An Ab Initio Study of Nitrosonium Complexes of N-Heterocyclic Compounds

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A knowledge of properties of nitrosonium complexes of heterocyclic compounds is important for understanding of some chemical and biochemical reactions^{1,2}. The subject of this work is quantum chemical studies on complexes of N-heterocyclic compounds with the nitrosonium cation.



The following nitrosonium complexes have been studied using *ab initio* HF/6-31G, HF/6-31G(d), HF/6-31G(d,p), HF/6-31G+(d), HF/6-31G(2d), HF/6-31G(2d,p), and MP2/6-31G methods:

Substitution of N for C atom of a cycle results in decrease of the affinity of Nheterocyclic compounds to the nitrosonium cation (A_{NO}^+) . As opposed to the effect of N substitution, annelation or introduction of an electron-donor substituent into the cycle increases A_{NO}^+ . The best agreement between the calculated A_{NO}^+ values for precursors of complexes **1a,b,d,e** and the corresponding experimental data² has been obtained by HF/6-31G(2d,p) method.

The A_{NO}^+ values for the N-heterocyclic compounds under study are lower than the respective proton affinity (PA) values (*cf.* ref.³), A_{NO}^+ vs. PA³ correlation displaying a linearity.

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