## **Supporting Information**

## Identifying Molecular Species on Surfaces by Scanning Tunneling Microscopy: Methyl Pyruvate on Pd(111)

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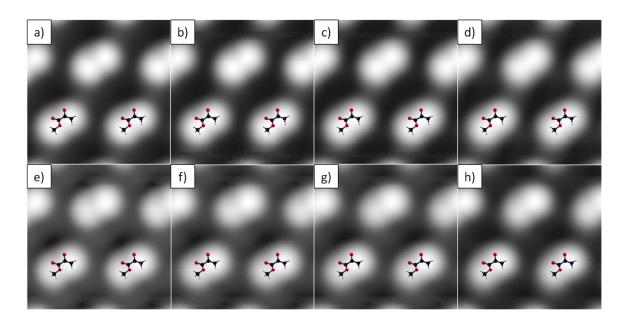


Figure S1: Simulated STM images of the most stable keto form of methyl pyruvate (A30 cis) imaged with Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

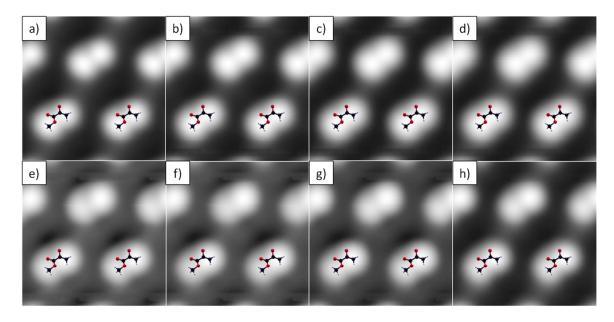


Figure S2: Simulated STM images of the most stable keto form of methyl pyruvate (A30 cis) imaged with a CH<sub>3</sub> group on Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

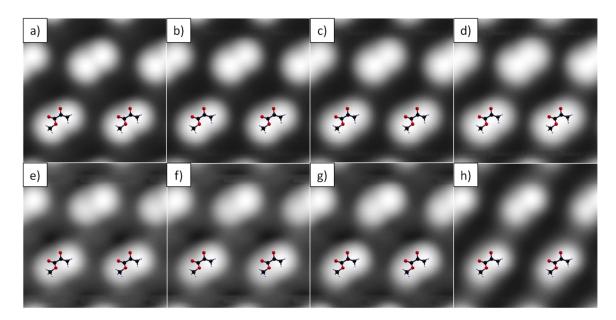


Figure S3: Simulated STM images of the most stable keto form of methyl pyruvate (A30 *cis*) imaged with a CO group Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

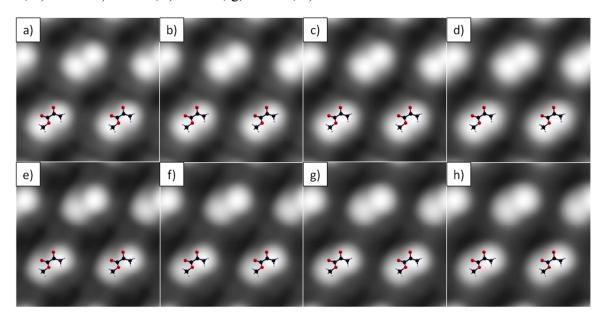


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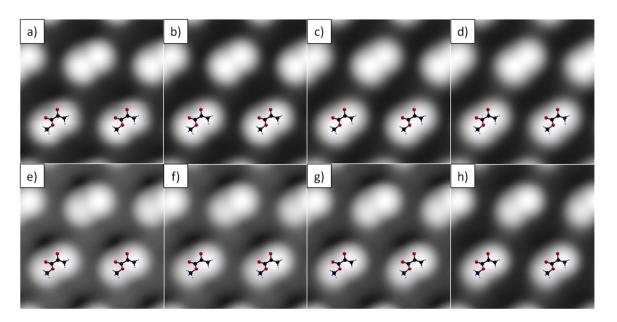


Figure S5: Simulated STM images of the most stable keto form of methyl pyruvate (A30 *cis*) imaged with a CH<sub>3</sub> group on Au on W(111) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

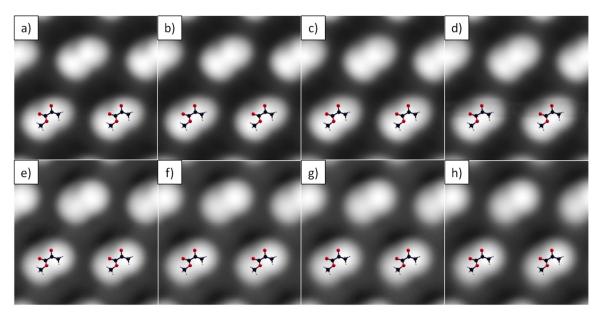


Figure S6: Simulated STM images of the most stable keto form of methyl pyruvate (A30 *cis*) imaged with a CO group on Au on W(111) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

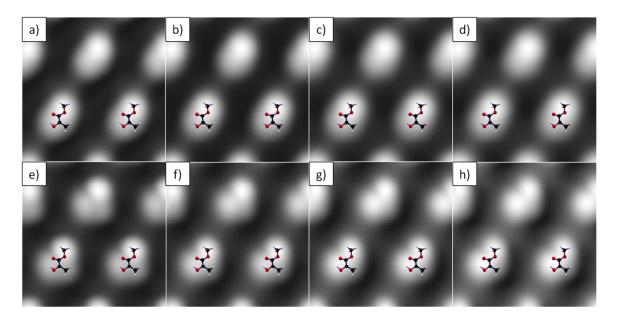


Figure S7: Simulated STM images of the most stable enol form of methyl pyruvate (AB cis) imaged with a Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

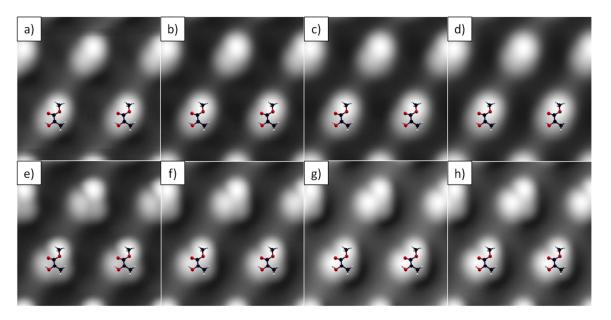


Figure S8: Simulated STM images of the most stable enol form of methyl pyruvate (AB *cis*) imaged with a CH<sub>3</sub> group on Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

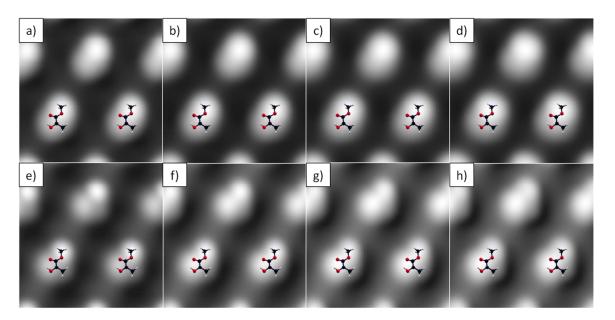


Figure S9: Simulated STM images of the most stable enol form of methyl pyruvate (AB *cis*) imaged with a CO group on Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

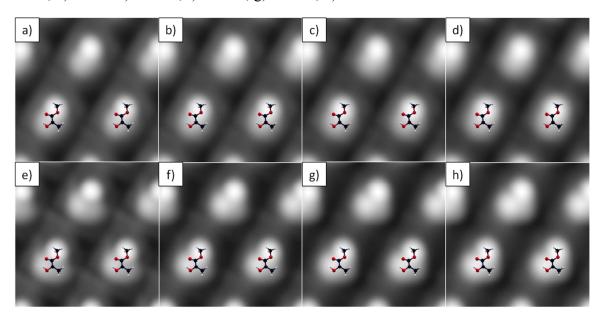


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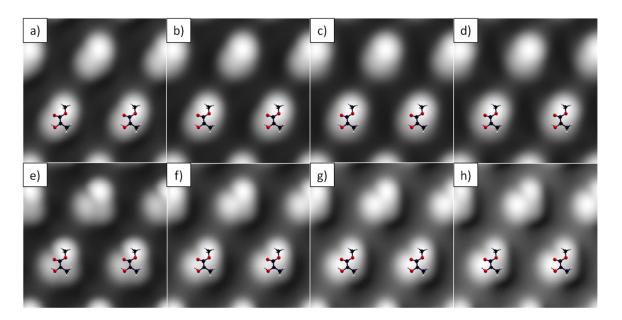


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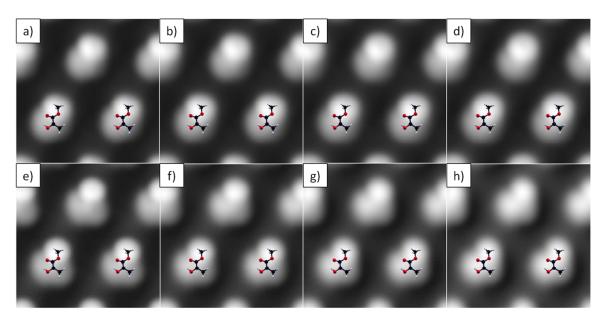


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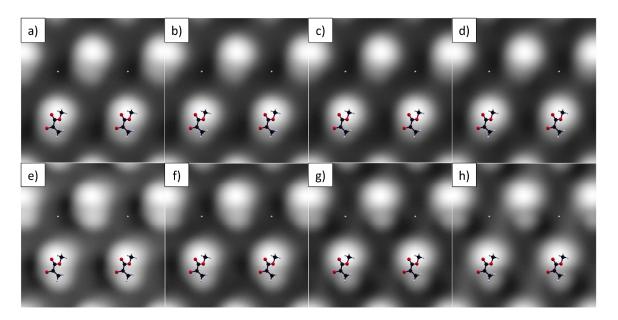


Figure S13: Simulated STM images of the most stable enolate form of methyl pyruvate (BA cis) imaged with a Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

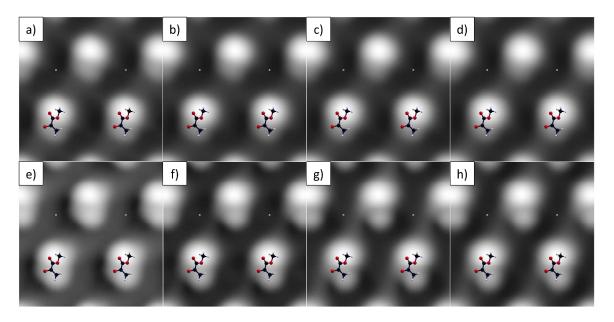


Figure S14: Simulated STM images of the most stable enolate form of methyl pyruvate (BA *cis*) imaged with a CH<sub>3</sub> group on Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

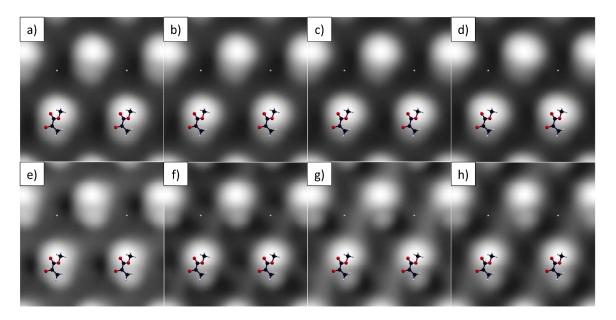


Figure S15: Simulated STM images of the most stable enolate form of methyl pyruvate (BA *cis*) imaged with a CO group on Au on W(110) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

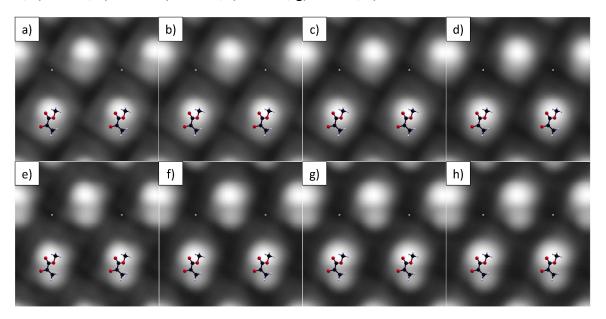


Figure S16: Simulated STM images of the most stable enolate form of methyl pyruvate (BA cis) imaged with a Au on W(111) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

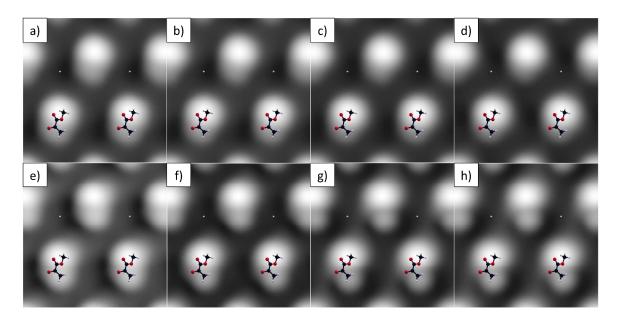


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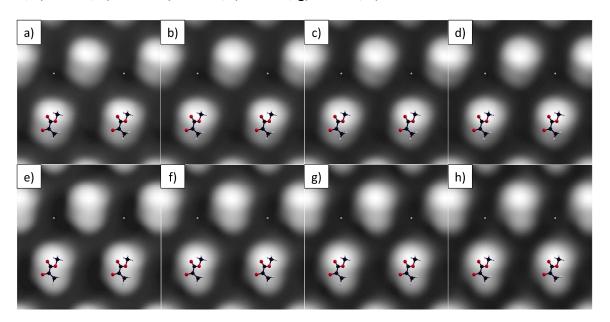


Figure S18: Simulated STM images of the most stable enolate form of methyl pyruvate (BA cis) imaged with a CO group on Au on W(111) tip at varied bias: a) -0.1 V, b) -0.2 V, c) -0.3 V, d) -0.4 V e) +0.1 V, f) +0.2 V, g) +0.3 V, h) +0.4 V

File: Atom coordinates for the most stable enol form of methyl pyruvate depicted in Fig. 7 of the manuscript (MP\_enol\_cis\_AB.xyz)