

Quantum Mechanical Study of the β - and δ -Lyase Reactions during the Base Excision Repair Process: Application to FPG

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Table S1 Relative energies (ΔE) and Gibbs energies (ΔG) for stationary points characterized along the proton abstraction and phosphate elimination reactions in the β -lyase step for the O-base pathway (kJ/mol).^a

| Reaction Step | Stationary Point | <i>syn</i> | | | <i>anti</i> | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d |
| C2'-H | RC1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Abstraction | TS1 | 32.5 | 31.9 | 22.0 | 60.1 | 58.9 | 62.4 |
| | IC1 | 25.3 | 24.9 | -0.6 | 41.0 | 40.2 | 31.1 |
| 3'-PO₄ | TS2 | 48.4 | 47.4 | 19.3 | - | - | - |
| | IC2 | -7.6 | -7.4 | -18.7 | - | - | - |

^aEnergies reported relative to the corresponding (O-base or N-base) reactant complex. ^bUnscaled relative energies obtained with IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d). ^cIEF-PCM-B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(2df,2p) relative energies including scaled (0.9806) zero-point vibrational energy correction. ^dSMD-M06-2X/6-311+G(2df,2p)//IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) relative energies including unscaled thermal corrections.

Table S2 Relative energies (ΔE) and Gibbs energies (ΔG) for stationary points characterized along the proton abstraction reaction in the β -lyase step for the N-base pathway (kJ/mol).^a

| Reaction Step | Stationary Point | <i>syn</i> | | | <i>anti</i> | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d |
| C2'-H | RC1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Abstraction | TS1 | 54.5 | 53.5 | 51.5 | 89.7 | 88.1 | 83.4 |
| | IC1 | -8.0 | -7.9 | -2.6 | 17.4 | 17.1 | 7.4 |

^aEnergies reported relative to the corresponding (O-base or N-base) reactant complex. ^bUnscaled relative energies obtained with IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d). ^cIEF-PCM-B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(2df,2p) relative energies including scaled (0.9806) zero-point vibrational energy correction. ^dSMD-M06-2X/6-311+G(2df,2p)//IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) relative energies including unscaled thermal correction.

Table S3 Relative energies (ΔE) and Gibbs energies (ΔG) for stationary points characterized along the proton abstraction reaction in the δ -lyase step for the O-base and N-base pathways (kJ/mol).^a

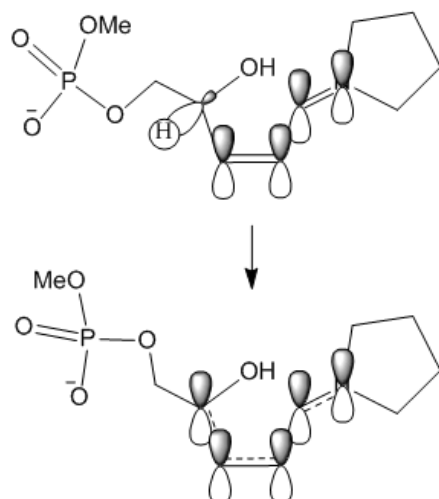
| Reaction Step | Stationary Point | <i>O-base</i> | | | <i>N-base</i> | | |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d |
| C4'-H Abstraction | RC2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | TS3 | 38.4 | 37.7 | 34.7 | 44.4 | 43.6 | 48.0 |
| | IC3 | -34.9 | -34.2 | -53.8 | -104.6 | -102.6 | -102.8 |

^aEnergies reported relative to the corresponding (O-base or N-base) reactant complex. ^bUnscaled relative energies obtained with IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d). ^cIEF-PCM-B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(2df,2p) relative energies including scaled (0.9806) zero-point vibrational energy correction. ^dSMD-M06-2X/6-311+G(2df,2p)//IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) relative energies including unscaled thermal corrections.

Table S4 Relative energies (ΔE) and Gibbs energies (ΔG) for stationary points characterized along the phosphate elimination reaction and the enol-keto rearrangement in the δ -lyase step (kJ/mol).^a

| Reaction Step | Stationary Point | <i>Direct</i> | | | <i>Assisted (N-base)</i> | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d | ΔE^b | ΔE^c | ΔG^d |
| 5'-PO ₄ Elimination | RC3/RC3' | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | TS4' | | | | 26.7 | 26.2 | 21.9 |
| | TS4/IC4' | 160.3 | 157.2 | 188.6 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 18.8 |
| | TS4'' | | | | 164.3 | 161.1 | 185.3 |
| Enol-Keto Rearrangement | IC4/IC4'' | 81.5 | 79.9 | 78.9 | 74.0 | 72.5 | 92.0 |
| | TS5 | 173.2 | 169.8 | 200.6 | | - | |
| | P | 151.9 | 148.9 | 176.8 | | - | |

^aEnergies reported relative to the corresponding (O-base and N-base) reactant complex. ^bUnscaled relative energies obtained with IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d). ^cIEF-PCM-B3LYP-D3/6-311+G(2df,2p) relative energies including scaled (0.9806) zero-point vibrational energy correction. ^dSMD-M06-2X/6-311+G(2df,2p)//IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) relative energies including unscaled thermal corrections.



Scheme S1 Molecular orbital interpretation of the δ -elimination reaction, which depicts bending of the phosphate group to allow the p-orbital of C4' to contribute to the conjugated π -system and result in a more stable intermediate.

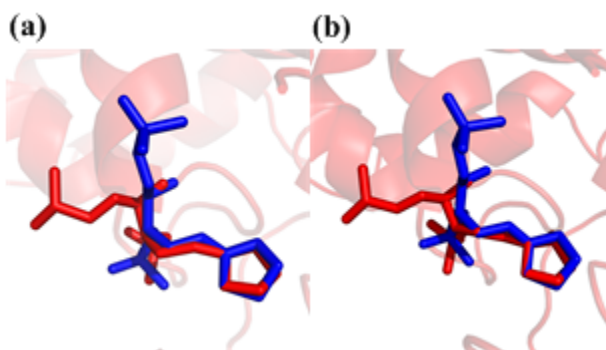


Fig. S1 Overlay of the initial 1-[4-hydroxy-3,5-diyl dimethyl bis(phosphate)pentylidene] pyrrolidinium model (blue) and the crystal structure (red) of (a) the borohydride-trapped abasic site (PDB ID: 1K82) or (b) the Schiff base intermediate (PDB ID: 1L1Z).

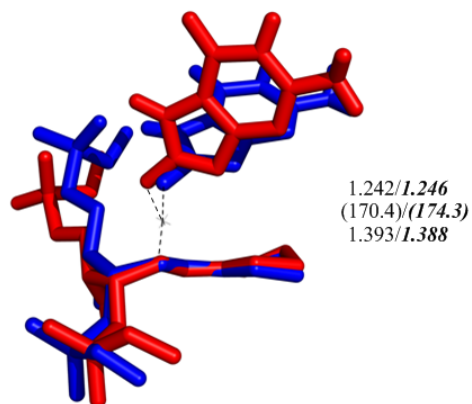


Fig. S2 Overlay of the optimized transition structures for the *syn* (red) and *anti* (blue) orientation of OG^- in the $\text{C2}'\text{-H}$ abstraction step along the O-base pathway. Important distances (\AA) and angles (deg, in parentheses) obtained with IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory are provided. Italicized bold values correspond to the *anti* OG complex.

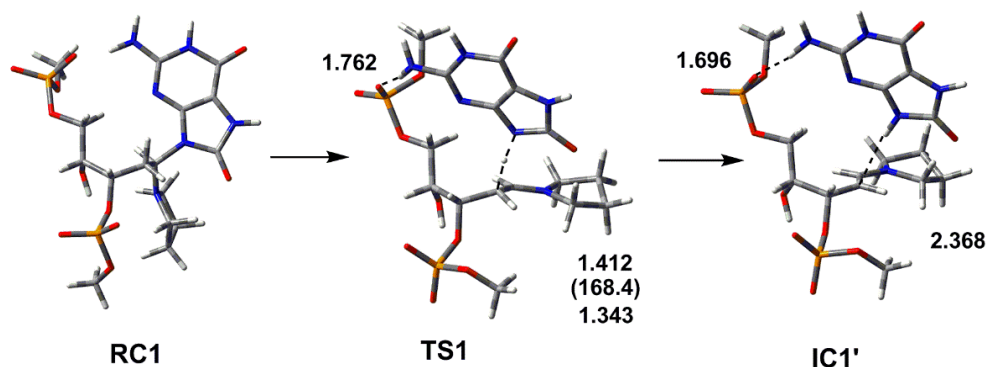


Fig. S3 Optimized structures along the $\text{C2}'\text{-H}$ abstraction step for the *syn* N-base pathway. Important distances (\AA) and angles (deg, in parentheses) obtained with IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory are provided.

IEF-PCM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) Coordinates and Energies (a.u.) for Transition States

C2'-H abstraction (*anti* N-base) (Figure 2, TS1) (-2464.44529)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -1.36710 | -0.54829 | -1.04782 |
| C | -1.76274 | 0.02182 | -2.25541 |
| N | -2.98184 | -0.56462 | -2.60077 |
| C | -3.33406 | -1.49604 | -1.62951 |
| C | -4.44389 | -2.35518 | -1.50037 |
| O | -5.43728 | -2.50795 | -2.22476 |
| N | -4.31369 | -3.13189 | -0.30549 |
| C | -3.26453 | -3.06905 | 0.57133 |
| N | -3.35679 | -3.86765 | 1.69980 |
| N | -2.23639 | -2.26689 | 0.42205 |
| C | -2.30004 | -1.46957 | -0.68858 |
| O | -1.16631 | 0.87730 | -2.91558 |
| H | -3.52139 | -0.30249 | -3.41140 |
| H | -5.10765 | -3.72922 | -0.10489 |
| H | -3.76978 | -4.78344 | 1.56279 |
| H | -2.47658 | -3.91666 | 2.19873 |
| H | 3.18902 | 2.02584 | 0.61172 |
| C | 1.00032 | -3.11360 | 3.58383 |
| C | 1.34166 | -1.65053 | 3.28146 |
| N | 1.36250 | -1.60036 | 1.80258 |
| C | 1.39969 | -2.95293 | 1.20576 |
| C | 1.64571 | -3.87253 | 2.41053 |
| H | 0.61215 | -0.93750 | 3.67253 |
| H | 2.19102 | -2.99234 | 0.45246 |
| H | 0.43486 | -3.15274 | 0.72672 |
| H | 1.22275 | -4.86933 | 2.25837 |
| H | -0.08718 | -3.25075 | 3.57541 |
| H | 1.37385 | -3.42951 | 4.56177 |
| O | -0.01097 | 3.86106 | 0.44903 |
| C | 0.08558 | 2.52588 | -0.04671 |
| C | 1.54828 | 2.23153 | -0.34506 |
| O | 2.30491 | 2.34850 | 0.86694 |
| C | 1.81709 | 0.85567 | -0.99845 |
| O | 3.26799 | 0.81538 | -1.06582 |
| C | 1.24404 | -0.37715 | -0.29692 |
| C | 1.35780 | -0.47957 | 1.10977 |
| P | 4.11603 | -0.46242 | -1.72498 |

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| O | 5.46301 | 0.09454 | -2.08521 |
| O | 3.24488 | -1.22806 | -2.67741 |
| O | 4.27867 | -1.44848 | -0.38210 |
| C | 5.12771 | -0.99640 | 0.66428 |
| H | -0.50480 | 2.40179 | -0.96266 |
| H | -0.30075 | 1.82957 | 0.70753 |
| H | 1.90277 | 2.99112 | -1.05897 |
| H | 1.41930 | 0.86761 | -2.01746 |
| H | -0.06504 | -0.40251 | -0.55422 |
| H | 1.51965 | -1.28134 | -0.84354 |
| H | 1.39145 | 0.43036 | 1.70407 |
| H | 6.13258 | -0.76791 | 0.29214 |
| H | 4.72212 | -0.09640 | 1.14765 |
| H | 5.19118 | -1.79692 | 1.40958 |
| H | 2.33245 | -1.38446 | 3.67021 |
| H | 2.72205 | -3.98792 | 2.58288 |
| P | -1.50570 | 4.45970 | 0.84993 |
| O | -2.44548 | 4.36622 | -0.32260 |
| O | -1.23705 | 5.74778 | 1.57288 |
| O | -1.96982 | 3.32630 | 1.99145 |
| C | -3.07330 | 2.47816 | 1.69855 |
| H | -3.25451 | 1.86839 | 2.59144 |
| H | -3.97916 | 3.05014 | 1.46685 |
| H | -2.86849 | 1.81163 | 0.85198 |

C2'-H abstraction (*syn* N-base) (-2464.46263)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -0.31141 | -2.12780 | -0.29548 |
| C | 0.04601 | -3.46673 | -0.34499 |
| N | -1.02190 | -4.16399 | -0.90260 |
| C | -2.03189 | -3.25964 | -1.23275 |
| C | -3.30819 | -3.42578 | -1.80584 |
| O | -3.88337 | -4.45277 | -2.20160 |
| N | -3.96171 | -2.16219 | -1.90574 |
| C | -3.44261 | -0.95173 | -1.49853 |
| N | -4.19859 | 0.16212 | -1.70335 |
| N | -2.24044 | -0.83969 | -0.96534 |
| C | -1.55812 | -2.00488 | -0.84225 |
| O | 1.10711 | -3.98905 | 0.03774 |
| H | -1.00520 | -5.15178 | -1.10432 |
| H | -4.87752 | -2.19810 | -2.33811 |
| H | -5.19549 | 0.03266 | -1.81449 |

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| H | -3.92846 | 1.00239 | -1.15859 |
| H | 2.26764 | 2.76568 | 0.99906 |
| C | 2.98054 | -2.61890 | 4.12486 |
| C | 2.57980 | -1.17735 | 3.79890 |
| N | 2.52444 | -1.16808 | 2.32096 |
| C | 3.28078 | -2.30471 | 1.74027 |
| C | 3.91952 | -2.98635 | 2.96157 |
| H | 1.61462 | -0.87731 | 4.21267 |
| H | 4.02038 | -1.92357 | 1.02780 |
| H | 2.58212 | -2.95465 | 1.20246 |
| H | 4.01525 | -4.06578 | 2.81727 |
| H | 2.09421 | -3.26325 | 4.11835 |
| H | 3.45649 | -2.70168 | 5.10597 |
| O | -1.46149 | 2.93671 | 1.04953 |
| C | -0.76098 | 1.76292 | 0.61131 |
| C | 0.64303 | 2.16057 | 0.19254 |
| O | 1.35899 | 2.64822 | 1.33461 |
| C | 1.46559 | 1.04923 | -0.50489 |
| O | 2.78790 | 1.62181 | -0.67825 |
| C | 1.65455 | -0.28822 | 0.21779 |
| C | 1.86471 | -0.26960 | 1.62233 |
| P | 3.28269 | 2.18815 | -2.17584 |
| O | 4.50484 | 3.01431 | -1.89100 |
| O | 2.09902 | 2.68522 | -2.95144 |
| O | 3.72330 | 0.75605 | -2.90061 |
| C | 4.88263 | 0.09403 | -2.41306 |
| H | -1.27800 | 1.29385 | -0.23052 |
| H | -0.73858 | 1.03862 | 1.43496 |
| H | 0.55624 | 2.96460 | -0.55244 |
| H | 1.02107 | 0.86313 | -1.48707 |
| H | 0.60582 | -1.10770 | 0.03944 |
| H | 2.37947 | -0.90172 | -0.32671 |
| H | 1.40623 | 0.52139 | 2.20906 |
| H | 5.76240 | 0.74662 | -2.45492 |
| H | 4.74642 | -0.23925 | -1.37468 |
| H | 5.05052 | -0.78446 | -3.04498 |
| H | 3.34342 | -0.46650 | 4.13939 |
| H | 4.92143 | -2.58142 | 3.14594 |
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| O | -3.70098 | 2.46516 | -0.20261 |
| O | -3.52352 | 4.24920 | 1.69836 |
| O | -3.27499 | 1.71214 | 2.22568 |
| C | -4.58143 | 1.17955 | 2.39121 |

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| H | -4.52175 | 0.38654 | 3.14379 |
| H | -5.28563 | 1.94673 | 2.74378 |
| H | -4.96337 | 0.75826 | 1.45342 |

C2'-H abstraction (O-base) (Figure 2, TS1) (-2464.45936)

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -1.92603 | -1.71618 | -1.51013 |
| C | -1.36323 | -0.49207 | -1.65102 |
| N | -2.22865 | 0.51905 | -1.31505 |
| C | -3.41084 | -0.09072 | -0.92803 |
| C | -4.65271 | 0.42819 | -0.48671 |
| O | -5.03193 | 1.59241 | -0.31104 |
| N | -5.54939 | -0.64759 | -0.20969 |
| C | -5.26411 | -1.98294 | -0.35367 |
| N | -6.26326 | -2.86636 | 0.03703 |
| N | -4.11363 | -2.44174 | -0.77220 |
| C | -3.18359 | -1.47047 | -1.05486 |
| O | -0.14653 | -0.26587 | -2.04889 |
| H | -1.98181 | 1.52952 | -1.24011 |
| H | -6.44365 | -0.35880 | 0.17003 |
| H | -7.20912 | -2.58230 | -0.19516 |
| H | -6.06649 | -3.80631 | -0.28832 |
| H | 3.11715 | 0.86680 | 1.96042 |
| C | -1.27015 | -3.84880 | 2.02161 |
| C | -0.33674 | -2.69401 | 2.40276 |
| N | 0.43901 | -2.45979 | 1.16539 |
| C | 0.30508 | -3.58555 | 0.21771 |
| C | -0.41967 | -4.66559 | 1.03243 |
| H | -0.85829 | -1.78031 | 2.69822 |
| H | 1.29131 | -3.89655 | -0.14197 |
| H | -0.30143 | -3.24064 | -0.62967 |
| H | -1.01914 | -5.31962 | 0.39375 |
| H | -2.16108 | -3.46068 | 1.51568 |
| H | -1.59056 | -4.42362 | 2.89517 |
| O | 0.72376 | 3.32228 | 0.25292 |
| C | 0.92167 | 1.95179 | -0.11297 |
| C | 2.28671 | 1.47627 | 0.34888 |
| O | 2.28436 | 1.34051 | 1.77504 |
| C | 2.72119 | 0.14231 | -0.31161 |
| O | 3.89550 | -0.30358 | 0.41226 |
| C | 1.69981 | -0.99223 | -0.32175 |
| C | 1.06004 | -1.32639 | 0.89374 |

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| P | 5.42270 | -0.05804 | -0.23290 |
| O | 6.36900 | -0.49930 | 0.84683 |
| O | 5.48774 | 1.28083 | -0.90633 |
| O | 5.39987 | -1.17383 | -1.46751 |
| C | 5.46233 | -2.55119 | -1.12187 |
| H | 0.83742 | 1.84257 | -1.19804 |
| H | 0.14227 | 1.33168 | 0.34200 |
| H | 3.04048 | 2.22064 | 0.05632 |
| H | 2.99535 | 0.35994 | -1.34864 |
| H | 2.04831 | -1.84890 | -0.90694 |
| H | 1.01786 | -0.57447 | 1.67955 |
| H | 6.36852 | -2.77886 | -0.54892 |
| H | 4.58921 | -2.85580 | -0.52887 |
| H | 5.47018 | -3.12351 | -2.05547 |
| H | 0.34504 | -2.98396 | 3.21250 |
| H | 0.30289 | -5.28802 | 1.57410 |
| H | 0.68116 | -0.61459 | -1.18502 |
| P | -0.81120 | 3.90448 | 0.11663 |
| O | -1.38818 | 3.29214 | 1.55025 |
| O | -1.53286 | 3.20627 | -1.02427 |
| O | -0.74132 | 5.40172 | 0.17098 |
| C | -2.78786 | 3.43728 | 1.78441 |
| H | -3.00817 | 2.95667 | 2.74357 |
| H | -3.06916 | 4.49707 | 1.85052 |
| H | -3.37981 | 2.95984 | 0.99578 |

C2'-H abstraction (syn O-base) (-2464.44695)

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -2.72755 | -0.00101 | 0.07389 |
| C | -1.93326 | 0.80990 | -0.65689 |
| N | -2.66992 | 1.62410 | -1.48562 |
| C | -4.00903 | 1.31783 | -1.27651 |
| C | -5.20160 | 1.83518 | -1.82992 |
| O | -5.38268 | 2.72376 | -2.67091 |
| N | -6.31946 | 1.15732 | -1.25716 |
| C | -6.24833 | 0.15950 | -0.31607 |
| N | -7.46017 | -0.32360 | 0.15386 |
| N | -5.12762 | -0.29909 | 0.18152 |
| C | -3.99977 | 0.30627 | -0.30810 |
| O | -0.64600 | 0.88468 | -0.63620 |
| H | -2.28366 | 2.30330 | -2.12515 |
| H | -7.22244 | 1.50436 | -1.55999 |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | -8.20033 | -0.40335 | -0.53480 |
| H | -7.33824 | -1.18134 | 0.68002 |
| H | 3.82744 | -1.45761 | 0.90725 |
| C | -1.37614 | -1.06942 | 4.60832 |
| C | 0.05556 | -0.93541 | 4.07960 |
| N | -0.07193 | -1.31761 | 2.65830 |
| C | -1.32316 | -2.06646 | 2.40207 |
| C | -1.93309 | -2.25547 | 3.80019 |
| H | 0.46700 | 0.07331 | 4.16276 |
| H | -1.08973 | -3.01471 | 1.90525 |
| H | -1.95795 | -1.47254 | 1.73479 |
| H | -3.02566 | -2.27227 | 3.76649 |
| H | -1.94275 | -0.15813 | 4.38650 |
| H | -1.40268 | -1.23355 | 5.68932 |
| O | 3.72733 | 2.09035 | -0.28725 |
| C | 2.56836 | 1.25431 | -0.27719 |
| C | 3.02060 | -0.19770 | -0.28411 |
| O | 3.67736 | -0.49507 | 0.95419 |
| C | 1.89989 | -1.22861 | -0.54714 |
| O | 2.52956 | -2.52578 | -0.37785 |
| C | 0.65723 | -1.17682 | 0.33732 |
| C | 0.80053 | -0.97890 | 1.72602 |
| P | 2.70852 | -3.53368 | -1.70310 |
| O | 3.55027 | -4.67758 | -1.21420 |
| O | 3.02966 | -2.72027 | -2.92258 |
| O | 1.13329 | -4.03532 | -1.90668 |
| C | 0.60169 | -4.95032 | -0.95809 |
| H | 1.94783 | 1.45525 | -1.15807 |
| H | 1.96396 | 1.47022 | 0.61159 |
| H | 3.73644 | -0.31987 | -1.11024 |
| H | 1.58807 | -1.12134 | -1.59003 |
| H | -0.06680 | -1.94301 | 0.04772 |
| H | 1.67931 | -0.45017 | 2.08817 |
| H | 1.20776 | -5.86163 | -0.90050 |
| H | 0.54931 | -4.50381 | 0.04464 |
| H | -0.41263 | -5.20676 | -1.28212 |
| H | 0.73354 | -1.63171 | 4.59037 |
| H | -1.59498 | -3.20125 | 4.23994 |
| P | 3.51438 | 3.72842 | -0.28193 |
| O | 2.91984 | 3.84027 | 1.28117 |
| O | 2.42256 | 4.13498 | -1.23727 |
| O | 4.88715 | 4.33749 | -0.34246 |
| C | 2.27252 | 5.05792 | 1.61740 |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | 1.90738 | 4.96762 | 2.64657 |
| H | 2.96657 | 5.90995 | 1.56773 |
| H | 1.42684 | 5.25848 | 0.94886 |
| H | -0.06925 | -0.06236 | -0.07644 |

3'-PO₄ protonation/elimination (O-base) (Figure 3, TS2) (-2464.45330)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -2.64419 | 0.39426 | -0.52323 |
| C | -1.97644 | 0.37022 | -1.69548 |
| N | -2.58802 | -0.46762 | -2.60327 |
| C | -3.70631 | -1.00628 | -1.97996 |
| C | -4.69930 | -1.90931 | -2.41890 |
| O | -4.84972 | -2.48026 | -3.50672 |
| N | -5.63638 | -2.12844 | -1.36490 |
| C | -5.57363 | -1.56286 | -0.11491 |
| N | -6.61560 | -1.86903 | 0.74783 |
| N | -4.63823 | -0.73041 | 0.26647 |
| C | -3.70273 | -0.44584 | -0.69551 |
| O | -0.90538 | 1.01153 | -2.00976 |
| H | -2.25945 | -0.64905 | -3.54004 |
| H | -6.41675 | -2.72569 | -1.61323 |
| H | -6.95847 | -2.82251 | 0.70564 |
| H | -6.40329 | -1.58405 | 1.69706 |
| H | -0.25181 | 1.79562 | -1.10881 |
| H | 0.60965 | -0.00520 | -1.81368 |
| C | -1.45720 | -2.52093 | 3.85213 |
| C | -1.16168 | -2.16510 | 2.39154 |
| N | -0.34615 | -0.95522 | 2.51220 |
| C | -0.58132 | -0.25697 | 3.77630 |
| C | -1.61396 | -1.13703 | 4.50937 |
| H | -0.61130 | -2.94835 | 1.85866 |
| H | -0.95795 | 0.76000 | 3.59952 |
| H | 0.35936 | -0.16321 | 4.33867 |
| H | -1.45430 | -1.15363 | 5.59178 |
| H | -0.60377 | -3.05542 | 4.28634 |
| H | -2.34509 | -3.15153 | 3.96065 |
| O | 4.25687 | -0.60322 | -1.24739 |
| C | 3.42258 | -0.11170 | -0.20063 |
| C | 2.19898 | 0.56360 | -0.81739 |
| O | 1.37074 | -0.44645 | -1.37931 |
| C | 1.50781 | 1.45719 | 0.23242 |
| O | 0.51687 | 2.33626 | -0.53209 |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| C | 0.87414 | 0.83760 | 1.42608 |
| C | 0.26369 | -0.37507 | 1.44023 |
| P | 0.21426 | 4.01374 | -0.06697 |
| O | -0.64840 | 4.50954 | -1.18057 |
| O | 1.55493 | 4.54473 | 0.31737 |
| O | -0.63236 | 3.79666 | 1.31236 |
| C | -2.02193 | 3.43800 | 1.24349 |
| H | 3.97721 | 0.60824 | 0.41349 |
| H | 3.10003 | -0.93729 | 0.44417 |
| H | 2.55928 | 1.23620 | -1.61116 |
| H | 2.23431 | 2.21040 | 0.54053 |
| H | 0.83921 | 1.46874 | 2.30890 |
| H | 0.27299 | -0.98739 | 0.54403 |
| H | -2.57296 | 4.15128 | 0.62299 |
| H | -2.15418 | 2.42721 | 0.84264 |
| H | -2.40052 | 3.47658 | 2.26913 |
| H | -2.09479 | -1.96721 | 1.84096 |
| H | -2.62374 | -0.75260 | 4.32606 |
| P | 5.72238 | -1.25298 | -0.84237 |
| O | 5.13364 | -2.66489 | -0.16131 |
| O | 6.38047 | -0.44418 | 0.24586 |
| O | 6.41970 | -1.56469 | -2.13672 |
| C | 6.03560 | -3.39825 | 0.65385 |
| H | 5.47957 | -4.23339 | 1.09440 |
| H | 6.87028 | -3.80795 | 0.06700 |
| H | 6.44894 | -2.77433 | 1.45582 |

C4'-H abstraction (N-base) (Figure 4, TS3) (-1781.47255)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 1.92179 | -1.75971 | -0.08896 |
| C | 0.85847 | -2.13450 | 0.77919 |
| C | -0.41119 | -1.38004 | 0.39114 |
| O | -0.89669 | -1.71103 | -0.88642 |
| C | -1.38128 | -1.22429 | 1.41833 |
| C | -2.76131 | -1.02592 | 1.34190 |
| C | -3.48616 | -1.08540 | 0.14912 |
| H | 1.12906 | -1.91942 | 1.82005 |
| H | 0.67223 | -3.21432 | 0.68659 |
| H | -0.07328 | -0.13746 | 0.26092 |
| H | -0.95467 | -1.14905 | 2.41782 |
| H | -3.28431 | -0.79790 | 2.26617 |
| H | -2.94596 | -1.31603 | -0.76349 |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| N | -4.79020 | -0.87072 | 0.03009 |
| H | -0.39555 | -1.16518 | -1.55382 |
| C | -5.68931 | -0.50847 | 1.14200 |
| H | -5.61637 | -1.24686 | 1.94705 |
| H | -5.38675 | 0.46562 | 1.54635 |
| C | -7.08288 | -0.45942 | 0.49404 |
| H | -7.73082 | 0.27706 | 0.97618 |
| H | -7.56860 | -1.43838 | 0.57498 |
| C | -5.50844 | -0.92547 | -1.25930 |
| C | -6.78969 | -0.13348 | -0.98132 |
| H | -5.73312 | -1.96981 | -1.51234 |
| H | -4.88751 | -0.50313 | -2.05308 |
| H | -7.60405 | -0.41722 | -1.65300 |
| H | -6.60163 | 0.93888 | -1.10636 |
| P | 3.40362 | -2.45153 | 0.18774 |
| O | 3.00926 | -3.97816 | -0.37346 |
| O | 3.66645 | -2.54285 | 1.66939 |
| O | 4.36737 | -1.79471 | -0.75681 |
| C | 3.86818 | -5.03797 | 0.01986 |
| H | 3.45362 | -5.96788 | -0.38443 |
| H | 4.88308 | -4.90643 | -0.38257 |
| H | 3.93423 | -5.11425 | 1.11180 |
| N | 0.23646 | 1.12460 | -0.41603 |
| C | 0.51473 | 1.05544 | -1.76705 |
| N | 1.15579 | 2.22889 | -2.13543 |
| C | 1.35866 | 2.99879 | -0.99085 |
| C | 1.96084 | 4.25987 | -0.79441 |
| O | 2.50634 | 5.02582 | -1.59909 |
| N | 1.88466 | 4.61563 | 0.58774 |
| C | 1.29334 | 3.86401 | 1.56995 |
| N | 1.37943 | 4.35584 | 2.85861 |
| N | 0.71128 | 2.70783 | 1.35309 |
| C | 0.77458 | 2.28373 | 0.05691 |
| O | 0.23036 | 0.12112 | -2.54466 |
| H | 1.60084 | 2.36304 | -3.03120 |
| H | 2.36897 | 5.47291 | 0.82851 |
| H | 1.32022 | 5.36185 | 2.96483 |
| H | 0.77375 | 3.85741 | 3.49948 |

C4'-H abstraction (O-base) (Figure 4, TS3) (-1781.47149)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 0.09259 | 2.63856 | -0.36064 |
| C | -0.33956 | 1.56275 | -1.19607 |
| C | -1.10887 | 0.51080 | -0.38786 |
| O | -2.23591 | 1.00581 | 0.27640 |
| C | -1.22087 | -0.77546 | -0.96300 |
| C | -2.21855 | -1.75034 | -0.82780 |
| C | -3.43130 | -1.54364 | -0.17568 |
| H | 0.55203 | 1.09529 | -1.62363 |
| H | -0.96913 | 1.95961 | -2.00044 |
| H | -0.32015 | -1.08146 | -1.49033 |
| H | -2.01644 | -2.72545 | -1.26183 |
| H | -3.62031 | -0.57847 | 0.28090 |
| N | -4.40123 | -2.44798 | -0.04657 |
| H | -2.05127 | 1.93281 | 0.56161 |
| C | -4.34347 | -3.82023 | -0.57891 |
| H | -4.11657 | -3.80485 | -1.65021 |
| H | -3.54246 | -4.37412 | -0.07221 |
| C | -5.73320 | -4.39857 | -0.26635 |
| H | -5.69803 | -5.47734 | -0.09347 |
| H | -6.41288 | -4.21444 | -1.10605 |
| C | -5.65644 | -2.19375 | 0.68495 |
| C | -6.18956 | -3.60190 | 0.96883 |
| H | -6.35069 | -1.62669 | 0.05031 |
| H | -5.45624 | -1.60732 | 1.58562 |
| H | -7.27355 | -3.61283 | 1.11019 |
| H | -5.72297 | -4.00345 | 1.87560 |
| P | -0.67807 | 4.10147 | -0.39876 |
| O | -1.86438 | 3.69126 | 0.74158 |
| O | -1.36541 | 4.31626 | -1.71953 |
| O | 0.25229 | 5.10533 | 0.20977 |
| C | -3.03779 | 4.50243 | 0.76377 |
| H | -3.70025 | 4.09986 | 1.53581 |
| H | -2.78731 | 5.53986 | 1.01839 |
| H | -3.54549 | 4.48655 | -0.20674 |
| H | -0.21225 | 0.14778 | 0.50538 |
| N | 2.07218 | -0.85555 | -0.23552 |
| C | 1.81488 | -0.43352 | 1.02753 |
| N | 2.95437 | -0.47108 | 1.80569 |
| C | 3.99551 | -0.90986 | 0.99471 |
| C | 5.36422 | -1.13865 | 1.24755 |
| O | 6.03146 | -0.99363 | 2.28109 |

| | | | |
|---|---------|----------|----------|
| N | 5.99397 | -1.60405 | 0.05347 |
| C | 5.36104 | -1.81626 | -1.14663 |
| N | 6.16976 | -2.21502 | -2.20034 |
| N | 4.08344 | -1.61331 | -1.34740 |
| C | 3.40365 | -1.13798 | -0.25546 |
| O | 0.68919 | -0.05363 | 1.50920 |
| H | 3.02031 | -0.12394 | 2.75065 |
| H | 6.99816 | -1.72160 | 0.12416 |
| H | 6.91201 | -2.86537 | -1.96712 |
| H | 5.62053 | -2.53209 | -2.99095 |

Proton transfer from O4' to OG (Figure 5, TS4') (-1780.98290)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 0.80285 | -2.32302 | 0.91572 |
| C | 0.03984 | -2.45588 | -0.30454 |
| C | -1.19913 | -1.57654 | -0.25381 |
| O | -1.03019 | -0.27870 | -0.31961 |
| C | -2.42784 | -2.19114 | -0.17358 |
| C | -3.73449 | -1.55292 | -0.17200 |
| C | -4.00931 | -0.22589 | -0.27422 |
| H | -0.23175 | -3.50779 | -0.44219 |
| H | 0.66715 | -2.14345 | -1.15158 |
| H | -2.43174 | -3.27682 | -0.10138 |
| H | -4.58003 | -2.23984 | -0.10325 |
| H | -3.19197 | 0.48276 | -0.35811 |
| N | -5.28871 | 0.34389 | -0.35946 |
| H | 0.20470 | 0.25303 | -0.58477 |
| C | -6.47235 | -0.45242 | -0.05581 |
| H | -6.68205 | -1.14800 | -0.88036 |
| H | -6.32133 | -1.07217 | 0.84675 |
| C | -7.60831 | 0.57978 | 0.16508 |
| H | -7.92186 | 0.57026 | 1.21523 |
| H | -8.49566 | 0.36111 | -0.43799 |
| C | -5.49133 | 1.70986 | 0.10861 |
| C | -6.97534 | 1.94370 | -0.18653 |
| H | -4.82556 | 2.39868 | -0.42487 |
| H | -5.28746 | 1.82557 | 1.19170 |
| H | -7.10868 | 2.16704 | -1.25124 |
| H | -7.40026 | 2.77194 | 0.39050 |
| P | 2.17072 | -3.23475 | 1.07225 |
| O | 3.16242 | -2.43647 | -0.01477 |
| O | 1.93975 | -4.63734 | 0.56335 |

| | | | |
|---|---------|----------|----------|
| O | 2.69320 | -2.96995 | 2.45681 |
| C | 3.77660 | -3.16728 | -1.06409 |
| H | 4.09302 | -2.44662 | -1.82686 |
| H | 4.66401 | -3.71489 | -0.71117 |
| H | 3.08776 | -3.88981 | -1.51227 |
| N | 1.16447 | 0.84344 | -0.85037 |
| C | 1.94227 | 0.61188 | -1.98120 |
| N | 2.95265 | 1.57306 | -1.96046 |
| C | 2.82540 | 2.35668 | -0.81590 |
| C | 3.56904 | 3.45300 | -0.33157 |
| O | 4.57851 | 4.00593 | -0.79123 |
| N | 2.99229 | 3.92468 | 0.88718 |
| C | 1.86992 | 3.41125 | 1.48452 |
| N | 1.50155 | 3.96891 | 2.69496 |
| N | 1.18138 | 2.40698 | 0.99674 |
| C | 1.69394 | 1.88494 | -0.15057 |
| O | 1.78311 | -0.25204 | -2.84498 |
| H | 3.72950 | 1.57211 | -2.60296 |
| H | 3.51630 | 4.66336 | 1.34224 |
| H | 1.61511 | 4.97245 | 2.78059 |
| H | 0.58414 | 3.65415 | 2.98939 |

Assisted 5'-PO₄ protonation/elimination (by OG) (Figure 5, TS4'') (-1780.93049)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 0.80285 | -2.32302 | 0.91572 |
| C | 0.03984 | -2.45588 | -0.30454 |
| C | -1.19913 | -1.57654 | -0.25381 |
| O | -1.03019 | -0.27870 | -0.31961 |
| C | -2.42784 | -2.19114 | -0.17358 |
| C | -3.73449 | -1.55292 | -0.17200 |
| C | -4.00931 | -0.22589 | -0.27422 |
| H | -0.23175 | -3.50779 | -0.44219 |
| H | 0.66715 | -2.14345 | -1.15158 |
| H | -2.43174 | -3.27682 | -0.10138 |
| H | -4.58003 | -2.23984 | -0.10325 |
| H | -3.19197 | 0.48276 | -0.35811 |
| N | -5.28871 | 0.34389 | -0.35946 |
| H | 0.20470 | 0.25303 | -0.58477 |
| C | -6.47235 | -0.45242 | -0.05581 |
| H | -6.68205 | -1.14800 | -0.88036 |
| H | -6.32133 | -1.07217 | 0.84675 |
| C | -7.60831 | 0.57978 | 0.16508 |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | -7.92186 | 0.57026 | 1.21523 |
| H | -8.49566 | 0.36111 | -0.43799 |
| C | -5.49133 | 1.70986 | 0.10861 |
| C | -6.97534 | 1.94370 | -0.18653 |
| H | -4.82556 | 2.39868 | -0.42487 |
| H | -5.28746 | 1.82557 | 1.19170 |
| H | -7.10868 | 2.16704 | -1.25124 |
| H | -7.40026 | 2.77194 | 0.39050 |
| P | 2.17072 | -3.23475 | 1.07225 |
| O | 3.16242 | -2.43647 | -0.01477 |
| O | 1.93975 | -4.63734 | 0.56335 |
| O | 2.69320 | -2.96995 | 2.45681 |
| C | 3.77660 | -3.16728 | -1.06409 |
| H | 4.09302 | -2.44662 | -1.82686 |
| H | 4.66401 | -3.71489 | -0.71117 |
| H | 3.08776 | -3.88981 | -1.51227 |
| N | 1.16447 | 0.84344 | -0.85037 |
| C | 1.94227 | 0.61188 | -1.98120 |
| N | 2.95265 | 1.57306 | -1.96046 |
| C | 2.82540 | 2.35668 | -0.81590 |
| C | 3.56904 | 3.45300 | -0.33157 |
| O | 4.57851 | 4.00593 | -0.79123 |
| N | 2.99229 | 3.92468 | 0.88718 |
| C | 1.86992 | 3.41125 | 1.48452 |
| N | 1.50155 | 3.96891 | 2.69496 |
| N | 1.18138 | 2.40698 | 0.99674 |
| C | 1.69394 | 1.88494 | -0.15057 |
| O | 1.78311 | -0.25204 | -2.84498 |
| H | 3.72950 | 1.57211 | -2.60296 |
| H | 3.51630 | 4.66336 | 1.34224 |
| H | 1.61511 | 4.97245 | 2.78059 |
| H | 0.58414 | 3.65415 | 2.98939 |

Direct 5'-PO₄ protonation/elimination (Figure 5, TS4) (-1163.63675)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 2.30701 | 0.00153 | -0.94531 |
| C | 1.54084 | 1.78103 | 0.31256 |
| C | 0.28067 | 1.19876 | 0.26812 |
| O | 0.21888 | -0.14169 | 0.49571 |
| C | -0.85826 | 1.95217 | -0.03839 |
| C | -2.20605 | 1.55019 | -0.07030 |
| C | -2.64119 | 0.24985 | 0.16194 |

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | 1.69033 | 2.78302 | -0.07981 |
| H | 2.33851 | 1.34306 | 0.89571 |
| H | -0.66641 | 3.00444 | -0.23388 |
| H | -2.94065 | 2.31508 | -0.30562 |
| H | -1.90569 | -0.51202 | 0.39757 |
| N | -3.91063 | -0.16280 | 0.11084 |
| H | 1.09191 | -0.43297 | 0.05020 |
| C | -5.05690 | 0.69781 | -0.21969 |
| H | -5.06973 | 1.58375 | 0.42485 |
| H | -4.97032 | 1.03943 | -1.25982 |
| C | -6.27712 | -0.21322 | -0.01106 |
| H | -7.10310 | 0.04929 | -0.67730 |
| H | -6.63669 | -0.12670 | 1.02064 |
| C | -4.31928 | -1.55897 | 0.35164 |
| C | -5.72217 | -1.62643 | -0.26181 |
| H | -4.34696 | -1.76012 | 1.43131 |
| H | -3.60380 | -2.24702 | -0.10677 |
| H | -6.33275 | -2.41356 | 0.18854 |
| H | -5.65104 | -1.82310 | -1.33757 |
| P | 3.80724 | -0.40565 | -0.62751 |
| O | 3.67988 | -0.43719 | 1.07782 |
| O | 4.81211 | 0.68336 | -0.95741 |
| O | 4.09854 | -1.82751 | -1.08017 |
| C | 4.89201 | -0.64656 | 1.77294 |
| H | 4.68850 | -0.59298 | 2.85037 |
| H | 5.31736 | -1.63569 | 1.54673 |
| H | 5.63969 | 0.11465 | 1.51073 |

Enol-keto rearrangement (Figure 6, TS5) (-1163.63183)

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | -2.89911 | -0.42118 | 0.98680 |
| H | -1.89137 | -0.83654 | -0.06107 |
| P | -4.32918 | -0.19576 | 0.37565 |
| O | -4.29368 | 1.49669 | 0.16672 |
| O | -5.43222 | -0.47626 | 1.38900 |
| O | -4.48408 | -0.79710 | -1.01552 |
| C | -5.51664 | 2.08131 | -0.22476 |
| H | -5.34723 | 3.15114 | -0.40956 |
| H | -5.90959 | 1.62775 | -1.14803 |
| H | -6.28424 | 1.97602 | 0.55600 |
| C | -1.22732 | -1.24015 | -0.97559 |
| C | 0.19579 | -1.13217 | -0.66863 |

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 0.89008 | -2.06025 | -0.21048 |
| C | 0.76904 | 0.23002 | -0.88250 |
| C | 2.06381 | 0.62757 | -0.68388 |
| C | 3.06536 | -0.25542 | -0.19234 |
| H | -1.56919 | -0.60521 | -1.79786 |
| H | -1.54909 | -2.27538 | -1.10691 |
| H | 0.07205 | 0.97928 | -1.24862 |
| H | 2.33148 | 1.65806 | -0.90052 |
| H | 2.76055 | -1.27672 | 0.02204 |
| N | 4.31533 | 0.07323 | 0.02722 |
| C | 4.90972 | 1.41401 | -0.19502 |
| H | 4.66518 | 1.76860 | -1.19938 |
| H | 4.48310 | 2.11112 | 0.53476 |
| C | 6.41207 | 1.19251 | 0.02876 |
| H | 6.90259 | 2.09572 | 0.39902 |
| H | 6.89331 | 0.90761 | -0.91325 |
| C | 5.32055 | -0.88194 | 0.55799 |
| C | 6.46213 | 0.02388 | 1.02797 |
| H | 5.63920 | -1.54306 | -0.25637 |
| H | 4.87054 | -1.48848 | 1.34652 |
| H | 7.42174 | -0.49848 | 1.02814 |
| H | 6.26650 | 0.37946 | 2.04554 |