</sup>·H<sub>2</sub>O**

C1 -0.692720 1.595539 0.020594  
 C2 0.184161 0.462179 -0.089243  
 H3 -2.713013 1.946458 0.163460  
 C4 -2.475317 -0.121313 0.063286  
 C5 1.950735 -1.010179 -0.237462  
 N6 -2.047705 1.182921 0.090735  
 N7 1.518199 0.390469 -0.189615  
 N8 -1.649238 -1.166596 -0.037782  
 C9 -0.356858 -0.862927 -0.113127  
 N10 -3.790791 -0.361293 0.140422  
 H11 -4.098185 -1.324035 0.121391  
 H12 -4.484685 0.366099 0.227119  
 O13 -0.391801 2.784049 0.052885  
 H14 2.499879 -1.207695 -1.168378  
 O15 2.699826 -1.377492 0.877676  
 H16 2.141298 1.220034 -0.158845  
 H17 3.634164 -1.488286 0.650996  
 O18 2.495814 2.927311 -0.181291  
 H19 3.189391 3.527562 0.118967  
 H20 1.638212 3.369880 -0.062261  
 C21 0.588761 -3.181076 -0.239621  
 H22 -0.462273 -3.464312 -0.194738  
 H23 1.118722 -3.585186 0.626209  
 H24 1.031802 -3.574248 -1.159451  
 N25 0.666879 -1.724151 -0.230217

**TS(H<sub>2</sub>O)\_HA<sub>O6</sub>**

C1 0.163253 -1.380303 0.087447  
 C2 0.244297 0.023008 0.080797  
 H3 -1.219660 -2.870012 0.070782  
 C4 -2.271585 -1.062417 0.016752  
 C5 0.775373 2.099101 0.015704  
 N6 -1.138526 -1.857726 0.073259  
 N7 1.308511 0.904944 0.099285  
 N8 -2.208951 0.256210 -0.033596  
 C9 -0.960987 0.745067 -0.003784  
 N10 -3.468078 -1.680138 0.009346  
 H11 -4.295920 -1.103830 -0.038112  
 H12 -3.579880 -2.680923 0.049908  
 O13 1.089030 -2.252731 0.100277  
 H14 1.330668 3.026634 -0.005572  
 O15 3.571720 0.921762 0.180960  
 H16 2.199925 -1.898306 -0.122971  
 H17 3.510468 1.088019 1.141261  
 O18 3.319474 -1.539813 -0.428952  
 H19 3.516825 -0.565584 -0.172417  
 H20 4.050196 -2.127223 -0.193176

C21 -1.514284 3.207991 -0.150654  
 H22 -2.205565 3.205005 0.694023  
 H23 -2.078281 3.149489 -1.083519  
 H24 -0.924882 4.124716 -0.137392  
 N25 -0.601825 2.065794 -0.048102

**[9MG + H<sub>O6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>·H<sub>2</sub>O...·OH**

C1 -0.125586 -1.383204 -0.088411  
 C2 -0.243473 0.012212 -0.079554  
 H3 1.279490 -2.850141 -0.073131  
 C4 2.296929 -1.022252 -0.018723  
 C5 -0.816261 2.071844 -0.014063  
 N6 1.179291 -1.839431 -0.075273  
 N7 -1.328168 0.869536 -0.098919  
 N8 2.206502 0.294815 0.034745  
 C9 0.950147 0.758983 0.006380  
 N10 3.505024 -1.615848 -0.013965  
 H11 4.321198 -1.022926 0.033171  
 H12 3.637517 -2.613993 -0.059491  
 O13 -1.030943 -2.290054 -0.104954  
 H14 -1.389270 2.988768 0.006753  
 O15 -3.629746 0.912925 -0.199300  
 H16 -2.068829 -1.964822 0.096152  
 H17 -3.553647 1.057130 -1.162657  
 O18 -3.290205 -1.596457 0.437355  
 H19 -3.534124 -0.649488 0.196529  
 H20 -4.035472 -2.191388 0.284036  
 C21 1.450072 3.231954 0.157401  
 H22 2.153682 3.236021 -0.676975  
 H23 2.001071 3.194598 1.099160  
 H24 0.841487 4.135596 0.126317  
 N25 0.563507 2.069801 0.051578

**TS(H<sub>2</sub>O)\_8OH\_HA<sub>O6</sub>**

C1 -0.575054 1.483512 -0.010127  
 C2 0.280993 0.398440 -0.221755  
 H3 -2.531967 1.937377 0.295759  
 C4 -2.387283 -0.144876 0.102641  
 C5 1.874721 -0.993441 -0.487489  
 N6 -1.902456 1.155592 0.139492  
 N7 1.638241 0.315521 -0.401984  
 N8 -1.602500 -1.191008 -0.090664  
 C9 -0.308832 -0.892772 -0.246968  
 N10 -3.709332 -0.318948 0.267629  
 H11 -4.063954 -1.265038 0.255256  
 H12 -4.355975 0.434024 0.445492  
 O13 -0.302323 2.745125 0.064275  
 H14 2.820994 -1.424477 -0.778772  
 O15 2.390352 -1.322028 1.572976  
 H16 0.715161 2.950960 -0.043657  
 H17 3.038899 -0.633917 1.818294  
 O18 2.176053 3.036845 -0.155801  
 H19 2.473161 2.131261 -0.384896

H20 2.641169 3.685642 -0.700655  
C21 0.657810 -3.218865 -0.419667  
H22 -0.383187 -3.522686 -0.522926  
H23 1.058266 -3.567939 0.535197  
H24 1.242609 -3.629996 -1.244176  
N25 0.715768 -1.756407 -0.461091

**[8OH-9MG + H<sub>06</sub>]<sup>+</sup> · H<sub>2</sub>O**

C1 -0.914772 1.343988 -0.013688  
C2 0.181374 0.469753 -0.123738  
H3 -2.947729 1.375060 0.149047  
C4 -2.340510 -0.624615 0.069925  
C5 2.133887 -0.606408 -0.270862  
N6 -2.157560 0.742392 0.071288  
N7 1.490235 0.709515 -0.231173  
N8 -1.336089 -1.489853 -0.021564  
C9 -0.120719 -0.949530 -0.114144  
N10 -3.594579 -1.089299 0.162923  
H11 -3.725300 -2.091562 0.168928  
H12 -4.406355 -0.496841 0.250618  
O13 -0.930224 2.640799 0.014781  
H14 2.691131 -0.711908 -1.213636  
O15 2.953499 -0.847747 0.835889  
H16 0.021325 3.065597 -0.013167  
H17 3.813893 -0.420060 0.716890  
O18 1.434617 3.470729 0.010239  
H19 1.914670 2.630252 -0.155068  
H20 1.802774 4.176055 -0.538142  
C21 1.256686 -3.035646 -0.207649  
H22 0.289916 -3.530988 -0.121743  
H23 1.889534 -3.298798 0.642722  
H24 1.744965 -3.346289 -1.135904  
N25 1.036902 -1.593614 -0.221028