

# Supplementary Material

## A theoretical model on the formation mechanism and kinetics of highly toxic air pollutants from halogenated formaldehydes reacted with halogen atoms

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### ■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Rate Constants.** The canonical variational transition state theory (CVT) (Truhlar et al., 1980) rate constant can be obtained by variationally minimizing the generalized transition-state theory rate constant  $k^{GT}(T,s)$  with respect to the dividing surface at  $s$ , that is,

$$k^{CVT}(T) = \min_s k^{GT}(T,s) \quad (1)$$

where

$$k^{GT}(T,s) = \frac{\sigma}{h\beta} \frac{Q^{GT}(T,s)}{Q^R(T)} \exp[-\beta V_{MEP}(s)] \quad (2)$$

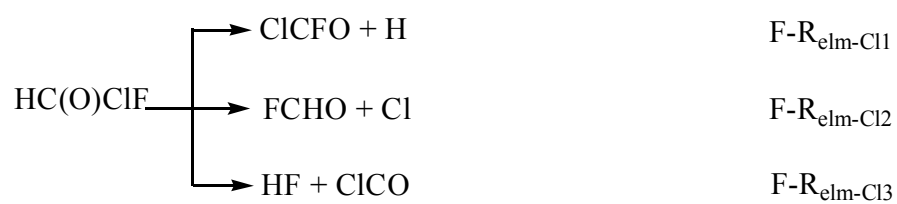
In these equations,  $s$  is the location of the generalized transition state on the intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC);  $\sigma$  is the symmetry factor accounting for the possibility of two or more symmetry-related reaction paths;  $\beta$  equals  $(k_B T)^{-1}$  where  $k_B$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $h$  is Planck's constant;  $Q^R(T)$  is the reactant's partition function per unit volume, excluding symmetry numbers for rotation;  $V_{MEP}(s)$  is the classical energy along the minimum-energy path (MEP) overall zero of energy at the reactants;  $Q^{GT}(T,s)$  is the partition function of

1 generalized transition state at  $s$  with the local zero of energy at  $V_{\text{MEP}}(s)$  and with all rotational  
2 symmetry numbers set to unity. To include the tunneling effect, the CVT rate constant is  
3 multiplied by a transmission coefficient computed with the small-curvature tunneling (SCT)  
4 (Liu et al., 1993) approximation, which is denoted by  $k(\text{CVT/SCT})$ . The total rate constants  
5 for the title reactions are obtained from the sum of the individual rate constants associated.

6 **Branching Ratio.** The branching ratio  $\Gamma$  of each pathways was determined on the following  
7 equation,  $\Gamma_n = \frac{k_n}{\sum_n k_n}$ , where  $k_n$  is the reaction rate constants of  $n$ th pathway. In this work, the  
8 total CVT/SCT rate constants for each atmospheric reaction were obtained as the sum of the  
9 individual rate constants associated with the H-abstraction and X-addition pathways.

10 **The Atmospheric Fate of ClCO Radical.** To confirm the no barrier of these processes, the  
11 point-wise potential curve was calculated and the results is shown in Figure S7-S9. For the  
12 pathways 2 and 3, the forming C–O bonds were fixed at the values from 1.1 to 2.7 Å and from  
13 1.2 to 3.2 Å with the interval of 0.1 Å, respectively, and the other geometric parameters were  
14 optimized for each C–O value. The minimum energy in these two pathways appeared at the  
15 C–O distance of 1.4 Å, leading to intermediates *tran*-ClCO<sub>3</sub> and *cis*-ClCO<sub>3</sub>, respectively. As  
16 for the pathway 4, the forming C–Cl bond was fixed at the values from 1.3 to 4.5 Å with the  
17 interval of 0.1 Å, and the other geometric parameters were optimized for each C–Cl value. The  
18 minimum energy appeared at the C–Cl distance of 1.8 Å, leading to phosgene.

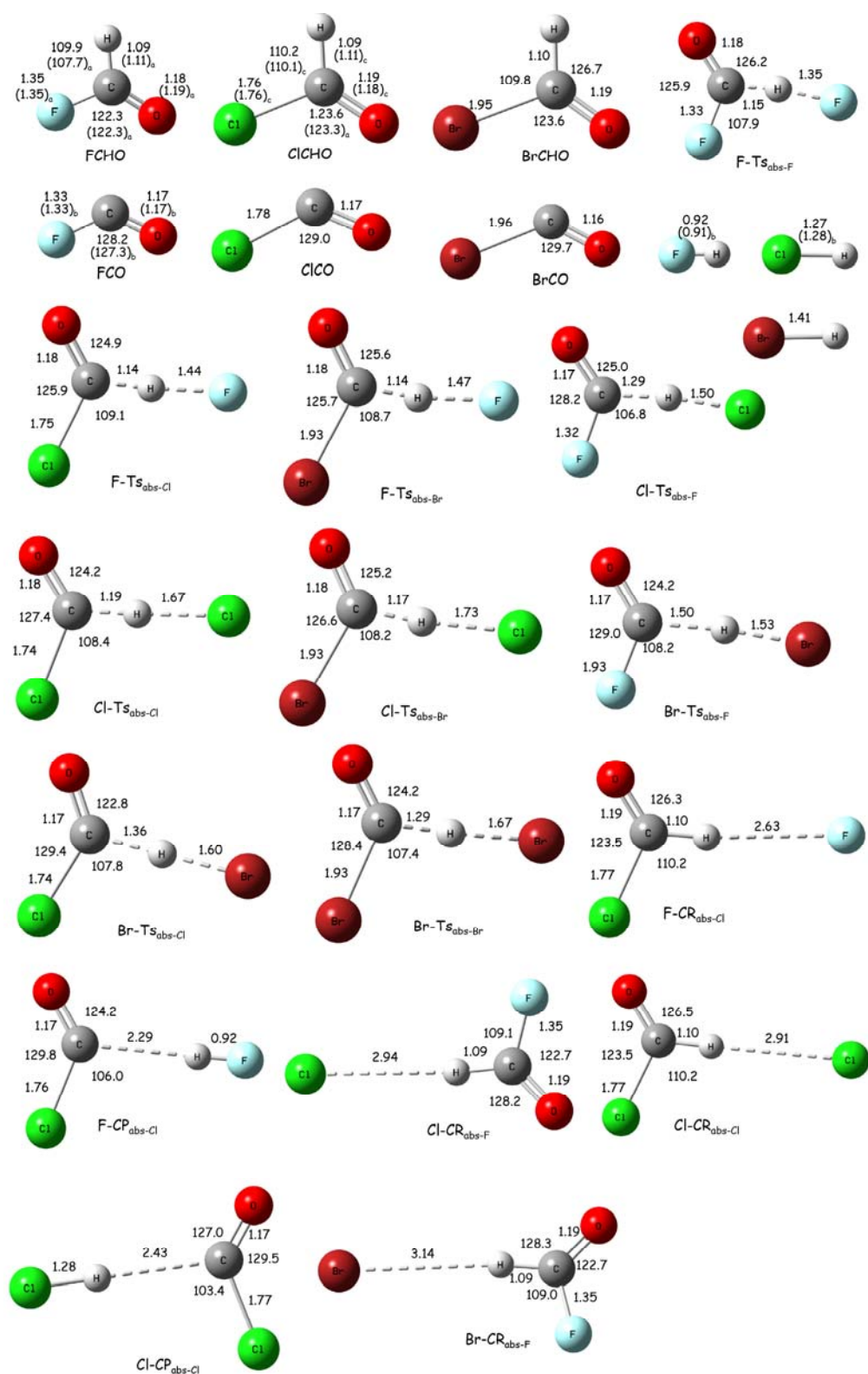
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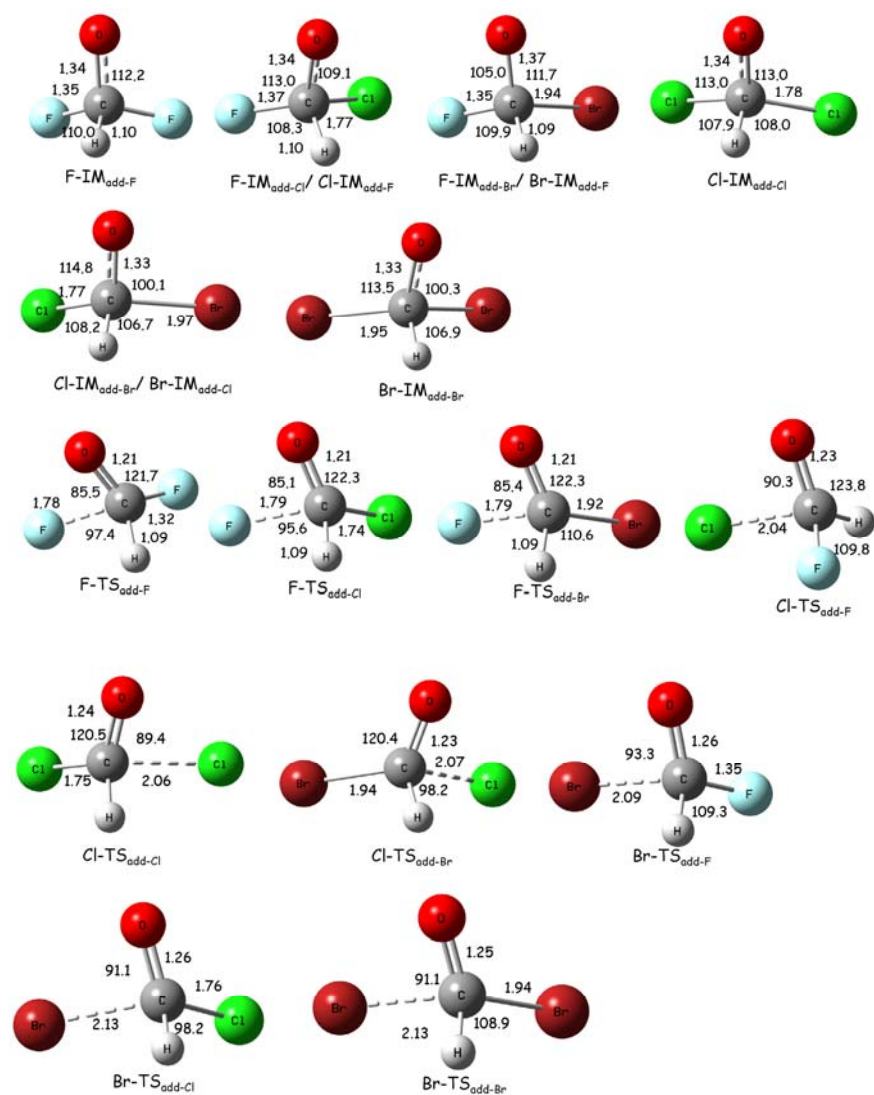
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3 **Scheme S1.** For the addition intermediate HC(O)ClF, three degradation pathways:  
4 H-elimination, Cl-elimination, and HF-elimination pathways

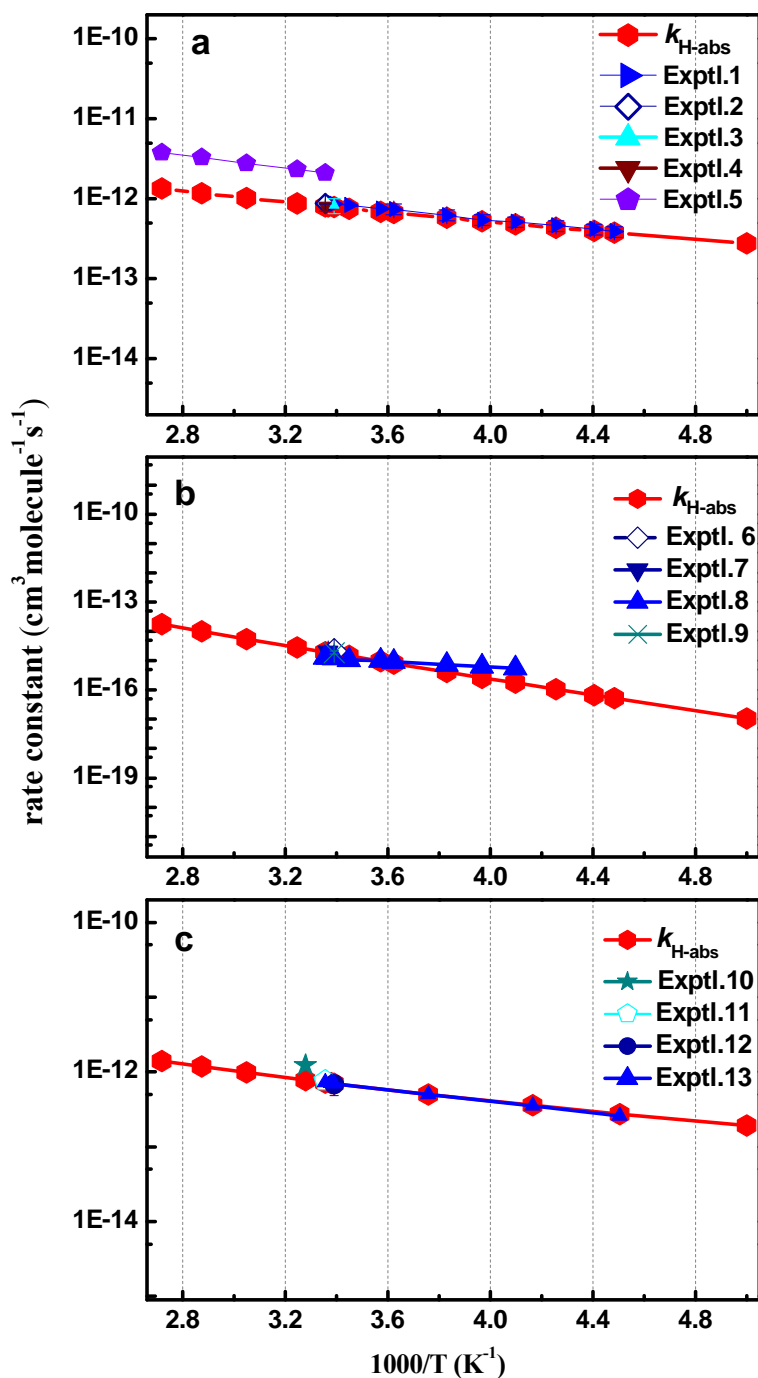
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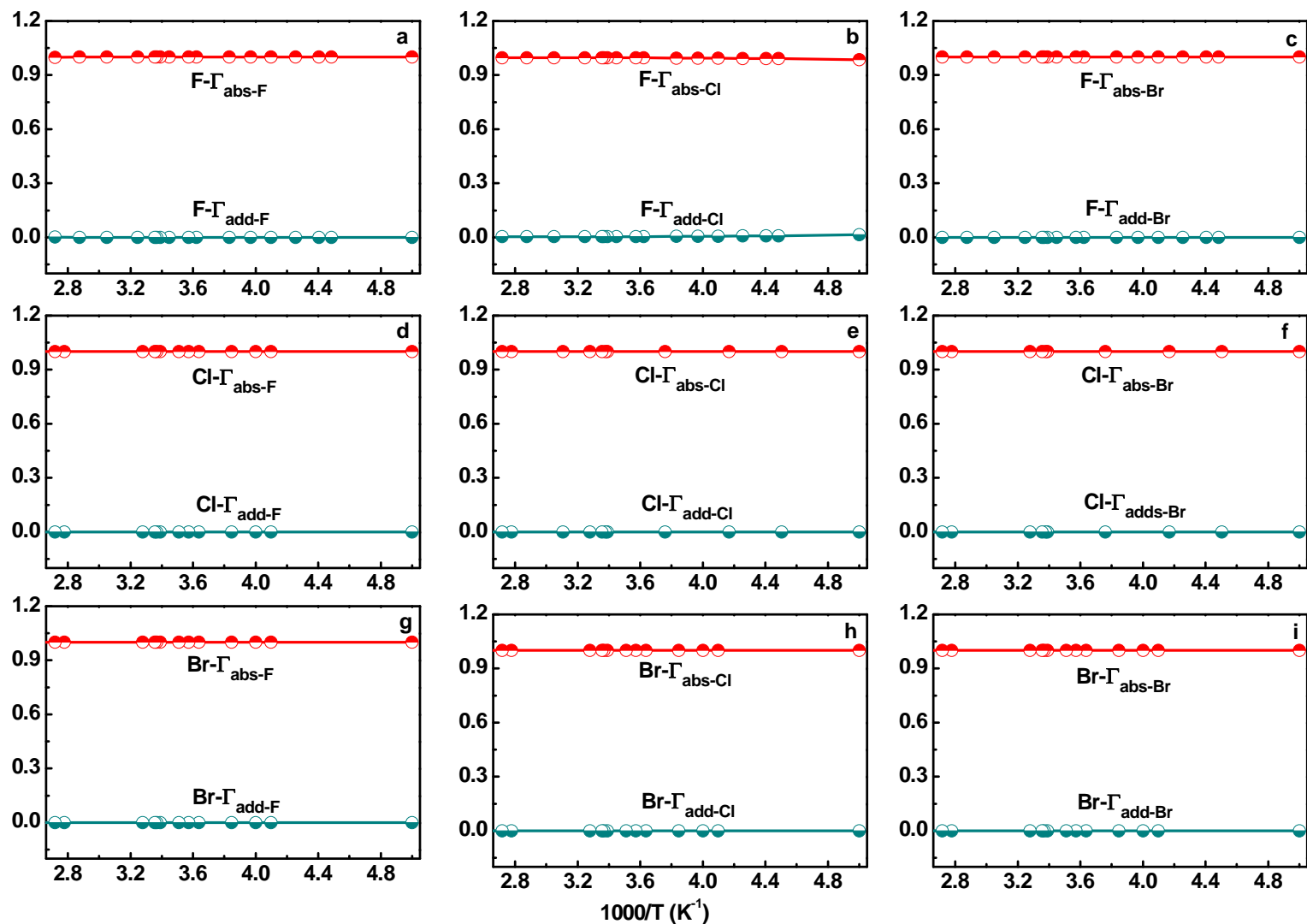
**Fig. S1.** Optimized geometries of reactants, transition states, complexes, and products involved in the H-abstraction pathways at the PMP2/6-311+G(d,p) level as well as the available experimental data. (Groner et al., 2001; Huisman et al., 1979; Nagai et al., 1981; NIST). (Bond lengths are in Å and angles are in °.)



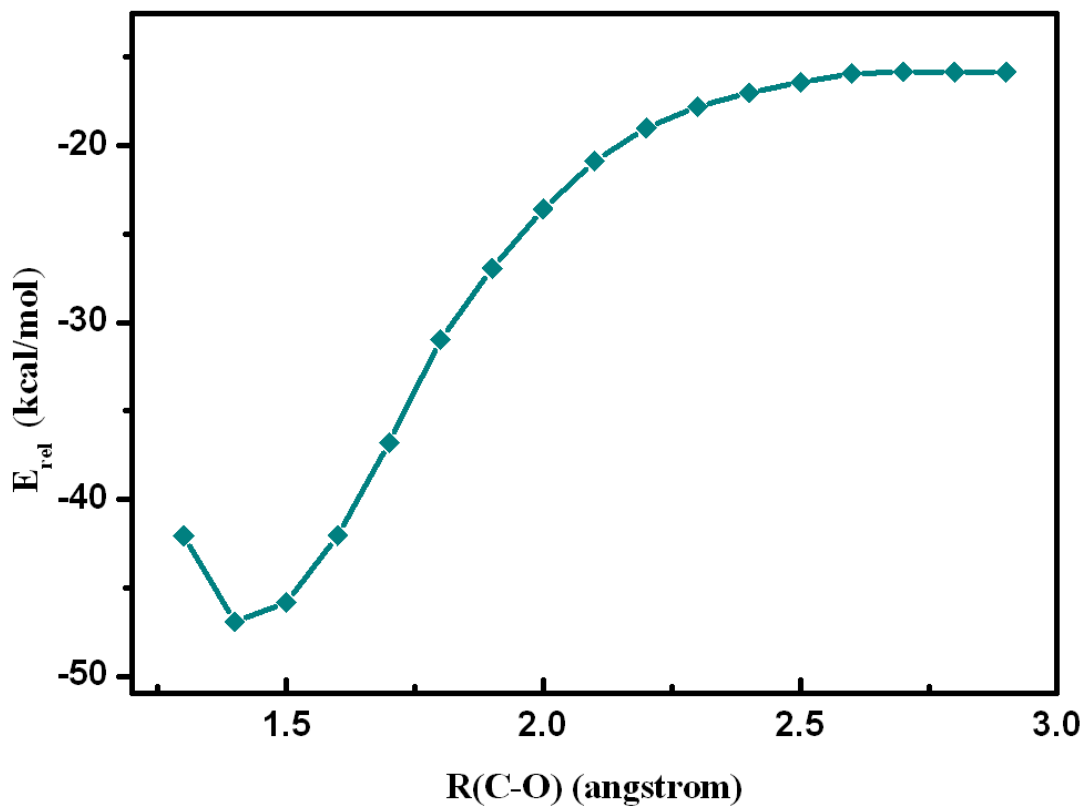
**Fig. S2.** Optimized geometries of reactants, transition states, intermediates and products involved in the X-addition pathways at the PMP2/6-311+G(d,p) level. (Bond lengths are in Å and angles are in °.)



**Fig. S3.** Plot of the CVT/SCT rate constants calculated at the QCISD(T)//PMP2 level and the available experimental values vs  $1000/T$  between 200–368 K for the H-abstraction pathways of (a) FCHO with F, (b) FCHO with Cl, and (c) ClCHO with Cl. Exptl. 1 from (Behr et al., 1998); Exptl. 2 from (Behr et al., 1993); Exptl. 3 from (Meagher et al., 1997); Exptl. 4 from (Hasson et al., 1998); Exptl. 5 from (Francisco et al., 1990); Exptl. 6 from (Edney et al., 1992); Exptl. 7 from (Wallington et al., 1992); Exptl. 8 from (Bednarek et al., 1996); Exptl. 9 from (Meagher et al., 1997); Exptl. 10 from (Sanhueza et al., 1975); Exptl. 11 from (Libuda et al., 1990); Exptl. 12 from (Wallington et al., 1996); Exptl. 13 from (Orlando, 1999); Exptl. 14 from (Catoire et al., 1996).

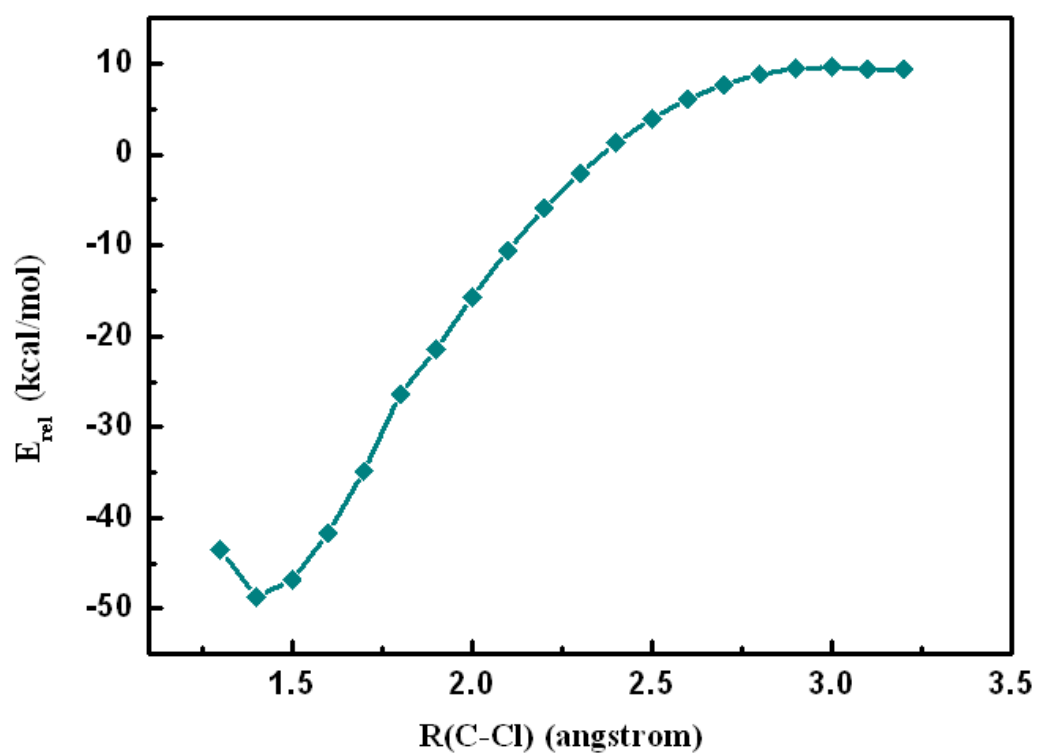


**Fig. S4.** Plot of calculated branching ratio of the H-abstraction and X-addition pathways versus  $1000/T$  between 200 and 368 K for the reactions of (a) FCHO with F, (b) ClCHO with F, (c) BrCHO with F, (d) FCHO with Cl, (e) ClCHO with Cl, (f) BrCHO with Cl, (g) FCHO with Br, (h) ClCHO with Br and (i) BrCHO with Br.

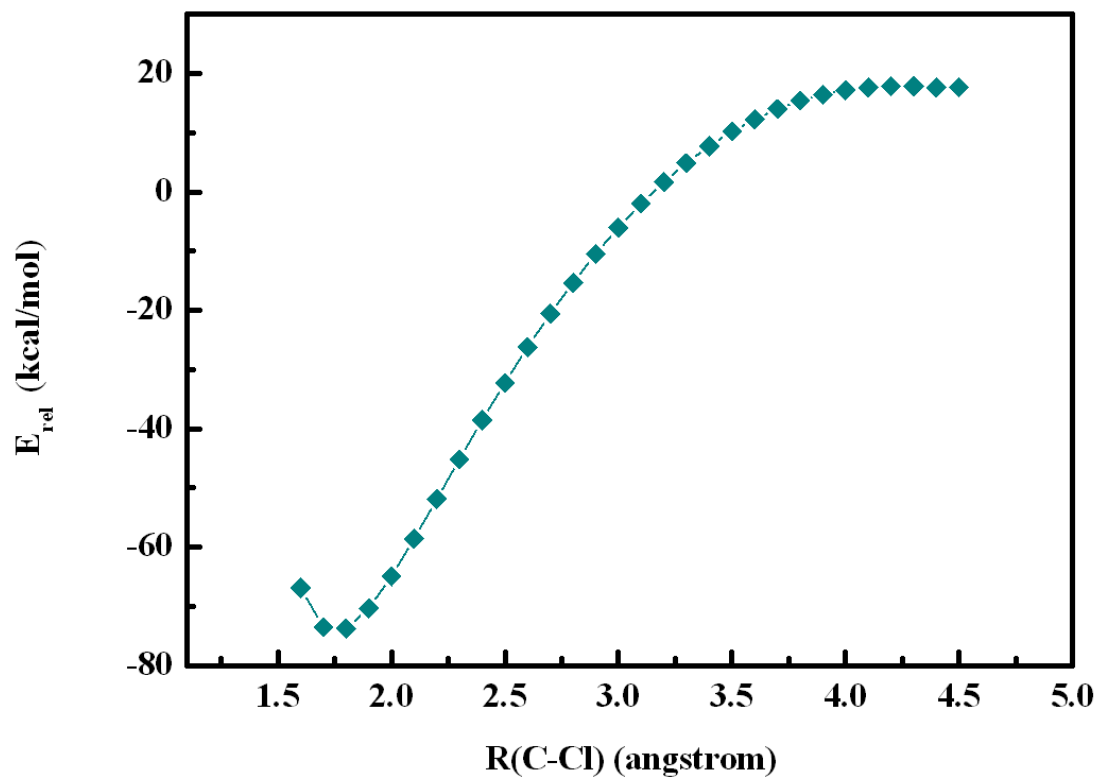


**Fig. S5.** Potential energy curve for the formative process of *trans*-CClO<sub>3</sub> at the PMP2/6-311+G(d,p) level. The dotted line denotes the relative energy of ClCO + O<sub>2</sub>.





**Fig. S6.** Potential energy curve for the formative process of *cis*-CClO<sub>3</sub> at the PMP2/6-311+G(d,p) level. The dotted line denotes the relative energy of ClCO + O<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S7.** Potential energy curve for the formative process of phosgene at the PMP2/6-311+G(d,p) level. The dotted line denotes the relative energy of ClCO + Cl.

**Table S1.** Calculated frequencies of the stationary points at the PMP2/6-311+G(d,p) level. (unit:  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

species	$\nu$	species	$\nu$
FCHO	662, 1042, 1061, 1396, 1860, 3167	ClCHO	473, 769, 970, 1386, 1795, 3109
BrCHO	369, 661, 926, 1344, 1795, 3097	FCO	636, 1053, 1989
CICO	396, 648, 1961	BrCO	289, 563, 1934
HF	4199	HCl	3087
HBr	2739	F-IM <sub>add-F</sub>	471, 517, 651, 1003, 1122, 1158, 1335, 1399, 3095
F-IM <sub>add-Cl</sub> /Cl-IM <sub>add-F</sub>	248, 405, 584, 771, 1033, 1098, 1242, 1335, 3101	F-IM <sub>add-Br</sub> /Br-IM <sub>add-F</sub>	318, 354, 532, 722, 1089, 1151, 1344, 1429, 3167
Cl-IM <sub>add-Cl</sub>	296, 334, 450, 698, 808, 1067, 1214, 1257, 3057	Cl-IM <sub>add-Br</sub> /Br-IM <sub>add-Cl</sub>	217, 311, 59, 603, 1017, 1134, 1153, 1364, 3139
Br-IM <sub>add-Br</sub>	160, 276, 329, 564, 659, 1084, 1151, 1273, 3141	F-TS <sub>abs-F</sub>	1445 <i>i</i> , 85, 139, 621, 856, 986, 1098, 1335, 1952
F-TS <sub>abs-Cl</sub>	761 <i>i</i> , 77, 157, 470, 751, 952, 1261, 1413, 1931	F-TS <sub>abs-Br</sub>	636 <i>i</i> , 65, 142, 371, 611, 903, 1223, 1606, 1916
Cl-TS <sub>abs-F</sub>	1615 <i>i</i> , 109, 207, 327, 699, 917, 1089, 1122, 2025	Cl-TS <sub>abs-Cl</sub>	1005 <i>i</i> , 81, 189, 435, 576, 811, 937, 1238, 2008
Cl-TS <sub>abs-Br</sub>	594 <i>i</i> , 64, 167, 371, 567, 899, 992, 1252, 1967	Br-TS <sub>abs-F</sub>	815 <i>i</i> , 95, 179, 406, 735, 736, 888, 1097, 2016
Br-TS <sub>abs-Cl</sub>	1175 <i>i</i> , 88, 215, 253, 509, 761, 848, 1039, 2040	Br-TS <sub>abs-Br</sub>	1321 <i>i</i> , 68, 203, 230, 380, 683, 851, 1091, 2018
F-TS <sub>add-F</sub>	1215 <i>i</i> , 298, 418, 682, 1070, 1141, 1408, 1614, 3201	F-TS <sub>add-Cl</sub>	1192 <i>i</i> , 245, 397, 491, 812, 1038, 1398, 1551, 3157
F-TS <sub>add-Br</sub>	1206 <i>i</i> , 209, 364, 415, 695, 1025, 1360, 1543, 3140	Cl-TS <sub>add-F</sub>	914 <i>i</i> , 278, 357, 650, 959, 1116, 1360, 1449, 3173
Cl-TS <sub>add-Cl</sub>	888 <i>i</i> , 222, 339, 468, 770, 969, 1359, 1388, 3143	Cl-TS <sub>add-Br</sub>	892 <i>i</i> , 179, 330, 372, 660, 962, 1322, 1378, 3129
Br-TS <sub>add-F</sub>	632 <i>i</i> , 271, 302, 628, 905, 1102, 1312, 1400, 3156	Br-TS <sub>add-Cl</sub>	632, 271, 302, 628, 905, 1102, 1312, 1400, 3156
Br-TS <sub>add-Br</sub>	703 <i>i</i> , 150, 289, 359, 641, 926, 1304, 1318, 3124		
F-CP <sub>F</sub>	36, 38, 121, 384, 386, 656, 1101, 1941, 4124	F-CR <sub>Cl</sub>	13, 51, 69, 473, 766, 983, 1392, 1792, 3134
F-CP <sub>Cl</sub>	33, 74, 126, 361, 396, 426, 677, 1905, 4107	F-CR <sub>Br</sub>	24, 43, 52, 365, 656, 928, 1338, 1801, 3111
Cl-CR <sub>F</sub>	20, 54, 71, 662, 1058, 1058, 1403, 1858, 3185	Cl-CR <sub>Cl</sub>	5, 54, 72, 471, 762, 987, 1395, 1794, 3133
Cl-CP <sub>Cl</sub>	22, 56, 80, 226, 260, 412, 662, 1930, 3030	Cl-CR <sub>Br</sub>	30, 46, 59, 359, 647, 927, 1332, 1808, 3112
Br-CR <sub>F</sub>	20, 39, 62, 661, 1055, 1056, 1401, 1857, 3177	Br-CP <sub>Cl</sub>	19, 44, 65, 195, 222, 409, 659, 1936, 2687

<b>Table S2.</b> The imaginary frequencies and parameter L at the PMP2 level. ( $\nu$ in $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )						
	F		Cl		Br	
	$\nu$	L	$\nu$	L	$\nu$	L
FCHO	$1445i$	0.14	$1615i$	0.87	$815i$	1.05
ClCHO	$761i$	0.10	$1005i$	0.25	$1175i$	1.42
BrCHO	$636i$	0.07	$594i$	0.15	$1321i$	0.73

Complex	$\Delta E$
F-CR <sub>abs-Cl</sub>	-0.47
F-CP <sub>abs-Cl</sub>	-43.94
Cl-CR <sub>abs-Cl</sub>	-2.41
Cl-CP <sub>abs-Cl</sub>	-11.05
Cl-CR <sub>abs-F</sub>	-0.66
Br-CR <sub>abs-F</sub>	-0.69

**Table S4.** The enthalpies of formation ( $\Delta H_{f,298}^0$ ) of the main species at QCISD(T)//PMP2 level. (in kcal/mol)

species	enthalpies	species	enthalpies
FCHO	-92.6 <sup>a</sup> (-89.96)	FCO	-41.5 <sup>a</sup> (-41.04)
ClCHO	-46.2	ClCO	-5.1
BrCHO	-32.8	BrCO	3.4

<sup>a</sup>Expeimental values.(NIST)

**Table S5.** Calculated CVT/SCT rate constants of H-abstraction and X-addition pathways of the F + QCHO reaction system. (in  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

T(K)	F + FCHO $\rightarrow$ products			F + ClCHO $\rightarrow$ products			F + BrCHO $\rightarrow$ products		
	F- $k_{\text{abs-F}}$	F- $k_{\text{add-F}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$	F- $k_{\text{abs-Cl}}$	F- $k_{\text{add-Cl}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$	F- $k_{\text{abs-Br}}$	F- $k_{\text{add-Br}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$
200	$2.77 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.14 \times 10^{-19}$	$2.77 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.57 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.66 \times 10^{-20}$	$2.57 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.95 \times 10^{-12}$	$7.07 \times 10^{-21}$	$4.95 \times 10^{-12}$
223	$3.76 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.12 \times 10^{-18}$	$3.76 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.94 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.32 \times 10^{-19}$	$2.94 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.69 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-20}$	$5.69 \times 10^{-12}$
227	$3.95 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.75 \times 10^{-18}$	$3.95 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.06 \times 10^{-19}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.83 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-20}$	$5.83 \times 10^{-12}$
235	$4.35 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.51 \times 10^{-18}$	$4.35 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.13 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.26 \times 10^{-19}$	$3.13 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.09 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.09 \times 10^{-12}$
244	$4.81 \times 10^{-13}$	$7.65 \times 10^{-18}$	$4.81 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.28 \times 10^{-12}$	$9.44 \times 10^{-19}$	$3.28 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.39 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.72 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.39 \times 10^{-12}$
252	$5.25 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-17}$	$5.25 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.42 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.55 \times 10^{-18}$	$3.42 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.67 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.14 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.67 \times 10^{-12}$
261	$5.76 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.90 \times 10^{-17}$	$5.76 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.57 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.63 \times 10^{-18}$	$3.57 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.98 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.82 \times 10^{-20}$	$6.98 \times 10^{-12}$
276	$6.66 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.92 \times 10^{-17}$	$6.66 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.83 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.99 \times 10^{-18}$	$3.83 \times 10^{-12}$	$7.50 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.81 \times 10^{-20}$	$7.50 \times 10^{-12}$
280	$6.91 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.70 \times 10^{-17}$	$6.91 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.91 \times 10^{-12}$	$7.37 \times 10^{-18}$	$3.91 \times 10^{-12}$	$7.64 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.63 \times 10^{-20}$	$7.64 \times 10^{-12}$
290	$7.55 \times 10^{-13}$	$7.26 \times 10^{-17}$	$7.55 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.08 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.08 \times 10^{-12}$	$7.99 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.44 \times 10^{-20}$	$7.99 \times 10^{-12}$
295	$7.88 \times 10^{-13}$	$8.93 \times 10^{-17}$	$7.88 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.17 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.54 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.17 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.17 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-19}$	$8.17 \times 10^{-12}$
297	$8.02 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.68 \times 10^{-17}$	$8.02 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.68 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.24 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-19}$	$8.24 \times 10^{-12}$
298	$8.08 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-16}$	$8.08 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.23 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.76 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.23 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.28 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-19}$	$8.28 \times 10^{-12}$
308	$8.77 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-16}$	$8.77 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.41 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.76 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.41 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.64 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.80 \times 10^{-19}$	$8.64 \times 10^{-12}$
328	$1.02 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.04 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.78 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.26 \times 10^{-17}$	$4.78 \times 10^{-12}$	$9.37 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.16 \times 10^{-19}$	$9.37 \times 10^{-12}$
348	$1.18 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.76 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.16 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-16}$	$5.16 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.15 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-11}$
368	$1.34 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.55 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.54 \times 10^{-16}$	$5.55 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.90 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-11}$

**Table S6.** Calculated CVT/SCT rate constants of H-abstraction and X-addition pathways of the Cl + QCHO reaction system. (in  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

T(K)	Cl + FCHO $\rightarrow$ products			Cl + ClCHO $\rightarrow$ products			Cl + BrCHO $\rightarrow$ products		
	Cl- $k_{\text{abs-F}}$	Cl- $k_{\text{add-F}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$	Cl- $k_{\text{abs-Cl}}$	Cl- $k_{\text{add-Cl}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$	Cl- $k_{\text{abs-Br}}$	Cl- $k_{\text{add-Br}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$
200	$1.08 \times 10^{-17}$	$5.81 \times 10^{-30}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-17}$	$1.94 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.25 \times 10^{-38}$	$1.94 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.41 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-28}$	$6.41 \times 10^{-13}$
223	$5.23 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.25 \times 10^{-28}$	$5.23 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.79 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.28 \times 10^{-36}$	$2.79 \times 10^{-13}$	$7.69 \times 10^{-13}$	$8.19 \times 10^{-27}$	$7.69 \times 10^{-13}$
227	$6.69 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.96 \times 10^{-28}$	$6.69 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.96 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.06 \times 10^{-36}$	$2.96 \times 10^{-13}$	$7.93 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-26}$	$7.93 \times 10^{-13}$
235	$1.07 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-16}$	$3.33 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.76 \times 10^{-35}$	$3.33 \times 10^{-13}$	$8.42 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-26}$	$8.42 \times 10^{-13}$
244	$1.75 \times 10^{-16}$	$3.63 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.75 \times 10^{-16}$	$3.77 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-34}$	$3.77 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.00 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-25}$	$9.00 \times 10^{-13}$
252	$2.65 \times 10^{-16}$	$9.37 \times 10^{-27}$	$2.65 \times 10^{-16}$	$4.20 \times 10^{-13}$	$5.78 \times 10^{-34}$	$4.20 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.54 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.30 \times 10^{-25}$	$9.54 \times 10^{-13}$
261	$4.11 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.56 \times 10^{-26}$	$4.11 \times 10^{-16}$	$4.71 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.13 \times 10^{-33}$	$4.71 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-12}$	$8.80 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-12}$
276	$8.08 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-25}$	$8.08 \times 10^{-16}$	$5.66 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-32}$	$5.66 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.95 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-12}$
280	$9.57 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.75 \times 10^{-25}$	$9.57 \times 10^{-16}$	$5.93 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.57 \times 10^{-32}$	$5.93 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.75 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-12}$
290	$1.44 \times 10^{-15}$	$4.40 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.65 \times 10^{-13}$	$8.37 \times 10^{-32}$	$6.65 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.40 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-12}$
295	$1.74 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.83 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.02 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.47 \times 10^{-31}$	$7.02 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.28 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.14 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.28 \times 10^{-12}$
297	$1.88 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.11 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.88 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.18 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.83 \times 10^{-31}$	$7.18 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.30 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.53 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.30 \times 10^{-12}$
298	$1.95 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.83 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.95 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.25 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.04 \times 10^{-31}$	$7.25 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.74 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-12}$
308	$2.81 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.81 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.06 \times 10^{-13}$	$5.83 \times 10^{-31}$	$8.06 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.05 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-12}$
328	$5.50 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.11 \times 10^{-24}$	$5.50 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.84 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.96 \times 10^{-30}$	$9.84 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.56 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-12}$
348	$1.01 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.51 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-29}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.77 \times 10^{-12}$	$9.23 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.77 \times 10^{-12}$
368	$1.74 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-28}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.91 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-12}$



**Table S7.** Calculated CVT/SCT rate constants of H-abstraction and X-addition pathways of the Br + QCHO reaction system. (in  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

T(K)	Br + FCHO $\rightarrow$ products			Br + ClCHO $\rightarrow$ products			Br + BrCHO $\rightarrow$ products		
	Br- $k_{\text{abs-F}}$	Br- $k_{\text{add-F}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$	Br- $k_{\text{abs-Cl}}$	Br- $k_{\text{add-Cl}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$	Br- $k_{\text{abs-Br}}$	Br- $k_{\text{add-Br}}$	$k_{\text{total}}$
200	$2.48 \times 10^{-27}$	$5.28 \times 10^{-42}$	$2.48 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.45 \times 10^{-40}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-17}$	$5.97 \times 10^{-16}$	$6.06 \times 10^{-36}$	$5.97 \times 10^{-16}$
223	$1.43 \times 10^{-25}$	$9.01 \times 10^{-39}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-25}$	$6.03 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.98 \times 10^{-37}$	$6.03 \times 10^{-17}$	$1.42 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.22 \times 10^{-33}$	$1.42 \times 10^{-15}$
227	$2.67 \times 10^{-25}$	$2.82 \times 10^{-38}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-25}$	$7.59 \times 10^{-17}$	$8.40 \times 10^{-37}$	$7.59 \times 10^{-17}$	$1.63 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.75 \times 10^{-33}$	$1.63 \times 10^{-15}$
235	$8.82 \times 10^{-25}$	$2.47 \times 10^{-37}$	$8.82 \times 10^{-25}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-16}$	$6.02 \times 10^{-36}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.12 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-32}$	$2.12 \times 10^{-15}$
244	$3.09 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.39 \times 10^{-36}$	$3.09 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.88 \times 10^{-16}$	$4.74 \times 10^{-35}$	$1.88 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.80 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.52 \times 10^{-32}$	$2.80 \times 10^{-15}$
252	$8.79 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-35}$	$8.79 \times 10^{-24}$	$2.77 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.63 \times 10^{-34}$	$2.77 \times 10^{-16}$	$3.53 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-31}$	$3.53 \times 10^{-15}$
261	$2.65 \times 10^{-23}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-34}$	$2.65 \times 10^{-23}$	$4.17 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-33}$	$4.17 \times 10^{-16}$	$4.52 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-30}$	$4.52 \times 10^{-15}$
276	$1.43 \times 10^{-22}$	$2.36 \times 10^{-33}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-22}$	$7.84 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.48 \times 10^{-32}$	$7.84 \times 10^{-16}$	$6.64 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.92 \times 10^{-30}$	$6.64 \times 10^{-15}$
280	$2.18 \times 10^{-22}$	$5.01 \times 10^{-33}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-22}$	$9.19 \times 10^{-16}$	$4.91 \times 10^{-32}$	$9.19 \times 10^{-16}$	$7.32 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.53 \times 10^{-29}$	$7.32 \times 10^{-15}$
290	$5.94 \times 10^{-22}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-32}$	$5.94 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-31}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.23 \times 10^{-15}$	$5.49 \times 10^{-29}$	$9.23 \times 10^{-15}$
295	$9.58 \times 10^{-22}$	$7.03 \times 10^{-32}$	$9.58 \times 10^{-22}$	$1.61 \times 10^{-15}$	$5.41 \times 10^{-31}$	$1.61 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-28}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-14}$
297	$1.16 \times 10^{-21}$	$9.81 \times 10^{-32}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.73 \times 10^{-15}$	$7.31 \times 10^{-31}$	$1.73 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.28 \times 10^{-28}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-14}$
298	$1.27 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-31}$	$1.27 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.79 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.49 \times 10^{-31}$	$1.79 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-28}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-14}$
308	$3.10 \times 10^{-21}$	$5.66 \times 10^{-31}$	$3.10 \times 10^{-21}$	$2.52 \times 10^{-15}$	$3.59 \times 10^{-30}$	$2.52 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.47 \times 10^{-28}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-14}$
328	$1.59 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-29}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-20}$	$4.72 \times 10^{-15}$	$4.95 \times 10^{-29}$	$4.72 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.54 \times 10^{-27}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-14}$
348	$6.80 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.32 \times 10^{-28}$	$6.80 \times 10^{-20}$	$8.31 \times 10^{-15}$	$5.08 \times 10^{-28}$	$8.31 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.88 \times 10^{-14}$	$2.22 \times 10^{-26}$	$2.88 \times 10^{-14}$
368	$2.51 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-27}$	$2.51 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-14}$	$4.07 \times 10^{-27}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-14}$	$3.98 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-25}$	$3.98 \times 10^{-14}$

**Table S8.** The modified Arrhenius formulas for  $k = AT^B \exp(-C/T)$  for H-abstraction and X-addition pathways.

pathways	<sup>a</sup> $A$	B	<sup>b</sup> $C$
F-R <sub>abs</sub> -F	$1.74 \times 10^{-16}$	1.63	256
F-R <sub>add</sub> -F	$2.89 \times 10^{-22}$	3.69	2457
F-R <sub>abs</sub> -Cl	$1.17 \times 10^{-15}$	1.41	-40
F-R <sub>add</sub> -Cl	$1.05 \times 10^{-33}$	7.61	1804
F-R <sub>abs</sub> -Br	$4.60 \times 10^{-15}$	1.31	-6
F-R <sub>add</sub> -Br	$9.41 \times 10^{-107}$	32.02	-6079
Cl-R <sub>abs</sub> -F	$1.55 \times 10^{-19}$	3.08	2415
Cl-R <sub>add</sub> -F	$3.27 \times 10^{-28}$	4.95	6056
Cl-R <sub>abs</sub> -Cl	$1.97 \times 10^{-19}$	2.74	140
Cl-R <sub>add</sub> -Cl	$2.11 \times 10^{-23}$	2.07	9015
Cl-R <sub>abs</sub> -Br	$3.70 \times 10^{-19}$	2.54	-182
Cl-R <sub>add</sub> -Br	$1.97 \times 10^{-17}$	1.62	6773
Br-R <sub>abs</sub> -F	$1.09 \times 10^{-19}$	3.44	7165
Br-R <sub>add</sub> -F	$4.68 \times 10^{-15}$	1.59	14095
Br-R <sub>abs</sub> -Cl	$7.94 \times 10^{-19}$	2.72	2309
Br-R <sub>add</sub> -Cl	$1.36 \times 10^{-15}$	1.40	12811
Br-R <sub>abs</sub> -Br	$8.33 \times 10^{-20}$	2.73	1113
Br-R <sub>add</sub> -Br	$6.06 \times 10^{-18}$	1.57	9948

<sup>a</sup> Units in  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . <sup>b</sup>  $C = \frac{E}{R}$ ,  $E = E_a - nRT$ , in which C (in K), E (in kcal/mol) and n are the fitting parameters, and  $E_a$  (in kcal/mol) and R (in kcal/mol·K) are the activation energy and the gas constant, respectively (Zheng et al., 2010).

**Table S9.** The potential barrier heights ( $\Delta E$ ) and reaction enthalpies ( $\Delta H_{298}^0$ ) for elimination pathways of the F + ClCHO reaction. (in kcal/mol, the energy of the corresponding IM is set to be zero as reference)

	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H_{298}^0$
F-R <sub>elm</sub> -C11	15.88	2.93
F-R <sub>elm</sub> -C12	1.12	-13.07
F-R <sub>elm</sub> -C13	32.40	-19.73

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