# Supporting Information 

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

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[^0]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.

|  | M06-2X-SM | 11++G(d,p) | MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p) |  |  |  |  |  | QCISD-PCM/cc-pVDZ// <br> MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (au) | $\Delta \mathrm{G}^{\circ}{ }_{\mathrm{f}}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\circ} \mathrm{f}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{G}^{\circ}{ }_{\mathrm{f}}$ (gas) | $\Delta \mathrm{G}^{\circ}{ }_{\mathrm{f}}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\circ}{ }_{\mathrm{f}}$ | TCG ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | TCH ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{\text {sol }}{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $E^{\text {d }}$ |
| 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 |
| $\mathrm{Z}^{ \pm}$ | -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 |

[^1]Table S2. Enthalpy changes (in $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) along the reaction profile of the five transformations studied from electronic structure calculations in solution.

|  |  | M06-2X-SMD | MP2-PCM | QCISD-PCM// <br> 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 |  |  |
|  | TS2 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | EIW | 5.4 | 45.9 | 16.7 |
|  |  |  |  | 3.5 |
| (c) | ZA | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
|  | TS3 | 15.8 | 13.5 | 0.0 |
|  | EA | 1.1 | 0.8 | 11.1 |
|  | TS1 | 43.3 | 41.4 | -0.7 |
|  | EI | 7.6 | 6.6 | 41.5 |
|  |  |  | 5.0 |  |
| (d) | ZA | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
|  | TS4 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 0.0 |
|  | Z | 10.4 | 11.8 | 12.1 |
|  | TS5 | 55.7 | 53.1 | 13.7 |
|  | ZI | 4.9 | 2.9 | 55.0 |
|  |  |  | 1.4 |  |
| (e) | ZAW | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
|  | TS6 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 0.0 |
|  | ZW $\pm$ | 8.0 | 9.1 | 10.7 |
|  | TS7 | 25.9 | 25.4 | 11.2 |
|  | ZIW | 3.0 | 0.6 | 26.4 |
|  |  |  | -1.5 |  |

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 | M06-2X | QCISD-PCM// <br> MP2-PCM | MP2-PCM | M06-2X-SMD |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | SMD

Table S4. Calculated tunneling factors ( $\kappa$ ) and data used for these calculations at 298.15 K. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

|  | MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p) |  |  |  | M06-2X-SMD/6-311++G(d,p) |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { QCISD-PCM/cc-pVDZ// } \\ & \text { MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\neq}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ | $v^{\neq}$ | $\kappa$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\neq}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ | $\nu^{\neq}$ | $\kappa$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ | $\kappa$ |
| $\mathrm{EA} \rightarrow \mathrm{EI}(\mathrm{TS} 1)$ | 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 |
| $\mathrm{ZA} \rightarrow \mathrm{Z}^{ \pm}$(TS4) | 10.79 | 11.84 | -964.0 | 1.00 | 11.47 | 10.40 | -1232.0 | 2.01 | 12.09 | 13.74 | 1.00 |
| $\mathrm{Z}^{ \pm} \rightarrow$ 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 |
| $\mathrm{ZW}^{ \pm} \rightarrow$ ZIW (TS7) | 16.30 | -8.51 | -1230.0 | 7.10 | 17.90 | -4.98 | -753.0 | 1.86 | 15.18 | -12.68 | 7.10 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Standard enthalpy of activation $\left(\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\neq}\right)$and enthalpy change $(\Delta \mathrm{H})$ of the forward reaction (in $\left.\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}\right)$, imaginary frequency of the TS $\left(v^{\neq}\right.$, in $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$.

## Section S1

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

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

TS1
C,0,-0.981835,1.322801,0.013036
$\mathrm{H}, 0,-1.512716,1.521382,-0.920810$
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, $,--1.252956,-1.140926,-0.030091$
$\mathrm{N}, 0,0.723938,-0.547451,0.075604$
$\mathrm{H}, 0,0.010145,-1.621195,-0.050009$
O,0,1.847117,0.253497,-0.135166
H, $0,2.394942,0.098511,0.645828$

## EI

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, $, 0.0412767,-0.077880,-0.011954$
O,0,1.596204,-0.743092,0.000297
$\mathrm{N}, 0,-0.664085,-0.779070,-0.005548$
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,-0.979903,0.141871
$\mathrm{H}, 0,2.212648,-0.589516,1.103135$
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
$\mathrm{N}, 0,0.182751,0.747441,-0.269939$
H,0,-0.773435,1.058699,-0.109862
O,0,1.141050,1.662386,0.176169
$\mathrm{H}, 0,1.433960,2.107635,-0.628686$
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 Н,0,2.182386,-0.756036,1.038461 H,0,2.413128,-0.376953,-0.670519 H,0,1.862384,-2.010960,-0.183430 С, $0,0.369878,-0.514776,-0.047869$ O,0,-0.571117,-1.409950,-0.053159 N,0,0.009542,0.749239,-0.092184 Н, $0,-1.247464,0.823858,0.027856$ 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

C, $0,1.884488,-0.951370,0.033875$ Н,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

## ZA

C,0,1.763801,-0.561565,0.014572
$\mathrm{H}, 0,1.648179,-1.633605,-0.152850$
Н,0,2.229136,-0.396960,0.989656
H,0,2.416759,-0.143445,-0.753359
С,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 Н,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 Н,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 $\mathrm{N}, 0,-0.586672,-0.779556,0.000177$ Н, $0,-0.515543,-1.790390,0.000396$ O, $0,-1.800563,-0.188985,0.000120$ H,0,-1.105540,0.976646,-0.000188

## $\mathrm{Z}^{ \pm}$

C,0,1.805846,-0.419411,-0.000022 Н,0,1.840982,-1.510061,-0.000079 Н,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 Н, $0,-0.544231,-1.737030,-0.000665$ O,0,-1.855751,-0.196595,0.000037 $\mathrm{H}, 0,-0.861986,1.347557,-0.000010$

## TS5

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

## ZI

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

C,0,2.375518,-0.822141,0.284060 H,0,2.167948,-1.832427,-0.071584 H,0,2.613293,-0.855166,1.349153
Н, $0,3.236429,-0.414058,-0.250132$
C,0,1.207946,0.101451,0.084426
O,0,1.166789,1.275783,0.452719
N,0,0.104357,-0.462807,-0.504006
$\mathrm{H}, 0,0.245462,-1.139873,-1.246245$
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

## 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
$\mathrm{N}, 0,-0.12981,0.523634,-0.517375$
$\mathrm{H}, 0,-0.02567,1.478802,-0.837671$
$\mathrm{O}, 0,0.875523,-0.369504,-0.716242$
$\mathrm{H}, 0,0.06545,-1.25777,-0.182307$
O,0,3.232528,0.242185,0.581028
H,0,2.398591,0.045364,0.112806
H,0,3.703819,0.813721,-0.030259
$\mathrm{ZW}^{ \pm}$
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
$\mathrm{H}, 0,0.065053,-1.405834,-0.724256$
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
Н,0,3.740517,-0.784096,-0.111827


C,0,1.815871,1.260230,-0.008283 H,0,1.191927,2.152673,-0.048385 Н,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 $\mathrm{N}, 0,-0.312611,0.086942,-0.052502$ $\mathrm{H}, 0,-1.161113,0.840376,-0.020448$ O,0,-1.025923,-1.085747,-0.035832 Н, $0,0.906497,-1.825236,0.083152$ O,0,-2.578626,0.687905,0.145420 H,0,-1.987926,-0.529111,0.033439 Н,0,-3.105978,0.921494,-0.624657

## ZIW

C,0,2.129669,1.515199,-0.044417
Н,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
$\mathrm{N}, 0,-0.061722,0.492747,-0.181589$
H,0,-3.763897,0.377159,-0.316332
O,0,-0.682436,-0.779295,-0.171859
Н, 0, 1.086970,-1.508197,0.158918
O,0,-3.333973,-0.283002,0.237065
$\mathrm{H}, 0,-1.624136,-0.566909,-0.014690$
$\mathrm{H}, 0,-3.631525,-0.067505,1.126921$


## Section S2

Using MP2-PCM/6-311++G(d,p) results:
(a) $\mathrm{EA} 8<\mathrm{EI}$ $\mathrm{k}=6.03 \mathrm{e}-14 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
(b) EAW $\&<$ EIW $\mathrm{k}=6.26 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
(c) $\mathrm{ZA} 8<\mathrm{EA}$
$\mathrm{k}_{1}=141 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
$\mathrm{K}_{1}=0.14$
EA $\ll$ EI
$\mathrm{k}_{2}=6.03 \mathrm{e}-14 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
$\mathrm{K}_{2}=1.1 \mathrm{e}-4$

Since the first step is a fast equilibrium, the pre-equilibrium approximation can be applied: $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{k}_{2}[\mathrm{EA}]=\mathrm{k}_{2} \mathrm{~K}_{1}[\mathrm{ZA}]$
$\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{eff}}=\mathrm{k}_{2} \mathrm{~K}_{1}=8.44 \mathrm{e}-15 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$

Estimate of water-assisted (c) mechanism:

| ZAW $8<$ EAW | $\mathrm{k}_{1}<141 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $\mathrm{~K}_{1}=5.63 \mathrm{e}-2$ | (no RDS) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EAW $8<$ EIW | $\mathrm{k}_{2}=6.26 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $\mathrm{~K}_{2}=2.6 \mathrm{e}-3$ |  |

$\begin{array}{rll}\text { (d) } \mathrm{ZA}_{2} \ll \mathrm{Z}^{ \pm} & \mathrm{k}_{1}=9.11 \mathrm{e}^{ \pm} \mathrm{s}^{-1} & \mathrm{~K}_{1}=4.6 \mathrm{e}-10 \\ \mathrm{Z}^{ \pm} 8<\mathrm{ZI} & \mathrm{k}_{2}=1.24 \mathrm{e}-23 \mathrm{~s}^{-1} & \mathrm{~K}_{2}=5.9 \mathrm{e} 6\end{array}$
Since the first step is a fast equilibrium, the pre-equilibrium approximation can be applied $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{k}_{2}\left[\mathrm{Z}^{ \pm}\right]=\mathrm{k}_{2} \mathrm{~K}_{1}[\mathrm{ZA}]$
$\mathrm{k}_{\text {eff }}=\mathrm{k}_{2} \mathrm{~K}_{1}=5.70 \mathrm{e}-33 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
(e) $\mathrm{ZAW} 8<\mathrm{ZW}^{ \pm}$
$\mathrm{k}_{1}=9.22 \mathrm{e}^{4} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
$\mathrm{K}_{1}=1.5 \mathrm{e}-8$
ZW ${ }^{ \pm} 8<$ ZIW
$\mathrm{k}_{2}=6.56 \mathrm{e}-9 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
$\mathrm{K}_{2}=2.0 \mathrm{e} 6$

Since the first step is a fast equilibrium, the pre-equilibrium approximation can be applied
$\mathrm{k}_{\text {eff }}=\mathrm{k}_{2} \mathrm{~K}_{1}=9.84 \mathrm{e}-17 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$

## Most favourable process from a kinetic point of view:

E-Amide $\mathcal{L}$ E-Imide
Followed by: Z-Amide $8<$ E-Imide


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[^1]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Thermal correction to the Gibbs free energy; ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Thermal correction to the enthalpy; ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ In kcal/mol; ${ }^{\mathrm{d}}$ Uncorrected energy.

