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Molecular Structure and Vibrational Spectra of 4-(4-Hydroxyphenylazo)phthalonitrile: DFT Study

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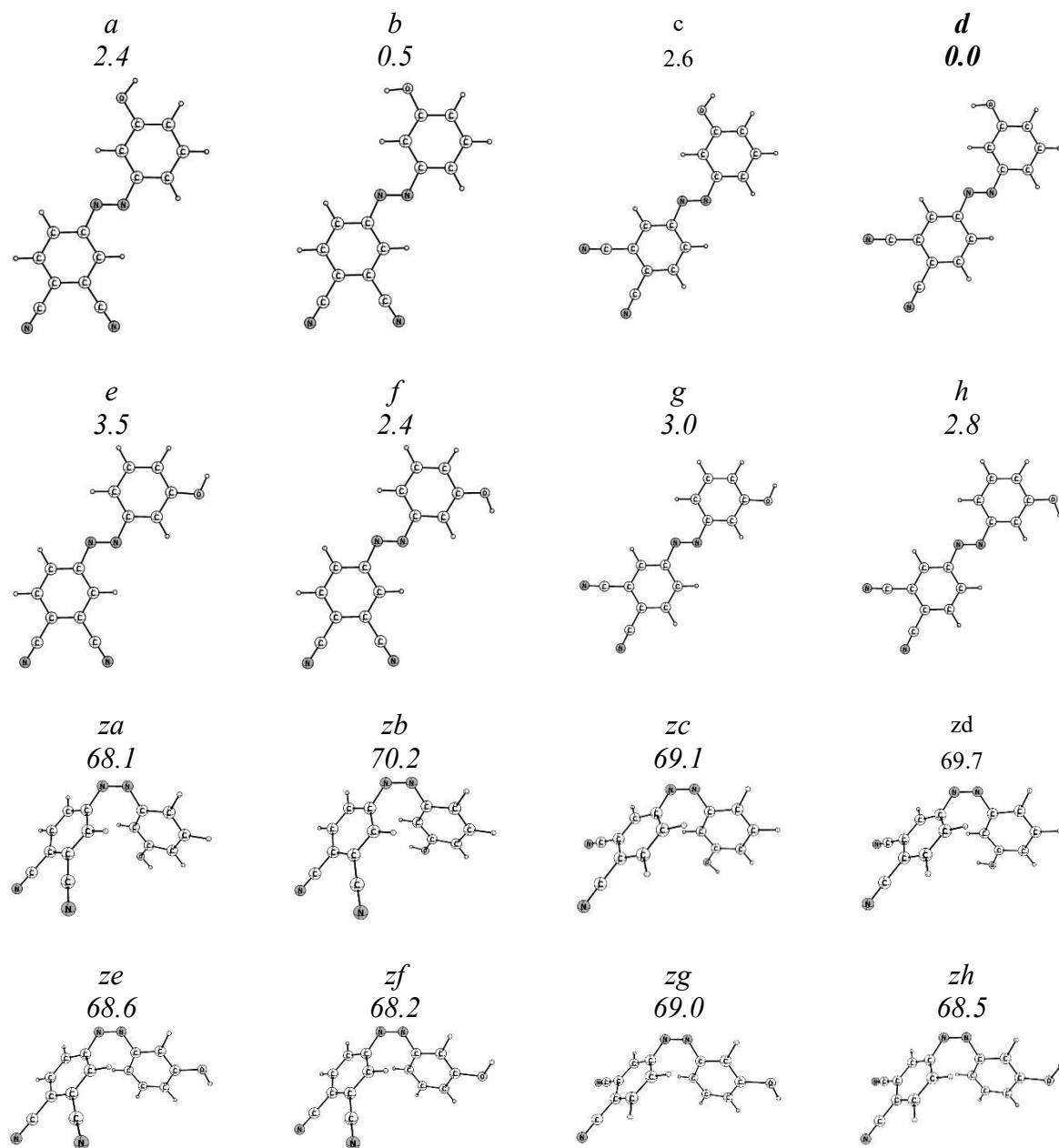


Figure S1. Conformer and isomer models of m-HPhAPN and appropriate relative energies (kJ·mol⁻¹).

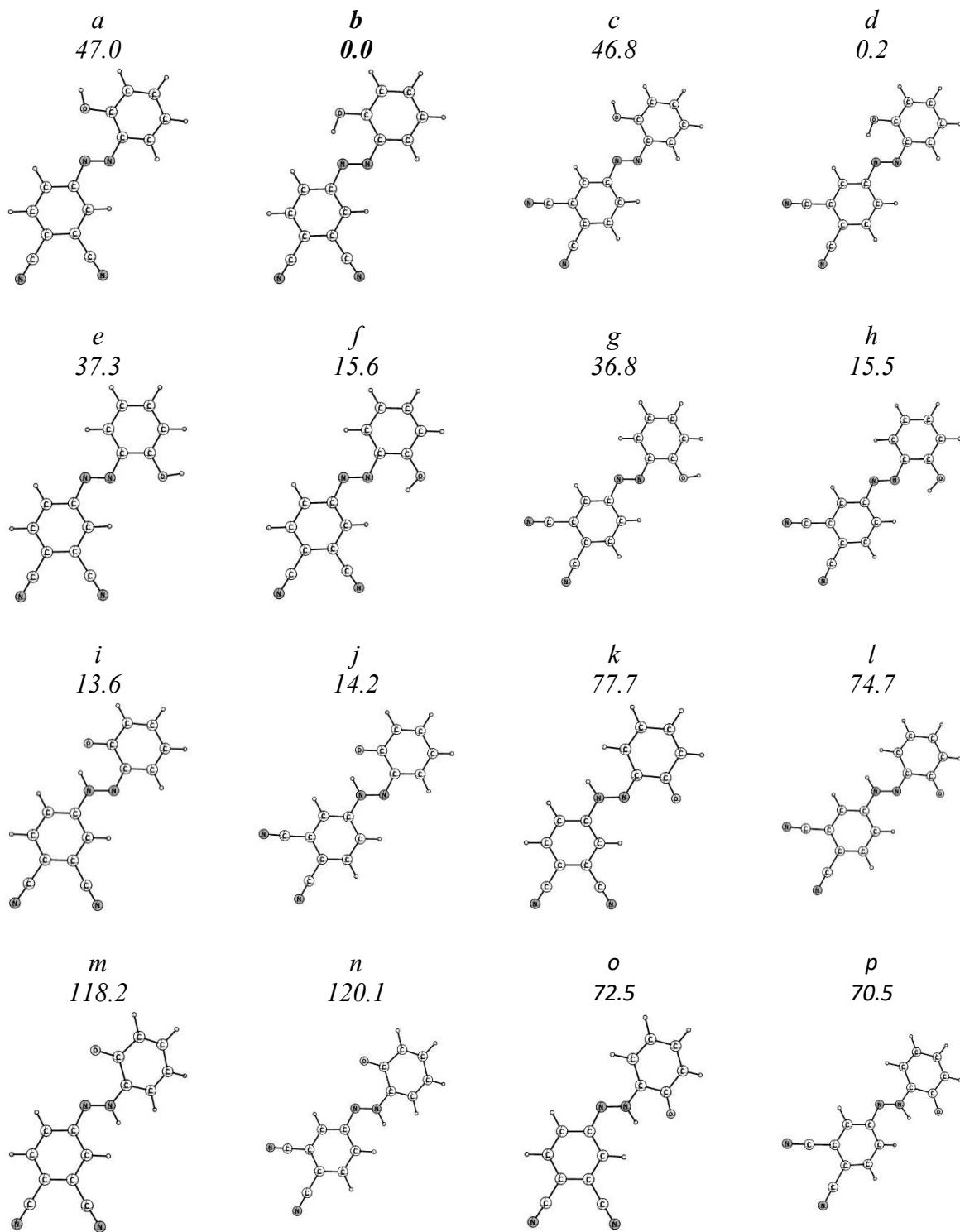


Figure S2. Conformer and isomer models of E-o-HPhAPN and appropriate relative energies ($\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$).

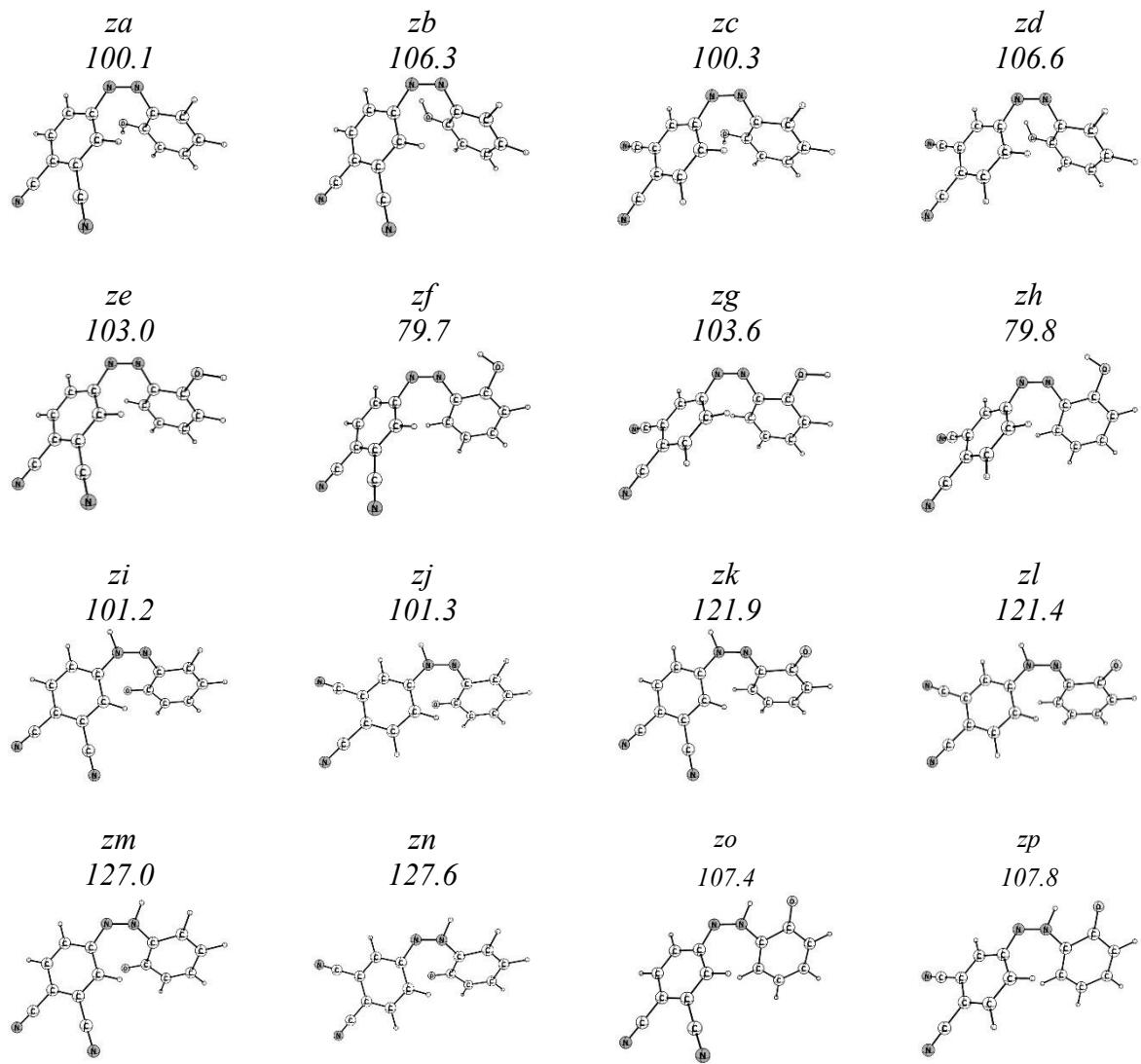


Figure S3. Conformer and isomer models of **Z-o-HPhAPN** and appropriate relative energies (kJ·mol⁻¹).

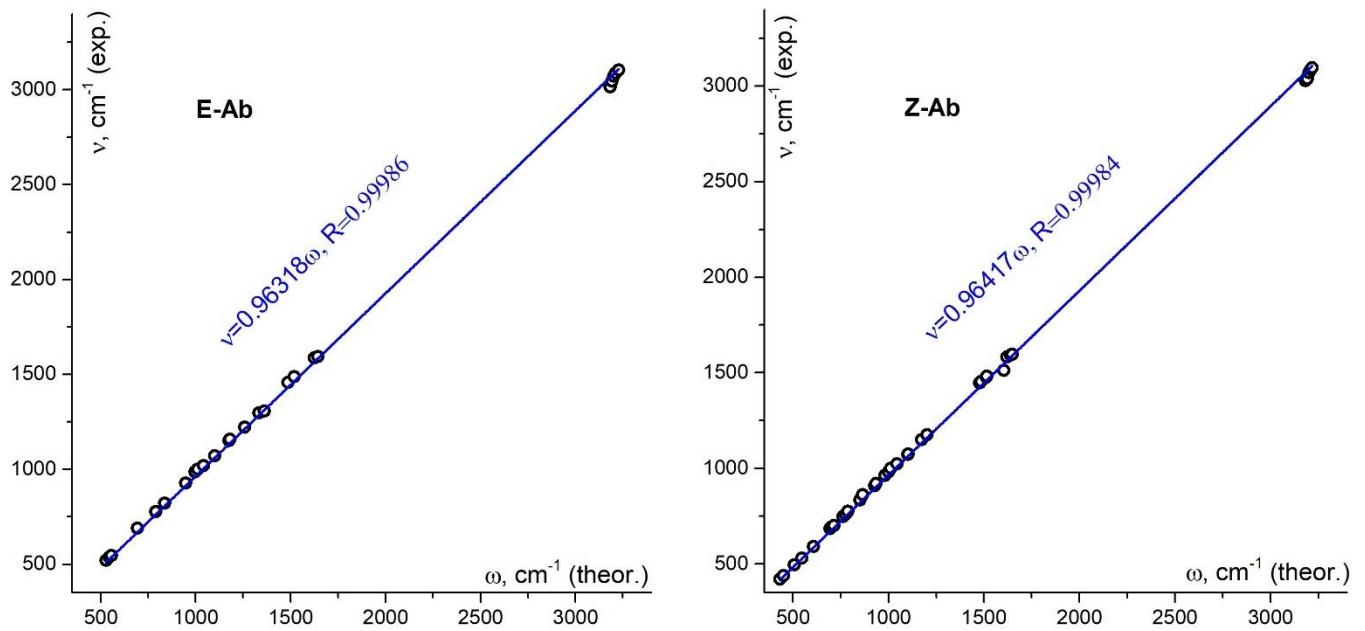


Figure S4. Correlation dependences $v = f(\omega)$: v – the experimental wavenumbers (cm^{-1}) of the absorption bands in the IR spectra of **Ab** (**E-Ab** and **Z-Ab**) isolated in an Ar matrix at 15 K [1]; ω – the theoretical wavenumbers (cm^{-1}) at the B3LYP/6-31++G** level. R – adjusted R squared.

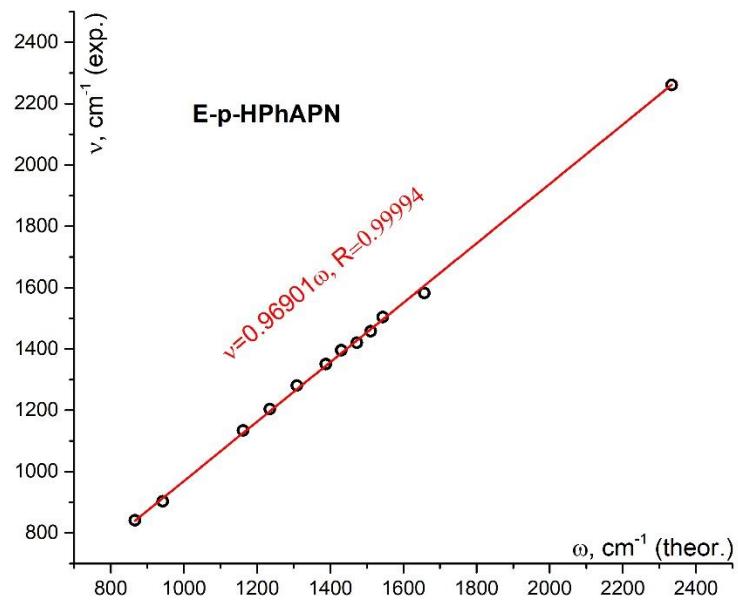


Figure S5. Correlation dependences $v = f(\omega)$: v and ω – the positions of the band maxima in the experimental and B3LYP/6-31++G** model spectra (Figure 2) for **E-p-HPhAPN**, respectively. R – adjusted R squared.

Table S1. Nucleus-independent chemical shifts (NICS) indexes, Wiberg bond indexes (WI) and electron delocalization indexes (DI) calculated for **Ab**, **Ab-2OH**, **Ab-4CN**, **p-HPhAPN**, **m-HPhAPN**, **o-HPhAPN**.

Index	Ab		Ab-2OH		Ab-4CN		p-HPhAPN		o-HPhAPN				m-HPhAPN	
	E-	Z-	E-	Z-	E-	Z-	a	za	b	i	zf	zb	b	zb
NICS(0)	-6.9	-8.2	-	-	-8.0	-9.1	-6.9	-8.7	-7.9	-8.2	-8.6	-9.2	-8.0	-8.9
NICS(1)	-9.0	-9.4	-	-	-9.1	-9.4	-8.1	-8.9	-8.9	-8.8	-8.9	-9.4	-9.1	-9.2
NICS(0)'	-	-	-7.5	-8.7	-	-	-8.0	-8.3	-6.9	0.1	-6.7	-8.9	-7.6	-9.0
NICS(1)'	-	-	-8.4	-8.8	-	-	-9.0	-8.8	-7.9	-3.3	-7.9	-9.0	-8.5	-9.0
$r_e(N_1-N'_1)$, Å	1.258	1.249	1.261	1.253	1.257	1.246	1.262	1.251	1.274	1.310	1.254	1.253	1.259	1.248
$r_e(N_1-C_2)$, Å	1.420	1.436	1.413	1.433	1.418	1.434	1.418	1.428	1.414	1.395	1.425	1.433	1.420	1.432
$r_e(N'_1-C'_2)$, Å	1.420	1.436	1.413	1.433	1.418	1.434	1.404	1.424	1.386	1.333	1.410	1.434	1.413	1.432
$r_e(O-C)$, Å	-	-	1.367	1.368	-	-	1.361	1.361	1.339	1.653	1.347	1.367	1.367	1.366
WI($N_1-N'_1$)	1.76	1.90	1.73	1.87	1.76	1.92	1.72	1.86	1.64	1.32	1.82	1.88	1.74	1.90
WI(N_1-C_2)	1.11	1.06	1.12	1.07	1.11	1.06	1.11	1.07	1.10	1.09	1.07	1.07	1.10	1.06
WI($N'_1-C'_2$)	1.11	1.06	1.12	1.07	1.11	1.06	1.14	1.09	1.21	1.47	1.13	1.06	1.12	1.06
WI($O-C$)	-	-	1.03	1.03	-	-	1.05	1.05	1.12	0.10	1.09	1.03	1.03	1.03
DI($N_1-N'_1$)	1.88	1.95	1.86	1.93	1.88	1.96	1.85	1.92	1.77	1.48	1.88	1.93	1.87	1.01
DI(N_1-C_2)	1.03	1.01	1.05	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.05	1.02	1.03	0.98	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.02
DI($N'_1-C'_2$)	1.03	1.00	1.05	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.05	1.03	1.10	1.26	1.06	1.00	1.03	1.95
DI($O-C$)	-	-	0.92	0.92	-	-	0.93	0.93	0.98	0.14	0.95	0.92	0.92	0.92

Table S2. Calculated frequencies (ω_i), IR-intensities ($I_{IR\ i}$) and vibrational modes descriptions ^a for **E-Ab** and **Z-Ab**.

i	E-Ab								Z-Ab					
	sym	ω_i , cm ⁻¹	$I_{IR\ i}$, km·mol ⁻¹	Assignment ^a	b	c	Benzene modes parentage _d	v_{exp} , cm ⁻¹ _e	sym	ω_i , cm ⁻¹	$I_{IR\ i}$, km·mol ⁻¹	Assignment ^a	v_{exp} , cm ⁻¹ _e	
1	A _u	21.4	0.1	rot(Ph);	44	44			A	45.2	0.0	rot(Ph); $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$; $\delta(N_1C_2C)$;		
2	A _u	62.8	1.5	π scissoring;	43	43			A	69.3	0.4	π scissoring		
3	B _u	85.1	2.1	δ scissoring;	66	66			B	287.1	5.8	$\delta(N_1C_2C)$; $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$; $\tau(CCCN)$		
4	B _g	111.0	0.0	π shearing;	33	33			B	44.3	1.4	rot(Ph); $\delta(N_1C_2C)$;		
5	A _g	223.5	0.0	δ shearing;	23	23			A	272.6	0.4	$\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$; $\delta(N_1C_2C)$; $\tau(Ph)$;		
6	B _g	260.9	0.0	π shearing;	32	32			B	155.9	2.8	$\tau(CCCN)$; $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$;		
7	A _g	306.8	0.0	δ shearing;	22	22			A	172.6	0.2	$\tau(CNNC)$; $\delta(N_1C_2C)$;		
8	A _u	307.5	0.9	$\pi(Ph)$; $\tau(CNNC)$;	42	42	16		A	432.3	3.5	$\tau(CNNC)$; $\pi(Ph)$; $v(N_1-C_2)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	420	
9	A _u	415.9	0.0	$\pi(Ph)$;	41	41	16		A	413.2	0.0	$\pi(Ph)$;		
10	B _g	422.2	0.0	$\pi(Ph)$;	31	31	16		B	409.9	3.9	$\pi(Ph)$;		
11	B _g	485.9	0.0	$\pi(Ph)$;	30	29	16		B	452.1	2.4	$\pi(Ph)$; $\delta(N_1C_2C)$;	439	
12	B _u	529.0	26.2	$\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$; $\delta(N_1C_2C)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	65	65		521	B	715.0	93.0	$\pi(C-H)$: $\pi(C_5-H_5)$, $\pi(C_4-H_4)$, $\pi(C_6-H_6)$; $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$;	701	
13	B _u	545.6	5.6	$\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_3C_2C_7)$, $\delta(C_4C_5C_6)$, $\delta(C_2C_3C_4)$; $\delta(N_1C_2C)$;	64	64	6	536	B	506.4	4.9	$\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_3C_2C_7)$; $\pi(Ph)$; $v(N_1-C_2)$; $\delta(N_1C_2C)$;	495	
14	A _u	556.6	13.1	$\tau(CNNC)$, $\tau(Ph)$	40	39		546	A	607.5	4.8	$\tau(CNNC)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	592	
15	A _g	624.0	0.0	$\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_5C_6C_7)$, $\delta(C_3C_4C_5)$, $\delta(C_2C_3C_4)$, $\delta(C_2C_7C_6)$;	21	21	6		A	630.9	0.3	$\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_5C_6C_7)$, $\delta(C_2C_3C_4)$, $\delta(C_3C_4C_5)$; $\tau(CNNC)$;		
16	B _u	630.0	0.6	$\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_3C_4C_5)$, $\delta(C_5C_6C_7)$, $\delta(C_2C_7C_6)$, $\delta(C_2C_3C_4)$;	63	63	6		B	627.1	0.0	$\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_3C_4C_5)$, $\delta(C_2C_7C_6)$, $\delta(C_5C_6C_7)$, $\delta(C_2C_3C_4)$;		
17	A _g	681.9	0.0	$\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_4C_5C_6)$, $\delta(C_3C_2C_7)$; $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$;	20	20	6		A	763.1	0.7	$v(N_1-C_2)$; $\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C_4C_5C_6)$; $\pi(C-H)$; $v(C-C)$;	749	
18	A _u	693.4	75.6	$\tau(Ph)$; $\pi(C-H)$;	39	40	4	689	A	703.0	21.9	$\tau(Ph)$; $\pi(C-H)$: $\pi(C_6-H_6)$, $\pi(C_4-H_4)$; $v(N_1-C_2)$; $\delta(CCC)$; $v(C-C)$;	694	
19	B _g	693.8	0.0	$\tau(Ph)$; $\pi(C-H)$;	29	29	4		B	693.3	6.9	$\tau(Ph)$; $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$;	686	

20	B _g	772.8	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}); \pi(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2);$	28	28	11		B	776.0	52.8	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \delta(\text{CCC});$ $\pi(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \nu(\text{C-C});$	760
21	A _u	789.7	86.9	$\pi(\text{C-H}); \pi(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2);$	38	38	11	778	A	787.5	15.7	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \pi(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2);$	777
22	B _u	837.1	0.5	$\delta(\text{CCC}): \delta(\text{C}_4\text{C}_5\text{C}_6); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_7), \nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2);$	62	62		821	B	866.1	5.5	$\delta(\text{N}'_1\text{N}_1\text{C}_2); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2);$	863
23	A _u	854.8	0.1	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6);$	37	37	10		A	851.5	1.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4);$	
24	B _g	856.8	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6);$	27	27	10		B	850.0	2.4	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4);$	834
25	A _g	936.0	0.0	$\delta(\text{N}'_1\text{N}_1\text{C}_2); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3); \delta(\text{C-C-C}); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2);$	19	19			A	547.1	0.5	$\delta(\text{N}'_1\text{N}_1\text{C}_2); \delta(\text{CCC}): \delta(\text{C}_3\text{C}_2\text{C}_7);$	531
26	B _g	942.8	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3); \tau(\text{Ph})$	26	26	17		B	934.2	21.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \pi(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \delta(\text{N}'_1\text{N}_1\text{C}_2);$	921
27	A _u	946.9	9.2	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3); \pi(\text{Ph});$	36	36	17	927	A	929.4	0.3	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \pi(\text{Ph});$	910
28	A _u	987.3	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3); \pi(\text{Ph});$	35	35	17		A	981.5	0.1	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3); \pi(\text{Ph});$	
29	B _g	989.6	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4); \pi(\text{Ph});$	25	25	17		B	981.5	0.4	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3); \pi(\text{Ph});$	963
30	A _u	998.5	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \pi(\text{Ph});$	34	34	5	986	A	1000.2	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4); \pi(\text{Ph});$	
31	B _g	1002.9	0.0	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \pi(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7); \pi(\text{Ph});$	24	24	5		B	1000.0	0.4	$\pi(\text{C-H}): \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \pi(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \pi(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \pi(\text{Ph});$	981
32	B _u	1012.6	2.3	$\delta(\text{CCC}); \nu(\text{C-C}); \delta(\text{C-H});$	61	61	12	1001	B	1012.6	1.1	$\delta(\text{C-C-C}); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3); \delta(\text{C-H});$	1001
33	A _g	1012.8	0.0	$\delta(\text{CCC}); \nu(\text{C-C}); \delta(\text{C-H});$	18	18	12		A	1012.4	0.2	$\delta(\text{C-C-C}); \nu(\text{C-C}); \delta(\text{C-H});$	
34	A _g	1041.2	0.0	$\nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5), \nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_6); \delta(\text{C-H});$	17	17	19		A	1045.9	2.9	$\nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_6), \nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5); \delta(\text{C-H});$	
35	B _u	1041.4	15.0	$\nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5), \nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_6); \delta(\text{C-H});$	60	60	19	1019	B	1045.8	5.3	$\nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_6), \nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5); \delta(\text{C-H});$	1024
36	A _g	1097.8	0.0	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_7), \nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4);$	16	16	19		A	1103.3	0.8	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_7), \nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4);$	1075
37	B _u	1101.3	13.5	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_7), \nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4);$	59	59	19	1072	B	1102.2	13.2	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7), \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4), \nu(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_7);$	1072
38	A _g	1165.5	0.0	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \nu(\text{C-C});$	15	15	8		A	1151.0	0.2	$\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_7); \delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7);$	
39	B _u	1176.9	29.6	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \delta(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7); \nu(\text{C-C}); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2);$	58	58	8	1152	B	1173.5	1.9	$\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3); \nu(\text{C-C});$	1151
40	B _u	1181.9	0.3	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5); \nu(\text{C-C});$	57	57	14	1158	B	1183.1	0.0	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \delta(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6); \nu(\text{C-C});$	
41	A _g	1182.0	0.0	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \delta(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4); \nu(\text{C-C});$	14	14	14		A	1183.0	0.1	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_5\text{-H}_5), \delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \delta(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4); \nu(\text{C-C});$	
42	A _g	1209.7	0.0	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6); \nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2); \nu(\text{C-C});$	13	13	8		A	1202.0	0.5	$\delta(\text{C-H}): \delta(\text{C}_4\text{-H}_4), \delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6), \delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3), \delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7); \nu(\text{C-C}): \nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4);$	1176

43	B _u	1258.8	23.9	v(N ₁ -C ₂); v(C-C); δ(C-H): δ(C ₄ -H);	56	56	8	1221	B	1202.4	0.2	δ(C-H): δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₆ -H ₆); v(C-C): v(C ₃ -C ₄); v(N ₁ -C ₂);	
44	B _u	1333.6	2.0	δ(C-H): δ(C ₇ -H ₇), δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₆ -H ₆), δ(C ₄ -H ₄); v(C-C);	55	55	3	1298	B	1329.3	1.5	v(C-C): v(C ₂ -C ₃), v(C ₂ -C ₇); δ(C-H): δ(C ₆ -H ₆), δ(C ₄ -H ₄);	
45	A _g	1340.3	0.0	δ(C-H): δ(C ₇ -H ₇), δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₆ -H ₆);	12	12	3		A	1337.2	0.1	δ(C-H): δ(C ₆ -H ₆), δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₇ -H ₇), δ(C ₃ -H ₃); v(C-C): v(C ₂ -C ₃), v(C ₂ -C ₇);	
46	B _u	1363.0	8.8	v(C-C): v(C ₃ -C ₄), v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₂ -C ₇), v(C ₄ -C ₅), v(C ₂ -C ₃), v(C ₆ -C ₇); δ(C-H);	54	54	15	1307	B	1354.4	0.7	v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₃ -C ₄), v(C ₄ -C ₅); δ(C-H): δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₇ -H ₇), δ(C ₅ -H ₅);	
47	A _g	1365.9	0.0	v(C-C): v(C ₃ -C ₄), v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₂ -C ₃), v(C ₄ -C ₅), v(C ₂ -C ₇), v(C ₆ -C ₇); δ(C-H);	11	11	15		A	1358.2	0.0	v(C-C): v(C ₃ -C ₄), v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₄ -C ₅); δ(C-H): δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₇ -H ₇);	
48	A _g	1482.0	0.0	δ(C-H): δ(C ₅ -H ₅), δ(C ₄ -H ₄); v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇); v(N ₁ -N' ₁);	10	10	18		A	1484.3	2.8	δ(C-H): δ(C ₅ -H ₅), δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₆ -H ₆); v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₃ -C ₄);	1453
49	B _u	1486.0	10.1	δ(C-H): δ(C ₅ -H ₅), δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₆ -H ₆); v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₃ -C ₄);	53	53	18	1457	B	1478.1	5.5	δ(C-H): δ(C ₅ -H ₅), δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₆ -H ₆); v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₃ -C ₄);	1448
50	A _g	1507.1	0.0	δ(C-H): δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₆ -H ₆); v(C-C): v(C ₂ -C ₇);	9	9	18		A	1512.6	6.6	δ(C-H): δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₇ -H ₇), δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₆ -H ₆); v(C-C);	1478
51	B _u	1520.6	8.6	δ(C-H): δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₆ -H ₆), δ(C ₇ -H ₇); v(C-C): v(C ₄ -C ₅);	52	52	18	1487	B	1515.1	6.3	δ(C-H): δ(C ₃ -H ₃), δ(C ₆ -H ₆), δ(C ₄ -H ₄), δ(C ₇ -H ₇); v(C-C);	1482
52	A _g	1557.2	0.0	v(N ₁ -N' ₁); v(C-C); δ(C-H);	8	8			A	1605.0	25.3	v(N ₁ -N' ₁); v(C-C);	1513
53	B _u	1626.8	3.5	v(C-C): v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₂ -C ₃), v(C ₂ -C ₇); δ(C-H);	51	51	9	1588	B	1620.2	4.6	v(C-C): v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₂ -C ₃), v(C ₄ -C ₅); δ(C-H);	1582
54	A _g	1632.7	0.0	v(C-C): v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₂ -C ₇), v(C ₂ -C ₃), v(C ₄ -C ₅); δ(C-H);	7	7	9		A	1627.5	0.8	v(C-C): v(C ₄ -C ₅), v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₂ -C ₇), v(C ₂ -C ₃); δ(C-H);	
55	B _u	1643.8	3.4	v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₃ -C ₄), v(C ₂ -C ₇), v(C ₄ -C ₅); δ(C-H);	50	50	9	1593	B	1638.2	4.0	v(C-C): v(C ₄ -C ₅), v(C ₅ -C ₆), v(C ₂ -C ₇), v(C ₂ -C ₃); δ(C-H);	1593
56	A _g	1649.0	0.0	v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₃ -C ₄); δ(C-H); v(N ₁ -N' ₁);	6	6	9		A	1648.6	12.9	v(C-C): v(C ₆ -C ₇), v(C ₃ -C ₄); v(N ₁ -N' ₁); δ(C-H);	1596
57	B _u	3182.1	2.9	v(C-H): v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₆ -H ₆);	49			3015	B	3184.1	1.4	v(C-H): v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₆ -H);	3028
58	A _g	3182.1	0.0	v(C-H): v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₆ -H ₆);	5				A	3184.2	0.2	v(C-H): v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₆ -H ₆);	
59	A _g	3192.3	0.0	v(C-H): v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₇ -H ₇);	4				A	3192.3	1.1	v(C-H): v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₇ -H ₇);	
60	B _u	3192.3	21.8	v(C-H): v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₇ -H ₇);	48			3046	B	3192.2	12.3	v(C-H): v(C ₄ -H ₄), v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₇ -H ₇);	3038
61	B _u	3202.9	43.2	v(C-H): v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₄ -H ₄);	47			3070	B	3203.0	7.2	v(C-H): v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₄ -H ₄);	
62	A _g	3203.0	0.0	v(C-H): v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₄ -H ₄);	3				A	3202.9	18.1	v(C-H): v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₅ -H ₅), v(C ₄ -H ₄);	3070
63	B _u	3212.4	32.7	v(C-H): v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₅ -H ₅);	46			3087	B	3210.3	35.6	v(C-H): v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₅ -H ₅);	3085
64	A _g	3212.6	0.0	v(C-H): v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₅ -H ₅);	2				A	3210.6	1.8	v(C-H): v(C ₇ -H ₇), v(C ₆ -H ₆), v(C ₅ -H ₅);	
65	A _g	3228.5	0.0	v(C ₃ -H ₃);	1				A	3217.6	2.1	v(C-H): v(C ₃ -H), v(C ₄ -H ₄);	
66	B _u	3228.6	8.4	v(C ₃ -H ₃);	45			3104	B	3217.7	3.8	v(C-H): v(C ₃ -H), v(C ₄ -H ₄);	3095

^a Based on PED. Coordinates are listed if their contributions are greater than ~10%. Coordinates are presented in descending order of their contributions. The designation “*Coord-1: Coord-2, Coord-3;*” means that the displacement along coordinates *Coord-2* and *Coord-3* are a part of the general displacement *Coord-1*. Given that the molecules have the symmetries C_{2h} and C₂, the following pairs of atoms are symmetrically equivalent: N'₁ and N₁, C₂ and C'₂, C₃ and C'₃, C₄ and C'₄, C₅ and C'₅, C₆ and C'₆, C₇ and C'₇, etc, therefore it is assumed in assignment that, for example, vibration v(C₂-C₃) includes both vibration v(C₂-C₃) and v(C'₂-C'₃), etc. The following designations are used: v(X-Y) – stretching of the X-Y bond; δ – in-plane bending; π – out-of-plane bending; τ – torsion; rot(Ph) – rotation of the phenyl fragment around an axis N-C; π scissoring - ring-ring out-of-plane scissoring (with analogy at [2]); δ scissoring – ring-ring in-plane scissoring (with analogy at [2]); π shearing – out-of-plane shearing (with analogy at [2]); δ shearing – in-plane shearing (with analogy at [2]);

^b Gagliardi [3] numbering of modes;

^c Armstrong [4] numbering of modes;

^d Gardner labels [5] for the vibrational modes of benzene (the labeling is based on Varsányi labeling [6] with renumbering of modes 8 and 9, 14 and 15, 18 and 19);

^e experimental wavenumbers (cm⁻¹) of the absorption bands in the IR spectra of **Ab** (**E-Ab** and **Z-Ab**) isolated in an Ar matrix at 15 K [1].

Table S3. Calculated frequencies (ω_i), IR-intensities ($I_{IR,i}$) and vibrational modes descriptions ^a for **E-p-HPhAPN**.

i	ω_i , cm ⁻¹	$I_{IR,i}$, km·mol ⁻¹	Assignment ^a	ν_{exp} , cm ⁻¹
1	19.3	1.2	rot(Ph): rot(Ph), rot(Ph');	
2	35.8	0.4	π scissoring;	
3	53.4	0.5	δ scissoring;	
4	78.0	2.6	π shearing;	
5	114.3	0.9	$\delta(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$;	
6	130.3	0.1	$\pi(C_4-CN^{(4)})$; $\tau(Ph, Ph')$;	
7	148.5	4.0	$\delta(C_{5,4}-CN^{(5,4)})$; $\delta(N_1N'_1C_2)$; $\delta(N'_1C_2C')$;	
8	164.3	7.0	$\pi(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$; $\tau(N_1N'_1C_2C')$;	
9	205.6	6.8	$\delta(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$; $\nu(N-C)$; $\delta(CCC)$; $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$;	
10	208.3	0.1	$\tau(N_1N'_1C_2C')$; $\tau(Ph')$; $\tau(C'C'5O)$	
11	282.8	2.2	$\delta(NCC)$: $\delta(N_1C_2C)$, $\delta(N'_1C_2C')$; $\delta(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$;	
12	296.5	0.0	$\pi(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$; $\tau(N_1N'_1C_2C')$;	
13	381.4	38.2	$\tau(C'C'5OH)$; $\tau(Ph')$;	
14	390.7	24.2	$\pi(Ph)$; $\pi(C_4-CN^{(4)})$; $\tau(C'C'5OH)$;	
15	397.5	58.1	$\tau(C'C'5OH)$; $\tau(Ph')$;	
16	405.0	11.4	$\delta(C'5-OH)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	
17	424.4	29.0	$\delta(CCC)$; $\nu(C_{4,5}-C^{CN(4,5)})$; $\delta(C'5-OH)$;	
18	434.8	0.1	$\pi(Ph')$;	
19	461.9	9.5	$\delta(C_{5,4}-CN^{(5,4)})$; $\delta(CCC)$; $\nu(C-C)$;	
20	470.3	0.3	$\tau(Ph)$; $\pi(C-CN^{(4,5)})$	
21	508.8	8.1	$\delta(C_4-CN^{(4)})$; $\delta(NNC)$; $\delta(NCC)$: $\delta(N_1C_2C)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	
22	534.2	7.8	$\tau(Ph')$;	
23	535.2	0.8	$\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$; $\delta(NNC)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	
24	549.5	19.7	$\pi(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$;	
25	606.9	4.5	$\nu(C-C)$: $\nu(C_5-C^{CN(5)})$; $\delta(NNC)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	
26	634.9	1.2	$\delta(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$; $\delta(C_{4,5}-CN^{(4,5)})$; $\delta(Ph')$;	
27	649.1	5.1	$\pi(Ph; C^{CN(4)})$;	
28	653.2	2.1	$\delta(Ph')$: $\delta(C'_5C'_6C'_7)$, $\delta(C'_2C'_7C'_6)$, $\delta(C'_2C'_3C'_4)$, $\delta(C'_3C'_4C'_5)$; $\nu(C-C)$; $\delta(C-H)$;	
29	722.8	1.4	$\tau(Ph')$;	
30	733.3	1.3	$\nu(C-C)$: $\nu(C_4-C_5)$, $\nu(C_5-C^{CN(5)})$, $\nu(C_4-C^{CN(4)})$; $\delta(CCC)$;	
31	751.2	1.3	$\tau(Ph)$;	
32	755.8	3.8	$\delta(Ph)$: $\delta(C_2C_7C_6)$; $\nu(C-C)$: $\nu(C_5-C^{CN(5)})$; $\nu(N-C)$;	
33	818.7	10.3	$\pi(C-H)$: $\pi(C'_6-H'_6)$, $\pi(C'_7-H'_7)$, $\pi(C'_4-H'_4)$;	
34	833.9	14.0	$\nu(C-C)$: $\nu(C'_5-C'_6)$; $\delta(CCC)$: $\delta(C'_3-C'_2-C'_7)$; $\nu(O-C'_5)$; $\delta(NNC)$;	
35	855.5	19.9	$\pi(C-H)$: $\pi(C'_4-H'_4)$, $\pi(C'_3-H'_3)$, $\pi(C'_6-H'_6)$;	
36	866.8	56.6	$\pi(C-H)$: $\pi(C_6-H_6)$, $\pi(C_7-H_7)$;	841
37	899.5	2.5	$\nu(C-C)$: $\nu(C'_2-C'_3)$; $\delta(NNC)$: $\delta(N'_1N_1C_2)$, $\delta(N_1N'_1C'_2)$; $\delta(CCC)$;	
38	941.7	13.9	$\pi(C-H)$: $\pi(C_3-H_3)$;	903

39	960.6	2.5	$\pi(\text{C-H})$: $\pi(\text{C}'_7\text{-H}'_7)$, $\pi(\text{C}'_6\text{-H}'_6)$;	
40	987.4	0.2	$\pi(\text{C-H})$: $\pi(\text{C}'_3\text{-H}'_3)$, $\pi(\text{C}'_4\text{-H}'_4)$;	
41	989.1	0.1	$\pi(\text{C-H})$: $\pi(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7)$, $\pi(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6)$;	
42	989.9	0.9	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3)$; $\delta(\text{NNC})$: $\delta(\text{N}'_1\text{N}_1\text{C}_2)$, $\delta(\text{N}_1\text{N}'_1\text{C}'_2)$; $\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2)$;	
43	1018.1	1.9	$\nu(\text{C}'\text{-C}')$: $\nu(\text{C}'_2\text{-C}'_3)$; $\delta(\text{Ph}')$; $\delta(\text{C}'\text{-H}')$;	
44	1107.1	10.7	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}^{\text{CN}(4)})$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7)$; $\delta(\text{CCC})$; $\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2)$;	
45	1123.8	18.8	$\delta(\text{C}'\text{-H}')$: $\delta(\text{C}'_3\text{-H}'_3)$, $\delta(\text{C}'_7\text{-H}'_7)$, $\delta(\text{C}'_4\text{-H}'_4)$; $\nu(\text{C}'\text{-C}')$;	
46	1162.0	301.3	$\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}'_7\text{-H}'_7)$; $\nu(\text{N-C})$: $\nu(\text{N}'_1\text{-C}'_2)$, $\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2)$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$;	1134
47	1174.2	95.2	$\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6)$, $\delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3)$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$; $\nu(\text{N-C})$;	
48	1185.7	180.7	$\delta(\text{O-H})$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}'_6\text{-H}'_6)$;	
49	1208.3	4.0	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}^{\text{CN}(5)})$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7)$; $\delta(\text{CCC})$; $\nu(\text{N-C})$;	
50	1235.5	45.7	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}^{\text{CN}(5)})$; $\nu(\text{N-C})$: $\nu(\text{N}'_1\text{-C}'_2)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$;	1204
51	1268.8	0.4	$\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6)$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$; $\nu(\text{N-C})$: $\nu(\text{N}'_1\text{-C}'_2)$;	
52	1299.2	60.9	$\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3)$; $\nu(\text{O-C})$; $\nu(\text{N-C})$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$;	1281
53	1309.2	280.3	$\nu(\text{O-C})$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$; $\nu(\text{N-C})$: $\nu(\text{N}'_1\text{-C}'_2)$;	
54	1331.5	7.9	$\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}'_3\text{-H}'_3)$, $\delta(\text{C}'_7\text{-H}'_7)$, $\delta(\text{C}'_4\text{-H}'_4)$, $\delta(\text{C}'_6\text{-H}'_6)$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$;	
55	1344.2	23.3	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5)$, $\nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_6)$, $\nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3)$, $\nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4)$, $\nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_7)$;	
56	1387.9	32.9	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_5\text{-C}'_6)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_2\text{-C}'_7)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_2\text{-C}'_3)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_3\text{-C}'_4)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_4\text{-C}'_5)$; $\delta(\text{O-H})$;	1350
57	1430.5	43.0	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4)$, $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_7)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7)$;	1396
58	1472.7	37.7	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_6\text{-C}'_7)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_3\text{-C}'_4)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$: $\delta(\text{C}'_4\text{-H}'_4)$, $\delta(\text{C}'_6\text{-H}'_6)$; $\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-N}'_1)$;	1420
59	1509.6	88.1	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$;	1458
60	1523.5	104.6	$\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-N}'_1)$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$;	1504
61	1544.3	296.9	$\delta(\text{C-H})$; $\nu(\text{C-C})$; $\nu(\text{N}_1\text{-N}'_1)$;	
62	1603.5	9.8	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_7)$, $\nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}_6)$, $\nu(\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3)$, $\nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$;	
63	1624.0	49.7	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_5\text{-C}'_6)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_2\text{-C}'_3)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_2\text{-C}'_7)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$;	
64	1638.2	6.4	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{-C}_7)$, $\nu(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$;	1582
65	1657.3	259.7	$\nu(\text{C-C})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_6\text{-C}'_7)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_3\text{-C}'_4)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_4\text{-C}'_5)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_2\text{-C}'_7)$; $\delta(\text{C-H})$;	
66	2333.9	42.9	$\nu(\text{N-C})$: $\nu(\text{N}_5\text{-C}^{\text{CN}(5)})$; $\nu(\text{C}_5\text{-C}^{\text{CN}(5)})$;	2261
67	2340.2	10.4	$\nu(\text{N-C})$: $\nu(\text{N}_4\text{-C}^{\text{CN}(4)})$; $\nu(\text{C}_4\text{-C}^{\text{CN}(4)})$	
68	3180.3	19.6	$\nu(\text{C-H})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_6\text{-H}'_6)$;	
69	3211.7	3.7	$\nu(\text{C-H})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_4\text{-H}'_4)$;	
70	3213.1	0.5	$\nu(\text{C-H})$: $\nu(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7)$, $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6)$;	
71	3215.0	3.3	$\nu(\text{C-H})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_7\text{-H}'_7)$;	
72	3226.3	1.3	$\nu(\text{C-H})$: $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_6)$, $\nu(\text{C}_7\text{-H}_7)$;	
73	3232.7	3.4	$\nu(\text{C-H})$: $\nu(\text{C}'_3\text{-H}'_3)$, $\nu(\text{C}'_4\text{-H}'_4)$;	
74	3241.8	3.1	$\nu(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_3)$;	
75	3819.5	158.7	$\nu(\text{O-H})$;	

^a Based on PED. Coordinates are listed if their contributions are greater than ~10%. Coordinates are presented in descending order of their contributions. The designation “Coord-1: Coord-2, Coord-3;” means that the displacement along coordinates Coord-2 and Coord-3 are a part of the general displacement Coord-1. The following designations are used: $\nu(\text{X-Y})$ – stretching of the X-Y bond; δ – in-plane bending; π – out-of-plane bending; τ – torsion; rot(Ph) – rotation of the phenyl fragment around an axis N-C; π scissoring - ring-ring out-of-plane scissoring; δ scissoring – ring-ring in-plane scissoring; π shearing – out-of-plane shearing.

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