## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Stereoselectivity in the Diels-Alder addition of S-hydroxy-N-methylsuccinimide acrylate to cyclopentadiene: origins and DFT computational models

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 (AS) to cyclopentadiene (CPD) by DFT methods at the $6-311 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set level, solvent $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Pos and neg refer to positive and negative dihedral angles between adjacent carbonyl groups, see Scheme 2 and Fig. 1. Also shown are $\left.\mathrm{M} 06-2 \mathrm{x}^{\mathrm{d}}\right)$ and $\mathrm{MN} 12 \mathrm{sx}{ }^{\mathrm{d})}$ results at the $6-311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set level.

| TS | PBE | B97D | M06L | M11L | M06-2x | M06-2x ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | MN12sx | MN12sx ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |
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| NC1 pos | -859.059825 | -859.478417 | -859.937937 | -859.828166 | -859.693563 | -859.706385 | -859.351174 | -859.367988 |
| NC2 pos | -859.058543 | -859.477428 | -859.937093 | -859.827934 | -859.692027 | -859.707920 | -859.350072 | -859.367598 |
| XC1 pos | -859.059838 | -859.478171 | -859.936866 | -859.827344 | -859.692413 | -859.704417 | -859.351195 | -859.366418 |
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