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## Formation of water polyhedrons in propofol-water clusters

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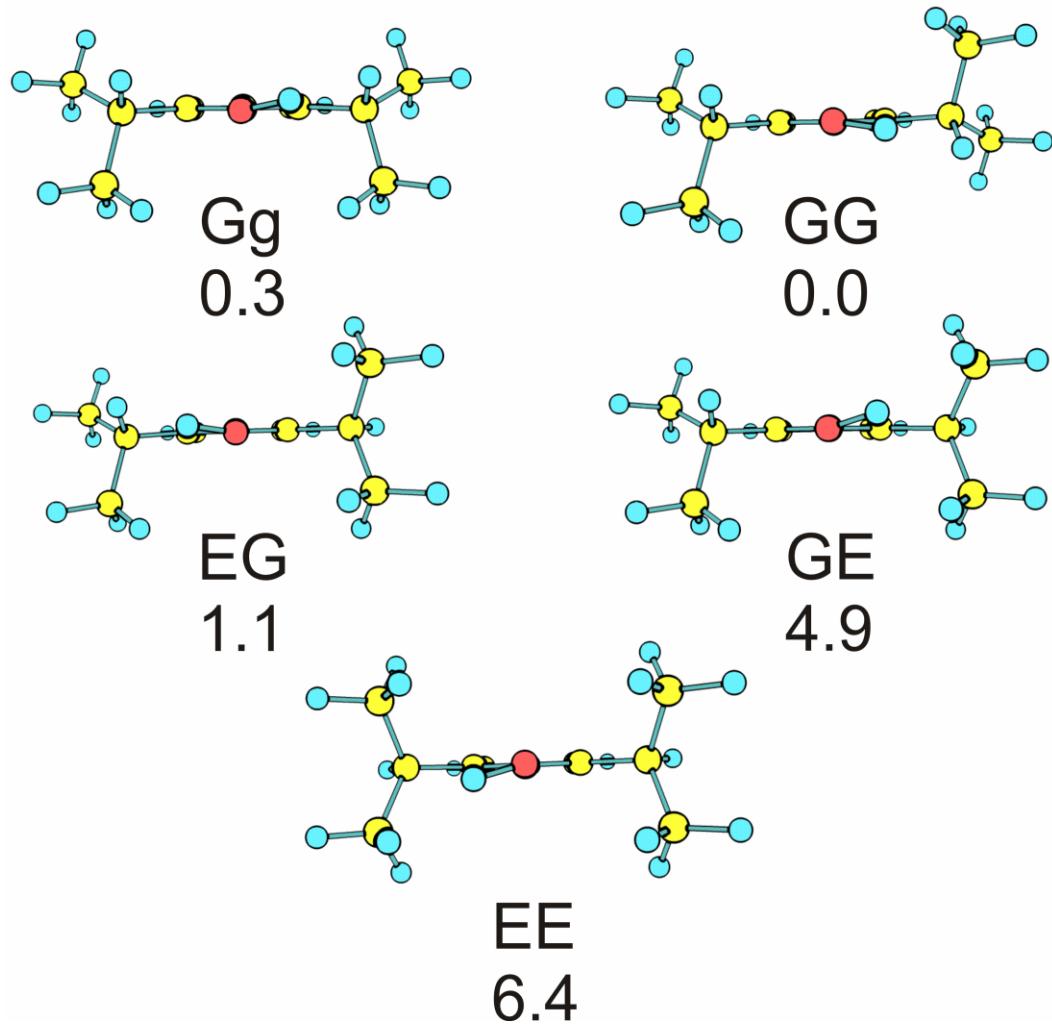
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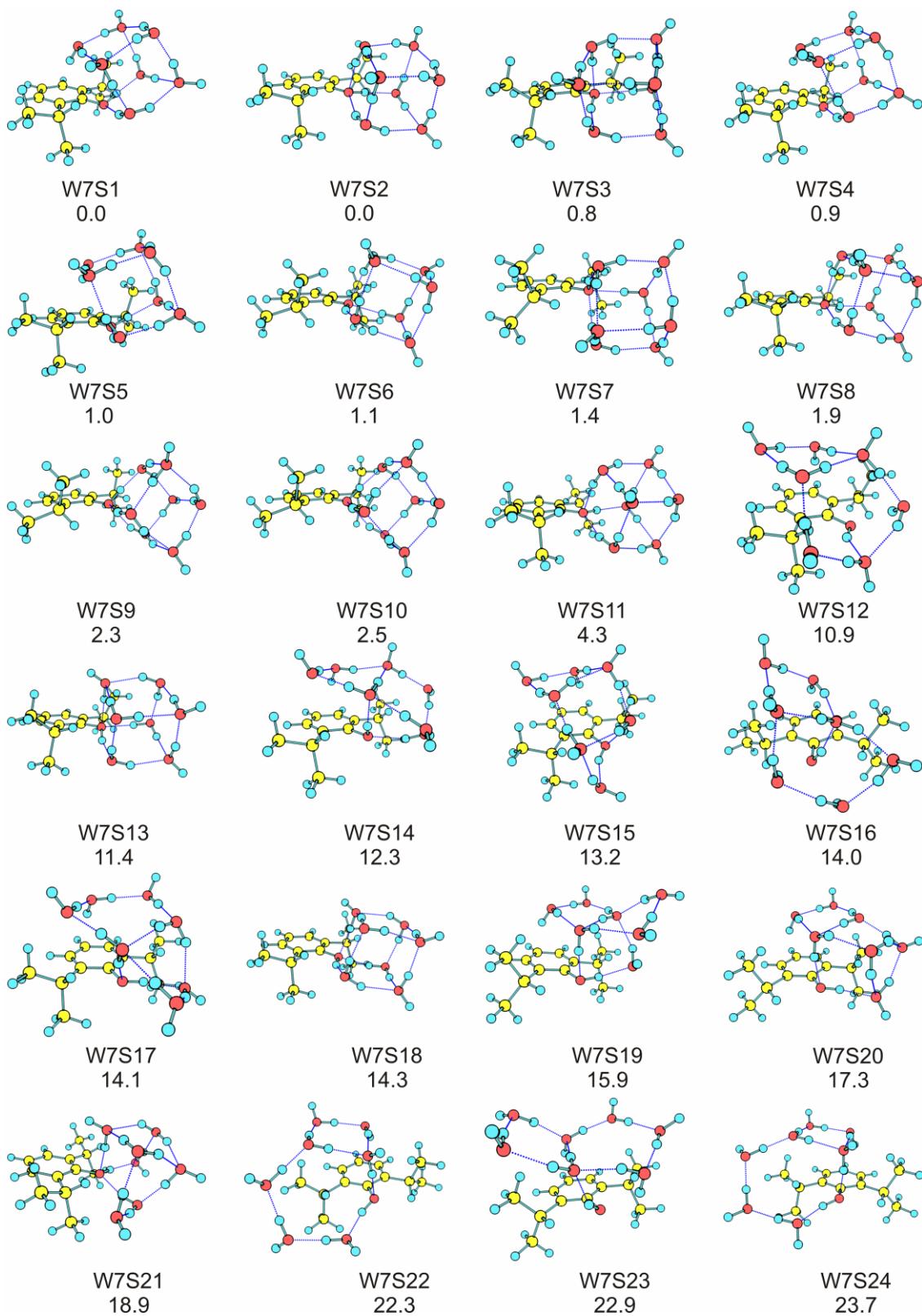
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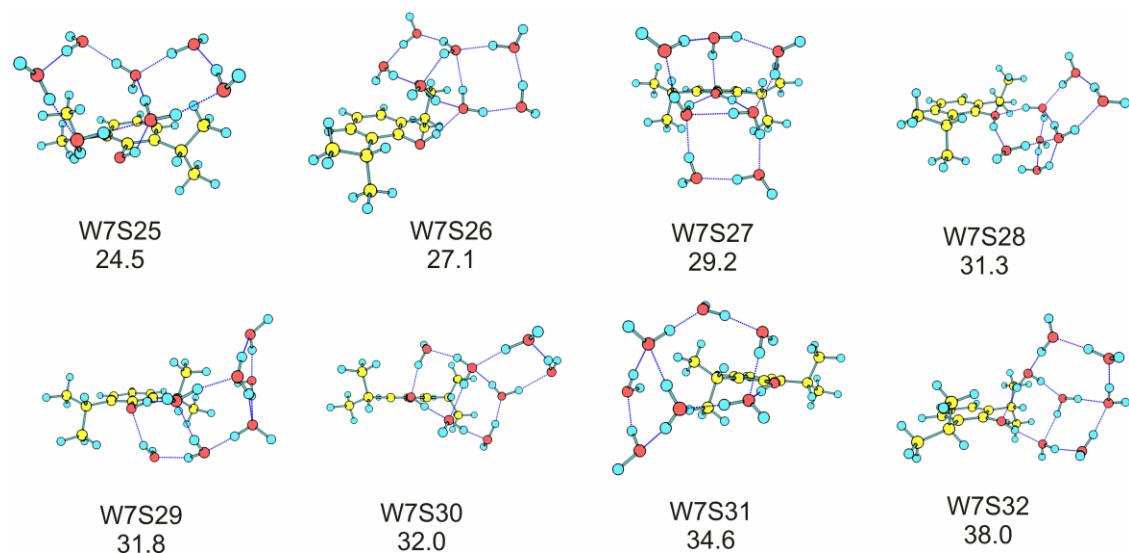
**Figure S01.** Propofol conformers with their relative energies in kJ/mol, as calculated at MP2/6-311++G(d,p) level.



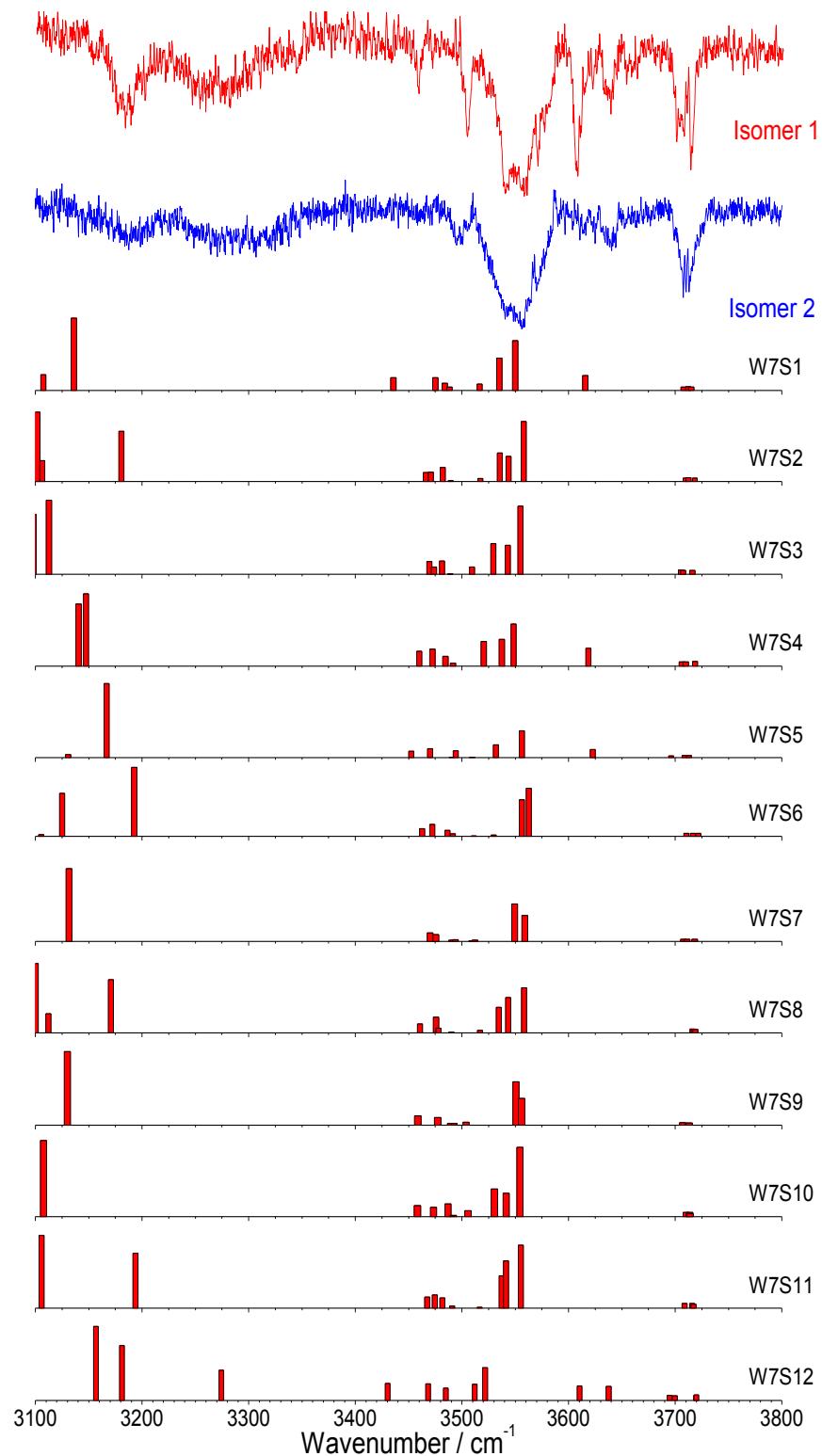
**Figure S2.** Calculated structures for propofol<sub>1</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>7</sub> at M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) level, together with their relative stability in kJ/mol. ZPE correction was applied to all the energy values



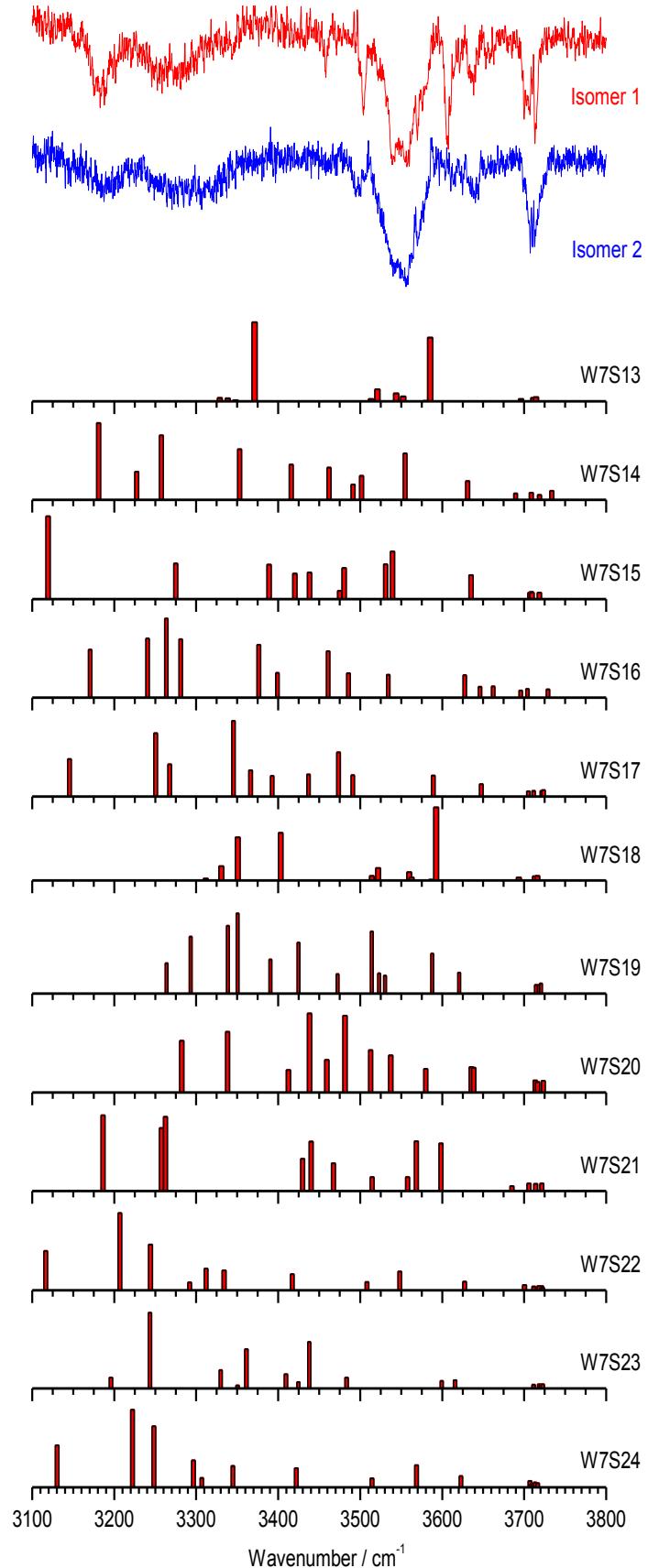
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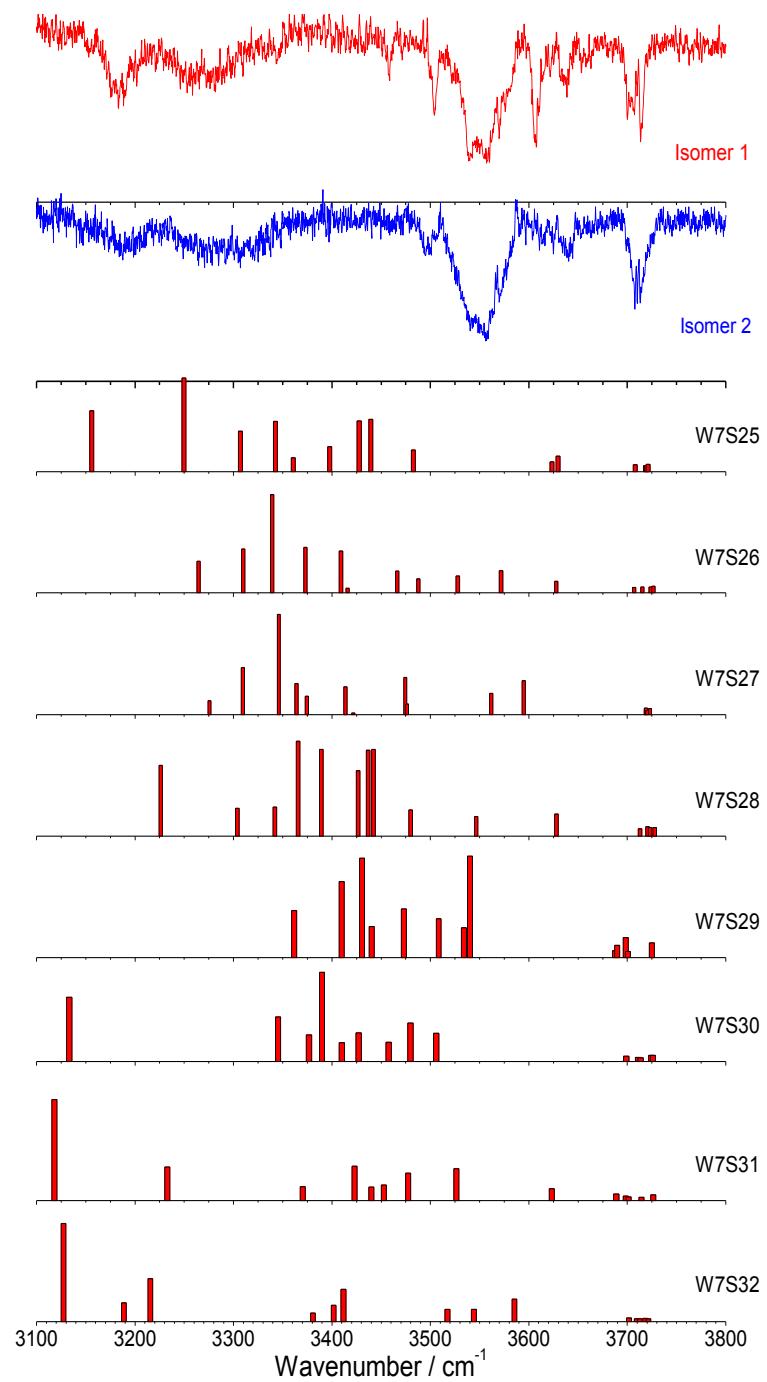
**Figure S3.** Experimental IDIRS for propofol<sub>1</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>7</sub> (upper trace) together with the predicted frequencies for each calculated structure. A correction factor of 0.938 was employed.

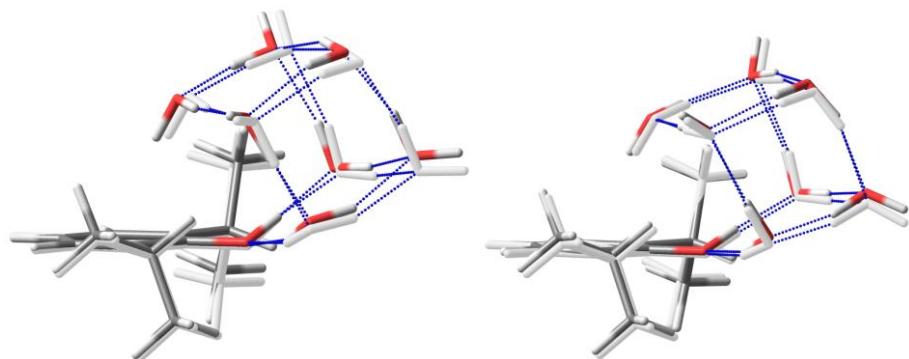


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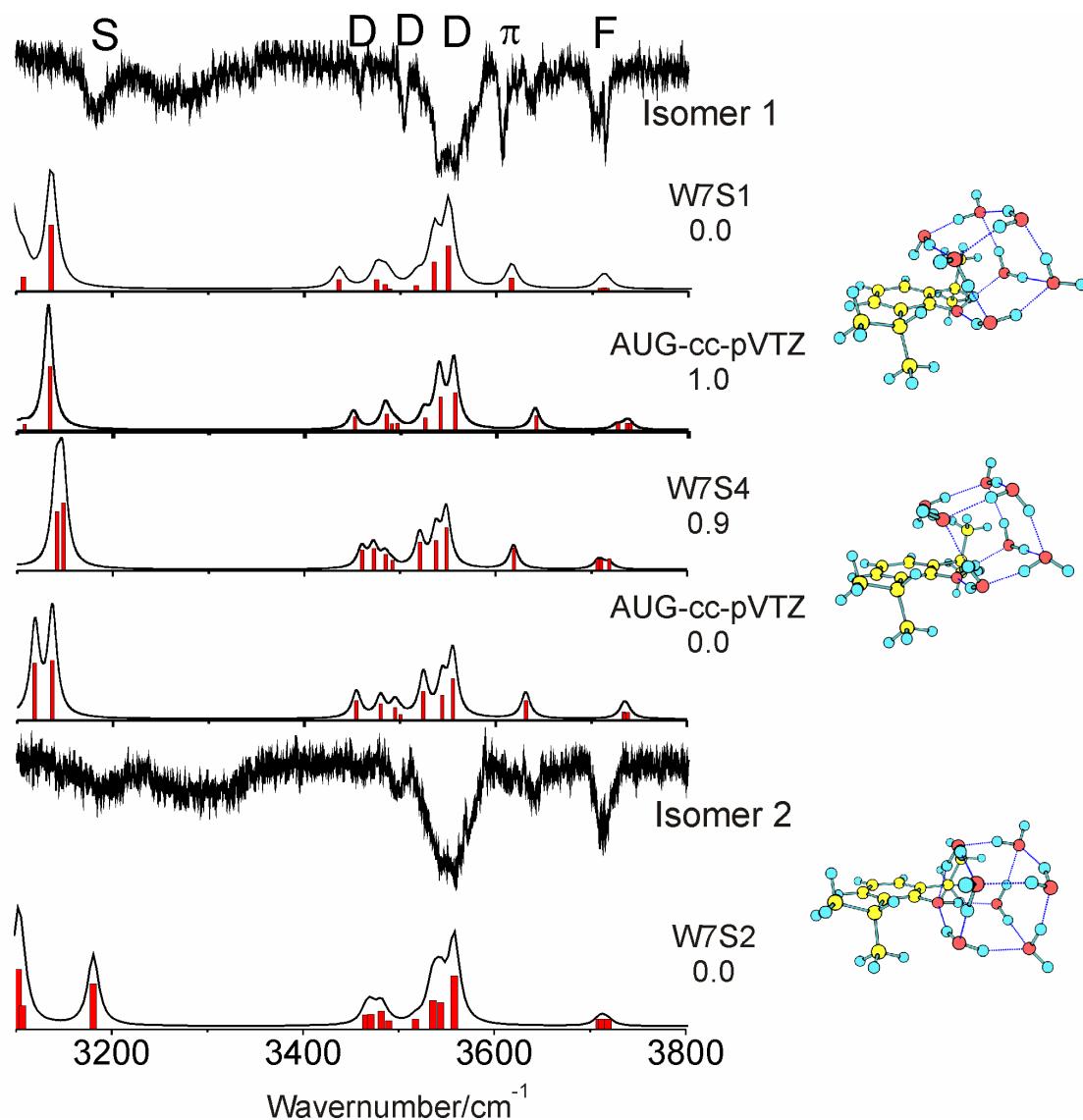


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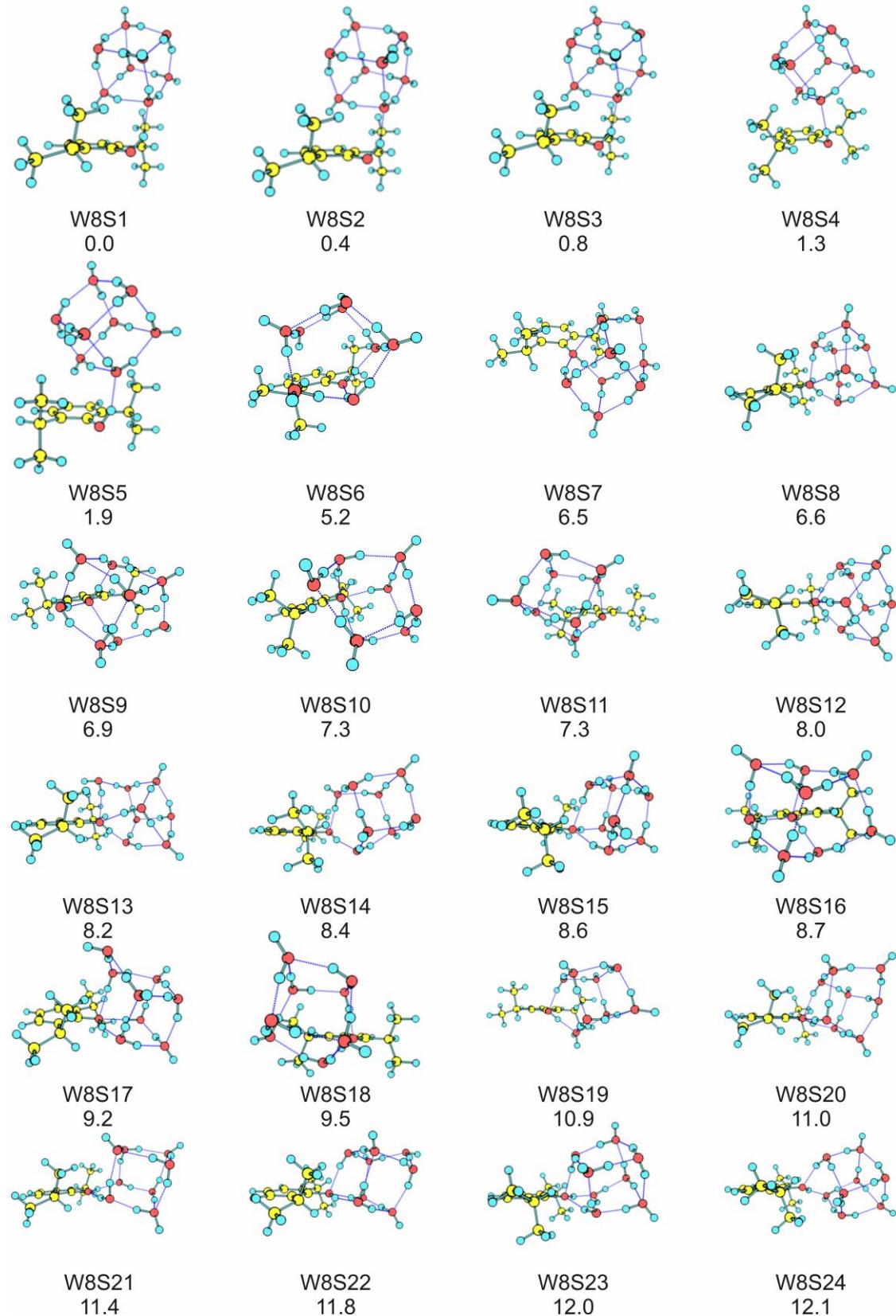


**Figure S4.** Comparison between the structures of W7S1 (left) and W7S4 (right) calculated at M06-2X/G-311++G(d,p) and at M06-2X/AUG-cc-pVTZ (in white). Small differences between the two structures are found.

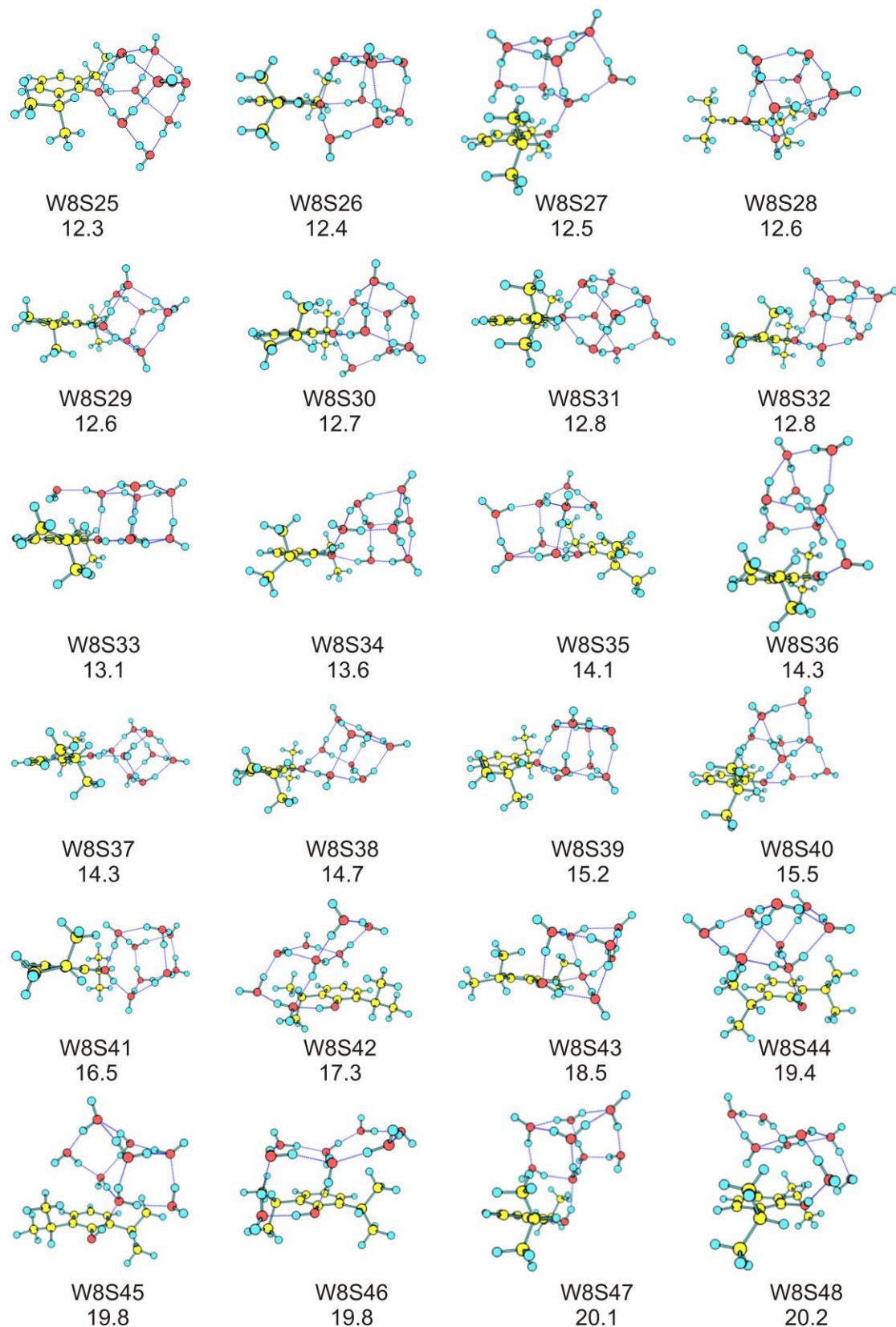


**Figure S5.** Comparison between the experimental IDIRS of the two propofol<sub>1</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>7</sub> isomers and the spectra predicted for W7S1 and W7S4 using two basis sets: 6-311++G(d,p) and AUG-cc-pVTZ. A correction factor of 0.950 was used for the second basis set.

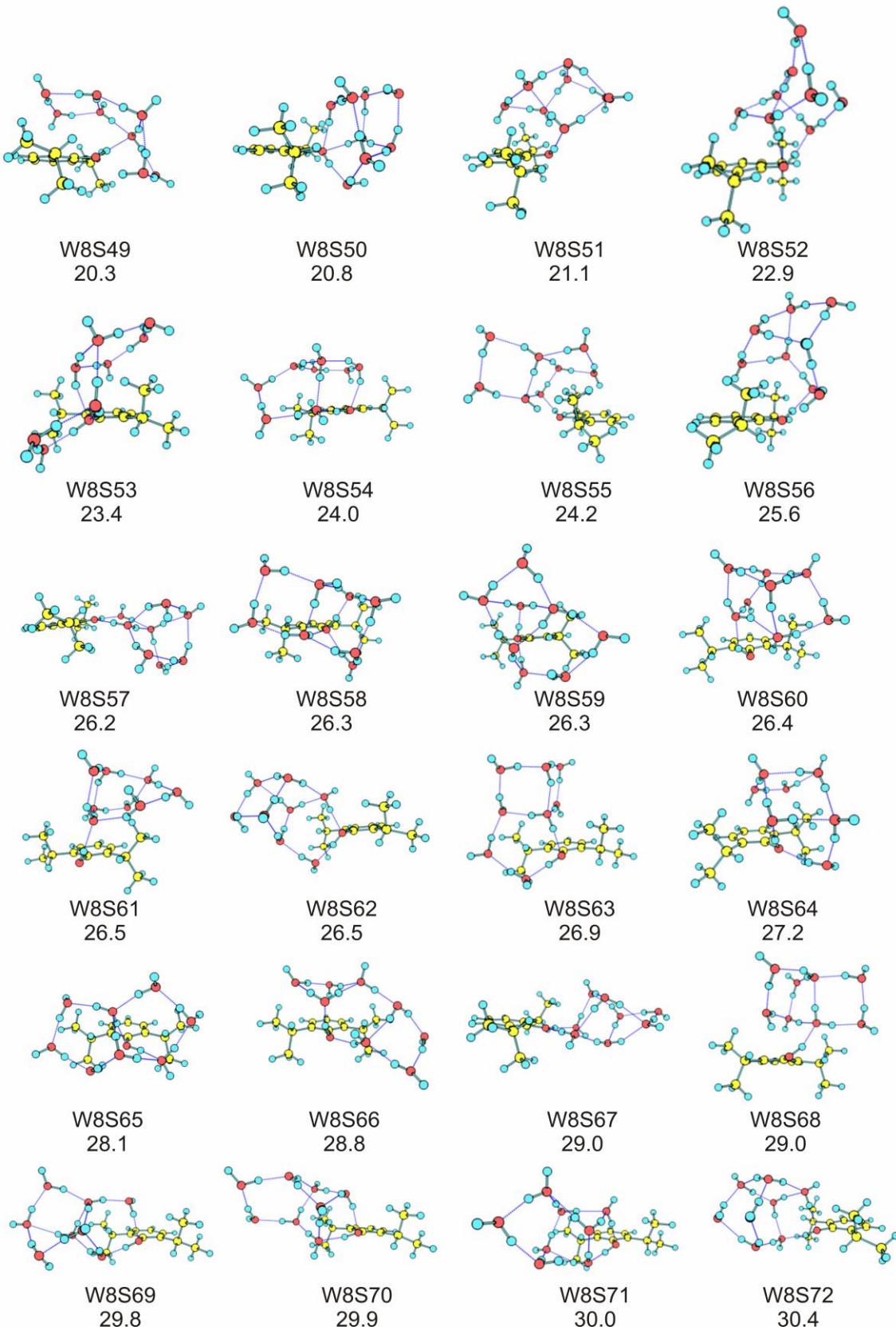
**Figure S6.** Calculated structures for propofol<sub>1</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>8</sub> at M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) level, together with their relative stability in kJ/mol. ZPE correction was applied to all the energy values



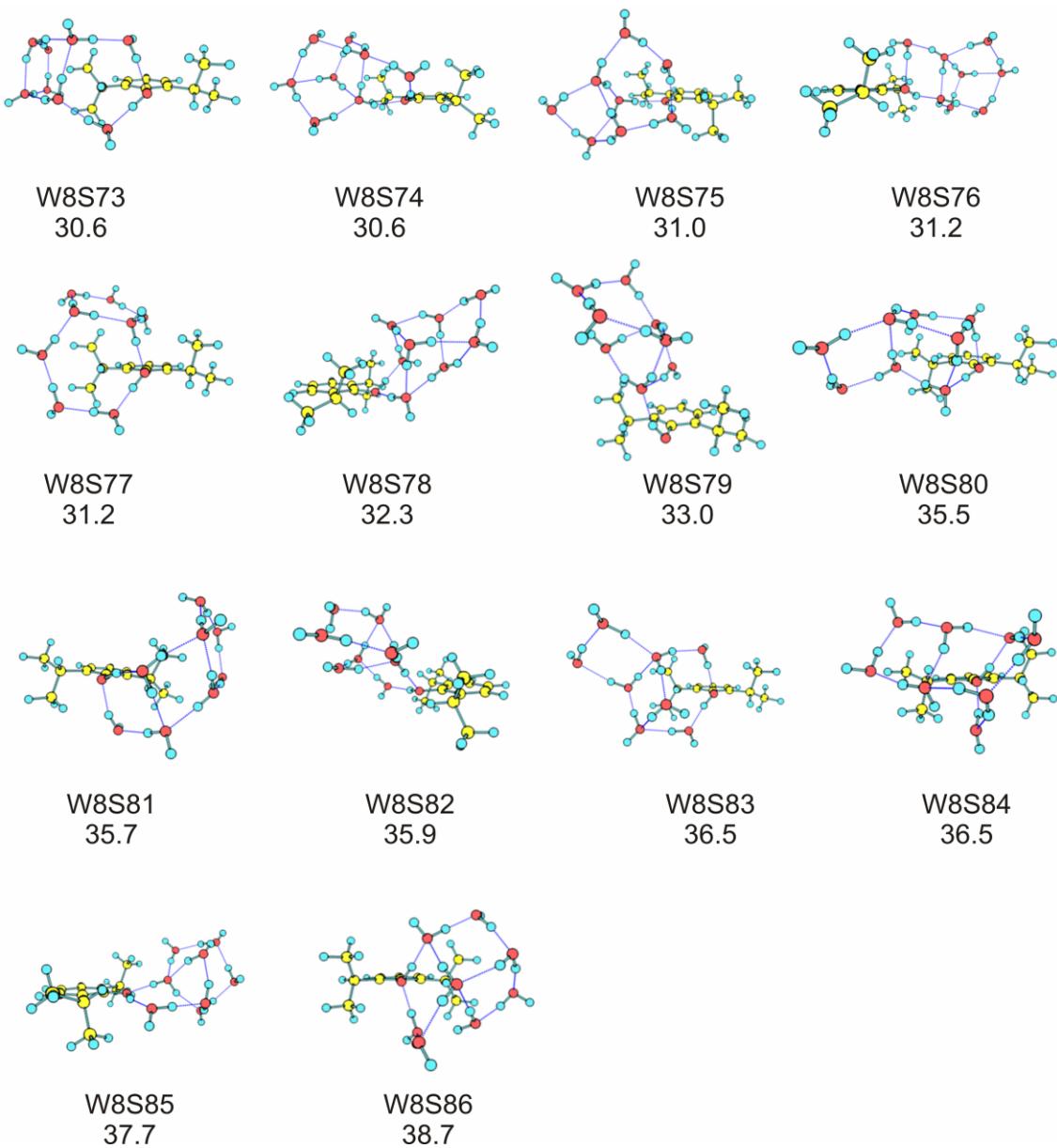
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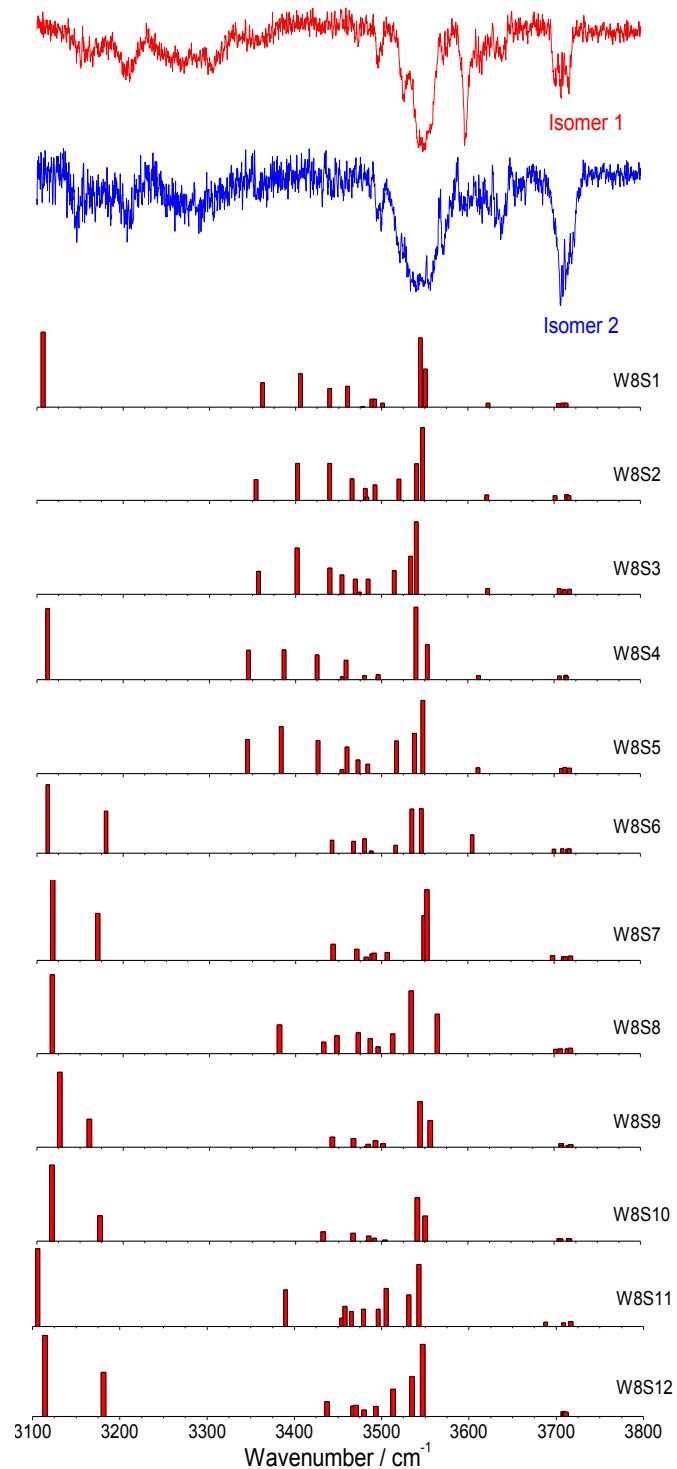
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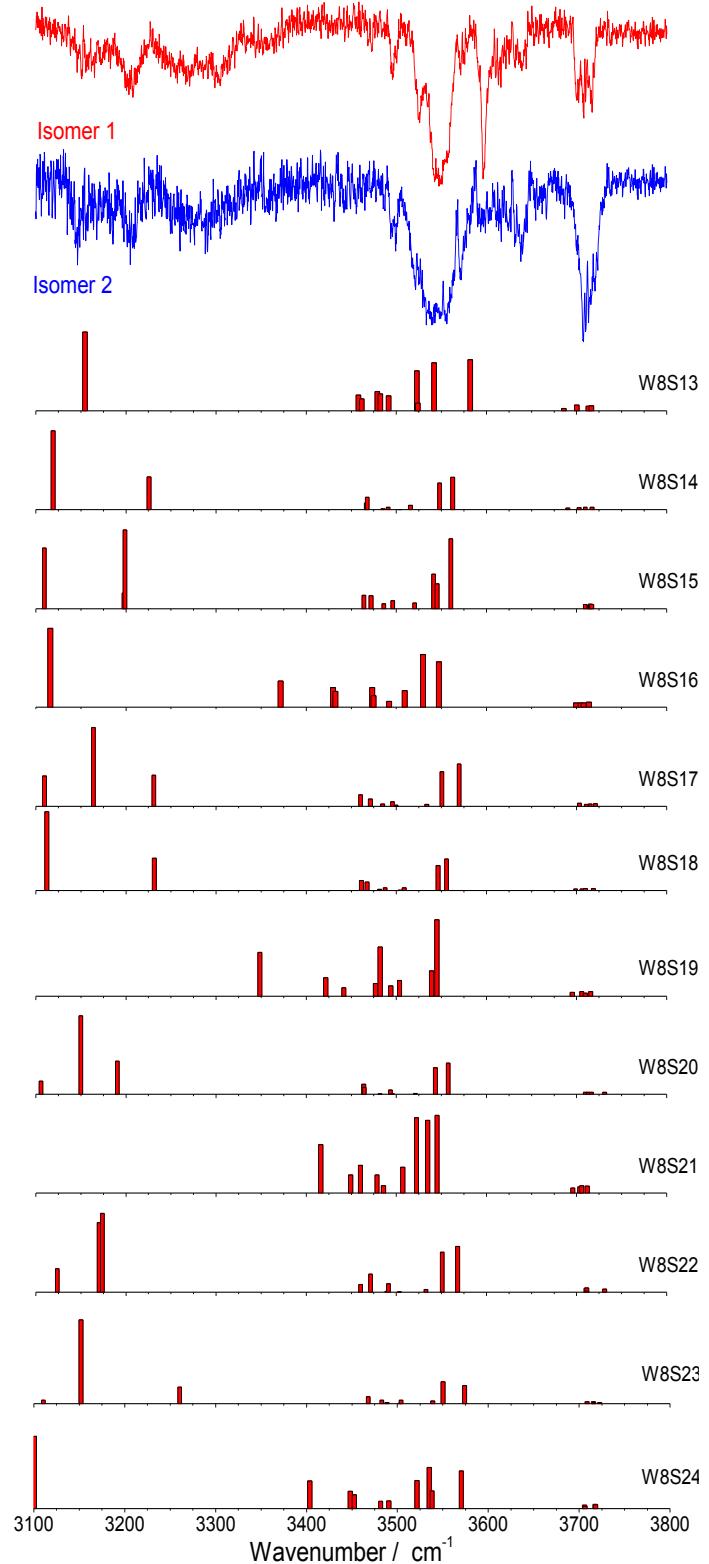
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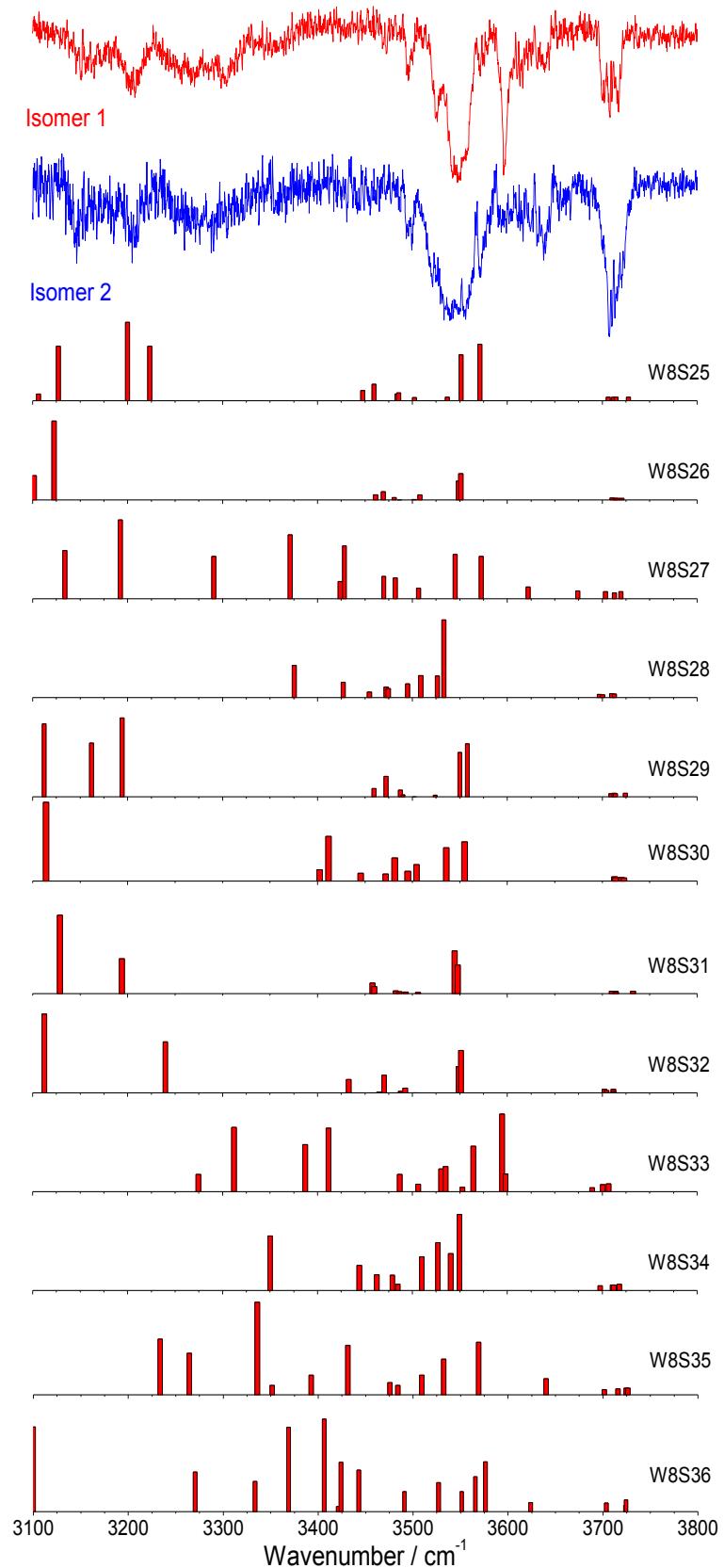
**Figure S7.** Experimental IDIRS for propofol<sub>1</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>8</sub> (upper trace) together with the predicted frequencies for each calculated structure. A correction factor of 0.938 was employed.



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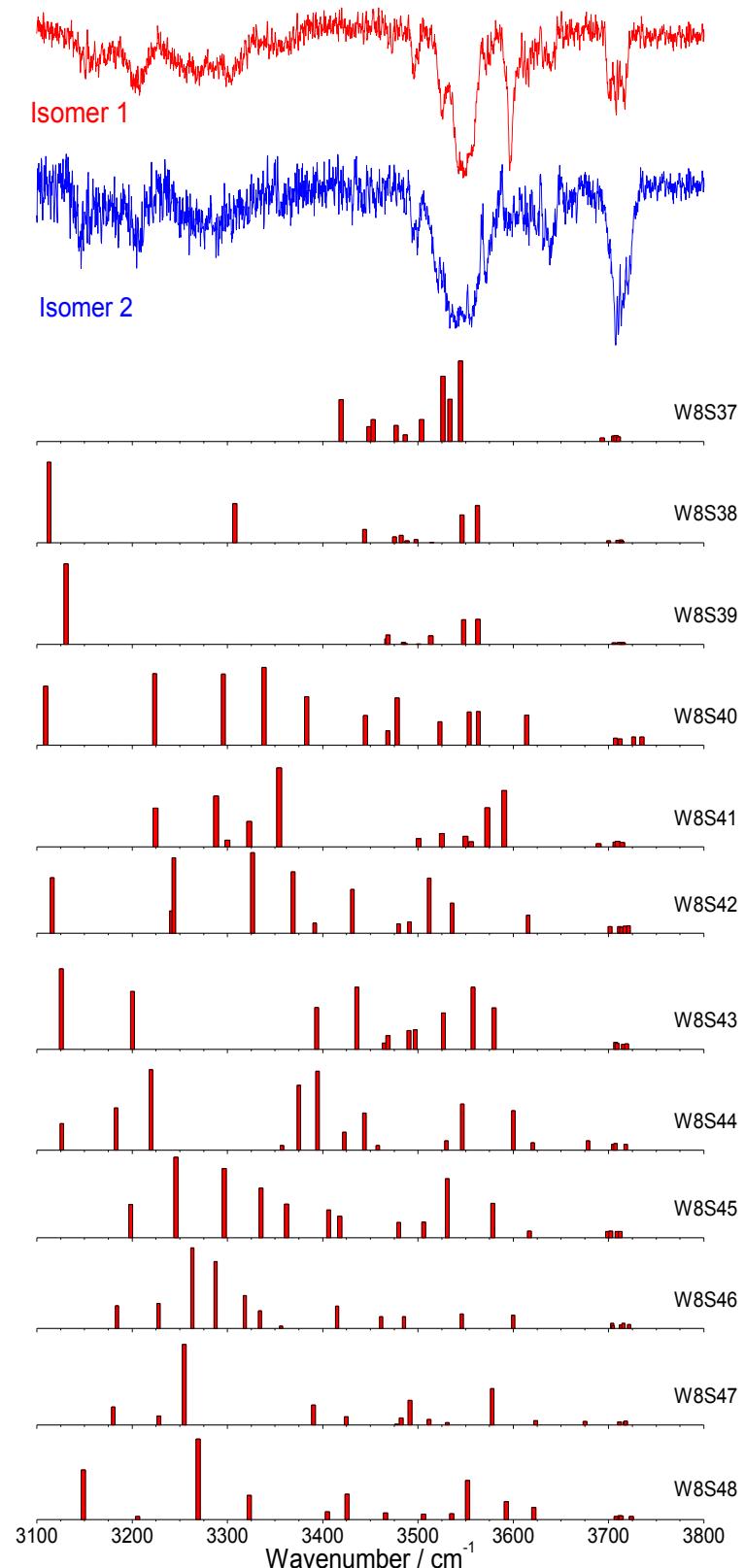
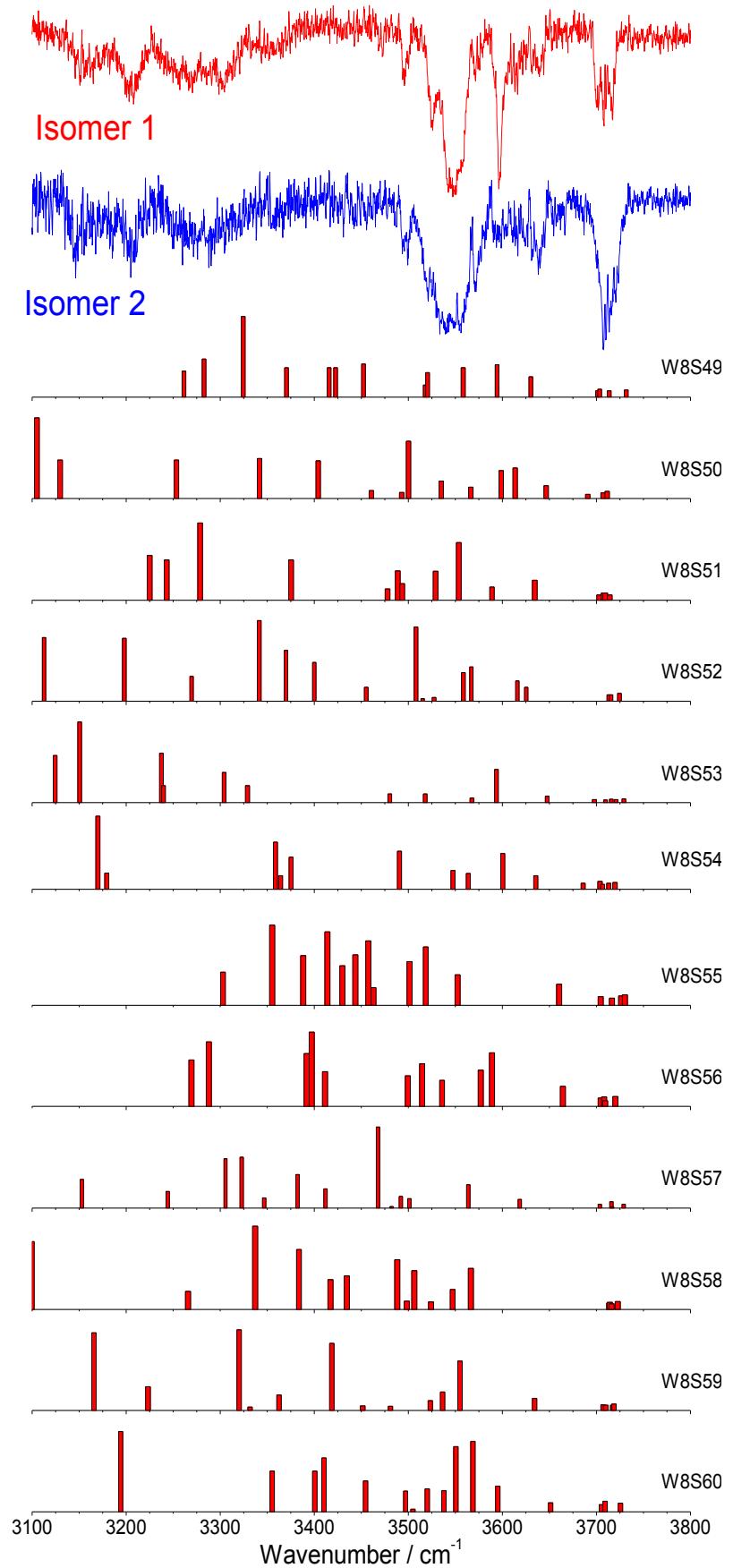
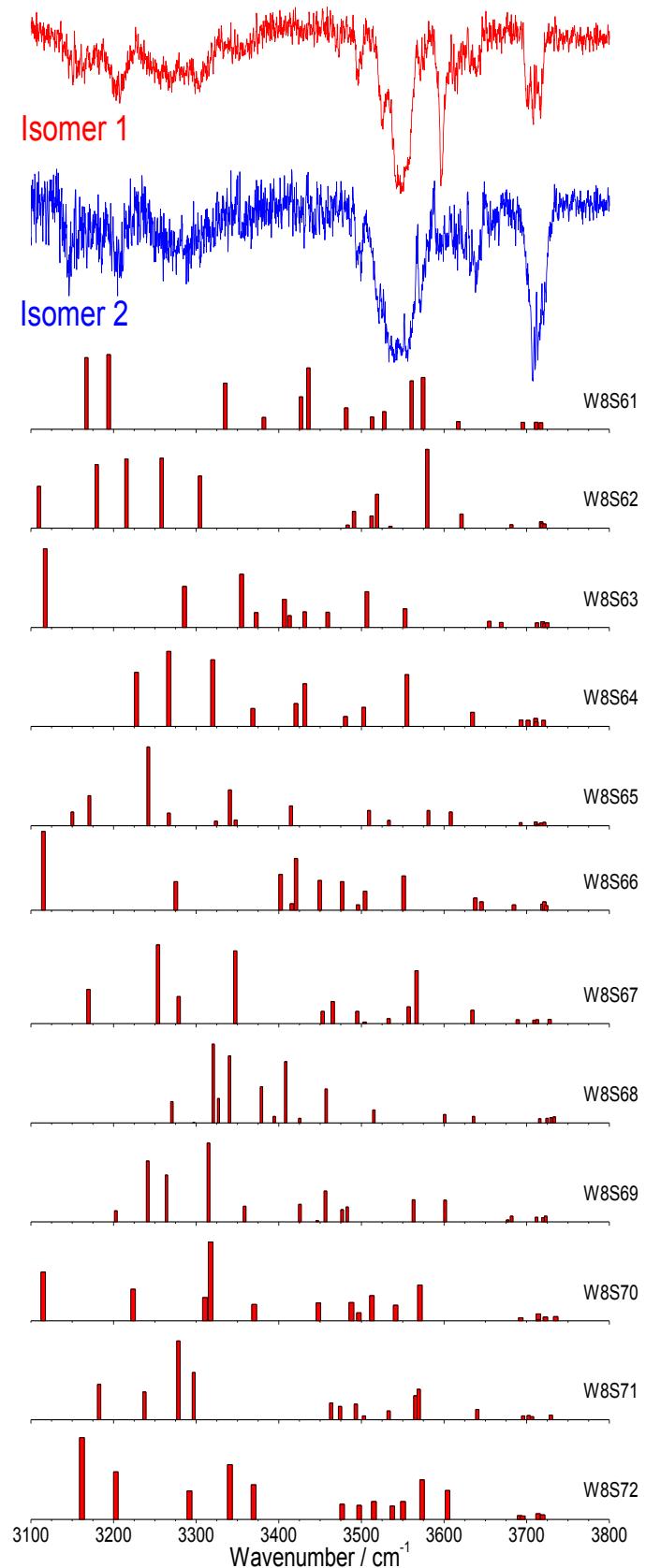


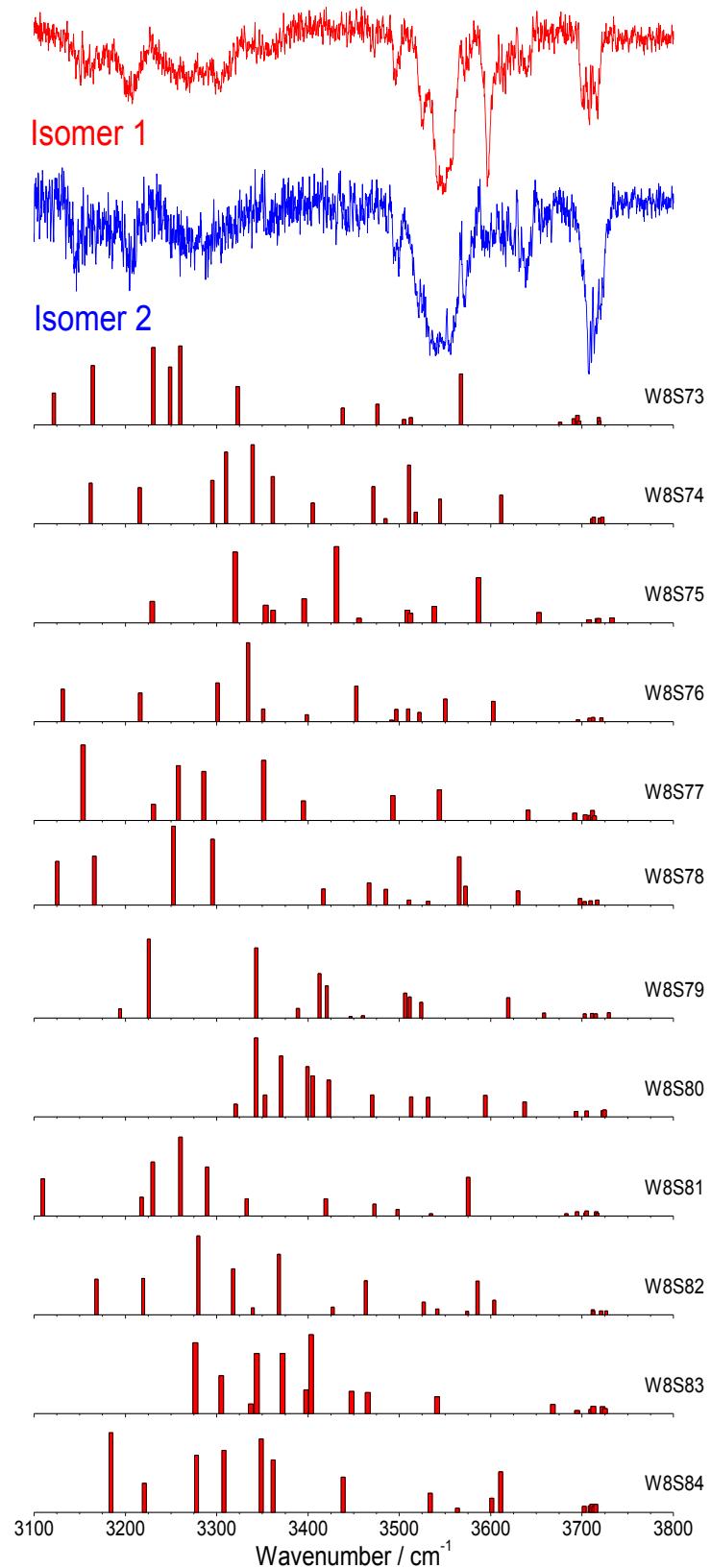
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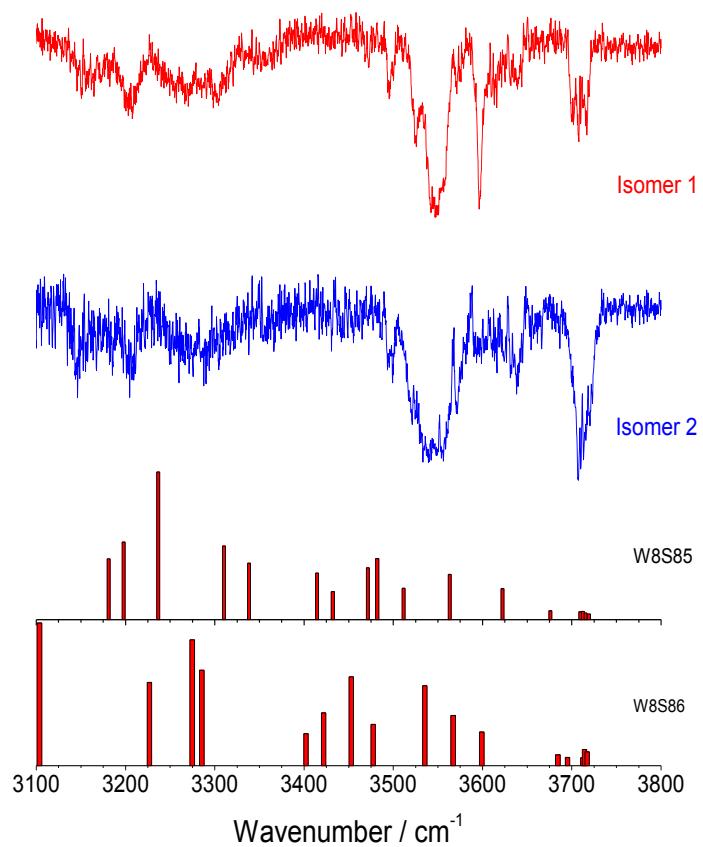
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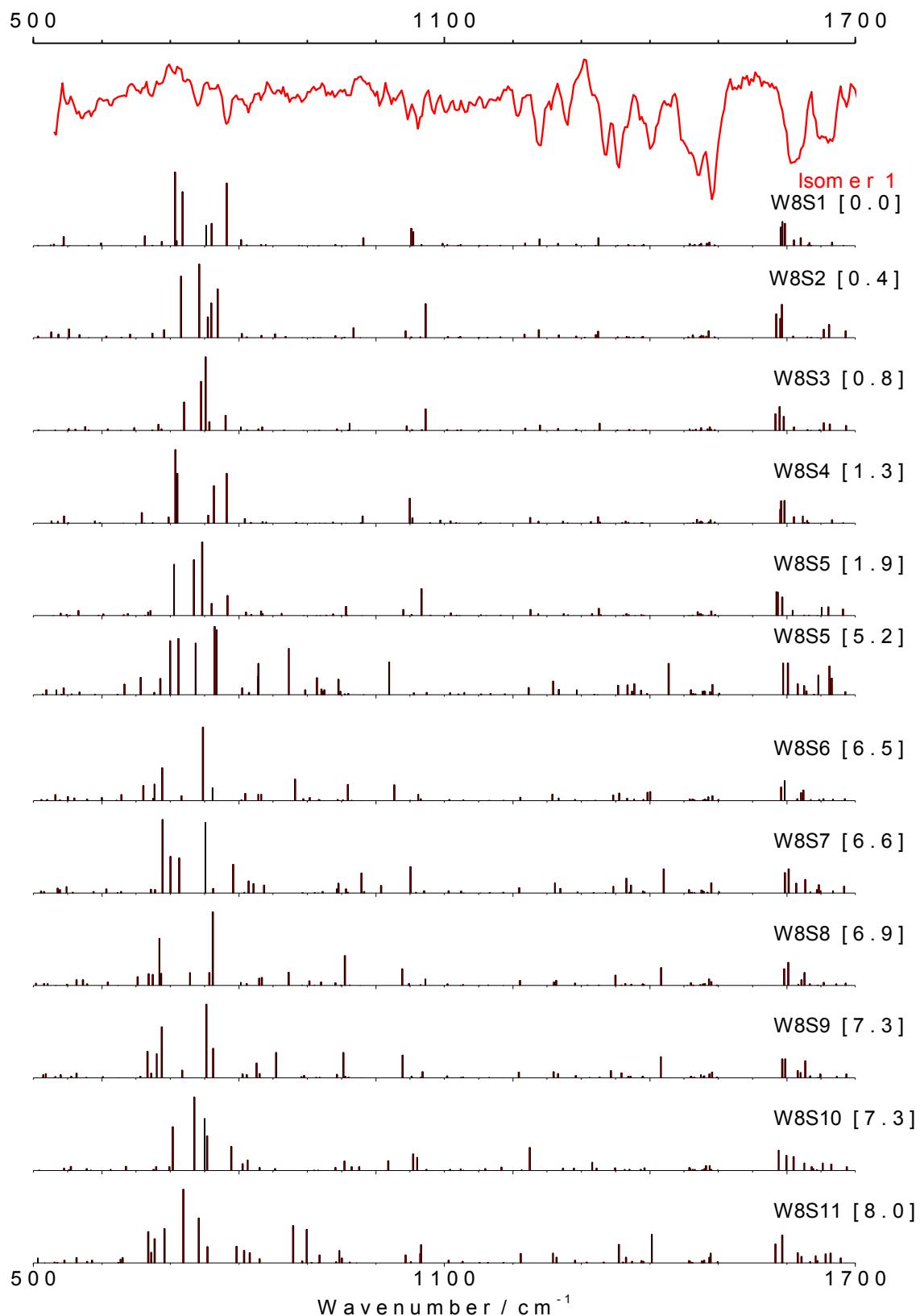
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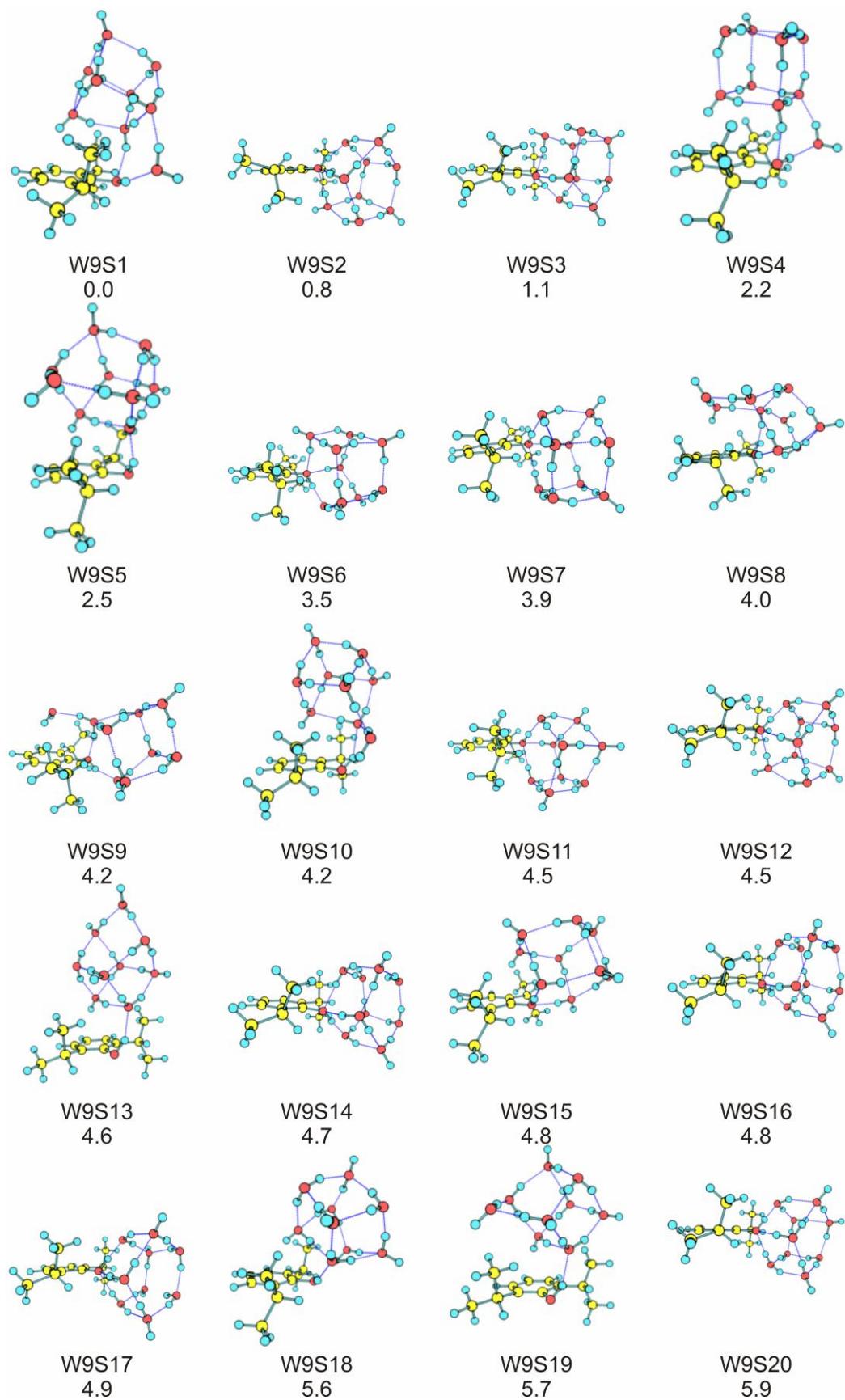
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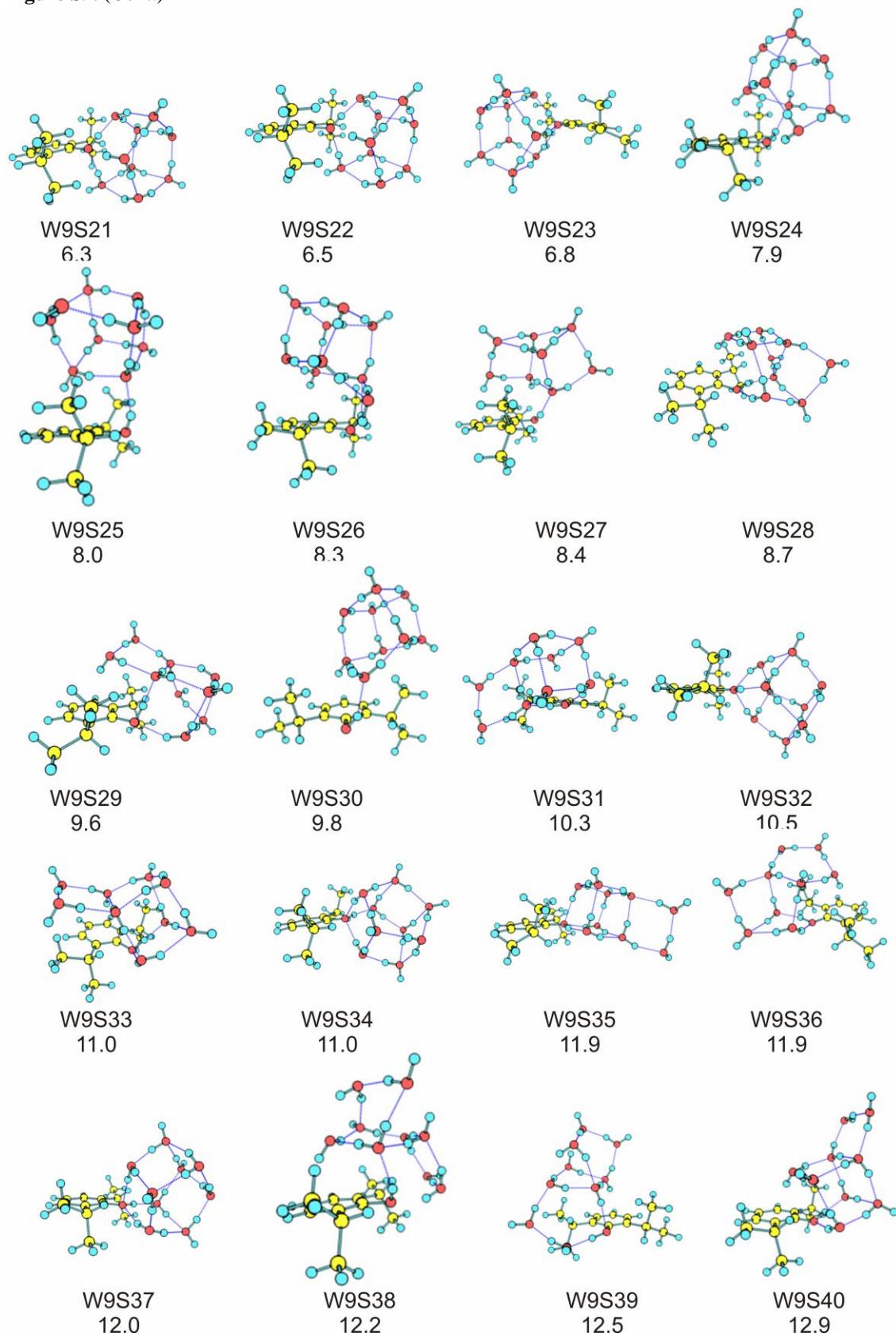
**Figure S8.** Experimental IDIRS for propofol<sub>1</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>8</sub> isomer 1 (upper trace) obtained in the fingerprint region, together with the predicted frequencies for the 11 lowest energy calculated structure. A correction factor of 0.938 was employed



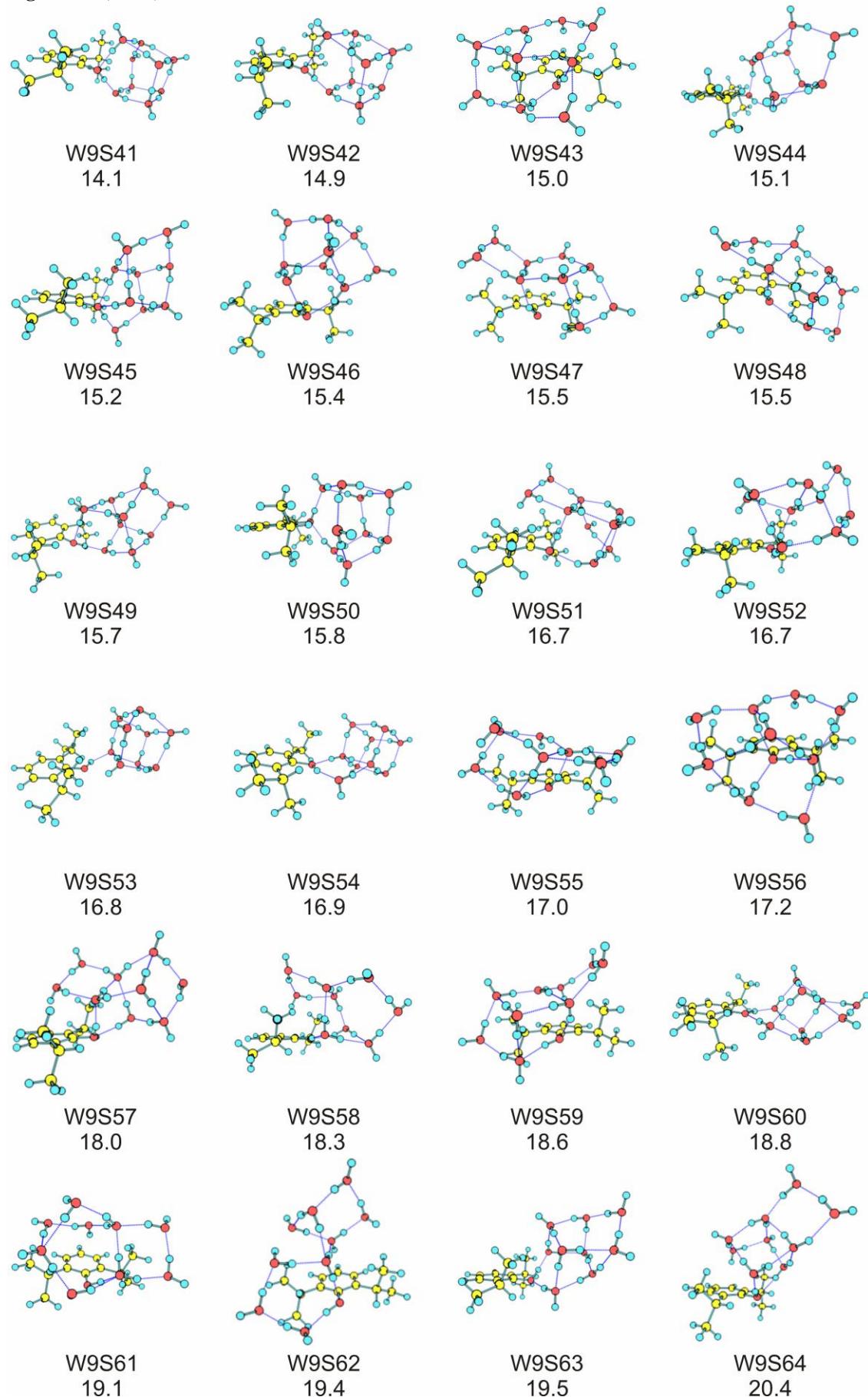
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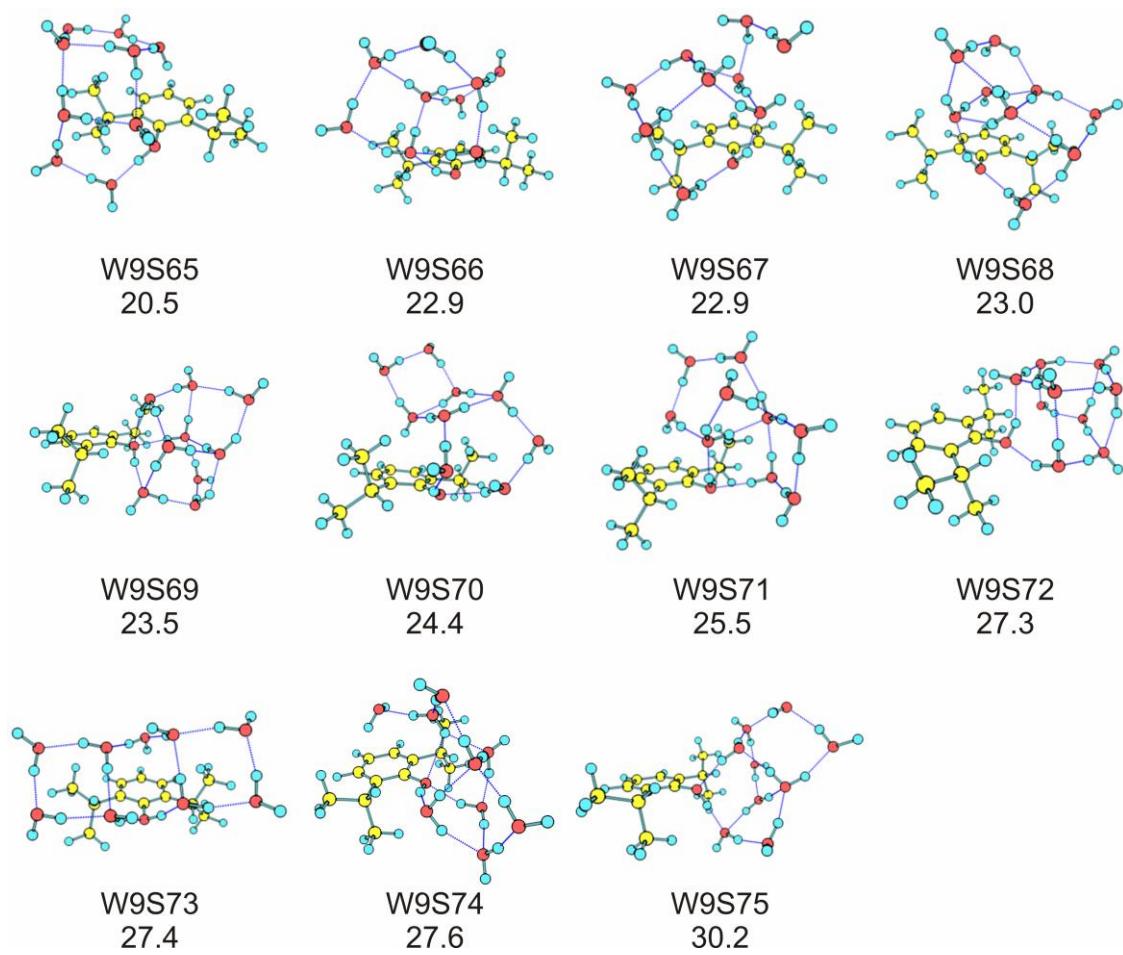
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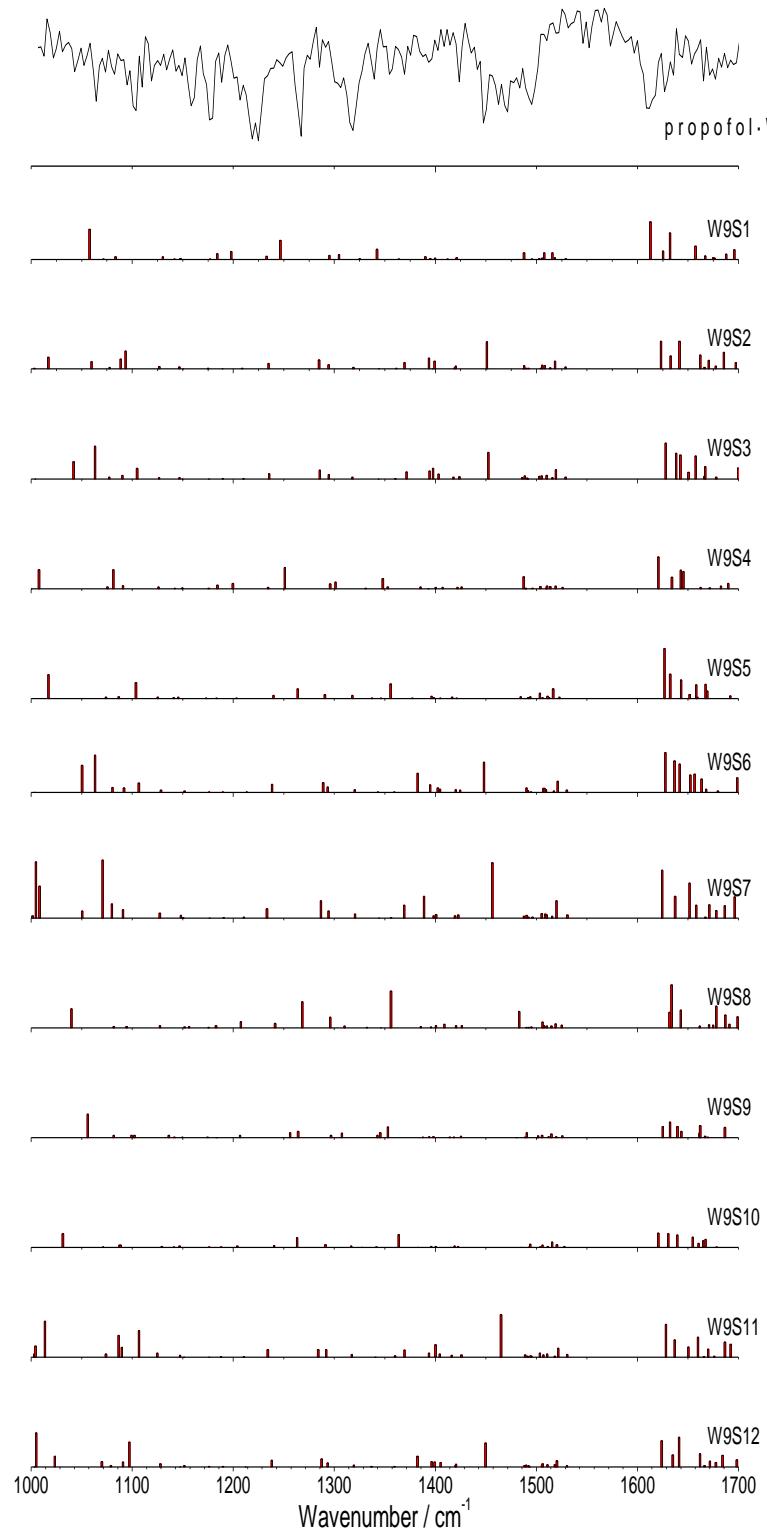
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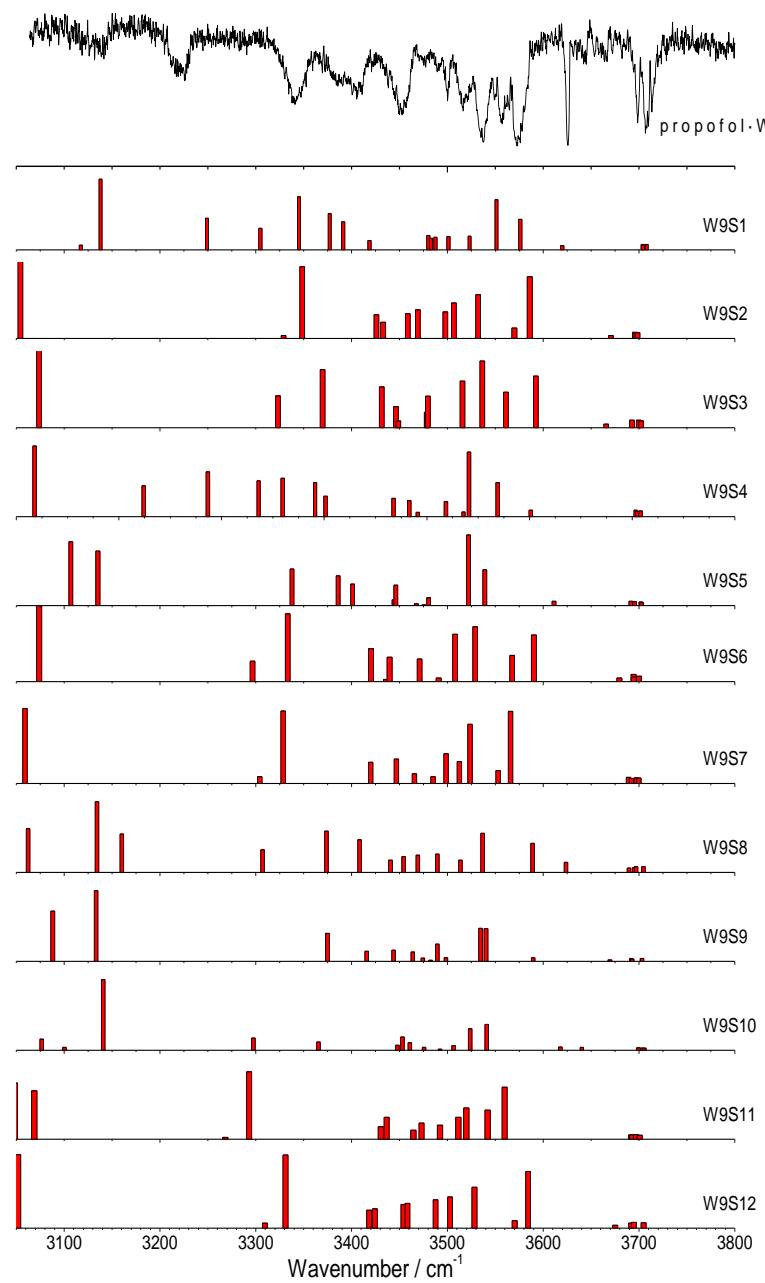
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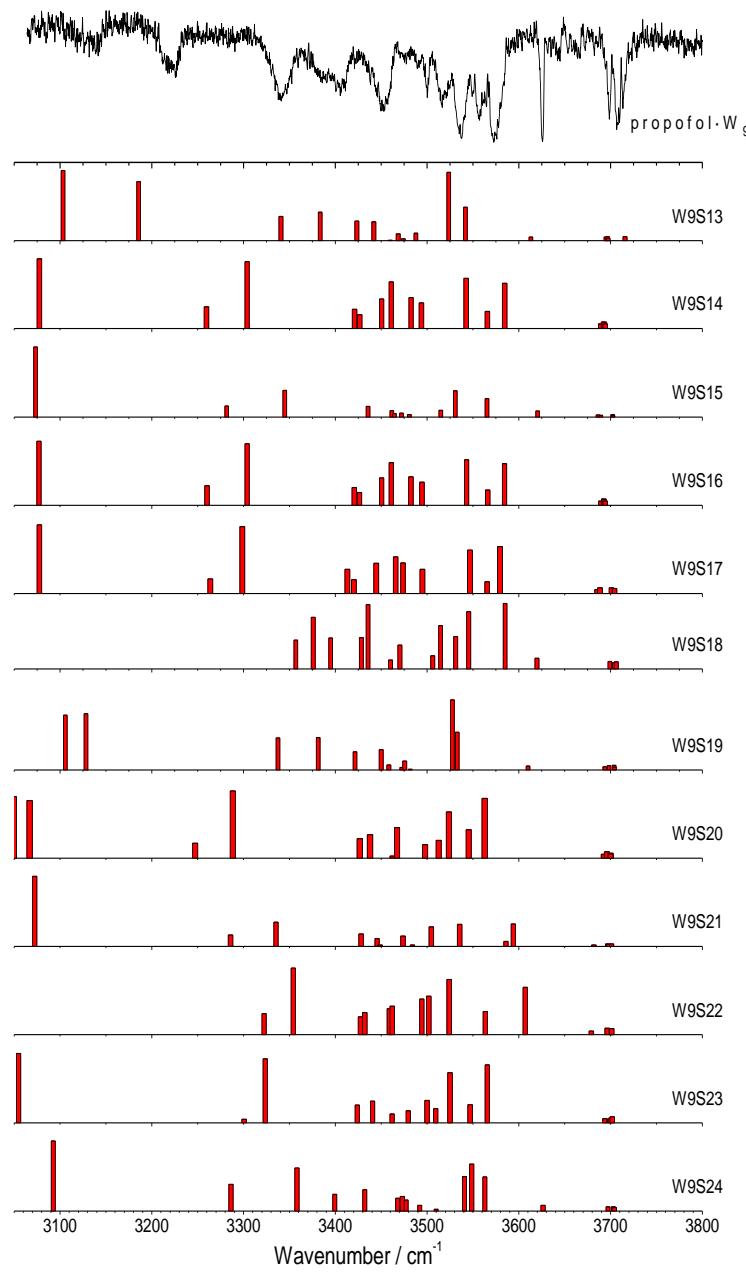
**Figure S10.** Experimental IDIRS in the fingerprint region for propofol<sub>1</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>9</sub> (upper trace) together with the predicted frequencies for the eight most stable calculated structures. A correction factor of 0.938 was employed.



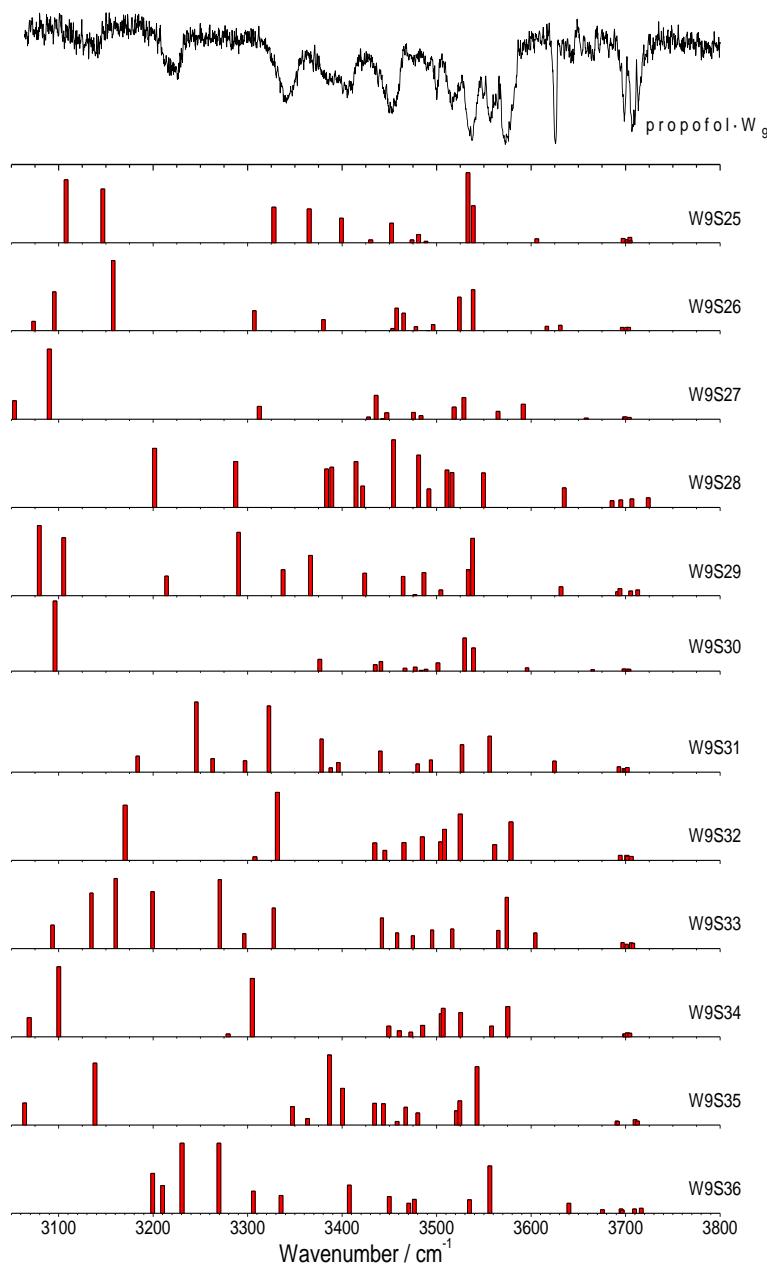
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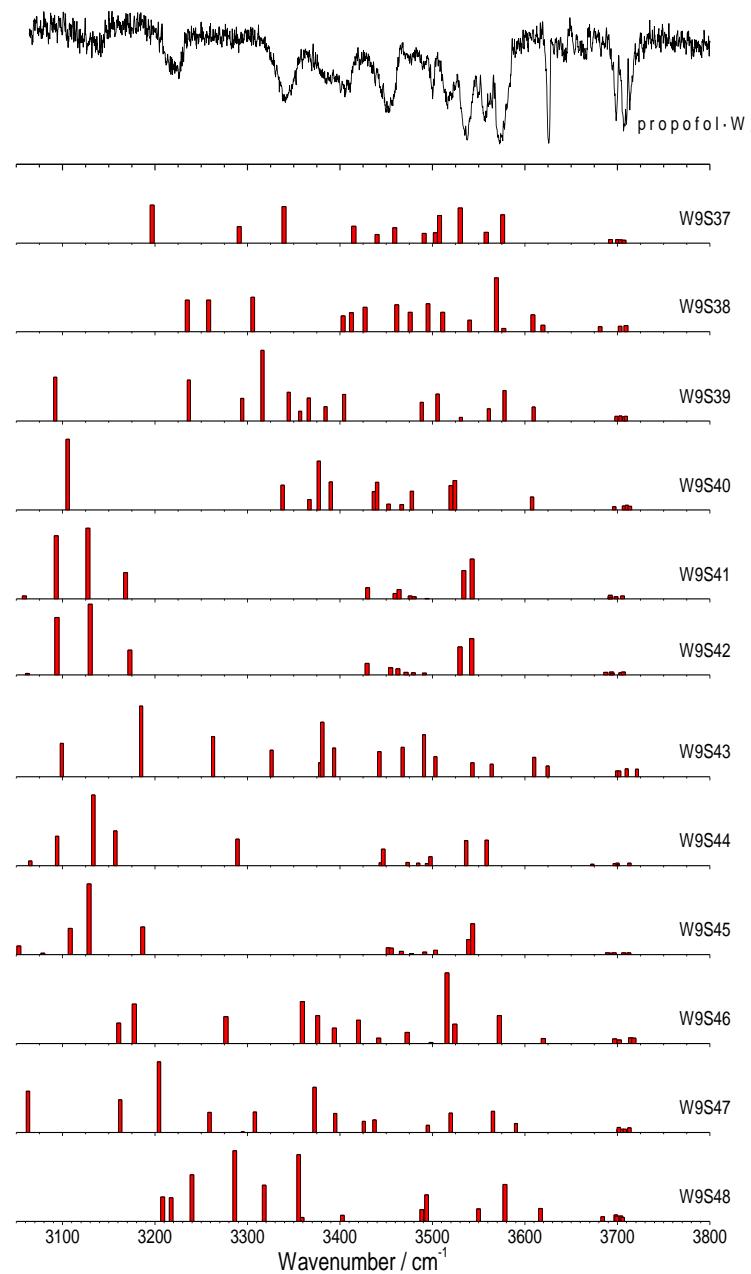
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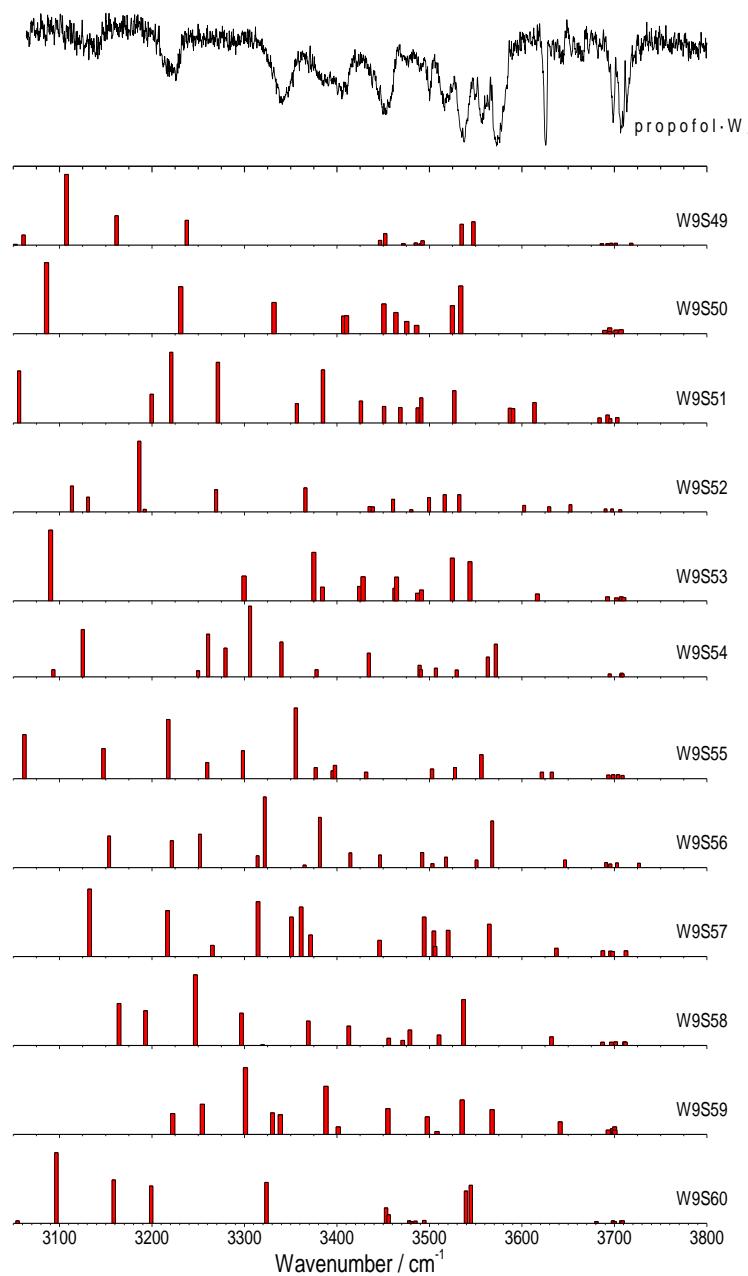
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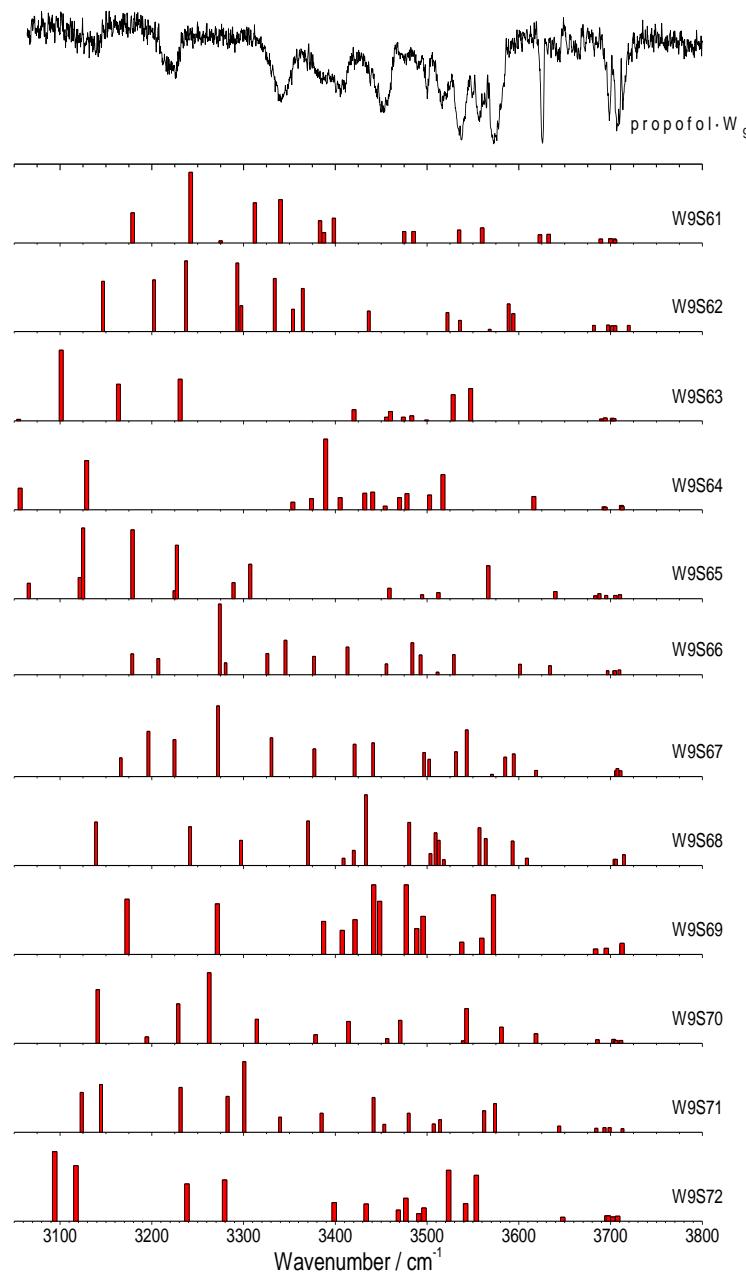
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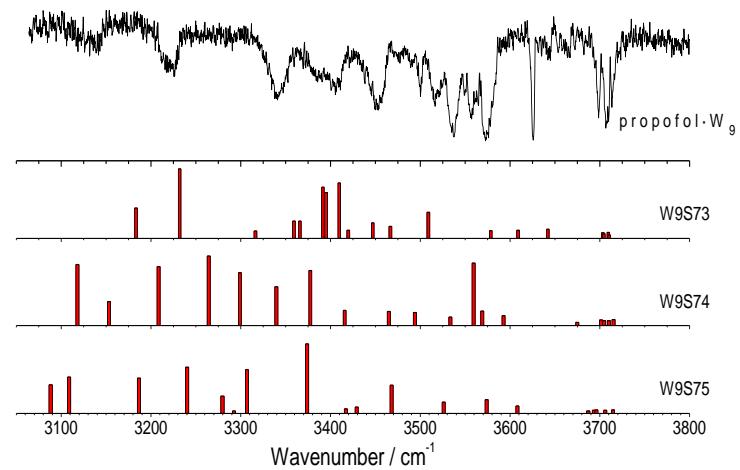
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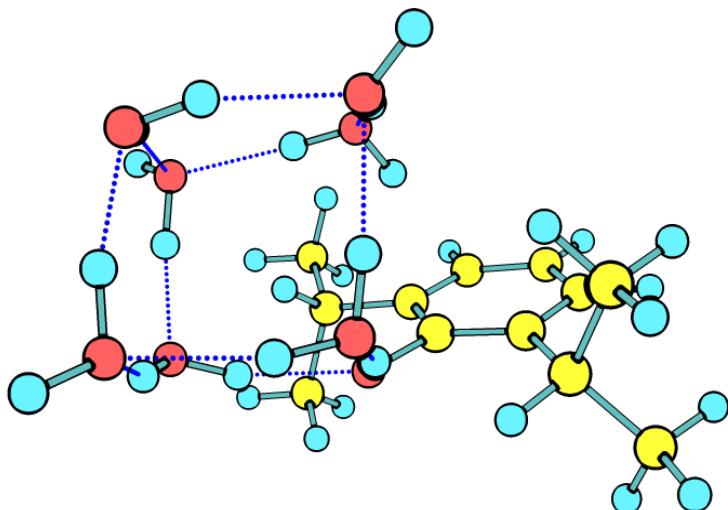
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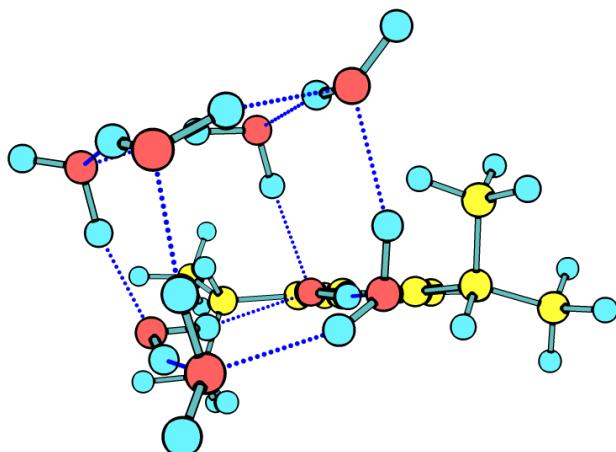
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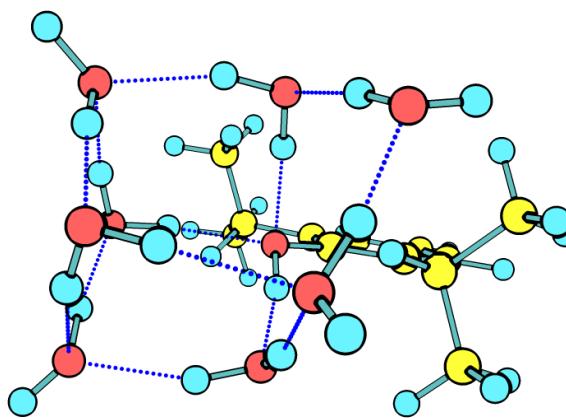
**Structures assigned to the experimental conformers in xyz format. An image of the structure is also shown to assist in identification.**



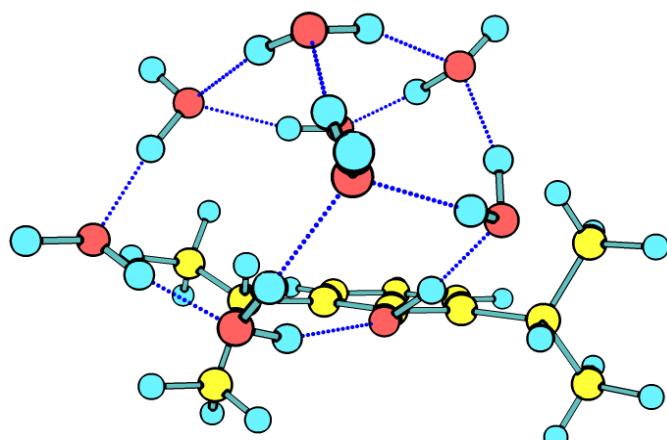
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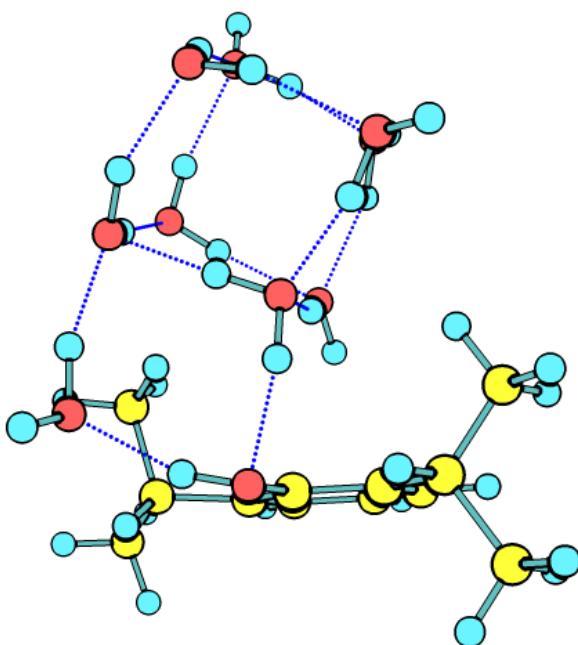
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