

## Supplementary materials

**Table 1.** Absolute energies (in -au) and zero-point vibrational energies (ZPVE in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) of all computed structures in the present study.

structure	HF/6-31+G* (C,H,Li) 3-21G (Br, Zn,Mg) optimization	ZPVE (x 0.89)	B3LYP/6-311+G* energy
<b>1</b>	78.03548	30.5	78.60801
<b>2</b>	4445.61235	41.9	4470.88157
<b>3</b>	4523.67374	74.2	4549.48741
<b>4</b>	4523.70167	76.6	4549.51759
<b>5</b>	84.86688	24.4	85.50337
<b>6</b>	4530.59989	67.8	4556.45889
<b>7</b>	4530.54015	70.1	4556.43039
<b>8</b>	123.92103	40.7	124.85510
<b>9</b>	4406.57538	25.4	4431.55482
<b>10</b>	1962.95236	66.3	1974.66839
<b>11</b>	2836.05415	25.1	2852.32726
<b>12</b>	7281.73996	68.1	7323.24727
<b>13</b>	7291.70300	70.1	7323.23919
<b>LiBr</b>	2567.59190	0.8	2581.75531
<b>TS1</b>	4523.63872	76.2	4549.47241
<b>TS2</b>	4530.53030	68.8	4556.42085
<b>TS3</b>	7281.69645	69.1	7323.22356
<b>TS4</b>	4608.60317	102.5	4635.06453
<b>TS5</b>	4608.59895	102.4	4635.06280
<b>TS6</b>	4608.60295	102.5	4635.06361
<b>TS7</b>	4608.59761	102.2	4635.05910

**Structures** (xmol (xyz) coordinates in Å)

6 (number of atoms)

**1** (number of structure in text)

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