## Scope of the 2(5H)-Furanone Helicity Rule: A Combined ECD, VCD, and DFT Investigation

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	δ <sub>н</sub> (рр	δ <sub>c</sub> (ppm)			
H/C	Isolated Compound	PETIT <i>et al.,</i> 1987	lsolated Compound	PETIT e <i>t al.,</i> 1987	
1	-	-	174.6	174.5	
2	-	-	131.1	131.1	
3α	2.49 ( <i>ddt</i> , 1.6; 3.3; 15.3)	2.50 ( <i>dddd</i> , 1.6; 3.5; 15.1)	22.2	22.0	
3β	2.37 ( <i>ddt</i> , 1.6; 8.3; 15.3)	2.36 (dddd, 1.4; 8.1; 15.1)	33.2	33.2	
4	3.82 ( <i>m</i> )	3.85 ( <i>m</i> )	69.9	69.9	
5	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.45 ( <i>m</i> )	37.3	37.4	
6	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.25 ( <i>m</i> )	26.0	26.0	
7-12	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.25 ( <i>m</i> )	29.3-29.6	29.3-29.6	
13	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.25 ( <i>m</i> )	25.7	25.7	
14	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.50 ( <i>m</i> )	34.1	34.1	
15	3.38 ( <i>m</i> )	3.38 ( <i>m</i> )	73.9	74.0	
16	3.88 ( <i>m</i> )	3.85 ( <i>m</i> )	83.0	83.0	
17	1.71-1.93 ( <i>m</i> )	1.7-1.9 ( <i>m</i> )	28.6	28.7	
18	1.71-1.93 ( <i>m</i> )	1.7-1.9 ( <i>m</i> )	23.7	27.8	
19	3.87 ( <i>m</i> )	3.85 ( <i>m</i> )	81.1	81.1	
20	3.84 ( <i>m</i> )	3.85 ( <i>m</i> )	81.0	81.0	
21	1.71-1.93 ( <i>m</i> )	1.7-1.9 ( <i>m</i> )	27.8	27.8	
22	1.71-1.93 ( <i>m</i> )	1.7-1.9 ( <i>m</i> )	28.3	28.4	
23	3.88 ( <i>m</i> )	3.85 ( <i>m</i> )	83.0	83.0	
24	3.84 ( <i>m</i> )	3.85 ( <i>m</i> )	71.7	71.8	

25	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.45 ( <i>m</i> )	32.7	32.8
26	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.25 ( <i>m</i> )	25.5	25.5
27-31	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.25 ( <i>m</i> )	29.3-29.6	29.3-29.6
32	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.25 ( <i>m</i> )	31.8	31.9
33	1.23-1.47 ( <i>m</i> )	1.25 ( <i>m</i> )	22.6	22.6
34	0.84 ( <i>t</i> , 6.7)	0.85 ( <i>t</i> )	14.0	14.1
35	7.17 (q <sub>dist</sub> , 1.4)	7.16 ( <i>ddd</i> , 1.5)	151.7	151.7
36	5.03 ( <i>dq</i> , 1.4 e 6.8)	5.02 (dddq, 1.5)	77.9	77.9
37	1.40 ( <i>d,</i> 6.8)	1.41 ( <i>d</i> )	19.0	19.1

**Table S2:** Different levels of theory tested for geometry optimisation of the (SR)-lactone fragment (**b**).

	Conformation - Boltzmann distribution (%)/relative energy (kcal <sup>-1</sup> )					
Level of theory	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6
wB97XD/aug-cc-pVTZ	35 / 0.0	21 / 0.3	18 / 0.4	11 / 0.7	8 / 0.9	7 / 1.0
B3LYP/6-31G(d)	6 / 1.0	18 / 0.5	14 / 0.6	39 / 0.0	11/0.7	11 / 0.7
B3PW91/6-311G(dp)	4 / 1.1	15 / 0.4	12 / 0.5	30 / 0.0	10 / 0.6	28 / 0.3
MP2/6-31G(d)	10 / 0.8	9 / 0.8	13 / 0.6	37 / 0.0	10 / 0.8	21 / 0.3

**Table S3:** Analysis of the most relevant transitions calculated for the simple lactone fragment (**a**) at the CAM-B3LYP/PCM(ACN)/TZVP level.

	Excited State	λ/nm	R/10 <sup>-40</sup> cgs <sup>a</sup>	Excitations <sup>b</sup> (MO)	<b>Coeficients</b> <sup>b</sup>
Simple Lactone	1 (n-π*)	229.07	-0.64	25 <del>→</del> 27	0.67
fragment	2 (π-π*)	193.71	29.90	26 <del>→</del> 27	0.69

<sup>a</sup>Rotational strengths calculated through dipole lenght formalism.

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<sup>b</sup>Only single excitations with coefficients larger than 0.2 (absolute value) were listed.



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Conf. 1, 0.0 kcal<sup>-1</sup> (35%)



Conf. 2, +0.3 kcal<sup>-1</sup> (21%)



Conf. 3, +0.4 kcal<sup>-1</sup> (18%)



Conf. 4, +0.7 kcal<sup>-1</sup> (11%)

Conf. 5, +0.9 kcal<sup>-1</sup> (8%)

Conf. 6, +1.0 kcal<sup>-1</sup>(7%)

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MO 26 (HOMO)



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