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## **Supporting Information**

# Competing HB Acceptors: An extensive NMR Investigations Corroborated by Single Crystal XRD and DFT Calculations

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Entry	Molecule	Amide temperature coefficients (ppb/K) of NH <sup>1</sup>
1	1	-0.3
2	2	-1
3	3	-1.3

#### Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) of Molecule 2

The single crystals of the molecule **2** (258.3 mg, 1 mmol) were obtained by dissolving the compound in 10 mL of chloroform and left undisturbed for slow evaporation at room temperature. After a few days of slow evaporation of the solvent, the colorless needle like crystals were obtained. The compound melted at  $182-184^{\circ}$  C. (CCDC Number: 2049223)



**Table S2:** Crystal data and structure refinement for molecule 2.

Empirical formula	$C_{14} \; H_{11} \; F_1 \; N_2 \; O_2$	
Formula weight	258.25	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P -1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.4017(4)  Å	$\alpha = 97.121(2)^{\circ}$
	b = 9.1653(4) Å	$\beta = 98.953(2)^{\circ}$
	c = 9.6034(4)  Å	$\gamma = 106.990(3)^{\circ}$
Volume	605.48(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.417 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.107 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
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0.3 x 0.2 x 0.1 mm <sup>3</sup>		
2.362 to 27.549°.		
-9<=h<=9, -11<=k<=11, -12<=l<=12		
10395		
2784 [R(int) = 0.0179]		
99.8 %		
ne		
ll-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
2784 / 0 / 184		
1.036		
R1 = 0.0633, wR2 = 0.1959		
R1 = 0.0683, wR2 = 0.2021		
n/a		
1.528 and -0.501 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		

**DFT Optimized Structures** 



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Entry	Molecule	$\delta_{\rm NH}^{1}$ (ppm)		$\Delta \delta_{\rm NH}^{1}  (\rm ppm)$
		Theoretical	Experimental	
		values	values	
1	1	12.59	12.22	0.37
2	2	12.09	11.84	0.25
		$(^{1h}J_{FH}=1.04 \text{ Hz})$	$({}^{1h}J_{FH}=6.1 \text{ Hz})$	
3	3	11.94	11.83	0.11
4	4	12.74	12.23	0.51
5	5	12.67	12.25	0.42
6	6	9.11	8.57	0.54
7	7	13.11	12.22	0.89

**Table S3:** The comparison of theoretical chemical shift of  $NH^1(\delta_{NH1})$  obtained from the DFT optimized spatial structure and the experimental values for molecules **1** to **7**.

 $\Delta \delta_{\rm NH}$  (ppm): Difference in the theoretical and experimental NMR chemical shift.

#### **Experimental Section**

All NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker AVANCE 400 MHz spectrometers. The TMS was used as internal reference for all the investigated molecules to measure the proton chemical shifts and all the spectra acquired at 298 K, except the variation temperature studies. The synthesized molecules were characterized by electron spray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-HRMS) and various one- and two- dimensional NMR techniques. All the chemicals used for the synthesis were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and the deuterated solvents, such as, CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> were purchased from Cambridge Isotopes. XRD data were collected on a Bruker AXS Kappa Apex II CCD diffractometer with Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS97<sup>[8]</sup> and refined in the spherical atom approximation (based on  $F^2$ ) by SHELXL97<sup>[8]</sup> using the WinGX suite<sup>[9]</sup>.

#### **General Synthesis of Molecules 1 to 7**

The 1 equivalent of benzoyl chloride (500 mg, 3.67 mmol) of interest and pyridine (290.29 mg, 3.67 mmol) was added dropwise to the 1.09 equivalent of amino benzamide (4.003 mmol) of interest solution in 15 ml of chloroform at 0°C. After that the ice bath is removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. A precipitate obtained was filtered and washed with a copious amount of water. The trace of pyridine was evaporated by adding toluene solvent. The formation of N-benzoylanthranilamide and its derivatives was characterized by electron spray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-HRMS) and using NMR techniques.

**Molecule 1:** Yield = 81 % (712 mg). White solid. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 12.22 (1H, s, NH), 8.89 (1H, dd, J = 8.77 Hz; 1.12 Hz, ArH), 8.02-8.05 (2H, m, ArH), 7.52-7.60 (5H, m, ArH), 7.13-7.14 (1H, m, ArH), 6.34 (1H, s, NH), and 5.73 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 171.51, 165.70, 140.77, 134.83, 133.70, 131.90, 128.77, 127.41, 127.32, 122.77, 121.67, and 118.44. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 263.0796 and found 263.0798. Melting Point: 215-217 °C.

Molecule 2: Yield = 54 % (510 mg). Pink crystalline solid. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 11.84 (1H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, NH), 8.80 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.72 Hz; 1.09 Hz, ArH), 8.05 (1H, td, *J* = 7.75 Hz; 1.84 Hz, ArH), 7.47-7.58 (3H, m, ArH), 7.26-7.29 (1H, m, ArH), 7.12-7.21 (2H, s, ArH), 6.13 (1H, s, NH), and 5.65 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 171.12, 162.50, 161.11, 159.86, 139.73, 133.63, 133.59, 131.72, 127.45, 123.29,

122.54, 120.24, and 116.56. **HRMS (ESI)** [**M**+**Na**]<sup>+</sup>: m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 281.0702 and found 281.0703. **Melting Point:** 182-184 °C.

**Molecule 3**: **Yield** = 73 % (720 mg). White solid. <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR (CDCl3, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K)**: 11.83 (1H, s, NH), 8.72 (1H, d, J = 8.22 Hz, ArH), 8.20 (1H, dd, J = 7.84 Hz, 1.77 Hz; ArH), 7.45-7.54 (3H, m, ArH), 7.00-7.12 (3H, m, ArH), 6.02 (1H, s, NH), 5.57 (1H, s, NH), and 4.08 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 170.77, 164.30, 157.74, 138.94, 133.19, 132.54, 131.36, 127.13, 123.40, 123.03, 122.34, 122.32, 120.96, 111.34 and 55.65. **HRMS (ESI)** [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: m/z calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 293.0902 and found 293.0902. **Melting Point:** 220-222 °C.

**Molecule 4:** Yield = 71 % (680 mg). White solid. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 12.30 (1H, s, NH), 8.86 (1H, dd, J = 8.73 Hz; 0.98 Hz, ArH), 7.73-7.81 (2H, m, ArH), 7.57-7.60 (1H, m, ArH), 7.45-7.50 (1H, m, ArH), 7.21-7.25 (1H, s, ArH), 7.12-7.16 (1H, s, ArH), 6.22 (1H, s, NH), and 5.67 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 171.39, 164.32, 163.58, 140.58, 137.22, 133.77, 130.40, 127.32, 123.01, 122.74, 122.72, 121.64, 118.86, 114.96, and 114.84. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 281.0702 and found 281.0705. Melting Point: 197-200 °C.

<u>Molecule 5</u>: Yield = 85 % (810 mg). White solid. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 8.57 (1H, s, NH), 8.15-8.20 (1H, m, ArH), 7.88 (1H, m, ArH), 7.45-7.63 (3H, m, ArH), 7.32-7.36 (1H, m, ArH), 7.18-7.23 (1H, s, ArH), 6.18 (1H, s, NH), and 5.57 (1H, s, NH). Because of the solubility the other <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR could not be obtained. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 281.0702 and found 281.0703. Melting Point: 201-203 °C.

<u>Molecule 6</u>: Yield = 71 % (709 mg). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 12.28 (1H, s, NH), 8.86 (1H, d, J = 8.26 Hz, ArH), 8.06 (2H, m, ArH), 7.58-7.60 (2H, m, ArH), 7.18-7.20 (2H, m, ArH), 7.14-7.15 (1H, m, ArH), 6.33 (1H, s, NH), and 5.69 (1H, s, NH). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 171.52, 165.68, 164.58, 164.42, 140.70, 133.72, 131.01, 129.84, 129.80, 127.37, 122.85, 121.56, 118.32, 115.86 and 115.75. HRMS (ESI) [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: m/z calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 281.0702 and found 281.0712. Melting Point: 216-218 °C.

Molecule 7: Yield = 75 % (715 mg). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 12.22 (1H, s, NH), 8.85 (1H, d, *J* = 8.16 Hz, ArH), 7.55-7.59 (4H, m, ArH), 7.39-7.41 (1H, m, ArH), 7.07-7.11 (2H, m, ArH), 6.33 (1H, s, NH), 5.71 (1H, s, NH), and 3.88 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm, 298 K): 171.47, 165.54, 159.94, 140.65, 136.30, 133.60, 129.77,

127.36, 122.77, 121.56, 119.27, 118.51, 118.39, 112.44 and 55.44. **HRMS (ESI)** [**M**+**Na**]<sup>+</sup>: m/z calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na 293.0902 and found 293.0901. **Melting Point:** 176-179 °C.

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