

Supplementary Information

Computer simulations to study the mechanisms of cold plasma-induced degradation of amoxicillin from pharmaceutical wastewater

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Simulation results

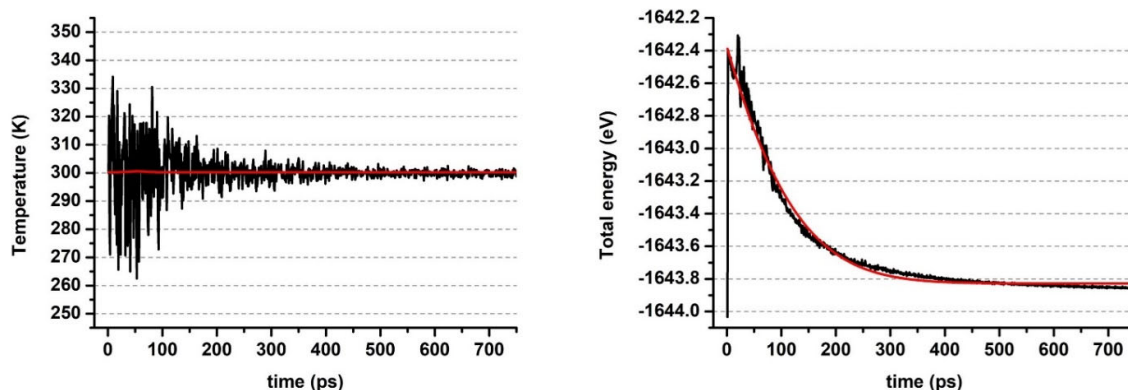


Figure S1. Time evolution of the temperature and total energy of the amoxicillin model system. The red lines indicate the Gaussian curve fitting.

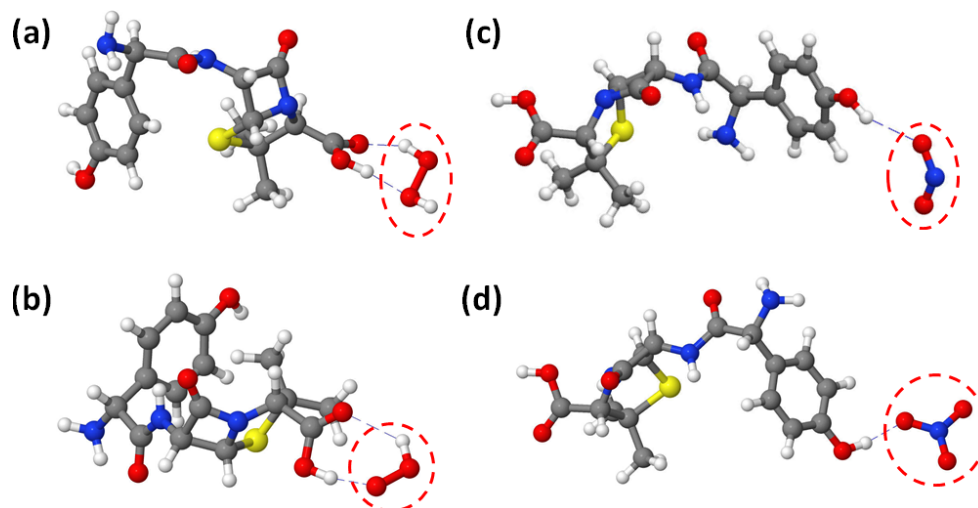
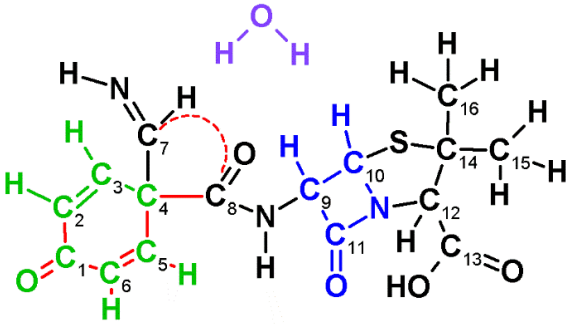
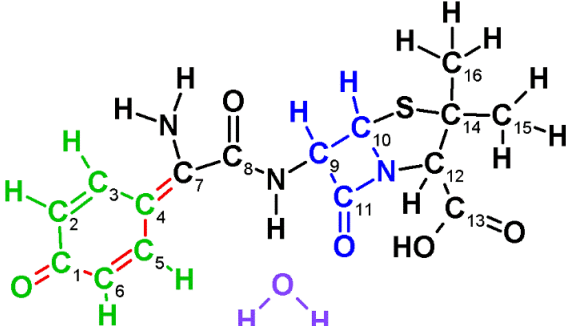
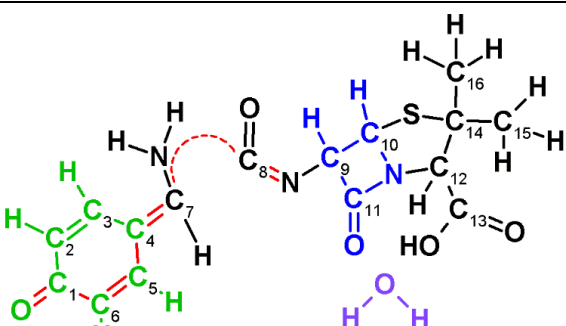
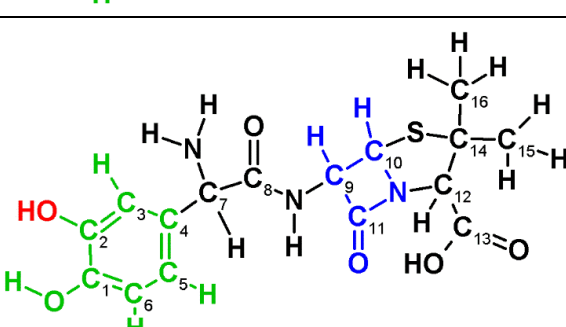
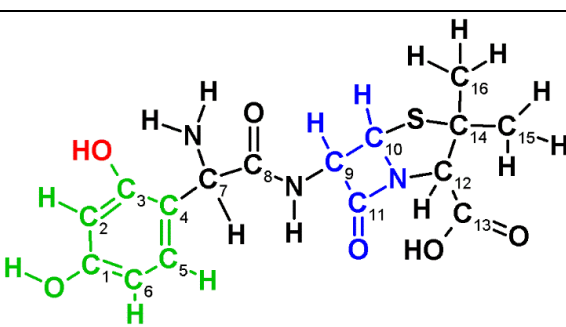
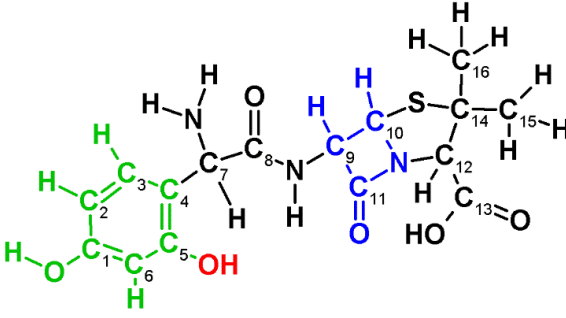
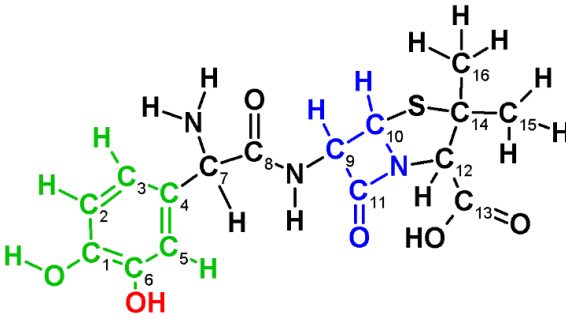
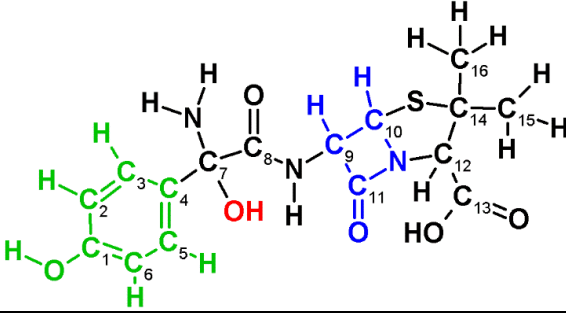
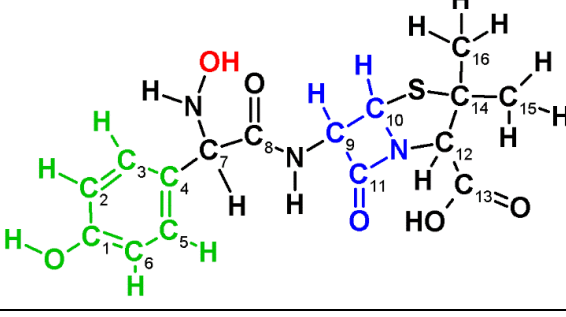
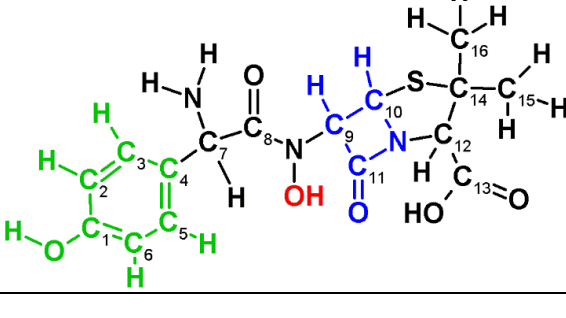


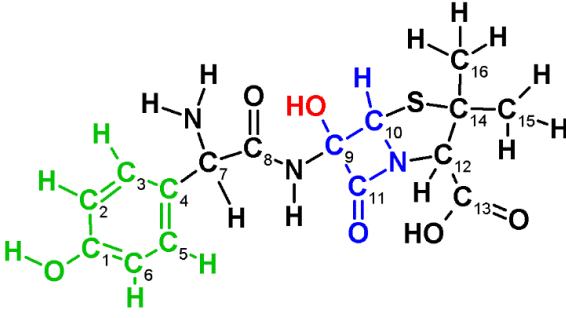
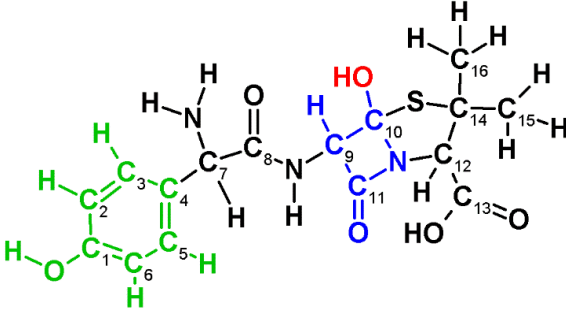
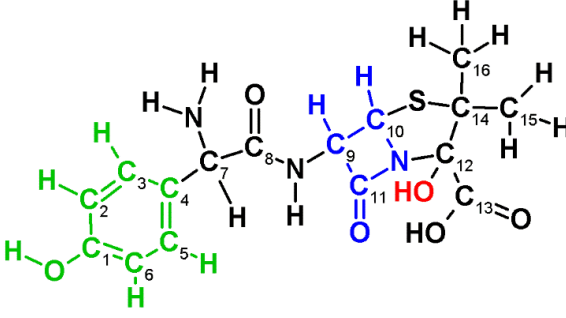
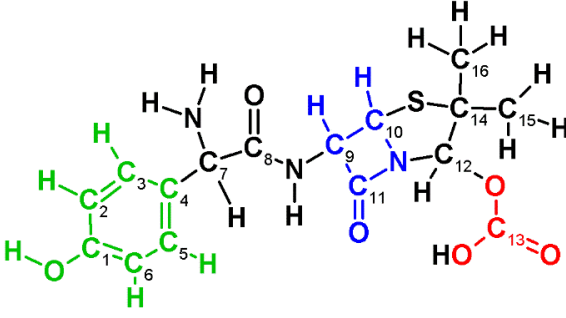
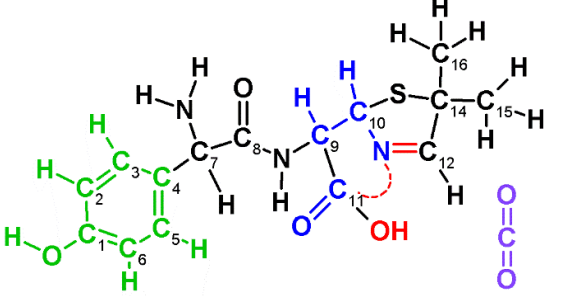
Figure S2. Weak attractive interactions of H_2O_2 (a), HO_2 (b), NO_2^- (c) and NO_3^- (d), shown in red dashed circles, with amoxicillin.

Table S1. Overview of all the reaction events observed in the simulations following the interaction of O atoms with amoxicillin. Newly formed bonds and functional groups are shown in red, while dissociated bonds are indicated by red dashed lines. Detached species are illustrated in purple. The third column lists the number of times this reaction was observed (out of the 100 simulations). The last column summarizes the result of each reaction.

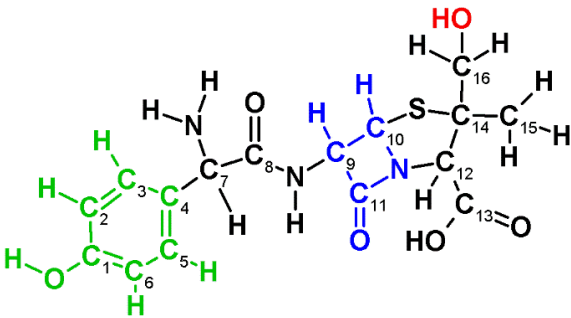
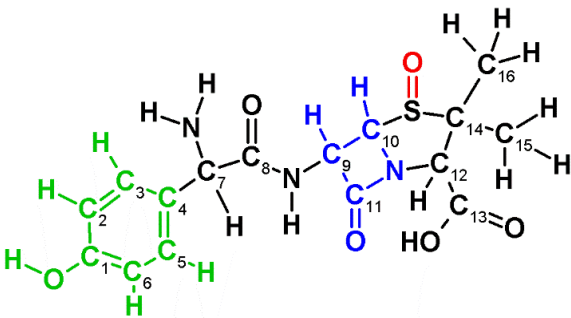
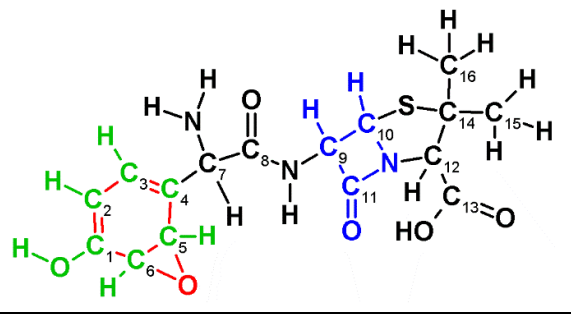
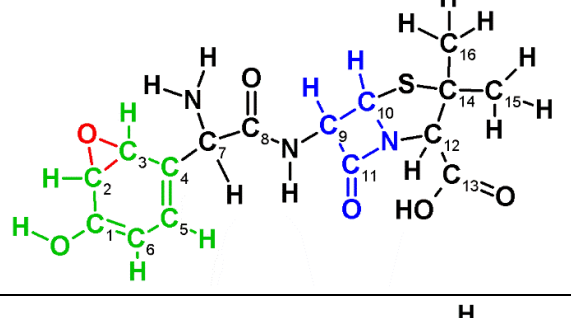
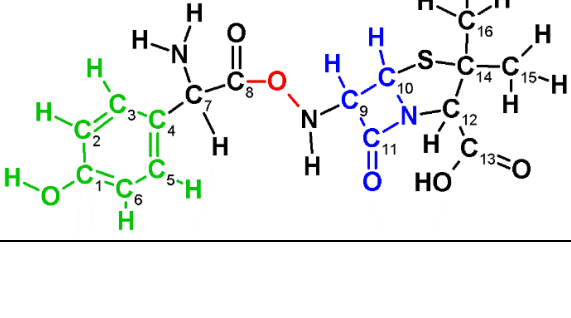
Nº	H-abstraction	Number of events	Structure	Consequence of reaction
1	C ₁ OH	8		C ₁ O-OH is formed (+16 Da)
2	C ₁ OH	1		Ketone is formed C ₂ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
3	C ₁ OH	1		Ketone is formed C ₆ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
4	C ₁ OH and C ₆ H	2		H ₂ O is formed C ₁ -C ₂ is broken C ₂ -C ₆ , C ₁ =C ₆ and C ₁ =O are formed (-2 Da)

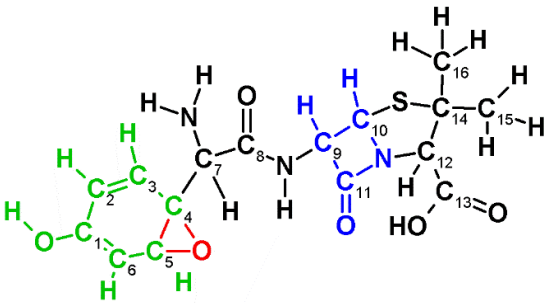
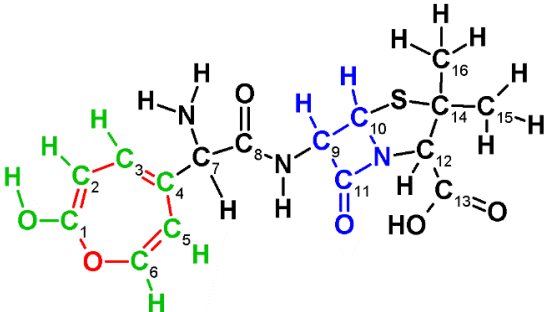
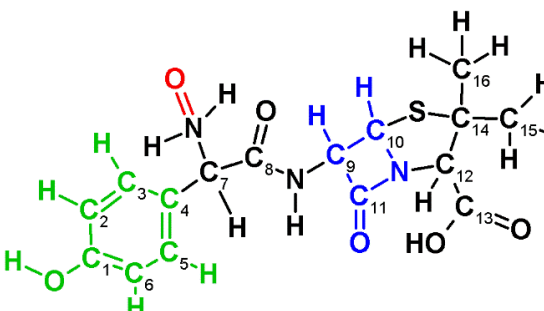
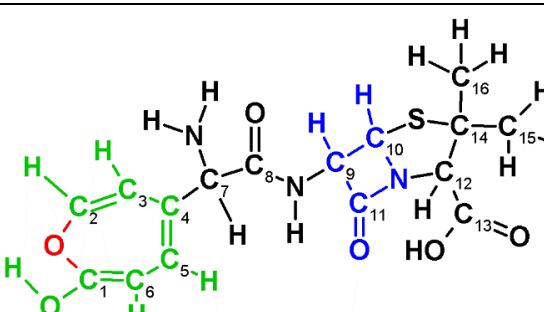
5	C_1OH and C_7NH	1		Ketone is formed H_2O is formed C_7-C_8 is broken C_4-C_8 is formed (-2 Da)
6	C_1OH and C_7H	1		Ketone is formed H_2O is formed $C_5=C_6$ and $C_4=C_7$ are formed (-2 Da)
7	C_1OH and C_8NH	2		Ketone is formed H_2O is formed C_7-C_8 is broken $C_5=C_6$, $C_4=C_7$ and $C_8=N$ are formed (fragmentation of amoxicillin) (-2 Da)
8	C_2H	5		C_2-OH is formed (+16 Da)
9	C_3H	3		C_3-OH is formed (+16 Da)

10	C ₅ H	7		C ₅ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
11	C ₆ H	7		C ₆ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
12	C ₇ H	1		C ₇ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
13	C ₇ NH	13		C ₇ N-OH is formed (+16 Da)
14	C ₈ NH	1		C ₈ N-OH is formed (+16 Da)

15	C ₉ H	1		C ₉ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
16	C ₁₀ H	1		C ₁₀ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
17	C ₁₂ H	4		C ₁₂ -OH is formed (+16 Da)
18	C ₁₃ OH	2		C ₁₂ -C ₁₃ is broken C ₁₃ O-C ₁₂ is formed (+16 Da)
19	C ₁₃ OH	1		C ₁₂ -C ₁₃ is broken CO ₂ and C ₁₁ -OH are formed C ₁₁ -N is broken C ₁₂ =N is formed (β-lactam ring is opened) (-28 Da)

20	C ₁₃ OH	1		<p>C₁₂-C₁₃ is broken CO₂ and C₁₂-OH are formed (-28 Da)</p>
21	C ₁₃ OH and C ₈ NH	3		<p>C₁₂-C₁₃ is broken CO₂ and C₁₂=N are formed C₁₁-N and C₉-C₁₁ are broken CO, H₂O and C₉=N are formed (β-lactam ring is opened) (-74 Da)</p>
22	C ₁₃ OH and C ₁₀ H	1		<p>C₁₂-C₁₃ is broken CO₂ is formed C₁₄-S is broken H₂O, C₁₀=S and C₁₂=C₁₄ are formed (-46 Da)</p>
23	C ₁₃ OH and C ₁₆ H	1		<p>C₁₂-C₁₃ is broken CO₂ and C₁₂=N are formed C₁₁-N and C₉-C₁₁ are broken CO, H₂O and C₉=C₁₀ are formed C₁₀-S and C₁₂-C₁₄ are broken C₁₂-C₁₆ and C₁₄=S are formed (β-lactam ring is opened) (-74 Da)</p>
24	C ₁₅ H	9		<p>C₁₅-OH is formed (+16 Da)</p>

25	$C_{16}H$	7		$C_{16}-OH$ is formed (+16 Da)
26	—	4		$S=O$ is formed (+16 Da)
27	—	4		C_5-O-C_6 is formed (+16 Da)
28	—	1		C_2-O-C_3 is formed (+16 Da)
29	—	1		C_8-N is broken C_8-O-N is formed (+16 Da)

30	—	2		C ₅ -O-C ₄ is formed (+16 Da)
31	—	1		C ₁ -C ₆ is broken C ₁ -O-C ₆ is formed (+16 Da)
32	—	2		C ₇ N-O is formed (+16 Da) (not stable N=O bond)
33	—	1		C ₁ -C ₂ is broken C ₁ -O-C ₂ is formed (+16 Da)
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