

## Theoretical study to synthesis 1,3,5,-tri glycerol benzene using Semi-empirical and Ab-Initio calculation methods

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### Abstract

Theoretical study has been carried out through simulation of synthesis using quantum methods (semiempirical & Ab-initio), that's included in Hyper Chem 6.02 program. to understand the Substitution reaction mechanism, and intermediates, and transition structures involved during the reactions.

Chemical activity and chemical interaction of reactants and products have been studied by surface potential energy calculations. estimation of the high probable active sites in attachment of esterification and alkylations, the energetic properties have been studied, as total energy, atomic charge, bond stability bond torsion, electric static field, and heat formation content.

The probable of first alkylation step has been studied through calculation of total energy, electric dipole moment constant, and heat change formation. In addition activation energy barrier calculation of all probable reactions have been carried out steps of the alkylation reaction.

Thermodynamically of ester hydrolyzed been estimated for 1,3,5,-tri glycerin benzene, when chemical activity of synthetic compound has been studied through calculation of total energy, electrostatic potential, electric dipole moment constant, atomic charge distribution, electronic spectrum and heat formation change.

Twenty two of different chemical structure have been suggested and studied, that's represent the most important components of reactions mechanism involved during reactions. All probable occurrence reactions of substitution reactions were studied. high probable reactions that is having lowest activation energy value are testing by comparing with other probable competitive reactions (another probabilities), also the total change in heat content of reactions has been calculated.

Calculations show that's, hydroxyl group and hydrogen atom in glycerol molecules of secondary carbon atom are more active than of primary carbon atom for esterification and alkylation reactions respectively. glycerol react efficiently with acetic acid in three steps to produced tri acetate glycerol through endothermic reaction  $\Delta H_{re} = 28.157 \text{ kCal mol}^{-1}$ .

Alkylation reactions at aromatic ring take place through controlling system of orientation to give up 1,3,5- Tri (glycerol tri acetate) benzene by endothermic reaction  $\sum \Delta H_{rea} = 8.967(\text{kCal mol}^{-1})$ .

1,3,5- Tri glycerin benzene produced during hydrolysis the ester derivative with nine mole of water molecule by exothermic reaction  $\Delta H_{\text{rea}} = -120.991(\text{kCal mol}^{-1})$ . large electronic density occurs through new products for nine polar functional gropes of hydroxyl.

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## Introduction

Alcohols have applications in industry and science as reagents or solvents, because of its low toxicity and ability to dissolve non-polar substances, its can be used in medical drugs, perfumes, and vegetable essences such as vanilla. In organic synthesis, alcohols serve as versatile intermediates<sup>(1-3)</sup>.

Different industrial applications needed poly functional compounds, that have a soluble ability, and flexible groups, according to their application. Modulation of structures are build up according to desired final structure. Glycerol is a poly hydroxyl alcohol, that is interested to reaction with different functional groups like carboxylic acids, amines, nitrites, metals, and so on<sup>(4)</sup>. The activity can be increased by the reaction with another molecules like benzene ring to give up a highest electronic density over all molecule<sup>(5)</sup>. Preference to inter reactions will promote due combinations of about features. Resulted compound can be used in Drugs industry, bioagents, or different industries<sup>(6,7)</sup>.

The Combinations between two molecules obey the chemical rules for interaction, through bond broken and formations depending on reactivates. The electrostatic potential describes the interaction energy of the molecular system with a positive point charge. Electrostatic potential is useful for finding sites of reaction in a molecule. Positively charged species tend to attack the site where the electrostatic potential is strongly negative (electrophilic attack)<sup>(8-10)</sup>.

The present work was denoted to theoretical synthesis of 1,3,5 tri glycerin benzene using different calculation methods of quantum mechanics, to obtaine a new characteristic of poly functional compounds.

## Calculation details

Theoretical calculations of semi-empirical and ab-initio methods were performed using the Hyperchem version 6.0 program<sup>(11)</sup>, which was used to analyze the initial potential energy surface (PES). Through this study, various theoretical MO methods have been used, the geometries of the 22 structures of chemical species reactivates of reactants and products will be calculate through Ab-initio MP2 calculations methods using 3-21G\* and STO3G basis set<sup>(12-14)</sup>. Energetic properties of intermediates, and transition states calculations by semi-empirical PM3 level<sup>(15)</sup> configuration interaction microstate (3X3), using the restricted Hartree – Fock (RHF) procedure have been determined<sup>(16)</sup>. The Polak–Ribier algorithm<sup>(17)</sup> was used for the optimization, with the termination condition being a root mean square (RMS) of  $-0.001 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ .

Bond potential energy of length and bond torsion calculation carried out through semi-empirical UHF calculations. Energy barrier calculation of competitive reactions are carried out by semiempirical /PM3 through algorithm of synchronous transit/Quadratic-RMS (gradient of  $0.1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ).

## Result and Discussions

The total energy in the molecular orbital calculation is the net results of electronic kinetic energies and the interactions between all electrons and atomic cores in the system. This is the potential energy for nuclear motion in the Born-Oppenheimer approximation. The stable geometry of a molecule has a minimal total energy value<sup>(18)</sup>.

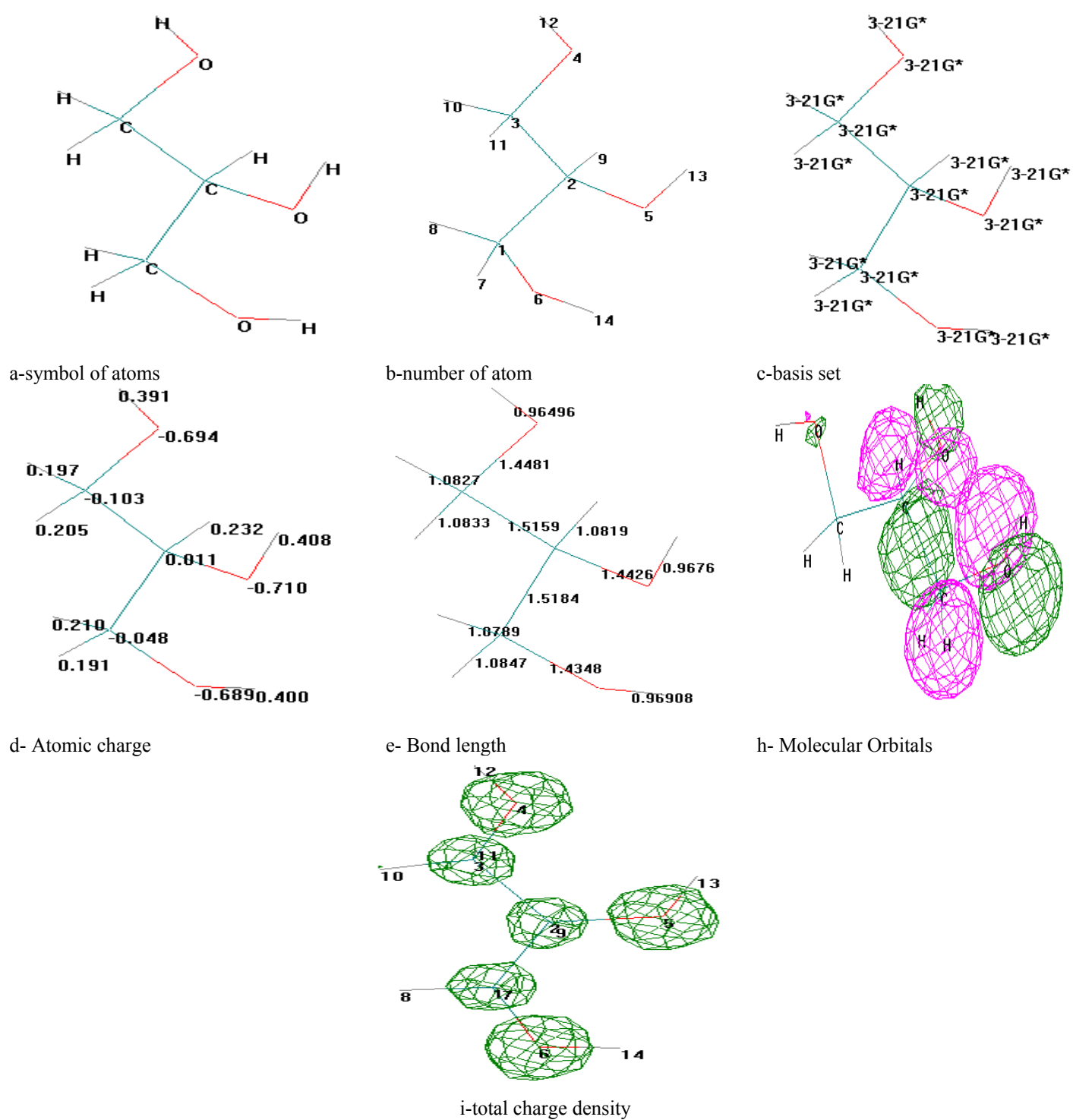
## Chemical reactivity

To begin the synthesis reaction of 1,3,5,-tri glycerol benzene, must be blocked the hydroxyl groups in the glycerol before started with alkylation's reaction into aromatic ring reaction.

Nucleophilic substitution reactions are commonplace in organic chemistry, and they can be broadly categorized as taking place at a saturated aliphatic carbon or at (less often) a saturated aromatic or other unsaturated carbon centre<sup>(19)</sup>. Esterification reaction by acetic acid keeping hydroxyl groups, and then substitution reaction into aromatic ring will take place, at last hydrolysis reaction give-up the desired products. Major reactant molecules are subject to their reactivities first to know what the reactive side in the reactants and products of the reaction.

Figure 1 shows the energetic properties of glycerol calculated at 3-21G\*basis set/full MP2. The electrostatic potential describes the interaction of energy of the molecular system with a positive point charge. Electrostatic potential is useful for finding sites of reaction in a molecule: positively charged species tend to attack where the electrostatic potential is strongly negative (electrophilic attack). Glycerol has two different sites for different reactions, the first is hydroxyl groups for esterification reactions, and the second hydrogen atoms for alkylation's reactions.

Calculation estimated that's the two oxygen atoms O4 and O6 have lowest reactivity toward esterification than the oxygen O5 since they have -0.694 with -0.689 and -0.710 atomic charge respectively<sup>(20)</sup>.

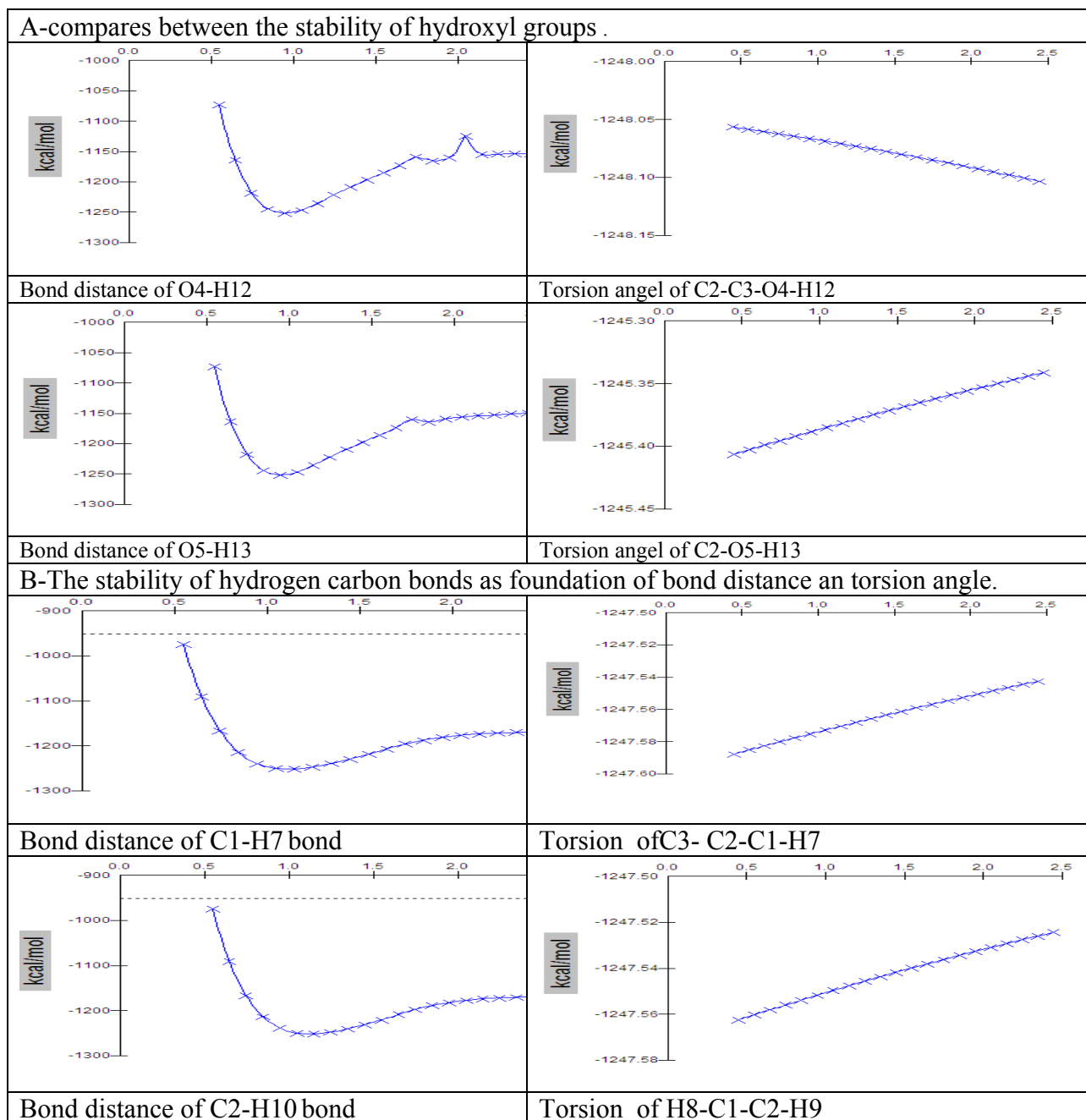


**Figure 1 Energetic properties of glycerol calculated at Ab-initio through 3-21G\* basis set / full MP2.**

Figure 2-A shows the potential energy calculated of different glycerol bonds. highest stability of O4-H12 and O6-H14 bond than O5-H13 bond. The bond distance of O4-H12 is  $0.947111\text{\AA}$  ( $-1254.339\text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ) and the torsion angle of terminal hydroxyl group (C2-C3-O4-H12) equal to  $-174.874^\circ$  ( $-1248.12$

$\text{kCal mol}^{-1}$ ), but bond distance of O5-H13 is  $0.947884\text{\AA}$  ( $-1149.239\text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ), and the torsion angle of mid hydroxyl group (C1-C2-O5-H13) equal to  $179.535^\circ$  ( $-1245.37\text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ).

The results mean that O5-H13 bond is more active in esterification reaction than other hydroxyl groups<sup>(21)</sup>.



**Figure2: The potential energy as foundation bond distance and torsion angle for bonds stability in glycerol molecule, calculated by semi-empirical-UHF-at PM3 level.**

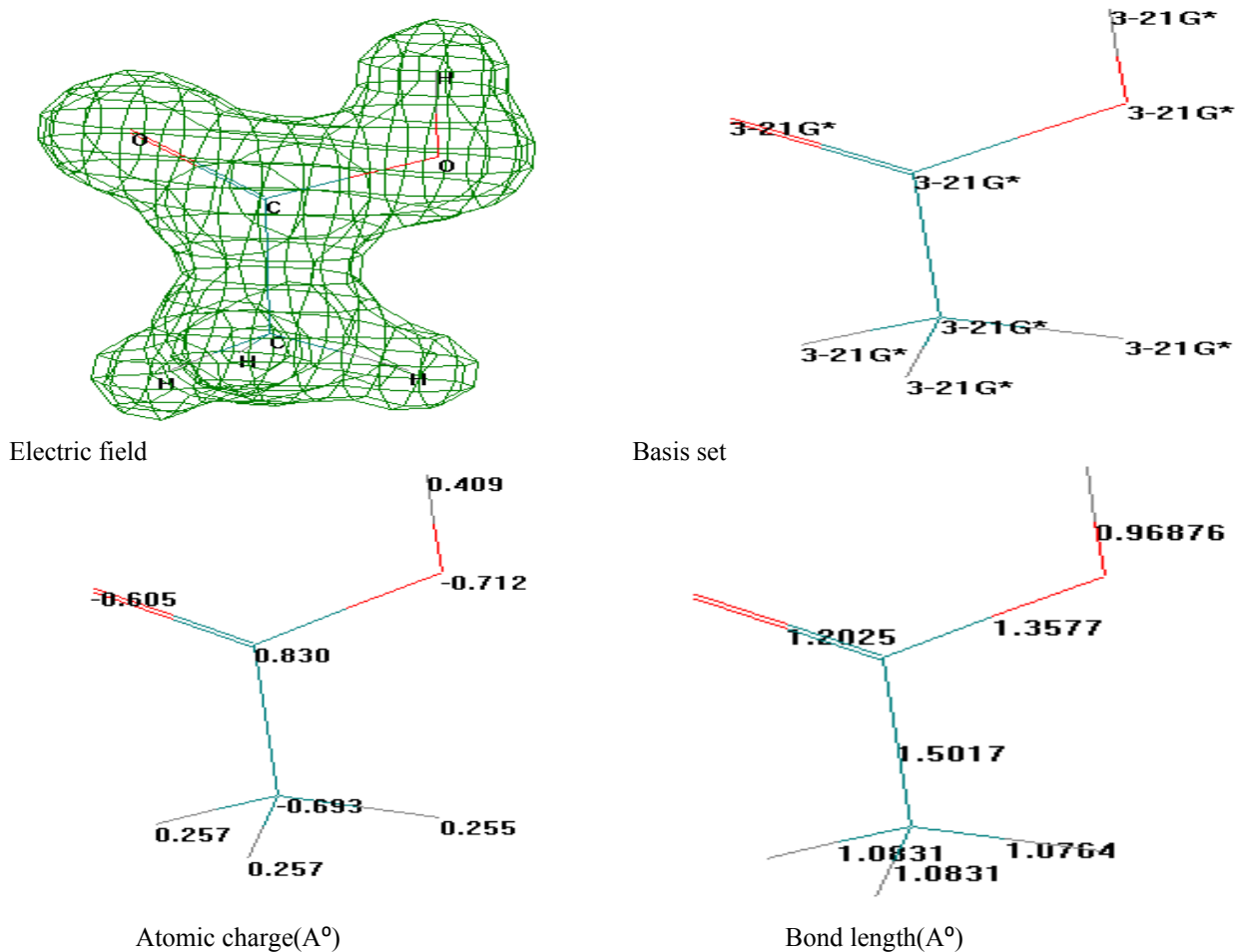
Figure 2-B shows that's highest stability of C1-H7 and C3-H10 bond than C2-H9 bond . The bond distance of C1-H7 is  $1.107\text{\AA}$  ( $-1248.767\text{ kCal mol}^{-1}$ ) and the torsion angle of terminal hydrogen bonds (C3-C2-C1-H7) equal to  $-70.442^\circ$  ( $-1247.59\text{ kCal mol}^{-1}$ ), but bond distance of C2-H9 is  $1.118\text{\AA}$  ( $-1254.354\text{ kCal mol}^{-1}$ ), and the torsion angle of (H8-C1-C2-H9) equal to  $-71.842^\circ$  ( $-1247.568\text{ kCal mol}^{-1}$ ).

Results of calculus refer that H9 atom more reactive in alkylation's reaction of aromatic ring as leaving atom than other hydrogen atoms in glycerol molecule.

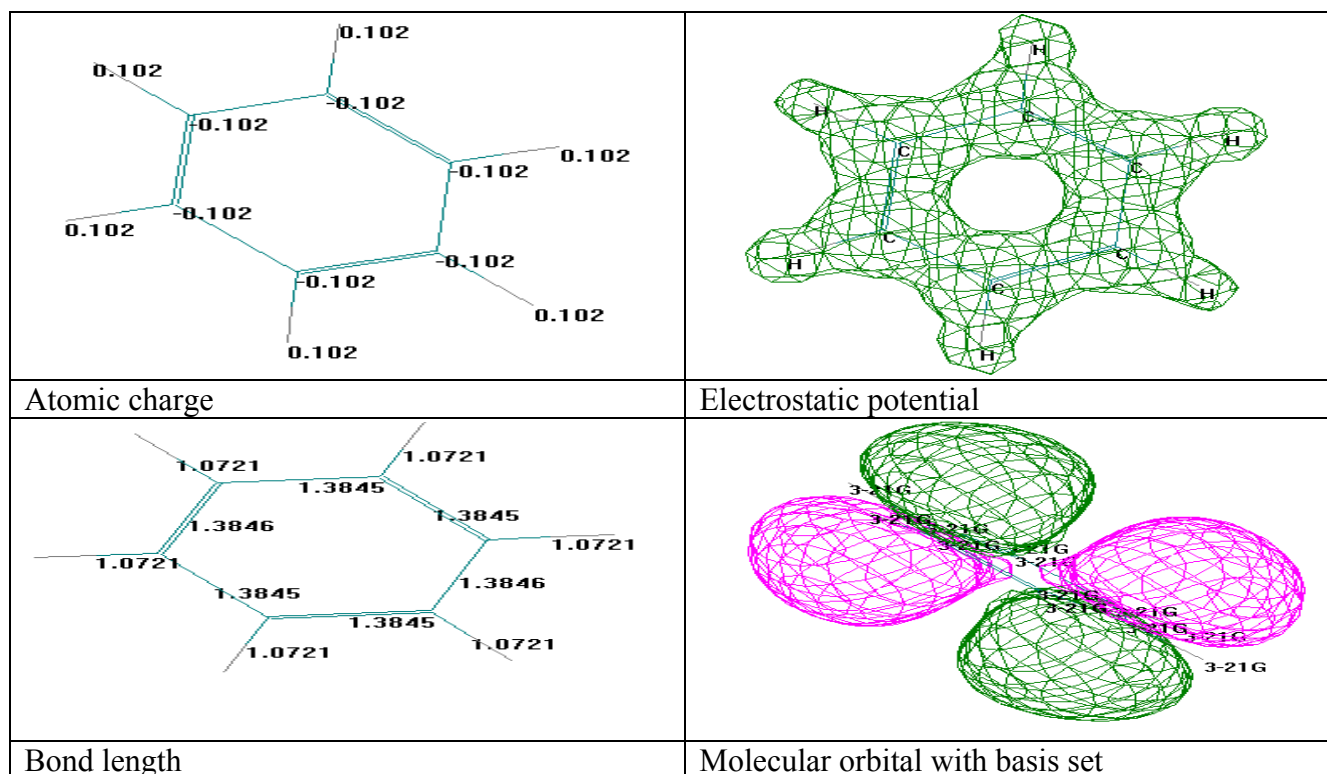
Figure 3 shows the electrostatic potential and positive point charge of acetic acid for calculated molecules as a masked agent for hydroxyl groups in

glycerol. The oxygen of hydroxyl group is more active ,than second oxygen atom ,since atomic charge equal to  $-0.712$  and  $-0.605$  respectively, therefore hydroxyl group in acetic acid is a good leaving group in esterification reaction to produce water molecule in condensation reaction <sup>(22)</sup>.

Figure 4 represents the calculated energetic properties of benzene molecule, since this molecule has homogenous electrostatic potential ,and atomic distribution charge. This phenomena will change as soon as the benzene ring participate into the alkylation's reactions, due the change in electronic density be the effect of substituted groups <sup>(23)</sup>.



**Figure 3 Energetic properties of acetic acid calculated at Ab-initio through 3-21G\*basis set /full MP2.**

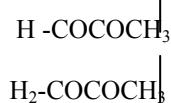


**Figure 4 Energetic properties of Benzene calculated at 3-21G\*basis set /full MP2.**

### Esterification Reaction mechanism

The proposed mechanism of esterification reaction must involve all the suspected generated chemical species to know the true path way of reaction. Figure 5 show the structures of proposed moieties that's participate in esterification reaction as cylindrical-ball view.

Table1 represented some of energetic properties of proposed coded structures, were the lowest energy value consider to highest stability, also symmetry axis importance com from the side of interaction between the reactant moieties. Reaction of esterification occurs by several probabilities depending upon the reactivity if hydroxyl groups toward this reactions. Probability of reaction take please when the reaction has low value of energy

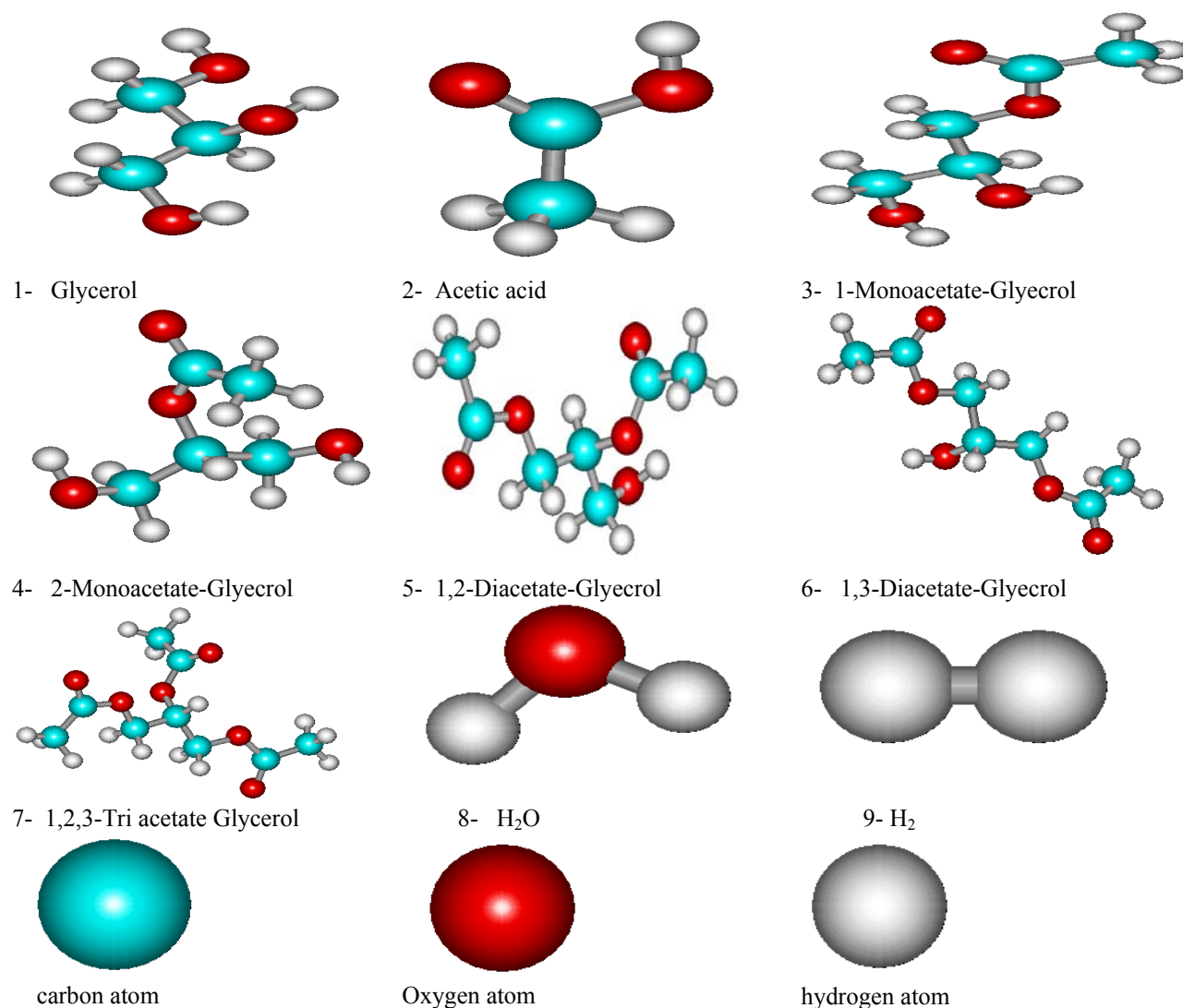
$$\text{CH}_2\text{OH}-\text{CHOH}-\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + 3\text{CH}_3-\text{COOH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2-\text{COCOCH}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \quad (1)$$


$$\Delta H_{re} = 28.157 \text{ kCal mol}^{-1}$$

barrier than other probable reactions through penetrate of transition state<sup>(24)</sup>. Therefore simulation mechanism of esterification that's represented in figure 6 show ,the more probable reaction occurs at hydroxyl of carbon atom number 2, and the terminal hydroxyl groups will esterifies later in glycerol molecule depending on energy barrier calculations. this result is accepted with previous results, that's mid hydroxyl have the highest reactivity than other terminal hydroxyl groups.

Calculation estimated that is esterification reaction of glycerol is endothermic reaction ( $28.157 \text{ kCal mol}^{-1}$ ) as in equation (1), therefore this reaction must be supplied energy through reflexes ,or catalyst must be used for reaction to take place practically<sup>(25)</sup>.

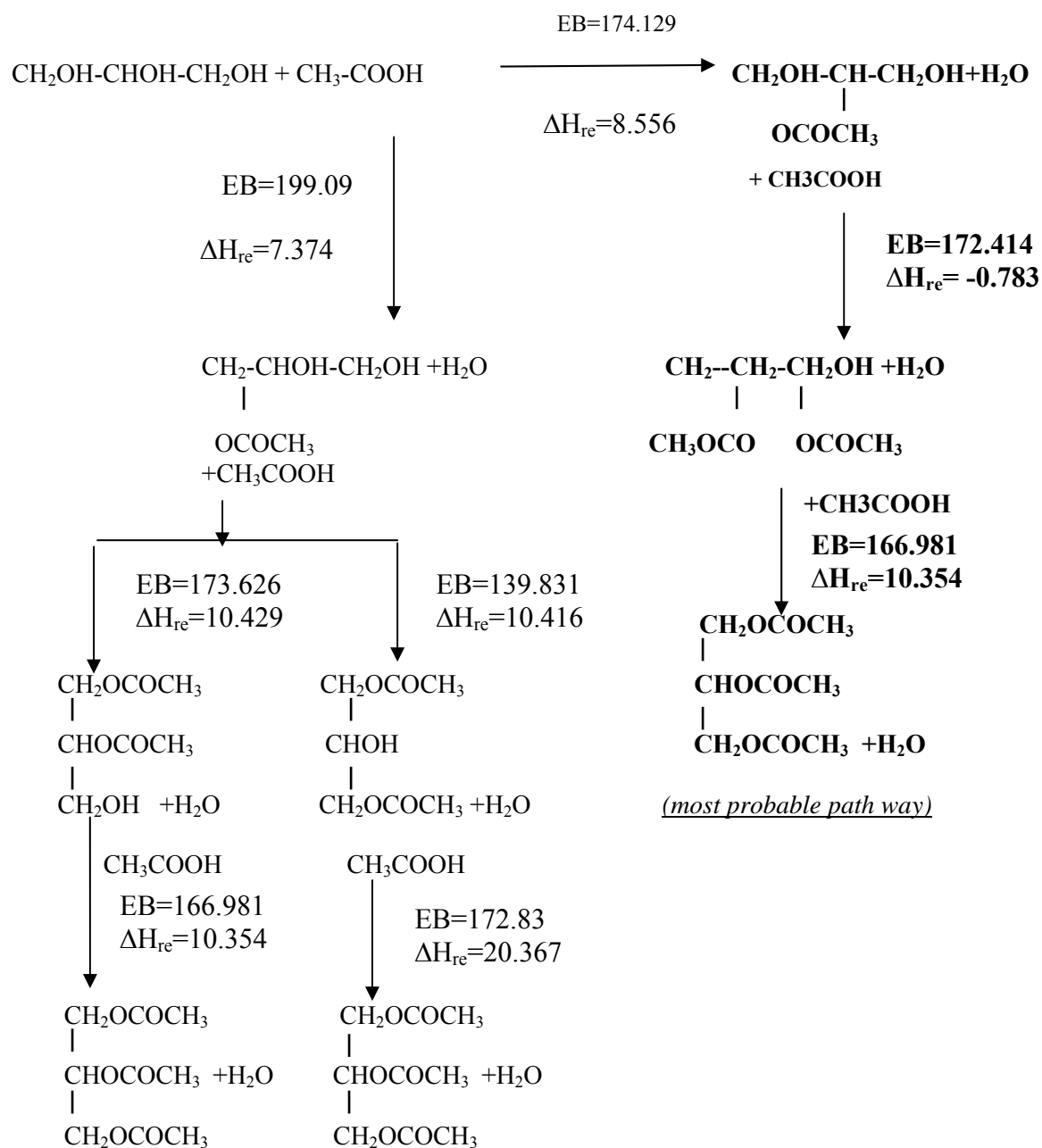




**Figure 5** The proposed structures compounds calculated by configuration interaction semi-empirical PM3 for the lowest microstate (3X3) , ball and cylindrical view.

**Table 1** Energetic properties of propose coded structures compounds for esterification mechanism calculated PM3CI microstate(3X3).

Code Structure numbers	Total energy (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Heat of formation (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Binding Energy (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )
1	-31376.756	-144.008	-1252.171
2	-20455.925	-105.532	-774.838
3	-44329.185	-185.276	-1798.982
4	-44327.973	-184.064	-1797.77
5	-57278.560	-223.489	-2342.738
6	-57278.573	-223.502	-2342.751
7	-70228.010	-261.777	-2886.569
8	-7496.122	-56.890	-220.653
9	-723.068	-15.911	-120.115



\* black colure represents the more expected path way of reaction mechanism.

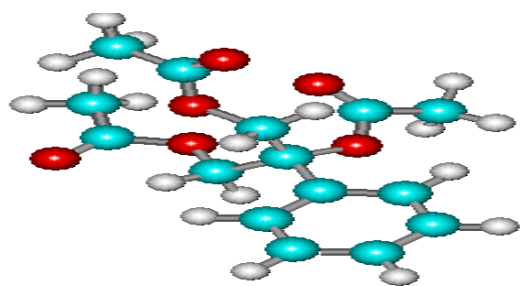
**Figure 6 Schematic diagram of proposed esterification mechanism reactions calculated through penetrate of transition state PM3-configuration interaction microstate (3X3).**

### Alkylation's reaction Mechanism

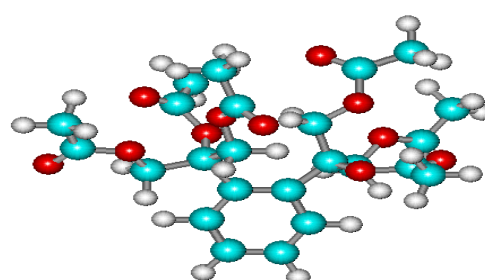
Substitution reactions into aromatic rings controlling by the nature of substituted groups. Simulation of this reaction involved all the geometries optimized structures for suspected chemical moieties that's participate in alkylation's reactions have been calculated represented in figure 7 through cylindrical & ball view. All effected factors like strict hindrance ,electrical effects were taken in mind to get out the closer view of the reality structure of desire modulated products <sup>(26)</sup>. Table 2 show the energetic properties of propose coded structures compounds . Some of these compound have critical structure because some these bulky ,also the flat structure of carbon atoms (SP<sup>2</sup>) in benzene ring have been loosed due more substituted in the ring . Table 3 shows compares between different competitive reactions, were the most probable reaction that's have low value of energy barrier is that of low.

According to the result of calculation the first step of reaction occurrence by energy barrier equal to 415.04 kCal mol<sup>-1</sup> the reaction is endothermic by absorption 2.835 kCal mol<sup>-1</sup> as in equation (2). Second step of reaction has several probabilities as in Table 3 the reaction of lowest value of energy barrier is the most probable and its more respected ,were derivative of 1,3-Di (Triacetate glycerol) benzene is produced with EB= 16425.148 (kCal mol<sup>-1</sup>) and  $\Delta H_{\text{rea}} = 3.466$  (kCal mol<sup>-1</sup>) as in equation (3). In third step the predominant probability produced 1,3,5-Tri (Triacetate glycerol) benzene

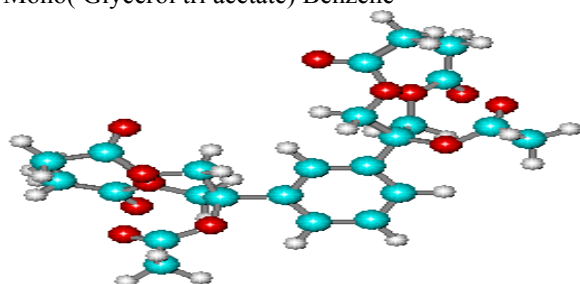
with EB= 290.56 (kCal mol<sup>-1</sup>) and  $\Delta H_{\text{rea}} = 2.666$  (kCal mol<sup>-1</sup>) as in equation (4). The summation equation of total reaction can be summarized in equation (5), that is represent the formation of 1,3,5-Tri (Triacetate glycerol) benzene is endothermic reaction with 8.967(kCal mol<sup>-1</sup>). In practically the energy value of this reactions can be decreased using catalyst to achieve reaction with economic values.



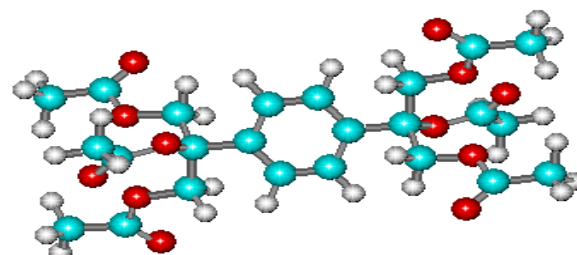
1- Mono( Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



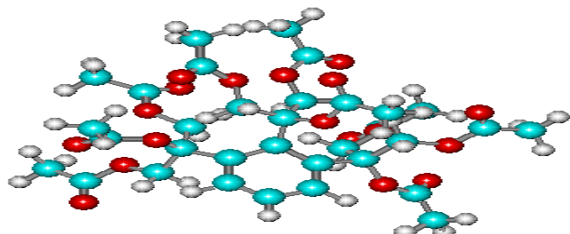
2- 1,2-Di (Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



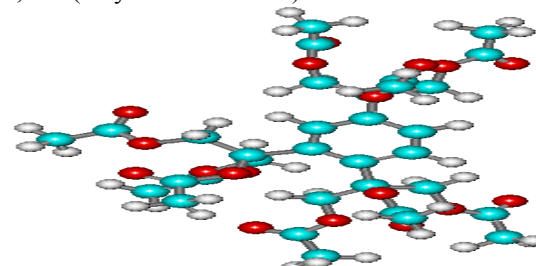
3- 1,3-Di( Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



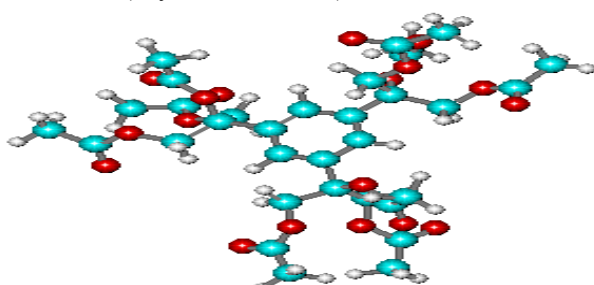
4- 1,4-Di( Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



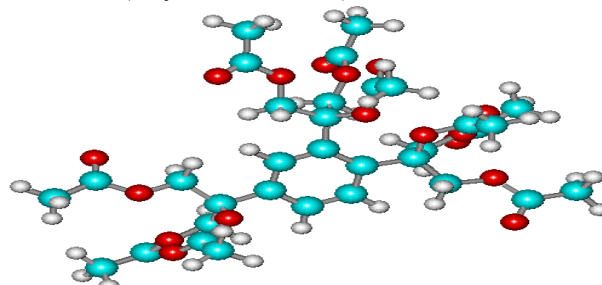
5 1,2,3Tri- (Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



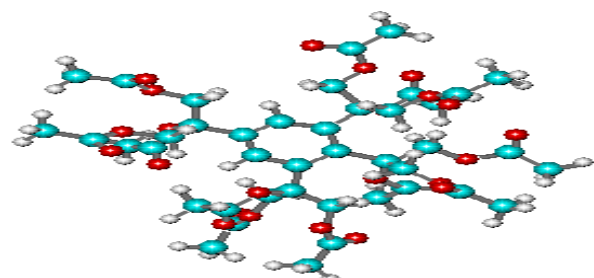
6 1,3,4Tri-( Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



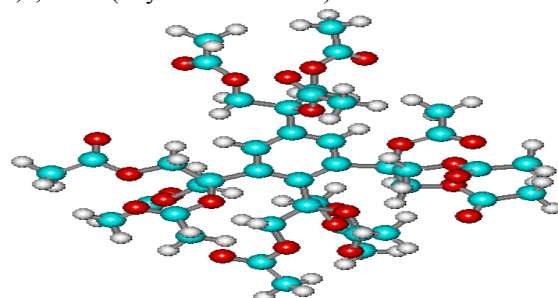
7 1,3,5- Tri (Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



8 1,2,5- Tri (Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



9- 1,2,3,5-Tetra (Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene



10 1,3,4,5- Tetra( Glycerol tri acetate) Benzene

**Figure7 Geometries optimized structures for suspected chemical moieties that is participate in alkylation's reactions calculated at PM3-Configuration interaction micro state(3X3)level.**

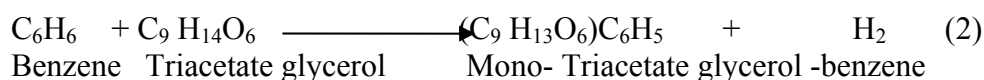
**Table 2 Energetic properties of purposed coded structures compounds for Alkylation's reactions mechanism calculated PM3/CI microstate(3X3).**

Structure numbers	Total energy (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Heat of formation (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Binding Energy (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )
1	-88029.622	-233.286	-4091.826
2	-157510.522	-455.109	-6834.237
3	-157531.098	-475.686	-6854.814
4	-157528.497	-473.084	-6852.212
5	-226993.227	-678.738	-9618.602
6	-227007.205	-692.717	-9592.433
7	-227033.375	-718.886	-9618.602
8	-227009.049	-694.560	-9594.276
9	-296489.952	-916.388	-12336.692
10	-296482.968	-909.403	-12329.707

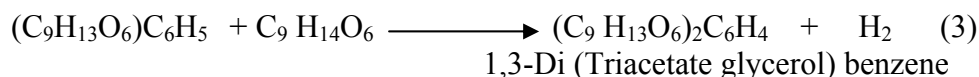
**Table 3 Calculations of energy barrier and heat of reactions through penetrate of transition state PM3-configuration interaction microstate (3X3) for the most probable reactions .**

Reactants	Products	Energy barrier (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Heat of reaction (kCal mol <sup>-1</sup> )
benzene + Tri acetate-glycerol	Mono( Tri acetate-glycerol)-benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	<b>415.04</b>	2.835
1-(Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene + Tri acetate-glycerol	1,2- Di (Tri acetate glycerol)-Benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	93646.148	24.043
	1,3- Di (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	<b>16425.148</b>	3.466
	1,4- Di (Tri acetate glycerol)benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	462526.856	6.068
1,3- Di (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene + Tri acetate-glycerol	1,2,3- Tri (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	557468.889	42.814
	1,3,4- Tri (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	888976.432	28.835
	1,3,5- Tri (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	<b>290.56</b>	2.666
	1,2,5- Tri (glycerol tri acetate)benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	889965.492	26.992
1,3,5- Tri (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene + Tri acetate-glycerol	1,2,3,5- Tetra (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	1355678.459	48.364
	1,3,4,5- Tetra (Tri acetate glycerol)-benzene +H <sub>2</sub>	1645389.731	55.349

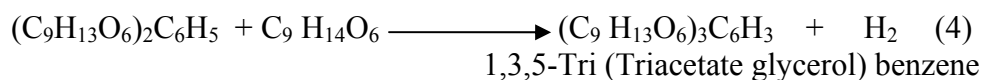
\*Bold numbers refers to most probable reactions energy barrier value than other probabilities.



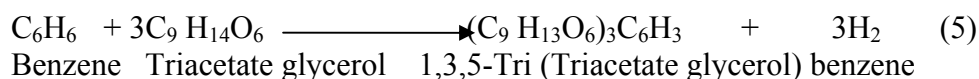
$$\text{EB} = 415.04 (\text{kCal mol}^{-1}) \quad , \quad \Delta H_{\text{rea}} = 2.835 (\text{kCal mol}^{-1})$$



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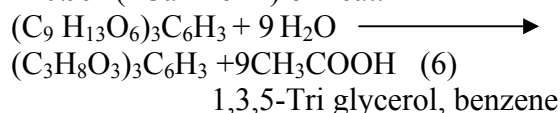


$$\sum \Delta H_{\text{rea}} = 8.967 (\text{kCal mol}^{-1})$$

### 1,3,5-Tri glycerol benzene production

Production of 1,3,5-Tri glycerol benzene can be achieved through hydrolysis process of ester, where the esterification reaction has been done for protective or masking the hydroxyl group from other reactions as predicted previously.

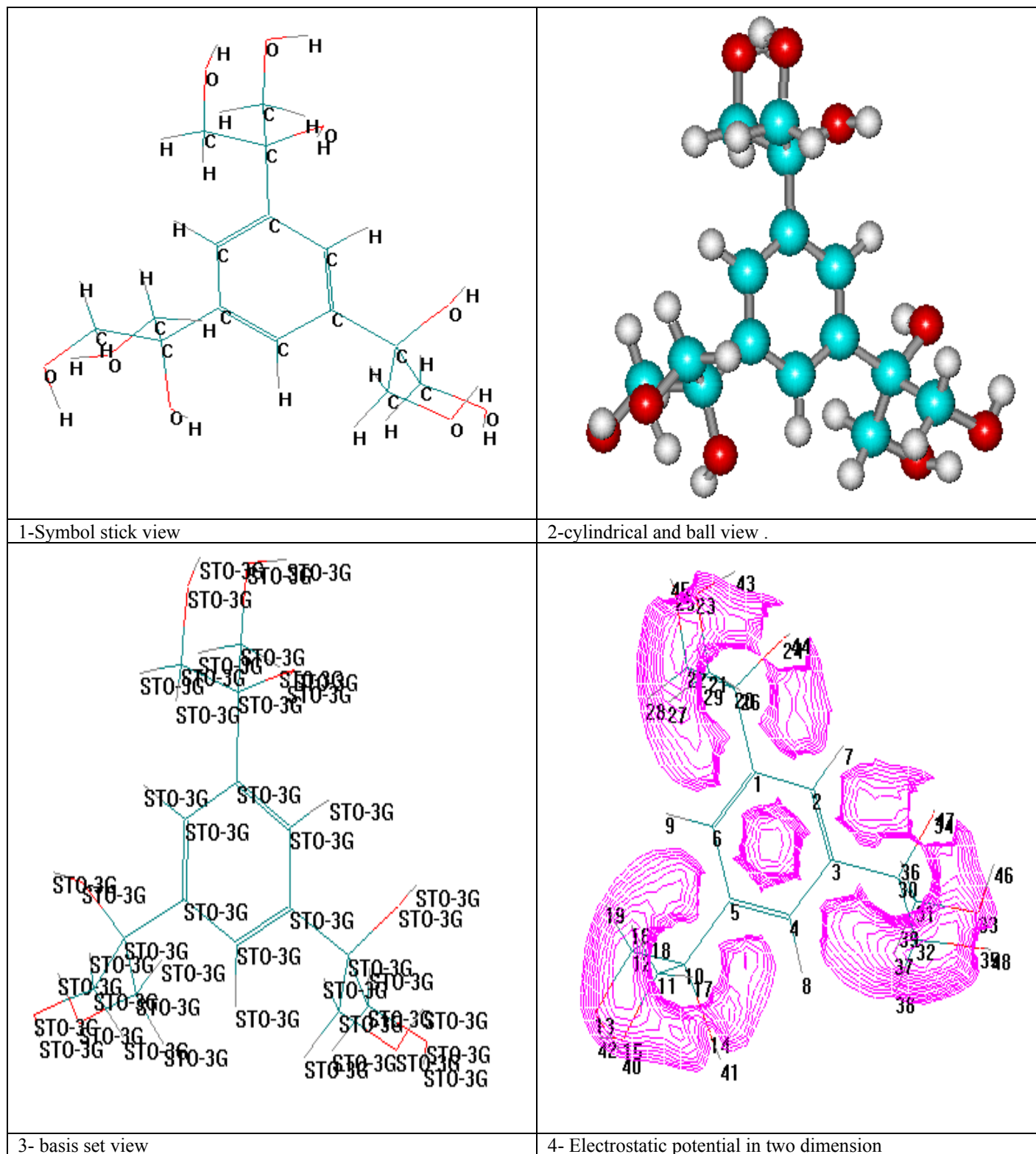
Hydrolysis of ester derivative represented in equation (6) that's needed nine mole of water molecules to release 1,3,5-Tri glycerol, benzene with nine mole of acetic acid molecules. The reaction is exothermic and spontaneously occurs in the presence of water to give up 1,3,5-Tri Glycerol Benzene with release 120.991(kCal mol<sup>-1</sup>) of heat.

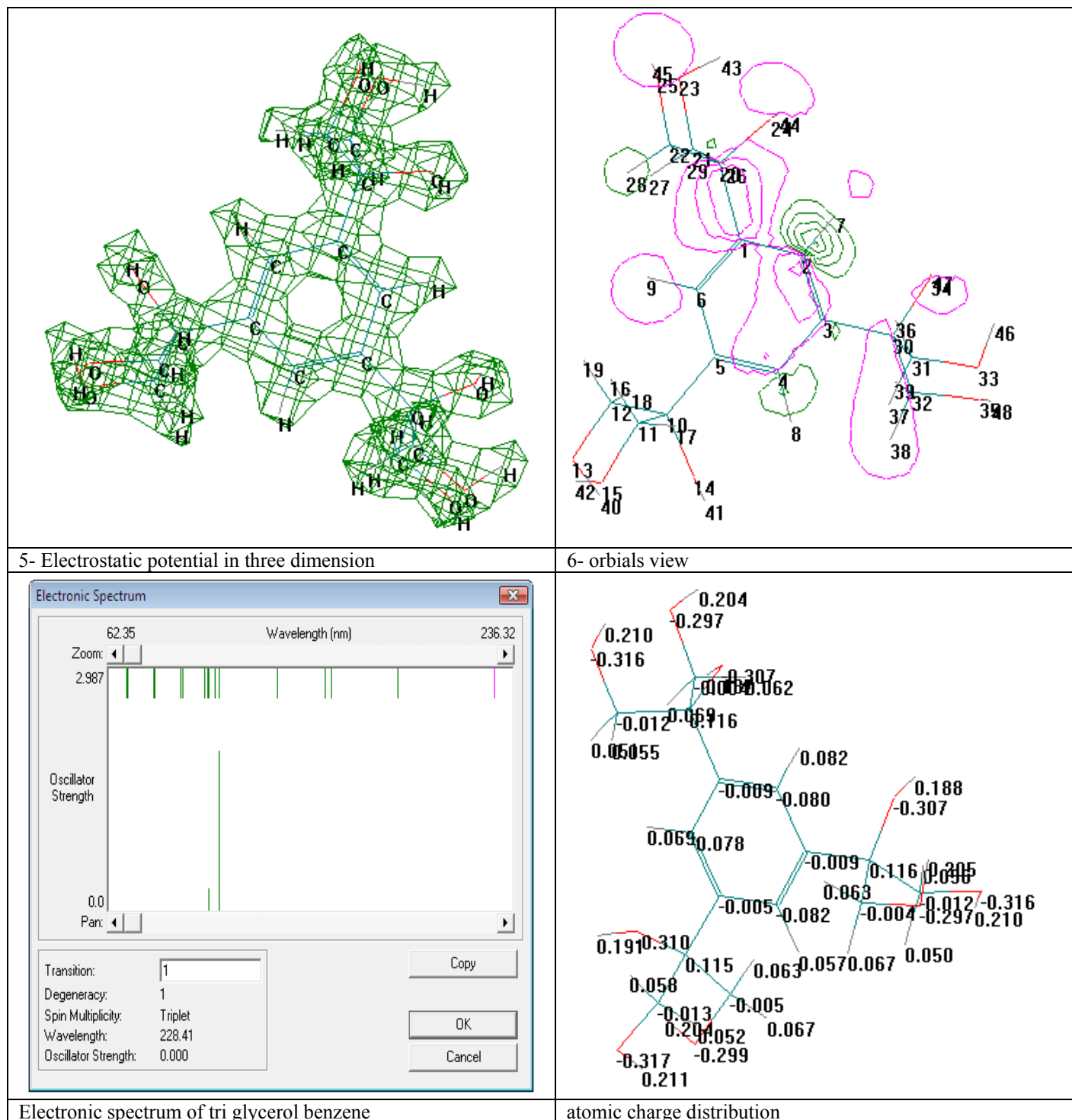


$$\Delta H_{\text{rea}} = -120.991 (\text{kCal mol}^{-1})$$

Figure 8 represented the energetic properties of 1,3,5-Tri glycerol, benzene, this structure has nine hydroxyl groups can be entered into large different number of reactions to produce many different products, like esterification with phosphate groups, or any desired compound.

When they are comparing the properties of benzene Figure 4, and glycerol Figure 1, will estimate a new chemical characteristic compound. Calculation shows that electrostatic contribution along all the atoms in molecule also, they have two electronic transition  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ . In this way the electronic densities increased due to the polarity of nine hydroxyl groups, so this compound can be entered into different reactions with higher performances.





**Figure 8** Geometry optimized structure and energetic properties view calculated at Ab-initio STO-3G basis set.



## Conclusions

Synthesis of 1,3,5-Tri glycerol benzene production has been achieved in vacuumed using different calculation methods of quantum mechanics. There are three main steps of production through esterification, alkylation, and hydrolysis of ester. The first two steps are endothermic, but the third step is exothermic. Final product has high electronic density with chemical characteristics to play role in variety types of reactions.

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