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Catalytic effect of water, water dimer and water trimer on  
the NO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O formations from the HNO<sub>2</sub> + HO reaction in  
tropospheric conditions†**

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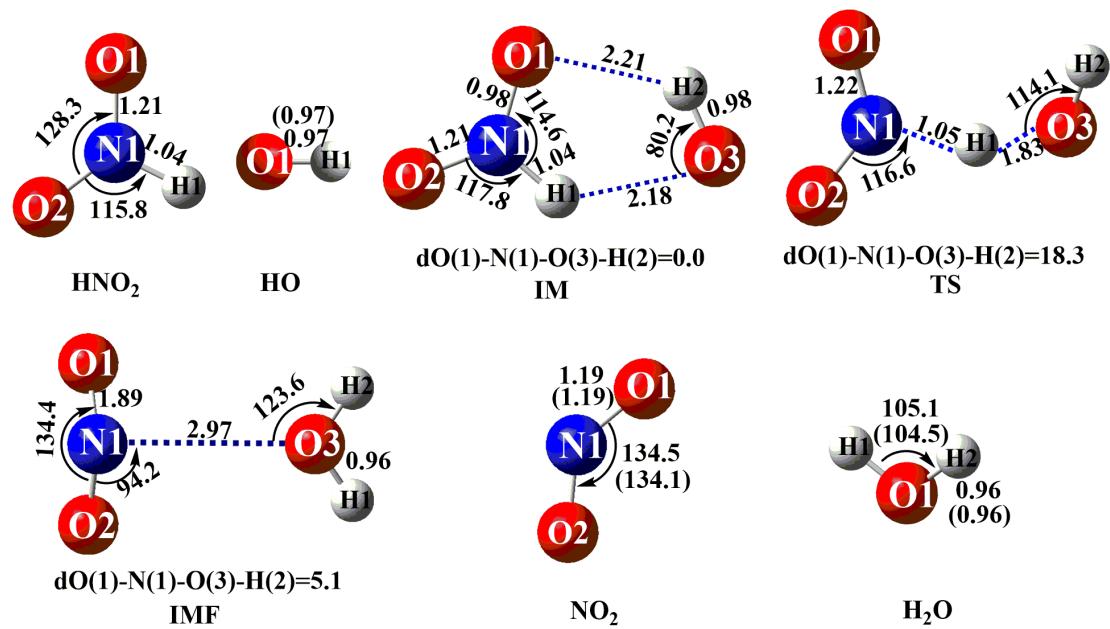
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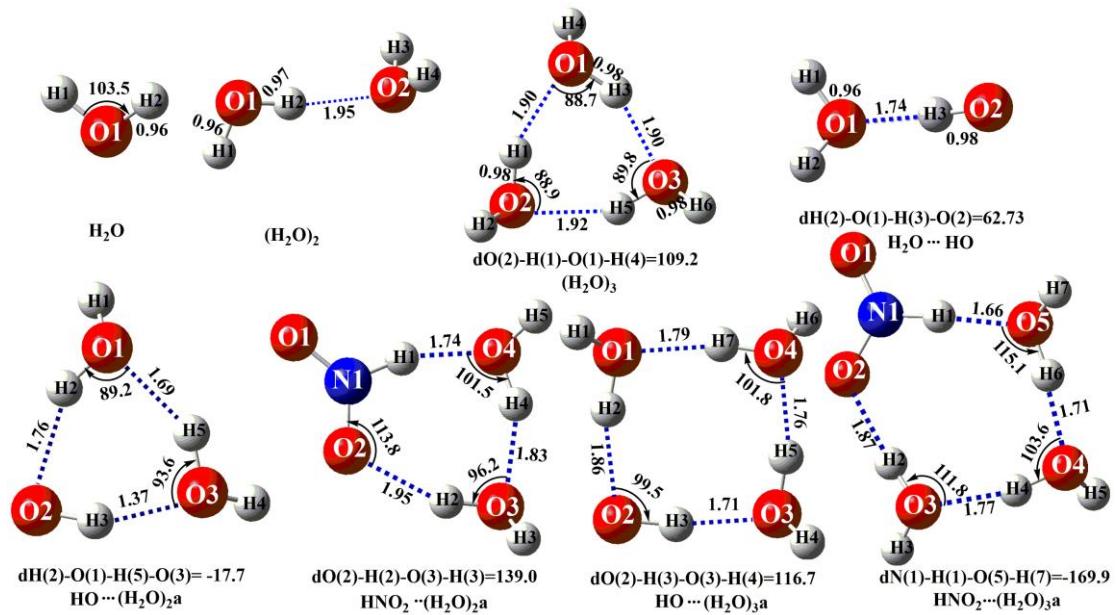


**Fig. S1** Geometrical parameters for the naked reaction of  $\text{HNO}_2 + \text{HO}$  optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level of theory.

**Table S1** Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol<sup>-1</sup>)), relative energies ( $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta(E + ZPE)/(kcal\cdot mol^{-1})$ ), enthalpies ( $\Delta H(298)/(kcal\cdot mol^{-1})$ ), and free energies ( $\Delta G(298)/(kcal\cdot mol^{-1})$ ) for the  $HNO_2 + HO$  reaction <sup>a</sup>

Species	ZPE	S	$\Delta(E + ZPE)$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$
$HNO_2 + OH$	19.1	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM	20.5	76.2	-3.4	-4.9	-3.8	3.2
TS	19.3	76.9	-2.3	-2.6	-2.8	3.9
IMF	19.6	89.5	-48.8	-49.4	-47.9	-45.0
$NO_2 + H_2O$	18.9	102.4	-47.2	-47.1	-46.9	-47.8

<sup>a</sup> ZPE and S values obtained at B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the H and G corrections are taken from the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level.



**Fig. S2** The geometrical structures for the optimized transitions state, intermediates, and complexes involved in water-assisted Channels occurring through H<sub>2</sub>O, (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>, (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O...HO, HO...(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>a, HNO<sub>2</sub>...(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>a, HO...(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>a, HNO<sub>2</sub>...(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>a complexes

**Table S2** Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol<sup>-1</sup>)), entropies (S/(cal·mol<sup>-1</sup>·K<sup>-1</sup>)), relative energies ( $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta(E + ZPE)/(kcal\cdot mol^{-1})$ ), enthalpies ( $\Delta H(298)/(kcal\cdot mol^{-1})$ ), and free energies ( $\Delta G(298)/(kcal\cdot mol^{-1})$ ) for the binary complexes (HO···H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>O···HO, H<sub>2</sub>O···HNO<sub>2</sub> and HNO<sub>2</sub>···H<sub>2</sub>O, the trinary complexes HNO<sub>2</sub>···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>, HNO<sub>2</sub>···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>a, HO···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> and HO···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>a and the quadruple complexes (HNO<sub>2</sub>···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>, HNO<sub>2</sub>···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>a, HO···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub> HO···(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>a)

Species	ZPE	S	$\Delta(E + ZPE)$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$
H <sub>2</sub> O + HO	18.7	87.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HO···H <sub>2</sub> O	20.1	70.1	-2.2	-3.6	-2.6	2.7
H <sub>2</sub> O···HO	20.8	66.6	-3.8	-5.9	-4.5	1.8
H <sub>2</sub> O + HNO <sub>2</sub>	27.1	102.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H <sub>2</sub> O···HNO <sub>2</sub>	28.5	82.9	-1.1	-2.5	-1.1	4.6
HNO <sub>2</sub> ···H <sub>2</sub> O	28.5	83.9	-2.2	-3.5	-2.1	3.3
H <sub>2</sub> O + H <sub>2</sub> O	26.8	92.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	29.0	69.4	-3.0	-5.2	-3.5	2.7
(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> + HNO <sub>2</sub>	42.7	126.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HNO <sub>2</sub> ···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	45.0	89.1	-12.3	-14.6	-13.0	-2.0
HNO <sub>2</sub> ···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> a	45.2	88.1	-12.6	-15.0	-13.4	-2.0
(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> + HO	34.3	112.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HO···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	37.2	79.2	-7.5	-10.3	-8.8	1.0
HO···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> a	37.0	80.3	-7.2	-9.9	-8.4	1.0
(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O	42.4	115.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	45.8	79.5	-7.7	-11.1	-9.0	1.4
(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> + HNO <sub>2</sub>	59.5	136.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HNO <sub>2</sub> ···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	60.9	103.2	-12.7	-14.1	-12.9	-3.0
HNO <sub>2</sub> ···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> a	60.6	105.4	-12.6	-13.7	-12.6	-3.3
HO + (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	51.1	122.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HO···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	53.4	91.9	-8.4	-10.7	-9.3	-0.4
HO···(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> a	53.2	93.5	-8.2	-10.3	-9.0	-0.5

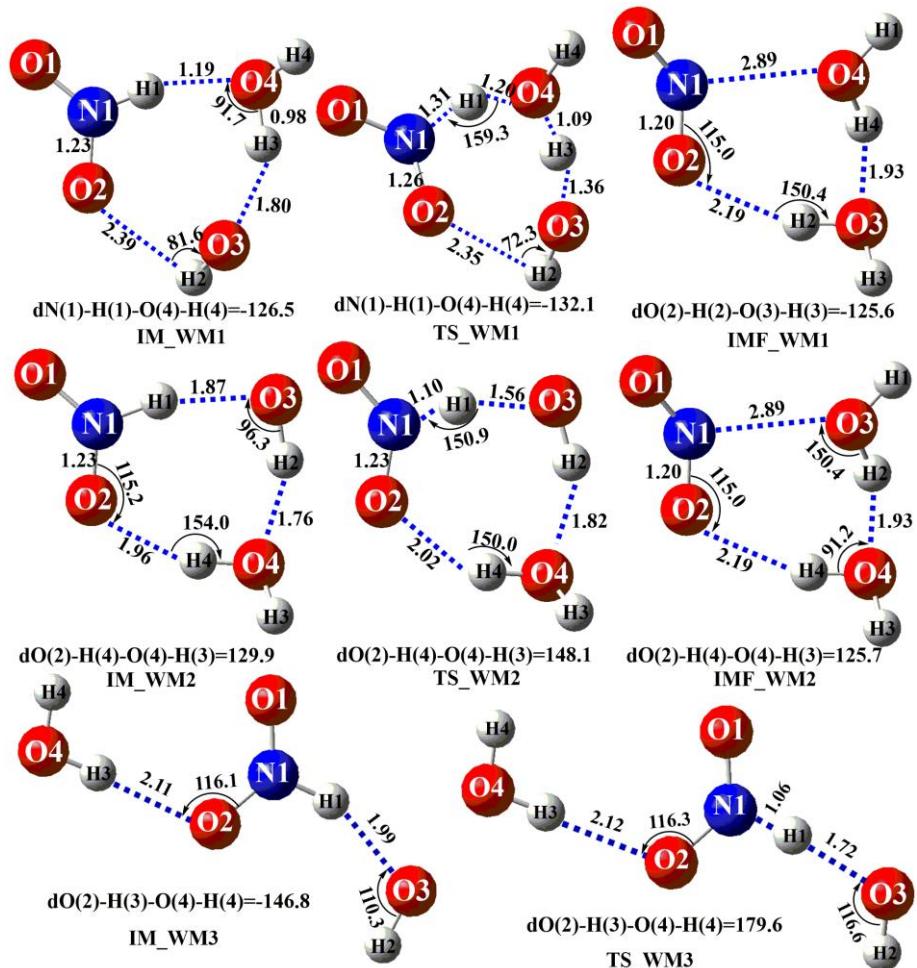
**Table S3** The equilibrium constants of the relevant complexes HO $\cdots$ H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>O $\cdots$ HO, H<sub>2</sub>O $\cdots$ HNO<sub>2</sub>, HNO<sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ H<sub>2</sub>O, HNO<sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>, HNO<sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>a, HO $\cdots$ (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>, HO $\cdots$ (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>a, HNO<sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>, HNO<sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>a, HO $\cdots$ (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>a at 240 - 325 K.<sup>a, b</sup>

T/K	HO $\cdots$ H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O $\cdots$ HO	H <sub>2</sub> O $\cdots$ HNO <sub>2</sub>	HNO <sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ H <sub>2</sub> O	HNO <sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	HNO <sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> a
240	5.48 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	5.06 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	2.35 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	8.20 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	1.09 $\times$ 10 <sup>-16</sup>	6.92 $\times$ 10 <sup>-17</sup>
250	4.56 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	3.61 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	2.02 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	7.06 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	3.77 $\times$ 10 <sup>-17</sup>	2.32 $\times$ 10 <sup>-17</sup>
278	2.97 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	1.61 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	1.43 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	5.00 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	2.92 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	1.68 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>
288	2.61 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	1.26 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	1.30 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	4.52 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	1.32 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	7.45 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>
298	2.32 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	1.00 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	1.19 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	4.13 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	6.35 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	3.50 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>
308	2.08 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	8.08 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	1.09 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	3.80 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	3.20 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	1.73 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>
325	1.77 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	5.83 $\times$ 10 <sup>-22</sup>	9.68 $\times$ 10 <sup>-24</sup>	3.37 $\times$ 10 <sup>-23</sup>	1.10 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	5.78 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>
T/K	HO $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	HO $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> a	HNO <sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	HNO <sub>2</sub> $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> a	HO $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	HO $\cdots$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> a
240	1.89 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	2.03 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	9.58 $\times$ 10 <sup>-16</sup>	1.41 $\times$ 10 <sup>-15</sup>	3.81 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	4.26 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>
250	9.53 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	1.04 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	3.28 $\times$ 10 <sup>-16</sup>	4.96 $\times$ 10 <sup>-16</sup>	1.80 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	2.06 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>
278	1.83 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	2.09 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	2.50 $\times$ 10 <sup>-17</sup>	4.03 $\times$ 10 <sup>-17</sup>	2.94 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	3.58 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>
288	1.10 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	1.28 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	1.13 $\times$ 10 <sup>-17</sup>	1.86 $\times$ 10 <sup>-17</sup>	1.68 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	2.09 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>
298	6.80 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	8.03 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	5.39 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	9.08 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	9.95 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	1.26 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>
308	4.36 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	5.22 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	2.71 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	4.65 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	6.11 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	7.87 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>
325	2.18 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	2.67 $\times$ 10 <sup>-21</sup>	9.31 $\times$ 10 <sup>-19</sup>	1.64 $\times$ 10 <sup>-18</sup>	2.86 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>	3.79 $\times$ 10 <sup>-20</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Equilibrium constants in units of cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>b</sup> All equilibrium constants were calculated by using energies computed at the CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ level and partition functions obtained at the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2dp) level.

<sup>c</sup> The concentration of the corresponding complexes at 298 K.

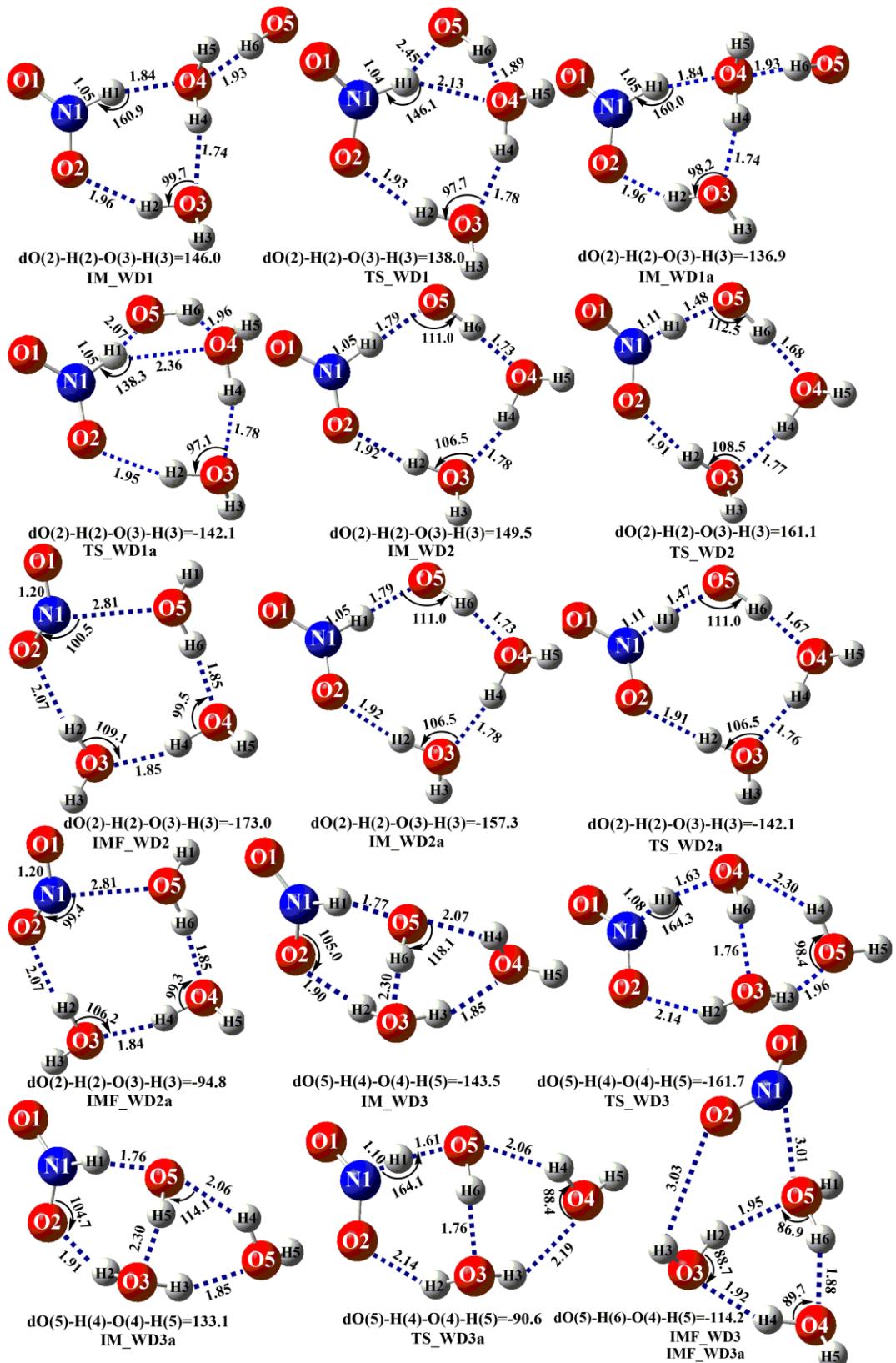


**Fig. S3** The geometrical structures of the optimized transitions state, intermediates, and complexes involved in water-assisted channels occurring through HO<sup>·</sup>···H<sub>2</sub>O + HNO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O···HO<sup>·</sup> + HNO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O···HNO<sub>2</sub> + HO and HNO<sub>2</sub>···H<sub>2</sub>O + HO reactions

**Table S4** Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol<sup>-1</sup>)), relative energies ( $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), enthalpies ( $\Delta H(298)/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), and free energies ( $\Delta G(298)/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ) for water-assisted the formation of  $\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  from the  $\text{HNO}_2 + \text{HO}$  reaction <sup>a</sup>

Species	ZPE	S	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$
$\text{HO}\cdots\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HNO}_2$	33.9	127.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdots\text{HNO}_2 + \text{HO}$	33.8	125.4	1.1	0.1	1.5	1.9
IM_WM1	36.3	89.5	-9.0	-11.5	-9.7	1.4
TS_WM1	33.4	79.4	2.5	3.0	0.5	14.7
IMF_WM1	35.8	98.5	-51.0	-52.9	-50.8	-42.3
$\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdots\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NO}_2$	34.5	126.7	-48.0	-48.6	-47.9	-47.8
$\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdots\text{HO} + \text{HNO}_2$	34.6	123.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdots\text{HNO}_2 + \text{HO}$	33.8	125.4	2.6	2.3	3.4	2.8
IM_WM2	36.6	88.8	-5.5	-7.5	-6.0	4.3
TS_WM2	35.1	85.1	-5.6	-6.2	-6.7	4.8
IMF_WM2	35.9	98.5	-49.4	-50.7	-48.9	-41.4
$\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdots\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NO}_2$	34.5	126.7	-46.4	-46.4	-46.0	-46.9
$\text{HNO}_2\cdots\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HO}$	33.8	126.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WM3	34.8	107.7	-2.3	-3.3	-2.3	6.7
TS_WM3	34.1	100.2	-2.2	-2.5	-2.8	7.5
$\text{NO}_2\cdots\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	33.3	135.2	-45.6	-45.0	-45.0	-2.2

<sup>a</sup> ZPE values obtained at B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the  $H$  and  $G$  corrections are taken from the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level.

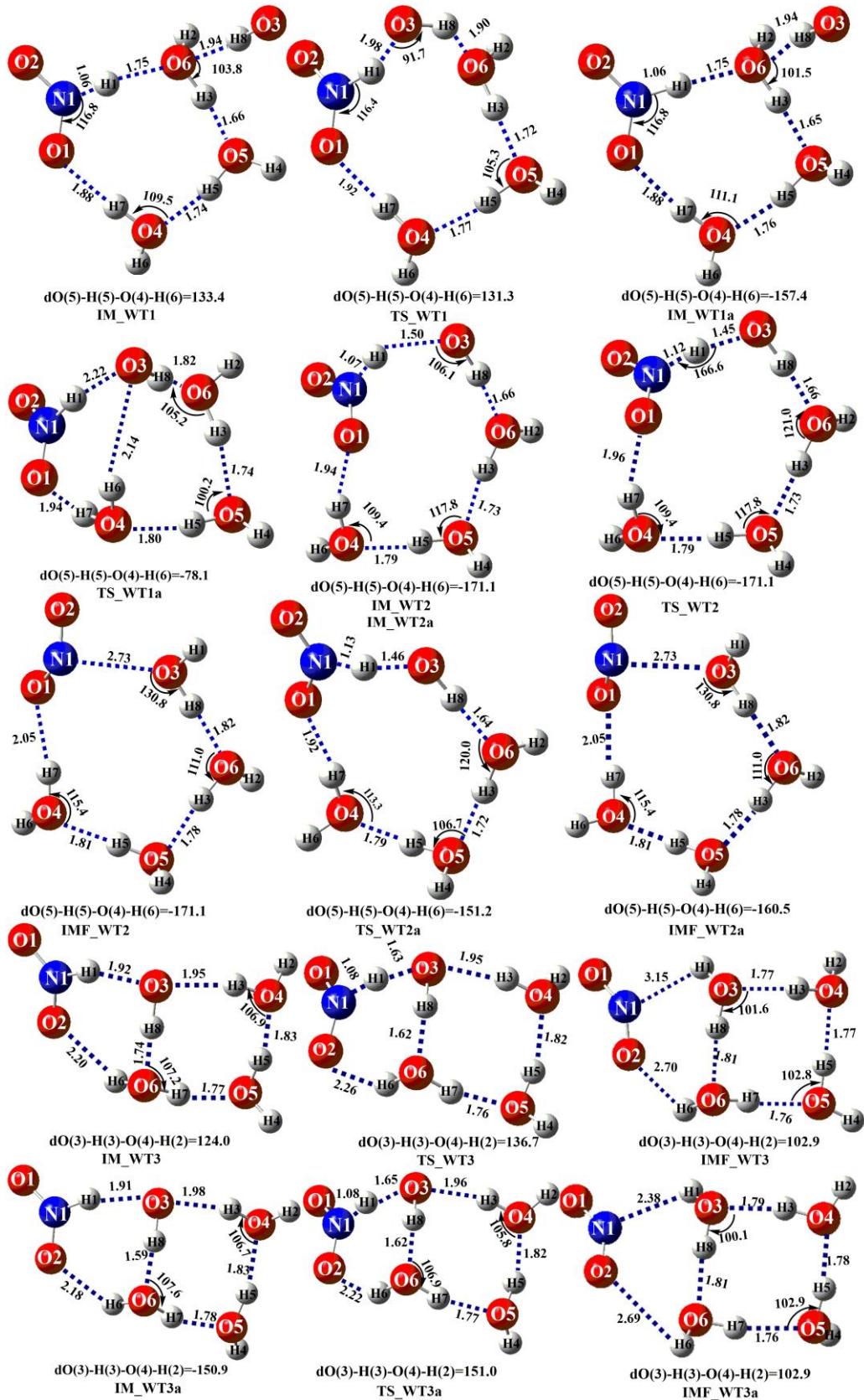


**Fig. S4** The geometrical structures of the optimized transitions state, intermediates, and complexes involved in water-assisted channels occurring through  $\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{HO}$ ,  $\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{a} + \text{HO}$ ,  $\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{HNO}_2$  and  $\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{a} + \text{HNO}_2$  reactions

**Table S5** Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol<sup>-1</sup>)), relative energies ( $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), enthalpies ( $\Delta H(298)/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), and free energies ( $\Delta G(298)/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ) for the  $\text{HNO}_2 + \text{HO}$  with two water molecule reaction

Species	ZPE	S	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$
$\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{HO}$	50.3	131.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WD1	52.1	108.5	-0.8	-2.6	-1.2	5.7
TS_WD1	51.7	104.7	-1.5	-2.3	-2.2	5.9
IM_WD2	52.2	105.8	-1.2	-3.0	-1.8	6.0
TS_WD2	50.1	102.8	-1.6	-1.4	-2.6	6.0
IMF_WD2	51.4	118.4	-43.8	-44.9	-43.1	-39.2
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	51.3	136.7	-42.8	-43.7	-43.1	-44.6
$\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{2a} + \text{HO}$	50.5	130.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WD1a	52.4	107.2	-2.9	-4.8	-3.3	3.7
TS_WD1a	51.8	106.6	-1.0	-2.3	-1.4	5.8
IM_WD2a	52.4	103.7	-1.3	-3.3	-2.0	6.1
TS_WD2a	50.4	100.7	-1.6	-1.4	-2.6	6.3
IMF_WD2a	51.6	115.3	-43.9	-45.1	-43.3	-38.8
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	51.3	136.7	-42.3	-43.1	-42.5	-44.3
$\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{HNO}_2$	50.9	136.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WD3	53.0	100.8	-3.5	-5.6	-3.8	6.7
TS_WD3	50.8	104.0	-1.6	-1.4	-1.7	7.8
IMF_WD3	51.8	117.6	-49.9	-50.8	-48.9	-43.4
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	51.3	136.7	-47.5	-47.9	-47.2	-47.4
$\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{2a} + \text{HNO}_2$	50.7	137.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WD3a	53.0	100.6	-3.6	-5.9	-4.0	6.9
TS_WD3a	50.3	104.5	0.9	1.2	0.6	10.4
IMF_WD3a	51.8	117.6	-50.0	-51.1	-49.2	-43.3
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	51.3	136.7	-47.8	-48.4	-47.6	-47.5

<sup>a</sup> ZPE and S values obtained at B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the H and G corrections are taken from the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level.



**Fig. S5** The geometrical structures of the optimized transitions state, intermediates involved in water-assisted channels occurring through  $\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 + \text{HO}$ ,  $\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a} + \text{HO}$ , and  $\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 + \text{HNO}_2$ ,  $\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a} + \text{HNO}_2$  reactions

**Table S6** Zero-point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol<sup>-1</sup>)), relative energies ( $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), enthalpies ( $\Delta H(298)/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), and free energies ( $\Delta G(298)/(k\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ) for the  $\text{HNO}_2 + \text{HO}$  with water trimer <sup>a</sup>

Species	ZPE	S	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$
$\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 + \text{HO}$	66.2	145.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WT1	68.1	121.9	-3.0	-4.8	-3.4	3.7
TS_WT1	67.2	122.0	-0.9	-1.9	-1.2	5.9
IM_WT2	67.7	118.5	-0.5	-2.1	-1.1	7.0
TS_WT2	65.4	120.7	0.1	1.0	-0.6	6.9
IMF_WT2	67.3	131.9	-41.9	-43.0	-41.2	-37.1
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	67.5	149.3	-43.6	-45.0	-44.1	-45.2
$\text{HNO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a} + \text{HO}$	66.0	148.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WT1a	67.8	124.9	-3.4	-5.3	-3.9	3.0
TS_WT1a	67.6	116.8	-1.0	-2.6	-1.8	7.5
IM_WT2a	67.7	118.5	-0.7	-2.4	-1.4	7.3
TS_WT2a	66.3	108.1	0.4	0.1	-1.6	10.3
IMF_WT2a	67.2	133.7	-41.5	-42.8	-40.9	-36.6
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	67.2	152.0	-43.0	-44.2	-43.4	-44.6
$\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 + \text{HNO}_2$	67.1	148.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WT3	68.1	118.9	-6.2	-7.2	-6.0	2.9
TS_WT3	67.1	114.8	-3.4	-3.3	-3.6	6.5
IMF_WT3	68.1	128.3	-50.4	-51.4	-49.5	-43.4
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	67.5	149.3	-47.9	-48.4	-47.7	-47.8
$\text{HO}\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a} + \text{HNO}_2$	66.9	150.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WT3a	68.0	119.4	-5.6	-6.7	-5.5	3.8
TS_WT3a	67.1	114.7	-4.7	-4.9	-5.1	5.6
IMF_WT3a	67.8	130.6	-51.1	-52.0	-50.1	-44.2
$\text{NO}_2 + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$	67.2	152.0	-47.6	-47.9	-47.2	-47.7

<sup>a</sup> ZPE values obtained at B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the  $H$  and  $G$  corrections are taken from the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df,2pd) level.

**Table S7** Effective Rate constants ( $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecules}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) for the  $\text{HNO}_2 + \text{HO} \rightarrow \text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  reaction with and without  $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$  ( $n = 1-3$ ) within the temperature range of 240 – 325 K.

T/K	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM})$	$k_{\text{TS}}$	$k_{\text{R1}}$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WM1})$	$k(\text{TS\_WM1})$
240	$1.59 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.71 \times 10^{12}$	$2.72 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.90 \times 10^{-20}$	$5.74 \times 10^2$
250	$1.49 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.90 \times 10^{12}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.06 \times 10^{-20}$	$9.49 \times 10^2$
278	$1.29 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.44 \times 10^{12}$	$3.15 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.14 \times 10^{-21}$	$3.69 \times 10^3$
288	$1.24 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.63 \times 10^{12}$	$3.27 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.43 \times 10^{-21}$	$5.85 \times 10^3$
298	$1.20 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.83 \times 10^{12}$	$3.40 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-21}$	$9.12 \times 10^3$
308	$1.16 \times 10^{-24}$	$3.04 \times 10^{12}$	$3.53 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.40 \times 10^4$
325	$1.11 \times 10^{-24}$	$3.38 \times 10^{12}$	$3.77 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.53 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.79 \times 10^4$
T/K	$k(\text{WM1})$	$k'(\text{WM1})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WM1a})$	$k(\text{TS\_WM1a})$	$k(\text{WM1a})$
240	$5.11 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.90 \times 10^{-21}$	$2.35 \times 10^{-23}$	$5.74 \times 10^2$	$1.35 \times 10^{-20}$
250	$3.85 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.57 \times 10^{-21}$	$2.02 \times 10^{-23}$	$9.49 \times 10^2$	$1.92 \times 10^{-20}$
278	$2.27 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.23 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-23}$	$3.69 \times 10^3$	$5.28 \times 10^{-20}$
288	$2.01 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.03 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.30 \times 10^{-23}$	$5.85 \times 10^3$	$7.61 \times 10^{-20}$
298	$1.82 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-23}$	$9.12 \times 10^3$	$1.09 \times 10^{-19}$
308	$1.69 \times 10^{-17}$	$5.29 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.40 \times 10^4$	$1.53 \times 10^{-19}$
325	$1.54 \times 10^{-17}$	$6.28 \times 10^{-21}$	$9.68 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.79 \times 10^4$	$2.70 \times 10^{-19}$
T/K	$k'(\text{WM1a})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WM2})$	$k(\text{TS\_WM2})$	$k(\text{WM2})$	$k'(\text{WM2})$
240	$3.29 \times 10^{-26}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-20}$	$2.09 \times 10^{12}$	$3.42 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.79 \times 10^{-11}$
250	$1.01 \times 10^{-25}$	$8.44 \times 10^{-21}$	$2.11 \times 10^{12}$	$1.78 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-11}$
278	$3.62 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.70 \times 10^{-21}$	$2.16 \times 10^{12}$	$3.67 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.84 \times 10^{-12}$
288	$7.61 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-21}$	$2.17 \times 10^{12}$	$2.25 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-12}$
298	$1.11 \times 10^{-24}$	$6.54 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.18 \times 10^{12}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-12}$
308	$2.50 \times 10^{-24}$	$4.25 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.20 \times 10^{12}$	$9.33 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-12}$
325	$6.01 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.17 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.21 \times 10^{12}$	$4.81 \times 10^{-10}$	$6.45 \times 10^{-13}$
T/K	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WM2a})$	$k(\text{TS\_WM2a})$	$k(\text{WM2a})$	$k'(\text{WM2a})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WM3})$
240	$1.52 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.09 \times 10^{12}$	$3.18 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.70 \times 10^{-15}$	$3.35 \times 10^{-22}$
250	$9.45 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.11 \times 10^{12}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.65 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.86 \times 10^{-22}$
278	$3.03 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.16 \times 10^{12}$	$6.54 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.97 \times 10^{-22}$
288	$2.14 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.17 \times 10^{12}$	$4.65 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.62 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.76 \times 10^{-22}$
298	$1.55 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.18 \times 10^{12}$	$3.38 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-22}$
308	$1.15 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.20 \times 10^{12}$	$2.52 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.46 \times 10^{-22}$
325	$7.23 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.21 \times 10^{12}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.27 \times 10^{-22}$
T/K	$k(\text{TS\_WM3})$	$k(\text{WM3})$	$k'(\text{WM3})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WD2})$	$k(\text{TS\_WD2})$
240	$3.28 \times 10^{11}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-10}$	$7.48 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.97 \times 10^{-24}$	$8.51 \times 10^{11}$
250	$3.30 \times 10^{11}$	$9.43 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.47 \times 10^{-16}$	$3.71 \times 10^{-24}$	$8.70 \times 10^{11}$
278	$3.34 \times 10^{11}$	$6.58 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.41 \times 10^{-16}$	$3.18 \times 10^{-24}$	$9.19 \times 10^{11}$
288	$3.35 \times 10^{11}$	$5.91 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.14 \times 10^{-15}$	$3.04 \times 10^{-24}$	$9.35 \times 10^{11}$
298	$3.36 \times 10^{11}$	$5.37 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.69 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.92 \times 10^{-24}$	$9.50 \times 10^{11}$
308	$3.37 \times 10^{11}$	$4.91 \times 10^{-11}$	$2.45 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.82 \times 10^{-24}$	$9.66 \times 10^{11}$
325	$3.39 \times 10^{11}$	$4.30 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.40 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.68 \times 10^{-24}$	$9.90 \times 10^{11}$
T/K	$k(\text{WD1})$	$k'(\text{WD1})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WD2a})$	$k(\text{TS\_WD2a})$	$k(\text{WD1a})$

240	$1.70 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.66 \times 10^{-22}$	$6.39 \times 10^{10}$	$3.38 \times 10^{-12}$
250	$5.46 \times 10^{-10}$	$7.83 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-22}$	$7.82 \times 10^{10}$	$3.23 \times 10^{-12}$
278	$3.18 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.96 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.27 \times 10^{11}$	$2.92 \times 10^{-12}$
288	$2.70 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.22 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.80 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.48 \times 10^{11}$	$2.84 \times 10^{-12}$
298	$2.32 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.49 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.33 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.71 \times 10^{11}$	$2.78 \times 10^{-12}$
308	$2.01 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.73 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.16 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.95 \times 10^{11}$	$2.72 \times 10^{-12}$
325	$1.62 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.19 \times 10^{-15}$	$5.68 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.38 \times 10^{11}$	$2.65 \times 10^{-12}$
T/K	$k'(\text{WD1a})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WD3})$	$k(\text{TS\_WD3})$	$k(\text{WD2})$	$k'(\text{WD2})$
240	$1.63 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.96 \times 10^{11}$	$3.93 \times 10^{-13}$	$5.18 \times 10^{-22}$
250	$2.85 \times 10^{-18}$	$9.86 \times 10^{-25}$	$3.69 \times 10^{11}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.32 \times 10^{-21}$
278	$1.03 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.86 \times 10^{-25}$	$6.32 \times 10^{11}$	$3.07 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-20}$
288	$1.32 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.92 \times 10^{-25}$	$7.48 \times 10^{11}$	$2.93 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-20}$
298	$1.64 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.21 \times 10^{-25}$	$8.76 \times 10^{11}$	$2.81 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.24 \times 10^{-20}$
308	$1.99 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.68 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.02 \times 10^{12}$	$2.72 \times 10^{-13}$	$5.02 \times 10^{-20}$
325	$2.74 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.02 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.28 \times 10^{12}$	$2.59 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-19}$
T/K	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WD3a})$	$k(\text{TS\_WD3a})$	$k(\text{WD2a})$	$k'(\text{WD2a})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WT2})$
240	$1.07 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.70 \times 10^{11}$	$1.81 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.57 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-22}$
250	$7.80 \times 10^{-25}$	$2.19 \times 10^{11}$	$1.71 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.77 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-22}$
278	$3.68 \times 10^{-25}$	$4.09 \times 10^{11}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.64 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.11 \times 10^{-22}$
288	$2.92 \times 10^{-25}$	$4.97 \times 10^{11}$	$1.45 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-20}$	$9.28 \times 10^{-23}$
298	$2.37 \times 10^{-25}$	$5.98 \times 10^{11}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.92 \times 10^{-20}$	$7.85 \times 10^{-23}$
308	$1.94 \times 10^{-25}$	$7.10 \times 10^{11}$	$1.38 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.05 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.73 \times 10^{-23}$
325	$1.44 \times 10^{-25}$	$9.31 \times 10^{11}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.38 \times 10^{-20}$	$5.31 \times 10^{-23}$
T/K	$k(\text{TS\_WT2})$	$k(\text{WT1})$	$k'(\text{WT1})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WT2a})$	$k(\text{TS\_WT2a})$
240	$9.81 \times 10^9$	$2.53 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.11 \times 10^{-21}$	$4.11 \times 10^{-21}$	$2.59 \times 10^8$
250	$1.31 \times 10^{10}$	$2.63 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-20}$	$3.41 \times 10^8$
278	$2.64 \times 10^{10}$	$2.93 \times 10^{-12}$	$9.01 \times 10^{-20}$	$9.01 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.66 \times 10^8$
288	$3.28 \times 10^{10}$	$3.04 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-19}$	$8.19 \times 10^8$
298	$4.01 \times 10^{10}$	$3.15 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.04 \times 10^{-19}$	$2.04 \times 10^{-19}$	$9.94 \times 10^8$
308	$4.84 \times 10^{10}$	$3.26 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.87 \times 10^{-19}$	$2.87 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.19 \times 10^9$
325	$6.47 \times 10^{10}$	$3.44 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.97 \times 10^{-19}$	$4.97 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.57 \times 10^9$
T/K	$k(\text{WT1a})$	$k'(\text{WT1a})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WT3})$	$k(\text{TS\_WT3})$	$k(\text{WT2})$
240	$2.39 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.09 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.49 \times 10^{11}$	$7.21 \times 10^{-11}$
250	$2.38 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.52 \times 10^{-21}$	$8.96 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.66 \times 10^{11}$	$5.05 \times 10^{-11}$
278	$2.36 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-20}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.14 \times 10^{11}$	$2.17 \times 10^{-11}$
288	$2.37 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.87 \times 10^{-20}$	$2.77 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.32 \times 10^{11}$	$1.68 \times 10^{-11}$
298	$2.37 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.72 \times 10^{-20}$	$2.16 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.49 \times 10^{11}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-11}$
308	$2.38 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.77 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.71 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.67 \times 10^{11}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-11}$
325	$2.40 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.41 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.98 \times 10^{11}$	$7.63 \times 10^{-12}$
T/K	$k'(\text{WT2})$	$K_{\text{eq}}(\text{IM\_WT3a})$	$k(\text{TS\_WT3a})$	$k(\text{WT2a})$	$k'(\text{WT2a})$
240	$4.97 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.68 \times 10^{-22}$	$4.30 \times 10^{11}$	$1.95 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-22}$
250	$1.17 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.11 \times 10^{-22}$	$4.53 \times 10^{11}$	$1.48 \times 10^{-11}$	$3.71 \times 10^{-22}$
278	$8.28 \times 10^{-21}$	$4.22 \times 10^{-23}$	$5.14 \times 10^{11}$	$7.80 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.43 \times 10^{-21}$

288	$1.20 \times 10^{-20}$	$3.15 \times 10^{-23}$	$5.34 \times 10^{11}$	$6.42 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.40 \times 10^{-21}$
298	$1.67 \times 10^{-20}$	$2.39 \times 10^{-23}$	$5.54 \times 10^{11}$	$5.38 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.14 \times 10^{-21}$
308	$2.23 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.86 \times 10^{-23}$	$5.73 \times 10^{11}$	$4.57 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-20}$
325	$3.55 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.26 \times 10^{-23}$	$6.05 \times 10^{11}$	$3.56 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.10 \times 10^{-20}$

$k_R$  is the rate constant of Channel R;  $k_{eq}(IM)$  is the rate constant of the process of  $HNO_2 + HO \rightarrow IM$ .  $k_{TS}$  is the rate constant of the process of  $IM \rightarrow TS \rightarrow NO_2 + H_2O$ .  $k_R$  is the rate constant of the process of  $HNO_2 + HO \rightarrow IM \rightarrow TS \rightarrow NO_2 + H_2O$ .  $k_R = k_{eq}(IM) \cdot k_{TS}$ .

$K_{eq}(IM\_WM1)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HO \cdots H_2O + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WM1$ ;  $K_{eq}(IM\_WM1a)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $H_2O \cdots HNO_2 + OH \rightarrow IM\_WM1a$ ;  $K_{eq}(IM\_WM2)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $H_2O \cdots HO + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WM2$ ;  $K_{eq}(IM\_WM2a)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HNO_2 \cdots H_2O + OH \rightarrow IM\_WM2a$ ;  $K_{eq}(IM\_WM3)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HNO_2 \cdots H_2O + HO \rightarrow IM\_WM3$ .  $k_{(TS\_WM1)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WM1 \rightarrow TS\_WM1 \rightarrow IMF\_WM1 \rightarrow (H_2O)_2 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WM1a)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WM1a \rightarrow TS\_WM1a \rightarrow IMF\_WM1a \rightarrow (H_2O)_2 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WM2)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WM2 \rightarrow TS\_WM2 \rightarrow IMF\_WM2 \rightarrow (H_2O)_2 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WM2a)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WM2a \rightarrow TS\_WM2a \rightarrow IMF\_WM2a \rightarrow (H_2O)_2 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WM3)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WM3 \rightarrow TS\_WM3 \rightarrow IMF\_WM3 \rightarrow NO_2 \cdots H_2O + H_2O$ , respectively.  $k(WM1)$ ,  $k(WM1a)$ ,  $k(WM2)$ ,  $k(WM2a)$  and  $k(WM3)$  is the rate constant of water-assisted Channels WM1, WM1a, WM2, WM2a, and WM3.  $k'(WM1)$ ,  $k'(WM1a)$ ,  $k'(WM2)$ ,  $k'(WM2a)$  and  $k'(WM3)$  is the effective rate constant of water-assisted Channels WM1, WM1a, WM2, WM2a and WM3.  $k(WM1) = K_{eq}(IM\_WM1) \cdot k_{(TS\_WM1)}$ ,  $k(WM1a) = K_{eq}(IM\_WM1a) \cdot k_{(TS\_WM1a)}$ ,  $k(WM2) = K_{eq}(IM\_WM2) \cdot k_{(TS\_WM2)}$ ,  $k(WM2a) = K_{eq}(IM\_WM2a) \cdot k_{(TS\_WM2a)}$ ,  $k(WM3) = K_{eq}(IM\_WM3) \cdot k_{(TS\_WM3)}$ , respectively;  $k'(WM1) = k(WM1) \cdot K_{eq}(HO \cdots H_2O) \cdot [H_2O]$ ,  $k'(WM1a) = k(WM1a) \cdot K_{eq}(H_2O \cdots HNO_2) \cdot [H_2O]$ ,  $k'(WM2) = k(WM2) \cdot K_{eq}(H_2O \cdots HO) \cdot [H_2O]$ ,  $k'(WM2a) = k(WM2a) \cdot K_{eq}(HNO_2 \cdots H_2O) \cdot [H_2O]$ ,  $k'(WM3) = k(WM3) \cdot K_{eq}(HNO_2 \cdots H_2O) \cdot [H_2O]$ , respectively.

$K_{eq}(IM\_WD2)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2 + HO \rightarrow IM\_WD2$ ,  $K_{eq}(IM\_WD2a)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2a + HO \rightarrow IM\_WD2a$ ,  $K_{eq}(IM\_WD3)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HO \cdots (H_2O)_2 + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WD3$ ,  $K_{eq}(IM\_WD3a)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HO \cdots (H_2O)_2a + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WD3a$ , respectively.  $k_{(TS\_WD2)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WD2 \rightarrow TS\_WD2 \rightarrow IMF\_WD2 \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WD2a)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WD2a \rightarrow TS\_WD2a \rightarrow IMF\_WD2a \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WD3)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WD3 \rightarrow TS\_WD3 \rightarrow IMF\_WD3 \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WD3a)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WD3a \rightarrow TS\_WD3a \rightarrow IMF\_WD3a \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ , respectively.  $k(WD2)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HO + HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2 + HO \rightarrow IM\_WD1 \rightarrow TS\_WD1 \rightarrow IM\_WD2 \rightarrow TS\_WD2 \rightarrow IMF\_WD2 \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ ,  $k(WD2a)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HO + HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2 + HO \rightarrow IM\_WD1 \rightarrow TS\_WD1 \rightarrow IM\_WD2 \rightarrow TS\_WD2 \rightarrow IMF\_WD2 \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ ,  $k(WD3)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HO \cdots (H_2O)_2 + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WD3 \rightarrow TS\_WD3 \rightarrow IMF\_WD3 \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ ,  $k(WD3a)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HNO_2 + HO \cdots (H_2O)_2 + HO \rightarrow IM\_WD3a \rightarrow TS\_WD3a \rightarrow IMF\_WD3a \rightarrow (H_2O)_3 + NO_2$ , respectively.  $k(WD1)$ ,  $k(WD2)$  is the rate constant of water dimer-assisted Channels WD1, WD2, respectively.  $k'(WD1)$ ,  $k'(WD2)$  is the effective rate constant of water dimer-assisted Channels WD1, WD2, respectively.  $k(WD1) =$

$k_{(WD1)} + k'_{(WD1a)}$ ,  $k'_{(WD1)} = k'_{(WD1)} + k'_{(WD1a)}$ ,  $k_{(WD2)} = k_{(WD2)} + k'_{(WD2a)}$ ,  $k'_{(WD2)} = k'_{(WD2)} + k'_{(WD2a)}$ ,  $1/k_{(WD1)} = 1/k_{(TS\_WD1)} + 1/k_{(TS\_WD2)}$ ,  $1/k_{(WD1a)} = 1/(TS\_WD1a) + 1/(TS\_WD2a)$ ,  $k'_{(WD1)} = K_{eq}(HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2) \cdot [(H_2O)_2] \cdot k_{(WD1)}$ ,  $k'_{(WD1a)} = K_{eq}(HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2a) \cdot [(H_2O)_2a] \cdot k_{(WD1a)}$ ,  $k'_{(WD2)} = K_{eq}(HO \cdots (H_2O)_2) \cdot [(H_2O)_2] \cdot k_{(WD2)}$ ,  $k'_{(WD2a)} = K_{eq}(HO \cdots (H_2O)_2a) \cdot [(H_2O)_2a] \cdot k_{(WD2a)}$ , respectively.

$K_{eq}(IM\_WT2)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3 + HO \rightarrow IM\_WT2$ ,  $K_{eq}(IM\_WT2a)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a + HO \rightarrow IM\_WT2a$ ,  $K_{eq}(IM\_WT3)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HO \cdots (H_2O)_3 + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WT3$ ,  $K_{eq}(IM\_WT3a)$  is the equilibrium constant for the process of  $HO \cdots (H_2O)_3a + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WT3a$ , respectively.  $k_{(TS\_WT2)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WT2 \rightarrow TS\_WT2 \rightarrow IMF\_WT2 \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WT2a)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WT2a$ ;  $k_{(TS\_WT3)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WT3 \rightarrow TS\_WT3 \rightarrow IMF\_WT3 \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ ,  $k_{(TS\_WT3a)}$  is the rate constant for the process of  $IM\_WT3a \rightarrow TS\_WT3a \rightarrow IMF\_WT3a \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ , respectively.  $k(WT2)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3 + HO \rightarrow IM\_WT1 \rightarrow TS\_WT1 \rightarrow IM\_WT2 \rightarrow TS\_WT2 \rightarrow IMF\_WT2 \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ ,  $k(WT2a)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HO + HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a \rightarrow IM\_WT1a \rightarrow TS\_WT1a \rightarrow IM\_WT2a \rightarrow TS\_WT2a \rightarrow IMF\_WT2a \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ , respectively.  $k(WT3)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HO \cdots (H_2O)_3 + HNO_2 \rightarrow IM\_WT3 \rightarrow TS\_WT3 \rightarrow IMF\_WT3 \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ ,  $k(WT3a)$  is the rate constant for the process of  $HNO_2 + HO \cdots (H_2O)_3a \rightarrow IM\_WT3a \rightarrow TS\_WT3a \rightarrow IMF\_WT3a \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ , respectively.  $k'(WT2)$  is the effective rate constant for the process of  $HO + HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3 \rightarrow IM\_WT1 \rightarrow TS\_WT1 \rightarrow IM\_WT2 \rightarrow TS\_WT2 \rightarrow IMF\_WT2 \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ ,  $k'(WT2a)$  is the effective rate constant for the process of  $HO + HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a \rightarrow IM\_WT1a \rightarrow TS\_WT1a \rightarrow IM\_WT2a \rightarrow TS\_WT2a \rightarrow IMF\_WT2a \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ , respectively.  $k'(WT3)$  is the effective rate constant for the process of  $HNO_2 + HO \cdots (H_2O)_3 \rightarrow IM\_WT3 \rightarrow TS\_WT3 \rightarrow IMF\_WT3 \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ ,  $k'(WT3a)$  is the effective rate constant for the process of  $HNO_2 + HO \cdots (H_2O)_3a \rightarrow IM\_WT3a \rightarrow TS\_WT3a \rightarrow IMF\_WT3a \rightarrow (H_2O)_4 + NO_2$ , respectively.  $k(WT1)$ ,  $k(WT2)$  is the rate constant of water dimer-assisted Channels WT1, WT2, respectively.  $k'(WT1)$ ,  $k'(WT2)$  is the effective rate constant of water dimer-assisted Channels WT1, WT2, respectively.  $k(WT1) = k(WT1) + k(WT1a)$ ,  $k(WT1) = k'(WT1) + k'(WT1a)$ ,  $k(WT2) = k(WT2) + k(WT2a)$ ,  $k'(WT2) = k'(WT2) + k'(WT2a)$ ,  $1/k(WT1) = 1/k_{(TS\_WT1)} + 1/k_{(TS\_WT2)}$ ,  $1/k(WT1a) = 1/(TS\_WT1a) + 1/(TS\_WT2a)$ ,  $k'(WT1) = K_{eq}(HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3) \cdot [(H_2O)_3] \cdot k_{(WT1)}$ ,  $k'(WT1a) = K_{eq}(HNO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a) \cdot [(H_2O)_3a] \cdot k_{(WT1a)}$ ,  $k'(WT2) = K_{eq}(HO \cdots (H_2O)_3) \cdot [(H_2O)_3] \cdot k_{(WT2)}$ ,  $k'(WT2a) = K_{eq}(HO \cdots (H_2O)_3a) \cdot [(H_2O)_3a] \cdot k_{(WT3a)}$ , respectively.