

## Electronic Supplementary Information

for

## The Conformational Locking of Asparagine

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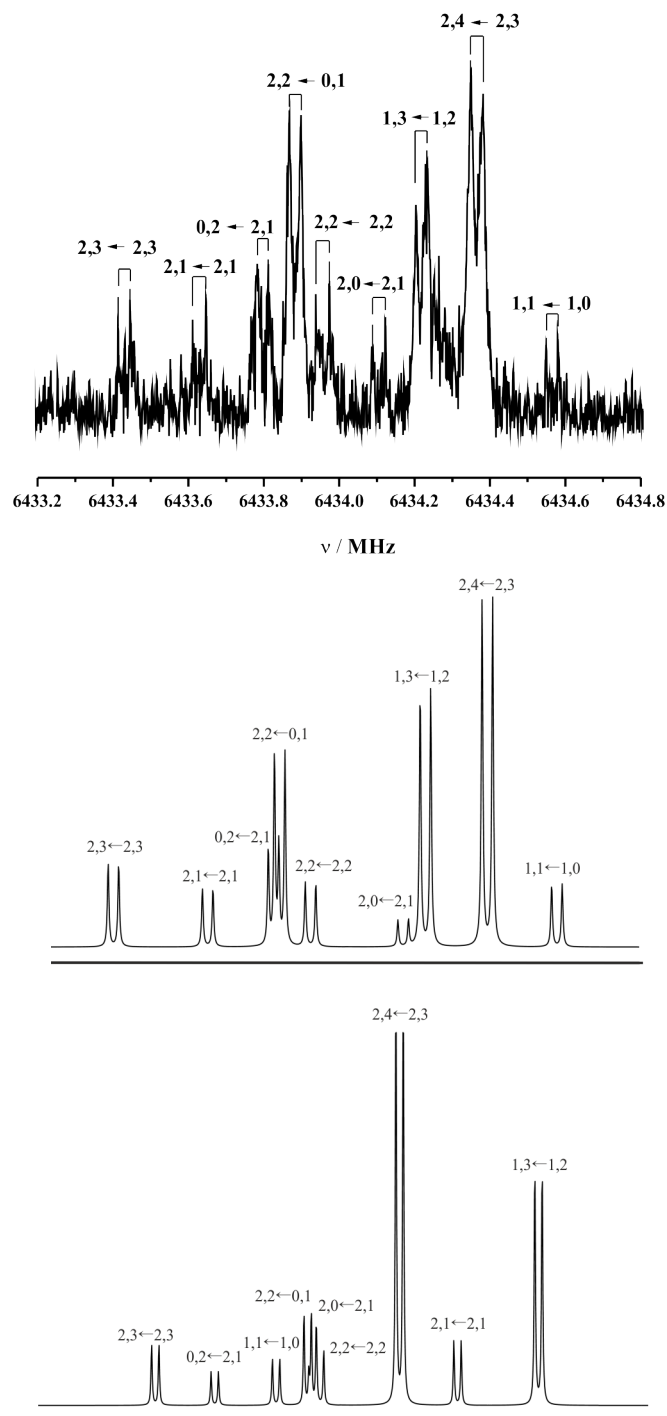
**Figure S1:** Experimental and predicted nuclear quadrupole coupling patterns for the  $2_{1,1} \leftarrow 1_{0,1}$  rotational transition for the observed rotamer and the conformers IIa and Ib respectively.

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**Reference 19.**

**Figure S1.** (Top) Part of the rotational spectra of Asn,  $2_{11}-1_{01}$  rotational transition, showing the nuclear quadrupole hyperfine components labelled with the quantum numbers  $I',F'-I'',F''$ . The coaxial arrangement of the adiabatic expansion and the resonator axis produces an instrumental Doppler doubling. The resonances frequencies are calculated as the average of the two Doppler components. Theoretical simulations of the nuclear quadrupole hyperfine structures for the  $2_{11}-1_{01}$  rotational transition of conformers IIa (Middle) and Ib (Bottom).



**Table S1.** Measured frequencies and residuals (in MHz) for the nuclear quadrupole coupling hyperfine components of the conformer IIa of asparagine.

J'	K' <sub>-1</sub>	K' <sub>+1</sub>	J''	K'' <sub>-1</sub>	K'' <sub>+1</sub>	I'	F'	I''	F''	$\nu_{\text{obs.}}$	$\nu_{\text{obs.}} - \nu_{\text{cal.}}$
1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	3658.688	0.005
						2	2	2	2	3658.519	0.004
						2	1	2	2	3658.928	0.005
2	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	3658.670	0.005
						2	4	2	3	4922.254	-0.001
						2	3	2	3	4921.652	-0.003
						2	3	2	2	4922.452	0.001
						1	3	1	2	4922.218	-0.002
2	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	4922.151	0.002
						0	2	2	1	4921.524	0.000
						2	4	2	3	5578.523	-0.001
						2	3	2	2	5579.494	-0.003
						2	3	1	2	5578.950	-0.003
						2	2	0	1	5579.435	0.002
						1	3	1	2	5578.798	-0.002
						1	2	1	1	5578.266	-0.001
						1	1	1	0	5579.742	-0.002
						0	2	2	1	5577.431	-0.003
2	1	1	1	0	1	2	4	2	3	6434.365	0.001
						2	3	2	3	6433.433	0.001
						2	2	2	2	6433.962	0.002
						2	2	0	1	6433.882	0.002
						2	1	2	1	6433.633	0.001
						2	0	2	1	6434.104	0.000
						1	3	1	2	6434.219	-0.003
						1	1	1	0	6434.553	-0.004
						0	2	2	1	6433.799	0.004
3	0	3	2	0	2	2	5	2	4	7251.419	0.004
						2	4	2	3	7251.636	0.005
						1	4	1	3	7251.477	0.004
3	1	3	2	0	2	2	5	2	4	7666.299	0.002
						2	4	1	3	7666.516	0.000
						2	3	2	2	7667.058	0.002
						2	3	1	2	7666.112	-0.003
						1	4	2	3	7666.947	-0.003
						1	4	1	3	7666.637	0.001
						1	3	1	2	7666.191	0.000
						0	3	0	2	7666.027	-0.001
3	1	2	2	0	2	2	5	2	4	9369.960	0.000
						2	4	2	3	9369.508	-0.005
						2	3	2	2	9369.258	0.000
						1	4	1	3	9369.720	-0.002

**Table S2:** Cartesian coordinates for the ab initio predicted geometry (MP2/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory of the observed conformer of asparagine.

Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	1.347100	-0.553690	0.013312
2	8	0	2.065837	-0.201711	-1.052526
3	8	0	1.223870	-1.698216	0.396394
4	1	0	1.913952	0.771264	-1.115897
5	6	0	0.689162	0.635482	0.740875
6	7	0	0.763917	1.825538	-0.112796
7	6	0	-0.730060	0.237555	1.184450
8	1	0	1.300007	0.802125	1.635755
9	1	0	-0.128860	1.974726	-0.583405
10	1	0	0.972234	2.656438	0.429358
11	1	0	-1.181503	1.070826	1.728775
12	6	0	-1.582256	-0.033910	-0.043383
13	1	0	-0.670141	-0.634535	1.838441
14	8	0	-2.010415	0.888099	-0.735780
15	7	0	-1.816647	-1.349235	-0.319022
16	1	0	-2.218108	-1.551396	-1.224552
17	1	0	-1.196483	-2.041565	0.078023

Rotational constants (GHZ):            2.2288787            1.4167071            1.1204599

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