Supporting Information for

# **Cross-linker Control of Vitrimer Flow**

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## **Cross-linker Synthesis**

The Meldrum's Acid derived cross-linker (**MA**) and barbituric acid derived cross-linker (**BA**) were synthesized based on previously reported procedures by Wentrup<sup>1</sup> and Kuhn,<sup>2</sup> respectively. All reactions were performed under nitrogen or argon with anhydrous DMF obtained by passing degassed solvents through activated alumina columns. Chemicals were obtained from MilliporeSigma, TCI Chemicals, Alfa Aesar, and Oakwood.

### 2-(bis(methylthio)methylene)-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (CY):



To a solution of 5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (5 grams, 35.7 mmol, 1 equiv.) and potassium carbonate (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 24.6 g, 178 mmol, 5 equiv.) under argon and in 100 mL of dry DMF, was added carbon disulfide (2.99 g, 2.69 mL, 44.6 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) dropwise over 5 minutes at room temperature. The mixture flushed dark red and was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The flask was then placed in an ice bath, and iodomethane, (5.58 mL, 12.7 g, 89.2 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added dropwise over 10 minutes. The mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature over the course of 18 hours. The mixture was then diluted with water, extracted into ethyl acetate, and washed with brine. The organic layers were concentrated in *vacuo* to give a viscous red liquid and triturated in pentane to yield an orange solid, which was further recrystallized from hexane to give orange crystals (2.12 g, 24%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  2.55 (s, 10 H), 1.08 (s, 1H). Spectral data were consistent with literature reports.<sup>3</sup>

### 2-(bis(methylthio)methylene)-1H-indene-1,3(2H)-dione (IND):



To a solution of 1,3-indanedione (1.0 grams, 6.84 mmol, 1 equiv.) and sodium hydride (NaH {60 wt% in mineral oil}, 0.41 grams, 10.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in 30 mL of dry DMF, was added carbon disulfide (0.4 mL, 6.9 mmol, 1 equiv.) dropwise over 5 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred for an hour, before iodomethane (0.87 mL, 14.0 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added dropwise over 10 minutes at 0°C using an ice bath. The solution was slowly allowed to reach room temperature and was left to react overnight for 18 hours. The solution was then added to ice water dropwise and allowed to stir for 30 additional minutes. The brown precipitate was collected, and purified *via* flash column chromatography (70:30 Ethyl acetate:Hexanes). The product was obtained as a yellow solid (0.69 grams, 40% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 6H). Spectral data were consistent with literature reports.<sup>4</sup>

### 2-(bis(methylthio)methylene)-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (DP):



To a solution of 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione (5.0 grams, 22.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) and potassium carbonate ( $K_2CO_3$ , 9.24 grams, 66.9 mmol, 3 equiv.) in 50 mL of dry DMF, was added carbon disulfide (1.41 mL, 23.4 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) dropwise over 5 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for an hour, before iodomethane (2.9 mL, 46.6 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 minutes at 0°C. The solution was slowly allowed to reach room temperature and was left to react overnight. The solution was then added to ice water dropwise and allowed to stir for 30 additional minutes. The orange precipitate was collected, and recrystallized in methanol as a light yellow solid (1.41 g, 21% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  8.02 (m, 4H) 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.47 (m, 4H), 2.22 (s, 6H). Spectral data were consistent with literature reports.<sup>5</sup>

## **Activation Energy Calculations**

Assuming Maxwell behaviour,  $\tau$  can be defined as the time needed for the relaxation modulus to decrease to 1/e of the initial relaxation modulus, G(t), value. For such events, in a vitrimer,  $\tau$  is related to the flow activation energy (*E*<sub>a</sub>) of the polymer through an Arrhenius relationship:

$$\tau = \tau_0 e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}}$$

where *R* is the ideal gas constant, *T* is the temperature (in Kelvin), and  $\tau_0$  is a preexponential factor. The flow activation energies for all the 2 mol% crosslinker/PDMS networks can hence be calculated from the slope of the plot ln( $\tau$ ) vs. 1/*T* where the slope of the line is equal to  $E_a/R$ .

Five temperatures were used in the study for each cross-linker (100, 120, 130, 140 and 150 °C). Three independent trials were performed on 3 separate samples (i.e., 3 different samples were made for each cross-linker).

The error corresponding to each individual activation energy ( $\sigma E_{a,i}$ ) was the error calculated from the linear regression fit (i.e., the error of the slope). The three activation energies were then averaged.

### **BA-Net** activation energy calculations



**Figure S1**. Normalized stress relaxation as a function of time at temperatures ranging from 100 to 150 °C for 3 different **BA-Net** samples

| Temp (°C) | τ <sub>1</sub> | τ2   | τ3   |
|-----------|----------------|------|------|
| 100       | 272            | 299  | 609  |
| 120       | 80             | 125  | 264  |
| 130       | 44.9           | 66.8 | 174  |
| 140       | 26.8           | 42.5 | 149  |
| 150       | 15.9           | 26.8 | 65.6 |

| Table S2. Activation energy values calculated for 3 different BA-Net samples and associated |
|---|
| errors.   |

| Ea,1     | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,1}$ | Ea <b>,2</b> | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,2}$ | Ea <b>,3</b> | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,3}$ | $E_{a,avg}$ | $\sigma \to E_{a,avg}$ |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| (kJ/mol) | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)     | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)     | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)    | (kJ/mol)               |
| 74.42    | 3.09                            | 64.03        | 2.73                            | 62.91        | 7.99                            | 67.12       | 4.60                   |

#### **IND-Net** activation energy calculations



**Figure S2.** Normalized stress relaxation as a function of time at temperatures ranging from 100 to 150 °C for 3 different **IND-Net** samples.

| Temp (°C) | $\tau_1$ | τ2   | τ <sub>3</sub> |
|-----------|----------|------|----------------|
| 100       | 1790     | 1440 | 2900           |
| 120       | 699      | 699  | 1120           |
| 130       | 315      | 465  | 536            |
| 140       | 232      | 274  | 356            |
| 150       | 150      | 83.8 | 210            |

| Table S3. $\tau$ values calculated for l | IND-Net at different temperatures |
|--|-----------------------------------|
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| Table S4. Activ | ation energy values | calculated for 3 | different IND-NET | samples and | associated |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
|                 |                     | errors.          |                   |             |            |

| Ea,1     | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,1}$ | $E_{a,2}$ | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,2}$ | Ea,3     | $\sigma \to E_{a,3}$ | $E_{a,avg}$ | $\pmb{\sigma} \mathrel{E}_{a,avg}$ |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| (kJ/mol) | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)  | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol) | (kJ/mol)             | (kJ/mol)    | (kJ/mol)                           |
| 66.40    | 4.16                            | 69.06     | 13.02                           | 68.53    | 3.28                 | 67.99       | 6.82                               |

### CY-Net activation energy calculations



**Figure S3.** Normalized stress relaxation as a function of time at temperatures ranging from 100 to 150 °C for 3 different **CY-Net** samples.

| <b>Table S5.</b> $\tau$ values calculated for <b>CY-Net</b> at different temperatur |
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| Temp (°C) | τ <sub>1</sub> | $\tau_2$ | $\tau_3$ |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 100       | 42             | 40       | 36       |
| 120       | 17.7           | 11.6     | 13.3     |
| 130       | 11.4           | 7.76     | 9.5      |
| 140       | 8              | 5.37     | 6.5      |
| 150       | 3.5            | 3.67     | 3.99     |

| Table S6. Activation energy values calculated for 3 different CY-Net samples and associated |
|---|
| errors  |

| Ea,1     | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,1}$ | Ea <b>,2</b> | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,2}$ | Ea,3     | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,3}$ | $E_{a,avg}$ | $\sigma \to E_{a,avg}$ |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| (kJ/mol) | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)     | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol) | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)    | (kJ/mol)               |
| 61.84    | 6.23                            | 62.19        | 3.54                            | 56.29    | 1.95                            | 60.11       | 3.91                   |

### MA-Net activation energy calculations



**Figure S4**. Normalized stress relaxation as a function of time at temperatures ranging from 100 to 150 °C for 3 different **MA-Net** samples.

| Table S7. $\tau$ values calculated for MA-Net at different temperature | es. |
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|--|-----|

| Temp (°C) | τ <sub>1</sub> | $\tau_2$ | $\tau_3$ |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 100       | 3500           | 2600     | 2800     |
| 120       | 1040           | 1070     | 1020     |
| 130       | 901            | 700      | 800      |
| 140       | 422            | 435      | 470      |
| 150       | 323            | 240      | 300      |

| Table S8. Activation energy values calculated for 3 different MA-Net samples and associated |
|---|
| errors  |

| Ea,1     | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,1}$ | Ea <b>,2</b> | $\sigma \operatorname{E}_{a,2}$ | Ea <b>,3</b> | $\sigma E_{a,3}$ | Ea <b>,avg</b> | $\pmb{\sigma} \mathrel{E}_{a,avg}$ |
|----------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| (kJ/mol) | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)     | (kJ/mol)                        | (kJ/mol)     | (kJ/mol)         | (kJ/mol)       | (kJ/mol)                           |
| 62.72    | 5.34                            | 61.18        | 3.50                            | 57.44        | 3.71             | 60.45          | 4.18                               |

### Literature flow activation energy values as a function of catalyst

To compare the effect of crosslinker variation to the effect of catalysts, we have summarized flow activation energies for literature systems below:

| Table S9.  | Flow activation | energies for litera | ature vitrimer | systems | that compare |
|------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|--------------|
| catalysts. |                 |                     |                |         |              |

| Reference   | Exchange chemistry   | Catalyst             | E <sub>a</sub> (kJ/mol) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Leibler, ACS Macro Lett. 2012, 1, 789                       | Transesterification  | PPh <sub>3</sub>     | ~40*                    |
|   |                      | Zn(OAc) <sub>2</sub> | ~90*                    |
|   |                      | TBD                  | ~140*                   |
| Bates, ACS Macro Lett. 2018, 7, 817                         | Transesterification  | TCA                  | 49.6                    |
|   |                      | MSA                  | 49.7                    |
|   |                      | BSA                  | 46.4                    |
|   |                      | HTFSI                | 60.2                    |
|   |                      | Triflic acid         | 66.7                    |
| Du Prez, <i>Nat. Commun.</i> <b>2017</b> , <i>8</i> , 14857 | Vinylogous urethane  | None                 | 81 ± 3                  |
|   | exchange             | pTsOH                | 70 ± 4                  |
|   |                      | DTBL                 | 31 ± 10                 |
|   |                      | TBD                  | 122 ± 19                |
| Guan, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2017, 139,                          | Silyl ether exchange | None                 | 81                      |
| 14881   |                      | Amine                | 171                     |
|   |                      | (internal)           | 174                     |
| Reynaud, Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 2017,                         | Transesterification  | Dibutyltin           | 101 + 15                |
| 56, 2667  |                      | dilaurate            | 121 ± 15                |
|   |                      | Dibutyltin           | $170 \pm 21$            |
|   |                      | diacetate            | 170 1 21                |
|   |                      | Dibutyltin           | $111 \pm 16$            |
|   |                      | bis(acac)            | 114 1 10                |
| Sun, Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 2019, 58,                         | Transesterification  | Zn(OAc) <sub>2</sub> | 95                      |
| 5698  |                      | Zn(PAM)              | 68                      |

\*Determined from graphical analysis/interpolation of Arrenhius plots.

## $\tau^*$ Calculations for Acyclic Crosslinkers

Since the stress relaxation profiles of the acyclic crosslinked networks, **DP-Net** and **CN-Net** were extremely slow, we fitted the data using the stretched exponential function:

$$\frac{G(t)}{G_0(t)} = e^{(\frac{-t}{\tau})^{\beta}}$$

where G(t) is the relaxation modulus, G<sub>0</sub>(t) is the relaxation modulus at t=0, t is time,  $\tau$  is the relaxation time and  $\beta$  is a fitting parameter that ranges between 0 and 1.

### <u>DP τ\*:</u>



Figure S5. DP-Net fitted stress relaxation data for 3 different samples at 150 °C.

<u>CN τ\*:</u>



Figure S6. CN-Net fitted stress relaxation data for 3 different samples at 150 °C.

**Note:** A value of 0.8 was chosen for  $\beta$ . This value was based on fittings from the other networks with faster cross-linkers; these values averaged ~0.8.

## **Plateau Modulus Calculations**

A frequency sweep was performed at 3% strain, at 150 °C, between 100 and 1 rad/s, for networks with each cross-linker (2 mol%). This enabled us to measure the rubbery plateau modulus ( $G_p$ ) which is the constant storage modulus (G') between these two angular frequencies. The values were then averaged between these two frequencies and the reported error values are the calculated standard error of the mean.



**Figure S7.** Storage modulus (G') of different cross-linked networks (2 mol% cross-linker) obtained from a frequency sweep between 1 and 100 rad/s at 150 °C and 3% strain.

## **TGA Measurements**

Thermogravimetric analysis was performed for two representative samples (**IND-Net and CY-Net**) using a Mettler Toledo TGA/DSC 3+. The TGA data for **MA-Net** were previously published by our group,<sup>6</sup> and demonstrated no mass loss or evolution of MeSH below 150 °C. These analyses were performed in order to verify the thermal stability of the samples at operating temperatures, so that the 2 order of magnitude discrepancy in stress relaxation was not a function of sample degradation or residual MeSH in the networks. After the samples were gelled 5 to 6 mg of each network was placed in an aluminium pan. The sample was allowed to equilibrate at 25°C for 5 minutes which was followed by a temperature ramp of 10 °C/min (range: 25 to 350 °C) under 20 ml/min of air.

Figure S8 shows that no mass loss was observed in either sample until temperatures much higher than 150°C (the maximum operating temperature).



Figure S8. TGA curves of 2 mol% IND-NET and CY-NET.

## **Gel Fraction Measurements**

Four representative gels (2 mol% cross-linker) spanning 3 to 4 orders of magnitude differences in stress relaxation (**BA-Net**, **MA-Net**, **IND-Net** and **CN-Net**) were placed in toluene at 25°C. After 48 hours, the samples were removed and placed in a convection oven at 130°C for 8 hours. The mass of the samples before and after were compared and used to calculate the gel fraction as shown in Table S10. All samples had gel fractions ranging between 81 and 90%, supporting the claim that the cross-link density of the samples are the same and that differences in stress relaxation is not due to differences in cross-linking density.

|               | Mass Before<br>(mg) | Mass After<br>(mg) | Gel Fraction<br>(%) |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| IND-Net       | 24.0                | 21.8               | 90.8                |
| CN-Net        | 32.5                | 28.9               | 88.9                |
| MA-Net        | 38.0                | 30.8               | 81.1                |
| <b>BA-Net</b> | 37.8                | 31.2               | 82.5                |

| Table S10. Gel fraction study for various networks at 2 mol% cross-linking (INI | ), MA, |
|---|--------|
| BA and CN).   |        |

## T<sub>v</sub> Calculations

The vitrimer glass transition temperature ( $T_v$ ) can be calculated by using the Maxwell equation:

$$\eta = G_p \tau^*$$

where  $\eta$  is the viscosity,  $G_p$  is the plateau modulus and  $\tau^*$  is the characteristic relaxation time.  $T_v$  occurs when the Network reaches a viscosity of  $10^{12}$  Pa•s. Using the equation above,  $\tau^*$  was calculated to be around  $10^7$  s for all samples since they possess similar  $G_p$  values. The Arrhenius relationship from equation 1 in the main was then extrapolated to  $\tau^* = 10^7$  s to find  $T_v$  for each cross-linked Network. Table S9 summarizes the intercept and estimated  $T_v$  values with associated standard errors.

| Table S11. Y-intercept from Arrhenius plot and freezing transition temperature for cyclic |
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| cross-linker vitrimer samples.  |

|                           | BA-Net | MA-Net | IND-Net | CY-Net |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| ln(τ₀) (s)                | -13.4  | -12.0  | -14.3   | -15.7  |
| In(τ <sub>0</sub> ) Error | 1.2    | 1.0    | 1.5     | 0.7    |
| T <sub>v</sub> (K)        | 245    | 252    | 263     | 233    |
| T <sub>v</sub> Error      | 11     | 10     | 13      | 5      |

While all the  $T_v$  values are below room temperature, it should be noted that we do not see any noticeable creep at room temperature, as shown below in Figure S9. The results indicate that the Arrhenius argument may not be valid over all temperature ranges. Thus, calculating the true  $T_v$  value may require more rigour.



**Figure S9.** Creep experiment for **MA-NET** (2 mol%) performed at room temperature. The plot shows full recovery of strain.

## **Time-Cross-linker Superposition**



**Figure S10.** Frequency sweep data for **IND-Net**, **BA-Net**, and **CY-Net** at 1.25 mol% crosslinking at a temperature 150 °C and 3% strain.

**Note:** The high-frequency data for **BA** and **CY** between 10 and 100 rad/s were not included in the superposition. This is because higher frequency values are not expected to follow ideal Maxwell behavior, and will not superimpose.

### **Mixed Cross-linker Networks**

The shape of the curves for the mixed systems indicate additional complexity in the relaxation modes of the mixed cross-linkers. Therefore, the normalized stress relaxation data were fit to the Kohlrausch-Williams-Watts (KWW) model, which is a stretched exponential function:

$$\frac{G(t)}{G_0(t)} = e^{\left(\frac{-t}{\tau}\right)^{\beta}}$$

The fitting parameter,  $\beta$ , can range between 0 and 1 where a value of 1 means that it is an ideal Maxwell material with a single relaxation mode. The further away  $\beta$  is from 1, the less ideal a Maxwell material the polymer is and the more relaxation modes it contains. The  $\beta$  value of **BA/MA-Net** (0.83 ± 0.1) was similar to those of **CY-Net**, **BA-Net**, and **MA-Net** at (0.94 ± 0.01), (0.83 ± 0.01), and (0.86± 0.01), respectively, which are all close to 1, consistent with a single relaxation mode. The **BA/DP-Net** and **CY/MA-Net** samples had a much lower  $\beta$  value at (0.54 ± 0.01) and (0.55 ± 0.01), respectively, indicating a deviation from ideal Maxwell behavior, as shown in Figure S11. The stress relaxation profiles of the **BA/MA-Net** samples at 100 to 140 °C are shown in Figure S12. The calculated flow activation energy (derived from the 1/e of  $\tau$  values) is 68 ± 2 kJ/mol.

The continuous relaxation spectrum was extracted from the relaxation modulus as a function of time (G(t) vs t) using Python via an algorithm developed for the PyReSpect program.<sup>7,8</sup> The input parameters used were unchanged from the default file provided with the program.



**Figure S11**. Continuous relaxation (infinity) spectra for 2 mol% samples of **BA-Net**, **MA-Net** and the mixed 1:**1 BA/MA-Net** at 140°C showing a single relaxation mode for all samples.



**Figure S12**. Continuous relaxation (infinity) spectra for 2 mol% samples of **MANet**, **CY-Net** and the mixed **1:1 CY/MA-Net** at 140°C showing a single relaxation mode for **MA-Net** and **CY-Net**, but multiple relaxation modes for **CY/MA-Net**.



**Figure S13.** Stretched exponential fitting for different cross-linked networks at 140 °C. Subset shows fitting to stretched exponential function.



**Figure S14.** Stress relaxation profiles for the **MA/BA-Net** samples at temperatures ranging from 100 to 140 °C.

## **Computational Calculation Details**

Calculations were performed using the TURBOMOLE<sup>9–11</sup> software package on Northwestern University's Quest computational cluster.

**Table S12.** Computed enthalpy, entropy and Gibbs free energy of the transition statesand Gibbs free energy of the intermediate.

|     | $\Delta H^{\ddagger}$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta S^{\ddagger}$ (J/mol K) | $\Delta G^{\ddagger}$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta G_{int}$ (kJ/mol) |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| СҮ  | 28                             | -285                            | 112                            | 99                        |
| BA  | 80                             | -226                            | 147                            | 131                       |
| MA  | 69                             | -276                            | 152                            | 135                       |
| IND | 69                             | -268                            | 149                            | 108                       |
| DP  | -                              | -                               | -                              | 130                       |
| CN  | -                              | -                               | -                              | 156                       |



Note: In the following illustrations, most hydrogens have been removed for clarity.

Figure S15. Optimized cross-linker structures.



Figure S16. Optimized transition structures of the cyclic cross-linkers.



Figure S17. Optimized intermediate state structures of the cross-linkers.

Methanethiol (MeSH)

C -0.503674 0.022160 -0.016976 S 1.202205 0.711745 0.035028 H -1.175048 0.878592 -0.047906 H -0.719429 -0.562325 0.875229 H -0.658457 -0.578968 -0.910744 H 1.854403 -0.471203 0.065368

MA

C -2.393586 -0.584150 0.054062 O -1.465124 -1.658882 0.235787 C -0.126535 -1.432231 0.080145 O 0.612375 -2.381461 0.078254 C 0.294787 -0.003803 0.063142 C 1.541250 0.362733 -0.428572 S 2.509273 1.732851 0.060287 C 2.250806 1.917867 1.865723 S 2.163774 -0.522238 -1.817244 C 3.994108 -0.432001 -1.711091 C -0.645553 1.005695 0.583928 O -0.392612 2.153967 0.858357 O -1.933779 0.577620 0.755289 C -2.580241 -0.277832 -1.429308 C -3.677751 -1.010909 0.735474 H 1.428036 2.597487 2.056996 H 2.047591 0.942190 2.302689 H 3.193872 2.305323 2.249350 H 4.373439 0.546097 -1.991202 H 4.323515 -0.702271 -0.710676 H 4.342912 -1.178750 -2.423977 H -2.941697 -1.168863 -1.942985 H -1.643202 0.032730 -1.892691 H -3.308751 0.524239 -1.549308 H -4.064654 -1.912518 0.261483 H -4.419149 -0.215858 0.658158 H -3.482901 -1.216933 1.787128

#### ΒA

C -2.491302 0.270576 0.764615 O -3.606528 0.589342 1.128290 N -1.789375 -0.760627 1.377707

C -0.483357 -1.146337 1.054656 O 0.018803 -2.101878 1.630304 C 0.225418 -0.341556 0.054158 C 1.569900 -0.605379 -0.204687 S 2.300381 -2.124997 0.335183 C 4.024341 -2.054671 -0.296260 S 2.683555 0.474661 -1.038637 C 2.161107 2.188895 -0.667940 C -0.554226 0.606539 -0.753161 O -0.167201 1.137355 -1.783726 N -1.854621 0.884212 -0.311737 C -2.620488 1.858449 -1.099638 C -2.470033 -1.484022 2.460083 H 4.582820 -1.227096 0.135062 H 4.070218 - 2.019134 - 1.382844 H 4.446740 -2.999154 0.047437 H 1.722493 2.234030 0.327231 H 1.458935 2.545483 -1.413357 H 3.087925 2.761521 -0.684100 H -2.085459 2.806173 -1.137064 H -3.584336 1.987957 -0.620447 H -2.746403 1.494557 -2.118678 H -2.090613 -2.500340 2.481085 H -3.538357 -1.465587 2.271492 H -2.270238 -1.009075 3.422473

#### IND

C 4.418690 -0.654993 -0.934195 C 4.549885 -0.097478 0.342208 C 3.428272 0.287175 1.074745 C 2.181971 0.102977 0.494695 C 2.051044 -0.459858 -0.773059 C 3.162773 -0.841277 -1.509169 C 0.605737 -0.528846 -1.147031 O 0.176274 -0.911653 -2.219155 C -0.156767 0.011110 0.011263 C -1.520011 0.125024 0.101000 S -2.517301 -0.437302 -1.258812 C -4.072170 -1.035262 -0.477853 S-2.225170 0.829541 1.573259 C -3.741997 1.694276 0.991862 C 0.829406 0.405491 1.053892 O 0.613465 0.842514 2.168706 H 5.308155 -0.945029 -1.480605 H 5.538910 0.035886 0.763949 H 3.516249 0.719191 2.063813

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## **Coordinates for Transition States**

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