

## S1. Supporting Information for

### Chemical Reactivity of the Imidazole: a Semblance of Pyridine and Pyrrole?

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## S2. Complete Reference for Gaussian 03 Program

GAUSSIAN03.- Frisch, M. J.; Trucks, G. W.; Schlegel, H. B.; Scuseria, G. E.; Robb, M. A.; Cheeseman, J.R.; Montgomery, J. A., Jr.; Vreven, T.; Kudin, K. N.; Burant, J. C.; Millam, J. M.; Iyengar, S.S.; Tomasi, J.; Barone, V.; Mennucci, B.; Cossi, M.; Scalmani, G.; Rega, N.; Petersson, G.A.; Nakatsuji, H.; Hada, M.; Ehara, M.; Toyota, K.; Fukuda, R.; Hasegawa, J.; Ishida, M.; Nakajima, T.; Honda, Y.; Kitao, O.; Nakai, H.; Klene, M.; Li, X.; Knox, J. E.; Hratchian, H.P.; Cross, J. B.; Bakken, V.; Adamo, C.; Jaramillo, J.; Gomperts, R.; Stratmann, R. E.; Yazyev, O.; Austin, A. J.; Cammi, R.; Pomelli, C.; Ochterski, J. W.; Ayala, P. Y.; Morokuma, K.; Voth, G. A.; Salvador, P.; Dannenberg, J. J.; Zakrzewski, V. G.; Dapprich, S.; Daniels, A.D.; Strain, M. C.; Farkas, O.; Malick, D. K.; Rabuck, A. D.; Raghavachari, K.; Foresman, J.B.; Ortiz, J. V.; Cui, Q.; Baboul, A. G.; Clifford, S.; Cioslowski, J.; Stefanov, B. B.; Liu, G.; Liashenko, A.; Piskorz, P.; Komaromi, I.; Martin, R. L.; Fox, D. J.; Keith, T.; Al-Laham, M.A.; Peng, C. Y.; Nanayakkara, A.; Challacombe, M.; Gill, P. M. W.; Johnson, B.; Chen, W.; Wong, M. W.; Gonzalez, C.; Pople, J. A. Gaussian 03, Revision C.02; Gaussian, Inc.: Wallingford, CT, 2004.

### S3. Geometries and Energies of the pyridine molecule

Molecular formula: C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

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Zero-point correction= 0.088567 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.092844

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.093788

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.061173

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -248.272028

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -248.267752

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -248.266808

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -248.299422

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#### S4. Geometries and Energies of the pyrrole molecule

Molecular formula: C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

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Zero-point correction= 0.082262 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.086251

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.087195

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.055862

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -210.155760

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -210.151772

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -210.150828

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -210.182160

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## S5. Geometries and Energies of the imidazole molecule

Molecular formula: C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

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Zero-point correction= 0.070928 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.074704

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.075649

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.044656

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -226.219309

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -226.215533

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -226.214589

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -226.245581

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## S6. Geometries and Energies of the benzene molecule

Molecular formula: C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

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Zero-point correction= 0.100307 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.104701

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.105645

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.072849

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -232.220358

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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -232.215020

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -232.247815

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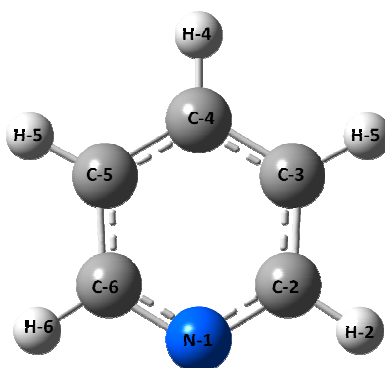
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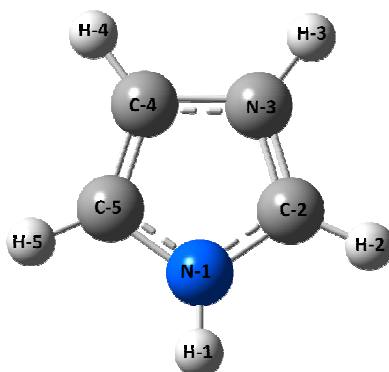
**Table S7. Condensed Fukui function and condensed softness values for pyridine molecule**

| Atom | $f_k$ | $s_k$ |
|------|-------|-------|
| C-2  | 0.003 | 0.000 |
| C-3  | 0.116 | 0.021 |
| C-4  | 0.094 | 0.017 |
| C-5  | 0.116 | 0.021 |
| C-6  | 0.003 | 0.000 |
| H-6  | 0.105 | 0.019 |
| H-5  | 0.096 | 0.017 |
| H-4  | 0.086 | 0.016 |
| H-3  | 0.096 | 0.017 |
| H-2  | 0.105 | 0.019 |
| N-1  | 0.175 | 0.032 |



**Table S8. Condensed Fukui function and condensed softness values for pyrrole molecule**

| Atom | $f_k$ | $s_k$ |
|------|-------|-------|
| C-5  | 0.186 | 0.040 |
| C-4  | 0.058 | 0.012 |
| C-3  | 0.058 | 0.012 |
| C-2  | 0.186 | 0.040 |
| N-1  | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| H-1  | 0.073 | 0.016 |
| H-2  | 0.110 | 0.023 |
| H-3  | 0.109 | 0.023 |
| H-4  | 0.109 | 0.023 |
| H-5  | 0.110 | 0.023 |



**Table S9. Condensed Fukui function and condensed softness values for imidazole molecule**

| Atom | $\bar{f}_k$ | $\bar{s}_k$ |
|------|-------------|-------------|
| C-4  | 0.088       | 0.017       |
| C-5  | 0.192       | 0.038       |
| H-2  | 0.108       | 0.022       |
| H-4  | 0.119       | 0.024       |
| H-5  | 0.114       | 0.023       |
| N-1  | 0.040       | 0.008       |
| C-2  | 0.177       | 0.036       |
| N-3  | 0.077       | 0.015       |
| H-1  | 0.079       | 0.016       |

