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Supporting Information

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Amide-Imide Tautomerism of Acetohydroxamic Acid in Aqueous Solution: Quantum Calculation and SMD Simulations

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	M06-2X-SMD	/6-311++G(d,p)		QCISD-PCM/cc-pVDZ// MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)					
(au)	$\Delta G^{\circ}_{\rm f}$	$\Delta H^{\circ}{}_{\rm f}$	$\Delta G^{\circ}_{f}(gas)$	$\Delta G^{\circ}{}_{\rm f}$	$\Delta {\rm H}^{\circ}{}_{\rm f}$	TCG a	TCH ^b	$\Delta G_{sol} \ ^{c}$	Ed
EA	-284.31350	-284.27817	-283.67181	-283.68286	-283.64739	0.05004	0.08551	-6.9	-283.64686
TS1	-284.24502	-284.21096	-283.60948	-283.61832	-283.58257	0.04415	0.07990	-5.6	-283.57405
EI	-284.30317	-284.26786	-283.66669	-283.67426	-283.63809	0.04875	0.08492	-4.7	-283.63724
EAW	-360.73493	-360.69152	-359.94043	-359.95398	-359.91022	0.06956	0.11332	-8.5	-359.90362
TS2	-360.70585	-360.66658	-359.91148	-359.92446	-359.88488	0.06522	0.10481	-8.2	-359.86852
EIW	-360.72558	-360.68298	-359.93625	-359.94835	-359.90363	0.06811	0.11283	-7.6	-359.89754
ZA	-284.31549	-284.28000	-283.67097	-283.68470	-283.64861	0.04956	0.08565	-8.6	-283.64593
TS3	-284.28917	-284.25478	-283.65085	-283.66156	-283.62708	0.04967	0.08415	-6.8	-283.62667
TS4	-284.29612	-284.26172	-283.65103	-283.66550	-283.63141	0.04693	0.08102	-9.0	-283.62203
Z^{\pm}	-284.29779	-284.26342	-283.64953	-283.66439	-283.62974	0.05055	0.08520	-9.3	-283.62359
TS5	-284.22671	-284.19129	-283.59014	-283.59909	-283.56400	0.04406	0.07914	-5.6	-283.55180
ZI	-284.30689	-284.27212	-283.67175	-283.67912	-283.64400	0.05005	0.08517	-4.6	-283.64319
ZAW	-360.73663	-360.69212	-359.93742	-359.95670	-359.91009	0.06636	0.11297	-12.1	-359.89844
TS6	-360.71927	-360.67611	-359.91838	-359.93968	-359.89605	0.06549	0.10912	-13.4	-359.87748
$ZW^{\!\pm}$	-360.72062	-360.67942	-359.92218	-359.93974	-359.89556	0.06924	0.11342	-13.8	-359.88105
TS7	-360.69046	-360.65090	-359.89406	-359.90925	-359.86962	0.06657	0.10620	-9.5	-359.84965
ZIW	-360.73087	-360.68735	-359.93963	-359.95339	-359.90916	0.06902	0.11325	-8.6	-359.90111

Table S1. Calculated thermodynamic data (in aqueous solution at 298.15 K, reported in atomic units unless otherwise indicated) for the stationary points considered in this study.

^a Thermal correction to the Gibbs free energy; ^b Thermal correction to the enthalpy; ^c In kcal/mol; ^dUncorrected energy.

		M06-2X-SMD	MP2-PCM	QCISD-PCM// MP2-PCM
(a)	EA	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TS1	42.2	40.7	42.2
	EI	6.5	5.8	5.7
(b)	EAW	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TS2	15.6	15.9	16.7
	EIW	5.4	4.1	3.5
(c)	ZA	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TS3	15.8	13.5	11.1
	EA	1.1	0.8	-0.7
	TS1	43.3	41.4	41.5
	EI	7.6	6.6	5.0
(d)	ZA	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TS4	11.5	10.8	12.1
	Z^{\pm}	10.4	11.8	13.7
	TS5	55.7	53.1	55.0
	ZI	4.9	2.9	1.4
(e)	ZAW	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TS6	10.0	8.8	10.7
	$ZW^{\!\pm}$	8.0	9.1	11.2
	TS7	25.9	25.4	26.4
	ZIW	3.0	0.6	-1.5

Table S2. Enthalpy changes (in kcal/mol) along the reaction profile of the five transformations studied from electronic structure calculations in solution.

		MP2	M06-2X	QCISD-PCM// MP2-PCM	MP2-PCM	M06-2X-SMD	SMD
(a)	EI 🤋 EA (TS1)	$2.3 \cdot 10^{2}$	94	6.8·10 ³	9.0·10 ³	5.6·10 ⁴	4.4·10 ⁵
(b)	EIW 🤋 EAW (TS2)	83	33	$1.3 \cdot 10^2$	$3.9 \cdot 10^2$	$2.0.10^4$	57
(c)	EA 🗞 ZA (TS3)	0.41	7.94.10-2	0.62	7.0	8.2	68
	EI 🖗 ZA	93	7.4	$4.2 \cdot 10^3$	6.4·10 ⁴	4.6·10 ⁵	3.0.107
	EIW 🤋 ZAW	3.4	37	17	$7.0 \cdot 10^3$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{5}$	
(d)	$ZI \circ Z^{\pm}$ (TS5)	6.0·10 ⁻¹¹	2.74·10 ⁻¹¹	5.7.10-10	1.7.10-7	6.5.10-5	4.5.10-6
	Z^{\pm} ZA (TS4)	$7.2 \cdot 10^9$	1.23·10 ⁹	5.4·10 ¹⁰	$2.2 \cdot 10^9$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{8}$	3.4·10 ⁹
	ZI 🖗 ZA	0.44	3.38.10-2	31	$3.7 \cdot 10^2$	8.9·10 ³	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$
(e)	ZIW \Im ZW [±] (TS7)	9.4·10 ⁻⁹	2.98.10-12	4.7.10-10	5.1.10-7	1.9.10-5	2.3.10-6
	ZW [±] [©] ZAW (TS6)	$1.0.10^{7}$	$1.95 \cdot 10^{12}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^9$	6.5.107	2.3.107	$2.7 \cdot 10^{8}$
	ZIW 🖗 ZAW	9.7·10 ⁻²	5.80	1.0	33	$4.5 \cdot 10^2$	6.1·10 ²

Table S3. Equilibrium constants (K) calculated in the gas phase and in solution for each of the Imide $\$ Amide elementary steps and global processes studied at 298.15 K.

	MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)			M06-2X- SMD/6-311++G(d,p)				QCISD-PCM/cc-pVDZ// MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)			
	ΔH^{\neq}	ΔH	ν^{\neq}	κ	$\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\neq}$	ΔH	ν^{\neq}	κ	$\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\neq}$	ΔH	κ
$EA \rightarrow EI (TS1)$	40.67	5.83	1842.0	4677.27	42.18	6.47	-1903.0	12820.54	42.17	5.67	6261.80
$EAW \rightarrow EIW (TS2)$	15.90	4.14	-1666.0	38.18	15.65	5.35	-1100.0	4.07	16.68	3.50	44.90
$ZA \rightarrow Z^{\pm}(TS4)$	10.79	11.84	-964.0	1.00	11.47	10.40	-1232.0	2.01	12.09	13.74	1.00
$Z^{\pm} \rightarrow ZI (TS5)$	41.25	-8.95	-1771.0	4778.43	45.26	-5.46	-1848.0	25160.31	41.24	-12.33	5.00
$ZAW \rightarrow ZW^{\pm}(TS6)$	8.81	9.10	-1103.0	1.00	10.05	7.97	-1297.0	3.28	10.74	11.19	1.00
$ZW^{\pm} \rightarrow ZIW (TS7)$	16.30	-8.51	-1230.0	7.10	17.90	-4.98	-753.0	1.86	15.18	-12.68	7.10

Table S4. Calculated tunneling factors (κ) and data used for these calculations at 298.15 K.^a

^a Standard enthalpy of activation (ΔH^{\neq}) and enthalpy change (ΔH) of the forward reaction (in kcal/mol), imaginary frequency of the TS (v^{\neq} , in cm⁻¹).

Section S1

MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p) Cartesian coordinates of the optimized stationary points considered in this study.

ΕA

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{C,0,-0.584055,-0.139875,0.016390}\\ \text{O,0,-1.564885,-0.875196,-0.047779}\\ \text{N,0,0.670720,-0.699719,0.166461}\\ \text{H,0,0.762655,-1.646006,-0.189906}\\ \text{O,0,1.770845,0.093509,-0.188251}\\ \text{H,0,2.275293,0.169757,0.630701}\\ \text{C,0,-0.648533,1.363570,0.017826}\\ \text{H,0,-0.169447,1.753667,-0.883595}\\ \text{H,0,-0.116461,1.771996,0.879668}\\ \text{H,0,-1.694579,1.665498,0.043558} \end{array}$

TS1

C,0,-0.981835,1.322801,0.013036 H,0,-1.512716,1.521382,-0.920810 H,0,-0.141752,2.010327,0.113928 H,0,-1.681798,1.460417,0.840386 C,0,-0.503748,-0.080062,0.016104 O,0,-1.252956,-1.140926,-0.030091 N,0,0.723938,-0.547451,0.075604 H,0,0.010145,-1.621195,-0.050009 O,0,1.847117,0.253497,-0.135166 H,0,2.394942,0.098511,0.645828

ΕI

C,0,0.546723,1.407301,-0.004482 H,0,0.648945,1.763579,1.024978 H,0,-0.334159,1.869241,-0.448310 H,0,1.441866,1.691847,-0.559645 C,0,0.412767,-0.077880,-0.011954 O,0,1.596204,-0.743092,0.000297 N,0,-0.664085,-0.779070,-0.005548 H,0,1.394782,-1.689639,0.044450 O,0,-1.811052,0.046436,0.022900 H,0,-2.520240,-0.595212,-0.092081

EAW

C,0,1.869108,-0.979903,0.141871H,0,2.212648,-0.589516,1.103135 H,0,2.512003,-0.561250,-0.635273 H,0,1.933077,-2.066974,0.137659 C,0,0.435522,-0.585543,-0.081999 O,0,-0.493404,-1.397733,-0.153424 N,0,0.182751,0.747441,-0.269939 H,0,-0.773435,1.058699,-0.109862 O,0,1.141050,1.662386,0.176169 H,0,1.433960,2.107635,-0.628686 O,0,-2.735180,0.278582,0.208046 H,0,-2.200181,-0.509068,0.017482 H,0,-3.488931,0.203075,-0.383798



TS2

C,0,1.800632,-0.944719,0.031084 H,0,2.182386,-0.756036,1.038461 H,0,2.413128,-0.376953,-0.670519 H,0,1.862384,-2.010960,-0.183430 C,0,0.369878,-0.514776,-0.047869 O,0,-0.571117,-1.409950,-0.053159 N,0,0.009542,0.749239,-0.092184 H,0,-1.247464,0.823858,0.027856 O,0,1.034407,1.683802,0.106010 H,0,0.911485,2.313299,-0.615828 O,0,-2.301798,0.215290,0.152110 H,0,-1.593862,-0.754826,0.016559 H,0,-2.875795,0.345202,-0.612267

EIW

 $\begin{array}{l} C,0,1.884488,-0.951370,0.033875\\ H,0,2.225885,-0.991917,1.072816\\ H,0,2.546195,-0.283384,-0.517300\\ H,0,1.924776,-1.956390,-0.387250\\ C,0,0.478693,-0.450087,-0.017557\\ O,0,-0.464674,-1.415448,-0.029041\\ N,0,0.099667,0.782386,-0.028146\\ H,0,-1.347794,-0.984166,-0.012788\\ O,0,1.214221,1.653151,0.028642\\ H,0,0.803080,2.511854,-0.118403\\ O,0,-2.701667,0.175424,-0.060048\\ H,0,-2.073328,0.904665,0.048088\\ H,0,-3.349091,0.302521,0.640891\\ \end{array}$

ZA

C,0,1.763801,-0.561565,0.014572 H,0,1.648179,-1.633605,-0.152850 H,0,2.229136,-0.396960,0.989656 H,0,2.416759,-0.143445,-0.753359 C,0,0.449945,0.184785,-0.014037 O,0,0.365703,1.405584,-0.000701 N,0,-0.643937,-0.644696,-0.124906 H,0,-0.564964,-1.584636,0.245320 O,0,-1.893490,-0.091483,0.153357 H,0,-2.330974,-0.056065,-0.705787

TS3

C,0,1.094509,1.163899,-0.050418 H,0,2.034746,1.139909,-0.600184 H,0,1.265407,1.568301,0.953007 H,0,0.371689,1.810950,-0.552255 C,0,0.527482,-0.221506,0.084936 O,0,1.110184,-1.240139,-0.212755 N,0,-0.835094,-0.319244,0.616890 H,0,-0.920666,0.344829,1.387683 O,0,-1.663446,0.265323,-0.416759 H,0,-2.209657,-0.484389,-0.678862



TS4

C,0,1.844478,-0.296317,-0.000047 H,0,2.327514,0.120022,0.886812 H,0,2.327569,0.120077,-0.886848 H,0,1.959784,-1.381371,-0.000070 C,0,0.410229,0.077202,-0.000082 O,0,-0.025252,1.302750,-0.000335 N,0,-0.586672,-0.779556,0.000177 H,0,-0.515543,-1.790390,0.000396 O,0,-1.800563,-0.188985,0.000120 H,0,-1.105540,0.976646,-0.000188

Z^{\pm}

C,0,1.805846,-0.419411,-0.000022 H,0,1.840982,-1.510061,-0.000079 H,0,2.320420,-0.043081,0.887513 H,0,2.321121,-0.042668,-0.886859 C,0,0.401682,0.052711,-0.000007 O,0,0.131284,1.352629,-0.000053 N,0,-0.646534,-0.723255,0.000058 H,0,-0.544231,-1.737030,-0.000665 O,0,-1.855751,-0.196595,0.000037 H,0,-0.861986,1.347557,-0.000010

TS5

C,0,1.843425,-0.402827,0.011042 H,0,2.327230,-0.013502,0.910063 H,0,2.358974,0.003020,-0.863011 H,0,1.903256,-1.490933,-0.000221 C,0,0.423411,0.023363,-0.006164 O,0,0.123509,1.306916,0.003022 N,0,-0.566458,-0.813710,-0.108909 H,0,-1.410587,-1.317526,0.424443 O,0,-1.870601,-0.149365,-0.008504 H,0,-0.874923,1.276392,0.049258

ΖI

C,0,0.486752,1.805250,0.007019 H,0,1.576315,1.824943,0.010181 H,0,0.107724,2.306423,0.901252 H,0,0.114980,2.340341,-0.870645 C,0,0.006251,0.396005,-0.021339 O,0,-1.333644,0.245748,-0.025538 H,0,-1.505162,-0.709870,0.012921 N,0,0.845400,-0.583847,-0.048924 O,0,0.120059,-1.805967,-0.115963 H,0,0.775543,-2.459594,0.151033



ZAW

 $\begin{array}{l} C,0,2.375518,-0.822141,0.284060\\ H,0,2.167948,-1.832427,-0.071584\\ H,0,2.613293,-0.855166,1.349153\\ H,0,3.236429,-0.414058,-0.250132\\ C,0,1.207946,0.101451,0.084426\\ O,0,1.166789,1.275783,0.452719\\ N,0,0.104357,-0.462807,-0.504006\\ H,0,0.245462,-1.139873,-1.246245\\ O,0,-0.901113,0.451584,-0.850760\\ H,0,-0.498187,1.303199,-0.584906\\ O,0,-3.250249,-0.286079,0.634273\\ H,0,-2.469492,-0.040196,0.116590\\ H,0,-3.650159,-0.987999,0.114390 \end{array}$

TS6

C,0,-2.44445,0.695935,0.345954 H,0,-2.36484,1.747179,0.065927 H,0,-2.64458,0.617658,1.416761 H,0,-3.27253,0.235001,-0.197005 C,0,-1.19135,-0.031289,0.030832 O,0,-1.00015,-1.289339,0.261796 N,0,-0.12981,0.523634,-0.517375 H,0,-0.02567,1.478802,-0.837671 O,0,0.875523,-0.369504,-0.716242 H,0,0.06545,-1.25777,-0.182307 O,0,3.232528,0.242185,0.581028 H,0,2.398591,0.045364,0.112806 H,0,3.703819,0.813721,-0.030259

ZW^{\pm}

C,0,-2.377097,-0.841066,0.263258 H,0, -2.172825,-1.878052,-0.007213 H,0,-3.217263,-0.470838,-0.328990 H,0,-2.646398,-0.788858,1.320748 C,0,-1.187247,0.005834,0.015520 O,0,-1.224091,1.299921,0.290111 N,0,-0.058607,-0.427683,-0.469320 H,0,0.065053,-1.405834,-0.724256 O,0,0.938987,0.426071,-0.661247 H,0,-0.317030,1.595774,0.019428 O,0,3.274543,-0.254754,0.539980 H,0,2.428750,-0.032815,0.093928 H,0,3.740517,-0.784096,-0.111827







 $\begin{array}{l} C,0,1.815871,1.260230,-0.008283\\ H,0,1.191927,2.152673,-0.048385\\ H,0,2.475639,1.234686,-0.878721\\ H,0,2.431187,1.280864,0.894086\\ C,0,0.972571,0.038484,0.002028\\ O,0,1.594838,-1.136314,0.051004\\ N,0,-0.312611,0.086942,-0.052502\\ H,0,-1.161113,0.840376,-0.020448\\ O,0,-1.025923,-1.085747,-0.035832\\ H,0,0.906497,-1.825236,0.083152\\ O,0,-2.578626,0.687905,0.145420\\ H,0,-1.987926,-0.529111,0.033439\\ H,0,-3.105978,0.921494,-0.624657\\ \end{array}$

ZIW

 $\begin{array}{l} C, 0, 2.129669, 1.515199, -0.044417\\ H, 0, 2.847986, 1.419107, -0.862986\\ H, 0, 2.685639, 1.559015, 0.895762\\ H, 0, 1.555091, 2.432514, -0.172148\\ C, 0, 1.211843, 0.342461, -0.035329\\ O, 0, 1.809620, -0.858063, 0.124264\\ N, 0, -0.061722, 0.492747, -0.181589\\ H, 0, -3.763897, 0.377159, -0.316332\\ O, 0, -0.682436, -0.779295, -0.171859\\ H, 0, 1.086970, -1.508197, 0.158918\\ O, 0, -3.333973, -0.283002, 0.237065\\ H, 0, -1.624136, -0.566909, -0.014690\\ H, 0, -3.631525, -0.067505, 1.126921\\ \end{array}$



Section S2

Using MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p) results:

- (a) EA \approx EI k = 6.03e-14 s⁻¹
- (b) EAW >> EIW $k = 6.26 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- (c) ZA \approx EA $k_1 = 141 \text{ s}^{-1}$ $K_1 = 0.14$ EA \approx EI $k_2 = 6.03 \text{ e}^{-1} 4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ $K_2 = 1.1 \text{ e}^{-4}$

Since the first step is a fast equilibrium, the pre-equilibrium approximation can be applied: $R = k_2 [EA] = k_2 K_1[ZA]$

 $k_{eff} = k_2 K_1 = 8.44 e-15 s^{-1}$

Estimate of water-assisted (c) mechanism:

ZAW 🄀 EAW	k₁< 141 s ⁻¹	$K_1 = 5.63e-2$	(no RDS)
EAW 🔀 EIW	k ₂ =6.26 s ⁻¹	$K_2 = 2.6e - 3$	

(d) $ZA \not> Z^{\pm}$ $k_1 = 9.11e3 s^{-1}$ $K_1 = 4.6e^{-10}$ $Z^{\pm} \not> ZI$ $k_2 = 1.24e^{-23} s^{-1}$ $K_2 = 5.9e6$

Since the first step is a fast equilibrium, the pre-equilibrium approximation can be applied $R = k_2 [Z^{\pm}] = k_2 K_1[ZA]$

 $k_{eff} = k_2 K_1 = 5.70 e-33 s^{-1}$

(e) $ZAW \gg ZW^{\pm}$	$k_1 = 9.22e4 s^{-1}$	$K_1 = 1.5e-8$
ZW± 🔀 ZIW	k ₂ =6.56e-9 s ⁻¹	$K_2 = 2.0e6$

Since the first step is a fast equilibrium, the pre-equilibrium approximation can be applied

 $k_{eff} = k_2 K_1 = \frac{9.84e-17}{9.84e-17} s^{-1}$

Most favourable process from a kinetic point of view:

E-Amide \approx E-Imide Followed by: Z-Amide \approx E-Imide