

Supplementary Information

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$n\text{-HF}$			$n\text{-Cl}^-$			$n\text{-Br}^-$			
n	$R_{\text{N-H}}$	$R_{\text{H-F}}$	$\theta_{\text{N-H-F}}$	$R_{\text{N-H}}$	$R_{\text{H-Cl}}$	$\theta_{\text{N-H-Cl}}$	$R_{\text{N-H}}$	$R_{\text{H-Br}}$	$\theta_{\text{N-H-Br}}$
1	1.474	1.027	174.5	1.053	2.055	170.2	1.041	2.302	167.9
2	1.479	1.024	175.5	1.054	2.050	170.0	1.041	2.311	167.4
3	1.490	1.019	176.0	1.055	2.042	168.6	1.039	2.235	174.5
4	1.489	1.015	176.0	1.055	2.049	167.4	1.040	2.231	176.0
5	1.489	1.020	174.6	1.058	2.019	171.0	1.046	2.256	169.1
$n\text{-AcO}^-$			$n\text{-H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$						
n	$R_{\text{N-H}}$	$R_{\text{H-O}}$	$\theta_{\text{N-H-O}}$	$R_{\text{N-H}}$	$R_{\text{H-OI}}$	$\theta_{\text{N-H-O}}$			
1	1.077	1.582	172.1	1.061	1.613	171.6			
2	1.080	1.567	172.6	1.062	1.601	172.8			
3	1.090	1.534	171.6	1.046	1.720	170.4			
4	1.089	1.555	169.7	1.070	1.570	172.6			
5	1.084	1.555	172.8	1.042	1.699	172.9			

Table SII. Main geometrical parameters (bond lengths and angles in angstroms and degrees, respectively) and the interaction energies of complexes $\text{AIC}^-\text{-HF}$ and $\text{AIC}\text{-}X^-$ ($X = \text{Cl}$ and Br) at the MP2/6-31+G(d,p) level.

Complexes	$R_{\text{H7-N1}}$	$R_{\text{H7-X}}$	$\theta_{\text{N1-H7-X}}$	ΔE
AIC	1.022			
$\text{AIC}^-\text{-HF}$	1.468	1.026	174.8	-37.2
$\text{AIC}\text{-Cl}^-$	1.040	2.138	165.4	-18.1
$\text{AIC}\text{-Br}^-$	1.035	2.254	171.4	-27.3

Table SIII. Electronic density at BCP $\rho(\mathbf{r})_{\text{bcp}}$, the Laplacian $\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{\text{bcp}}$ (all in au), and the bond energy E_{HB} (in kcal/mol) of complexes $n\text{-HF}^-$ and $n\text{-}X^-$ ($n = 1\text{--}5$, $X = \text{Cl}$, Br , AcO , and H_2PO_4) at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

n	$n\text{-HF}$			$n\text{-Cl}^-$		
	H-N			H-Cl		
	$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{\text{bcp}}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{\text{bcp}}$	E_{HB}	$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{\text{bcp}}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{\text{bcp}}$	E_{HB}
1	0.0918	0.0472	-29.3	0.2529	-1.055	-148.4
2	0.0905	0.0529	-28.7	0.2554	-1.0875	-150.9
3	0.0876	0.0633	-27.2	0.2698	-1.1458	-155.1
4	0.0855	0.0703	-26.2	0.2628	-1.1893	-158.2
5	0.0889	0.0594	-27.9	0.2587	-1.1280	-154.1

Table SIII. *Cont.*

$n^- \cdot \text{Br}^-$						$n \cdot \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$							
n	H-N			H...Br			$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	H-N			H...H ₂ PO ₄		
	$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	E_{HB}	$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	E_{HB}		$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	E_{HB}	$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	E_{HB}
1	0.3108	-1.6676	-158.2	no*	no	no	0.2927	-1.5396	-149.1	0.0545	0.1507	-13.6	
2	0.3111	-1.6688	-158.4	0.0255	0.0474	-4.4	0.2908	-1.5227	-148.2	0.0562	0.1532	-14.3	
3	0.3125	-1.6603	-159.9	0.0301	0.0536	-5.5	0.3060	-1.6466	-155.8	0.0409	0.1222	-9.4	
4	0.3116	-1.6542	-159.4	0.0304	0.0537	-5.6	0.2840	-1.4675	-144.7	0.0613	0.1576	-16.2	
5	0.3072	-1.6392	-156.3	0.0286	0.0504	-5.1	0.3097	-1.6682	-158.0	0.0422	0.1321	-9.9	

$n^- \cdot \text{AcO}^-$						
n	H-N			H...AcO		
	$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	E_{HB}	$\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})_{bep}$	E_{HB}
1	0.2794	-1.4316	-142.0	0.0622	0.1455	-15.9
2	0.2764	-1.4055	-140.5	0.0647	0.1466	-16.9
3	0.2685	-1.3389	-136.4	0.0710	0.1462	-19.5
4	0.2637	-1.2993	-133.9	0.0747	0.1441	-21.2
5	0.2737	-1.3845	-139.1	0.0669	0.1471	-17.8

Table SIV. The NBO charges of complexes $\text{AIC}^- \cdot \text{HF}$ and $\text{AIC} \cdot X^-$ ($X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{AcO}$, and H_2PO_4).

Complexes	X^-	AIC	AIC^-	HX
$\text{AIC}^- \cdot \text{HF}$			-0.8564	-0.1436
$\text{AIC} \cdot \text{Cl}^-$	-0.9015	-0.0981		
$\text{AIC} \cdot \text{Br}^-$	-0.9280	-0.0717		
$\text{AIC} \cdot \text{AcO}^-$	-0.8801	-0.1199		
$\text{AIC} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	-0.9334	-0.0596		

Figure SI. FMOs of AIC and AIC^- in S_1 at the TD-CAM-B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) level.