

# *Supporting Information*

For

## *Performance of DFTB in comparison to ab initio and first principles methods for isomer geometries and energies of glucose epimers in vacuo and solution*

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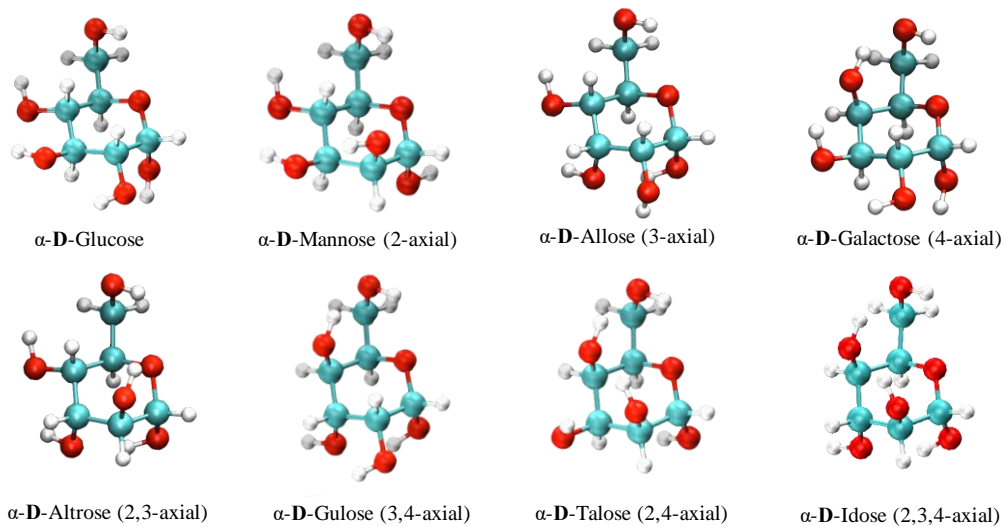
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**Figure S1.** The ball and stick representation of  $\alpha$ -D-aldopyranoses based on B3LYP-optimized structures in the gas phase.

**Table S1.** The number of initial structures from ref. 19, optimized at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory in the gas and aqueous phase.

Epimer	Initial vacuum structures			Initial solvated structures		
	$\alpha$	$\beta$	Total	$\alpha$	$\beta$	Total
Glucose	15	15	30	15	15	30
Mannose	13	14	27	12	14	26
Allose	18	16	34	18	15	33
Galactose	20	25	45	10	8	18
Altrose	22	20	42	16	26	42
Gulose	16	16	32	16	16	32
Talose	9	9	18	9	9	18
Idose	13	14	27	13	14	27
Overall	126	129	255	109	117	226

**Table S2.** The number of optimized structures retaining the initial B3LYP conformation in both DFTB2 and DFTB3 methods and evaluated in the current work.

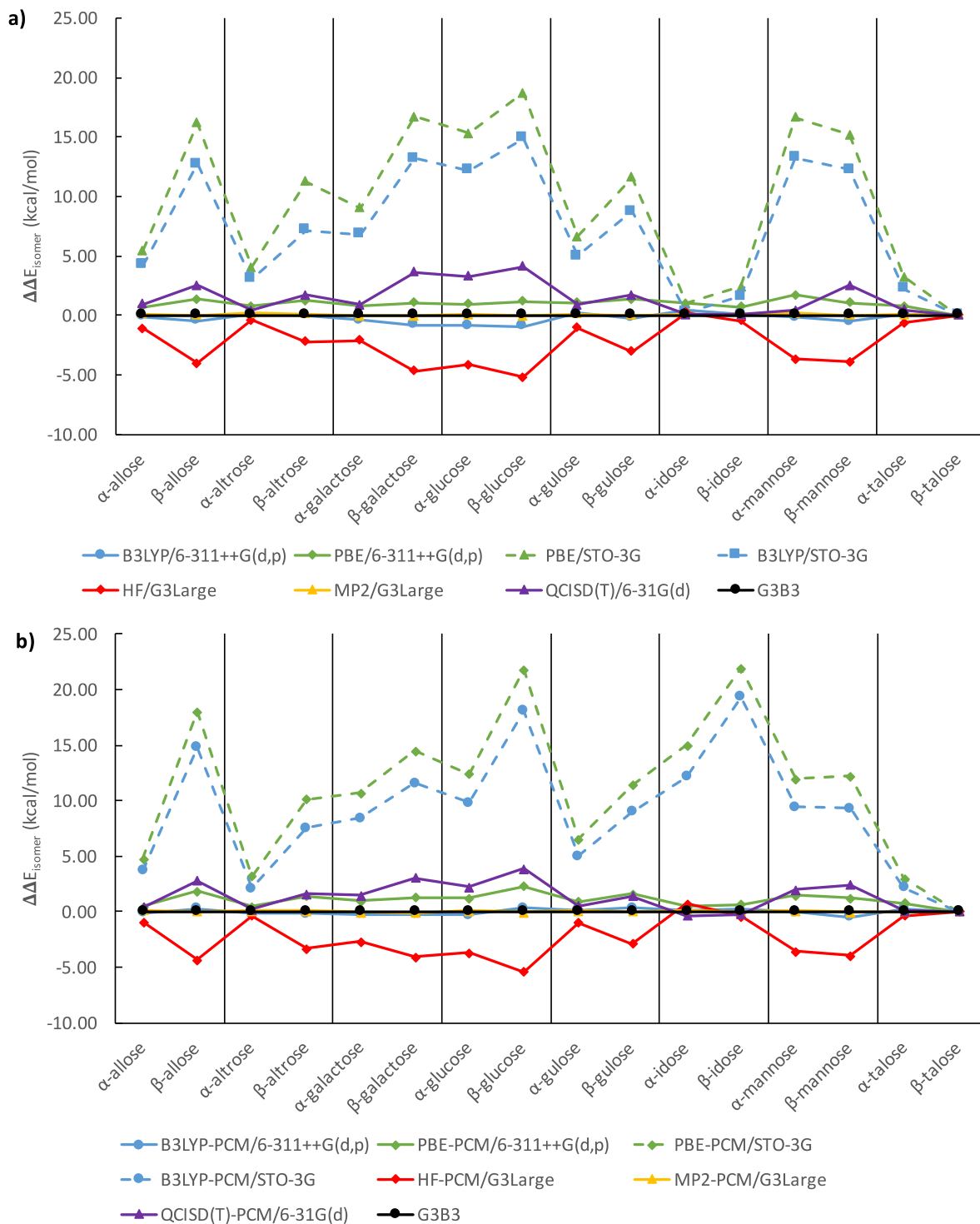
Epimer	Optimized vacuum structures			Optimized solvated structures		
	$\alpha$	$\beta$	Total	$\alpha$	$\beta$	Total
<i>Heavy Atoms only</i>						
Glucose	12	12	24	15	14	29
Mannose	10	12	22	12	13	25
Allose	16	14	30	18	14	31
Galactose	20	25	45	10	8	18
Altrose	19	17	36	16	25	41
Gulose	16	16	32	16	16	32
Talose	9	9	18	9	9	18
Idose	13	14	27	13	14	27
Overall	115	119	234	109	113	221
<i>All Atoms</i>						
Glucose	11	10	21	15	7	22
Mannose	10	10	20	12	13	25
Allose	8	7	15	10	4	14

Galactose	19	22	42	10	8	18
Altrose	19	11	30	16	13	39
Gulose	7	10	17	13	0	13
Talose	5	3	8	1	6	7
Idose	8	10	18	12	12	24
Overall	87	83	170	89	63	152

***Ab initio* and first principles single point isomer energies between large and small basis sets.**

Single point energy calculations for both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  conformations at B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* geometries have been performed using G3B3, HF/G3Large, MP2/G3Large, QCISD(T,FC)/6-31G(d), B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p), PBE/6-311++G(d,p), B3LYP/STO-3G, and PBE/STO-3G. Single point energies from each level of theory were compared against G3B3 as reference in Figure S1. To differentiate the energies between different methods, we define here  $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{isomer}}$  as the relative isomer energy difference of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  conformations relative to the lowest G3B3 energy isomer in both gas phase and water,  $\beta$ -talose, in each method against referenced G3B3 energies. Compared to DFT with large basis set, DFT with a minimal basis set deviates considerably from reference G3B3 energies. The structures studied in this analysis could be found below Figure S2, Structures 1 to 32.





**Figure S2.** Comparison of relative isomer energies relative to the lowest G3B3 energy isomer,  $\beta$ -talose, and relative to G3B3 energies ( $\Delta\Delta E_{\text{isomer}}$ ) in both a) vacuum and b) implicit solvent. Dashed lines represent STO-3G energies.

**Structure 1: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of allose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(g-), 'cOcc'**

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Energy: -687.0555034

C	-0.62296	-0.47902	-0.78380
C	-0.36702	0.99851	-1.09446
C	1.11626	1.33811	-0.92781
C	1.61472	0.90909	0.46905
C	-0.01647	-0.86348	0.57853
C	-0.04108	-2.37085	0.83299
H	1.67993	0.75873	-1.66351
H	-0.58283	-0.35756	1.37216
H	-0.14464	-1.08546	-1.56657
H	-0.68133	1.22088	-2.12049
H	2.69873	0.99674	0.53294
H	0.44558	-2.58889	1.78709
H	0.51048	-2.88690	0.04392
H	0.93867	3.24489	-0.56665
H	-2.01924	1.50015	-0.18453
H	-2.22798	-1.52659	-0.42852
H	-1.75707	-2.85416	1.68642
H	0.15051	1.87189	1.30142
O	1.35840	-0.48865	0.63830
O	-2.03797	-0.65497	-0.80882
O	-1.10984	1.82948	-0.18451
O	1.39810	2.69498	-1.21283
O	-1.38402	-2.88572	0.79988
O	1.08452	1.69626	1.50032

**Structure 2: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of allose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'rrrr'**

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Energy: -687.0552428

C	-1.05192	-0.51739	-0.62701
C	-0.88265	0.99593	-0.80755
C	0.58445	1.41248	-0.72578
C	1.22691	0.84054	0.53536
C	-0.26452	-1.03069	0.59800
C	-0.19147	-2.55169	0.66235
H	1.12998	1.00397	-1.58668
H	-0.73882	-0.65289	1.51466
H	-0.67050	-1.02957	-1.51356
H	-1.28805	1.29441	-1.78204
H	-1.20237	-2.95976	0.62918
H	-2.84430	-0.16996	0.02036
H	0.27661	-2.84379	1.61136

H	1.39226	-2.70440	-0.44653
H	0.74228	1.24987	1.43361
H	3.00161	0.89025	1.32009
H	1.52484	3.11905	-0.59525
H	-1.49229	2.56809	0.18128
O	1.10155	-0.57283	0.53856
O	-2.42619	-0.85583	-0.51779
O	-1.64312	1.61642	0.23527
O	0.61317	2.83684	-0.73524
O	2.58551	1.17551	0.49873
O	0.51486	-3.10521	-0.44044

**Structure 3: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of altrose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(g-), 'crcc'**

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Energy: -687.0541519

C	1.27407	-1.26795	0.77427
C	-0.12478	-1.50998	1.36499
C	-1.20837	-0.99044	0.40364
C	-0.94149	0.46247	-0.00991
C	0.51974	0.65605	-0.45898
C	0.88961	2.12756	-0.64024
H	2.04294	-1.47925	1.51833
H	-0.27429	-2.58045	1.52136
H	-2.18500	-1.05062	0.89563
H	-1.13461	1.10886	0.85784
H	0.67502	0.12575	-1.40691
H	1.94687	2.21119	-0.90573
H	0.72981	2.66793	0.29567
H	0.22794	-0.04358	2.59999
H	-1.70862	-1.39086	-1.43498
H	-1.60785	1.60404	-1.44317
H	0.45320	2.65868	-2.49244
H	0.70516	-2.20069	-0.82259
O	-0.23847	-0.88792	2.63872
O	-1.19268	-1.84251	-0.75185
O	-1.86678	0.75412	-1.05549
O	1.41529	0.14621	0.53285
O	0.05207	2.76063	-1.62351
O	1.54160	-2.03990	-0.35475

**Structure 4: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of altrose,  $\beta$ -tg-(t), 'cOcc'**

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Energy: -687.0516986

C	1.27542	-1.32555	0.48026
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C	-0.07145	-1.60318	1.16149
C	-1.23246	-1.05030	0.32390
C	-0.99856	0.41297	-0.09293
C	0.42321	0.59476	-0.66005
C	0.80367	2.05221	-0.89708
H	1.34373	-1.82990	-0.48761
H	-0.20690	-2.67994	1.27721
H	-2.15559	-1.10597	0.91450
H	-1.10558	1.05911	0.79258
H	0.49902	0.04153	-1.60622
H	1.81191	2.09629	-1.32062
H	0.80092	2.58820	0.05991
H	0.12895	-0.11925	2.42497
H	-1.90757	-1.41232	-1.45022
H	-1.76108	1.52973	-1.49955
H	0.04215	3.54689	-1.94756
H	2.12524	-1.56008	2.17707
O	-0.04839	-1.06656	2.48661
O	-1.32839	-1.87658	-0.83022
O	-2.01491	0.71326	-1.04368
O	1.38016	0.10095	0.27823
O	-0.15929	2.61807	-1.80026
O	2.34709	-1.73782	1.25186

**Structure 5: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of galactose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0569897

C	-0.44524	-1.54878	0.67829
C	0.90259	-0.92902	1.07234
C	0.83708	0.60093	1.07741
C	0.29459	1.11855	-0.25607
C	-1.03292	0.41175	-0.57856
C	-1.59101	0.73531	-1.96042
H	-0.33219	-2.62242	0.49615
H	1.65223	-1.25271	0.34137
H	0.17615	0.92400	1.88592
H	0.09059	2.19567	-0.16496
H	-1.77006	0.72889	0.17024
H	-1.70311	1.81547	-2.07508
H	-2.57552	0.26980	-2.07054
H	1.96890	-0.90895	2.70013
H	2.62448	1.14024	0.55078
H	0.92340	0.81606	-2.09472
H	-0.98006	-1.43453	2.52993
H	-0.67878	-0.65701	-2.97623

O	1.22260	-1.42645	2.37164
O	2.12098	1.14375	1.37727
O	1.32832	0.90838	-1.21770
O	-0.90216	-1.01798	-0.54121
O	-0.71569	0.30709	-3.01151
O	-1.42213	-1.31976	1.67665

**Structure 6: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of galactose,  $\beta$ -gt-(g-), 'rrrr'**

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Energy: -687.0534685

C	-0.36397	-0.91276	-0.80045
C	1.23151	-0.38220	0.89828
C	0.51451	0.92330	1.23474
C	-0.97595	0.77764	0.94837
C	-1.21667	0.32484	-0.49656
C	-0.38870	-1.32329	-2.26765
H	-0.75139	-1.74704	-0.19507
H	-1.38802	0.02105	1.63169
H	-1.36603	2.39174	1.96575
H	0.01921	-0.50988	-2.87466
H	1.23185	-2.38574	-2.21336
H	-1.42014	-1.50399	-2.57761
H	-2.27475	0.04055	-0.59626
H	-1.28533	2.17416	-1.05656
H	0.94016	1.70514	0.59544
H	1.57180	1.40260	2.80669
H	0.85530	-1.20213	1.53368
H	3.06831	-1.00477	0.98330
O	1.02027	-0.70726	-0.46589
O	2.59708	-0.17388	1.11138
O	0.63692	1.26890	2.61249
O	-1.66282	2.01313	1.12895
O	-0.90310	1.36166	-1.41374
O	0.31872	-2.53864	-2.48153

**Structure 7: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of glucose,  $\alpha$ -gt-(g-), 'rrrr'**

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Energy: -687.0560768

C	-0.85380	0.70940	-0.39363
C	0.64096	1.02924	-0.30996
C	1.30857	0.09847	0.69689
C	1.03882	-1.36740	0.34779
C	-0.46536	-1.61307	0.16719

C	-1.57242	1.49634	-1.47968
H	-1.32657	0.91079	0.57340
H	1.10049	0.86422	-1.29604
H	0.90035	0.31820	1.69279
H	1.54132	-1.59888	-0.59478
H	-0.64598	-2.59332	-0.28262
H	-1.09139	1.29764	-2.44761
H	-1.48688	2.56122	-1.26386
H	1.71308	2.54362	0.26117
H	3.14596	-0.25102	1.25508
H	0.99404	-2.26257	2.07028
H	-1.94615	-1.86084	1.42969
H	-3.03755	0.24338	-1.68528
O	-1.03306	-0.68709	-0.72975
O	0.77889	2.39159	0.07276
O	2.70626	0.38346	0.67606
O	1.60428	-2.23964	1.32045
O	-1.03589	-1.54649	1.46483
O	-2.95960	1.19133	-1.52897

**Structure 8: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of glucose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'rrrr'**

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Energy: -687.0545109

C	-1.05249	0.61764	-0.41075
C	0.39830	1.11549	-0.36448
C	1.14668	0.48583	0.80712
C	1.01008	-1.03058	0.79194
C	-0.46980	-1.40734	0.74142
C	-1.79640	1.04079	-1.67352
H	-1.58859	1.01318	0.46514
H	0.90013	0.83771	-1.29939
H	0.71116	0.86414	1.74403
H	1.48950	-1.43981	-0.10665
H	-0.98393	-1.05813	1.65209
H	-2.84811	0.74107	-1.57657
H	-1.74848	2.12582	-1.76987
H	1.26044	2.84355	-0.14330
H	2.99316	0.48210	1.43358
H	1.60565	-2.48360	1.95456
H	-1.20494	-0.46500	-2.74416
H	-1.47134	-3.06589	0.66703
O	-1.08531	-0.82065	-0.39707
O	-0.54645	-2.79757	0.62580
O	0.35182	2.53209	-0.23207
O	2.50679	0.89879	0.71227

O	1.64429	-1.52044	1.96989
O	-1.21922	0.49365	-2.85034

**Structure 9: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of gulose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'rcrc'**

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Energy: -687.0537183

C	0.10610	1.56463	0.49002
C	-1.35388	1.09395	0.36762
C	-1.45891	-0.41910	0.60395
C	-0.49256	-1.15500	-0.34514
C	0.92934	-0.58711	-0.21857
C	1.93225	-1.13870	-1.22611
H	0.19957	2.61102	0.19096
H	-1.66079	1.29376	-0.66041
H	-2.47281	-0.74476	0.36427
H	-0.45589	-2.21087	-0.03930
H	1.30186	-0.84221	0.78258
H	1.96247	-2.22823	-1.15853
H	2.93022	-0.75102	-0.99367
H	-2.14052	1.48398	2.09874
H	-0.46428	-0.30145	2.29422
H	-0.33666	-1.12626	-2.29827
H	1.34776	1.84959	1.98951
H	1.60283	0.13197	-2.66786
O	-2.21397	1.84158	1.20486
O	-1.25230	-0.76283	1.97419
O	-1.04898	-1.03005	-1.64832
O	0.95857	0.84690	-0.38467
O	0.50647	1.40156	1.84778
O	1.58347	-0.82912	-2.57926

**Structure 10: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of gulose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'rrrc'**

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Energy: -687.0538099

C	0.18037	1.38620	0.76756
C	-1.27143	0.91746	0.60660
C	-1.37552	-0.60989	0.65687
C	-0.40894	-1.23373	-0.35533
C	1.00471	-0.66686	-0.13944
C	2.04215	-1.14624	-1.14740
H	0.54576	1.15890	1.77521
H	-1.63881	1.25847	-0.36986
H	-2.39800	-0.90628	0.39494
H	-0.36845	-2.31554	-0.16354

H	1.33015	-0.98549	0.86063
H	2.07741	-2.23768	-1.15051
H	3.02917	-0.76952	-0.85921
H	-1.91109	2.36986	1.75128
H	-1.53108	-0.58864	2.59034
H	-0.21629	-1.00816	-2.28544
H	1.79997	0.21013	-2.53008
H	0.12112	2.99778	-0.29763
O	0.29001	2.77670	0.62793
O	-2.08272	1.42451	1.66459
O	-1.02226	-1.09854	1.94728
O	-0.94333	-0.96931	-1.64561
O	1.00956	0.76989	-0.20885
O	1.73184	-0.75148	-2.48980

**Structure 11: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of idose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0539136

C	1.38380	-0.91537	0.74676
C	0.01080	-1.56185	1.03426
C	-0.97696	-1.28466	-0.11527
C	-1.02985	0.22039	-0.44225
C	0.39143	0.76405	-0.66494
C	0.45838	2.27383	-0.86768
H	1.99092	-0.93019	1.65089
H	1.48894	2.55813	-1.10267
H	0.15858	-2.64161	1.11477
H	-1.97282	-1.61826	0.19383
H	-1.60409	0.36827	-1.37098
H	0.79218	0.28829	-1.57052
H	-0.18341	2.57453	-1.69888
H	-0.95153	-0.26981	2.11883
H	-1.18582	-2.02886	-1.94339
H	-1.43368	1.77468	0.68251
H	1.47540	-1.93886	-0.90892
H	0.61249	2.81496	0.99925
O	-0.51443	-1.12181	2.27261
O	-0.51714	-2.03731	-1.25051
O	-1.71035	0.84236	0.65000
O	1.23162	0.47841	0.45299
O	2.09821	-1.58984	-0.25536
O	-0.00802	2.99442	0.28120

**Structure 12: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of idose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**



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Energy: -687.0555358

C	1.44762	-0.76013	0.70067
C	0.16292	-1.59588	0.86397
C	-0.77021	-1.44792	-0.34699
C	-1.00894	0.03807	-0.66930
C	0.34084	0.76165	-0.80179
C	0.22106	2.26427	-1.03515
H	1.21586	2.68508	-1.21294
H	2.07700	-1.16378	-0.09983
H	0.45243	-2.64516	0.95733
H	-1.72828	-1.92100	-0.10531
H	-1.54369	0.11565	-1.62838
H	0.86615	0.32060	-1.66232
H	-0.40210	2.46591	-1.90938
H	-1.05826	-0.47037	1.88208
H	-0.79389	-2.30245	-2.11979
H	-1.68147	1.52079	0.42352
H	0.18459	2.83082	0.82766
H	1.55152	-0.70328	2.59647
O	2.18908	-0.75922	1.86762
O	-0.49060	-1.23493	2.07743
O	-0.13483	-2.10465	-1.44703
O	-1.82262	0.55886	0.38684
O	1.11906	0.60790	0.38387
O	-0.40668	2.92892	0.07003

**Structure 13: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of mannose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'rccc'**

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Energy: -687.0546874

C	-0.39689	-1.52887	0.99869
C	1.07131	-1.09564	1.05364
C	1.20593	0.41522	0.84333
C	0.44235	0.85322	-0.40114
C	-1.02894	0.42883	-0.27479
C	-1.87144	0.74715	-1.50253
H	-0.44614	-2.61202	0.85984
H	-1.91345	1.82821	-1.65075
H	1.46610	-1.35717	2.04241
H	0.79023	0.93598	1.71533
H	0.87861	0.37220	-1.28034
H	-1.47337	0.92575	0.59726
H	-2.89420	0.39111	-1.32575
H	2.62480	-1.40322	-0.05567
H	2.68953	1.61131	0.45411

H	0.50430	2.53632	-1.41828
H	-1.89288	-1.46970	2.23673
H	-1.25337	-0.76099	-2.56042
O	1.75648	-1.81619	0.03821
O	2.60101	0.68940	0.72513
O	0.58246	2.27737	-0.49469
O	-1.09417	-1.00172	-0.11573
O	-0.98990	-1.13312	2.21953
O	-1.33634	0.19078	-2.69678

**Structure 14: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of mannose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0542718

C	-0.57090	-1.43598	1.05864
C	0.91247	-1.04339	1.17086
C	1.10853	0.45827	0.96360
C	0.40041	0.93491	-0.29915
C	-1.08080	0.52749	-0.23282
C	-1.88156	0.91372	-1.47096
H	-1.89933	2.00061	-1.57814
H	-1.12218	-1.05956	1.93050
H	1.26025	-1.31794	2.17548
H	0.67650	0.99371	1.82238
H	0.85436	0.45998	-1.17288
H	-1.54939	1.00374	0.64421
H	-2.91420	0.56927	-1.33776
H	2.51434	-1.44947	0.14609
H	2.63959	1.60624	0.62400
H	0.50610	2.64103	-1.27181
H	-1.28985	-0.56620	-2.58170
H	-0.06265	-3.16675	0.43431
O	-0.73136	-2.81039	1.03689
O	1.61585	-1.79979	0.19189
O	2.51311	0.69171	0.90589
O	0.58004	2.35576	-0.35555
O	-1.16215	-0.89531	-0.12804
O	-1.31782	0.39449	-2.66863

**Structure 15: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of talose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'rcrc'**

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Energy: -687.0570870

C	0.10101	1.51292	0.94377
C	-1.27198	0.82415	1.03429
C	-1.10567	-0.70696	1.01587

C	-0.27183	-1.13242	-0.20304
C	1.07539	-0.39099	-0.17043
C	1.98421	-0.67368	-1.36153
H	-0.03742	2.57545	0.72922
H	2.16791	-1.74730	-1.44042
H	-1.73678	1.12373	1.97555
H	-0.55551	-1.00059	1.91381
H	-0.08273	-2.21294	-0.14656
H	1.60557	-0.70747	0.73831
H	2.94474	-0.16847	-1.21279
H	-1.85947	0.83197	-0.81809
H	-2.91855	-1.01088	0.39259
H	-0.42463	-0.81092	-2.13527
H	1.54810	1.86104	2.19894
H	1.31182	0.68694	-2.58710
O	-2.13392	1.27768	-0.00014
O	-2.34917	-1.37672	1.08120
O	-1.03560	-0.83755	-1.38116
O	0.88241	1.03317	-0.14590
O	0.75784	1.30974	2.17782
O	1.40017	-0.27416	-2.60737

**Structure 16: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of talose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'ccrc'**

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Energy: -687.0578393

C	0.37710	1.40276	1.07960
C	-1.08633	0.91752	1.09119
C	-1.16292	-0.61694	1.04879
C	-0.34216	-1.15578	-0.13150
C	1.09308	-0.60708	-0.03317
C	2.00482	-1.02905	-1.18268
H	3.01982	-0.66593	-0.99167
H	0.88826	1.12716	2.01195
H	-1.55907	1.27925	2.00797
H	-0.71514	-1.00542	1.97000
H	-0.31605	-2.25239	-0.08049
H	1.53604	-0.99522	0.90005
H	-1.57858	1.02139	-0.78977
H	-2.95867	-0.67966	0.30845
H	-0.36254	-0.79422	-2.06275
H	2.03394	-2.11824	-1.25776
H	-0.26102	3.03554	0.34443
H	1.60672	0.41208	-2.43330
O	0.44601	2.77711	0.95612
O	-1.79960	1.52478	0.01334

O	-2.49529	-1.09067	1.04886
O	-1.00448	-0.74248	-1.33498
O	1.09638	0.81865	-0.02329
O	1.53530	-0.55079	-2.44878

**Structure 17: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of allose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(g-), 'cOcc'**

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Energy: -687.0546749

C	-0.60667	-0.48972	-0.78694
C	-0.36063	0.98753	-1.09347
C	1.11745	1.33150	-0.93032
C	1.62304	0.90313	0.46152
C	-0.00996	-0.86733	0.57931
C	-0.04366	-2.37121	0.84330
H	1.68599	0.76666	-1.67010
H	-0.57662	-0.35466	1.36566
H	-0.12503	-1.09409	-1.56658
H	-0.68175	1.21171	-2.11494
H	2.70567	0.99925	0.51892
H	0.39750	-2.58259	1.81791
H	0.52756	-2.89466	0.07502
H	0.86759	3.22994	-0.57155
H	-1.99890	1.46085	-0.14407
H	-2.20071	-1.53044	-0.38464
H	-1.77927	-2.84092	1.65297
H	0.15166	1.85451	1.30404
O	1.37022	-0.48873	0.64269
O	-2.02141	-0.67487	-0.81018
O	-1.09811	1.81329	-0.17361
O	1.38130	2.70098	-1.19461
O	-1.39031	-2.86960	0.77239
O	1.09240	1.69632	1.49391

**Structure 18: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of allose,  $\beta$ -gt-(g-), 'rrrr'**

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Energy: -687.0525526

C	-0.36734	0.95655	-0.55880
C	1.49500	-0.36711	0.10078
C	0.65168	-1.22576	1.03934
C	-0.79901	-1.27247	0.56777
C	-1.35002	0.12988	0.28904
C	-0.77613	2.41396	-0.65234
H	-0.29868	0.52501	-1.56561
H	1.51056	-0.79161	-0.91035

H	3.39837	-0.01356	-0.04305
H	0.69566	-0.76430	2.03300
H	2.07132	-2.54557	1.23849
H	-1.41235	-1.75571	1.33530
H	-0.40763	-2.82076	-0.55586
H	-1.50784	0.64327	1.24085
H	-2.56041	-0.67612	-0.99096
H	-0.78462	2.84357	0.35654
H	0.98665	3.04441	-1.17191
H	-1.77853	2.48302	-1.07249
O	0.93652	0.94224	0.05001
O	2.78045	-0.29748	0.64000
O	1.11946	-2.56990	1.07924
O	-0.90971	-2.00197	-0.65864
O	-2.62141	0.04128	-0.34485
O	0.08880	3.15817	-1.50618

**Structure 19: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of altrose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(t), 'crcc'**

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Energy: -687.0532664

C	1.28320	-1.31637	0.73078
C	-0.11382	-1.55404	1.32307
C	-1.19415	-1.02419	0.36877
C	-0.92197	0.42988	-0.02599
C	0.53341	0.61837	-0.49237
C	0.91213	2.08367	-0.65645
H	2.04604	-1.53908	1.47454
H	-0.26346	-2.62317	1.47548
H	-2.17285	-1.08987	0.85340
H	-1.09565	1.06687	0.85070
H	0.67295	0.10352	-1.44866
H	1.95354	2.15468	-0.97873
H	0.79531	2.60181	0.29978
H	0.19241	-0.06436	2.54914
H	-1.62689	-1.36936	-1.49776
H	-1.53552	1.55982	-1.48367
H	0.09887	3.60373	-1.62212
H	0.69922	-2.22571	-0.87801
O	-0.21511	-0.93871	2.60181
O	-1.17264	-1.86220	-0.79809
O	-1.85192	0.74323	-1.06131
O	1.44156	0.08747	0.48290
O	0.03325	2.64355	-1.64457

O 1.53846 -2.09822 -0.40120

**Structure 20: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of altrose,  $\beta$ -tg-(t), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0512083

C	1.31494	-1.26248	0.45423
C	-0.04117	-1.57755	1.09964
C	-1.20321	-0.98351	0.29927
C	-0.94421	0.47773	-0.08209
C	0.45450	0.64339	-0.69871
C	0.82568	2.09868	-0.95037
H	1.41937	-1.80373	-0.49013
H	-0.15832	-2.66418	1.13447
H	-2.11669	-1.02996	0.90444
H	-1.00073	1.09345	0.82355
H	0.49722	0.08931	-1.64599
H	1.83675	2.15063	-1.35965
H	0.79150	2.65089	-0.00685
H	-0.59731	-1.52144	2.98551
H	-1.89281	-1.25485	-1.48367
H	-1.68208	1.62883	-1.47364
H	0.01923	3.57956	-1.97516
H	2.09555	-1.39669	2.18456
O	0.01257	-1.03480	2.42191
O	-1.35380	-1.77975	-0.87455
O	-1.97980	0.83346	-1.00099
O	1.43912	0.14252	0.20678
O	-0.12861	2.63331	-1.88094
O	2.36197	-1.64190	1.28518

**Structure 21: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of galactose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g-), 'rrrr'**

24

Energy: -687.0542811

C	-1.07499	0.60548	0.30746
C	-0.44908	-1.14477	-1.21798
C	1.00454	-1.10437	-0.73544
C	1.07563	-0.61690	0.71068
C	0.34572	0.71563	0.86624
C	-1.84447	1.92260	0.32172
H	-1.61946	-0.09543	0.95145
H	-0.49258	-1.33960	-2.29027
H	-1.89278	-2.43922	-0.95083
H	0.59551	-1.35421	1.36388
H	2.94948	-1.15461	0.78970

H	-1.88103	2.27236	1.36072
H	-0.35162	2.93005	-0.40455
H	-2.86417	1.73591	-0.01514
H	0.27864	0.96367	1.93215
H	1.98751	1.66677	0.40297
H	1.55853	-0.41358	-1.37085
H	1.01872	-3.03526	-0.54041
O	-1.08234	0.10293	-1.04069
O	-1.07979	-2.18990	-0.49747
O	1.63846	-2.37238	-0.87615
O	2.42845	-0.40938	1.11529
O	1.05121	1.75660	0.17977
O	-1.31220	2.92964	-0.53308

**Structure 22: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of galactose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g-), 'rrrr'**

24

Energy: -687.0526425

C	-0.26881	-1.03869	-0.78373
C	1.26938	-0.52814	0.96562
C	0.55370	0.78084	1.28977
C	-0.92415	0.66116	0.94468
C	-1.11627	0.20882	-0.50203
C	-0.31064	-1.49577	-2.23894
H	-0.69428	-1.85382	-0.17979
H	-1.37580	-0.08734	1.60770
H	-1.31882	2.28776	1.94087
H	-1.35732	-1.69919	-2.49730
H	-0.04720	0.30155	-2.92263
H	0.24902	-2.42714	-2.32722
H	-2.17099	-0.04807	-0.65430
H	-1.13990	2.07255	-1.08185
H	1.01304	1.57068	0.68586
H	1.54886	1.30137	2.88432
H	0.86695	-1.34997	1.57524
H	3.06356	-1.19775	1.26287
O	1.10090	-0.83880	-0.41391
O	2.62817	-0.33913	1.21926
O	0.62845	1.10483	2.67494
O	-1.59458	1.91061	1.09585
O	-0.74385	1.25298	-1.40705
O	0.27433	-0.58142	-3.15918

**Structure 23: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of glucose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(g+), 'rrrr'**

24

Energy: -687.0533324

C	-0.94888	0.54265	-0.47421
C	0.54640	0.85938	-0.36140
C	1.19020	-0.02979	0.69074
C	0.91594	-1.50289	0.38105
C	-0.58454	-1.74341	0.17346
C	-1.64169	1.32379	-1.58896
H	-1.43756	0.76825	0.47942
H	1.02744	0.67123	-1.32997
H	0.76447	0.22298	1.66945
H	1.43776	-1.77114	-0.53916
H	-0.76306	-2.73763	-0.23686
H	-2.65991	0.95062	-1.70057
H	-1.11044	1.15683	-2.53366
H	1.61650	2.44212	0.07841
H	3.00285	-0.33157	1.34101
H	0.82273	-2.31484	2.14063
H	-2.05680	-2.03497	1.42857
H	-0.86302	2.99924	-0.98423
O	-1.11475	-0.84908	-0.78727
O	0.67707	2.24420	-0.02257
O	2.58929	0.24832	0.69007
O	1.44360	-2.34637	1.39919
O	-1.19371	-1.60602	1.44133
O	-1.73717	2.71334	-1.29002

**Structure 24: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of glucose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'rrrr'**

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Energy: -687.0517072

C	-1.04757	0.60383	-0.41745
C	0.40564	1.08880	-0.38565
C	1.13943	0.47409	0.79902
C	0.99545	-1.03996	0.79882
C	-0.48212	-1.42328	0.71973
C	-1.81022	1.06636	-1.64923
H	-1.56897	0.97357	0.47600
H	0.89901	0.77568	-1.31276
H	0.70094	0.86424	1.72714
H	1.49442	-1.46208	-0.08184
H	-1.02250	-1.07631	1.61131
H	-2.84227	0.71153	-1.57490
H	-1.80334	2.15411	-1.68496
H	1.30631	2.79199	-0.14973
H	2.96723	0.50972	1.47398
H	1.56742	-2.48569	1.97443



H	-1.18560	-0.35481	-2.81718
H	-1.43466	-3.10971	0.83376
O	-1.07055	-0.83233	-0.43839
O	-0.54892	-2.81019	0.60005
O	0.39439	2.51070	-0.29390
O	2.50439	0.87988	0.71298
O	1.60028	-1.52207	1.99412
O	-1.20866	0.60863	-2.85820

**Structure 25: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of gulose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'rcrc'**

24

Energy: -687.0533920

C	0.08838	1.56288	0.49867
C	-1.36651	1.08709	0.37139
C	-1.46556	-0.42699	0.59874
C	-0.49414	-1.15122	-0.34877
C	0.92182	-0.57585	-0.21892
C	1.92336	-1.13798	-1.21663
H	0.18256	2.61148	0.21510
H	-1.68157	1.29506	-0.65057
H	-2.47787	-0.75532	0.35935
H	-0.45286	-2.20812	-0.05585
H	1.29394	-0.82214	0.78244
H	1.97590	-2.22099	-1.10583
H	2.91029	-0.71416	-1.02146
H	-2.05257	1.54759	2.13008
H	-0.46444	-0.31763	2.28811
H	-0.29703	-1.04213	-2.28920
H	1.30280	1.83671	2.02534
H	1.68285	0.04927	-2.75769
O	-2.23249	1.82165	1.22183
O	-1.25282	-0.78070	1.96620
O	-1.03944	-1.02271	-1.66167
O	0.93300	0.85644	-0.39149
O	0.47365	1.37538	1.85302
O	1.54383	-0.88886	-2.58063

**Structure 26: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of gulose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'Orrc'**

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Energy: -687.0514990

C	0.19626	1.37761	0.78142
C	-1.25744	0.92765	0.60967
C	-1.37614	-0.59728	0.64746
C	-0.40274	-1.23261	-0.34784

C	1.00990	-0.66182	-0.14464
C	2.03835	-1.15040	-1.15402
H	0.56367	1.11311	1.77812
H	-1.61222	1.28294	-0.36504
H	-2.39817	-0.87715	0.36931
H	-0.35911	-2.30932	-0.14103
H	1.34425	-0.97293	0.85348
H	2.10599	-2.23747	-1.10932
H	3.01269	-0.72350	-0.90992
H	-1.89390	2.37521	1.76073
H	-1.52227	-0.53369	2.58025
H	-0.17444	-0.99131	-2.26604
H	1.81370	0.13039	-2.61831
H	0.04096	3.03734	-0.20357
O	0.32007	2.76743	0.68201
O	-2.07064	1.43109	1.66729
O	-1.05952	-1.09586	1.94493
O	-0.92763	-0.99455	-1.65155
O	1.00843	0.77490	-0.21778
O	1.68310	-0.81893	-2.50774

**Structure 27: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of idose  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0548006

C	1.37659	-0.93117	0.74465
C	0.00442	-1.57198	1.03924
C	-0.97946	-1.29928	-0.10986
C	-1.03295	0.20588	-0.42537
C	0.38161	0.74845	-0.66655
C	0.44371	2.25356	-0.87857
H	1.98827	-0.95527	1.64408
H	1.47457	2.54185	-1.09308
H	0.15000	-2.64936	1.13050
H	-1.97692	-1.63767	0.18395
H	-1.62303	0.36603	-1.33701
H	0.76941	0.27131	-1.57430
H	-0.18551	2.53730	-1.72198
H	-0.95349	-0.26100	2.10183
H	-1.09148	-1.92674	-1.98586
H	-1.39064	1.75462	0.71958
H	1.43916	-1.91397	-0.93399
H	0.58702	2.87668	0.97195
O	-0.51338	-1.11035	2.27773
O	-0.49781	-2.04437	-1.23506
O	-1.68475	0.82563	0.69277

O	1.24089	0.45707	0.44512
O	2.07698	-1.62233	-0.26273
O	-0.05134	2.98378	0.25619

**Structure 28: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of idose  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0550078

C	1.44191	-0.77758	0.69038
C	0.16086	-1.61264	0.86211
C	-0.77563	-1.46395	-0.34238
C	-1.01115	0.02225	-0.65506
C	0.33325	0.74546	-0.80488
C	0.20515	2.24236	-1.04815
H	1.19475	2.67625	-1.20769
H	2.06848	-1.18966	-0.10590
H	0.45188	-2.66000	0.95793
H	-1.73459	-1.93298	-0.10256
H	-1.56514	0.11025	-1.59841
H	0.84967	0.30485	-1.66760
H	-0.40501	2.42113	-1.93347
H	-1.04065	-0.46632	1.87406
H	-0.76450	-2.17910	-2.17069
H	-1.64040	1.50530	0.45841
H	0.14081	2.88792	0.79769
H	1.53772	-0.72680	2.59000
O	2.18244	-0.77880	1.86655
O	-0.48664	-1.24128	2.07858
O	-0.14257	-2.12393	-1.43660
O	-1.79875	0.54417	0.42645
O	1.12734	0.58785	0.37800
O	-0.45638	2.91061	0.03970

**Structure 29: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of mannose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(g+), 'rrrr'**

24

Energy: -687.0519085

C	-0.89791	-1.30901	1.00284
C	0.60898	-1.17059	1.27241
C	1.10016	0.23500	0.92240
C	0.63334	0.61964	-0.48031
C	-0.88946	0.49768	-0.58616
C	-1.42043	0.79592	-1.98688
H	-1.18279	-2.36351	1.00414
H	-2.48460	0.56125	-2.01627
H	0.79320	-1.37323	2.32978

H	0.69184	0.95012	1.63901
H	1.08942	-0.05845	-1.21208
H	-1.35953	1.18147	0.12930
H	-0.90344	0.15784	-2.71305
H	1.37608	-2.93984	0.86485
H	2.87416	-0.49386	0.65250
H	1.94624	2.05818	-0.63667
H	-2.50590	-0.77938	1.95224
H	-0.38573	2.43799	-2.08779
O	1.35899	-2.06974	0.45295
O	2.51921	0.32803	1.02161
O	0.99616	1.97051	-0.78517
O	-1.26363	-0.85615	-0.28871
O	-1.56157	-0.59616	2.02264
O	-1.28600	2.17281	-2.33049

**Structure 30: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of mannose,  $\beta$ -tg-(t), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0520000

C	-0.70678	-1.42651	1.12295
C	0.80232	-1.18337	1.25424
C	1.13840	0.27616	0.97870
C	0.52652	0.76186	-0.32789
C	-0.98156	0.46224	-0.33443
C	-1.64749	0.77279	-1.66963
H	-1.24112	-0.93154	1.94069
H	1.10040	-1.43624	2.27780
H	0.72166	0.88730	1.79028
H	0.99310	0.23127	-1.16723
H	-1.46302	1.04707	0.46228
H	-2.71859	0.57286	-1.59447
H	-1.21354	0.12840	-2.43955
H	2.37839	-1.83743	0.31170
H	2.77161	1.25951	0.59053
H	0.26990	2.52267	-1.11963
H	-1.74649	2.34050	-2.85802
H	-0.34598	-3.24136	0.64653
O	-1.00341	-2.78283	1.19006
O	1.43982	-2.06250	0.33102
O	2.56083	0.39571	0.96712
O	0.81261	2.15792	-0.40188
O	-1.20050	-0.93413	-0.12610
O	-1.40949	2.15426	-1.97606

**Structure 31: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of talose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'rcrc'**

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Energy: -687.0562701

C	0.10393	1.51265	0.95995
C	-1.27057	0.83092	1.04653
C	-1.10633	-0.69784	1.02675
C	-0.27275	-1.12439	-0.18689
C	1.06861	-0.37605	-0.16643
C	1.96781	-0.67559	-1.35588
H	-0.02421	2.58062	0.77704
H	2.16640	-1.74608	-1.39917
H	-1.74157	1.13740	1.98088
H	-0.56822	-0.99999	1.92688
H	-0.07561	-2.20083	-0.13059
H	1.60532	-0.67923	0.74013
H	2.91210	-0.14134	-1.23716
H	-1.83181	0.82478	-0.81209
H	-2.89148	-1.03435	0.33821
H	-0.41504	-0.76673	-2.11010
H	1.54980	1.83008	2.22031
H	1.34353	0.63547	-2.66894
O	-2.12358	1.27883	-0.00291
O	-2.36153	-1.36204	1.07584
O	-1.04243	-0.83617	-1.36842
O	0.86157	1.04716	-0.14940
O	0.76502	1.27109	2.18182
O	1.35631	-0.32755	-2.60982

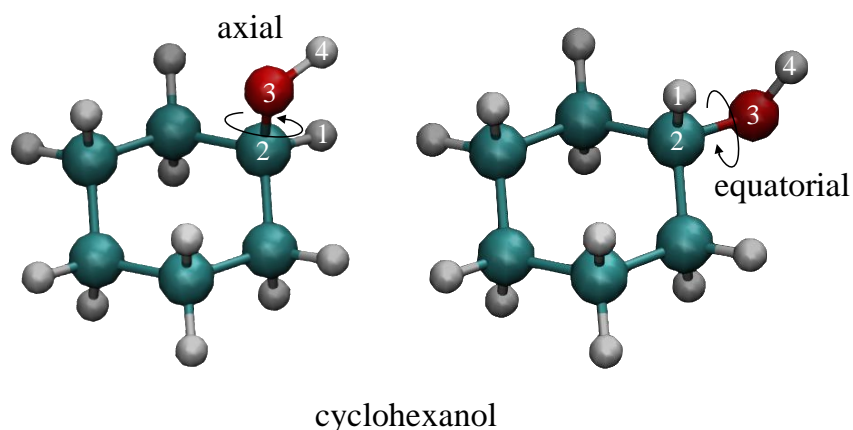
**Structure 32: B3LYP-PCM/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of talose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'ccOc'**

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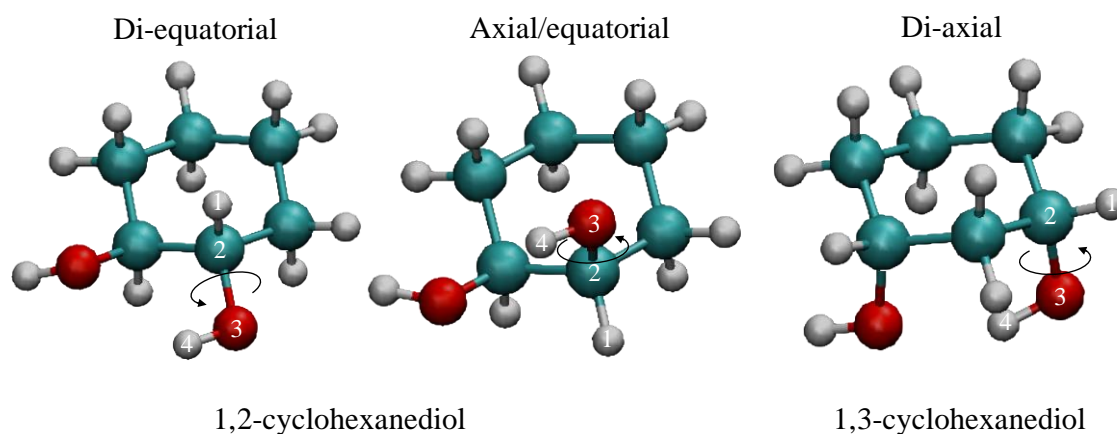
Energy: -687.0574016

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C	-1.08977	0.91552	1.10390
C	-1.16515	-0.61606	1.05444
C	-0.34568	-1.14963	-0.12378
C	1.08836	-0.60384	-0.02729
C	1.99176	-1.02857	-1.17758
H	2.99307	-0.62503	-1.01692
H	0.88108	1.10655	2.02720
H	-1.56244	1.27514	2.01895
H	-0.72791	-1.00831	1.97600
H	-0.31533	-2.24362	-0.07888
H	1.53331	-0.98678	0.90247
H	-1.56781	1.02065	-0.78085
H	-2.93709	-0.71704	0.25341
H	-0.35344	-0.75354	-2.04558

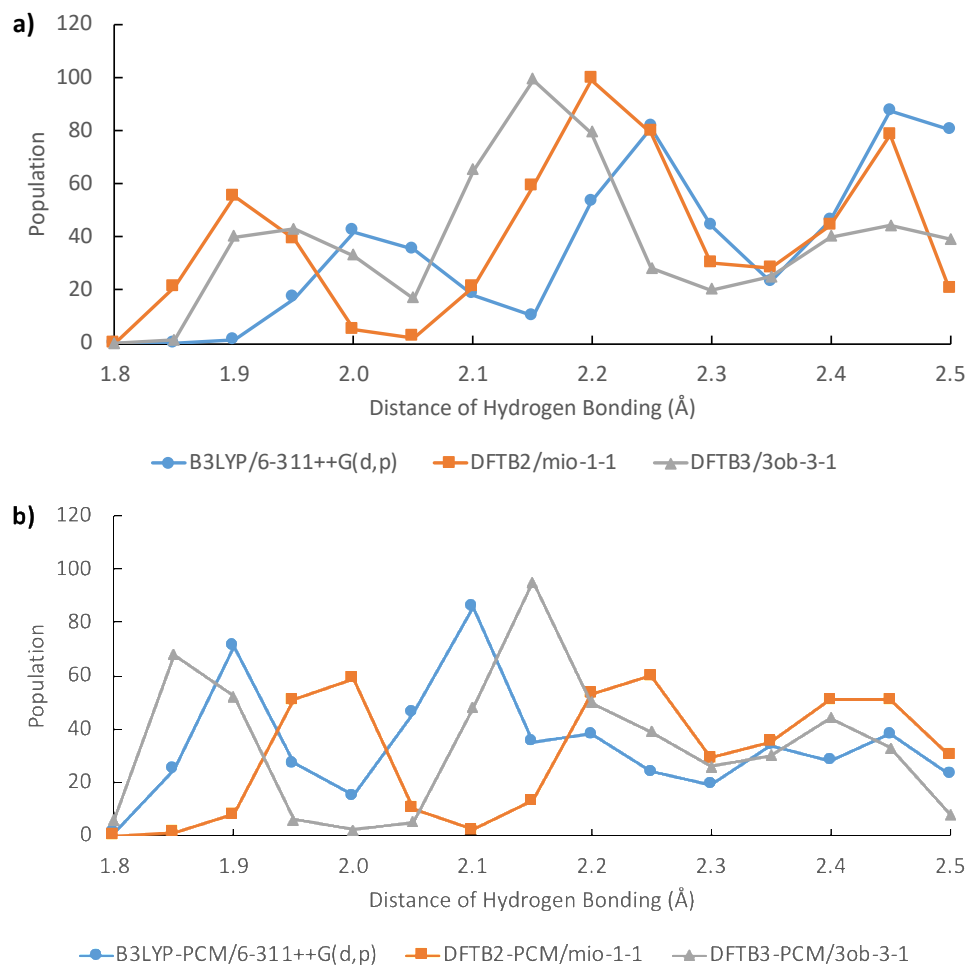
H	2.05156	-2.11651	-1.22074
H	-0.26907	3.02997	0.37338
H	1.59841	0.35926	-2.49980
O	0.43886	2.77359	0.98538
O	-1.79079	1.53053	0.01931
O	-2.50565	-1.08363	1.03549
O	-1.01109	-0.72862	-1.32735
O	1.08600	0.82765	-0.01233
O	1.48543	-0.59797	-2.45148



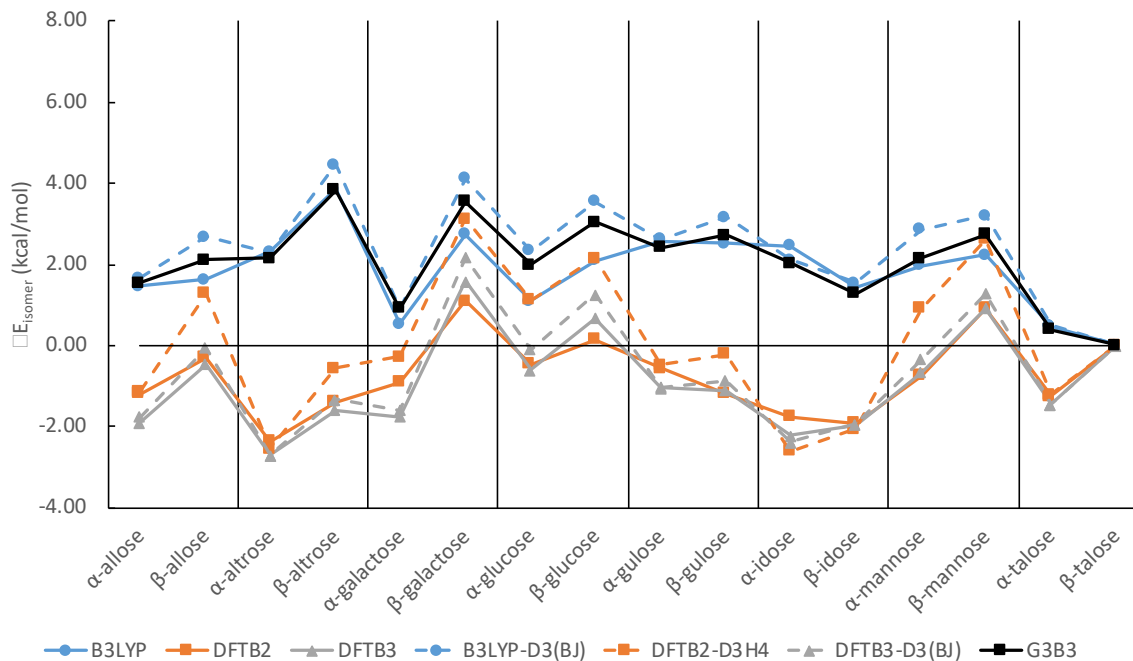
**Figure S3.** The ball and stick representation of cyclohexanol and their indicated direction of rotation. Initial angle is determined by the C-C-O-H dihedral angle (numbered 1, 2, 3, 4) when the hydroxyl and the hydrogen on 2 are eclipsed and set at  $0^\circ$  as reference.



**Figure S4.** The ball and stick representation of 1,2- and 1,3-cyclohexanediol, their indicated direction of rotation, and type of hydrogen bond interaction. Initial angle is determined by the C-C-O-H dihedral angle (numbered 1, 2, 3, 4) from optimized B3LYP geometries and set at  $0^\circ$  as reference.



**Figure S5.** Distribution of hydrogen bonding distances in a) vacuum and in b) implicit solvent.

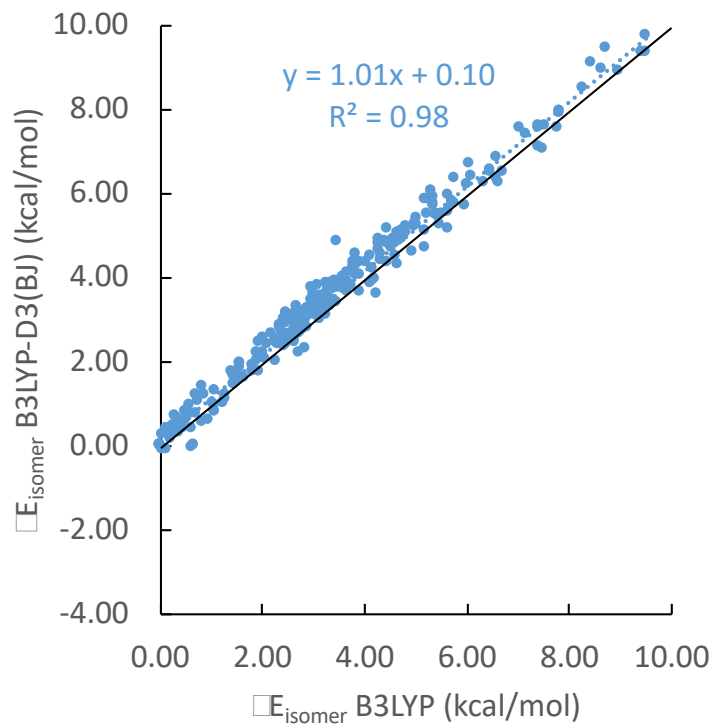


**Figure S6.** Comparison of  $\Delta E_{\text{isomer}}$  between DFT, DFT-D3, DFTB and DFTB-D3 vs. G3B3 energies from B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) geometries.

**Table S3.** The mean absolute deviation, root-mean square deviation, mean signed deviation, and the maximum deviation of  $\Delta E_{\text{isomer}}$  (kcal/mol) for B3LYP and B3LYP-D3(BJ) versus G3B3 energies. See explanation of  $\Delta E_{\text{isomer}}$  in text from Figure S2.

	Method	
	B3LYP	B3LYP-D3(BJ)
MAD	0.34	0.32
RMSD	0.46	0.39
MSD	-0.22	0.32
MAX	0.95	0.71

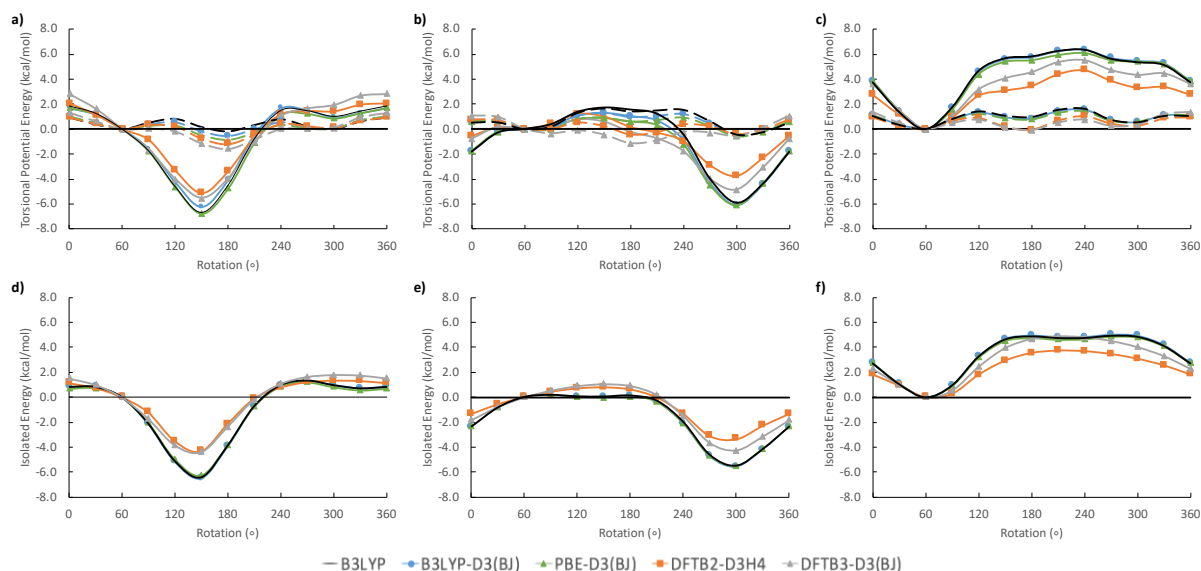




**Figure S7.** Comparison of  $\delta E_{\text{isomer}}$  between B3LYP and B3LYP-D3(BJ) energies from B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) geometries.

**Table S4.** The mean absolute deviation, root-mean square deviation, mean signed deviation, and the maximum deviation of  $\delta E_{\text{isomer}}$  (kcal/mol) for B3LYP versus B3LYP-D3(BJ) energies.

	Method
	B3LYP
MAD	0.26
RMSD	0.33
MSD	0.15
MAX	1.38



**Figure S8.** Torsional potential energy versus degree of rotation plots for 1,2- and 1,3-cyclohexanediol in vacuum. (From left to right) The energies of axial-axial, axial-equatorial, and equatorial-equatorial hydrogen bond interactions, respectively. (Top, a-c) The solid line represents the energy of a two hydroxyl group system and the dashed line represents the energy of a single hydroxyl group system. (Bottom, d-f) Isolated hydrogen bond energy.

**Structure 33: B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of allose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(g-), 'cOcc'**

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Energy: -687.0967802

C	-1.04886	-0.51835	-0.62687
C	-0.88159	0.99170	-0.80678
C	0.58372	1.40462	-0.72937
C	1.22163	0.83839	0.53377
C	-0.26615	-1.02624	0.59961
C	-0.19615	-2.54463	0.66045
H	1.12834	0.99059	-1.58760
H	-0.74067	-0.64320	1.51312
H	-0.66401	-1.03177	-1.51045
H	-1.29169	1.29261	-1.77794
H	-1.20715	-2.95090	0.62132
H	-2.83680	-0.17442	0.02611
H	0.27022	-2.84121	1.60854
H	1.38292	-2.66859	-0.45373
H	0.73031	1.24846	1.42756
H	2.99157	0.89331	1.32445
H	1.52556	3.10641	-0.58476
H	-1.46959	2.55962	0.19634
O	1.10003	-0.57329	0.54024

O	-2.42188	-0.85806	-0.51706
O	-1.63350	1.60987	0.24249
O	0.61554	2.82798	-0.74142
O	2.57838	1.17802	0.50168
O	0.51413	-3.08784	-0.44447

**Structure 34: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of allose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'rrrr'**

24

Energy: -687.0951546

C	-1.04886	-0.51835	-0.62687
C	-0.88159	0.99170	-0.80678
C	0.58372	1.40462	-0.72937
C	1.22163	0.83839	0.53377
C	-0.26615	-1.02624	0.59961
C	-0.19615	-2.54463	0.66045
H	1.12834	0.99059	-1.58760
H	-0.74067	-0.64320	1.51312
H	-0.66401	-1.03177	-1.51045
H	-1.29169	1.29261	-1.77794
H	-1.20715	-2.95090	0.62132
H	-2.83680	-0.17442	0.02611
H	0.27022	-2.84121	1.60854
H	1.38292	-2.66859	-0.45373
H	0.73031	1.24846	1.42756
H	2.99157	0.89331	1.32445
H	1.52556	3.10641	-0.58476
H	-1.46959	2.55962	0.19634
O	1.10003	-0.57329	0.54024
O	-2.42188	-0.85806	-0.51706
O	-1.63350	1.60987	0.24249
O	0.61554	2.82798	-0.74142
O	2.57838	1.17802	0.50168
O	0.51413	-3.08784	-0.44447

**Structure 35: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of altrose,  $\alpha$ -tg-(g-), 'crrc'**

24

Energy: -687.0958093

C	1.27207	-1.26985	0.77233
C	-0.12478	-1.50836	1.36399
C	-1.20601	-0.99213	0.40243
C	-0.93887	0.45916	-0.00470
C	0.52005	0.65118	-0.45181
C	0.88372	2.12111	-0.63312
H	2.04141	-1.48793	1.51313

H	-0.27466	-2.57702	1.52851
H	-2.18341	-1.05514	0.89130
H	-1.13123	1.10342	0.86398
H	0.67564	0.11911	-1.39815
H	1.94201	2.20990	-0.89143
H	0.71275	2.66137	0.30042
H	0.23046	-0.02850	2.57431
H	-1.68694	-1.37065	-1.44243
H	-1.59318	1.60173	-1.43896
H	0.44312	2.61886	-2.49114
H	0.69031	-2.18576	-0.82596
O	-0.23593	-0.87202	2.62973
O	-1.18581	-1.83644	-0.75768
O	-1.85982	0.75380	-1.05189
O	1.41463	0.14493	0.53993
O	0.04883	2.74685	-1.62255
O	1.53137	-2.03268	-0.36313

**Structure 36: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of altrose,  $\beta$ -tg-(t), 'cOcc'**

24

Energy: -687.0923077

C	1.26905	-1.33095	0.47701
C	-0.07453	-1.59662	1.16451
C	-1.23096	-1.05208	0.32088
C	-0.99773	0.40922	-0.08968
C	0.42133	0.58904	-0.65714
C	0.79781	2.04576	-0.88681
H	1.32881	-1.83477	-0.49092
H	-0.21116	-2.67057	1.29848
H	-2.15893	-1.11291	0.90219
H	-1.10294	1.05322	0.79686
H	0.49410	0.03814	-1.60417
H	1.80664	2.09563	-1.30722
H	0.78929	2.57497	0.07360
H	0.15397	-0.09164	2.38800
H	-1.88085	-1.40550	-1.46166
H	-1.75144	1.52723	-1.49622
H	0.02485	3.54471	-1.92113
H	2.12293	-1.56082	2.16996
O	-0.04607	-1.03236	2.47663
O	-1.31030	-1.87370	-0.83687
O	-2.01105	0.71213	-1.04121
O	1.38019	0.09409	0.27633
O	-0.16544	2.61157	-1.78872

O 2.34009 -1.74820 1.24564

**Structure 37: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of galactose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+),**

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Energy: -687.0979678

C	-0.44608	-1.54438	0.67238
C	0.90154	-0.92768	1.06059
C	0.82985	0.59926	1.07833
C	0.29021	1.11943	-0.25144
C	-1.03536	0.41553	-0.57451
C	-1.58377	0.73979	-1.95746
H	-0.33745	-2.61827	0.49225
H	1.64646	-1.24220	0.32169
H	0.16613	0.91387	1.88719
H	0.08726	2.19616	-0.16051
H	-1.77194	0.72896	0.17516
H	-1.67605	1.82039	-2.08111
H	-2.57405	0.28810	-2.06991
H	1.96858	-0.90160	2.68354
H	2.61490	1.13807	0.55501
H	0.91522	0.79893	-2.08613
H	-0.96661	-1.41282	2.52418
H	-0.66474	-0.67609	-2.92540
O	1.23067	-1.43048	2.35434
O	2.11185	1.14223	1.38170
O	1.32295	0.90674	-1.21209
O	-0.90448	-1.01320	-0.54480
O	-0.70669	0.28609	-2.99561
O	-1.41659	-1.30746	1.67398

**Structure 38: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of galactose,  $\beta$ -gt-(g-),**

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Energy: -687.0928537

C	-0.36706	-0.91337	-0.79706
C	1.22590	-0.38317	0.89461
C	0.51137	0.92179	1.22659
C	-0.97739	0.77258	0.94773
C	-1.21581	0.32378	-0.49564
C	-0.39346	-1.32140	-2.26193

H	-0.75285	-1.74567	-0.18882
H	-1.38504	0.01363	1.63024
H	-1.35021	2.39055	1.96007
H	0.00596	-0.50247	-2.86684
H	1.23272	-2.36797	-2.18770
H	-1.42379	-1.51085	-2.56909
H	-2.27388	0.04360	-0.60107
H	-1.26184	2.17499	-1.04142
H	0.93239	1.69917	0.57959
H	1.57736	1.39622	2.79068
H	0.84524	-1.20101	1.52953
H	3.06039	-1.00705	0.98161
O	1.01704	-0.70840	-0.46789
O	2.59028	-0.17601	1.11116
O	0.64018	1.27413	2.60076
O	-1.66338	2.00697	1.13165
O	-0.89142	1.36095	-1.40713
O	0.32693	-2.52833	-2.47594

**Structure 39: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of glucose,  $\alpha$ -gt-(g-),**

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Energy: -687.0957090

C	-0.85216	0.70670	-0.39070
C	0.63980	1.02502	-0.31062
C	1.30309	0.09709	0.69683
C	1.03681	-1.36507	0.34181
C	-0.46559	-1.60903	0.16513
C	-1.56969	1.49704	-1.47081
H	-1.32128	0.90246	0.57859
H	1.09729	0.85571	-1.29646
H	0.88739	0.31300	1.68993
H	1.53778	-1.59185	-0.60208
H	-0.64955	-2.59144	-0.27726
H	-1.08284	1.30752	-2.43745
H	-1.49122	2.56031	-1.24642
H	1.71185	2.53332	0.26815
H	3.13550	-0.26168	1.25526
H	0.99399	-2.25544	2.06357
H	-1.94565	-1.83041	1.43101
H	-3.01855	0.22865	-1.66935
O	-1.03245	-0.68644	-0.73345
O	0.77917	2.38691	0.06898

O	2.69948	0.38252	0.68449
O	1.60251	-2.23817	1.31232
O	-1.03079	-1.53025	1.46378
O	-2.95327	1.17966	-1.52588

**Structure 40: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of glucose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+),**

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Energy: -687.0937521

C	-1.05415	0.61830	-0.40581
C	0.39495	1.11286	-0.36391
C	1.14090	0.48639	0.80653
C	1.00764	-1.02719	0.78268
C	-0.47026	-1.40242	0.74043
C	-1.78962	1.04161	-1.67018
H	-1.58765	1.01349	0.47094
H	0.89382	0.82952	-1.29823
H	0.70080	0.85972	1.74289
H	1.48005	-1.42922	-0.12243
H	-0.97855	-1.04887	1.65231
H	-2.84278	0.74632	-1.57922
H	-1.73413	2.12558	-1.77017
H	1.25957	2.83586	-0.13652
H	2.98574	0.47267	1.42986
H	1.59483	-2.48611	1.93770
H	-1.17643	-0.47205	-2.71174
H	-1.47291	-3.05843	0.67043
O	-1.08977	-0.81860	-0.39510
O	-0.54767	-2.79213	0.62904
O	0.35076	2.52874	-0.23617
O	2.49921	0.90227	0.71648
O	1.64834	-1.52380	1.95272
O	-1.20426	0.48402	-2.83758

**Structure 41: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of gulose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+),**

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Energy: -687.0952666

C	0.10461	1.55944	0.48289
C	-1.35302	1.08909	0.36101

C	-1.45675	-0.42047	0.60449
C	-0.49362	-1.15510	-0.34332
C	0.92587	-0.59045	-0.21239
C	1.92420	-1.14401	-1.21948
H	0.19790	2.60538	0.18418
H	-1.65976	1.28375	-0.66745
H	-2.47111	-0.74746	0.37098
H	-0.45788	-2.21144	-0.04088
H	1.29410	-0.84096	0.79057
H	1.93980	-2.23413	-1.16512
H	2.92586	-0.76993	-0.98227
H	-2.13022	1.48093	2.09234
H	-0.45251	-0.28776	2.28373
H	-0.32791	-1.10700	-2.29279
H	1.35319	1.82815	1.97721
H	1.58461	0.15265	-2.63065
O	-2.20997	1.83797	1.19883
O	-1.24032	-0.75646	1.97395
O	-1.04519	-1.02335	-1.64661
O	0.95772	0.84110	-0.38752
O	0.50334	1.39549	1.84063
O	1.57709	-0.81074	-2.56688

**Structure 42: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of gulose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+),**

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Energy: -687.0944012

C	0.17964	1.37751	0.76395
C	-1.26967	0.91126	0.59733
C	-1.37242	-0.61270	0.65829
C	-0.40976	-1.23552	-0.35367
C	1.00227	-0.67359	-0.13389
C	2.03301	-1.15216	-1.14526
H	0.53981	1.14804	1.77239
H	-1.63101	1.24560	-0.38308
H	-2.39533	-0.91301	0.40491
H	-0.37089	-2.31795	-0.16806
H	1.32445	-0.99097	0.86672
H	2.05305	-2.24333	-1.16664
H	3.02456	-0.79141	-0.85342
H	-1.89449	2.36773	1.74021
H	-1.50981	-0.56893	2.58997
H	-0.20913	-0.98727	-2.27788



H	1.77273	0.23543	-2.48751
H	0.11127	2.98688	-0.29927
O	0.28859	2.76724	0.62494
O	-2.08219	1.42591	1.64946
O	-1.00853	-1.08909	1.94942
O	-0.94031	-0.96066	-1.64211
O	1.01119	0.76156	-0.20795
O	1.72211	-0.72826	-2.47805

**Structure 43: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of idose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0961018

C	1.38117	-0.91065	0.74498
C	0.01045	-1.55418	1.03664
C	-0.97374	-1.28586	-0.11485
C	-1.02890	0.21525	-0.44551
C	0.38923	0.75854	-0.66853
C	0.44946	2.26685	-0.86661
H	1.99141	-0.92603	1.64637
H	1.47453	2.55565	-1.11814
H	0.15790	-2.63281	1.12639
H	-1.96899	-1.62181	0.19195
H	-1.60196	0.36059	-1.37491
H	0.79338	0.28037	-1.57027
H	-0.21051	2.57245	-1.68106
H	-0.95372	-0.25009	2.09900
H	-1.15902	-2.00467	-1.95336
H	-1.41928	1.76932	0.68128
H	1.45685	-1.92709	-0.91118
H	0.62076	2.74562	1.01042
O	-0.51590	-1.09918	2.26766
O	-0.50670	-2.03821	-1.24604
O	-1.70859	0.84078	0.64369
O	1.22623	0.48170	0.45226
O	2.08750	-1.58279	-0.26240
O	0.00517	2.97064	0.30048

**Structure 44: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of idose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'cccc'**

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Energy: -687.0969777

C	1.44362	-0.75843	0.69654
C	0.15949	-1.58971	0.86422

C	-0.76907	-1.44764	-0.34715
C	-1.00970	0.03482	-0.66989
C	0.33767	0.75557	-0.80697
C	0.21178	2.25587	-1.03491
H	1.20145	2.68063	-1.22909
H	2.07044	-1.16460	-0.10390
H	0.44706	-2.63826	0.96573
H	-1.72578	-1.92473	-0.10966
H	-1.54636	0.11246	-1.62746
H	0.86176	0.31273	-1.66620
H	-0.43057	2.46009	-1.89395
H	-1.05820	-0.45084	1.86451
H	-0.77146	-2.26798	-2.13391
H	-1.66293	1.51898	0.42872
H	0.20122	2.77370	0.83863
H	1.54097	-0.69484	2.58924
O	2.18256	-0.75469	1.86415
O	-0.49406	-1.21515	2.07206
O	-0.12372	-2.09998	-1.44253
O	-1.81799	0.55909	0.38709
O	1.11616	0.60765	0.37744
O	-0.39416	2.90812	0.08937

**Structure 45: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of mannose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+),**

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Energy: -687.0948824

C	-0.39825	-1.52686	0.99904
C	1.06892	-1.09815	1.04435
C	1.20019	0.41206	0.84728
C	0.43830	0.84788	-0.39486
C	-1.03039	0.42620	-0.26809
C	-1.86156	0.74491	-1.50000
H	-0.45315	-2.61027	0.86804
H	-1.89910	1.82544	-1.65103
H	1.47338	-1.37015	2.02583
H	0.78177	0.92626	1.72104
H	0.87333	0.36280	-1.27172
H	-1.47442	0.92147	0.60414
H	-2.88593	0.38985	-1.33299
H	2.60546	-1.38388	-0.08930
H	2.67541	1.60880	0.44254
H	0.48639	2.52448	-1.41692

H	-1.88903	-1.44224	2.23892
H	-1.20867	-0.76477	-2.52844
O	1.74205	-1.80494	0.01273
O	2.59336	0.69058	0.72753
O	0.57848	2.27020	-0.49349
O	-1.09752	-1.00336	-0.11375
O	-0.98211	-1.11723	2.21877
O	-1.31121	0.18230	-2.68375

**Structure 46: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of mannose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+),**

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Energy: -687.0943346

C	-0.57178	-1.43408	1.05919
C	0.90952	-1.04186	1.16568
C	1.10346	0.45822	0.96595
C	0.39744	0.92841	-0.29616
C	-1.08166	0.52664	-0.22535
C	-1.87347	0.91429	-1.46534
H	-1.88749	2.00074	-1.57395
H	-1.11972	-1.05723	1.93244
H	1.26394	-1.32404	2.16524
H	0.66945	0.99150	1.82437
H	0.84783	0.44383	-1.16573
H	-1.54731	1.00248	0.65263
H	-2.90699	0.57051	-1.34046
H	2.49863	-1.42475	0.11791
H	2.62902	1.60327	0.60709
H	0.48984	2.62333	-1.28217
H	-1.25124	-0.56823	-2.55064
H	-0.06208	-3.15944	0.42889
O	-0.72901	-2.80825	1.03636
O	1.60588	-1.78769	0.17474
O	2.50668	0.69362	0.90587
O	0.58056	2.34662	-0.36494
O	-1.16653	-0.89471	-0.12435
O	-1.29707	0.39024	-2.65439

**Structure 47: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of talose,  $\alpha$ -gg-(g+), 'rcrc'**

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Energy: -687.0986630

C	0.10223	1.51047	0.93973
C	-1.26992	0.82618	1.02586
C	-1.10294	-0.70265	1.01951
C	-0.26889	-1.13339	-0.19387
C	1.07488	-0.39186	-0.16484
C	1.97427	-0.67496	-1.35982
H	-0.03155	2.57398	0.72970
H	2.14214	-1.74957	-1.45285
H	-1.74128	1.13218	1.96122
H	-0.55447	-0.98969	1.91985
H	-0.07826	-2.21273	-0.13241
H	1.60568	-0.70217	0.74458
H	2.94126	-0.18254	-1.21251
H	-1.83964	0.81007	-0.82815
H	-2.90846	-1.00786	0.38564
H	-0.41463	-0.80458	-2.12385
H	1.55336	1.83839	2.19295
H	1.27655	0.70787	-2.53888
O	-2.12034	1.27054	-0.02024
O	-2.34668	-1.37023	1.08219
O	-1.03049	-0.84483	-1.37411
O	0.88083	1.03103	-0.15000
O	0.75731	1.29590	2.17179
O	1.38301	-0.25037	-2.59325

**Structure 48: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-311++G(d,p)-optimized geometry of talose,  $\beta$ -gg-(g+), 'ccrc'**

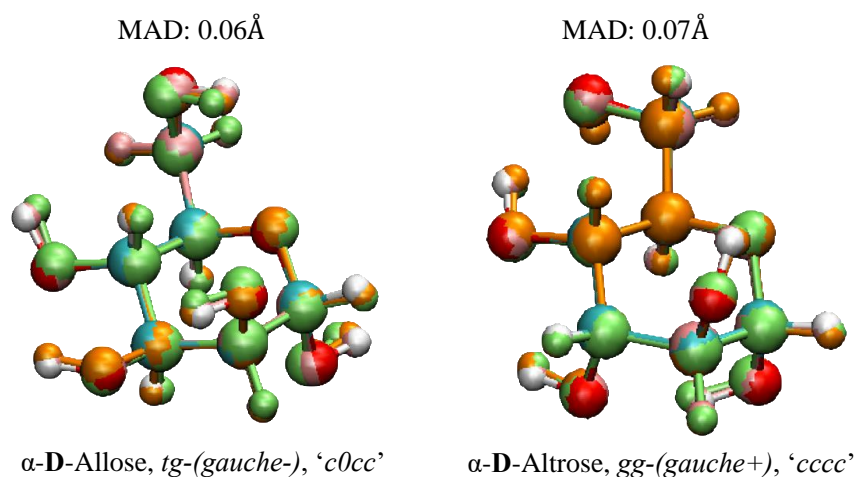
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Energy: -687.0994385

C	0.37886	1.39885	1.07565
C	-1.08230	0.91503	1.08700
C	-1.16041	-0.61682	1.05090
C	-0.34169	-1.15745	-0.12629
C	1.09115	-0.61133	-0.02812
C	1.99464	-1.03183	-1.18143
H	3.01471	-0.68479	-0.98948
H	0.88994	1.12412	2.00774
H	-1.55744	1.28194	1.99979
H	-0.71355	-1.00315	1.97286
H	-0.31655	-2.25344	-0.07540
H	1.53377	-0.99613	0.90567
H	-1.56216	1.00316	-0.79443
H	-2.95096	-0.66924	0.30627
H	-0.35136	-0.78064	-2.05276
H	2.00649	-2.11951	-1.27390

H	-0.26348	3.02331	0.33409
H	1.57676	0.43949	-2.38272
O	0.44539	2.77203	0.94677
O	-1.78893	1.51520	0.00200
O	-2.49343	-1.08579	1.04715
O	-1.00058	-0.74311	-1.33032
O	1.09602	0.81305	-0.02537
O	1.52409	-0.52360	-2.43501

### First principles geometries vs. DFTB-D3 optimized geometries.



**Figure S9.** Comparisons of optimized structures including hydrogen atoms between optimized B3LYP (red, cyan, and white), B3LYP-D3(BJ) (pink), DFTB2 (orange), and DFTB2-D3H4 (lime) structures.

The geometry comparison of DFTB2, DFTB3, DFTB2-D3H4, and DFTB3-D3(BJ) structures with of the 170 B3LYP optimized structures studied in our investigation and their RMSD of atomic position distribution.

**Table S5.** The mean absolute deviation, root-mean square deviation, and the maximum deviation of RMSD of atomic position values (Å) for DFTB2, DFTB3, DFTB2-D3H4, and DFTB3-D3(BJ) versus optimized B3LYP geometries.

	Method			
	DFTB2	DFTB3	DFTB2-D3H4	DFTB3-D3(BJ)
<i>All Atoms</i>				
MAD	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.13
RMSD	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.14

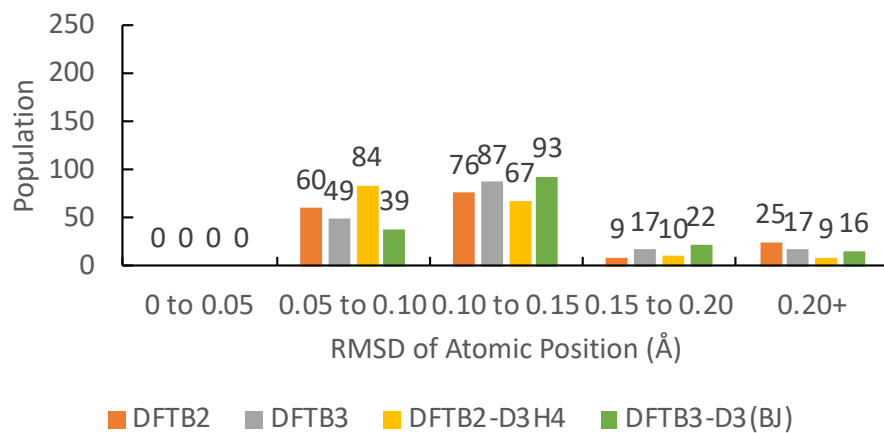
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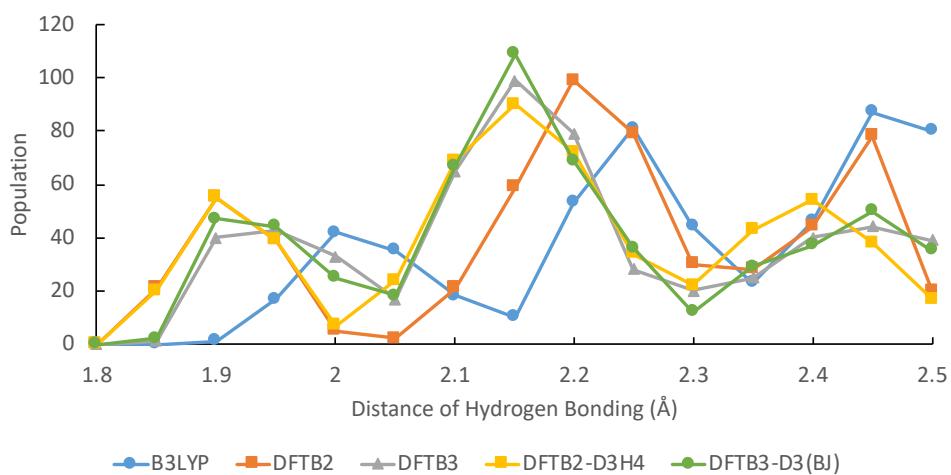
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**Figure S10.** Distribution of geometries according to RMSD of atomic position values (hydrogen included) in vacuum with DFTB2-D3H4 and DFTB3-D3(BJ).



**Figure S11.** Distribution of hydrogen bonding distances in vacuum with DFTB2-D3H4 and DFTB3-D3(BJ).