

Supplementary Information for

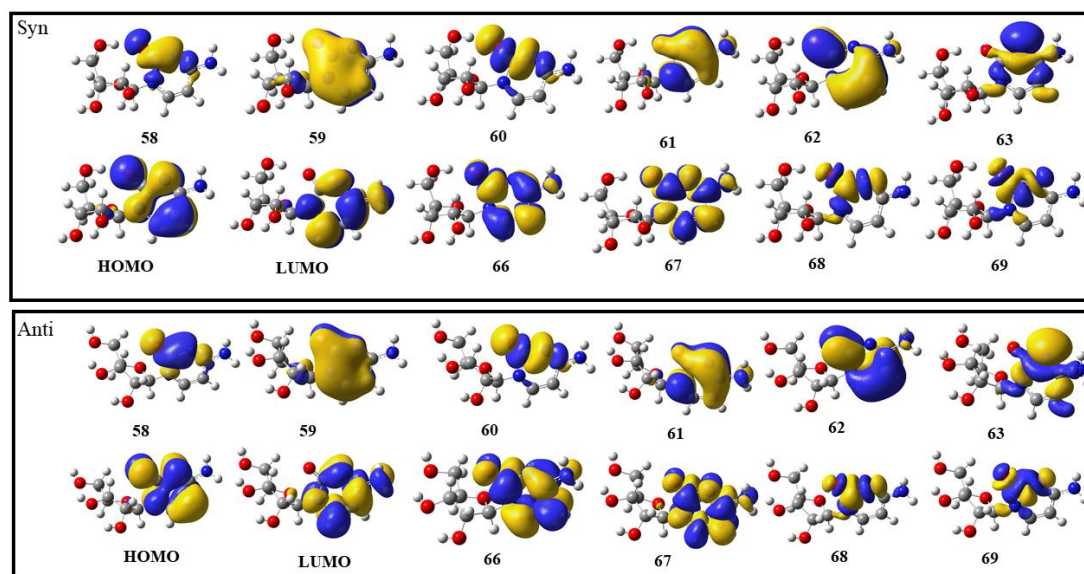
**Revealing the Excited-state Dynamics of Cytidine and the Role of  
Excited-state Proton Transfer Process**

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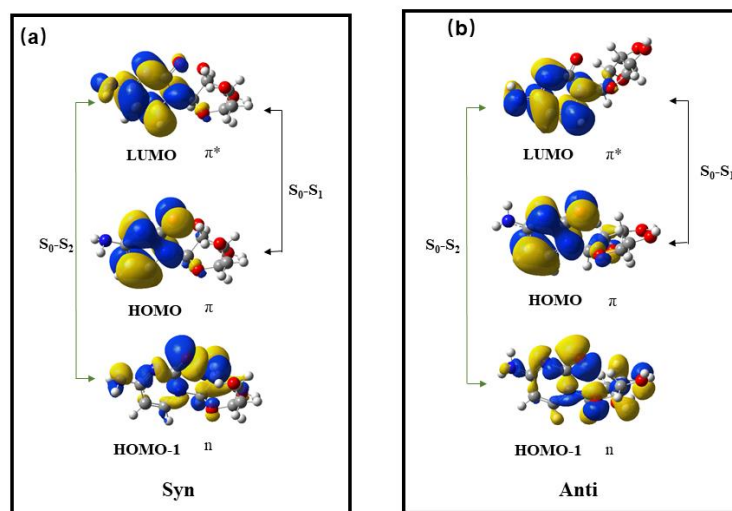
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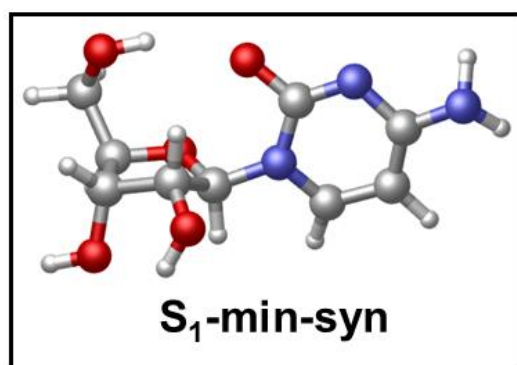
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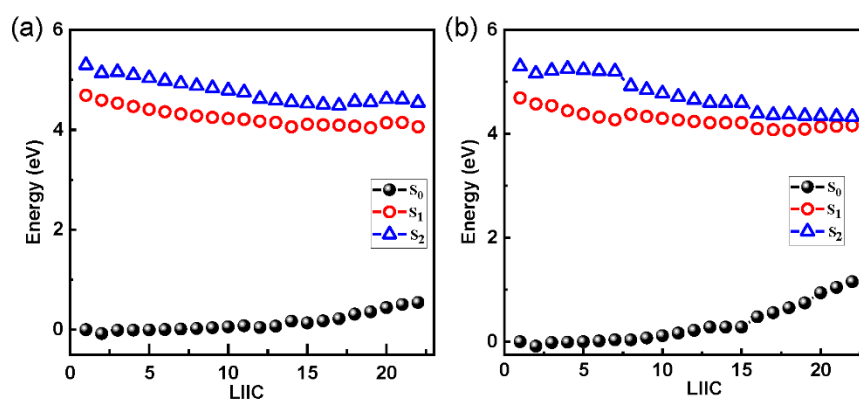
**Figure S1** The active spaces included in SA3-CASSCF(14,12) calculation level for the most stable ground-state conformation of cytidine system.



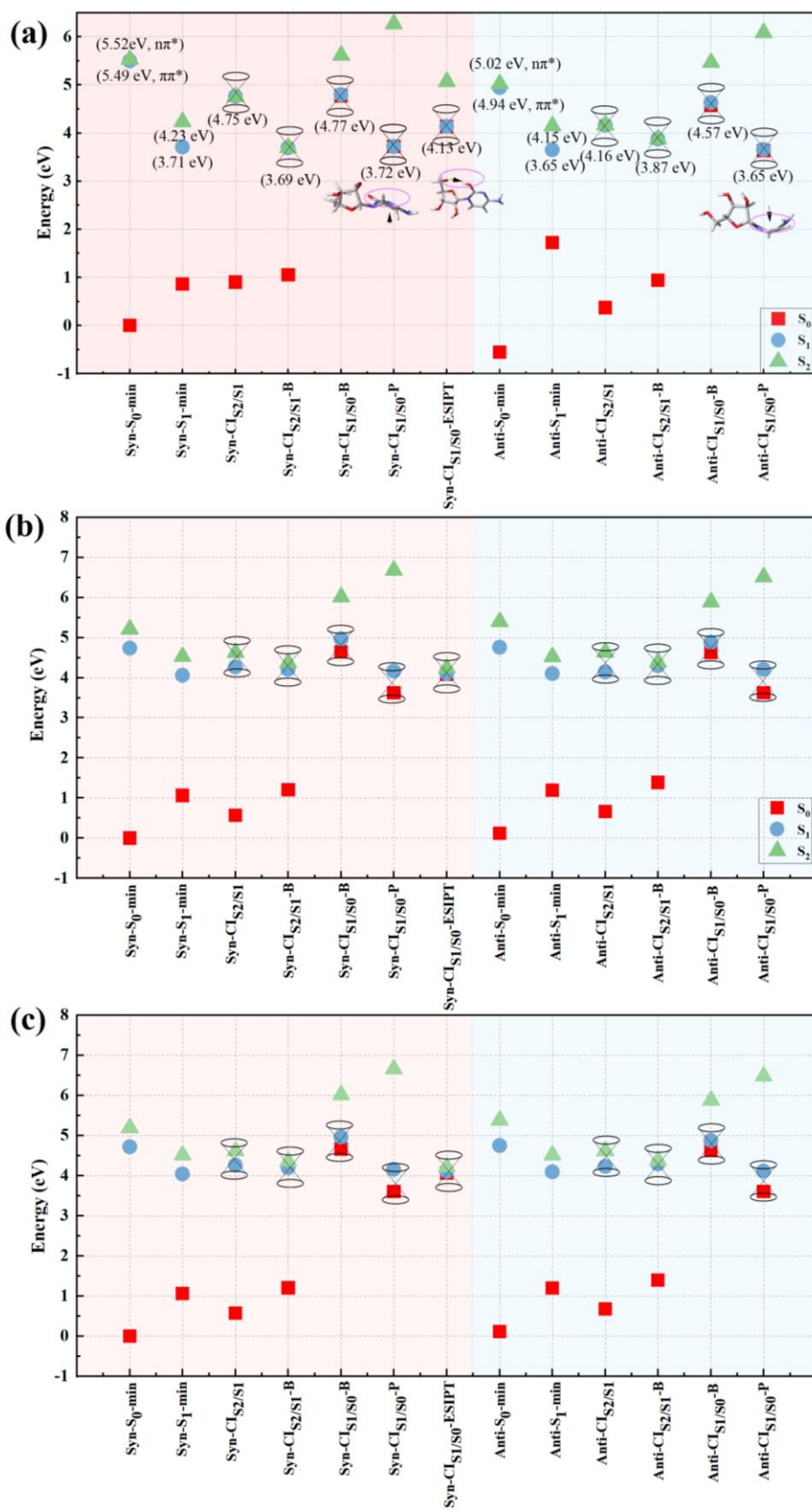
**Figure S2** Orbitals and orbital promotions involved in forming the first two excited singlet states of cytidine system calculated at the SA3-CASSCF(14,12)// 6-31G\* level of theory.



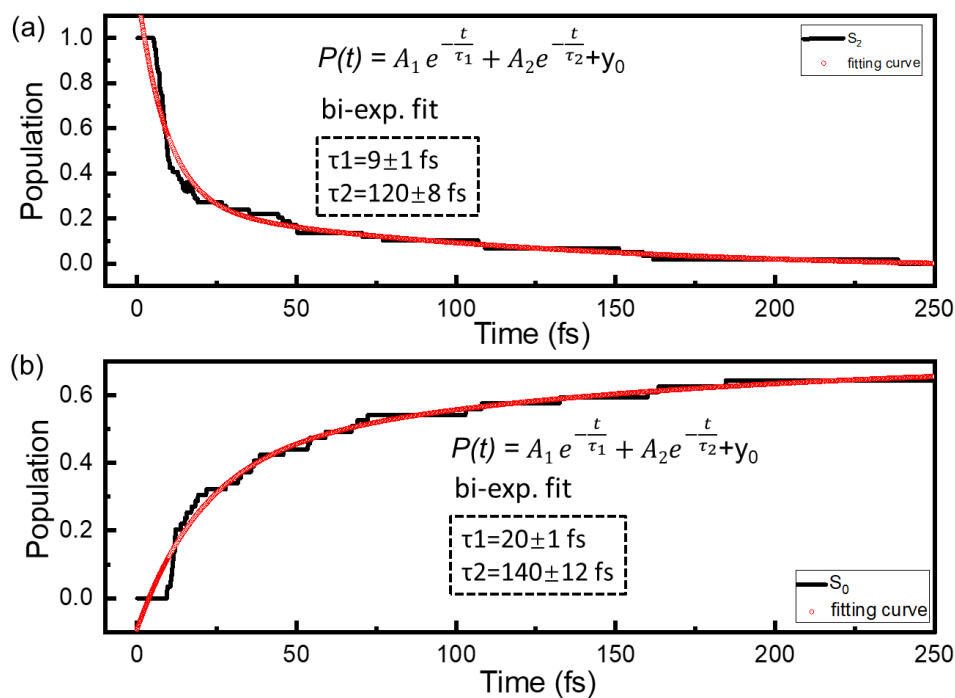
**Figure S3** The stable structure of syn-Cyd in the  $S_1$  state calculated at the SA3-CASSCF(14,12)// 6-31G\* level of theory.



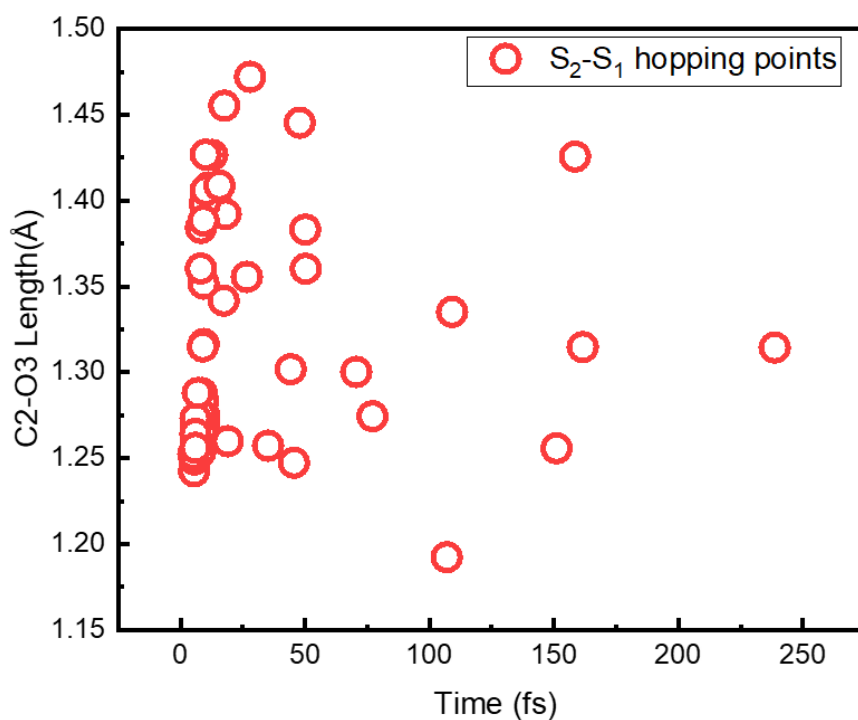
**Figure S4** The energy profiles constructed by LIIC method connecting the FC point and Syn-CI<sub>S2/S1</sub> (a), Syn-CI<sub>S2/S1-B</sub> (b) at CASPT2 level.



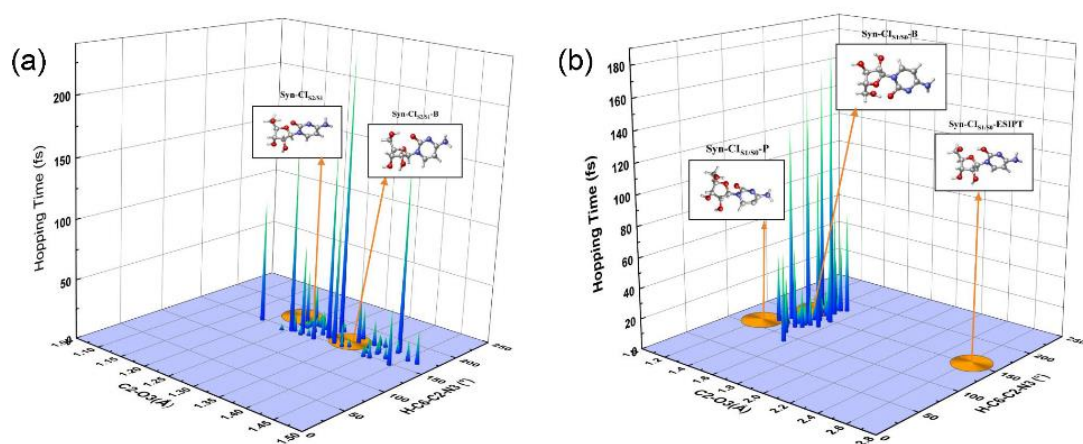
**Figure S5** The energy information of critical points calculated at (a) SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\*, (b) CASPT2/SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level, and (c) CASPT2/SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\*\* level.



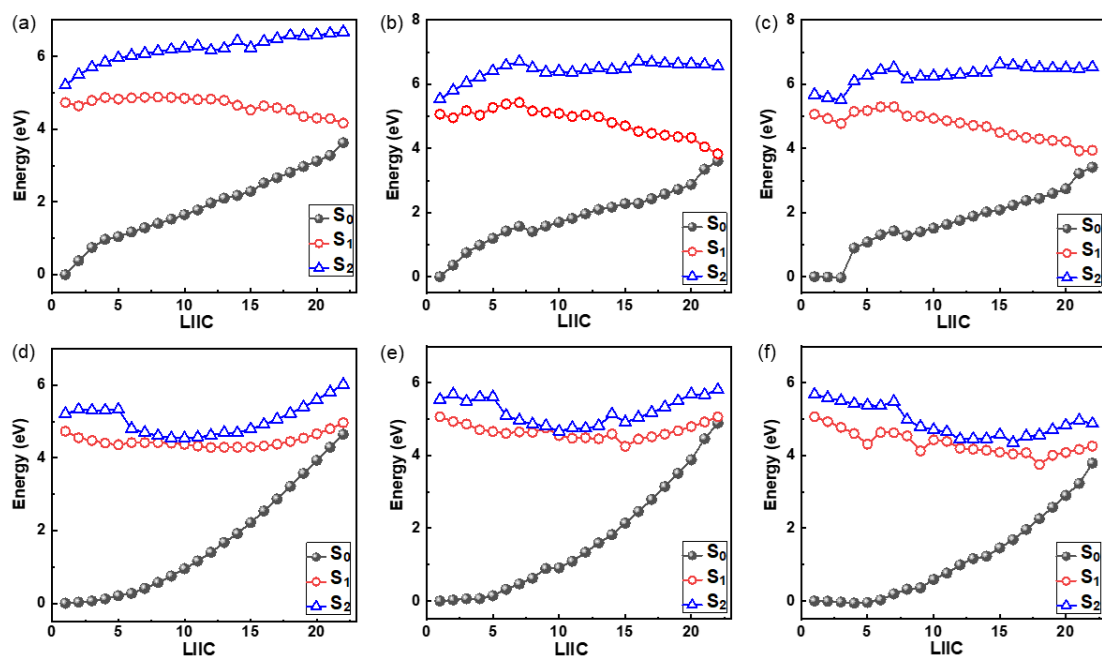
**Figure S6** The time-dependent population of the  $S_2$  (a) and  $S_0$  (b) together with bi-exponential fitting curves.



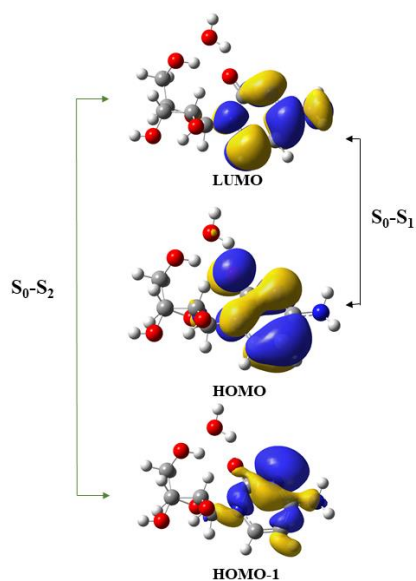
**Figure S7** The C2-O3 bond lengths (ordinate) and the decay times for all  $S_2$ - $S_1$  hopping points (abscissa).



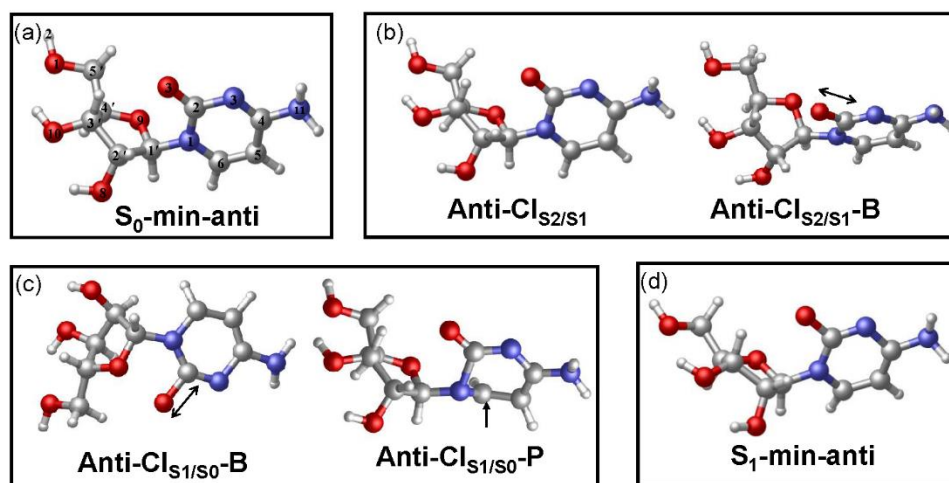
**Figure S8** Geometric distribution at the  $S_2 \rightarrow S_1$  (a) and  $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$  hopping events (b) as functions of bond length of C2-O3 and dihedral angles of H-C6-C2-N3. Bars: hopping events; The height of each bar represents hopping time of each trajectory.



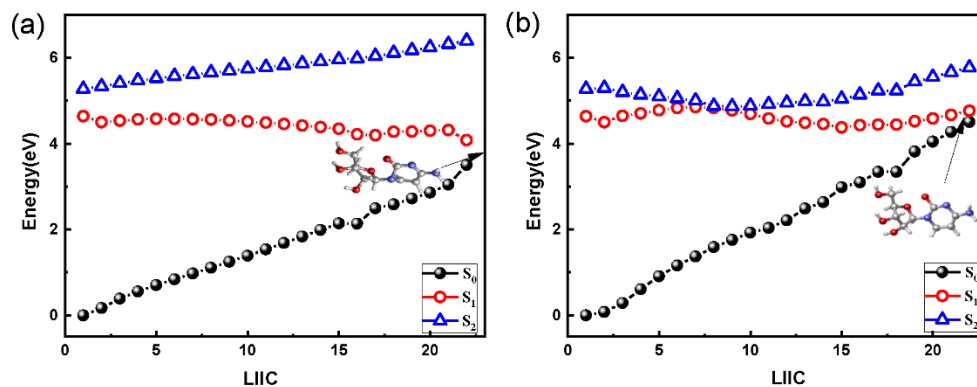
**Figure S9** The energy profiles constructed by LIIC method connecting the FC point and Syn-CI $_{S_1/S_0}$ -P (a) gas phase, (b) PCM model and (c) an explicit water molecule model; and Syn-CI $_{S_1/S_0}$ -B (d) gas phase, (e) PCM model and (f) an explicit water molecule model at CASPT2 level.



**Figure S10** Orbitals and orbital promotions involved in forming the first two excited singlet states of Cyd-H<sub>2</sub>O cluster system calculated at the SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level of theory.



**Figure S11** Optimized structures: (a) ground state structure of Anti-Cyd with atom numbering, (b) two MECIs located between S<sub>2</sub> and S<sub>1</sub>, (c) two MECIs located between S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>0</sub> states, and (d) stable structure in the S<sub>1</sub> state obtained at the SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level. Red for O atom, blue for N atom, grey for C atom, and white for H atom.



**Figure S12** The energy profiles constructed by LIIC method connecting the FC point and Anti- $CI_{S1/S0}$ -P (a);  $CI_{S1/S0}$ -B (b) at CASPT2 level.

**Table S1** The absolute ground state energy (in hartree) of syn-, anti-, north-, and south-Cyd conformer optimized at the SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level.

Conformer	Energy
syn	-886.197104348686
anti	-886.154693719031
north	-886.150859721237
south	-886.147484992092

**Table S2** The vertical excitation energies (in eV) of anti-Cyd to the two lowest singlet excited states calculated at the CASPT2 level.

Geo.	State	CASPT2/gas
anti	$S_1(\pi\pi^*)$	4.64
	$S_2(n\pi^*)$	5.27

**Table S3** Cartesian coordinates of  $S_0$ -min of syn (left) and anti (right) conformer of cytidine system optimized at SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level.

SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*			SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*		
X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z

C	0.4530500396	-1.8617032003	-2.2101179713	C	0.4856045960	2.1362429903	-1.1238627321
C	0.6390579298	-2.7705292681	-0.9857243300	C	-0.7011271631	1.9495856719	-0.1792309838
C	0.6166776396	-1.7862929118	0.1835654404	C	-1.2390462039	0.5803899018	-0.5996259319
C	1.2530493487	-0.5563089734	-0.4696496883	C	-0.0090405265	-0.1105848922	-1.2223761787
O	0.8212755308	-0.5550277888	-1.7889780039	O	1.0051090611	0.8451576556	-1.3198323188
O	1.9198728779	-3.3660863287	-0.9663608389	O	-1.6946581276	2.9214581559	-0.3328522049
O	1.3021864982	-2.2125823701	1.3129759729	O	-2.1868358624	0.7039503322	-1.6221061959
C	-0.9640327855	-1.8398749121	-2.7584868185	C	1.5745223123	3.0240076135	-0.5636169707
O	-1.9309465393	-1.7227361477	-1.7648041537	O	0.9621598254	4.2663140290	-0.2985371544
H	-1.8628720175	-0.8681108080	-1.3487518898	H	1.5772178235	4.8493820902	0.1237596134
H	1.9555366322	-4.0977008295	-1.5669811798	H	-1.2994628489	3.7746405062	-0.1956090672
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H	-1.1538458064	-2.7763551224	-3.2719218523	H	2.3845086586	3.1322713620	-1.2782586545
C	2.0257436812	1.4713027762	0.6271932384	C	0.7486610755	-2.4222794517	-1.2760768725
C	-0.3265653728	1.2209052179	0.2306362109	C	0.8701924489	-1.2228151733	0.7957864657
C	1.8372835106	2.6779831070	1.1976595672	C	1.3023503263	-3.5140834758	-0.7119140627
H	2.9969422941	1.0358276984	0.5119970492	H	0.4756627677	-2.3834859432	-2.3110548671
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H	0.8200227098	4.6465440430	2.6052291799	H	1.9625411637	-5.4074131069	0.9505552939

**Table S4** Cartesian coordinates of S<sub>1</sub>-min of syn (left) and anti (right) of cytidine system optimized at SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level.

SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*				SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*			
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
C	0.4704641050	-1.9163806925	-2.2025778687	C	0.5111243160	2.1454400739	-1.0852128279
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C	0.5276339147	-1.7178248862	0.1949267667	C	-1.2334477370	0.6071679714	-0.5905375945
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	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
H	13.0158775981	17.2403903167	12.2649516255	C	0.3959708110	-1.8721424410	-2.1513259738
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H	13.4439597553	17.1108155251	17.2527119528	H	0.8287795929	4.7931335079	2.6231495004

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	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
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H	-1.5123420940	-1.2284826315	-3.0450289331	H	-0.0651741337	1.1631761484	-1.7405667786
H	-1.4937416020	-2.9047898928	-2.5368916407	H	-1.2879249880	1.5510548228	-0.5443042652
C	2.1931946008	1.3882553144	0.8885360442	C	4.2988747577	-1.7293735114	0.7542937942
C	0.1902986540	1.6250555637	-0.3684260254	C	4.0643559365	0.5136500869	0.0793451349
C	1.6445884732	2.5746645605	1.6112332931	C	5.5866645634	-1.7536466276	0.0938545016
H	2.6222607518	0.6032933340	1.4864627549	H	3.9969836776	-2.3645604868	1.5656225793

C	0.5166904728	3.1617578655	1.2412340953	C	6.1684201986	-0.4095977447	0.0674424202
H	2.2206226771	2.9615511557	2.4323633142	H	5.3748401251	-1.9461177278	-0.9594835963
N	1.2674262308	0.8733397050	-0.0930766453	N	3.4508715246	-0.7834881501	0.3864406820
O	-0.5955100574	1.1474207941	-1.5232570942	O	3.3141731382	1.4424645865	-0.1720856042
N	-0.2623203005	2.6530702061	0.1217232081	N	5.4215753489	0.6522402232	0.1776316901
N	-0.0404847809	4.3459949703	1.7382658939	N	7.4803655949	-0.2550530868	-0.2050553325
H	-1.0389521147	4.2981094706	1.7557550276	H	7.8486884030	0.6707280476	-0.2098312462
H	0.3118169306	4.5908005804	2.6406016766	H	8.0879455550	-0.9949176697	0.0598472632

**Table S7** Cartesian coordinates of syn-Cl<sub>SI</sub>/SO-ESIPT (left) and transition state (TS) structure (right) of cytidine optimized at SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level.

SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*				SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*			
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
H	12.2091789060	15.9898510732	12.1567433119	C	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
O	13.0273160365	18.3484479971	12.9619097623	C	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	1.540177232885
C	12.1316355337	18.4041158598	14.0398726551	C	1.491349325263	0.000000000000	1.883379484915
H	11.1017235802	18.4855280341	13.7126257473	C	2.061264711150	-0.785952318472	0.696902505421
H	12.3893284500	19.2375169129	14.6905004971	O	1.310116097764	-0.334774850864	-0.403181461019
C	12.2977642044	17.1131724999	14.8535174168	O	-0.526226479400	-1.203763181937	2.050555109799
H	11.6771992280	17.2100359580	15.7370260266	O	1.795115470974	-0.549330783020	3.115984571090
O	11.8404965659	16.0205154286	14.0857785054	C	-0.401742660358	1.328329700798	-0.643376297065
C	12.6974517167	14.9105437368	14.2772371940	O	0.524716782218	2.299988918112	-0.109820230686
H	12.4458354967	14.4201711503	15.2079798609	H	2.061229508691	1.741996593631	-0.425414050428
N	12.5030334707	13.9373052203	13.2440776391	H	-1.468481122010	-1.159944675708	2.114975219770
C	12.4494227382	12.5703167073	13.6437587787	H	-0.520537878478	0.852019629158	1.956653795496
H	11.9508179801	12.3722378398	14.5703628101	H	1.870128482838	1.010512452356	1.863691981422
C	12.7298851384	11.5975689285	12.6845791221	H	1.871921882527	-1.839468377960	0.859222330017
H	12.6972656723	10.5601420509	12.9623633670	H	-0.681900702953	-0.762963715223	-0.360605654533
C	13.0613276664	11.9879494367	11.4091237316	H	1.172917177620	-1.241532287316	3.298906498443
N	13.5098060369	11.1283262771	10.4007675897	H	-0.248651437743	1.259125190308	-1.715384159181
H	13.3294097280	11.5120472537	9.4962763838	H	-1.456686120441	1.494071225704	-0.437790566463
H	13.1411909187	10.2026531094	10.4700741637	C	4.282909847732	-1.781773869519	0.683379303563
N	13.0048043190	13.3270879771	11.0292175546	C	4.075913943901	0.557979856007	0.177543226387
C	12.7569886360	14.1949841747	11.9060339733	C	5.651030154393	-1.616391944367	0.729672610386
O	12.7167777494	15.4707514697	11.5423010203	H	3.784109572085	-2.624897096711	0.250766838083
C	13.7429256549	16.7817782030	15.2777763995	C	6.172853733557	-0.335813950718	0.529373180052
H	14.4255564303	17.6046215536	15.1151624119	H	6.288284650695	-2.459290771830	0.919433238735
C	14.0797571935	15.5609459759	14.4172987748	N	3.465264423825	-0.664692700736	0.431281865162
H	14.4219649378	15.8824330209	13.4441639560	O	3.325190702767	1.561820535801	-0.111692616959
O	15.0463261190	14.7338201838	14.9554204739	N	5.377191113110	0.719953708751	0.216819332790
H	14.9524334075	14.7326552104	15.9007966734	N	7.528524337911	-0.049795007619	0.646310397582
O	13.7897657972	16.3548060841	16.6189460335	H	7.754336972430	0.853659928873	0.288088343649
H	13.9041306878	17.0897906724	17.2051481655	H	8.325921858561	-0.647772697946	0.677425402274

**Table S8** Cartesian coordinates of anti-Cl<sub>S2/S1</sub> (left) and anti-Cl<sub>S2/S-B</sub> (right) of cytidine optimized at SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level

SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*				SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*			
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
C	0.4814836933	2.1432802267	-1.1167363014	C	0.8627616388	2.0661635405	-1.0460770917
C	-0.7055126546	1.9738659890	-0.1698893463	C	-0.0947201364	2.1812433731	0.1375171812
C	-1.2557407699	0.6086186329	-0.5872179268	C	-1.0688030413	1.0312393587	-0.1365353169
C	-0.0269613717	-0.1015410544	-1.1945151472	C	-0.2314075828	0.0510066543	-0.9956777272
O	0.9997528752	0.8483667671	-1.2807884216	O	1.0057408593	0.6818849936	-1.2240245886
O	-1.6898028552	2.9546880867	-0.3216446347	O	-0.7831828255	3.3898942244	0.2154217130
O	-2.1913942454	0.7421919443	-1.6192788917	O	-2.1397683217	1.4576325855	-0.9236647580
C	1.5705196399	3.0432535814	-0.5761601686	C	2.2248673355	2.6786101611	-0.8073871284
O	0.9567711270	4.2874512341	-0.3238253935	O	1.9909848424	4.0295619369	-0.4804478696
H	1.5798107677	4.8868018630	0.0625018856	H	2.8104498143	4.4735662618	-0.3130214536
H	-1.2823215387	3.8054667346	-0.2065856923	H	-0.1503874259	4.0987856164	0.1832101306
H	-0.3601938869	1.9299181757	0.8526749882	H	0.4497649664	1.9925674384	1.0569409652
H	-1.6799772190	0.0580494285	0.2407964345	H	-1.4302234394	0.5648942391	0.7723657794
H	-0.3094645260	-0.4196781841	-2.1857121301	H	-0.7572820413	-0.0736361225	-1.9290650786
H	0.1212559416	2.5325776802	-2.0654399136	H	0.4016923758	2.5220760570	-1.9185018854
H	-2.6742788489	1.5484582564	-1.4761192448	H	-2.3668301147	2.3429372187	-0.6621634192
H	1.9719694158	2.6104214244	0.3343950848	H	2.7164633724	2.1566791275	0.0074592811
H	2.3753882533	3.1434365339	-1.2975003627	H	2.8413790769	2.5904693153	-1.6957574316
C	0.7504121063	-2.4195758784	-1.2910055037	C	-0.2989570027	-2.4003465721	-1.3022555343
C	0.8590638644	-1.2535167055	0.8015892055	C	0.7510680492	-1.5287904861	0.6282973795
C	1.3363962503	-3.5697156314	-0.6955322924	C	0.1624202318	-3.6470382068	-0.8983944386
H	0.4795649224	-2.3822267478	-2.3228374011	H	-1.0362958581	-2.2525557664	-2.0608022865
C	1.6700578402	-3.5475678026	0.6239751362	C	0.9225085392	-3.7678464247	0.2483025919
H	1.5131549329	-4.4393456957	-1.2993248564	H	-0.0700807014	-4.5085361104	-1.4971343607
N	0.4562750183	-1.2923462092	-0.5269924463	N	-0.0287967775	-1.2723159821	-0.4706249131
O	0.6455969629	-0.2126914150	1.4789326257	O	1.0521289857	-0.4575885936	1.4144750292
N	1.4490530296	-2.3447981999	1.3088253434	N	1.2013687497	-2.6451437054	1.0230807575
N	2.3077336604	-4.5351940385	1.3683673988	N	1.5513121377	-4.9442482796	0.6801982123
H	1.9925493169	-4.5581618055	2.3194190395	H	1.7137621445	-4.9227203663	1.6658493603
H	2.2341175682	-5.4427667609	0.9558656728	H	1.0430025994	-5.7702847364	0.4388774911

**Table S9** Cartesian coordinates of anti-Cl<sub>S1/S0-P</sub> (left) and anti-Cl<sub>S1/S0-B</sub> (right) of cytidine optimized at SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level

SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*				SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*			
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z

C	2.4532242064	-1.2589279355	-0.3694665591	C	0.8890895285	2.1064699114	-0.9447253863
C	2.5589364089	-0.0785150130	0.5944411809	C	-0.2447126279	1.8676336648	0.0448979366
C	1.8621566834	1.0428398575	-0.1849591239	C	-1.0926503167	0.8597703264	-0.7273837829
C	0.9444503263	0.2788428775	-1.1596992310	C	-0.0326135498	0.0433444696	-1.4856515169
O	1.2043210873	-1.0937944992	-0.9884452515	O	1.1434489409	0.8179058151	-1.4696838655
O	3.8723480300	0.2897895165	0.8965897840	O	-0.9971292264	2.9971692648	0.3492986348
O	2.7779647676	1.7617064528	-0.9603970566	O	-1.8816646671	1.5112549032	-1.6750329211
C	2.4938253115	-2.6112510406	0.3070269325	C	2.1529596258	2.6843850675	-0.3440108908
O	3.7131600558	-2.6589636803	1.0128658027	O	1.7630397319	3.9088365266	0.2333945261
H	3.7798175520	-3.4705489757	1.4961422907	H	2.5096702133	4.3414536950	0.6241832344
H	4.3248287877	-0.4724965592	1.2388177834	H	-0.4063508835	3.6975058661	0.6035898027
H	2.0034282803	-0.2932808581	1.4965449583	H	0.1501105931	1.4027498115	0.9455202308
H	1.3087444506	1.7110318900	0.4599677673	H	-1.6938146519	0.2349642687	-0.0790582294
H	1.2306184286	0.5768758180	-2.1579810220	H	-0.3552576487	-0.1179031446	-2.5042603509
H	3.2552401299	-1.1892994286	-1.1003692860	H	0.5382499966	2.7540581465	-1.7386768250
H	3.5962815403	1.8112116979	-0.4796534703	H	-2.2460974641	2.2922331737	-1.2739533721
H	1.6466345155	-2.6994238155	0.9797246123	H	2.5551412391	2.0117512725	0.4050999902
H	2.4368718183	-3.4073264535	-0.4288645736	H	2.9020255810	2.8326578207	-1.1145748823
C	-1.2883196313	-0.0910279596	-1.9418784347	C	-0.6551627440	-2.3085716425	-1.0554610772
C	-1.1773781668	0.2641154904	0.3989575305	C	1.4717368194	-1.5484229352	-0.3578756965
C	-2.6347452349	0.5048048341	-1.9376895664	C	-0.2932576051	-3.5057988549	-0.2476053065
H	-1.0855052578	-1.1060316183	-2.2432321994	H	-1.6761329964	-1.9727218495	-1.0066454334
C	-3.2192339027	0.6282919219	-0.6721020054	C	0.9052065020	-3.6268856662	0.3000692811
H	-2.9010120168	1.2163078190	-2.6996724197	H	-1.0135142196	-4.2999751338	-0.1809604930
N	-0.4729568913	0.5599503433	-1.0773591090	N	0.2734412526	-1.2243863288	-0.8713175647
O	-0.4339175791	-0.0662656126	1.2690100729	O	2.4809467299	-0.5066579676	-0.4726615120
N	-2.5066335567	0.3947388802	0.4276895720	N	1.8892342059	-2.5673795566	0.1860603326
N	-4.5064333905	1.0846327991	-0.4825495530	N	1.4361671856	-4.7364338465	0.9647022418
H	-4.6468125084	1.6113722171	0.3521531004	H	2.0360096832	-4.4620263801	1.7137949047
H	-4.9596936343	1.4659002843	-1.2830752161	H	0.7368212254	-5.3688199479	1.2893885828

**Table S10** Cartesian coordinates of the north conformer (left) and south conformer (right) of cytidine optimized at SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G\* level.

SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*				SA3-CASSCF(14,12)/6-31G*			
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
N	1.6742852651	1.7656489137	-2.4467725640	N	3.4519472775	0.4121906595	-0.8638591672
N	0.4048038835	1.0062200041	-0.5453124815	N	1.0946013664	0.1899739144	-0.4720779934
N	3.7382660819	0.8818245241	-2.9030302773	N	4.9685359365	0.0450533792	0.8184911160
C	0.4949632592	1.8105779421	-1.6778439304	C	3.6625718845	0.1278676341	0.3735863868
C	1.4248633337	0.1662523792	-0.1926897783	C	2.6022882600	-0.1472086465	1.3156090294
C	2.5441535522	0.0968128666	-0.9462947935	C	1.3404517028	-0.0953023398	0.8420587832
C	2.6167089274	0.9558273636	-2.1013776650	C	2.1669957851	0.4462370316	-1.3726064333
C	-0.8109272643	1.1588386424	0.2650569948	C	-0.2636528992	0.2419917001	-0.9665771480

C	-2.0268223680	0.4510147326	-0.3383567574	C	-2.3780425497	0.6025582635	-0.0776978808
C	-2.0020853803	-0.8889611938	0.3960943583	C	-2.4457504349	-0.6526068373	-0.9637142219
C	-1.5353312761	-0.4528170426	1.7787038841	C	-0.9893069126	-1.1058713848	-1.0020952714
C	-0.9037598955	-1.5231157654	2.6378817092	C	-2.8141684471	0.3919486575	1.3580121958
O	-0.4423402542	2.5399794453	-1.9836334187	O	1.9445536020	0.6958437573	-2.5503655652
O	-0.6060506919	0.5783648738	1.5186125842	O	-1.0325848490	1.0303015299	-0.0991865470
O	0.1280056041	-2.1563254703	1.9273275183	O	-2.1244861940	-0.7065339072	1.8932106528
O	-3.2627652139	-1.4984758442	0.4797188372	O	-2.7883656001	-0.3309272295	-2.2903021490
H	-0.5227271147	-1.0626317610	3.5444872197	H	0.4762127197	-0.2608891136	1.4511572705
H	-1.6777519029	-2.2348125578	2.9127892280	H	2.8088462247	-0.3851943384	2.3400870051
H	0.5482618611	-2.8008284202	2.4796354228	H	5.1264209318	0.3320243193	1.7597668173
H	3.3427841562	-0.5731864223	-0.6969484946	H	5.6285050618	0.4286623934	0.1761242417
H	1.2731122068	-0.4188653500	0.6870908852	H	-0.2199506604	0.6777826859	-1.9496135818
H	3.8096196466	1.6327578737	-3.5559211109	H	-2.9982806973	1.3843318770	-0.5054161766
H	4.5959857808	0.6871264872	-2.4347104085	H	-2.3625759175	-0.8284092765	2.8019396763
H	-1.0068520090	2.2119798040	0.3674685350	H	-2.6021528680	1.2958201340	1.9207845789
H	-1.2743094304	-1.5579156478	-0.0460558382	H	-3.8887582446	0.2196432588	1.3800091878
H	-2.3833570928	-0.0465976669	2.3190988238	H	-3.7142938728	-0.1464979469	-2.3656162586
H	-1.9576703367	0.3668272757	-1.4152359313	H	-3.1095789928	-1.4121515578	-0.5692668637
H	-3.3778660533	-2.1086492502	-0.2355003746	H	-0.7687072609	-1.6594435018	-0.1015730634
O	-3.1593242187	1.1736252219	0.0388837954	O	-0.6552385883	-1.9121209865	-2.0740806744
H	-3.8967334556	0.5762599427	0.077620928	H	-1.0356549635	-1.5452351291	-2.8635796456

**Table S11** Cartesian coordinates of the most stable structure of Syn-Cyd (left) employing the PCM model and Syn-Cyd-H<sub>2</sub>O cluster (right) in the ground state optimized at DFT/B3LPY/6-31G\*\* level.

DFT/B3LPY/6-31G**				DFT/B3LPY/6-31G**			
	X	Y	Z		X	Y	Z
C	0.466893000000	-1.857091000000	-2.241032000000	C	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
C	0.647605000000	-2.780456000000	-1.021679000000	C	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	1.536170000000
C	0.621376000000	-1.812103000000	0.176215000000	C	1.488850300000	0.000000000000	1.883247200000
C	1.266205000000	-0.555942000000	-0.452620000000	C	2.050858900000	-0.810667900000	0.712382200000
O	0.853822000000	-0.525179000000	-1.804175000000	O	1.282317100000	-0.470591500000	-0.393026900000
O	1.948171000000	-3.380386000000	-0.993909000000	O	-0.521155400000	-1.203696400000	2.058098000000
O	1.312516000000	-2.292292000000	1.304918000000	O	1.794462600000	-0.553360900000	3.117974000000
C	-0.957526000000	-1.796435000000	-2.783529000000	C	-0.252328100000	1.362825700000	-0.621486700000
O	-1.928178000000	-1.593001000000	-1.773243000000	O	0.482169900000	2.378429500000	-0.019826100000
H	-1.687303000000	-0.772078000000	-1.288253000000	H	1.407344800000	2.246606900000	-0.181787900000
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