

## Supplementary Material

### **Experimental and computational study of a multi-active-site Schiff base as corrosion inhibitor of mild steel in 1 M HCl**

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**Table S1. Comparison of the corrosion inhibition efficiencies by weight loss test of some Schiff bases reported in 1.0 M HCl on mild steel.**

Schiff base	Type	Mol. weight (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$C_{inh}$ (mmol L <sup>-1</sup> )	$T$ (K)	$\eta_w$ (%)	Ref.
4-(4-((pyridin-2-yl)methyleneamino)-phenoxy)-N-((pyridin-2-yl)methylene)-benzenamine [PMB]	double	378.37	5.0	298	88	[15]
4-(4-(4-((pyridin-2-yl)methyleneamino)-phenoxy)phenoxy)-N-((pyridin-2-yl)-methylene)benzenamine [PPMB]	double	470.45	5.0	298	92	[15]
<i>N,N'</i> -dibenzo[ <i>b,d</i> ]thiene-2,8-diylbis(1-(thiophen-2-yl)methanimine) [SB]	double	402.50	1.0	298	92.95	[24]
(1E,1'E)- <i>N,N'</i> -(1,4-phenylene)bis(1-(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine) [PBPE2]	double	286.27	2.8	303	91.88	[28]
(1E,1'E)- <i>N,N'</i> -(1,4-phenylene)bis(1-(pyridin-3-yl)methanimine) [PBPE3]	double	286.27	2.8	303	92.18	[28]
2-((4-(dimethylamino)benzylidene)-amino)benzenethiol [DBB]	single	256.32	2.0	298	78.6 ( $\eta_{EIS}$ )	[37]
3-[(3-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzylidene)-amino]benzoic acid [HMAMB]	single	271.23	1.0	303	87.53 ( $\eta_{EIS}$ )	[38]
3-[(2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)-amino]benzoic acid [HNCAMB]	single	291.13	1.0	303	89.13 ( $\eta_{EIS}$ )	[38]
<i>N,N'</i> -(1,4-phenylene)bis(1,1-di(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine) [PBDPM]	double	440.17	1.8	303	93.76	This work

**Table S2. The bond length and bond angle parameters of PBDPM.**

PBDPM	Bond angle (°)	PBDPM	Bond length (Å)	PBDPM	Bond angle (°)	PBDPM	Bond length (Å)
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub>	120.798	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub>	1.406	N <sub>13</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>15</sub>	123.658	C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>15</sub>	1.399
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	120.616	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub>	1.393	C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>16</sub>	118.043	C <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>16</sub>	1.394
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	118.458	C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	1.407	C <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -C <sub>17</sub>	118.685	C <sub>16</sub> -C <sub>17</sub>	1.395
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	120.800	C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	1.409	C <sub>16</sub> -C <sub>17</sub> -C <sub>8</sub>	118.968	C <sub>17</sub> -C <sub>9</sub>	1.405
C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub>	120.671	C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	1.389	N <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>44</sub>	117.149	C <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>44</sub>	1.509
C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub>	118.511	C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub>	1.408	C <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>44</sub> -C <sub>45</sub>	120.877	C <sub>44</sub> -C <sub>45</sub>	1.404
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -N <sub>7</sub>	122.590	C <sub>1</sub> -N <sub>7</sub>	1.399	C <sub>44</sub> -C <sub>45</sub> -N <sub>47</sub>	118.748	C <sub>45</sub> -C <sub>47</sub>	1.395
C <sub>1</sub> -N <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>8</sub>	124.982	N <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>8</sub>	1.273	C <sub>45</sub> -C <sub>47</sub> -C <sub>49</sub>	118.707	C <sub>47</sub> -C <sub>49</sub>	1.395
C <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -N <sub>13</sub>	117.936	C <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>9</sub>	1.502	C <sub>47</sub> -C <sub>49</sub> -C <sub>46</sub>	118.188	C <sub>49</sub> -C <sub>46</sub>	1.398
C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -C <sub>17</sub>	117.266	C <sub>9</sub> -N <sub>13</sub>	1.340	C <sub>49</sub> -C <sub>46</sub> -N <sub>54</sub>	123.443	C <sub>46</sub> -N <sub>54</sub>	1.331
C <sub>17</sub> -N <sub>13</sub> -C <sub>14</sub>	118.521	N <sub>13</sub> -C <sub>14</sub>	1.329	C <sub>46</sub> -N <sub>54</sub> -C <sub>44</sub>	118.498	N <sub>54</sub> -C <sub>44</sub>	1.338

**Table S3. Fukui index of PBDPM.**

PBDPM	$f_k^+$	$f_k^-$	PBDPM	$f_k^+$	$f_k^-$
C <sub>1</sub>	-0.054	-0.029	C <sub>18</sub>	-0.019	0.003
C <sub>2</sub>	-0.010	-0.035	C <sub>19</sub>	-0.013	-0.004
C <sub>3</sub>	-0.009	-0.038	C <sub>20</sub>	-0.026	-0.015
C <sub>4</sub>	-0.002	-0.006	C <sub>21</sub>	0.003	-0.003
C <sub>5</sub>	-0.002	-0.021	N <sub>22</sub>	-0.025	0.003
C <sub>6</sub>	-0.004	-0.048	C <sub>35</sub>	-0.028	-0.012
N <sub>7</sub>	-0.078	-0.030	C <sub>36</sub>	0.002	0.032
C <sub>8</sub>	-0.020	-0.036	C <sub>37</sub>	-0.005	-0.003
C <sub>9</sub>	0.041	0.010	C <sub>38</sub>	-0.011	-0.009
N <sub>10</sub>	-0.071	-0.060	C <sub>40</sub>	-0.019	-0.014
C <sub>11</sub>	-0.036	-0.039	C <sub>44</sub>	-0.013	-0.079
C <sub>12</sub>	0.055	-0.052	C <sub>45</sub>	0.020	0.037
N <sub>13</sub>	-0.027	0.001	C <sub>46</sub>	-0.005	0.003
C <sub>14</sub>	0.004	-0.001	C <sub>47</sub>	-0.006	-0.016
C <sub>15</sub>	-0.024	-0.011	C <sub>49</sub>	-0.019	-0.017
C <sub>16</sub>	-0.013	-0.005	N <sub>53</sub>	-0.005	-0.025
C <sub>17</sub>	-0.001	0.002	N <sub>54</sub>	-0.053	0.030

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