

**A Microwave Spectroscopic and *ab initio* Study of
Keto-enol Tautomerism and Isomerism in the
Cyclohexanone-Water Complex**
Electronic Supporting Information

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Table S1 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Keto chair in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -1.080 | 0.000 | -0.095 |
| O2 | -2.215 | 0.000 | 0.326 |
| C3 | -0.315 | -1.279 | -0.372 |
| H4 | -0.192 | -1.358 | -1.457 |
| H5 | -0.915 | -2.124 | -0.040 |
| C6 | 1.075 | -1.260 | 0.287 |
| H7 | 1.627 | -2.155 | -0.001 |
| H8 | 0.954 | -1.301 | 1.373 |
| C9 | 1.855 | 0.000 | -0.086 |
| H10 | 2.054 | 0.000 | -1.162 |
| H11 | 2.826 | 0.000 | 0.412 |
| C12 | 1.075 | 1.260 | 0.287 |
| H13 | 1.627 | 2.155 | -0.001 |
| H14 | 0.954 | 1.301 | 1.373 |
| C15 | -0.315 | 1.279 | -0.372 |
| H16 | -0.915 | 2.124 | -0.040 |
| H17 | -0.192 | 1.358 | -1.457 |

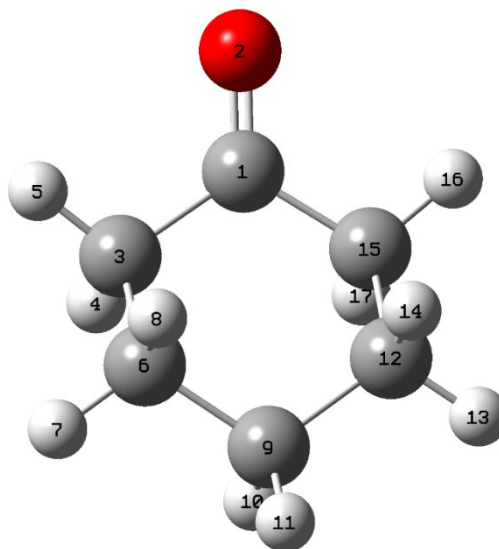


Table S2 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Keto boat in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -1.068 | 1.230 | -0.364 |
| C2 | -1.923 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| C3 | -1.068 | -1.230 | 0.364 |
| C4 | 0.282 | -1.229 | -0.355 |
| C5 | 1.099 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| C6 | 0.282 | 1.229 | 0.355 |
| H7 | -2.577 | -0.239 | -0.839 |
| H8 | -2.577 | 0.239 | 0.839 |
| H9 | -0.883 | -0.243 | 1.440 |
| H10 | -1.611 | -2.147 | 0.140 |
| H11 | 0.877 | -2.114 | -0.134 |
| H12 | 0.131 | -1.212 | -1.440 |
| H13 | 0.131 | 1.212 | 1.440 |
| H14 | 0.877 | 2.114 | 0.134 |
| H15 | -0.883 | 1.243 | -1.440 |
| H16 | -1.611 | 2.147 | -0.140 |
| O17 | 2.309 | 0.000 | 0.000 |

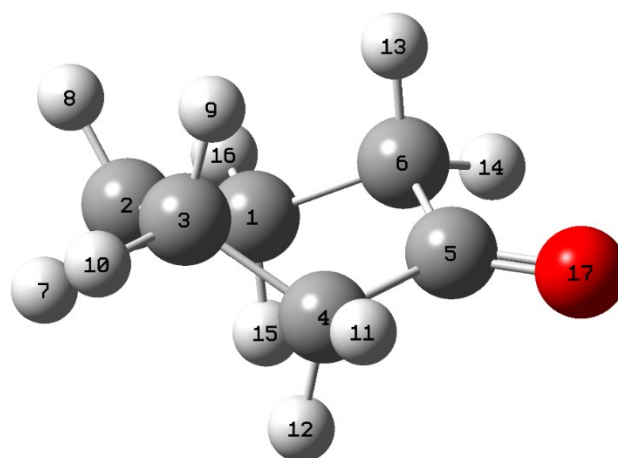


Table S3 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Keto skew in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -1.711 | -0.017 | -0.524 |
| C2 | -1.077 | 1.330 | -0.120 |
| C3 | 1.070 | -0.023 | 0.047 |
| C4 | 0.315 | -1.344 | 0.091 |
| C5 | -1.187 | -1.168 | 0.335 |
| H6 | -0.967 | 1.961 | -1.001 |
| H7 | -1.739 | 1.864 | 0.563 |
| H8 | -1.380 | -0.962 | 1.391 |
| H9 | -1.472 | -0.236 | -1.568 |
| H10 | 0.783 | -1.960 | 0.864 |
| H11 | 0.501 | -1.850 | -0.858 |
| H12 | -1.712 | -2.095 | 0.102 |
| H13 | -2.798 | 0.050 | -0.464 |
| C14 | 0.301 | 1.170 | 0.564 |
| H15 | 0.148 | 0.994 | 1.634 |
| H16 | 0.912 | 2.064 | 0.463 |
| O17 | 2.205 | 0.050 | -0.367 |

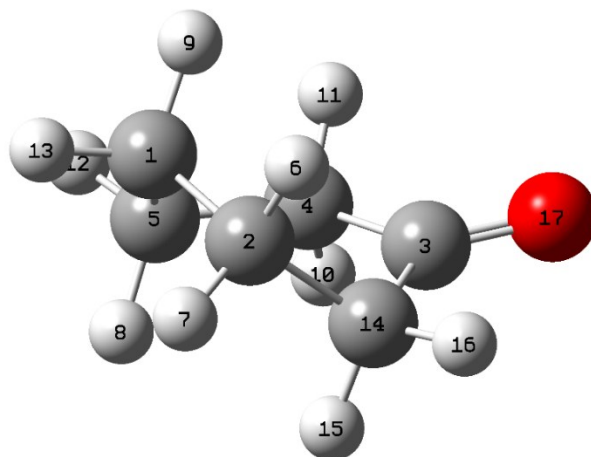


Table S4 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Enol 1(cis) in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -0.965 | 0.075 | -0.006 |
| C2 | -0.325 | -1.275 | -0.077 |
| H3 | -0.447 | -1.668 | -1.092 |
| H4 | -0.875 | -1.955 | 0.576 |
| C5 | 1.154 | -1.224 | 0.305 |
| H6 | 1.642 | -2.157 | 0.024 |
| H7 | 1.241 | -1.134 | 1.392 |
| C8 | 1.844 | -0.030 | -0.351 |
| H9 | 1.748 | -0.116 | -1.437 |
| H10 | 2.912 | -0.032 | -0.124 |
| C11 | 1.211 | 1.284 | 0.108 |
| H12 | 1.551 | 2.102 | -0.531 |
| H13 | 1.565 | 1.530 | 1.116 |
| C14 | -0.291 | 1.220 | 0.092 |
| H15 | -0.838 | 2.155 | 0.165 |
| O16 | -2.335 | -0.012 | -0.056 |
| H17 | -2.712 | 0.874 | -0.053 |

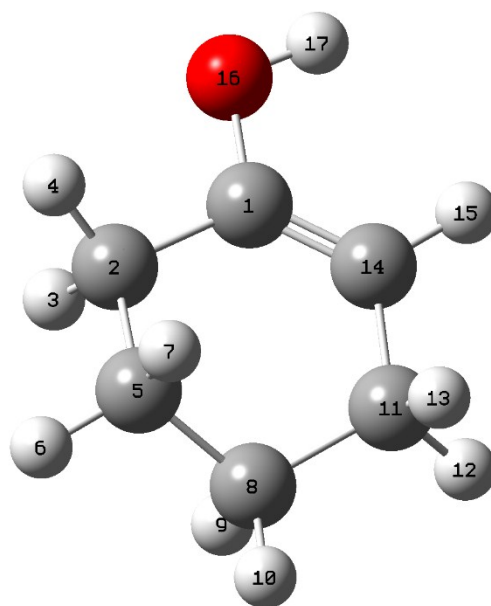


Table S5 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Enol 2(trans) in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | 0.966 | 0.077 | 0.001 |
| C2 | 0.323 | -1.275 | 0.073 |
| H3 | 0.447 | -1.677 | 1.085 |
| H4 | 0.855 | -1.960 | -0.596 |
| C5 | -1.159 | -1.226 | -0.303 |
| H6 | -1.645 | -2.160 | -0.018 |
| H7 | -1.249 | -1.138 | -1.388 |
| C8 | -1.844 | -0.031 | 0.355 |
| H9 | -1.743 | -0.116 | 1.441 |
| H10 | -2.912 | -0.034 | 0.133 |
| C11 | -1.210 | 1.280 | -0.108 |
| H12 | -1.547 | 2.100 | 0.531 |
| H13 | -1.569 | 1.526 | -1.115 |
| C14 | 0.291 | 1.219 | -0.099 |
| H15 | 0.849 | 2.144 | -0.168 |
| O16 | 2.342 | 0.100 | 0.064 |
| H17 | 2.678 | -0.799 | 0.038 |

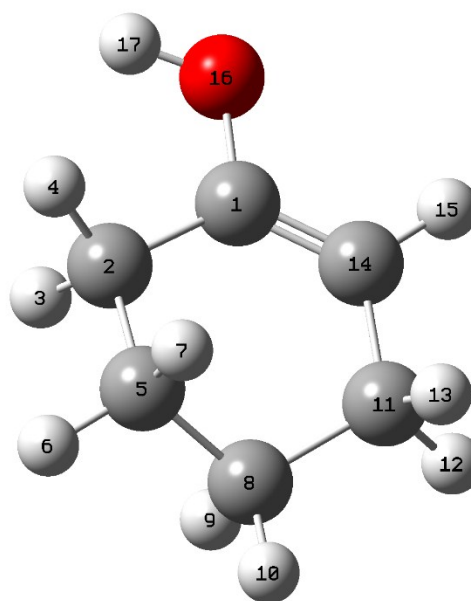


Table S6 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Keto chair-H₂O in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | 0.258 | -0.649 | 0.240 |
| C2 | 0.216 | 0.811 | 0.625 |
| C3 | -0.877 | 1.559 | -0.158 |
| C4 | -2.232 | 0.862 | -0.043 |
| C5 | -2.145 | -0.591 | -0.508 |
| C6 | -1.070 | -1.369 | 0.270 |
| O7 | 1.284 | -1.215 | -0.089 |
| H8 | -1.376 | -1.446 | 1.318 |
| H9 | -0.933 | -2.377 | -0.116 |
| H10 | -3.107 | -1.092 | -0.395 |
| H11 | -1.901 | -0.617 | -1.573 |
| H12 | -2.570 | 0.892 | 0.997 |
| H13 | -2.979 | 1.398 | -0.631 |
| H14 | -0.938 | 2.586 | 0.203 |
| H15 | -0.584 | 1.614 | -1.209 |
| H16 | 1.197 | 1.256 | 0.481 |
| H17 | -0.022 | 0.855 | 1.694 |
| O18 | 3.487 | 0.555 | -0.234 |
| H19 | 4.314 | 0.155 | -0.512 |
| H20 | 2.835 | -0.169 | -0.213 |

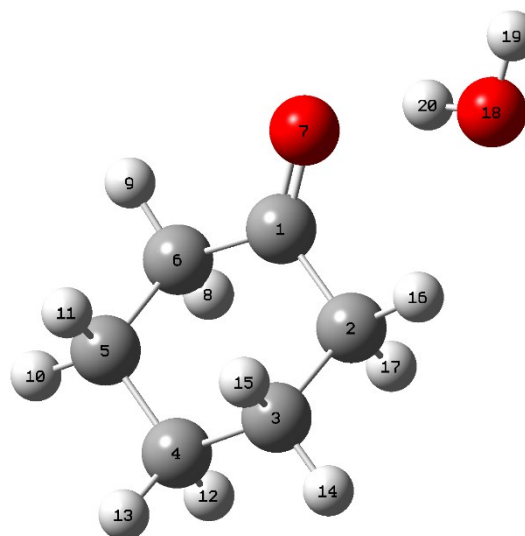


Table S7 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Keto boat-H₂O in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -1.052 | 1.470 | -0.433 |
| C2 | -2.348 | 0.803 | 0.068 |
| C3 | -2.134 | -0.665 | 0.486 |
| C4 | -1.000 | -1.329 | -0.298 |
| C5 | 0.311 | -0.609 | -0.079 |
| C6 | 0.200 | 0.870 | 0.209 |
| H7 | -3.103 | 0.859 | -0.715 |
| H8 | -2.746 | 1.359 | 0.918 |
| H9 | -1.890 | -0.714 | 1.549 |
| H10 | -3.056 | -1.232 | 0.361 |
| H11 | -0.868 | -2.379 | -0.043 |
| H12 | -1.211 | -1.287 | -1.373 |
| H13 | 0.153 | 0.974 | 1.299 |
| H14 | 1.116 | 1.366 | -0.106 |
| H15 | -0.972 | 1.352 | -1.516 |
| H16 | -1.083 | 2.544 | -0.249 |
| O17 | 1.377 | -1.192 | -0.129 |
| O18 | 3.541 | 0.601 | 0.157 |
| H19 | 4.400 | 0.229 | -0.062 |
| H20 | 2.905 | -0.129 | 0.059 |

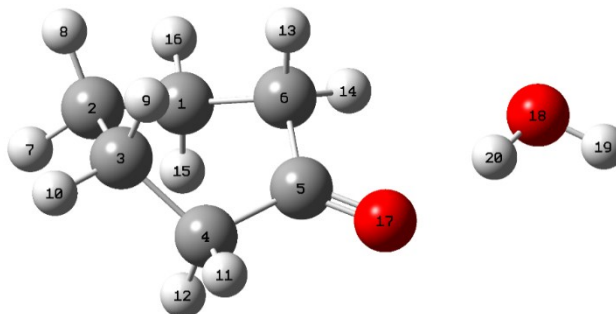


Table S8 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Keto skew-H₂O I in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -1.953 | -0.874 | -0.664 |
| C2 | -2.147 | 0.648 | -0.505 |
| C3 | 0.267 | 0.625 | 0.267 |
| C4 | 0.260 | -0.872 | 0.494 |
| C5 | -1.151 | -1.465 | 0.495 |
| H6 | -2.137 | 1.124 | -1.485 |
| H7 | -3.124 | 0.858 | -0.068 |
| H8 | -1.654 | -1.254 | 1.442 |
| H9 | -1.411 | -1.080 | -1.590 |
| H10 | 0.785 | -1.061 | 1.434 |
| H11 | 0.879 | -1.323 | -0.282 |
| H12 | -1.093 | -2.550 | 0.412 |
| H13 | -2.921 | -1.365 | -0.757 |
| C14 | -1.069 | 1.306 | 0.387 |
| H15 | -0.957 | 2.367 | 0.178 |
| H16 | -1.367 | 1.204 | 1.435 |
| O17 | 1.289 | 1.236 | 0.013 |
| O18 | 3.432 | -0.568 | -0.358 |
| H19 | 4.242 | -0.166 | -0.681 |
| H20 | 2.804 | 0.166 | -0.236 |

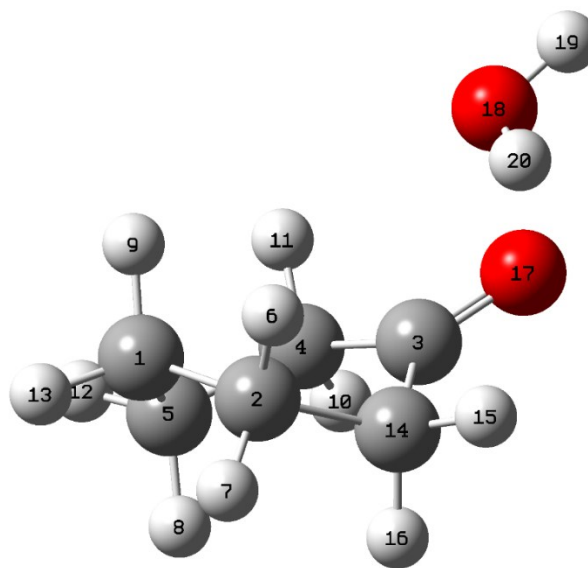


Table S9 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of Keto skew-H₂O II in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -2.057 | 0.831 | -0.575 |
| C2 | -0.832 | 1.611 | -0.053 |
| C3 | 0.244 | -0.675 | 0.118 |
| C4 | -1.089 | -1.391 | 0.025 |
| C5 | -2.285 | -0.455 | 0.218 |
| H6 | -0.331 | 2.109 | -0.883 |
| H7 | -1.152 | 2.396 | 0.631 |
| H8 | -2.417 | -0.220 | 1.278 |
| H9 | -1.901 | 0.561 | -1.622 |
| H10 | -1.077 | -2.196 | 0.764 |
| H11 | -1.124 | -1.876 | -0.952 |
| H12 | -3.200 | -0.952 | -0.103 |
| H13 | -2.942 | 1.465 | -0.549 |
| C14 | 0.191 | 0.718 | 0.685 |
| H15 | 1.184 | 1.159 | 0.693 |
| H16 | -0.129 | 0.602 | 1.726 |
| O17 | 1.273 | -1.215 | -0.239 |
| O18 | 3.474 | 0.544 | -0.101 |
| H19 | 2.823 | -0.174 | -0.188 |
| H20 | 4.315 | 0.171 | -0.378 |

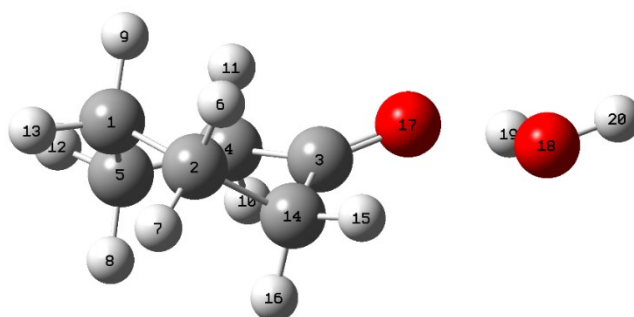


Table S10 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of (cis)Enol I-H₂O I in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | 0.223 | 0.563 | -0.314 |
| C2 | 0.124 | -0.918 | -0.487 |
| H3 | 0.686 | -1.404 | 0.315 |
| H4 | 0.626 | -1.195 | -1.417 |
| C5 | -1.332 | -1.385 | -0.495 |
| H6 | -1.372 | -2.469 | -0.378 |
| H7 | -1.780 | -1.153 | -1.465 |
| C8 | -2.134 | -0.692 | 0.604 |
| H9 | -1.681 | -0.919 | 1.573 |
| H10 | -3.155 | -1.073 | 0.632 |
| C11 | -2.145 | 0.823 | 0.396 |
| H12 | -2.518 | 1.319 | 1.296 |
| H13 | -2.852 | 1.083 | -0.399 |
| C14 | -0.777 | 1.353 | 0.060 |
| H15 | -0.614 | 2.423 | 0.137 |
| O16 | 1.497 | 1.026 | -0.591 |
| H17 | 1.539 | 1.974 | -0.419 |
| O18 | 3.537 | -0.550 | 0.741 |
| H19 | 4.185 | -0.858 | 0.102 |
| H20 | 2.913 | -0.009 | 0.233 |

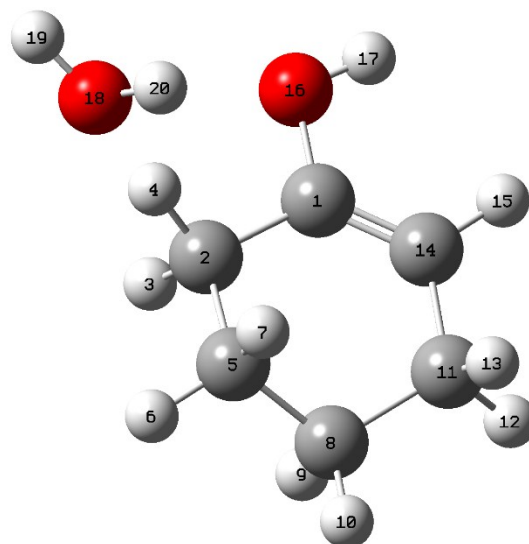


Table S11 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of (cis)Enol I-H₂O II in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | 0.237 | -0.463 | 0.004 |
| C2 | -0.936 | -1.392 | 0.083 |
| H3 | -0.998 | -1.793 | 1.100 |
| H4 | -0.742 | -2.248 | -0.565 |
| C5 | -2.244 | -0.699 | -0.300 |
| H6 | -3.093 | -1.324 | -0.017 |
| H7 | -2.284 | -0.583 | -1.387 |
| C8 | -2.340 | 0.677 | 0.351 |
| H9 | -2.288 | 0.561 | 1.438 |
| H10 | -3.301 | 1.143 | 0.126 |
| C11 | -1.194 | 1.577 | -0.114 |
| H12 | -1.141 | 2.465 | 0.521 |
| H13 | -1.410 | 1.950 | -1.123 |
| C14 | 0.130 | 0.862 | -0.099 |
| H15 | 1.031 | 1.460 | -0.176 |
| O16 | 1.423 | -1.142 | 0.051 |
| H17 | 2.168 | -0.518 | 0.031 |
| O18 | 3.765 | 0.498 | -0.002 |
| H19 | 4.274 | 0.434 | 0.811 |
| H20 | 4.366 | 0.238 | -0.707 |

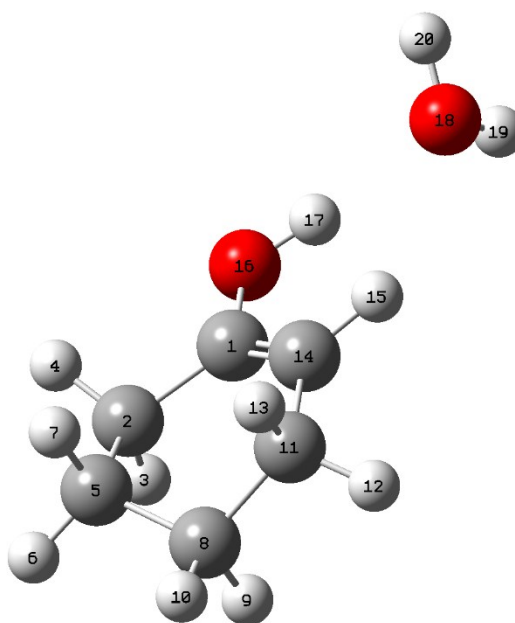


Table S12 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of (trans)Enol II-H₂O I in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -0.237 | -0.459 | -0.044 |
| C2 | 0.939 | -1.386 | -0.051 |
| H3 | 1.051 | -1.819 | -1.051 |
| H4 | 0.744 | -2.223 | 0.627 |
| C5 | 2.226 | -0.668 | 0.365 |
| H6 | 3.090 | -1.290 | 0.127 |
| H7 | 2.222 | -0.528 | 1.449 |
| C8 | 2.331 | 0.693 | -0.316 |
| H9 | 2.328 | 0.552 | -1.401 |
| H10 | 3.275 | 1.175 | -0.061 |
| C11 | 1.156 | 1.591 | 0.076 |
| H12 | 1.115 | 2.460 | -0.584 |
| H13 | 1.320 | 1.995 | 1.082 |
| C14 | -0.157 | 0.863 | 0.028 |
| H15 | -1.072 | 1.442 | 0.040 |
| O16 | -1.481 | -1.065 | -0.133 |
| H17 | -1.382 | -2.020 | -0.143 |
| O18 | -3.890 | 0.553 | -0.025 |
| H19 | -3.121 | -0.033 | -0.062 |
| H20 | -4.151 | 0.567 | 0.899 |

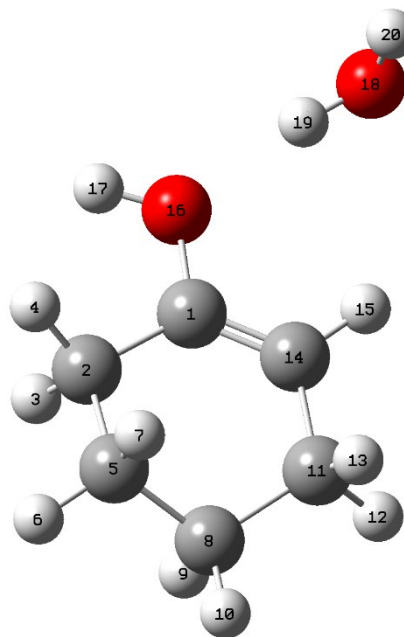


Table S13 Cartesian coordinates for the predicted structure of (cis)Enol II-H₂O II in Table 1 at the B3LYP-D3/aVTZ level of theory.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | -0.179 | -0.605 | 0.003 |
| C2 | -0.165 | 0.896 | 0.065 |
| H3 | -0.446 | 1.212 | 1.076 |
| H4 | -0.940 | 1.290 | -0.597 |
| C5 | 1.199 | 1.475 | -0.312 |
| H6 | 1.244 | 2.530 | -0.035 |
| H7 | 1.321 | 1.425 | -1.397 |
| C8 | 2.326 | 0.688 | 0.353 |
| H9 | 2.196 | 0.728 | 1.438 |
| H10 | 3.293 | 1.142 | 0.130 |
| C11 | 2.307 | -0.771 | -0.103 |
| H12 | 2.961 | -1.366 | 0.538 |
| H13 | 2.737 | -0.844 | -1.110 |
| C14 | 0.920 | -1.350 | -0.089 |
| H15 | 0.808 | -2.426 | -0.149 |
| O16 | -1.410 | -1.202 | 0.067 |
| H17 | -2.116 | -0.538 | 0.044 |
| O18 | -3.715 | 0.486 | -0.014 |
| H19 | -4.200 | 0.446 | 0.815 |
| H20 | -4.309 | 0.125 | -0.680 |

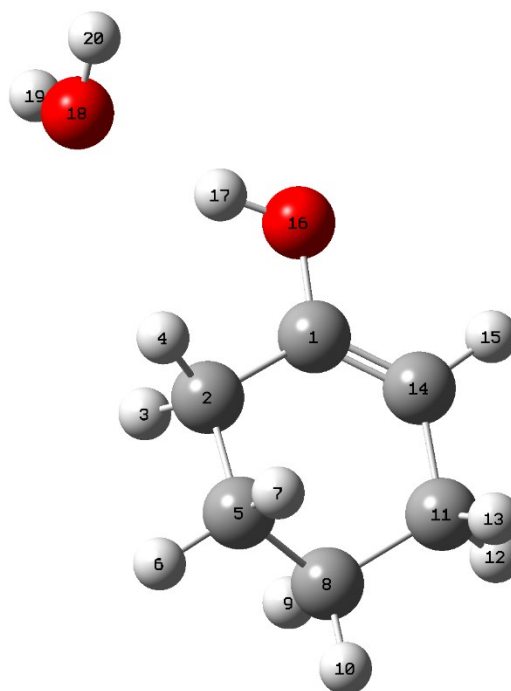


Table S14 Measured and assigned transition frequencies (MHz) of cyclohexanone-water complex and its ¹³C isotopologues.

| J' | Ka' | Kc' | J'' | Ka'' | Kc'' | Parent species | o-c ^a | ¹³ C1 | o-c | ¹³ C2 | o-c | ¹³ C3 | o-c |
|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7653.4669 | -0.0014 | 7648.4162 | 0.0004 | 7616.9535 | -0.0023 | 7582.5818 | -0.0002 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7966.8746 | -0.0001 | 7961.7640 | -0.0004 | 7930.1009 | -0.0026 | 7892.0374 | -0.0004 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8105.8421 | 0.0015 | 8101.9076 | 0.0004 | | | 8026.0685 | -0.0004 |
| 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 8151.5101 | 0.0059 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 8147.3348 | -0.0092 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8256.6417 | 0.0012 | 8253.9858 | -0.0011 | 8229.0496 | 0.0035 | 8171.4966 | 0.0006 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8519.7005 | 0.0002 | 8516.5409 | 0.0004 | 8490.1650 | -0.0043 | 8432.4521 | 0.0001 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9541.9745 | -0.0001 | 9535.4694 | 0.0008 | 9495.6188 | -0.0002 | 9454.2051 | 0.0011 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 9857.5866 | 0.0002 | 9850.4869 | -0.0006 | 9808.9700 | -0.0023 | 9767.2686 | -0.0009 |
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10112.7261 | 0.0023 | 10107.6361 | -0.0012 | 10071.5926 | -0.0098 | 10013.7249 | 0.0011 |
| 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10194.0923 | 0.0030 | | | | | | |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10208.5433 | -0.0015 | | | | | | |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10401.8661 | -0.0011 | 10399.0891 | 0.0004 | 10369.3599 | -0.0066 | 10292.9389 | -0.0017 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 10615.4494 | 0.0020 | 10611.1653 | 0.0003 | 10577.2781 | -0.0002 | 10507.7230 | 0.0009 |
| 6 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 11417.2271 | -0.0025 | 11409.1916 | 0.0006 | 11360.7386 | 0.0046 | 11312.9647 | 0.0003 |
| 6 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 11702.4169 | -0.0011 | 11693.2252 | -0.0004 | 11641.5896 | -0.0003 | 11597.5194 | -0.0005 |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 12106.7479 | 0.0024 | 12100.3976 | 0.0009 | 12056.4676 | -0.0048 | 11988.9800 | -0.0002 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9028.3536 | 0.0007 | 9017.0353 | 0.0001 | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10810.3779 | -0.0006 | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11012.4566 | 0.0003 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 11521.3266 | -0.0007 | | | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 12579.4457 | -0.0035 | 12576.5300 | -0.0000 | 12541.9568 | 0.0020 | 12446.3464 | 0.0001 |
| 6 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 12684.6070 | 0.0008 | 12678.9231 | -0.0003 | 12636.7553 | 0.0056 | 12557.4922 | 0.0002 |
| 7 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 13279.3988 | 0.0001 | 13269.7679 | -0.0002 | | | | |
| 7 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 13513.9845 | 0.0011 | 13502.8208 | -0.0001 | | | | |

^a observed - calculated

Table S14 (continued)

| J' | Ka' | Kc' | J'' | Ka'' | Kc'' | ¹³ C4 | o-c ^a | ¹³ C5 | o-c | ¹³ C6 | o-c |
|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7574.5005 | -0.0001 | 7617.1697 | -0.0011 | 7644.9030 | 0.0014 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7884.8118 | 0.0019 | 7930.9659 | -0.0003 | 7957.1899 | 0.0000 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8020.2680 | -0.0022 | 8076.7644 | 0.0003 | 8097.3671 | -0.0026 |
| 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8167.2506 | 0.0016 | 8235.0237 | -0.0001 | 8249.4938 | -0.0015 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8428.5224 | 0.0003 | 8495.8662 | 0.0005 | 8510.9652 | -0.0004 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9443.8626 | -0.0009 | 9495.4873 | 0.0032 | 9531.0759 | 0.0015 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 9757.3152 | -0.0003 | 9808.5389 | -0.0021 | 9844.8003 | 0.0010 |
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10006.2699 | 0.0008 | 10075.3792 | 0.0006 | 10101.9580 | 0.0010 |
| 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10288.3390 | 0.0000 | 10377.9834 | -0.0015 | 10393.4354 | -0.0002 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 10502.4178 | -0.0018 | 10583.7110 | 0.0009 | 10604.1693 | 0.0005 |
| 6 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 11300.2564 | 0.0002 | 11360.0767 | 0.0013 | 11403.9288 | 0.0042 |
| 6 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 11584.6077 | -0.0001 | 11639.5866 | -0.0027 | 11686.5223 | -0.0071 |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11979.7365 | 0.0003 | 12060.4897 | 0.0007 | 12093.5701 | 0.0012 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 12441.4757 | -0.0003 | 12553.2338 | -0.0016 | 12569.6020 | -0.0001 |
| 6 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 12550.4986 | 0.0007 | 12643.3443 | 0.0019 | 12670.4755 | 0.0004 |
| 7 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 6 | | | | | | |
| 7 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 6 | | | | | | |

^a observed – calculated

Table S15 Measured and assigned transition frequencies (MHz) of cyclohexanone-water complex and its deuterium isotopologues.

| J' | Ka' | Kc' | J'' | Ka'' | Kc'' | D ₂ O | o-c ^a | DOH(D1) | o-c | HOD(D2) | o-c |
|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------------------|------------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7296.6310 | -0.0002 | 7402.5886 | -0.0012 | 7538.3193 | 0.0013 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7591.5310 | -0.0004 | 7702.8872 | -0.0005 | 7846.2262 | 0.0002 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7703.4802 | -0.0069 | 7822.5315 | 0.0014 | 7975.8315 | -0.0025 |
| 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | 7952.2881 | 0.0019 | 8116.4520 | -0.0005 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8079.5313 | 0.0020 | 8209.4646 | 0.0012 | 8377.5305 | 0.0016 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9100.5082 | 0.0015 | 9231.6430 | 0.0005 | 9399.6161 | 0.0004 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 9406.1798 | 0.0008 | 9540.2448 | -0.0005 | 9712.8163 | -0.0020 |
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9613.6802 | 0.0019 | 9761.3717 | -0.0015 | 9951.5784 | 0.0018 |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9848.3957 | -0.0007 | 10011.6262 | -0.0039 | 10221.9882 | -0.0016 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 10072.5027 | 0.0020 | 10232.8715 | 0.0014 | 10440.2929 | 0.0010 |
| 6 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 10893.2658 | 0.0009 | 11048.9561 | -0.0002 | 11248.3846 | 0.0012 |
| 6 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 11179.9637 | -0.0017 | 11335.1898 | -0.0008 | 11535.0647 | -0.0027 |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11513.5416 | 0.0057 | 11689.1650 | 0.0031 | 11915.3410 | 0.0027 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8704.2522 | 0.0001 | 8795.1668 | -0.0000 | 8927.9227 | 0.0003 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10747.3514 | -0.0030 | 10752.7578 | -0.0001 | 10803.2995 | -0.0001 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10931.4029 | 0.0028 | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 11901.9789 | -0.0029 | 12101.8222 | -0.0019 | 12359.3091 | -0.0023 |
| 6 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 12044.8057 | -0.0010 | 12233.9507 | 0.0012 | 12478.5632 | 0.0013 |
| 7 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 12764.7708 | -0.0016 | | | | |

^a observed – calculated

Table S16 Spectroscopic parameters of ^{13}C and deuterium isotopologues of cyclohexanone-water.

| Rotational constant | $^{13}\text{C-C1}$ | $^{13}\text{C-C2}$ | $^{13}\text{C-C3}$ | $^{13}\text{C-C4}$ | $^{13}\text{C-C5}$ | $^{13}\text{C-C6}$ |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| A/MHz | 3285.9316(25) | 3255.551(71) | 3283.8142(59) | 3280.540(25) | 3244.814(11) | 3273.634(11) |
| B/MHz | 1123.32189(21) | 1120.4620(13) | 1111.45482(28) | 1111.27360(47) | 1121.60512(58) | 1122.4991(10) |
| C/MHz | 905.21272(13) | 901.0346(11) | 897.98257(25) | 896.74560(38) | 900.77576(32) | 904.90316(78) |
| Δ_K/kHz | 17.23(17) | 21(18) | 24.87234771 | 18.0(67) | 24.87234771 | 17.4(73) |
| Δ_{JK}/kHz | -7.7041(16) | -7.63(13) | -7.474(23) | -7.62(4) | -7.467(49) | -7.601(69) |
| Δ_J/kHz | 1.0469(16) | 1.038(12) | 1.0182(15) | 1.0294(42) | 1.0483(33) | 1.042(7) |
| δ_J/kHz | 0.1704(13) | 0.17(1) | 0.161(2) | 0.1700(35) | 0.1715(42) | 0.1583(73) |
| N | 18 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| σ/kHz | 0.57 | 3.0 | 0.72 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 |

| Rotational constant | $^a\text{DOH(D1)}$ | $^b\text{HOD(D2)}$ | D_2O |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| A/MHz | 3287.2880(41) | 3298.6954(42) | 3289.7280(63) |
| B/MHz | 1080.39298(61) | 1103.76562(61) | 1062.38808(90) |
| C/MHz | 877.82359(50) | 893.01318(50) | 865.90822(54) |
| Δ_K/kHz | 25.5(9) | 25.61(91) | 19.3(13) |
| Δ_{JK}/kHz | -7.290(45) | -7.089(46) | -6.706(71) |
| Δ_J/kHz | 0.9803(35) | 0.970(35) | 0.9099(58) |
| δ_J/kHz | 0.1500(45) | 0.01564(45) | 0.1402(52) |
| N | 17 | 17 | 18 |
| σ/kHz | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.7 |

^a D1 is the free proton of water.

^b D2 is the proton of water hydrogen bonded to the carbonyl oxygen of cyclohexanone.

Table S17 Cartesian coordinates for the fitted $r_m^{(1)}$ geometry of the cyclohexanone-water complex.

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| C1 | 0.202 | 0.648 | -0.263 |
| C2 | 0.170 | -0.792 | -0.667 |
| C3 | -0.912 | -1.561 | 0.162 |
| C4 | -2.259 | -0.860 | 0.044 |
| C5 | -2.174 | 0.574 | 0.551 |
| C6 | -1.105 | 1.372 | -0.267 |
| O7 | 1.341 | 1.237 | 0.084 |
| H8 | -0.952 | 2.379 | 0.120 |
| H9 | -1.440 | 1.450 | -1.309 |
| H10 | 1.167 | -1.214 | -0.540 |
| H11 | -0.093 | -0.843 | -1.731 |
| H12 | -1.920 | 0.565 | 1.617 |
| H13 | -3.140 | 1.074 | 0.459 |
| H14 | -0.628 | -1.621 | 1.219 |
| H15 | -0.979 | -2.590 | -0.197 |
| H16 | -3.000 | -1.419 | 0.621 |
| H17 | -2.601 | -0.858 | -0.998 |
| H18 | 2.889 | 0.070 | 0.298 |
| O19 | 3.615 | -0.577 | 0.242 |
| H20 | 4.409 | -0.102 | 0.502 |

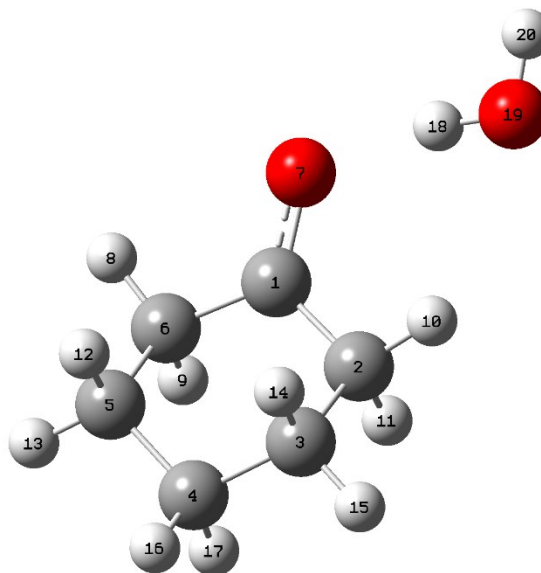


Table S18 BSSE corrected interaction energy analysis for a selection of ketone-water complexes at the MP2/6-311++g(2d,p) level of theory.

| Species | Cyclohexanone | Cyclopentanone | Cyclobutanone | Acetone | Formaldehyde |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------|--------------|
| $\Delta E_{\text{binding}}(\text{kcal mol}^{-1})$ | -5.60 | -5.35 | -4.52 | -5.43 | -3.75 |