

# Searching for the Achilles' Heel of Urethane Linkage—An Energetic Perspective

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## Supplementary Information

**Table S1.** Reaction enthalpy values (in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different hydrogenation pathways in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{R;298.15K}H^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{R;398.15K}H$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
H <sub>2</sub> (TSa)	-0.4	-0.7	-5.3	-2.2	-2.5	-7.0
H <sub>2</sub> (TSb)	-51.5	-52.6	-60.1	-2.2	-54.4	-61.8
H <sub>2</sub> (TSc)	20.0	17.0	13.3	17.3	14.3	10.7
H <sub>2</sub> (Tsd)	-22.8	-35.0	-42.7	-1.4	-13.7	-21.5

**Table S2.** Activation enthalpy values (in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different hydrogenation pathways in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{TS;298.15K}H^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{TS;398.15K}H$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
H <sub>2</sub> (TSa)	317.4	291.2	274.6	314.8	288.6	272.0
H <sub>2</sub> (TSb)	405.6	359.3	346.2	403.3	356.9	343.7
H <sub>2</sub> (TSc)	431.4	357.8	314.7	429.5	356.0	312.9
H <sub>2</sub> (Tsd)	296.2	289.9	281.5	317.0	310.9	302.4

**Table S3.** Zero-point corrected energy of the reaction ( $\Delta RE^0$  in kJ/mol) and zero-point corrected energy of the activation ( $\Delta TS E^0$  in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different hydrogenation pathways in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta RE^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta TS E^0$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
H <sub>2</sub> (TSa)	2.9	2.3	-2.7	325.0	298.8	281.6
H <sub>2</sub> (TSb)	-48.7	-50.0	-57.7	412.4	366.4	353.1
H <sub>2</sub> (TSc)	26.7	23.7	19.6	437.5	363.0	319.9
H <sub>2</sub> (Tsd)	2.9	-9.4	-16.5	326.0	319.4	310.9

**Table S4.** Reaction enthalpy values (in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different reactants in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{R;298.15K}H^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{R;398.15K}H$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
H <sub>2</sub> (TSa)	-0.4	-0.7	-5.3	-2.2	-2.5	-7.0
H <sub>2</sub> O (TSe)	2.1	6.8	7.7	1.0	5.6	6.5
CH <sub>3</sub> OH (TSf)	9.1	13.1	14.2	9.2	13.3	14.3
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (TSg)	-4.1	7.2	14.7	-3.8	-6.7	14.1
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (TSh)	22.0	23.5	22.8	22.1	23.6	22.9
NH <sub>3</sub> (TSi)	1.8	1.7	-1.9	1.4	1.5	-2.1
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> (TSj)	-4.4	-9.4	-15.5	-3.9	-8.9	-14.9
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>3</sub> P (TSk)	14.1	17.0	18.2	14.3	17.2	18.3

**Table S5.** Activation enthalpy values (in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different reactants in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{TS;298.15K}H^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{TS;398.15K}H$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
H <sub>2</sub> (TSa)	317.4	291.2	274.6	314.8	288.6	272.0
H <sub>2</sub> O (TSe)	224.9	207.8	194.0	223.7	206.5	192.7
CH <sub>3</sub> OH (TSf)	206.8	190.6	179.4	206.0	189.7	178.4
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (TSg)	174.8	160.5	150.2	174.3	152.8	149.0
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (TSh)	202.9	189.4	180.1	201.6	188.0	178.7
NH <sub>3</sub> (TSi)	237.3	212.9	202.4	236.3	211.7	201.2
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> (TSj)	218.6	192.0	182.1	218.1	191.3	181.4
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>3</sub> P (TSk)	302.4	287.2	267.1	302.2	287.1	267.1

**Table S6.** Zero-point corrected energy of the reaction ( $\Delta_{\text{RE}}^0$  in kJ/mol) and zero-point corrected energy of the activation ( $\Delta_{\text{TS}}^0$  in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different reactants in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{\text{RE}}^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{\text{TS}}^0$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
H <sub>2</sub> (TSa)	2.9	2.3	-2.7	325.0	298.8	281.6
H <sub>2</sub> O (TSe)	4.3	9.4	10.2	229.3	212.7	198.5
CH <sub>3</sub> OH (TSf)	9.0	13.4	14.3	210.4	194.6	183.1
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (TSg)	-5.1	8.6	16.6	177.3	164.0	154.4
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (TSh)	22.4	24.2	22.7	208.1	194.2	184.6
NH <sub>3</sub> (TSi)	3.7	3.2	0.1	242.1	217.7	207.5
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> (TSj)	-5.2	-10.2	-16.7	221.9	195.7	185.7
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>3</sub> P (TSk)	14.5	16.8	18.8	305.5	288.3	269.1

**Table S7.** Reaction enthalpy values (in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different ionization methods in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{\text{R:298.15K}}^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{\text{R:398.15K}}^0$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
MPCate <sup>-</sup>	101.0	-68.8	-116.3	102.0	-68.1	-72.5
MPCate <sup>+</sup>	791.0	617.4	594.5	791.2	617.4	594.5
H <sup>+</sup> (1)	-833.4	-541.0	-496.1	-826.7	-1027.0	-497.9
H <sup>+</sup> (2)	-951.0	-476.2	-391.0	-843.0	-1030.5	-505.2
OH <sup>-</sup> (1)	97.2	75.5	55.6	96.6	74.8	55.1
OH <sup>-</sup> (2)	13.4	13.1	6.9	13.4	13.1	7.1

**Table S8.** Zero-point corrected energy of the reaction ( $\Delta_{\text{RE}}^0$  in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by electron capture/detachment in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{\text{RE}}^0$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
MPCate <sup>-</sup>	99.2	-69.7	-113.6
MPCate <sup>+</sup>	790.8	617.5	594.6
H <sup>+</sup> (1)	-828.3	-535.5	-490.5
H <sup>+</sup> (2)	-944.4	-469.5	-384.2

**Table S9.** Activation enthalpy values (in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different hydroxylation methods in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_{TS,298.15K}H^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{TS,398.15K}H^0$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
OH $\cdot$ (1)	130.3	128.4	129.9	129.1	127.2	128.9
OH $\cdot$ (2)	164.4	134.1	105.2	163.5	133.2	104.5

**Table S10.** Zero-point corrected energy of the reaction ( $\Delta_R E^0$  in kJ/mol) and zero-point corrected energy of the activation ( $\Delta_{TS} E^0$  in kJ/mol) for the termination of urethane linkage by different hydroxylation methods in gas phase as well as in aniline and aqueous phases.

reactant	$\Delta_R E^0$ (kJ/mol)			$\Delta_{TS} E^0$ (kJ/mol)		
	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )	gasphase ( $\epsilon=1$ )	aniline ( $\epsilon=6.8$ )	water ( $\epsilon=78.4$ )
OH $\cdot$ (1)	100.8	79.3	59.1	134.4	133.2	133.7
OH $\cdot$ (2)	14.2	14	7	168.2	138.1	108.1