

## STRUCTURAL AND SPECTROSCOPIC CHARACTERIZATION OF *N'*-(1*E*)-(4-FLUOROPHENYL)METHYLIDENE]THIOPHENE-2-CARBOHYDRAZIDE, A POTENTIAL PRECURSOR TO BIOACTIVE AGENTS

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In this study, vibrational spectral analysis of the title compound was carried out using FT-IR and FT-Raman spectroscopy in the range of 500–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The vibrational analysis was aided by an electronic structure calculation based on the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) basis set. The molecular equilibrium geometries, IR and Raman intensities and harmonic vibrational frequencies were computed. The assignments were based on the experimental IR and Raman spectra, and a complete assignment of the observed spectra was proposed. The complete vibrational assignments were performed based on the potential energy distribution (PED). The thermodynamic properties of the title compound were calculated at different temperatures, revealing the correlations between heat capacity (*C*), entropy (*S*) and enthalpy changes (*H*) with temperatures. In addition, the first-order hyperpolarizability, NBO, HOMO and LUMO energies, Fukui function and the molecular electrostatic potential were computed.

**Keywords:** DFT; FT-IR spectra; FT-Raman spectra; Fukui function;  
*N'*-(arylmethylidene)-thiophene-2-carbohydrazide

## СТРУКТУРНА И СПЕКТРОСКОПСКА КАРАКТЕРИЗАЦИЈА НА *N'*-(1*E*)-(4-ФЛУОРОФЕНИЛ)МЕТИЛИДЕН]ТИОФЕН-2-КАРБОХИДРАЗИД, ПОТЕНЦИЈАЛЕН ПРЕКУРЗОР НА БИОАКТИВНИ СРЕДСТВА

Во оваа студија е извршена вибрациона спектрална анализа на наведеното соединение со помош на FT-IR и FT-раманската спектроскопија во опсегот од 500–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Вибрационата анализа беше помогната со пресметка на електронската структура базирана на B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) како основен сет. Пресметани се молекулските рамнотежни геометрии, IR и раманските интензитети и хармониските вибрациони фреквенции. Асигнирањето е засновано врз експерименталните IR и рамански спектри и е предложена целосна асигнација на добиените спектри. Комплетните вибрациони асигнации се извршени врз основа на распределбата на потенцијалната енергија (PED). Термодинамичките својства на наведеното соединение се пресметани на различни температури, со што е добиена корелацијата меѓу топлинскиот капацитет (*C*), ентропијата (*S*) и промените во енталпијата (*H*) и температурата. Покрај тоа се пресметани хиперполаризабилноста од прв ред, NBO, HOMO и LUMO енергиите, функцијата на Fukui и молекулскиот електростатичен потенцијал.

**Клучни зборови:** DFT; FT-IR спектри; FT-рамански спектри; функција на Fukui;  
*N'*-(арилметилен)тиофен-2-карбохидразид

## 1. INTRODUCTION

After the discovery of isonicotinic acid hydrazide (INH) as an effective antitubercular drug [1], heterocyclic hydrazides and their *N'*-arylidene derivatives received considerable attention for their remarkable biological activities. As a result of an extensive search based on homocyclic and heterocyclic hydrazides and hydrazones, several derivatives were developed and proved to be superior to INH [2–8]. In addition, several hydrazide and hydrazine derivatives were reported to possess marked antifungal [9–12], antileishmanial [13, 14], antiviral [15], anticancer [16–18], anti-inflammatory [19] and antioxidant [20] activities. Moreover, carbohydrazide-hydrazones are utilized as efficient intermediates for the synthesis of several biologically-active heterocyclic compounds. The reaction of carbohydrazide-hydrazones with thioglycolic acid, chloroacetyl chloride, acetic anhydride and diazomethane yields the 4-thiazolidinone [21, 22], 2-azetidinone [22, 23], 1,3,4-oxadiazole [24–28] and 1,2,3-triazole [29] analogues, respectively.

The title compound, which is the isosteric analogue of INH hydrazones, was prepared as a precursor for potential chemotherapeutic agents [30]. A detailed study of the structural properties and spectroscopic profile of the title compound, containing the carbohydrazide-hydrazone moiety would significantly contribute to the synthesis surpassing derivatives with potential biological activities. In the present study, a comprehensive investigation on the molecular structure, electronic properties, thermodynamic properties, Fukui function and vibrational spectra of the title compound has been reported.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

The title compound (molecular formula  $C_{12}H_9FN_2OS$ ) in solid form was synthesized with a 90% yield *via* heating thiophene-2-carbohydrazide with 4-fluoroaniline under reflux for one hour, and the product was precipitated on cooling. Pure single crystals suitable for XRD were obtained by recrystallization from ethanol (MP: 447–448 K).  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500.13 MHz):  $\delta$  7.22 (t, 1H, thiophene-H,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 7.30–7.31 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.80–7.95 (m, 4H, 2 thiophene-H and 2 Ar-H), 8.12 (s, 1H, CH=N), 8.41 (s, 1H, NH). The structure was further supported by single crystal X-ray spectroscopy [30]. The Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrum of this compound was recorded in the region 4000–500  $cm^{-1}$  on a Bruker model IFS

66V spectrophotometer (Ettlingen, Germany) using the KBr pellet technique. The FT-Raman spectrum was recorded on a BRUKER RFS 100/s FT-Raman instrument (Bruker Optics, Seoul, Korea) equipped with a Nd:YAG laser source operating at a wavelength of 1064 nm wavelength and 150 mw power in the 4000–500  $cm^{-1}$  range. The measured FT-IR and FT-Raman spectra along with theoretically-constructed spectra are shown in Figures 1 and 2.

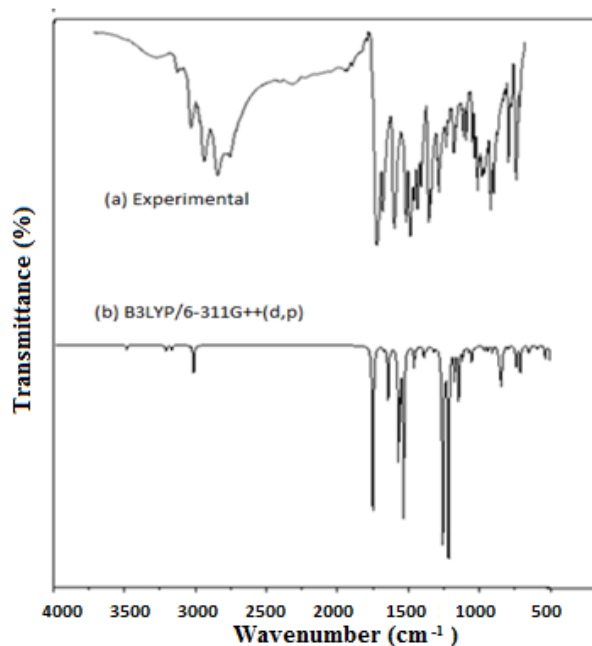


Fig. 1. Experimental and theoretical FT-IR spectra of the title compound

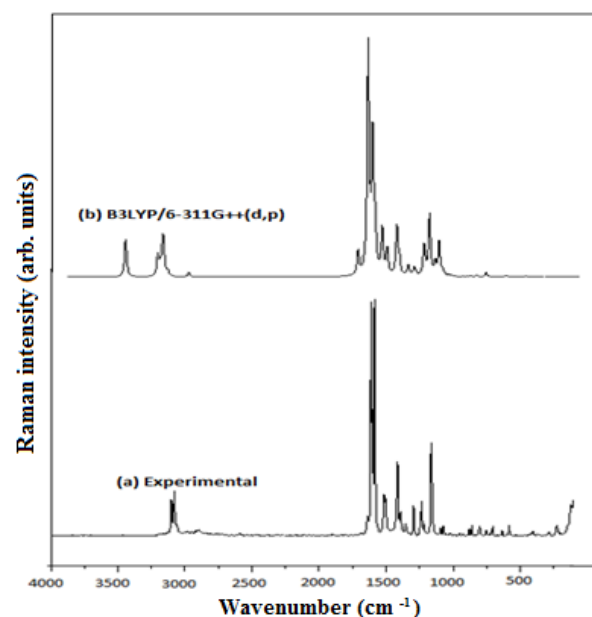


Fig. 2. Experimental and theoretical FT-Raman spectra of the title compound

### 3. COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS

The entire set of calculations was performed at the density functional theory (DFT) level on a PC by energy optimization [31] using the GAUSSIAN 03W (Wallingford, CT, USA) program package [32]. In order to fit the theoretical wavenumbers to the experimental, scaling factors have been introduced by using a least square optimization of the computed to the experimental data. Vibrational frequencies are in the range of wavenumbers above 1700 cm<sup>-1</sup> are scaled to 0.958 and below 1700 cm<sup>-1</sup> are scaled to 0.983 for B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) [33] to account for systematic errors caused by basis set incompleteness, neglect of electron correlation and vibrational anharmonicity. The NBO calculations [34] were performed using the NBO 3.1 program as implemented in the Gaussian 03W software at the above said level in order to understand various second-order interactions between the filled orbital of one subsystem and vacant orbital of another subsystem, which is a measure of the intermolecular and intramolecular delocalization or hyperconjugation. The first hyperpolarizabilities and related properties ( $\beta_{\text{tot}}$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\Delta\alpha$ ) of the title compound were calculated using the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) basis set. The electronic properties such as HOMO and LUMO energies are determined by the TD-DFT approach. The thermodynamic functions are calculated by the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) method.

The Raman activities ( $S_i$ ), calculated with the GAUSSIAN 03W program, were subsequently converted to relative Raman intensities ( $I_i$ ) using the following relationship derived from the theory of Raman scattering [35, 36]:

$$I_i = \frac{f(v_0 - v_i)^4 S_i}{v_i \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{hc v_i}{k_b T}} \right)}$$

where  $v_0$  is the excitation frequency in cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $v_i$  is the vibrational wavenumber of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  normal mode  $h$ ,  $c$  and  $k_b$  are the fundamental constants and  $f$  is a normalization factor for all peak intensities.

## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1. Molecular geometry

The numbering system adopted in the molecular structure of the title molecules is shown in

Figure 3. A comparison table for the calculated bond lengths and angles with those of experimentally available XRD data [30] are listed in Table 1. From the theoretical values, it was observed that some of the calculated parameters slightly deviated from experimental values, due to the fact that the theoretical calculations belong to a molecule in the gaseous phase and the experimental results belong to a molecule in the solid state. The molecule has eight C-H bond lengths, eleven C-C bond lengths, two C-N bond lengths, two C-S bond lengths, and one N-H, C-F, C-O bond length. The C-C bond length of the ring was found to be about 1.4 Å by the DFT method with the 6-311++G (d,p) basis set and agrees well with the experimental value. The calculated bond lengths for C-H vary from 1.07 to 1.09 Å and the N-H bond length is about 1.0 Å. The C-S bond length is compared to other bond lengths. Several researchers have explained changes in the frequency or bond length of the C-H bond upon substitution due to a change of the distribution on the carbon atoms of the benzene ring.

### 4.2. Thermodynamic properties

On the basis of vibrational analysis and statistical thermodynamics, the standard thermodynamic functions of heat capacity ( $C_p$ ) entropy ( $S$ ) and enthalpy changes ( $H$ ) for the title molecule were obtained from the theoretical harmonic frequencies, and are listed in Table 2. From Table 2, it can be observed that these thermodynamic functions increase with temperature in the range of 100 to 1000 K, due to the fact that the molecular vibrational intensities increase with temperature. The correlation equations between heat capacity, entropy, enthalpy changes and temperatures were fitted by quadratic formulae, and the corresponding fitting factors ( $R^2$ ) for these thermodynamic properties are 1.0000, 0.999 and 0.999, respectively. The corresponding fit equations are as follows, the correlation graphs are shown in Figure 4.

$$C = 266.9 + 0.962T - 0.0002T^2 \quad (R^2 = 1.000)$$

$$S = 18.46 + 0.868T - 0.0004T^2 \quad (R^2 = 0.999)$$

$$H = -10.85 + 0.117T + 0.0002T^2 \quad (R^2 = 0.999)$$

These data helped to provide information for further study on the title compound in order to calculate the other thermodynamic energies according to the relationships between thermodynamic functions and to estimate the directions of the chemical reactions according to the second law of thermodynamics.

Table 1

The optimized parameters (bond lengths and bond angle of the title compound)

Parameters	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	Experimental*
Bond length (Å)		
C1-C2	1.372	1.362
C1-S5	1.751	1.714
C1-C6	1.486	1.476
C2-C3	1.42	1.388
C2-H18	1.081	1.08
C3-C4	1.368	1.361
C3-H19	1.082	–
C4-S5	1.729	1.725
C4-H20	1.079	–
C6-O7	1.213	–
C6-N8	1.389	1.283
N8-N9	1.354	1.370
N8-H21	1.017	0.90
N9-C10	1.28	1.283
C10-C11	1.463	1.465
C10-H22	1.098	–
C11-C12	1.402	1.394
C11-C16	1.406	1.392
C12-C13	1.392	1.388
C12-H23	1.085	0.95
C13-C14	1.385	1.374
C13-H24	1.083	–
C14-C15	1.39	1.380
C14-F17	1.354	1.363
C15-C16	1.387	1.386
C15-H25	1.083	0.950
C16-H26	1.083	0.950
Bond angle(°)		
C2-C1-S5	110.5	111.1
C2-C1-C6	124	–
C1-C2-C3	113.4	112.4
C1-C2-H18	121.6	123.8
S5-C1-C6	125.4	–
C1-S5-C4	91.6	91.6
C1-C6-O7	121.9	–
C1-C6-N8	114.6	–
C3-C2-H18	125	123.8
C2-C3-C4	112.8	114.3
C2-C3-H19	124	122.8
C4-C3-H19	123.2	122.8
C3-C4-S5	111.7	109.9
C3-C4-H20	128.6	–
S5-C4-H20	119.7	119.21
O7-C6-N8	123.5	–
C6-N8-N9	120.9	121.3
C6-N8-H21	119.7	118.1
N9-N8-H21	119.2	120.0
N8-N9-C10	117.5	–
N9-C10-C11	121.9	120.68
N9-C10-H22	121.4	119.7
C11-C10-H22	116.6	119.7

Parameters	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	Experimental*
C11-C10-H22	116.6	119.7
C10-C11-C12	119.4	119.2
C10-C11-C16	121.7	122.06
C12-C11-C16	118.9	118.76
C11-C12-C13	121	121.31
C11-C12-H23	119.7	119.3
C11-C16-C15	120.6	120.73
C11-C16-H26	119	119.3
C13-C12-H23	119.2	–121.0
C12-C13-C14	118.3	–
C12-C13-H24	121.8	122.72
C14-C13-H24	119.9	118.8
C13-C14-C15	122.4	118.46
C13-C14-F17	118.9	118.51
C15-C14-H17	118.8	120.7
C14-C15-C16	118.8	120.7
C14-C15-H25	119.7	119.6
C16-C15-H25	121.6	–
C15-C16-H26	120.4	–

\*Reference[30]

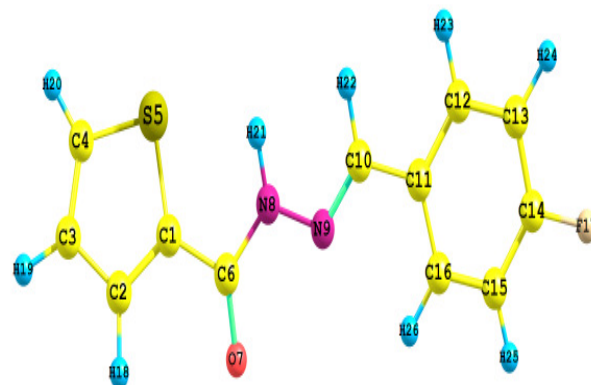
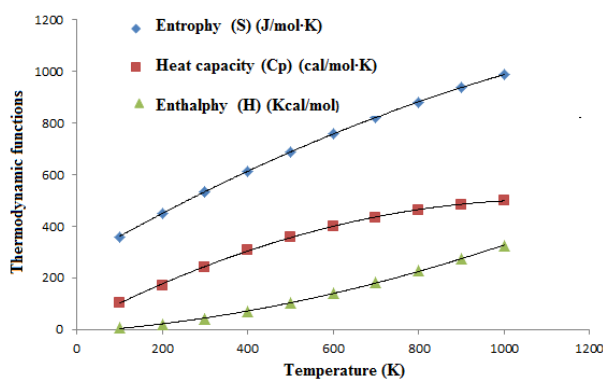


Fig. 3. Optimized ground state structure of the title compound (B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p))

Table 2

Thermodynamic properties for the title compound  
B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)

T (K)	S (J/mol·K)	C <sub>p</sub> (cal/mol·K)	H (kcal/mol)
100	358.8	104.63	7.24
200	451.3	171.56	20.97
298.15	532.86	241.33	41.25
300	534.36	242.61	41.69
400	613.21	306.91	69.26
500	687.58	359.63	102.68
600	756.99	401.36	140.81
700	821.43	434.43	182.67
800	881.25	461.07	227.49
900	936.85	482.89	274.72
1000	988.7	501.03	323.94



**Fig. 4.** Correlation graphs of entropy, heat capacity and enthalpy changes of the title compound with various temperature

#### 4.3. Nonlinear optical (NLO) properties

The transmission spectra of NLO materials are very important because NLO materials have practical use if they have a wide transparency window. Hyperpolarizabilities are very sensitive to the basis sets and the level of the employed theoretical approach [37, 38], so that the electron correlation

can change the value of hyperpolarizability. Urea is one of the prototypical molecules used in the study of NLO properties of molecular systems. Therefore, it has been used frequently to establish a threshold value for comparative purposes. The calculations of the total molecular dipole moment ( $\mu_D$ ), linear polarizability ( $\alpha$ ) and first-order hyperpolarizability ( $\beta_{tot}$ ) from the Gaussian output have been previously explained in detail and the DFT has been extensively used as an effective method to investigate organic NLO materials [39]. The polar properties of the title compound were calculated by the DFT method. The non-zero values of the dipole moment accurately depict the dipolar character of the optimized molecules. From Table 3, it can be observed that the calculated first-order hyperpolarizability value of the title compound is  $1.1769 \times 10^{-30}$  esu, which is nearly three times that of urea. The high  $\beta$  value and non-zero value of  $\mu$  are responsible for the second-order non-linear optical properties. Therefore, the values suggest the possibility of technological applications.

**Table 3**

*The values of calculated  $\mu_D$ ,  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta_{total}$  components of the title compound*

Parameters	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)	Parameters	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)
$\mu_x$	-0.01115	$\beta_{xxx}$	-1073.48179
$\mu_y$	1.35947	$\beta_{xxy}$	142.7065
$\mu_z$	0.17279	$\beta_{xyy}$	-38.1848
$\mu_D$	1.37045	$\beta_{yyy}$	79.8134
$\alpha_{xx}$	244.8136	$\beta_{xxz}$	374.4073
$\alpha_{xy}$	-31.4252	$\beta_{xyz}$	-124.54847
$\alpha_{yy}$	165.9124	$\beta_{yyz}$	40.2489
$\alpha_{xz}$	79.91244	$\beta_{zzz}$	-121.85234
$\alpha_{yz}$	1.5548	$\beta_{yzz}$	119.3764
$\alpha_{zz}$	121.5548	$\beta_{zzz}$	51.5633
$(\alpha_0)_{(esu)}$	$2.6254 \times 10^{-23}$	$\beta_{total}(esu)$	$1.1769 \times 10^{-30}$
$\Delta\alpha_{(esu)}$	$6.4857 \times 10^{-23}$		

#### 4.4. Molecular electrostatic potential (MEP)

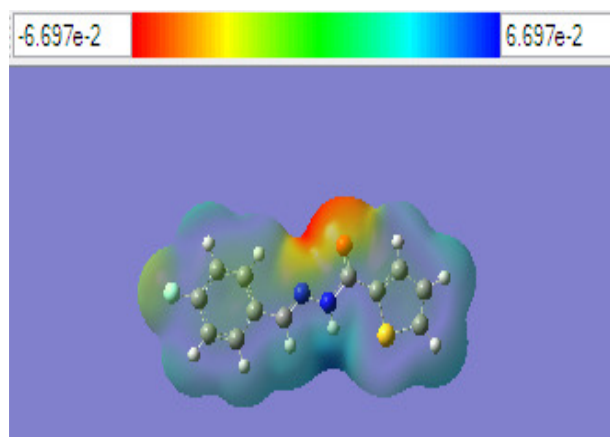
The molecular electrostatic potential is related to the electron density and is a very useful descriptor for determining the sites for electrophilic and nucleophilic reactions as well as hydrogen bonding interactions [40]. To predict the reactive sites for electrophilic and nucleophilic attacks for the title molecule, the molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) optimized

geometry was calculated. The 3D plots of the MEP of the title compound are illustrated in Figure 5.

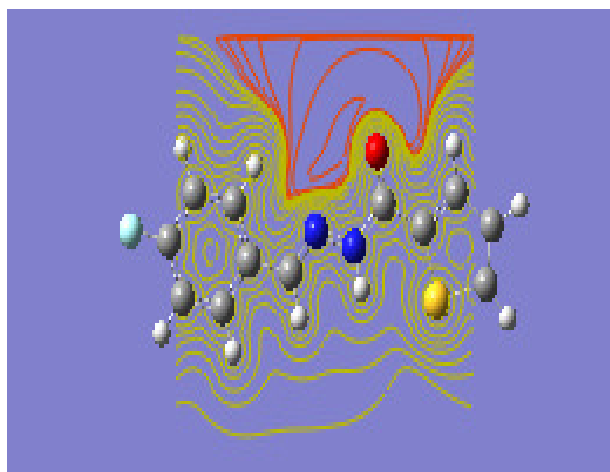
The different values of the electrostatic potential at the surface of the molecule are represented by different colors. Increases in potential are identified by color in the order of red < orange < yellow < blue. The color code of these maps ranges from -6.697 eV and +6.697 eV, where blue indicates the strongest attraction and yellow indicates repulsion. As can be seen from the MEP of



the title compound, while the regions with negative potentials are over the electronegative atoms (sulfur, fluorine, nitrogen and oxygen), the regions with positive potentials are over the hydrogen atoms. From this result, we can conclude that the H atoms are the locations of the strongest attraction and the N, O, F and S atoms are the sites of repulsion. The contour map of the electrostatic potential (Fig. 6) also confirms the different negative and positive potential sites of the molecule, in accordance with the total electron density surface map.



**Fig. 5.** The total electron density surface 3D mapped with electrostatic potential of the title compound



**Fig. 6.** 2D contour map of the electrostatic potential of the total density of the title compound

#### 4.5. Natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis

The natural bond orbital analysis provides the most accurate ‘natural Lewis structure’ picture of  $\phi$ , because all the orbital details are mathematically chosen to include the highest possible percentage of the electron density. The NBO method

is useful in that it provides information about interactions in both filled and virtual orbital spaces that could enhance the analysis of intra- and intermolecular interactions. The second-order Fock matrix was applied to evaluate the donor-acceptor interactions in the NBO analysis [41]. The result of these interactions is a loss of occupancy from the localized NBO of the idealized Lewis structure into an empty non-Lewis orbital. For each donor (i) and acceptor (j), the stabilization energy  $E(2)$  associated with the delocalization  $i \rightarrow j$  is estimated as follows:

$$E(2) = \Delta E_{ij} = q_i \frac{(F_{i,j})^2}{(E_j - E_i)}$$

where  $q_i$  is the donor orbital occupancy,  $E_i$  and  $E_j$  are diagonal elements and  $F(i,j)$  is the off diagonal NBO Fock matrix element. The NBO analysis provides an efficient method for studying the intra- and intermolecular bonding and the interaction among bonds and also provides a convenient basis for investigating charge transfer or conjugative interaction in molecular systems. Some electron donor orbitals, acceptor orbitals and the interacting stabilization energies resulting from the second-order micro-disturbance theory are reported [42]. The larger the  $E(2)$  value, the more intense the interaction between electron donors and electron acceptors. Delocalization of electron density between occupied Lewis-type (bond or lone pair) NBO orbitals and formally unoccupied (anti-bond or Rydberg) non-Lewis NBO orbitals corresponds to a stabilizing donor-acceptor interaction. The NBO analysis has been performed on the title molecule at the DFT/B3LYP6-311++G (d,p) level in order to elucidate the delocalization of electron density within the molecule.

The intramolecular hyperconjugative interaction of  $\sigma(C_1-C_2)$  distributed to  $\sigma^*(C_2-C_3)$  resulting in a stabilization of 2.07 kJ/mole. This enhanced further conjugations with the  $\pi^*(C_3-C_4)$  antibonding orbital with a stabilization energy of 16.4 kJ/mole. In the title compound, the  $\pi(C_{13}-C_{14})$  orbital, the  $\pi^*(C_{15}-C_{16})$ ,  $(C_{11}-C_{12})$ , show stabilization energies of 16.27 kJ/mole and 20.61 kJ/mole, respectively. The magnitude of charge transferred from  $N_9Lp$  (1) ( $C_{10}-H_{22}$ ) shows a stabilization of 10.89 kJ/mole. Similarly, the electron donation from  $S_5Lp$  (2) to the antibonding  $(C_1-C_2)$ ,  $(C_3-C_4)$  results in a stabilization of about 14 kJ/mole as shown in Table 4.

Table 4

## Second order perturbation theory analysis of Fock matrix in NBO basis

Donor(i)	Type	ED/e	Acceptor(j)	Type	ED/e	$E(2)^a$ (kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$E(j)-E(i)^b$ (a.u.)	$F(i,j)^c$ (a.u.)
C1-C2	$\sigma$	1.98186	C1-C6	$\sigma^*$	0.08493	1.76	1.14	0.041
			C2-C3	$\sigma^*$	0.01155	2.07	1.19	0.044
			C2-H18	$\sigma^*$	0.01659	1.66	1.18	0.039
			C3-H19	$\sigma^*$	0.0142	1.83	1.2	0.042
			C6-N8	$\sigma^*$	0.08473	1.67	1.21	0.041
C1-C2	$\pi$	1.82264	C3-C4	$\pi^*$	0.28389	16.4	0.25	0.059
N8-H21	$\sigma$	1.98192	C6-O7	$\sigma^*$	0.0119	3.97	1.31	0.065
C13-C14	$\sigma$	1.98227	C12-C13	$\sigma^*$	0.01034	1.85	1.24	0.043
			C12-H23	$\sigma^*$	0.01237	2.16	1.12	0.044
			C14-C15	$\sigma^*$	0.02788	3.12	1.22	0.055
			C15-H25	$\sigma^*$	0.01106	1.99	1.12	0.042
C13-C14	$\pi$	1.64542	C11-C12	$\pi^*$	0.02788	20.61	0.28	0.069
			C13-C14	$\pi^*$	0.37	0.79	0.27	0.013
			C15-C16	$\pi^*$	0.29777	16.27	0.28	0.062
C15-C16	$\sigma$	1.97714	C10-C11	$\sigma^*$	0.03044	3.39	1.12	0.055
			C11-C16	$\sigma^*$	0.02242	2.32	1.23	0.048
			C14-C15	$\sigma^*$	0.02788	1.63	1.2	0.04
			C14-F17	$\sigma^*$	0.02679	3.71	0.98	0.054
C15-C16	$\sigma$	1.97714	C10-C11	$\sigma^*$	0.03044	3.39	1.12	0.055
			C11-C16	$\sigma^*$	0.02242	2.32	1.23	0.048
			C14-C15	$\sigma^*$	0.02788	1.63	1.2	0.04
			C14-F17	$\sigma^*$	0.02679	3.71	0.98	0.054
C15-C16	$\pi$	1.67685	C11-C12	$\pi^*$	0.38267	17.82	0.27	0.063
			C13-C14	$\pi^*$	0.37	22.67	0.26	0.069
S5	LP (2)	1.68295	C1-C2	$\pi^*$	0.29206	13.98	0.27	0.055
			C3-C4	$\pi^*$	0.28389	14.44	0.22	0.05
N9	LP (1)	1.90501	N8-H21	$\sigma^*$	0.03156	4.29	0.74	0.051
			C10-C11	$\sigma^*$	0.03044	2.51	0.79	0.04
			C10-H22	$\sigma^*$	0.03886	10.89	0.74	0.081
F17	LP (1)	1.98859	C13-C14	$\sigma^*$	0.02769	1.16	1.54	0.038
			C14-C15	$\sigma^*$	0.02788	1.17	1.54	0.038

<sup>a</sup>  $E(2)$  - energy of hyperconjugative interaction (stabilization energy)<sup>b</sup> Energy difference between donor and acceptor I and j NBO orbitals<sup>c</sup>  $F(i,j)$  - **Red** matrix element between I and j NBO orbitals

## 4.6. Frontier molecular orbital analysis

Many organic molecules containing conjugated  $\pi$  electrons and characterized by hyperpolarizabilities were analyzed by means of vibrational spectroscopy [43, 44]. In most cases, even in the absence of inversion symmetry, the strongest bands in the Raman spectrum are weak in the IR spectrum and vice versa. The intramolecular charge transfer from the donor to the acceptor group through a single-double bond conjugated path can induce large vibrations of both the molecular dipole moment and the molecular polarizability, making the IR and Raman activity strong. At

the same time, the experimental spectroscopic behavior described above is well accounted for by *ab initio* calculations in  $\pi$  conjugated systems that predict exceptionally large Raman and infrared intensities for the same normal modes. The observation that bands in the FT-IR spectrum of the title molecule have their counterparts in the Raman spectrum shows that the relative intensities in the IR and Raman spectra are comparable, resulting from the electron cloud movement through the  $\pi$  conjugated framework from the electron donor to the electron acceptor groups. The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) are very important pa-

rameters for quantum chemistry. From this information, we can determine the way in which the molecule interacts with other species; hence, they are called the frontier orbitals. The HOMO, which can be thought of as the outer most orbital containing electrons, tends to give these electrons away as an electron donor. On the other hand, the LUMO can be thought of as the inner most orbital containing free places to accept electrons [45]. Owing to the interaction between the HOMO and LUMO orbital of a compound, the  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  type transition state is observed with regard to molecular orbital theory [46]. Therefore, while the energy of the HOMO is directly related to the ionization potential, the LUMO energy is directly related to the electron affinity. The energy difference between the HOMO and LUMO orbitals is called the energy gap, which is an important stability factor for the compound [47]. The atomic orbital compositions of the frontier molecular orbital are sketched in Figure 7.

HOMO energy = -2.145 eV

LUMO energy = -6.4053 eV

HOMO-LUMO energy gap = 4.2599 eV

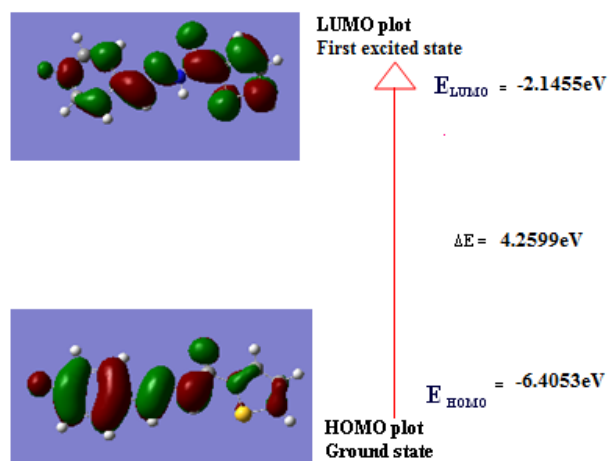


Fig. 7. The atomic orbital compositions of the frontier molecular orbital of the title compound

#### 4.7. Sum of alpha plus beta electrons (DOS)

In the boundary region, neighboring orbitals may show quasi degenerate energy levels. In such cases, consideration of only the HOMO and LUMO may not yield a realistic description of frontier orbitals. For this reason, the total density of states (TDOS), or the sum of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  electron density of states [48,49] in terms of Mülliken population analysis were calculated and created by convoluting the molecular orbital information with Gaussian curves of unit height and full width at the

half maximum (FWHM) of 0.3 eV by using the Gauss Sum 2.2 program [50]. The TDOS and  $\alpha\beta$ DOS of the title compound are plotted in Figures 8 and 9, which provides a pictorial representation of the molecular orbital (MO) compositions and their contributions to chemical bonding. The most important application of DOS plots is to demonstrate the MO compositions and their contributions to chemical bonding through the positive and negative charges provided by  $\alpha\beta$ DOS and TDOS diagrams. The  $\alpha\beta$ DOS shows the bonding, sum of positive and negative electrons with the nature of the interaction of the two orbitals, atoms or groups. In this case, the title molecule consists of 64  $\alpha$ -electrons and 64  $\beta$ -electrons; in total 128 electrons are occupied in density of states.

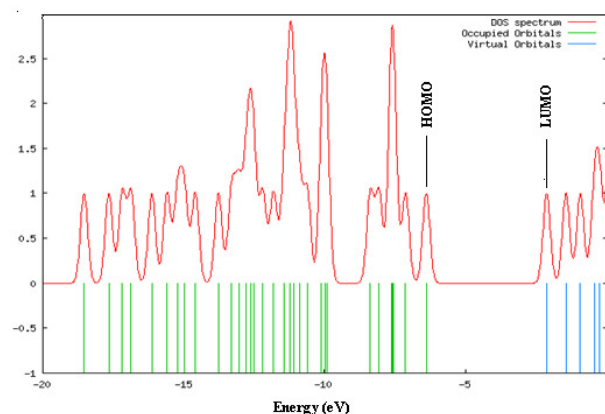


Fig. 8. The calculated TDOS diagram of the title compound

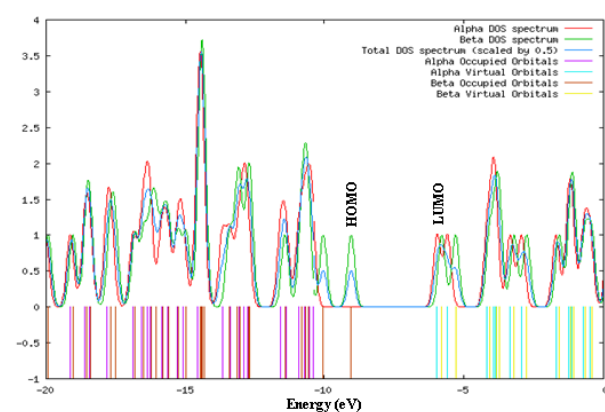


Fig. 9. The sum of alpha and beta electron DOS diagrams of the title compound

The way to designate a pictorial representation of the cations and anions is essentially similar to that of neutral atoms in their ground state. Because of the short range of absorption, alphas are not, in general, dangerous to life unless the source is ingested or inhaled, in which case they become extremely dangerous [51]. A positive  $\alpha\beta$ DOS value indicates a



bonding interaction, whereas a negative value means that there is an anti-bonding interaction and a zero value indicates non-bonding interactions [52].

#### 4.8. Vibrational assignments

The maximum number of potentially-active observable fundamental modes of a nonlinear mol-

ecule, which contains *N* atoms, is equal to  $(3n-6)$ , apart from three translational and three rotational degrees of freedom [53, 54]. Hence, the title molecule has 26 atoms with 72 normal modes of vibrations considered under  $C_1$  point group symmetry. The detailed spectral assignments with PED contributions are shown in Table 5.

Table 5

*The calculated and vibrational wavenumber, measured IR and Raman band position ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and assignments of the title compound*

Mode no.	Experimental		Calculated frequency	IR intensity <sup>a</sup>		Raman intensity <sup>b</sup>		Vibrational assignments (PED %) <sup>c</sup>
	FT-IR	FT-Raman		rel	abs	rel	abs	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1			3349	7	2	444	17	NH str (100)
2	3124		3119	0	0	238	9	CH str (92)
3		3101	3101	1	0	112	4	CH str (88)
4		3090	3083	3	1	129	5	CH str (98)
5		3080	3082	4	1	166	6	CH str (99)
6		3079	3079	4	1	173	6	CH str (94)
7	3058		3070	1	0	73	3	CH str (99)
8		3050	3045	8	2	56	2	CH str (95)
9	2904	2895	2895	51	13	53	2	CH str (100)
10	1654		1682	306	79	280	10	CC str(86)
11	1609	1612	1610	7	2	2690	100	CC str(67)
12		1588	1579	100	26	1539	57	CC str (66)
13			1560	7	2	506	19	CC str (70)
14	1512	1513	1510	203	52	534	20	CC str (49)+ CCH ben (28)
15		1504	1497	68	18	3	0	CC str (70) + CCH ben (18)
16			1474	313	81	299	11	CC str(68) + CCHben (12)
17	1417	1414	1404	39	10	578	22	CC str (69) + CCH ben (14)
18	1383	1392	1386	6	1	162	6	CC str (56)+ CCH ben (32)
19	1352	1354	1336	20	5	17	1	CC str(69) + CH str (25)
20	1325		1322	10	2	118	4	CC str (40)+ CCH ben (24) + CO str (16)
21	1296	1294	1281	2	0	88	3	CNstr (46) + CCH ben (25) + CO str (26)
22			1270	9	2	31	1	CCH ben (52) + FC str (22)+ CN str (16)
23	1232	1230	1211	230	60	197	7	CO str (76) + CCH ben (14)
24	1215	1216	1206	213	55	182	7	CNstr (41) + FC str (32) + HCN ben (19)
25			1191	25	6	4	0	FC str (62) + CCH ben (12)+ CN str (16)
26	1162	1162	1170	387	100	719	27	CCH ben (41) + CC str (43) + CCC ben (14)
27	1152		1130	59	15	146	5	CCH ben (49) + NN str (32)
28	1092	1092	1102	100	26	397	15	CCH ben (52) + CC str (43)
29		1073	1077	23	6	53	2	CCH ben (46) + HCCC out (42)
30			1061	4	1	15	1	CCH ben (49) + FC str (14) + CO str (16)
31	1025		1032	11	3	16	1	CCH ben (48) + CN str (31) + NN str (12)
32			1013	31	8	9	0	HCCC out (58) + FC str (24) + CO str (11)
33			988	4	1	7	0	NN str (52)+ HCCC out (40)
34	952		953	0	0	0	0	HCCC out (47) + CCC ben (44)
35	929		928	8	2	6	0	HCCC out (48) + CNN ben (39)
36			905	9	2	3	0	HCCC out (43) + CNH ben (18) + CNN ben (19)
37	879		899	1	0	2	0	HCCC out (59) + CCCben (31)
38	859	879	874	13	3	17	1	CNN ben (55) + CCC ben (38)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
39	836		837	6	1	2	0	CNH ben (54) + CCOben (19) + ONCC out (14)
40			831	8	2	19	1	CCC ben (44) + OCN ben (33)
41	822		821	48	12	0	0	CCC ben (52) + CS str (25)
42	802		811	65	17	1	0	CCC ben(35) + CCO ben (25) + HCCC out (13)
43	783	800	795	6	2	0	0	CCC ben(42)+ CNN ben (25) + CS str (16)
44	752	751	764	5	1	51	2	CCC ben (45) + NCH ben (32) + NCO ben (21)
45	731		718	7	2	4	0	CCO ben (44) + CCC ben (23) + CS str (15)
46	706	703	710	38	10	4	0	HCCC out (42)+ NCH ben (20)+ NCO ben (21)
47			691	0	0	3	0	HCCC out (42) + CCC ben (38) + CC S ben (11)
48		680	684	49	13	2	0	NCO ben (41) + CS str (22)+ HCCC out (31)
49	612	632	629	12	3	4	0	CNN ben (35)+ NNCC tor (26)+ FCCC out (15)
50	604		619	7	2	14	1	NCC ben (60)+ CCF ben (13) + FCCC out (15)
51	585	582	569	7	2	4	0	NCH ben (50)+ HCCS out (24)+ CCS ben (17)
52	540		546	0	0	1	0	CSstr (54) + CCC ben (24) + CCS ben (15)
53	523		513	25	6	0	0	CS str(55) + HCCC out (40)
54	494		478	41	11	10	0	CCC ben (47) + NCC ben (28)
55			457	2	1	1	0	NNH ben (38) + HNNC tor (29) + CCF ben (23)
56			439	15	4	1	0	HNNC tor (39) + NNCC tor (35)
57		420	415	19	5	6	0	HCNN tor (34) + NNH ben (26)
58		404	409	1	0	1	0	CCS ben (47) + HNNC tor(24) + CCFstr(16)
59			384	2	1	3	0	CCF ben (63) + FCCC out (30)
60			381	3	1	3	0	HCCS out (45) + NNH ben (34)
61			355	1	0	0	0	NNCC tor (49)+ CCF ben (29) + FCCC out (12)
62		282	265	11	3	2	0	NNCC tor (38)+ NNCO tor (22) + CCC ben (24)
63			232	10	3	1	0	FFCC out (49) + CNN ben (17) + CCCC out (35)
64		223	218	0	0	3	0	NNCO tor (47) + CNN ben (48)
66		160	165	7	2	3	0	HNCO tor (46) + NNCO tor (24) + CNNC tor (18)
67			111	2	1	0	0	NNCO tor (32) + CCCC tor (19) + CCCC tor (10)
68		80	98	1	0	0	0	CNNC tor (54) + NCCC tor (26) + CCCC out (20)
69			51	6	2	1	0	CCCO tor (44) + NCCC tor (27) + CCCC out (23)
70			41	1	0	0	0	CCCC out (46) + NCCC tor(44)
71			28	1	0	1	0	NCCC tor (41) + CNNC tor (30) + NNCO tor (17)
72			22	1	0	2	0	NCCC tor (40) + CNNCC tor (26) + CCCC out (15)

Abbreviations: str (stretching), ben (in-plane bending), out (out-of-plane bending), tor (torsion).

<sup>a</sup> Relative absorption intensities normalized with highest peak absorption equal to 1.

<sup>b</sup> Relative Raman intensities normalized to 100.

<sup>c</sup> Only PED contributions  $\geq 10\%$  are listed.

#### 4.8.1. C-H vibrations

Aromatic compounds commonly exhibit multiple weak bands in the region of 3100–3000

$\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to the aromatic C-H stretching vibrations. They are not appreciably affected by the nature of the substituent [55–58]. In the present study, the C-H vibrations of the title compound are observed at

3124, 3058 and 2904  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-IR spectrum and the same type of vibrations are observed at 3101, 3090, 3080, 3079, 3050 and 2895  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-Raman spectrum. The bands due to the in-plane C-H bending vibrations are observed in the region of 1000–1300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [59, 60]. The in-plane C-H bending vibrations are predicted at 1270, 1170, 1130, 1102, 1077, 1161 and 1032  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  by the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) method, which showed excellent agreement with the FT-IR bands at 1162, 1152, 1092 and 1025  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the FT-Raman bands at 1162, 1092 and 1073  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The aromatic in-plane C-H bending vibrations have substantial overlapping with the ring C-C stretching vibrations. The absorption band arising from out-of-plane C-H bending vibrations are usually observed in the region of 1000–670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The out-of-plane C-H bending vibrations are observed at 952, 929, 879, and 706  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in FT-IR and by the band observed at 703  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-Raman spectra. This also shows good agreement with theoretically scaled harmonic wavenumber values.

#### 4.8.2. Phenyl ring vibrations

The stretching vibrations are expected within the region of 1600–1390  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [61]. In general, the bands are of variable intensity and are observed at 1625–1590, 1575–1590, 1470–1540, 1430–1465 and 1280–1380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  from the frequency ranges given by Varsanyi [58] for the five bands in the region. Most of the ring modes are altered by the substitution to the aromatic ring. The C-C stretching vibrations in aromatic compounds usually form strong bands. In the present study, the bands are of different intensities and are observed at 1654, 1609, 1512, 1417, 1383, 1352 and 1325  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-IR and 1612, 1588, 1513, 1504, 1414, 1392 and 1354  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-Raman, and have been assigned to the C-C stretching vibrations. The theoretically calculated values are found at 1682, 1610, 1579, 1560, 1510, 1497, 1474, 1404, 1386, 1336 and 1322  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  by the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) method and these values show excellent agreement with the experimental data. The C-C in-plane-bending and out-of-plane bending modes also showed good agreement with the experimental data.

#### 4.8.3. C-N and C-S vibrations

The identification of the C-N stretching frequencies in the side chain is a rather difficult task, since there are problems in distinguishing these frequencies from other vibrations. The C-N stretching usually lies in the region of 1400–1200

$\text{cm}^{-1}$  [62, 63]. In this study, the C-N stretching vibrations are identified at 1296, 1215  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-IR and at 1294, 1250 and 1216  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-Raman spectra. The assignment of the C-S stretching vibration in different compounds is difficult. Both the aliphatic and aromatic sulfides have a weak to medium band due to the C-S stretching vibration in the 570–380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region [64]. In the present study, the band observed at 540  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-IR and 523  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-Raman spectra are assigned to the C-S stretching vibration.

#### 4.9. Fukui function

The Fukui function (FF) is one of the widely used local density functional descriptors to model chemical reactivity and selectivity. The Fukui function is a local reactivity descriptor that indicates the preferred regions where a chemical species will change its density when the number of electrons is modified. Therefore, it indicates the propensity of the electron density to deform at a given position upon accepting or donating electrons [65–67]. In addition, it is possible to define the corresponding condensed or atomic Fukui functions on the  $j^{\text{th}}$  atom site for an electrophilic  $f_j^-(r)$ , nucleophilic or free radical attack  $f_j^+(r)$ , respectively, on the reference molecule as:

$$f_j^- = q_j(N) - q_j(N-1) \quad (1)$$

$$f_j^+ = q_j(N+1) - q_j(N) \quad (2)$$

$$f_j^0 = \frac{1}{2} [q_j(N+1) - q_j(N-1)] \quad (3)$$

In these equations,  $q_j$  is the atomic charge (evaluated from Mlliken population analysis, electrostatic derived charge, etc.) at the  $j^{\text{th}}$  atomic site in the neutral (N), anionic (N+1) or cationic (N–1) chemical species. Chattaraj *et al.* [68], have introduced the concept of generalized philicity. It contains almost all information about hitherto known different global and local reactivity and selectivity descriptors, in addition to the information regarding electrophilic/nucleophilic power of a given atomic site in a molecule. Morell *et al.* [69] have recently proposed a dual descriptor ( $\Delta f(r)$ ), which is defined as the difference between the nucleophilic and electrophilic Fukui function and is given by:

$$\Delta f_k(r) = [f_j^+(r) - f_j^-(r)].$$

If  $\Delta f(r) > 0$ , the site is favored for a nucleophilic attack, whereas, if  $\Delta f(r) < 0$ , the site may be favored for an electrophilic attack. In this

situation, the dual descriptors  $\Delta f(r)$  provide a clear difference between the nucleophilic and electrophilic attack at a particular site with their sign. That is, they provide a positive value for sites prone to nucleophilic attack and a negative value for sites prone to electrophilic attack. From the values reported in Table 6, according to the dual descriptor conditions, the nucleophilic site for the title compound is C<sub>3</sub>, S<sub>5</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>12</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, C<sub>15</sub>, H<sub>21</sub>, H<sub>22</sub> (positive value i.e.  $\Delta f(r) > 0$ ). Similarly, the electrophilic attack site is C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>, O<sub>7</sub>, N<sub>8</sub>, N<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, C<sub>16</sub>, C<sub>17</sub>, H<sub>18</sub>, H<sub>19</sub>, H<sub>20</sub>, H<sub>23</sub>, H<sub>24</sub>, H<sub>25</sub>, H<sub>26</sub> (negative value i.e.  $\Delta f(r) < 0$ ). The behavior of molecules as electrophiles/nucleophiles during a reaction depends on the local behavior of molecules.

Table 6

Values of the Fukui function considering Mulliken charges according with equations (1–3)

Atoms	$f_i^-$	$f_i^+$	$\Delta f_k$
C <sub>1</sub>	0.4317	-0.4597	-0.8914
C <sub>2</sub>	0.5648	-0.6116	-1.1764
C <sub>3</sub>	-0.5273	0.4915	1.0188
C <sub>4</sub>	0.2959	-0.3962	-0.6922
S <sub>5</sub>	-0.6226	0.3979	1.0206
C <sub>6</sub>	-0.8188	0.7778	1.5966
O <sub>7</sub>	0.0976	-0.2217	-0.3193
N <sub>8</sub>	0.2083	-0.2668	-0.4751
N <sub>9</sub>	0.4384	-0.5336	-0.9719
C <sub>10</sub>	-0.9026	0.8116	1.7141
C <sub>11</sub>	1.0677	-1.0583	-2.1260
C <sub>12</sub>	-1.1044	1.0704	2.1748
C <sub>13</sub>	0.3250	-0.3504	-0.6754
C <sub>14</sub>	-0.7466	0.6584	1.4050
C <sub>15</sub>	-0.1390	0.1183	0.2572
C <sub>16</sub>	0.4168	-0.4569	-0.8737
F <sub>17</sub>	0.0458	-0.1173	-0.1631
H <sub>18</sub>	-0.0341	-0.0697	-0.0356
H <sub>19</sub>	-0.0247	-0.1055	-0.0808
H <sub>20</sub>	-0.0530	-0.0756	-0.0226
H <sub>21</sub>	-0.1031	0.0255	0.1285
H <sub>22</sub>	-0.0691	-0.0469	0.0223
H <sub>23</sub>	-0.0135	-0.0618	-0.0483
H <sub>24</sub>	-0.0186	-0.0816	-0.0630
H <sub>25</sub>	-0.0153	-0.0807	-0.0654
H <sub>26</sub>	0.4519	-0.5085	-0.9604

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

The FT-IR and FT-Raman spectra were recorded and the detailed vibrational assignments were presented using the DFT method with the 6-311++G(d,p) basis set for the title compound. The theoretically-constructed FT-IR and FT-Raman spectra show good correlation with experimentally-observed spectra. The thermodynamic proper-

ties in the range of 100 to 1000 K were obtained. The gradients of C, S and H increased as the temperature increased. The value of  $\beta$  and  $\mu$  suggest the possibility of technological (NLO) applications. The strong intramolecular hyperconjugative interaction of the  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  electrons to the C-C antibond of the ring leads to stabilization of the ring as confirmed by NBO analysis. The difference in the HOMO and LUMO energies support the charge transfer interaction within the molecule. The MEP map shows the negative potential sites on N, O, S and F atoms and the positive potential sites around the H atoms.

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