

Table S4: Electronic energies, Zero-Point Vibrational Energies, Thermal Energies, Entropies and relative free energies for species calculated at B3LYP\LANL2DZ for structures shown in Figure 6. 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 | 311.3 | 20.0 | 202.8 | <i>3.1</i> (13.0) |
| TS_(1D→OxPtH) + Carnosine | -1639.2181703 | 311.7 | 19.9 | 201.9 | <i>42.0</i> (175.7) |
| TS_(1D→Car) + OxPt | -1639.1995789 | 310.5 | 19.8 | 201.5 | <i>52.5</i> (219.7) |
| OxPtH + Car | -1639.2368711 | 312.7 | 20.3 | 207.3 | <i>30.0</i> (125.5) |
| Car + OxPtH | -1639.2798599 | 313.6 | 19.2 | 201.1 | <i>5.4</i> (22.6) |