## **Electronic Supplementary Materials**

## A theoretical investigation on the thermal decomposition of pyridine and the effect of $H_2O$ on the formation of $NO_x$ precursors

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Figure S1. The optimized geometry and key parameters of pyridine (the gray,

blue and white spheres represent carbon, nitrogen and hydrogen atoms,

## respectively)



Figure S2. The energy profile of the optimal pathway proposed by Yoshihiko et al.[26]calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level



Figure S3. Optimized geometries and NPA charge distributions of intermediates and transition states in pyridine pyrolysis following Reaction-a (numerical values are NPA changes in a.u.).



Figure S4. Optimized geometries and NPA charge distributions of intermediates and transition states in pyridine pyrolysis following Reaction-b (numerical values are NPA changes in a.u.)



Figure S5. Optimized geometries and NPA charge distributions of intermediates and transition states in pyridine pyrolysis following Reaction-c (numerical values

are NPA changes in a.u.)



Figure S6. Optimized geometries and NPA charge distributions of intermediates and transition states in pyridine pyrolysis following Reaction-d (numerical values are NPA changes in a.u.)



Figure S7. Optimized geometries and NPA charge distributions of intermediates and transition states in pyridine pyrolysis following Reaction-e (numerical values

are NPA changes in a.u.)