

## 5. SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

In Table A are reported the total (SCF) energy, the zero-point vibrational energy (ZPE) and the thermal energy corrections to enthalpy and free energy at 298.15 K and 1 atm for the studied metabolites and the molecules that participate in their isodesmic reactions (Table 2 of main text). These are the source data out of which the data in Tables 4 - 7 were obtained.

Table A: Quantum thermochemical calculations with DFT/B3-LYP/def2TZVP. All quantities are in Hartree units

| Compound                           | SCF          | ZPE       | Enthalpy Cor., Hv | Free Energy Cor., Gv |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Aminoacides / oligopeptides</i> |              |           |                   |                      |
| Alanine                            | -323.7246639 | 0.1074531 | 0.115242          | 0.076794             |
| β-Alanine                          | -323.7254817 | 0.1081602 | 0.115802          | 0.077205             |
| Arginine                           | -606.4974005 | 0.2238263 | 0.237299          | 0.185763             |
| Asparagine                         | -492.4312597 | 0.1355887 | 0.146111          | 0.100349             |
| Aspartic acid                      | -512.3046826 | 0.1232867 | 0.133512          | 0.088067             |
| Cysteine                           | -721.8869102 | 0.1079153 | 0.11693           | 0.074398             |
| Glutamic acid                      | -551.6055336 | 0.1523425 | 0.163795          | 0.114374             |
| Glutamine                          | -531.7323669 | 0.1645521 | 0.176247          | 0.127904             |
| <b>Glycine</b>                     | -284.4182864 | 0.0793659 | 0.085907          | 0.050558             |
| Histidine                          | -548.7249403 | 0.1600383 | 0.170755          | 0.124299             |
| Isoleucine                         | -441.639129  | 0.1925932 | 0.204494          | 0.155813             |
| Leucine                            | -441.6343596 | 0.1923098 | 0.204089          | 0.155164             |
| Lysine                             | -496.9782162 | 0.2105525 | 0.223669          | 0.171271             |
| Methionine                         | -800.4934017 | 0.1656859 | 0.17772           | 0.127241             |
| Ornithine                          | -457.6746547 | 0.1821054 | 0.193891          | 0.144902             |
| Phenylalanine                      | -554.7368933 | 0.1891907 | 0.201317          | 0.150618             |
| Proline                            | -401.1195383 | 0.1444082 | 0.152918          | 0.111172             |
| Sarcosine                          | -323.7113961 | 0.1074715 | 0.115285          | 0.076265             |
| Serine                             | -398.9438721 | 0.1126781 | 0.12158           | 0.080219             |
| Serotonine                         | -572.9364429 | 0.207006  | 0.219932          | 0.168884             |
| Threonine                          | -438.2502022 | 0.1408177 | 0.150877          | 0.106374             |
| Tryptophan                         | -686.2875745 | 0.2176467 | 0.231922          | 0.175356             |
| Tyrosine                           | -629.9595853 | 0.1930154 | 0.206327          | 0.152999             |
| Valine                             | -402.3335741 | 0.1641892 | 0.174674          | 0.129568             |
| Alanylalanine                      | -571.0327878 | 0.1913352 | 0.204872          | 0.150435             |
| Alanylglycine                      | -531.726244  | 0.163478  | 0.175518          | 0.124389             |
| Alanylphenylalanine                |              |           |                   |                      |
| Glycylglycine                      | -492.4139986 | 0.1350187 | 0.145926          | 0.097543             |
| Glycylphenylalanine                |              |           |                   |                      |
| Glycylvaline                       | -610.3363537 | 0.219791  | 0.234689          | 0.17767              |
| Leucylglycine                      |              |           |                   |                      |
| Prolinylproline                    |              |           |                   |                      |
| Valylphenylalanine                 |              |           |                   |                      |
| <i>Nucleosides</i>                 |              |           |                   |                      |
| Adenosine                          | -963.4764282 | 0.2512261 | 0.26859           | 0.207275             |
| Deoxyadenosine                     |              |           |                   |                      |
| 2,3-dideoxyadenosine               | -813.0322389 | 0.2428369 | 0.25738           | 0.201879             |
| Inosine                            | -983.3458504 | 0.2393569 | 0.256267          | 0.194909             |
| Guanosine                          | -1038.716302 | 0.2563321 | 0.274443          | 0.211754             |
| Deoxyguanosine                     | -963.4818489 | 0.2505461 | 0.268313          | 0.205063             |
| Uridine                            | -910.9969722 | 0.2266014 | 0.242595          | 0.183857             |
| Thymidine                          | -875.0814054 | 0.2499122 | 0.266561          | 0.206643             |
| 3-deoxythymidine                   | -799.8581094 | 0.2450924 | 0.26086           | 0.202338             |
| Cytidine                           | -891.1046518 | 0.2376833 | 0.254523          | 0.193667             |
| Deoxycytidine                      | -815.8757081 | 0.2330047 | 0.24878           | 0.190494             |
| <i>Saccharides</i>                 |              |           |                   |                      |
| βD-Glucose (glucopyranose)         | -687.1538515 | 0.1969763 | 0.210224          | 0.159491             |
| Glucose – chain                    | -687.1421019 | 0.1942843 | 0.208556          | 0.153959             |
| βD –galactose                      | -687.1537028 | 0.1974026 | 0.210328          | 0.160272             |

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| $\beta$ D –ribose                                 | -572.6208415  | 0.1644402 | 0.175022 | 0.129964 |
| $\alpha$ D-ribofuranose                           | -572.6212385  | 0.1639285 | 0.174862 | 0.128911 |
| $\beta$ D-xylofuranose                            | -572.6230755  | 0.1643557 | 0.174957 | 0.129913 |
| Fructose-chain                                    | -687.1561832  | 0.1961478 | 0.20968  | 0.157974 |
| $\beta$ D-fructose<br>( $\beta$ D-fructofuranose) | -687.1558999  | 0.1967896 | 0.210016 | 0.158884 |
| $\beta$ D-fructopyranose                          | -687.1569374  | 0.197605  | 0.209943 | 0.161445 |
| $\alpha$ D-fructopyranose                         | -687.1586293  | 0.1977728 | 0.210396 | 0.161534 |
| $\beta$ D –glucofuranose                          | -687.1479211  | 0.1969746 | 0.210244 | 0.158733 |
| Sucrose                                           | -1297.8859295 | 0.3722257 | 0.395466 | 0.323317 |
| Maltose                                           | -1297.889279  | 0.3703395 | 0.394792 | 0.318095 |
|                                                   |               |           |          |          |
| <i>Auxiliary compounds</i>                        |               |           |          |          |
| Methane                                           | -56.5505356   | 0.034158  | 0.048369 | 0.026168 |
| Ethane                                            | -213.75366    | 0.1492909 | 0.078824 | 0.051901 |
| Propane                                           | -229.0692794  | 0.0612661 | 0.108515 | 0.07798  |
| Ammonia                                           | -56.5505356   | 0.034158  | 0.037974 | 0.015056 |
| Methylamine                                       | -95.8400592   | 0.0637473 | 0.068126 | 0.040785 |
| Propylamine                                       | -174.45014    | 0.1208469 | 0.127489 | 0.092907 |
| Butylamine                                        | -213.75366    | 0.1492909 | 0.157232 | 0.119008 |
| Pentylamine                                       | -253.0573613  | 0.1777023 | 0.186972 | 0.145147 |
| Acetic acid                                       | -229.0692794  | 0.0612661 | 0.066792 | 0.034293 |
| Propanoic acid                                    | -268.3819198  | 0.0901658 | 0.096846 | 0.060838 |
| butanoic acid                                     | -307.6832621  | 0.1186126 | 0.125719 | 0.088607 |
| Acetamide                                         | -209.2002226  | 0.0730837 | 0.079323 | 0.044144 |
| Propanamide                                       | -248.5040864  | 0.1018086 | 0.109177 | 0.071284 |
| Butanamide                                        | -287.8068568  | 0.1304908 | 0.139071 | 0.097813 |
| Ethylbenzene                                      | -310.8122432  | 0.1563323 | 0.164576 | 0.124168 |
| Isobutane                                         | -158.4134366  | 0.1310761 | 0.137736 | 0.103405 |
| Isopentane                                        | -197.7161856  | 0.1596491 | 0.167591 | 0.129766 |
| Indole                                            | -363.7566449  | 0.1291352 | 0.136448 | 0.098739 |
| Pyrrolidine                                       | -212.5380211  | 0.1293406 | 0.135221 | 0.101271 |
| Guanidine                                         | -205.3536097  | 0.0749526 | 0.080817 | 0.048203 |
| guanine17                                         | -542.5135619  | 0.1166816 | 0.125833 | 0.083659 |
| Adenine                                           | -467.2579145  | 0.1116188 | 0.119768 | 0.079941 |
| Thymine                                           | -454.1067799  | 0.114706  | 0.123448 | 0.08229  |
| Uracil                                            | -414.7970497  | 0.0869975 | 0.094091 | 0.056562 |
| Cytosine 1k                                       | -394.9031544  | 0.0981528 | 0.105902 | 0.067206 |
| Imidazole                                         | -226.1859627  | 0.0709901 | 0.075693 | 0.044691 |
| Tetrahydropyran                                   | -271.7233945  | 0.1459651 | 0.152372 | 0.117341 |
| tetrahydrofuran                                   | -232.4121738  | 0.1163937 | 0.12228  | 0.08802  |
| Ethanol                                           | -155.0213258  | 0.0796231 | 0.084878 | 0.054183 |
| Methanol                                          | -115.7126894  | 0.0510195 | 0.055309 | 0.028217 |
| Isopropanol                                       | -194.3304888  | 0.1075932 | 0.113995 | 0.080156 |
| Acetone                                           | -193.1306794  | 0.0831496 | 0.088657 | 0.056876 |
| Acetaldehyde                                      | -153.8136892  | 0.0549173 | 0.059126 | 0.030535 |
| Ethyleneglycol                                    | -230.2360124  | 0.0845168 | 0.090967 | 0.05729  |
| Dimethylether                                     | -155.005315   | 0.0793533 | 0.084633 | 0.05391  |
| Ethylthiol                                        | -477.9631393  | 0.0746435 | 0.080309 | 0.047813 |
| Methylpropylsulfide                               | -556.570324   | 0.1324672 | 0.140931 | 0.100642 |
| Glycerol                                          | -344.7710931  | 0.1193767 | 0.12715  | 0.089051 |
| 4-ethylphenol                                     | -386.0404505  | 0.1603522 | 0.169832 | 0.126718 |
| p-cresol                                          | -346.736348   | 0.1314349 | 0.138936 | 0.100954 |
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