

Table S2: Electronic energies, Zero-Point Vibrational Energies, Thermal Energies, Entropies and relative free energies for species calculated at B3LYP/LANL2DZ. for structures described in Figures 4 and 8. Italicized relative free energy values are in kcal mol⁻¹ while values in parentheses are in kJ mol⁻¹.

| Structure | Electronic energy (Hartrees) | ZPE (kcal mol ⁻¹) | $H_{298}^o - H_0^o$ (kcal mol ⁻¹) | Entropy (cal mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹) | Relative free energy at 298 K |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 1A | -1639.2886242 | 312.6 | 19.6 | 196.8 | <i>0.0</i> (0.0) |
| TS_(1A→1D) | -1639.2696380 | 312.8 | 19.8 | 200.6 | <i>11.1</i> (46.4) |
| 1D | -1639.2817215 | 312.8 | 20.0 | 202.8 | <i>3.1</i> (13.0) |
| TS_(1D→1E) | -1639.2682464 | 311.8 | 19.8 | 199.7 | <i>11.3</i> (47.3) |
| 1E | -1639.285837 | 312.6 | 19.8 | 199.3 | <i>1.1</i> (4.6) |
| TS_(1E→2C) | -1639.1570269 | 307.9 | 20.5 | 208.7 | <i>75.2</i> (314.6) |
| 2C | -1639.2923679 | 311.7 | 21.1 | 221.7 | <i>-9.2</i> (-38.5) |
| 2B + CO₂ | -1639.288777 | 312.0 | 20.5 | 235.1 | <i>-11.3</i> (-47.3) |
| TS_(2B→3A) + CO₂ | -1639.232367 | 309.8 | 20.6 | 241.0 | <i>20.3</i> (84.9) |
| 3A + CO₂ | -1639.262436 | 310.4 | 20.9 | 244.4 | <i>1.3</i> (5.4) |
| TS_(3A→4A) + CO₂ + HCOOH | -1639.101313 | 305.2 | 21.1 | 283.6 | <i>85.6</i> (358.2) |
| 4A + CO₂ + HCOOH | -1639.229491 | 307.3 | 21.7 | 256.1 | <i>7.2</i> (-30.1) |