

## Cross-Plane Magnetic Coupling in Carbon-Based Diradicals with One-Electron $\sigma$ -Bond Regulated by Conjugative Substituent Engineering

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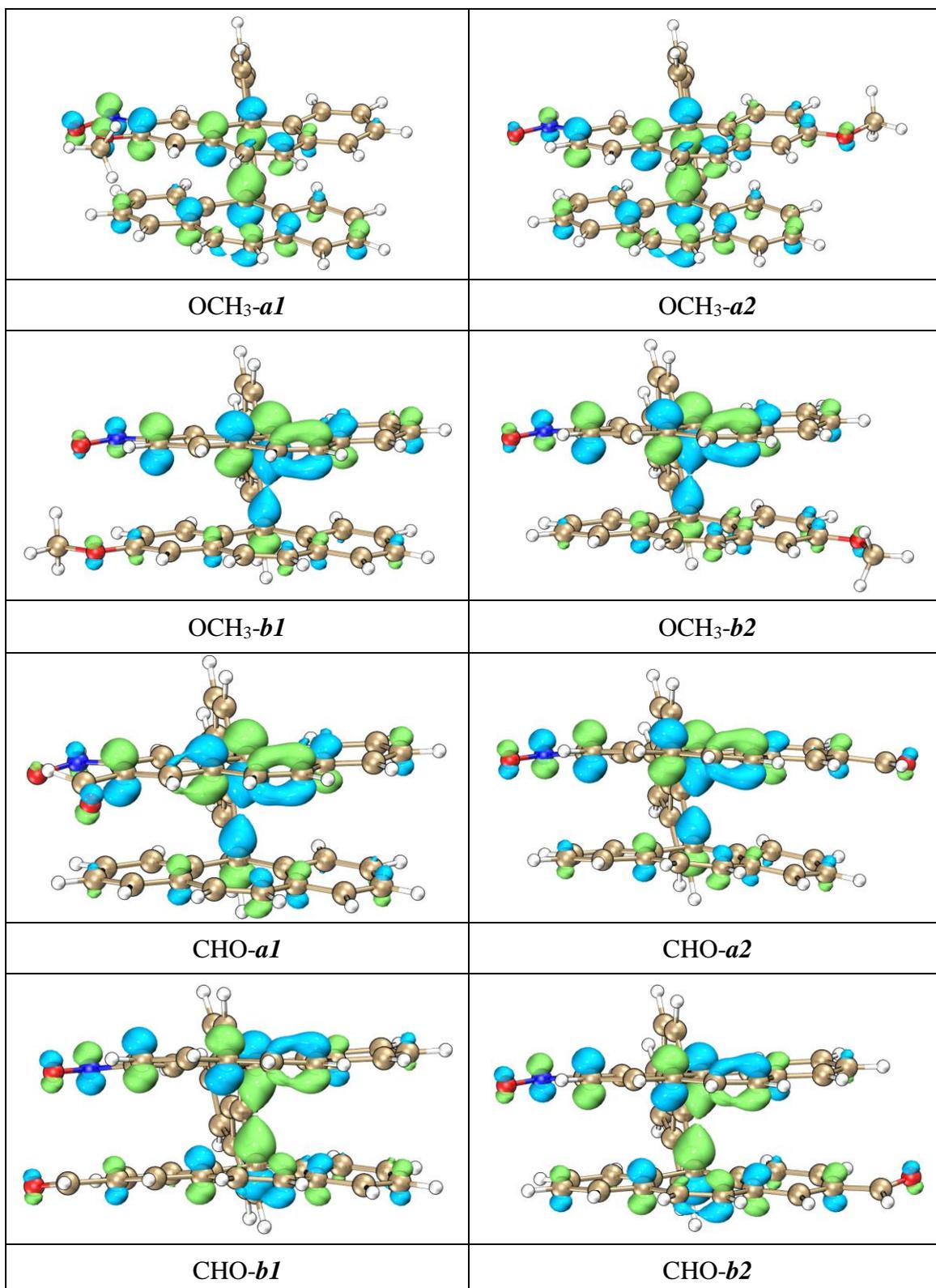
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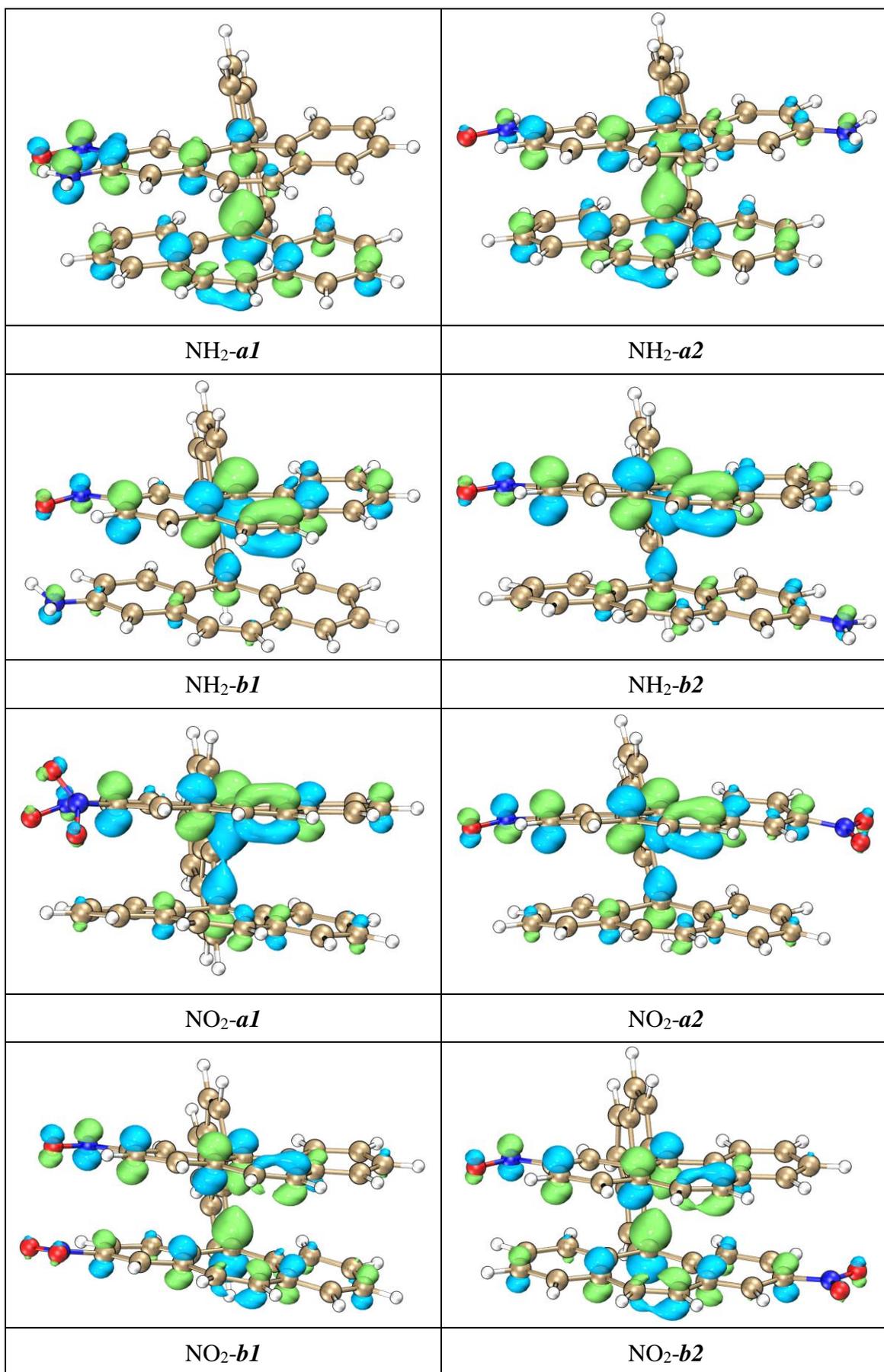
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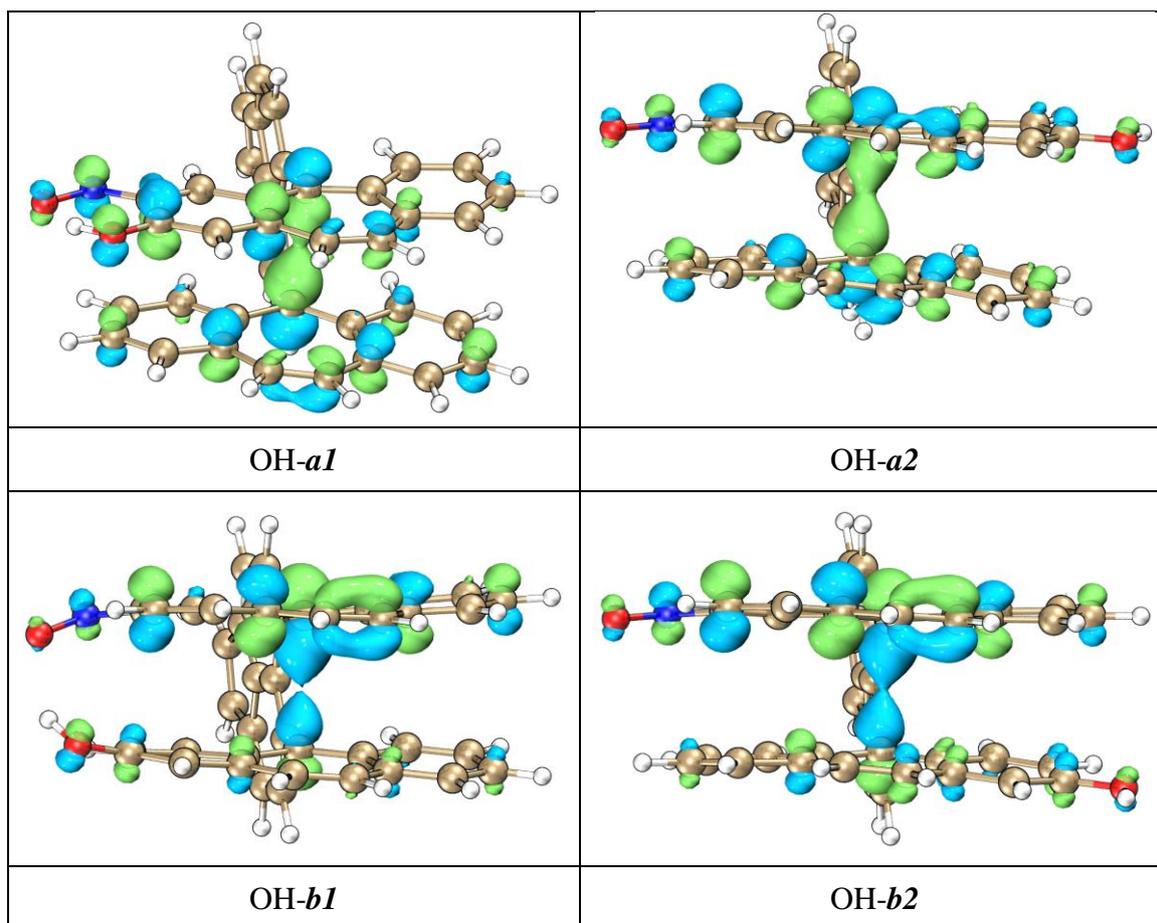
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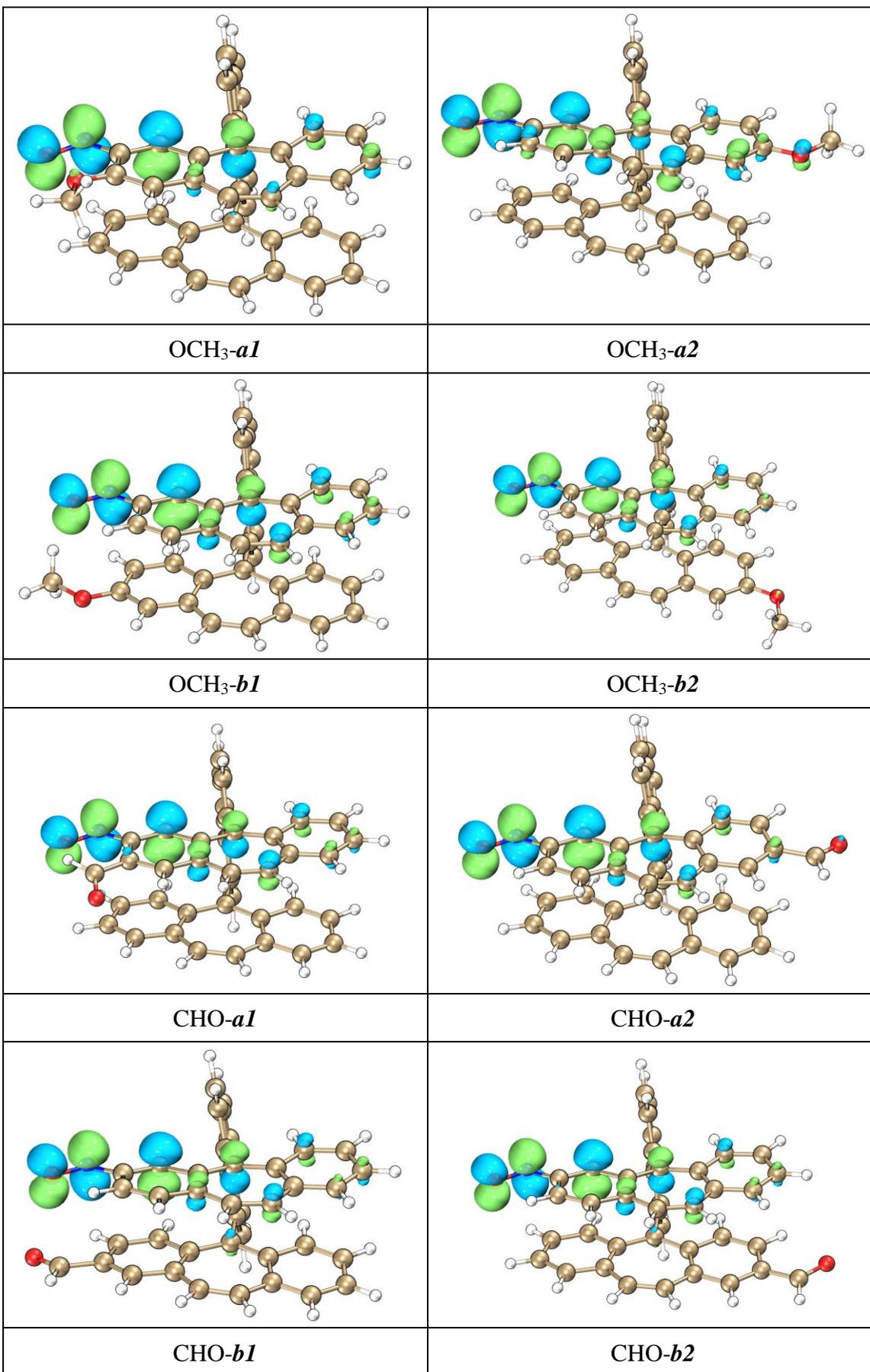
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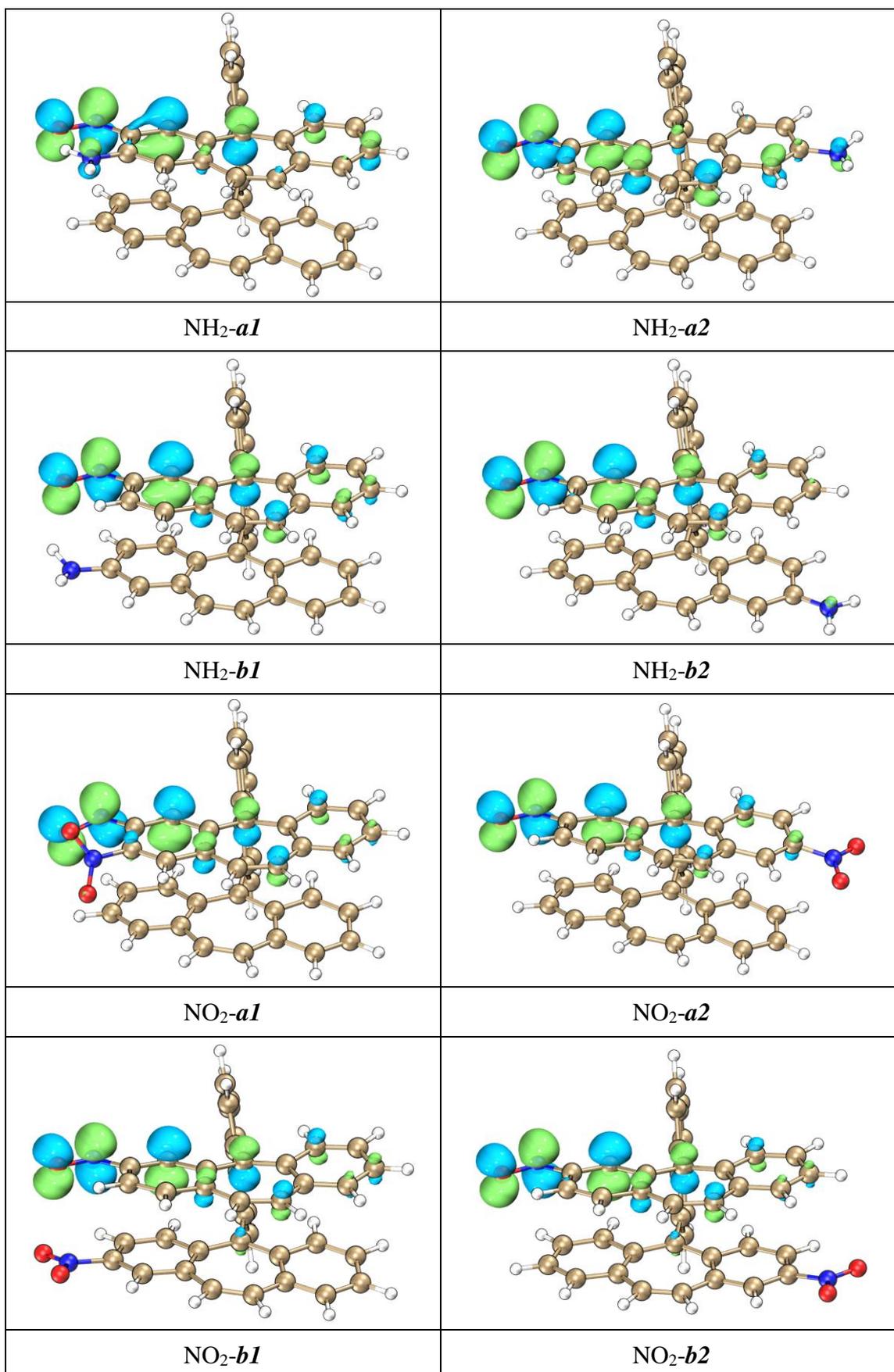


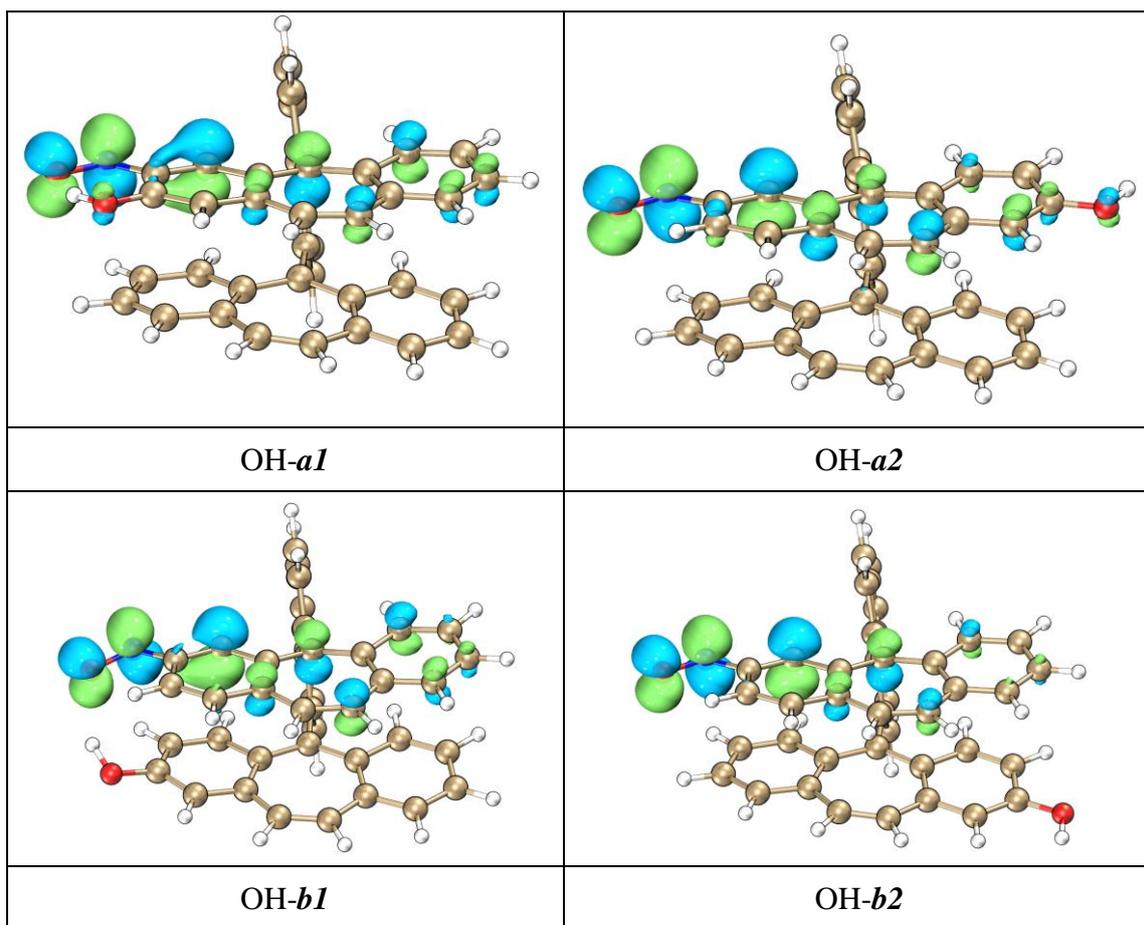




**Figure S1.** The isosurface diagram of orbital distribution of SOMO1 in systems with different types and positions of substituents.

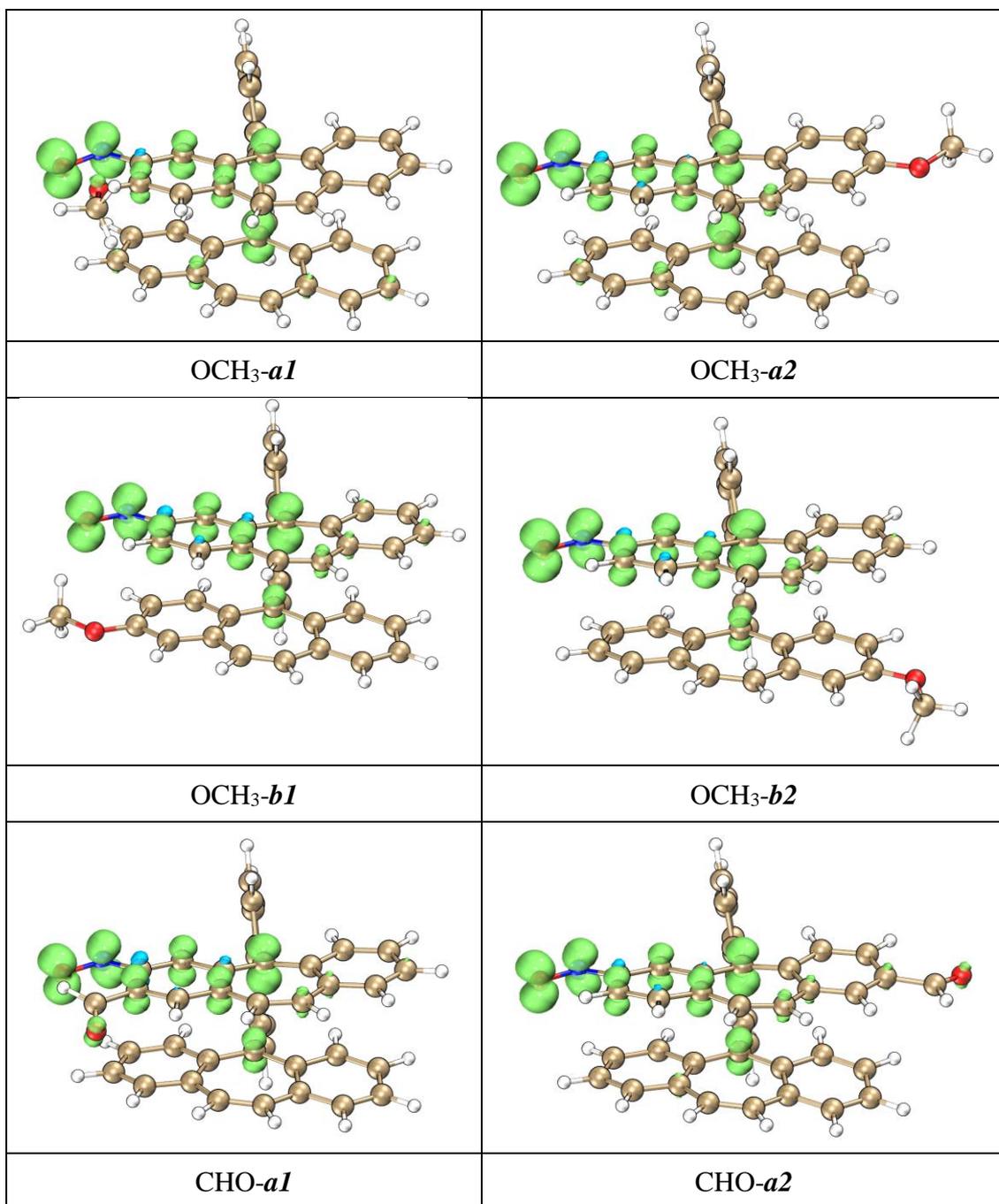


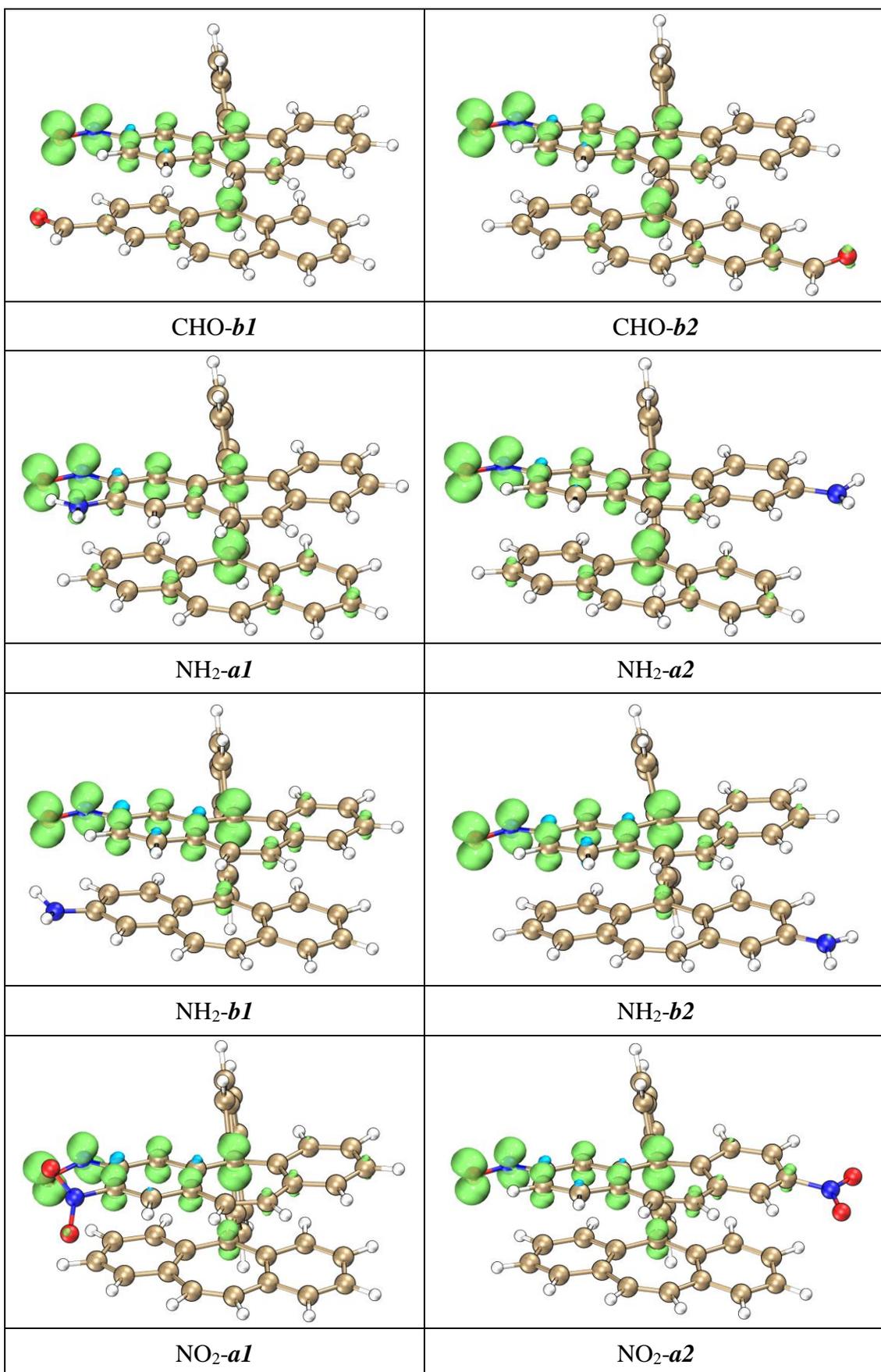


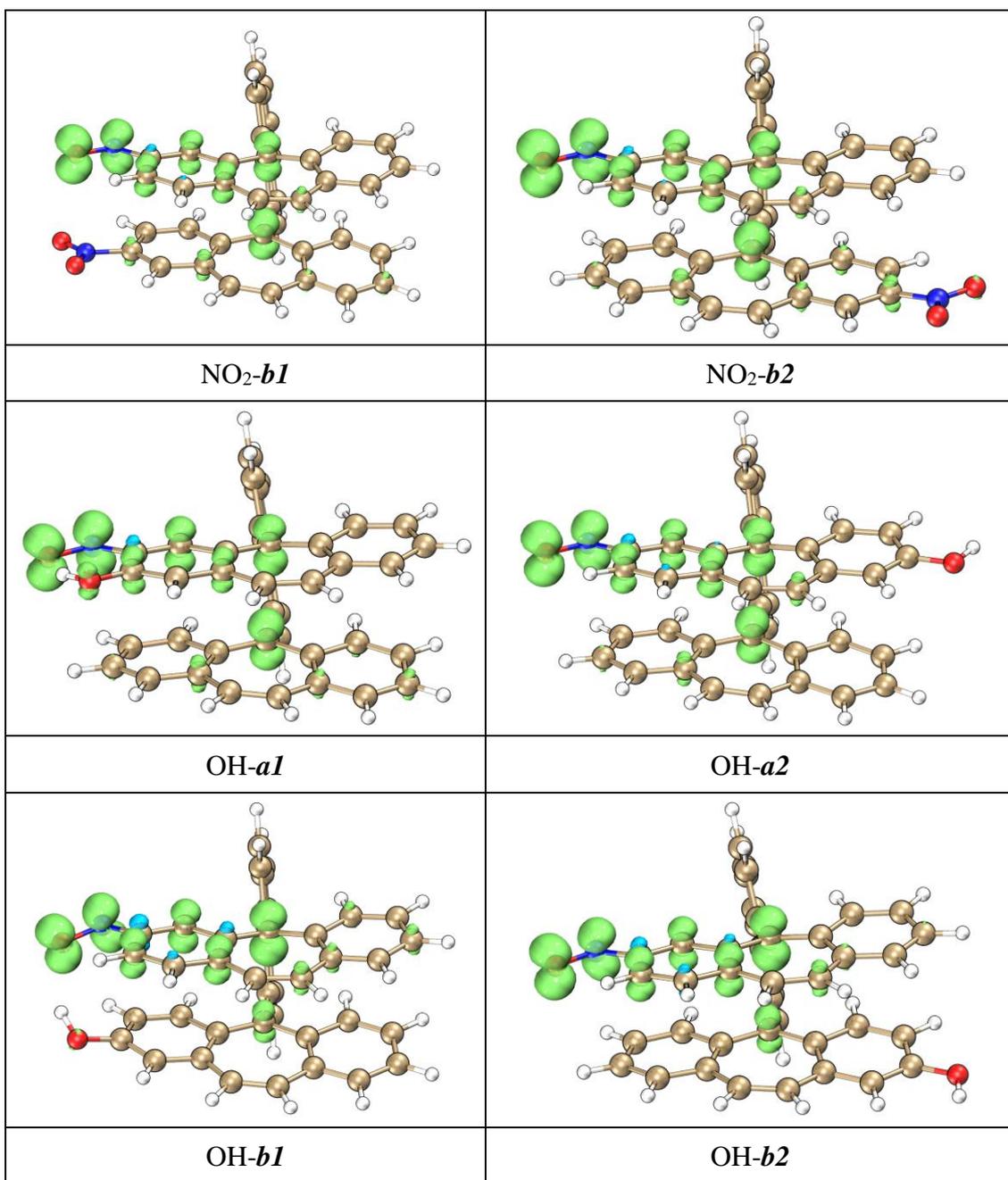


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**Section S2.** The isosurface diagrams of spin density distributions in systems with different types and positions of substituents

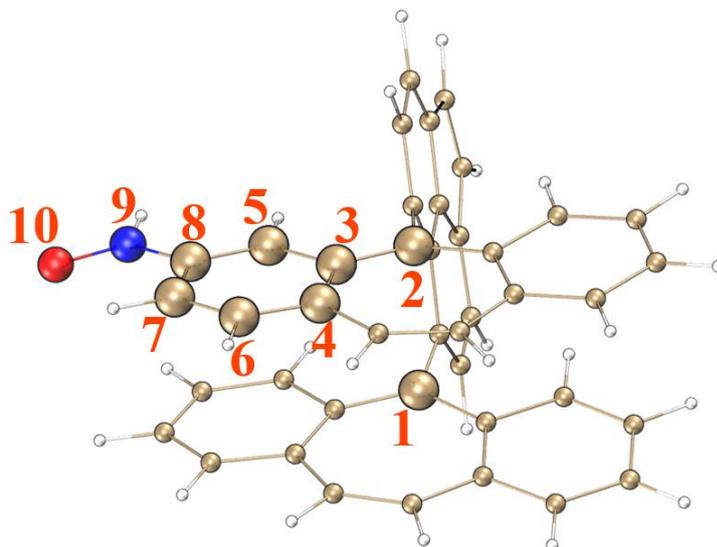






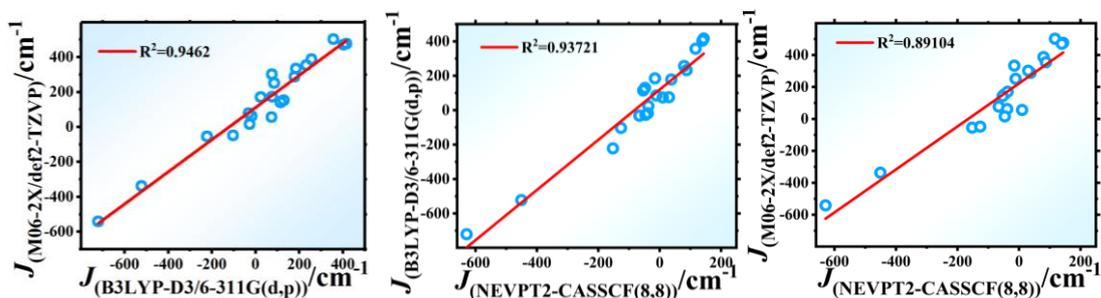
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**Section S3.** Annotation for distinguishing atoms that contribute differently to the orbital composition of SOMO (Figure S4) and the contributions of atoms to SOMO1 (Table S2) and SOMO2 (Table S3), respectively

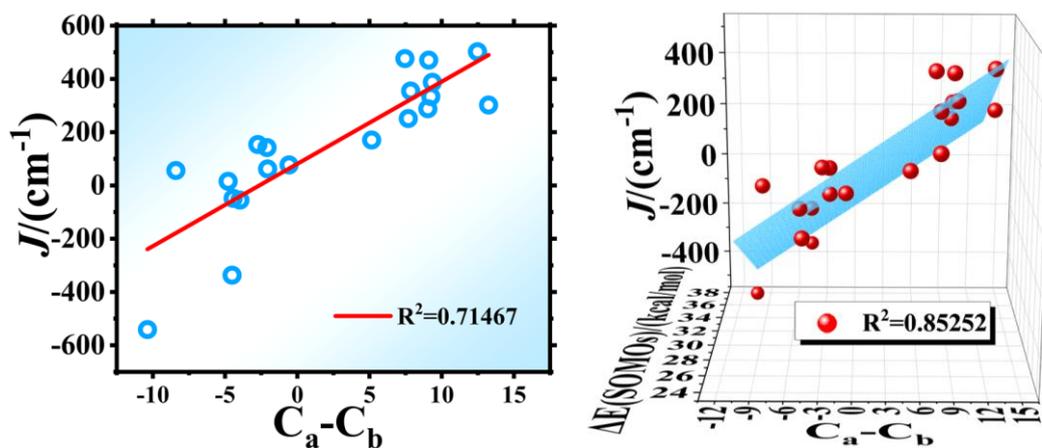


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**Section S4.** Parallel verification of different calculation methods



**Figure S5.** Parallel verification of different calculation methods.



**Figure S6.** The linear fitting between the difference in contributions of  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  to SOMO1 and the magnetic coupling constant  $J$ , and the planar fitting among the difference in contributions of  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  to SOMO1, the SOMO gap, and the magnetic coupling constant  $J$  (M06-2x/def2-TZVP).

**Section S5.** Becke-based population analysis, the spin population at C<sub>a</sub> and C<sub>b</sub>

**Table S1.** Becke-based population analysis, the spin population at C<sub>a</sub> and C<sub>b</sub>  
(B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)).

<b>Substituent position</b>		<b>C<sub>a</sub></b>	<b>C<sub>b</sub></b>
origin	-	0.216	0.170
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	0.184	0.215
	<i>a2</i>	0.178	0.210
	<i>b1</i>	0.265	0.126
	<i>b2</i>	0.265	0.118
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	0.244	0.129
	<i>a2</i>	0.228	0.148
	<i>b1</i>	0.189	0.187
	<i>b2</i>	0.179	0.197
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	0.155	0.258
	<i>a2</i>	0.142	0.243
	<i>b1</i>	0.303	0.090
	<i>b2</i>	0.290	0.088
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	0.262	0.121
	<i>a2</i>	0.245	0.132
	<i>b1</i>	0.169	0.213
	<i>b2</i>	0.161	0.216
-OH	<i>a1</i>	0.189	0.218
	<i>a2</i>	0.183	0.204
	<i>b1</i>	0.286	0.113
	<i>b2</i>	0.255	0.129

**Section S6.** According to the annotation in Figure S4, the contribution of atoms to SOMO1 and SOMO2.

**Table S2.** The contribution of atoms to SOMO1 (B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)).

	Substituent		Contribution of atoms (%)				
	position	1(C <sub>b</sub> )	2(C <sub>a</sub> )	3	4	5	
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	9.816	5.650	2.310	6.095	0.502	
	<i>a2</i>	9.746	7.613	1.879	5.723	0.669	
	<i>b1</i>	5.813	11.026	2.613	7.763	1.089	
	<i>b2</i>	5.656	10.890	2.646	8.092	1.016	
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	6.148	10.123	2.324	6.851	1.237	
	<i>a2</i>	6.454	8.428	2.322	7.908	0.506	
	<i>b1</i>	8.154	6.879	1.977	6.950	0.402	
	<i>b2</i>	8.852	6.754	1.955	6.662	0.441	
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	12.199	4.048	2.508	4.126	0.623	
	<i>a2</i>	11.544	6.304	1.559	4.532	0.597	
	<i>b1</i>	3.894	12.828	2.816	8.034	1.358	
	<i>b2</i>	4.568	12.112	2.844	8.437	1.265	
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	5.958	11.169	2.508	6.751	1.503	
	<i>a2</i>	5.650	8.928	2.428	8.401	0.520	
	<i>b1</i>	9.309	5.550	1.727	6.382	0.313	
	<i>b2</i>	9.737	5.870	1.796	6.306	0.380	
-OH	<i>a1</i>	10.521	6.391	2.588	5.085	0.835	
	<i>a2</i>	9.464	7.800	1.936	5.942	0.672	
	<i>b1</i>	5.708	12.043	2.671	6.974	1.520	
	<i>b2</i>	6.147	10.322	2.558	7.943	0.918	

	Substituent position	Contribution of atoms (%)				
		6	7	8	9	10
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	1.369	5.312	2.382	4.338	2.919
	<i>a2</i>	1.650	5.094	1.352	2.037	1.097
	<i>b1</i>	2.402	6.598	1.874	2.158	1.111
	<i>b2</i>	2.307	7.033	1.808	2.344	1.323
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	2.845	6.271	1.558	1.447	0.793
	<i>a2</i>	2.245	6.575	1.899	3.653	2.313
	<i>b1</i>	1.970	5.821	1.662	3.568	2.296
	<i>b2</i>	1.948	5.602	1.678	3.115	1.843
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	1.167	4.577	2.948	3.907	2.294
	<i>a2</i>	1.363	4.109	1.122	1.622	0.807
	<i>b1</i>	2.558	6.764	1.798	2.043	1.292
	<i>b2</i>	2.384	7.402	1.835	2.091	1.163
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	2.521	6.080	1.628	1.424	0.802
	<i>a2</i>	2.308	6.984	1.947	3.896	2.563
	<i>b1</i>	1.757	5.424	1.617	4.156	3.018
	<i>b2</i>	1.854	5.289	1.641	3.089	1.815
-OH	<i>a1</i>	1.163	5.167	2.783	3.099	1.575
	<i>a2</i>	1.717	5.258	1.403	2.131	1.158
	<i>b1</i>	2.261	5.748	1.757	1.585	0.829
	<i>b2</i>	2.264	6.878	1.793	2.470	1.413

**Table S3.** The contribution of atoms to SOMO2 (B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)).

	Substituent		Contribution of atoms (%)				
	position	1(C <sub>b</sub> )	2(C <sub>a</sub> )	3	4	5	
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	1.358	6.012	2.280	1.980	12.072	
	<i>a2</i>	1.167	2.740	1.949	4.324	10.962	
	<i>b1</i>	0.800	5.006	2.326	3.307	13.281	
	<i>b2</i>	0.890	4.879	2.327	3.009	13.173	
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	0.873	4.580	2.319	3.436	13.024	
	<i>a2</i>	1.269	5.408	2.372	2.565	12.805	
	<i>b1</i>	1.616	4.917	2.266	2.683	12.481	
	<i>b2</i>	1.411	4.633	2.238	2.942	12.500	
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	0.995	6.880	2.726	1.803	11.309	
	<i>a2</i>	1.052	1.766	1.837	5.232	9.971	
	<i>b1</i>	0.865	5.181	2.349	3.260	13.544	
	<i>b2</i>	0.649	4.852	2.337	3.047	13.352	
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	0.630	4.242	2.151	3.215	11.967	
	<i>a2</i>	1.210	5.803	2.455	2.375	13.000	
	<i>b1</i>	1.621	5.240	2.302	2.581	12.433	
	<i>b2</i>	1.465	4.580	2.231	2.918	12.420	
-OH	<i>a1</i>	0.523	5.899	2.571	2.652	11.658	
	<i>a2</i>	1.212	3.011	2.001	4.139	11.327	
	<i>b1</i>	0.222	5.085	2.329	3.651	13.097	
	<i>b2</i>	0.984	4.924	2.330	2.964	13.148	

	Substituent position	Contribution of atoms (%)				
		6	7	8	9	10
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	0.409	1.189	3.874	21.233	24.548
	<i>a2</i>	1.243	2.339	3.966	21.489	23.007
	<i>b1</i>	1.176	1.457	4.143	20.987	22.278
	<i>b2</i>	0.953	1.443	3.994	22.033	24.215
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	1.356	1.584	3.967	21.260	23.084
	<i>a2</i>	0.795	1.180	3.747	20.721	23.184
	<i>b1</i>	0.822	1.263	3.737	20.863	23.150
	<i>b2</i>	0.897	1.426	3.844	21.336	23.603
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	0.602	1.788	4.677	19.247	20.069
	<i>a2</i>	1.411	3.064	4.028	21.794	22.964
	<i>b1</i>	1.384	1.260	4.184	20.182	21.038
	<i>b2</i>	0.964	1.470	4.038	22.318	24.417
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	1.167	1.720	3.981	22.646	25.322
	<i>a2</i>	0.731	1.062	3.710	20.488	23.122
	<i>b1</i>	0.758	1.132	3.617	20.056	22.481
	<i>b2</i>	0.849	1.457	3.834	21.536	23.933
-OH	<i>a1</i>	0.605	1.593	4.919	18.622	18.220
	<i>a2</i>	1.171	2.236	3.973	21.855	23.583
	<i>b1</i>	1.824	1.194	4.441	18.241	17.914
	<i>b2</i>	0.933	1.415	3.970	21.919	24.140

**Section S7.** The energy ( $E$ ), the squared eigenvalue of spin angular momentum ( $\langle S^2 \rangle$ ), the magnetic coupling constant ( $J$ ) and energy difference between SOMOs ( $\Delta E_{\text{SOMOs}}$ )

**Table S4.** The energy ( $E$ ), the squared eigenvalue of spin angular momentum ( $\langle S^2 \rangle$ ), the magnetic coupling constant ( $J$ ) and energy difference between SOMOs ( $\Delta E_{\text{SOMOs}}$ ) (B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)).

	Substituent position	$E_T/\text{a.u.} (\langle S^2 \rangle_T)$	$E_{BS}/\text{a.u.} (\langle S^2 \rangle_{BS})$	$J$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta E_{\text{SOMOs}}$ /( $\text{kcal/mol}$ )
origin	-	-1746.39084(2.032)	-1746.39047(0.962)	75.46	17.344
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-1860.94740(2.031)	-1860.94852(0.924)	-221.89	19.283
	<i>a2</i>	-1860.95775(2.034)	-1860.95713(0.982)	129.24	17.156
	<i>b1</i>	-1860.96077(2.034)	-1860.95990(0.967)	178.44	20.382
	<i>b2</i>	-1860.95928(2.034)	-1860.95804(0.976)	256.42	17.727
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	-1859.74382(2.034)	-1859.74186(0.997)	416.28	17.231
	<i>a2</i>	-1859.74677(2.032)	-1859.74665(0.953)	24.21	16.460
	<i>b1</i>	-1859.74628(2.031)	-1859.74643(0.951)	-31.86	16.604
	<i>b2</i>	-1859.74683(2.031)	-1859.74691(0.957)	-17.78	17.664
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-1801.78207(2.032)	-1801.78602(0.831)	-720.74	26.694
	<i>a2</i>	-1801.78050(2.033)	-1801.78015(0.987)	73.86	18.599
	<i>b1</i>	-1801.78413(2.036)	-1801.78375(0.949)	75.23	22.264
	<i>b2</i>	-1801.78210(2.035)	-1801.78039(0.985)	356.95	17.508
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-1950.93331(2.033)	-1950.93141(1.004)	403.59	17.037
	<i>a2</i>	-1950.94656(2.034)	-1950.94615(0.959)	85.34	15.456
	<i>b1</i>	-1950.94429(2.032)	-1950.94480(0.950)	-102.86	15.048
	<i>b2</i>	-1950.94600(2.031)	-1950.94613(0.960)	-27.19	17.558
-OH	<i>a1</i>	-1821.64726(2.032)	-1821.65007(0.854)	-522.21	27.698
	<i>a2</i>	-1821.64112(2.033)	-1821.64057(0.978)	114.79	17.614
	<i>b1</i>	-1821.64423(2.036)	-1821.64334(0.973)	184.87	21.819
	<i>b2</i>	-1821.64203(2.033)	-1821.64091(0.975)	232.77	17.489

**Section S8.** The contribution of atoms to the composition of SOMO1

**Table S5.** The contribution of atoms to the composition of SOMO1  
(B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)).

	<b>Substituent position</b>	<b>Ca(%)</b>	<b>Cb(%)</b>
origin	-	8.317	7.630
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	5.650	9.816
	<i>a2</i>	7.613	9.746
	<i>b1</i>	11.026	5.813
	<i>b2</i>	10.890	5.656
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	10.123	6.148
	<i>a2</i>	8.428	6.454
	<i>b1</i>	6.879	8.154
	<i>b2</i>	6.754	8.852
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	4.048	12.199
	<i>a2</i>	6.304	11.544
	<i>b1</i>	12.828	3.894
	<i>b2</i>	12.112	4.568
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	11.169	5.958
	<i>a2</i>	8.928	5.650
	<i>b1</i>	5.550	9.309
	<i>b2</i>	5.870	9.737
-OH	<i>a1</i>	6.391	10.521
	<i>a2</i>	7.800	9.464
	<i>b1</i>	12.043	5.708
	<i>b2</i>	10.322	6.147

**Section S9.** The internuclear distances of C<sub>a</sub>-C<sub>b</sub>

**Table S6.** The internuclear distances of C<sub>a</sub>-C<sub>b</sub> (B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)).

	<b>Substituent position</b>	<b>Distance/ Å</b>
origin	-	2.881
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	2.886
	<i>a2</i>	2.884
	<i>b1</i>	2.903
	<i>b2</i>	2.889
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	2.905
	<i>a2</i>	2.897
	<i>b1</i>	2.876
	<i>b2</i>	2.897
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	2.892
	<i>a2</i>	2.888
	<i>b1</i>	2.918
	<i>b2</i>	2.894
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	2.905
	<i>a2</i>	2.911
	<i>b1</i>	2.891
	<i>b2</i>	2.920
-OH	<i>a1</i>	2.888
	<i>a2</i>	2.884
	<i>b1</i>	2.938
	<i>b2</i>	2.887

**Section S10.** Detailed results obtained through verification calculations

**Table S7.** The contribution of atoms to the composition of SOMO1  
(M06-2x/def2-TZVP).

	<b>Substituent position</b>	<b>Ca(%)</b>	<b>Cb(%)</b>
origin	-	10.337	7.889
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	7.253	11.225
	<i>a2</i>	8.223	10.957
	<i>b1</i>	13.812	4.771
	<i>b2</i>	13.987	4.634
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	12.885	5.434
	<i>a2</i>	11.293	6.146
	<i>b1</i>	8.577	9.151
	<i>b2</i>	7.985	10.042
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	4.121	14.498
	<i>a2</i>	5.560	13.964
	<i>b1</i>	15.941	2.699
	<i>b2</i>	15.607	3.129
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	14.087	4.986
	<i>a2</i>	12.496	4.810
	<i>b1</i>	6.656	11.096
	<i>b2</i>	6.622	11.414
-OH	<i>a1</i>	7.125	11.641
	<i>a2</i>	8.499	10.595
	<i>b1</i>	14.154	4.908
	<i>b2</i>	13.211	5.365

**Table S8.** The energy ( $E$ ), the squared eigenvalue of spin angular momentum ( $\langle S^2 \rangle$ ), the magnetic coupling constant ( $J$ ) and energy difference between SOMOs ( $\Delta E_{\text{SOMOs}}$ ) (M06-2x/def2-TZVP).

	Substituent position	$E_T/\text{a.u.} (\langle S^2 \rangle_T)$	$E_{BS}/\text{a.u.} (\langle S^2 \rangle_{BS})$	$J$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta E_{\text{SOMOs}}$ ( $\text{kcal/mol}$ )
origin	-	-1745.67914(2.032)	-1745.67832(0.995)	173.10	26.914
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-1860.20053(2.029)	-1860.20079(0.986)	-54.84	30.830
	<i>a2</i>	-1860.21096(2.033)	-1860.21024(1.005)	153.53	27.554
	<i>b1</i>	-1860.21336(2.036)	-1860.21200(0.998)	288.00	29.738
	<i>b2</i>	-1860.21311(2.037)	-1860.21129(1.005)	387.19	27.071
-CHO	<i>a1</i>	-1859.00095(2.037)	-1858.99872(1.010)	476.20	27.811
	<i>a2</i>	-1859.00419(2.034)	-1859.00338(0.993)	170.65	26.023
	<i>b1</i>	-1859.00345(2.031)	-1859.00308(0.991)	77.15	26.889
	<i>b2</i>	-1859.00388(2.031)	-1859.00359(0.995)	61.90	27.548
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-1801.05191(2.033)	-1801.05459(0.945)	-540.92	37.569
	<i>a2</i>	-1801.05171(2.033)	-1801.05145(1.012)	56.13	29.298
	<i>b1</i>	-1801.05560(2.039)	-1801.05417(0.999)	301.82	30.754
	<i>b2</i>	-1801.05419(2.041)	-1801.05183(1.011)	502.23	26.424
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-1950.17418(2.036)	-1950.17200(1.015)	470.31	27.774
	<i>a2</i>	-1950.18716(2.036)	-1950.18597(0.996)	251.11	24.724
	<i>b1</i>	-1950.18465(2.031)	-1950.18488(0.990)	-48.26	25.458
	<i>b2</i>	-1950.18601(2.032)	-1950.18594(0.996)	15.80	27.265
-OH	<i>a1</i>	-1820.91997(2.032)	-1820.92163(0.949)	-336.97	37.789
	<i>a2</i>	-1820.91616(2.032)	-1820.91549(1.003)	142.11	28.087
	<i>b1</i>	-1820.91856(2.036)	-1820.91699(1.003)	333.67	30.516
	<i>b2</i>	-1820.91747(2.036)	-1820.91580(1.003)	354.60	26.901

**Table S9.** When the introduced radical is -N(O)CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, the energy ( $E$ ), the squared eigenvalue of spin angular momentum ( $\langle S^2 \rangle$ ) and the magnetic coupling constant ( $J$ ) (B3LYP-D3/6-311G(d,p)).

	Substituent position	$E_T/\text{a.u.} (\langle S^2 \rangle_T)$	$E_{BS}/\text{a.u.} (\langle S^2 \rangle_{BS})$	$J$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
origin	-	-1864.38838 (2.031)	-1864.38862 (0.936)	-48.63
-NH <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-1919.77875 (2.032)	-1919.78355 (0.801)	-856.06
	<i>b2</i>	-1919.77910 (2.033)	-1919.77794 (0.967)	239.92
-NO <sub>2</sub>	<i>a1</i>	-2068.93183 (2.032)	-2068.93031 (0.993)	321.18
	<i>b2</i>	-2068.94412 (2.030)	-2068.94484 (0.935)	-143.99