

Supporting Information for

The rich conformational landscape of perillyl alcohol revealed by broadband rotational spectroscopy and theoretical modelling

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Ax-G-G-G+	13.6	13.7	14.4	1849	722	672	1.6	1.1	0.0	Ax-TTG+	12.0	12.5	2065	670	646	0.5	1.5	0.4
Ax-G-G+G+	13.9	13.8	14.1	2202	634	627	0.7	1.2	0.4	Ax-G-G+G+	12.7	12.6	2137	654	647	0.5	1.2	0.5
Ax-G+G-G+	13.8	14.1	14.8	1835	718	671	0.3	1.3	1.0	Ax-G-G+T	12.6	12.9	1909	690	659	0.1	0.5	1.1
Ax-TTT	13.3	14.2	15.7	1767	694	650	0.7	0.7	1.6	Ax-TTT	12.1	13.0	1714	723	679	0.7	1.0	1.4
Ax-G-TG+	15.6	15.2	15.4	2079	660	634	1.3	0.7	1.1	Ax-G-TG+	14.1	13.7	2040	681	653	1.0	0.7	1.1
Ax-TG+G+	15.3	15.3	15.1	2193	630	623	1.0	0.0	0.8	Ax-G+G-G+	13.6	13.9	1795	743	691	0.4	1.0	1.4
Ax-G-G+T	15.5	15.8	16.3	1976	665	630	0.1	0.4	1.1	Ax-G-G-T	14.5	13.9	1605	767	731	1.0	0.0	1.2
Ax-TG+T	16.3	16.7	16.7	1952	664	630	1.5	0.6	0.0	Ax-G-TT	14.4	14.3	1696	734	687	0.6	1.0	0.5
Ax-G-TT	17.5	17.4	17.7	1746	703	656	0.8	0.9	0.3	Ax-TG+T	14.6	15.0	1892	687	657	1.6	0.6	0.1
Ax-G+G-T	17.0	17.5	17.7	1638	728	697	0.8	0.8	1.6	Ax-TG+G+	15.1	15.1	2134	649	642	1.2	0.1	0.7
Ax-G-G-T	17.3	17.6	18.1	1657	730	696	1.0	1.2	0.3	Ax-G+G-T	15.4	16.0	1584	765	732	0.9	1.3	1.3

^a The bolded conformers are the ones which survive the conformational conversion in a jet expansion. Those in red are the ones observed experimentally. See the main text for discussions.

^b Calculated at the 298 K.

^c The ZPE corrections were obtained at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/def2-TZVP level.

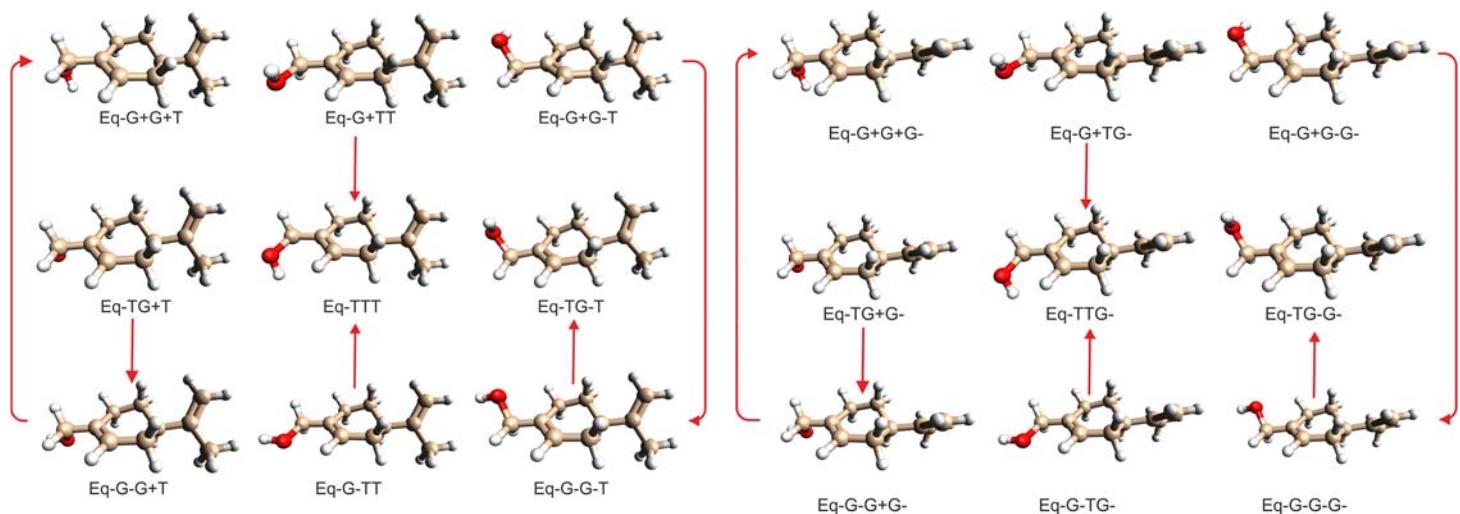


Figure S1. Optimized geometries of the nine Eq-XXT (left) and nine Eq-XXG- (right) conformers where X can take on G+, T, and G-. The red arrows indicate that the corresponding conformational barriers are low enough to facilitate a nearly complete conformational cooling of the higher energy conformers in a jet expansion. See the main text for discussion.

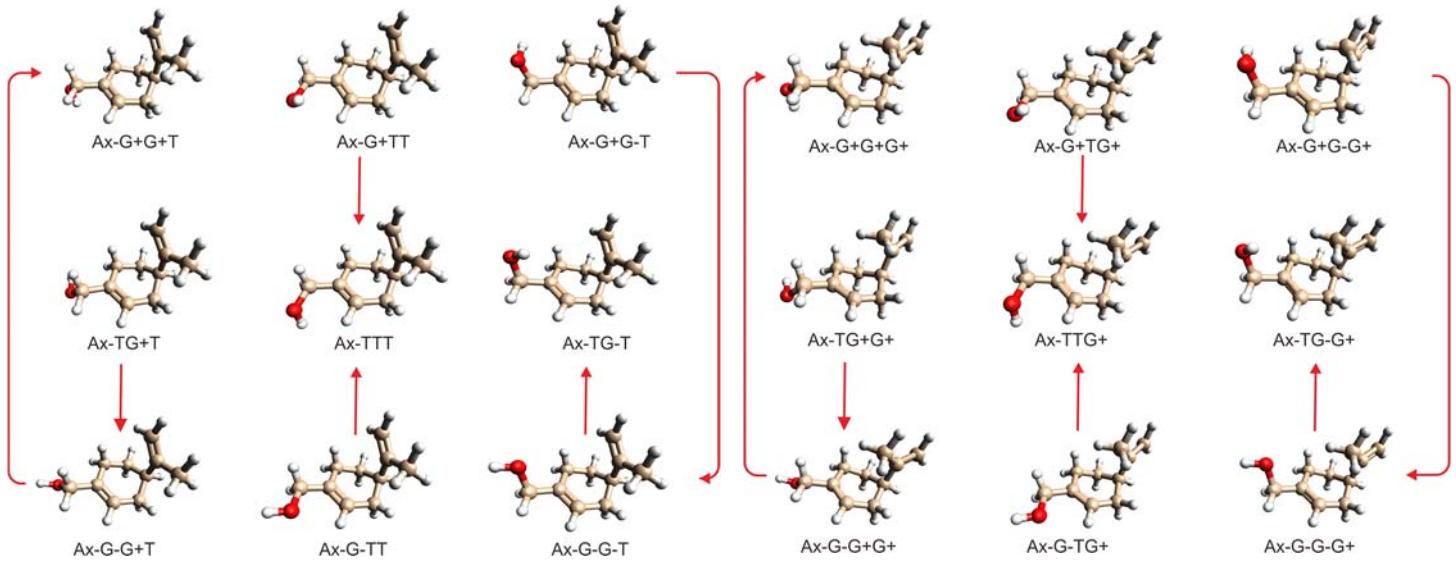


Figure S2. Optimized geometries of the nine Ax-XXT (left) and nine Ax-XXG- (right) conformers where X can take on G+, T, and G-. The red arrows indicate that the corresponding conformational barriers are low enough to facilitate a nearly complete conformational cooling of the higher energy conformers in a jet expansion. See the main text for discussion.

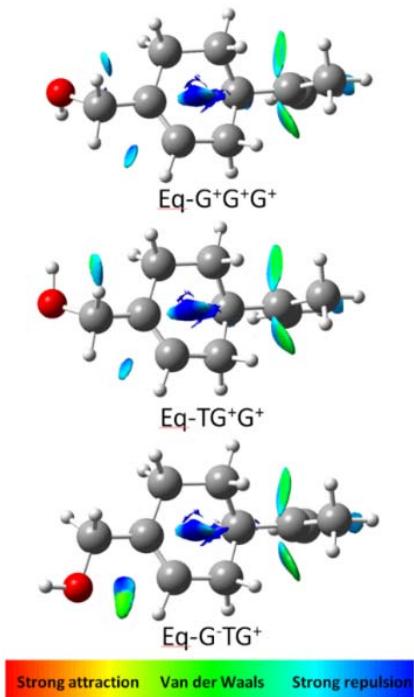


Figure S3. The NCI analysis of Eq-G+G+G+ , Eq-TG+G+ , and Eq-G-TG+ . The Eq-TG+G+ and Eq-G-TG+ conformers are less stable than Eq-G+G+G+ primarily because of the more severe steric repulsion, represented by the larger blue areas associated with the OH group.

Table S2. Measured transition frequencies of Ax-G+G+G-

ZJ'	K_a'	K_c'	J''	K_a''	K_c''	$\nu_{\text{EXP}} / \text{MHz}$	$\Delta\nu^{\text{a}} / \text{MHz}$
2	1	2	1	1	1	2539.0260	0.0002
2	0	2	1	0	1	2563.6280	0.0003
2	1	1	1	1	0	2588.8765	0.0002
3	1	3	2	1	2	3808.3308	0.0006
3	0	3	2	0	2	3844.6020	0.0007
3	1	2	2	1	1	3883.1100	0.0006
4	1	4	3	1	3	5077.3940	0.0009
4	0	4	3	0	3	5124.6011	0.0010
4	2	2	3	2	1	5130.9498	0.0006
4	2	3	3	2	2	5127.6503	0.0006
4	1	3	3	1	2	5177.0789	0.0009
3	1	3	2	0	2	5185.3261	0.0006
5	0	5	4	1	4	5109.8335	0.0004
4	0	4	3	1	3	3783.8946	0.0003
2	1	2	1	0	1	3940.6163	0.0004
1	1	0	0	0	0	2708.4915	0.0037
4	0	4	3	1	2	3634.3163	0.0015
2	1	1	1	0	1	4015.4012	0.0062
3	1	2	2	0	2	5334.9001	0.0066
5	0	5	4	1	3	4860.5237	0.0010
6	2	4	6	1	6	4529.2912	0.0001
3	2	2	3	1	3	4317.1483	0.0014
3	2	1	3	1	3	4318.8018	0.0017
3	2	1	3	1	2	4169.2372	0.0014
3	2	2	3	1	2	4167.5766	0.0017

^a $\Delta\nu = \nu_{\text{CALC.}} - \nu_{\text{EXP.}}$

Table S3. Measured transition frequencies of Ax-TG-G-

J'	K _a '	K _c '	J''	K _a ''	K _c ''	v _{EXP} / MHz	Δv ^a / MHz
2	1	2	1	1	1	2819.8980	0.0003
2	0	2	1	0	1	2859.2250	0.0004
2	1	1	1	1	0	2901.0650	0.0003
3	1	3	2	1	2	4229.0510	0.0007
3	0	3	2	0	2	4285.7030	0.0008
3	1	2	2	1	1	4350.8010	0.0007
4	1	4	3	1	3	5637.3107	0.0010
4	0	4	3	0	3	5708.4827	0.0011
4	1	3	3	1	2	5799.5247	0.0010
2	1	2	1	0	1	3788.2200	0.0004
4	0	4	3	1	3	4836.1500	0.0004
3	1	3	2	0	2	5158.0280	0.0006
4	2	3	3	2	2	5719.9520	0.0007
4	2	2	3	2	1	5732.3820	0.0007
3	0	3	2	1	2	3356.7060	0.0042
2	2	1	1	1	0	5806.0470	0.0130

^a Δv = v_{CALC} - v_{EXP}.**Table S4.** Measured transition frequencies of Eq-TTT

J'	K _a '	K _c '	J''	K _a ''	K _c ''	v _{EXP} / MHz	Δv ^a / MHz
5	1	5	4	1	4	4875.4010	0.0009
5	0	5	4	0	4	5006.0020	0.0010
4	1	4	3	1	3	3902.0756	0.0007
4	0	4	3	0	3	4012.0250	0.0008
4	1	3	3	1	2	4141.4000	0.0007
3	1	3	2	1	2	2927.5890	0.0004
3	0	3	2	0	2	3013.2514	0.0005
3	1	2	2	1	1	3107.1366	0.0004
2	1	1	1	0	1	4308.2950	0.0004
1	1	0	0	0	0	3242.3990	0.0002
6	0	6	5	1	4	3305.1500	0.0002
8	0	8	7	1	6	4790.4480	0.0001
3	1	2	2	0	2	5404.5735	0.0006
1	1	1	1	0	1	2176.4980	0.0002
7	0	7	6	1	5	4075.2006	0.0002
3	1	3	3	0	3	2032.2030	0.0018
2	1	2	2	0	2	2117.8710	0.0021

^a Δv = v_{CALC} - v_{EXP}.

Table S5. Measured transition frequencies of Eq-TTG+

J'	K _a '	K _c '	J''	K _a ''	K _c ''	v _{EXP} / MHz	Δv ^a / MHz
3	1	3	2	1	2	2981.9680	0.0004
3	0	3	2	0	2	3023.2270	0.0005
3	1	2	2	1	1	3066.2530	0.0004
4	1	4	3	1	3	3975.6495	0.0007
4	0	4	3	0	3	4029.7270	0.0008
4	1	3	3	1	2	4088.0260	0.0007
5	1	5	4	1	4	4969.0750	0.0009
5	0	5	4	0	4	5035.2015	0.0010
5	2	4	4	2	3	5039.8760	0.0005
5	1	4	4	1	3	5109.5260	0.0009
6	1	6	5	1	5	5962.1750	0.0010
2	1	1	1	0	1	4309.0001	0.0030
2	1	2	1	0	1	4224.7080	0.0030
3	1	3	2	0	2	5190.7500	0.0033
3	1	2	2	0	2	5359.3490	0.0034
1	1	1	0	0	0	3244.7180	0.0019
1	1	0	0	0	0	3272.8250	0.0019
2	0	2	1	0	1	2015.8932	0.0066

^a Δv = v_{CALC} - v_{EXP}.

Table S6. Measured transition frequencies of Eq-G+G+G+

J'	K _a '	K _c '	J''	K _a ''	K _c ''	A/E	v _{EXP} / MHz	Δv ^a / MHz
4	2	3	3	2	2	A	4098.8030	-0.0024
4	2	3	3	2	2	E	4098.9503	-0.0023
4	2	2	3	2	1	A	4099.3240	-0.0024
4	2	2	3	2	1	E	4099.1761	0.0015
5	2	4	4	2	3	A	5123.4390	-0.0026
5	2	4	4	2	3	E	5123.5751	0.0084
5	2	3	4	2	2	A	5124.4800	-0.0032
5	2	3	4	2	2	E	5124.3514	-0.0010
2	K	2	1	K	1	E	8615.4049	-0.0084
2	K	2	1	K	-1	E	8603.0752	0.0032
2	K	-2	1	K	-1	E	8604.1629	0.0092
3	2	2	2	1	1	A	9615.9813	-0.0051
3	2	2	2	1	1	E	9615.5557	0.0080
3	K	-2	2	K	-1	E	9616.6517	-0.0073
2	1	2	1	1	1	A	2037.0970	0.0026
2	1	2	1	1	1	E	2037.0970	-0.0002
2	0	2	1	0	1	A	2049.3690	-0.0018
2	0	2	1	0	1	E	2049.3690	-0.0007
2	1	1	1	1	0	A	2061.7460	-0.0055
2	1	1	1	1	0	E	2061.7460	-0.0005
2	1	1	2	0	2	A	2205.3250	-0.0021
2	1	1	2	0	2	E	2205.3250	-0.0010
3	1	2	3	0	3	A	2224.0000	0.0063
3	1	2	3	0	3	E	2224.0000	0.0084
3	0	3	2	0	2	A	3073.9240	-0.0020
3	0	3	2	0	2	E	3073.9240	-0.0002
3	1	3	2	1	2	A	3055.6130	0.0018
3	1	3	2	1	2	E	3055.6130	0.0026
3	1	2	2	1	1	A	3092.5990	0.0065
3	1	2	2	1	1	E	3092.5990	0.0091
4	0	4	3	0	3	A	4098.3230	-0.0019
4	0	4	3	0	3	E	4098.3230	0.0005
4	1	4	3	1	3	A	4074.0910	-0.0007
4	1	4	3	1	3	E	4074.0910	0.0012
4	1	3	3	1	2	A	4123.3880	-0.0037
4	1	3	3	1	2	E	4123.3880	-0.0010

^a Δv = v_{CALC.} - v_{EXP.}

Table S7. Measured transition frequencies of Eq-G+G+T

J'	K _a '	K _c '	J''	K _a ''	K _c ''	A/E	v _{EXP} / MHz	Δv ^a / MHz
3	2	2	2	2	1	A	3058.6410	-0.0018
3	2	2	2	2	1	E	3058.9010	0.0076
3	2	1	2	2	0	A	3060.8830	-0.0015
3	2	1	2	2	0	E	3060.6283	-0.0032
2	2	1	1	1	0	A	8529.9847	-0.0073
2	2	1	1	1	0	E	8529.6037	-0.0018
2	2	0	1	1	1	A	8570.8341	0.0027
2	2	0	1	1	1	E	8571.1847	-0.0034
3	2	2	2	1	1	A	9509.2616	0.0014
3	2	2	2	1	1	E	9509.1339	0.0074
3	2	1	2	1	2	A	9632.9018	0.0030
3	2	1	2	1	2	E	9632.9993	-0.0028
2	0	2	1	0	1	A	2038.5330	-0.0022
2	0	2	1	0	1	E	2038.5330	-0.0014
2	1	1	1	1	0	A	2079.3740	-0.0006
2	1	1	1	1	0	E	2079.3740	0.0016
2	1	1	2	0	2	A	2231.3240	0.0000
2	1	1	2	0	2	E	2231.3240	0.0039
3	1	2	3	0	3	A	2293.6280	-0.0030
3	1	2	3	0	3	E	2293.6280	0.0011
3	0	3	2	0	2	A	3056.3990	-0.0021
3	0	3	2	0	2	E	3056.3990	-0.0009
3	1	3	2	1	2	A	2997.8760	-0.0007
3	1	3	2	1	2	E	2997.8760	0.0003
3	1	2	2	1	1	A	3118.7110	0.0029
3	1	2	2	1	1	E	3118.7110	0.0043
4	1	4	3	1	3	A	3996.5230	-0.0015
4	1	4	3	1	3	E	3996.5230	0.0002
4	1	3	3	1	2	A	4157.6080	-0.0023
4	1	3	3	1	2	E	4157.6080	-0.0008

^a Δv = v_{CALC.} - v_{EXP.}

Table S8. Measured transition frequencies of Eq-TG-G+

J'	K _a '	K _c '	J''	K _a ''	K _c ''	A/E	v _{EXP} / MHz	Δv ^a / MHz
2	2	1	1	1	0	A	8840.1597	-0.0024
2	2	1	1	1	0	E	8839.8642	-0.0048
2	2	0	1	1	0	A	8840.2724	-0.0008
2	2	0	1	1	0	E	8840.5595	0.0039
2	2	1	1	1	1	A	8858.5021	-0.0033
2	2	1	1	1	1	E	8858.2218	0.0065
2	2	0	1	1	1	A	8858.6104	-0.0061
2	2	0	1	1	1	E	8858.9019	0.0000
3	2	2	2	1	1	A	9840.2581	-0.0009
3	2	2	2	1	1	E	9840.1025	0.0088
3	2	1	2	1	1	A	9840.8163	0.0016
3	2	1	2	1	1	E	9840.9728	0.0028
3	2	2	2	1	2	A	9895.2963	0.0061
3	2	2	2	1	2	E	9895.1193	-0.0062
3	2	1	2	1	2	A	9895.8433	-0.0025
3	2	1	2	1	2	E	9895.9990	-0.0028
2	1	2	1	1	1	A	2018.5260	-0.0086
2	1	2	1	1	1	E	2018.5260	-0.0082
7	1	7	7	0	7	A	2024.9890	0.0006
7	1	7	7	0	7	E	2024.9890	-0.0006
2	0	2	1	0	1	A	2036.7680	0.0007
2	0	2	1	0	1	E	2036.7680	0.0022
2	1	1	1	1	0	A	2055.2240	0.0016
2	1	1	1	1	0	E	2055.2240	0.0043
3	0	3	2	0	2	A	3054.8750	0.0002
3	0	3	2	0	2	E	3054.8750	0.0026
3	1	3	2	1	2	A	3027.7320	-0.0006
3	1	3	2	1	2	E	3027.7320	0.0012
3	1	2	2	1	1	A	3082.7690	0.0020
3	1	2	2	1	1	E	3082.7690	0.0047
4	0	4	3	0	3	A	4072.6480	-0.0028
4	0	4	3	0	3	E	4072.6480	0.0004
4	1	3	3	1	2	A	4110.2280	-0.0032
4	1	3	3	1	2	E	4110.2280	0.0003

^a Δv = v_{CALC} - v_{EXP}.

Table S9. Measured transition frequencies of Eq-TG-T

J'	K _a '	K _c '	J''	K _a ''	K _c ''	A/E	v _{EXP} / MHz	Δv ^a / MHz
3	2	2	2	2	1	A	3026.1240	-0.0032
3	2	2	2	2	1	E	3026.4264	-0.0037
3	2	1	2	2	0	A	3029.2830	-0.0033
3	2	1	2	2	0	E	3028.9751	-0.0048
3	2	1	4	1	4	A	3153.5810	0.0007
3	2	1	4	1	4	E	3153.7030	0.0017
2	2	1	1	1	0	A	8928.4036	0.0005
2	2	1	1	1	0	E	8927.9519	0.0032
2	2	0	1	1	1	A	8978.5433	-0.0032
2	2	0	1	1	1	E	8978.9696	0.0010
3	2	2	2	1	1	A	9887.7607	0.0007
3	2	2	2	1	1	E	9887.6077	-0.0032
3	2	1	2	1	1	A	9891.7095	0.0003
3	2	1	2	1	1	E	9891.8194	-0.0021
3	0	3	2	0	2	A	3022.9750	0.0068
3	0	3	2	0	2	E	3022.9750	0.0086
3	1	3	2	1	2	A	2951.6150	0.0061
3	1	3	2	1	2	E	2951.6150	0.0082
3	1	2	2	1	1	A	3099.6506	-0.0072
3	1	2	2	1	1	E	3099.6506	-0.0058
4	0	4	3	0	3	A	4026.9510	0.0010
4	0	4	3	0	3	E	4026.9510	0.0036
5	0	5	4	0	4	A	5027.8100	-0.0019
5	0	5	4	0	4	E	5027.8100	0.0015
1	1	0	1	0	1	A	2336.5540	-0.0052
1	1	0	1	0	1	E	2336.5540	-0.0032
3	1	2	3	0	3	A	2463.3940	0.0021
3	1	2	3	0	3	E	2463.3940	0.0050
4	1	3	4	0	4	A	2568.3780	-0.0010
4	1	3	4	0	4	E	2568.3780	0.0008
5	1	4	5	0	5	A	2703.9540	-0.0001
5	1	4	5	0	5	E	2703.9540	0.0001

^a Δv = v_{CALC.} - v_{EXP.}

Table S10. The percentage differences between the experimental and theoretical rotational constants of the eight observed conformers

B3LYP	ΔA %	ΔB %	ΔC %	ave%	LMP2	ΔA %	ΔB %	ΔC %	ave%
Eq-G+G+G+	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.4	Eq-G+G+G+	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.9
Eq-G+G+T	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	Eq-G+G+T	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.8
Eq-TG-G+	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	Eq-TG-G+	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.9
Eq-TG-T	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	Eq-TG-T	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.9
Eq-TTG+	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	Eq-TTG+	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Eq-TTT	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4	Eq-TTT	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
ave for Eq ^c	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4	ave for Eq ^c	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9
Ax-G+G+G-	3.3	1.4	1.4	2.0	Ax-G+G+G-	0.8	2.4	2.3	1.8
Ax-TG-G-	2.2	1.4	1.1	1.6	Ax-TG-G-	1.0	3.1	2.8	2.3
ave for Ax ^d	2.7	1.4	1.2	1.8	ave for Ax ^d	0.9	2.7	2.5	2.0

^a Percentage error in the A, B and C constants between the experimental and theoretical values.

^b Average percentage error is A, B and C for each conformer.

^c Average error for the six equatorial conformers observed.

^d Average error for the two axial equatorial conformers observed.

Table S11. Comparison of the experimental and theoretical conformational abundances treating the axial and equatorial conformers *separately* and without/with conformational conversion

Levels of theory		B3LYP-D3BJ					LMP2				
Conformer ^a	Exp %	350K %	C_350K %	150K %	C_150K %	ΔD ₀ kJ mol ⁻¹	350K %	C_350K %	150K %	C_150K %	ΔD ₀ ^b kJ mol ⁻¹
Eq-TG-G+	30	14	19	36	37	0.0	14	19	34	36	0.0
Eq-TG-T	25	10	23	16	24	1.0	11	24	19	27	0.7
Eq-G+G+G+	22	10	14	15	16	1.1	9	14	14	15	1.1
Eq-G+G+T	10	7	16	6	9	2.3	7	18	7	11	1.9
Eq-TG-G-	0	7	0	7	0	2.0	7	0	6	0	2.1
Eq-TTG+	7	7	13	6	9	2.2	5	11	4	6	2.8
Eq-G+G+G-	0	5	0	3	0	3.2	4	0	3	0	3.2
Eq-G-G-G+	0	3	0	1	0	4.6	4	0	2	0	3.5
Eq-TTT	7	5	16	3	6	3.2	4	13	2	4	3.5
Eq-G+TG+	0	5	0	3	0	3.3	3	0	1	0	3.9
Eq-G+G+G	0	2	0	0	0	5.6	3	0	1	0	4.3
Eq-G+TT	0	4	0	1	0	4.1	3	0	1	0	4.4
Eq-G-G-T	0	2	0	0	0	5.9	3	0	1	0	4.4
Eq-G-G+T	0	2	0	0	0	6.6	2	0	1	0	5.0
Eq-G-TG+	0	2	0	0	0	6.2	2	0	1	0	5.0
Eq-TTG-	0	3	0	1	0	4.5	2	0	1	0	5.0
Eq-G-G-G-	0	1	0	0	0	6.9	2	0	0	0	5.4
Eq-G-TT	0	1	0	0	0	7.2	2	0	0	0	5.6
Eq-G+G-G+	0	2	0	0	0	6.0	2	0	0	0	5.9
Eq-TG+G+	0	2	0	0	0	6.1	2	0	0	0	6.1
Eq-G-G+G-	0	1	0	0	0	7.6	2	0	0	0	6.3
Eq-G+G-T	0	1	0	0	0	7.1	1	0	0	0	6.8
Eq-TG+T	0	1	0	0	0	7.0	1	0	0	0	6.8
Eq-G-TG-	0	1	0	0	0	8.5	1	0	0	0	7.3

Eq-G+G-G-	0	1	0	0	0	8.2	1	0	0	0	8.2
Eq-TG+G-	0	1	0	0	0	8.2	1	0	0	0	8.3
Eq-G+TG-	0	2	0	0	0	5.4	1	0	0	0	8.8
Sum	100	100	100	100	100	N/A	100	100	100	100	N/A
Ax-G+G+G-	63	26	35	54	56	2.4	27	38	56	59	0.6
Ax-TG-G-	37	20	27	29	29	3.2	20	28	29	31	1.4
Ax-G+TG-	0	12	25	9	14	4.6	10	23	6	10	3.4
Ax-G-G+G-	0	5	0	1.2	0	7.1	8	0	3	0	4.2
Ax-TTG-	0	9	0	4.5	0	5.5	8	0	3	0	4.3
Ax-G-TG-	0	3	0	0.4	0	8.6	5	0	1	0	5.6
Ax-G-G-G-	0	3	0	0.4	0	8.6	5	0	1	0	5.7
Ax-TG+G-	0	4	0	0.5	0	8.3	4	0	0	0	6.4
Ax-G+G-G-	0	4	0	0.5	0	8.3	3	0	0	0	6.8
Ax-TG-T	0	1	0	0	0	11.2	2	0	0	0	9.0
Ax-G+G+G+	0	3	5	0	0	9.2	2	4	0	0	9.1
Ax-G+G+T	0	1	0	0	0	11.3	1	0	0	0	9.7
Ax-TG-G+	0	2	5	0	0	9.9	1	4	0	0	10.2
Ax-G+TT	0	1	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	11.9
Ax-G+TG+	0	1	0	0	0	11.6	1	0	0	0	12.0
Ax-G-G-G+	0	0	0	0	0	13.7	1	0	0	0	12.1
Ax-TTG+	0	1	3	0	0	12.1	1	3	0	0	12.5
Ax-G+G+G+	0	0	0	0	0	13.8	0	0	0	0	12.6
Ax-G-G+T	0	0	0	0	0	15.8	0	0	0	0	12.9
Ax-TTT	0	0	0	0	0	14.2	0	0	0	0	13.0
Ax-G-TG+	0	0	0	0	0	15.2	0	0	0	0	13.7
Ax-G+G-G+	0	0	0	0	0	14.1	0	0	0	0	13.9
Ax-G-G-T	0	0	0	0	0	17.6	0	0	0	0	13.9
Ax-G-TT	0	0	0	0	0	17.4	0	0	0	0	14.3
Ax-TG+T	0	0	0	0	0	16.7	0	0	0	0	15.0
Ax-TG+G+	0	0	0	0	0	15.3	0	0	0	0	15.1
Sum	100	100	100	100	100	N/A	100	100	100	100	N/A

^a The ordering is based on ΔD_0 . The bolded conformers are the ones which survive the conformational conversion in a jet expansion. Those in red are the ones observed experimentally. See the main text for discussions.

^b The ZPE corrections were taken from the B3LYP-D3(BJ) calculations.

Table S12. Comparison of the experimental and theoretical conformational abundances treating the axial and equatorial conformers *together* and without/with conformational conversion

Levels of theory		B3LYP-D3BJ					LMP2				
Conformer ^a	Exp %	350K %	C_350K %	150K %	C_150K %	ΔD_0 kJ mol ⁻¹	350K %	C_350K %	150K %	C_150K %	ΔD_0 kJ mol ⁻¹
Eq-TG-G+	27	12	15	33	34	0.0	10	14	25	26	0.0
Eq-TG-T	23	8	18	15	22	1.0	8	17	14	20	0.7
Eq-G+G+G+	20	8	11	14	14	1.1	7	10	10	11	1.1
Eq-TG-G-	0	6	0	7	0	2.0	5	0	5	0	2.1
Eq-TTG+	6	5	11	6	8	2.2	4	8	3	4	2.8
Eq-G+G+T	9	5	13	5	8	2.3	5	13	5	8	1.9
Ax-G+G+G-	6	5	7	5	5	2.4	8	11	15	16	0.6
Ax-TG-G-	3	4	5	3	3	3.2	6	8	8	8	1.4
Eq-G+G+G-	0	4	0	3	0	3.2	3	0	2	0	3.2
Eq-TTT	6	4	13	3	5	3.2	3	9	1	3	3.5
Eq-G+TG+	0	4	0	2	0	3.3	3	0	1	0	3.9
Eq-G+TT	0	3	0	1	0	4.1	2	0	1	0	4.4

Eq-TTG-	0	2	0	1	0	4.5	2	0	0	0	5.0
Ax-G+TG-	0	2	5	1	1	4.6	3	7	2	3	3.4
Eq-G-G-G+	0	2	0	1	0	4.6	3	0	1	0	3.5
Eq-G+TG-	0	2	0	0	0	5.4	0	0	0	0	8.8
Ax-TTG-	0	2	0	0	0	5.5	0	0	1	0	4.3
Eq-G-G+G+	0	2	0	0	0	5.6	2	0	1	0	4.3
Eq-G-G-T	0	2	0	0	0	5.9	2	0	1	0	4.4
Eq-G+G+G+	0	1	0	0	0	6.0	1	0	0	0	5.9
Eq-TG+G+	0	1	0	0	0	6.1	1	0	0	0	6.1
Eq-G-TG+	0	1	0	0	0	6.2	2	0	0	0	5.0
Eq-G-G+T	0	1	0	0	0	6.6	2	0	0	0	5.0
Eq-G-G-G-	0	1	0	0	0	6.9	2	0	0	0	5.4
Eq-TG+T	0	1	0	0	0	7.0	1	0	0	0	6.8
Ax-G-G+G-	0	1	0	0	0	7.1	2	0	0	0	4.2
Eq-G+G-T	0	1	0	0	0	7.1	1	0	0	0	6.8
Eq-G-TT	0	1	0	0	0	7.2	1	0	0	0	5.6
Eq-G-G+G-	0	1	0	0	0	7.6	1	0	0	0	6.3
Eq-G+G-G-	0	1	0	0	0	8.2	1	0	0	0	8.2
Eq-TG+G-	0	1	0	0	0	8.2	1	0	0	0	8.3
Ax-TG+G-	0	1	0	0	0	8.3	1	0	0	0	6.4
Ax-G+G-G-	0	1	0	0	0	8.3	1	0	0	0	6.8
Eq-G-TG-	0	1	0	0	0	8.5	1	0	0	0	7.3
Ax-G-TG-	0	1	0	0	0	8.6	1	0	0	0	5.6
Ax-G-G-G-	0	1	0	0	0	8.6	1	0	0	0	5.7
Ax-G+G+G+	0	0	1	0	0	9.2	0	1	0	0	9.1
Ax-TG-G+	0	0	1	0	0	9.9	0	1	0	0	10.2
Ax-TG-T	0	0	0	0	0	11.2	0	0	0	0	9.0
Ax-G+G+T	0	0	0	0	0	11.3	0	0	0	0	9.7
Ax-G+TG+	0	0	0	0	0	11.6	0	0	0	0	12.0
Ax-TTG+	0	0	1	0	0	12.1	0	1	0	0	12.5
Ax-G+TT	0	0	0	0	0	13.0	0	0	0	0	11.9
Ax-G-G-G+	0	0	0	0	0	13.7	0	0	0	0	12.1
Ax-G+G+G+	0	0	0	0	0	13.8	0	0	0	0	12.6
Ax-G+G-G+	0	0	0	0	0	14.1	0	0	0	0	13.9
Ax-TTT	0	0	0	0	0	14.2	0	0	0	0	13
Ax-G-TG+	0	0	0	0	0	15.2	0	0	0	0	13.7
Ax-TG+G+	0	0	0	0	0	15.3	0	0	0	0	15.1
Ax-G-G+T	0	0	0	0	0	15.8	0	0	0	0	12.9
Ax-TG+T	0	0	0	0	0	16.7	0	0	0	0	15.0
Ax-G-TT	0	0	0	0	0	17.4	0	0	0	0	14.3
Ax-G+G-T	0	0	0	0	0	17.5	0	0	0	0	16.0
Ax-G-G-T	0	0	0	0	0	17.6	0	0	0	0	13.9
Sum	100	100	100	100	100	N/A	100	100	100	100	N/A

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