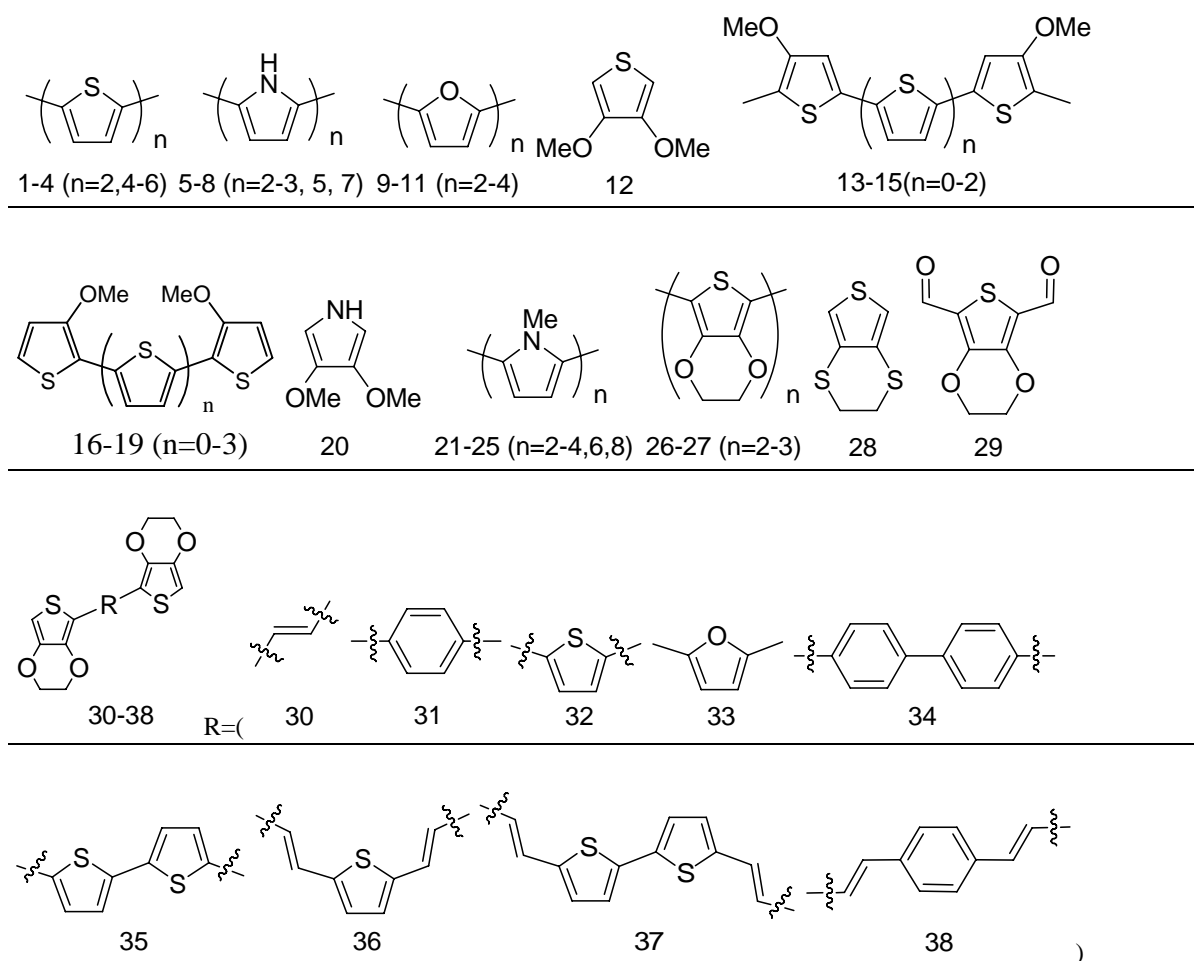


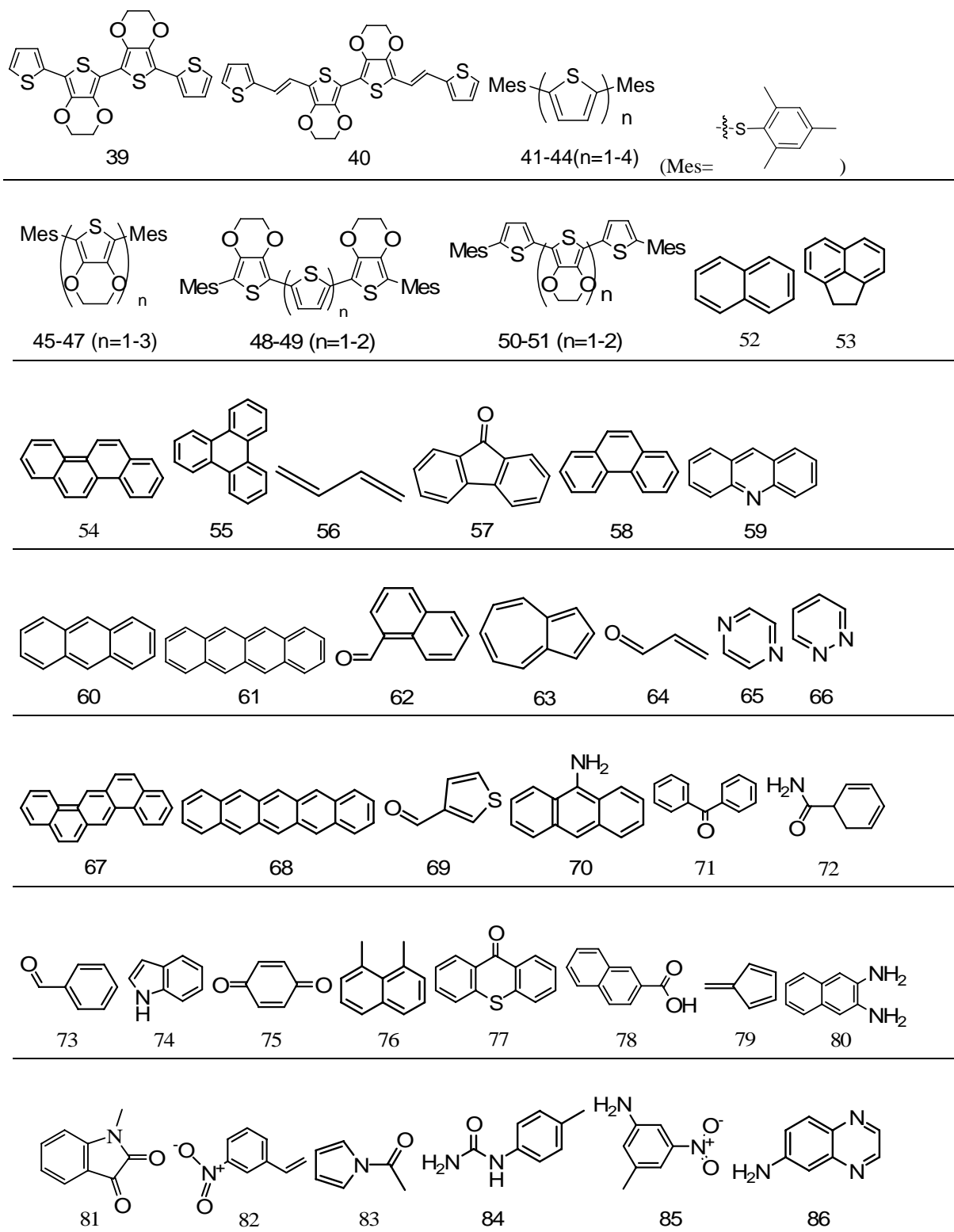
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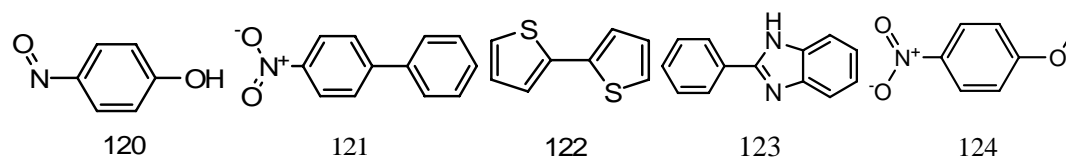
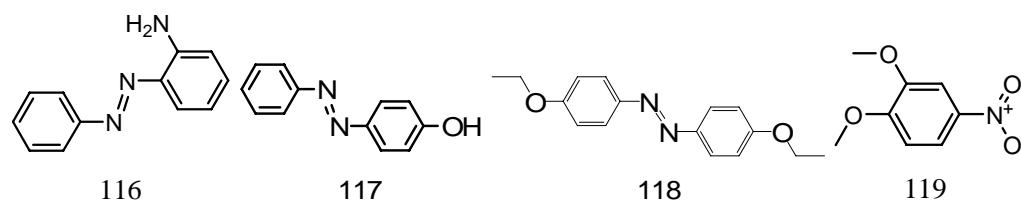
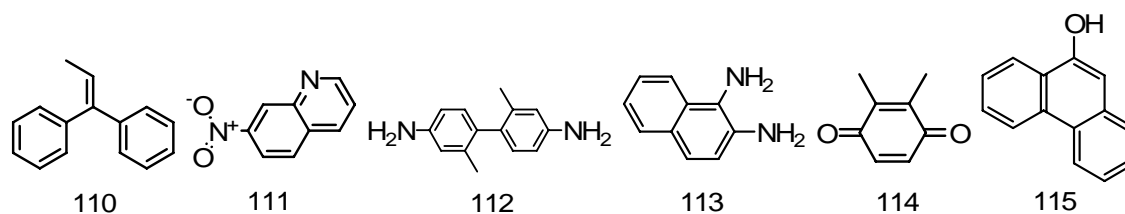
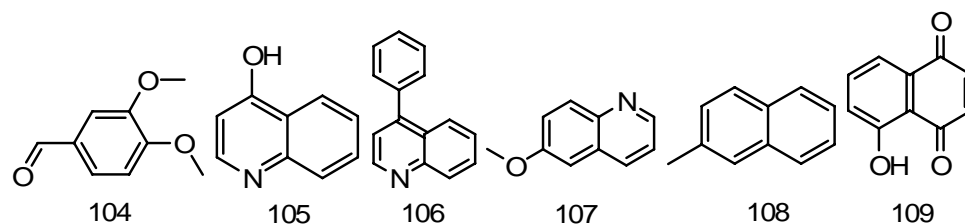
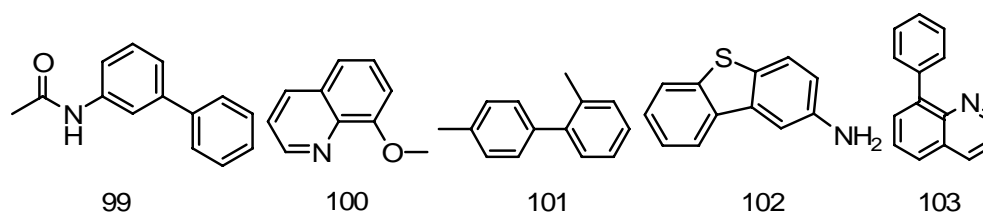
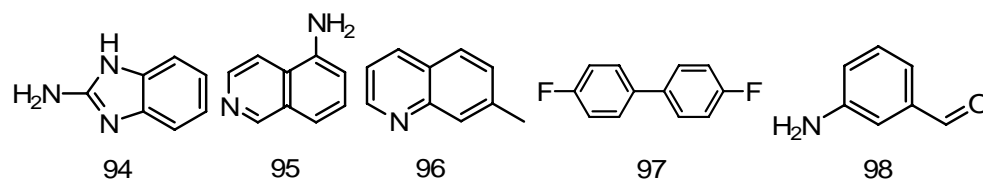
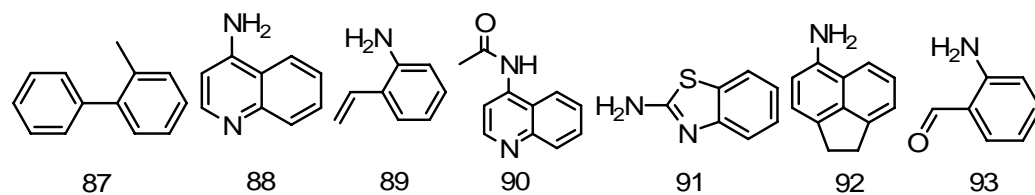
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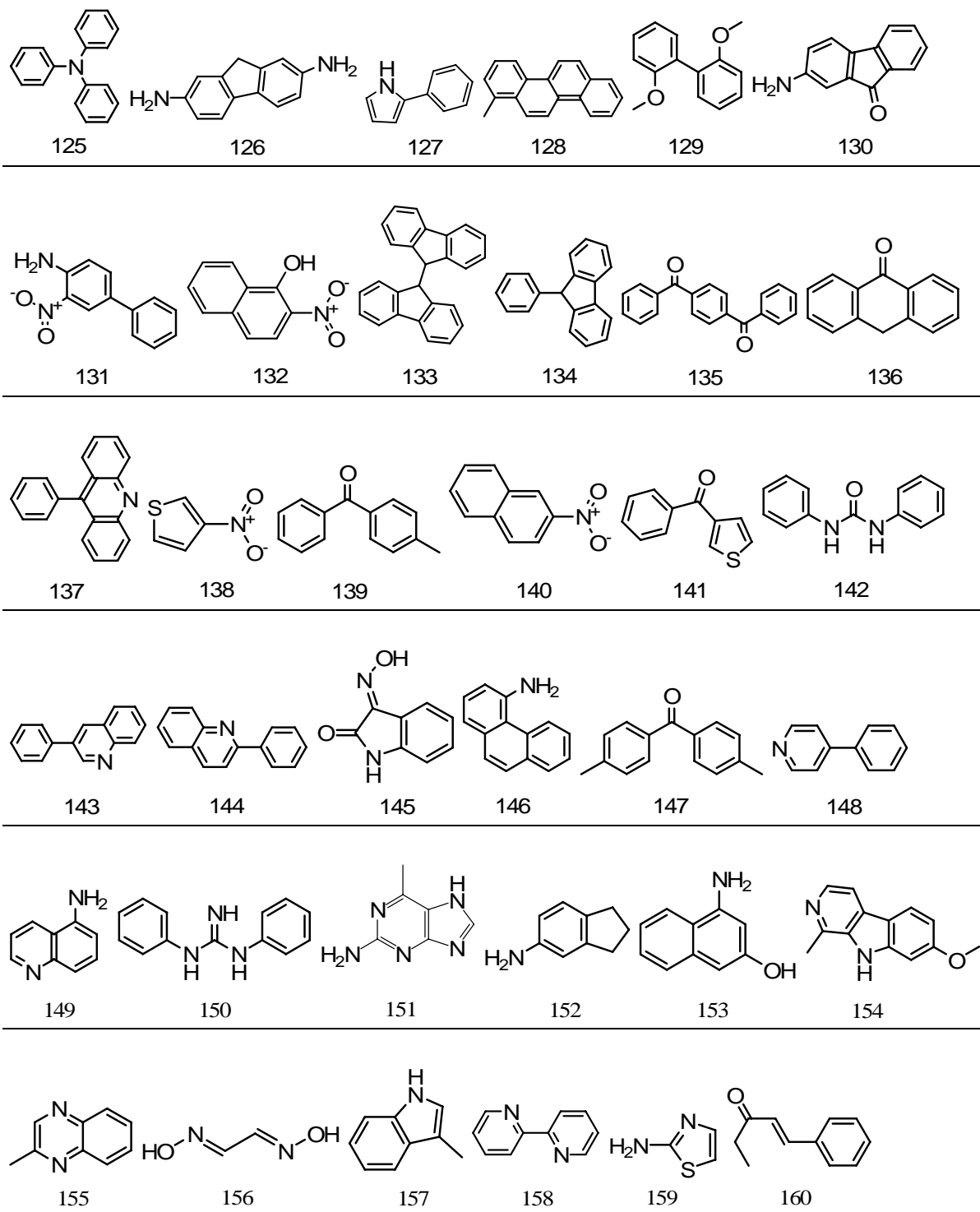
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Table S1 The structure of the 160 organic molecules.









**Table S2** The experimental absorption energies and the calculated values of 160 molecules. All data are in units of eV.

No.	Expt. <sup>a</sup>	B3LYP/6-31G(d)		B3LYP/STO-3G			ZINDO		
		Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>
1 <sup>f</sup>	4.11	4.03	4.09	4.95	4.21	4.11	3.37	4.10	4.14
2	3.18	2.84	3.10	3.51	3.15	3.12	2.5	3.17	3.17
3	2.98	2.57	2.90	3.18	2.93	2.98	2.31	3.01	2.89
4	2.87	2.38	2.91	2.96	2.84	2.89	2.19	2.93	2.82
5	4.49	4.74	4.53	5.70	4.55	4.58	3.64	4.50	4.43
6 <sup>e</sup>	3.91	3.93	3.96	4.70	4.02	3.87	3.1	3.68	3.83
7	3.38	3.21	3.37	3.83	3.34	3.39	2.66	3.33	3.34
8 <sup>e</sup>	3.25	2.90	3.40	3.46	3.09	3.39	2.48	3.22	3.37
9	4.40	4.57	4.43	5.58	4.49	4.51	3.52	4.41	4.32
10 <sup>e</sup>	3.78	3.71	3.79	4.56	3.94	3.71	2.95	3.59	3.88
11	3.43	3.23	3.35	4.01	3.55	3.32	2.66	3.37	3.35
12 <sup>f</sup>	4.90	5.37	4.89	5.74	4.80	4.91	4.46	4.56	4.51
13 <sup>e</sup>	3.76	3.56	3.48	4.16	3.63	3.43	3.07	3.95	3.66
14 <sup>e</sup>	3.19	3.01	3.12	3.61	3.15	3.15	2.65	3.20	3.21
15 <sup>f</sup>	2.96	2.63	2.94	3.13	2.93	3.08	2.41	2.99	2.85
16 <sup>f</sup>	3.81	3.78	3.80	4.25	3.76	3.72	3.09	4.00	3.76
17	3.23	3.12	3.22	3.63	3.18	3.23	2.64	3.25	3.26
18	2.99	2.75	3.11	3.25	2.99	3.09	2.4	3.04	2.92
19	2.83	2.51	2.80	2.99	2.83	2.80	2.24	2.89	2.75
20	5.58	6.04	5.87	8.27	5.62	6.05	5.9	5.61	5.89
21 <sup>f</sup>	4.96	4.97	4.68	5.89	4.87	4.91	3.89	4.69	4.25
22	4.58	4.66	4.56	5.49	4.64	4.60	3.71	4.55	4.56
23 <sup>e</sup>	4.44	4.21	4.37	4.94	4.34	4.20	3.49	4.38	4.26
24 <sup>f</sup>	4.34	3.92	4.29	4.66	4.22	3.94	3.34	4.29	4.06
25	4.32	3.82	4.39	4.52	4.32	4.39	3.26	4.26	4.33
26	3.87	3.90	3.83	4.42	3.95	3.89	3.18	3.90	3.79
27	3.10	3.15	3.14	3.54	3.20	3.03	2.63	3.15	3.14
28	4.38	4.69	4.46	5.21	4.52	4.57	4.42	4.53	4.51
29 <sup>e,f</sup>	3.83	4.11	3.84	4.69	3.96	4.01	3.54	4.08	3.82
30	3.45	3.44	3.54	3.91	3.43	3.49	2.97	3.42	3.45
31 <sup>f</sup>	3.60	3.55	3.65	4.03	3.51	3.25	3.25	3.62	3.83
32 <sup>e</sup>	3.32	3.18	3.25	3.69	3.24	3.22	2.69	3.24	3.23
33	3.43	3.29	3.41	3.87	3.40	3.24	2.76	3.33	3.37
34	3.63	3.45	3.59	3.88	3.45	3.44	3.33	3.58	3.53
35	3.01	2.80	3.04	3.30	3.03	3.14	2.44	3.02	3.04
36	2.89	2.68	2.81	3.12	2.88	2.68	2.48	2.92	2.88
37 <sup>f</sup>	2.73	2.45	2.71	2.89	2.80	2.93	2.29	2.69	2.76
38	3.15	2.90	3.15	3.34	2.98	3.12	2.9	3.15	3.25
39 <sup>e</sup>	2.98	2.78	3.00	3.22	2.99	3.13	2.41	3.01	2.86
40	2.69	2.45	2.72	2.81	2.78	2.71	2.24	2.68	2.76

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		Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>
41 <sup>e,f</sup>	4.11	4.13	4.13	4.51	4.11	4.32	4.05	4.35	4.36
42	3.46	3.34	3.63	3.95	3.56	3.68	3.15	3.58	3.57
43	3.21	2.88	3.21	3.47	3.17	3.32	2.69	3.21	3.33
44	2.95	2.62	2.97	3.17	3.01	3.11	2.45	3.07	3.13
45	4.07	4.12	4.09	4.49	4.11	4.10	3.93	4.21	4.20
46	3.43	3.34	3.34	3.84	3.50	3.46	2.97	3.39	3.28
47	3.09	2.85	3.05	3.25	3.06	3.06	2.51	2.95	3.05
48	3.09	2.88	3.17	3.36	3.03	3.13	2.57	3.03	3.15
49 <sup>e,f</sup>	2.71	2.60	2.80	3.09	3.04	2.87	2.37	2.86	2.58
50 <sup>e</sup>	3.05	2.84	3.07	3.36	3.13	2.97	2.6	3.11	3.05
51	2.88	2.54	2.85	2.97	2.98	2.85	2.32	2.89	2.86
52	5.63	6.27	5.86	7.18	5.48	5.86	5.27	5.67	5.41
53	5.47	6.06	5.59	7.16	5.67	5.52	5.3	5.44	5.53
54	4.66	4.71	4.49	5.54	4.48	4.43	4.48	4.53	4.59
55	4.83	4.81	4.78	5.65	4.57	4.63	4.58	4.84	4.83
56	5.91	6.04	5.63	7.38	5.83	5.67	5.37	5.78	5.46
57	4.85	4.54	4.73	5.31	4.65	4.73	4.9	5.01	4.69
58 <sup>e</sup>	4.96	5.11	4.79	5.78	4.69	4.84	4.73	5.19	4.84
59 <sup>e</sup>	4.96	5.37	4.64	6.20	4.88	4.76	4.73	4.77	4.75
60	4.96	5.31	4.64	6.19	4.67	4.65	4.68	5.01	4.60
61	4.54	4.75	4.38	5.52	4.29	4.38	4.28	4.30	4.38
62	5.88	6.15	5.83	7.08	5.78	5.66	5.5	5.53	5.76
63	4.53	5.17	4.75	6.05	4.99	4.87	4.48	4.54	4.74
64	5.99	6.43	5.85	7.67	5.87	5.87	5.89	6.14	5.81
65	4.75	5.52	5.17	6.52	5.17	5.35	4.38	4.74	5.01
66 <sup>f</sup>	5.02	5.75	5.32	6.18	5.16	5.29	4.91	5.10	5.03
67	4.13	4.40	4.17	5.28	4.33	4.15	4.15	4.28	4.50
68	4.00	4.34	4.24	5.03	4.06	4.24	3.98	3.94	4.22
69	4.94	5.41	4.98	6.31	5.23	5.31	5.47	5.33	5.31
70	4.28	5.29	4.57	6.19	4.77	4.60	4.66	4.73	4.70
71	4.92	4.75	4.85	5.74	4.95	4.98	4.77	4.96	4.81
72 <sup>f</sup>	4.96	5.36	5.05	6.52	4.97	5.52	4.96	4.83	5.14
73 <sup>f</sup>	5.15	5.31	5.09	6.49	5.34	5.38	4.88	5.12	5.14
74	5.79	5.93	5.54	7.09	5.70	5.65	5.61	6.01	5.90
75 <sup>f</sup>	5.10	4.98	5.06	5.73	4.87	4.91	4.92	5.06	5.10
76	5.44	5.88	5.45	6.98	5.50	5.40	5.18	5.57	5.46
77 <sup>e,f</sup>	4.86	5.01	4.91	5.88	4.95	5.01	5.26	5.64	5.23
78	5.39	5.44	5.17	6.47	5.28	5.25	4.92	5.24	5.23
79	5.08	5.45	5.33	6.41	5.27	5.31	4.93	5.10	5.20
80	5.10	5.53	5.13	6.11	5.06	5.05	4.91	5.11	5.17
81	5.12	5.54	5.30	6.40	5.11	5.46	5.89	5.29	5.52
82 <sup>e</sup>	5.17	5.29	5.15	5.30	4.63	4.81	4.72	5.18	4.99
83	5.19	5.49	5.04	6.28	5.17	5.25	5.1	5.05	5.12
84 <sup>f</sup>	5.17	5.34	4.99	6.07	5.08	5.19	4.62	4.95	4.98
85 <sup>e</sup>	5.28	5.90	5.47	5.96	4.92	5.29	4.97	5.24	5.25

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		Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>
86 <sup>e</sup>	5.25	5.35	5.06	6.16	5.12	5.12	4.76	5.35	5.00
87	5.23	5.18	5.12	6.20	5.09	5.15	4.72	5.32	5.23
88	5.32	5.66	5.31	6.32	5.29	5.34	5.14	5.59	5.51
89	5.39	6.10	5.70	7.06	5.69	5.67	5.33	5.21	5.53
90 <sup>e</sup>	5.46	5.64	5.43	6.03	5.08	5.15	5.46	5.47	5.67
91	5.69	6.05	5.58	6.80	5.52	5.53	5.84	5.82	5.64
92 <sup>f</sup>	5.74	6.12	5.65	7.17	5.79	5.64	5.43	5.88	5.79
93 <sup>e</sup>	5.99	6.61	6.06	6.75	5.44	5.58	6.13	5.77	6.06
94 <sup>f</sup>	5.99	6.60	6.19	7.38	5.99	5.98	5.52	5.93	5.80
95 <sup>e</sup>	6.05	6.30	5.84	7.33	5.86	5.76	5.41	5.88	5.78
96	6.05	5.89	5.49	6.98	5.58	5.45	5.12	5.58	5.52
97	5.06	5.01	4.93	5.61	4.68	4.65	4.48	5.08	5.01
98 <sup>e</sup>	5.06	5.75	5.37	6.70	5.38	5.53	5.39	5.05	5.36
99	5.12	5.28	5.17	6.10	5.15	5.03	4.9	5.01	4.93
100	5.17	5.58	5.22	6.24	5.15	5.21	4.97	5.24	5.22
101	5.19	5.10	5.02	6.10	5.07	5.09	4.64	5.02	5.18
102	5.21	5.21	5.07	5.99	5.04	5.14	5.29	5.25	5.01
103	5.32	5.13	5.17	6.11	5.14	5.18	4.97	5.12	5.01
104 <sup>e,f</sup>	5.41	5.79	5.33	6.37	5.09	5.45	5.43	5.28	5.56
105	5.51	5.95	5.51	6.47	5.35	5.37	5.17	5.28	5.52
106 <sup>e,f</sup>	5.46	5.58	5.53	6.24	5.28	5.32	5.46	5.53	5.31
107	5.56	6.00	5.55	6.37	5.22	5.18	5	5.46	5.41
108	5.56	6.11	5.52	7.06	5.46	5.51	5.19	5.54	5.39
109	5.00	4.84	5.02	5.49	4.78	4.84	4.74	4.89	4.92
110	5.00	4.77	4.92	5.78	4.94	4.99	4.57	4.78	4.83
111	5.00	4.98	4.86	5.04	5.00	4.61	4.55	4.85	4.75
112 <sup>f</sup>	5.00	5.53	5.26	6.49	5.37	5.29	5.65	5.31	5.42
113	5.00	5.30	5.00	5.87	4.87	4.88	4.93	5.10	5.05
114	5.00	4.85	4.95	5.64	4.86	4.94	4.8	5.01	4.95
115 <sup>e</sup>	5.00	5.01	4.91	6.14	5.03	5.11	4.69	4.80	4.91
116	3.96	3.80	3.89	4.79	4.16	4.19	3.14	3.59	3.85
117 <sup>e,f</sup>	3.57	3.59	3.64	4.27	3.62	3.71	3.32	3.76	3.86
118 <sup>f</sup>	3.43	3.41	3.48	4.00	3.44	3.46	3.18	3.51	3.68
119	3.84	4.01	3.78	4.66	3.94	4.05	3.6	4.11	3.92
120	4.16	4.21	4.22	4.99	4.31	4.25	3.76	4.20	4.26
121	4.07	3.91	4.09	4.69	4.10	4.08	3.63	4.13	4.08
122	4.12	4.12	4.14	5.03	4.27	4.18	3.44	3.95	4.18
123	4.11	4.24	4.20	5.09	4.39	4.36	3.77	4.25	4.32
124 <sup>e</sup>	4.07	4.30	4.18	5.25	4.52	4.38	3.74	4.24	4.10
125	4.18	4.12	4.26	4.79	4.21	4.19	4.13	4.53	4.47
126	4.22	4.30	4.31	4.92	4.29	4.31	3.89	4.20	4.46
127 <sup>e</sup>	4.28	4.52	4.48	5.38	4.53	4.53	3.94	4.33	4.49
128	4.43	4.85	4.63	5.81	4.70	4.71	4.48	4.54	4.58
129	4.46	4.60	4.58	4.97	4.39	4.43	4.3	4.69	4.66
130	4.63	4.75	4.63	5.52	4.78	4.75	4.72	4.85	4.69

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		Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>	Raw <sup>b</sup>	GABP1 <sup>c</sup>	GABP2 <sup>d</sup>
131	4.66	4.84	4.87	5.27	4.62	4.66	4.27	4.62	4.71
132	4.66	4.68	4.63	5.41	4.71	4.78	4.31	4.66	4.84
133	4.66	4.53	4.65	5.47	4.82	4.78	4.14	4.49	4.61
134	4.68	4.58	4.76	5.50	4.75	4.78	4.14	4.53	4.47
135 <sup>f</sup>	4.71	4.35	4.60	5.34	4.77	4.80	4.56	4.76	4.80
136 <sup>f</sup>	4.71	4.66	4.78	5.26	4.64	4.74	4.62	4.85	4.78
137	4.77	5.25	4.89	5.44	4.77	4.81	4.66	4.65	4.69
138	4.77	4.91	4.59	5.11	4.45	4.55	4.76	4.78	4.86
139 <sup>e</sup>	4.77	4.61	4.73	5.57	4.86	4.93	4.64	4.84	4.79
140	4.81	4.89	4.80	5.20	4.56	4.69	4.41	4.76	4.86
141 <sup>f</sup>	4.82	4.78	4.74	5.45	4.75	4.82	4.83	5.07	4.98
142	4.84	4.91	4.78	5.62	4.86	4.81	4.72	4.84	4.80
143 <sup>f</sup>	4.90	4.93	4.86	5.79	4.90	4.90	4.66	4.81	4.78
144	4.92	4.88	4.67	5.74	4.81	4.80	4.57	4.76	4.72
145	4.92	5.26	4.99	5.75	4.84	4.90	4.93	5.11	4.99
146	4.96	5.24	5.12	6.10	5.05	5.11	4.68	4.94	5.12
147 <sup>f</sup>	4.70	4.56	4.66	5.53	4.83	4.86	4.59	4.77	4.72
148	4.84	5.03	4.96	6.01	5.05	5.06	4.67	4.90	4.93
149 <sup>e</sup>	4.92	5.39	5.09	6.16	5.17	5.22	4.93	5.42	5.39
150	5.12	4.82	4.89	5.40	4.75	4.83	4.72	5.14	4.81
151	6.66	6.39	6.46	6.82	6.66	6.45	5.55	5.96	5.85
152	6.08	6.74	5.98	8.06	6.01	5.99	5.83	5.62	5.82
153	5.12	5.52	5.17	5.90	5.01	5.06	5.05	5.18	5.01
154	5.17	5.25	5.19	5.90	5.17	5.23	4.86	5.34	5.36
155	5.30	5.80	5.44	6.85	5.38	5.38	4.95	5.51	5.50
156	5.32	5.42	5.08	5.83	4.80	4.82	5.13	5.45	5.27
157	5.56	6.13	5.65	7.20	5.77	5.66	5.35	5.82	5.76
158	4.40	4.68	4.61	5.69	4.69	4.74	4.11	4.44	4.48
159 <sup>f</sup>	4.84	5.37	4.90	6.32	5.18	5.29	4.36	4.79	4.88
160	4.30	4.42	4.42	5.40	4.66	4.63	4.21	4.33	4.58

<sup>a</sup> Experimental data.

<sup>b</sup> Raw calculated values.

<sup>c</sup> Corrected calculated values after GABP1 correction.

<sup>d</sup> Corrected calculated values after GABP2 correction.

<sup>e</sup> Molecules belong to the testing set in GABP1 correction.

<sup>f</sup> Molecules belong to the testing set in GABP2 correction.



**Table S3** Synaptic weights  $W_{x_{ij}}$  and  $W_{y_j}$ , biases  $B_{y_j}$  and  $B_z$  for B3LYP/6-31G(d)-GABP1 method.

Weights and biases	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$
$W_{x_{1j}}$	-1.0886	-0.73381	1.9044	1.3932
$W_{x_{2j}}$	0.6826	-2.4694	6.8653	-1.3227
$W_{x_{3j}}$	-0.06601	1.3449	-3.9795	0.67966
$W_{x_{4j}}$	0.066904	-0.44596	0.55725	-0.18936
$W_{x_{5j}}$	-1.2813	4.1712	-7.0996	1.3305
$W_{x_{6j}}$	0.79617	-3.8915	2.7795	-0.31063
$B_{y_j}$	0.83416	4.0869	1.0647	1.8916
	$Z$			
$W_{y_1}$	-0.72976			
$W_{y_2}$	-99.043			
$W_{y_3}$	0.16884			
$W_{y_4}$	1.0141			
$B_z$	98.259			

**Table S4** Synaptic weights  $W_{x_{ij}}$  and  $W_{y_j}$ , biases  $B_{y_j}$  and  $B_z$  for B3LYP/STO-3G-GABP1 method.

Weights and biases	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$
$W_{x_{1j}}$	1.1198	-1.3019	6.1706	2.5362
$W_{x_{2j}}$	0.91431	-1.1807	-16.314	-0.29015
$W_{x_{3j}}$	-0.20214	0.25006	-10.335	-0.03535
$W_{x_{4j}}$	0.22171	-0.28614	17.469	-0.24977
$W_{x_{5j}}$	0.27307	-0.3336	2.568	-0.41078
$W_{x_{6j}}$	-0.87915	1.133	30.991	0.85667
$B_{y_j}$	-2.3278	2.0905	-16.146	1.2034
	$Z$			
$W_{y_1}$	110.39			
$W_{y_2}$	51.747			
$W_{y_3}$	2.996			
$W_{y_4}$	0.37297			
$B_z$	60.885			

**Table S5** Synaptic weights  $Wx_{ij}$  and  $Wy_j$ , biases  $By_j$  and  $Bz$  for ZINDO-GABP1 method.

Weights and biases	y1	y2	y3	y4
$Wx_{1j}$	24.608	-0.06339	0.34534	27.25
$Wx_{2j}$	33.697	-0.22305	-0.07797	84.793
$Wx_{3j}$	-4.6181	-1.2994	-0.14482	19.343
$Wx_{4j}$	-61.71	-0.4833	-0.01236	-38.349
$Wx_{5j}$	-62.451	-0.11055	-0.03262	-51.599
$Wx_{6j}$	36.825	2.297	0.20474	-113.09
$By_j$	-56.827	2.7869	-0.02731	-75.378
	$Z$			
$Wy_1$	0.097383			
$Wy_2$	-14.415			
$Wy_3$	2.1235			
$Wy_4$	-0.1585			
$Bz$	14.047			

**Table S6** Synaptic weights  $W_{x_{ij}}$  and  $W_{y_j}$ , biases  $B_{y_j}$  and  $B_z$  for B3LYP/STO-3G-GABP2 method.

Weights and biases	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$
$W_{x_{1j}}$	-19.713	-1.1286	0.35008	66.366
$W_{x_{2j}}$	-15.287	-0.30304	3.0247	-84.483
$W_{x_{3j}}$	-9.7705	0.31049	-5.6704	11.984
$W_{x_{4j}}$	7.2324	-0.06519	-4.189	-38.561
$W_{x_{5j}}$	2.5447	-0.07894	29.334	-2.0401
$W_{x_{6j}}$	-2.1598	0.24323	-32.259	103.08
$B_{y_j}$	5.3127	-0.07127	6.7887	47.813
	$Z$			
$W_{y_1}$	-0.23817			
$W_{y_2}$	-0.99353			
$W_{y_3}$	-15.494			
$W_{y_4}$	0.10284			
$B_z$	15.542			

**Table S7** Synaptic weights  $W_{x_{ij}}$  and  $W_{y_j}$ , biases  $B_{y_j}$  and  $B_z$  for ZINDO-GABP2 method.

Weights and biases	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$
$W_{x_{1j}}$	-2.4399	-195.09	-0.52175	-55.071
$W_{x_{2j}}$	-0.27083	-216.26	0.093908	-27.23
$W_{x_{3j}}$	-0.31447	-20.598	0.12894	43.938
$W_{x_{4j}}$	4.0234	221.53	0.092644	26.21
$W_{x_{5j}}$	-7.3457	-14.18	-0.0784	25.958
$W_{x_{6j}}$	0.99731	-84.207	-0.26724	-111.54
$B_{y_j}$	2.0124	50.072	-0.44013	-9.95
$Z$				
$W_{y_1}$	0.19802			
$W_{y_2}$	-0.09134			
$W_{y_3}$	-2.3525			
$W_{y_4}$	0.10819			
$B_z$	-1.1367			