

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

### **Specific Nucleophile-Electrophile Interactions in Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitutions**

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**Table S1.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and propylamine in water at 25°C.

Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | $k_{\text{obsd}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>pH = 10.59</b>         |                                   |
| 13.5                      | 0.0016                            |
| 33.8                      | 0.0037                            |
| 54.1                      | 0.0065                            |
| 74.5                      | 0.0107                            |
| 94.8                      | 0.0124                            |
| 115                       | 0.0148                            |
| 135                       | 0.0184                            |
| <b>pH = 10.89</b>         |                                   |
| 8.30                      | 0.0016                            |
| 20.7                      | 0.0038                            |
| 33.1                      | 0.0065                            |
| 45.5                      | 0.0093                            |
| 57.9                      | 0.0112                            |
| 70.3                      | 0.0132                            |
| 82.7                      | 0.0151                            |
| <b>pH = 11.19</b>         |                                   |
| 12.9                      | 0.0030                            |
| 32.3                      | 0.0077                            |
| 51.7                      | 0.0140                            |
| 71.1                      | 0.0170                            |
| 90.4                      | 0.0210                            |
| 110                       | 0.0274                            |
| 129                       | 0.0335                            |

**Table S2.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and glycine in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | $k_{\text{obsd}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>pH = 9.46</b>          |                                   |
| 7.60                      | 0.00038                           |
| 19.0                      | 0.00095                           |
| 30.4                      | 0.00140                           |
| 41.8                      | 0.00190                           |
| 53.2                      | 0.00257                           |
| 64.6                      | 0.00308                           |
| 76.0                      | 0.00357                           |
| <b>pH = 9.76</b>          |                                   |
| 9.50                      | 0.00066                           |
| 23.8                      | 0.00163                           |
| 38.0                      | 0.00268                           |
| 52.3                      | 0.00357                           |
| 66.6                      | 0.00480                           |
| 80.8                      | 0.00585                           |
| 95.1                      | 0.00656                           |
| <b>pH = 10.06</b>         |                                   |
| 7.90                      | 0.00071                           |
| 19.7                      | 0.00168                           |
| 31.5                      | 0.00290                           |
| 43.4                      | 0.00409                           |
| 55.2                      | 0.00525                           |
| 67.0                      | 0.00638                           |
| 78.8                      | 0.00746                           |

**Table S3.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and ethanolamine in water at 25°C.

Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | $k_{\text{obsd}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>pH = 9.20</b>          |                                   |
| 14.0                      | 0.00040                           |
| 35.1                      | 0.00103                           |
| 56.1                      | 0.00168                           |
| 77.1                      | 0.00242                           |
| 98.1                      | 0.00318                           |
| 119                       | 0.00412                           |
| 140                       | 0.00484                           |
| <b>pH = 9.50</b>          |                                   |
| 11.9                      | 0.00052                           |
| 29.7                      | 0.00138                           |
| 47.5                      | 0.00232                           |
| 65.4                      | 0.00328                           |
| 83.2                      | 0.00404                           |
| 101                       | 0.00450                           |
| 119                       | 0.00527                           |
| <b>pH = 9.80</b>          |                                   |
| 10.1                      | 0.00092                           |
| 25.2                      | 0.00192                           |
| 40.4                      | 0.00312                           |
| 55.5                      | 0.00402                           |
| 70.6                      | 0.00532                           |
| 85.8                      | 0.00647                           |

**Table S4.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and benzylamine in water at 25°C.

Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | $k_{\text{obsd}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>pH = 9.04</b>          |                                   |
| 15.2                      | 0.00081                           |
| 37.9                      | 0.00297                           |
| 60.6                      | 0.00454                           |
| 83.3                      | 0.00587                           |
| 106                       | 0.00758                           |
| 129                       | 0.00902                           |
| 152                       | 0.01095                           |
| <b>pH = 9.34</b>          |                                   |
| 13.0                      | 0.00147                           |
| 32.5                      | 0.00365                           |
| 52.0                      | 0.00583                           |
| 71.5                      | 0.00790                           |
| 91.0                      | 0.00947                           |
| 110                       | 0.01171                           |
| 130                       | 0.01334                           |
| <b>pH = 9.64</b>          |                                   |
| 11.8                      | 0.00156                           |
| 29.4                      | 0.00488                           |
| 47.1                      | 0.00789                           |
| 64.8                      | 0.01107                           |
| 82.4                      | 0.01445                           |
| 100                       | 0.01629                           |
| 118                       | 0.01977                           |

**Table S5.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and glycine ethyl ester in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | $k_{\text{obsd}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>pH = 7.80</b>          |                                   |
| 14.0                      | 0.00011                           |
| 34.9                      | 0.00030                           |
| 55.8                      | 0.00049                           |
| 76.8                      | 0.00068                           |
| 97.7                      | 0.00087                           |
| 119                       | 0.00108                           |
| 140                       | 0.00128                           |
| <b>pH = 7.68</b>          |                                   |
| 0.0089                    | 0.00013                           |
| 0.0222                    | 0.00030                           |
| 0.0354                    | 0.00048                           |
| 0.0487                    | 0.00066                           |
| 0.0620                    | 0.00088                           |
| 0.0753                    | 0.000102                          |
| 0.0886                    | 0.00128                           |
| <b>pH = 8.40</b>          |                                   |
| 11.5                      | 0.00019                           |
| 28.8                      | 0.00049                           |
| 46.1                      | 0.00075                           |
| 63.4                      | 0.00106                           |
| 80.7                      | 0.00140                           |
| 97.9                      | 0.00172                           |
| 115                       | 0.00204                           |

**Table S6.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and trifluoroethylamine in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | <i>k</i> <sub>obsd</sub> / s <sup>-1</sup> |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>pH = 5.70</b>          | <b>Fn = 0.50</b>                           |
| 13.5                      | 0.000013                                   |
| 33.9                      | 0.000030                                   |
| 54.2                      | 0.000049                                   |
| 74.5                      | 0.000067                                   |
| 94.8                      | 0.000082                                   |
| 115                       | 0.000105                                   |
| 135                       | 0.000122                                   |
| <b>pH = 6.00</b>          | <b>Fn = 0.67</b>                           |
| 6.40                      | 0.000016                                   |
| 16.0                      | 0.000025                                   |
| 25.6                      | 0.000031                                   |
| 35.2                      | 0.000042                                   |
| 44.8                      | 0.000056                                   |
| 54.4                      | 0.000062                                   |
| 64.0                      | 0.000071                                   |

**Table S7.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and hydrazine in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

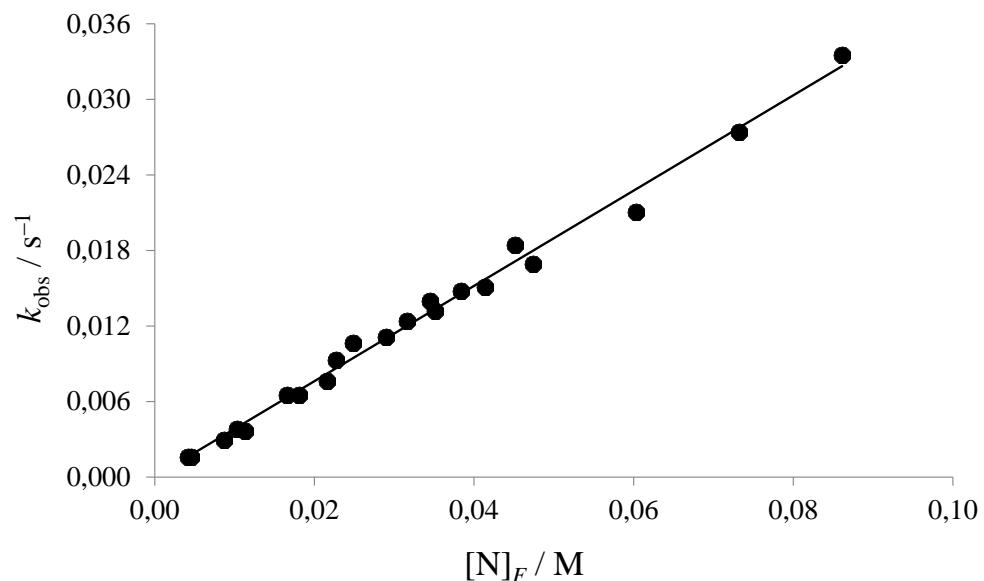
| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | $k_{\text{obsd}} / \text{s}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>pH = 7.80</b>          |                                   |
| 7.30                      | 0.00139                           |
| 18.3                      | 0.00305                           |
| 29.3                      | 0.00460                           |
| 40.2                      | 0.00633                           |
| 51.2                      | 0.00814                           |
| 62.2                      | 0.00992                           |
| 73.1                      | 0.01058                           |
| <b>pH = 8.10</b>          |                                   |
| 7.4                       | 0.00154                           |
| 18.5                      | 0.00372                           |
| 29.5                      | 0.00566                           |
| 40.6                      | 0.00899                           |
| 51.7                      | 0.01116                           |
| 62.8                      | 0.01381                           |
| 73.8                      | 0.01636                           |
| <b>pH = 8.40</b>          |                                   |
| 6.80                      | 0.00169                           |
| 17.1                      | 0.00418                           |
| 27.4                      | 0.00687                           |
| 37.7                      | 0.01077                           |
| 47.9                      | 0.01313                           |
| 58.2                      | 0.01598                           |
| 68.5                      | 0.01784                           |

**Table S8.** Kinetic results for the reaction between FDNB and quinuclidine in water at 25°C.

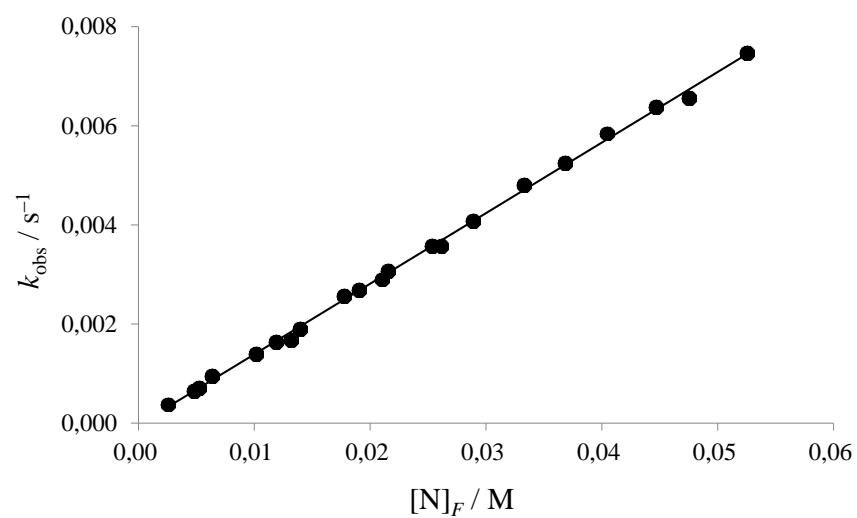
Ionic Strength 0.2 M (KCl)

| [N] <sub>Total</sub> / mM | <i>k</i> <sub>obsd</sub> / s <sup>-1</sup> |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>pH = 11.1</b>          |  |
| 2.10                      | 0.00015                                    |
| 5.30                      | 0.00025                                    |
| 8.50                      | 0.00034                                    |
| 11.7                      | 0.00044                                    |
| 14.9                      | 0.00056                                    |
| 18.0                      | 0.00065                                    |
| 21.2                      | 0.00075                                    |
| <b>pH = 11.4</b>          |  |
| 2.40                      | 0.00023                                    |
| 3.85                      | 0.00031                                    |
| 5.29                      | 0.00036                                    |
| 6.73                      | 0.00044                                    |
| 8.17                      | 0.00050                                    |
| 9.62                      | 0.00059                                    |
| <b>pH = 11.7</b>          |  |
| 5.43                      | 0.00053                                    |
| 8.69                      | 0.00070                                    |
| 12.0                      | 0.00087                                    |
| 15.2                      | 0.00102                                    |
| 18.5                      | 0.00115                                    |
| 21.7                      | 0.00127                                    |

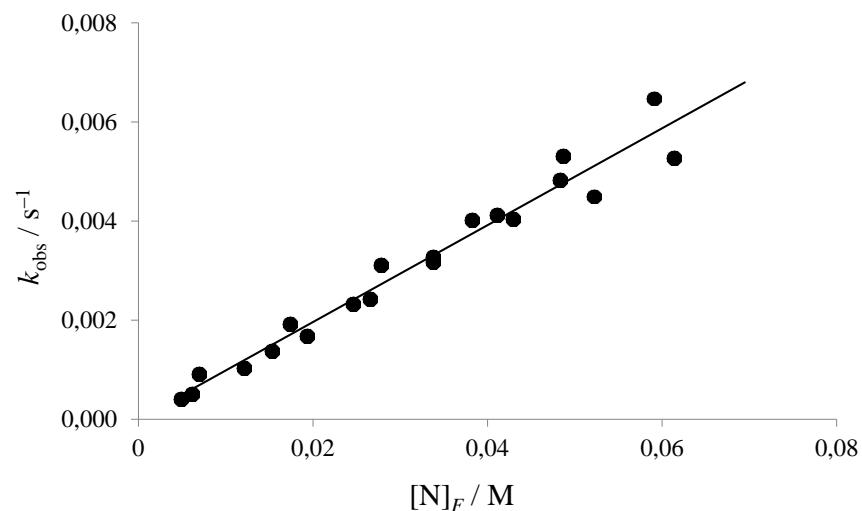
**Figure S1.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and propylamine in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl)



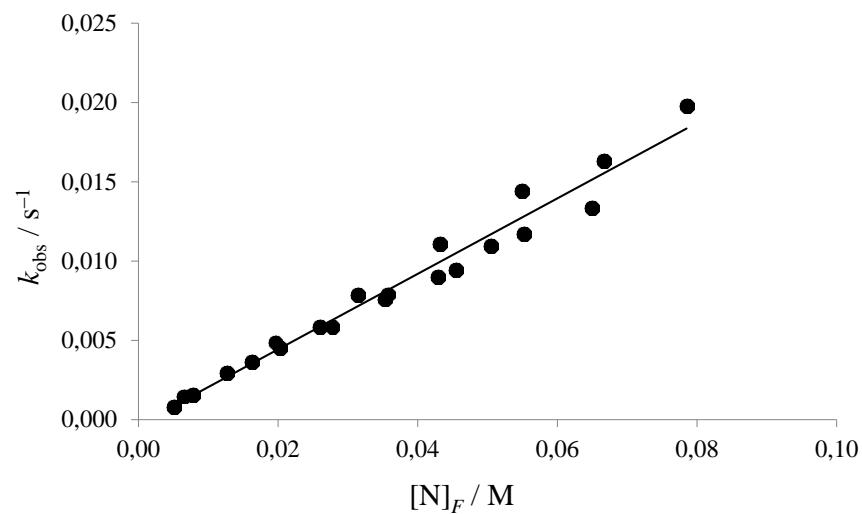
**Figure S2.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and glycine in Water at 25°C.  
Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl).



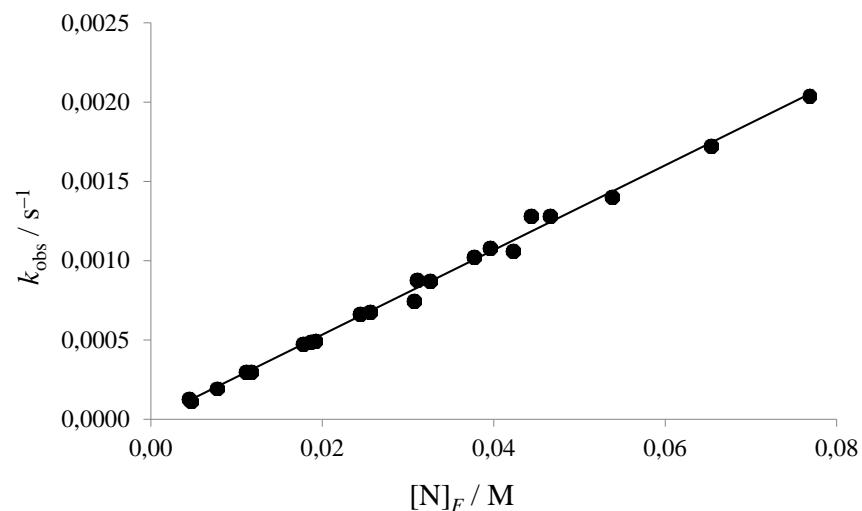
**Figure S3.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and ethanolamine in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl)



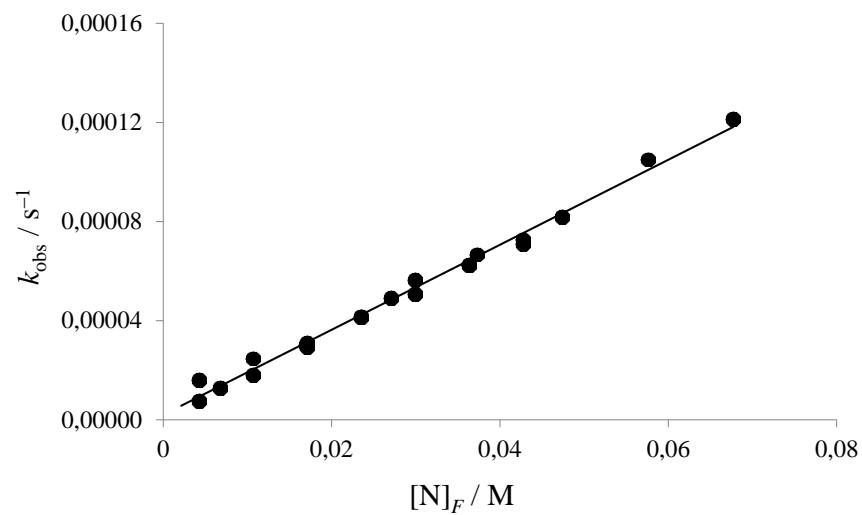
**Figure S4.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and benzylamine in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl)



**Figure S5.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and glycine ethyl ester in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl)

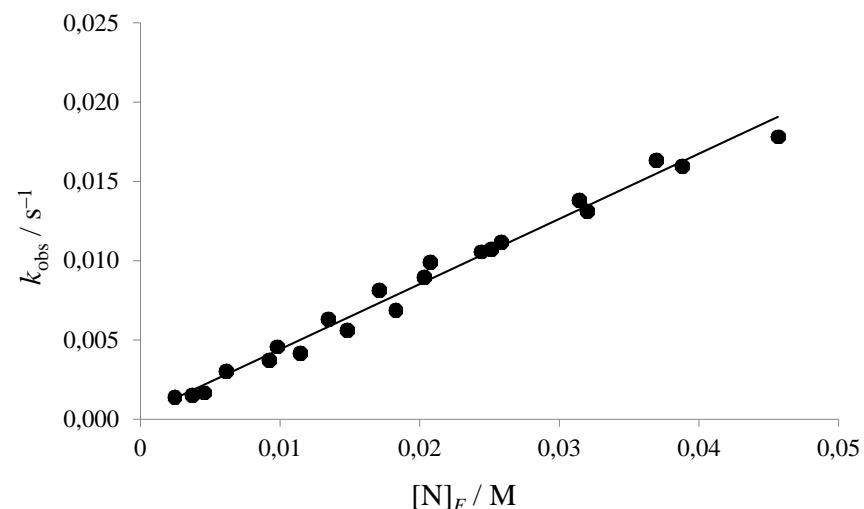


**Figure S6.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and trifluoroethylamine in water at 25°C. Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl)



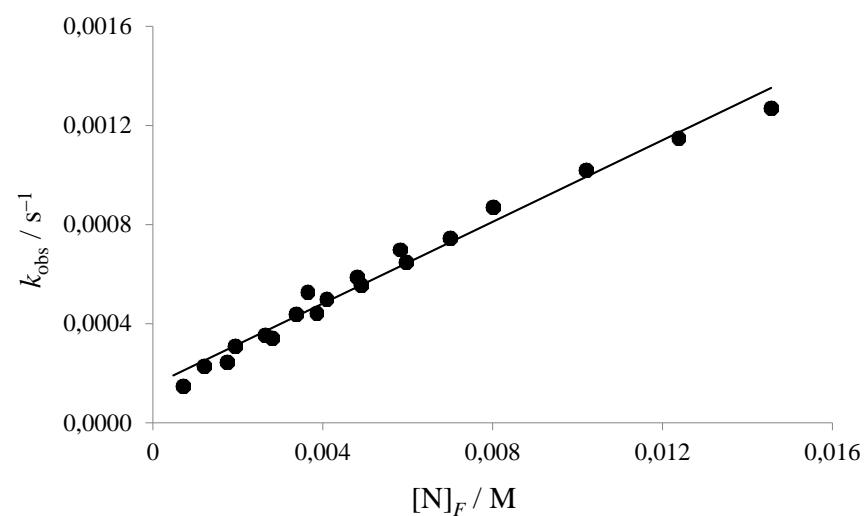
**Figure S7.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and hydrazine in water at 25°C.

Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl)

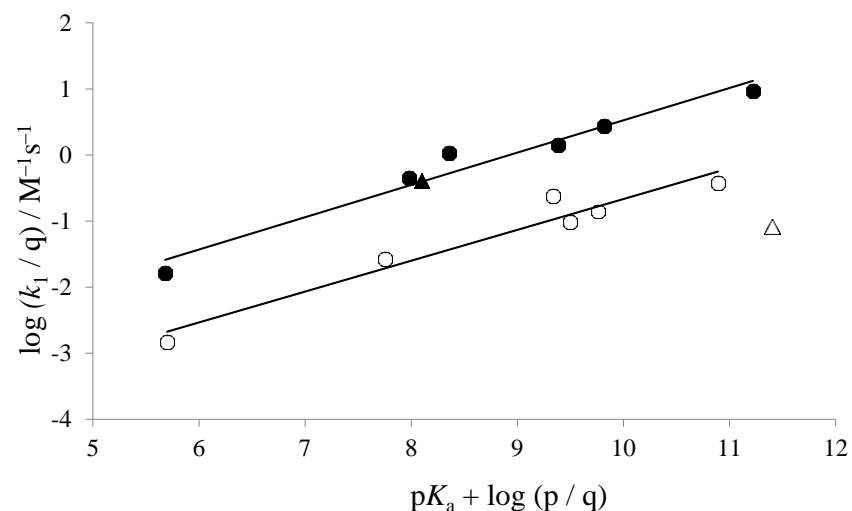


**Figure S8.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  vs.  $[\text{N}]_F$  for the reaction between FDNB and quinuclidine in water at 25°C.

Ionic Strength 0.2M (KCl)



**Figure S9.** Brønsted-type plot for the reaction between FDNB towards primary amines, secondary alicyclic amines, hydrazine and quinuclidine



Filled circles: Secondary Alicyclic Amines. (Taken from Reference 6a)

Empty circles: Primary Amines

Filled triangle: Hydrazine

Empty triangle: Quinuclidine

**Cartesian coordinates, energies (u.a.) and number of imaginary frequencies (NIMAG).**

Transition State for the reaction between FDNB and propylamine calculated at the B3LYP/6–31+G(d) level of theory

|               |               |  |             |
|---------------|---------------|--|-------------|
| C             | -0.35368300   | 0.74440400                                     | 1.17107000  |
| C             | 0.36713400    | -0.25673400                                    | 1.91201900  |
| C             | 1.49996100    | -0.84480000                                    | 1.41219800  |
| C             | 2.02267000    | -0.43582200                                    | 0.16243400  |
| C             | 1.41796300    | 0.58620100                                     | -0.55190100 |
| C             | 0.25790400    | 1.18180000                                     | -0.05990800 |
| H             | -0.00991200   | -0.51515100                                    | 2.89722900  |
| H             | 2.02612500    | -1.60396400                                    | 1.97975300  |
| H             | 1.83730100    | 0.92997000                                     | -1.48964200 |
| N             | 3.21440200    | -1.07178400                                    | -0.36156500 |
| O             | 3.72505200    | -1.97774900                                    | 0.31058900  |
| O             | 3.65589700    | -0.68328400                                    | -1.44871600 |
| N             | -0.37094700   | 2.21219500                                     | -0.85226900 |
| O             | 0.29154500    | 2.77947000                                     | -1.72124700 |
| O             | -1.57552700   | 2.45895600                                     | -0.63871000 |
| F             | -0.91955800   | 1.72516600                                     | 1.96722700  |
| C             | -2.09342600   | -1.15198700                                    | -0.09415800 |
| N             | -2.08067800   | 0.04914200                                     | 0.75846000  |
| H             | -1.57683800   | -0.88937800                                    | -1.02390700 |
| H             | -1.49086900   | -1.91640200                                    | 0.41058700  |
| H             | -2.49751100   | 0.86720200                                     | 0.30487800  |
| H             | -2.54262500   | -0.10267800                                    | 1.65616700  |
| C             | -3.50122400   | -1.68003900                                    | -0.39405500 |
| H             | -4.01004600   | -1.91655400                                    | 0.55130800  |
| H             | -4.08886300   | -0.88918800                                    | -0.87948100 |
| C             | -3.46756600   | -2.92576900                                    | -1.28822400 |
| H             | -2.90831900   | -3.74207900                                    | -0.81501200 |
| H             | -4.48164000   | -3.28793900                                    | -1.48783700 |
| H             | -2.99433800   | -2.70987800                                    | -2.25365600 |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -914.98490686 | NIMAG = 1 , $\nu_r$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) = -235 |             |

Transition State for the reaction between FDNB and piperidine calculated at the B3LYP/6–  
31+G(d) level of theory

|               |                |   |             |
|---------------|----------------|---|-------------|
| C             | -0.10394200    | 0.41914400  | 1.08263000  |
| C             | 0.44849800     | -0.80957900   | 1.58977300  |
| C             | 1.63021900     | -1.31632900   | 1.11505700  |
| C             | 2.37646000     | -0.60040900   | 0.14820000  |
| C             | 1.94321000     | 0.63836300  | -0.29734300 |
| C             | 0.73447400     | 1.15509000  | 0.16533000  |
| H             | -0.09370400    | -1.31176000   | 2.38465100  |
| H             | 2.02635000     | -2.24955400   | 1.49911700  |
| H             | 2.53415200     | 1.21153500  | -1.00135400 |
| N             | 3.61811200     | -1.15079300   | -0.35399600 |
| O             | 3.97325800     | -2.25630100   | 0.07721400  |
| O             | 4.25531000     | -0.49624100   | -1.18719300 |
| N             | 0.29520500     | 2.42940500  | -0.34999400 |
| O             | 1.12217200     | 3.17418100  | -0.87759800 |
| O             | -0.91913200    | 2.70670700  | -0.26419500 |
| F             | -0.76971800    | 1.16413500  | 2.03636000  |
| H             | -2.53856700    | -1.58891400   | -2.77369700 |
| C             | -2.78012900    | -0.97922300   | -1.89448800 |
| C             | -1.49512000    | -0.73709500   | -1.09201400 |
| H             | -3.15761300    | -0.01767200   | -2.27041300 |
| C             | -4.08501500    | -0.87204000   | 0.26533800  |
| N             | -1.75248600    | 0.01414700  | 0.15419800  |
| H             | -0.76196900    | -0.17569100   | -1.67806400 |
| H             | -1.03365000    | -1.68932700   | -0.80099200 |
| C             | -2.76672000    | -0.63362700   | 1.01639200  |
| H             | -4.54896900    | 0.09765800  | 0.03517100  |
| H             | -4.77813500    | -1.40352400   | 0.92932800  |
| H             | -2.01502900    | 0.98207700  | -0.05719100 |
| H             | -2.91478500    | -0.00063900   | 1.89420700  |
| H             | -2.34332400    | -1.58953600   | 1.35034500  |
| C             | -3.85300300    | -1.66103600   | -1.03169700 |
| H             | -4.79006300    | -1.75430800   | -1.59310700 |
| H             | -3.52951200    | -2.68320200   | -0.78557400 |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -1028.29724623 | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>r</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) = -196 |             |

Transition State for the reaction between FDNB and morpholine calculated at the B3LYP/6–  
31+G(d) level of theory

|               |               |  |             |
|---------------|---------------|--|-------------|
| C             | -0.13818100   | 0.38350600                                     | 1.05703600  |
| C             | 0.42351100    | -0.85330400                                    | 1.54272700  |
| C             | 1.62235400    | -1.33026900                                    | 1.08240300  |
| C             | 2.37775200    | -0.58385300                                    | 0.14516000  |
| C             | 1.93431400    | 0.65631800                                     | -0.28397400 |
| C             | 0.70837400    | 1.14626100                                     | 0.16390100  |
| H             | -0.12526700   | -1.38103100                                    | 2.31617100  |
| H             | 2.02454000    | -2.26558700                                    | 1.45505500  |
| H             | 2.52971700    | 1.25185900                                     | -0.96542100 |
| N             | 3.63677000    | -1.10595300                                    | -0.34375400 |
| O             | 4.00173800    | -2.21254900                                    | 0.07561600  |
| O             | 4.27747200    | -0.42725300                                    | -1.15453200 |
| N             | 0.26240800    | 2.42372900                                     | -0.33195700 |
| O             | 1.08576700    | 3.19187600                                     | -0.82885700 |
| O             | -0.95937400   | 2.68425300                                     | -0.26327500 |
| F             | -0.79535100   | 1.11092600                                     | 2.03684200  |
| H             | -2.62069800   | -1.74841500                                    | -2.66265000 |
| C             | -2.80059500   | -1.06292000                                    | -1.83040000 |
| O             | -3.74674500   | -1.69621400                                    | -0.97836000 |
| C             | -1.49384300   | -0.77869900                                    | -1.08625600 |
| H             | -3.22377700   | -0.12772000                                    | -2.23351400 |
| C             | -4.05068600   | -0.89107600                                    | 0.15211500  |
| N             | -1.74512700   | 0.01077000                                     | 0.13816500  |
| H             | -0.79605400   | -0.22476000                                    | -1.72120800 |
| H             | -1.01879600   | -1.71698800                                    | -0.77922400 |
| C             | -2.79495200   | -0.60577600                                    | 0.98167400  |
| H             | -4.51680000   | 0.05449200                                     | -0.17228500 |
| H             | -4.77837300   | -1.44887200                                    | 0.74789700  |
| H             | -1.98375600   | 0.98190200                                     | -0.09669400 |
| H             | -3.01549900   | 0.06935300                                     | 1.81183100  |
| H             | -2.39459000   | -1.54441900                                    | 1.38021500  |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -992.40714836 | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>r</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | = -192      |

Transition State for the reaction between FDNB and quinuclidine calculated at the M05–2x/6–  
31+G(d) level of theory

|               |                |             |   |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| C             | -0.02057000    | -0.13711200 | 0.13618600  |
| C             | 0.13834500     | -0.14876800 | 1.57661500  |
| C             | 1.36259200     | -0.07070100 | 2.16976500  |
| C             | 2.51505700     | 0.12128000  | 1.37779900  |
| C             | 2.39580800     | 0.37530400  | 0.02681700  |
| C             | 1.14896400     | 0.32388300  | -0.58545100   |
| H             | -0.76624200    | -0.19822500 | 2.16715100  |
| H             | 1.46209700     | -0.10854000 | 3.24575300  |
| H             | 3.26048800     | 0.64777300  | -0.56108500   |
| N             | 3.81354100     | 0.16481700  | 2.00097000  |
| O             | 3.86658200     | -0.01174300 | 3.21024000  |
| O             | 4.78831800     | 0.36238700  | 1.29293800  |
| N             | 1.07462500     | 0.74375200  | -1.96414000   |
| O             | 2.11434500     | 1.05457200  | -2.52566100   |
| O             | -0.02141100    | 0.77597200  | -2.50565200   |
| F             | -1.24151900    | 0.34134900  | -0.23944600   |
| H             | -2.45323500    | -1.84481500 | -0.17174300   |
| C             | -1.62299000    | -2.36335500 | 0.30540100  |
| C             | -1.74753800    | -3.89866500 | 0.17212200  |
| H             | -1.57955500    | -2.05898500 | 1.35036700  |
| C             | 0.75761300     | -2.73847100 | 0.07504200  |
| C             | -0.55495200    | -2.03055200 | -1.83426000   |
| C             | -0.82685200    | -4.35804800 | -0.96477800   |
| H             | -1.46249400    | -4.39025000 | 1.10594200  |
| H             | -2.78583100    | -4.16417600 | -0.03561200   |
| H             | 1.67379000     | -2.24716600 | -0.25237800   |
| H             | 0.74531100     | -2.74752500 | 1.16483400  |
| C             | 0.62422200     | -4.16096500 | -0.51138800   |
| C             | -1.07287000    | -3.44804600 | -2.17289700   |
| H             | 0.41987600     | -1.84608800 | -2.28671000   |
| H             | -1.23461300    | -1.24938600 | -2.16211100   |
| H             | -1.01569100    | -5.40161600 | -1.21856500   |
| H             | 1.30112100     | -4.29155000 | -1.35932700   |
| H             | 0.90097800     | -4.89727900 | 0.24555800  |
| H             | -0.55556700    | -3.82608400 | -3.05657000   |
| H             | -2.14001300    | -3.41637200 | -2.40702700   |
| N             | -0.38240000    | -1.89589900 | -0.36219600   |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -1069.68053162 |             | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>r</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) = -184 |

Transition State *with double* hydrogen bond for the reaction between FDNB and hydrazine  
calculated at the B3LYP/6–31+G(d) level of theory

|               |               |             |   |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| C             | 1.37022400    | -1.54502500 | 0.24017500  |
| C             | -0.94981900   | -0.72355600 | 0.37413200  |
| C             | 0.95370100    | 0.83856800  | 0.01151600  |
| C             | 1.83864800    | -0.22610300 | 0.02215700  |
| H             | 2.08773200    | -2.35645400 | 0.28561200  |
| N             | 3.25312000    | 0.01068300  | -0.17741800   |
| O             | 3.63287400    | 1.17333900  | -0.35505200   |
| O             | 4.00750900    | -0.97124500 | -0.16114500   |
| H             | 1.30761200    | 1.85213600  | -0.13364700   |
| N             | -2.09011400   | -1.13139500 | -1.00200400   |
| H             | -1.89826500   | -0.44454300 | -1.73501500   |
| N             | -3.51373900   | -1.17171900 | -0.82391900   |
| H             | -3.75134600   | -0.23608000 | -0.48657200   |
| H             | -1.78414800   | -2.04095900 | -1.36011900   |
| H             | -3.68439800   | -1.80503800 | -0.04204400   |
| C             | 0.03481000    | -1.78484500 | 0.42385000  |
| C             | -0.41164800   | 0.60891700  | 0.17714300  |
| F             | -1.93021100   | -0.84555600 | 1.35466100  |
| H             | -0.32395900   | -2.78294700 | 0.66175700  |
| N             | -1.31119900   | 1.72565700  | 0.09427000  |
| O             | -2.51621700   | 1.47803500  | -0.13844600   |
| O             | -0.86957800   | 2.86781600  | 0.21560900  |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -852.35689811 |             | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>r</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) = -146 |

Transition State *with single* hydrogen bond for the reaction between FDNB and hydrazine calculated at the B3LYP/6–31+G(d) level of theory

|               |               |  |             |
|---------------|---------------|--|-------------|
| C             | 1.02832400    | -0.70143700                                    | -0.66412800 |
| C             | -0.00893600   | -1.67060200                                    | -0.86830000 |
| C             | -1.32388700   | -1.38424500                                    | -0.59024300 |
| C             | -1.69162600   | -0.09461400                                    | -0.14476800 |
| C             | -0.73619600   | 0.89976000                                     | -0.00043600 |
| C             | 0.60270600    | 0.61088100                                     | -0.25757600 |
| H             | 0.27824500    | -2.63421500                                    | -1.27913300 |
| H             | -2.09664600   | -2.12942600                                    | -0.74205900 |
| H             | -1.01871400   | 1.89843500                                     | 0.31036900  |
| N             | -3.08240100   | 0.19654800                                     | 0.14862300  |
| O             | -3.90165300   | -0.72035500                                    | 0.01009200  |
| O             | -3.37310000   | 1.33724100                                     | 0.52316700  |
| N             | 1.58087500    | 1.65646100                                     | -0.04510100 |
| O             | 1.20504200    | 2.82724500                                     | -0.04932900 |
| O             | 2.76042000    | 1.31244800                                     | 0.16786500  |
| F             | 2.07722500    | -0.78043400                                    | -1.55628900 |
| N             | 2.17889000    | -1.39683600                                    | 0.74902500  |
| H             | 2.88672600    | -0.66159800                                    | 0.82877900  |
| H             | 2.63459700    | -2.25192800                                    | 0.42441400  |
| N             | 1.58229300    | -1.65084600                                    | 2.02225700  |
| H             | 1.37368400    | -0.74529300                                    | 2.44327000  |
| H             | 0.68150900    | -2.10042700                                    | 1.83568800  |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -852.35860427 | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>r</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | = -225      |

Transition State for the reaction between FDNB and piperidine with a water molecule calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level of theory

|               |                |  |             |
|---------------|----------------|--|-------------|
| C             | 0.11740000     | 0.02410000                                     | 0.04970000  |
| C             | 0.04250000     | 0.13030000                                     | 1.48490000  |
| C             | 1.16580000     | 0.19640000                                     | 2.26510000  |
| C             | 2.44680000     | 0.24110000                                     | 1.66170000  |
| C             | 2.57120000     | 0.28320000                                     | 0.28430000  |
| C             | 1.43210000     | 0.21090000                                     | -0.52030000 |
| H             | -0.94640000    | 0.17670000                                     | 1.92830000  |
| H             | 1.08920000     | 0.25650000                                     | 3.34480000  |
| H             | 3.54450000     | 0.38130000                                     | -0.18020000 |
| N             | 3.63250000     | 0.29230000                                     | 2.49290000  |
| O             | 3.47410000     | 0.26820000                                     | 3.72100000  |
| O             | 4.73590000     | 0.35100000                                     | 1.93870000  |
| N             | 1.61480000     | 0.26890000                                     | -1.94590000 |
| O             | 2.70920000     | 0.61780000                                     | -2.39450000 |
| O             | 0.65850000     | -0.06280000                                    | -2.67550000 |
| F             | -0.93980000    | 0.62260000                                     | -0.59480000 |
| H             | 0.89970000     | -4.90080000                                    | -0.38520000 |
| C             | 0.08870000     | -4.19480000                                    | -0.60330000 |
| C             | 0.55090000     | -2.77960000                                    | -0.22940000 |
| H             | -0.08990000    | -4.24010000                                    | -1.68660000 |
| C             | -2.27720000    | -3.51080000                                    | -0.05540000 |
| N             | -0.51500000    | -1.77510000                                    | -0.42430000 |
| H             | 1.41430000     | -2.47820000                                    | -0.82900000 |
| H             | 0.84490000     | -2.73760000                                    | 0.82730000  |
| C             | -1.75670000    | -2.11250000                                    | 0.30870000  |
| H             | -2.60670000    | -3.50670000                                    | -1.10270000 |
| H             | -3.16140000    | -3.72740000                                    | 0.55740000  |
| H             | -0.74620000    | -1.68130000                                    | -1.42100000 |
| H             | -2.49720000    | -1.34300000                                    | 0.07580000  |
| H             | -1.52780000    | -2.06450000                                    | 1.38060000  |
| C             | -1.19220000    | -4.57740000                                    | 0.15250000  |
| H             | -1.55240000    | -5.55820000                                    | -0.18060000 |
| H             | -0.96920000    | -4.67090000                                    | 1.22570000  |
| O             | -1.84920000    | -1.32830000                                    | -3.07390000 |
| H             | -1.22600000    | -0.59360000                                    | -3.21650000 |
| H             | -1.93040000    | -1.77080000                                    | -3.93210000 |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -1068.84171927 | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>r</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | = -174      |

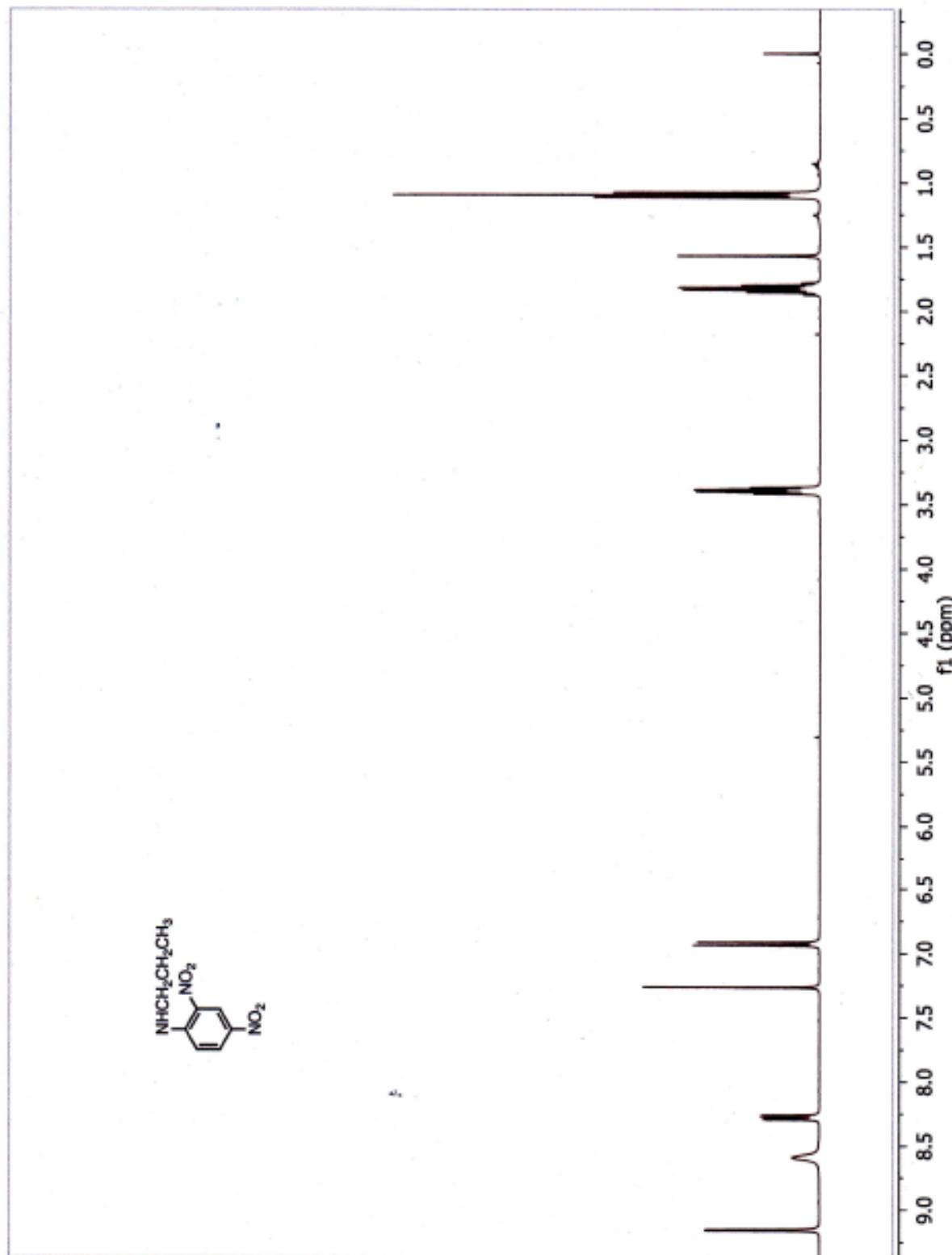
Transition State for the reaction between FNB and piperidine molecule calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level of theory

|               |               |   |             |
|---------------|---------------|---|-------------|
| C             | 0.00666700    | -0.15569200   | 0.02291500  |
| C             | 0.04302500    | -0.13367800   | 1.46834300  |
| C             | 1.22086800    | 0.02186400  | 2.15871600  |
| C             | 2.46207900    | 0.20176600  | 1.49493000  |
| C             | 2.46910300    | 0.24781200  | 0.11762600  |
| C             | 1.28167200    | 0.07721100  | -0.62609700 |
| H             | 1.18802300    | 0.03899000  | 3.24612500  |
| H             | 3.38425800    | 0.41500700  | -0.43957300 |
| N             | 1.35998500    | 0.10159100  | -2.04783200 |
| O             | 2.38675400    | 0.52587700  | -2.59432200 |
| O             | 0.38855000    | -0.34528500   | -2.71277600 |
| F             | -1.07382300   | 0.58265600  | -0.49760600 |
| H             | 0.46127700    | -4.97709900   | -0.56602600 |
| C             | -0.23288900   | -4.18110600   | -0.86245800 |
| C             | 0.25418100    | -2.85635500   | -0.26524600 |
| H             | -0.19283900   | -4.11965600   | -1.95924400 |
| C             | -2.60043200   | -3.32422500   | -0.70489000 |
| N             | -0.67469100   | -1.74160900   | -0.56524900 |
| H             | 1.23828500    | -2.58050900   | -0.65289100 |
| H             | 0.33051400    | -2.91913300   | 0.82728800  |
| C             | -2.06029300   | -2.01656000   | -0.11030200 |
| H             | -2.71816800   | -3.20472300   | -1.79132300 |
| H             | -3.60291200   | -3.50670900   | -0.29783000 |
| H             | -0.65227500   | -1.52267000   | -1.57060100 |
| H             | -2.67787400   | -1.16204900   | -0.39171700 |
| H             | -2.03353400   | -2.07700000   | 0.98471800  |
| C             | -1.66424800   | -4.50464100   | -0.40867200 |
| H             | -2.02615700   | -5.41241100   | -0.90586300 |
| H             | -1.66764900   | -4.71257300   | 0.67159400  |
| H             | -0.90771200   | -0.19149300   | 1.99019000  |
| H             | 3.37989800    | 0.32654600  | 2.05951900  |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -787.89098096 | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>I</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) = -203 |             |

Transition State for the reaction between FTNB and piperidine molecule calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level of theory

|               |                |   |             |
|---------------|----------------|---|-------------|
| C             | -0.05557800    | 0.05671900  | 0.17771900  |
| C             | 0.16564400     | -0.00342100   | 1.59873200  |
| C             | 1.43525200     | 0.01051400  | 2.15098900  |
| C             | 2.54961800     | 0.14999900  | 1.32549300  |
| C             | 2.39890000     | 0.33162100  | -0.04919300 |
| C             | 1.13122700     | 0.31089600  | -0.60101800 |
| H             | 1.55093900     | -0.06639300   | 3.22535600  |
| H             | 3.26140400     | 0.50227300  | -0.68234300 |
| N             | 3.88618800     | 0.14077900  | 1.90857600  |
| O             | 3.97691700     | -0.00900000   | 3.12931500  |
| O             | 4.84376100     | 0.27829000  | 1.14293700  |
| N             | 1.02109200     | 0.50541100  | -2.04336900 |
| O             | 1.91090300     | 1.13697800  | -2.60883600 |
| O             | 0.05057900     | -0.00599400   | -2.61958400 |
| F             | -1.19200700    | 0.63715000  | -0.25579600 |
| H             | 0.15514700     | -5.07316500   | 0.37002600  |
| C             | -0.28288400    | -4.31426600   | -0.29030500 |
| C             | -0.03514100    | -2.92259000   | 0.31375600  |
| H             | 0.24470200     | -4.38881200   | -1.25245900 |
| C             | -2.41829600    | -3.42557800   | -1.31128900 |
| N             | -0.67460100    | -1.85201900   | -0.47432900 |
| H             | 1.03733500     | -2.70773500   | 0.37783400  |
| H             | -0.44848300    | -2.87318400   | 1.32829900  |
| C             | -2.13097500    | -2.06022200   | -0.66690000 |
| H             | -2.02628100    | -3.43615200   | -2.33898300 |
| H             | -3.50484000    | -3.55800100   | -1.38742300 |
| H             | -0.24604400    | -1.78851300   | -1.39960400 |
| H             | -2.50277300    | -1.23945100   | -1.28486800 |
| H             | -2.60484200    | -1.98221000   | 0.31443700  |
| C             | -1.78420200    | -4.56534000   | -0.49893400 |
| H             | -1.94023100    | -5.52700300   | -1.00232500 |
| H             | -2.28112600    | -4.63627000   | 0.47954300  |
| N             | -0.96446200    | -0.12119800   | 2.51544600  |
| O             | -0.76073500    | 0.10697200  | 3.70889700  |
| O             | -2.05340900    | -0.46155600   | 2.04484100  |
| E (RB+HF-LYP) | -1196.90528061 | NIMAG = 1 , v <sub>r</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) = -129 |             |

<sup>1</sup>H spectra for the final product 2,4-dinitro-N-n-propylaniline



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for the final product 2,4-dinitro-N-n-propylaniline

