

**Steric effects of the alkyl groups: evaluation the isolated molecules by means of isodesmic reactions**

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Supplementary information

**Table S1** DFT-Energies of alkyl substituted cyclopropanes **1**, **3** and cyclopentanes **4**, **5** (in a. u.)

Substituents	<b>1</b> <i>cis</i> -1,2- cyclopropane	<b>3</b> <i>trans</i> -1,2- cyclopropane	<b>4</b> <i>cis</i> -1,2- cyclopentane	<b>5</b> <i>trans</i> -1,2- cyclopentane
H H	-117.9309084		-196.6116632	
H Me	-157.2579373		-235.9377095	
H Et	-196.5823742		-275.2587061	
H Pr	-235.906735			
H <i>i</i> -Bu	-275.2306824			
H <i>neo</i> -Pe	-314.5535534		-393.2299465	
H <i>i</i> -Pr	-235.9075789		-314.5826418	
H <i>t</i> -Bu	-275.2290857		-353.9057662	
Me Me	-196.5826017	-196.5848101	-275.2600556	-275.2633460
Me Et	-235.9068233	-235.9092505	-314.5834383	-314.5866148
Me Pr	-275.2312052	-275.2335868		

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Me <i>i</i> -Bu	-314.5549981	-314.5575471		
Me <i>neo</i> -Pe	-353.8778981	-353.8804087	-432.5519854	-432.5476252
Me <i>i</i> -Pr	-275.2317861	-275.2343981	-353.9019984	-353.9081660
Me <i>t</i> -Bu	-314.5049389	-314.555796	-393.2239381	-393.2296127
Et Et	-275.2311635	-275.2336602	-353.9060772	-353.9097884
Et Pr	-314.5555084	-314.5580064		
Et <i>i</i> -Bu	-353.8792602	-353.8820322		
Et <i>neo</i> -Pe	-393.2021895	-393.2048485	-471.8746934	-471.8704767
Et <i>i</i> -Pr	-314.5560613	-314.5556904	-393.2251787	-393.2312672
Et <i>t</i> -Bu	-353.8735852	-353.8802601	-432.5460661	-432.5530201
Pr Pr	-353.879844	-353.8823401		
Pr <i>i</i> -Bu	-393.2036229	-393.2063146		
Pr <i>neo</i> -Pe	-432.5259809	-432.5292031		
Pr <i>i</i> -Pr	-353.8804486	-353.8831679		
Pr <i>t</i> -Bu	-393.1979447	-393.2045995		
<i>i</i> -Bu <i>i</i> -Bu	-432.5273466	-432.5302497		
<i>i</i> -Bu <i>neo</i> -Pe	-471.8502939	-471.8531451		
<i>i</i> -Bu <i>i</i> -Pr	-393.2042189	-393.2071578		
<i>i</i> -Bu <i>t</i> -Bu	-432.5214537	-432.5286076		
<i>neo</i> -Pe <i>neo</i> -Pe	-511.1731775	-511.1759038	-589.8429021	-589.8316209
<i>neo</i> -Pe <i>i</i> -Pr	-432.5242375	-432.5288875	-511.1940703	-511.1926087
<i>neo</i> -Pe <i>t</i> -Bu	-471.8445368	-471.8514264	-550.5091423	-550.5122386
<i>i</i> -Pr <i>i</i> -Pr	-353.8796818	-353.8839116	-432.5440522	-432.5529357
<i>i</i> -Pr <i>t</i> -Bu	-393.1974788	-393.2052741	-393.2239381	-471.8742854
<i>t</i> -Bu <i>t</i> -Bu	-432.5109815	-432.5266948	-511.1755161	-511.1916306

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**Table S2** Calculated energies of bicyclo[2.2.2]octane derivatives **2** and **6**

Substituent	1-alkyl-BCO	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
		1-alkyl-trimethyl-BCO	1-alkyl-hexamethyl-BCO
H	-313.3717029 <sup>a</sup>	-431.3438193	-549.2609652
Me	-352.6984378 <sup>a</sup>	-470.6634205	-588.5818250
Et	-392.0191784	-509.9777481	-627.8932125
Pr	-431.3433483	-549.3019033	-667.2172984
<i>i</i> -Bu	-470.6639327	-588.6191907	-706.5331578
<i>neo</i> -Pe	-509.9818325	-627.9315463	-745.8389234
<i>i</i> -Pr	-431.3393120	-549.2914039	-667.1987679
<i>t</i> -Bu	-470.6583232 <sup>a</sup>	-588.6035611	-706.5002708

**Table S3** Some calculated geometrical parameters of bicyclo[2.2.2]octane derivatives **2** and **6**

Compound	C1–C2			$\angle$ C(X)-C1-C2			$\angle$ C1-C2-C(H <sub>3</sub> )					
<b>2</b> H	1.552	1.552	1.552				114.1	114.1	114.1			
<b>2</b> Me	1.565	1.565	1.565	111.0	111.0	111.0	115.6	115.6	115.6			
<b>2</b> Et	1.570	1.572	1.575	108.9	112.1	113.3	115.7	116.3	118.1			
<b>2</b> Pr	1.569	1.573	1.576	108.9	112.1	113.3	115.9	116.3	118.1			
<b>2</b> <i>i</i> -Bu	1.566	1.572	1.575	107.9	112.1	113.0	114.9	115.6	116.8			
<i>eo</i> -Pe	1.570	1.571	1.588	104.4	113.3	116.3	115.5	115.9	116.9			
<b>2</b> <i>i</i> -Pr	1.570	1.573	1.578	109.9	111.3	112.9	115.0	115.8	117.4			
<b>2</b> <i>t</i> -Bu	1.583	1.583	1.583	112.1	112.1	112.1	116.8	116.8	116.8			
<b>6</b> H	1.594	1.594	1.594				111.9	115.2	111.9	115.2	111.9	115.2
<b>6</b> Me	1.620	1.620	1.620	110.6	110.6	110.6	113.8	116.3	113.8	116.3	113.8	116.3
<b>6</b> Et	1.620	1.624	1.638	106.8	112.7	113.9	114.3	116.9	114.5	116.3	115.3	115.9
<b>6</b> Pr	1.622	1.622	1.637	107.0	112.2	114.1	113.8	117.2	114.8	115.7	115.0	115.9
<b>6</b> <i>i</i> -Bu	1.624	1.625	1.645	105.8	113.8	114.4	114.3	117.3	115.0	116.0	115.5	116.1
<b>6</b> <i>neo</i> -Pe	1.620	1.632	1.651	104.0	113.4	117.3	114.3	115.7	115.4	115.6	115.5	116.6
<b>6</b> <i>i</i> -Pr	1.624	1.641	1.650	109.2	111.3	115.1	114.3	117.3	114.6	116.9	114.9	116.7
<b>6</b> <i>t</i> -Bu	1.657	1.657	1.657	112.8	112.8	112.8	116.6	117.3	116.6	117.3	116.6	117.3