

Molecular Insights into the Effect of Small Molecule Impurities in the Ring-Opening Polymerization of $[\text{PCl}_2\text{N}]_3$ using Quantum Mechanical Analysis

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| Theory | DFT | | | | | | | | <i>ab initio</i> | | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|
| | B3LYP | | B3LYP-D3 | B3PW91 | ω B97X-D | M06-2X | cam-B3LYP | PBE0 | MP2 | | CCSD(T) | |
| F/M ^a | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C/B ^b | aTZ | 6-311+G(d,p) | | | | | | | aDZ | aTZ | aQZ ^c | aTZ ^c |
| R | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TS ^c | 186.84 | 187.42 | 166.96 | 186.11 | 201.28 | 182.70 | 193.57 | 185.76 | 154.40 | 173.20 | 177.33 | 180.99 |
| P_1HB ^c | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TS_HB | 1.04 | 1.26 | 1.18 | 1.13 | 0.03 | 1.77 | 0.96 | 0.57 | 0.01 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| P_2HB | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| SPT_TS ^c | 14.79 | 15.92 | 13.73 | 11.40 | 17.93 | 15.09 | 15.73 | 10.44 | 16.91 | 16.47 | 16.14 | 20.09 |
| P | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

^aFunctional or method. ^bNot found using the computational software ^cStationary points have different electronic structures at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory when compared to the structures characterized at the other levels of theory.

^dSingle-point energies completed based on the electronic structures fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

Table S2. The activation energy (E_a , in kJ/mol) for the tautomerization reaction without interference, determined at different DFT levels of theory, the MP2/aXZ levels of theory where X = D, T and Q and the CCSD(T)/aTZ level of theory.

| Theory | DFT | | | | | | | | <i>ab initio</i> | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|
| | B3LYP | | B3LYP-D3 | B3PW91 | ω B97X-D | M06-2X | cam-B3LYP | PBE0 | MP2 | | CCSD(T) | |
| F/M ^a | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C/B ^b | aTZ | 6-311+G(d,p) | | | | | | | aDZ | aTZ | aQZ ^c | aTZ ^c |
| Tauto_R | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Tauto_TS | 143.76 | 143.03 | 142.55 | 136.92 | 146.56 | 148.76 | 147.49 | 138.19 | 139.91 | 139.01 | 139.84 | 146.24 |
| Tauto_P | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

^aFunctional or method ^bCompound and basis set ^cSingle-point energies completed based on the electronic structures fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

Table S3. The activation energy (E_a , in kJ/mol) for the ring-opening reaction initiated by HCl, determined at different DFT levels of theory, the MP2/aXZ levels of theory where X = D, T and Q and the CCSD(T)/aTZ level of theory.

| Theory | DFT | | | | | | | | <i>ab initio</i> | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|
| | B3LYP | | B3LYP-D3 | B3PW91 | ω B97X-D | M06-2X | cam-B3LYP | PBE0 | MP2 | | CCSD(T) | |
| F/M ^a | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C/B ^b | aTZ | 6-311+G(d,p) | | | | | | | aDZ | aTZ | aQZ ^c | aTZ ^c |
| R ^c | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TS1 ^c | 116.13 | 115.84 | 109.04 | 113.13 | 124.00 | 113.06 | 121.45 | 111.75 | 111.00 | 116.48 | 117.33 | 118.82 |
| Int ^c | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TS2 ^c | 10.41 | 7.53 | 8.51 | 7.25 | 8.55 | 8.94 | 8.99 | 7.87 | 13.08 | 13.43 | 14.50 | 12.23 |
| P ^c | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

^aFunctional or method ^bCompound and basis set ^cSingle-point energies completed based on the electronic structures fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

Table S4. The percent of energy deviation (%) of hydrolysis and tautomerization catalyzed by HCl, determined at different DFT levels of theory, the MP2/aXZ levels of theory where X = D, T and Q compared with the results obtained at the CCSD(T)/aTZ||MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| Theory | DFT | | | | | | | | <i>ab initio</i> | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| | F/M ^a | B3LYP | B3LYP-D3 | B3PW91 | ωB97X-D | M06-2X | cam-B3LYP | PBE0 | MP2 | | | CCSD(T) |
| C/B ^b | aTZ | 6-311+G(d,p) | | | | | | | aDZ | aTZ | aQZ ^c | aTZ ^c |
| R | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TS^c | 3.2 | 3.6 | -7.8 | 2.8 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 7.0 | 2.6 | -14.7 | -4.3 | -2.0 | N/A |
| P_1HB^b | -3.3 | -10.8 | -16.4 | -20.9 | -15.7 | 16.0 | 8.1 | -22.2 | -32.8 | -15.4 | -15.1 | N/A |
| TS_HB | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| P_2HB | -8.7 | -12.6 | -9.8 | -15.7 | -8.0 | -1.6 | 3.5 | -11.1 | -28.9 | -6.8 | -6.6 | N/A |
| SPT_TS^c | 2.0 | -7.6 | 3.4 | 0.9 | -6.3 | 12.5 | 18.7 | 11.1 | -36.7 | -0.1 | 1.3 | N/A |
| P | 0.3 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 0.4 | 8.0 | 3.8 | 21.9 | 1.5 | -27.6 | -7.7 | -7.7 | N/A |

^aFunctional or method. ^bNot found using the computational software ^cStationary points have different electronic structures at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory when compared to the structures characterized at the other levels of theory.

^dSingle-point energies completed based on the electronic structures fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

Table S5. The percent of energy deviation (%) of the tautomerization reaction without interference, determined at different DFT levels of theory, the MP2/aXZ levels of theory where X = D, T and Q compared with the results obtained at the CCSD(T)/aTZ||MP2/aTZ level of theory.

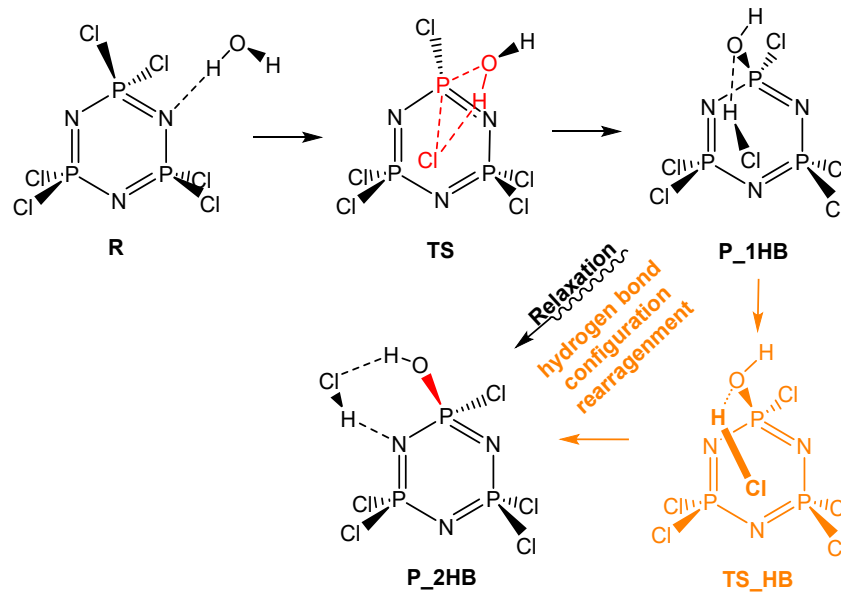
| Theory | DFT | | | | | | | | <i>ab initio</i> | | | |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| | F/M ^a | B3LYP | B3LYP-D3 | B3PW91 | ωB97X-D | M06-2X | cam-B3LYP | PBE0 | MP2 | | | CCSD(T) |
| C/B ^b | aTZ | 6-311+G(d,p) | | | | | | | aDZ | aTZ | aQZ ^c | aTZ ^c |
| Tauto_R | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Tauto_TS | -1.7 | -2.2 | -2.5 | -6.4 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.9 | -5.5 | -4.3 | -4.9 | -4.4 | N/A |
| Tauto_P | -33.5 | -186.8 | -233.5 | -153.7 | -166.0 | -105.2 | -146.9 | -132.8 | 15.1 | -4.5 | 6.2 | N/A |

^aFunctional or method ^bCompound and basis set ^cSingle-point energies completed based on the electronic structures fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

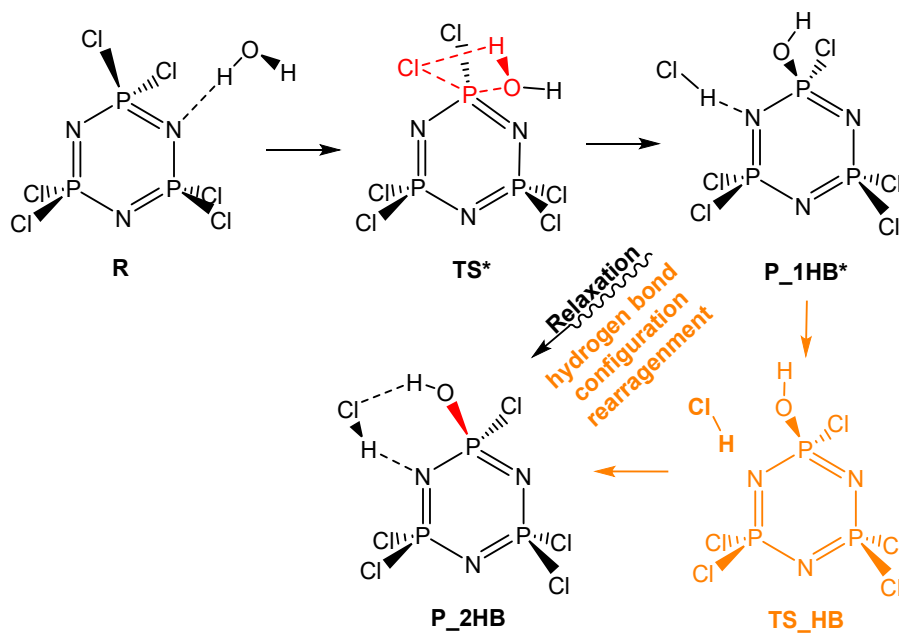
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| Theory | DFT | | | | | | | | <i>ab initio</i> | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| | F/M ^a | B3LYP | B3LYP-D3 | B3PW91 | ωB97X-D | M06-2X | cam-B3LYP | PBE0 | MP2 | | | CCSD(T) |
| C/B ^b | aTZ | 6-311+G(d,p) | | | | | | | aDZ | aTZ | aQZ ^c | aTZ ^c |
| R[*] | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TS1[*] | -2.3 | -2.5 | -8.2 | -4.8 | 4.4 | -4.8 | 2.2 | -6.0 | -6.6 | -2.0 | -1.3 | N/A |
| Int[*] | 5.0 | 4.0 | -3.9 | -1.1 | 7.8 | -6.8 | 8.0 | -3.9 | -13.3 | -6.3 | -4.5 | N/A |
| TS2[*] | 3.0 | -0.3 | -6.5 | -5.1 | 4.0 | -8.8 | 4.5 | -7.1 | -11.3 | -4.7 | -2.2 | N/A |
| P[*] | 7.2 | 3.5 | -6.6 | -3.3 | 5.4 | -14.3 | 6.7 | -7.1 | -17.1 | -6.4 | -3.4 | N/A |

^aFunctional or method ^bCompound and basis set ^cSingle-point energies completed based on the electronic structures fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory



(a).



(b).

Scheme S1. The stationary point for the hydrolysis reaction characterized at (a), the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory* and the (b), M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

*The stationary points are consistent with the electronic structure characterized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory. The transition state associated with the hydrogen bond configuration rearrangement (TS_HB, colored in orange) can be identified using the DFT method and at lower levels of theory for MP2 calculations, it could not be found at MP2/aTZ level of theory.

Section 2. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR in km mol^{-1}) for the pivotal energy minima in the reaction mechanisms

Table S7. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Term/Vibration # | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 9 | 1.1 | 15 | 1.3 |
| 2 | 15 | 5.2 | 29 | 3.0 |
| 3 | 17 | 0.2 | 33 | 0.0 |
| 4 | 24 | 0.2 | 34 | 0.2 |
| 5 | 29 | 1.2 | 42 | 1.4 |
| 6 | 96 | 75.9 | 104 | 88.8 |
| 7 | 117 | 0.0 | 112 | 0.1 |
| 8 | 122 | 0.4 | 116 | 3.0 |
| 9 | 155 | 0.0 | 150 | 0.0 |
| 10 | 155 | 0.0 | 150 | 0.0 |
| 11 | 171 | 0.0 | 168 | 0.0 |
| 12 | 200 | 3.0 | 192 | 0.1 |
| 13 | 200 | 0.0 | 192 | 1.9 |
| 14 | 215 | 3.8 | 210 | 5.5 |
| 15 | 220 | 4.7 | 215 | 5.3 |
| 16 | 277 | 88.7 | 281 | 76.8 |
| 17 | 318 | 0.0 | 308 | 0.0 |
| 18 | 321 | 0.0 | 313 | 0.0 |
| 19 | 329 | 9.5 | 322 | 4.3 |
| 20 | 330 | 14.5 | 328 | 24.4 |
| 21 | 339 | 14.7 | 332 | 6.9 |
| 22 | 365 | 0.0 | 344 | 0.0 |
| 23 | 391 | 3.8 | 380 | 1.9 |
| 24 | 518 | 18.7 | 502 | 238.7 |
| 25 | 545 | 310.8 | 512 | 335.6 |
| 26 | 552 | 288.6 | 552 | 16.7 |
| 27 | 588 | 1.7 | 553 | 1.2 |
| 28 | 592 | 8.9 | 566 | 104.0 |
| 29 | 621 | 526.9 | 605 | 581.0 |
| 30 | 655 | 3.5 | 655 | 1.4 |
| 31 | 788 | 3.1 | 762 | 4.4 |
| 32 | 877 | 8.9 | 843 | 18.9 |
| 33 | 884 | 0.6 | 852 | 3.6 |
| 34 | 1170 | 32.2 | 1115 | 45.5 |
| 35 | 1231 | 1046.6 | 1204 | 1181.2 |
| 36 | 1244 | 1151.9 | 1227 | 1293.8 |
| 37 | 1638 | 28.8 | 1630 | 33.7 |
| 38 | 3713 | 333.9 | 3727 | 332.1 |
| 39 | 3905 | 155.1 | 3889 | 118.5 |

Table S8. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the product with 1 hydrogen bond (**P_1HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory Term/Vibration # | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 31 | 0.3 | 10 | 0.6 |
| 2 | 35 | 1.3 | 16 | 0.5 |
| 3 | 40 | 0.9 | 35 | 0.1 |
| 4 | 41 | 0.2 | 40 | 0.1 |
| 5 | 49 | 0.8 | 42 | 0.3 |
| 6 | 76 | 0.5 | 77 | 1.7 |
| 7 | 117 | 19.0 | 122 | 1.1 |
| 8 | 132 | 9.7 | 154 | 1.4 |
| 9 | 159 | 0.2 | 170 | 11.1 |
| 10 | 177 | 4.3 | 173 | 4.0 |
| 11 | 188 | 0.4 | 188 | 5.9 |
| 12 | 199 | 6.5 | 202 | 2.4 |
| 13 | 211 | 7.0 | 214 | 4.8 |
| 14 | 223 | 5.8 | 245 | 1.3 |
| 15 | 259 | 4.7 | 280 | 14.1 |
| 16 | 291 | 44.2 | 315 | 8.3 |
| 17 | 313 | 40.9 | 321 | 4.3 |
| 18 | 330 | 7.9 | 326 | 2.1 |
| 19 | 336 | 4.3 | 329 | 6.6 |
| 20 | 343 | 4.9 | 333 | 2.4 |
| 21 | 353 | 19.5 | 362 | 22.4 |
| 22 | 388 | 25.8 | 384 | 33.9 |
| 23 | 401 | 19.1 | 390 | 15.0 |
| 24 | 419 | 13.6 | 409 | 28.4 |
| 25 | 540 | 272.9 | 510 | 340.1 |
| 26 | 556 | 234.0 | 531 | 258.9 |
| 27 | 586 | 24.3 | 551 | 2.6 |
| 28 | 611 | 482.5 | 591 | 464.1 |
| 29 | 646 | 4.7 | 641 | 44.4 |
| 30 | 768 | 75.1 | 743 | 83.0 |
| 31 | 867 | 46.5 | 835 | 65.6 |
| 32 | 882 | 12.5 | 855 | 18.4 |
| 33 | 947 | 109.4 | 917 | 157.5 |
| 34 | 1059 | 100.8 | 1046 | 126.4 |
| 35 | 1177 | 2.3 | 1130 | 4.3 |
| 36 | 1237 | 1030.1 | 1217 | 1248.1 |
| 37 | 1245 | 926.5 | 1230 | 1123.7 |
| 38 | 2982 | 111.0 | 2853 | 355.8 |
| 39 | 3785 | 165.7 | 3797 | 167.8 |

Table S9. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the product with 2 hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory Term/Vibration # | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 17 | 0.0 | 21 | 0.1 |
| 2 | 22 | 0.0 | 35 | 0.1 |
| 3 | 29 | 0.2 | 39 | 0.2 |
| 4 | 32 | 0.2 | 42 | 0.7 |
| 5 | 74 | 5.3 | 63 | 3.9 |
| 6 | 113 | 5.3 | 101 | 5.6 |
| 7 | 129 | 0.5 | 122 | 1.0 |
| 8 | 159 | 0.1 | 155 | 0.1 |
| 9 | 185 | 1.8 | 175 | 2.5 |
| 10 | 185 | 0.1 | 180 | 0.3 |
| 11 | 206 | 0.7 | 198 | 1.2 |
| 12 | 215 | 2.6 | 206 | 2.9 |
| 13 | 256 | 0.7 | 242 | 1.1 |
| 14 | 264 | 0.3 | 256 | 0.9 |
| 15 | 330 | 6.8 | 321 | 3.1 |
| 16 | 337 | 3.9 | 327 | 1.5 |
| 17 | 345 | 1.8 | 334 | 0.8 |
| 18 | 348 | 16.6 | 335 | 11.5 |
| 19 | 363 | 6.1 | 347 | 11.6 |
| 20 | 402 | 7.9 | 381 | 6.8 |
| 21 | 412 | 26.8 | 394 | 32.3 |
| 22 | 444 | 39.7 | 417 | 65.8 |
| 23 | 539 | 58.6 | 512 | 331.1 |
| 24 | 546 | 292.5 | 520 | 126.4 |
| 25 | 564 | 133.5 | 542 | 65.6 |
| 26 | 589 | 9.9 | 562 | 35.7 |
| 27 | 614 | 462.1 | 597 | 453.1 |
| 28 | 640 | 89.9 | 627 | 192.2 |
| 29 | 689 | 139.3 | 667 | 69.9 |
| 30 | 770 | 85.0 | 744 | 89.6 |
| 31 | 868 | 61.0 | 837 | 73.0 |
| 32 | 881 | 7.2 | 848 | 10.1 |
| 33 | 988 | 108.1 | 947 | 154.7 |
| 34 | 1117 | 106.9 | 1056 | 103.7 |
| 35 | 1164 | 95.2 | 1115 | 82.2 |
| 36 | 1226 | 900.9 | 1201 | 1023.0 |
| 37 | 1258 | 1124.3 | 1243 | 1274.2 |
| 38 | 2514 | 1420.0 | 2499 | 1184.1 |
| 39 | 3598 | 538.8 | 3651 | 431.4 |

Table S10. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the products (**P**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Term/Vibration # | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 19 | 0.0 | 20 | 0.1 |
| 2 | 26 | 0.0 | 37 | 0.5 |
| 3 | 34 | 0.3 | 38 | 0.3 |
| 4 | 50 | 0.0 | 44 | 0.1 |
| 5 | 77 | 6.2 | 53 | 4.8 |
| 6 | 114 | 2.6 | 105 | 3.0 |
| 7 | 127 | 3.0 | 121 | 2.5 |
| 8 | 161 | 0.5 | 155 | 1.1 |
| 9 | 177 | 0.8 | 173 | 0.3 |
| 10 | 188 | 4.9 | 181 | 6.1 |
| 11 | 199 | 2.0 | 192 | 2.9 |
| 12 | 219 | 2.5 | 211 | 0.6 |
| 13 | 263 | 41.3 | 249 | 30.5 |
| 14 | 280 | 1.5 | 273 | 3.5 |
| 15 | 311 | 5.8 | 304 | 2.0 |
| 16 | 333 | 6.7 | 324 | 7.2 |
| 17 | 343 | 2.9 | 331 | 1.3 |
| 18 | 353 | 0.6 | 336 | 0.9 |
| 19 | 376 | 22.1 | 358 | 17.7 |
| 20 | 411 | 2.3 | 391 | 1.8 |
| 21 | 428 | 27.1 | 412 | 32.2 |
| 22 | 512 | 44.6 | 500 | 79.4 |
| 23 | 538 | 103.0 | 507 | 62.2 |
| 24 | 550 | 241.0 | 513 | 277.8 |
| 25 | 596 | 4.3 | 552 | 11.3 |
| 26 | 604 | 6.1 | 572 | 10.9 |
| 27 | 619 | 470.1 | 596 | 538.7 |
| 28 | 637 | 78.4 | 611 | 239.5 |
| 29 | 706 | 223.3 | 640 | 54.0 |
| 30 | 754 | 74.4 | 715 | 122.2 |
| 31 | 830 | 33.0 | 792 | 49.9 |
| 32 | 876 | 61.2 | 839 | 71.4 |
| 33 | 990 | 182.2 | 941 | 190.3 |
| 34 | 1208 | 121.3 | 1206 | 207.4 |
| 35 | 1239 | 203.9 | 1227 | 393.0 |
| 36 | 1282 | 904.7 | 1288 | 1117.8 |
| 37 | 1320 | 750.7 | 1335 | 467.1 |
| 38 | 2425 | 1257.1 | 2514 | 940.8 |
| 39 | 3390 | 620.5 | 3451 | 378.7 |

Table S11. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory Term/Vibration # | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 4 | 0.3 | 8 | 0.3 |
| 2 | 16 | 0.1 | 28 | 0.6 |
| 3 | 18 | 0.5 | 33 | 0.0 |
| 4 | 24 | 0.0 | 33 | 0.2 |
| 5 | 26 | 0.0 | 42 | 0.2 |
| 6 | 95 | 2.6 | 85 | 2.4 |
| 7 | 122 | 0.0 | 115 | 0.0 |
| 8 | 155 | 0.0 | 150 | 0.0 |
| 9 | 155 | 0.0 | 150 | 0.0 |
| 10 | 171 | 0.0 | 168 | 0.0 |
| 11 | 199 | 0.2 | 191 | 0.0 |
| 12 | 200 | 0.0 | 192 | 0.1 |
| 13 | 215 | 3.0 | 210 | 4.1 |
| 14 | 222 | 0.7 | 215 | 1.3 |
| 15 | 318 | 0.1 | 309 | 0.0 |
| 16 | 318 | 0.2 | 311 | 0.4 |
| 17 | 321 | 0.0 | 313 | 0.0 |
| 18 | 328 | 9.7 | 321 | 4.7 |
| 19 | 341 | 18.8 | 333 | 8.4 |
| 20 | 366 | 0.0 | 344 | 0.0 |
| 21 | 387 | 3.5 | 376 | 0.2 |
| 22 | 474 | 1.5 | 486 | 0.1 |
| 23 | 537 | 157.8 | 505 | 263.8 |
| 24 | 547 | 326.7 | 513 | 357.5 |
| 25 | 558 | 115.6 | 555 | 43.6 |
| 26 | 590 | 2.3 | 556 | 0.0 |
| 27 | 592 | 0.9 | 556 | 4.7 |
| 28 | 623 | 526.2 | 609 | 583.9 |
| 29 | 657 | 2.4 | 657 | 1.2 |
| 30 | 785 | 15.2 | 758 | 18.0 |
| 31 | 873 | 26.6 | 839 | 38.5 |
| 32 | 885 | 1.2 | 853 | 5.0 |
| 33 | 1168 | 51.8 | 1111 | 75.1 |
| 34 | 1229 | 986.3 | 1201 | 1112.5 |
| 35 | 1246 | 1214.2 | 1229 | 1353.4 |
| 36 | 2717 | 1136.9 | 2666 | 917.3 |

Table S12. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the intermediate (Int') for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory Term/Vibration # | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 27 | 0.1 | 2 | 0.1 |
| 2 | 35 | 0.0 | 31 | 0.1 |
| 3 | 56 | 0.2 | 32 | 0.0 |
| 4 | 85 | 0.8 | 76 | 1.9 |
| 5 | 102 | 1.0 | 93 | 10.3 |
| 6 | 134 | 6.8 | 111 | 19.3 |
| 7 | 146 | 0.5 | 146 | 1.8 |
| 8 | 158 | 0.3 | 152 | 0.5 |
| 9 | 178 | 0.5 | 169 | 1.6 |
| 10 | 205 | 1.7 | 191 | 0.8 |
| 11 | 212 | 1.1 | 198 | 18.9 |
| 12 | 250 | 3.9 | 210 | 59.1 |
| 13 | 258 | 27.4 | 230 | 0.2 |
| 14 | 274 | 8.9 | 250 | 9.0 |
| 15 | 286 | 48.4 | 279 | 14.8 |
| 16 | 317 | 6.3 | 279 | 1.7 |
| 17 | 326 | 8.9 | 315 | 0.2 |
| 18 | 346 | 2.9 | 325 | 0.0 |
| 19 | 369 | 14.9 | 331 | 1.1 |
| 20 | 380 | 2.5 | 349 | 10.5 |
| 21 | 422 | 8.9 | 377 | 0.4 |
| 22 | 499 | 215.7 | 463 | 268.2 |
| 23 | 534 | 264.8 | 507 | 314.2 |
| 24 | 548 | 13.8 | 528 | 7.1 |
| 25 | 580 | 14.4 | 548 | 8.6 |
| 26 | 584 | 66.6 | 583 | 375.2 |
| 27 | 619 | 437.2 | 643 | 213.3 |
| 28 | 654 | 18.0 | 646 | 24.9 |
| 29 | 731 | 41.7 | 707 | 33.6 |
| 30 | 789 | 101.2 | 756 | 97.4 |
| 31 | 861 | 41.3 | 812 | 27.1 |
| 32 | 957 | 240.9 | 903 | 283.7 |
| 33 | 1180 | 484.1 | 1220 | 617.5 |
| 34 | 1252 | 1000.4 | 1302 | 868.7 |
| 35 | 1265 | 188.2 | 1315 | 644.2 |
| 36 | 3513 | 115.3 | 3448 | 162.9 |

Table S13. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the product (**P'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Term/Vibration # | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 17 | 0.2 | 22 | 0.6 |
| 2 | 28 | 0.0 | 29 | 0.0 |
| 3 | 54 | 0.3 | 35 | 0.4 |
| 4 | 93 | 0.1 | 90 | 2.3 |
| 5 | 97 | 0.2 | 92 | 0.5 |
| 6 | 127 | 3.0 | 107 | 17.3 |
| 7 | 154 | 1.4 | 145 | 2.0 |
| 8 | 157 | 0.2 | 151 | 0.1 |
| 9 | 174 | 2.0 | 164 | 2.8 |
| 10 | 194 | 0.2 | 189 | 0.6 |
| 11 | 217 | 2.4 | 204 | 3.7 |
| 12 | 256 | 6.3 | 231 | 19.0 |
| 13 | 259 | 0.6 | 245 | 0.4 |
| 14 | 273 | 6.8 | 255 | 9.3 |
| 15 | 303 | 6.5 | 289 | 4.2 |
| 16 | 316 | 12.7 | 298 | 3.3 |
| 17 | 332 | 4.0 | 313 | 1.9 |
| 18 | 353 | 1.4 | 327 | 4.8 |
| 19 | 367 | 4.6 | 345 | 2.0 |
| 20 | 389 | 27.5 | 357 | 45.6 |
| 21 | 403 | 4.6 | 372 | 1.4 |
| 22 | 468 | 368.1 | 411 | 443.2 |
| 23 | 492 | 50.6 | 481 | 5.2 |
| 24 | 538 | 176.0 | 490 | 93.2 |
| 25 | 561 | 52.7 | 518 | 243.6 |
| 26 | 576 | 86.3 | 532 | 59.1 |
| 27 | 584 | 179.3 | 554 | 77.5 |
| 28 | 622 | 404.7 | 588 | 541.0 |
| 29 | 660 | 19.7 | 648 | 14.2 |
| 30 | 789 | 14.9 | 766 | 11.6 |
| 31 | 874 | 10.3 | 840 | 6.2 |
| 32 | 1007 | 175.7 | 994 | 184.7 |
| 33 | 1205 | 298.3 | 1211 | 579.1 |
| 34 | 1227 | 420.9 | 1257 | 279.6 |
| 35 | 1278 | 1043.8 | 1289 | 1206.5 |
| 36 | 3547 | 56.8 | 3566 | 57.9 |

Table S14. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the reactant of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

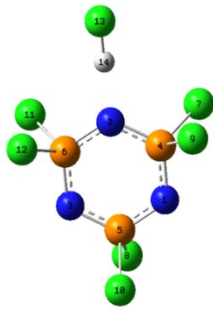
| Level of theory | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Term/Vibration # | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 22 | 0.0 | 35 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 30 | 0.1 | 39 | 0.3 |
| 3 | 32 | 0.1 | 39 | 0.0 |
| 4 | 124 | 5.0 | 120 | 2.6 |
| 5 | 157 | 11.4 | 153 | 3.0 |
| 6 | 164 | 20.0 | 165 | 24.6 |
| 7 | 179 | 1.0 | 171 | 1.2 |
| 8 | 190 | 5.7 | 186 | 7.7 |
| 9 | 205 | 2.8 | 199 | 2.3 |
| 10 | 221 | 6.5 | 214 | 7.4 |
| 11 | 252 | 5.4 | 244 | 5.7 |
| 12 | 286 | 26.7 | 282 | 37.2 |
| 13 | 329 | 7.1 | 320 | 3.1 |
| 14 | 338 | 4.3 | 325 | 4.3 |
| 15 | 342 | 1.1 | 331 | 1.6 |
| 16 | 346 | 11.1 | 333 | 3.4 |
| 17 | 363 | 8.4 | 358 | 12.5 |
| 18 | 400 | 12.5 | 377 | 9.5 |
| 19 | 414 | 20.5 | 404 | 36.6 |
| 20 | 542 | 302.2 | 507 | 338.0 |
| 21 | 551 | 227.6 | 526 | 251.0 |
| 22 | 583 | 6.9 | 546 | 1.8 |
| 23 | 609 | 452.8 | 588 | 477.4 |
| 24 | 644 | 16.9 | 640 | 36.7 |
| 25 | 769 | 61.1 | 743 | 61.7 |
| 26 | 869 | 51.9 | 837 | 61.0 |
| 27 | 880 | 16.2 | 847 | 24.4 |
| 28 | 966 | 154.3 | 929 | 186.7 |
| 29 | 1051 | 69.8 | 1015 | 60.5 |
| 30 | 1176 | 8.2 | 1130 | 7.4 |
| 31 | 1234 | 1105.8 | 1214 | 1241.4 |
| 32 | 1251 | 970.2 | 1234 | 1121.7 |
| 33 | 3799 | 173.2 | 3808 | 165.0 |

Table S15. Harmonic vibrational frequencies (ω in cm^{-1}) and infrared intensities (IR intensity in km mol^{-1}) for the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ and the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| Level of theory | MP2/aTZ | | B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) | |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Term/Vibration # | ω | IR intensity | ω | IR intensity |
| 1 | 27 | 0.0 | 37 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 39 | 0.5 | 39 | 0.5 |
| 3 | 53 | 0.1 | 45 | 0.7 |
| 4 | 120 | 0.2 | 114 | 0.1 |
| 5 | 160 | 0.0 | 154 | 0.3 |
| 6 | 173 | 0.8 | 170 | 0.2 |
| 7 | 181 | 0.2 | 174 | 0.5 |
| 8 | 195 | 1.9 | 190 | 2.6 |
| 9 | 203 | 2.5 | 199 | 1.7 |
| 10 | 243 | 8.4 | 235 | 9.7 |
| 11 | 278 | 2.1 | 272 | 5.0 |
| 12 | 294 | 13.8 | 291 | 4.4 |
| 13 | 332 | 8.4 | 321 | 5.7 |
| 14 | 335 | 4.6 | 327 | 1.4 |
| 15 | 347 | 1.3 | 334 | 0.8 |
| 16 | 364 | 6.3 | 349 | 2.7 |
| 17 | 402 | 11.3 | 387 | 3.4 |
| 18 | 417 | 25.1 | 399 | 36.7 |
| 19 | 421 | 19.6 | 461 | 38.9 |
| 20 | 528 | 139.6 | 509 | 272.8 |
| 21 | 546 | 248.3 | 525 | 118.4 |
| 22 | 591 | 5.0 | 553 | 2.8 |
| 23 | 614 | 446.6 | 589 | 491.1 |
| 24 | 637 | 40.9 | 633 | 106.4 |
| 25 | 733 | 101.7 | 698 | 114.7 |
| 26 | 815 | 32.7 | 780 | 50.3 |
| 27 | 867 | 59.2 | 833 | 68.4 |
| 28 | 972 | 171.1 | 936 | 189.1 |
| 29 | 1216 | 164.6 | 1213 | 366.2 |
| 30 | 1225 | 141.8 | 1237 | 338.7 |
| 31 | 1268 | 905.0 | 1277 | 651.0 |
| 32 | 1340 | 590.0 | 1331 | 661.2 |
| 33 | 3570 | 117.1 | 3565 | 105.3 |

Section 3. Bond lengths for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

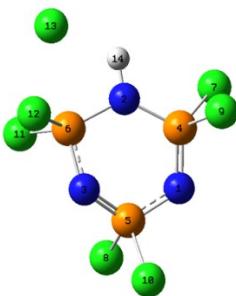
Table S16. Bond lengths (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (R') for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| Type | Bond Length | Type | Bond Length |
|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| P6-N2 | 1.60492 | P5-Cl10 | 2.00553 |
| N2-P4 | 1.60492 | Cl13-H14 | 1.29704 |
| P4-N1 | 1.59291 | H14-N2 | 1.88757 |
| N1-P5 | 1.59715 | Cl13-P6 | 4.21028 |
| P5-N3 | 1.59715 | Cl13-P4 | 4.21024 |
| N3-P6 | 1.59291 | H14-Cl11 | 3.68898 |
| P6-Cl11 | 2.00432 | H14-Cl12 | 3.43476 |
| P6-Cl12 | 2.00247 | H14-Cl17 | 3.68895 |
| P4-Cl17 | 2.00432 | H14-Cl19 | 3.43473 |
| P4-Cl19 | 2.00246 | H14-P6 | 3.01860 |
| P5-Cl8 | 2.00545 | | |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S17. Bond lengths (in Angstrom, Å) of the first transition state (TS1) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| Type | Bond Length | Type | Bond Length |
|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| P6-N2 | 1.68347 | P5-Cl10 | 1.99772 |
| N2-P4 | 1.65275 | Cl13-H14 | 1.95737 |
| P4-N1 | 1.57166 | H14-N2 | 1.04645 |
| N1-P5 | 1.61854 | Cl13-P6 | 2.68283 |
| P5-N3 | 1.57072 | Cl13-P4 | 4.27933 |
| N3-P6 | 1.62286 | H14-Cl11 | 3.40361 |
| P6-Cl11 | 2.00224 | H14-Cl12 | 3.40152 |
| P6-Cl12 | 1.99008 | H14-Cl17 | 3.03531 |
| P4-Cl17 | 1.98654 | H14-Cl19 | 3.41759 |
| P4-Cl19 | 2.00436 | H14-P6 | 2.25442 |
| P5-Cl8 | 2.01261 | H14-P4 | 2.40052 |

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Table S18. Bond lengths (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| Type | Bond Length | Type | Bond Length |
|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| P6-N2 | 1.71645 | P5-Cl10 | 2.01748 |
| N2-P4 | 1.66359 | Cl13-H14 | 2.27058 |
| P4-N1 | 1.57293 | H14-N2 | 1.01644 |
| N1-P5 | 1.63370 | Cl13-P6 | 2.25387 |
| P5-N3 | 1.56105 | Cl13-P4 | 4.30166 |
| N3-P6 | 1.66211 | H14-Cl11 | 3.66972 |
| P6-Cl11 | 2.03388 | H14-Cl12 | 3.73229 |
| P6-Cl12 | 2.04885 | H14-Cl17 | 3.41412 |
| P4-Cl17 | 2.01159 | H14-Cl19 | 2.86459 |
| P4-Cl19 | 1.98868 | H14-P6 | 2.34223 |
| P5-Cl8 | 2.00428 | H14-P4 | 2.32156 |

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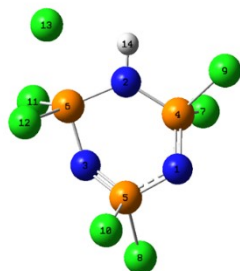


Table S19. Bond lengths (in Angstrom, Å) of the second transition state (**TS2**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| Type | Bond Length | Type | Bond Length |
|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| P6-N2 | 1.77729 | P5-Cl10 | 2.00101 |
| N2-P4 | 1.64552 | Cl13-H14 | 2.22487 |
| P4-N1 | 1.56780 | H14-N2 | 1.01675 |
| N1-P5 | 1.62028 | Cl13-P6 | 2.20629 |
| P5-N3 | 1.56329 | Cl13-P4 | 4.24016 |
| N3-P6 | 1.63749 | H14-Cl11 | 3.40552 |
| P6-Cl11 | 2.03755 | H14-Cl12 | 4.13039 |
| P6-Cl12 | 2.08601 | H14-Cl17 | 3.07201 |
| P4-Cl17 | 2.00800 | H14-Cl19 | 3.09573 |
| P4-Cl19 | 2.00396 | H14-P6 | 2.36822 |
| P5-Cl8 | 2.01592 | H14-P4 | 2.26789 |

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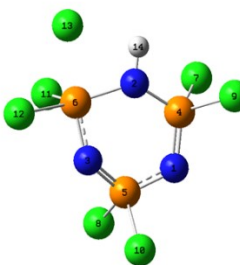
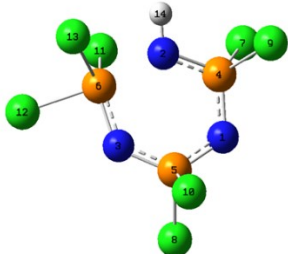


Table S20. Bond lengths (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (**P'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| | Type | Bond Length | Type | Bond Length |
|---|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
|  | P6-N2 | 1.88805 | P5-Cl10 | 2.01753 |
| | N2-P4 | 1.62021 | Cl13-H14 | 2.54694 |
| | P4-N1 | 1.58015 | H14-N2 | 1.01557 |
| | N1-P5 | 1.60972 | Cl13-P6 | 2.06180 |
| | P5-N3 | 1.58080 | Cl13-P4 | 4.24511 |
| | N3-P6 | 1.60390 | H14-Cl11 | 2.99808 |
| | P6-Cl11 | 2.06451 | H14-Cl12 | 4.44028 |
| | P6-Cl12 | 2.12193 | H14-Cl17 | 3.29396 |
| | P4-Cl17 | 2.00986 | H14-Cl19 | 3.01365 |
| | P4-Cl19 | 2.00937 | H14-P6 | 2.47413 |
| | P5-Cl8 | 1.99476 | H14-P4 | 2.25161 |

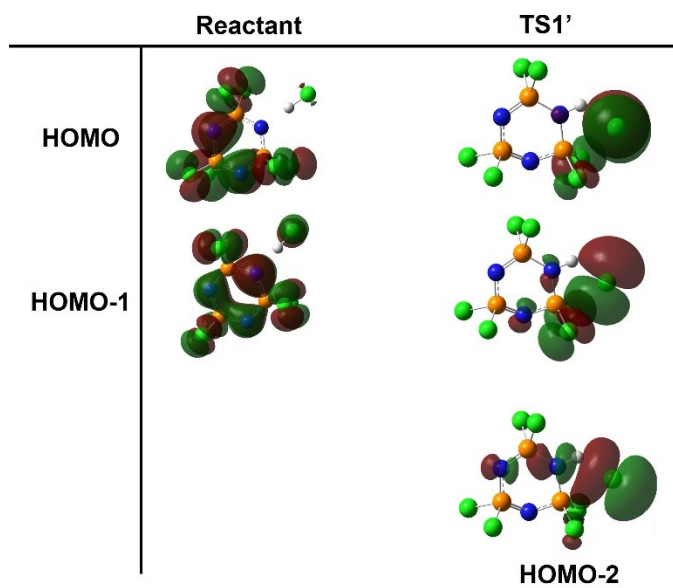
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Section 4. The energies and shapes of the frontier molecular orbitals of selected structures

Table S21. The energy (in Hartree) of selected frontier molecular orbitals of the reactant (**R**) and transition state (**TS1'**) in the ring-opening reaction at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

| Selected Frontier Molecular Orbital | R' | TS1' |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| LUMO | 0.037 | 0.028 |
| HOMO | -0.442 | -0.378 |
| HOMO-1 | -0.443 | -0.389 |
| HOMO-2 | -0.451 | -0.439 |
| HOMO-3 | -0.451 | -0.463 |
| HOMO-4 | -0.464 | -0.465 |
| HOMO-5 | -0.473 | -0.488 |
| HOMO-6 | -0.474 | -0.493 |

Figure S1. The shape of the selected frontier molecular orbitals of the reactant (**R**) and transition state (**TS1'**) in the ring-opening reaction at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

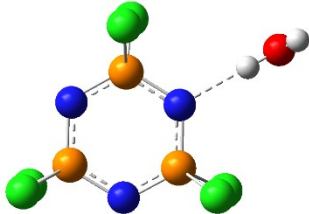


Section 5. Cartesian Coordinates

Section 5.1 Electronic structures fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

Section 5.1.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure of the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization calculated at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

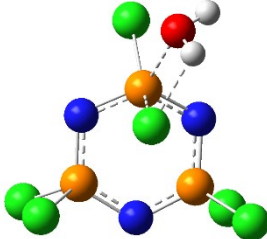
Table S22. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.03953300 | 0.54806100 | 1.39141500 |
| P | 0.03953300 | 0.54806100 | -1.39141500 |
| P | 0.04254100 | -1.84871600 | 0.00000000 |
| N | 0.03407400 | 1.34372000 | 0.00000000 |
| N | 0.03953300 | -1.04604100 | 1.38036000 |
| N | 0.03953300 | -1.04604100 | -1.38036000 |
| Cl | -1.50487000 | 1.19582600 | 2.48690100 |
| Cl | -1.51002300 | -3.11907400 | 0.00000000 |
| Cl | 1.61029300 | 1.18439700 | -2.46859500 |
| Cl | -1.50487000 | 1.19582600 | -2.48690100 |
| Cl | 1.60592000 | -3.10726300 | 0.00000000 |
| Cl | 1.61029300 | 1.18439700 | 2.46859500 |
| H | -0.13733700 | 4.76306700 | 0.00000000 |
| O | -0.89755900 | 4.17481500 | 0.00000000 |
| H | -0.51289200 | 3.28598300 | 0.00000000 |

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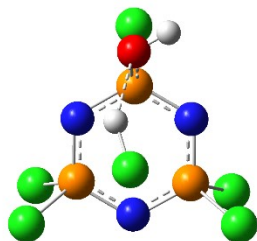
Table S23. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.52690000 | 1.42957100 | -0.17816800 |
| P | 1.00705200 | -1.23671200 | -0.12696700 |
| P | -1.60357200 | -0.25186100 | -0.07421700 |
| N | 1.58073200 | 0.23927600 | -0.40498600 |
| N | -1.05299100 | 1.22640700 | -0.40239400 |
| N | -0.56309500 | -1.45878600 | 0.04577700 |
| Cl | 0.82476700 | 2.67512100 | -1.80001000 |
| Cl | -2.91245600 | -0.66470400 | -1.53937400 |
| Cl | 1.93231600 | -2.05090800 | 1.46038500 |
| Cl | 1.67647400 | -2.40154700 | -1.61975600 |
| Cl | -2.79356400 | -0.27564500 | 1.54053200 |
| Cl | 0.30829200 | 1.16571500 | 2.19172100 |
| H | 1.79624400 | 2.35989500 | 1.56780900 |
| O | 1.67306700 | 2.75589800 | 0.66589000 |
| H | 2.50187900 | 2.81312200 | 0.15711800 |

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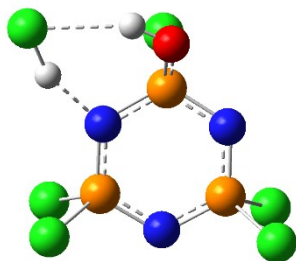
Table S24. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (**P_1HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.00200100 | -0.98765000 | 1.39741600 |
| P | -1.42031700 | 0.21100900 | -0.64404400 |
| P | 1.34060700 | 0.05131900 | -0.76917200 |
| N | -1.39044300 | -0.48907700 | 0.79098200 |
| N | 1.37319600 | -0.57046800 | 0.70250100 |
| N | -0.04737800 | 0.53993100 | -1.38934100 |
| Cl | -0.08898800 | -2.99836300 | 1.57691300 |
| Cl | 2.17880600 | -1.26194000 | -2.04923600 |
| Cl | -2.49799200 | 1.89412300 | -0.50919700 |
| Cl | -2.56004500 | -0.89999600 | -1.87936500 |
| Cl | 2.64141800 | 1.56776200 | -0.83224000 |
| Cl | 0.35508600 | 2.73096400 | 1.94191400 |
| H | 0.68355600 | 1.63986100 | 2.52506200 |
| O | 0.14151900 | -0.50448200 | 2.91734700 |
| H | -0.67852900 | -0.64024200 | 3.41476600 |

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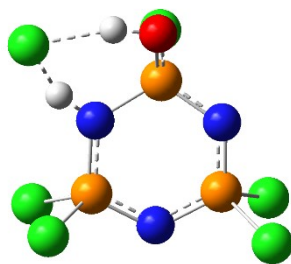
Table S25. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.58834700 | 1.36484900 | -0.16510200 |
| P | -1.91794700 | 0.21854900 | -0.26560500 |
| P | 0.29633900 | -1.37830400 | 0.22124200 |
| N | -0.96452600 | 1.47346500 | -0.49256900 |
| N | 1.24197500 | -0.10936600 | -0.02918600 |
| N | -1.27918700 | -1.21062400 | 0.06678300 |
| Cl | 0.97937300 | 2.35114600 | 1.55508100 |
| Cl | 0.68242100 | -2.14572600 | 2.03956800 |
| Cl | -3.09570000 | 0.03093600 | -1.87532200 |
| Cl | -3.25151400 | 0.64590700 | 1.17639800 |
| Cl | 0.93540000 | -2.84661100 | -0.98416600 |
| Cl | 4.11629000 | 0.57365300 | -0.84559900 |
| H | 3.00401600 | 0.02180800 | -0.41850400 |
| O | 1.36906400 | 2.18461700 | -1.26480200 |
| H | 2.32795100 | 1.99234300 | -1.25763800 |

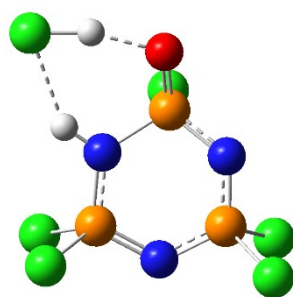
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Table S26. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (SPT_TS) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.49031500 | -1.49845900 | -0.18118600 |
| | P | 1.86917800 | -0.05640400 | -0.30855500 |
| | P | -0.45954900 | 1.33337300 | 0.35752800 |
| | N | 1.00968000 | -1.34107200 | -0.67490200 |
| | N | -1.26301900 | -0.05850900 | 0.11394600 |
| | N | 1.11423600 | 1.24431100 | 0.25083800 |
| | Cl | -0.51346600 | -2.53039200 | 1.54285500 |
| | Cl | -0.95506300 | 2.06663400 | 2.14552800 |
| | Cl | 2.93813900 | 0.45374700 | -1.91712200 |
| | Cl | 3.28905100 | -0.52300000 | 1.02733000 |
| | Cl | -1.24379400 | 2.66855400 | -0.89763200 |
| | Cl | -3.75729400 | -0.68437200 | -1.01452100 |
| | H | -2.36434400 | -0.11842200 | -0.25238200 |
| | O | -1.37579400 | -2.28401000 | -1.17821200 |
| | H | -2.32402300 | -1.87015800 | -1.23734700 |

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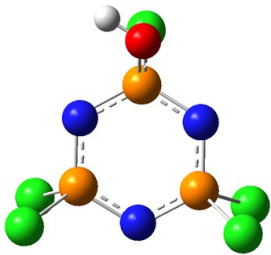
Table S27. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (P fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.63430500 | -1.47049700 | -0.24536600 |
| | P | 1.86961000 | -0.26177000 | -0.34296500 |
| | P | -0.27624000 | 1.42537100 | 0.25264000 |
| | N | 0.87003200 | -1.39838200 | -0.79030000 |
| | N | -1.21443700 | 0.14717200 | -0.14334200 |
| | N | 1.26391500 | 1.13111700 | 0.20047400 |
| | Cl | -0.54686300 | -2.02845600 | 1.71492600 |
| | Cl | -0.78661600 | 2.10630400 | 2.06205500 |
| | Cl | 3.09071600 | 0.14335200 | -1.87277600 |
| | Cl | 3.14632000 | -0.89572400 | 1.07149900 |
| | Cl | -0.83592400 | 2.93055400 | -0.93614500 |
| | Cl | -4.20270800 | -0.78170500 | -0.90801500 |
| | H | -2.22918500 | 0.25142200 | -0.23590700 |
| | O | -1.63991300 | -2.28290300 | -0.97658100 |
| | H | -3.17779900 | -1.60762600 | -1.02016700 |

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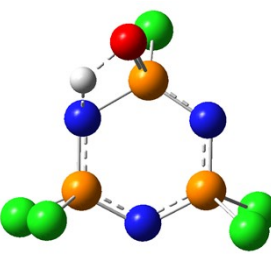
Section 5.1.2. Cartesian coordinates for chemical species appearing in tautomerization reaction in the absence of HCl interference calculated at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

Table S28. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants in the tautomerization reaction occurring in the absence of HCl interferences (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.02573400 | 1.65260800 | -0.63291400 |
| | P | -1.40252500 | -0.60161700 | 0.03796800 |
| | P | 1.36590700 | -0.66577700 | 0.03621800 |
| | N | -1.36881600 | 0.88887500 | -0.52604900 |
| | N | 1.39227800 | 0.82105400 | -0.53939200 |
| | N | -0.03469400 | -1.38392600 | 0.30589000 |
| | Cl | 0.09650700 | 3.10542900 | 0.77855100 |
| | Cl | 2.44342200 | -0.74510800 | 1.73521100 |
| | Cl | -2.54182800 | -1.70506600 | -1.19144300 |
| | Cl | -2.48142400 | -0.64095700 | 1.73568700 |
| | Cl | 2.46007300 | -1.82376900 | -1.18611500 |
| | O | -0.02260900 | 2.47327500 | -1.99298600 |
| | H | 0.81803200 | 2.91457600 | -2.18048200 |

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Table S29. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without HCl interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.23069100 | 1.71131600 | -0.65901600 |
| | P | -1.31848200 | -0.74340700 | 0.04551900 |
| | P | 1.44341100 | -0.46303300 | 0.20534400 |
| | N | -1.45670100 | 0.69159000 | -0.61860500 |
| | N | 1.29353300 | 1.06356700 | -0.31008000 |
| | N | 0.10799300 | -1.21983100 | 0.60868900 |
| | Cl | -0.64256800 | 3.19746800 | 0.62473700 |
| | Cl | 2.67651200 | -0.53182200 | 1.77669200 |
| | Cl | -2.00077200 | -2.11212100 | -1.25554900 |
| | Cl | -2.61459700 | -0.92667300 | 1.56367500 |
| | Cl | 2.48351200 | -1.46232100 | -1.19505300 |
| | O | 0.28758900 | 2.28192900 | -1.98818000 |
| | H | 1.33647700 | 1.62711800 | -1.47882900 |

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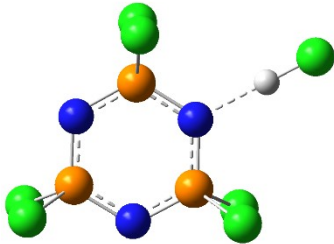
Table S30. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without HCl interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| fully optimized structure | P | -0.19787300 | 1.69858500 | -0.97782200 |
| | P | -1.37586700 | -0.63454100 | 0.00388200 |
| | P | 1.41320300 | -0.56829100 | 0.08330700 |
| | N | -1.39325600 | 0.62352300 | -0.94251400 |
| | N | 1.26514400 | 0.76889800 | -0.84735600 |
| | N | 0.04805000 | -1.20613700 | 0.51140500 |
| | Cl | -0.22318000 | 2.65630200 | 0.83756700 |
| | Cl | 2.53106700 | -0.16080100 | 1.69484100 |
| | Cl | -2.34521700 | -2.13001800 | -0.90496000 |
| | Cl | -2.47548900 | -0.36230300 | 1.66447500 |
| | Cl | 2.59119400 | -1.83525700 | -0.92279100 |
| | O | -0.05746900 | 2.64793700 | -2.09416600 |
| | H | 2.09587500 | 1.22152600 | -1.21316800 |

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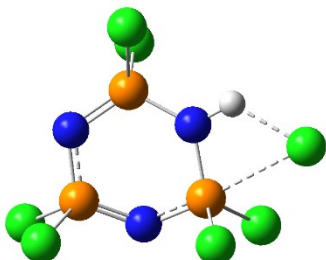
Section 5.1.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the MP2/aTZ level of theory

Table S31. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | 1.25220000 | -1.38016100 | -0.03058100 |
| | N | -1.13106100 | 0.00001600 | 0.10000700 |
| | N | 1.25222700 | 1.38014500 | -0.03059300 |
| | P | -0.33761200 | -1.39467100 | 0.06757700 |
| | P | 2.05427900 | -0.00001600 | -0.08299700 |
| | P | -0.33758400 | 1.39468600 | 0.06757100 |
| | Cl | -0.88438200 | -2.46223700 | 1.67339200 |
| | Cl | 3.41435900 | -0.00002300 | 1.39077500 |
| | Cl | -1.08198300 | -2.48953800 | -1.43476900 |
| | Cl | 3.21373400 | -0.00003500 | -1.71939400 |
| | Cl | -0.88432600 | 2.46226800 | 1.67338600 |
| | Cl | -1.08193900 | 2.48956600 | -1.43477400 |
| | Cl | -4.30066200 | -0.00000100 | -0.20680800 |
| | H | -3.01141900 | 0.00001600 | -0.06481400 |

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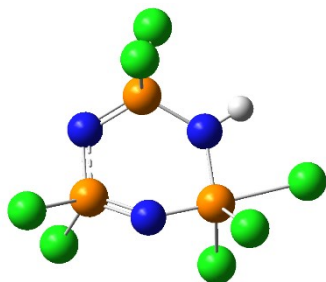
Table S32. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | 1.75305600 | 0.78200700 | -0.35623200 |
| N | -0.97110400 | 0.83718600 | -0.05749600 |
| N | 0.30871900 | -1.32447300 | 0.60435600 |
| P | 0.46509900 | 1.65231900 | -0.12423200 |
| P | 1.66390800 | -0.79048200 | 0.01658200 |
| P | -1.18253500 | -0.80892400 | 0.22482100 |
| Cl | 0.22602000 | 2.99127800 | -1.57211900 |
| Cl | 2.26818100 | -1.78642200 | -1.62462500 |
| Cl | 0.59277200 | 2.79210000 | 1.51956600 |
| Cl | 3.11630500 | -1.20129400 | 1.32527300 |
| Cl | -1.65207400 | -1.93585700 | -1.36216100 |
| Cl | -2.14541900 | -1.36808400 | 1.87424500 |
| Cl | -3.57814600 | 0.26534900 | -0.32704000 |
| H | -1.90164800 | 1.27307300 | -0.25534900 |

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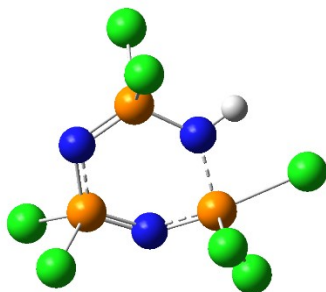
Table S33. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.88100600 | 0.33218400 | -0.58585900 |
| N | 0.74051200 | 1.14186800 | -0.29647000 |
| N | 0.06924500 | -1.08315300 | 0.66572300 |
| P | -0.88336100 | 1.49956800 | -0.24523100 |
| P | -1.34546500 | -1.09329200 | 0.00589800 |
| P | 1.47089100 | -0.33947300 | 0.17082300 |
| Cl | -1.24803200 | 2.38299200 | 1.52481700 |
| Cl | -2.66751200 | -1.73153400 | 1.37044600 |
| Cl | -1.07734900 | 2.99100700 | -1.54632300 |
| Cl | -1.62118300 | -2.41551700 | -1.49274700 |
| Cl | 2.32641900 | -0.54108800 | 2.00496800 |
| Cl | 1.97037300 | -1.75848100 | -1.22012300 |
| Cl | 3.34588600 | 0.74253200 | -0.45656300 |
| H | 1.38151100 | 1.87318000 | -0.59220600 |

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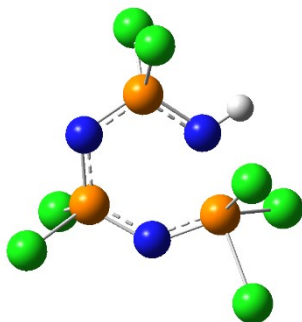
Table S34. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS2') for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | 1.96606400 | 0.10796600 | 0.05777200 |
| N | -0.36429000 | -1.28199200 | -0.31846800 |
| N | -0.47970200 | 1.23780500 | -0.47028800 |
| P | 1.26195900 | -1.28722600 | -0.06745200 |
| P | 1.02368200 | 1.41860400 | -0.08167900 |
| P | -1.54618400 | 0.03546900 | -0.15664200 |
| Cl | 1.61777600 | -2.42574600 | 1.54785600 |
| Cl | 1.24689800 | 2.45133000 | 1.63517700 |
| Cl | 2.05745100 | -2.40676900 | -1.52678900 |
| Cl | 1.89655200 | 2.62666300 | -1.41687400 |
| Cl | -1.89216000 | 0.16493100 | 1.84714100 |
| Cl | -3.04990700 | 1.18850800 | -1.02885100 |
| Cl | -2.94434900 | -1.64281900 | -0.46682100 |
| H | -0.79480100 | -2.20283000 | -0.34079400 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S35. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (P') for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the MP2/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.74714600 | 0.50636600 | -0.54606000 |
| N | -0.02819500 | -1.18104300 | 0.61868900 |
| N | 0.89068000 | 1.15690500 | -0.03619800 |
| P | -1.49428700 | -0.96811100 | -0.03729700 |
| P | -0.62380800 | 1.59273000 | -0.15991000 |
| P | 1.56297700 | -0.28974600 | 0.13032100 |
| Cl | -1.90870100 | -2.23911200 | -1.53808300 |
| Cl | -0.75374600 | 3.02653500 | -1.54063600 |
| Cl | -2.81862300 | -1.55945000 | 1.35339900 |
| Cl | -1.17561000 | 2.55470900 | 1.52548200 |
| Cl | 1.74096900 | -1.61630200 | -1.44154600 |
| Cl | 3.49118600 | 0.48520100 | -0.29870300 |
| Cl | 2.27085600 | -1.02270700 | 1.92272500 |
| H | 0.13179600 | -2.08954500 | 1.04342700 |

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Section 5.2 Coordinates for the electronic structures fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Section 5.2.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S36. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | 0.60567900 | -1.37539400 | -0.01924300 |
| | P | 0.50907800 | 1.44033800 | -0.00051200 |
| | P | -1.86926600 | -0.05100500 | 0.01820000 |
| | N | 1.32842000 | 0.05898600 | -0.01653300 |
| | N | -0.98730700 | -1.38092900 | 0.00206400 |
| | N | -1.08049600 | 1.33626600 | 0.02184400 |
| | Cl | 1.31125400 | -2.47316000 | 1.53704100 |
| | Cl | -3.13475600 | -0.10587700 | 1.61177600 |
| | Cl | 1.08873400 | 2.56181600 | -1.60070300 |
| | Cl | 1.13955300 | 2.56406400 | 1.56931200 |
| | Cl | -3.16018400 | -0.08414400 | -1.55702500 |
| | Cl | 1.26160600 | -2.43387500 | -1.63276800 |
| | H | 4.69640200 | 0.17970000 | -0.62710500 |
| | O | 4.34265800 | 0.16077700 | 0.26681900 |
| | H | 3.38131300 | 0.12797100 | 0.15541800 |

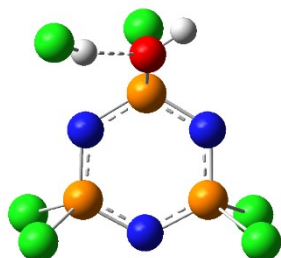
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Table S37. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -1.14271900 | -0.89419700 | 0.23787600 |
| | P | 1.66803400 | -0.68729500 | -0.19931900 |
| | P | 0.16437800 | 1.62487500 | 0.10701500 |
| | N | 0.30707200 | -1.52573700 | -0.11468300 |
| | N | -1.05761600 | 0.67986200 | 0.52053700 |
| | N | 1.55659500 | 0.90215900 | -0.20846600 |
| | Cl | -2.01903200 | -1.70991100 | 1.85980100 |
| | Cl | 0.41229100 | 2.96344000 | 1.61282200 |
| | Cl | 2.66582100 | -1.28468000 | -1.87228200 |
| | Cl | 2.93366700 | -1.28988200 | 1.28762100 |
| | Cl | -0.32474200 | 2.81130200 | -1.47343600 |
| | Cl | -3.50062600 | -0.21300600 | -1.03004700 |
| | H | -2.68693400 | -1.80302600 | -1.30832600 |
| | O | -1.86900800 | -2.29865700 | -0.90527100 |
| | H | -1.19418300 | -2.56594900 | -1.55094300 |

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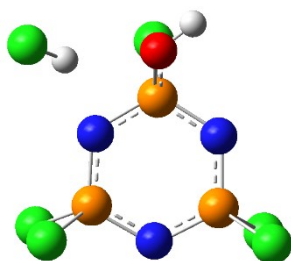
Table S38. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (**P_1HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.68409800 | -1.11683300 | 0.64573200 |
| P | 1.75437200 | -0.53717700 | -0.59282300 |
| P | 0.05794800 | 1.54109400 | 0.23739400 |
| N | 0.65460500 | -1.58218400 | -0.09520900 |
| N | -0.99960800 | 0.44135600 | 0.70766800 |
| N | 1.42514800 | 1.01110900 | -0.39531200 |
| Cl | -0.69669800 | -1.92017400 | 2.52971000 |
| Cl | 0.49504900 | 2.78052000 | 1.79562200 |
| Cl | 2.15980500 | -0.90096600 | -2.55812400 |
| Cl | 3.54790200 | -0.94682700 | 0.28863500 |
| Cl | -0.85241200 | 2.80436000 | -1.07295000 |
| Cl | -4.83788800 | -0.59964400 | -1.26041000 |
| H | -3.69616700 | -0.87820700 | -0.71981200 |
| O | -1.96988400 | -1.80638900 | -0.03410200 |
| H | -1.89700400 | -2.76245500 | -0.16418900 |

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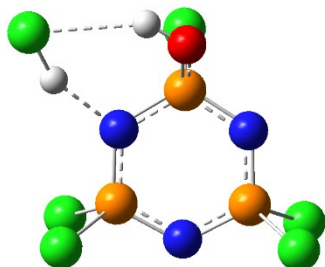
Table S39. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.48282900 | -1.41171600 | 0.26995400 |
| P | 1.88693300 | -0.16209700 | -0.52825000 |
| P | -0.26642300 | 1.36776100 | 0.42517300 |
| N | 0.98339300 | -1.46762100 | -0.36479400 |
| N | -1.12562500 | 0.02461000 | 0.52951300 |
| N | 1.23585500 | 1.22946800 | -0.09796800 |
| Cl | -0.47989800 | -2.52226000 | 1.99392300 |
| Cl | -0.24364700 | 2.31730700 | 2.22964800 |
| Cl | 2.52587000 | -0.04610800 | -2.46202000 |
| Cl | 3.64371800 | -0.40375700 | 0.47963100 |
| Cl | -1.27886800 | 2.69018100 | -0.74245700 |
| Cl | -4.61211900 | -0.51283700 | -1.26893900 |
| H | -3.42844500 | -0.77240500 | -0.82482200 |
| O | -1.54967000 | -2.17922100 | -0.64644300 |
| H | -1.33072400 | -3.09119900 | -0.88042600 |

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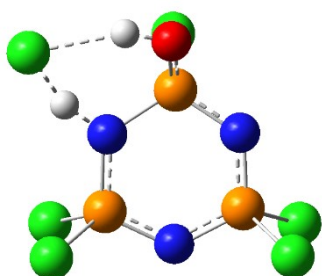
Table S40. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.56128700 | -1.41307400 | -0.13318300 |
| P | 1.95182700 | -0.19236400 | -0.25616100 |
| P | -0.32225400 | 1.37065300 | 0.26562900 |
| N | 1.00317600 | -1.45998000 | -0.40978500 |
| N | -1.22040800 | 0.06000800 | 0.03576300 |
| N | 1.25094300 | 1.19850000 | 0.10640200 |
| Cl | -0.99408400 | -2.49657500 | 1.54981100 |
| Cl | -0.72099300 | 2.18166400 | 2.09565800 |
| Cl | 3.04462700 | 0.02884500 | -1.96000700 |
| Cl | 3.39500900 | -0.56837900 | 1.13220800 |
| Cl | -0.99997100 | 2.82136800 | -0.99293900 |
| Cl | -4.16776700 | -0.52032900 | -0.89304300 |
| H | -3.05399400 | -0.00681300 | -0.40484400 |
| O | -1.30064300 | -2.19743800 | -1.29764000 |
| H | -2.26708400 | -2.07372300 | -1.32365700 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

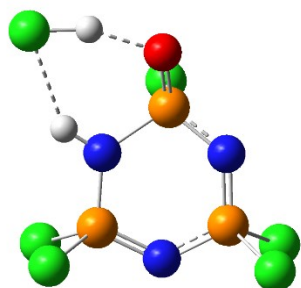
Table S41. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (**SPT_TS**) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.52434800 | -1.50407800 | -0.14670700 |
| P | 1.90950700 | -0.10736600 | -0.28214400 |
| P | -0.43125000 | 1.35395600 | 0.33061800 |
| N | 1.01781800 | -1.40398100 | -0.49273900 |
| N | -1.25895000 | -0.01986500 | 0.03455800 |
| N | 1.13634500 | 1.21357900 | 0.19004800 |
| Cl | -0.76206000 | -2.53371600 | 1.59409300 |
| Cl | -0.89180800 | 2.06258300 | 2.17562900 |
| Cl | 2.93442300 | 0.28012100 | -1.99183900 |
| Cl | 3.39680900 | -0.47383400 | 1.05334700 |
| Cl | -1.18717700 | 2.77171000 | -0.89877800 |
| Cl | -3.78931800 | -0.60198400 | -1.06074600 |
| H | -2.42825300 | -0.08040700 | -0.35160800 |
| O | -1.34610600 | -2.27967100 | -1.22417100 |
| H | -2.29277900 | -1.93101100 | -1.32359300 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S42. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (**P**) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.69346600 | -1.49062400 | -0.11612100 |
| P | 1.88770600 | -0.32426400 | -0.37399400 |
| P | -0.19873100 | 1.46269900 | 0.29588400 |
| N | 0.82271600 | -1.45368400 | -0.62388100 |
| N | -1.19613500 | 0.17943100 | 0.03417500 |
| N | 1.31387300 | 1.08754800 | 0.15550800 |
| Cl | -0.67104100 | -2.13865400 | 1.84732400 |
| Cl | -0.56446900 | 2.28297300 | 2.11698800 |
| Cl | 2.94315300 | -0.00218100 | -2.07997600 |
| Cl | 3.33701900 | -0.89250000 | 0.93927200 |
| Cl | -0.79649000 | 2.93402900 | -0.97183600 |
| Cl | -4.37080800 | -0.68289600 | -1.01925600 |
| H | -2.20429900 | 0.32765800 | -0.03545600 |
| O | -1.73226900 | -2.21394700 | -0.88529400 |
| H | -3.36857300 | -1.53943900 | -1.08213200 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.2.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

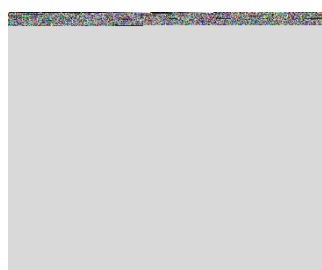
Table S43. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.02969900 | 1.68938500 | -0.58213700 |
| P | -1.42185900 | -0.60723400 | 0.05705100 |
| P | 1.38039400 | -0.67927500 | 0.05383900 |
| N | -1.35026400 | 0.91066400 | -0.41958400 |
| N | 1.37909900 | 0.83539900 | -0.44161100 |
| N | -0.03814500 | -1.36724800 | 0.30251600 |
| Cl | 0.11133200 | 3.24094200 | 0.76115500 |
| Cl | 2.50249500 | -0.86133600 | 1.75123700 |
| Cl | -2.54263500 | -1.66551300 | -1.27885700 |
| Cl | -2.54902700 | -0.74355200 | 1.75243300 |
| Cl | 2.45381900 | -1.80090300 | -1.27213900 |
| O | -0.01796300 | 2.43863800 | -1.99203100 |
| H | 0.79364300 | 2.91219600 | -2.21939200 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

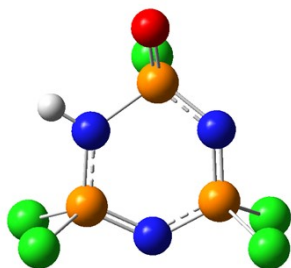
Table S44. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.16104700 | 1.74140500 | -0.66971500 |
| P | -1.38464400 | -0.68839600 | 0.03873400 |
| P | 1.43696900 | -0.55791000 | 0.15792400 |
| N | -1.42999800 | 0.78697900 | -0.54453700 |
| N | 1.32710800 | 0.95069100 | -0.42526100 |
| N | 0.04918700 | -1.25561600 | 0.47650900 |
| Cl | -0.39930700 | 3.27336300 | 0.64440600 |
| Cl | 2.58161300 | -0.61513500 | 1.84001800 |
| Cl | -2.24035000 | -1.96398700 | -1.30059400 |
| Cl | -2.62264100 | -0.85696300 | 1.64550100 |
| Cl | 2.55192500 | -1.63503000 | -1.16531300 |
| O | 0.35222100 | 2.27588600 | -2.01899900 |
| H | 1.37789200 | 1.55383300 | -1.58740900 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S45. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

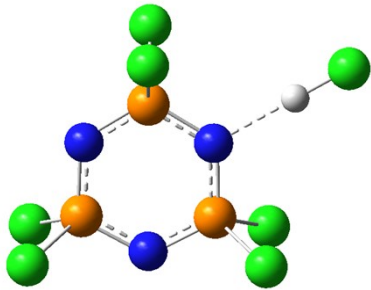


| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.22343300 | 1.75797100 | -0.93133100 |
| P | -1.38752400 | -0.66252700 | 0.03249200 |
| P | 1.43463200 | -0.57064600 | 0.10442300 |
| N | -1.39841500 | 0.67269500 | -0.79061300 |
| N | 1.26961600 | 0.83949200 | -0.72639200 |
| N | 0.06153400 | -1.20119800 | 0.50372400 |
| Cl | -0.25519600 | 2.90073600 | 0.80545000 |
| Cl | 2.60651500 | -0.29668400 | 1.74483800 |
| Cl | -2.30057500 | -2.13018000 | -1.03911200 |
| Cl | -2.53973400 | -0.57071800 | 1.71305800 |
| Cl | 2.58989400 | -1.79655500 | -1.04101600 |
| O | -0.08644200 | 2.60578300 | -2.12421200 |
| H | 2.09189500 | 1.29266500 | -1.11179000 |

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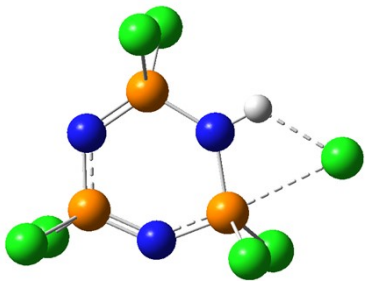
Section 5.2.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S46. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | 0.00001900 | -1.24890300 | 1.35835700 |
| | N | 0.00005400 | 1.11538200 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.00001900 | -1.24890300 | -1.35835700 |
| | P | 0.00001900 | 0.34211900 | 1.41130100 |
| | P | -0.00009500 | -2.08664900 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 0.00001900 | 0.34211900 | -1.41130100 |
| | Cl | 1.58504800 | 0.98757600 | 2.50911800 |
| | Cl | 1.58443700 | -3.36384900 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.58504600 | 0.98762000 | 2.50905200 |
| | Cl | -1.58494300 | -3.36347800 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | 1.58504800 | 0.98757600 | -2.50911800 |
| | Cl | -1.58504600 | 0.98762000 | -2.50905200 |
| | Cl | 0.00049500 | 4.40151100 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 0.00032700 | 3.09534900 | 0.00000000 |

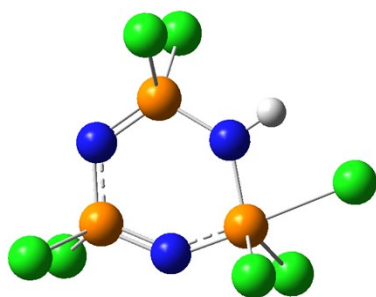
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Table S47. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.92355900 | -0.13250200 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44978800 | 1.20159900 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44568400 | -1.39490600 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.21703000 | 1.26090800 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.10450200 | -1.52745100 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 1.49280300 | -0.16421700 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.76277000 | 2.40671400 | 1.58310700 |
| | Cl | -1.76277000 | -2.62500600 | 1.58447800 |
| | Cl | -1.76277000 | 2.40671400 | -1.58310700 |
| | Cl | -1.76277000 | -2.62500600 | -1.58447800 |
| | Cl | 2.53725000 | -0.59662000 | 1.70245500 |
| | Cl | 2.53725000 | -0.59662000 | -1.70245500 |
| | Cl | 3.07171600 | 2.02214200 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 1.01023900 | 2.07263700 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

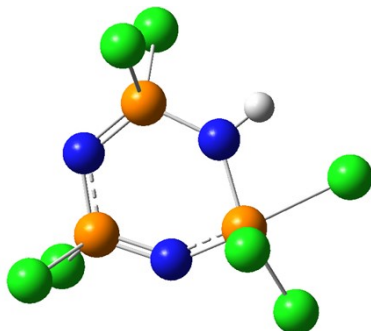
Table S48. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.86507000 | 0.52496700 | -0.00048500 |
| N | 0.81384400 | 1.05811900 | -0.00022400 |
| N | 0.02258700 | -1.37900200 | 0.00116700 |
| P | -0.75792800 | 1.62165400 | -0.00021500 |
| P | -1.48776200 | -1.05560200 | 0.00012600 |
| P | 1.44211400 | -0.57101600 | 0.00033400 |
| Cl | -0.91448000 | 2.89071800 | 1.58185900 |
| Cl | -2.46188200 | -1.89921000 | 1.58369600 |
| Cl | -0.91416000 | 2.89106300 | -1.58200200 |
| Cl | -2.46031400 | -1.89987500 | -1.58412500 |
| Cl | 2.15141200 | -1.42597200 | 1.75383900 |
| Cl | 2.15046600 | -1.42734700 | -1.75292400 |
| Cl | 3.49000900 | 0.68757800 | -0.00071000 |
| H | 1.55624900 | 1.75761900 | -0.00061900 |

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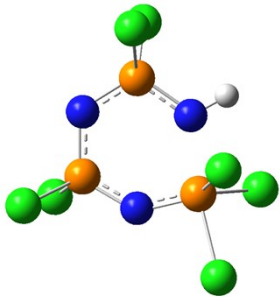
Table S49. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS2**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.95387000 | -0.00781100 | -0.03721500 |
| N | 0.43744300 | 1.27432000 | -0.14777100 |
| N | 0.42424300 | -1.28019600 | -0.10038100 |
| P | -1.21000200 | 1.36711500 | -0.06682600 |
| P | -1.12465000 | -1.39671500 | -0.04370600 |
| P | 1.56903700 | -0.12997700 | -0.01738800 |
| Cl | -1.71247400 | 2.52826600 | 1.53361000 |
| Cl | -1.73425400 | -2.47898800 | 1.57470500 |
| Cl | -1.80729100 | 2.53122700 | -1.62794200 |
| Cl | -1.82748100 | -2.51199200 | -1.59699900 |
| Cl | 2.14980100 | -0.15334600 | 1.96575900 |
| Cl | 2.94874800 | -1.42266700 | -1.00597200 |
| Cl | 3.05367300 | 1.52694200 | -0.59785900 |
| H | 0.92723800 | 2.15894200 | -0.25376300 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S50. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (**P'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

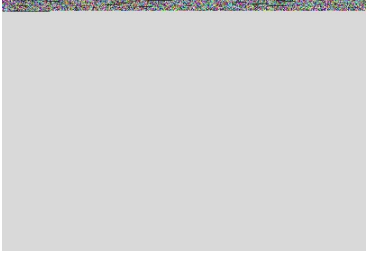
| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.74198500 | 0.69383000 | -0.22504500 |
| | N | -0.15304100 | -1.36242200 | 0.36486800 |
| | N | 0.95607500 | 1.00786900 | 0.02896300 |
| | P | -1.64409800 | -0.86315000 | 0.00486500 |
| | P | -0.47770200 | 1.65911300 | -0.06126000 |
| | P | 1.57772000 | -0.45621100 | 0.07664800 |
| | Cl | -2.43386300 | -1.82851900 | -1.62196300 |
| | Cl | -0.51443900 | 2.97400400 | -1.60777700 |
| | Cl | -2.91012300 | -1.48813800 | 1.48582500 |
| | Cl | -0.75320900 | 2.86810700 | 1.55879300 |
| | Cl | 1.76895700 | -1.66964600 | -1.62917200 |
| | Cl | 3.59677300 | 0.27129000 | -0.16652400 |
| | Cl | 2.11552000 | -1.42875800 | 1.85800000 |
| | H | -0.04961400 | -2.34299900 | 0.60262500 |

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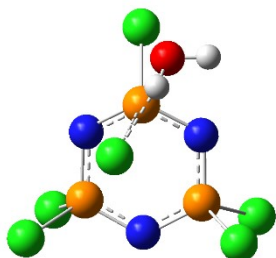
Section 5.3.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S51. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.62042300 | -1.37212500 | -0.02039400 |
| | P | 0.52474700 | 1.43702100 | -0.00212700 |
| | P | -1.84489400 | -0.05010900 | 0.02059600 |
| | N | 1.34066300 | 0.05868000 | -0.02211700 |
| | N | -0.96935000 | -1.38116600 | 0.01000300 |
| | N | -1.06195000 | 1.33746900 | 0.02654000 |
| | Cl | 1.33514600 | -2.45838300 | 1.53179500 |
| | Cl | -3.10800100 | -0.10302200 | 1.60891700 |
| | Cl | 1.10016200 | 2.54695200 | -1.60462400 |
| | Cl | 1.16361300 | 2.54856200 | 1.56526400 |
| | Cl | -3.12008100 | -0.08384500 | -1.56122600 |
| | Cl | 1.26833400 | -2.41879000 | -1.63778300 |
| | H | 4.61530700 | 0.17797400 | -0.62229400 |
| | O | 4.26544800 | 0.16005100 | 0.27302200 |
| | H | 3.30312300 | 0.12626400 | 0.16301300 |

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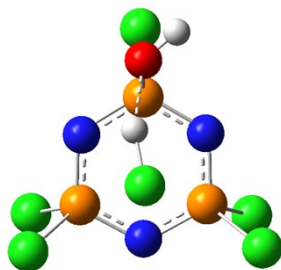
Table S52. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.63435900 | -1.37994800 | 0.36928500 |
| P | 0.89790900 | 1.34572200 | 0.10344200 |
| P | -1.64263800 | 0.14614400 | 0.03805900 |
| N | 1.54571600 | -0.07368300 | 0.50453100 |
| N | -0.95503300 | -1.24776800 | 0.47917100 |
| N | -0.67182400 | 1.39619400 | -0.13682900 |
| Cl | 0.99180100 | -2.66208500 | 1.91187600 |
| Cl | -3.00134500 | 0.54794700 | 1.49611300 |
| Cl | 1.84520900 | 2.10903100 | -1.51699000 |
| Cl | 1.41045200 | 2.65578900 | 1.57084300 |
| Cl | -2.80501800 | -0.04903000 | -1.60110700 |
| Cl | 0.40675200 | -1.30285700 | -2.28666300 |
| H | 1.88944300 | -2.24111900 | -1.50857100 |
| O | 2.12081000 | -2.49740600 | -0.56478000 |
| H | 2.95415600 | -2.06110700 | -0.32231200 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white


Table S53. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (**P_1HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.00661000 | 1.18385800 | 1.24762800 |
| P | 1.42246200 | -0.28978100 | -0.64767800 |
| P | -1.36760300 | -0.16739400 | -0.75240300 |
| N | 1.37832700 | 0.61925000 | 0.66155400 |
| N | -1.35274100 | 0.68339400 | 0.59734300 |
| N | 0.02970400 | -0.69653000 | -1.30427600 |
| Cl | 0.09826700 | 3.22769200 | 1.23460800 |
| Cl | -2.27354300 | 0.92863100 | -2.21754800 |
| Cl | 2.49845100 | -1.96476400 | -0.26057900 |
| Cl | 2.56568700 | 0.63490100 | -2.06246900 |
| Cl | -2.63958600 | -1.72544600 | -0.53185700 |
| Cl | -0.28418000 | -2.38986900 | 2.29925000 |
| H | -0.45998300 | -1.23145300 | 2.84540700 |
| O | -0.10969800 | 0.85107100 | 2.82015100 |
| H | 0.62188200 | 1.19039800 | 3.35394300 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S54. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.50436700 | -1.43809000 | 0.36191000 |
| | P | 1.77870600 | -0.16143700 | -0.58899900 |
| | P | -0.33544800 | 1.33582400 | 0.47444500 |
|  | N | 0.90662500 | -1.48034000 | -0.38243200 |
| | N | -1.15721200 | -0.01895400 | 0.65501300 |
| | N | 1.13595700 | 1.22035000 | -0.12950600 |
| | Cl | -0.35368800 | -2.52169900 | 2.08856500 |
| | Cl | -0.22135600 | 2.30266000 | 2.26030800 |
| | Cl | 2.30854100 | -0.04265100 | -2.54920300 |
| | Cl | 3.58010600 | -0.37809400 | 0.33337400 |
| | Cl | -1.43629000 | 2.60849900 | -0.65298500 |
| | Cl | -4.08400700 | -0.16991800 | -1.55747800 |
| | H | -3.15568100 | -0.83735500 | -0.95792000 |
| | O | -1.61640800 | -2.23603800 | -0.47490200 |
| | H | -1.36795700 | -3.12264900 | -0.76846500 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S55. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.55176000 | -1.41005200 | -0.18527100 |
| | P | 1.93647000 | -0.17079800 | -0.26819300 |
| | P | -0.34771500 | 1.35903500 | 0.26446000 |
|  | N | 1.00109800 | -1.43195200 | -0.51142700 |
| | N | -1.22970500 | 0.05383800 | -0.02978900 |
| | N | 1.22588100 | 1.20354900 | 0.12705400 |
| | Cl | -0.90279100 | -2.43772300 | 1.54677700 |
| | Cl | -0.78077700 | 2.08494000 | 2.11581700 |
| | Cl | 3.07737600 | 0.11938000 | -1.92068200 |
| | Cl | 3.32241700 | -0.59870600 | 1.15761200 |
| | Cl | -1.02069100 | 2.83717400 | -0.95218900 |
| | Cl | -4.09201200 | -0.56412600 | -0.89502900 |
| | H | -2.96283500 | -0.03638700 | -0.43213200 |
| | O | -1.31868200 | -2.22908900 | -1.30068200 |
| | H | -2.28341000 | -2.07769900 | -1.31741700 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S56. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (SPT_TS) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.50041800 | -1.49465200 | -0.20072800 |
| | P | 1.89665100 | -0.07826300 | -0.30208200 |
| | P | -0.45619200 | 1.33334200 | 0.33886200 |
| | N | 1.01770900 | -1.35867600 | -0.62780200 |
| | N | -1.26243200 | -0.03381200 | -0.00855200 |
| | N | 1.11272200 | 1.21436700 | 0.22058000 |
| | Cl | -0.61813100 | -2.47150000 | 1.58032700 |
| | Cl | -0.94984300 | 1.97096800 | 2.19484800 |
| | Cl | 2.97078700 | 0.40426700 | -1.94773900 |
| | Cl | 3.32817000 | -0.52143700 | 1.06651600 |
| | Cl | -1.21129800 | 2.76934100 | -0.86185800 |
| | Cl | -3.79268600 | -0.65474900 | -1.04471900 |
| | H | -2.43882200 | -0.11001100 | -0.37332300 |
| | O | -1.34962900 | -2.31567400 | -1.21750400 |
| | H | -2.29973400 | -1.97128200 | -1.30239800 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S57. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (P) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.65243600 | -1.48724800 | -0.21118500 |
| | P | 1.88334100 | -0.28254300 | -0.35959400 |
| | P | -0.25908900 | 1.43538200 | 0.27976000 |
| | N | 0.85259800 | -1.40787700 | -0.74379600 |
| | N | -1.21444900 | 0.15495000 | -0.09733300 |
| | N | 1.26422600 | 1.09551100 | 0.19825400 |
| | Cl | -0.56921700 | -2.05292100 | 1.77566800 |
| | Cl | -0.73228600 | 2.14058600 | 2.11808300 |
| | Cl | 3.03868500 | 0.13057200 | -1.97018200 |
| | Cl | 3.23485800 | -0.90406000 | 1.02562300 |
| | Cl | -0.81999300 | 2.95081300 | -0.94191200 |
| | Cl | -4.27138900 | -0.75464400 | -0.96852900 |
| | H | -2.22666300 | 0.27340500 | -0.18314200 |
| | O | -1.67058900 | -2.27620000 | -0.94297500 |
| | H | -3.27367100 | -1.62163000 | -1.06639500 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.3.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S58. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | 0.03171900 | 1.66093400 | -0.65411400 |
| | P | -1.41893900 | -0.59632700 | 0.05738500 |
| | P | 1.37482800 | -0.67340200 | 0.05402800 |
| | N | -1.34967800 | 0.88424300 | -0.51975500 |
| | N | 1.37783600 | 0.80182400 | -0.54397100 |
| | N | -0.04026200 | -1.34054000 | 0.35584700 |
| | Cl | 0.11590200 | 3.15408600 | 0.75226300 |
| | Cl | 2.49181100 | -0.74101700 | 1.75786000 |
| | Cl | -2.53352700 | -1.73168300 | -1.20928300 |
| | Cl | -2.53733400 | -0.61956800 | 1.75859700 |
| | Cl | 2.43550500 | -1.87607500 | -1.19883800 |
| | O | -0.00926000 | 2.45538200 | -2.03545200 |
| | H | 0.81463400 | 2.91253800 | -2.25089400 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S59. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.20638300 | 1.71313200 | -0.71705100 |
| | P | -1.35183200 | -0.72144600 | 0.03746600 |
| | P | 1.44998000 | -0.49589500 | 0.18485000 |
| | N | -1.43229200 | 0.70096400 | -0.65764100 |
| | N | 1.30269800 | 0.99372600 | -0.42717000 |
| | N | 0.08360200 | -1.20482500 | 0.55528500 |
| | Cl | -0.54996800 | 3.19636700 | 0.62566000 |
| | Cl | 2.62668900 | -0.49219300 | 1.83627900 |
| | Cl | -2.11756100 | -2.11077400 | -1.23207800 |
| | Cl | -2.61880200 | -0.81934300 | 1.62185700 |
| | Cl | 2.54309100 | -1.58504700 | -1.14264600 |
| | O | 0.32015700 | 2.28925000 | -2.04226700 |
| | H | 1.36557100 | 1.60689500 | -1.58837300 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

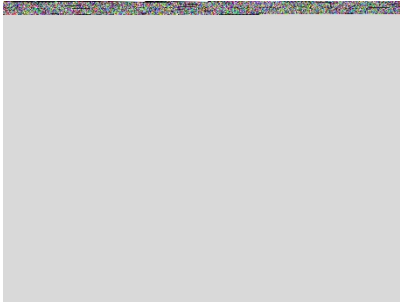
Table S60. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.19780800 | 1.71185600 | -0.99611300 |
| | P | -1.39467100 | -0.63129700 | 0.02267800 |
| | P | 1.42116900 | -0.57493200 | 0.09763100 |
| | N | -1.38610300 | 0.63717200 | -0.90206600 |
| | N | 1.27477600 | 0.76850100 | -0.83629200 |
| | N | 0.04196800 | -1.16642100 | 0.52535100 |
| | Cl | -0.19837500 | 2.74603900 | 0.80993200 |
| | Cl | 2.56775700 | -0.17858000 | 1.72427100 |
| | Cl | -2.33870400 | -2.14712600 | -0.93539800 |
| | Cl | -2.52232800 | -0.38415900 | 1.69854200 |
| | Cl | 2.57378400 | -1.88228500 | -0.94327100 |
| | O | -0.05550100 | 2.61500700 | -2.14553100 |
| | H | 2.10286600 | 1.20466400 | -1.22695500 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

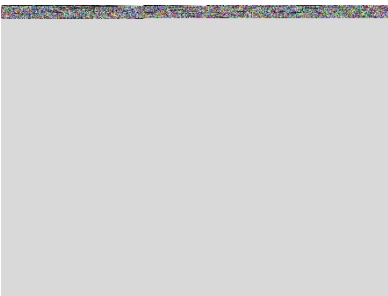
Section 5.3.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S61. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -0.05127000 | -1.23452500 | 1.35938400 |
| | N | -0.00658500 | 1.12119300 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | -0.05127000 | -1.23452500 | -1.35938400 |
| | P | -0.05127000 | 0.35332400 | 1.40888100 |
| | P | -0.05139300 | -2.06586700 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -0.05127000 | 0.35332400 | -1.40888100 |
| | Cl | 1.50117700 | 1.00712900 | 2.53185400 |
| | Cl | 1.53298100 | -3.33457000 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.66772800 | 0.99964100 | 2.45127800 |
| | Cl | -1.63795400 | -3.33231000 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | 1.50117700 | 1.00712900 | -2.53185400 |
| | Cl | -1.66772800 | 0.99964100 | -2.45127800 |
| | Cl | 0.60002000 | 4.23391900 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 0.31982300 | 2.95343600 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white


Table S62. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.74648300 | 0.79055200 | -0.21750400 |
| N | 0.96851700 | 0.84065700 | -0.05357100 |
| N | -0.29082500 | -1.37221700 | 0.42944200 |
| P | -0.46761600 | 1.67821100 | -0.08327000 |
| P | -1.68538200 | -0.80560900 | 0.02319800 |
| P | 1.20846700 | -0.83574800 | 0.15784900 |
| Cl | -0.51227700 | 2.86692900 | 1.56105600 |
| Cl | -3.04959400 | -1.28997900 | 1.43612900 |
| Cl | -0.29478900 | 2.99458000 | -1.60001500 |
| Cl | -2.44339500 | -1.67489400 | -1.65712300 |
| Cl | 2.09144300 | -1.50223500 | 1.85854600 |
| Cl | 1.72749300 | -1.90272600 | -1.50151000 |
| Cl | 3.64405800 | 0.29159500 | -0.23755400 |
| H | 1.87955900 | 1.31862300 | -0.18725100 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S63. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.85904500 | 0.44990300 | -0.36695100 |
| N | 0.78947400 | 1.09421700 | -0.17172300 |
| N | 0.02948700 | -1.23148500 | 0.52656200 |
| P | -0.80492100 | 1.58230600 | -0.15907000 |
| P | -1.42847600 | -1.06820900 | 0.02615200 |
| P | 1.43977000 | -0.48029400 | 0.15373400 |
| Cl | -1.09488400 | 2.64610700 | 1.55417100 |
| Cl | -2.70919800 | -1.74107300 | 1.44594600 |
| Cl | -0.92412200 | 2.98853300 | -1.59976300 |
| Cl | -1.91935800 | -2.21243400 | -1.59435900 |
| Cl | 2.30199800 | -0.92263000 | 1.97637900 |
| Cl | 1.94222800 | -1.71472800 | -1.44286200 |
| Cl | 3.44372800 | 0.69184300 | -0.33145800 |
| H | 1.49829800 | 1.79899300 | -0.36440000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S64. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS2) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.94351300 | -0.01529600 | 0.02277800 |
| | N | 0.43176000 | 1.27318100 | -0.23982200 |
| | N | 0.42420000 | -1.27222900 | -0.30790300 |
| | P | -1.20539800 | 1.35747600 | -0.06585900 |
| | P | -1.10622800 | -1.39409900 | -0.06531200 |
| | P | 1.55260100 | -0.12284000 | -0.09537900 |
| | Cl | -1.60194300 | 2.51997400 | 1.55565300 |
| | Cl | -1.52722600 | -2.44682900 | 1.62907300 |
| | Cl | -1.89065000 | 2.50622300 | -1.59473900 |
| | Cl | -1.94987100 | -2.52782200 | -1.51886500 |
| | Cl | 1.98902200 | -0.21621600 | 1.92148700 |
| | Cl | 2.98732200 | -1.36783500 | -1.04442200 |
| | Cl | 3.05701900 | 1.55187000 | -0.51357000 |
| | H | 0.91582400 | 2.16314200 | -0.31559800 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S65. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (P') for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.


| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.70361300 | 0.60981200 | -0.43412700 |
| | N | -0.11052300 | -1.27989300 | 0.54549700 |
| | N | 0.93672500 | 1.06892200 | 0.06303000 |
| | P | -1.57639200 | -0.90476100 | -0.02221500 |
| | P | -0.52035700 | 1.63938300 | -0.11176500 |
| | P | 1.56414100 | -0.39329600 | 0.13160600 |
| | Cl | -2.15508700 | -2.05866600 | -1.60139800 |
| | Cl | -0.52618500 | 3.01188900 | -1.59570200 |
| | Cl | -2.92753800 | -1.44670500 | 1.40618900 |
| | Cl | -0.99582500 | 2.74089000 | 1.53764800 |
| | Cl | 1.67367000 | -1.63459400 | -1.55993500 |
| | Cl | 3.56287500 | 0.33556600 | -0.23120500 |
| | Cl | 2.19891100 | -1.28347600 | 1.92069500 |
| | H | 0.00704000 | -2.21514400 | 0.91787400 |

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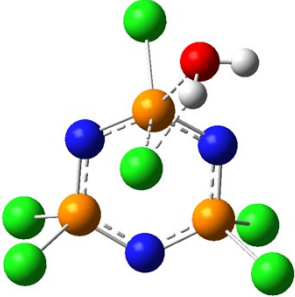
Section 5.4.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory

Table S66. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.58016600 | -1.36580000 | -0.00687000 |
| | P | 0.48435400 | 1.42860700 | 0.01138200 |
| | P | -1.87847800 | -0.05132200 | 0.01079100 |
| | N | 1.31544400 | 0.05833000 | -0.00625600 |
| | N | -1.01232300 | -1.39055900 | 0.00088500 |
| | N | -1.10606400 | 1.34410500 | 0.01864800 |
| | Cl | 1.27219300 | -2.45997300 | 1.55374300 |
| | Cl | -3.15712600 | -0.10549800 | 1.58830600 |
| | Cl | 1.08029400 | 2.56502800 | -1.56549000 |
| | Cl | 1.10035700 | 2.54720600 | 1.58650600 |
| | Cl | -3.16284600 | -0.08516800 | -1.56374100 |
| | Cl | 1.25179100 | -2.43794200 | -1.59825100 |
| | H | 4.79223900 | 0.18445000 | -0.64556500 |
| | O | 4.41509400 | 0.16303500 | 0.23821300 |
| | H | 3.45759500 | 0.13103500 | 0.10628400 |

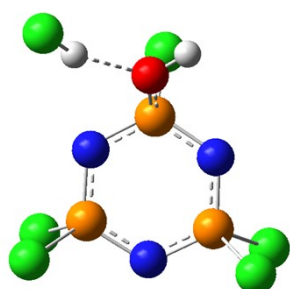
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Table S67. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.60352300 | 1.38574500 | -0.37459500 |
| | P | 0.95147000 | -1.32976200 | -0.01038400 |
| | P | -1.61972000 | -0.23019600 | -0.05398000 |
| | N | 1.56907500 | 0.10976000 | -0.37653100 |
| | N | -0.97782700 | 1.17255500 | -0.51545200 |
| | N | -0.62050800 | -1.44860800 | 0.20176500 |
| | Cl | 0.91498600 | 2.52777400 | -2.04581300 |
| | Cl | -2.93256500 | -0.73111600 | -1.52388200 |
| | Cl | 1.89060100 | -2.07387200 | 1.62527100 |
| | Cl | 1.55418400 | -2.62726300 | -1.45728400 |
| | Cl | -2.84732400 | -0.03404600 | 1.54055100 |
| | Cl | 0.27487100 | 1.66290400 | 2.23654100 |
| | H | 1.74339700 | 2.46599300 | 1.39156500 |
| | O | 2.00711500 | 2.60645900 | 0.42394500 |
| | H | 2.84459300 | 2.14510000 | 0.25127200 |

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Table S68. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (**P_1HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.75152400 | -0.99570500 | 0.64687700 |
| P | 1.73299400 | -0.66710900 | -0.55600300 |
| P | 0.21819600 | 1.55870200 | 0.16836400 |
| N | 0.54752800 | -1.60799600 | -0.05355900 |
| N | -0.94379700 | 0.58286300 | 0.65878900 |
| N | 1.55395600 | 0.91168600 | -0.41871500 |
| Cl | -0.84954100 | -1.72265000 | 2.55635800 |
| Cl | 0.72331000 | 2.81904500 | 1.68214900 |
| Cl | 2.14517300 | -1.12900000 | -2.49421000 |
| Cl | 3.46639800 | -1.20384000 | 0.36526000 |
| Cl | -0.55670300 | 2.84699900 | -1.19811900 |
| Cl | -5.13164300 | -0.52717000 | -1.16343000 |
| H | -3.95264200 | -0.68686300 | -0.66790000 |
| O | -2.07912200 | -1.60149800 | -0.01615200 |
| H | -2.06206800 | -2.56285000 | -0.11321400 |

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Table S69. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.51192900 | -1.36680300 | 0.27471200 |
| P | 1.89280800 | -0.22160400 | -0.52181900 |
| P | -0.19223900 | 1.38891600 | 0.39088100 |
| N | 0.94987100 | -1.49623100 | -0.35645800 |
| N | -1.10828400 | 0.08907800 | 0.52580400 |
| N | 1.30799100 | 1.20754200 | -0.12177100 |
| Cl | -0.55050900 | -2.45147100 | 2.01125800 |
| Cl | -0.15109400 | 2.37651000 | 2.16853100 |
| Cl | 2.56202400 | -0.15850400 | -2.44227800 |
| Cl | 3.62713300 | -0.51775400 | 0.50119300 |
| Cl | -1.15138300 | 2.72511600 | -0.80011200 |
| Cl | -4.81268600 | -0.50115600 | -1.19618900 |
| H | -3.60919700 | -0.68089200 | -0.77725800 |
| O | -1.59750500 | -2.11624400 | -0.62538400 |
| H | -1.38666500 | -3.03610400 | -0.83015600 |


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Table S70. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.58417900 | -1.38423600 | -0.11396600 |
| | P | 1.93742700 | -0.22023100 | -0.25584900 |
| | P | -0.28811400 | 1.37810100 | 0.26328800 |
|  | N | 0.97601000 | -1.47774400 | -0.40097800 |
| | N | -1.22147600 | 0.09056100 | 0.07380600 |
| | N | 1.28341400 | 1.19306200 | 0.10333900 |
| | Cl | -1.02955300 | -2.47454200 | 1.55747300 |
| | Cl | -0.66447500 | 2.23752700 | 2.06948300 |
| | Cl | 3.02879400 | -0.03282300 | -1.95948600 |
| | Cl | 3.38311400 | -0.61910600 | 1.11660400 |
| | Cl | -0.94274900 | 2.81859100 | -1.01343700 |
| | Cl | -4.19241000 | -0.52083100 | -0.88725500 |
| | H | -3.09546200 | 0.00446700 | -0.38925100 |
| | O | -1.34368900 | -2.15169200 | -1.27136900 |
| | H | -2.30394800 | -1.98648400 | -1.29255100 |


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Table S71. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (**SPT_TS**) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | 0.02694500 | 1.68061000 | -0.57696200 |
| | P | -1.40994200 | -0.60789700 | 0.05519700 |
| | P | 1.37345800 | -0.67150800 | 0.05477500 |
|  | N | -1.35708700 | 0.90969900 | -0.42199300 |
| | N | 1.38461300 | 0.84505000 | -0.43060600 |
| | N | -0.03440300 | -1.37840300 | 0.30678300 |
| | Cl | 0.09763400 | 3.23318500 | 0.76004600 |
| | Cl | 2.50055500 | -0.86128100 | 1.74115900 |
| | Cl | -2.53008300 | -1.66672900 | -1.27321900 |
| | Cl | -2.54240800 | -0.74786100 | 1.74067300 |
| | Cl | 2.44937700 | -1.78252200 | -1.27072400 |
| | O | -0.02172900 | 2.43274000 | -1.98106800 |
| | H | 0.78879000 | 2.91409000 | -2.19080800 |

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Table S72. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (**P**) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.16387500 | 1.73199000 | -0.65047200 |
| | P | -1.36994400 | -0.69332800 | 0.03708600 |
| | P | 1.43115200 | -0.54768300 | 0.15822800 |
| | N | -1.43903500 | 0.78488300 | -0.53361000 |
| | N | 1.32839300 | 0.97306700 | -0.38629900 |
| | N | 0.05845500 | -1.27507100 | 0.47258600 |
| | Cl | -0.42451300 | 3.27392100 | 0.64292400 |
| | Cl | 2.58570500 | -0.62966300 | 1.82507300 |
| | Cl | -2.22635900 | -1.95898800 | -1.30345600 |
| | Cl | -2.60780800 | -0.88252800 | 1.63604400 |
| | Cl | 2.54857300 | -1.59138700 | -1.18070900 |
| | O | 0.33200400 | 2.26355900 | -2.00284500 |
| | H | 1.36411800 | 1.55365900 | -1.55649500 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white


Section 5.4.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory

Table S73. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.22865200 | 1.75631000 | -0.90058500 |
| | P | -1.37083200 | -0.67561400 | 0.02968400 |
| | P | 1.43103900 | -0.56525100 | 0.10322200 |
| | N | -1.40788900 | 0.67914000 | -0.75987000 |
| | N | 1.26396800 | 0.86868700 | -0.67239200 |
| | N | 0.07195100 | -1.23773200 | 0.48612000 |
| | Cl | -0.28830000 | 2.93703700 | 0.80084800 |
| | Cl | 2.59891200 | -0.33619500 | 1.74554600 |
| | Cl | -2.29233500 | -2.11473300 | -1.06357800 |
| | Cl | -2.52013200 | -0.62451900 | 1.70746000 |
| | Cl | 2.60123900 | -1.73822800 | -1.07036800 |
| | O | -0.09261000 | 2.58443600 | -2.10559300 |
| | H | 2.08180100 | 1.32503300 | -1.05551400 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S74. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.16387500 | 1.73199000 | -0.65047200 |
| | P | -1.36994400 | -0.69332800 | 0.03708600 |
| | P | 1.43115200 | -0.54768300 | 0.15822800 |
| | N | -1.43903500 | 0.78488300 | -0.53361000 |
| | N | 1.32839300 | 0.97306700 | -0.38629900 |
| | N | 0.05845500 | -1.27507100 | 0.47258600 |
| | Cl | -0.42451300 | 3.27392100 | 0.64292400 |
| | Cl | 2.58570500 | -0.62966300 | 1.82507300 |
| | Cl | -2.22635900 | -1.95898800 | -1.30345600 |
| | Cl | -2.60780800 | -0.88252800 | 1.63604400 |
| | Cl | 2.54857300 | -1.59138700 | -1.18070900 |
| | O | 0.33200400 | 2.26355900 | -2.00284500 |
| | H | 1.36411800 | 1.55365900 | -1.55649500 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S75. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.22865200 | 1.75631000 | -0.90058500 |
| | P | -1.37083200 | -0.67561400 | 0.02968400 |
| | P | 1.43103900 | -0.56525100 | 0.10322200 |
| | N | -1.40788900 | 0.67914000 | -0.75987000 |
| | N | 1.26396800 | 0.86868700 | -0.67239200 |
| | N | 0.07195100 | -1.23773200 | 0.48612000 |
| | Cl | -0.28830000 | 2.93703700 | 0.80084800 |
| | Cl | 2.59891200 | -0.33619500 | 1.74554600 |
| | Cl | -2.29233500 | -2.11473300 | -1.06357800 |
| | Cl | -2.52013200 | -0.62451900 | 1.70746000 |
| | Cl | 2.60123900 | -1.73822800 | -1.07036800 |
| | O | -0.09261000 | 2.58443600 | -2.10559300 |
| | H | 2.08180100 | 1.32503300 | -1.05551400 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.4.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory

Table S76. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -0.00006800 | -1.26170700 | 1.36734900 |
| | N | -0.00006600 | 1.11472800 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | -0.00006800 | -1.26170700 | -1.36734900 |
| | P | -0.00001600 | 0.32962300 | 1.40005300 |
| | P | -0.00004400 | -2.08292500 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -0.00001600 | 0.32962300 | -1.40005300 |
| | Cl | 1.57599400 | 0.97544300 | 2.50324900 |
| | Cl | 1.57615900 | -3.36361900 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.57588000 | 0.97553300 | 2.50338700 |
| | Cl | -1.57618100 | -3.36368900 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | 1.57599400 | 0.97544300 | -2.50324900 |
| | Cl | -1.57588000 | 0.97553300 | -2.50338700 |
| | Cl | -0.00004600 | 4.47482300 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | -0.00016300 | 3.17505400 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S77. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.93333800 | -0.13221600 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44880900 | 1.20107700 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.45706400 | -1.40303100 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.20960100 | 1.25347800 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.09543700 | -1.51361500 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 1.48776600 | -0.15561100 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.75743800 | 2.40107400 | 1.57383600 |
| | Cl | -1.75306200 | -2.61739900 | 1.57557300 |
| | Cl | -1.75743800 | 2.40107400 | -1.57383600 |
| | Cl | -1.75306200 | -2.61739900 | -1.57557300 |
| | Cl | 2.52135800 | -0.58043800 | 1.70272800 |
| | Cl | 2.52135800 | -0.58043800 | -1.70272800 |
| | Cl | 3.06622300 | 1.98283800 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 1.00535500 | 2.06899300 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S78. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.87311800 | 0.52775300 | -0.00050700 |
| | N | 0.81237400 | 1.05082300 | -0.00017200 |
| | N | 0.02441400 | -1.39969000 | 0.00125200 |
| | P | -0.75134900 | 1.61197700 | -0.00020200 |
| | P | -1.48164900 | -1.04610400 | 0.00012600 |
| | P | 1.43214400 | -0.56797000 | 0.00034500 |
| | Cl | -0.90850100 | 2.88133300 | 1.57312200 |
| | Cl | -2.45820000 | -1.89318500 | 1.57495100 |
| | Cl | -0.90810200 | 2.88165800 | -1.57326300 |
| | Cl | -2.45652600 | -1.89386900 | -1.57543900 |
| | Cl | 2.14750500 | -1.39876600 | 1.75147600 |
| | Cl | 2.14641900 | -1.40017000 | -1.75060400 |
| | Cl | 3.48200800 | 0.67681100 | -0.00078600 |
| | H | 1.55766400 | 1.74309400 | -0.00058100 |

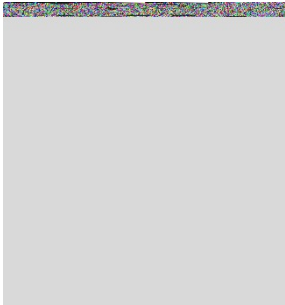
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Table S79. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS2**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.96583500 | -0.00481000 | -0.03851700 |
| | N | 0.43613800 | 1.26730400 | -0.14287600 |
| | N | 0.42941500 | -1.29010500 | -0.14229900 |
| | P | -1.20406400 | 1.36207000 | -0.06590000 |
| | P | -1.12279700 | -1.38223400 | -0.05497400 |
| | P | 1.56137200 | -0.12842800 | -0.02636600 |
| | Cl | -1.70315600 | 2.52237800 | 1.52800000 |
| | Cl | -1.70221000 | -2.46300000 | 1.57059600 |
| | Cl | -1.80096200 | 2.53104600 | -1.61506300 |
| | Cl | -1.84762800 | -2.50919700 | -1.58188900 |
| | Cl | 2.12289100 | -0.14816700 | 1.95498000 |
| | Cl | 2.97046200 | -1.41174100 | -0.97056900 |
| | Cl | 3.04001600 | 1.51051900 | -0.60337600 |
| | H | 0.92652000 | 2.14948300 | -0.23349400 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S80. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (**P'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3LYP/aTZ level of theory.

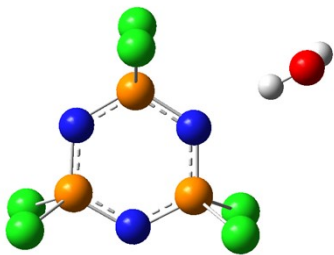
| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.75545400 | 0.70322800 | -0.22271800 |
| | N | -0.14000100 | -1.34333400 | 0.38214400 |
| | N | 0.95839700 | 1.01440500 | 0.04604400 |
| | P | -1.63044300 | -0.85077700 | 0.00325400 |
| | P | -0.47756600 | 1.65490900 | -0.05591100 |
| | P | 1.54391000 | -0.47066600 | 0.08209600 |
| | Cl | -2.38808700 | -1.82815200 | -1.62133300 |
| | Cl | -0.50861300 | 2.96258700 | -1.60374200 |
| | Cl | -2.88870800 | -1.50564800 | 1.46484600 |
| | Cl | -0.76717300 | 2.87694500 | 1.54474700 |
| | Cl | 1.73552400 | -1.65216900 | -1.63787600 |
| | Cl | 3.57278600 | 0.22620400 | -0.17905200 |
| | Cl | 2.12301300 | -1.43085000 | 1.85066900 |
| | H | -0.04061400 | -2.32231100 | 0.61567700 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Section 5.5 Electronic structures fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

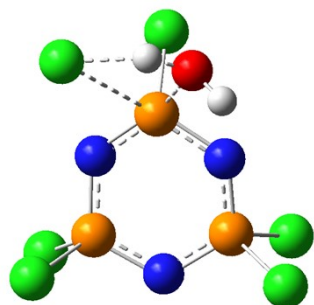
Section 5.5.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S81. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.60571900 | -1.37087800 | -0.01478000 |
| | P | 0.50981600 | 1.43524200 | 0.00373900 |
| | P | -1.86031100 | -0.05062900 | 0.01531000 |
| | N | 1.32947400 | 0.05859300 | -0.00941800 |
| | N | -0.98379800 | -1.37991500 | 0.00240400 |
| | N | -1.07656300 | 1.33542000 | 0.02122100 |
| | Cl | 1.30079300 | -2.45923900 | 1.53336500 |
| | Cl | -3.11935900 | -0.10452000 | 1.59461000 |
| | Cl | 1.08928700 | 2.54623500 | -1.58413200 |
| | Cl | 1.13023600 | 2.54857800 | 1.56572200 |
| | Cl | -3.13434700 | -0.08345400 | -1.55400900 |
| | Cl | 1.25979700 | -2.41906800 | -1.61624700 |
| | H | 4.66685400 | 0.18042600 | -0.64738200 |
| | O | 4.33867500 | 0.16109800 | 0.25414600 |
| | H | 3.37641600 | 0.12764600 | 0.16403500 |

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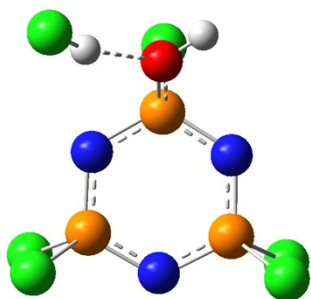
Table S82. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -1.17271200 | -0.87160400 | 0.17122800 |
| P | 1.65131400 | -0.70321700 | -0.18695700 |
| P | 0.19115700 | 1.61753200 | 0.10311000 |
| N | 0.27598800 | -1.50972700 | -0.17641400 |
| N | -1.05988200 | 0.69773300 | 0.45937700 |
| N | 1.58225100 | 0.88627900 | -0.17791200 |
| Cl | -2.01825700 | -1.69859400 | 1.79010000 |
| Cl | 0.41029400 | 2.92643600 | 1.62067900 |
| Cl | 2.69786300 | -1.29511700 | -1.81395800 |
| Cl | 2.83166100 | -1.34569900 | 1.33383900 |
| Cl | -0.22483600 | 2.82214900 | -1.46876600 |
| Cl | -3.50490200 | -0.18682400 | -0.94220200 |
| H | -2.70998600 | -1.71200700 | -1.35571000 |
| O | -1.87391200 | -2.21974600 | -0.98658500 |
| H | -1.19456200 | -2.47065000 | -1.63245600 |

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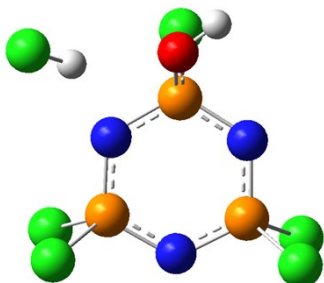
Table S83. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (P_1HB) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.68629700 | -1.09830100 | 0.65422500 |
| P | 1.74365500 | -0.55158800 | -0.59142200 |
| P | 0.07294200 | 1.53954300 | 0.22518600 |
| N | 0.64053700 | -1.58442700 | -0.08717100 |
| N | -0.99553300 | 0.45813300 | 0.70145700 |
| N | 1.43300000 | 0.99800900 | -0.40377100 |
| Cl | -0.69082100 | -1.87184300 | 2.53386100 |
| Cl | 0.52063700 | 2.77196700 | 1.76616500 |
| Cl | 2.13479500 | -0.92690100 | -2.54159100 |
| Cl | 3.52129400 | -0.96811800 | 0.28321900 |
| Cl | -0.81929100 | 2.79309100 | -1.08343400 |
| Cl | -4.84912000 | -0.59550000 | -1.24397100 |
| H | -3.70624900 | -0.86428000 | -0.70623300 |
| O | -1.97465900 | -1.78607000 | -0.01096800 |
| H | -1.89441400 | -2.73981200 | -0.14173100 |

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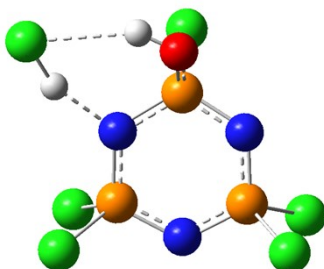
Table S84. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.49249100 | -1.39166600 | 0.28515000 |
| P | 1.87961200 | -0.18489100 | -0.53278500 |
| P | -0.24286400 | 1.37447700 | 0.41289700 |
| N | 0.96423200 | -1.47660500 | -0.35967400 |
| N | -1.12213900 | 0.04952700 | 0.52696100 |
| N | 1.25389000 | 1.21631400 | -0.10953500 |
| Cl | -0.48473900 | -2.46332300 | 2.01538000 |
| Cl | -0.20270300 | 2.32521000 | 2.19920100 |
| Cl | 2.50398900 | -0.08939500 | -2.45631700 |
| Cl | 3.62297100 | -0.44162300 | 0.46357300 |
| Cl | -1.23025800 | 2.69313300 | -0.75453700 |
| Cl | -4.64974400 | -0.51564000 | -1.25173500 |
| H | -3.46285500 | -0.77019500 | -0.82036500 |
| O | -1.56776100 | -2.16181900 | -0.61050600 |
| H | -1.34256600 | -3.07086300 | -0.84337300 |

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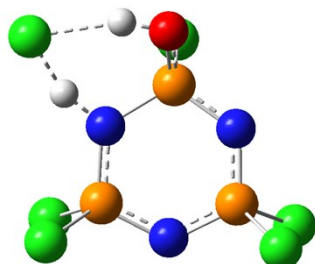
Table S85. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.56302600 | -1.40848000 | -0.14208000 |
| P | 1.94009100 | -0.19151300 | -0.25316100 |
| P | -0.32755900 | 1.36756600 | 0.26268500 |
| N | 0.99647900 | -1.45634900 | -0.42565500 |
| N | -1.22453800 | 0.06273200 | 0.01348600 |
| N | 1.24299700 | 1.19516300 | 0.11744900 |
| Cl | -0.98148000 | -2.46231300 | 1.54392000 |
| Cl | -0.73721800 | 2.15377400 | 2.08307800 |
| Cl | 3.03247300 | 0.04231000 | -1.93689800 |
| Cl | 3.36133200 | -0.57683500 | 1.13283900 |
| Cl | -0.98804900 | 2.81462800 | -0.98288900 |
| Cl | -4.10679000 | -0.52951200 | -0.89157700 |
| H | -2.97766900 | -0.02162800 | -0.41414000 |
| O | -1.30786900 | -2.19643500 | -1.29257100 |
| H | -2.27110000 | -2.04618900 | -1.31793300 |

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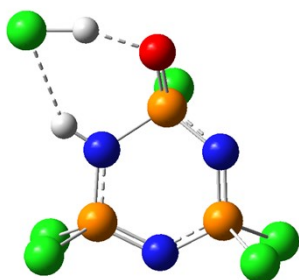
Table S86. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (SPT_TS) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.52671500 | -1.49689300 | -0.15080800 |
| P | 1.89619900 | -0.10884900 | -0.29127200 |
| P | -0.43137600 | 1.35013200 | 0.33600300 |
| N | 1.00393500 | -1.39502200 | -0.53587600 |
| N | -1.25913900 | -0.01507300 | 0.02742500 |
| N | 1.13330800 | 1.20478800 | 0.20732100 |
| Cl | -0.71210800 | -2.48693200 | 1.60329800 |
| Cl | -0.89587000 | 2.04386700 | 2.16857800 |
| Cl | 2.91768100 | 0.30679500 | -1.97819500 |
| Cl | 3.36570500 | -0.50389600 | 1.03387200 |
| Cl | -1.17025000 | 2.76442000 | -0.88432200 |
| Cl | -3.76823000 | -0.62542200 | -1.06928300 |
| H | -2.41480700 | -0.07922000 | -0.35707500 |
| O | -1.37627500 | -2.27932700 | -1.18970200 |
| H | -2.32112900 | -1.89500300 | -1.28334600 |

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Table S87. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (P) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.68293200 | -1.48173100 | -0.13996200 |
| P | 1.88001400 | -0.31322300 | -0.36433100 |
| P | -0.21644200 | 1.45293200 | 0.29192500 |
| N | 0.82572800 | -1.43967500 | -0.65948400 |
| N | -1.20001900 | 0.17358800 | -0.00488400 |
| N | 1.29812300 | 1.08546300 | 0.17937200 |
| Cl | -0.64497200 | -2.10886300 | 1.81238700 |
| Cl | -0.61671900 | 2.24142300 | 2.10215600 |
| Cl | 2.95731000 | 0.03774800 | -2.03208600 |
| Cl | 3.29060800 | -0.89930800 | 0.95959500 |
| Cl | -0.78869900 | 2.92332300 | -0.96297600 |
| Cl | -4.31133400 | -0.70073500 | -1.00075300 |
| H | -2.20962700 | 0.31157300 | -0.09028800 |
| O | -1.71688900 | -2.21966000 | -0.89963600 |
| H | -3.29699300 | -1.55057100 | -1.06360900 |

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Section 5.5.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S88. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | 0.03129200 | 1.68236600 | -0.57857700 |
| | P | -1.41679900 | -0.60319300 | 0.05631800 |
| | P | 1.37390900 | -0.67803500 | 0.05314800 |
| | N | -1.34909300 | 0.91102900 | -0.41971500 |
| | N | 1.37912700 | 0.83277400 | -0.44145800 |
| | N | -0.03973800 | -1.36681100 | 0.30278200 |
| | Cl | 0.11496800 | 3.21672200 | 0.76183000 |
| | Cl | 2.48625100 | -0.85846000 | 1.73935400 |
| | Cl | -2.52902700 | -1.65324400 | -1.27112100 |
| | Cl | -2.53480900 | -0.73619100 | 1.74052100 |
| | Cl | 2.43688600 | -1.79314500 | -1.26427700 |
| | O | -0.01494400 | 2.43192600 | -1.98250400 |
| | H | 0.79890000 | 2.90200000 | -2.20179500 |


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Table S89. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.16577500 | 1.73303400 | -0.67046000 |
| | P | -1.37592300 | -0.69081100 | 0.03901200 |
| | P | 1.43411100 | -0.54878200 | 0.16321600 |
| | N | -1.42863700 | 0.77378200 | -0.56094900 |
| | N | 1.32089500 | 0.95606700 | -0.41795400 |
| | N | 0.05320400 | -1.24617700 | 0.49488900 |
| | Cl | -0.41835800 | 3.24398600 | 0.64283500 |
| | Cl | 2.58085400 | -0.59988500 | 1.82440400 |
| | Cl | -2.20592000 | -1.97537000 | -1.28451600 |
| | Cl | -2.61270500 | -0.84786100 | 1.62875800 |
| | Cl | 2.53002700 | -1.61715400 | -1.15965200 |
| | O | 0.34635500 | 2.27442200 | -2.01231200 |
| | H | 1.36845200 | 1.55412700 | -1.57101300 |

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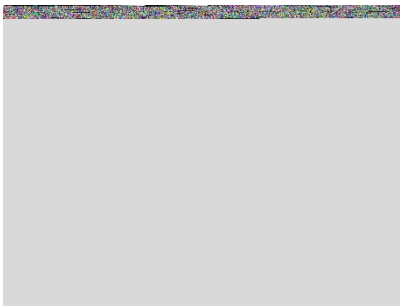
Table S90. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.21816800 | 1.74240200 | -0.93857400 |
| | P | -1.38337900 | -0.65570100 | 0.02887900 |
| | P | 1.42906100 | -0.56639800 | 0.10379900 |
| | N | -1.39288600 | 0.65805600 | -0.82473900 |
| | N | 1.26513400 | 0.82354000 | -0.75063900 |
| | N | 0.05859500 | -1.18875700 | 0.51555400 |
| | Cl | -0.25150000 | 2.84027400 | 0.80810200 |
| | Cl | 2.58946300 | -0.26469200 | 1.72805000 |
| | Cl | -2.28958500 | -2.13120600 | -1.00770600 |
| | Cl | -2.52686500 | -0.52450500 | 1.69394500 |
| | Cl | 2.57341600 | -1.80251500 | -1.01311800 |
| | O | -0.07856200 | 2.60966800 | -2.11364900 |
| | H | 2.08611300 | 1.27321000 | -1.14122900 |

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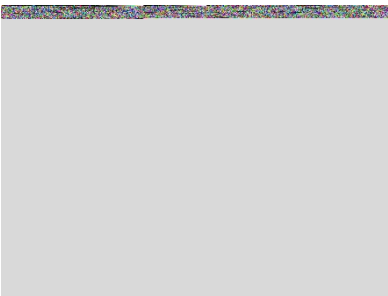
Section 5.5.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S91. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | 0.00013100 | -1.24379500 | 1.35740300 |
| | N | 0.00013100 | 1.11675700 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.00013100 | -1.24379500 | -1.35740300 |
| | P | 0.00013100 | 0.34365600 | 1.40742500 |
| | P | 0.00004600 | -2.07632200 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 0.00013100 | 0.34365600 | -1.40742500 |
| | Cl | 1.57502500 | 0.98415600 | 2.49390400 |
| | Cl | 1.57454000 | -3.34160200 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.57475600 | 0.98417700 | 2.49390400 |
| | Cl | -1.57469000 | -3.34131500 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | 1.57502500 | 0.98415600 | -2.49390400 |
| | Cl | -1.57475600 | 0.98417700 | -2.49390400 |
| | Cl | -0.00079800 | 4.35690300 | 0.00000000 |
| H | -0.00039900 | 3.04986800 | 0.00000000 | |


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Table S92. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.92188100 | -0.14186800 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44869700 | 1.18918300 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44803100 | -1.40088500 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.21063400 | 1.24747500 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.10093500 | -1.53046200 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 1.48334400 | -0.16666600 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.75004800 | 2.38253600 | 1.57266200 |
| | Cl | -1.75004800 | -2.61961400 | 1.57430400 |
| | Cl | -1.75004800 | 2.38253600 | -1.57266200 |
| | Cl | -1.75004800 | -2.61961400 | -1.57430400 |
| | Cl | 2.53243800 | -0.57481100 | 1.68111100 |
| | Cl | 2.53243800 | -0.57481100 | -1.68111100 |
| | Cl | 3.02760200 | 2.04521800 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 1.03057000 | 2.05530500 | 0.00000000 |


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Table S93. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.88062800 | 0.46444700 | 0.16367400 |
| | N | 0.77782100 | 1.08795000 | 0.07858100 |
| | N | 0.06110800 | -1.31753100 | -0.31960600 |
| | P | -0.80965400 | 1.59103900 | 0.07036100 |
| | P | -1.43689000 | -1.08520000 | -0.02797600 |
| | P | 1.45997500 | -0.50171500 | -0.08862300 |
| | Cl | -0.96023600 | 2.90843500 | 1.58632800 |
| | Cl | -2.12917600 | -2.07186300 | 1.60880200 |
| | Cl | -1.04867000 | 2.77239500 | -1.55494500 |
| | Cl | -2.57483900 | -1.86745200 | -1.50274600 |
| | Cl | 2.04359000 | -1.55381700 | 1.58903200 |
| | Cl | 2.28258600 | -1.13972000 | -1.86156800 |
| | Cl | 3.42214500 | 0.74520400 | 0.19648200 |
| | H | 1.48863300 | 1.80998600 | 0.19150300 |

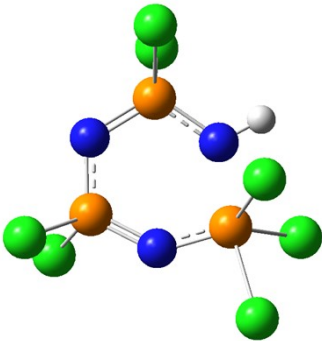
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Table S94. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS2) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.95718600 | 0.00048700 | -0.03400100 |
| | N | 0.44343900 | 1.26374700 | -0.16422400 |
| | N | 0.41738600 | -1.27222500 | -0.12620400 |
| | P | -1.19883000 | 1.36442600 | -0.06787300 |
| | P | -1.12687100 | -1.38485100 | -0.04552100 |
| | P | 1.56639800 | -0.12995900 | -0.02912200 |
| | Cl | -1.66919400 | 2.51761300 | 1.52822200 |
| | Cl | -1.71350100 | -2.44871200 | 1.57547100 |
| | Cl | -1.79226900 | 2.52715100 | -1.61100500 |
| | Cl | -1.84573100 | -2.49588000 | -1.57423500 |
| | Cl | 2.12371300 | -0.17263200 | 1.94416100 |
| | Cl | 2.92427100 | -1.41575600 | -1.00968900 |
| | Cl | 3.03924300 | 1.49776100 | -0.57802000 |
| | H | 0.93303600 | 2.14943500 | -0.26462600 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S95. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (P') for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the B3PW91/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

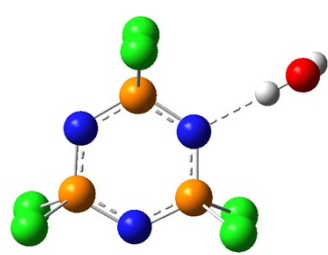
| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.75475400 | 0.65921600 | -0.26219800 |
| | N | -0.11453600 | -1.32799700 | 0.41741200 |
| | N | 0.92893700 | 1.03023700 | 0.03056500 |
| | P | -1.60927200 | -0.88494100 | 0.00174700 |
| | P | -0.51359400 | 1.64837500 | -0.06949900 |
| | P | 1.56694000 | -0.42595300 | 0.08825000 |
| | Cl | -2.31244300 | -1.89940100 | -1.61287300 |
| | Cl | -0.56545400 | 2.96408100 | -1.59456200 |
| | Cl | -2.86850400 | -1.52795400 | 1.45640500 |
| | Cl | -0.83680500 | 2.82422300 | 1.54774300 |
| | Cl | 1.75578200 | -1.64422100 | -1.59278000 |
| | Cl | 3.55182100 | 0.33186100 | -0.19372100 |
| | Cl | 2.15318200 | -1.36000400 | 1.85473600 |
| | H | 0.00254300 | -2.29837800 | 0.68794900 |

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Section 5.6 Electronic structures fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

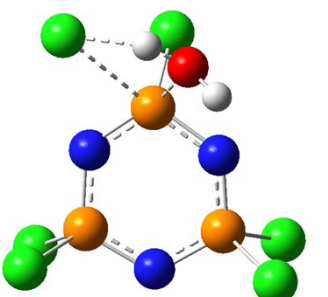
Section 5.6.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the ω B97X-D /6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S96. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.61846300 | -1.36673600 | -0.01125700 |
| | P | 0.51982100 | 1.43545800 | 0.00747400 |
| | P | -1.84399100 | -0.05062600 | 0.01298700 |
| | N | 1.32763100 | 0.06101400 | -0.00479500 |
| | N | -0.96396300 | -1.36947800 | 0.00242200 |
| | N | -1.05889600 | 1.32699300 | 0.02156800 |
| | Cl | 1.31228400 | -2.44394700 | 1.53614400 |
| | Cl | -3.09951800 | -0.10557700 | 1.58598800 |
| | Cl | 1.10292700 | 2.53711100 | -1.57616100 |
| | Cl | 1.13817200 | 2.53828500 | 1.56874400 |
| | Cl | -3.10384300 | -0.08372000 | -1.55872400 |
| | Cl | 1.27745600 | -2.40416300 | -1.60843600 |
| | H | 4.59550600 | 0.16918600 | -0.66349000 |
| | O | 4.28623000 | 0.15505600 | 0.24233300 |
| | H | 3.32440800 | 0.12667700 | 0.17378900 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S97. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -1.21087000 | -0.82756200 | 0.07428000 |
| | P | 1.63347300 | -0.72977900 | -0.14746500 |
| | P | 0.22547000 | 1.61965600 | 0.10011300 |
| | N | 0.24353000 | -1.47844600 | -0.21882800 |
| | N | -1.07519900 | 0.73567800 | 0.30507500 |
| | N | 1.60428900 | 0.85425900 | -0.07825600 |
| | Cl | -1.99847800 | -1.73734400 | 1.67457100 |
| | Cl | 0.35396400 | 2.88282200 | 1.65750900 |
| | Cl | 2.73030600 | -1.29212400 | -1.74799900 |
| | Cl | 2.73219600 | -1.44282100 | 1.39345100 |
| | Cl | -0.03539200 | 2.86156800 | -1.46903300 |
| | Cl | -3.58252700 | -0.18592800 | -0.76204400 |
| | H | -2.69848500 | -1.60998400 | -1.55406100 |
| | O | -1.83605100 | -2.03453700 | -1.21896000 |
| | H | -1.14370200 | -2.29377800 | -1.84383100 |

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Table S98. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (**P_1HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.39072000 | -1.45979600 | 0.38286100 |
| | P | 1.78899100 | -0.04539200 | -0.60387100 |
| | P | -0.38198200 | 1.31386700 | 0.51366900 |
| | N | 1.01066100 | -1.40693900 | -0.36293100 |
| | N | -1.09396700 | -0.08715700 | 0.73046400 |
| | N | 1.06503100 | 1.28368500 | -0.13721500 |
| | Cl | -0.18555300 | -2.58386000 | 2.05341500 |
| | Cl | -0.27798500 | 2.29381500 | 2.27265400 |
| | Cl | 2.25502600 | 0.09518900 | -2.56149100 |
| | Cl | 3.60724500 | -0.13945100 | 0.26554000 |
| | Cl | -1.58816900 | 2.49374800 | -0.58016200 |
| | Cl | -4.17372100 | -0.57781700 | -1.47274200 |
| | H | -3.14177300 | -1.15875200 | -0.96282900 |
| | O | -1.45645100 | -2.28266500 | -0.47794700 |
| | H | -1.14938400 | -3.12485100 | -0.82835800 |


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Table S99. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.36832500 | -1.48727400 | 0.30415900 |
| | P | 1.81019600 | -0.00457300 | -0.57910700 |
| | P | -0.41059900 | 1.28051900 | 0.52844500 |
| | N | 1.04972900 | -1.38589300 | -0.40394000 |
| | N | -1.11104700 | -0.13693500 | 0.66250800 |
| | N | 1.05426200 | 1.29525200 | -0.08148900 |
| | Cl | -0.17628700 | -2.64208700 | 1.95624500 |
| | Cl | -0.36768600 | 2.18524700 | 2.33018600 |
| | Cl | 2.31634000 | 0.21361100 | -2.51974000 |
| | Cl | 3.61025400 | -0.10018300 | 0.32677700 |
| | Cl | -1.60163600 | 2.49200400 | -0.54674500 |
| | Cl | -4.19370900 | -0.53456700 | -1.45049300 |
| | H | -3.13865600 | -1.07665500 | -0.94781000 |
| | O | -1.39887600 | -2.30765100 | -0.59641200 |
| | H | -1.07369500 | -3.13762000 | -0.95881800 |

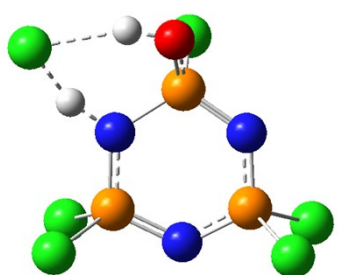
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Table S100. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.55701200 | -1.40023800 | -0.16347600 |
| | P | 1.94720000 | -0.19234300 | -0.24802000 |
| | P | -0.31668500 | 1.36654300 | 0.24588800 |
| | N | 0.99964400 | -1.44544600 | -0.42626100 |
| | N | -1.20407900 | 0.06445000 | 0.00846600 |
| | N | 1.24601200 | 1.19236200 | 0.09000600 |
| | Cl | -1.00128700 | -2.46360700 | 1.50238300 |
| | Cl | -0.71953500 | 2.14484100 | 2.06399800 |
| | Cl | 3.07148500 | 0.02245500 | -1.90388500 |
| | Cl | 3.32563100 | -0.57528800 | 1.17305200 |
| | Cl | -0.98238700 | 2.80514200 | -0.99622700 |
| | Cl | -4.15401200 | -0.51179300 | -0.83186300 |
| | H | -3.02908200 | -0.00068300 | -0.37921500 |
| | O | -1.28659500 | -2.17411700 | -1.32767300 |
| H | -2.24996200 | -2.06510400 | -1.34755300 | |

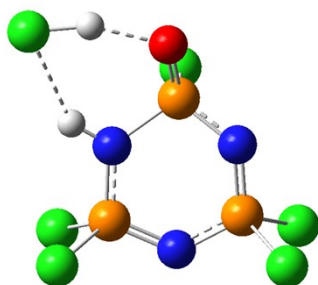
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Table S101. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (**SPT_TS**) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.51628400 | -1.49224800 | -0.17783600 |
| | P | 1.90436100 | -0.10333100 | -0.27806600 |
| | P | -0.42860500 | 1.34933700 | 0.32283400 |
| | N | 1.01355100 | -1.38186500 | -0.52850300 |
| | N | -1.24256400 | -0.01823100 | 0.01614600 |
| | N | 1.12857600 | 1.20371600 | 0.19330600 |
| | Cl | -0.74213200 | -2.50143800 | 1.55149500 |
| | Cl | -0.90400000 | 2.02511600 | 2.15076400 |
| | Cl | 2.95249800 | 0.30507000 | -1.94098100 |
| | Cl | 3.33559700 | -0.49912900 | 1.07799100 |
| | Cl | -1.16967300 | 2.75091300 | -0.89737600 |
| | Cl | -3.78440700 | -0.60158600 | -1.00910800 |
| | H | -2.39504800 | -0.07501000 | -0.32959300 |
| | O | -1.33802500 | -2.25936200 | -1.24646600 |
| H | -2.28378100 | -1.92390700 | -1.32665900 | |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S102. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (**P**) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.66357700 | -1.48643100 | -0.15962400 |
| P | 1.88491400 | -0.29343700 | -0.36713800 |
| P | -0.22923700 | 1.43984000 | 0.29031300 |
| N | 0.84214100 | -1.41965700 | -0.66626100 |
| N | -1.19503700 | 0.15632700 | -0.01878000 |
| N | 1.28231800 | 1.09316100 | 0.16518300 |
| Cl | -0.61893100 | -2.10165700 | 1.79215000 |
| Cl | -0.64122600 | 2.18638100 | 2.10816000 |
| Cl | 2.97153500 | 0.06990300 | -2.01783100 |
| Cl | 3.27611200 | -0.87186100 | 0.97088200 |
| Cl | -0.82108400 | 2.91160200 | -0.94115200 |
| Cl | -4.30685000 | -0.69658000 | -0.99064700 |
| H | -2.20438600 | 0.28686300 | -0.09330100 |
| O | -1.68421800 | -2.23648000 | -0.91295400 |
| H | -3.32180300 | -1.56581400 | -1.08389000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.6.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory


Table S103. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 0.03341800 | 1.67291900 | -0.60433200 |
| P | -1.41634300 | -0.60028800 | 0.05082600 |
| P | 1.37153900 | -0.67753700 | 0.05104400 |
| N | -1.33783400 | 0.89667000 | -0.45524100 |
| N | 1.37017900 | 0.81675000 | -0.47301200 |
| N | -0.04111100 | -1.35162100 | 0.30121000 |
| Cl | 0.11038000 | 3.17590500 | 0.76048600 |
| Cl | 2.46354600 | -0.81391800 | 1.74581300 |
| Cl | -2.53099300 | -1.67040000 | -1.24500600 |
| Cl | -2.51574300 | -0.69054900 | 1.74183700 |
| Cl | 2.43717900 | -1.81365000 | -1.23217700 |
| O | 0.00031200 | 2.43810400 | -1.99310700 |
| H | 0.83539300 | 2.85055400 | -2.23513100 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S104. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.15242600 | 1.72077700 | -0.69029200 |
| | P | -1.37654600 | -0.68268000 | 0.03822900 |
| | P | 1.42695800 | -0.55154000 | 0.16959700 |
| | N | -1.40899500 | 0.76284300 | -0.59052300 |
| | N | 1.31840900 | 0.94157900 | -0.42314700 |
| | N | 0.04525300 | -1.22922500 | 0.50356100 |
| | Cl | -0.40642300 | 3.21736500 | 0.63158200 |
| | Cl | 2.57076900 | -0.58247800 | 1.82311900 |
| | Cl | -2.20233900 | -1.98646200 | -1.25745500 |
| | Cl | -2.61317500 | -0.79115500 | 1.62382600 |
| | Cl | 2.50534700 | -1.63799200 | -1.14163700 |
| | O | 0.36829200 | 2.26308000 | -2.02090800 |
| | H | 1.38018300 | 1.54289600 | -1.57536700 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S105. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.18585000 | 1.72968500 | -0.95072200 |
| | P | -1.39364500 | -0.63416900 | 0.02745500 |
| | P | 1.41381300 | -0.58782700 | 0.10215600 |
| | N | -1.37248900 | 0.66881800 | -0.83034100 |
| | N | 1.27413500 | 0.78976600 | -0.76812300 |
| | N | 0.03708800 | -1.18449100 | 0.50570900 |
| | Cl | -0.19159100 | 2.81061200 | 0.80110900 |
| | Cl | 2.56045400 | -0.26700600 | 1.72311100 |
| | Cl | -2.32681700 | -2.09726200 | -0.98881900 |
| | Cl | -2.52129900 | -0.45676700 | 1.69039200 |
| | Cl | 2.54398500 | -1.84656000 | -0.98771800 |
| | O | -0.03587600 | 2.60165300 | -2.11468900 |
| | H | 2.10065900 | 1.22149700 | -1.16385000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.6.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S106. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -0.00009900 | 1.23827400 | 1.34840100 |
| | N | -0.00007900 | -1.10146400 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | -0.00009900 | 1.23827400 | -1.34840100 |
| | P | -0.00009900 | -0.34199300 | 1.40489400 |
| | P | -0.00005100 | 2.07295300 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -0.00009900 | -0.34199300 | -1.40489400 |
| | Cl | -1.57230600 | -0.98530400 | 2.48104700 |
| | Cl | -1.57267700 | 3.32953100 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | 1.57207800 | -0.98532100 | 2.48107900 |
| | Cl | 1.57271500 | 3.32936200 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.57230600 | -0.98530400 | -2.48104700 |
| | Cl | 1.57207800 | -0.98532100 | -2.48107900 |
| | Cl | 0.00073100 | -4.33131800 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 0.00036700 | -3.02763600 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S107. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.74061700 | 0.80015100 | 0.00006000 |
| | N | 0.96317600 | 0.82645300 | 0.00006100 |
| | N | -0.28199300 | -1.42680500 | 0.00019900 |
| | P | -0.45761700 | 1.67532100 | 0.00022900 |
| | P | -1.69923600 | -0.80585600 | -0.00001800 |
| | P | 1.21780900 | -0.85389400 | -0.00003900 |
| | Cl | -0.37726600 | 2.91961000 | 1.57053500 |
| | Cl | -2.78498000 | -1.44326400 | 1.57211700 |
| | Cl | -0.37723100 | 2.92018200 | -1.56961100 |
| | Cl | -2.78452400 | -1.44306400 | -1.57257000 |
| | Cl | 1.92211200 | -1.70834800 | 1.68428500 |
| | Cl | 1.92159500 | -1.70817300 | -1.68468000 |
| | Cl | 3.63500100 | 0.28934400 | -0.00035700 |
| | H | 1.87167700 | 1.32097000 | -0.00004100 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S108. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | 1.85863700 | 0.46161900 | -0.26226400 |
| | N | -0.78477600 | 1.08671000 | -0.12603900 |
| | N | -0.04865800 | -1.27641700 | 0.37862600 |
| | P | 0.79911100 | 1.58505400 | -0.11500200 |
| | P | 1.43312100 | -1.07261500 | 0.02087700 |
| | P | -1.45398800 | -0.49012800 | 0.10793600 |
| | Cl | 0.92954200 | 2.94225200 | -1.58341000 |
| | Cl | 2.05708500 | -2.13057000 | -1.58849600 |
| | Cl | 1.05120300 | 2.69745000 | 1.54872400 |
| | Cl | 2.61641700 | -1.78250800 | 1.48763500 |
| | Cl | -1.99936000 | -1.61225300 | -1.52955900 |
| | Cl | -2.25776200 | -1.04396400 | 1.90918700 |
| | Cl | -3.41851000 | 0.69155600 | -0.23669100 |
| | H | -1.48651100 | 1.80859700 | -0.26504500 |

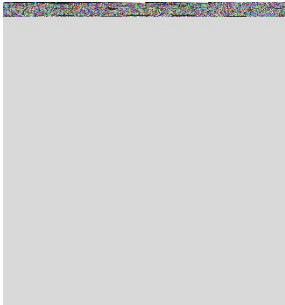
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Table S109. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS2**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.94452000 | 0.01096200 | -0.03307200 |
| | N | 0.44899100 | 1.25635900 | -0.22745200 |
| | N | 0.40398000 | -1.26039500 | -0.18603700 |
| | P | -1.18503900 | 1.36577100 | -0.07933700 |
| | P | -1.12980700 | -1.37594400 | -0.05476900 |
| | P | 1.55752600 | -0.13283000 | -0.05846000 |
| | Cl | -1.58455200 | 2.49983600 | 1.54004200 |
| | Cl | -1.66526500 | -2.40812800 | 1.59662900 |
| | Cl | -1.81013000 | 2.54110000 | -1.58842800 |
| | Cl | -1.89258300 | -2.49708500 | -1.54325800 |
| | Cl | 2.04423800 | -0.17056200 | 1.92858100 |
| | Cl | 2.92155900 | -1.43026100 | -0.99335600 |
| | Cl | 3.04957200 | 1.46236300 | -0.56734400 |
| | H | 0.93239200 | 2.14307600 | -0.32431600 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S110. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (**P'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the ω B97X-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

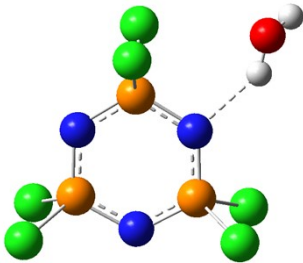
| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.73763300 | 0.64762500 | -0.27812100 |
| | N | -0.10906600 | -1.32696000 | 0.42525200 |
| | N | 0.91443500 | 1.02485500 | 0.07008000 |
| | P | -1.59686000 | -0.88739300 | -0.00419700 |
| | P | -0.51451800 | 1.64558400 | -0.06584900 |
| | P | 1.55582100 | -0.42395100 | 0.10277400 |
| | Cl | -2.26680500 | -1.91623000 | -1.61229800 |
| | Cl | -0.54121900 | 2.95045500 | -1.59281700 |
| | Cl | -2.85879900 | -1.52077700 | 1.44046900 |
| | Cl | -0.87818300 | 2.81342000 | 1.53909300 |
| | Cl | 1.73023900 | -1.59883100 | -1.60096300 |
| | Cl | 3.53314200 | 0.33427800 | -0.18351500 |
| | Cl | 2.15551600 | -1.36460600 | 1.85009800 |
| | H | 0.00306200 | -2.29329100 | 0.70744000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Section 5.7 Electronic structures fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Section 5.7.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S111. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.49804000 | -1.54725600 | -0.03798300 |
| | P | 0.67593400 | 1.25292800 | 0.05438300 |
| | P | -1.82445400 | -0.00436600 | 0.01944200 |
| | N | 1.34510200 | -0.19915400 | -0.01172100 |
| | N | -1.08105400 | -1.40897800 | -0.02593400 |
| | N | -0.91136400 | 1.29059700 | 0.07806500 |
| | Cl | 1.07952900 | -2.71546300 | 1.49541400 |
| | Cl | -3.09990400 | 0.01300400 | 1.57580500 |
| | Cl | 1.33807300 | 2.34016500 | -1.50313300 |
| | Cl | 1.38967000 | 2.24433200 | 1.64057700 |
| | Cl | -3.06802100 | 0.12953700 | -1.56002800 |
| | Cl | 1.06175600 | -2.63248800 | -1.64044700 |
| | H | 4.59612300 | 0.78159000 | -0.60973100 |
| | O | 4.06121100 | 0.82284800 | 0.18505000 |
| | H | 3.37204700 | 0.15823700 | 0.06882300 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S112. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS*) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -1.27362700 | -0.72850500 | -0.08767600 |
| | P | 1.58437400 | -0.79549200 | -0.09953400 |
| | P | 0.28145300 | 1.62433500 | 0.11364400 |
| | N | 0.17271500 | -1.45454500 | -0.32170800 |
| | N | -1.10392600 | 0.83553300 | 0.08022600 |
| | N | 1.62703900 | 0.78415900 | 0.09260200 |
| | Cl | -1.95510800 | -1.79790300 | 1.49433700 |
| | Cl | 0.27335600 | 2.81757400 | 1.73007700 |
| | Cl | 2.78786800 | -1.30605100 | -1.64179800 |
| | Cl | 2.54278900 | -1.65061400 | 1.46448400 |
| | Cl | 0.29660000 | 2.94678900 | -1.40954800 |
| | Cl | -3.68074100 | -0.23012700 | -0.52547200 |
| | H | -2.78338700 | -1.46897400 | -1.71462300 |
| | O | -1.77736100 | -1.51796600 | -1.64521700 |
| | H | -1.25247100 | -2.30277200 | -1.88334800 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S113. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (P_1HB*) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | 0.16009700 | 1.51987400 | -0.56118300 |
| | P | -2.01082900 | -0.14711400 | -0.06190500 |
| | P | 0.59069000 | -1.15466600 | 0.11023300 |
| | N | -1.40287300 | 1.22606800 | -0.57547600 |
| | N | 1.12388400 | 0.25902900 | -0.40881600 |
| | N | -0.98185100 | -1.32305800 | 0.22573800 |
| | Cl | 0.55475700 | 2.83942600 | 0.93014400 |
| | Cl | 1.43837400 | -1.56191800 | 1.89083300 |
| | Cl | -3.39040100 | -0.77745900 | -1.38075700 |
| | Cl | -3.11398100 | 0.16757300 | 1.59856800 |
| | Cl | 1.34985800 | -2.58394200 | -1.07486400 |
| | Cl | 4.33826900 | 0.38427400 | -0.16083600 |
| | H | 3.05327300 | 0.43973700 | -0.34847800 |
| | O | 0.61681500 | 2.28675500 | -1.86519500 |
| | H | 0.11935200 | 3.08855400 | -2.06870700 |

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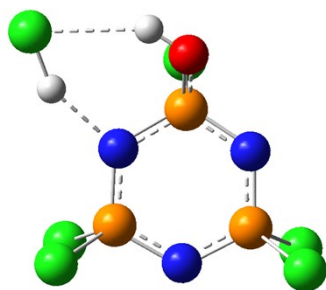
Table S114. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.52977200 | -1.33588800 | -0.45731900 |
| P | 1.98654400 | -0.20825100 | -0.11865100 |
| P | -0.28374600 | 1.38399900 | 0.13299200 |
| N | 1.05524800 | -1.41405800 | -0.57763600 |
| N | -1.16448500 | 0.13059000 | -0.32703200 |
| N | 1.29399000 | 1.19559900 | 0.18757700 |
| Cl | -1.13294800 | -2.46873700 | 1.12127100 |
| Cl | -0.93259300 | 2.02127300 | 1.93262600 |
| Cl | 3.41065500 | 0.05532100 | -1.51083600 |
| Cl | 3.05698000 | -0.75445900 | 1.50306000 |
| Cl | -0.73974200 | 2.92871200 | -1.06652000 |
| Cl | -4.32890400 | -0.47144200 | -0.38586600 |
| H | -3.11198400 | -0.01222700 | -0.38463400 |
| O | -1.23329900 | -2.04006200 | -1.68766400 |
| H | -1.57891200 | -2.93143300 | -1.54324800 |

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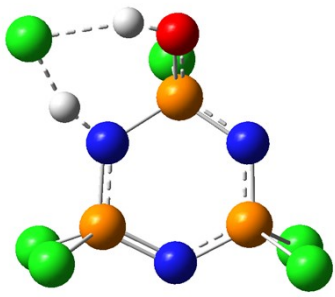
Table S115. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.60505900 | -1.34907700 | -0.23693600 |
| P | 1.94239900 | -0.24671800 | -0.24163000 |
| P | -0.27177400 | 1.40113100 | 0.17976200 |
| N | 0.95072800 | -1.45370700 | -0.50560600 |
| N | -1.20578500 | 0.14244100 | -0.11674100 |
| N | 1.28982700 | 1.17661500 | 0.04319300 |
| Cl | -1.07564400 | -2.32279700 | 1.47927200 |
| Cl | -0.67857400 | 2.12999500 | 2.01881300 |
| Cl | 3.20828400 | -0.09214300 | -1.79297000 |
| Cl | 3.17864100 | -0.70055700 | 1.28771900 |
| Cl | -0.85772900 | 2.90772100 | -1.01511700 |
| Cl | -4.18102700 | -0.56540300 | -0.73436800 |
| H | -3.07871900 | 0.05436300 | -0.39009500 |
| O | -1.36411000 | -2.14948600 | -1.35856600 |
| H | -2.33244800 | -2.06182000 | -1.34216300 |

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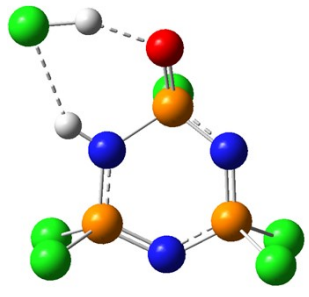
Table S116. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (SPT_TS) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.52004800 | -1.48385900 | -0.20851200 |
| P | 1.89684300 | -0.10545200 | -0.29904100 |
| P | -0.43279200 | 1.35824800 | 0.30688100 |
| N | 0.99622100 | -1.36376900 | -0.62478100 |
| N | -1.24986400 | -0.00317800 | -0.03048100 |
| N | 1.12632100 | 1.20565600 | 0.18267300 |
| Cl | -0.65807200 | -2.41474700 | 1.57506500 |
| Cl | -0.91399900 | 2.00271300 | 2.14277600 |
| Cl | 3.01324500 | 0.32913200 | -1.90485600 |
| Cl | 3.26941000 | -0.55814800 | 1.09949400 |
| Cl | -1.16848300 | 2.78141500 | -0.88782900 |
| Cl | -3.80376100 | -0.67525300 | -0.99175700 |
| H | -2.39150600 | -0.06764700 | -0.34208700 |
| O | -1.38575200 | -2.28815800 | -1.20333800 |
| H | -2.34303000 | -1.93901100 | -1.27217700 |

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Table S117. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (P) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | -0.65932300 | -1.47287600 | -0.21587800 |
| P | 1.88869600 | -0.30282100 | -0.35448100 |
| P | -0.23621600 | 1.44086400 | 0.25192400 |
| N | 0.84771700 | -1.41377400 | -0.72897600 |
| N | -1.19848900 | 0.17459800 | -0.13643800 |
| N | 1.27980100 | 1.08883100 | 0.16637600 |
| Cl | -0.59706600 | -1.98398400 | 1.76890100 |
| Cl | -0.70730400 | 2.12851700 | 2.07800300 |
| Cl | 3.06575300 | 0.06569700 | -1.93668300 |
| Cl | 3.19949700 | -0.91879200 | 1.04545900 |
| Cl | -0.77670500 | 2.95806300 | -0.94399300 |
| Cl | -4.32534300 | -0.74892900 | -0.93265800 |
| H | -2.20996300 | 0.30360400 | -0.21217900 |
| O | -1.67734000 | -2.26256900 | -0.92507800 |
| H | -3.37202800 | -1.63788100 | -1.06089300 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.7.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S118. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | 0.03044600 | 1.65608900 | -0.65833900 |
| | P | -1.41632100 | -0.60147500 | 0.03409100 |
| | P | 1.37344300 | -0.67422400 | 0.03636000 |
| | N | -1.34294400 | 0.87215000 | -0.54552200 |
| | N | 1.37124600 | 0.79696400 | -0.55765900 |
| | N | -0.03922800 | -1.35344100 | 0.29210000 |
| | Cl | 0.09973000 | 3.09851900 | 0.77322400 |
| | Cl | 2.43322900 | -0.72152400 | 1.75626700 |
| | Cl | -2.56474100 | -1.71986200 | -1.18232800 |
| | Cl | -2.47902300 | -0.60586200 | 1.75092800 |
| | Cl | 2.47338600 | -1.85454200 | -1.16872300 |
| | O | 0.00651700 | 2.48018500 | -2.00874200 |
| | H | 0.84694100 | 2.89857000 | -2.23344000 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S119. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.19985600 | 1.70728500 | -0.72675600 |
| | P | -1.35128900 | -0.71653500 | 0.03212000 |
| | P | 1.44622800 | -0.50004800 | 0.18182900 |
| | N | -1.41684100 | 0.69159600 | -0.68060800 |
| | N | 1.29819800 | 0.98211400 | -0.43317100 |
| | N | 0.07984300 | -1.19954500 | 0.54762900 |
| | Cl | -0.53968500 | 3.15417900 | 0.63148200 |
| | Cl | 2.61025500 | -0.48197700 | 1.81746000 |
| | Cl | -2.12296300 | -2.10705000 | -1.20113100 |
| | Cl | -2.60435100 | -0.77959400 | 1.60569900 |
| | Cl | 2.53026900 | -1.59075700 | -1.12123100 |
| | O | 0.32849200 | 2.30065400 | -2.02794100 |
| | H | 1.36747100 | 1.60345800 | -1.57005200 |

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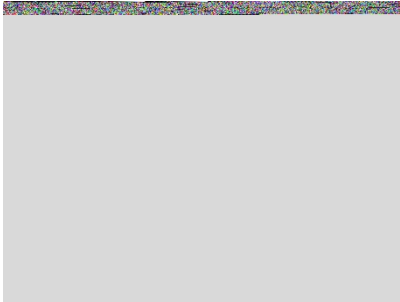
Table S120. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.17884600 | 1.71017200 | -0.98421900 |
| | P | -1.39956600 | -0.61964100 | 0.01577000 |
| | P | 1.41177800 | -0.58903700 | 0.09071900 |
| | N | -1.37283400 | 0.65076800 | -0.89684300 |
| | N | 1.27672600 | 0.75268700 | -0.83701400 |
| | N | 0.02952400 | -1.17536700 | 0.50150900 |
| | Cl | -0.16469700 | 2.70848800 | 0.81812700 |
| | Cl | 2.53769900 | -0.20083200 | 1.71029600 |
| | Cl | -2.36536400 | -2.10375900 | -0.93067700 |
| | Cl | -2.50461500 | -0.36234300 | 1.68235700 |
| | Cl | 2.55895400 | -1.88334200 | -0.93257700 |
| | O | -0.02443000 | 2.62619000 | -2.11023500 |
| | H | 2.10744200 | 1.18185700 | -1.23366400 |

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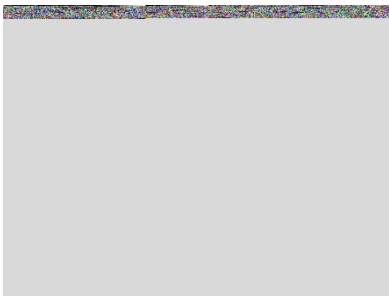
Section 5.7.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S121. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | 0.00046500 | 1.24130800 | 1.35329100 |
| | N | -0.00049300 | -1.10276500 | -0.00000200 |
| | N | 0.00046400 | 1.24131000 | -1.35329200 |
| | P | -0.00011200 | -0.34196400 | 1.40636500 |
| | P | 0.00082700 | 2.07393200 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -0.00011300 | -0.34196200 | -1.40636700 |
| | Cl | -1.56908500 | -0.98884000 | 2.48222600 |
| | Cl | -1.56821800 | 3.33195900 | 0.00000200 |
| | Cl | 1.56855600 | -0.98999400 | 2.48199600 |
| | Cl | 1.57097400 | 3.33058600 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.56908700 | -0.98883700 | -2.48222800 |
| | Cl | 1.56855400 | -0.98999100 | -2.48200100 |
| | Cl | -0.00086500 | -4.32215900 | 0.00000700 |
| H | -0.00081500 | -3.02164900 | 0.00000200 | |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white


Table S122. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | -1.71893600 | 0.80544900 | -0.31275300 |
| N | 0.98073700 | 0.80743600 | -0.09911100 |
| N | -0.33475200 | -1.34443200 | 0.47020300 |
| P | -0.43392400 | 1.66939000 | -0.12251600 |
| P | -1.70851200 | -0.77208700 | 0.00602100 |
| P | 1.16922400 | -0.85304300 | 0.18078400 |
| Cl | -0.49186500 | 2.78243100 | 1.55091000 |
| Cl | -3.09893100 | -1.15903700 | 1.39717200 |
| Cl | -0.21123800 | 3.01833000 | -1.57173400 |
| Cl | -2.43618400 | -1.70055900 | -1.62936600 |
| Cl | 2.06951700 | -1.44004000 | 1.86757100 |
| Cl | 1.70191400 | -1.96017100 | -1.41115100 |
| Cl | 3.65505600 | 0.23541900 | -0.26953300 |
| H | 1.90825400 | 1.25858300 | -0.24847700 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white


Table S123. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.



| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | 1.85781700 | 0.38782300 | -0.46100600 |
| N | -0.76054100 | 1.12433900 | -0.23883800 |
| N | -0.06179900 | -1.16594700 | 0.54679100 |
| P | 0.84886500 | 1.54647900 | -0.20217300 |
| P | 1.38634900 | -1.09154000 | 0.01296400 |
| P | -1.46538900 | -0.40761600 | 0.15189400 |
| Cl | 1.01837300 | 2.99390900 | -1.56672600 |
| Cl | 1.79831600 | -2.31870100 | -1.54198000 |
| Cl | 1.16876800 | 2.50814300 | 1.54385600 |
| Cl | 2.66327300 | -1.73808700 | 1.42519400 |
| Cl | -1.97557000 | -1.70734000 | -1.36214000 |
| Cl | -2.29836000 | -0.75649400 | 1.98666500 |
| Cl | -3.39666400 | 0.72473400 | -0.36163100 |
| H | -1.42400100 | 1.86186500 | -0.46397000 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S124. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS2) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.94802900 | -0.00357100 | -0.05898900 |
| | N | 0.43980800 | 1.26637000 | -0.28300800 |
| | N | 0.41243400 | -1.25558000 | -0.31612800 |
| | P | -1.19425800 | 1.35777800 | -0.09776700 |
| | P | -1.11252600 | -1.38197100 | -0.08212800 |
| | P | 1.55423800 | -0.12071900 | -0.10457900 |
| | Cl | -1.55797200 | 2.45844200 | 1.55287900 |
| | Cl | -1.53987900 | -2.35763500 | 1.63675500 |
| | Cl | -1.86321700 | 2.55939400 | -1.56285900 |
| | Cl | -1.94279200 | -2.56473300 | -1.47617200 |
| | Cl | 1.94963600 | -0.22431000 | 1.90061500 |
| | Cl | 2.95635200 | -1.36883400 | -1.03750300 |
| | Cl | 3.05956700 | 1.49517700 | -0.47150100 |
| | H | 0.90987600 | 2.16562600 | -0.34367100 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S125. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (P²) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.


| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.71464200 | 0.58069500 | -0.43684900 |
| | N | -0.08455800 | -1.26738400 | 0.54995200 |
| | N | 0.90434600 | 1.07627900 | 0.06001500 |
| | P | -1.55301000 | -0.92580400 | -0.02434400 |
| | P | -0.55364900 | 1.62932000 | -0.11352800 |
| | P | 1.56411800 | -0.36733900 | 0.13405000 |
| | Cl | -2.08208400 | -2.09298600 | -1.58534300 |
| | Cl | -0.58377600 | 3.00110100 | -1.57320000 |
| | Cl | -2.88606700 | -1.49310000 | 1.38143400 |
| | Cl | -1.04904000 | 2.70090600 | 1.52652900 |
| | Cl | 1.69767900 | -1.60355900 | -1.52656900 |
| | Cl | 3.52304100 | 0.39621700 | -0.23757600 |
| | Cl | 2.22500000 | -1.23617500 | 1.89213300 |
| | H | 0.04128300 | -2.20067100 | 0.92956700 |

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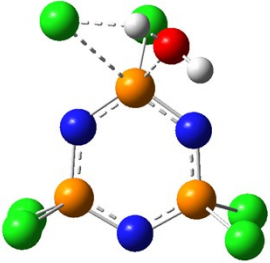
Section 5.8.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S126. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.61512600 | -1.37093100 | -0.03543900 |
| | P | 0.51882000 | 1.43662400 | -0.01712100 |
| | P | -1.85188200 | -0.05047100 | 0.02511200 |
| | N | 1.32389000 | 0.05892600 | -0.04276300 |
| | N | -0.96682600 | -1.36540400 | 0.00076000 |
| | N | -1.05903400 | 1.32221900 | 0.01745500 |
| | Cl | 1.32942200 | -2.45181800 | 1.50301900 |
| | Cl | -3.08486400 | -0.10286900 | 1.61922300 |
| | Cl | 1.07982000 | 2.54698800 | -1.60607600 |
| | Cl | 1.15730400 | 2.54335500 | 1.53628600 |
| | Cl | -3.14493300 | -0.08515100 | -1.52237200 |
| | Cl | 1.24946900 | -2.41896400 | -1.63912600 |
| | H | 4.66944900 | 0.17805700 | -0.57151500 |
| | O | 4.27622400 | 0.15846400 | 0.30385200 |
| | H | 3.32070400 | 0.12651000 | 0.15729000 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S127. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -1.22588800 | -0.81447900 | 0.08837400 |
| | P | 1.62583500 | -0.75039700 | -0.14211100 |
| | P | 0.24062400 | 1.62413300 | 0.09021200 |
| | N | 0.22531600 | -1.48399000 | -0.18156600 |
| | N | -1.06931400 | 0.75265200 | 0.28391900 |
| | N | 1.60588900 | 0.83322300 | -0.08262100 |
| | Cl | -2.04390500 | -1.65984500 | 1.71185600 |
| | Cl | 0.38096200 | 2.88562200 | 1.65259400 |
| | Cl | 2.69428900 | -1.33599500 | -1.75795800 |
| | Cl | 2.74975400 | -1.46826000 | 1.38093000 |
| | Cl | 0.01049000 | 2.88211600 | -1.47326500 |
| | Cl | -3.56850100 | -0.17618700 | -0.82279000 |
| | H | -2.71119800 | -1.67643300 | -1.52567800 |
| | O | -1.85808900 | -2.08500200 | -1.14714500 |
| | H | -1.15840000 | -2.41230000 | -1.73566100 |

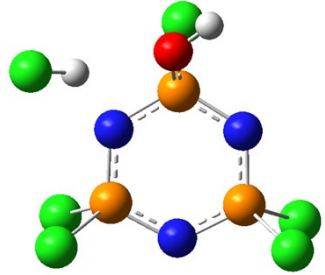
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Table S128. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (**P_1HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.61227900 | -1.21426900 | 0.60400600 |
| | P | 1.76973600 | -0.41075400 | -0.60032400 |
| | P | -0.06673200 | 1.49837600 | 0.30760900 |
| | N | 0.75701700 | -1.53893900 | -0.13310200 |
| | N | -1.01847300 | 0.30667800 | 0.74322800 |
| | N | 1.31893800 | 1.08629700 | -0.34574100 |
| | Cl | -0.59484100 | -2.10713400 | 2.42269500 |
| | Cl | 0.28543500 | 2.69899500 | 1.89149400 |
| | Cl | 2.18319200 | -0.66982200 | -2.56038600 |
| | Cl | 3.57425500 | -0.71365300 | 0.25481800 |
| | Cl | -1.06985900 | 2.71821200 | -0.94398400 |
| | Cl | -4.60802500 | -0.61252100 | -1.32094300 |
| | H | -3.50270100 | -0.98994100 | -0.77178500 |
| | O | -1.83229700 | -1.94394300 | -0.13100600 |
| | H | -1.69483400 | -2.87635800 | -0.34303100 |

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Table S129. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.42332700 | -1.45643400 | 0.27094500 |
| | P | 1.86098600 | -0.07739800 | -0.53476900 |
| | P | -0.34675800 | 1.32087500 | 0.47160500 |
| | N | 1.03195200 | -1.41856900 | -0.36338000 |
| | N | -1.11356100 | -0.06469800 | 0.58027500 |
| | N | 1.13921800 | 1.25747500 | -0.07986500 |
| | Cl | -0.36456600 | -2.60864700 | 1.93904400 |
| | Cl | -0.33856600 | 2.24271300 | 2.26789300 |
| | Cl | 2.44816700 | 0.09125800 | -2.46043200 |
| | Cl | 3.62716800 | -0.23507000 | 0.43164700 |
| | Cl | -1.44070400 | 2.58096000 | -0.65596900 |
| | Cl | -4.38456100 | -0.50512800 | -1.34181400 |
| | H | -3.25040600 | -0.87301500 | -0.85547000 |
| | O | -1.45314200 | -2.23327500 | -0.66443200 |
| | H | -1.18917600 | -3.10932200 | -0.97129400 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S130. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.56281600 | -1.40978800 | -0.11762700 |
| | P | 1.94492800 | -0.19333100 | -0.25466300 |
| | P | -0.32005700 | 1.36838400 | 0.26191200 |
| | N | 0.99438100 | -1.44994200 | -0.37601800 |
| | N | -1.20676700 | 0.05817200 | 0.05725700 |
| | N | 1.23950800 | 1.18829000 | 0.08665700 |
| | Cl | -1.00477100 | -2.48645600 | 1.54211500 |
| | Cl | -0.70004900 | 2.18397700 | 2.07125100 |
| | Cl | 3.01478200 | 0.00311200 | -1.95280800 |
| | Cl | 3.37997600 | -0.54550700 | 1.11937500 |
| | Cl | -1.00509200 | 2.79074300 | -0.99373000 |
| | Cl | -4.12333100 | -0.50948400 | -0.88930600 |
| | H | -3.01756500 | -0.00040600 | -0.38752100 |
| | O | -1.29841800 | -2.17809200 | -1.28157900 |
| | H | -2.26153900 | -2.04801000 | -1.32668800 |

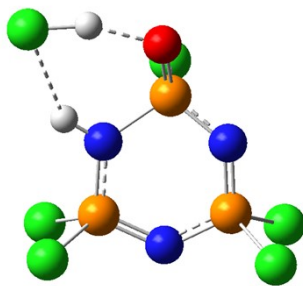
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Table S131. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (**SPT_TS**) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.52176900 | -1.49845800 | -0.13427300 |
| | P | 1.90817500 | -0.10760600 | -0.27707800 |
| | P | -0.42624300 | 1.34985800 | 0.32380600 |
| | N | 1.01629400 | -1.39746100 | -0.44909200 |
| | N | -1.24426400 | -0.02235900 | 0.04864800 |
| | N | 1.12908900 | 1.20654700 | 0.16673300 |
| | Cl | -0.78791800 | -2.53028000 | 1.57786400 |
| | Cl | -0.87040200 | 2.05843100 | 2.15177600 |
| | Cl | 2.91310200 | 0.24850900 | -1.98289300 |
| | Cl | 3.38530600 | -0.44613900 | 1.04733600 |
| | Cl | -1.18986900 | 2.74167900 | -0.89878100 |
| | Cl | -3.76684600 | -0.57794700 | -1.04800800 |
| | H | -2.41938200 | -0.08061400 | -0.34157800 |
| | O | -1.32957100 | -2.25814700 | -1.22252500 |
| | H | -2.27166500 | -1.92050500 | -1.33306500 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white


Table S132. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (**P**) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.68208300 | -1.48727100 | -0.10423300 |
| | P | 1.88237200 | -0.30954400 | -0.37785700 |
| | P | -0.21173300 | 1.45239400 | 0.29314100 |
| | N | 0.82508000 | -1.43729400 | -0.60329500 |
| | N | -1.19387700 | 0.16616900 | 0.04217600 |
| | N | 1.29176200 | 1.08998300 | 0.13246100 |
| | Cl | -0.65063700 | -2.12010900 | 1.84252400 |
| | Cl | -0.56865700 | 2.25087600 | 2.10346500 |
| | Cl | 2.91998900 | 0.00394600 | -2.07313200 |
| | Cl | 3.32060800 | -0.85400400 | 0.92649100 |
| | Cl | -0.83165400 | 2.90256500 | -0.95438400 |
| | Cl | -4.31029000 | -0.68843500 | -1.03054800 |
| | H | -2.20196400 | 0.30587500 | -0.03540900 |
| | O | -1.71507400 | -2.21642600 | -0.86140500 |
| | H | -3.31562400 | -1.55240800 | -1.08358000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white


Section 5.8.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S133. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.03230300 | 1.68928200 | -0.56078800 |
| | P | -1.41843600 | -0.60667000 | 0.05233000 |
| | P | 1.37534200 | -0.68063400 | 0.05299300 |
| | N | -1.33408700 | 0.90885400 | -0.39292600 |
| | N | 1.36712500 | 0.83421400 | -0.40711000 |
| | N | -0.03953900 | -1.35963000 | 0.27509500 |
| | Cl | 0.10742800 | 3.22792000 | 0.76470800 |
| | Cl | 2.47680400 | -0.88772300 | 1.73674800 |
| | Cl | -2.53176900 | -1.63176300 | -1.28555800 |
| | Cl | -2.52900700 | -0.76419800 | 1.73344400 |
| | Cl | 2.44271000 | -1.76810200 | -1.27611500 |
| | O | -0.00413000 | 2.42753400 | -1.96547800 |
| | H | 0.81559600 | 2.87171100 | -2.21448400 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S134. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.12475700 | 1.73651900 | -0.66397200 |
| | P | -1.39625400 | -0.66173100 | 0.03816500 |
| | P | 1.41822900 | -0.58758100 | 0.15310000 |
| | N | -1.40032300 | 0.81070700 | -0.52465300 |
| | N | 1.33101700 | 0.91361500 | -0.42479700 |
| | N | 0.02286000 | -1.25227800 | 0.45319000 |
| | Cl | -0.31553500 | 3.25546100 | 0.64480800 |
| | Cl | 2.54109700 | -0.65436000 | 1.82488400 |
| | Cl | -2.27446500 | -1.89638800 | -1.29457300 |
| | Cl | -2.61732600 | -0.80993900 | 1.63516200 |
| | Cl | 2.50972400 | -1.67098600 | -1.15190500 |
| | O | 0.39075600 | 2.25833100 | -2.00601600 |
| | H | 1.40140600 | 1.51655700 | -1.57987100 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S135. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.18744400 | 1.74941700 | -0.92484500 |
| | P | -1.39641700 | -0.64050600 | 0.03002600 |
| | P | 1.41648300 | -0.59307300 | 0.10285700 |
| | N | -1.37137300 | 0.69085500 | -0.77944700 |
| | N | 1.27721800 | 0.81191700 | -0.72439500 |
| | N | 0.03842800 | -1.19733600 | 0.48696700 |
| | Cl | -0.19543900 | 2.86865200 | 0.80346800 |
| | Cl | 2.57009100 | -0.32771000 | 1.73209400 |
| | Cl | -2.32950200 | -2.07496600 | -1.03209200 |
| | Cl | -2.53100400 | -0.52278600 | 1.69580300 |
| | Cl | 2.54935600 | -1.82056700 | -1.02532000 |
| | O | -0.03517600 | 2.59949200 | -2.10436500 |
| | H | 2.10261600 | 1.24385000 | -1.12473600 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.8.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S136. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -0.00003600 | -1.23576400 | 1.34365200 |
| | N | -0.00004800 | 1.10341700 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | -0.00003600 | -1.23576400 | -1.34365200 |
| | P | -0.00002800 | 0.34410600 | 1.40698300 |
| | P | -0.00000500 | -2.07723900 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -0.00002800 | 0.34410600 | -1.40698300 |
| | Cl | 1.57145800 | 0.98483500 | 2.49078300 |
| | Cl | 1.57140700 | -3.33928600 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.57147100 | 0.98484800 | 2.49082900 |
| | Cl | -1.57131800 | -3.33939900 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | 1.57145800 | 0.98483500 | -2.49078300 |
| | Cl | -1.57147100 | 0.98484800 | -2.49082900 |
| | Cl | 0.00004200 | 4.34910400 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | -0.00000200 | 3.04581500 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S137. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.90734200 | -0.13362700 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44481300 | 1.19728000 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.43937400 | -1.37330200 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.21214700 | 1.25372400 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.09912200 | -1.52309300 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 1.48632900 | -0.15284700 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.74683600 | 2.38766200 | 1.56906000 |
| | Cl | -1.74683600 | -2.60996900 | 1.57097700 |
| | Cl | -1.74683600 | 2.38766200 | -1.56906000 |
| | Cl | -1.74683600 | -2.60996900 | -1.57097700 |
| | Cl | 2.51229100 | -0.58019800 | 1.68772000 |
| | Cl | 2.51229100 | -0.58019800 | -1.68772000 |
| | Cl | 3.05349900 | 1.98319100 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 0.99367000 | 2.07171300 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S138. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.85134600 | 0.51816900 | -0.00017900 |
| | N | 0.80921400 | 1.05824200 | -0.00013000 |
| | N | 0.02687600 | -1.35173700 | 0.00025000 |
| | P | -0.75643200 | 1.61243800 | -0.00027100 |
| | P | -1.47751400 | -1.05294900 | 0.00009500 |
| | P | 1.44564600 | -0.55428000 | 0.00015200 |
| | Cl | -0.90767100 | 2.86764600 | 1.56728600 |
| | Cl | -2.43637400 | -1.89209300 | 1.57033900 |
| | Cl | -0.90752400 | 2.86723000 | -1.56817400 |
| | Cl | -2.43616800 | -1.89258300 | -1.57001400 |
| | Cl | 2.12892600 | -1.40484200 | 1.74113800 |
| | Cl | 2.12901500 | -1.40539400 | -1.74053000 |
| | Cl | 3.45289000 | 0.65893400 | 0.00001300 |
| | H | 1.53868300 | 1.76787800 | -0.00022100 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S139. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS2**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.94164300 | 0.00074300 | -0.04212200 |
| | N | 0.44183900 | 1.26428900 | -0.16820100 |
| | N | 0.40896800 | -1.25586800 | -0.09354900 |
| | P | -1.19697500 | 1.36352500 | -0.07149100 |
| | P | -1.12757200 | -1.38584300 | -0.04248600 |
| | P | 1.56329800 | -0.12618000 | -0.02170800 |
| | Cl | -1.66405100 | 2.50898000 | 1.52463800 |
| | Cl | -1.73386200 | -2.44905200 | 1.56477100 |
| | Cl | -1.78721900 | 2.52838000 | -1.60739800 |
| | Cl | -1.82287400 | -2.49310000 | -1.57993500 |
| | Cl | 2.12511100 | -0.13163200 | 1.94515300 |
| | Cl | 2.91543600 | -1.43721400 | -0.97289500 |
| | Cl | 3.03396400 | 1.47440300 | -0.61298700 |
| | H | 0.92399700 | 2.15033800 | -0.28053000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S140. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (**P'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the cam-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.


| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | -1.74796400 | 0.67540500 | -0.17524200 |
| | N | -0.12278300 | -1.35815300 | 0.33882900 |
| | N | 0.91723600 | 1.00047700 | 0.04114600 |
| | P | -1.62108200 | -0.87337100 | 0.00985200 |
| | P | -0.50048900 | 1.65442700 | -0.04404500 |
| | P | 1.55978400 | -0.44567400 | 0.07450900 |
| | Cl | -2.38194100 | -1.81789700 | -1.61503700 |
| | Cl | -0.56326900 | 2.93674400 | -1.59389800 |
| | Cl | -2.83922100 | -1.55750900 | 1.47316100 |
| | Cl | -0.77252200 | 2.86464900 | 1.54864800 |
| | Cl | 1.77698600 | -1.61459300 | -1.62984000 |
| | Cl | 3.54978900 | 0.31382600 | -0.15917400 |
| | Cl | 2.11918000 | -1.41433800 | 1.82309100 |
| | H | -0.01168500 | -2.33981600 | 0.56396600 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Section 5.9 Electronic structures fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Section 5.9.1. Cartesian Coordinates for the pivotal structure in the hydrolysis reaction followed by HCl-catalyzed tautomerization at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S141. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | 0.61149000 | -1.36941000 | -0.03225100 |
| | P | 0.51697000 | 1.43272200 | -0.01410500 |
| | P | -1.84852200 | -0.05009900 | 0.02423900 |
| | N | 1.33304100 | 0.05765000 | -0.03475600 |
| | N | -0.97476700 | -1.37775900 | 0.00421200 |
| | N | -1.06624400 | 1.33355700 | 0.02013200 |
| | Cl | 1.32419700 | -2.45222600 | 1.50136300 |
| | Cl | -3.08524700 | -0.10141400 | 1.61134500 |
| | Cl | 1.07888200 | 2.53593500 | -1.60380200 |
| | Cl | 1.15434500 | 2.54036800 | 1.53488000 |
| | Cl | -3.13258900 | -0.08419200 | -1.52690100 |
| | Cl | 1.24449600 | -2.41083400 | -1.63694100 |
| | H | 4.65273900 | 0.18126500 | -0.58877000 |
| | O | 4.29044400 | 0.16267100 | 0.29812600 |
| H | 3.33345400 | 0.12730000 | 0.17181400 | |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S142. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -1.19220800 | -0.85303900 | 0.12019300 |
| | P | 1.64110500 | -0.71362600 | -0.17451600 |
| | P | 0.20806400 | 1.61532900 | 0.10027400 |
| | N | 0.25816700 | -1.49476400 | -0.21596100 |
| | N | -1.06621700 | 0.71306600 | 0.39796200 |
| | N | 1.59693200 | 0.87453600 | -0.14474600 |
| | Cl | -2.00668000 | -1.71126100 | 1.73226200 |
| | Cl | 0.39414900 | 2.90099500 | 1.63266700 |
| | Cl | 2.72340500 | -1.29764600 | -1.77234000 |
| | Cl | 2.76496400 | -1.38604800 | 1.36668600 |
| | Cl | -0.14586500 | 2.83757000 | -1.46507200 |
| | Cl | -3.52772700 | -0.17784200 | -0.85846400 |
| | H | -2.71537000 | -1.65858200 | -1.42487500 |
| | O | -1.86499300 | -2.14295900 | -1.07725600 |
| | H | -1.17946900 | -2.39559100 | -1.71468500 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S143. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with one hydrogen bond (P_1HB) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.57342300 | -1.24205700 | 0.61426700 |
| | P | 1.75251200 | -0.36399900 | -0.62744000 |
| | P | -0.11488800 | 1.47895400 | 0.33251600 |
| | N | 0.77977600 | -1.53700400 | -0.17186400 |
| | N | -1.04363200 | 0.26332700 | 0.76785500 |
| | N | 1.28061400 | 1.12603200 | -0.34431400 |
| | Cl | -0.46338100 | -2.13010900 | 2.42985200 |
| | Cl | 0.22647600 | 2.66537400 | 1.92540500 |
| | Cl | 2.14161300 | -0.58037400 | -2.59389200 |
| | Cl | 3.57347700 | -0.63356900 | 0.19653800 |
| | Cl | -1.16561800 | 2.68366900 | -0.88846100 |
| | Cl | -4.52689500 | -0.65135600 | -1.35589500 |
| | H | -3.44328000 | -1.04895700 | -0.77828500 |
| | O | -1.79510700 | -2.01007800 | -0.07957000 |
| | H | -1.63264800 | -2.94218700 | -0.26731900 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S144. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the hydrogen bond configuration change transition state (**TS_HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.42598000 | -1.44423300 | 0.29738600 |
| | P | 1.84289100 | -0.08708100 | -0.55726500 |
| | P | -0.33638900 | 1.32454200 | 0.47415400 |
| | N | 1.01264000 | -1.43230000 | -0.38464600 |
| | N | -1.12571600 | -0.05155900 | 0.59938000 |
| | N | 1.14835300 | 1.26410900 | -0.09308800 |
| | Cl | -0.31914700 | -2.56215200 | 1.98325900 |
| | Cl | -0.29905600 | 2.24972700 | 2.26473900 |
| | Cl | 2.40510700 | 0.07738300 | -2.48699000 |
| | Cl | 3.61679700 | -0.25747900 | 0.38660000 |
| | Cl | -1.43424800 | 2.58502300 | -0.64311900 |
| | Cl | -4.38977000 | -0.52781100 | -1.35884800 |
| | H | -3.26367900 | -0.92261500 | -0.87436500 |
| | O | -1.47995700 | -2.23995400 | -0.59757600 |
| | H | -1.20602700 | -3.11766300 | -0.88656500 |

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Table S145. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products with two hydrogen bonds (**P_2HB**) for the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.56014100 | -1.40845300 | -0.14307100 |
| | P | 1.93345800 | -0.18536500 | -0.25846700 |
| | P | -0.33370200 | 1.36366000 | 0.26284300 |
| | N | 0.99469900 | -1.44943600 | -0.43760000 |
| | N | -1.22471200 | 0.05867800 | 0.01102100 |
| | N | 1.23388300 | 1.19679000 | 0.11244000 |
| | Cl | -0.95808700 | -2.44899900 | 1.54692100 |
| | Cl | -0.74008500 | 2.13540800 | 2.08138000 |
| | Cl | 3.02602700 | 0.05470100 | -1.93144100 |
| | Cl | 3.34397900 | -0.57020400 | 1.12792200 |
| | Cl | -1.00196600 | 2.80578200 | -0.97134600 |
| | Cl | -4.07613000 | -0.53674100 | -0.89794800 |
| | H | -2.94777600 | -0.02696100 | -0.41666000 |
| | O | -1.31184500 | -2.20046400 | -1.27992800 |
| | H | -2.27235200 | -2.03828900 | -1.30780200 |

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Table S146. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the synchronous proton transfer transition state (SPT_TS) after the hydrolysis reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.51962600 | -1.49525500 | -0.15643100 |
| | P | 1.89166500 | -0.10090300 | -0.29583900 |
| | P | -0.43657800 | 1.34513700 | 0.33682500 |
| | N | 1.00412200 | -1.38420200 | -0.55568000 |
| | N | -1.25641000 | -0.02069400 | 0.02674200 |
| | N | 1.12568700 | 1.20612500 | 0.20647800 |
| | Cl | -0.68139600 | -2.47658100 | 1.59657100 |
| | Cl | -0.90150900 | 2.02712000 | 2.16507500 |
| | Cl | 2.91803300 | 0.32693900 | -1.96707600 |
| | Cl | 3.34662400 | -0.50264800 | 1.03244900 |
| | Cl | -1.18195600 | 2.75136700 | -0.87632500 |
| | Cl | -3.76053200 | -0.63226600 | -1.06369500 |
| | H | -2.40705000 | -0.08594400 | -0.35304000 |
| | O | -1.37369800 | -2.28205000 | -1.18263600 |
| | H | -2.31655900 | -1.89777700 | -1.27595100 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S147. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the final product (P) after the HCl-catalyzed tautomerization fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.66622300 | -1.48316300 | -0.15396000 |
| | P | 1.87558600 | -0.29318400 | -0.36561500 |
| | P | -0.23932000 | 1.44297600 | 0.29009500 |
| | N | 0.83470700 | -1.42274200 | -0.68575600 |
| | N | -1.20493100 | 0.15801900 | -0.02161800 |
| | N | 1.27754300 | 1.09445400 | 0.17968000 |
| | Cl | -0.60183700 | -2.09726300 | 1.79395000 |
| | Cl | -0.65536900 | 2.20378700 | 2.10003100 |
| | Cl | 2.96923400 | 0.07754400 | -2.00840400 |
| | Cl | 3.26349700 | -0.88026600 | 0.97083500 |
| | Cl | -0.82156900 | 2.91113500 | -0.94940500 |
| | Cl | -4.26412600 | -0.72136800 | -0.99480000 |
| | H | -2.21618900 | 0.28301700 | -0.11209500 |
| | O | -1.69504900 | -2.23808200 | -0.89975000 |
| | H | -3.25242500 | -1.57657900 | -1.06138300 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.9.2. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the tautomerization reaction without the interference from HCl at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S148. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences of HCl (**Tauto_R**) fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | 0.03195400 | 1.67583800 | -0.59058000 |
| | P | -1.41549400 | -0.60036700 | 0.05565700 |
| | P | 1.37177600 | -0.67674200 | 0.05298900 |
| | N | -1.34677100 | 0.90524500 | -0.43955900 |
| | N | 1.37668300 | 0.82441600 | -0.46346200 |
| | N | -0.04039800 | -1.35830700 | 0.31279400 |
| | Cl | 0.11432900 | 3.18969600 | 0.76029600 |
| | Cl | 2.47779100 | -0.83169700 | 1.73588800 |
| | Cl | -2.52126200 | -1.66189200 | -1.25472600 |
| | Cl | -2.52762000 | -0.71071900 | 1.73553200 |
| | Cl | 2.42802200 | -1.80526600 | -1.24442300 |
| | O | -0.00983600 | 2.43524500 | -1.98511000 |
| | H | 0.81710900 | 2.87555200 | -2.21214600 |


Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Table S149. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the tautomerization transition state without the interferences (**Tauto_TS**) fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | P | -0.16750800 | 1.72674000 | -0.67572700 |
| | P | -1.37117900 | -0.69182200 | 0.03829300 |
| | P | 1.43238600 | -0.54326400 | 0.16708700 |
| | N | -1.42446400 | 0.76292500 | -0.57777100 |
| | N | 1.31625800 | 0.95740300 | -0.41550900 |
| | N | 0.05492800 | -1.23784600 | 0.50517200 |
| | Cl | -0.43044900 | 3.22463800 | 0.63985100 |
| | Cl | 2.58052400 | -0.58694400 | 1.81726900 |
| | Cl | -2.18838900 | -1.98768700 | -1.27007600 |
| | Cl | -2.60813500 | -0.83317100 | 1.61986100 |
| | Cl | 2.51808000 | -1.61073200 | -1.15320400 |
| | O | 0.34768100 | 2.27361400 | -2.00966800 |
| | H | 1.36827700 | 1.55515400 | -1.56359900 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

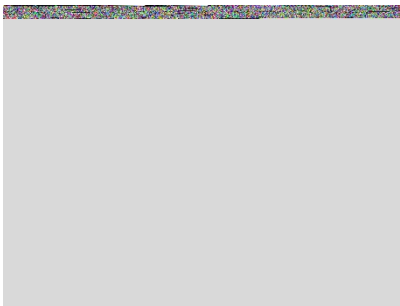
Table S150. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the product of the tautomerization reaction without the interferences (**Tauto_P**) fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | P | -0.21071600 | 1.72988400 | -0.94789500 |
| | P | -1.38291700 | -0.64930400 | 0.02478300 |
| | P | 1.42481300 | -0.56715800 | 0.10221900 |
| | N | -1.38638100 | 0.64876800 | -0.84931800 |
| | N | 1.26452000 | 0.80889300 | -0.76960000 |
| | N | 0.05429400 | -1.18197600 | 0.51605800 |
| | Cl | -0.24297800 | 2.79779600 | 0.80883400 |
| | Cl | 2.57388900 | -0.24217600 | 1.72009400 |
| | Cl | -2.29529700 | -2.12975900 | -0.98304200 |
| | Cl | -2.51654400 | -0.48244100 | 1.68416000 |
| | Cl | 2.56679500 | -1.81254500 | -0.99086700 |
| | O | -0.06748500 | 2.61113100 | -2.10867700 |
| | H | 2.08543300 | 1.25492700 | -1.16321300 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, O = red, H = white

Section 5.9.3. Cartesian Coordinates for chemical species appearing in the ring-opening reaction at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

Table S151. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the reactants (**R'**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | N | 0.00007900 | -1.23918000 | 1.35538800 |
| | N | 0.00010900 | 1.11514900 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.00007900 | -1.23918000 | -1.35538800 |
| | P | 0.00007900 | 0.34524600 | 1.40566200 |
| | P | -0.00002500 | -2.06972700 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 0.00007900 | 0.34524600 | -1.40566200 |
| | Cl | 1.56970300 | 0.98573400 | 2.48526800 |
| | Cl | 1.56944100 | -3.32892300 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.56957500 | 0.98576600 | 2.48521300 |
| | Cl | -1.56979200 | -3.32856600 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | 1.56970300 | 0.98573400 | -2.48526800 |
| | Cl | -1.56957500 | 0.98576600 | -2.48521300 |
| | H | -0.00013200 | 4.31582000 | 0.00000000 |
| H | -0.00016000 | 3.00842000 | 0.00000000 | |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S152. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (**TS1**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.91937600 | -0.14518300 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44695700 | 1.18466800 | 0.00000000 |
| | N | 0.44770200 | -1.39943000 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.20830100 | 1.24166500 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | -1.09892100 | -1.53035900 | 0.00000000 |
| | P | 1.47841200 | -0.16537800 | 0.00000000 |
| | Cl | -1.74308200 | 2.37176300 | 1.56748500 |
| | Cl | -1.74308200 | -2.61525500 | 1.56927600 |
| | Cl | -1.74308200 | 2.37176300 | -1.56748500 |
| | Cl | -1.74308200 | -2.61525500 | -1.56927600 |
| | Cl | 2.52509000 | -0.56399000 | 1.67339600 |
| | Cl | 2.52509000 | -0.56399000 | -1.67339600 |
| | Cl | 3.01489400 | 2.04316100 | 0.00000000 |
| | H | 1.02850700 | 2.05132100 | 0.00000000 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S153. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the intermediate (**Int**) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.87944700 | 0.43332700 | -0.26696200 |
| | N | 0.76465900 | 1.10120600 | -0.12997800 |
| | N | 0.06824100 | -1.26470500 | 0.42470800 |
| | P | -0.82991000 | 1.57250700 | -0.11382500 |
| | P | -1.41281400 | -1.09158000 | 0.02722100 |
| | P | 1.46243500 | -0.46377000 | 0.11782900 |
| | Cl | -1.10517500 | 2.68536500 | 1.54611800 |
| | Cl | -2.60360900 | -1.83404300 | 1.46864500 |
| | Cl | -0.98087300 | 2.92795900 | -1.58134900 |
| | Cl | -1.98511700 | -2.16221300 | -1.59408000 |
| | Cl | 2.30207100 | -0.99504500 | 1.90719000 |
| | Cl | 2.01181900 | -1.60910100 | -1.50107700 |
| | Cl | 3.39456300 | 0.75316500 | -0.26748200 |
| | H | 1.45760900 | 1.83035300 | -0.28817400 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S154. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the transition state (TS2) for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.95603800 | 0.00213600 | -0.03448600 |
| | N | 0.44431700 | 1.25961000 | -0.18219300 |
| | N | 0.41439000 | -1.26558400 | -0.15783500 |
| | P | -1.19427900 | 1.36137000 | -0.07079700 |
| | P | -1.12546400 | -1.37994600 | -0.05074700 |
| | P | 1.56296600 | -0.12754300 | -0.04156900 |
| | Cl | -1.64134700 | 2.50523500 | 1.52871300 |
| | Cl | -1.68420600 | -2.42867500 | 1.58131000 |
| | Cl | -1.79400600 | 2.52662900 | -1.59870800 |
| | Cl | -1.86180600 | -2.49635600 | -1.55595500 |
| | Cl | 2.09310600 | -0.17979000 | 1.93134600 |
| | Cl | 2.92020500 | -1.40889600 | -1.00705500 |
| | Cl | 3.03293900 | 1.48604200 | -0.56523600 |
| | H | 0.92992500 | 2.14740500 | -0.27673900 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white

Table S155. Cartesian coordinates (in Angstrom, Å) of the products (P') for the HCl-initiated ring-opening reaction fully optimized at the PBE0/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | N | -1.75653600 | 0.63655800 | -0.28628300 |
| | N | -0.09562400 | -1.30736600 | 0.45398900 |
| | N | 0.91323000 | 1.04308200 | 0.03532200 |
| | P | -1.58836600 | -0.89837300 | 0.00017300 |
| | P | -0.53321100 | 1.64171400 | -0.07490300 |
| | P | 1.56055000 | -0.40719300 | 0.09815100 |
| | Cl | -2.23272300 | -1.94268800 | -1.60856200 |
| | Cl | -0.59114900 | 2.95841400 | -1.58863900 |
| | Cl | -2.85147100 | -1.54827800 | 1.43552100 |
| | Cl | -0.88936200 | 2.79851600 | 1.54008600 |
| | Cl | 1.74034200 | -1.62771600 | -1.57169000 |
| | Cl | 3.52803300 | 0.36271800 | -0.21161700 |
| | Cl | 2.17630300 | -1.31737200 | 1.85656500 |
| | H | 0.02836300 | -2.26924700 | 0.74919900 |

Color code: P = orange, N = blue, Cl = green, H = white