## Supporting Information for

## Electronic Spectroscopy of Resonantly Stabilized Aromatic Radicals: 1-Indanyl and Methyl Substituted Analogues

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Scaling Factor: The scaling factors are determined as the ratio of experimental and calculated vibrational frequencies. The values for the  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  state of 1-indanyl radical are obtained at the B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,p) level of theory using the current set of data (Table S1). The average factor of 0.981±0.005 for the ground state is close to the Computational Chemistry Comparison and Benchmark Database (CCCBDB) value of 0.97.<sup>1</sup> For the  $D_1$  state it is estimated as 0.966±0.008.

**Table S1.** Experimental and calculated vibrational frequencies  $(cm^{-1})$  in  $D_1(A'')$  and  $D_0(A'')$  states of 1-indanyl radical (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>-A). Ratios of experimental and calculated values are given.

Vibration	Excited State			Ground State			
	$D_1(A'')$	Experiment	Ratio	$D_0(A'')$	Experiment <sup>2</sup>	Ratio	
$v_{31}$	369	355	0.962	384	377	0.980	
$v_{30}$	506	490	0.968	536	529	0.987	
V <sub>29</sub>	562	537	0.956	593	583	0.983	
$v_{28}$	702	684	0.974	713	700	0.981	
$v_{27}$	792	755	0.954	807	794	0.984	
V <sub>25</sub>	905	871	0.962	920	865	0.940	
$v_{24}$	985	964	0.978	1032	1016	0.985	
$v_{19}$	1201	1166	0.971	1248	1211	0.971	
$v_{18}$	1241	1201	0.968	1206	1183	0.981	
Average		0.966		Average	0.981		

	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -A		C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -B		
	$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$		$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$
A	0.081	0.080	A	0.070	0.070
В	0.041	0.042	В	0.046	0.046
С	0.028	0.028	С	0.028	0.028
	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -C		C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -D		
	$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$		$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$
A	0.069	0.068	A	0.108	0.106
В	0.047	0.047	В	0.033	0.033
С	0.028	0.028	С	0.026	0.026
	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -E		C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -F		
	$D_0(A)$	$D_1(A)$		$D_0(A)$	$D_1(A)$
A	0.112	0.109	A	0.096	0.096
В	0.032	0.033	В	0.038	0.038
С	0.026	0.026	С	0.028	0.028
	$C_{10}H_{11}$ -G		C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -H		
	$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$		$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$
A	0.153	0.149	A	0.161	0.156
В	0.019	0.019	В	0.021	0.021
С	0.017	0.017	С	0.019	0.019
	$C_{10}H_{11}$ -I		C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> -J		
	$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$		$D_0(A'')$	$D_1(A'')$
A	0.161	0.158	A	0.152	0.150
В	0.021	0.021	В	0.023	0.023
С	0.019	0.019	С	0.020	0.020

**Table S2.** Rotational constants (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  states of  $C_{10}H_{11}$  isomers calculated at B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,p) and TD-B3LYP/6-311++g(2d,p) level of theory, respectively.



**Figure S1.** R2C2PI spectrum at m/z = 131 amu (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>) (black) and the Franck-Condon simulations (T<sub>vib</sub> = 0K) of isomers C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-A (red), C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-G (green), C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-H (blue), C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-I (orange) and C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-J (violet).



**Figure S2.** The b-type rotational contour obtained for the  $D_1 \leftarrow D_0$  origin band of  $C_{10}H_{11}$ -A, B, C, D and E isomers at T=15 K.



**Figure S3.** The a-type rotational contour obtained for the  $D_1 \leftarrow D_0$  origin band of  $C_{10}H_{11}$ -A, B, C, D and E isomers at T=15 K.



**Figure S4.** The b-type rotational contour obtained for the  $D_1 \leftarrow D_0$  origin band of  $C_{10}H_{11}$ -G, H, I and J isomers at T=15 K.



**Figure S5.** The a-type rotational contour obtained for the  $D_1 \leftarrow D_0$  origin band of  $C_{10}H_{11}$ -G, H, I and J isomers at T=15 K.

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