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Table S1. Comparison of between the theoretical and experimental rotational constants for the HPEF conformers.

***anti*-HPEF-I**

| | Th. parent ^a | Exp. parent ^b | Corr. Factor ^c | Rel.Error ^d | Th. d-iso ^e | Exp.d-iso ^f | Corrected ^g | Rel. Error ^d |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>A</i>/MHz | 3590 | 3557.66914 | 1.0091 | 0.909 | 3507 | 3475.24529 | 3475.4166 | 0.914 |
| <i>B</i>/MHz | 2616 | 2592.9501 | 1.0089 | 0.889 | 2557 | 2534.29754 | 2534.469 | 0.896 |
| <i>C</i>/MHz | 1617 | 1601.9461 | 1.0094 | 0.940 | 1580 | 1564.7546 | 1565.290 | 0.974 |

***syn*-HPEF-II**

| | Th. parent ^a | Exp. parent ^b | Corr. Factor ^c | Rel.Error ^d | Th. d-iso ^e | Exp.d-iso ^f | Corrected ^g | Rel. Error ^d |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>A</i>/MHz | 3581 | 3557.66914 | 1.0007 | 0.656 | 3579 | 3475.24529 | 355.6822 | 2.986 |
| <i>B</i>/MHz | 2618 | 2592.9501 | 1.0097 | 0.966 | 2520 | 2534.29754 | 2495.8878 | -0.564 |
| <i>C</i>/MHz | 2036 | 1601.9461 | 1.2710 | 27.095 | 1976 | 1564.7546 | 1554.7375 | 26.281 |

***syn*-HPEF-I**

| | Th. parent ^a | Exp. parent ^b | Corr. Factor ^c | Rel.Error ^d | Th. d-iso ^e | Exp.d-iso ^f | Corrected ^g | Rel. Error ^d |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>A</i>/MHz | 4444 | 4422.36894 | 1.0049 | 0.489 | 4366 | 4343.7883 | 4344.7486 | 0.511 |
| <i>B</i>/MHz | 1908 | 1889.58465 | 1.0097 | 0.975 | 1855 | 1836.7038 | 1837.0962 | 0.996 |
| <i>C</i>/MHz | 1634 | 1619.18028 | 1.0091 | 0.915 | 1605 | 1590.5154 | 1590.4433 | 0.910 |

***anti*-HPEF-II**

| | Th. parent ^a | Exp. parent ^b | Corr. Factor ^c | Rel.Error ^d | Th. d-iso ^e | Exp.d-iso ^f | Corrected ^g | Rel. Error ^d |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>A</i>/MHz | 4254 | 4422.36894 | 0.9599 | -4.010 | 4146 | 4343.7883 | 4319.2324 | -4.553 |
| <i>B</i>/MHz | 1953 | 1889.58465 | 1.0335 | 3.356 | 1911 | 1836.7038 | 1848.9484 | 4.045 |
| <i>C</i>/MHz | 1529 | 1619.18028 | 0.9443 | -5.570 | 1501 | 1590.5154 | 1589.5288 | -5.628 |

^a Theoretical values for the parent species calculated at CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory.

^b Experimental values for the parent species. Green color means color that the values are well assigned to the predicted values. Red color means a hypothetical assignment.

^c Corrected factor. It means the ratio: B_{th}/B_{exp} , where B is the rotational constant; *A*, *B* and *C*.

^d Relative error calculated as follows: $100 \cdot (B_{th}/B_{exp})/B_{exp}$, where B is the rotational constant; *A*, *B* and *C*.

^e Theoretical values for the deuterated isotopic species calculated at CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory.

^f Experimental values for the deuterated isotopic species. Green color means color that the values are well assigned to the predicted values. Red color means a hypothetical assignment.

^g Values obtained using the corrected factor from the parent species and the theoretical values calculated at CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory.

Table S2. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for *anti*-HPEF-I conformer.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | -0.12632 | -1.60333 | -0.91046 |
| O | -0.14668 | -1.96174 | -0.00677 |
| O | 0.52042 | -0.91494 | 0.71472 |
| C | -0.29474 | 0.21306 | 0.77656 |
| H | -1.31387 | -0.06547 | 0.51616 |
| C | -0.16155 | 0.83612 | 2.14346 |
| H | 0.89029 | 1.02470 | 2.35554 |
| H | -0.70808 | 1.77662 | 2.18221 |
| H | -0.55864 | 0.14937 | 2.88821 |
| O | 0.15244 | 1.23635 | -0.15365 |
| C | 0.12627 | 0.96959 | -1.45343 |
| H | 0.44326 | 1.84958 | -2.01812 |
| O | -0.19204 | -0.07154 | -1.97049 |

Table S3. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for *anti*-HPEF-II conformer.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | -1.61148 | -0.46139 | 1.84762 |
| O | -1.10651 | 0.34965 | 1.98458 |
| O | 0.21955 | -0.09689 | 1.66631 |
| C | 0.44734 | 0.19842 | 0.32702 |
| H | 0.11617 | 1.20790 | 0.09497 |
| C | 1.91540 | -0.02653 | 0.06258 |
| H | 2.18483 | -1.04888 | 0.32522 |
| H | 2.11882 | 0.14559 | -0.99252 |
| H | 2.50524 | 0.66770 | 0.65869 |
| O | -0.35749 | -0.72554 | -0.43567 |
| C | -0.66326 | -0.35172 | -1.68323 |
| H | -1.31597 | -1.10128 | -2.13953 |
| O | -0.28245 | 0.64490 | -2.23173 |

Table S4. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for *syn*-HPEF-I conformer.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | -0.97228 | -1.64793 | -1.31537 |
| O | -0.42317 | -1.05469 | -1.84096 |
| O | 0.63825 | -0.77564 | -0.91208 |
| C | 0.39594 | 0.46944 | -0.31893 |
| H | 1.29267 | 0.62511 | 0.27774 |
| C | 0.13732 | 1.59089 | -1.29426 |
| H | -0.79960 | 1.43155 | -1.82109 |
| H | 0.08873 | 2.53409 | -0.75176 |
| H | 0.95261 | 1.63385 | -2.01488 |
| O | -0.73997 | 0.38347 | 0.55167 |
| C | -0.50548 | -0.05269 | 1.80355 |
| H | -1.45184 | -0.09419 | 2.35027 |
| O | 0.56009 | -0.34178 | 2.26493 |

Table S5. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for *syn*-HPEF-II conformer.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | -1.57948 | -0.35254 | 0.34411 |
| O | -1.32686 | -0.16368 | 1.26508 |
| O | -0.34440 | 0.86078 | 1.06340 |
| C | 0.84226 | 0.34565 | 0.55641 |
| H | 1.60011 | 1.04710 | 0.89827 |
| C | 1.17312 | -1.07496 | 0.94951 |
| H | 0.49516 | -1.78489 | 0.48408 |
| H | 2.19409 | -1.29151 | 0.63836 |
| H | 1.09358 | -1.17374 | 2.03052 |
| O | 0.94370 | 0.50491 | -0.89406 |
| C | -0.00170 | 0.04806 | -1.70115 |
| H | 0.28952 | 0.22555 | -2.73935 |
| O | -1.04107 | -0.48109 | -1.39230 |

Table S6. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for the *syn*-PRC species.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | -1.41775 | -0.33497 | -0.69366 |
| O | -0.65087 | 0.77532 | -1.08421 |
| C | 0.47810 | 0.50266 | -1.53796 |
| H | 1.05208 | 1.38897 | -1.78466 |
| C | 0.95391 | -0.87116 | -1.76682 |
| H | 0.19844 | -1.40460 | -2.34635 |
| H | 1.91568 | -0.86156 | -2.27152 |
| H | 1.03067 | -1.37052 | -0.80188 |
| O | 1.23706 | 0.26189 | 1.10941 |
| C | 0.44602 | 0.02558 | 1.99839 |
| H | 0.72971 | 0.05144 | 3.05503 |
| O | -0.82028 | -0.28683 | 1.85453 |
| H | -1.07204 | -0.31346 | 0.88065 |

Table S7. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for the *anti*-PRC species.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 0.22123 | -1.78904 | -0.06514 |
| O | -0.37250 | -0.91037 | -1.01605 |
| C | 0.35751 | 0.04786 | -1.32975 |
| H | 1.37083 | 0.04759 | -0.94946 |
| C | -0.14802 | 1.06244 | -2.27820 |
| H | -1.19181 | 0.88166 | -2.52017 |
| H | -0.02848 | 2.04189 | -1.81664 |
| H | 0.45983 | 1.03302 | -3.18463 |
| O | 0.14208 | 1.36927 | 0.69831 |
| C | -0.05520 | 0.85035 | 1.78571 |
| H | -0.19188 | 1.45697 | 2.68574 |
| O | -0.13328 | -0.42240 | 2.03950 |
| H | 0.00553 | -0.99229 | 1.19065 |

Table S8. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for TS-*syn* conformer.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | -2.85726 | -0.51973 | -1.42526 |
| O | -1.16868 | 1.48751 | -2.04179 |
| C | 1.10969 | 0.84822 | -2.31540 |
| H | 2.32642 | 2.47108 | -2.61596 |
| C | 2.01565 | -1.73865 | -2.81113 |
| H | 1.68241 | -2.11093 | -4.82394 |
| H | 4.03028 | -1.85999 | -2.43824 |
| H | 0.96654 | -3.13119 | -1.73740 |
| O | 2.26696 | 0.67165 | 1.89241 |
| C | 0.69980 | 0.03164 | 3.48414 |
| H | 1.22537 | 0.00495 | 5.48952 |
| O | -1.61568 | -0.66288 | 3.11893 |
| H | -2.21813 | -0.64692 | 1.17288 |

Table S9. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for TS-*anti* conformer.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| O | 0.35713 | -3.47683 | 0.27995 |
| O | -0.67704 | -1.85236 | -1.58525 |
| C | 0.66347 | -0.00761 | -2.25766 |
| H | 2.63383 | 0.01812 | -1.72383 |
| C | -0.25803 | 1.72732 | -4.19952 |
| H | -2.25954 | 1.46888 | -4.55574 |
| H | 0.14066 | 3.64357 | -3.59500 |
| H | 0.78446 | 1.32453 | -5.95875 |
| O | 0.24631 | 2.65571 | 0.82401 |
| C | -0.14800 | 1.83376 | 2.99208 |
| H | -0.44360 | 3.19466 | 4.52556 |
| O | -0.17911 | -0.47136 | 3.65709 |
| H | 0.08952 | -2.04953 | 2.16362 |

Table S10. Optimized geometry (xyz format, in Angstrom) at the CCSD/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory for VHP species.

| | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| H | -0.67896 | -0.83524 | -1.58219 |
| O | -0.59473 | 0.06345 | -1.24158 |
| O | 0.68888 | -0.00528 | -0.61343 |
| C | 0.54710 | -0.00042 | 0.74803 |
| C | -0.57343 | -0.00660 | 1.46077 |
| H | 1.53826 | 0.01348 | 1.18081 |
| H | -0.49053 | -0.00114 | 2.53618 |
| H | -1.54946 | -0.01676 | 1.00561 |

Table S11. Observed transition frequencies for *anti*-HPEF-I conformer.

| J' | K_a' | K_c' | J'' | K_a'' | K_c'' | $\nu_{\text{obs.}}$ | $\nu_{\text{obs.}} - \nu_{\text{cal.}}$ |
|------|--------|--------|-------|---------|---------|---------------------|---|
| 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10708.502 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10772.866 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10851.025 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11149.288 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11291.811 | 0.000 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11336.496 | 0.000 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12274.920 | -0.001 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12584.638 | -0.001 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12741.987 | 0.000 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13265.921 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13667.010 | -0.001 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13732.989 | 0.001 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 14019.999 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14123.995 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14161.787 | 0.001 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14266.519 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14304.310 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15478.782 | -0.001 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 15542.276 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 16395.578 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 17080.793 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 17354.050 | 0.001 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 17381.210 | 0.000 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 17391.962 | -0.001 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 17400.962 | 0.001 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 17429.751 | -0.002 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 17438.752 | 0.001 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 18207.351 | 0.000 |

Table SX12. Observed transition frequencies for *syn*-HPEF-I conformer.

| J' | K_a' | K_c' | J'' | K_a'' | K_c'' | $\nu_{\text{obs.}}$ | $\nu_{\text{obs.}} - \nu_{\text{cal.}}$ |
|------|--------|--------|-------|---------|---------|---------------------|---|
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 10091.032 | 0.001 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10268.889 | 0.001 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11890.140 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 12391.152 | 0.000 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 12902.055 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13455.796 | -0.001 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 13836.401 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14012.403 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14531.325 | -0.001 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14886.132 | -0.001 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14906.642 | 0.000 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15156.519 | 0.000 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15177.029 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 15402.055 | -0.001 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 15598.835 | 0.000 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 18098.838 | 0.001 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 18124.398 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 18226.164 | 0.000 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 18352.983 | 0.000 |

Table S13. Observed transition frequencies for *anti*-d-HPEF-I conformer.

| J' | K_a' | K_c' | J'' | K_a'' | K_c'' | $\nu_{\text{obs.}}$ | $\nu_{\text{obs.}} - \nu_{\text{cal.}}$ |
|------|--------|--------|-------|---------|---------|---------------------|---|
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11029.812 | -0.005 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11990.457 | -0.001 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12960.001 | 0.004 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13417.742 | -0.002 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13797.738 | -0.002 |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 13972.824 | -0.001 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15119.937 | 0.000 |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16989.501 | 0.002 |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 17034.834 | 0.003 |

Table S14. Observed transition frequencies for *syn*-d-HPEF-I conformer.

| J' | K_a' | K_c' | J'' | K_a'' | K_c'' | F' | F'' | $\nu_{\text{obs.}}$ | $\nu_{\text{obs.}} - \nu_{\text{cal.}}$ |
|------|--------|--------|-------|---------|---------|------|-------|---------------------|---|
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12180.027 | -0.004 |
| | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 12180.048 | 0.002 |
| | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 12180.057 | 0.003 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 13656.195 | -0.003 |
| | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 13656.217 | -0.001 |
| | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 13656.238 | 0.002 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 14638.978 | 0.007 |
| | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 14638.988 | 0.002 |
| | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 14639.001 | 0.002 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 14867.889 | -0.003 |
| | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 14867.931 | 0.002 |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 14885.136 | -0.004 |
| | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 14885.176 | -0.003 |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 15150.939 | -0.004 |
| | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 17607.069 | -0.001 |
| | | | | | | 5 | 4 | 17607.087 | 0.007 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 17888.340 | 0.003 |
| | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 17888.361 | 0.008 |
| | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 17888.379 | 0.000 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 18541.138 | -0.003 |
| | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 18541.158 | -0.003 |
| | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 18541.188 | -0.009 |