

Effect of core substituents on the intramolecular exchange interaction in N,N'-dioxy-2,6-diazaadamantane biradical: DFT studies

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Abstract

© 2017 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. Density-functional theory calculations of a series of organic biradicals on the basis of the N,N'-dioxy-2,6-diazaadamantane core with different substituents at carbon atoms adjacent to the nitroxyl groups have been performed by the UB3LYP/6-311++G(2d,2p) method. Using the broken symmetry approach, the values of the exchange interaction parameter, J , between the radical centers are calculated. It is shown that the intramolecular exchange interaction for the most part is ferromagnetic in nature, but the J parameter gradually decreases, changing its sign to antiferromagnetic interaction for the last substituent in the following sequence: $\text{CF}_3(\text{CH}_3)\text{COH} > \text{CH}_2\text{F}(\text{H})\text{COH} > \text{CH}_2\text{OH} > \text{H} > \text{CBr}_3 > \text{CH}_2\text{F} > \text{CCl}_3 > \text{CF}_3 > \text{CH}_2\text{Br} > \text{CH}_2\text{Cl} > \text{CH}_3 > \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 > \text{C}_3\text{H}_7 > i\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9 > \text{F} > \text{Br} > \text{OCH}_3 > \text{Cl} > \text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$. The calculations at the UHSEH1PBE/6-311++G(2d,2p) level with the most of substituents show nearly the same variation sequence for the J parameter. It is concluded that spin polarization effects in the diazaadamantane cage and a direct through-space antiferromagnetic exchange interaction between the nitroxyl groups are the main mechanisms contributing to the exchange interaction parameter value in the studied series of compounds. The exchange coupling constant, J , depends on the electronic effects and geometry of the substituents, as well as on their specific interactions with the nitroxyl radical groups.

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