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**Theoretical (B3lyp) and Spectroscopic (Ft-Ir, ^1H -Nmr and ^{13}C -Nmr)
Investigation of 2- Methoxy-6-[(3-(*P*-Methylbenzyl)-4,5-Dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-
Triazol-5-One-4-Yl)-Azomethin]-Phenyl Benzoate****Gül KOTAN**
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Abstract: Density functional theory (DFT) is an inexpensive approach used to study the molecular structure, many theoretical properties, biological activities and electronic properties of simple and complex compounds. In this study, the all quantum chemical studies of 2-Methoxy-6-[(3-(*p*-methylbenzyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-5-one-4-yl)-azomethin]-phenyl Benzoate molecule were calculated using the DFT(B3LYP) method with 6-311++G(d,p) basis set. For use in all these computational processes, initially the molecule was optimized. Thus, the most stable state of atoms was reached. Then, the calculations of carbon-13 and proton-NMR isotropic shift values were performed in the solvent (DMSO) and gaseous with "the gauge-independent atomic orbital" (GIAO). Infrared (FT-IR) vibration frequency values were calculated from the Veda4f program. The theoretical vibration frequency values were compared with the experimental IR values. Experimental data obtained from the literature. In addition, the electronic properties (chemical hardness and softness, ionization potential (I), electronegativity (χ), electron affinity (A), electrophilic and nucleophilic index), ΔE_g energy gap, HOMO-LUMO energies, the geometric properties (bond angle and length), the thermodynamic properties (thermal capacity (CV), entropy (S), thermal energy (E), dipole moment, mulliken atomic charge values, molecular electron potential (MEP), total density and contour surface maps and the total energy of the molecule were determined.

Keywords: 6-31 G(d,p), DFT, DMSO, FT-IR.

Introduction

Schiff bases, which contain a triazole ring containing three nitrogen atoms and carry 1,2,4-triazole, have a specific -C=N- imine group in their structure. The 1,2,4-triazole main structure is involved in the structures of many substances with a wide range of biological activities, including insecticides, antimicrobials (Singla, 2020), antituberculous agents (Aly et al., 2020), anticonvulsants (Kopron et al., 2020), anti-inflammatory agents (Abuo-Rahma et al., 2014), analgesics (Patel et al., 2018) antiasthmatic agents (Gao et al., 2019), antidepressants (Shi et al., 2020). Numerous studies have been conducted on Schiff bases that include 1,2,4-triazole to determine if they may be used in biological (Boy et al., 2021; Yüksek et al., 2018; Kotan et al., 2022; Yüksek et al., 2020, Dharmaraj et al., 2001), chemical (Jin et al., 2018; Kotan et al., 2021) or medicinal applications (Yiğit et al., 2018; Qiao et al., 2011). Also, recently quantum chemical computations have been used to examine the theoretical characteristics of Schiff bases (Kotan et al., 2020; Beytur et al., 2021). The calculation results were compared with the experimental results from the literature (Gürbüz et al., 2021). The computations were done on a computer system utilizing the Gaussian 09W software package, the 6-311G++(d,p) basis sets, and the Hartree-Fock (HF) and density functional theory (DFT) techniques (Frisch et al., 2009). First, the compound was optimized using the 6-31G(d,p) basis set and DFT(B3LYP) technique (Frisch et al., 2009; Wolinski et al., 1990). Then, using the GIAO approach, the values of the $^{13}\text{C}/^1\text{H}$ -NMR isotropic shift were computed (Wolinski et al.,

1990). IR data definition was done using the veda4f application (Jamroz, 2004). The necessary scale factors are used to scale theoretically computed IR data (Merrick et al., 2007). Theoretical infrared spectrum is used to create scaled DFT values. Additionally, the computer was used to determine the HOMO-LUMO energy, bond lengths, thermodynamic parameters, the $E_{\text{LUMO}}-E_{\text{HOMO}}$ energy gap (Eg), electronic characteristics, total energy, the dipole moment, MEP analysis, and mulliken charges.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Computational Data

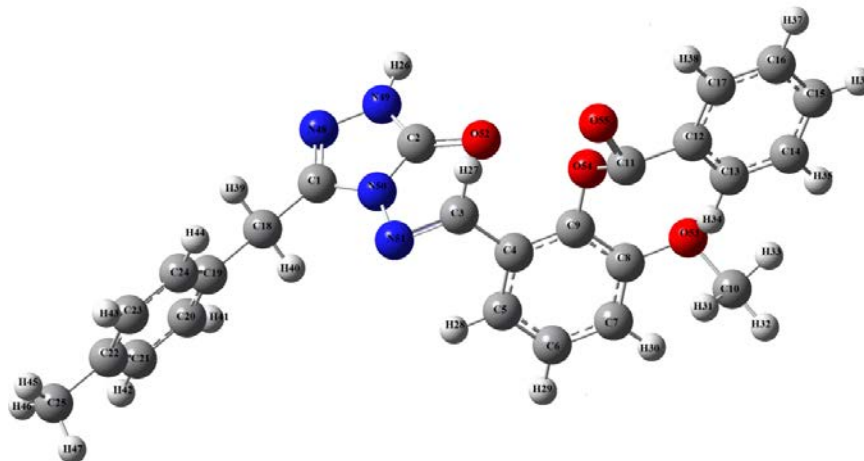


Figure 1. The optimized molecule structure

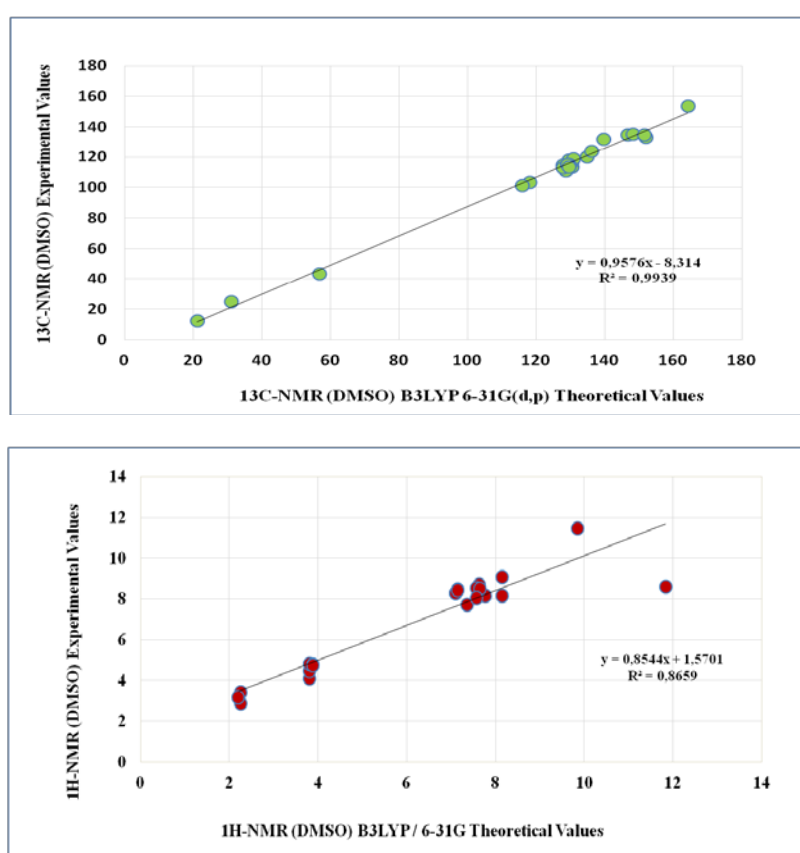
NMR Data

The GIAO technique from the Gaussian package software was used to conduct all NMR analyses and make visuals. There is a connection between the compound's R-values. B3LYP /6-31G(d,p) (DMSO): ^1H : 0.8659; B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) (DMSO): ^{13}C : 0.9939. The Table 1/ Figure 2 showed these compound values. Experimental and theoretical data were compared and a linear correlation was found in ^{13}C NMR while a deviation was observed in ^1H -NMR. This was due to the N-H acidic proton.

Table 1. The experimental and theoretical ^{13}C and ^1H -NMR chemical shift data

No	Experimental	DFT/6-31G/DMSO	Differ/DMSO
C1	146,74	134,81	11,93
C2	148,31	135,02	13,29
C3	152,00	133,21	18,79
C4	130,40	113,27	17,13
C5	118,21	103,52	14,69
C6	128,57	111,04	17,53
C7	115,90	101,07	14,83
C8	151,64	134,74	16,90
C9	139,71	131,85	7,86
C10	56,73	43,27	13,46
C11	164,30	153,57	10,73
C12	130,40	116,94	13,46
C13	129,56	118,15	11,41
C14	127,68	114,53	13,15
C15	130,88	118,82	12,06
C16	127,68	112,85	14,83
C17	129,56	114,36	15,20
C18	30,94	24,96	5,98
C19	134,78	120,16	14,62
C20	129,44	114,97	14,47
C21	129,09	115,03	14,06
C22	136,24	123,89	12,35
C23	129,09	114,92	14,17
C24	129,44	113,24	16,20
C25	21,06	12,27	8,79
H26	11,84	8,59	3,25
H27	9,84	11,46	-1,62

H28	7,63	8,68	-1,05
H29	7,77	8,14	-0,37
H30	7,35	7,69	-0,34
H31	3,81	4,09	-0,28
H32	3,81	4,45	-0,64
H33	3,81	4,79	-0,98
H34	8,14	9,05	-0,91
H35	7,57	8,52	-0,95
H36	7,64	8,47	-0,83
H37	7,57	8,02	-0,45
H38	8,14	8,14	0,00
H39	3,88	4,78	-0,90
H40	3,88	4,72	-0,84
H41	7,15	8,44	-1,29
H42	7,10	8,26	-1,16
H43	7,10	8,28	-1,18
H44	7,15	8,4	-1,25
H45	2,26	2,84	-0,58
H46	2,26	3,39	-1,13
H47	2,20	3,17	-0,97

Figure 2. The experimental/ calculation ¹³C and ¹H-NMR data and graphs

Molecular Geometry (Bond length)

Table 2 provides a summary of the molecular geometry characteristic, bond lengths, that were estimated using DFT technique and B3LYP functional using the 6-31G (d,p) basis set. This finding indicates that the longest bond length is between C(10) and C(11) atoms, with values of 1.52 Å B3LYP 6-31G (d,p). Additionally, using the same basis sets, the bond length in the triazole ring N48-N49, N48-C1, C2-O52, C2-N50, and N50-C1 are computed as 1.38, 1.30, 1.43, 1.22, 1.38 Å respectively. The N-N, N=C, and C=O bond lengths in the literature are calculated as 1.40, 1.28, and 1.21 Å (Ocak et al., 2003; Cruz et al., 2022). The computed bond length values agree with those found in the literature. The lowest bond angle is the angle of N-H asisycproton and its value is 1.00 Å.

Table 2. The calculated Bond length

Bond length (Å ⁰)	B3LYP	Bond length (Å ⁰)	B3LYP
C(1)-N(48)	1.30	O(54)-C(11)	1.39
C(1)-N(50)	1.38	C(11)-O(55)	1.20
C(1)-C(18)	1.49	C(11)-C(12)	1.49
N(48)-N(49)	1.38	C(12)-C(13)	1.40
N(49)-H(26)	1.00	C(13)-H(34)	1.08
N(49)-C(2)	1.37	C(13)-C(14)	1.39
C(2)-O(52)	1.43	C(14)-H(35)	1.08
C(2)-N(50)	1.22	C(14)-C(15)	1.39
N(50)-N(51)	1.37	C(15)-H(36)	1.08
N(51)-C(3)	1.29	C(15)-C(16)	1.39
C(3)-H(27)	1.08	C(16)-H(37)	1.08
C(3)-C(4)	1.46	C(16)-C(17)	1.39
C(4)-C(5)	1.40	C(17)-H(38)	1.08
C(4)-C(9)	1.40	C(18)-H(39)	1.09
C(5)-H(28)	1.08	C(18)-H(40)	1.09
C(5)-C(6)	1.38	C(18)-C(19)	1.52
C(6)-H(29)	1.08	C(19)-C(20)	1.39
C(6)-C(7)	1.40	C(20)-H(41)	1.08
C(7)-H(30)	1.08	C(20)-C(21)	1.39
C(7)-C(8)	1.36	C(21)-H(42)	1.08
C(8)-O(53)	1.38	C(21)-C(22)	1.39
O(53)-C(10)	1.36	C(22)-C(23)	1.40
C(10)-H(31)	1.09	C(23)-H(43)	1.08
C(10)-H(32)	1.09	C(23)-C(24)	1.39
C(10)-H(33)	1.09	C(24)-H(44)	1.08
C(9)-O(54)	1.38	C(25)-H(45)	1.09
		C(25)-H(46)	1.09
		C(25)-H(47)	1.09

Mulliken Charge Data

The mulliken charges (Mulliken et al., 1955) of molecule were calculated with B3LYP 6-31 G(d,p). While the mulliken charge values of some C atoms and all protons in the molecule are positive, some C atoms and all the N48-N51, O52-O55 atoms are negative. The C2 atom, which is attached to the electronegative oxygen atom, has the highest electropositivity.

Table 3. The calculated mulliken charges

Atom	DFT	Atom	DFT
C1	0,545	H26	0,289
C2	0,815	H27	0,173
C3	0,125	H28	0,113
C4	0,035	H29	0,090
C5	-0,114	H30	0,094
C6	-0,098	H31	0,118
C7	-0,134	H32	0,118
C8	0,369	H33	0,135
C9	0,235	H34	0,107
C10	-0,081	H35	0,096
C11	0,561	H36	0,093
C12	0,037	H37	0,094
C13	-0,092	H38	0,115
C14	-0,095	H39	0,142
C15	-0,075	H40	0,130
C16	-0,096	H41	0,082
C17	-0,087	H42	0,076
C18	-0,288	H43	0,079
C19	0,124	H44	0,097
C20	-0,123	H45	0,118
C21	-0,123	H46	0,126
C22	0,125	H47	0,111
C23	-0,118	N48	-0,342
C24	-0,116	N49	-0,435
C25	-0,381	N50	-0,422
		N51	-0,318
		O52	-0,533
		O53	-0,530
		O54	-0,537
		O55	-0,428

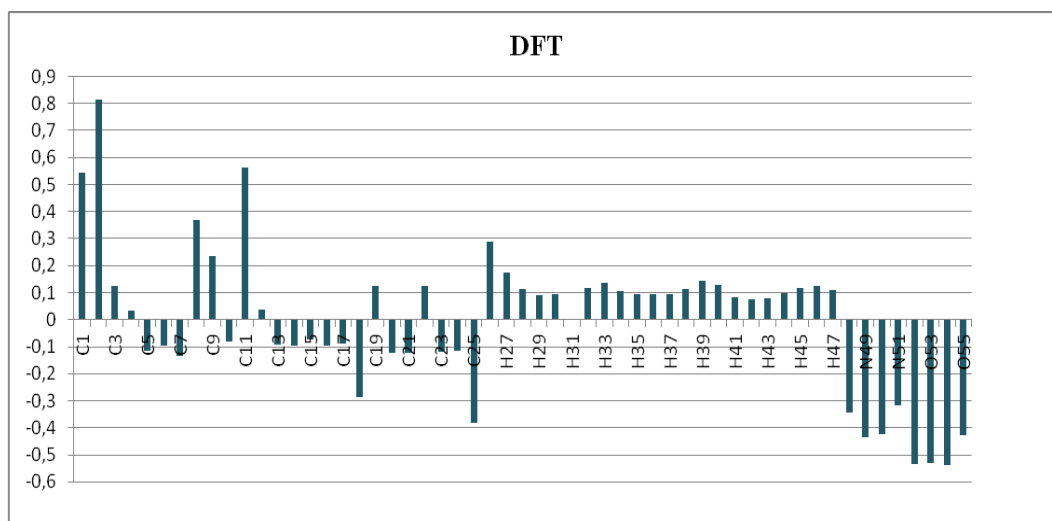


Figure 3. The calculated mulliken charges with B3LYP

FMO's Analysis

The electronic transitions, electric and optical characteristics, as well as kinetic stability, were all identified by frontier molecular orbitals (FMO) (Fukui, 1982). Three stages of calculation were used to derive the compound's HOMO-LUMO energy values, which are 4.25 eV for B3LYP basis set (figure 4). Table 4 displays the computed values for the compound's global hardness (A), electronegativity (E), chemical potential (P), softness (S), ionization potential (I), electrophilic index (E), and nucleophilic index (IP) using the $E_{\text{LUMO}}-E_{\text{HOMO}}$ energy gap.

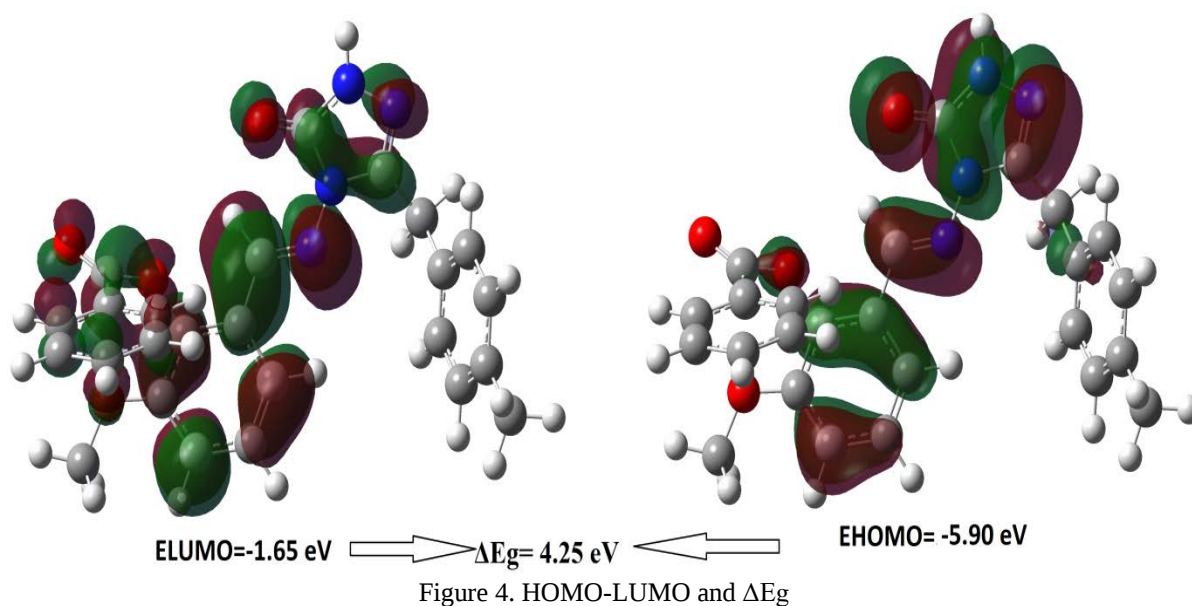
Figure 4. HOMO-LUMO and ΔE_g

Table 4. The electronic parameters data of the molecule

		Hatree	ev	kcal/mol	KJ/mol
	LUMO	-0.2169	-5.902	-136.105	-569.471
	HOMO	-0.06	-1.63264	-37.6502	-157.53
A	Electron Affinity	0.2169	5.902	136.105	569.471
I	Ionization Potential	0.06	1.63264	37.6502	157.53
ΔE	Energy gap	-0.1569	-4.26936	-98.4552	-411.941
χ	electronegativity	0.13845	3.76732	86.8778	363.5
Pi	chemical potential	-0.13845	-3.76732	-86.8778	-363.5
ω	electrophilic index	-0.00075188	-0.02046	-0.47181	-1.97406
IP	Nucleophilic index	0.010861403	0.29555	6.81556	28.5166
S	molecular softness	-12.7470	-346.854	-7998.76	-33467.2
η	molecular hardness	-0.07845	-2.13468	-49.2276	-205.97

Thermodynamic Analysis

The thermodynamic parameters 298.150 K and under 1 atm pressure was used to determine using B3LYP functionals in the DFT method at 6-31G(d,p) basis set. When the thermodynamic properties that provide the formation conditions of a chemical reaction are calculated theoretically, it will be quite easy to determine the reaction conditions.

Table 5. The calculated thermodynamic properties

Rotational temperatures (Kelvin)	DFT
A	0.01568
B	0.00227
C	0.00215
Rotational constants (GHZ)	
A	0.32672
B	0.04729
C	0.04483
Thermal Energies E(kcal/mol)	
Translational	0.889
Rotational	0.889
Vibrational	267.302
Total	269.080
Thermal Capacity CV(cal/mol-K)	
Translational	2.981
Rotational	2.981
Vibrational	87.028
Total	92.989
Entropy S(cal/mol-K)	
Translational	44.149
Rotational	37.382
Vibrational	71.341
Total	152.872
Zero-point correction (Hartree/Particle)	0.407076
Thermal correction to Energy	0.428806
Thermal correction to Enthalpy	0.429750
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy	0.357116
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies	-1484.387284
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies	-1484.365554
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies	-1484.364610
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies	-1484.437244
Zero-point vibrational energy (Kcal/mol)	255.44378

The MEP Surface Map

The relative reactivity sites in a species for nucleophilic and electrophilic attack are predicted by the molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) (Mumit et al., 2020). By employing the optimized structure with the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) basis set, the DFT calculation was used to calculate the MEP surface analysis of the molecule. Figure 5 shows the mapped electrostatic potential surface of the chemical under study. The chemical has a color code that ranges from $-5.945\text{e-}2$ to $+5.945\text{e-}2$. The MEP structure's red and blue colors denote regions that are more electron-rich and electron-poor, respectively. The circumference of the electronegative oxygen atoms (O52-O55) is red, while the circumference of the electropositive N49-H26 acidic proton is blue (Hussein, 2021).

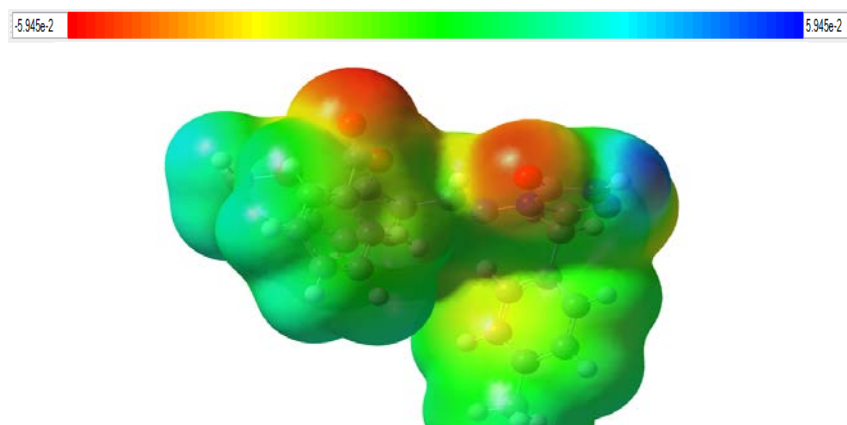


Figure 5. The MEP surface map

FT-IR Vibrational Frequency Calculations

Due to their low computational costs and typically reliable results, DFT-based computations are the most used theoretical approaches for predicting the structure through comparison of predicted and observed IR spectra. The Veda 4 software was used to acquire all FT-IR calculations (Jamroz, 2004). For the optimized structure, the vibrational frequencies were estimated at the B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p) level of theory and scaled by 0.9617 (Merrick et al., 2007). The scaled infrared values and experimental values were compared, and the results are shown in Table 6.

Table 6. The theoretical and calculated infrared data

vibrational frequencies	Experimental IR	Scaled B3LYP
ν (NH)	3189	3556
ν (C=O)	1746, 1709	1774, 1756
ν (C=N)	1551	1609
ν (COO)	1259	1278
1,4-Disubstituted-benzene	803	806

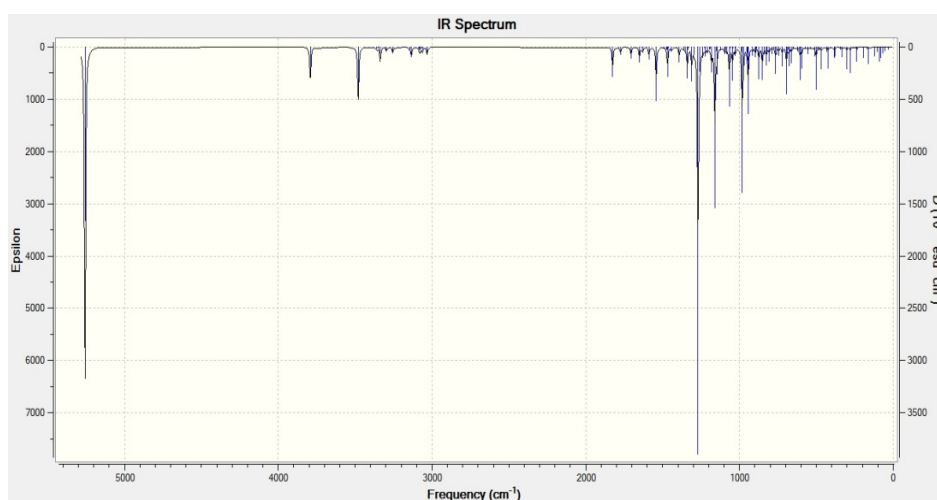


Figure 6. The IR Spectrum with DFT(B3LYP)

NLO Analysis

Electromagnetic field interactions can have an impact on non-linear optical (NLO) characteristics in a variety of contexts. For technologies in fields like telecommunications, signal processing, and optical interactions, NLO features are crucial for supplying the essential tasks of frequency shifting, optical modulation, optical switching, optical logic, and optical memory (Bitmez et al., 2014). NLO is thus situated at the cutting edge of current research. The energy of the highest occupied molecular orbital (E_{HOMO}), energy of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (E_{LUMO}), and energy gap between the LUMO and HOMO (EGAP) are some quantum chemical parameters that have been used to explain NLO properties. These parameters include the total static dipole moment (μ), average linear polarizability (α), anisotropy of polarizability ($\Delta\alpha$), and first hyperpolarizability (β_{total}). Another crucial factor in determining the NLO qualities is E_{HOMO} . A high value of E_{HOMO} reflects a molecule's propensity for electron transfer to a low unoccupied molecular orbital. A low E_{LUMO} value suggests that a molecule has a larger capacity for receiving electrons. The NLO characteristics of the examined compounds rise when HOMO and LUMO energy levels rise and fall, respectively (Sayin et al., 2015). In results the calculations DFT 6-31G(d,p), Polar (α_{xx} , α_{xy} , α_{yy} , α_{xz} , α_{yz} , α_{zz})= 372.4922748, 21.2118185, 308.2578439, 18.4087961, 1.6380612, 236.225101; HyperPolar (β_{xxx} , β_{xxy} , β_{xyy} , β_{yyy} , β_{xxz} , β_{xyz} , β_{yyz} , β_{xzz} , β_{yzz} , β_{zzz})= 94.8132254, -277.5042246, -159.574997, -227.6931422, -62.1540947, -77.2269366, -84.2142141, -23.6395059, 7.2111351, -59.7315603, respectively were obtained. The theoretical results are α_{total} : 45.299×10^{-24} esu, $\Delta\alpha$: 16.168×10^{-24} esu, and β^0 : 45.71×10^{-31} esu. The primary reference material for NLO qualities is the urea molecule. According to published data, the NLO parameters are: α_{total} : $5.07643717 \times 10^{-24}$ esu, $\Delta\alpha$: $2.13568262 \times 10^{-24}$ esu, and β^0 : $7.2228469891 \times 10^{-31}$ esu (Kotan et al., 2020). The NLO values were 9, 8, and 6.5 times more than ur ea as compared to the reference material.

Table 7. The total energy E_{total} (Hartree), the electric dipole moment μ (D), the average polarizability α_{total} (10^{-24} esu) and first hyperpolarizability β_{total} (10^{-31} esu) of molecule.

	B3LYP
E_{total}	-1485,81197087
μ_x	2,7208
μ_y	8,1260
μ_z	-3,8837
μ_{Total}	9,4084
α_{xx}	372,4922748
α_{xy}	21,2118185
α_{yy}	308,2578439
α_{xz}	18,4087961
α_{yz}	1,6380612
α_{zz}	236,225101
α_{total}	45.299×10^{-24} esu
$\Delta\alpha$ (esu)	16.168×10^{-24} esu
β_{xxx}	94,8132254
β_{xxy}	-277,5042246
β_{xyy}	-159,574997
β_{yyy}	-227,6931422
β_{xxz}	-62,1540947
β_{xyz}	-77,2269366
β_{yyz}	-84,2142141
β_{xzz}	-23,6395059
β_{yzz}	7,2111351
β_{zzz}	-59,7315603
β_{total}	45.71×10^{-31} esu

Conclusion

This theoretical effort used DFT (B3LYP) calculations to determine the target molecule using the 6-31G(d,p) basis sets using the Gaussian G09W software package. The calculations' ^1H chemical shifts and FT-IR data are observed to be in agreement with the actual data. The R² values showed a linear association, while the H-NMR correlation graph shows a minor divergence. The N-H acidic proton (H26) in the molecule is the cause of this divergence. The sole explanation for the infrared data's lack of negative frequency is the molecule's stability. The ΔE_g value was calculated as 4.25 eV. Regions that are electrophilic and nucleophilic were identified using MEP analysis. As a result of NLO analysis, the molecule was found to be a good nonlinear substance.

Scientific Ethics Declaration

The authors declare that the scientific ethical and legal responsibility of this article published in EPSTEM journal belongs to the authors.

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