

Supplementary Information

DFT Study for Substitution Patterns of $C_{20}H_{18}X_2$ Regioisomers ($X = F, Cl, Br, or OH$)

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Here each unit of bond distance and angle is angstrom and degree.

Table S1. The bond distance between carbon and substituent in *cis*-1 isomer

	C1-X1	C2-X2
$C_{20}H_{18}F_2$	1.393	1.393
$C_{20}H_{18}Cl_2$	1.830	1.830
$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2$	1.994	1.994
$C_{20}H_{18}(OH)_2$	1.427	1.427

Table S3. The bond distance between the carbon (C1 and C2) with each substituent and the nearest neighbor carbon (C3, C4, C5, and C6) in *cis*-1 isomer

	C1-C2	C1-C3	C1-C4	C2-C5	C2-C6
$C_{20}H_{18}F_2$	1.561	1.544	1.544	1.544	1.544
$C_{20}H_{18}Cl_2$	1.585	1.558	1.558	1.558	1.558
$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2$	1.576	1.557	1.557	1.557	1.557
$C_{20}H_{18}(OH)_2$	1.577	1.546	1.555	1.555	1.546

Table S2. The bond distance between carbon and substituent in *trans*-1 isomer

	C1-X1	C20-X2
$C_{20}H_{18}F_2$	1.405	1.405
$C_{20}H_{18}Cl_2$	1.851	1.851
$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2$	2.011	2.011
$C_{20}H_{18}(OH)_2$	1.431	1.431

Table S4. The bond distance between the carbon (C1 and C20) with each substituent and the nearest neighbor carbon (C2, C3, C4, C17, C18 and C19) in *trans*-1 isomer

	C1-C2	C1-C3	C1-C4	C20-C17	C20-C18	C20-C19
$C_{20}H_{18}F_2$	1.545	1.545	1.545	1.545	1.545	1.545
$C_{20}H_{18}Cl_2$	1.554	1.554	1.554	1.554	1.554	1.554
$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2$	1.552	1.552	1.552	1.552	1.552	1.552
$C_{20}H_{18}(OH)_2$	1.55	1.560	1.559	1.559	1.559	1.55

Table S5. The angle around the substituted carbon in *cis*-1 isomer

	C2-C1-X1	C3-C1-X1	C4-C1-X1	C1-C2-X2	C5-C2-X2	C6-C2-X2
$C_{20}H_{18}F_2$	110.2	111.0	111.0	110.2	111.0	111.0
$C_{20}H_{18}Cl_2$	114.9	109.6	109.6	114.9	109.6	109.6
$C_{20}H_{18}Br_2$	115.7	108.8	108.8	115.7	108.8	108.8
$C_{20}H_{18}(OH)_2$	111.1	108.5	113.8	111.1	113.8	108.5

Table S6. The angle around the substituted carbon in *trans*-1 isomer

	C2-C1-X1	C3-C1-X1	C4-C1-X1	C17-C20-X2	C18-C20-X2	C19-C20-X2
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ F ₂	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ Cl ₂	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.5
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ Br ₂	110.1	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.1
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ (OH) ₂	107.5	113.1	113.1	113.1	113.1	107.5

Table S7. The dihedral angle around the substituted carbon in *cis*-1 isomer

	X1	X2
C-C-C-X	-121.3	121.3
	121.3	-121.3
	120.9	-120.9
	-122.4	122.4
	-120.9	120.9
	122.4	-122.3
H-C-C-X	-0.7	0.7
	0.7	-0.7
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ Cl ₂		
C-C-C-X	122.1	-122.1
	-122.1	122.1
	-125.2	125.2
	117.9	-117.9
	-117.9	125.2
	125.2	117.9
H-C-C-X	-3.7	3.7
	3.7	-3.7
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ Br ₂		
C-C-C-X	121.9	-121.9
	-121.9	121.9
	-126.1	126.1
	117.2	-117.2
	-117.2	126.1
	126.1	117.2
H-C-C-X	-4.5	4.5
	4.5	-4.5
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ (OH) ₂		
C-C-C-X	-118.4	125.4
	125.4	-118.4
	119.9	-123.4
	-123.0	119.8
	-123.4	119.9
	119.8	-123.0
H-C-C-X	-1.5	-1.4
	-1.4	-1.5
X-C-C-X	6.5	

Here the dihedral angle of X-C-C-X in each dihalo- substituent is zero

Table S8. The dihedral angle around the substituted carbon in *trans*-1 isomer

	X1	X2
C-C-C-X	-121.6	121.6
	121.6	-121.6
	121.6	121.6
	-121.6	-121.6
	-121.6	121.6
	0.0	0.0
H-C-C-X	0.0	0.0
	0.0	0.0
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ Cl ₂		
C-C-C-X	121.8	121.8
	-121.8	-121.8
	-121.8	121.8
	121.8	-121.8
	121.8	121.8
	0.0	0.0
H-C-C-X	0.0	0.0
	0.0	0.0
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ Br ₂		
C-C-C-X	-121.9	121.9
	121.9	-121.9
	121.9	121.9
	-121.9	-121.9
	121.9	-121.9
	-121.9	121.9
H-C-C-X	0.0	0.0
	0.0	0.0
C ₂₀ H ₁₈ (OH) ₂		
C-C-C-X	-121.4	117.9
	121.4	-125.1
	117.9	125.1
	-125.1	-117.9
	-117.9	-121.4
	125.1	121.4
H-C-C-X	0.0	-3.0
	-3.0	3.0
	3.0	0.0

Table S9. The bond distance, angle, and dihedral angles for C₂₀H₂₀

Distance and angles	
C-C	1.556
C-H	1.094
C-C-H	110.9
C-C-C	108.0
C-C-C-C	0.0
	116.6
C-C-C-H	121.7
H-C-C-H	0.0