

## Supporting Information

### Active Role of Hydrogen Bonds in Rupe and Meyer-Schuster Rearrangements

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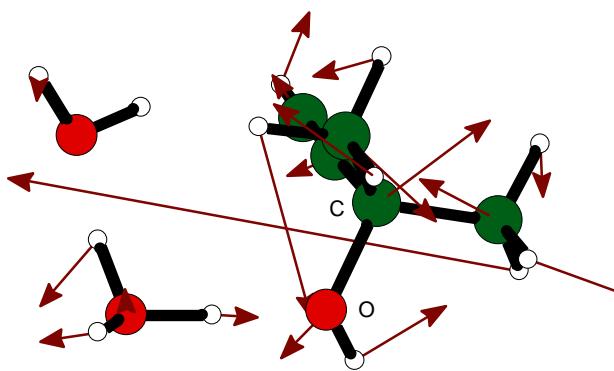
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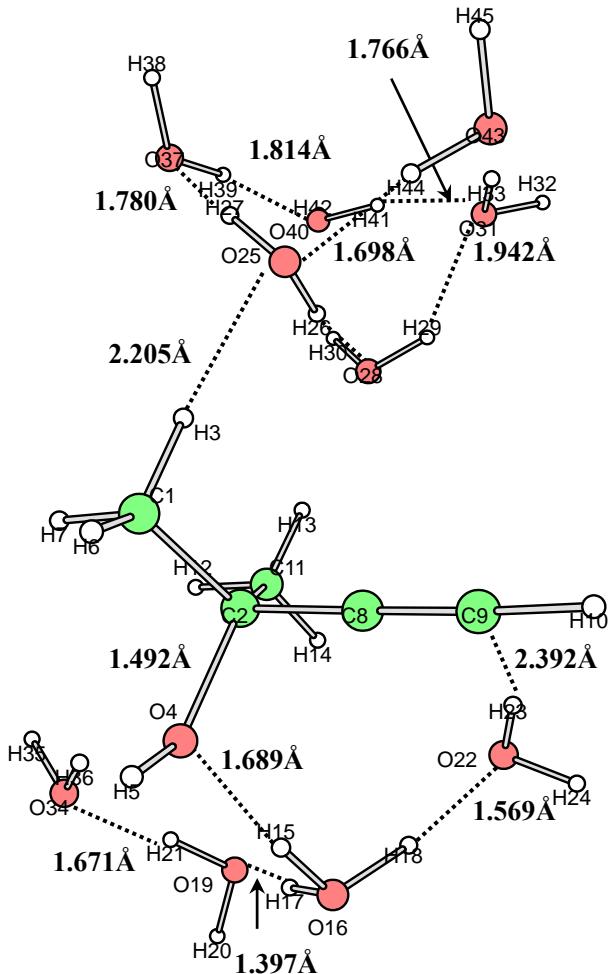
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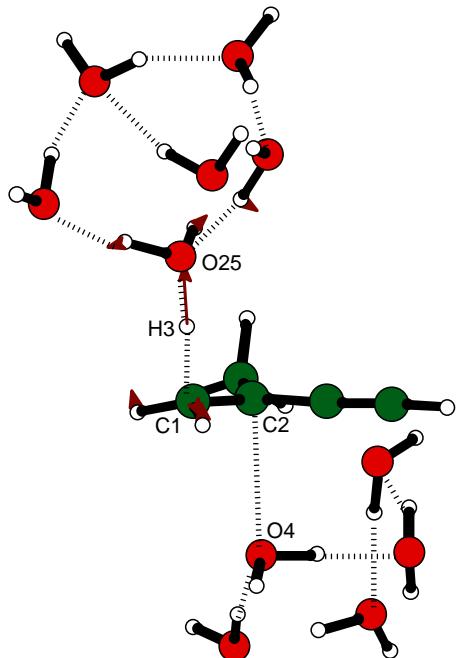
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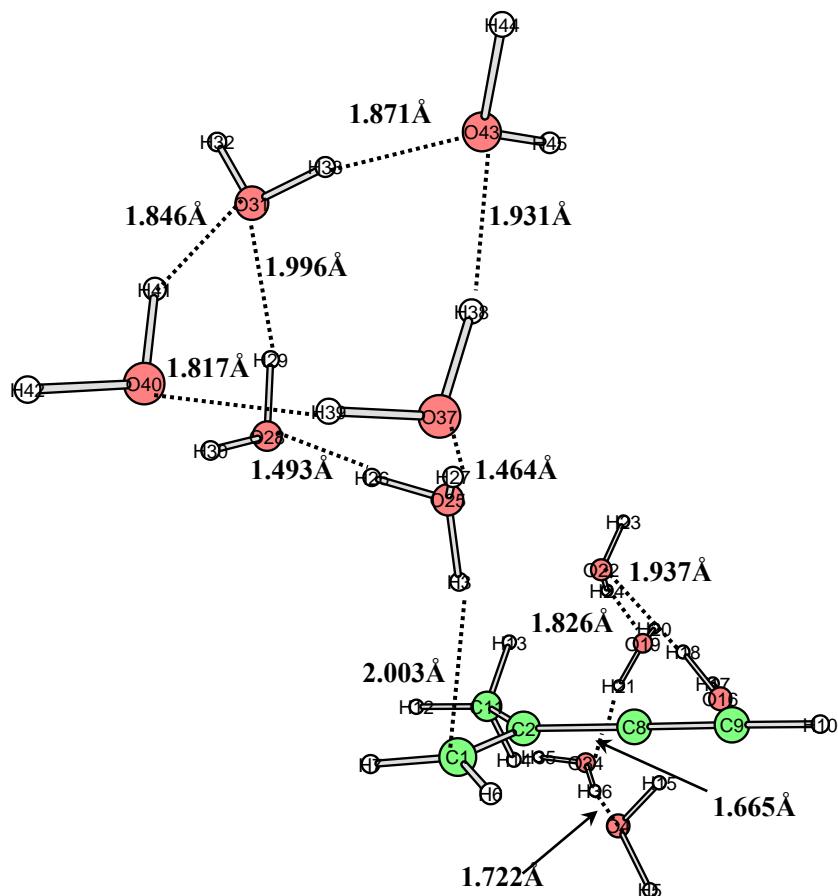
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F2-1  
 $\Delta E = 0 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $(\Delta E = 0 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\circ = 0 \text{ kcal/mol}$

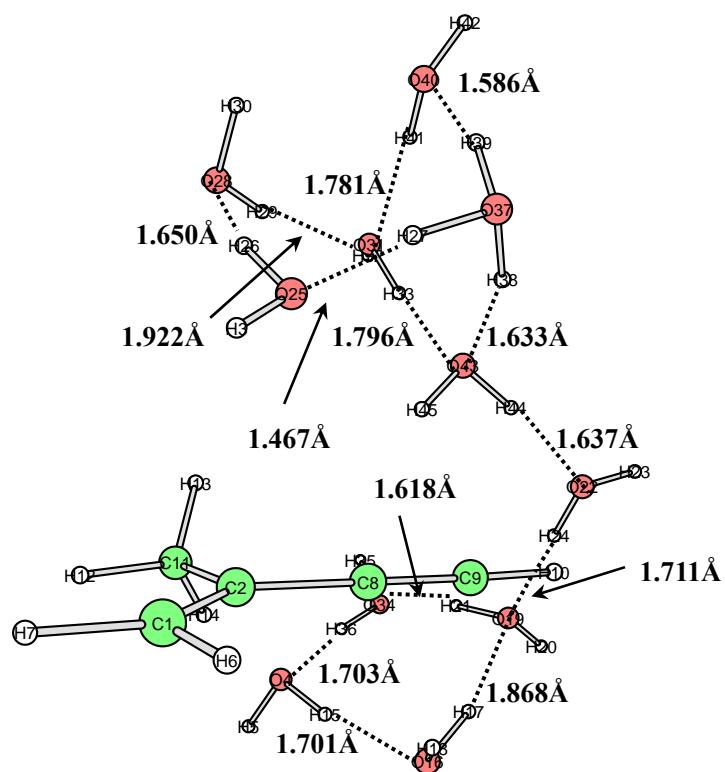


F2-2 (TS1)  
 $\Delta E^\ddagger = +12.29 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $(\Delta E^\ddagger = +19.75 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\ddagger = +10.89 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $v^\ddagger = 922.26 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



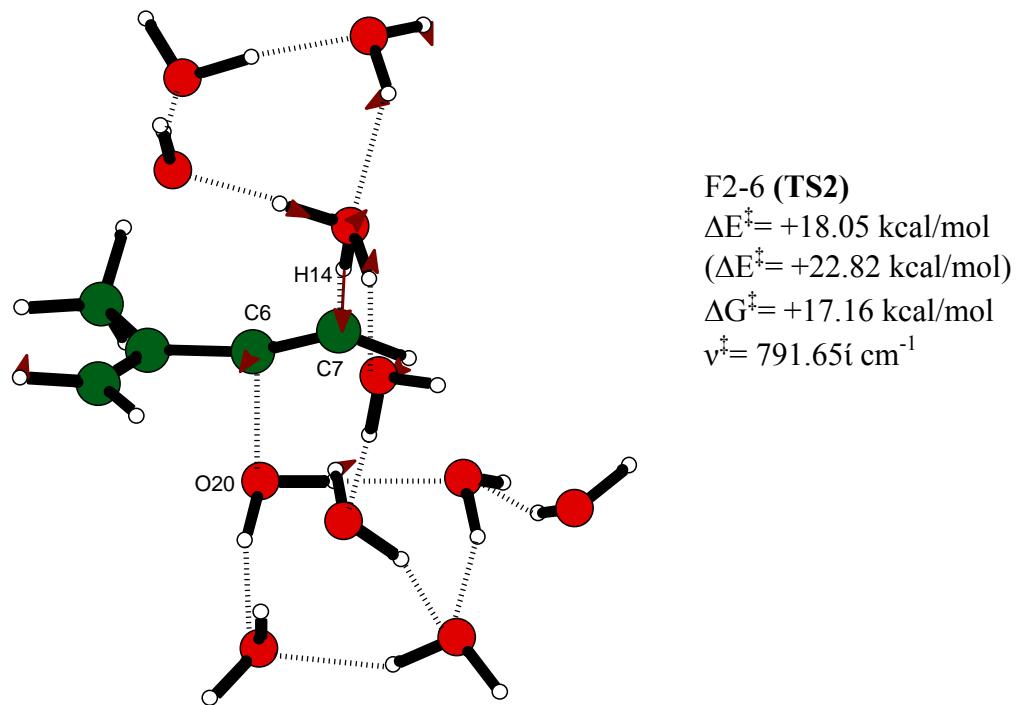
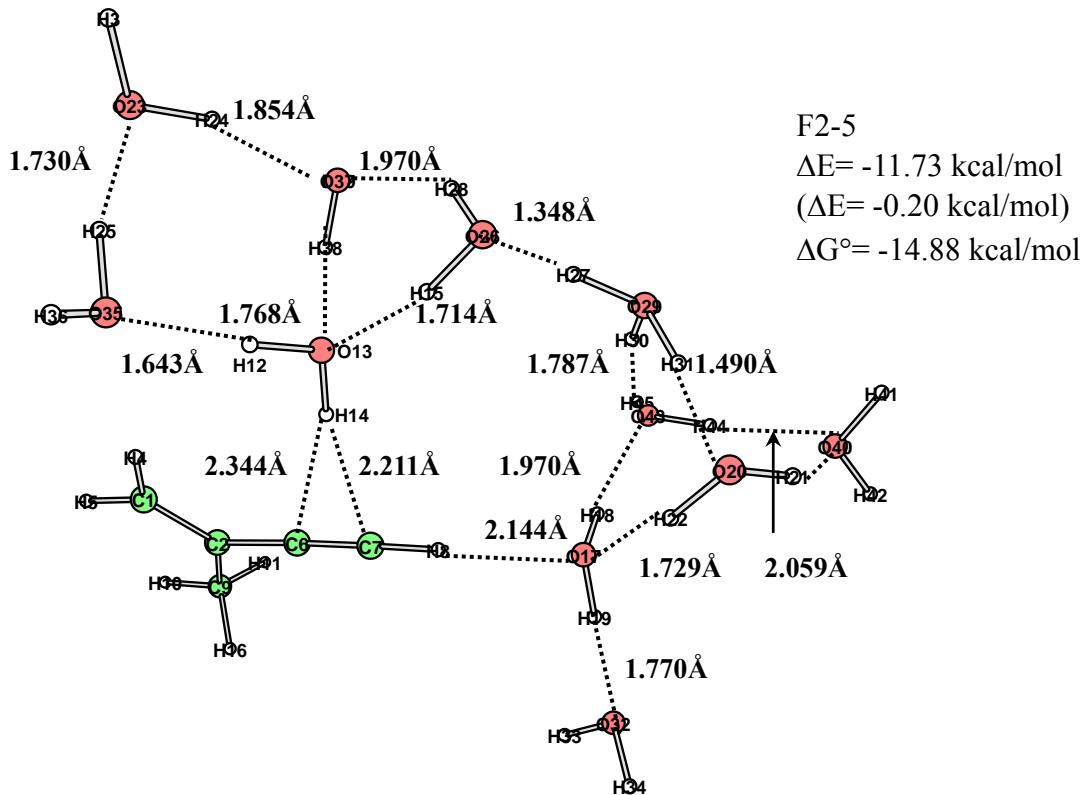
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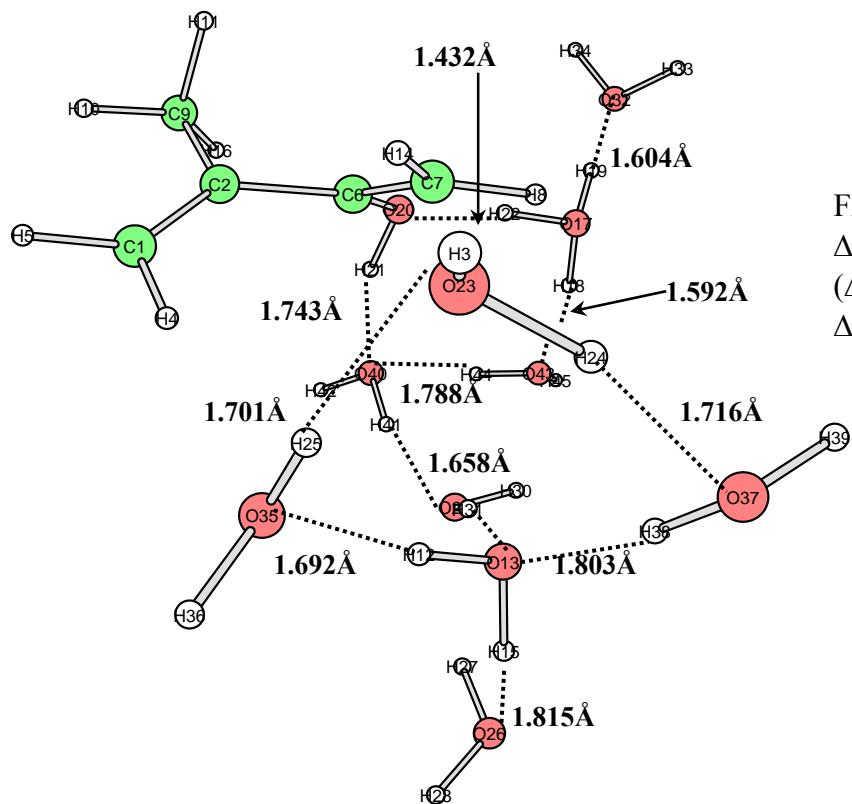
$\Delta E = -7.72 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $(\Delta E = +12.29 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\circ = -9.60 \text{ kcal/mol}$



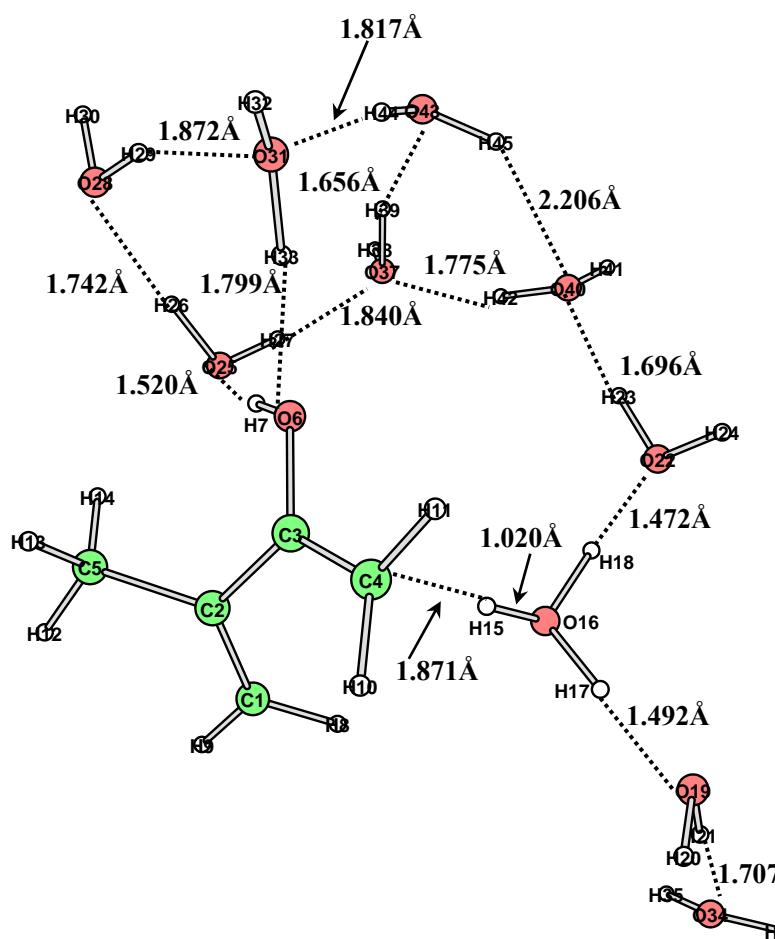
F2-4

$\Delta E = -6.93 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $(\Delta E = -2.01 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\circ = -6.87 \text{ kcal/mol}$

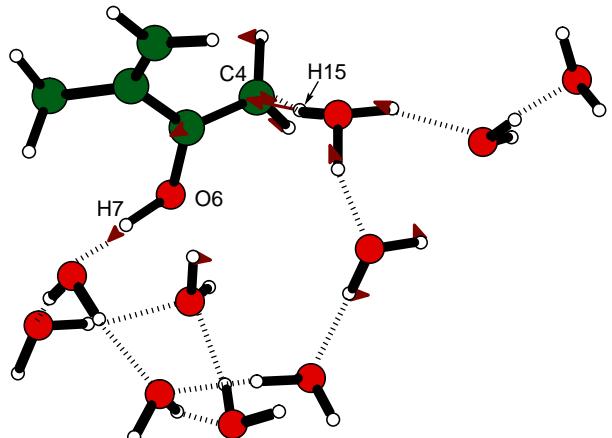




F2-7  
 $\Delta E = -22.48 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $(\Delta E = -21.21 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\circ = -22.87 \text{ kcal/mol}$



F2-8  
 $\Delta E = -29.05 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $(\Delta E = -25.97 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\circ = -30.28 \text{ kcal/mol}$



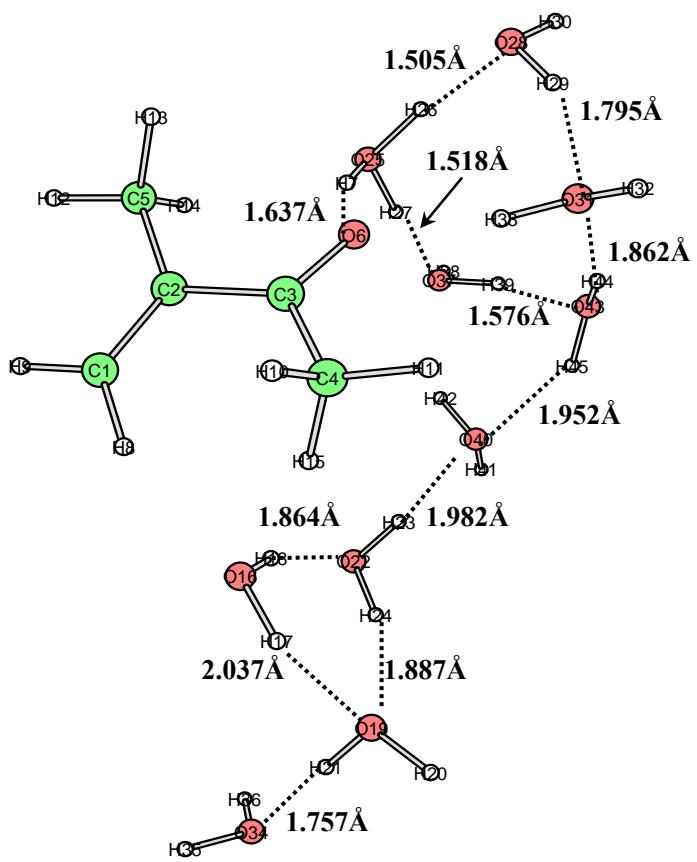
F2-9 (TS3)

$$\Delta E^\ddagger = -22.85 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

( $\Delta E^\ddagger = -24.57$  kcal/mol)

$$\Delta G^\ddagger = -22.37 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$\nu^{\ddagger} = 846.241 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$



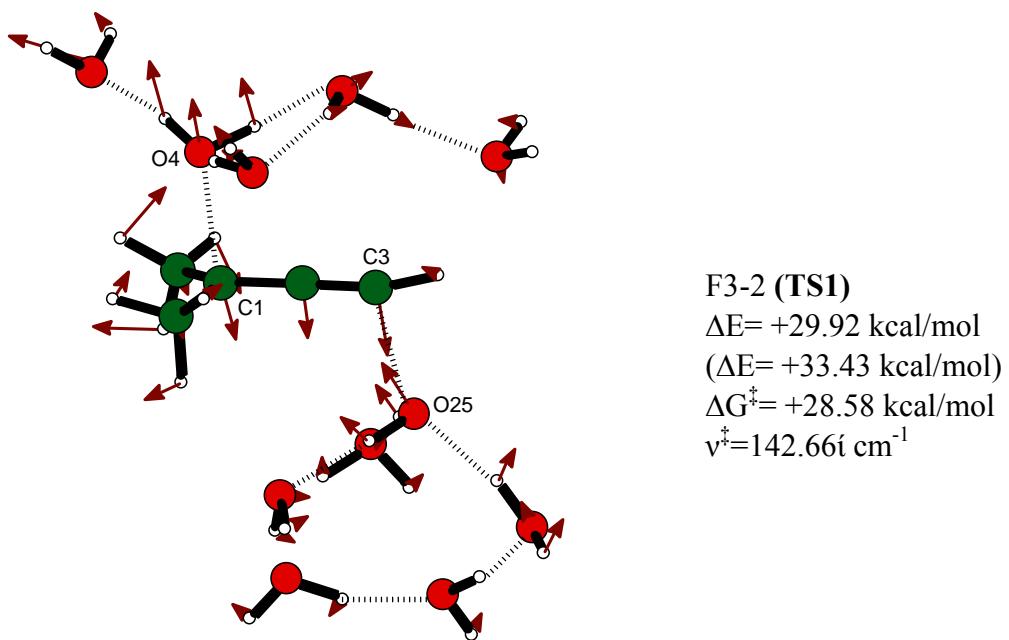
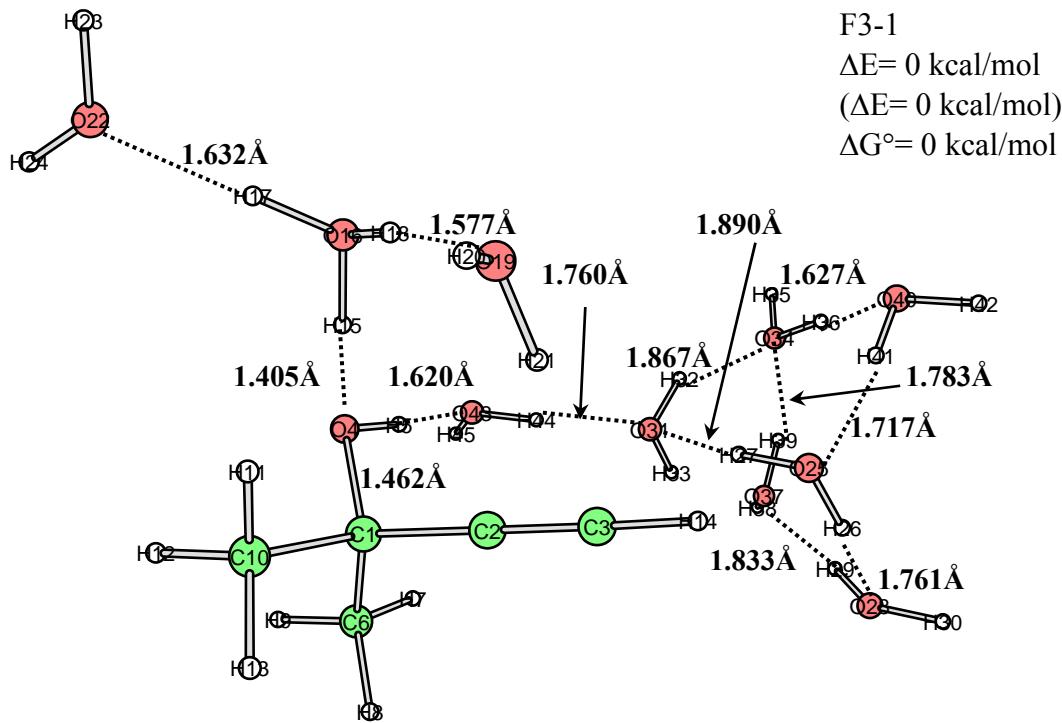
## F2-10 (Product α,β-enone)

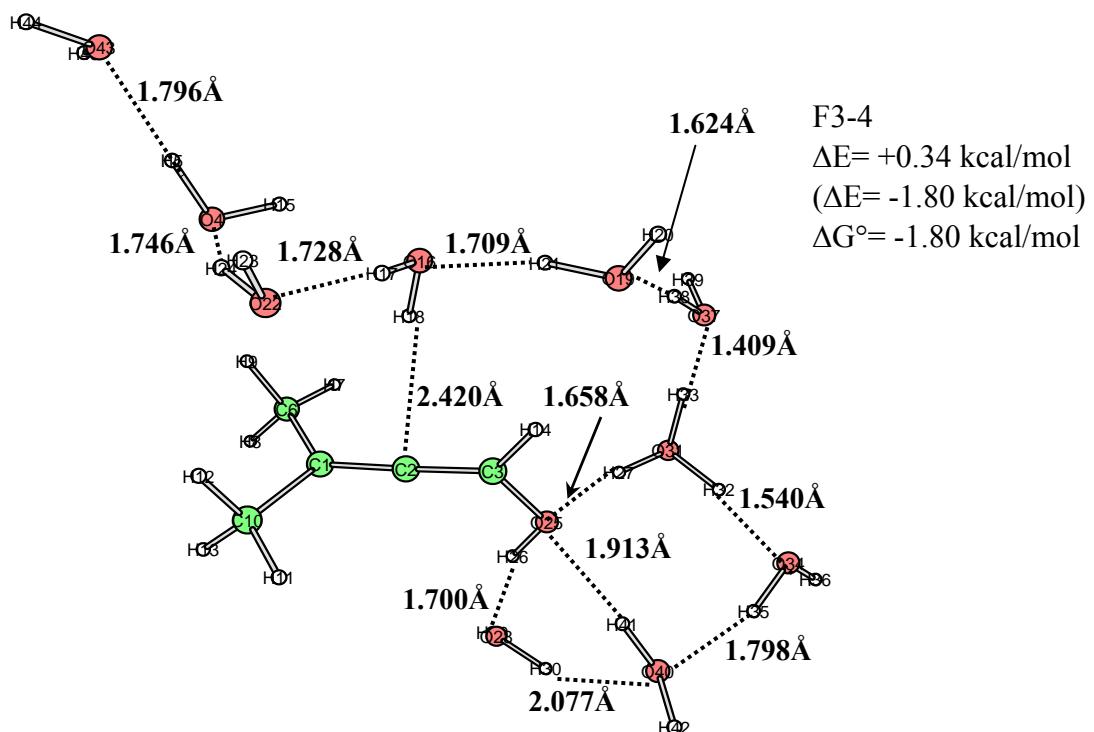
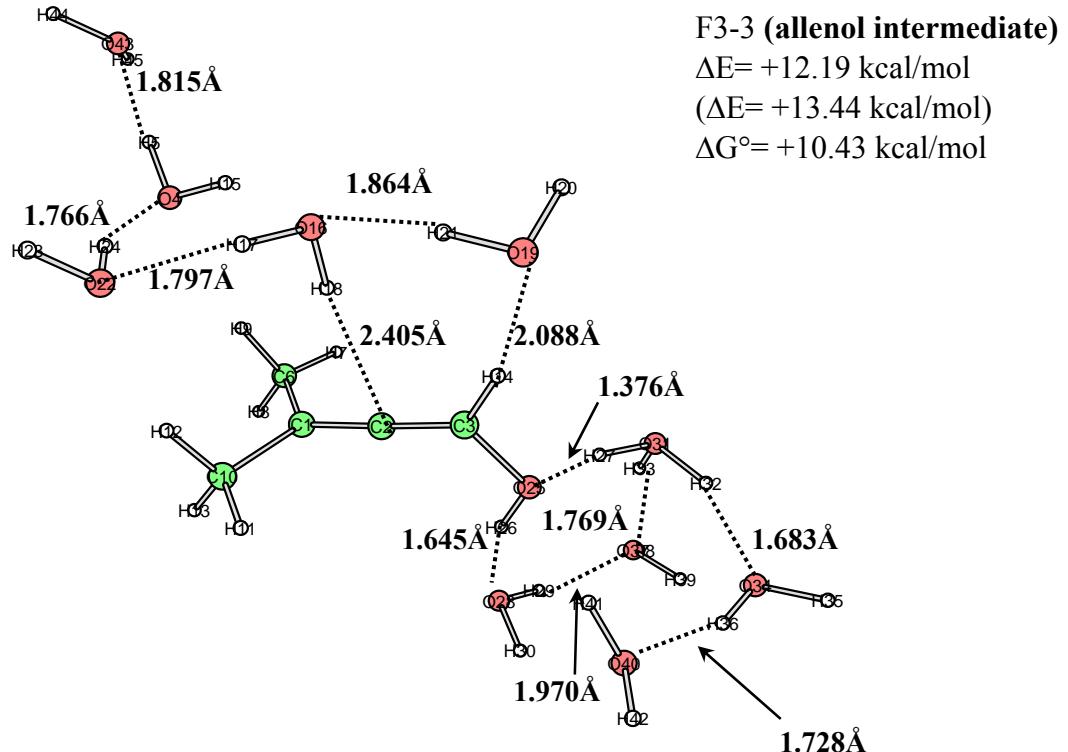
$\Delta E = -32.04 \text{ kcal/mol}$

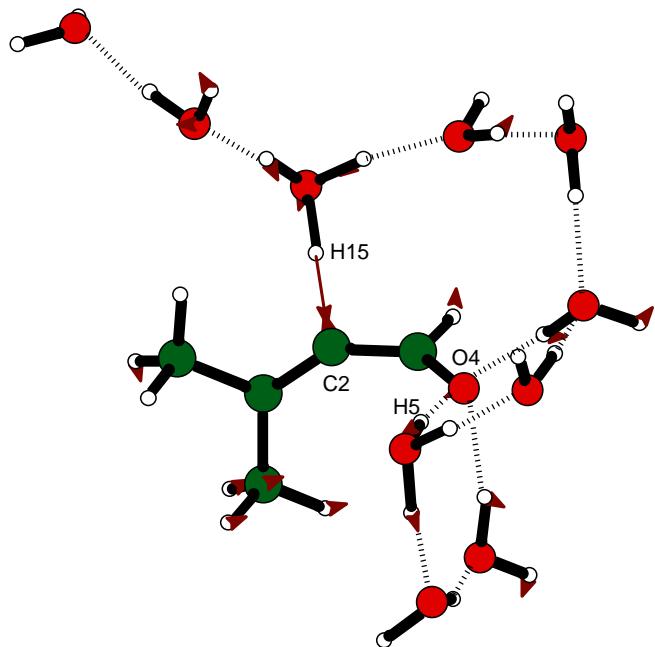
( $\Delta E = -37.65$  kcal/mol)

$$\Delta G^\circ = -33.71 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

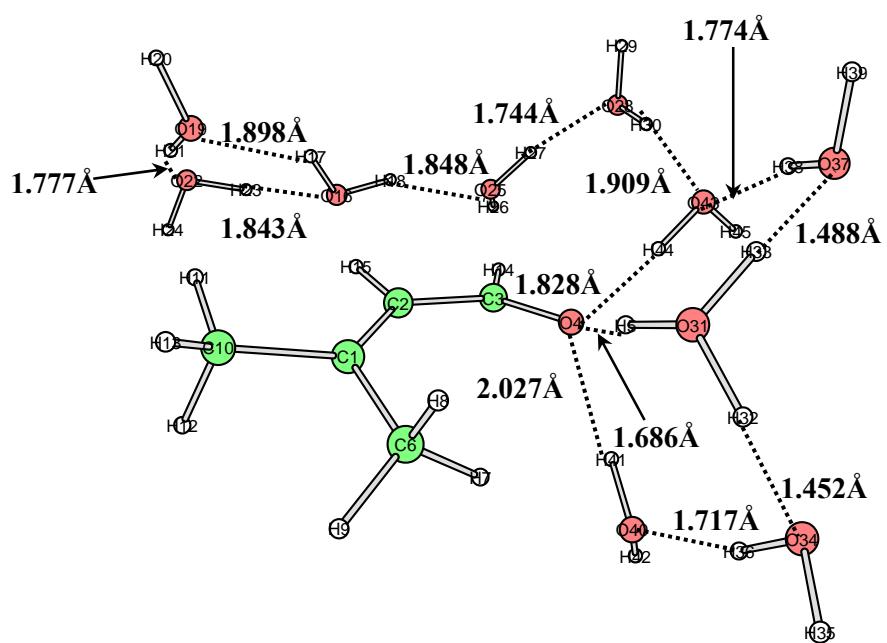
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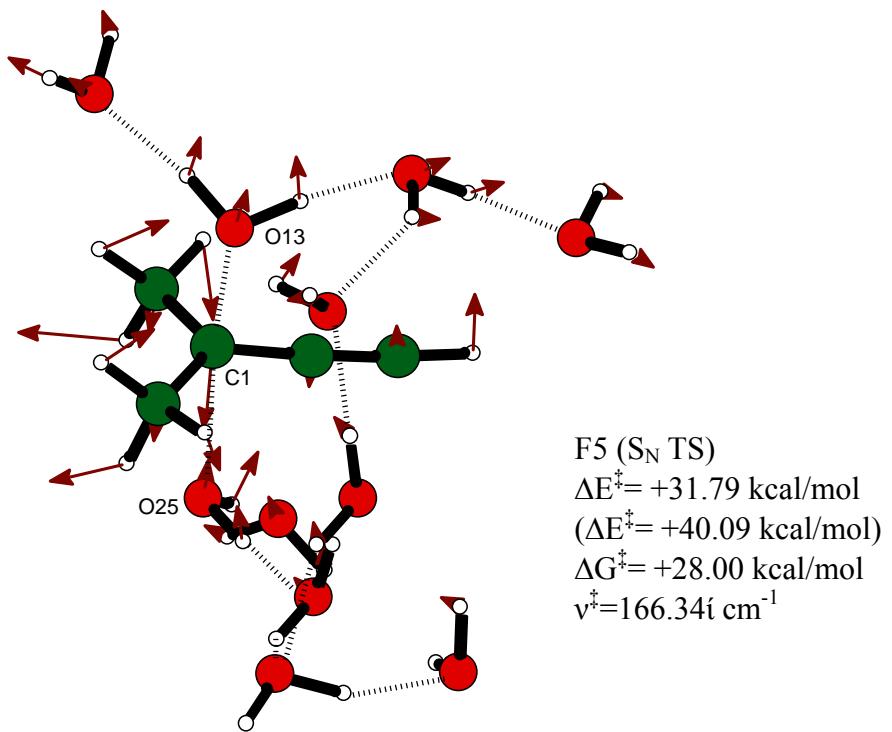


F3-5 (TS2)  
 $\Delta E = +2.02 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
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 $v^\ddagger = 348.18 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

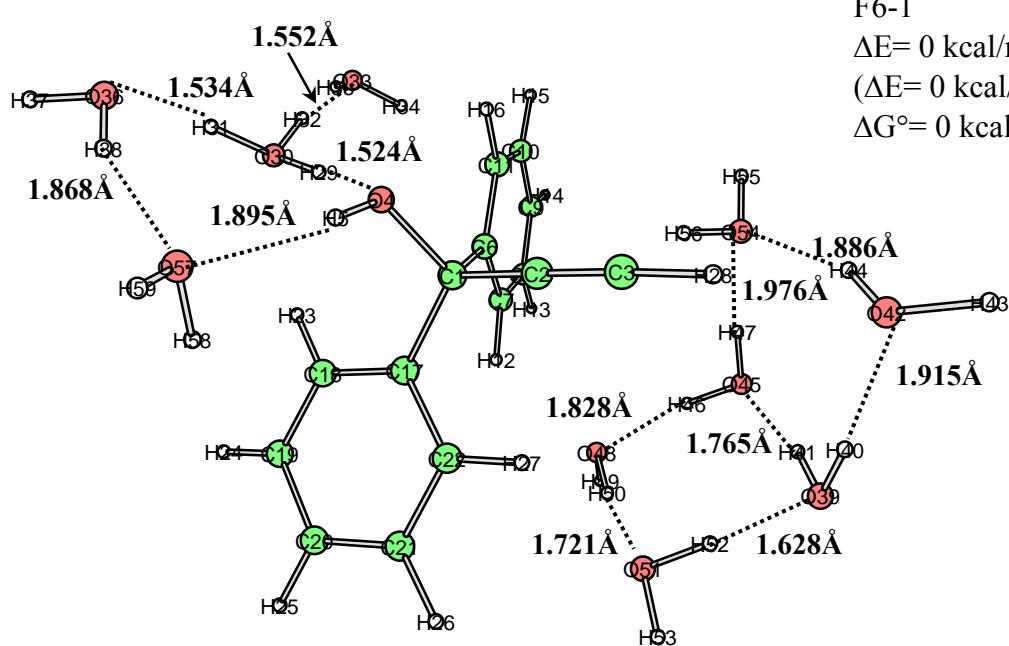


F3-6  
**(Product aldehyde)**  
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 $(\Delta E = -21.41 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\circ = -19.46 \text{ kcal/mol}$

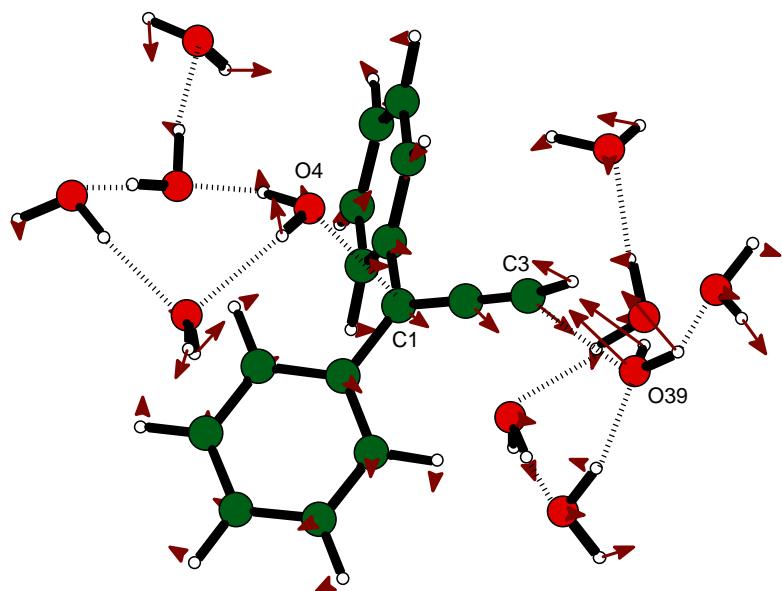
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F6-1  
 $\Delta E = 0 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
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 $\Delta G^\circ = 0 \text{ kcal/mol}$



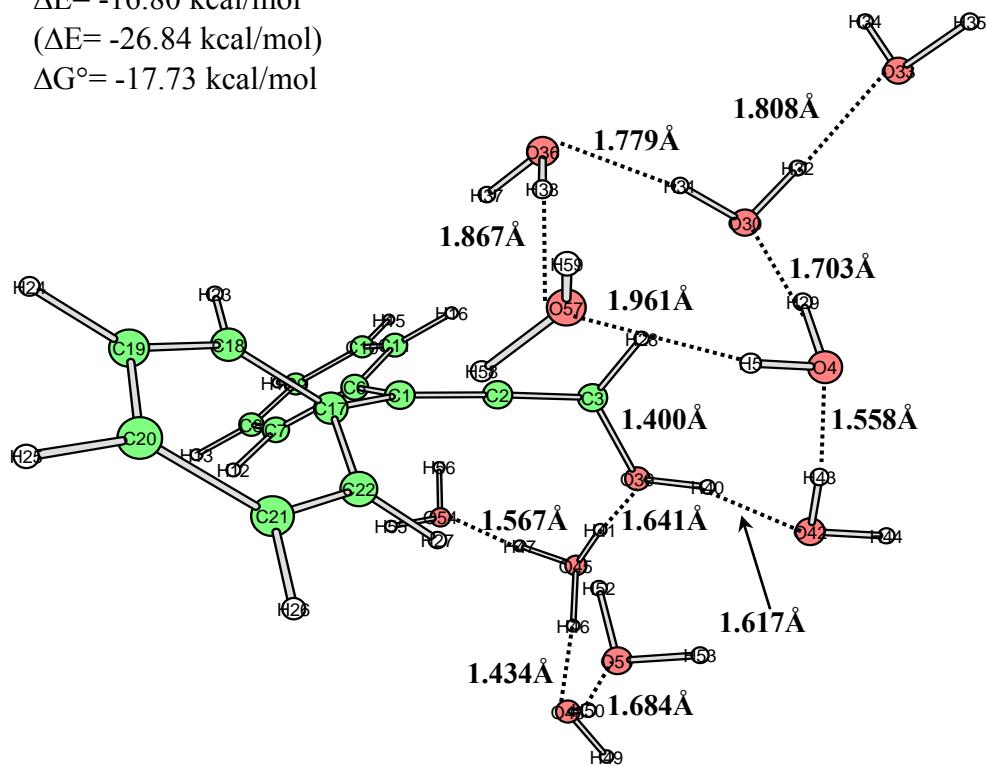
F6-2 (TS1)  
 $\Delta E = +13.42 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $(\Delta E = +16.03 \text{ kcal/mol})$   
 $\Delta G^\ddagger = +8.09 \text{ kcal/mol}$   
 $v^\ddagger = 105.20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

**F6-3 (allenol intermediate)**

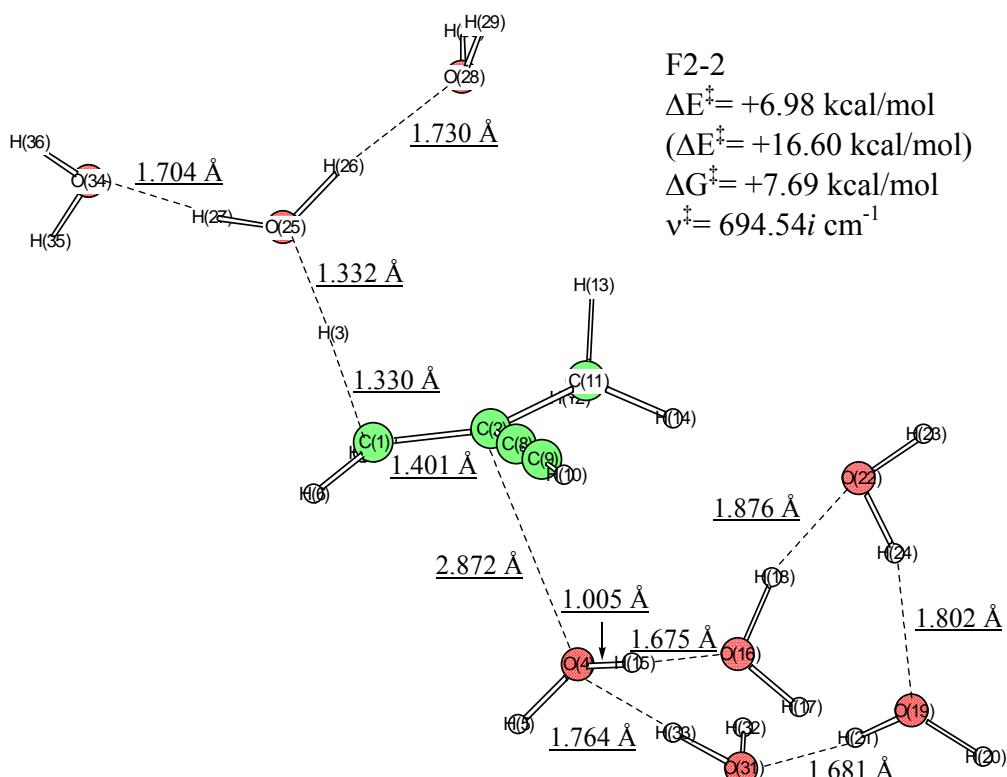
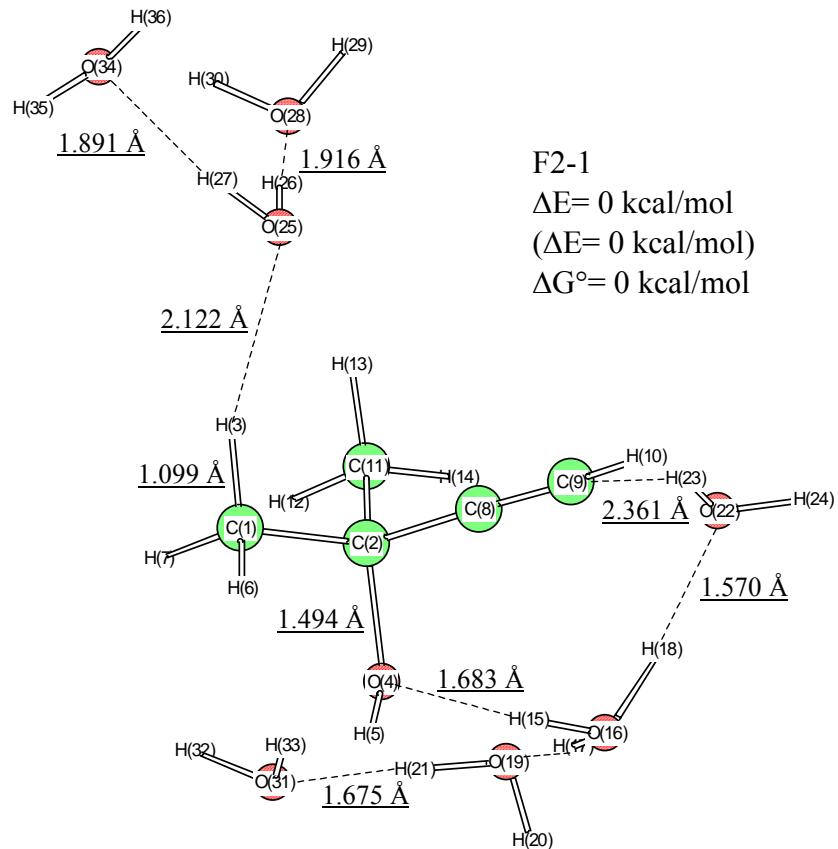
$\Delta E = -16.80 \text{ kcal/mol}$

( $\Delta E = -26.84 \text{ kcal/mol}$ )

$\Delta G^\circ = -17.73 \text{ kcal/mol}$



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