

## An overview of the biphasic dehydration of sugars to 5-hydroxymethylfurfural and furfural: a rational selection of solvents using COSMO-RS and selection guides.

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## **S1. Experimental procedure for the measurement of the distribution of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural and furfural**

### **Materials**

The following chemicals were used for the partition experiments: 5-hydroxymethylfurfural (Fluorochem, 98%), furfural (Sigma Aldrich, 99%), methyl propionate (Abcr GmbH, 99%), ethyl acetate (Carl Roth,  $\geq 99.5\%$ ). In addition, milliQ water was used as filtered by Merck Millipak 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  (resistivity of 18.2 M $\Omega$ .cm).

### **Partition experiments**

The partition of 5-HMF and furfural in aqueous biphasic media was performed putting in contact an aqueous phase containing the furan with ethyl acetate or methyl propionate as organic extracting phases. The experiments were performed in 10 mL magnetically stirred vials for microwave reactions, with reinforced glass walls to withstand higher pressures than conventional glassware.

Four different chemical compositions of the loads were tested for partition. As aqueous phases, 1.25 mL of MilliQ water solutions containing 0.7% wt. and 7% wt. of 5-HMF (corresponding to the theoretical maximum 5-HMF that could be obtained from 1% wt. and 10 % wt. of fructose) were prepared. In the case of furfural, 0.64% wt. and 6.4% wt. were added to 1.5 mL of MilliQ water (likewise, corresponding to the theoretical maximum furfural obtained from 1% wt. and 10% wt. solutions of xylose). As organic phases, 4.09 mL of methyl propionate and 4.16 mL of ethyl acetate were used (3.75 g of each), which were put in contact with the two different aqueous solutions of 5-HMF and the two of furfural.

The distribution of 5-HMF and furfural from the described four batches was performed at the temperatures of 25 °C and 150 °C. For the experiments at 25 °C, the tubes containing the biphasic systems were placed into an oil bath on a heating plate (IKA RCT basic, accuracy  $\pm 0.05$  °C) magnetically stirred at 1200 rpm during 4 hours. After stirring stopped, the batches were allowed to settle at least 12 h. In the case of the experiments at 150 °C, owing to the operation exceeding the boiling points of both water and the organic solvents, the experiments were conducted in an Anton Paar Monowave 450 microwave reactor. The pressures reached during these experiments ranged between 9 and 10 bar. On this occasion, owing to the potential sensitivity to thermal degradation of the furans<sup>1</sup>, the partition experiment was performed only for 15 min.<sup>2,3</sup> at 150 °C under stirred conditions, then was allowed to settle another 15 min. at this temperature without stirring and subsequently allowed to settle further 12 h at room conditions out of the microwave reactor.

Finally, samples were withdrawn from the organic-rich (top) and aqueous (bottom) phases with needles and taken for analysis.

### **Analytical methods**

The organic-rich phase was analyzed using a Shimadzu GC-2030 GC device equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID). Resolution of the peaks was achieved with a Restek Rtx-1701 column (30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$ ) using He as carrier gas with an injector temperature of 260 °C and FID temperature at 260 °C. The temperature program followed started holding during 6 minutes at 140 °C, followed by a ramp of 25 °C/min up to 250 °C and finally this temperature was held during 5 minutes.

For its part, the aqueous phase was analyzed using HPLC employing a Shimadzu LC-20AD device equipped with a diode array detector (SPD-M20A). Separation was made using an Organic-Acid Resin

column (300 m x 8 mm) supplied by Chromatographie-Service GmbH employing acidic water as mobile phase (2 mM trifluoroacetic acid solution in MilliQ water) pumping at 1 mL/min through the column, which was kept at 40°C for separation in a CTO-10AS oven. Detection of 5-HMF was made at 277 nm and furfural at 282 nm.

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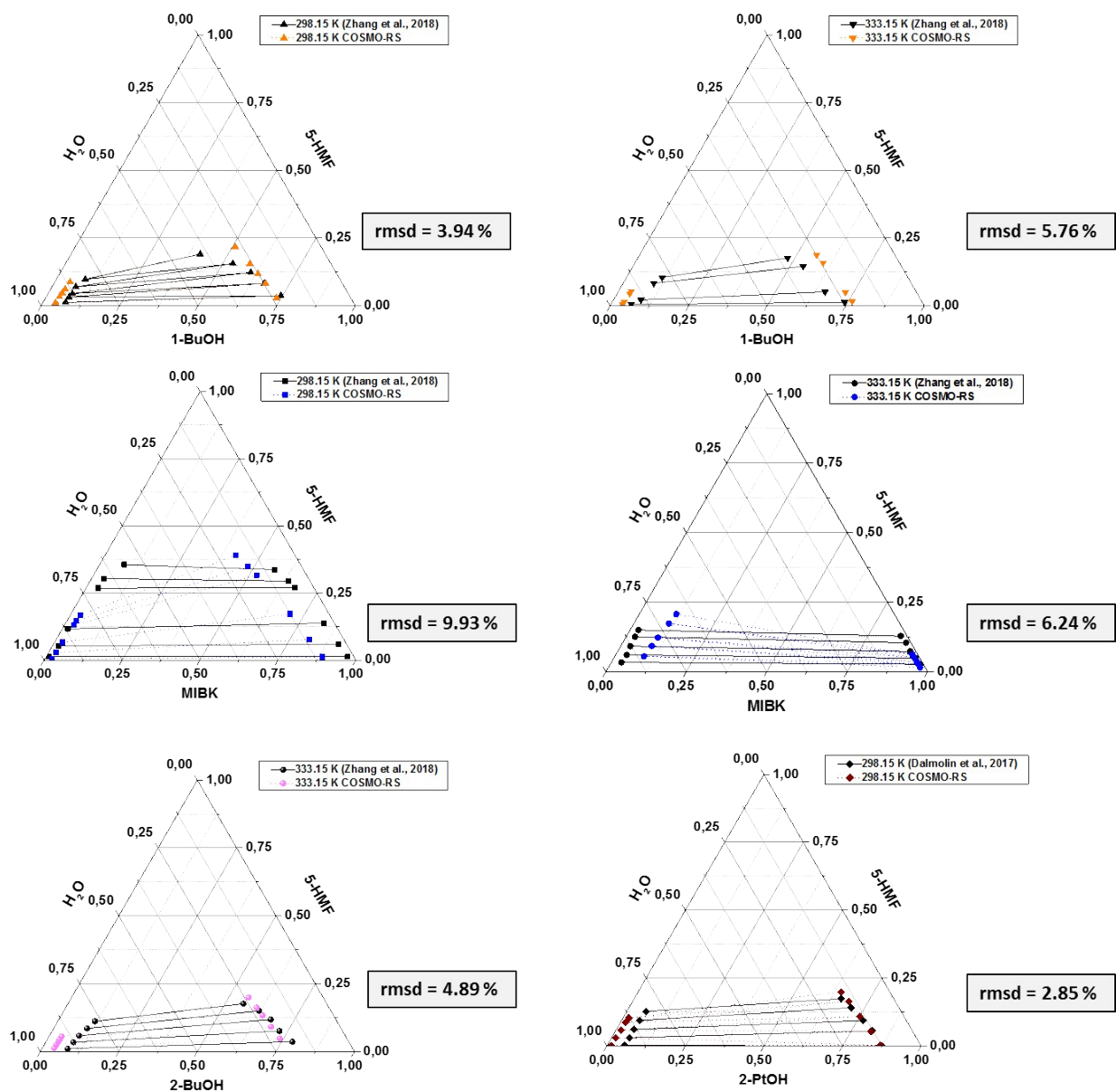


Figure S1. Experimental and COSMO-RS predictions of the liquid-liquid equilibria of different {H<sub>2</sub>O + 5-HMF + solvent} systems at different temperatures.

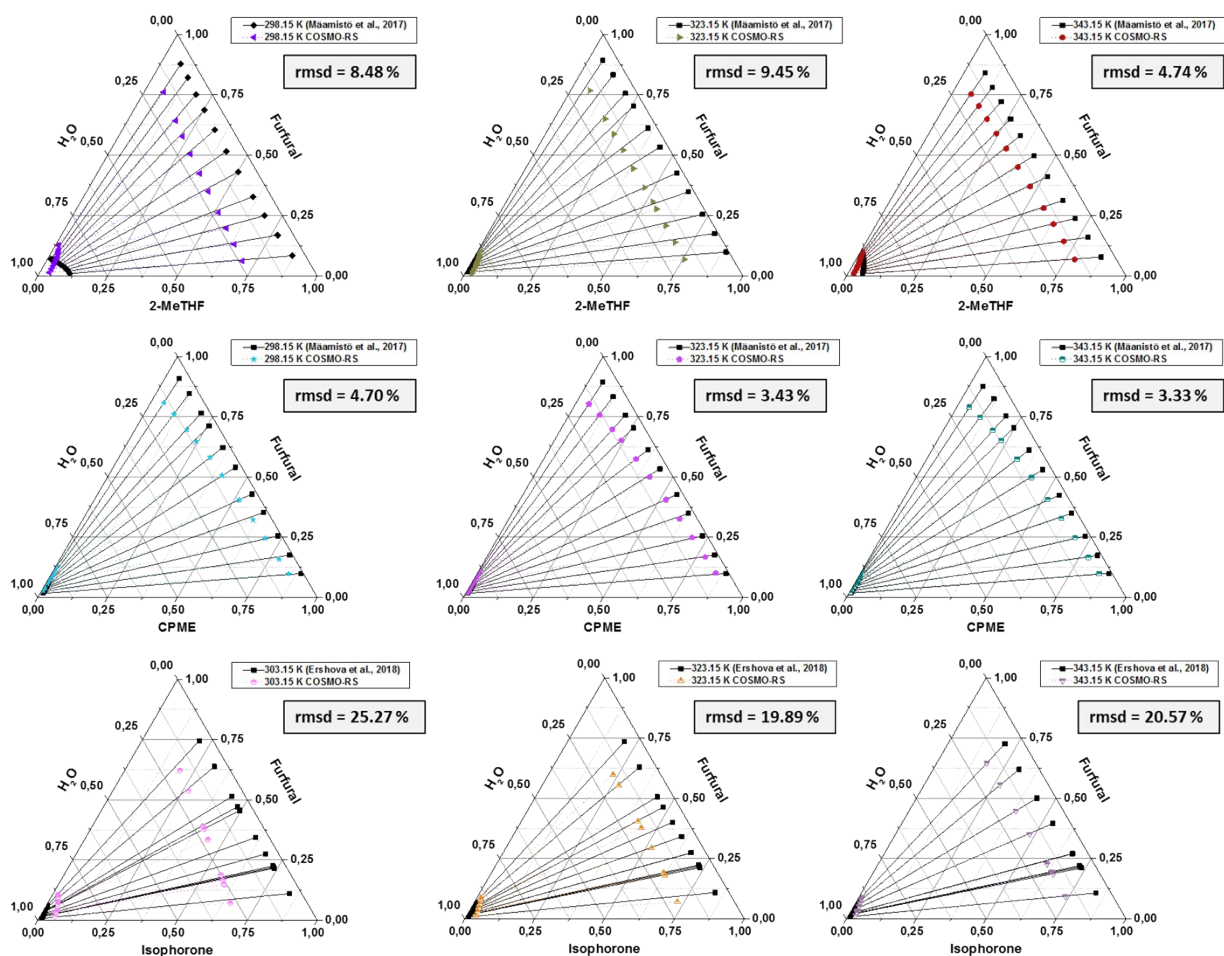


Figure S2. Experimental and COSMO-RS predictions of the liquid-liquid equilibria of different  $\{H_2O + \text{furfural} + \text{solvent}\}$  systems at different temperatures.





Table S1. List of candidates for the biphasic dehydration of sugars to furans from different solvent guides in literature and COSMO-RS predictions of miscibility with water at 298.15, 373.15 and 423.15 K

|                            |            |                            | T= 298.15 K        |                      |                  |                      | T= 423.15 K        |                      |                  |                      |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|                            |            |                            | Solvent-rich phase |                      | Water-rich phase |                      | Solvent-rich phase |                      | Water-rich phase |                      |
| Solvent                    | CAS        | Miscibility gap predicted? | W <sub>H2O</sub>   | W <sub>solvent</sub> | W <sub>H2O</sub> | W <sub>solvent</sub> | W <sub>H2O</sub>   | W <sub>solvent</sub> | W <sub>H2O</sub> | W <sub>solvent</sub> |
| Alcohols                   |            |                            |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| methanol                   | 67-56-1    | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| ethanol                    | 64-17-5    | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| propanol                   | 71-23-8    | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| 2-propanol                 | 67-63-0    | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| ethylene glycol            | 107-21-1   | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| propylene glycol           | 57-55-6    | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| 1,3-propanediol            | 504-63-2   | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| glycerol                   | 56-81-5    | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| 1-butanol                  | 71-36-3    | Yes                        | 0.2315             | 0.7685               | 0.9608           | 0.0392               | 0.2802             | 0.7198               | 0.9401           | 0.0599               |
| 2-butanol                  | 78-92-2    | Yes                        | 0.2262             | 0.7738               | 0.9593           | 0.0407               | 0.2591             | 0.7409               | 0.9428           | 0.0572               |
| isobutanol                 | 78-83-1    | Yes                        | 0.1998             | 0.8002               | 0.9622           | 0.0378               | 0.2650             | 0.7350               | 0.9383           | 0.0617               |
| tert-butanol               | 75-65-0    | Yes                        | 0.2580             | 0.7420               | 0.9476           | 0.0524               | 0.2893             | 0.7107               | 0.9278           | 0.0722               |
| glycerol formal            | 5464-28-8  | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| 3-methoxy-1,2-propanediol  | 623-39-2   | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| 1-pentanol                 | 71-41-0    | Yes                        | 0.1404             | 0.8596               | 0.9869           | 0.0131               | 0.1800             | 0.8200               | 0.9768           | 0.0232               |
| isopentanol                | 123-51-3   | Yes                        | 0.1416             | 0.8584               | 0.9836           | 0.0164               | 0.1897             | 0.8103               | 0.9703           | 0.0297               |
| 2-methyl-2-butanol         | 75-85-4    | Yes                        | 0.1274             | 0.8726               | 0.9843           | 0.0157               | 0.1612             | 0.8388               | 0.9735           | 0.0265               |
| tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol | 97-99-4    | Not at all temperatures    |                    |                      |                  |                      | 0.4723             | 0.5277               | 0.7586           | 0.2414               |
| furfuryl alcohol           | 98-00-0    | Yes                        | 0.1824             | 0.8176               | 0.9226           | 0.0774               | 0.4144             | 0.5856               | 0.7708           | 0.2292               |
| 1,3-dimethoxy-2-propanol   | 623-69-8   | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| 1-hexanol                  | 111-27-3   | Yes                        | 0.0953             | 0.9047               | 0.9955           | 0.0045               | 0.1300             | 0.8700               | 0.9901           | 0.0099               |
| 3-methoxy-3-methylbutanol  | 56539-66-3 | Yes                        | 0.4129             | 0.5871               | 0.9119           | 0.0881               | 0.2215             | 0.7785               | 0.9559           | 0.0441               |
| solketal                   | 100-79-8   | No                         |                    |                      |                  |                      |                    |                      |                  |                      |
| 1-heptanol                 | 111-70-6   | Yes                        | 0.0688             | 0.9312               | 0.9985           | 0.0015               | 0.0985             | 0.9015               | 0.9958           | 0.0042               |
| benzyl alcohol             | 100-51-6   | Yes                        | 0.1022             | 0.8978               | 0.9741           | 0.0259               | 0.2021             | 0.7979               | 0.9353           | 0.0647               |

|                           |            |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------|------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1-octanol                 | 111-87-5   | Yes | 0.0520 | 0.9480 | 0.9995 | 0.0005 | 0.0783 | 0.9217 | 0.9982 | 0.0018 |
| 1-decanol                 | 112-30-1   | Yes | 0.0336 | 0.9664 | 0.9999 | 0.0001 | 0.0552 | 0.9448 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 |
| dihydromyrcenol           | 53219-21-9 | Yes | 0.0330 | 0.9670 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 | 0.0550 | 0.9450 | 0.9990 | 0.0010 |
| geraniol                  | 106-24-1   | Yes | 0.0469 | 0.9531 | 0.9994 | 0.0006 | 0.0744 | 0.9256 | 0.9978 | 0.0022 |
| dihydro terpineol         | 58985-02-7 | Yes | 0.0422 | 0.9578 | 0.9993 | 0.0007 | 0.0598 | 0.9402 | 0.9977 | 0.0023 |
| □-terpineol               | 98-55-5    | Yes | 0.0341 | 0.9659 | 0.9992 | 0.0008 | 0.0593 | 0.9407 | 0.9971 | 0.0029 |
| β-terpineol               | 138-87-4   | Yes | 0.0319 | 0.9681 | 0.9992 | 0.0008 | 0.0607 | 0.9393 | 0.9969 | 0.0031 |
| nopol                     | 128-50-7   | Yes | 0.0414 | 0.9586 | 0.9992 | 0.0008 | 0.0588 | 0.9412 | 0.9973 | 0.0027 |
| oleyl alcohol             | 143-28-2   | Yes | 0.0109 | 0.9891 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0248 | 0.9752 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| <b>Esters</b>             |            |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| methyl formate            | 107-31-3   | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| methyl acetate            | 79-20-9    | Yes | 0.2399 | 0.7701 | 0.9115 | 0.0885 | 0.4388 | 0.5612 | 0.7476 | 0.2524 |
| ethyl acetate             | 141-78-6   | Yes | 0.1423 | 0.8577 | 0.9095 | 0.0905 | 0.1977 | 0.8023 | 0.9369 | 0.0631 |
| isopropyl acetate         | 108-21-4   | Yes | 0.0631 | 0.9369 | 0.9778 | 0.0222 | 0.1206 | 0.8794 | 0.9769 | 0.0231 |
| n-propyl acetate          | 109-60-4   | Yes | 0.0604 | 0.9396 | 0.9800 | 0.0200 | 0.1190 | 0.8810 | 0.9792 | 0.0208 |
| n-butyl acetate           | 123-86-4   | Yes | 0.0367 | 0.9633 | 0.9937 | 0.0063 | 0.0860 | 0.9140 | 0.9913 | 0.0087 |
| n-pentyl acetate          | 628-63-7   | Yes | 0.0242 | 0.9758 | 0.9981 | 0.0019 | 0.0657 | 0.9343 | 0.9965 | 0.0035 |
| isoamyl acetate           | 123-92-2   | Yes | 0.0284 | 0.9716 | 0.9969 | 0.0031 | 0.0711 | 0.9289 | 0.9951 | 0.0049 |
| geranyl acetate           | 105-87-3   | Yes | 0.0057 | 0.9943 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0302 | 0.9698 | 0.9999 | 0.0001 |
| adipic acid diethyl ester | 141-28-6   | Yes | 0.0242 | 0.9758 | 0.9975 | 0.0025 | 0.0685 | 0.9315 | 0.9973 | 0.0027 |
| ethyl palmitate           | 628-97-7   | Yes | 0.0023 | 0.9977 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0150 | 0.9850 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| acetic anhydride          | 108-24-7   | Yes | 0.0363 | 0.9637 | 0.9392 | 0.0608 | 0.2502 | 0.7498 | 0.8541 | 0.1459 |
| methyl propionate         | 554-12-1   | Yes | 0.0812 | 0.9188 | 0.9431 | 0.0569 | 0.1716 | 0.8284 | 0.9454 | 0.0546 |
| isobutyl acetate          | 110-19-0   | Yes | 0.0394 | 0.9606 | 0.9921 | 0.0079 | 0.0884 | 0.9116 | 0.9897 | 0.0103 |
| dibutyl sebacate          | 109-43-3   | Yes | 0.0067 | 0.9933 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0264 | 0.9736 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| butyl laurate             | 106-18-3   | Yes | 0.0035 | 0.9965 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0182 | 0.9818 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| diethyl phthalate         | 84-66-2    | Yes | 0.0092 | 0.9908 | 0.9993 | 0.0007 | 0.0519 | 0.9481 | 0.9972 | 0.0028 |
| ethyl succinate           | 123-25-1   | Yes | 0.0189 | 0.9811 | 0.9949 | 0.0051 | 0.0782 | 0.9218 | 0.9920 | 0.0080 |
| diisobutyl succinate      | 925-06-4   | Yes | 0.0133 | 0.9867 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 | 0.0453 | 0.9547 | 0.9995 | 0.0005 |
| dimethyl adipate          | 627-93-0   | Yes | 0.0189 | 0.9811 | 0.9949 | 0.0051 | 0.0782 | 0.9218 | 0.9920 | 0.0080 |
| dimethyl phthalate        | 131-11-3   | Yes | 0.0133 | 0.9867 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 | 0.0453 | 0.9547 | 0.9995 | 0.0005 |
| dimethyl succinate        | 106-65-0   | Yes | 0.0352 | 0.9648 | 0.9631 | 0.0369 | 0.1453 | 0.8547 | 0.9516 | 0.0484 |
| methyl laurate            | 111-82-0   | Yes | 0.0043 | 0.9957 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0234 | 0.9766 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| ethyl laurate             | 106-33-2   | Yes | 0.0041 | 0.9959 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0213 | 0.9787 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| methyl myristate          | 124-10-7   | Yes | 0.0032 | 0.9968 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0193 | 0.9807 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| ethyl myristate           | 124-06-1   | Yes | 0.0032 | 0.9968 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0181 | 0.9819 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |

|                                |            |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ethyl linoleate                | 544-35-4   | Yes | 0.0023 | 0.9977 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0163 | 0.9837 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| isopropyl myristate            | 110-27-0   | Yes | 0.0296 | 0.9704 | 0.9808 | 0.0192 | 0.1103 | 0.8897 | 0.9786 | 0.0214 |
| benzoic acid phenylmethylester | 118-58-1   | Yes | 0.0034 | 0.9966 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0320 | 0.9680 | 0.9992 | 0.0008 |
| ricinoleic acid methylester    | 141-24-2   | Yes | 0.0110 | 0.9890 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0257 | 0.9743 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| dimethyl glutarate             | 1119-40-0  | Yes | 0.0379 | 0.9621 | 0.9724 | 0.0276 | 0.1202 | 0.8798 | 0.9748 | 0.0252 |
| diisobutyl glutarate           | 71195-64-7 | Yes | 0.0092 | 0.9908 | 0.9993 | 0.0007 | 0.0519 | 0.9481 | 0.9972 | 0.0028 |
| methyl abietate                | 127-25-3   | Yes | 0.0027 | 0.9973 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0160 | 0.9840 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| methyl palmitate               | 112-39-0   | Yes | 0.0024 | 0.9976 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0163 | 0.9837 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| isopropyl palmitate            | 142-91-6   | Yes | 0.0021 | 0.9979 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0139 | 0.9861 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| methyl stearate                | 112-61-8   | Yes | 0.0019 | 0.9981 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0140 | 0.9860 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| methyl linoleate               | 112-63-0   | Yes | 0.0016 | 0.9984 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0148 | 0.9852 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| methyl linolenate              | 301-00-8   | Yes | 0.0026 | 0.9974 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0192 | 0.9808 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| ethyl oleate                   | 111-62-6   | Yes | 0.0021 | 0.9979 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0146 | 0.9854 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| methyl oleate                  | 112-62-9   | Yes | 0.0021 | 0.9979 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0156 | 0.9844 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| octadecanoicacidbutylester     | 123-95-5   | Yes | 0.0017 | 0.9983 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0119 | 0.9881 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| dihydroterpinyl acetate        | 58985-18-5 | Yes | 0.0088 | 0.9912 | 0.9999 | 0.0001 | 0.0299 | 0.9701 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 |
| glycerol triacetate            | 102-76-1   | Yes | 0.0032 | 0.9968 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0181 | 0.9819 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| triethyl citrate               | 77-93-0    | Yes | 0.0127 | 0.9873 | 0.9990 | 0.0010 | 0.0552 | 0.9448 | 0.9977 | 0.0023 |
| γ-Valerolactone                | 108-29-2   | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2-ethylhexyl lactate           | 6283-86-9  | Yes | 0.0180 | 0.9820 | 0.9999 | 0.0001 | 0.0389 | 0.9611 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 |
| Ethyl lactate                  | 97-64-3    | Yes | 0.1304 | 0.8696 | 0.9484 | 0.0516 | 0.1638 | 0.8362 | 0.9553 | 0.0447 |
| 1,2-ethanediol diacetate       | 111-55-7   | Yes | 0.0680 | 0.9320 | 0.9123 | 0.0877 | 0.1813 | 0.8187 | 0.9362 | 0.0638 |
| 4-methyl-2-pentylacetate       | 108-84-9   | Yes | 0.0177 | 0.9823 | 0.9991 | 0.0009 | 0.0530 | 0.9470 | 0.9978 | 0.0022 |
| 2-ethylhexyl acetate           | 103-09-3   | Yes | 0.0117 | 0.9883 | 0.9999 | 0.0001 | 0.0381 | 0.9619 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 |
| <b>Ketones</b>                 |            |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| acetone                        | 67-64-1    | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| butanone                       | 78-93-3    | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| methyl isobutyl ketone         | 108-10-1   | Yes | 0.2315 | 0.7685 | 0.9608 | 0.0392 | 0.4046 | 0.5954 | 0.8391 | 0.1609 |
| cyclopentanone                 | 120-92-3   | Yes | 0.1275 | 0.8725 | 0.8876 | 0.1124 | 0.4088 | 0.5912 | 0.8025 | 0.1975 |
| cyclohexanone                  | 108-94-1   | Yes | 0.1098 | 0.8902 | 0.8515 | 0.1485 | 0.2477 | 0.7523 | 0.9135 | 0.0865 |
| <b>Organic acids</b>           |            |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| formic acid                    | 64-18-6    | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| acetic acid                    | 64-19-7    | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| propionic acid                 | 79-09-4    | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| hydracrylic acid               | 503-66-2   | No  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

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|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| lactic acid               | 50-21-5     | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| cis-9-octadecenoic acid   | 112-80-1    | Yes                     | 0.0204 | 0.9796 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0324 | 0.9676 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| ricinoleic acid           | 141-22-0    | Yes                     | 0.0254 | 0.9746 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0400 | 0.9600 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| methanesulfonic acid      | 75-75-2     | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Ethers</b>             |             |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| dimethyl ether            | 111109-77-4 | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2-methoxyethanol          | 109-86-4    | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| dioxolane                 | 646-06-0    | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| dimethoxymethane          | 109-87-5    | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.2883 | 0.7117 | 0.8782 | 0.1218 |
| tetrahydrofuran           | 109-99-9    | Yes                     | 0.3861 | 0.6139 | 0.7770 | 0.2230 | 0.3022 | 0.6978 | 0.9019 | 0.0981 |
| diethyl ether             | 60-29-7     | Yes                     | 0.1196 | 0.8804 | 0.9867 | 0.0133 | 0.1076 | 0.8924 | 0.9861 | 0.0139 |
| dioxane                   | 123-91-1    | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 1,2-dimethoxyethane       | 110-71-4    | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.2880 | 0.7120 | 0.9117 | 0.0883 |
| 2-methyltetrahydrofuran   | 96-47-9     | Yes                     | 0.2428 | 0.7572 | 0.9649 | 0.0351 | 0.1489 | 0.8511 | 0.9723 | 0.0277 |
| methyl-t-butylether       | 1634-04-4   | Yes                     | 0.1493 | 0.8507 | 0.9880 | 0.0120 | 0.1038 | 0.8962 | 0.9872 | 0.0128 |
| diethoxymethane           | 462-95-3    | Yes                     | 0.0839 | 0.9161 | 0.9847 | 0.0153 | 0.0951 | 0.9049 | 0.9880 | 0.0120 |
| cyclopentyl methyl ether  | 5614-37-9   | Yes                     | 0.0482 | 0.9518 | 0.9953 | 0.0047 | 0.0636 | 0.9364 | 0.9927 | 0.0073 |
| diisopropyl ether         | 108-20-3    | Yes                     | 0.0754 | 0.9246 | 0.9979 | 0.0021 | 0.0646 | 0.9354 | 0.9965 | 0.0035 |
| methyl tert-amyl ether    | 994-05-8    | Yes                     | 0.0572 | 0.9428 | 0.9970 | 0.0030 | 0.0596 | 0.9404 | 0.9952 | 0.0048 |
| 2-ethoxy-2-methyl-propane | 637-92-3    | Yes                     | 0.0661 | 0.9339 | 0.9975 | 0.0025 | 0.0615 | 0.9385 | 0.9962 | 0.0038 |
| 1,1,3-trimethoxypropane   | 14315-97-0  | Yes                     | 0.1124 | 0.8876 | 0.9593 | 0.0407 | 0.1089 | 0.8911 | 0.9827 | 0.0173 |
| dipropyleneglycol         | 25265-71-8  | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.2976 | 0.7024 | 0.9137 | 0.0863 |
| diglyme                   | 111-96-6    | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.1735 | 0.8265 | 0.9680 | 0.0320 |
| anisole                   | 100-66-3    | Yes                     | 0.0029 | 0.9971 | 0.9984 | 0.0016 | 0.0502 | 0.9498 | 0.9892 | 0.0108 |
| dimethyl isosorbide       | 5306-85-4   | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.1750 | 0.8250 | 0.9258 | 0.0742 |
| 1,4-cineol                | 470-67-7    | Yes                     | 0.0267 | 0.9733 | 0.9995 | 0.0005 | 0.0366 | 0.9634 | 0.9988 | 0.0012 |
| 1,8-cineol                | 470-82-6    | Yes                     | 0.0554 | 0.9446 | 0.9990 | 0.0010 | 0.0456 | 0.9544 | 0.9979 | 0.0021 |
| PEO                       | 25322-68-3  | Yes                     | 0.1870 | 0.8130 | 0.8906 | 0.1094 | 0.1448 | 0.8552 | 0.9379 | 0.0621 |
| <b>Organic carbonates</b> |             |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| dimethyl carbonate        | 616-38-6    | Yes                     | 0.0626 | 0.9374 | 0.8895 | 0.1105 | 0.2869 | 0.7131 | 0.8249 | 0.1751 |
| diethyl carbonate         | 105-58-8    | Yes                     | 0.0274 | 0.9726 | 0.9834 | 0.0166 | 0.1079 | 0.8921 | 0.9774 | 0.0226 |
| propylene carbonate       | 108-32-7    | Not at all temperatures | 0.1142 | 0.8858 | 0.7734 | 0.2266 |        |        |        |        |

|                             |            |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| butylene carbonate          | 4437-85-8  | Yes                     | 0.0612 | 0.9388 | 0.9176 | 0.0824 | 0.2940 | 0.7060 | 0.8116 | 0.1884 |
| glycerol carbonate          | 931-40-8   | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Dipolar aprotic</b>      |            |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| nitromethane                | 75-52-5    | Not at all temperatures | 0.0368 | 0.9632 | 0.9485 | 0.0515 |        |        |        |        |
| acetonitrile                | 75-05-8    | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| dimethylformamide           | 68-12-2    | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| n,n-dimethylacetamide       | 127-19-5   | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| n,n-dimethyloctanamide      | 1118-92-9  | Yes                     | 0.1842 | 0.8158 | 0.9976 | 0.0024 | 0.1003 | 0.8997 | 0.9982 | 0.0018 |
| n,n-dimethyldecanamide      | 14433-76-2 | Yes                     | 0.1102 | 0.8898 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 | 0.0670 | 0.9330 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 |
| dimethylsulfoxide           | 67-68-5    | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| sulfolane                   | 126-33-0   | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| hexamethylphosphoramide     | 680-31-9   | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.2423 | 0.7577 | 0.9694 | 0.0306 |
| <b>Aromatics</b>            |            |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| benzene                     | 71-43-2    | Yes                     | 0.0013 | 0.9987 | 0.9978 | 0.0022 | 0.0480 | 0.9520 | 0.9857 | 0.0143 |
| toluene                     | 108-88-3   | Yes                     | 0.0011 | 0.9989 | 0.9985 | 0.0015 | 0.0455 | 0.9545 | 0.9901 | 0.0099 |
| 1,2-dimethylbenzene         | 95-47-6    | Yes                     | 0.0009 | 0.9991 | 0.9993 | 0.0007 | 0.0347 | 0.9653 | 0.9942 | 0.0058 |
| 1,3-dimethylbenzene         | 108-38-3   | Yes                     | 0.0007 | 0.9993 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 | 0.0285 | 0.9715 | 0.9969 | 0.0031 |
| 1,4-dimethylbenzene         | 106-42-3   | Yes                     | 0.0007 | 0.9993 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 | 0.0271 | 0.9729 | 0.9975 | 0.0025 |
| 1-methyl-4-isopropylbenzene | 99-87-6    | Yes                     | 0.0007 | 0.9993 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 | 0.0270 | 0.9730 | 0.9975 | 0.0025 |
| <b>Hydrocarbons</b>         |            |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| pentane                     | 109-66-0   | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 0.9999 | 0.0001 | 0.0168 | 0.9832 | 0.9991 | 0.0009 |
| hexane                      | 110-54-3   | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0144 | 0.9856 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 |
| cyclohexane                 | 110-82-7   | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 | 0.0154 | 0.9846 | 0.9982 | 0.0018 |
| n-heptane                   | 142-82-5   | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0128 | 0.9872 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 |
| methylcyclohexane           | 108-87-2   | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 0.9999 | 0.0001 | 0.0137 | 0.9863 | 0.9992 | 0.0008 |
| 2,2,4-trimethylpentane      | 540-84-1   | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0123 | 0.9877 | 0.9998 | 0.0002 |
| myrcene                     | 123-35-3   | Yes                     | 0.0004 | 0.9996 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0183 | 0.9817 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 |
| limonene                    | 138-86-3   | Yes                     | 0.0004 | 0.9996 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0166 | 0.9834 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 |
| α-pinene                    | 80-56-8    | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0130 | 0.9870 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 |
| β-pinene                    | 127-91-3   | Yes                     | 0.0003 | 0.9997 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0145 | 0.9855 | 0.9995 | 0.0005 |
| terpinolene                 | 586-62-9   | Yes                     | 0.0004 | 0.9996 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0161 | 0.9839 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 |
| (z)-beta-farnesene          | 28973-99-1 | Yes                     | 0.0003 | 0.9997 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0128 | 0.9872 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| <b>Halogenated</b>          |            |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| chloroform                  | 67-66-3    | Yes                     | 0.0056 | 0.9944 | 0.9932 | 0.0068 | 0.0497 | 0.9503 | 0.9705 | 0.0295 |

|                                                   |              |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| dichloromethane                                   | 75-09-2      | Yes                     | 0.0068 | 0.9932 | 0.9716 | 0.0284 | 0.1193 | 0.8807 | 0.8741 | 0.1259 |
| Tetrachloromethane                                | 56-23-5      | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 | 0.0104 | 0.9896 | 0.9966 | 0.0034 |
| cis-1,2-dichloroethene                            | 156-59-2     | Yes                     | 0.0027 | 0.9973 | 0.9921 | 0.0079 | 0.0565 | 0.9435 | 0.9609 | 0.0391 |
| 1,2-dichloroethane                                | 107-06-2     | Yes                     | 0.0031 | 0.9969 | 0.9898 | 0.0102 | 0.0821 | 0.9179 | 0.9317 | 0.0683 |
| chlorobenzene                                     | 108-90-7     | Yes                     | 0.0009 | 0.9991 | 0.9990 | 0.0010 | 0.0321 | 0.9679 | 0.9915 | 0.0085 |
| trifluoroacetic acid                              | 76-05-1      | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| trifluoromethyl benzene                           | 98-08-8      | Yes                     | 0.0006 | 0.9994 | 0.9993 | 0.0007 | 0.0231 | 0.9769 | 0.9944 | 0.0056 |
| perfluorooctane                                   | 307-34-6     | Yes                     | 0.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0025 | 0.9975 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| <b>Bases</b>                                      |              |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2-pyrrolidone                                     | 616-45-5     | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| pyridine                                          | 110-86-1     | Yes                     | 0.3555 | 0.6445 | 0.8866 | 0.1134 | 0.3246 | 0.6754 | 0.8645 | 0.1355 |
| n-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone                          | 872-50-4     | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone                    | 80-73-9      | No                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| triethylamine                                     | 121-44-8     | Yes                     | 0.0725 | 0.9275 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 | 0.0618 | 0.9382 | 0.9985 | 0.0015 |
| tetramethylurea                                   | 632-22-4     | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.4066 | 0.5934 | 0.9031 | 0.0969 |
| N,N'-Dimethylpropyleneurea                        | 7226-23-5    | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.4101 | 0.5899 | 0.8690 | 0.1310 |
| 2,4,6-collidine                                   | 108-75-8     | Yes                     | 0.1197 | 0.8803 | 0.9963 | 0.0037 | 0.0928 | 0.9072 | 0.9935 | 0.0065 |
| 1,2-dimethyl-3-nitrobenzene                       | 83-41-0      | Yes                     | 0.0023 | 0.9977 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 | 0.0406 | 0.9594 | 0.9949 | 0.0051 |
| 1,3-dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene                       | 81-20-9      | Yes                     | 0.0016 | 0.9984 | 0.9997 | 0.0003 | 0.0360 | 0.9640 | 0.9955 | 0.0045 |
| 1,4-dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene                       | 89-58-7      | Yes                     | 0.0025 | 0.9975 | 0.9996 | 0.0004 | 0.0392 | 0.9608 | 0.9958 | 0.0042 |
| methyl-5-(dimethylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxopentanoate | 1174627-68-9 | Not at all temperatures |        |        |        |        | 0.1923 | 0.8077 | 0.9676 | 0.0324 |
| <b>Other</b>                                      |              |                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| decamethylcyclopentasiloxane                      | 541-02-6     | Yes                     | 0.0007 | 0.9993 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0091 | 0.9909 | 1.0000 | 0.0000 |
| carbon disulfide                                  | 75-15-0      | Yes                     | 0.0002 | 0.9998 | 0.9993 | 0.0007 | 0.0169 | 0.9831 | 0.9939 | 0.0061 |

Table S2. COSMO-RS: relative solubility ( $\log_{10}(w_{\text{solub}})$ ) predictions and probability of solubility of 5-HMF and furfural at 298.15 and 423.15 K in solvents showing miscibility gap with water.

|                            |            | 5-HMF                                   |             |                                         |             | furfural                                |             |                                         |             |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
|                            |            | T= 298.15 K                             |             | T= 423.15 K                             |             | T= 298.15 K                             |             | T= 423.15 K                             |             |
| Solvent                    | CAS        | log <sub>10</sub> (w <sub>solub</sub> ) | Probability | log <sub>10</sub> (w <sub>solub</sub> ) | Probability | log <sub>10</sub> (w <sub>solub</sub> ) | Probability | log <sub>10</sub> (w <sub>solub</sub> ) | Probability |
| Alcohols                   |            |                                         |             |                                         |             |                                         |             |                                         |             |
| 1-butanol                  | 71-36-3    | -0.4731                                 | 0.3364      | -0.2646                                 | 0.5437      | -0.581                                  | 0.2624      | -0.2269                                 | 0.593       |
| 2-butanol                  | 78-92-2    | -0.4322                                 | 0.3697      | -0.2723                                 | 0.5342      | -0.553                                  | 0.2799      | -0.2238                                 | 0.5973      |
| isobutanol                 | 78-83-1    | -0.4852                                 | 0.3272      | -0.2778                                 | 0.5274      | -0.5416                                 | 0.2873      | -0.2181                                 | 0.6052      |
| tert-butanol               | 75-65-0    | -0.3636                                 | 0.4329      | -0.25                                   | 0.5624      | -0.5554                                 | 0.2783      | -0.2241                                 | 0.5968      |
| 1-pentanol                 | 71-41-0    | -0.5714                                 | 0.2683      | -0.3403                                 | 0.4567      | -0.6146                                 | 0.2429      | -0.2524                                 | 0.5592      |
| isopentanol                | 123-51-3   | -0.555                                  | 0.2786      | -0.3284                                 | 0.4695      | -0.5921                                 | 0.2558      | -0.2415                                 | 0.5735      |
| 2-methyl-2-butanol         | 75-85-4    | -0.5464                                 | 0.2842      | -0.3685                                 | 0.4281      | -0.5843                                 | 0.2604      | -0.2539                                 | 0.5573      |
| tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol | 97-99-4    | 0.0                                     | 1.0         | -0.0799                                 | 0.832       | -0.2784                                 | 0.5267      | -0.1179                                 | 0.7623      |
| furfuryl alcohol           | 98-00-0    | 0.0                                     | 1.0         | -0.0033                                 | 0.9924      | 0.0                                     | 1.0         | 0.0                                     | 1.0         |
| 1-hexanol                  | 111-27-3   | -0.658                                  | 0.2198      | -0.3992                                 | 0.3988      | -0.6437                                 | 0.2271      | -0.2708                                 | 0.5361      |
| 3-methoxy-3-methylbutanol  | 56539-66-3 | 0.0                                     | 1.0         | -0.0762                                 | 0.8392      | -0.221                                  | 0.6011      | -0.1173                                 | 0.7633      |
| 1-heptanol                 | 111-70-6   | -0.7271                                 | 0.1875      | -0.452                                  | 0.3532      | -0.669                                  | 0.2143      | -0.2896                                 | 0.5134      |
| benzyl alcohol             | 100-51-6   | -0.0952                                 | 0.8031      | -0.0816                                 | 0.8287      | -0.0285                                 | 0.9365      | 0.0                                     | 1.0         |
| 1-octanol                  | 111-87-5   | -0.793                                  | 0.1611      | -0.4967                                 | 0.3187      | -0.6912                                 | 0.2036      | -0.3038                                 | 0.4968      |
| 1-decanol                  | 112-30-1   | -0.896                                  | 0.1271      | -0.5623                                 | 0.274       | -0.7269                                 | 0.1876      | -0.3247                                 | 0.4734      |
| dihydromyrcenol            | 53219-21-9 | -0.69                                   | 0.2042      | -0.4961                                 | 0.3191      | -0.5477                                 | 0.2833      | -0.2514                                 | 0.5605      |
| geraniol                   | 106-24-1   | -0.4896                                 | 0.3239      | -0.3487                                 | 0.4481      | -0.4226                                 | 0.3779      | -0.1682                                 | 0.6789      |
| dihydro terpineol          | 58985-02-7 | -0.7547                                 | 0.1759      | -0.5351                                 | 0.2917      | -0.6977                                 | 0.2006      | -0.3198                                 | 0.4788      |
| □-terpineol                | 98-55-5    | -0.6765                                 | 0.2106      | -0.4794                                 | 0.3316      | -0.5263                                 | 0.2976      | -0.2456                                 | 0.568       |
| β-terpineol                | 138-87-4   | -0.6502                                 | 0.2238      | -0.4573                                 | 0.3489      | -0.4814                                 | 0.3301      | -0.226                                  | 0.5943      |
| nopol                      | 128-50-7   | -0.6721                                 | 0.2127      | -0.4789                                 | 0.332       | -0.5841                                 | 0.2606      | -0.2694                                 | 0.5378      |
| oleyl alcohol              | 143-28-2   | -1.0488                                 | 0.0894      | -0.6512                                 | 0.2233      | -0.6763                                 | 0.2107      | -0.3032                                 | 0.4975      |
| Esters                     |            |                                         |             |                                         |             |                                         |             |                                         |             |
| methyl acetate             | 79-20-9    | -0.0774                                 | 0.8367      | -0.0522                                 | 0.8868      | -0.0002                                 | 0.9996      | -0.015                                  | 0.966       |
| ethyl acetate              | 141-78-6   | -0.2058                                 | 0.6225      | -0.1667                                 | 0.6812      | -0.086                                  | 0.8203      | -0.073                                  | 0.8452      |
| isopropyl acetate          | 108-21-4   | -0.3807                                 | 0.4162      | -0.2842                                 | 0.5198      | -0.1915                                 | 0.6435      | -0.1328                                 | 0.7365      |
| n-propyl acetate           | 109-60-4   | -0.3867                                 | 0.4105      | -0.2828                                 | 0.5214      | -0.1883                                 | 0.6482      | -0.1315                                 | 0.7387      |

|                                |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| n-butyl acetate                | 123-86-4   | -0.5161 | 0.3047 | -0.3624 | 0.4341 | -0.2645 | 0.5439 | -0.1716 | 0.6735 |
| n-pentyl acetate               | 628-63-7   | -0.6367 | 0.2308 | -0.4312 | 0.3705 | -0.331  | 0.4666 | -0.2052 | 0.6234 |
| isoamyl acetate                | 123-92-2   | -0.5858 | 0.2596 | -0.4043 | 0.3942 | -0.3057 | 0.4947 | -0.1917 | 0.6432 |
| geranyl acetate                | 105-87-3   | -0.9308 | 0.1173 | -0.5313 | 0.2943 | -0.383  | 0.414  | -0.1959 | 0.6369 |
| adipic acid diethyl ester      | 141-28-6   | -0.3738 | 0.4228 | -0.2299 | 0.5889 | -0.1343 | 0.734  | -0.0716 | 0.8479 |
| ethyl palmitate                | 628-97-7   | -1.4339 | 0.0368 | -0.819  | 0.1517 | -0.7317 | 0.1855 | -0.3727 | 0.4239 |
| acetic anhydride               | 108-24-7   | -0.4143 | 0.3852 | -0.1075 | 0.7807 | -0.0387 | 0.9148 | -0.0155 | 0.9649 |
| methyl propionate              | 554-12-1   | -0.3412 | 0.4558 | -0.216  | 0.6082 | -0.1308 | 0.74   | -0.0913 | 0.8105 |
| isobutyl acetate               | 110-19-0   | -0.5187 | 0.3029 | -0.3643 | 0.4323 | -0.2674 | 0.5403 | -0.1745 | 0.6691 |
| dibutyl sebacate               | 109-43-3   | -0.7914 | 0.1617 | -0.4682 | 0.3402 | -0.3731 | 0.4236 | -0.1805 | 0.6599 |
| diethyl phthalate              | 84-66-2    | -0.5796 | 0.2633 | -0.2584 | 0.5516 | -0.111  | 0.7745 | -0.0349 | 0.9229 |
| ethyl succinate                | 123-25-1   | -0.48   | 0.3311 | -0.233  | 0.5848 | -0.1334 | 0.7356 | -0.0658 | 0.8594 |
| diisobutyl succinate           | 925-06-4   | -0.5946 | 0.2543 | -0.3571 | 0.4394 | -0.2603 | 0.5492 | -0.1341 | 0.7344 |
| dimethyl adipate               | 627-93-0   | -0.2816 | 0.5228 | -0.1467 | 0.7133 | -0.069  | 0.8531 | -0.0336 | 0.9255 |
| dimethyl phthalate             | 131-11-3   | -0.4882 | 0.3249 | -0.1846 | 0.6538 | -0.0487 | 0.8939 | -0.003  | 0.9931 |
| dimethyl succinate             | 106-65-0   | -0.3305 | 0.4672 | -0.1236 | 0.7524 | -0.0573 | 0.8763 | -0.0219 | 0.9508 |
| methyl laurate                 | 111-82-0   | -1.2205 | 0.0602 | -0.7101 | 0.1949 | -0.6122 | 0.2442 | -0.3265 | 0.4715 |
| ethyl laurate                  | 106-33-2   | -1.2401 | 0.0575 | -0.7343 | 0.1844 | -0.6419 | 0.2281 | -0.3418 | 0.4552 |
| butyl laurate                  | 106-18-3   | -1.3149 | 0.0484 | -0.7785 | 0.1665 | -0.6989 | 0.2    | -0.3645 | 0.432  |
| methyl myristate               | 124-10-7   | -1.3228 | 0.0476 | -0.7563 | 0.1753 | -0.6631 | 0.2172 | -0.3455 | 0.4513 |
| ethyl myristate                | 124-06-1   | -1.3199 | 0.0479 | -0.771  | 0.1694 | -0.6863 | 0.2059 | -0.3565 | 0.44   |
| ethyl linoleate                | 544-35-4   | -1.2614 | 0.0548 | -0.6825 | 0.2077 | -0.5688 | 0.2699 | -0.2652 | 0.543  |
| isopropyl myristate            | 110-27-0   | -1.4063 | 0.0392 | -0.8161 | 0.1527 | -0.7374 | 0.1831 | -0.3789 | 0.418  |
| benzoic acid phenylmethylester | 118-58-1   | -0.912  | 0.1225 | -0.408  | 0.3909 | -0.1858 | 0.6519 | -0.066  | 0.859  |
| ricinoleic acid methylester    | 141-24-2   | -0.6902 | 0.2041 | -0.5025 | 0.3144 | -0.4295 | 0.372  | -0.2052 | 0.6235 |
| dimethyl glutarate             | 1119-40-0  | -0.287  | 0.5164 | -0.1368 | 0.7298 | -0.0565 | 0.8781 | -0.0271 | 0.9394 |
| diisobutyl glutarate           | 71195-64-7 | -0.6111 | 0.2449 | -0.3609 | 0.4356 | -0.2601 | 0.5495 | -0.131  | 0.7396 |
| methyl abietate                | 127-25-3   | -1.414  | 0.0386 | -0.7334 | 0.1847 | -0.6153 | 0.2425 | -0.2884 | 0.5148 |
| methyl palmitate               | 112-39-0   | -1.4097 | 0.0389 | -0.7933 | 0.161  | -0.7031 | 0.1981 | -0.3578 | 0.4387 |
| isopropyl palmitate            | 142-91-6   | -1.4914 | 0.0323 | -0.8473 | 0.1421 | -0.7726 | 0.1688 | -0.389  | 0.4083 |
| methyl stearate                | 112-61-8   | -1.4994 | 0.0317 | -0.8284 | 0.1485 | -0.7425 | 0.1809 | -0.371  | 0.4256 |
| methyl linoleate               | 112-63-0   | -1.2524 | 0.0559 | -0.672  | 0.2128 | -0.5465 | 0.2841 | -0.2573 | 0.5529 |
| methyl linolenate              | 301-00-8   | -1.1295 | 0.0742 | -0.5863 | 0.2592 | -0.4418 | 0.3616 | -0.1953 | 0.6378 |
| ethyl oleate                   | 111-62-6   | -1.3775 | 0.0419 | -0.7664 | 0.1713 | -0.669  | 0.2143 | -0.3255 | 0.4726 |
| methyl oleate                  | 112-62-9   | -1.3705 | 0.0426 | -0.746  | 0.1795 | -0.6382 | 0.23   | -0.3118 | 0.4878 |

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| octadecanoicacidbutylester | 123-95-5   | -1.545  | 0.0285 | -0.8682 | 0.1355 | -0.7966 | 0.1597 | -0.3917 | 0.4058 |
| dihydroterpinyl acetate    | 58985-18-5 | -0.9868 | 0.1031 | -0.6519 | 0.2229 | -0.5647 | 0.2725 | -0.3148 | 0.4844 |
| glycerol triacetate        | 102-76-1   | -0.2264 | 0.5937 | -0.0776 | 0.8364 | -0.0023 | 0.9947 | 0.0     | 1.0    |
| triethyl citrate           | 77-93-0    | -0.4219 | 0.3785 | -0.1951 | 0.6381 | -0.0886 | 0.8155 | -0.0183 | 0.9588 |
| 2-ethylhexyl lactate       | 6283-86-9  | -0.6624 | 0.2176 | -0.5078 | 0.3106 | -0.4351 | 0.3672 | -0.236  | 0.5808 |
| Ethyl lactate              | 97-64-3    | -0.1275 | 0.7456 | -0.1682 | 0.679  | -0.1543 | 0.7009 | -0.083  | 0.8261 |
| 1,2-ethanediol diacetate   | 111-55-7   | -0.1622 | 0.6883 | -0.0697 | 0.8518 | -0.0101 | 0.9769 | -0.0045 | 0.9896 |
| 4-methyl-2-pentylacetate   | 108-84-9   | -0.7512 | 0.1773 | -0.5006 | 0.3158 | -0.3976 | 0.4003 | -0.2379 | 0.5782 |
| 2-ethylhexyl acetate       | 103-09-3   | -0.8762 | 0.133  | -0.5756 | 0.2657 | -0.4743 | 0.3355 | -0.2743 | 0.5317 |
| <b>Ketones</b>             |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| methyl isobutyl ketone     | 108-10-1   | -0.2979 | 0.5037 | -0.2895 | 0.5135 | -0.2285 | 0.5909 | -0.157  | 0.6967 |
| cyclopentanone             | 120-92-3   | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.0442 | 0.9033 | -0.0166 | 0.9624 | -0.0429 | 0.9059 |
| cyclohexanone              | 108-94-1   | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.1172 | 0.7635 | -0.0795 | 0.8327 | -0.0832 | 0.8256 |
| <b>Organic acids</b>       |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| cis-9-octadecenoicacid     | 112-80-1   | -0.5847 | 0.2602 | -0.471  | 0.3381 | -0.1483 | 0.7107 | -0.147  | 0.7128 |
| ricinoleic acid            | 141-22-0   | -0.6711 | 0.2133 | -0.3735 | 0.4231 | -0.3812 | 0.4158 | -0.1373 | 0.729  |
| <b>Ethers</b>              |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| dimethoxymethane           | 109-87-5   | -0.0185 | 0.9582 | -0.1421 | 0.7209 | -0.0885 | 0.8157 | -0.0828 | 0.8264 |
| tetrahydrofuran            | 109-99-9   | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.0967 | 0.8004 | -0.0795 | 0.8328 | -0.1205 | 0.7577 |
| diethyl ether              | 60-29-7    | -0.3843 | 0.4128 | -0.4881 | 0.325  | -0.4311 | 0.3706 | -0.2961 | 0.5057 |
| 1,2-dimethoxyethane        | 110-71-4   | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.0806 | 0.8306 | -0.0391 | 0.9139 | -0.0749 | 0.8416 |
| 2-methyltetrahydrofuran    | 96-47-9    | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.3053 | 0.4951 | -0.2714 | 0.5354 | -0.2229 | 0.5986 |
| methyl-tert-butylether     | 1634-04-4  | -0.1856 | 0.6522 | -0.4622 | 0.345  | -0.4146 | 0.385  | -0.2996 | 0.5017 |
| diethoxymethane            | 462-95-3   | -0.4001 | 0.398  | -0.405  | 0.3935 | -0.3336 | 0.4639 | -0.2224 | 0.5992 |
| cyclopentyl methyl ether   | 5614-37-9  | -0.6602 | 0.2187 | -0.623  | 0.2382 | -0.5673 | 0.2708 | -0.3538 | 0.4428 |
| diisopropyl ether          | 108-20-3   | -0.4097 | 0.3893 | -0.6117 | 0.2445 | -0.5699 | 0.2692 | -0.3736 | 0.423  |
| methyl tert-amyl ether     | 994-05-8   | -0.5773 | 0.2647 | -0.6564 | 0.2206 | -0.5954 | 0.2539 | -0.3806 | 0.4163 |
| 2-ethoxy-2-methyl-propane  | 637-92-3   | -0.5074 | 0.3109 | -0.6411 | 0.2285 | -0.5892 | 0.2575 | -0.3809 | 0.416  |
| 1,1,3-trimethoxypropane    | 14315-97-0 | -0.1968 | 0.6356 | -0.2615 | 0.5476 | -0.199  | 0.6323 | -0.133  | 0.7362 |
| dipropyleneglycol          | 25265-71-8 | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.0719 | 0.8474 | -0.3037 | 0.4969 | -0.1138 | 0.7694 |
| diglyme                    | 111-96-6   | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.1113 | 0.774  | -0.0489 | 0.8935 | -0.0749 | 0.8416 |
| anisole                    | 100-66-3   | -1.2154 | 0.0609 | -0.4966 | 0.3187 | -0.2701 | 0.5369 | -0.1259 | 0.7483 |
| dimethyl isosorbide        | 5306-85-4  | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.078  | 0.8356 | -0.0515 | 0.8882 | -0.0345 | 0.9237 |
| 1,4-cineol                 | 470-67-7   | -0.7561 | 0.1753 | -0.7227 | 0.1894 | -0.6797 | 0.2091 | -0.4058 | 0.3928 |
| 1,8-cineol                 | 470-82-6   | -0.4035 | 0.3949 | -0.6287 | 0.2351 | -0.6111 | 0.2448 | -0.3852 | 0.4119 |

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| PEO                         | 25322-68-3 | -0.1322 | 0.7376 | -0.2292 | 0.59   | -0.1906 | 0.6448 | -0.1379 | 0.7279 |
| <b>Organic carbonates</b>   |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| dimethyl carbonate          | 616-38-6   | -0.3325 | 0.465  | -0.1033 | 0.7882 | -0.0465 | 0.8984 | -0.0216 | 0.9514 |
| diethyl carbonate           | 105-58-8   | -0.5135 | 0.3066 | -0.256  | 0.5546 | -0.1595 | 0.6926 | -0.0944 | 0.8047 |
| propylene carbonate         | 108-32-7   | -0.2537 | 0.5576 | -0.0534 | 0.8842 | -0.0925 | 0.8082 | -0.0513 | 0.8886 |
| butylene carbonate          | 4437-85-8  | -0.2913 | 0.5114 | -0.0861 | 0.8201 | -0.0784 | 0.8349 | -0.0353 | 0.9219 |
| <b>Dipolar aprotic</b>      |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| nitromethane                | 75-52-5    | -0.6006 | 0.2509 | -0.0918 | 0.8095 | -0.0941 | 0.8052 | -0.0309 | 0.9314 |
| n,n-dimethyloctanamide      | 1118-92-9  | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.1513 | 0.7059 | -0.1295 | 0.7422 | -0.1276 | 0.7455 |
| n,n-dimethyldecanamide      | 14433-76-2 | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.2693 | 0.5379 | -0.2432 | 0.5713 | -0.1785 | 0.663  |
| hexamethylphosphoramide     | 680-31-9   | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    |
| <b>Aromatics</b>            |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| benzene                     | 71-43-2    | -1.6821 | 0.0208 | -0.6352 | 0.2316 | -0.3875 | 0.4097 | -0.1847 | 0.6536 |
| toluene                     | 108-88-3   | -1.8617 | 0.0138 | -0.7377 | 0.1829 | -0.5083 | 0.3103 | -0.25   | 0.5624 |
| 1,2-dimethylbenzene         | 95-47-6    | -1.948  | 0.0113 | -0.7859 | 0.1637 | -0.5663 | 0.2715 | -0.2793 | 0.5257 |
| 1,3-dimethylbenzene         | 108-38-3   | -2.0029 | 0.0099 | -0.8154 | 0.153  | -0.605  | 0.2483 | -0.3002 | 0.501  |
| 1,4-dimethylbenzene         | 106-42-3   | -2.0038 | 0.0099 | -0.8162 | 0.1527 | -0.6044 | 0.2487 | -0.3    | 0.5011 |
| 1-methyl-4-isopropylbenzene | 99-87-6    | -2.1808 | 0.0066 | -0.9107 | 0.1228 | -0.7206 | 0.1903 | -0.3568 | 0.4397 |
| <b>Hydrocarbons</b>         |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| pentane                     | 109-66-0   | -3.2061 | 0.0006 | -1.4794 | 0.0332 | -1.4491 | 0.0356 | -0.7709 | 0.1695 |
| hexane                      | 110-54-3   | -3.2048 | 0.0006 | -1.4773 | 0.0333 | -1.4481 | 0.0356 | -0.7668 | 0.1711 |
| cyclohexane                 | 110-82-7   | -3.2057 | 0.0006 | -1.4669 | 0.0341 | -1.4644 | 0.0343 | -0.7713 | 0.1693 |
| n-heptane                   | 142-82-5   | -3.2    | 0.0006 | -1.4719 | 0.0337 | -1.4431 | 0.036  | -0.7596 | 0.1739 |
| methylcyclohexane           | 108-87-2   | -3.1903 | 0.0006 | -1.4587 | 0.0348 | -1.4496 | 0.0355 | -0.7605 | 0.1736 |
| 2,2,4-trimethylpentane      | 540-84-1   | -3.1423 | 0.0007 | -1.4383 | 0.0364 | -1.3983 | 0.04   | -0.7318 | 0.1854 |
| myrcene                     | 123-35-3   | -2.2055 | 0.0062 | -0.9381 | 0.1153 | -0.7319 | 0.1854 | -0.3681 | 0.4284 |
| limonene                    | 138-86-3   | -2.4049 | 0.0039 | -1.0439 | 0.0904 | -0.8961 | 0.127  | -0.4549 | 0.3508 |
| □-pinene                    | 80-56-8    | -2.77   | 0.0017 | -1.2339 | 0.0584 | -1.1348 | 0.0733 | -0.5821 | 0.2618 |
| β-pinene                    | 127-91-3   | -2.6274 | 0.0024 | -1.1704 | 0.0675 | -1.0645 | 0.0862 | -0.5475 | 0.2835 |
| terpinolene                 | 586-62-9   | -2.4266 | 0.0037 | -1.0542 | 0.0883 | -0.9074 | 0.1238 | -0.4589 | 0.3476 |
| (z)-beta-farnesene          | 28973-99-1 | -2.2256 | 0.0059 | -0.929  | 0.1178 | -0.7285 | 0.1868 | -0.3438 | 0.4531 |
| <b>Halogenated</b>          |            |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| chloroform                  | 67-66-3    | -0.4951 | 0.3198 | -0.421  | 0.3793 | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.0722 | 0.8469 |
| dichloromethane             | 75-09-2    | -0.548  | 0.2831 | -0.1957 | 0.6372 | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    |

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| Tetrachloromethane                                | 56-23-5      | -2.901  | 0.0013 | -1.2997 | 0.0502 | -1.2291 | 0.059  | -0.6395 | 0.2294 |
| cis-1,2-dichloroethene                            | 156-59-2     | -1.0092 | 0.0979 | -0.4395 | 0.3635 | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.0758 | 0.8398 |
| 1,2-dichloroethane                                | 107-06-2     | -1.0658 | 0.086  | -0.3468 | 0.45   | -0.0976 | 0.7987 | -0.0599 | 0.8712 |
| chlorobenzene                                     | 108-90-7     | -1.6908 | 0.0204 | -0.6587 | 0.2194 | -0.385  | 0.4121 | -0.1928 | 0.6416 |
| trifluoromethyl benzene                           | 98-08-8      | -1.8484 | 0.0142 | -0.7654 | 0.1716 | -0.5311 | 0.2944 | -0.283  | 0.5212 |
| perfluorooctane                                   | 307-34-6     | -4.3214 | 0.0    | -2.0985 | 0.008  | -2.3649 | 0.0043 | -1.2579 | 0.0552 |
| <b>Base</b>                                       |              |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| pyridine                                          | 110-86-1     | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    |
| triethylamine                                     | 121-44-8     | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.4571 | 0.349  | -0.6226 | 0.2384 | -0.4847 | 0.3276 |
| tetramethylurea                                   | 632-22-4     | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    |
| N,N'-Dimethylpropyleneurea                        | 7226-23-5    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    |
| 2,4,6-collidine                                   | 108-75-8     | 0.0     | 1.0    | -0.1855 | 0.6524 | -0.144  | 0.7177 | -0.1262 | 0.7479 |
| 1,2-dimethyl-3-nitrobenzene                       | 83-41-0      | -1.2084 | 0.0619 | -0.4711 | 0.338  | -0.2587 | 0.5512 | -0.115  | 0.7673 |
| 1,3-dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene                       | 81-20-9      | -1.3562 | 0.044  | -0.5206 | 0.3016 | -0.2977 | 0.5039 | -0.1347 | 0.7333 |
| 1,4-dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene                       | 89-58-7      | -1.2111 | 0.0615 | -0.49   | 0.3236 | -0.2842 | 0.5197 | -0.1304 | 0.7407 |
| methyl-5-(dimethylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxopentanoate | 1174627-68-9 | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    | 0.0     | 1.0    |
| <b>Other</b>                                      |              |         |        |         |        |         |        |         |        |
| decamethylcyclopentasiloxane                      | 541-02-6     | -1.816  | 0.0153 | -0.9354 | 0.116  | -0.7998 | 0.1586 | -0.3841 | 0.4129 |
| carbon disulfide                                  | 75-15-0      | -2.8726 | 0.0013 | -1.2191 | 0.0604 | -1.0347 | 0.0923 | -0.4941 | 0.3205 |

Table S3. Distribution coefficients calculated from COSMO-RS predictions of the LLE {H<sub>2</sub>O + 5-HMF +solvent} at 298.15 K and 423.15 K for feed compositions simulated from different initial substrate concentrations. Note: the results for a feed composition corresponding to an initial concentration of fructose of 1% wt. at 423.15 K are marked in green italic font for reference for the raking of solvents. The results for MIBK are highlighted due this solvent being the most commonly applied in experimental studies. – denotes non-existing LLE-

|                            |            | T=298.15 K                     |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 | T=423.15 K                     |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Solvent                    | CAS        | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=1% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=5% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=10% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=25% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=50% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=1% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=5% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=10% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=25% wt. | C <sub>fruc,0</sub><br>=50% wt. |
| Alcohols                   |            |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 1-butanol                  | 71-36-3    | 2.48                           | 2.49                           | 2.49                            | 2.49                            | 2.49                            | 3.45                           | 3.43                           | 3.40                            | 3.32                            | 3.12                            |
| 2-butanol                  | 78-92-2    | 2.53                           | 2.53                           | 2.54                            | 2.54                            | 2.53                            | 3.45                           | 3.44                           | 3.41                            | 3.34                            | 3.15                            |
| isobutanol                 | 78-83-1    | 2.52                           | 2.52                           | 2.52                            | 2.53                            | 2.54                            | 3.42                           | 3.40                           | 3.38                            | 3.30                            | 3.11                            |
| tert-butanol               | 75-65-0    | 2.56                           | 2.56                           | 2.56                            | 2.54                            | 2.50                            | 3.31                           | 3.29                           | 3.27                            | 3.17                            | 2.96                            |
| tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol | 97-99-4    | -                              | -                              | -                               | -                               | -                               | 1.76                           | 1.73                           | 1.69                            | -                               | -                               |
| furfuryl alcohol           | 98-00-0    | 4.80                           | 4.75                           | 4.69                            | 4.49                            | 4.10                            | 2.20                           | 2.17                           | 2.13                            | 1.95                            | 1.63                            |
| 3-methoxy-3-methylbutanol  | 56539-66-3 | 2.22                           | 2.21                           | 2.20                            | 2.17                            | 2.07                            | 3.24                           | 3.22                           | 3.19                            | 3.11                            | 2.92                            |
| benzyl alcohol             | 100-51-6   | 4.05                           | 4.04                           | 4.02                            | 3.95                            | 3.80                            | 3.83                           | 3.80                           | 3.77                            | 3.65                            | 3.40                            |
| Ester                      |            |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| methyl acetate             | 79-20-9    | -                              | -                              | -                               | -                               | -                               | 2.06                           | 2.02                           | 1.97                            | 1.79                            | -                               |
| ethyl acetate              | 141-78-6   | 3.61                           | 3.59                           | 3.55                            | 3.43                            | 3.19                            | 3.84                           | 3.82                           | 3.78                            | 3.68                            | 3.44                            |
| isopropyl acetate          | 108-21-4   | 2.52                           | 2.51                           | 2.51                            | 2.50                            | 2.49                            | 3.02                           | 3.02                           | 3.01                            | 3.00                            | 2.95                            |
| n-propyl acetate           | 109-60-4   | 2.50                           | 2.50                           | 2.49                            | 2.49                            | 2.48                            | 3.04                           | 3.03                           | 3.03                            | 3.01                            | 2.96                            |
| adipic acid diethyl ester  | 141-28-6   | 1.18                           | 1.19                           | 1.19                            | 1.20                            | 1.23                            | 1.73                           | 1.73                           | 1.73                            | 1.73                            | 1.72                            |
| acetic anhydride           | 108-24-7   | 2.22                           | 2.25                           | 2.29                            | 2.40                            | 2.58                            | 3.05                           | 3.02                           | 2.99                            | 2.85                            | 2.55                            |
| methyl propionate          | 554-12-1   | 3.11                           | 3.10                           | 3.10                            | 3.09                            | 3.04                            | 3.68                           | 3.67                           | 3.65                            | 3.58                            | 3.40                            |
| diethyl phthalate          | 84-66-2    | 0.60                           | 0.61                           | 0.61                            | 0.63                            | 0.67                            | 1.47                           | 1.48                           | 1.48                            | 1.51                            | 1.54                            |
| ethyl succinate            | 123-25-1   | 1.08                           | 1.09                           | 1.11                            | 1.15                            | 1.25                            | 2.07                           | 2.08                           | 2.08                            | 2.09                            | 2.11                            |
| dimethyl adipate           | 627-93-0   | 1.83                           | 1.84                           | 1.85                            | 1.89                            | 1.96                            | 2.57                           | 2.57                           | 2.57                            | 2.53                            | 2.51                            |
| dimethyl phthalate         | 131-11-3   | 0.92                           | 0.93                           | 0.95                            | 1.02                            | 1.16                            | 2.14                           | 2.14                           | 2.15                            | 2.18                            | 2.21                            |
| dimethyl succinate         | 106-65-0   | 1.93                           | 1.94                           | 1.97                            | 2.03                            | 2.15                            | 3.06                           | 3.05                           | 3.04                            | 2.99                            | 2.86                            |
| dimethyl glutarate         | 1119-40-0  | 1.97                           | 1.98                           | 1.99                            | 2.04                            | 2.13                            | 2.84                           | 2.83                           | 2.83                            | 2.80                            | 2.74                            |
| glycerol triacetate        | 102-76-1   | 1.61                           | 1.62                           | 1.64                            | 1.69                            | 1.79                            | 2.49                           | 2.49                           | 2.49                            | 2.48                            | 2.43                            |
| triethyl citrate           | 77-93-0    | 0.69                           | 0.70                           | 0.70                            | 0.72                            | 0.73                            | 1.40                           | 1.41                           | 1.41                            | 1.43                            | 1.45                            |
| ethyl lactate              | 97-64-3    | 3.02                           | 3.01                           | 2.99                            | 2.94                            | 2.81                            | 3.24                           | 3.23                           | 3.21                            | 3.15                            | 3.02                            |
| 1,2-ethanediol diacetate   | 111-55-7   | 2.65                           | 2.65                           | 2.64                            | 2.63                            | 2.58                            | 3.23                           | 3.21                           | 3.19                            | 3.10                            | 2.91                            |
| Ketones                    |            |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |

|                                                   |              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <i>methyl isobutyl ketone</i>                     | 108-10-1     | 2.85 | 2.83 | 2.80 | 2.73 | 2.62 | 3.01 | 3.00 | 2.99 | 2.97 | 2.90 |
| cyclopentanone                                    | 120-92-3     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2.41 | 2.38 | 2.33 | 2.18 | 1.86 |
| cyclohexanone                                     | 108-94-1     | 2.59 | 2.54 | 2.51 | 2.48 | 2.45 | 3.40 | 3.38 | 3.34 | 3.22 | 2.95 |
| <b>Ethers</b>                                     |              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| dimethoxymethane                                  | 109-87-5     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3.40 | 3.37 | 3.32 | 3.17 | 2.85 |
| tetrahydrofuran                                   | 109-99-9     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3.51 | 3.48 | 3.44 | 3.30 | 3.00 |
| 1,2-dimethoxyethane                               | 110-71-4     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3.63 | 3.60 | 3.56 | 3.41 | 3.10 |
| 1,1,3-trimethoxypropane                           | 14315-97-0   | 2.67 | 2.66 | 2.64 | 2.58 | 2.47 | 2.52 | 2.52 | 2.52 | 2.52 | 2.50 |
| dipropylene glycol                                | 25265-71-8   | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2.82 | 2.80 | 2.72 | 2.68 | 2.47 |
| diglyme                                           | 111-96-6     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3.34 | 3.33 | 3.30 | 3.23 | 3.06 |
| dimethyl isosorbide                               | 5306-85-4    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2.76 | 2.75 | 2.73 | 2.67 | 2.52 |
| PEO                                               | 25322-68-3   | 2.43 | 2.42 | 2.40 | 2.33 | 2.21 | 2.60 | 2.60 | 2.59 | 2.57 | 2.49 |
| <b>Organic carbonates</b>                         |              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| dimethyl carbonate                                | 616-38-6     | 2.20 | 2.19 | 2.16 | 2.11 | 2.05 | 3.30 | 3.26 | 3.21 | 3.17 | 3.12 |
| diethyl carbonate                                 | 105-58-8     | 2.01 | 2.00 | 1.97 | 1.92 | 1.85 | 2.93 | 2.92 | 2.87 | 2.82 | 2.77 |
| propylene carbonate                               | 108-32-7     | 1.86 | 1.84 | 1.79 | 1.73 | 1.65 | 2.55 | 2.51 | 2.43 | 2.34 | 2.19 |
| butylene carbonate                                | 4437-85-8    | 1.78 | 1.76 | 1.72 | 1.67 | 1.58 | 2.51 | 2.49 | 2.40 | 2.28 | 2.11 |
| <b>Dipolar aprotic</b>                            |              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| nitromethane                                      | 75-52-5      | 2.54 | 2.60 | 2.68 | 2.91 | 3.28 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| n,n-dimethyloctanamide                            | 1118-92-9    | 2.34 | 2.33 | 2.31 | 2.25 | 2.12 | 2.07 | 2.05 | 2.03 | 1.97 | 1.84 |
| n,n-dimethyldecanamide                            | 14433-76-2   | 1.71 | 1.69 | 1.66 | 1.57 | 1.38 | 1.32 | 1.31 | 1.29 | 1.23 | 1.09 |
| hexamethylphosphoramide                           | 680-31-9     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3.12 | 3.09 | 3.06 | 2.96 | 2.76 |
| <b>Halogenated</b>                                |              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| dichloromethane                                   | 75-09-2      | 2.07 | 2.33 | 2.67 | 3.59 | 4.62 | 3.69 | 3.69 | 3.69 | 3.65 | 3.44 |
| <b>Bases</b>                                      |              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| pyridine                                          | 110-86-1     | -    | -    | 4.08 | 3.93 | 3.61 | 3.55 | 3.51 | 3.46 | 3.28 | 2.92 |
| tetramethylurea                                   | 632-22-4     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3.03 | 2.91 | 2.66 |
| N,N'-Dimethylpropyleneurea                        | 7226-23-5    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2.69 | 2.67 | 2.63 | 2.52 | -    |
| 2,4,6-collidine                                   | 108-75-8     | 3.31 | 3.28 | 3.24 | 3.10 | 2.80 | 2.51 | 2.50 | 2.49 | 2.44 | 2.37 |
| methyl-5-(dimethylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxopentanoate | 1174627-68-9 | 1.02 | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3.23 | 3.21 | 3.18 | 3.08 | 2.88 |

Table S4 Distribution coefficients calculated from COSMO-RS predictions of the LLE {H<sub>2</sub>O + 5-HMF +solvent} at 298.15 K and 423.15 K for feed compositions simulated from different initial substrate concentrations. Note: the results for a feed composition corresponding to an initial concentration of xylose of 1% wt. at 423.15 K are marked in purple italic font for reference for the raking of solvents. The results for MIBK are highlighted due this solvent being the most commonly applied in experimental studies. – denotes non-existing LLE-

|                                |            | T=298.15 K                     |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 | T=423.15 K                     |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Solvent                        | CAS        | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=1% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=5% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=10% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=25% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=50% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=1% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=5% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=10% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=25% wt. | C <sub>fruc:0</sub><br>=50% wt. |
| Alcohols                       |            |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol     | 97-99-4    | -                              | -                              | -                               | -                               | -                               | 1.92                           | 1.91                           | 1.90                            | -                               | 1.80                            |
| furfuryl alcohol               | 98-00-0    | 8.37                           | 8.32                           | 8.27                            | 8.09                            | 7.79                            | 2.53                           | 2.53                           | 2.53                            | 2.53                            | 2.52                            |
| 3-methoxy-3-methylbutanol      | 56539-66-3 | 2.68                           | 2.69                           | 2.70                            | 2.73                            | 2.81                            | 4.39                           | 4.38                           | 4.37                            | 4.33                            | 4.25                            |
| benzyl alcohol                 | 100-51-6   | 9.60                           | 9.55                           | 9.48                            | 9.27                            | 8.91                            | 5.76                           | 5.73                           | 5.69                            | 5.57                            | 5.32                            |
| Esters                         |            |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| methyl acetate                 | 79-20-9    | -                              | -                              | -                               | -                               | -                               | 2.31                           | 2.31                           | 2.31                            | 2.30                            | 2.29                            |
| ethyl acetate                  | 141-78-6   | 6.64                           | 6.63                           | 6.63                            | 6.60                            | 6.56                            | 5.71                           | 5.69                           | 5.65                            | 5.55                            | 5.33                            |
| isopropyl acetate              | 108-21-4   | 6.51                           | 6.52                           | 6.53                            | 6.58                            | 6.66                            | 5.52                           | 5.51                           | 5.50                            | 5.46                            | 5.37                            |
| n-propyl acetate               | 109-60-4   | 6.61                           | 6.62                           | 6.63                            | 6.67                            | 6.75                            | 5.57                           | 5.56                           | 5.55                            | 5.51                            | 5.42                            |
| adipic acid diethyl ester      | 141-28-6   | 4.09                           | 4.12                           | 4.15                            | 4.27                            | 4.50                            | 3.60                           | 3.61                           | 3.62                            | 3.65                            | 3.70                            |
| acetic anhydride               | 108-24-7   | 8.02                           | 8.01                           | 8.00                            | 7.98                            | 7.90                            | 4.07                           | 4.05                           | 4.03                            | 3.96                            | 3.81                            |
| methyl propionate              | 554-12-1   | 7.40                           | 7.39                           | 7.39                            | 7.37                            | 7.33                            | 5.85                           | 5.83                           | 5.80                            | 5.71                            | 5.50                            |
| diethyl phthalate              | 84-66-2    | 3.74                           | 3.78                           | 3.83                            | 3.98                            | 4.30                            | 3.51                           | 3.52                           | 3.53                            | 3.57                            | 3.65                            |
| ethyl succinate                | 123-25-1   | 4.63                           | 4.66                           | 4.70                            | 4.83                            | 5.08                            | 4.18                           | 4.18                           | 4.19                            | 4.20                            | 4.22                            |
| diisobutyl succinate           | 925-06-4   | 2.61                           | 2.64                           | 2.67                            | 2.79                            | 3.06                            | 2.64                           | 2.65                           | 2.66                            | 2.71                            | 2.80                            |
| dimethyl adipate               | 627-93-0   | 5.37                           | 5.39                           | 5.42                            | 5.50                            | 5.66                            | 4.49                           | 4.49                           | 4.49                            | 4.48                            | 4.44                            |
| dimethyl phthalate             | 131-11-3   | 4.99                           | 5.02                           | 5.06                            | 5.18                            | 5.43                            | 4.33                           | 4.33                           | 4.33                            | 4.34                            | 4.33                            |
| dimethyl succinate             | 106-65-0   | 6.12                           | 6.14                           | 6.16                            | 6.22                            | 6.33                            | 4.80                           | 4.79                           | 4.78                            | 4.72                            | 4.61                            |
| benzoic acid phenylmethylester | 118-58-1   | 3.15                           | 3.19                           | 3.24                            | 3.42                            | 3.79                            | 3.19                           | 3.20                           | 3.22                            | 3.27                            | 3.37                            |
| dimethyl glutarate             | 1119-40-0  | 5.81                           | 5.83                           | 5.85                            | 5.92                            | 6.04                            | 4.76                           | 4.76                           | 4.75                            | 4.72                            | 4.64                            |
| diisobutyl glutarate           | 71195-64-7 | 2.45                           | 2.47                           | 2.50                            | 2.61                            | 2.85                            | 2.48                           | 2.48                           | 2.49                            | 2.53                            | 2.61                            |
| glycerol triacetate            | 102-76-1   | 5.02                           | 5.05                           | 5.08                            | 5.18                            | 5.37                            | 4.15                           | 4.15                           | 4.15                            | 4.14                            | 4.11                            |
| triethyl citrate               | 77-93-0    | 3.25                           | 3.29                           | 3.33                            | 3.48                            | 3.79                            | 3.05                           | 3.06                           | 3.08                            | 3.13                            | 3.23                            |
| Ethyl lactate                  | 97-64-3    | 5.55                           | 5.56                           | 5.58                            | 5.63                            | 5.72                            | 5.02                           | 5.01                           | 4.99                            | 4.94                            | 4.82                            |
| 1,2-ethanediol diacetate       | 111-55-7   | 5.93                           | 5.93                           | 5.94                            | 5.97                            | 6.01                            | 4.65                           | 4.63                           | 4.61                            | 4.55                            | 4.41                            |
| Ketones                        |            |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                |                                |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| methyl isobutyl ketone         | 108-10-1   | 5.92                           | 5.93                           | 5.94                            | 5.98                            | 6.07                            | 5.36                           | 5.35                           | 5.34                            | 5.30                            | 5.22                            |
| cyclopentanone                 | 120-92-3   | -                              | -                              | -                               | -                               | -                               | 2.74                           | 2.74                           | 2.73                            | 2.70                            | 2.65                            |
| cyclohexanone                  | 108-94-1   | 3.43                           | 3.41                           | 3.38                            | 3.33                            | 3.27                            | 4.51                           | 4.49                           | 4.47                            | 4.40                            | 4.25                            |

| <b>Organic acids</b>                              |              |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| cis-9-octadecenoic acid                           | 112-80-1     | 2.67  | 2.64  | 2.60  | 2.52  | 2.43  | 1.90 | 1.89 | 1.89 | 1.87 | 1.84 |
| ricinoleic acid                                   | 141-22-0     | 1.72  | 1.73  | 1.75  | 1.82  | 1.99  | 2.03 | 2.04 | 2.04 | 2.06 | 2.10 |
| <b>Ethers</b>                                     |              |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| dimethoxymethane                                  | 109-87-5     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 4.43 | 4.41 | 4.38 | 4.29 | 4.11 |
| tetrahydrofuran                                   | 109-99-9     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 4.45 | 4.43 | 4.41 | 4.33 | 4.17 |
| 1,2-dimethoxyethane                               | 110-71-4     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 4.61 | 4.59 | 4.57 | 4.48 | 4.31 |
| 1,1,3-trimethoxypropane                           | 14315-97-0   | 4.83  | 4.84  | 4.86  | 4.94  | 5.08  | 4.54 | 4.54 | 4.54 | 4.54 | 4.53 |
| dipropylene glycol                                | 25265-71-8   | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 3.47 | 3.46 | 3.45 | 3.41 | 3.33 |
| diglyme                                           | 111-96-6     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 4.85 | 4.84 | 4.83 | 4.78 | 4.67 |
| anisole                                           | 100-66-3     | 5.06  | 5.12  | 5.19  | 5.44  | 5.91  | 5.39 | 5.40 | 5.41 | 5.43 | 5.44 |
| dimethyl isosorbide                               | 5306-85-4    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 3.85 | 3.85 | 3.84 | 3.81 | 3.74 |
| PEO                                               | 25322-68-3   | 3.64  | 3.66  | 3.69  | 3.79  | 3.99  | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 3.97 |
| <b>Organic carbonates</b>                         |              |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| dimethyl carbonate                                | 616-38-6     | 5.32  | 5.33  | 5.36  | 5.41  | 5.49  | 4.44 | 4.44 | 4.42 | 4.36 | 4.26 |
| diethyl carbonate                                 | 105-58-8     | 4.91  | 4.93  | 4.98  | 5.05  | 5.15  | 4.22 | 4.21 | 4.17 | 4.11 | 4.03 |
| propylene carbonate                               | 108-32-7     | 4.77  | 4.79  | 4.82  | 4.86  | 4.93  | 4.14 | 4.13 | 4.11 | 4.08 | 4.05 |
| butylene carbonate                                | 4437-85-8    | 4.68  | 4.70  | 4.74  | 4.80  | 4.89  | 4.05 | 4.05 | 4.03 | 4.00 | 3.97 |
| <b>Dipolar aprotic</b>                            |              |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| nitromethane                                      | 75-52-5      | 11.19 | 11.15 | 11.11 | 10.96 | 10.68 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| n,n-dimethyloctanamide                            | 1118-92-9    | 3.30  | 3.33  | 3.42  | 3.63  | 3.62  | 3.62 | 3.62 | 3.62 | 3.63 | 3.30 |
| hexamethylphosphoramide                           | 680-31-9     | 2.08  | 2.08  | -     | -     | -     | 3.81 | 3.81 | 3.81 | 3.79 | 3.75 |
| <b>Halogenated</b>                                |              |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| chloroform                                        | 67-66-3      | 18.16 | 17.30 | 16.30 | 13.73 | 10.68 | 5.24 | 5.22 | 5.19 | 5.12 | 5.02 |
| dichloromethane                                   | 75-09-2      | 20.39 | 20.03 | 19.59 | 18.30 | 16.14 | 6.52 | 6.47 | 6.41 | 6.20 | 5.81 |
| cis-1,2-dichloroethene                            | 156-59-2     | 10.77 | 10.71 | 10.64 | 10.44 | 10.11 | 6.23 | 6.22 | 6.21 | 6.16 | 6.04 |
| 1,2-dichloroethane                                | 107-06-2     | 8.17  | 8.20  | 8.24  | 8.36  | 8.55  | 5.89 | 5.87 | 5.85 | 5.79 | 5.63 |
| <b>Bases</b>                                      |              |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| pyridine                                          | 110-86-1     | 5.05  | 5.05  | 5.05  | 5.05  | 5.06  | 4.40 | 4.38 | 4.36 | 4.27 | 4.10 |
| tetramethylurea                                   | 632-22-4     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 3.44 | 3.43 | 3.42 | 3.38 | 3.31 |
| N,N'-Dimethylpropyleneurea                        | 7226-23-5    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 2.95 | 2.95 | 2.94 | 2.92 | 2.87 |
| 2,4,6-collidine                                   | 108-75-8     | 4.83  | 4.86  | 4.90  | 5.05  | 5.34  | 4.89 | 4.89 | 4.89 | 4.88 | 4.87 |
| 1,2-dimethyl-3-nitrobenzene                       | 83-41-0      | 3.71  | 3.76  | 3.83  | 4.05  | 4.49  | 4.05 | 4.07 | 4.08 | 4.14 | 4.24 |
| 1,3-dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene                       | 81-20-9      | 3.36  | 3.42  | 3.49  | 3.72  | 4.19  | 3.85 | 3.86 | 3.88 | 3.95 | 4.07 |
| 1,4-dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene                       | 89-58-7      | 3.50  | 3.55  | 3.62  | 3.84  | 4.28  | 3.90 | 3.92 | 3.94 | 3.99 | 4.10 |
| methyl-5-(dimethylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxopentanoate | 1174627-68-9 | -     | -     | 1.53  | 1.72  | 1.94  | 4.35 | 4.34 | 4.33 | 4.28 | 4.19 |