## **Supplementary Information**

## Conformational Analysis, Experimental and GIAO-DFT <sup>13</sup>C NMR Chemical Shift Calculation on 2'-Hydroxy-3,4,5-trimethoxy-chalcone

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Figure S1. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (125.7 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2'-hydroxy-3,4,5-trimethoxy-chalcone.

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Figure S2. HSQC NMR contour map (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2'-hydroxy-3,4,5-trimethoxy-chalcone.



Figure S3. HMBC NMR contour map (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2'-hydroxy-3,4,5-trimethoxy-chalcone.



**Figure S4.** Structure of (E)-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (A) and (E)-1-(4-aminophenyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (B).



**Figure S5.** Superposition of the four lowest energy conformations of (*E*)-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one molecule.



**Figure S6.** DFT-optimized structures of the four more stable conformers, 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, of (E)-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one. For relative energies and abundances of the conformers, see Table S1.



**Figure S7.** Superposition of the five lowest energy conformations of (*E*)-1-(4-aminophenyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one molecule.



**Figure S8.** DFT-optimized structures of the five more stable conformers, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively, of (E)-1-(4-aminophenyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one. For relative energies and abundances of the conformers, see Table S3.

	Bolt.	$\Delta E^{c}$ /	Bolt.	$\Delta E^{e}$ /	Bolt.	$\Delta \mathrm{G}^\mathrm{g}$ /	Bolt.
(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>b</sup> / %	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>d</sup> / %	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>f</sup> / %	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>h</sup> / %
0.00	49	0.00	71.4	0.00	53.4	0.00	65.4
0.11	41	0.68	20.4	0.16	39.9	0.44	29.0
1.28	5.6	1.29	6.6	1.42	3.9	1.56	3.7
1.53	3.7	2.54	0.7	1.79	2.0	1.91	2.0
3.07	0.3	2.81	0.4	2.60	0.4	-	_
3.15	0.2	2.94	0.3	2.63	0.4	_	_
3.79	0.1	3.78	0.1	-	_	-	_
4.13	0.0	3.79	0.1	-	_	-	_
6.24	0.0	4.06	0.0		_	-	_
6.30	0.0	—	_	-	_	-	_
7.80	0.0	—	_	-	_	-	_
8.01	0.0	_	_	-	_	-	_
8.79	0.0	-	-	-	_	-	_
8.91	0.0	—	_	-	_	-	_
8.97	0.0	-	-	-	_	-	_
9.08	0.0	—	_	-	_	-	_
9.39	0.0			-	_	_	_
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**Table S1.** DFT, thermo chemical parameter and DFT population for the 17 more significant conformations of *(E)*-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one

<sup>a</sup>Relative MMFF energy of conformers obtained from Monte Carlo analysis; <sup>b</sup>MMFF Boltzmann population of the conformers; <sup>c</sup>relative B3LYP/6-31G(d) single point energy of conformers obtained from Monte Carlo analysis; <sup>d</sup>B3LYP/6-31(g) single point energy Boltzmann population of the conformers; <sup>e</sup>relative mPW1PW91/ 6-31G(d) energy minimization of the conformers; <sup>f</sup>mPW1PW91/6-31G(d) energy minimization Boltzmann population of the conformers; <sup>g</sup>relative mPW1PW91/6-31G(d) sum of electronic and free energy of the conformers; <sup>h</sup>mPW1PW91/6-31G(d) Boltzmann population calculated from  $\Delta G$  values of the conformers.

Nuclei	δ	Appro	oach (I)	Appro	Approach (II)		
Trucici	exp -	$\delta_{ m calc}{}^{ m a}\left(\delta_{ m scal} ight)^{ m b}$	$\neq \delta_{\text{calc}} \left( \delta_{\text{scal}} \right)$	$\delta_{ m calc}{}^{ m a}\left(\delta_{ m scal} ight)^{ m b}$	$\neq \delta_{\text{calc}} \left( \delta_{\text{scal}} \right)$		
C1	126.4	121.6 (126.5)	-4.79 (0.07)	120.8 (125.6)	-5.57 (-0.75)		
*C2	125.8	120.5 (125.3)	3.52 (-0.45)	120.3 (125.1)	-5.50 (-0.71)		
*C3	136.5	131.5 (136.9)	-4.97 (0.38)	130.9 (136.2)	-5.62 (-0.29)		
C4	156.4	151.1 (157.5)	-5.28 (1.06)	150.7 (157.0)	-5.74 (0.57)		
*C5	136.5	131.5 (136.9)	-11.25 (0.38)	130.9 (136.2)	-5.62 (-0.29)		
*C6	125.8	120.5 (125.3)	-5.26 (-0.45)	120.3 (125.1)	-5.50 (-0.71)		
**C7	34.4	36.2 (36.8)	1.85 (2.44)	34.5 (35.0)	0.09 (0.59)		
**C8	30.2	31.3 (31.7)	1.14 (1.49)	29.5 (29.8)	-0.68 (-0.43)		
α	118.8	110.7 (115.1)	-8.06 (-3.74)	109.9 (117.1)	-8.93 (-1.67)		
β	145.6	142.2 (148.1)	-3.38 (2.51)	141.5 (147.4)	-4.06 (1.79)		
β'	189	175.8 (183.4)	-13.18 (-5.61)	175.6 (183.2)	-13.38 (-5.82)		
C1'	131.5	125.7 (130.8)	-5.80 (-0.73)	124.9 (130.0)	-6.56 (-1.53)		
C2'	123.5	119.0 (123.8)	-4.48 (0.25)	118.0 (122.7)	-5.47 (-0.79)		
C3'	113.7	109.0 (113.2)	-4.68 (-0.45)	108.0 (112.2)	-5.72 (-1.54)		
C4'	150.1	144.1 (150.1)	-6.00 (-0.01)	143.6 (149.5)	-6.54 (-0.58)		
C5'	146.9	138.9 (144.6)	-8.02 (-2.29)	138.3 (144.0)	-8.56 (-2.86)		
C6'	110.6	108.1 (112.3)	-2.47 (1.72)	107.3 (111.5)	-3.29 (0.86)		
OMe-5'	56.1	54.7 (56.2)	-1.45 (0.06)	53.1 (54.5)	-3.00 (-1.56)		

**Table S2.** Calculated (scaled) and differences between experimental <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts (in ppm) in the (E)-1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one relative to TMS, for approaches (I) and (II)

<sup>a</sup>Calculated chemical shifts ( $\delta_{calc} = \sigma_{TMS} - \sigma_{aver}$  or  $\sigma_{lowe}$ ) obtained by TMS subtraction; <sup>b</sup>scaled chemical shifts ( $\delta_{scal} = 1.05\delta_{calc} - 1.22$ ) obtained by the generated universal scaling factor.<sup>1</sup> \*The  $\delta_{calc}$  and  $\delta_{scal}$  for C2 and C6, C3 and C5 were arithmetically averaged; \*\*the  $\delta_{calc}$  and  $\delta_{scal}$  for C7 and C8, were arithmetically averaged from the two *t*-butyl carbons and of the methyl carbons of the two *t*-butyl ligands, respectively.

Conformer	$\Delta E^a$ /	Bolt.	$\Delta E^{c}$ /	Bolt.	$\Delta E^{e}$ /	Bolt.	$\Delta G^g$ /	Bolt.
	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>b</sup> / %	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>d</sup> / %	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>f</sup> / %	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	dist. <sup>h</sup> / %
001	0.00	20.5	0.00	71.4	0.00	53.4	0.00	69 .3
002	0.08	17.8	0.68	20.4	0.16	39.9	0.99	11.2
003	0.15	15.9	1.29	6.6	1.42	3.9	1.00	11.0
004	0.17	15.4	2.54	0.7	1.79	2.0	1.44	4.8
005	0.27	12.9	2.81	0.4	2.60	0.4	1.95	1.9
006	0.41	10.3	2.94	0.3	2.63	0.4	-	_
007	0.89	4.6	3.78	0.1	-	_	-	_
008	1.37	2.0	3.79	0.1	-	_	-	_
009	3.16	0.1	4.06	0.0		_	-	_
010	3.18	0.1	-	-	-	_	-	_
011	3.26	0.1	-	-	-	_	-	_
012	3.29	0.1	-	-	-	_	-	_
013	3.37	0.1	-	-	-	_	-	_
014	3.69	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	_
015	4.36	0.0	_	_	_	_	-	-

**Table S3.** DFT, thermo chemical parameter and DFT population for the 15 more significant conformations of (E)-1-(4-aminophenyl)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one

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C1	128.01	123.62 (128.58)	-4.39 (0.57)	122.06 (126.95)	-5.95 (-1.06)	
C2	121.32	117.73 (122.40)	-3.59 (1.08)	113.09 (117.53)	-8.23 (-3.79)	
C3	113.10	107.42 (111.57)	-5.68 (-1.53)	105.67 (109.73)	-7.43 (-3.37)	
C4	151.34	144.76 (150.78)	-6.58 (-0.56)	143.88 (149.85)	-7.46 (-1.49)	
C5	149.29	143.10 (149.03)	-6.19 (-0.26)	141.94 (147.81)	-7.35 (-1.48)	
C6	114.53	114.49 (118.99)	-0.04 (4.46)	111.51 (115.86)	-3.02 (1.33)	
Сα	122.85	113.11 (117.55)	-9.74 (-5.30)	111.36 (115.70)	-11.49 (-7.15)	
Сβ	145.30	141.01 (146.84)	-4.29 (1.54)	140.28 (146.071)	-5.02 (0.77)	
C9	188.97	175.87 (183.44)	-13.10 (-5.53)	175.41 (182.96)	-13.56 (-6.01)	
C1'	131.75	124.75 (129.77)	-13.1 (-5.53)	123.56 (128.52)	-8.19 (-3.23)	
*C2'	131.58	126.58 (131.69)	-7 (-1.98)	126.58(131.69)	-5 (0.11)	
*C3'	114.36	108.86 (113.09)	-5 (0.11)	107.30 (111.44)	-7.06 (-2.92)	
C4'	155.19	142.64 (148.55)	-12.55 (-6.64)	141.68 (147.55)	-13.51 (-7.64)	
*C5'	114.36	108.86 (113.09)	-5.50 (-1.27)	107.30 (111.44)	-7.06 (-2.92)	
*C6'	131.58	126.58 (131.69)	-5 (0.11)	126.58 (131.69)	-5 (0.11)	
OMe-3	56.01	55.86 (57.43)	-0.15 (1.42)	52.75 (54.17)	-3.26 (-1.84)	
OMe-4	56.01	55.86 (57.43)	-0.15 (1.42)	52.75 (54.17)	-3.26 (-1.84)	

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