Table 4 RMSD: Wilcoxon signed-rank test on each method pair. Case 1: the lowest energy conformations found by either BOA or uniform random search is used as reference conformation. Molecules with three or fewer rotatable bonds (N_{rot} : 1, 2, 3) and molecules with five or more rotatable bonds (N_{rot} : 5, 6) are grouped together respectively due to small sample size. Case 2: the lowest energy conformation found by Confab is used as reference conformation. Molecules with three or fewer rotatable bonds (N_{rot} : 1, 2, 3) are grouped together due to small sample size. The *p*-values are rounded to 2 significant figures.

		N_{rot}				
Method Pairs	Case	1,2,3	4	5	6	
EI-Uniform	1	$3.7 imes10^{-10}$	$6.5 imes10^{-5}$	$1.0 imes10^{-3}$		
EI-Confab	1	0.04	0.04	0.32		
EI-LCB	1	0.03	0.67	1.0		
LCB-Confab	1	0.64	0.24	0.73		
LCB-Uniform	1	$\mathbf{2.6 imes10^{-7}}$	$6.1 imes10^{-6}$	$5.5 imes10^{-5}$		
Confab-Uniform	1	$3.1 imes10^{-9}$	$f 8.7 imes 10^{-8}$	$1.5 imes10^{-4}$		
EI-LCB	2	0.03	0.66	0.96	0.76	
EI-Uniform	2	$3.7 imes10^{-10}$	$6.5 imes10^{-5}$	0.06	$3.1 imes10^{-3}$	
LCB-Uniform	2	$2.6 imes10^{-7}$	$6.1 imes10^{-6}$	$3.1 imes10^{-3}$	$4.8 imes10^{-3}$	

Table 5 TFD: Wilcoxon signed-rank test on each method pair.Case 1: the lowest energy conformations found by either BOA or uniform random search is used as reference conformation. Molecules with three or fewer rotatable bonds (N_{rot} : 1, 2, 3) and molecules with five or more rotatable bonds (N_{rot} : 5, 6) are grouped together respectively due to small sample size. Case 2: the lowest energy conformation found by Confab is used as reference conformation. Molecules with three or fewer rotatable bonds (N_{rot} : 1, 2, 3) are grouped together due to small sample size. The *p*-values are rounded to 2 significant figures.

		N _{rot}				
Method Pairs	Case	1,2,3	4	5	6	
EI-Uniform	1	$1.3 imes10^{-8}$	$\mathbf{2.1 imes 10^{-5}}$	$3.1 imes10^{-4}$		
El-Confab	1	0.70	0.14	0.14		
EI-LCB	1	0.07	0.94	0.74		
LCB-Confab	1	0.14	0.16	0.26		
LCB-Uniform	1	$1.0 imes10^{-6}$	$\mathbf{2.1 imes 10^{-5}}$	4.9×10^{-1}	-4	
Confab-Uniform	1	$9.9 imes10^{-10}$	$5.0 imes10^{-6}$	$9.0 imes 10^{\circ}$	-6	
EI-LCB	2	0.07	0.94	0.61	0.91	
EI-Uniform	2	$1.3 imes10^{-8}$	$\mathbf{2.1 imes 10^{-5}}$	0.01	0.01	
LCB-Uniform	2	$1.0 imes10^{-6}$	$2.1 imes10^{-5}$	$5.1 imes10^{-3}$	0.04	