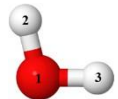




**Table S1** Structure parameters and energies of the water monomer, dimer and trimer obtained from CASPT2(4,4), (4,6) and (4,8) calculations, respectively. Distances and angles are in Å and degree, respectively.

	$E^{\text{Tot}}$	$E^{\text{Ex}}$		Distance		Angle
<b>G1-[1]</b> 	-76.255865 (-75.991115) -76.255059 (-75.992457)	7.20 [7.15]	OH	0.97 [0.97]	∠HOH	104.0 [103.2]
<b>E1-[1]</b> 	-76.234152 (-76.003777) -76.234555 (-76.003505)	6.27 [6.28]	OH	1.09 [1.08]	∠HOH	104.9 [106.5]
<b>E1-[2]</b> 	-76.050102 (-76.031022) -76.045284 (-76.034444)	0.51 [0.29]	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	1.09 [1.09] 1.55 [1.55]	∠HOH	174.5 [174.5]

$E^{\text{Tot}}$  = Total energy in au;  $E^{\text{Ex}}$  =  $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$  excitation energy in eV; [..] = Values obtained from the CASPT2(6,5) method; ‡ = Transition state complex; (..) = Total energies in the  $S_1$  state.

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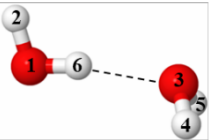
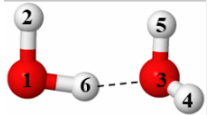
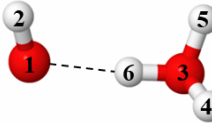
	$E^{\text{Tot}}$	$E^{\text{Ex}}$	Distance		Angle		Dihedral	
<b>G2-[1]</b>								
	-152.527356	7.29	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	0.97	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	109.9	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	237.2
	(-152.259461)		O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.97	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	109.1	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_1$	115.5
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4$	104.0	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	0.0	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	104.4			
	O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		2.94					
<b>E2-[1]</b>								
	-152.485007	5.49	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	1.14	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	87.9	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	105.4
	(-152.283192)		O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	1.08	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	117.4	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_1$	100.5
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4$	104.7	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	1.1	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		0.99	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	96.4			
	O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		2.47					
<b>E2-[2]</b>								
	-152.400416	2.61	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	0.98	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	104.3	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	87.0
	(-152.304451)		O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	1.01	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	109.5	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_1$	109.9
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub>		1.02	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4$	104.1	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	2.0	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		1.04	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	104.8			
	O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		2.82					

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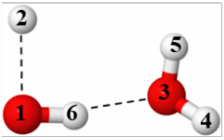
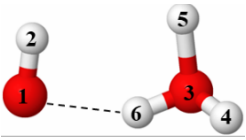
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	(-152.327591)		O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	1.88	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	126.2	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_1$	120.8
			O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	0.97	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4$	104.5	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	0.0
			O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	0.97	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	92.8		
			O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.85				
<b>E2-[4]</b>	-152.338544	0.79	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	0.98	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	81.7	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	105.4
	(-152.309391)		O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.99	$\angle\text{H}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	117.0	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_1$	88.8
			O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	0.98	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_3\text{H}_4$	104.2	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	3.1
			O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	1.30	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	91.4		
			O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.83				

Table S1 (cont.)

	$E^{\text{Tot}}$	$E^{\text{Ex}}$	Distance		Angle		Dihedral	
<b>G3-[1]</b>	-228.799506	7.17	$\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	0.96	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	107.4	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	108.0
	(-228.536069)		$\text{O}_1\text{O}_3$	2.92	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	107.8	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	357.9
	$\text{O}_3\text{O}_4$		2.87	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	104.1	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4\text{O}_1$	150.0	
	$\text{O}_1\text{H}_5$		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4$	174.7	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$	96.6	
	$\text{O}_3\text{H}_6$		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6$	122.6	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	168.5	
	$\text{O}_4\text{H}_7$		0.98	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6$	104.5	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$	148.7	
	$\text{O}_3\text{H}_8$		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7$	104.6			
	$\text{O}_4\text{H}_9$		0.97					

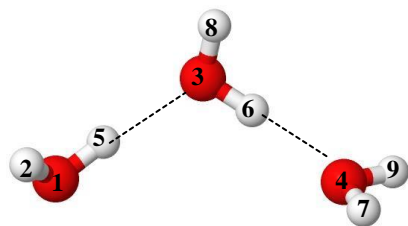


Table S1 (cont.)

	$E^{\text{Tot}}$	$E^{\text{Ex}}$	Distance		Angle		Dihedral	
<b>G3-[2]</b>	-228.805785	7.62	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	0.96	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	121.7	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	231.3
	(-228.525698)		O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.82	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	59.9	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	13.5
			O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	2.81	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	105.3	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4\text{O}_1$	191.0
			O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	0.98	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4$	20.6	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$	14.9
			O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.98	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6$	90.0	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	215.8
			O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	0.98	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6$	105.1	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$	223.5
			O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	0.96	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7$	105.1		
			O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	0.96				

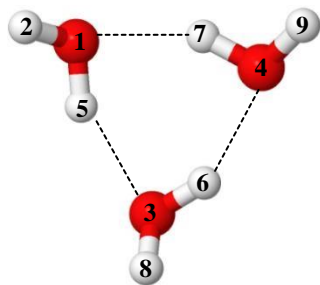


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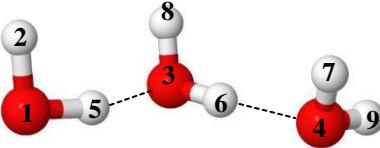
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<b>E3-[1]<sup>†</sup></b>  	-228.7564730	5.39	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	1.13	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	90.8	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	96.4
	(-228.5585441)		O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.47	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	116.2	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	0.7
	O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		2.79	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	98.3	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4\text{O}_1$	28.8	
	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		1.10	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4$	0.0	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$	17.9	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>		0.99	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6$	106.5	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	326.7	
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub>		0.96	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6$	103.0	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$	114.2	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>		0.98	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7$	107.2			
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>		0.95					

Table S1 (cont.)

	$E^{\text{Tot}}$	$E^{\text{Ex}}$	Distance		Angle		Dihedral	
<b>E3-[2]</b>	-228.682179	2.75	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	0.98	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	97.4	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	91.0
	(-228.581076)		O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.78	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	113.1	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	1.9
	O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		2.59	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	100.2	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4\text{O}_1$	277.2	
	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		1.79	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4$	5.8	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$	358.6	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>		1.03	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6$	100.8	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	5.8	
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub>		0.98	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6$	102.6	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$	118.5	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>		1.05	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7$	104.5			
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>		0.97					

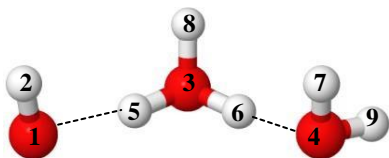


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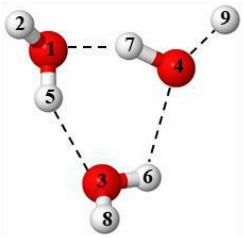
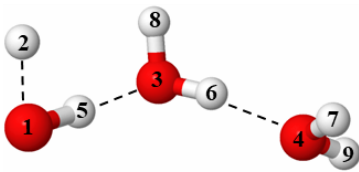
	$E^{\text{Tot}}$	$E^{\text{Ex}}$	Distance		Angle		Dihedral	
<p><b>LS-[5]</b></p> 	-228.676045	2.49	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	0.97	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	121.4	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	236.3
	(-228.584499)		O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	2.52	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	54.1	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	16.8
	O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		2.80	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	105.9	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4\text{O}_1$	163.9	
	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4$	48.5	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$	356.4	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>		0.95	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6$	96.6	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	228	
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub>		1.04	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6$	107.8	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$	237.9	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7$	93.7			
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>		1.66					



Table S1 (cont.)

	$E^{\text{Tot}}$	$E^{\text{Ex}}$	Distance		Angle		Dihedral	
<b>E3-[4]</b> 	-228.72288	4.21	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	1.38	$\angle\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	88.3	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	104.9
	(-228.567987)		O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.79	$\angle\text{O}_4\text{O}_3\text{O}_1$	106.5	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$	357.2
	O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>		2.73	$\angle\text{H}_5\text{O}_1\text{H}_2$	91.1	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4\text{O}_1$	123.9	
	O <sub>1</sub> H <sub>5</sub>		1.07	$\angle\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{O}_4$	7.7	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$	237.0	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>		0.99	$\angle\text{H}_7\text{O}_4\text{H}_6$	123.0	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	164.6	
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub>		0.97	$\angle\text{H}_8\text{O}_3\text{H}_6$	104.3	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$	151.3	
	O <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>		1.00	$\angle\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{H}_7$	106.1			
	O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>		0.97					