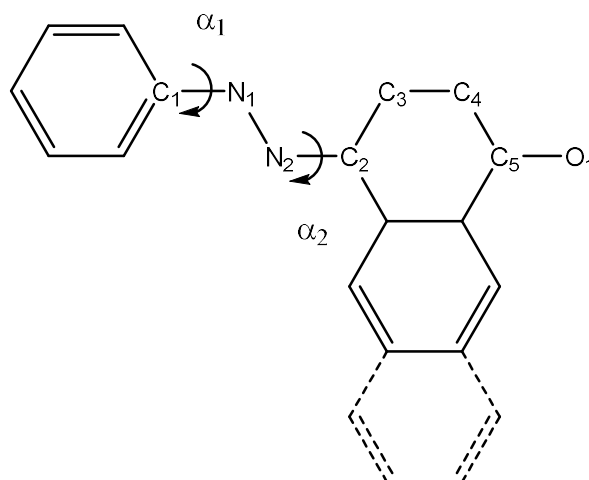


## Supporting Information



**Scheme S1.** Skeleton of **1** and **6**.

**Table S1.** Experimental and predicted structural parameters of **1E**, **1K** and **6E** (see Scheme S1 for the atom numbering).

	Bond lengths, Å							Dihedral angles, °	
	C1-N1	N1-N2	N2-C2	C2-C3	C3-C4	C4-C5	C5-O1	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$
<b>1E</b> (as OMe compound, CCDC 810701)									
<i>exp</i>	1.429	1.266	1.429	1.372	1.401	1.376	1.370	9.0	11.5
TautLYP	1.434	1.260	1.426	1.400	1.422	1.398	1.369	7.8	8.9
MN12-SX	1.412	1.258	1.405	1.385	1.399	1.382	1.353	0.0	0.0
BHandH	1.398	1.232	1.391	1.369	1.390	1.368	1.337	0.0	0.0
M06-2X	1.424	1.246	1.417	1.380	1.405	1.379	1.358	1.1	1.3
HF	1.421	1.219	1.418	1.364	1.407	1.364	1.348	8.6	10.5
SOGGA11-X	1.419	1.250	1.412	1.385	1.405	1.383	1.359	0.0	0.0
M11	1.427	1.243	1.420	1.376	1.407	1.376	1.360	0.0	0.0
BHandHLYP	1.412	1.238	1.406	1.374	1.398	1.372	1.351	0.0	0.0
<b>1K</b> (as NMe compound, CCDC 810700)									
<i>exp</i>	1.414	1.347	1.316	1.445	1.348	1.446	1.242		
TautLYP	1.414	1.330	1.317	1.474	1.365	1.492	1.236		
MN12-SX	1.395	1.320	1.308	1.449	1.349	1.469	1.226		
BHandH	1.381	1.300	1.287	1.441	1.334	1.458	1.211		
M06-2X	1.400	1.319	1.301	1.458	1.345	1.477	1.222		
HF	1.401	1.337	1.268	1.473	1.328	1.481	1.200		
SOGGA11-X	1.399	1.319	1.305	1.457	1.349	1.475	1.226		
M11	1.403	1.319	1.297	1.463	1.342	1.480	1.223		
BHandHLYP	1.393	1.315	1.291	1.453	1.337	1.468	1.216		
<b>6E</b> (as OMe compound, CCDC 820291)									
<i>exp</i>	1.454	1.251	1.419	1.369	1.408	1.362	1.361	6.8	14.2
TautLYP	1.434	1.260	1.426	1.393	1.432	1.391	1.368	9.6	13.2
MN12-SX	1.412	1.259	1.404	1.379	1.407	1.376	1.352	0.0	0.0
BHandH	1.398	1.232	1.391	1.362	1.399	1.361	1.336	0.0	0.0
M06-2X	1.424	1.246	1.416	1.373	1.415	1.371	1.357	5.8	8.7
HF	1.422	1.219	1.418	1.353	1.423	1.353	1.347	10.9	17.4
SOGGA11-X	1.418	1.251	1.412	1.378	1.414	1.376	1.358	4.8	6.8
M11	1.427	1.243	1.419	1.369	1.418	1.369	1.359	0.0	0.0
BHandHLYP	1.412	1.238	1.406	1.366	1.408	1.364	1.351	4.7	6.8

**Table S2.** Predicted  $\Delta E$  values in kcal/mol units.

Cmpd	R	TautLYP		MN12-SX		BHandH		M06-2X		B3LYP	
		CCl <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	CCl <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	CCl <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	CCl <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	CCl <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN
<b>1</b>	H		-0.22		0.25		-0.69		0.44		-3.22
<b>1.2</b>	OCH <sub>3</sub>		1.79		2.07		1.40		2.38		-1.49
<b>2</b>	H	0.34	-0.20	0.42	-0.17	0.17	-0.34	0.77	0.30	-1.64	-2.24
<b>3</b>	H	-0.26	-0.65	-0.39	-0.84	-0.46	-0.82	0.15	-0.21	-2.42	-2.87
<b>4</b>	H	1.44	0.24	1.47	0.18	1.40	0.23	2.13	1.00	-0.35	-1.59
<b>4.1</b>	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.46	0.24	1.59	0.30	1.48	0.33	2.22	1.08	-0.27	-1.51
<b>4.2</b>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	1.62	0.39	1.75	0.45	1.63	0.46	2.39	1.24	-0.13	-1.37
<b>4.3</b>	CH <sub>3</sub>	1.41	0.19	1.45	0.15	1.37	0.20	2.13	0.99	-0.39	-1.63
<b>4.4</b>	CN	1.85	0.58	1.95	0.61	1.76	0.54	2.50	1.32	0.07	-1.22
<b>4.5</b>	NO <sub>2</sub>	1.80	0.55	1.85	0.52	1.66	0.46	2.44	1.27	-0.06	-1.33
<b>5</b>	H	0.70	-0.44	0.69	-0.55	0.59	-0.50	1.32	0.22	-1.19	-2.33
<b>5.1</b>	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	0.77	-0.41	0.93	-0.36	0.73	-0.38	1.45	0.33	-0.98	-2.18
<b>5.2</b>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	0.91	-0.27	1.00	-0.28	0.85	-0.25	1.61	0.47	-0.91	-2.09
<b>5.4</b>	CN	1.07	-0.11	1.11	-0.15	0.92	-0.18	1.68	0.55	-0.84	-2.01
<b>5.5</b>	NO <sub>2</sub>	0.98	-0.19	0.98	-0.28	0.80	-0.28	1.60	0.49	-0.99	-2.16