

Table 1: Results for Stacking and Hydrogen Bonding Interactions in Nucleobase Pairs (kcal/mol)

Methods	Stacking								Hydrogen Bonding				AMUE ^b
	A···T S	G···C S	C···C AP ^a	C···C D ^a	C···C S ^a	U···U S	MSE	MUE	A···T WC	G···C WC	MSE	MUE	
Best estimate ^c	11.60	16.90	9.90	9.43	-2.45	10.30			15.40	28.80			
M05-2X	10.28	16.25	10.52	10.02	-5.08	8.76	-0.82	1.22	14.56	28.58	-0.53	0.53	0.87
PWB6K	9.50	14.86	10.88	9.66	-5.93	7.94	-1.46	1.86	14.22	28.39	-0.79	0.79	1.33
MPWB1K	8.19	13.68	9.63	8.63	-7.02	6.51	-2.68	2.68	13.42	27.45	-1.67	1.67	2.17
PW6B95	7.68	13.10	9.48	8.46	-6.56	6.45	-2.84	2.84	13.26	26.68	-2.13	2.13	2.49
MPW1B95	7.47	12.83	8.98	8.08	-7.10	6.01	-3.24	3.24	13.18	26.80	-2.11	2.11	2.67
M05	5.77	11.95	7.86	7.66	-6.40	5.79	-3.84	3.84	13.68	27.07	-1.72	1.72	2.78
PBE1PBE	3.54	10.44	5.30	5.81	-8.40	3.97	-5.84	5.84	14.42	28.43	-0.67	0.67	3.25
B97-1	3.54	10.26	5.64	6.31	-8.01	4.05	-5.65	5.65	14.08	27.44	-1.34	1.34	3.50
BMK	5.42	11.54	6.37	6.17	-9.14	4.42	-5.15	5.15	12.49	26.30	-2.71	2.71	3.93
τ -HCTHh	2.39	9.38	4.54	5.14	-8.87	3.05	-6.68	6.68	13.79	27.42	-1.49	1.49	4.08
TPSSh	1.42	8.47	3.75	4.46	-9.64	2.29	-7.49	7.49	13.37	26.80	-2.02	2.02	4.75
SPWL	12.59	18.90	11.62	10.70	-2.33	10.64	1.07	1.07	22.30	39.44	8.77	8.77	4.92
B3LYP	-0.10	7.39	2.87	3.64	-10.70	1.47	-8.52	8.52	12.73	26.17	-2.65	2.65	5.59
B97-3	0.71	7.60	3.45	4.24	-10.21	1.90	-8.00	8.00	11.78	24.78	-3.82	3.82	5.91
Average								4.58				2.32	3.45

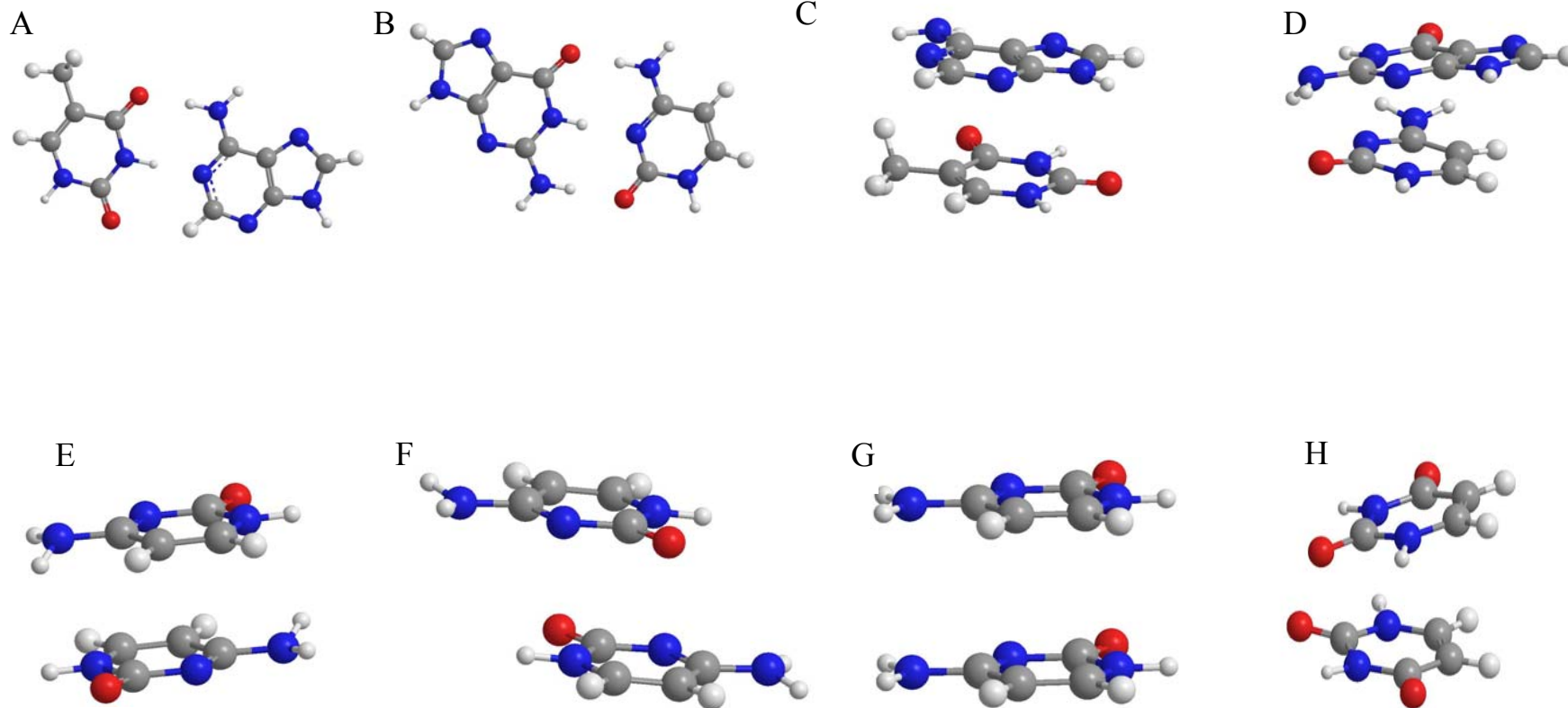
^a 6-31+G(d,p) is used for all calculations in this table.

^b AP denotes antiparallel, D denotes displaced, and S denotes sandwich. The structures for all base pairs in this table can be found in Ref. ¹ and Supporting Information.

^c See Ref. ¹ and references therein for the sources of these best estimate.

^d AMUE=0.5 MUE (Stacking) + 0.5 MUE(Hydrogen Bonding)

Figure 1: Structures of the nucleobase pairs. (A) A···T WC, (B) G···C WC, (C) A···T stacking, (D) G···C stacking, (E) C···C antiparallel, (F) C···C displaced, (G) C···C parallel, (H) U···U stacking.



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