Electronic Supplementary Information: Aqueous Citrate: a First-Principles and Force-field Molecular Dynamics Study.

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Finite-Size Effects

The extreme computational expense of first-principles simulations, relative to force-field-based simulations, limits the physical size of a system that can be studied. While the CPMD simulations performed in this work were of comparable dimension to other recent studies,^{1,3–5} it was necessary to check that any potential system-size dependent artifacts, due to the periodicity imposed on the system under these conditions, were not incorporated into the force-field (FF) during our parametrisation process. Although the very nature of the issue cannot at present be probed directly by use of CPMD simulations of larger dimension to verify this, we can however check that the results from the FF simulations are invariant to changes in system size. Therefore four additional FF-s simulations were performed; two initiated in starting configuration A, and, two in starting configuration B. In one set of simulations, denoted 'small', a cell of dimensions comparable to CPMD was used. We point out here that interpretation of results generated with such a small system size for FF-based simulations inevitably comes with its own caveats, specifically due to the very short interaction cutoffs that are required (vide infra). In another set of runs, denoted 'Large', simulations were carried out in a simulation cell of ~ 40 Å in length. The parameters used to model the citrate anion in both sets of calculations were those derived from simulations in which a cell of dimension \sim 30 Å was used—see 'Methods: Force-field MD Simulations' in the main text for details.

Specifically, 'small'/'large' simulations comprised one citrate, 3 Na⁺ and 128/2187 TIP3P water molecules respectively. In the case of the 'small' run, simulations were carried out in the *NVT* ensemble; non-bonded electrostatic summation was cut-off at 7 Å with a force-switching potential applied at 6.5 Å. Lennard-Jones interactions were cut-off at 7 Å with a switching potential applied at 6 Å . We remark that these cut-offs are much smaller than those recommended for the CHARMM FF, and emphasise that these small cut-offs are a consequence of the size of the simulation cell, recognising that the findings from these runs have caveats of their own. The ensemble and cut-offs used in the 'large' simulations were identical to those adopted for those performed for our conventional cell of dimension \sim 30 Å as reported in the main text. All other simulation details (for example time-step, integration algorithm) were identical to FF-s simulations carried out in a cell of dimension 30 Å see

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The results of FF-s 'small' and 'large' simulations are presented in Figure E2. The conformations of the citrate anion, as probed by the HOCC and CCCC dihedral angles sampled during the course of these trajectories demonstrate invariance to system size.



Figure E2: a) HOCC and **b)** CCCC dihedral angles sampled by citrate in FF-s simulations of three different cell dimensions (16.5 Å 'small', 30.0 Å and 40.0 Å 'large'), initiated in starting configurations A and B. Data from the corresponding CPMD simulations are also presented for reference.



Figure E3: Three different possible conformations of the 'backbone' (chain of 5 consecutive C atoms from one terminal carboxylate group to the other) of a citrate molecule referred to in this paper: 'fully folded', 'partially folded' and 'fully extended'.

Non-bonded parameters

Non-bonded interactions in the new citrate FF are described by the following potential:

$$V^{NB}(r_{ij}) = 4\varepsilon_{ij} \left(\left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right) + C \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$
(1)

where $C = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}$; r_{ij} is the distance between atoms *i* and *j*; σ_{ij} and ϵ_{ij} the van der Waals diameter and the strength of the interaction, respectively, between of atoms *i* and *j*; q_i the partial charge of atom *i*; and, ϵ_r the relative dielectric constant of the medium. The Lorentz-Berthelot mixing rules, $\sigma_{ij} = (\sigma_i + \sigma_j)/2$, $\epsilon_{ij} = \sqrt{\epsilon_i \times \epsilon_j}$, are used to combine Lennard Jones parameters from different atom-types.⁶ In accordance with CHARMM, non-bonded interactions between atoms separated by 2 bonds or less are excluded, whilst as discussed in Section 'Force-Field Derivation' in the main text, the 1-5 electrostatic interaction between the citrate hydroxyl hydrogen and OM oxygen was scaled by a factor of 0.3.

Parameters for citrate, q_i , σ_i and ε_i , are listed in Table E1. Atom-types correspond to the specific atoms labeled in Figure E3.



Figure E4: CHARMM atom-type assigned to each atom in citrate.

Atom-Type	q	σ(/Å)	$\epsilon (/kJmol^{-1})$
OC	-0.760	3.02906	0.50208
CC	+0.620	3.56359	0.29288
HA	+0.090	2.35197	0.09205
CT2	-0.180	3.87541	0.23012
СТ	-0.070	4.05359	0.08368
OH1	-0.540	3.15378	0.63639
Н	+0.310	0.40001	0.19246
NA+	+1.000	2.42993	0.19623

Table E1: Non-bonded parameters for citrate (and Na⁺), taken from existing parameters in the CHARMM FF.

Bonded Parameters

Bonded interactions between citrate atoms are described by the following potential:

$$V^{B} = V^{bond} + V^{angle} + V^{dihedral} + V^{improper}$$
⁽²⁾

where:

$$V^{bond}(b_{ij}) = \frac{1}{2}k^b_{ij}(r_{ij} - b_{ij})^2$$
(3)

$$V^{angle}(\theta_{ijk}) = \frac{1}{2} \theta^{\theta}_{ijk} (\theta_{ijk} - \theta^{0}_{ijk})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k^{UB}_{ijk} (r_{ik} - r^{0}_{ik})^2$$
(4)

$$V^{dihedral}(\phi_{ijkl}) = k^{\phi}_{ijkl} (1 + \cos(n\phi_{ijkl} - \phi^0_{ijkl}))$$
(5)

$$V^{improper}(\eta_{ijkl}) = \frac{1}{2}k_{\eta}(\eta_{ijkl} - \eta_0)^2$$
(6)

		b₀/Å	$k_b/kJ mol^{-1}$
CC	OC	1.26	439320.0
CC	CT2	1.52	167360.0
CT2	HA	1.11	258571.2
OH1	Н	0.96	456056.0
CT	CC	1.52	167360.0
CT2	CT	1.50	186188.0
СТ	OH1	1.42	358150.4

Table E2: Bonded parameters for V^{bond}, taken from existing parameters in the CHARMM FF.

			θ_0 / °	$k_{\theta}/kJ mol^{-1}$	r _{UB} /Å	k_{UB} /kJ mol ⁻¹
OC	CC	OC	124.00	836.80	2.225	58576.000
OC	CC	CT2	118.00	334.72	2.388	41840.000
CC	CT2	HA	109.50	276.14	2.163	25104.000
HA	CT2	HA	109.00	297.06	1.802	4518.720
CT	CC	OC	118.00	334.72	2.388	41840.000
CT2	СТ	CC	108.00	435.14	0.000	0.000
CT2	CT	CT2	113.60	488.27	2.561	9338.688
HA	CT2	CT	110.10	279.74	2.179	18853.104
CC	CT2	CT	108.00	435.14	0.000	0.000
CT2	CT	OH1	110.10	633.46	0.000	0.000
OH1	CT	CC	110.10	633.46	0.000	0.000
CT	OH1	Η	106.00	481.16	0.000	0.000

Table E3: Bonded parameters for V^{angle} , taken from existing parameters in the CHARMM FF.

				$\phi_0/^{\circ}$	$k_{\phi}/kJ mol^{-1}$	n
HA	CT2	CC	OC	180.00	0.2092	6
CT	CT2	CC	OC	180.00	0.2092	6
<u>CT2</u>	CT	<u>CT2</u>	<u>CC</u>	0.00	4.0000	3
OH1	CT	CT2	CC	0.00	0.8368	3
OH1	CT	CT2	HA	0.00	0.8368	3
CC	CT	CT2	CC	0.00	0.8368	3
CC	CT	CT2	HA	0.00	0.8368	3
CT2	CT	CT2	HA	0.00	0.8368	3
<u>OH1</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>OC</u>	0.00	1.2000	2
CT2	CT	CC	OC	180.00	0.2092	6
<u>CC</u>	CT	<u>OH1</u>	H	0.00	0.2092	1
CT2	CT	OH1	Η	0.00	0.5858	3

Table E4: Bonded parameters for $V^{dihedral}$, taken from existing parameters in the CHARMMFF. Parameters for torsional terms refined specifically in this work have been <u>underlined</u>.

				η_0/\circ	$k_{\eta}^{CHARMM}/kJ mol^{-1}$
CC	CT2	OC	OC	0.000	803.328
CC	CT	OC	OC	0.000	803.328

Table E5: Bonded parameters for V^{improper}, taken from existing parameters in the CHARMMFF.



Figure E5: Optimal geometry of the citrate anion *in vacuo* in a number of different internal configurations identified by calculations at the MP2/6-31G* level. The energy $(kJmol^{-1})$ of each structure relative to the ground state is given. Data in black with round brackets were obtained using MP2/6-31G* calculations, whilst those shown in red with square brackets were generated using the FF. The MP2 data were not used in our fitting procedure.



Figure E6: Potential energy scans of HOCC dihedral for each of the optimised structures of citrate *in vacuo* shown in Figure E5. Data are presented for calculations carried out at the MP2/6-31G* level (not used in our fitting procedure) and using the new FF parameters.

run		Average number	Average length/Å
CPMD A	total $COO^- \cdots$ water	11.586±1.257	1.883±0.223
CPMD A	internal	0	n/a
CPMD A	OH · · · water	1.002 ± 0.621	$2.060{\pm}0.198$
CPMD A	HO…water	$0.801 {\pm} 0.399$	$1.997 {\pm} 0.212$
FF-s A	total $COO^- \cdots$ water	18.437±1.393	1.801 ± 0.206
FF-s A	internal	$0.001 {\pm} 0.035$	$1.734{\pm}0.016$
FF-s A	OH · · · water	1.061 ± 0.657	2.061 ± 0.176
FF-s A	HO⋯water	$0.341 {\pm} 0.474$	2.103 ± 0.238
CPMD B	total $COO^- \cdots$ water	11.245±1.153	1.849 ± 0.194
CPMD B	internal	$0.817 {\pm} 0.387$	$1.819 {\pm} 0.159$
CPMD B	OH · · · water	$0.670 {\pm} 0.497$	2.009 ± 0.177
CPMD B	HO…water	$0.061 {\pm} 0.239$	$2.281 {\pm} 0.093$
FF-s B	total $COO^- \cdots$ water	15.744 ± 1.800	1.853±0.193
FF-s B	internal	$0.551 {\pm} 0.497$	$1.997 {\pm} 0.158$
FF-s B	OH · · · water	$0.788{\pm}0.409$	2.021 ± 0.176
FF-s B	HO…water	$0.146 {\pm} 0.353$	$2.234{\pm}0.138$
FF-s C	total $COO^- \cdots$ water	18.639±1.365	1.836 ± 0.185
FF-s C	internal	$0.753 {\pm} 0.431$	1.882 ± 0.131
FF-s C	OH··· water	$1.607 {\pm} 0.661$	$2.018 {\pm} 0.173$
FF-s C	HO…water	$0.036{\pm}0.186$	$2.256 {\pm} 0.124$

Table E6: Average number and average length of citrate...water hydrogen-bonds found in CPMD and FF-s simulations initiated in configurations A, B and C.



Figure E7: RDF profiles for citrate a) carboxylate– and b) hydroxyl– O_w and H_w distances for FF-s and FF-l simulations initiated in the C conformation.

Hydrogen-Bond Strength

The characteristic lifetime of a hydrogen-bond is one way of estimating its strength. Two alternative methods have been proposed in the literature. The first (denoted 'Method 1' below) is based on the ratio between the heights of the first peak and trough in the Radial Distribution (RDF) profiles of the two interacting species,¹ whilst the second (denoted 'Method 2' below) is based on the average length of a hydrogen-bond.²

Method 1

Furmanchuk *et al.* estimated the strength of a hydrogen-bond between water and nucleic acid bases adenine, thymine, guanine and cytosine by taking the ratio g^{max}/g^{min} from the relevant RDF profiles of the molecules simulated in liquid water using CPMD.¹ In this work, g^{max} has been chosen using the condition that $r^{max} < 2.45$ Å; the same distance used as a cut-off for $H \cdots O$ interactions for the rigorously description of a hydrogen-bond outlined in the 'Methods' section. Figure E8 shows the results of applying this method to estimate hydrogen-bond strength to CPMD, FF-s and FF-l simulations of citrate.

Whilst using the method of Furmanchuk *et al.* to determine hydrogen-bond strength¹ there were no significant differences between CPMD and FF data for carboxylate...water hydrogen-bonds, the same was not true for hydroxyl...water ones; the strength of the latter were consistently underestimated by the FF. However, in agreement with CPMD, both FF-s and FF-1 showed a slight tendency for OE carboxylate...water hydrogen-bonds to be stronger than OM ones. This also concurred with the trend observed when characteristic lifetime was used as the metric of hydrogen-bond strength.

It is important to note that this method of defining hydrogen-bond strength is based on a single distance criterion only. As mentioned in the 'Results and Discussion' Section this does not preclude two molecules which may merely be in close proximity, but not actually hydrogen-bonded to each other. The former scenario is likely to account for the exceedingly strong hydrogen-bond between O(-H) and water in CPMD B, where water molecules residing the first hydration shell of the hydroxyl O may be attracted to this location not only by the O

itself but also by the Na⁺ co-ordinated to it.

Method 2

Lee *et al.* optimized the structure of a number of cationic, neutral and anionic N/O···H hydrogen-bonded dimers *in vacuo* using the BLYP and B3LYP functionals and at the MP2 level of theory.² They found that the binding energy was proportional to $1/r^4$, where *r* was the length of the hydrogen-bond between the two monomers. Whilst these calculations were carried out under different conditions to those used in the CPMD and FF MD simulations of citrate presented here (*i.e. in vacuo vs.* aqueous, and at 0 K rather than 300 K), it was interesting to investigate whether trends in citrate-water hydrogen-bond strength predicted by this method were in agreement with the other two metrics (Method 1 above, and hydrogen-bond lifetime) used.

Again, in agreement with Method 1 and the hydrogen-bond lifetime metric of hydrogen-bond strength, citrate...water hydrogen-bonds formed in CPMD simulations were of comparable strength to those formed in FF-s and FF-1 simulations (Figure E9) when using this metric. In all simulations carboxylate...water hydrogen-bonds are stronger than hydroxyl...water ones.



Figure E8: Hydrogen-bond strength (defined by the ratio g^{max}/g^{min}) for OM-water, OE-water and OH-water hydrogen-bonds for CPMD (navy), FF-s (green) and FF-l (yellow) simulations initiated in starting conformations A (solid fill), B (patterned fill) and C (unfilled).



Figure E9: Hydrogen-bond strength (defined as being proportional to $1/r_{O-H}^4$) for OM-water, OE-water and OH-water hydrogen-bonds for CPMD (navy), FF-s (green) and FF-l (yellow) simulations initiated in starting conformations A (solid lines), B (dashed lines) and C (dotted lines).

		$\tau_S^{CPMD}/\mathrm{ps}$	τ_S^{FF-s} / ps
Α	OM	0.2	0.4
А	OE	0.7	0.5
А	OH	0.1	0.2
А	HO	0.4	0.1
В	OM	0.4	0.7
В	OE	1.4	0.6
В	int	0.1	0.0
В	OH	0.4	0.4
В	HO	0.0	0.0
С	int	n/a	0.1

Table E7: Continuous hydrogen-bond lifetimes, τ_S , for COO⁻ ···· water (OM and OE), OH···· water, HO···· water, and, internal hydrogen-bonds for CPMD and FF-s simulations starting in conformations A and B. Continuous hydrogen-bond lifetime for the internal

hydrogen-bond in simulation FF-s C is also shown.



Figure E10: Continuous hydrogen-bond time-autocorrelation functions, S(t), for carboxylate··· water hydrogen-bonds formed by citrate for CPMD and FF-s simulations starting in conformations A and B. Hydrogen-bonds formed by OE O are shown as dashed lines, whilst those formed by OM O are shown as dotted.

Amino Acid Simulation Methods

To investigate the persistence of carboxylate... water hydrogen-bonds modelled by CHARMM FF, four simulations of glycine under aqueous conditions were carried out. Two protonation states of glycine have been modelled—the zwitterionic form of the amino acid, stable in solution at pH 7, and the anionic form, stable under basic conditions—to investigate the influence of overall charge density on the structuring of water molecules surrounding the molecule. In both cases two sets of simulations were performed, either identical to the FF-s or FF-l citrate runs (see Section 'Methods: Force-field MD Simulations'). The zwitterionic glycine simulations comprised 1 glycine and 494 TIP3P water molecules, whilst the anionic glycine simulations comprised 1 glycine, 1 Na⁺ and 1276 TIP3P water molecules.

Similarly, to probe the CHARMM description of an hydroxyl… water hydrogen-bond, simulations of serine and threonine under aqueous conditions were carried out. As before, conditions identical to those in citrate runs FF-s were employed. The serine simulation comprised 1 serine and 500 TIP3P water molecules, whilst the threonine simulation comprised 1 threonine and 470 TIP3P water molecules.





	Н	F	Р	Е
А	20.2	0.0	47.0	53.0
В	17.6	0.0	20.2	79.8
С	27.0	0.0	19.6	80.4
total	22.3	0.0	19.9	80.1

Table E8: Percentage probability of a structure being internally hydrogen-bonded, calculated over all the possible backbone and Na⁺ co-ordination states (column label 'H'). Percentage probability of a structure having a folded (column 'F'), partially-folded (column 'P') or extended (column 'E') structure, calculated over all possible hydrogen-bonded and Na⁺ co-ordination states. 'Total' is the average of the two sets of simulations initiated in conformations B and C only.

	F	Р	Е
В	0.0	23.2	16.2
С	0.0	27.9	26.8
total	0.0	25.5	21.5

Table E9: Percentage probability of a structure being internally hydrogen-bonded given it is in a folded (F), partially folded (P) or extended (E) carbon backbone conformation. Data presented only for the 14 simulations started in either initial configuration B or C only. 'Total' is the average of the two.

п	0	1	2	3
В	11.6	43.2	35.2	10.0
С	17.5	45.6	35.3	1.6
total	15.2	44.6	35.2	4.9

Table E10: Percentage probability of citrate, when featuring an internal hydrogen-bond, to be co-ordinated by $n \operatorname{Na^{+}}$ ions. Data presented only for the 14 simulations started in either initial conformation B or C only. 'Total' is the average of the two.



Figure E12: Percentage probability of an Na⁺ ion being co-ordinated to 1 (navy), 2 (green) or 3 (yellow) oxygen atoms in citrate for each type of citrate–Na⁺_n ion pair. Partially folded (top) and fully extended citrate structures (bottom) have been sub-categorized into internally hydrogen-bonded (solid fill) and non-internally hydrogen-bonded (patterned fill) conformations. Data was pooled from the 14 simulations initiated in either conformation B or C only.

c	luste	er	config ₁	m_1	config ₂	m_2	config ₃	m_3
р	h	1	OM-OE (73.3)	2	OE-OM-OM (7.8)	3	OM (3.9)	1
р	n	1	OE-OM-OH (40.9)	3	OM-OE (40.3)	2	OE-OE-OM (7.2)	3
e	h	1	OE-OM-OH (69.8)	3	OM-OE (25.2)	2	OH-OE (1.0)	2
e	n	1	OE-OM-OH (56.7)	3	OM-OE (37.0)	2	OE (1.3)	1
р	h	2	OM-OE (69.2)	2	OE-OM-OM (5.8)	3	OE (5.2)	1
р	n	2	OM-OE (44.5)	2	OE-OM-OH (33.0)	3	OE-OE-OM (13.7)	3
e	h	2	OM-OE (47.3)	2	OE-OM-OH (38.3)	3	OM-OM (5.5)	2
e	n	2	OE-OM-OH (47.7)	3	OM-OE (45.2)	2	OM-OM (1.8)	2
р	h	3	OM-OE (54.8)	2	OH-OM (18.3)	2	OM (11.8)	1
р	n	3	OM-OE (36.3)	2	OE-OM-OH (19.1)	3	OM-OM (11.7)	2
e	h	3	OM-OE (56.2)	2	OE-OM-OH (24.5)	3	OM-OM (6.4)	2
e	n	3	OM-OE (52.1)	2	OE-OM-OH (35.5)	3	OM-OM (3.2)	2

Table E11: The three most populated co-ordination states of Na⁺ ions surrounding citrate, config₁, config₂ and config₃. Config_x labels correspond to the oxygen type—see text for details—to which the Na⁺ ion is co-ordinated. The percentage probability of this configuration occurring for each citrate cluster (denoted p/e, h/n, 1/2/3) is given in parentheses (see text for details of structural classifications assigned to citrate clusters). m_x is the number of O atoms to which an Na⁺ ion is co-ordinated in config_x.

Citrate Input Files:

Below we give the citrate structure file, citrate.gro:

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example citrate gro file
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1CIT	CAC	1	-0.271	-0.024	0.008
1CIT	CA	2	-0.131	-0.066	-0.047
1CIT	CB	3	0.000	0.000	0.000
1CIT	CBC	4	0.022	0.143	-0.063
1CIT	CG	5	0.118	-0.090	-0.048
1CIT	CGC	6	0.261	-0.072	0.013
1CIT	OA1	7	-0.299	0.099	0.018
1CIT	OA2	8	-0.351	-0.122	0.030
1CIT	OB1	9	0.053	0.238	0.014
1CIT	0B2	10	0.012	0.146	-0.191
1CIT	OG1	11	0.273	-0.015	0.126
1CIT	OG2	12	0.355	-0.126	-0.054
1CIT	OHB	13	-0.000	0.000	0.144
1CIT	HA1	14	-0.124	-0.174	-0.029
1CIT	HA2	15	-0.133	-0.051	-0.156
1CIT	HG1	16	0.091	-0.195	-0.027
1CIT	HG2	17	0.126	-0.080	-0.157
1CIT	HOB	18	0.096	-0.014	0.162
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The topology file, citrate.top, is given below:

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