

On Some Origins of Tautomeric Preferences in Neutral Creatinine in Vacuo: Search for Analogies and Differences in Cyclic Azoles and Azines

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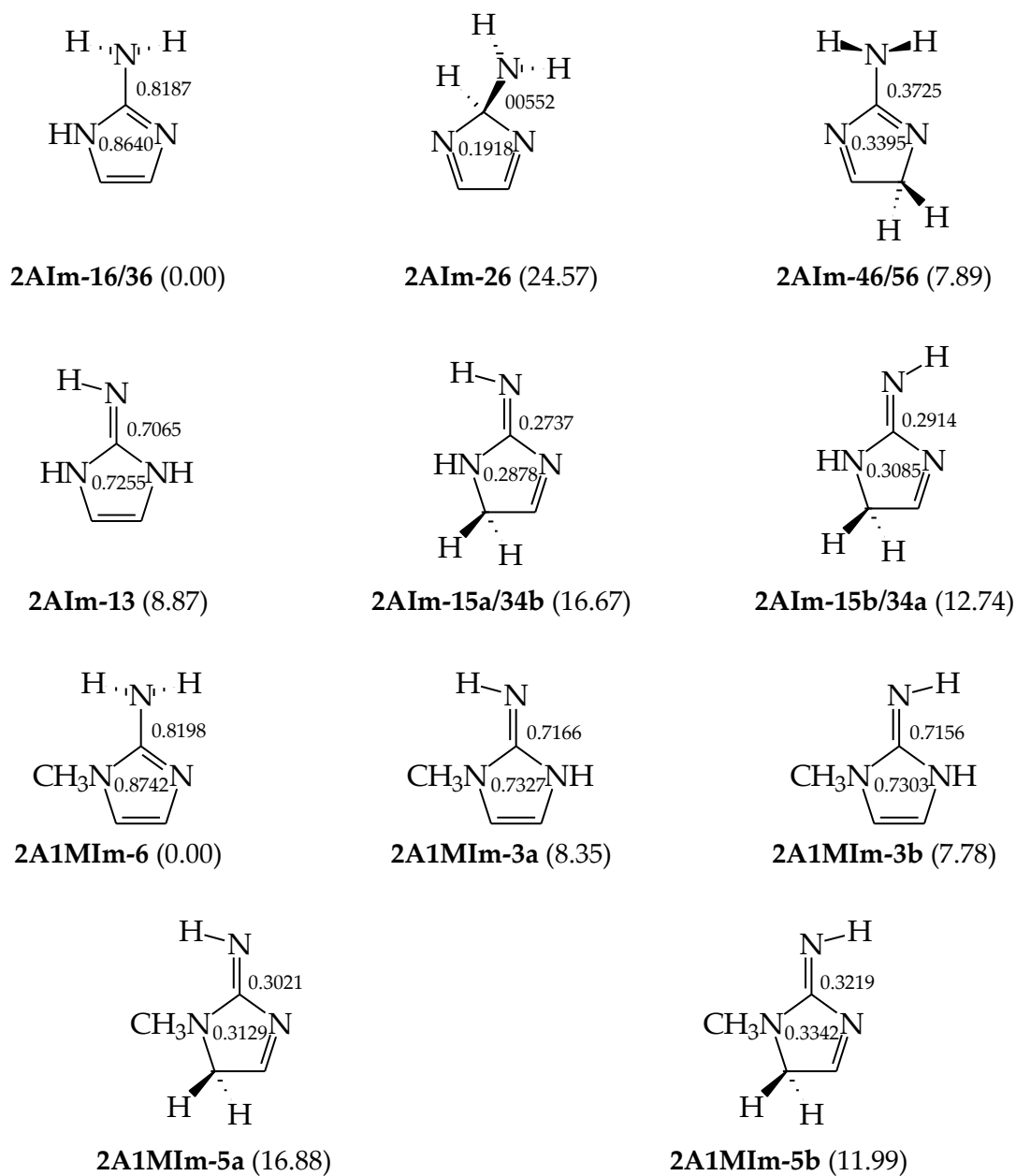


Figure S1. Structures for tautomers-rotamers of 2-amino-imidazole (**2AIm**) and its 1-methyl derivative (**2A1MIm**), their HOMEDs and ΔG s estimated at the DFT(B3LYP)/6-311+G(d,p) level. HOMED5s included in the ring. HOMED6s for isomers of **2AIm** and **2A1MIm** placed near formula. ΔG s (in kcal mol⁻¹) given in parentheses after isomer abbreviation.

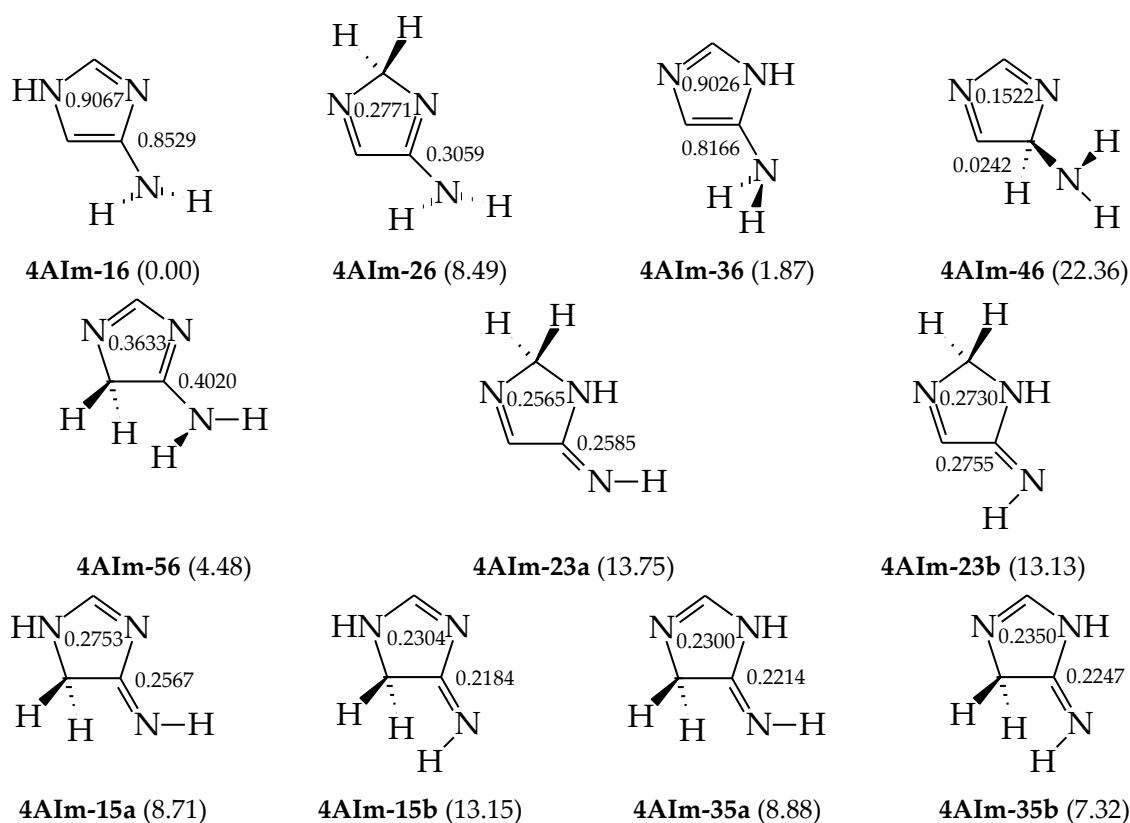


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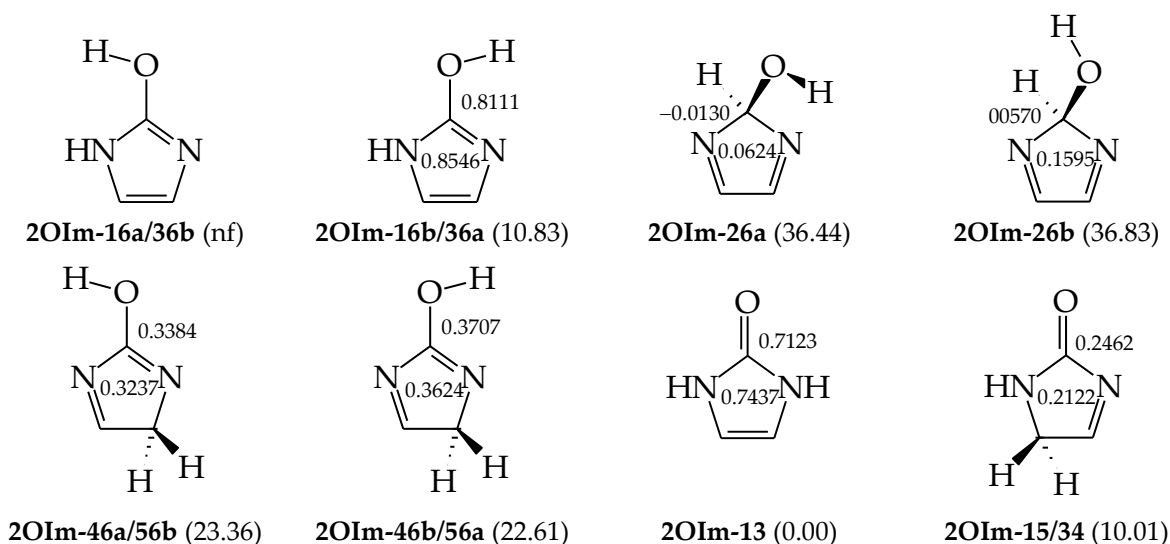


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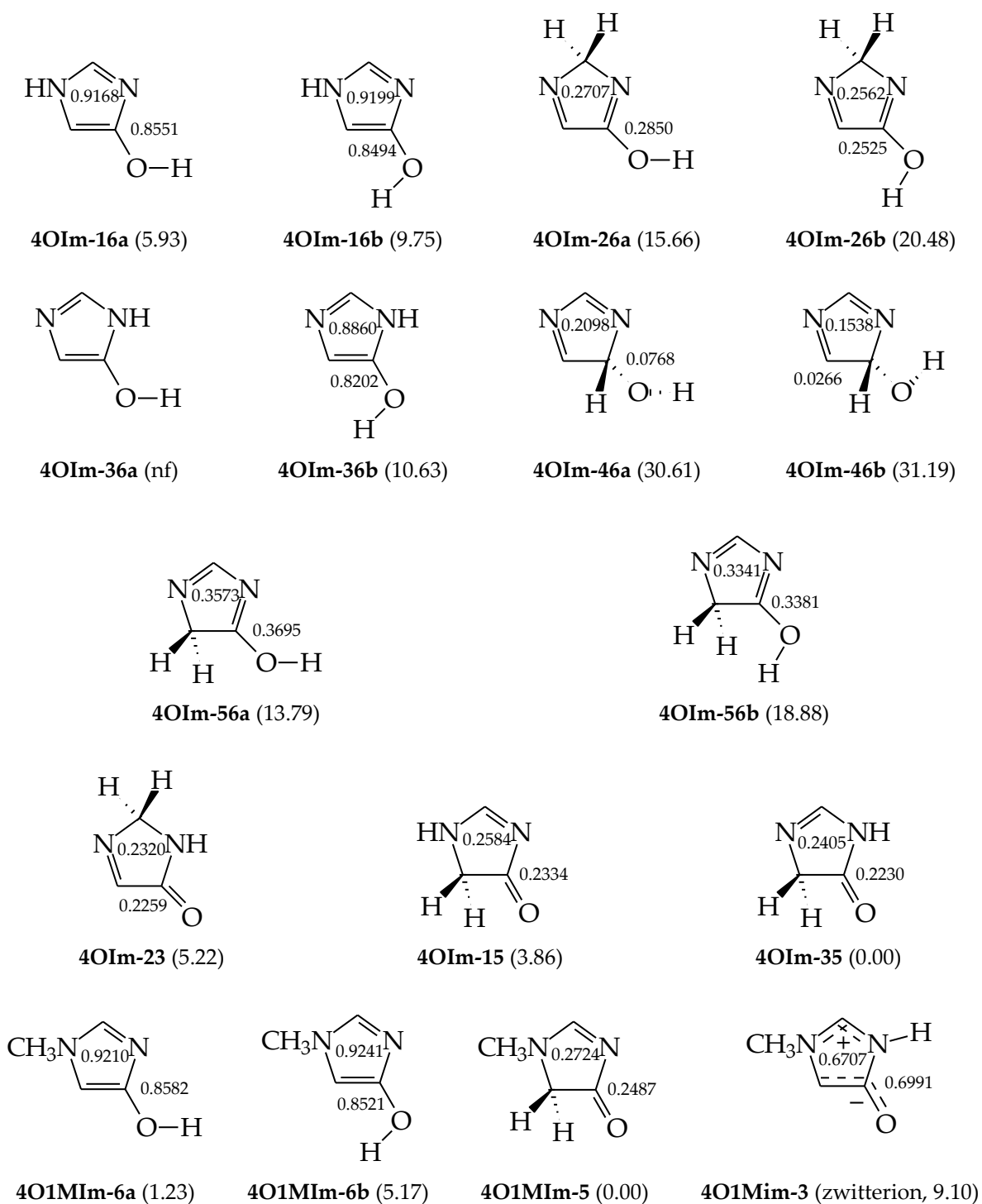


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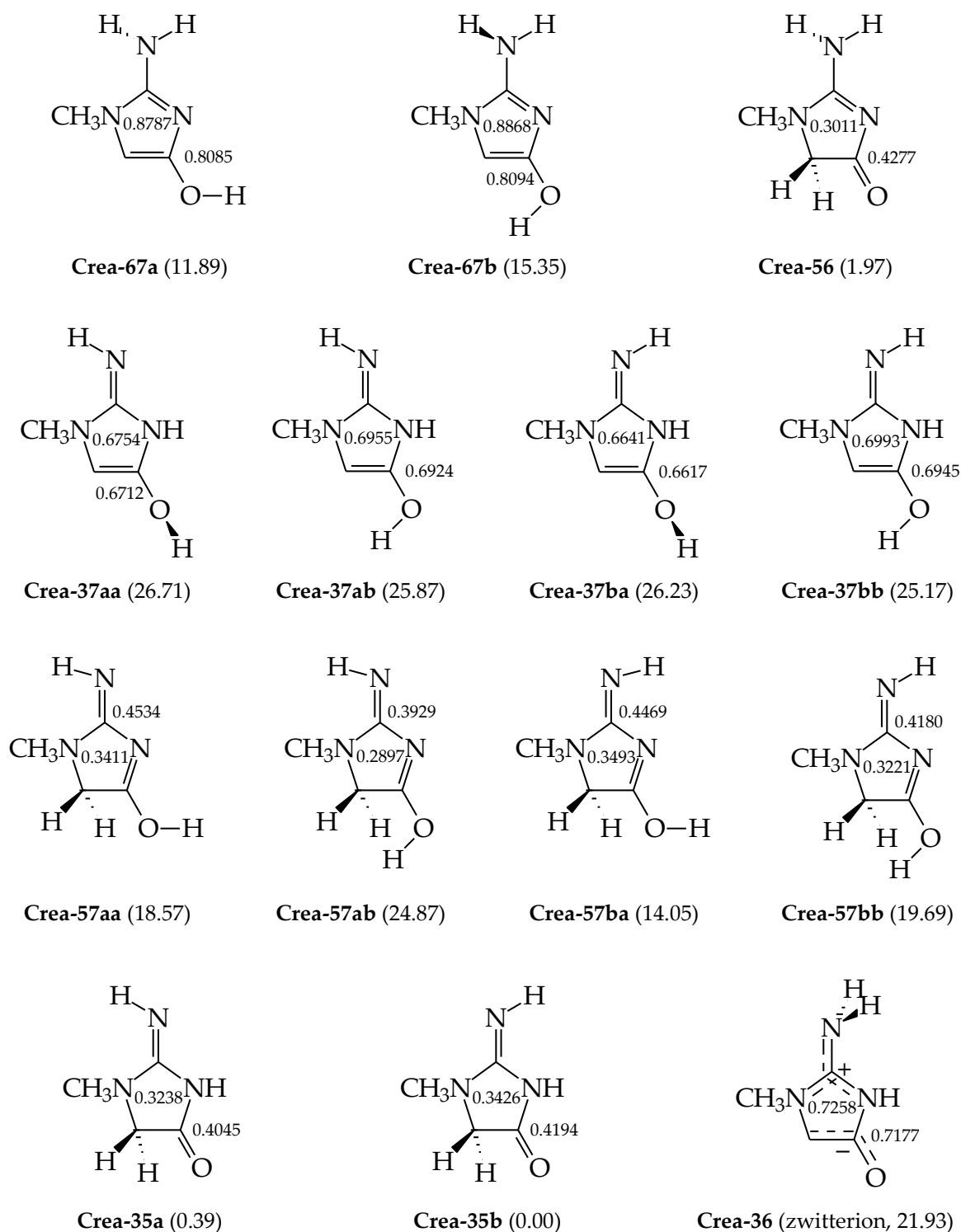
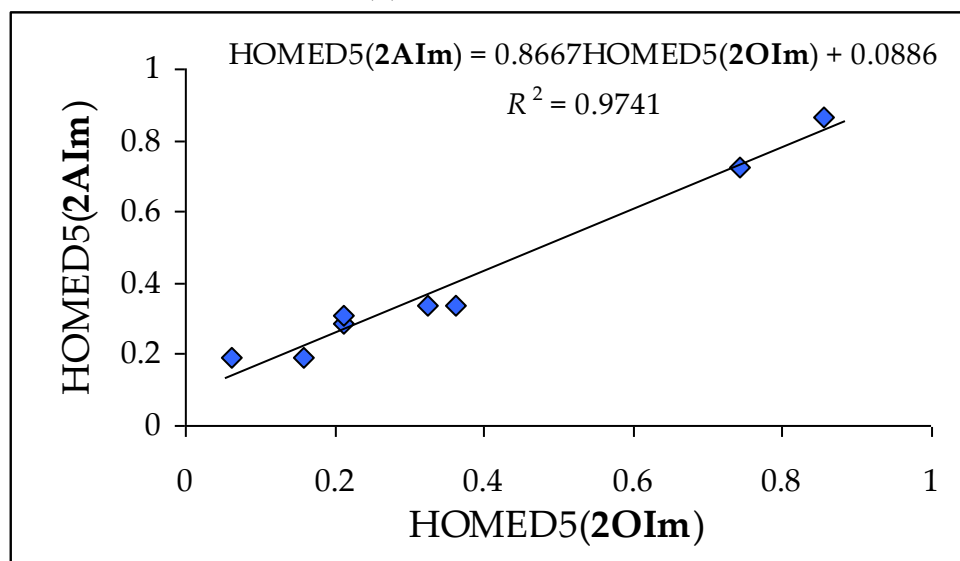


Figure S5. Structures for isomers of creatinine (Crea), their HOMEDs and ΔG s estimated for at the DFT(B3LYP)/6-311+G(d,p) level. HOMED5s included in the ring, and HOMED7s placed near formula. ΔG s (in kcal mol⁻¹) given in parentheses after isomer abbreviation.

(a) **2AIm** vs **2OIm**



(b) **4AIm** vs **4OIm**

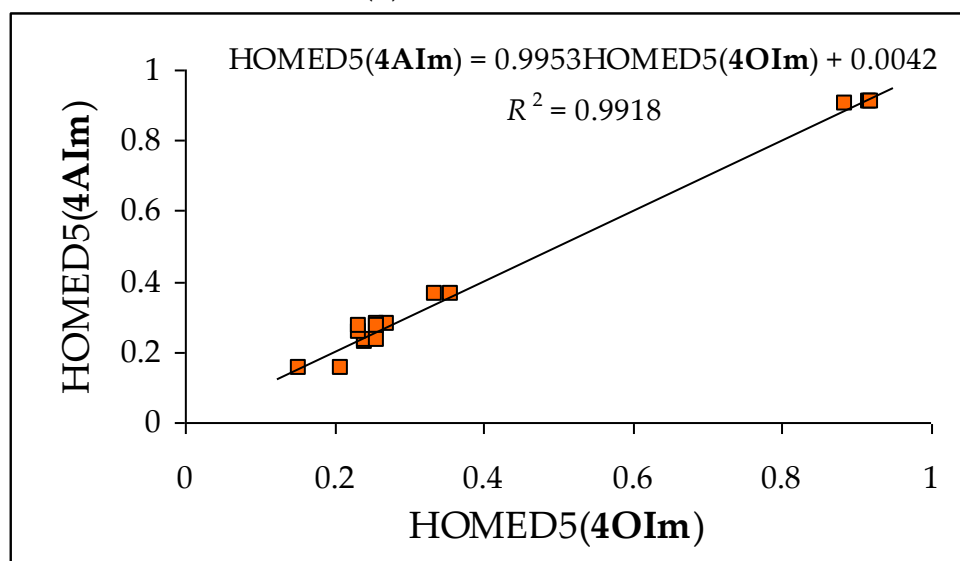
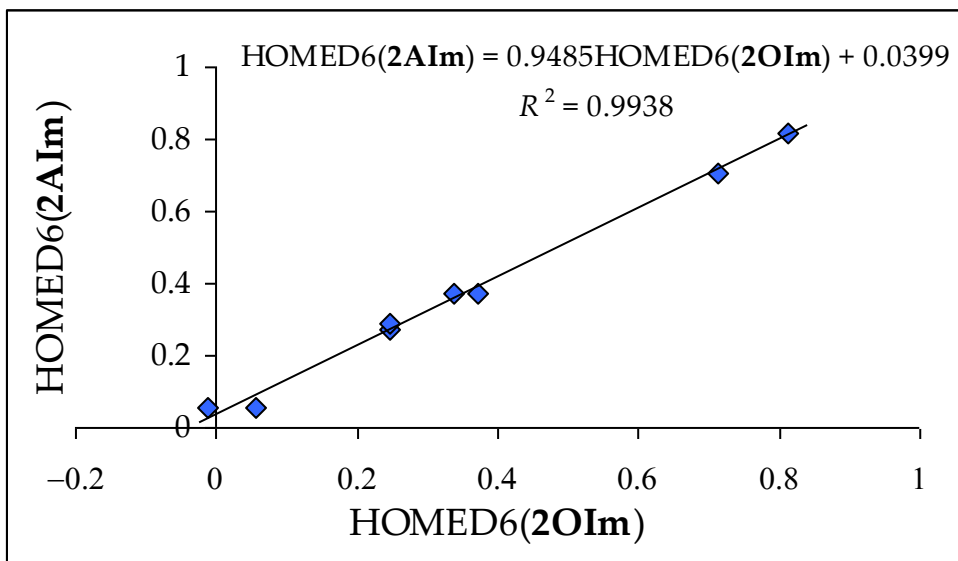


Figure S6. Linear trends between HOMED5s estimated for tautomers-rotamers of mono-amino and mono-hydroxy imidazoles: (a) **2AIm** vs **2OIm**, and (b) **4AIm** vs **4OIm**). HOMED5s refer to electron delocalization in the five-membered ring.

(a) **2AIm** vs **2OIm**



(b) **4AIm** vs **4OIm**

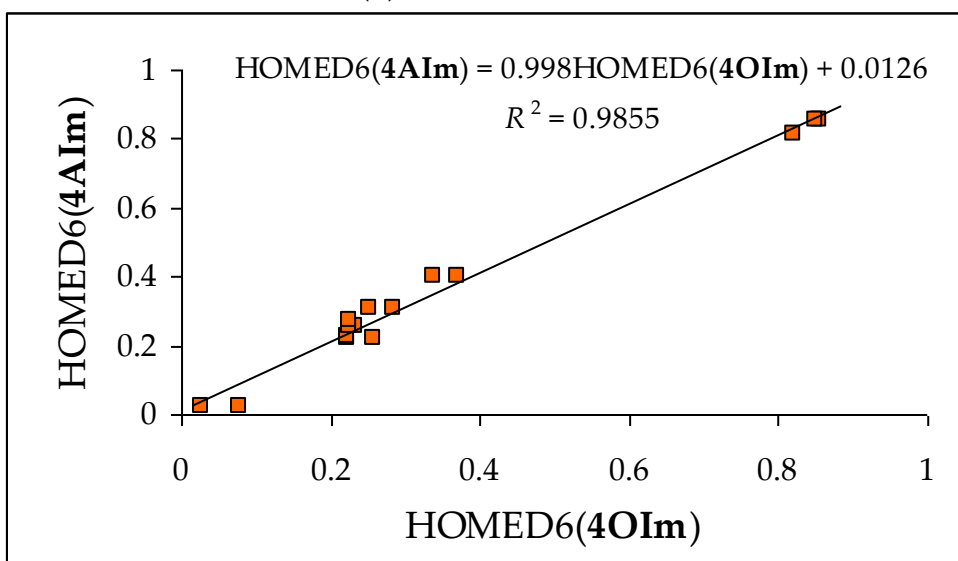


Figure S7. Linear trends between HOMED6s estimated for tautomers-rotamers of mono-amino and mono-hydroxy imidazoles: (a) **2AIm** vs **2OIm**, and (b) **4AIm** vs **4OIm**. HOMED6 refer to electron delocalization in the entire isomer-molecule.

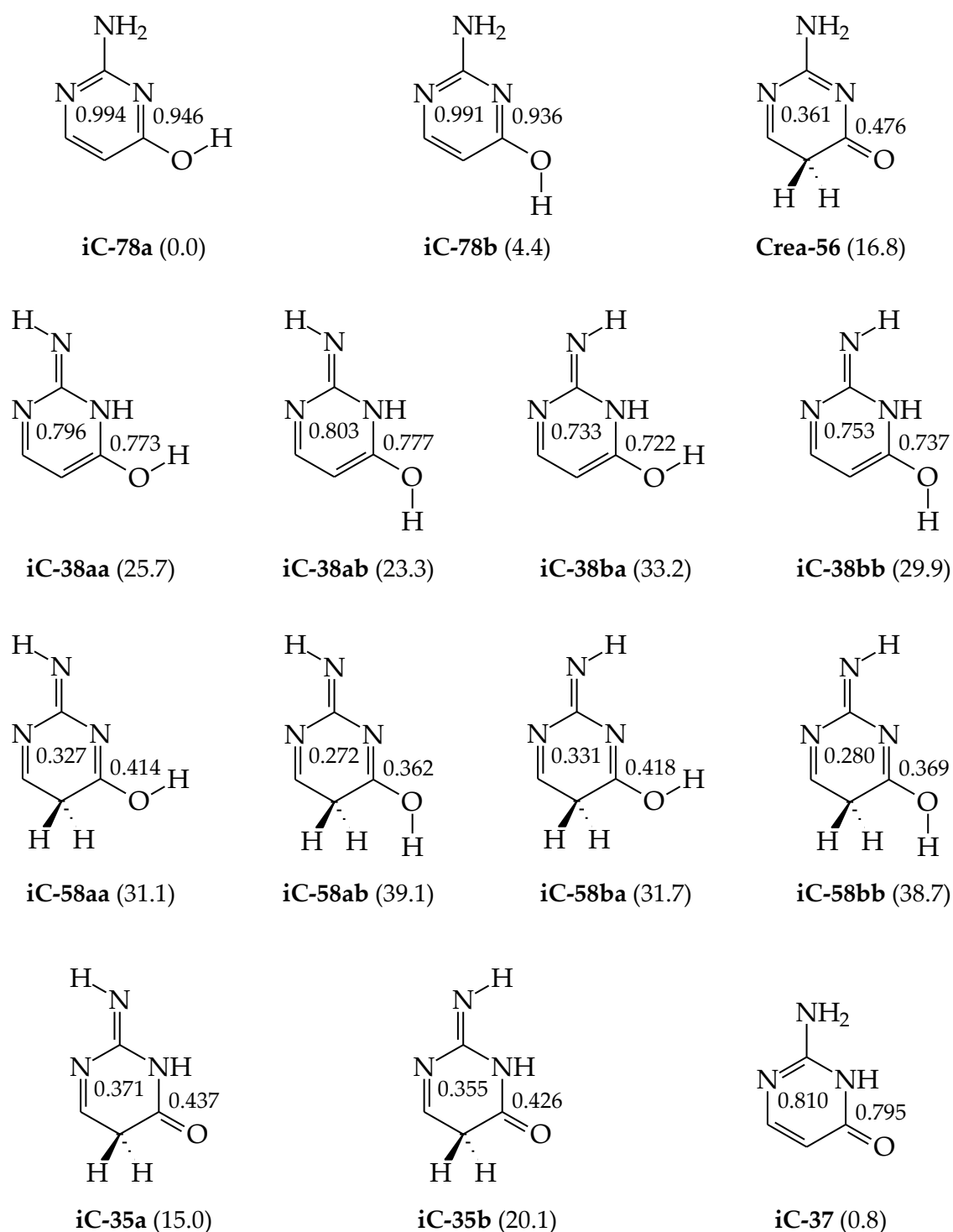


Figure S8. Structures for selected isomers of isocytosine (**iC**), analogous to those of creatinine given in Fig. S5, their HOMEDs and ΔG s estimated at the DFT(B3LYP)/6-311+G(d,p) level. HOMED6s included in the ring, and HOMED8s placed near formula. ΔG s (in kcal mol⁻¹) given in parentheses after isomer abbreviation. Data taken from refs [33,34].

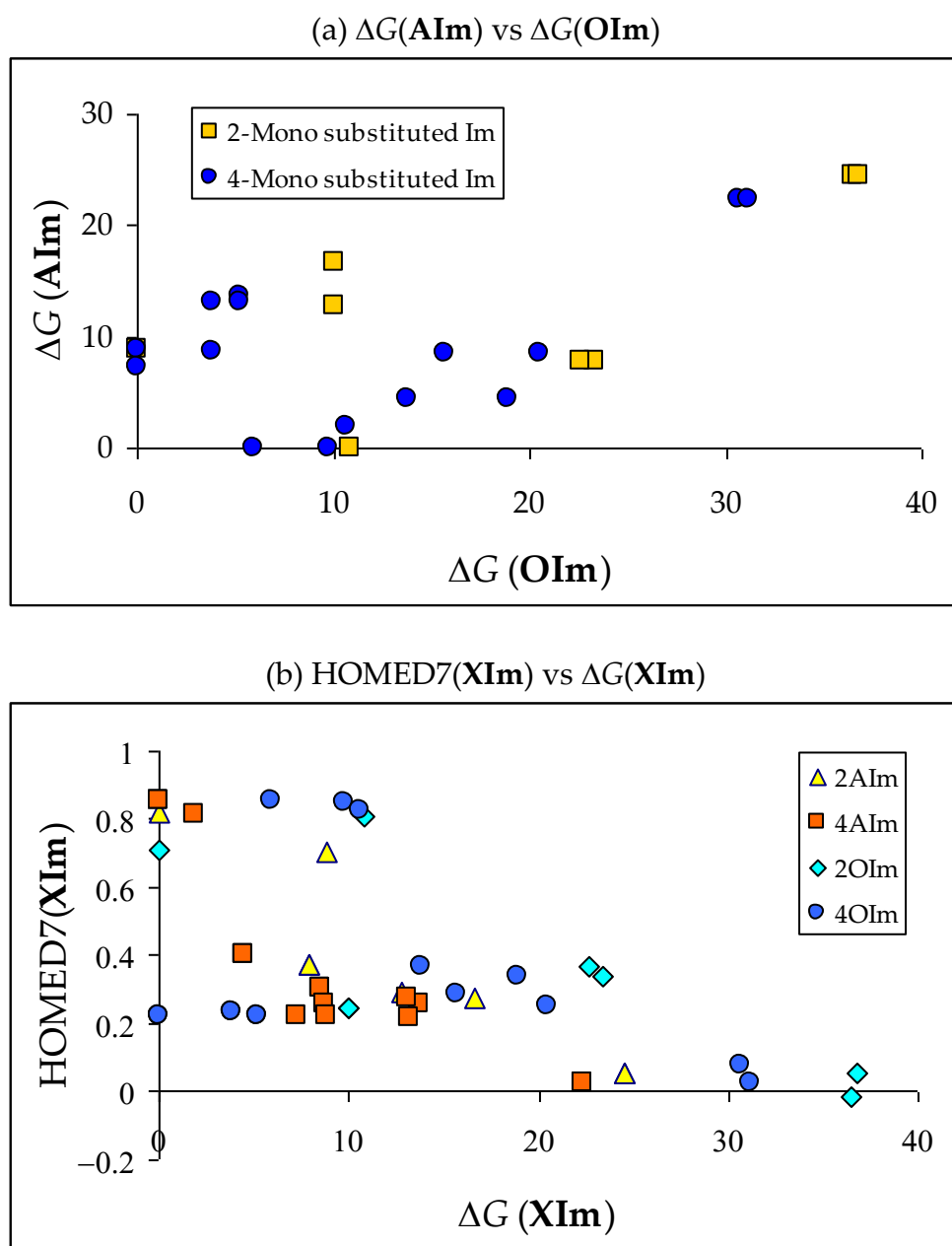


Figure S9. Scatter plots (a) between ΔG s (in kcal mol⁻¹) for isomers of mono-amino (**AIm**) and mono-hydroxy imidazoles (**OIm**), and also (b) between HOMEDs and ΔG s for isomers of mono-substituted imidazoles (**2AIm**, **4AIm**, **2OIm**, and **4OIm**). Data taken from Figs S1-S4.

Table S1. Comparison of structural and thermochemical parameters estimated at the DFT-level for tautomers-rotamers of mono-substituted imidazoles in the gas phase.

Isomer	HOMED5	HOMED6	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})^a$	ΔH^a	$T\Delta S^a$	ΔG^a	K	x_i^b
2AIm-16/36	0.8640	0.8187	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	100
2AIm-26	0.1918	0.0552	24.59	24.49	-0.08	24.57	$1 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-18}$
2AIm-46/56	0.3395	0.3725	7.83	7.78	-0.12	7.89	$2 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
2AIm-13	0.7255	0.7065	9.12	9.30	0.43	8.87	$3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$
2AIm-15a/34b	0.2878	0.2737	16.66	16.53	-0.14	16.67	$6 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-11}$
2AIm-15b/34a	0.3085	0.2914	12.78	12.66	-0.08	12.74	$5 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-8}$
4AIm-16	0.9067	0.8529	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.0	95.84
4AIm-26	0.2771	0.3059	8.41	8.30	-0.19	8.49	$6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-5}$
4AIm-36	0.9026	0.8166	2.52	2.63	0.76	1.87	0.04	4.10
4AIm-46	0.1522	0.0242	22.36	22.23	-0.13	22.36	$4 \cdot 10^{-17}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-15}$
4AIm-56	0.3633	0.4020	4.72	4.83	0.35	4.48	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.05
4AIm-23a	0.2565	0.2585	13.87	13.81	0.05	13.75	$8 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-9}$
4AIm-23b	0.2730	0.2755	13.47	13.47	0.34	13.13	$2 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-8}$
4AIm-15a	0.2753	0.2567	8.81	8.73	0.01	8.71	$4 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
4AIm-15b	0.2304	0.2184	13.18	13.04	-0.11	13.15	$2 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-8}$
4AIm-35a	0.2300	0.2214	9.02	8.95	0.08	8.88	$3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$
4AIm-35b	0.2350	0.2247	7.41	7.29	-0.04	7.32	$4 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
2OIm-16a/36b	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
2OIm-16b/36a	0.8546	0.8111	10.75	10.70	-0.12	10.83	$1 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-6}$
2OIm-26a	0.0624	-0.0130	36.56	36.57	0.13	36.44	$2 \cdot 10^{-27}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-25}$
2OIm-26b	0.1595	0.0570	39.94	36.94	0.12	36.83	$1 \cdot 10^{-27}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-25}$
2OIm-46a/56b	0.3237	0.3384	23.29	23.17	-0.19	23.36	$8 \cdot 10^{-18}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-16}$
2OIm-46b/56a	0.3624	0.3707	22.51	23.35	-0.26	22.61	$3 \cdot 10^{-17}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-15}$
2OIm-13	0.7437	0.7123	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	100
2OIm-15/34	0.2122	0.2462	10.39	10.45	0.45	10.01	$5 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-6}$
4OIm-16a	0.9168	0.8551	5.80	5.84	-0.08	5.93	$4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
4OIm-16b	0.9199	0.8494	9.74	9.89	0.13	9.75	$7 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-6}$
4OIm-26a	0.2707	0.2850	15.50	15.41	-0.25	15.66	$3 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-10}$
4OIm-26b	0.2562	0.2525	20.42	20.44	-0.05	20.48	$1 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-13}$
4OIm-36a	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
4AOm-36b	0.8860	0.8202	10.74	10.94	0.31	10.63	$2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
4OIm-46a	0.2098	0.0768	30.70	30.81	0.19	30.61	$4 \cdot 10^{-23}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-21}$
4OIm-46b	0.1538	0.0266	31.30	31.42	0.23	31.19	$1 \cdot 10^{-23}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-21}$
4OIm-56a	0.3573	0.3695	13.64	13.56	-0.23	13.79	$8 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-9}$
4OIm-56b	0.3341	0.3381	18.80	18.80	-0.08	18.88	$1 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-12}$
4OIm-23	0.2320	0.2259	5.28	5.33	0.11	5.22	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.01
4OIm-15	0.2584	0.2334	4.55	4.84	0.98	3.86	0.01 ₅	0.15
4OIm-35	0.2405	0.2230	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	99.84

^a In kcal mol⁻¹. ^b Percentage contents. ^c Not Found.

Table S2. Comparison of structural and thermochemical parameters estimated at the DFT-level for isomers of 1-methyl-imidazoles in the gas phase.

Isomer	HOMED5	HOMED6	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})^a$	ΔH^a	$T\Delta S^a$	ΔG^a	K	x_i^b
2A1MIm-6	0.8742	0.8198	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	100
2A1MIm-3a	0.7327	0.7166	8.77	8.92	0.57	8.35	$8 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-5}$
2A1MIm-3b	0.7303	0.7156	8.34	8.55	0.77	7.78	$2 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
2A1MIm-5a	0.3129	0.3021	16.95	16.84	-0.04	16.88	$4 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-11}$
2A1MIm-5b	0.3342	0.3219	12.21	12.14	0.15	11.99	$2 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-7}$
4O1MIm-6a	0.9210	0.8582	0.92	0.93	-0.31	1.23	0.12_{4795}	11.09
4O1MIm-6b	0.9241	0.8521	4.96	5.05	-0.12	5.17	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.02
4O1MIm-5	0.2724	0.2487	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	88.89
4O1MIm-3 (zwitterion)	0.6707	0.6991	10.30	8.70	-0.39	9.10	$2 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$

^a In kcal mol⁻¹. ^b Percentage contents.

Table S3. Comparison of structural and thermochemical parameters estimated at the DFT-level for isomers of creatinine in the gas phase.

Isomer	HOMED5	HOMED7	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})^a$	ΔH^a	$T\Delta S^a$	ΔG^a	K	x_i^b
Crea-67a	0.8787	0.8085	11.70	11.90	0.01	11.89	$2 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-7}$
Crea-67b	0.8868	0.8094	15.25	15.52	0.16	15.35	$6 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-10}$
Crea-56	0.3011	0.4277	1.77	1.79	-0.17	1.97	0.03_{6222}	2.33
Crea-37aa	0.6754	0.6712	26.72	26.99	0.28	26.71	$3 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-18}$
Crea-37ab	0.6955	0.6924	26.06	26.45	0.58	25.87	$1 \cdot 10^{-19}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-18}$
Crea-37ba	0.6641	0.6617	26.36	26.65	0.42	26.23	$6 \cdot 10^{-20}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-18}$
Crea-37bb	0.6993	0.6945	25.63	26.12	0.95	25.17	$4 \cdot 10^{-19}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-17}$
Crea-57aa	0.3411	0.4534	18.24	18.10	-0.47	18.57	$2 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-12}$
Crea-57ab	0.2897	0.3929	24.58	24.53	-0.34	24.87	$6 \cdot 10^{-19}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-17}$
Crea-57ba	0.3493	0.4469	13.79	13.68	-0.37	14.05	$5 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-9}$
Crea-57bb	0.3221	0.4180	19.43	19.40	-0.29	19.69	$4 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-13}$
Crea-35a	0.3238	0.4045	0.21	0.13	-0.26	0.39	0.51_{6953}	33.3
Crea-35b	0.3426	0.4194	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	64.4
Crea-36 (zwitterion)	0.7258	0.7177	21.87	22.10	0.17	21.93	$8 \cdot 10^{-17}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-15}$

^a In kcal mol⁻¹. ^b Percentage contents.

Table S4. Comparison of relative energetic parameters (in kcal mol⁻¹) for creatinine isomers calculated in this work at DFT level with the literature data.

Isomer	B3LYP(1) ^a		B2 ^b	B3LYP(2) ^c		MP2 ^c		M062X ^c	
	ΔE	ΔG	ΔE	ΔE	ΔG	ΔE	ΔG	ΔE	ΔG
Crea-67a	11.7	11.9	10.8	11.0	10.8	7.0	5.9	8.5	7.8
Crea-67b	15.2	15.4	14.2	14.1	13.8	10.6	9.4	12.4	11.9
Crea-56	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6
Crea-37aa	26.7	26.7	27.0	24.4	24.3	25.0	24.8	24.3	23.9
Crea-37ab	26.1	25.9	26.3	23.9	23.1	24.6	24.5	23.8	23.0
Crea-37ba	26.4	26.2	26.8	d	d	d	d	d	d
Crea-37bb	25.6	25.2	26.2	d	d	d	d	d	d
Crea-57aa	18.2	18.6	17.4	17.2	17.4	15.9	16.3	16.5	16.8
Crea-57ab	24.6	24.9	23.4	22.5	22.7	22.1	22.2	22.6	22.7
Crea-57ba	13.8	14.0	13.3	d	d	d	d	d	d
Crea-57bb	19.4	19.7	18.7	d	d	d	d	d	d
Crea-35a	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crea-35b	0.0	0.0	0.1	d	d	d	d	d	d
Crea-36 (zwitterion)	21.9	21.9	d	21.3	20.6	19.5	17.5	22.9	22.7

^a This work, B3LYP(1): B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p). ^b B2: B2PLYP-D3/maug-cc-pVTZ-dH, data from ref. [14],

^c B3LYP(2): B3LYP/6-311++G(3df, 3pd), data from ref. [13]. ^d MP2/6-311++G(d, p), data from ref. [13].

^e M062X/6-311++G(d, p), data from ref. [13]. ^d Lack of data.

Table S5. Comparison of thermochemical parameters estimated in this work at the DFT, G2 and G2(MP2) levels of theory for selected isomers of 4-hydroxy-imidazole in the gas phase.

Isomer	Method	ΔE^a	ΔH^a	$T\Delta S^a$	ΔG^a	K	x_i^b
4OIm-16a	DFT ^c	5.80	5.84	-0.08	5.93	4.52·10 ⁻⁵	4·10 ⁻³
	G2	5.20	5.23	-0.11	5.34	1.22·10 ⁻⁴	0.01
	G2(MP2)	4.92	4.96	-0.11	5.07	1.92·10 ⁻⁴	0.02
4OIm-15	DFT ^c	4.55	4.84	0.98	3.86	0.01 ₅	0.15
	G2	5.28	5.36	0.14	5.22	1.50·10 ⁻⁴	0.02
	G2(MP2)	5.24	5.31	0.14	5.17	1.62·10 ⁻⁴	0.02
4OIm-35	DFT ^c	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	99.84
	G2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	99.97
	G2(MP2)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	99.96

^a In kcal mol⁻¹. ^b Percentage contents. ^c DFT(B3LYP)/6-311+G(d,p).