

**Theoretical study of the gauche-trans equilibrium with and without an
intramolecular hydrogen bond for $^+\text{H}_3\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{X}$ systems (X=OH,
NH₂, COO⁻) in solution**

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Supplementary Information

Table S1. Major geometric parameters for the $^+H_3N-CH_2-CH_2-X$ ions and $H_2N-CH_2-CH_2-COOH$ molecule optimized at the IEF-PCM/B97D/aug-cc-pvtz level in water and chloroform

	water		chloroform	
	gauche	trans	gauche	trans
X = OH				
O-H	0.965	0.966	0.966	0.966
N-H ⁺	1.024,1.020,1.021	1.024,1.023,1.024	1.025,1.022,1.024	1.023,1.025,1.025
O-C	1.433	1.428	1.430	1.422
N-C	1.512	1.510	1.519	1.514
HOC	108.2	107.5	108.6	108.2
OCC	107.0	106.4	106.9	105.9
NCC	109.5	109.6	109.7	109.6
HOCC	168.5	180.1	173.6	179.9
NCCO	-60.7	180.0	-59.7	180.0
H ⁺ NCC	48.1, 168.0, -71.1	60.0,179.8, -60.3	53.1, 173.3, -66.0	60.1,180.0, -60.1
H ⁺ ...O	2.378		2.405	
N-H ⁺ ...O	104.7		102.6	
X=NH ₂				
N-H	1.015,1.016	1.017	1.016, 1.014	1.016
N ⁺ -H	1.030,1.021,1.022	1.023	1.038,1.021,1.022	1.024
N-C	1.472	1.463	1.471	1.457
N ⁺ -C	1.513	1.518	1.515	1.525
HNC	110.1, 110.4	110.1	110.9, 110.9	111.1
NCC	109.2	113.0	108.7	113.5
N ⁺ CC	108.8	110.9	107.7	110.6
HNCC	-80.2, 161.8	-59.2, 58.2	-84.0, 156.8	-60.1, 59.6
N ⁺ CCN	-56.4	179.9	-51.1	179.6
H ⁺ NCC	45.1, 165.3, -73.1	59.7,179.8, -60.2	39.6,159.5, -78.0	59.4,179.7, -60.2
H ⁺ ...N	2.319		2.148	
NH ⁺ ...N	109.4		114.8	

Distances in Å, angles in deg. One of the antipodes for the gauche conformers. Trans conformers are of nearly C_s symmetry from symmetry unrestricted optimizations.

Table 1, continued

	water		chloroform	
	gauche	trans	gauche	trans
X=COO⁻				
N-H ⁺	1.092, 1.017, 1.019	1.023		1.023
N-C	1.507	1.523		1.534
C-C _{carb}	1.554	1.562		1.576
C-O	1.287, 1.248	1.263, 1.262	1.261, 1.255	
NCC	108.9	110.5		110.4
CCC	114.5	113.2		112.2
CCO	116.4, 118.1	117.5, 115.2	116.3, 114.7	
OCO	125.5	127.3		129.0
H ⁺ NCC	42.3, 162.8, -74.9	61.0, 181.2, -58.7	60.3, 180.9, -58.7	
NCCC	-54.2	-179.4		179.6
CCCO	30.7, -151.0	2.3, -177.9	1.2, -178.8	
H ⁺ ...O	1.561			
N-H ⁺ ...O	150.0			
H₂NCH₂CH₂COOH^a				
N-H	1.015, 1.016	1.018	1.014, 1.015	1.016
N-C	1.485(1.473)	1.465	1.483	1.461
C-C _{carb}	1.532(1.512)	1.508	1.533	1.507
C-O	1.223, 1.339(1.357)	1.219, 1.360	1.218, 1.343	1.216, 1.362
O-H	1.042(0.972)	0.974	1.025	0.973
NCC	109.6	114.1	109.9	114.2
CCC	114.7	110.5	115.1	110.5
CCO	122.8, 116.0	125.3, 112.0	122.7, 115.9	125.4, 111.9
OCO	121.2	122.7	121.4	122.6
HOC	107.3	108.2	107.7	107.6
NCCC	-55.6(-61.1)	178.5	-57.0	179.4
CCCO	-147.1, 34.5	-90.6, 86.3	-147.1, 34.5	-88.3, 88.4
H...N	1.605		1.658	
N...H-O	156.1		155.3	

^aData for the gauche H₂NCH₂CH₂COOH refer to the -COOH anti conformation. For the more stable syn conformer in aqueous solution, some key geometric parameters are provided in parentheses.

Table S2. Calculated IEF-PCM/B97D/aug-cc-pvtz ELPO fitted CHELPG charges^a

	Water		Chloroform	
	gauche	trans	gauche	trans
⁺ H ₃ NCH ₂ CH ₂ OH				
N	-0.24	-0.58	-0.27	-0.59
H ⁺	0.30, 0.32	0.39, 0.41	0.31, 0.33	0.39, 0.41
O	-0.63	-0.70	-0.61	-0.66
(O)H	0.43	0.45	0.43	0.44
DM(QM)	16.12	20.33	15.84	19.90
DM(ELPO)	15.90	20.30	15.75	19.88
⁺ H ₃ NCH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂				
N ⁺	-0.10	-0.40	-0.14	-0.38
H ⁺	0.22, 0.29	0.34, 0.38	0.21, 0.29	0.33, 0.37
N	-0.89	-1.00	-0.83	-0.92
(N)H	0.35, 0.36	0.37	0.35	0.36
DM(QM)	14.06	19.36	13.49	18.79
DM(ELPO)	14.01	19.24	13.36	18.81
⁺ H ₃ NCH ₂ CH ₂ COO ⁻				
N	-0.52	-0.46		-0.48
H ⁺	0.35, 0.37	0.36		0.35
C	0.88	0.91		0.89
O	-0.81, -0.82	-0.86, -0.87		-0.82, -0.83
DM(QM)	14.02	21.18		19.74
DM(ELPO)	13.87	21.00		19.55
H ₂ NCH ₂ CH ₂ COOH				
N	-0.74	-1.05	-0.72	-1.00
(N)H	0.32	0.38	0.31	0.36
O=	-0.67	-0.62	-0.63	-0.59
O(H)	-0.64	-0.58	-0.60	-0.57
(O)H	0.36	0.43	0.34	0.42
DM(QM)	9.04	2.57	8.20	2.37
DM(ELPO)	8.96	2.57	8.14	2.37

^aAtomic charges in charge units, dipole moments in D.