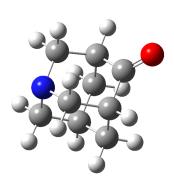
CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS AND HIGH RESOLUTION SPECTROSCOPIC CHARACTERIZATION OF 1-AZA-ADAMANTANE-4-ONE $C_9H_{13}NO$ FROM THE MICROWAVE TO THE INFRARED

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We have synthesized 1-aza-adamantane-4-one ($C_9H_{13}NO$) starting from commercial 1,4-cyclohexanedionemonoethylene acetal and tosylmethylisocianide and following a procedure described in details in the literature. The high degree of sample purity was demonstrated by gas chromatography and mass spectrometric measurements, and its structure evidenced by 1H and 13C NMR spectroscopy. We present a thorough spectroscopic characterization of this molecule by gas phase vibrational and rotational spectroscopy. Accurate vibrational frequencies have been determined by infrared and far-infrared spectra. The pure rotational spectrum of the molecule has been recorded both by cavity-based Fourier-transform microwave spectroscopy in the 2-20 GHz region, by supersonically expanding the vapor pressure of the warm sample, and by room-temperature absorption spectroscopy in the 140-220 GHz range. Quantum-chemical calculations have enabled a fast analysis of the spectra. Accurate sets of rotational and centrifugal distorsion parameters of 1-aza-adamantane-4-one in its ground state and five vibrationally excited states have been derived from these measurements.

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