Supplementary Material: Modeling Infrared and Vibrational Circular Dichroism Spectra of Complex Systems: the DFTB/Fluctuating Charges Route

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S1 DNA and DOX/DNA in aqueous solution



Figure S1: IR stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous DNA as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods.



Figure S2: IR stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous DOX/DNA as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods.



Figure S3: VCD stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous DNA as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods.



Figure S4: VCD stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous DOX/DNA as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods.



Figure S5: Convoluted IR spectra of DNA (left) and DOX/DNA (right) in aqueous solution as computed at the DFTB/FQ level with diverse choices of the DFTB Hamiltonian. Calculated spectra have been scaled by the gas-phase scaling factors reported for DFTB methods in the literature: 0.9933¹ (SCC-DFTB), 0.9993² (DFTB3), 0.982³ (GFN1-xTB). Experimental data taken from Ref. 4 are reported in the lower panels (black lines). L values (Eq. 14 in the main text) are also given.



Figure S6: Medium wavenumber (1500-2000 cm⁻¹) (right) and low wavenumber (700-1450 cm⁻¹) (left) VCD spectra of free DNA and DOX/DNA intercalation complex computed with diverse choices of the DFTB/FQ Hamiltonian. Calculated spectra have been scaled by the gas-phase scaling factors reported for DFTB methods in the literature: 0.9933¹ (SCC-DFTB), 0.9993² (DFTB3), 0.982³ (GFN1-xTB). Experimental data taken from Ref. 4 are reported in the lower panels (black lines).

S2 Ubiquitin in aqueous solution



Figure S7: IR stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous UBI as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods.



Figure S8: VCD stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous UBI as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods.



Figure S9: Convoluted IR spectra of aqueous UBI as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods combined with the geometry optimized at the SCC/FQ (left column), DFTB3/FQ (middle column) and GFN1-xTB/FQ (right column) levels.



Figure S10: Convoluted VCD spectra of aqueous UBI as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods combined with the geometry optimized at the SCC/FQ (left column), DFTB3/FQ (middle column) and GFN1-xTB/FQ (right column) levels.



Figure S11: Convoluted IR spectra of aqueous UBI as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods combined with the optimized geometry and normal modes computed at the SCC/FQ (left column), DFTB3/FQ (middle column) and GFN1-xTB/FQ (right column) levels.



Figure S12: Convoluted VCD spectra of aqueous UBI as obtained with diverse DFTB/FQ methods combined with the optimized geometry and normal modes computed at the SCC/FQ (left column), DFTB3/FQ (middle column) and GFN1-xTB/FQ (right column) levels.



Figure S13: Convoluted IR (left) and VCD (right) spectra of UBI in aqueous solution as computed at the DFTB/FQ level with diverse choices of the DFTB Hamiltonian. Calculated spectra have been scaled by the gas-phase scaling factors reported for DFTB methods in the literature: 0.9933¹ (SCC-DFTB), 0.9993² (DFTB3), 0.982³ (GFN1-xTB). Experimental data extracted from Ref. 5 are reported in the lowest panels (black lines). L values (Eq. 14 in the main text) are also given.

S3 Lysozyme in aqueous solution



Figure S14: IR stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous LYS as obtained at the DFTB3/FQ level.



Figure S15: VCD stick spectra (upper panel) and convergence analysis (lower panel) for aqueous LYS as obtained at the DFTB3/FQ level.



Figure S16: Convoluted IR (left) and VCD (right) spectra of LYS in aqueous solution as computed at the DFTB3/FQ level. Calculated spectra have been scaled by the gas-phase scaling factors reported for DFTB3 method (0.9993).² Experimental data extracted from Ref. 6 (Exp 1) and Ref. 7 (Exp 2) are shown in the lowest panels (black lines). L values (Eq. 14 in the main text) are also given.

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