

## **ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

# A "Hidden" Role of Amino and Imino Groups is Unveiled During the Micro-Solvation Study of Three Biomolecule Groups in Water

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### Eqn (7) Analysis

Taking into consideration  $A_1 = \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{\hbar^2 \gamma_C^2 \gamma_H^2}{10r_{CH}^2} \right]$  and  $A_2 = \left( \frac{0.74\eta f_r}{kTN_A \rho} \right)$  constants while limiting the

McLaurin series to the first two terms, eqn (6) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{NT_1} = & 36A_1A_2n \left[ 5 - 162A_2^2n^2 \left( 10\omega_C^2 + 10\omega_C\omega_H + 7\omega_H^2 \right) \right] + \\ & + 2A_1A_2 \left[ 5 - 486A_2^2n^2 \left( 10\omega_C^2 + 10\omega_C\omega_H + 7\omega_H^2 \right) \right] Mw - \\ & - 54A_1A_2^3n \left( 10\omega_C^2 + 10\omega_C\omega_H + 7\omega_H^2 \right) Mw^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1S)$$

Defining  $B = 10\omega_C^2 + 10\omega_C\omega_H + 7\omega_H^2$  and  $K = A_1A_2$ , eqn (1S) becomes:

$$\frac{1}{NT_1} = 36Kn \left( 5 - 162A_2^2Bn^2 \right) + 2K \left( 5 - 486A_2^2Bn^2 \right) Mw - 54A_2^2KBnMw^2 \quad (2S)$$

Eqn (2S) is clearly represented by eqn (7):

$$\frac{1}{NT_1} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 Mw + \alpha_2 Mw^2,$$

where  $a_0 = 36Kn \left( 5 - 162A_2^2Bn^2 \right)$ ,  $a_1 = 2Kn \left( 5 - 486A_2^2Bn^2 \right)$  and  $a_2 = -54A_2^2KBn$

Although the number of water molecules,  $n$ , can be obtained by the quotient of  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  values, we avoid such a procedure due to certain statistical reasons. However, the hydration number difference between biomolecules of interest is totally independent from the statistical treatment, resulting in its accurate measurement.

## Calculation of correlation times ( $\tau_c$ ) through eqn (1)

### 1. From $^{13}\text{C}_\alpha$ $T_1$ measurements

**Table S1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  longitudinal ( $T_1$ ) relaxation times and calculated correlation times ( $\tau_c$ ) in different ionization states ( $\pm$  indicates the StdDev with  $N = 20$ ).

| Compounds        | Mw <sup>a</sup> | Acid <sup>b</sup> pH      |                     | pH = 6.0                  |                     |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                  |                 | <i>T</i> <sub>1</sub> (s) | τ <sub>c</sub> (ps) | <i>T</i> <sub>1</sub> (s) | τ <sub>c</sub> (ps) |
| Amino Acids      |                 |                           |                     |                           |                     |
| Glycine          | 75.07           | 2.38 ± 0.06               | 10.3 ± 0.3          | 4.12 ± 0.04               | 5.9 ± 0.1           |
| Alanine          | 89.10           | 3.16 ± 0.05               | 15.5 ± 0.3          | 4.54 ± 0.06               | 10.8 ± 0.1          |
| Serine           | 105.09          | 2.46 ± 0.04               | 20.0 ± 0.6          | 3.34 ± 0.04               | 14.7 ± 0.03         |
| Valine           | 117.15          | 2.19 ± 0.05               | 22.5 ± 0.5          | 2.65 ± 0.06               | 18.6 ± 0.4          |
| Isoleucine       | 131.18          | 1.84 ± 0.08               | 26.8 ± 0.7          | 2.16 ± 0.06               | 22.8 ± 0.6          |
| Aspartic Acid    | 133.11          | 1.74 ± 0.05               | 28.4 ± 1.1          | 2.53 ± 0.06               | 19.4 ± 0.5          |
| Lysine           | 146.19          | 1.78 ± 0.17               | 27.7 ± 1.8          | 2.37 ± 0.22               | 20.8 ± 1.9          |
| Histidine        | 154.11          | 1.52 ± 0.06               | 32.5 ± 1.2          | 1.76 ± 0.07               | 28.0 ± 0.9          |
| Phenylalanine    | 165.19          | 1.51 ± 0.06               | 32.7 ± 1.2          | 1.71 ± 0.07               | 29.0 ± 0.8          |
| Arginine         | 174.20          | 1.28 ± 0.04               | 38.7 ± 1.6          | 1.52 ± 0.05               | 32.5 ± 1.0          |
| Tyrosine         | 181.19          | 1.12 ± 0.05               | 44.4 ± 1.7          | 1.22 ± 0.03               | 41.0 ± 1.8          |
| Tryptophan       | 203.23          | 1.08 ± 0.05               | 46.2 ± 2.6          | 1.22 ± 0.05               | 41.0 ± 2.0          |
| Ac-Amino Acids   |                 |                           |                     |                           |                     |
| Ac-Glycine       | 117.10          | 1.32 ± 0.05               | 18.6 ± 1.1          | 1.48 ± 0.06               | 17.5 ± 3.3          |
| Ac-Alanine       | 130.13          | 1.84 ± 0.04               | 26.8 ± 0.6          | 2.16 ± 0.06               | 22.8 ± 0.6          |
| Ac-Valine        | 159.18          | 1.45 ± 0.05               | 34.0 ± 1.4          | 1.60 ± 0.06               | 30.8 ± 1.1          |
| Ac-Leucine       | 173.21          | 1.26 ± 0.06               | 39.5 ± 1.9          | 1.34 ± 0.05               | 36.9 ± 1.5          |
| Ac-Aspartic Acid | 175.14          | 1.21 ± 0.06               | 41.2 ± 3.3          | 1.43 ± 0.06               | 34.6 ± 1.4          |
| Ac-Glutamic Acid | 189.17          | 1.28 ± 0.07               | 38.7 ± 1.7          | 1.47 ± 0.05               | 33.7 ± 1.6          |
| Ac-Methionine    | 191.25          | 1.19 ± 0.05               | 41.7 ± 2.2          | 1.32 ± 0.05               | 37.5 ± 1.6          |

|                       |        |             |            |             |            |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Ac-Phenylalanine      | 207.23 | 1.11 ± 0.06 | 45.0 ± 2.3 | 1.23 ± 0.05 | 40.5 ± 1.7 |
| Betaines              |        |             |            |             |            |
| Glycine Betaine       | 117.15 | 2.13 ± 0.02 | 11.6 ± 1.5 | 2.38 ± 0.04 | 9.8 ± 1.3  |
| Alanine Betaine       | 131.18 | 4.22 ± 0.07 | 13.7 ± 0.1 | 3.73 ± 0.04 | 13.0 ± 0.2 |
| Valine Betaine        | 159.23 | 2.21 ± 0.05 | 22.3 ± 0.6 | 2.21 ± 0.05 | 22.3 ± 0.6 |
| Threonine Betaine     | 161.21 | 1.99 ± 0.04 | 24.8 ± 0.5 | 2.07 ± 0.04 | 23.8 ± 0.5 |
| Leucine Betaine       | 173.26 | 1.72 ± 0.05 | 28.7 ± 0.5 | 1.81 ± 0.05 | 27.2 ± 0.6 |
| Phenylalanine Betaine | 207.28 | 1.34 ± 0.05 | 37.0 ± 1.7 | 1.37 ± 0.04 | 36.2 ± 1.8 |

<sup>a</sup>Molecular weight (Mw) of the zwitterionic form. <sup>b</sup>Acid pH for AAs was adjusted to 0.5, for Ac-AAs to 1.8 and for betaines to 1.3.

## 2. From <sup>13</sup>C<sub>β</sub> *T*<sub>1</sub> measurements

**Table S2.** <sup>13</sup>C longitudinal (*T*<sub>1</sub>) relaxation times and calculated correlation times (τ<sub>c</sub>) in different ionization states (± indicates the StdDev with *N* = 20).

| Compounds     | Mw <sup>a</sup> | Acid <sup>b</sup> pH      |                     | pH = 6.0                  |                     |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|               |                 | <i>T</i> <sub>1</sub> (s) | τ <sub>c</sub> (ps) | <i>T</i> <sub>1</sub> (s) | τ <sub>c</sub> (ps) |
| Amino Acids   |                 |                           |                     |                           |                     |
| Glycine       | 75.07           | -                         | -                   | -                         | -                   |
| Alanine       | 89.10           | 1.05 ± 0.01               | 15.6 ± 0.3          | 1.51 ± 0.01               | 10.8 ± 0.3          |
| Serine        | 105.09          | -                         | -                   | -                         | -                   |
| Valine        | 117.15          | 2.17 ± 0.05               | 22.7 ± 0.5          | 2.67 ± 0.06               | 18.4 ± 0.4          |
| Isoleucine    | 131.18          | 1.85 ± 0.05               | 26.7 ± 0.6          | 2.17 ± 0.10               | 22.7 ± 0.8          |
| Aspartic Acid | 133.11          | 0.86 ± 0.04               | 29.0 ± 0.5          | 1.19 ± 0.03               | 20.7 ± 0.5          |
| Lysine        | 146.19          | 0.90 ± 0.03               | 27.4 ± 0.4          | 1.20 ± 0.04               | 20.5 ± 0.4          |
| Histidine     | 154.11          | 0.77 ± 0.03               | 32.1 ± 0.4          | 0.89 ± 0.02               | 27.7 ± 0.6          |
| Phenylalanine | 165.19          | 0.74 ± 0.02               | 33.4 ± 0.9          | 0.84 ± 0.02               | 29.4 ± 0.7          |
| Arginine      | 174.20          | 0.65 ± 0.02               | 38.1 ± 1.3          | 0.77 ± 0.05               | 32.0 ± 1.0          |

|                       |        |                 |                |                 |                |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Tyrosine              | 181.19 | $0.57 \pm 0.02$ | $43.6 \pm 1.6$ | $0.62 \pm 0.03$ | $40.0 \pm 1.4$ |
| Tryptophan            | 203.23 | $0.54 \pm 0.05$ | $46.2 \pm 2.2$ | $0.61 \pm 0.05$ | $40.7 \pm 2.0$ |
| Ac-Amino Acids        |        |                 |                |                 |                |
| Ac-Glycine            | 117.10 | -               | -              | -               | -              |
| Ac-Alanine            | 130.13 | $0.62 \pm 0.04$ | $26.5 \pm 0.6$ | $0.72 \pm 0.06$ | $22.8 \pm 1.0$ |
| Ac-Valine             | 159.18 | $0.72 \pm 0.05$ | $34.4 \pm 1.3$ | $0.80 \pm 0.06$ | $31.4 \pm 1.1$ |
| Ac-Leucine            | 173.21 | $0.63 \pm 0.04$ | $39.4 \pm 1.9$ | $0.68 \pm 0.05$ | $36.4 \pm 1.5$ |
| Ac-Aspartic Acid      | 175.14 | $0.59 \pm 0.06$ | $42.1 \pm 2.3$ | $0.71 \pm 0.06$ | $34.8 \pm 1.4$ |
| Ac-Glutamic Acid      | 189.17 | $0.63 \pm 0.07$ | $39.4 \pm 1.7$ | $0.72 \pm 0.05$ | $34.4 \pm 1.3$ |
| Ac-Methionine         | 191.25 | $0.57 \pm 0.05$ | $43.6 \pm 1.2$ | $0.65 \pm 0.05$ | $38.1 \pm 1.4$ |
| Ac-Phenylalanine      | 207.23 | $0.54 \pm 0.06$ | $46.1 \pm 1.8$ | $0.61 \pm 0.05$ | $40.7 \pm 1.6$ |
| Betaines              |        |                 |                |                 |                |
| Glycine Betaine       | 117.15 | -               | -              | -               | -              |
| Alanine Betaine       | 131.18 | $1.23 \pm 0.05$ | $13.3 \pm 0.2$ | $1.25 \pm 0.04$ | $13.1 \pm 0.2$ |
| Valine Betaine        | 159.23 | $2.37 \pm 0.05$ | $20.8 \pm 0.3$ | $2.42 \pm 0.05$ | $20.3 \pm 0.3$ |
| Threonine Betaine     | 161.21 | -               | -              | -               | -              |
| Leucine Betaine       | 173.26 | $0.91 \pm 0.04$ | $27.1 \pm 0.5$ | $0.92 \pm 0.05$ | $26.8 \pm 0.4$ |
| Phenylalanine Betaine | 207.28 | $0.73 \pm 0.05$ | $34.0 \pm 1.2$ | $0.74 \pm 0.05$ | $33.4 \pm 1.1$ |

<sup>a</sup>Molecular weight (Mw) of the zwitterionic form. <sup>b</sup>Acid pH for AAs was adjusted to 0.5, for Ac-AAs to 1.8 and for betaines to 1.3.

**$^{14}\text{N}$   $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$  titration of Glycine betaine**

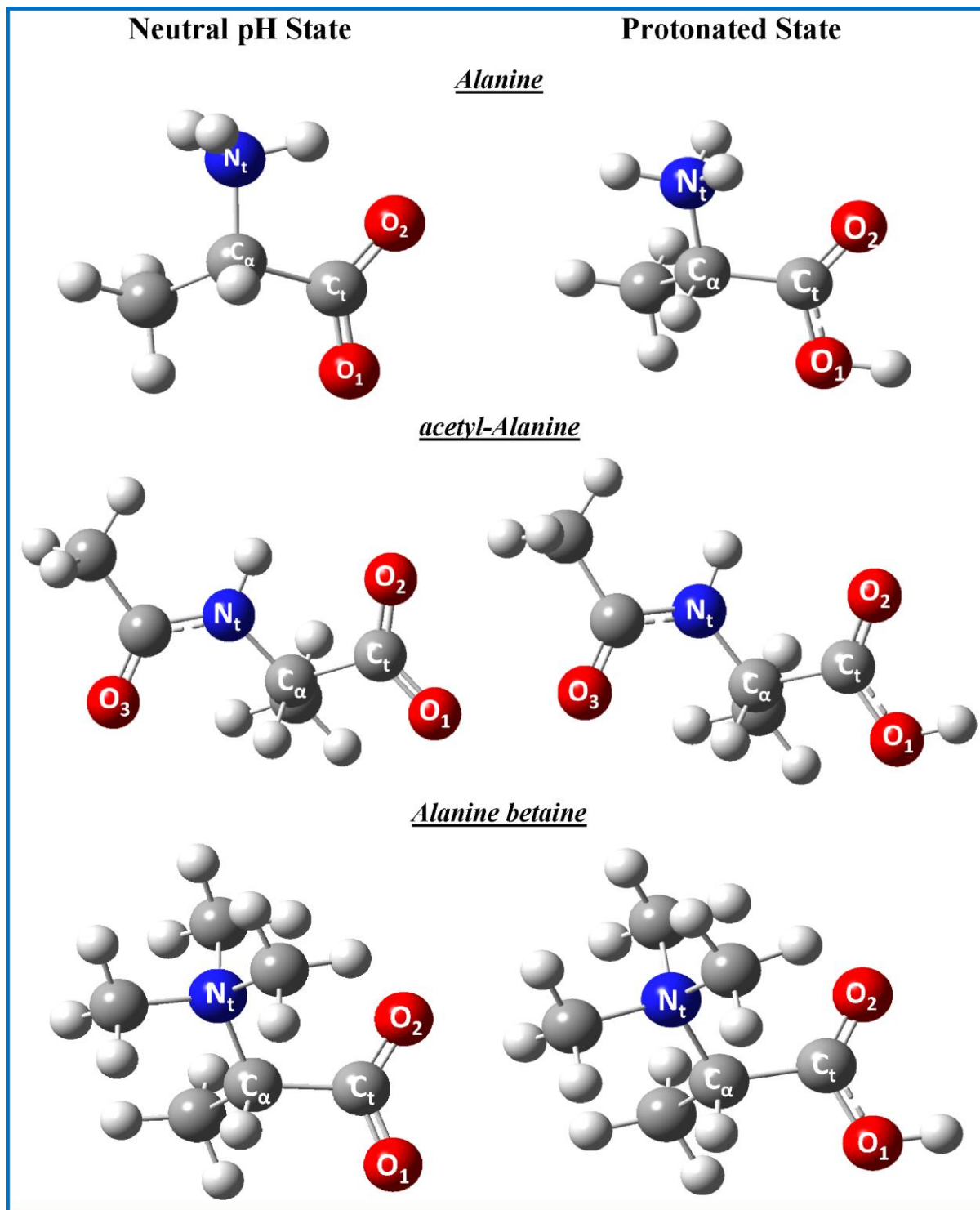
The titration of Glycine betaine reveals that  $^{14}\text{N}$   $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$  values are independent of the pH, remaining constant at all pH values. Furthermore, that result certifies that the number of directly interacting water molecules with betaines is unaffected of their ionization state.

**Table S3.** Titration of Glycine betaine at 308 K.

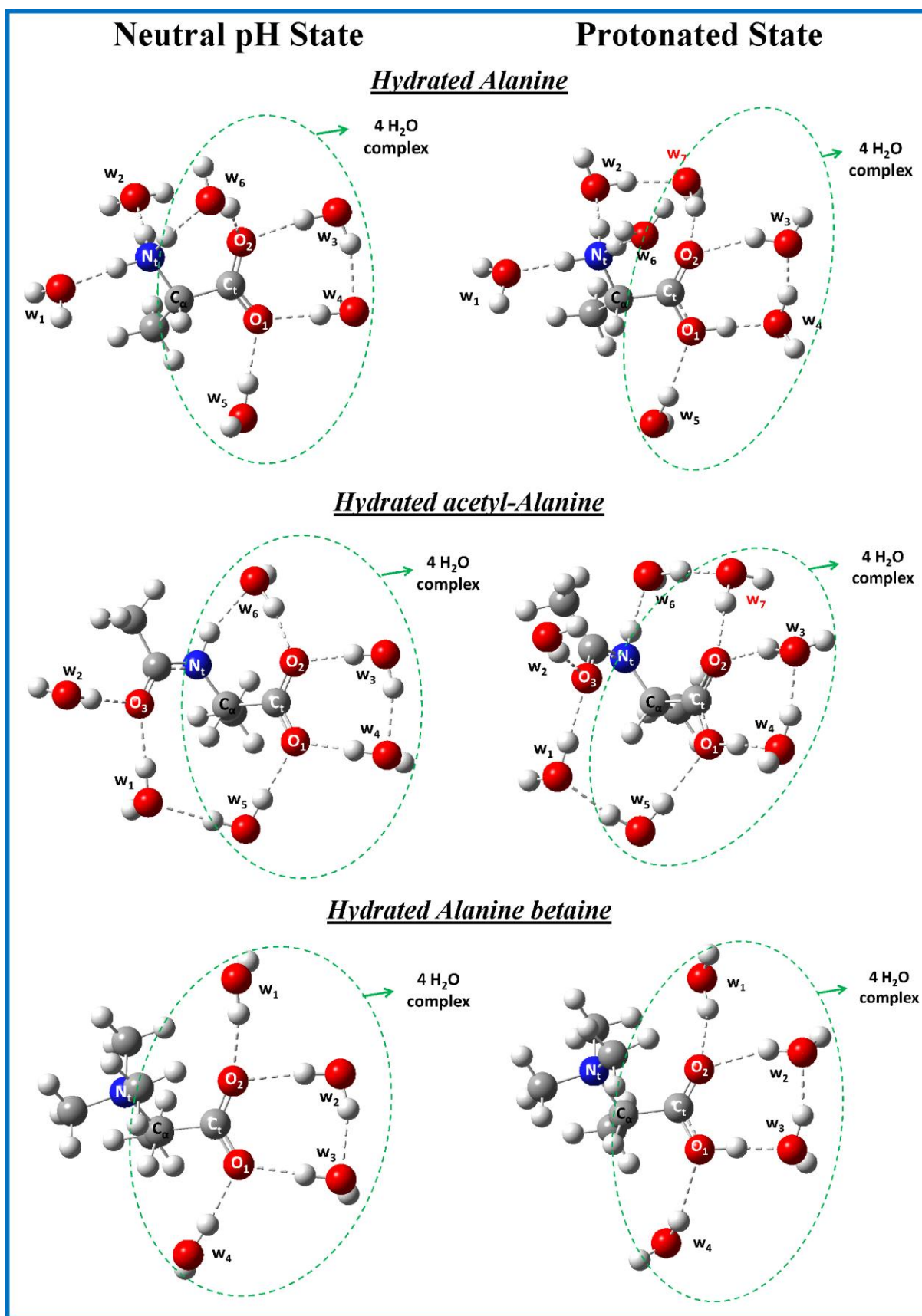
| pH    | $\Delta\nu_{1/2}^a$ |
|-------|---------------------|
| 1.35  | 41.17               |
| 1.54  | 41.15               |
| 1.70  | 41.15               |
| 2.08  | 40.35               |
| 2.17  | 40.98               |
| 2.40  | 40.50               |
| 2.60  | 40.64               |
| 3.00  | 40.10               |
| 3.46  | 40.32               |
| 3.88  | 40.12               |
| 4.36  | 40.20               |
| 4.70  | 40.01               |
| 5.30  | 40.17               |
| 6.10  | 41.32               |
| 6.80  | 40.61               |
| 7.65  | 40.88               |
| 9.20  | 40.45               |
| 10.00 | 40.53               |

<sup>a</sup>Linewidths at half-height, estimated errors < ±5%.

## FIGURES



**Fig. S1** Fully optimized structures of Ala, Ac-Ala and Ala betaine in aqueous solution (in their two studied ionization states, namely neutral pH and protonated) without their explicit first hydration shell, at the B3LYP/cc-pVTZ level of theory, applying the IEF-PCM model for bulk water.



**Fig. S2.** The eight atom ring and two water molecules around the carboxyl group form similarly to the Ala, Ac-Ala and Ala betaine species, indicating the role of the amino group for the extra hydration of



protonated Ala and Ac-Ala. Amino group “controls” the water molecule 6 (**w6**) and “drives” an extra water molecule (**w7**) to interact with the protonated form of amino and acetyl-amino acids.

**Geometrical details and energetics** at the neutral pH and protonated states of Alanine, acetyl-Alanine and Alanine betaine fully optimized structures, depicted in **FIGURE S1** – Coordinates and absolute energies E (Hartree) calculated at the B3LYP/cc-pVTZ level of theory with the IEF-PCM model (bulk water).

Zwitterionic Alanine (Charge = 0)

13 Atoms

E = -323.895614

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | 1.224118  | -1.179802 | 0.067500  |
| H | 1.806347  | -1.150269 | -0.776584 |
| C | 0.584352  | 0.147113  | 0.396565  |
| H | 0.649993  | 0.258533  | 1.481669  |
| C | 1.286512  | 1.299869  | -0.298192 |
| C | -0.925639 | 0.003998  | 0.035846  |
| H | 1.271088  | 1.172657  | -1.382845 |
| H | 0.763525  | 2.222527  | -0.059432 |
| H | 2.322722  | 1.392036  | 0.029152  |
| O | -1.288925 | -1.153614 | -0.307151 |
| O | -1.616738 | 1.029591  | 0.147148  |
| H | 0.399318  | -1.792766 | -0.122290 |
| H | 1.792137  | -1.557802 | 0.832536  |

acetyl-Alanine neutral pH form (Charge = -1)

17 Atoms

E = -476.155007

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -0.587592 | -0.321838 | 0.203352  |
| C | 0.597234  | 0.469227  | -0.103374 |
| H | 0.451805  | 0.924698  | -1.084483 |
| C | 0.812857  | 1.584844  | 0.927028  |
| C | 1.848265  | -0.442096 | -0.184697 |
| H | 0.954664  | 1.162430  | 1.923718  |
| H | 1.697047  | 2.165473  | 0.667334  |
| H | -0.049779 | 2.250286  | 0.952889  |
| O | 1.752952  | -1.605609 | 0.280904  |
| O | 2.865232  | 0.082642  | -0.696728 |
| H | -0.406239 | -1.212793 | 0.651653  |
| C | -1.832642 | 0.023276  | -0.161787 |
| C | -2.934450 | -0.950522 | 0.201089  |
| H | -3.439556 | -1.266107 | -0.712194 |
| H | -2.574245 | -1.830195 | 0.732234  |
| H | -3.669253 | -0.435773 | 0.820491  |
| O | -2.093044 | 1.071275  | -0.764759 |

Zwitterionic Alanine betaine (Charge = 0)

22 Atoms

E = -441.835160

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -1.032714 | -0.140401 | -0.081230 |
| C | 0.313930  | 0.585232  | -0.337517 |
| H | 0.292823  | 0.781375  | -1.410856 |
| C | 0.428323  | 1.902809  | 0.423205  |
| C | 1.587230  | -0.278364 | -0.056269 |
| H | 0.485764  | 1.750076  | 1.500386  |
| H | 1.358575  | 2.369194  | 0.105699  |
| H | -0.379338 | 2.599471  | 0.205193  |
| O | 1.518548  | -1.220414 | 0.764817  |
| O | 2.585545  | 0.121480  | -0.688483 |
| C | -2.159264 | 0.687105  | -0.629510 |
| H | -1.963797 | 0.898353  | -1.677742 |
| H | -3.080936 | 0.118923  | -0.530372 |
| H | -2.242058 | 1.611590  | -0.068837 |
| C | -1.292748 | -0.403040 | 1.375387  |
| H | -0.449675 | -0.958329 | 1.768456  |
| H | -1.410003 | 0.544361  | 1.891866  |
| H | -2.214195 | -0.975448 | 1.452801  |
| C | -1.028774 | -1.448830 | -0.823653 |
| H | -2.009614 | -1.905615 | -0.718959 |
| H | -0.823245 | -1.247951 | -1.872471 |
| H | -0.260233 | -2.081194 | -0.397082 |

Protonated Alanine (Charge = 1)

14 Atoms

E = -324.353162

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -1.455502 | -1.005060 | -0.183237 |
| H | -1.435535 | -1.321782 | 0.797938  |
| C | -0.597552 | 0.207204  | -0.393166 |
| H | -0.630959 | 0.429776  | -1.464610 |
| C | -1.123108 | 1.385973  | 0.418404  |
| C | 0.828242  | -0.177380 | -0.021084 |
| H | -1.100908 | 1.169999  | 1.487679  |
| H | -0.501721 | 2.257446  | 0.227065  |
| H | -2.146017 | 1.621549  | 0.124950  |
| O | 1.116608  | -1.238327 | 0.481147  |
| H | -1.130749 | -1.796197 | -0.759211 |
| H | -2.435208 | -0.815113 | -0.440326 |
| O | 1.674347  | 0.796506  | -0.314480 |
| H | 2.596479  | 0.529532  | -0.049087 |

Protonated acetyl-Alanine (Charge = 0)

18 Atoms

E = -476.625284

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -0.671959 | -0.203114 | 0.384908  |
| C | 0.536989  | 0.492476  | -0.006189 |
| H | 0.360476  | 0.919284  | -0.995264 |
| C | 0.898351  | 1.627205  | 0.967424  |
| C | 1.687874  | -0.495251 | -0.133265 |
| H | 1.060082  | 1.236572  | 1.973071  |
| H | 1.800997  | 2.141581  | 0.642369  |
| H | 0.079695  | 2.344385  | 1.002060  |
| O | 1.672690  | -1.634946 | 0.273009  |
| H | -0.601517 | -0.880926 | 1.140605  |
| O | 2.741339  | 0.066293  | -0.730579 |
| H | 3.482018  | -0.592322 | -0.765449 |
| C | -1.867355 | 0.020850  | -0.204960 |
| O | -2.018403 | 0.830471  | -1.120386 |
| C | -3.029175 | -0.792397 | 0.318516  |
| H | -3.842723 | -0.114849 | 0.576164  |
| H | -3.385286 | -1.445090 | -0.479528 |
| H | -2.775137 | -1.398671 | 1.186106  |

Protonated Alanine betaine (Charge = 1)

23 Atoms

E = -442.292392

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -1.066381 | -0.152153 | -0.087064 |
| C | 0.259959  | 0.587751  | -0.325481 |
| H | 0.276590  | 0.781990  | -1.401355 |
| C | 0.375446  | 1.909808  | 0.435101  |
| C | 1.483189  | -0.273004 | 0.006635  |
| H | 0.412517  | 1.761776  | 1.513106  |
| H | 1.306119  | 2.384498  | 0.129614  |
| H | -0.433202 | 2.594544  | 0.191269  |
| O | 1.522549  | -1.157416 | 0.828369  |
| O | 2.515694  | 0.143021  | -0.712992 |
| H | 3.332647  | -0.360710 | -0.444529 |
| C | -2.189315 | 0.676312  | -0.655540 |
| H | -3.105568 | 0.098190  | -0.572054 |
| H | -2.287750 | 1.596756  | -0.090893 |
| H | -1.975476 | 0.889945  | -1.699828 |
| C | -1.052140 | -1.463428 | -0.831827 |
| H | -0.817272 | -1.265236 | -1.875091 |
| H | -0.311196 | -2.117739 | -0.388496 |
| H | -2.040256 | -1.908079 | -0.751014 |
| C | -1.358720 | -0.412942 | 1.368032  |
| H | -2.296336 | -0.960726 | 1.419037  |

|   |           |           |          |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| H | -0.549884 | -0.996916 | 1.789034 |
| H | -1.462730 | 0.534944  | 1.886107 |



Geometrical details and energetics at the neutral pH and protonated states of Alanine, acetyl-Alanine and Alanine betaine with their explicit first hydration shell fully optimized structures (with the presence of bulk water), depicted in **FIGURE 8** – Coordinates and absolute energies E (Hartree) calculated at the B3LYP/cc-pVTZ level of theory with the IEF-PCM model (bulk water).

Zwitterionic Alanine + 6(H<sub>2</sub>O) (Charge = 0)

31 Atoms

E = -782.777157

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -1.888117 | -0.387634 | -0.208629 |
| H | -1.924313 | -0.887471 | 0.700847  |
| C | -0.851041 | 0.692549  | -0.171888 |
| H | -0.907940 | 1.209184  | -1.134621 |
| C | -1.170652 | 1.666891  | 0.957664  |
| C | 0.567392  | 0.088791  | -0.063129 |
| H | -1.104738 | 1.173202  | 1.928231  |
| H | -0.468027 | 2.495463  | 0.935830  |
| H | -2.178471 | 2.066485  | 0.840744  |
| O | 0.674235  | -1.161312 | -0.023797 |
| O | 1.506647  | 0.921505  | -0.033098 |
| H | -1.672243 | -1.089872 | -0.937150 |
| H | -2.820302 | 0.024439  | -0.402245 |
| H | -0.127272 | -2.196841 | -1.366229 |
| O | -0.846605 | -2.373905 | -2.000818 |
| H | -1.161385 | -3.269699 | -1.791453 |
| O | 4.212775  | 0.332756  | 0.058175  |
| H | 3.255266  | 0.548443  | 0.021457  |

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H | 4.475406  | 0.541566  | 0.968869  |
| H | 3.784207  | -1.538271 | 0.049692  |
| O | 3.262923  | -2.359255 | 0.066959  |
| H | 2.351282  | -2.016108 | 0.060329  |
| H | -4.385901 | 1.539278  | -1.398136 |
| O | -4.398048 | 0.787822  | -0.779331 |
| H | -4.944202 | 1.088690  | -0.031781 |
| H | -1.161577 | -1.952515 | 2.669072  |
| O | -2.024171 | -1.740267 | 2.271659  |
| H | -2.541234 | -1.341796 | 2.993524  |
| O | 1.486298  | 3.714119  | -0.269605 |
| H | 1.000103  | 3.919288  | -1.082636 |
| H | 1.481530  | 2.738878  | -0.220982 |

acetyl-Alanine neutral pH form + 6(H<sub>2</sub>O) (Charge = -1)

35 Atoms

E = -935.033088

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -0.926023 | -1.040062 | 0.607020  |
| C | -0.009157 | 0.039810  | 0.947403  |
| H | -0.494974 | 0.968858  | 0.674785  |
| C | 0.289815  | 0.054626  | 2.451585  |
| C | 1.319759  | -0.045213 | 0.158421  |
| H | 0.770968  | -0.873899 | 2.762255  |
| H | 0.952778  | 0.885791  | 2.689134  |
| H | -0.633059 | 0.172353  | 3.019484  |
| O | 1.757309  | -1.179007 | -0.164756 |
| O | 1.890440  | 1.054452  | -0.063615 |
| H | -0.599221 | -1.990394 | 0.767942  |
| H | 1.162066  | -2.751700 | 0.396982  |
| O | 0.619531  | -3.508836 | 0.709184  |
| H | 1.013948  | -3.781250 | 1.553063  |
| O | 4.427598  | 1.408774  | -1.063929 |
| H | 3.516699  | 1.284513  | -0.711446 |
| H | 4.982194  | 1.518583  | -0.275366 |
| H | 4.480807  | -0.456252 | -1.509141 |
| O | 4.211434  | -1.388116 | -1.579885 |
| H | 3.357491  | -1.383259 | -1.108625 |
| C | -2.113171 | -0.875693 | 0.019765  |
| C | -2.895570 | -2.135897 | -0.260650 |
| H | -3.316563 | -2.076859 | -1.262761 |

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H | -2.290676 | -3.034826 | -0.163569 |
| H | -3.729421 | -2.193445 | 0.441487  |
| O | -2.591057 | 0.237824  | -0.278692 |
| H | -2.316488 | 2.010497  | 0.055151  |
| O | -2.180599 | 2.960407  | 0.237414  |
| H | -2.560350 | 3.098877  | 1.120541  |
| O | -4.822087 | 0.264010  | -2.011065 |
| H | -4.065323 | 0.276494  | -1.396306 |
| H | -5.580713 | 0.037084  | -1.452090 |
| O | 0.629909  | 3.558926  | 0.421524  |
| H | -0.321709 | 3.374678  | 0.341680  |
| H | 1.063812  | 2.701334  | 0.259077  |

Zwitterionic Alanine betaine + 4(H<sub>2</sub>O) (Charge = 0)

34 Atoms

E = -747.747229

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | 2.116164  | 0.077011  | -0.190628 |
| C | 0.950026  | -0.787197 | 0.342470  |
| H | 1.049791  | -1.719817 | -0.207919 |
| C | 1.047179  | -1.066854 | 1.839669  |
| C | -0.467188 | -0.222891 | 0.042317  |
| H | 0.861521  | -0.173286 | 2.433319  |
| H | 0.274989  | -1.795049 | 2.082460  |
| H | 2.002917  | -1.499107 | 2.130559  |
| O | -0.661345 | 1.010211  | 0.088643  |
| O | -1.324494 | -1.116810 | -0.159877 |
| C | 3.377550  | -0.741387 | -0.154775 |
| H | 3.231934  | -1.641599 | -0.745975 |
| H | 4.181339  | -0.144767 | -0.578241 |
| H | 3.617894  | -0.998540 | 0.870944  |
| C | 2.348978  | 1.336018  | 0.599625  |
| H | 1.449275  | 1.936159  | 0.583330  |
| H | 2.623258  | 1.072166  | 1.615846  |
| H | 3.170429  | 1.870896  | 0.129058  |
| C | 1.851888  | 0.437536  | -1.626915 |
| H | 2.730358  | 0.943247  | -2.019223 |
| H | 1.670180  | -0.476897 | -2.186719 |
| H | 0.989649  | 1.090814  | -1.674148 |

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H | -2.497036 | 1.625266  | 0.284647  |
| O | -3.443708 | 1.836119  | 0.341403  |
| H | -3.856983 | 0.984777  | 0.115316  |
| H | -3.118776 | -0.969958 | -0.280878 |
| O | -4.092478 | -0.861905 | -0.308388 |
| H | -4.409553 | -1.290036 | 0.503254  |
| H | -0.375514 | 2.851854  | -0.238874 |
| O | -0.089538 | 3.769757  | -0.358756 |
| H | -0.326954 | 4.205625  | 0.475075  |
| H | -0.593874 | -4.241936 | 0.235561  |
| O | -0.546018 | -3.766146 | -0.607873 |
| H | -0.877947 | -2.870051 | -0.408546 |

Protonated Alanine + 7(H<sub>2</sub>O) (Charge = 1)

35 Atoms

E = -859.713324

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | 1.846971  | -0.294279 | 0.373522  |
| H | 1.841830  | -0.948960 | -0.442032 |
| C | 0.922976  | 0.853637  | 0.162853  |
| H | 1.028887  | 1.518518  | 1.026470  |
| C | 1.284660  | 1.607898  | -1.117918 |
| C | -0.515189 | 0.354887  | 0.150564  |
| H | 1.154653  | 0.975285  | -1.996065 |
| H | 0.659898  | 2.492065  | -1.215965 |
| H | 2.325323  | 1.926786  | -1.071038 |
| O | -0.799273 | -0.833780 | 0.116067  |
| H | 1.599091  | -0.820561 | 1.236967  |
| H | 2.815656  | 0.067291  | 0.483981  |
| O | -1.386357 | 1.332177  | 0.176687  |
| H | -2.367912 | 1.000618  | 0.169730  |
| O | -3.820782 | 0.588270  | 0.162570  |
| H | -3.830804 | -0.343191 | 0.489900  |
| H | -4.349134 | 1.106217  | 0.796468  |
| H | -0.964800 | -2.020218 | -1.459688 |
| O | -0.705298 | -2.563177 | -2.218196 |
| H | -1.141918 | -2.153840 | -2.985757 |
| H | 0.808919  | -2.419898 | 2.730967  |
| O | 1.188844  | -1.526670 | 2.804379  |

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H | 1.937909  | -1.625303 | 3.418621  |
| H | 1.041238  | -2.213836 | -2.130879 |
| O | 1.940737  | -1.880669 | -1.922301 |
| H | 2.507337  | -2.667831 | -1.855881 |
| H | -3.699526 | -2.676777 | 0.575180  |
| O | -3.367760 | -1.905993 | 1.068299  |
| H | -2.427157 | -1.837479 | 0.844733  |
| H | 4.537903  | 1.560544  | 1.184943  |
| O | 4.446591  | 0.719138  | 0.703276  |
| H | 5.008937  | 0.818540  | -0.085402 |
| O | -1.093304 | 4.285017  | -0.407546 |
| H | -1.546812 | 4.326615  | -1.265458 |
| H | -1.250196 | 3.382326  | -0.103323 |



Protonated acetyl-Alanine + 7(H<sub>2</sub>O) (Charge = 0)

39 Atoms

E = -1011.974906

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -1.248263 | 0.814420  | -0.742436 |
| C | -0.146574 | 0.111280  | -1.369810 |
| H | -0.468608 | -0.897972 | -1.620132 |
| C | 0.287646  | 0.834398  | -2.649685 |
| C | 1.055441  | -0.016768 | -0.429898 |
| H | 0.609618  | 1.852537  | -2.431633 |
| H | 1.110222  | 0.301580  | -3.123393 |
| H | -0.547026 | 0.874834  | -3.348312 |
| O | 1.328317  | 0.811851  | 0.428067  |
| H | -1.398839 | 1.799803  | -0.972856 |
| O | 1.777202  | -1.084056 | -0.683043 |
| H | 2.609095  | -1.179630 | -0.084740 |
| O | 3.884622  | -1.424739 | 0.735025  |
| H | 3.929395  | -0.668733 | 1.367534  |
| H | 3.807326  | -2.228835 | 1.279424  |
| H | 0.990357  | 2.681955  | 0.444831  |
| O | 0.845808  | 3.643207  | 0.411654  |
| H | 1.635280  | 4.003694  | -0.027022 |
| H | -0.651467 | 3.819060  | -0.569604 |
| O | -1.502703 | 3.662266  | -1.030909 |
| H | -1.430012 | 4.115305  | -1.886713 |
| H | 4.158898  | 1.526453  | 1.993198  |

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| O | 3.557040  | 0.799287  | 2.229602  |
| H | 2.752888  | 0.949145  | 1.703208  |
| C | -2.000386 | 0.255134  | 0.213428  |
| O | -1.806077 | -0.907914 | 0.612928  |
| C | -3.113255 | 1.097825  | 0.779516  |
| H | -3.038212 | 2.140859  | 0.482753  |
| H | -4.064768 | 0.694560  | 0.427438  |
| H | -3.105701 | 1.011164  | 1.864802  |
| H | -2.503679 | -1.342308 | 2.298193  |
| O | -2.801844 | -1.511323 | 3.209318  |
| H | -2.045236 | -1.250463 | 3.756784  |
| O | -1.770368 | -3.509957 | -0.468492 |
| H | -2.558404 | -3.553398 | -1.035165 |
| H | -1.778301 | -2.608101 | -0.099688 |
| O | 0.662474  | -3.603745 | -1.881462 |
| H | -0.204589 | -3.653810 | -1.435482 |
| H | 1.036608  | -2.778860 | -1.549180 |

Protonated Alanine betaine + 4(H<sub>2</sub>O) (Charge = 1)

35 Atoms

E = -748.198943

|   | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| N | -2.108408 | -0.277173 | -0.481766 |
| C | -1.069782 | 0.765927  | -0.028347 |
| H | -1.196415 | 1.595198  | -0.728821 |
| C | -1.282974 | 1.259354  | 1.403614  |
| C | 0.378157  | 0.279073  | -0.160816 |
| H | -1.039442 | 0.494893  | 2.139443  |
| H | -0.627469 | 2.114995  | 1.559517  |
| H | -2.302857 | 1.601210  | 1.567446  |
| O | 0.734106  | -0.873631 | 0.021221  |
| O | 1.172886  | 1.278656  | -0.445620 |
| H | 2.161483  | 1.027892  | -0.459503 |
| C | -1.708906 | -0.863530 | -1.811847 |
| H | -0.835271 | -1.489876 | -1.679976 |
| H | -2.540854 | -1.456626 | -2.181544 |
| H | -1.499786 | -0.048750 | -2.501575 |
| C | -3.424305 | 0.430510  | -0.683531 |
| H | -4.149239 | -0.303409 | -1.024964 |
| H | -3.756644 | 0.861818  | 0.254547  |
| H | -3.294112 | 1.206755  | -1.433285 |
| C | -2.316634 | -1.390727 | 0.510529  |
| H | -2.747176 | -0.980443 | 1.418201  |
| H | -3.013419 | -2.097328 | 0.066430  |

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H | -1.372423 | -1.875852 | 0.722954  |
| H | 4.139298  | 1.082099  | 0.237753  |
| O | 3.666319  | 0.780992  | -0.559133 |
| H | 3.772608  | -0.199107 | -0.586402 |
| H | 2.492232  | -1.794448 | -0.398397 |
| O | 3.420254  | -1.909220 | -0.653364 |
| H | 3.832312  | -2.399478 | 0.080260  |
| H | 0.381862  | -3.991619 | 1.102589  |
| O | 0.345899  | -3.288151 | 1.772227  |
| H | 0.663661  | -2.503169 | 1.311026  |
| O | 0.793937  | 4.041305  | 0.855325  |
| H | 0.163803  | 4.617722  | 0.392038  |
| H | 1.006167  | 3.354491  | 0.211756  |