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Brønsted Acid Catalyzed O- to N-Alkyl Migratory Rearrangement in Pyridine

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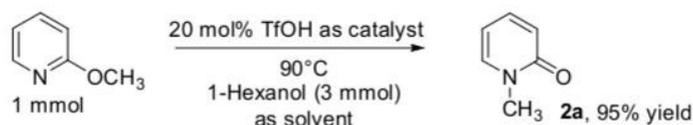
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Abstract: The reaction Brønsted acid catalyzed O- to N-alkyl migratory rearrangement in pyridine (Fig. 1) is consistent to the research interest to develop metal and ligand free methods to reduce environmental impact and increase atom efficiency. In this reaction also the generated substituted pyridones are a very important core structures found in various bio-active natural products. It is known Brønsted acid having O=X-OH moiety can act as bifunctional catalyst and can simultaneously activate two reactive centres in a unique way via a cyclic transition state[1].



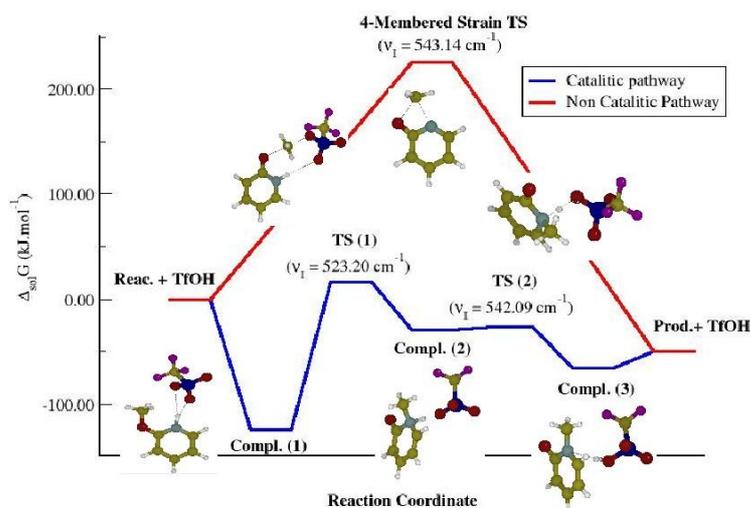
TfOH = Trifluoromethanesulphonic acid

Electronic and molecular structures of compounds originated from the reaction Brønsted acid catalyzed O- to N-alkyl migratory rearrangement in pyridine were theoretically investigated through theoretical calculation. These calculations were performed using DFT employing the hybrid exchange-correlation functional B3LYP. Geometry optimizations and evaluation of harmonic frequencies were performed at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,p). The optimized structures were confirmed to be minima by vibrational frequency analysis. The single point energy calculations were carried out at B3LYP/6-311++G(3df,2p) level on corresponding optimized geometries. Solvent effects are included using the SMD Solvation Model. All computations were performed using the Gaussian 09, Revision D.01 package[2]. The non-catalytic is an unfavourable pathway. The reaction may be proceeding through the following mechanism involving two transition states - TS (1) and TS(2) (Fig. 2).

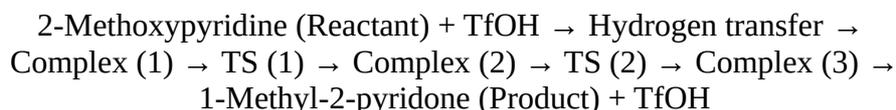
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The full mechanism displayed at Fig.2 is:



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