Supplementary Material

Substitution by tert-butyl groups facilitates excited state proton transfer in hydroxylated triphenylimidazole frameworks more than it does for oxazole and thiazole analogs

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**Figure SM1.** Atomic numbering scheme adopted along the text.

|             | Open | Closed (enol) | Keto | Rotamer |
|-------------|------|---------------|------|---------|
| 1a          | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) |
| 1b          | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) |
| 1c          | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) |
| 1d          | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) | ![Image](#) |

**Figure SM2.** Optimized structures obtained for the imidazole derivatives in open, closed (enol), keto and rotamer forms.
Figure SM3. Optimized structures obtained for the oxazole derivatives in open, closed (enol), keto and rotamer forms.

Figure SM4. Optimized structures obtained for the thiazole derivatives in open, closed (enol), keto and rotamer forms.
Table SM1. Bond distances and angles obtained for different forms of imidazole compounds in ground state

|                  | Closed (enol) | Open | Rotamer |
|------------------|---------------|------|---------|
|                  | 1a  | 1b  | 1c  | 1d  | 1a  | 1b  | 1c  | 1d  | 1a  | 1b  | 1c  | 1d  |
| O – H            | 0.992| 0.995| 0.984| 0.988| 0.964| 0.960| 0.964| 0.959| 0.966| 0.965| 0.965| 0.967|
| C₈ – O           | 1.341| 1.346| 1.346| 1.351| 1.355| 1.363| 1.359| 1.362| 1.376| 1.392| 1.382| 1.369|
| N₁ – C₂          | 1.380| 1.380| 1.381| 1.382| 1.376| 1.379| 1.378| 1.378| 1.381| 1.376| 1.377| 1.383|
| N₁ – C₃          | 1.328| 1.328| 1.328| 1.329| 1.319| 1.318| 1.320| 1.322| 1.317| 1.321| 1.322| 1.320|
| N₅ – C₃          | 1.364| 1.366| 1.363| 1.363| 1.374| 1.372| 1.370| 1.372| 1.375| 1.375| 1.371| 1.368|
| N₅ – C₄          | 1.388| 1.387| 1.385| 1.384| 1.382| 1.382| 1.381| 1.380| 1.388| 1.387| 1.383| 1.383|
| C₂ – C₃          | 1.392| 1.389| 1.389| 1.389| 1.395| 1.393| 1.393| 1.394| 1.394| 1.394| 1.394| 1.393|
| C₃ – C₆          | 1.456| 1.458| 1.458| 1.459| 1.464| 1.471| 1.469| 1.473| 1.466| 1.468| 1.466| 1.485|
| C₆ – C₇          | 1.404| 1.402| 1.406| 1.405| 1.406| 1.400| 1.406| 1.404| 1.404| 1.404| 1.406| 1.400|
| C₆ – C₈          | 1.420| 1.421| 1.411| 1.412| 1.416| 1.412| 1.406| 1.409| 1.408| 1.409| 1.404| 1.401|
| C₇ – C₉          | 1.386| 1.381| 1.393| 1.386| 1.388| 1.386| 1.396| 1.390| 1.388| 1.382| 1.393| 1.389|
| C₉ – C₁₁         | 1.399| 1.398| 1.407| 1.405| 1.393| 1.391| 1.402| 1.400| 1.396| 1.394| 1.406| 1.405|
| C₈ – C₁₀         | 1.401| 1.419| 1.399| 1.417| 1.398| 1.416| 1.397| 1.417| 1.394| 1.411| 1.392| 1.415|
| C₁₀ – C₁₁        | 1.386| 1.394| 1.385| 1.392| 1.388| 1.401| 1.388| 1.396| 1.391| 1.399| 1.387| 1.396|
| θ₃ (C₈-C₁₀-C₁₁)  | 120.7| 116.9| 120.6| 117.0| 121.3| 116.9| 121.1| 117.1| 120.1| 116.3| 120.2| 116.3|
| θ₃ (C₇-C₉-C₁₁)  | 119.3| 119.5| 116.6| 116.8| 119.3| 119.4| 116.5| 116.7| 119.6| 120.1| 117.1| 116.9|
| θ₃ (C₉-C₁₁-C₁₀)  | 120.5| 122.9| 122.2| 124.6| 119.5| 122.6| 121.5| 124.2| 120.3| 122.4| 121.7| 124.6|
| D° (C₈-C₆-C₅-N₁) | -0.4 | -7.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 0.3 | -44.8 | 42.9 | 37.8 | -32.2 | -14.9 | 29.9 | -94.3 |
| D° (C₁₂-C₂-C₄-C₁₈)| 3.4  | 7.8  | -3.6 | -0.8 | 2.9  | 7.0  | 3.5  | 5.3  | 6.8  | 1.3  | 3.6  | 2.4  |
Table SM2. Bond distances and angles obtained for different forms of oxazole compounds in ground state

|                  | Closed (enol) | Open | Rotamer |
|------------------|---------------|------|---------|
|                  | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d |
| O – H            | 0.986 | 0.987 | 0.986 | 0.985 | 0.964 | 0.960 | 0.964 | 0.960 | 0.967 | 0.967 | 0.967 | 0.967 |
| C₈ – O           | 1.342 | 1.349 | 1.342 | 1.351 | 1.355 | 1.358 | 1.359 | 1.360 | 1.355 | 1.360 | 1.356 | 1.362 |
| N₁ – C₂          | 1.389 | 1.392 | 1.390 | 1.393 | 1.387 | 1.389 | 1.390 | 1.390 | 1.391 | 1.391 | 1.390 | 1.391 |
| N₁ – C₃          | 1.309 | 1.308 | 1.309 | 1.309 | 1.302 | 1.301 | 1.300 | 1.301 | 1.301 | 1.299 | 1.299 | 1.301 |
| O₅ – C₃          | 1.351 | 1.351 | 1.351 | 1.351 | 1.365 | 1.366 | 1.361 | 1.364 | 1.367 | 1.370 | 1.369 | 1.371 |
| O₅ – C₄          | 1.385 | 1.384 | 1.387 | 1.383 | 1.377 | 1.376 | 1.377 | 1.376 | 1.383 | 1.388 | 1.386 | 1.386 |
| C₂ – C₄          | 1.377 | 1.379 | 1.378 | 1.377 | 1.379 | 1.380 | 1.381 | 1.381 | 1.375 | 1.376 | 1.374 | 1.373 |
| C₃ – C₆          | 1.447 | 1.450 | 1.447 | 1.450 | 1.458 | 1.463 | 1.463 | 1.465 | 1.455 | 1.460 | 1.455 | 1.460 |
| C₆ – C₇          | 1.406 | 1.404 | 1.408 | 1.406 | 1.406 | 1.403 | 1.407 | 1.405 | 1.408 | 1.406 | 1.409 | 1.408 |
| C₆ – C₈          | 1.419 | 1.419 | 1.415 | 1.413 | 1.413 | 1.415 | 1.406 | 1.408 | 1.416 | 1.416 | 1.409 | 1.412 |
| C₇ – C₉          | 1.385 | 1.380 | 1.389 | 1.384 | 1.387 | 1.382 | 1.394 | 1.388 | 1.384 | 1.379 | 1.389 | 1.385 |
| C₉ – C₁₁         | 1.400 | 1.398 | 1.410 | 1.407 | 1.394 | 1.393 | 1.404 | 1.402 | 1.399 | 1.398 | 1.409 | 1.407 |
| C₈ – C₁₀         | 1.401 | 1.419 | 1.399 | 1.417 | 1.398 | 1.419 | 1.397 | 1.417 | 1.399 | 1.418 | 1.399 | 1.416 |
| C₁₀ – C₁₁        | 1.386 | 1.395 | 1.382 | 1.392 | 1.389 | 1.397 | 1.387 | 1.394 | 1.395 | 1.394 | 1.384 | 1.392 |
| θ (C₈-C₁₀-C₁₁)   | 120.4 | 116.7 | 120.5 | 116.8 | 121.1 | 117.0 | 121.0 | 117.0 | 120.7 | 116.8 | 120.7 | 116.8 |
| θ (C₇-C₉-C₁₁)   | 119.4 | 119.7 | 117.0 | 116.9 | 119.4 | 119.7 | 116.6 | 116.9 | 119.5 | 119.7 | 116.8 | 117.0 |
| θ (C₉-C₁₁-C₁₀)  | 120.8 | 123.2 | 122.3 | 124.8 | 119.8 | 122.5 | 121.7 | 124.3 | 120.3 | 122.9 | 122.0 | 124.6 |
| D°(C₈-C₆-C₁₈-N₁) | 0.3 | –2.2 | –3.8 | 15.6 | –2.0 | –3.8 | 35.5 | 29.3 | 0.9 | –3.5 | 15.9 | 20.2 |
| D°(C₁₂-C₁₂-C₁₃) | 4.3 | 3.6 | 7.8 | –2.6 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 1.9 |
Table SM3. Bond distances and angles obtained for different forms of thiazole compounds in ground state

|                  | Closed (enol) | Open | Rotamer |
|------------------|---------------|------|---------|
|                  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  |
| **O – H**        | 0.989| 0.993| 0.989| 0.987| 0.964| 0.960| 0.964| 0.960| 0.963| 0.963| 0.967| 0.968|
| **C8 – O**       | 1.342| 1.347| 1.343| 1.350| 1.358| 1.361| 1.359| 1.361| 1.361| 1.366| 1.361| 1.371|
| **N1 – C2**      | 1.379| 1.380| 1.379| 1.382| 1.377| 1.377| 1.379| 1.379| 1.373| 1.377| 1.378| 1.376|
| **N1 – C3**      | 1.315| 1.314| 1.314| 1.314| 1.299| 1.300| 1.300| 1.302| 1.307| 1.306| 1.303| 1.304|
| **S5 – C3**      | 1.751| 1.751| 1.750| 1.750| 1.765| 1.769| 1.755| 1.764| 1.759| 1.759| 1.767| 1.765|
| **S5 – C4**      | 1.747| 1.747| 1.750| 1.746| 1.744| 1.738| 1.744| 1.741| 1.745| 1.744| 1.744| 1.748|
| **C2 – C3**      | 1.380| 1.380| 1.381| 1.380| 1.386| 1.383| 1.385| 1.384| 1.382| 1.382| 1.381| 1.384|
| **C3 – C6**      | 1.455| 1.457| 1.454| 1.458| 1.466| 1.471| 1.474| 1.475| 1.469| 1.474| 1.468| 1.472|
| **C6 – C7**      | 1.406| 1.404| 1.408| 1.405| 1.406| 1.403| 1.403| 1.403| 1.412| 1.408| 1.410| 1.408|
| **C6 – C8**      | 1.421| 1.422| 1.416| 1.415| 1.416| 1.417| 1.405| 1.410| 1.413| 1.415| 1.417| 1.409|
| **C7 – C9**      | 1.383| 1.379| 1.387| 1.384| 1.387| 1.382| 1.395| 1.389| 1.383| 1.377| 1.391| 1.384|
| **C9 – C11**     | 1.400| 1.399| 1.410| 1.407| 1.394| 1.392| 1.403| 1.401| 1.398| 1.396| 1.407| 1.406|
| **C8 – C10**     | 1.402| 1.419| 1.401| 1.418| 1.400| 1.418| 1.397| 1.418| 1.400| 1.425| 1.397| 1.417|
| **C10 – C11**    | 1.386| 1.394| 1.383| 1.392| 1.388| 1.398| 1.387| 1.396| 1.384| 1.394| 1.384| 1.395|
| **θ (C8-C10-C11)** | 120.6 | 116.9 | 120.7 | 117.0 | 121.3 | 117.2 | 120.8 | 117.0 | 120.9 | 116.9 | 120.6 | 116.8 |
| **θ (C7-C9-C11)** | 119.2 | 119.5 | 116.6 | 116.7 | 119.2 | 119.4 | 116.7 | 116.8 | 119.5 | 119.7 | 116.9 | 117.0 |
| **θ (C9-C11-C10)** | 120.6 | 122.9 | 122.2 | 124.6 | 119.2 | 119.4 | 116.7 | 116.8 | 119.9 | 122.5 | 121.9 | 124.4 |
| **D°(C8-C6-C7-N1)** | -0.2 | -9.0 | -3.5 | 20.5 | 0.2 | -23.4 | 50.7 | 38.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 33.3 | 26.0 |
| **D°(C12-C2-C4-C18)** | 6.7 | 9.9 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 8.9 | -0.3 | 10.2 | 8.7 |
### Table SM4. Bond distances and angles obtained for tautomers of imidazole compounds in ground ($S_0$) and excited ($S_1$) states

|        | $S_0$ enol (≈closed form) | $S_1$ enol | $S_0$ keto | $S_1$ keto |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|        | 1a    | 1b    | 1c    | 1d    | 1a    | 1b    | 1c    | 1d    | 1a    | 1b    | 1c    | 1d    | 1a    | 1b    | 1c    | 1d    |
| O – H  | 0.992 | 0.995 | 0.984 | 0.988 | 1.009 | 0.995 | 1.032 | 1.011 | 1.606 | 1.595 | 1.585 | 1.671 | 1.964 | 1.971 | 1.926 | 1.941 |
| H···N  | 1.711 | 1.684 | 1.841 | 1.783 | 1.653 | 1.639 | 1.572 | 1.578 | 1.030 | 1.039 | 1.040 | 1.029 | 1.030 | 1.039 | 1.040 | 1.029 |
| C8 – O | 1.341 | 1.346 | 1.346 | 1.351 | 1.324 | 1.328 | 1.315 | 1.318 | 1.274 | 1.281 | 1.275 | 1.277 | 1.257 | 1.257 | 1.257 | 1.258 |
| N1 – C2 | 1.380 | 1.380 | 1.381 | 1.382 | 1.367 | 1.367 | 1.372 | 1.373 | 1.387 | 1.387 | 1.388 | 1.389 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 1.417 |
| N1 – C3 | 1.328 | 1.328 | 1.328 | 1.329 | 1.331 | 1.331 | 1.329 | 1.327 | 1.344 | 1.345 | 1.344 | 1.347 | 1.317 | 1.319 | 1.318 | 1.319 |
| N5 – C3 | 1.364 | 1.366 | 1.363 | 1.363 | 1.382 | 1.383 | 1.374 | 1.375 | 1.359 | 1.360 | 1.359 | 1.358 | 1.328 | 1.329 | 1.329 | 1.330 |
| N5 – C4 | 1.388 | 1.387 | 1.385 | 1.384 | 1.379 | 1.379 | 1.386 | 1.387 | 1.399 | 1.399 | 1.400 | 1.399 | 1.419 | 1.419 | 1.420 | 1.420 |
| C2 – C4 | 1.392 | 1.389 | 1.389 | 1.389 | 1.447 | 1.446 | 1.442 | 1.441 | 1.382 | 1.381 | 1.382 | 1.382 | 1.422 | 1.422 | 1.423 | 1.422 |
| C1 – C6 | 1.456 | 1.458 | 1.458 | 1.459 | 1.431 | 1.433 | 1.437 | 1.440 | 1.421 | 1.423 | 1.421 | 1.419 | 1.484 | 1.485 | 1.483 | 1.484 |
| C6 – C7 | 1.404 | 1.402 | 1.406 | 1.405 | 1.411 | 1.408 | 1.403 | 1.399 | 1.413 | 1.412 | 1.415 | 1.414 | 1.370 | 1.368 | 1.373 | 1.371 |
| C6 – C8 | 1.420 | 1.421 | 1.411 | 1.412 | 1.440 | 1.443 | 1.444 | 1.446 | 1.457 | 1.455 | 1.452 | 1.450 | 1.461 | 1.462 | 1.458 | 1.458 |
| C7 – C9 | 1.386 | 1.381 | 1.393 | 1.386 | 1.382 | 1.378 | 1.393 | 1.390 | 1.375 | 1.371 | 1.380 | 1.373 | 1.419 | 1.416 | 1.424 | 1.420 |
| C9 – C11 | 1.399 | 1.398 | 1.393 | 1.405 | 1.409 | 1.408 | 1.423 | 1.421 | 1.416 | 1.414 | 1.426 | 1.425 | 1.392 | 1.389 | 1.406 | 1.403 |
| C8 – C10 | 1.401 | 1.419 | 1.399 | 1.417 | 1.406 | 1.423 | 1.410 | 1.428 | 1.436 | 1.454 | 1.434 | 1.456 | 1.443 | 1.468 | 1.441 | 1.466 |
| C10 – C11 | 1.386 | 1.394 | 1.385 | 1.392 | 1.382 | 1.390 | 1.376 | 1.384 | 1.373 | 1.381 | 1.371 | 1.378 | 1.384 | 1.394 | 1.377 | 1.387 |
| $\theta$ (O – H···N) | 148.8 | 150.6 | 146.6 | 149.0 | 149.7 | 151.1 | 150.9 | 152.0 | 139.9 | 139.2 | 141.0 | 136.3 | 125.7 | 123.7 | 127.0 | 125.3 |
| $\theta$ (C8-C10-C11) | 120.7 | 116.9 | 120.6 | 117.0 | 120.2 | 116.5 | 120.2 | 116.5 | 121.9 | 118.4 | 121.9 | 118.5 | 121.8 | 118.0 | 122.0 | 118.2 |
| $\theta$ (C7-C9-C11) | 119.3 | 119.5 | 116.6 | 116.8 | 120.1 | 120.4 | 117.7 | 117.9 | 119.0 | 119.2 | 116.4 | 116.5 | 120.2 | 120.6 | 117.3 | 117.6 |
| $\theta$ (C9-C11-C10) | 120.5 | 122.9 | 122.2 | 124.6 | 120.7 | 123.0 | 122.1 | 124.4 | 121.7 | 123.9 | 123.2 | 125.4 | 119.7 | 122.2 | 121.6 | 124.0 |
| $D^\ast$(C8-C6-C3-N1) | -0.4 | -7.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | -3.1 | -3.3 | -3.0 | -3.4 | 0 | 3.0 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 13.8 | 4.8 | 7.9 |
| $D^\ast$(C12-C2-C4-C18) | 3.4 | 7.8 | -3.6 | -0.8 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 0 | 3.6 | 16.1 | 17.0 | 16.6 | 16.6 |
Table S5. Bond distances and angles obtained for tautomers of oxazole compounds in ground ($S_0$) and excited ($S_1$) states

|         | $S_0$ enol (closed form) | $S_1$ enol | $S_0$ keto | $S_1$ keto |
|---------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|         | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d |
| O – H   | 0.986 | 0.987 | 0.986 | 0.985 | 1.005 | 1.006 | 1.039 | 1.001 | 1.280 | 1.629 | 1.611 | 1.712 | 1.646 | 1.946 | 1.928 | 1.940 |
| H···N   | 1.765 | 1.755 | 1.764 | 1.806 | 1.692 | 1.658 | 1.545 | 1.629 | 1.162 | 1.041 | 1.041 | 1.029 | 1.162 | 1.041 | 1.041 | 1.029 |
| C₈ – O  | 1.342 | 1.349 | 1.342 | 1.351 | 1.324 | 1.322 | 1.305 | 1.314 | 1.298 | 1.276 | 1.272 | 1.272 | 1.265 | 1.258 | 1.258 | 1.259 |
| N₁ – C₉| 1.389 | 1.392 | 1.390 | 1.393 | 1.373 | 1.378 | 1.395 | 1.391 | 1.391 | 1.394 | 1.393 | 1.396 | 1.427 | 1.433 | 1.434 | 1.434 |
| N₂ – C₉| 1.309 | 1.308 | 1.309 | 1.309 | 1.316 | 1.310 | 1.299 | 1.300 | 1.323 | 1.335 | 1.335 | 1.338 | 1.294 | 1.300 | 1.299 | 1.301 |
| O₅ – C₃| 1.351 | 1.351 | 1.351 | 1.351 | 1.360 | 1.355 | 1.338 | 1.344 | 1.340 | 1.343 | 1.342 | 1.344 | 1.304 | 1.302 | 1.301 | 1.302 |
| O₅ – C₄| 1.385 | 1.384 | 1.387 | 1.383 | 1.393 | 1.399 | 1.416 | 1.411 | 1.397 | 1.398 | 1.400 | 1.398 | 1.436 | 1.434 | 1.435 | 1.435 |
| C₂ – C₄| 1.377 | 1.379 | 1.378 | 1.377 | 1.429 | 1.427 | 1.423 | 1.423 | 1.374 | 1.369 | 1.371 | 1.368 | 1.416 | 1.412 | 1.412 | 1.411 |
| C₃ – C₆| 1.447 | 1.450 | 1.447 | 1.450 | 1.430 | 1.439 | 1.456 | 1.454 | 1.421 | 1.407 | 1.404 | 1.402 | 1.473 | 1.474 | 1.473 | 1.473 |
| C₆ – C₇| 1.406 | 1.404 | 1.408 | 1.406 | 1.405 | 1.393 | 1.379 | 1.379 | 1.409 | 1.416 | 1.420 | 1.419 | 1.368 | 1.369 | 1.373 | 1.373 |
| C₆ – C₈| 1.419 | 1.419 | 1.415 | 1.413 | 1.441 | 1.447 | 1.444 | 1.443 | 1.444 | 1.459 | 1.456 | 1.455 | 1.457 | 1.457 | 1.453 | 1.453 |
| C₇ – C₉| 1.385 | 1.380 | 1.389 | 1.384 | 1.387 | 1.389 | 1.417 | 1.411 | 1.378 | 1.367 | 1.375 | 1.369 | 1.422 | 1.416 | 1.425 | 1.421 |
| C₉ – C₁₁| 1.400 | 1.398 | 1.410 | 1.407 | 1.410 | 1.407 | 1.419 | 1.417 | 1.411 | 1.418 | 1.430 | 1.429 | 1.393 | 1.390 | 1.407 | 1.404 |
| C₈ – C₁₀| 1.401 | 1.419 | 1.399 | 1.417 | 1.406 | 1.430 | 1.418 | 1.437 | 1.421 | 1.457 | 1.436 | 1.459 | 1.441 | 1.468 | 1.442 | 1.466 |
| C₁₀ – C₁₁| 1.386 | 1.395 | 1.382 | 1.392 | 1.383 | 1.389 | 1.374 | 1.385 | 1.379 | 1.379 | 1.369 | 1.376 | 1.385 | 1.396 | 1.378 | 1.388 |
| θ (O – H···N) | 147.0 | 149.1 | 146.9 | 148.1 | 148.9 | 151.0 | 151.4 | 151.7 | 150.8 | 136.6 | 138.4 | 133.5 | 135.3 | 124.1 | 126.3 | 124.7 |
| θ (C₈-C₁₀-C₁₁) | 120.4 | 116.7 | 120.5 | 116.8 | 119.9 | 116.1 | 120.0 | 116.3 | 120.9 | 118.0 | 121.7 | 118.1 | 121.3 | 117.8 | 121.8 | 118.0 |
| θ (C₇-C₉-C₁₁) | 119.4 | 119.7 | 117.0 | 116.9 | 120.4 | 121.0 | 118.1 | 118.3 | 119.3 | 119.5 | 116.7 | 116.8 | 120.4 | 120.6 | 117.3 | 117.6 |
| θ (C₉-C₁₁-C₁₂) | 120.8 | 123.2 | 122.3 | 124.8 | 120.7 | 122.7 | 121.6 | 123.9 | 121.8 | 124.2 | 123.5 | 125.8 | 120.1 | 122.5 | 122.0 | 124.3 |
| Dₚ(C₈-C₆-C₃-N₁) | 0.3 | −2.2 | −3.8 | 15.6 | −0.4 | −0.4 | −0.4 | −0.1 | 0 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 8.2 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Dₚ(C₁₂-C₂-C₄-C₁₈) | 4.3 | 3.6 | 7.8 | −2.6 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 17.4 | 16.8 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 4.9 | −1.4 | 19.4 | 18.7 | 18.4 | 19.1 |
Table SM6. Bond distances and angles obtained for tautomers of thiazole compounds in ground (S₀) and excited (S₁) states

|                  | S₀ enol (closed form) | S₁ enol | S₀ keto | S₁ keto |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  |
| O − H            | 0.989 | 0.993 | 0.989 | 0.987 | 1.003 | 1.046 | 1.042 | 1.007 | 1.610 | 1.608 | 1.582 | 1.629 | 1.807 | 1.772 | 1.789 | 1.789 |
| H···N            | 1.742 | 1.686 | 1.736 | 1.778 | 1.678 | 1.492 | 1.541 | 1.610 | 1.030 | 1.036 | 1.039 | 1.029 | 1.030 | 1.036 | 1.039 | 1.029 |
| C₆ − O          | 1.342 | 1.347 | 1.343 | 1.350 | 1.330 | 1.310 | 1.311 | 1.319 | 1.270 | 1.274 | 1.271 | 1.273 | 1.262 | 1.264 | 1.261 | 1.263 |
| N₁ − C₂         | 1.379 | 1.380 | 1.379 | 1.382 | 1.354 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.362 | 1.384 | 1.385 | 1.383 | 1.386 | 1.418 | 1.414 | 1.418 | 1.417 |
| N₂ − C₃         | 1.315 | 1.314 | 1.314 | 1.314 | 1.328 | 1.317 | 1.317 | 1.318 | 1.343 | 1.343 | 1.343 | 1.344 | 1.306 | 1.306 | 1.307 | 1.307 |
| S₅ − C₃         | 1.751 | 1.751 | 1.750 | 1.750 | 1.776 | 1.746 | 1.748 | 1.754 | 1.742 | 1.743 | 1.742 | 1.744 | 1.706 | 1.709 | 1.707 | 1.709 |
| S₅ − C₄         | 1.747 | 1.747 | 1.750 | 1.746 | 1.767 | 1.780 | 1.776 | 1.776 | 1.769 | 1.770 | 1.771 | 1.770 | 1.775 | 1.777 | 1.775 | 1.776 |
| C₂ − C₄         | 1.380 | 1.380 | 1.381 | 1.380 | 1.435 | 1.426 | 1.428 | 1.428 | 1.370 | 1.370 | 1.371 | 1.370 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 1.416 | 1.416 |
| C₃ − C₆         | 1.455 | 1.457 | 1.454 | 1.458 | 1.435 | 1.467 | 1.462 | 1.463 | 1.411 | 1.412 | 1.410 | 1.410 | 1.482 | 1.483 | 1.480 | 1.480 |
| C₆ − C₇         | 1.406 | 1.404 | 1.408 | 1.405 | 1.410 | 1.376 | 1.385 | 1.383 | 1.419 | 1.418 | 1.420 | 1.418 | 1.374 | 1.372 | 1.377 | 1.375 |
| C₆ − C₈         | 1.421 | 1.422 | 1.416 | 1.415 | 1.442 | 1.450 | 1.444 | 1.445 | 1.463 | 1.461 | 1.457 | 1.456 | 1.459 | 1.458 | 1.456 | 1.455 |
| C₇ − C₉         | 1.383 | 1.379 | 1.387 | 1.384 | 1.386 | 1.413 | 1.416 | 1.416 | 1.370 | 1.366 | 1.373 | 1.368 | 1.417 | 1.414 | 1.421 | 1.417 |
| C₉ − C₁₁        | 1.400 | 1.399 | 1.410 | 1.407 | 1.405 | 1.392 | 1.414 | 1.411 | 1.420 | 1.419 | 1.431 | 1.430 | 1.392 | 1.388 | 1.406 | 1.403 |
| C₈ − C₁₀        | 1.402 | 1.419 | 1.401 | 1.418 | 1.403 | 1.441 | 1.415 | 1.433 | 1.440 | 1.458 | 1.438 | 1.458 | 1.441 | 1.464 | 1.440 | 1.463 |
| C₁₀ − C₁₁       | 1.386 | 1.394 | 1.383 | 1.392 | 1.386 | 1.396 | 1.379 | 1.389 | 1.370 | 1.378 | 1.368 | 1.376 | 1.386 | 1.397 | 1.378 | 1.389 |
| θ (O−H···N)      | 147.9 | 150.2 | 147.9 | 148.4 | 149.7 | 153.9 | 152.1 | 152.4 | 141.5 | 106.3 | 142.3 | 140.0 | 134.2 | 134.0 | 124.8 | 133.7 |
| θ (C₈-C₁₀-C₁₁)  | 120.6 | 116.9 | 120.7 | 117.0 | 120.3 | 116.6 | 120.3 | 116.6 | 121.8 | 118.2 | 121.9 | 118.4 | 121.8 | 118.1 | 122.0 | 118.3 |
| θ (C₇-C₉-C₁₁)   | 119.2 | 119.5 | 116.6 | 116.7 | 120.1 | 121.2 | 117.8 | 118.1 | 119.1 | 119.4 | 116.5 | 116.8 | 120.0 | 120.3 | 117.1 | 117.4 |
| θ (C₉-C₁₁-C₁₀)  | 120.6 | 122.9 | 122.2 | 124.6 | 120.5 | 121.7 | 121.3 | 123.6 | 121.8 | 123.9 | 123.3 | 125.4 | 120.0 | 122.3 | 121.7 | 124.1 |
| D⁺(C₈-C₆-C₃-N₁) | -0.2 | -9.0 | -3.5 | 20.5 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 1.2 | -0.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 6.2 | 1.1 | 3.7 | 5.2 | 3.7 |
| D⁺(C₁₂-C₂-C₄-C₁₈) | 6.7 | 9.9 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 20.0 | 17.9 | 18.2 | 17.7 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 20.7 | 19.6 | 19.4 | 20.2 |
|    | HOMO–1 | HOMO  | LUMO  | LUMO+1 |
|----|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1a | ![Image](image1.png) | ![Image](image2.png) | ![Image](image3.png) | ![Image](image4.png) |
| 1b | ![Image](image5.png) | ![Image](image6.png) | ![Image](image7.png) | ![Image](image8.png) |
| 1c | ![Image](image9.png) | ![Image](image10.png) | ![Image](image11.png) | ![Image](image12.png) |
| 1d | ![Image](image13.png) | ![Image](image14.png) | ![Image](image15.png) | ![Image](image16.png) |

Figure SM5. Molecular orbitals obtained for the open form of the imidazole derivatives.

|    | HOMO–1 | HOMO  | LUMO  | LUMO+1 |
|----|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1a | ![Image](image17.png) | ![Image](image18.png) | ![Image](image19.png) | ![Image](image20.png) |
| 1b | ![Image](image21.png) | ![Image](image22.png) | ![Image](image23.png) | ![Image](image24.png) |
| 1c | ![Image](image25.png) | ![Image](image26.png) | ![Image](image27.png) | ![Image](image28.png) |
| 1d | ![Image](image29.png) | ![Image](image30.png) | ![Image](image31.png) | ![Image](image32.png) |

Figure SM6. Molecular orbitals obtained for the rotamer form of the imidazole derivatives.
Figure SM7. Molecular orbitals obtained for the closed (enol) form of the imidazole derivatives.

Figure SM8. Molecular orbitals obtained for the keto form of the imidazole derivatives.
### Figure SM9. Molecular orbitals obtained for the open form of the oxazole derivatives.

| HOMO-1 | HOMO | LUMO | LUMO+1 |
|--------|------|------|--------|
| 2a     |      |      |        |
| 2b     |      |      |        |
| 2c     |      |      |        |
| 2d     |      |      |        |

### Figure SM10. Molecular orbitals obtained for the rotamer form of the oxazole derivatives.

| HOMO-1 | HOMO | LUMO | LUMO+1 |
|--------|------|------|--------|
| 2a     |      |      |        |
| 2b     |      |      |        |
| 2c     |      |      |        |
| 2d     |      |      |        |
Figure SM11. Molecular orbitals obtained for the closed (enol) form of the oxazole derivatives.

Figure SM12. Molecular orbitals obtained for the keto form of the oxazole derivatives.
Figure SM13. Molecular orbitals obtained for the open form of the thiazole derivatives.

Figure SM14. Molecular orbitals obtained for the rotamer form of the thiazole derivatives.
Figure SM15. Molecular orbitals obtained for the enol (closed) form of the thiazole derivatives.

Figure SM16. Molecular orbitals obtained for the keto form of the thiazole derivatives.