

# Vibrational Spectroscopic and Conformational Analysis of Pinosylvin

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Infrared and Raman spectra of pinosylvin were recorded and the vibrational frequencies with the corresponding infrared intensities were compared with the results of ab initio calculations utilizing the DFT method with the Becke3P86 functional and the 6-31G(d) basis set. Normal coordinate analysis was carried out. The effect of the conformation of the OH groups on the distribution of net charges, molecular energy and vibrational fundamentals were analyzed. One of the OH-cis–OH-trans conformers has the lowest energy. The conformation has a strong effect on the aforementioned properties, e.g., the cis-to-trans transition generates electron repulsion toward the vinylidene group between the two benzene rings. The changes in the different properties are in good accordance with each other. For comparison, the vibrational spectra were also recorded and calculated for the parent compound, trans-stilbene.

## 1. Introduction

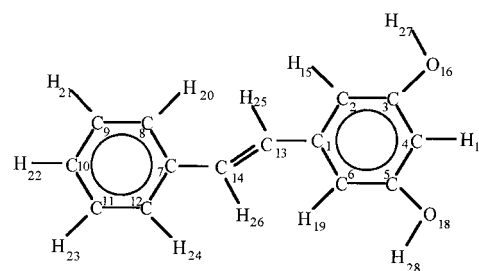
Pinosylvin (PS, Figure 1) and its 3-O-methyl ester<sup>1,2</sup> play an important role in the self-protection of some trees against fungal decay. Several kinds of trees are able to produce this very useful compound, e.g., in the heartwood of *Pinus*, *Eucalyptus*, and *Maclura* species. PS (3,5-dihydroxy-trans-stilbene) is a derivative of trans-stilbene (TS, Figure 2). The biosynthesis of trans-stilbene derivatives was reported from coumarine-CoA derivatives (resveratrol synthase).<sup>4</sup>

The vibrational spectra of the parent compound (TS) were discussed in detail by several authors during recent years.<sup>5–9</sup> Whereas the biological properties of PS were thoroughly treated, less attention was paid to its structure and spectroscopic properties. The FT-Raman spectrum was found to be applicable for the quantitative determination of PS in wood.<sup>2,3</sup> The mechanism of PS adsorption on different wood species was investigated and presented by Mohammed-Ziegler in her thesis.<sup>10</sup> Additionally, the quality of the adsorption of PS was studied with DRIFT and Raman spectroscopies. To the best of our knowledge, no work dealing with the assignment of the vibrational spectra of PS has been reported so far.

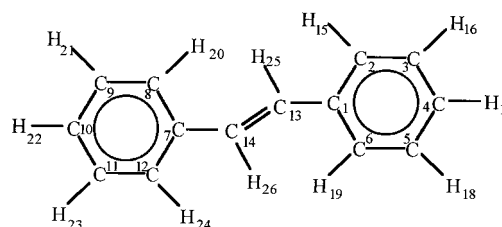
## 2. Experimental Section

**Compound.** Pinosylvin was the product of the Phero Tech. Inc., B. C., Canada (>99%) and was applied without any further purification.

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**Figure 1.** Structure of pinosylvin (HO-trans–HO-trans conformer); the numbers refer to the numbering used in the text.



**Figure 2.** Structure of trans-stilbene; the numbers refer to the numbering used in the text.

**Measurements.** Infrared spectra (DRIFT) were measured on a Perkin-Elmer System 2000 FT-IR spectrometer with 1 cm<sup>-1</sup> resolution accumulating 512 scans. The DFT method was chosen because of the expected application of these data. Pinosylvin as a fungicidal compound is a promising preservative on wood.

TABLE 1: Measured and Calculated Geometric Parameters of trans-Stilbene (TS) and the Pinosylvin (PS) Conformers<sup>a</sup>

geometric parameter <sup>b</sup>	measured X-ray <sup>c</sup>	calculated [6-31G(d) basis set]							geometric parameter <sup>b</sup>	measured X-ray <sup>c</sup>	calculated [6-31G(d) basis set]						
		RHF <sup>d</sup>		BLYP <sup>e</sup>		B3P86 <sup>f</sup>					RHF <sup>d</sup>		BLYP <sup>e</sup>		B3P86 <sup>f</sup>		
		TS		CC PS		CT PS	TC PS	TT PS			TS		CC PS		CT PS	TC PS	TT PS
r(C1,C2)	1.403	1.394	1.420	1.404	1.401	1.398	1.404	1.401	$\varphi$ (C2,C3,C4)	120.0	—	120.1	120.1	120.	120.7	120.5	120.7
r(C1,C6)	1.406	1.394	1.421	1.405	1.40	1.405	1.399	1.402	$\varphi$ (C2,C3,H/O16)	—	—	—	119.7	117.3	117.	122.5	122.
r(C1,C13)	1.471	1.478	1.470	1.460	1.46	1.461	1.462	1.461	$\varphi$ (C3,C2,H15)	—	—	—	119.7	118.8	118.	120.0	120.0
r(C2,C3)	1.392	1.384	1.402	1.390	1.392	1.395	1.392	1.39	$\varphi$ (C3,C4,C5)	119.3	—	119.4	119.	119.1	119.0	119.0	118.8
r(C2,H15)	1.080	1.075	—	1.088	1.085	1.08	1.088	1.088	$\varphi$ (C3,C4,H17)	—	—	—	120.4	120.5	121.9	119.3	120.6
r(C3,C4)	1.394	1.38	1.405	1.392	1.394	1.391	1.393	1.391	$\varphi$ (C3,H/O16,H27)	—	—	—	—	109.0	108.8	108.7	108.
r(C3,H/O16)	—	—	—	1.08	1.361	1.360	1.361	1.360	$\varphi$ (C4,C3,H/O16)	—	—	—	120.2	122.2	122.	116.9	117.
r(C4,C5)	1.396	1.386	1.409	1.395	1.398	1.397	1.395	1.394	$\varphi$ (C4,C5,C6)	120.7	—	120.6	120.5	120.9	121.	121.1	121.1
r(C4,H17)	—	—	—	1.086	1.090	1.087	1.087	1.08	$\varphi$ (C4,C5,H/O18)	—	—	—	120.0	121.8	116.5	121.8	116.7
r(C5,C6)	1.392	1.384	1.401	1.388	1.389	1.389	1.392	1.393	$\varphi$ (C5,C4,H17)	—	—	—	120.2	120.4	119.2	121.8	120.5
r(C5,H/O18)	—	—	—	1.08	1.361	1.361	1.360	1.360	$\varphi$ (C5,C6,H19)	—	—	—	119.1	118.2	119.5	118.3	119.6
r(C6,H19)	1.080	1.075	—	1.08	1.084	1.087	1.084	1.087	$\varphi$ (C5,H/O18,H28)	—	—	—	—	109.1	108.6	108.9	108.7
r(C7,C8)	1.403	1.394	1.42	1.405	1.405	1.405	1.405	1.405	$\tau$ (C4,C3,C16,H27)	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	179.2	179.9
r(C7,C12)	1.406	1.394	1.420	1.404	1.404	1.404	1.404	1.404	$\tau$ (C4,C5,C18,H28)	—	—	—	—	0.3	180.0	0.2	180.0
r(C7,C14)	1.471	1.47	1.470	1.460	1.460	1.460	1.460	1.460	$\tau$ (C13,C14,C7,C8)*	6.6	23.3	—	0.0	6.4	7.1	7.3	8.0
r(C8,C9)	1.392	1.38	1.401	1.388	1.38	1.388	1.388	1.388	$\tau$ (C13,C14,C7,C12)	173.3	157.2	180.0	180.0	173.8	173.1	173.0	172.3
r(C8,H20)	1.080	1.075	—	1.086	1.086	1.08	1.086	1.086	$\tau$ (C14,C13,C1,C2)	173.3	157.2	180.0	180.0	173.0	171.3	171.3	169.5
r(C9,C10)	1.394	1.38	1.409	1.395	1.395	1.395	1.395	1.395	$\tau$ (C14,C13,C1,C6)**	6.6	23.3	—	0.0	7.1	8.8	8.8	10.6
r(C9,H21)	1.080	—	—	1.087	1.087	1.087	1.087	1.087	$\tau$ (H25,C13,C1,C2)	—	—	—	0.0	6.0	7.5	7.5	9.1
r(C10,C11)	1.396	1.386	1.405	1.392	1.392	1.392	1.392	1.392	$\tau$ (H25,C13,C1,C6)	—	—	—	180.0	173.9	172.	172.3	170.7
r(C10,H22)	1.080	—	—	1.086	1.086	1.086	1.086	1.086	$\tau$ (H25,C13,C14,H26)	—	—	—	180.0	177.8	177.3	177.	176.9
r(C11,C12)	1.292	1.384	1.402	1.390	1.390	1.390	1.390	1.390	$\tau$ (H26,C14,C7,C8)	—	—	—	180.0	174.5	174.0	173.8	173.
r(C11,H23)	1.080	—	—	1.087	1.087	1.087	1.087	1.087	$\tau$ (H26,C14,C7,C12)	—	—	—	0.0	5.	5.7	6.0	6.4
r(C12,H24)	1.080	1.075	—	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088	$\tau^*+\tau^{**}$	13.2	46.6	—	0.0	13.5	15.9	16.1	18.6
r(C13,C14)	1.341	1.328	1.362	1.34	1.346	1.346	1.346	1.346	$\tau$ (C4,C3,C16,H27)	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	179.2	179.9
r(C13,H25)	1.080	1.077	—	1.089	1.08	1.089	1.089	1.089	$\tau$ (C4,C5,C18,H28)	—	—	—	—	0.3	180.0	0.2	180.0
r(C14,H26)	1.080	1.077	—	1.089	1.08	1.090	1.089	1.089	$\tau$ (C13,C14,C7,C8)*	6.6	23.3	—	0.0	6.4	7.1	7.3	8.0
r(H/O16,H27)	—	—	—	—	0.967	0.96	0.968	0.968	$\tau$ (C13,C14,C7,C12)	173.3	157.2	180.0	180.0	173.8	173.1	173.0	172.3
r(H/O18,H28)	—	—	—	—	0.967	0.968	0.968	0.968	$\tau$ (C14,C13,C1,C2)	173.3	157.2	180.0	180.0	173.0	171.3	171.3	169.5
$\varphi$ (C1,C2,C3)	121.4	—	121.5	121.4	120.3	120.3	120.4	120.	$\tau$ (C14,C13,C1,C6)**	6.6	23.3	—	0.0	7.1	8.8	8.8	10.6
$\varphi$ (C1,C2,H15)	—	—	—	118.9	120.9	120.9	119.	119.6	$\tau$ (H25,C13,C1,C2)	—	—	—	0.0	6.0	7.5	7.5	9.1
$\varphi$ (C1,C6,C5)	120.5	—	121.0	120.9	119.	120.	119.9	120.1	$\tau$ (H25,C13,C1,C6)	—	—	—	180.0	173.9	172.4	172.3	170.7
$\varphi$ (C1,C6,H19)	—	—	—	119.9	121.9	120.5	121.8	120.4	$\tau$ (H25,C13,C14,H26)	—	—	—	180.0	177.8	177.3	177.4	176.9
$\varphi$ (C1,C13,C14)	126.0	126.1	127.5	127.0	126.6	126.7	126.	126.7	$\tau$ (H26,C14,C7,C8)	—	—	—	180.0	174.5	174.0	173.8	173.3
$\varphi$ (C1,C13,H25)	—	—	—	114.2	114.4	114.4	114.6	114.5	$\tau$ (H26,C14,C7,C12)	—	—	—	0.0	5.3	5.7	6.0	6.4
$\varphi$ (C2,C1,C6)	118.1	—	—	117.8	119.3	119.1	119.1	118.8	$\tau^*+\tau^{**}$	13.2	46.6	—	0.0	13.5	15.9	16.1	18.6
$\varphi$ (C2,C1,C13)	118.8	119.0	118.6	118.7	118.0	118.1	118.1	118.3									

<sup>a</sup> CC: cis-cis; CT: cis-trans; TC: trans-cis; TT: trans-trans. For the numbering of the atoms see Figures 1 and 2. <sup>b</sup> Bond lengths (r) in angstroms, valence ( $\varphi$ ) and torsional ( $\tau$ ) angles in degrees. <sup>c</sup> Reference 11,  $\beta$  type molecule. <sup>d</sup> Reference 7. <sup>e</sup> Reference 8. <sup>f</sup> This work.



**TABLE 4: Calculated Atomic Net Charges of trans-Stilbene (TS) and the Pinosylvin (PS) Conformers<sup>a</sup>**

atom <sup>b</sup>	TS	CC PS	CT PS	TC PS	TT PS
C1	0.158	0.155	0.154	0.157	0.158
C2	-0.222	-0.272	-0.271	-0.307	-0.307
C3	-0.164	0.362	0.360	0.359	0.359
C4	-0.162	-0.313	-0.276	-0.277	-0.237
C5	-0.166	0.363	0.361	0.361	0.361
C6	-0.200	-0.254	-0.287	-0.254	-0.289
C7	0.158	0.156	0.157	0.156	0.157
C8	-0.200	-0.200	-0.200	-0.200	-0.200
C9	-0.166	-0.167	-0.166	-0.166	-0.166
C10	-0.162	-0.162	-0.162	-0.161	-0.162
C11	-0.164	-0.165	-0.165	-0.165	-0.164
C12	-0.222	-0.221	-0.221	-0.221	-0.221
C13	-0.208	-0.212	-0.209	-0.212	-0.210
C14	-0.208	-0.206	-0.207	-0.205	-0.206
H15	0.160	0.169	0.170	0.145	0.145
H/O16	0.164	-0.658	-0.658	-0.661	-0.658
H17	0.163	0.138	0.164	0.164	0.187
H/O18	0.164	-0.658	-0.661	-0.658	-0.658
H19	0.160	0.170	0.145	0.170	0.145
H20	0.160	0.162	0.162	0.159	0.160
H21	0.164	0.164	0.165	0.163	0.165
H22	0.163	0.163	0.164	0.164	0.164
H23	0.164	0.164	0.164	0.165	0.165
H24	0.160	0.161	0.158	0.162	0.159
H25	0.154	0.157	0.159	0.152	0.155
H26	0.154	0.159	0.151	0.160	0.153
H27	-	0.423	0.425	0.425	0.424
H28	-	0.422	0.425	0.425	0.424

<sup>a</sup> CC: cis-cis, CT: cis-trans, TC: trans-cis, TT: trans-trans; atomic charge units. <sup>b</sup> For the numbering of the atoms see Figures 1 and 2.

Harmonic vibrational frequencies and IR intensities were calculated, too.

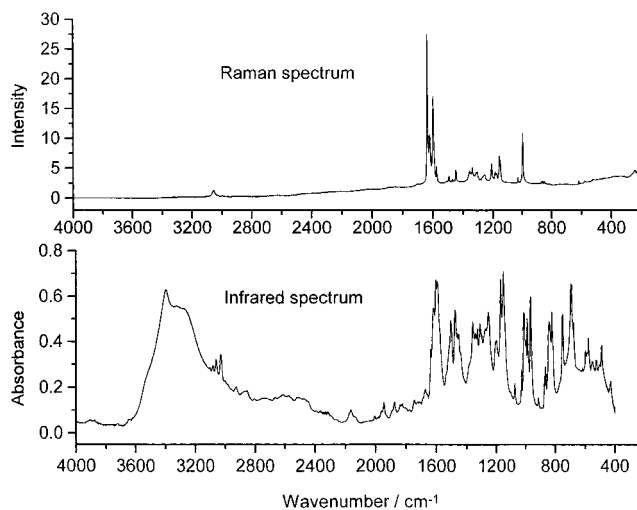
The calculated geometry and the force field were applied to the further force field refinement in internal coordinate representation and for fitting the calculated frequencies to the experimental ones. The potential energy distribution (PED) matrix elements were calculated from these results. The normal coordinate calculations were carried out with our own computer programs.

#### 4. Results and Discussion

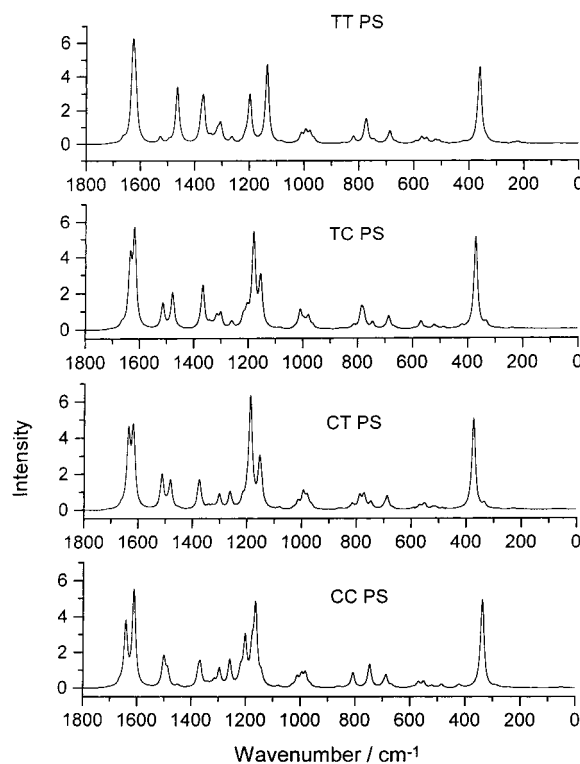
Four conformers of the PS molecule were investigated during the calculations, depending on the positions of the atoms H<sub>27</sub> and H<sub>28</sub>. The positions of these atoms are denoted cis (C) and trans (T), if they are in cis position and trans position with respect to C<sub>4</sub>, respectively. The individual conformers are labeled by two letters: the first one refers to the position of atom H<sub>27</sub>, while second one refers to the that of atom H<sub>28</sub>. Figure 1 illustrates trans-trans-pinosylvin. The results for pinosylvin were compared with the corresponding data of trans-stilbene.

**A. Geometric Parameters.** The calculated equilibrium ( $r_e$ ) geometric parameters of the TS and PS conformers are listed in Table 1. The geometric parameters of the trans-stilbene molecule were measured with X-ray diffraction by Hoekstra et al.<sup>12</sup> They investigated the crystal structure of the molecule in the crystal and found two different forms,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . According to their results, both molecules have nonplanar structure. Since the  $\beta$  type molecules are more distant from each other in the crystal, Table 1 introduces this geometry. For this molecule the angle between the planes of the two benzene rings ( $\tau^* + \tau^{**}$ ) was 13.2°.

The quantum chemical calculations with RHF/6-31G(d)<sup>5</sup> seem to support the experimental data, which resulted in 23.3 degrees between the two benzene rings. However, both Negri's<sup>9</sup> and



**Figure 3.** Measured infrared and Raman spectra of pinosylvin.



**Figure 4.** Simulated infrared spectra of the four pinosylvin conformers in the 1800–0 cm<sup>-1</sup> region (see text for details).

our post-Hartree-Fock DFT calculations, BLYP/6-31G(d) and B3P86/6-31G(d), resulted in planar structures with  $C_{2h}$  symmetry. In our opinion the crystalline and isolated structures of the TS molecule can substantially differ from each other since their environments are very different. Therefore Negri's and our results are possibly not in contradiction with the experimental data. The extended conjugation between the two rings through the vinylidene group makes the planarity of the isolated molecule considerably probable.

Regarding the investigated four pinosylvin conformers, the most important effect is the influence of the two hydroxyl groups on the molecular structure. Comparing the results of our calculations on TS and the PS conformers, one can state the following: (a) the molecule is no longer planar; (b) the bond lengths of the TS molecule do not change significantly on substitution; (c) the changes of atoms 16 and 18 from hydrogen to oxygen cause changes in the angles between the substituent

**TABLE 5: Vibrational Frequencies and Potential Energy Distributions of trans-Stilbene<sup>a</sup>**

wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>				wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>			
meas. <sup>c</sup>	calc.	PED/% <sup>b</sup> (distributions ≥ 10%)		meas. <sup>c</sup>	calc.	PED/% <sup>b</sup> (distributions ≥ 10%)	
3079	3069	νCHr	99	1026	1020	νrg	70 βCHr 21
3079	3069	νCHr	99	1002	988	νrg	31 βrg 67
3061	3060	νCHr	99	997	1000	γCHr	31 γCHv 57
3059	3060	νCHr	99	995	987	νrg	36 βrg 62
3054	3051	νCHr	99	985	979	γCHr	63 γCHv 22
3053	3052	νCHr	99	984	986	γCHr	82
3038	3042	νCHr	99	969	957	γCHr	89
3036	3043	νCHr	98	947	956	γCHr	94
3028	3034	νCHr	99	915	919	γCHr	67 γCHv 14
3028	3034	νCHr	98	910	909	γCHr	83
3014	3020	νCHv	97	869	871	γCHr	37 γCHv 58
3004	3013	νCHv	97	866	868	νrg	38 βrg 15 βCC 25
1639	1639	νCC	62 βCHv 25	853	839	γCHr	89
1599	1614	νrg	65 βrg 10 βCHr 20	847	841	γCHr	99
1594	1605	νrg	63 βrg 10 βCHr 21	823	819	νrg	47 νCC 23 βrg 26
1578	1585	νrg	66 βCHr 18	764	772	τrg	27 τCC 26 γCHr 44
1571	1579	νrg	63 βCHr 19	738	743	νrg	15 γCHr 67
1496	1500	νrg	34 βCHr 55	693	697	τrg	68 γCHr 30
1490	1488	νrg	33 βCHr 60	688	692	τrg	92
1452	1450	νrg	36 βCHr 50	640	640	βrg	64 βCC 18
1445	1443	νrg	37 βCHr 54	616	617	νrg	10 βrg 86
1339	1331	νrg	43 βCHr 48	616	620	νrg	10 βrg 84
1332	1323	νrg	36 νCC 14 βCHr 15 βCHv 31	541	539	βrg	81
1332	1345	νrg	41 βCHr 13 βCHv 34	527	535	τrg	48 τCC 49
1326	1328	νrg	23 βCHr 70	469	465	τrg	57 τCC 34
1318	1312	νCC	14 βCC 28 βCHr 30 βCHv 18	464	468	νrg	10 βCC 82
1308	1287	νrg	26 νCC 37 βCHr 27	410	405	τrg	92
1221	1226	νrg	26 βCHr 17 βCHv 47	407	407	τrg	93
1192	1199	νrg	26 νCC 32 βrg 12 βCHr 20	290	286	τrg	72 τCC 22
1182	1175	νrg	24 βCHr 74	289	284	νrg	10 νCC 24 βrg 17 βCC 47
1160	1172	νrg	22 βCHr 74	227	218	τrg	47 τCC 36 γCHv 13
1156	1151	νrg	17 βCHr 82	204	204	νCC	16 βrg 13 βCC 63
1155	1150	νrg	17 βCHr 82	81	81	βCC	97
1074	1077	νrg	53 βCHr 40	66	66	τrg	13 γCHv 85
1073	1074	νrg	54 βCHr 38	60	60	τCC	88
1030	1022	νrg	71 βCHr 23	7	7	γCHv	98

<sup>a</sup> Mean deviation 5.44 cm<sup>-1</sup>; mean relative deviation 0.59% <sup>b</sup> ν: stretching, β: in-plane deformation, γ: out-of-plane deformation, τ: torsion, CC: at least one carbon atom does not belong to ring; v: vinylidene group; r, rg: ring, <sup>c</sup> wavenumbers below 200 cm<sup>-1</sup> are chosen as equal to the calculated ones.

bonds and the ring bonds in the substituted ring, and this is true not only for the C–O but also for the C–H bonds (H atoms 15, 17 and 19).

The effect on conformational change is observable from the values of torsional angles C<sub>4</sub>C<sub>3</sub>O<sub>16</sub>H<sub>27</sub> and C<sub>4</sub>C<sub>5</sub>O<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub> characterizing both the conformer and the coplanarity of the OH groups and the benzene ring. The slight deviations from 0 and 180 degrees are smaller than the errors in the calculations. The substitution has only a minor influence on the structure of the benzene rings and the vinylidene group. However, the angle between the planes of the two benzene rings (Table 1, τ\*+τ\*\*) increases from the cis-cis (CC) conformer to the trans-trans (TT) one. For the cis-trans (CT) and trans-cis (TC) conformers, these angles are nearly equal. A smaller effect of the conformation change can be observed on the OCC angles and the HCC angles of the substituted ring.

**B. Molecular Energy.** Table 2 summarizes the calculated molecular energies of the four PS conformers as isolated molecules. Both the equilibrium (*r<sub>e</sub>*) and the zero-point corrected energies show that the CT conformer has the lowest energy (see Table 2). The CC conformer has the highest energy; the difference to the CT conformer is almost 3 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. The energy differences to the TC and TT conformers are less than 1 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. Consequently, the statistical weights of the CT, TC, and TT conformers are considerable in the mixture.

**C. Vibrational Force Constants.** The pinosylvin molecule (Figure 1) consists of 28 atoms, i.e., it has 78 vibrational modes. According to its structure it has no symmetry elements, i.e., it belongs to the general C<sub>1</sub> point group.

The output file of the quantum chemical calculations contains the vibrational force constants in a Cartesian coordinate system and in quantum mechanical units: hartree bohr<sup>-2</sup>. These force constants were transformed into chemical internal coordinates (Table 3) and into SI units. The next step was fit to the calculated force constants to the experimental frequencies. The force constants of the most probable CT conformer were used for this procedure. The scaling was carried out with a homemade computer program applying the method of weighted least squares. The scale factors yielded are also presented in Table 3. The values of the scale factors are between 0.9 and 1.0 in most of the cases, with one important exception: the scale factors for the OH stretching force constants are very low. This is the consequence of fitting the calculated OH stretching frequencies to the experimental values. The very strong association shifted this band to lower frequencies. The frequencies of the isolated molecule are unknown, thus we decided to base the scaling procedure on the observed values. The scale factors calculated in this way were applied to the scaling of the other three conformers. Since the number of independent force



TABLE 6: Vibrational Frequencies and Potential Energy Distributions of cis-cis Pinosylvin<sup>a</sup>

wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>					wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>				
meas. <sup>c</sup>		calc.		PED/% <sup>b</sup> (distributions ≥ 10%)	meas. <sup>c</sup>		calc.		PED/% <sup>b</sup> (distributions ≥ 10%)
3405	3405	νOH	99		O18–H28 stretching	995	991	νrg	
3397	3402	νOH	99	O16–H27 stretching	987	985	νrg	41 βrg	46
3103	3103	νCHr	99	C6–H19 stretching	979	981	γCHr	21 γCHv	66
3103	3092	νCHr	99	C2–H15 stretching	964	964	γCHr	70 γCHv	14
3082	3090	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	914	940	γCHr	97	
3082	3081	νCHr	98	unsubstituted ring stretching	909	902	γCHr	69 γCHv	11
3060	3073	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	864	865	γCHr	32 γCHv	52
3060	3064	νCHr	98	unsubstituted ring stretching	851	853	νrg	34 νCCv	13 βrg 18 βCCv 18
3056	3057	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	829	828	γCHr	97	
3056	3046	νCHv	97	anti-phase stretching	819	821	γCHr	73 γCO	10
3029	3039	νCHv	97	in-phase stretching	771	808	γCHr	66	
3029	3035	νCHr	99	C4–H17 stretching	751	750	τrg	10 γCCv	14 γCHr 61 γCO 10
1674	1664	νrg	13	νCCv 60 βCHv 19	746	747	γCHr	76 γCO	13
1637	1642	νrg	61		693	699	νrg	20 βrg	36 βCCv 18
1618	1619	νrg	66	βCHr 19	688	688	τrg	68 γCHr	28
1601	1612	νrg	62	βCHr 16	675	667	τrg	82	
1588	1594	νrg	66	βCHr 17	619	620	νrg	10 βrg	84
1516	1502	νrg	41	βCHr 25 βOH 11	597	593	τrg	17 γCO	75
1494	1497	νrg	38	βCHr 41	585	591	τrg	23 γCCv	38 γCO 30
1472	1487	νrg	39	βCHr 35 βOH 10	578	570	νrg	18 νCO	12 βrg 48
1448	1451	νrg	39	βCHr 49	551	551	βrg	10 βCCv	35 βCO 44
1363	1374	νrg	54	νCO 10 βCHv 11	522	521	νrg	10 βrg	76
1358	1367	νrg	39	νCCv 10 νCO 28 βrg 10	499	513	βrg	79	
1341	1341	νrg	76	βCHr 14	487	486	τrg	50 γCCv	39
1328	1328	νCCv	19	βCCv 13 βCHr 13 βCHv 51	427	422	νrg	11 βCCv	55 βCO 24
1314	1316	βCCv	10	βCHr 61 βCHv 17	401	401	τrg	99	
1306	1298	νrg	12	βCHr 53 βOH 13	376	340	τOH	93	
1256	1259	νrg	17	νCCv 17 βCHr 21 βCHv 20 βOH 11	360	339	τOH	94	
1210	1219	νrg	19	νCCv 11 βCHr 10 βCHv 25 βOH 31	334	334	νrg	11 βrg 10 βCO	68
1201	1203	νrg	21	νCCv 13 βCHr 11 βOH 38	288	286	τrg	61 γCCv	24
1187	1178	νCO	38	βCHr 52	247	242	νrg	12 νCCv	19 βCCv 29 βCO 10 τrg 14
1177	1173	νrg	21	βCHr 74	238	237	τrg	68	
1170	1165	νrg	22	βCHr 30 βOH 40	222	225	τrg	79 γCO	10
1157	1149	νrg	15	βCHr 83	205	201	τrg	39 γCCv	26 γCO 23
1150	1143	νrg	12	νCCv 20 βCHr 50	178	179	νCCv	13 βCCv	61
1074	1081	νrg	51	βCHr 42	84	80	βCCv	31 γCHv	55
1028	1029	νrg	71	βCHr 23	57	58	βCCv	62 γCHv	23
1007	1012	νrg	44	νCO 23 βCHr 14	51	50	τrg	10 γCCv	84
999	996	νrg	39	νCCv 11 νCO 10 βrg 23	14	11	γCHv	97	

<sup>a</sup> Mean deviation 5.86 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Mean relative deviation 1.06%. <sup>b</sup> ν: stretching, β: in-plane deformation, γ: out-of-plane deformation, τ: torsion, CC: at least one carbon atom does not belong to ring; v: vinylidene group; r, rg: ring. <sup>c</sup> Wavenumbers below 200 cm<sup>-1</sup> are chosen as equal to the for CT calculated ones.

constants is very large, only the diagonal F matrix elements are listed in Table 3.

Similarly to the PS conformers, the TS force constants were also subjected to a scaling procedure. The chemical internal coordinates are the same in both cases, TS differs only in the number of atoms (26) and consequently the vibrational modes (72) since TS contains only H atoms instead of the OH groups. The yielded scale factors and diagonal force constants are included in Table 3.

The effect of the conformation change is interesting first of all with respect to the OH-substituted ring of PS. Here one expects the sum of the electron repulsive effects of the two OH groups on one another, on all carbon atoms in this ring, and on the vinylidene group. By examining the conformation effect on the diagonal force constants of stretching coordinates of this ring, the following can be observed. With respect to the CC conformer, the change from CC to TT conformer increases the force constants of the bonds between C3–C4 and C4–C5, whereas the force constants of the other two bonds near the OH groups C2–C3 and C5–C6 decrease even when only one OH group changes to trans. The remaining two ring stretching force constants (those of C1–C2 and C6–C1) decrease if the OH group next to the bond is in trans position, and they increase if this group is in cis position. For the TT conformation both

constants remain unchanged. The trans conformation of one of the OH groups increases the diagonal stretching force constant of the other OH group. The influence of the conformation on the C–O and C–H diagonal stretching force constants of this ring is negligible. The importance and influence of the conformation change in other parts of the molecule is also negligible as a consequence of the nonplanarity of the two rings that leads to decreasing of the conjugation with the vinylidene group.

**D. Atomic Net Charges.** Table 4 contains the calculated atomic net charges for trans-stilbene and for pinosylvin conformers. The information that they represent is in good accordance with that of the vibrational force constants. Comparing the data of TS and PS, the net charges of the unsubstituted ring and the vinylidene group are independent of the substitution of the two OH groups. On the other ring, the carbon atoms in ortho and para positions to the vinylidene group became more negative, while those in the meta position (with the OH substitution) changed their negative net charge to positive.

The conformation changes of PS influence the net charges of the ortho (C2 and C6) and para (C4) atoms and their adjacent hydrogens. Regarding again the CC conformer as a basis, a change of the conformation of the first OH group (on C3) from cis to trans causes C2 and the adjacent H15 to become more

**TABLE 7: Vibrational Frequencies and Potential Energy Distributions of cis–trans Pinosylvin<sup>a</sup>**

wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>				wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>																	
meas. <sup>c</sup>		calc.		PED/% <sup>b</sup> (distributions ≥ 10%)				meas. <sup>c</sup>		calc.		PED/% <sup>b</sup> (distributions ≥ 10%)									
3405	3401	$\nu$ OH	99	O18–H28 stretching				999	994	$\nu$ rg	34	$\beta$ rg	32								
3397	3400	$\nu$ OH	99	O16–H27 stretching				995	990	$\nu$ rg	40	$\beta$ rg	40								
3103	3092	$\nu$ CHr	99	C2–H15 stretching				987	987	$\nu$ rg	43	$\beta$ rg	53								
3103	3090	$\nu$ CHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching				979	979	$\gamma$ CHr	26	$\gamma$ CHv	62								
3082	3081	$\nu$ CHr	98	unsubstituted ring stretching				964	964	$\gamma$ CHr	67	$\gamma$ CHv	17								
3082	3076	$\nu$ CHr	99	C4–H17 stretching				914	940	$\gamma$ CHr	97										
3060	3073	$\nu$ CHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching				909	902	$\gamma$ CHr	70	$\gamma$ CHv	11								
3060	3064	$\nu$ CHr	98	unsubstituted ring stretching				864	865	$\gamma$ CHr	31	$\gamma$ CHv	50								
3056	3062	$\nu$ CHr	97	unsubstituted ring stretching				851	853	$\nu$ rg	34	$\nu$ CCv	13	$\beta$ rg	18	$\beta$ CCv	17				
3056	3056	$\nu$ CHr	99	C6–H19 stretching				829	828	$\gamma$ CHr	97										
3029	3046	$\nu$ CHv	97	anti-phase stretching				819	815	$\gamma$ CHr	69	$\gamma$ CHv	10								
3029	3035	$\nu$ CHv	97	in-phase stretching				771	788	$\gamma$ CHr	70	$\gamma$ CO	14								
1674	1663	$\nu$ CCv	63	$\beta$ CHv	20					751	772	$\gamma$ CCv	10	$\gamma$ CHr	68						
1637	1636	$\nu$ rg	66					746	747	$\tau$ rg	21	$\gamma$ CCv	15	$\gamma$ CHr	55						
1618	1621	$\nu$ rg	67	$\beta$ CHr	17					693	699	$\nu$ rg	20	$\beta$ rg	36	$\beta$ CCv	18				
1601	1617	$\nu$ rg	61	$\beta$ CHr	15					688	688	$\tau$ rg	69	$\gamma$ CHr	27						
1588	1594	$\nu$ rg	66	$\beta$ CHr	17					675	668	$\tau$ rg	84								
1516	1512	$\nu$ rg	39	$\beta$ CHr	28	$\beta$ OH	12					619	620	$\nu$ rg	10	$\beta$ rg	84				
1494	1494	$\nu$ rg	36	$\beta$ CHr	54					597	596	$\tau$ rg	16	$\gamma$ CO	74						
1472	1481	$\nu$ rg	44	$\beta$ CHr	19	$\beta$ OH	11					585	593	$\tau$ rg	24	$\gamma$ CCv	40	$\gamma$ CO	29		
1448	1451	$\nu$ rg	39	$\beta$ CHr	49					578	570	$\nu$ rg	19	$\nu$ CO	13	$\beta$ rg	46				
1363	1376	$\nu$ rg	66	$\beta$ CHv	10	$\beta$ OH	13					551	552	$\beta$ rg	13	$\beta$ CCv	34	$\beta$ CO	41		
1358	1371	$\nu$ rg	23	$\nu$ CCv	16	$\nu$ CO	34	$\beta$ rg	14					522	522	$\nu$ rg	10	$\beta$ rg	77		
1341	1342	$\nu$ rg	77	$\beta$ CHr	13					499	511	$\beta$ rg	77								
1328	1327	$\nu$ CCv	18	$\beta$ CCv	12	$\beta$ CHr	16	$\beta$ CHv	50					487	487	$\tau$ rg	50	$\gamma$ CCv	39		
1314	1316	$\beta$ CCv	10	$\beta$ CHr	59	$\beta$ CHv	19					427	422	$\nu$ rg	11	$\beta$ CCv	55	$\beta$ CO	23		
1306	1301	$\nu$ rg	12	$\beta$ CHr	53	$\beta$ OH	16					401	401	$\tau$ rg	99						
1256	1262	$\nu$ rg	17	$\nu$ CCv	18	$\beta$ CHr	18	$\beta$ CHv	24					376	375	$\tau$ OH	96				
1210	1216	$\nu$ rg	20	$\nu$ CCv	13	$\beta$ CHr	16	$\beta$ CHv	26	$\beta$ OH	18					360	361	$\tau$ OH	95		
1201	1201	$\nu$ rg	17	$\beta$ CHr	19	$\beta$ OH	41					334	335	$\nu$ rg	12	$\beta$ rg	10	$\beta$ CO	69		
1187	1188	$\nu$ rg	18	$\nu$ CO	17	$\beta$ CHr	21	$\beta$ OH	32					288	288	$\tau$ rg	59	$\gamma$ CCv	24		
1177	1173	$\nu$ rg	20	$\beta$ CHr	75					247	243	$\nu$ rg	10	$\nu$ CCv	16	$\beta$ CCv	24	$\tau$ rg	25		
1170	1154	$\nu$ CO	23	$\beta$ CHr	47	$\beta$ OH	18					238	238	$\tau$ rg	60						
1157	1149	$\nu$ rg	15	$\beta$ CHr	80					222	224	$\tau$ rg	78								
1150	1147	$\nu$ rg	13	$\nu$ CCv	15	$\beta$ CHr	56					205	202	$\tau$ rg	40	$\gamma$ CCv	25	$\gamma$ CO	23		
1074	1081	$\nu$ rg	51	$\beta$ CHr	42					178	178	$\nu$ CCv	13	$\beta$ CCv	60						
1028	1029	$\nu$ rg	71	$\beta$ CHr	23					84	84	$\beta$ CCv	28	$\gamma$ CHv	57						
1007	1014	$\nu$ rg	44	$\nu$ CO	20	$\beta$ CHr	14					57	57	$\beta$ CCv	65	$\gamma$ CHv	21				
								51	51	$\gamma$ CCv	85										
								14	14	$\gamma$ CHv	97										

<sup>a</sup> Mean deviation 4.99 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Mean relative deviation 0.53%. <sup>b</sup>  $\nu$ : stretching,  $\beta$ : in-plane deformation,  $\gamma$ : out-of-plane deformation,  $\tau$ : torsion, CC: at least one carbon atom does not belong to ring;  $\nu$ : vinylidene group; r, rg: ring. <sup>c</sup> Wavenumbers below 200 cm<sup>-1</sup> are chosen as equal to the calculated ones.

negative and the C2–H15 bond more polar. If the second OH group (on C5) similarly changes its conformation, the same effect is observed on C6 and H19, and on the corresponding C6–H19 bond. A reversed effect is observed on C4 and H17: if any of the OH groups changes its conformation, both atoms become more positive and the C4–H17 bond less polar. Both atoms have their most positive charges when both OH groups have trans conformation. The net charges of all other atoms in the molecule remain practically constant.

Summing it up, the cis to trans change in the conformation of the OH groups produces electron repulsion of the atoms H17 and C4 in the direction of the vinylidene group.

**E. Vibrational Frequencies and Spectra.** The recorded vibrational spectra of pinosylvin are presented in Figure 3. The spectra were analyzed by curve fit of the overlapping bands. The very strong association as a result of the H–O···H type hydrogen bonds is striking in the infrared spectrum but hardly observable in the Raman spectrum.

The results of the normal coordinate analyses are presented in Table 5 (trans-stilbene), 6 (cis-cis), 7 (cis-trans), 8 (trans-cis), and 9 (trans-trans). The tables contain the experimental fundamentals between 4000 and 200 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The figures found in these columns below 200 cm<sup>-1</sup> are the scaled calculated

fundamentals for TS (Table 5) and cis-trans PS (Tables 6–9). The force constants calculated for the cis-trans conformer were scaled to fit the measured spectrum, and these scale factors were also applied in the case of the other conformers.

The most characteristic vibrational modes are CH stretchings for both TS and PS and OH stretchings for PS. The ten CH stretching modes of TS are coupled not only within each ring but also between the stretching coordinates of the two benzene rings. The CH stretching modes of PS are very different. The two rings are not coplanar anymore. On the substituted ring, the OH groups are placed between the CH groups. Therefore coupling between the CH stretchings of the two rings and also between these groups of the substituted ring are not possible. The decoupling of the OH stretching vibration has similar reasons. As noted in Tables 6–9, the CH stretches of the nonsubstituted ring are coupled, while those of the substituted one appear as characteristic CH vibrations for each CH group. The order of their wavenumbers depends on their conformation as follows. For the cis-cis conformer:  $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{19}) > \nu(\text{C}_2\text{H}_{15}) > \nu(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{17})$ . For the cis-trans conformer:  $\nu(\text{C}_2\text{H}_{15}) > \nu(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{17}) > \nu(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{19})$ . For the trans-cis conformer:  $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{19}) > \nu(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{17}) > \nu(\text{C}_2\text{H}_{15})$ . For the trans-trans conformer:  $\nu(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{17}) > \nu(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{19}) > \nu(\text{C}_2\text{H}_{15})$ .

TABLE 8: Vibrational Frequencies and Potential Energy Distribution of trans-cis Pinosylvin<sup>a</sup>

wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>		wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>																		
meas. <sup>c</sup>	calc.	PED/% <sup>b</sup> (distributions ≥ 10%)																		
3405	3403	$\nu$ OH	99	O18–H28 stretching							995	991	$\nu$ rg	36	$\beta$ rg	56				
3397	3401	$\nu$ OH	99	O16–H27 stretching							987	987	$\nu$ rg	41	$\beta$ rg	51				
3103	3103	$\nu$ CHr	99	C6–H19 stretching							979	980	$\gamma$ CHr	24	$\gamma$ CHv	63				
3103	3090	$\nu$ CHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching							964	964	$\gamma$ CHr	68	$\gamma$ CHv	16				
3082	3081	$\nu$ CHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching							914	940	$\gamma$ CHr	97						
3082	3075	$\nu$ CHr	99	C4–H17 stretching							909	902	$\gamma$ CHr	70	$\gamma$ CHv	10				
3060	3073	$\nu$ CHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching							864	862	$\gamma$ CHr	24	$\gamma$ CHv	59				
3060	3063	$\nu$ CHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching							851	853	$\nu$ rg	33	$\nu$ CCv	13	$\beta$ rg	17	$\beta$ CCv	17
3056	3057	$\nu$ CHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching							829	827	$\gamma$ CHr	96						
3056	3050	$\nu$ CHr	96	C2–H15 stretching							819	815	$\gamma$ CHr	74						
3029	3044	$\nu$ CHv	96	anti-phase stretching							771	787	$\gamma$ CHr	67	$\gamma$ CO	16				
3029	3037	$\nu$ CHv	97	in-phase stretching							751	778	$\gamma$ CCv	11	$\gamma$ CHr	72				
1674	1664	$\nu$ rg	13	$\nu$ CCv	59	$\beta$ CHv	19													
1637	1635	$\nu$ rg	60							746	746	$\tau$ rg	19	$\gamma$ CCv	13	$\gamma$ CHr	57			
1618	1619	$\nu$ rg	62	$\beta$ CHr	16					693	698	$\nu$ rg	20	$\beta$ rg	35	$\beta$ CCv	19			
1601	1619	$\nu$ rg	67	$\beta$ CHr	15					688	688	$\tau$ rg	69	$\gamma$ CHr	27					
1588	1594	$\nu$ rg	67	$\beta$ CHr	17					675	668	$\tau$ rg	85							
1516	1514	$\nu$ rg	39	$\beta$ CHr	27	$\beta$ OH	12			619	620	$\nu$ rg	10	$\beta$ rg	84					
1494	1495	$\nu$ rg	36	$\beta$ CHr	55					597	596	$\tau$ rg	15	$\gamma$ CO	76					
1472	1478	$\nu$ rg	42	$\nu$ CO	10	$\beta$ CHr	19	$\beta$ OH	12	585	593	$\tau$ rg	24	$\gamma$ CCv	40	$\gamma$ CO	29			
1448	1451	$\nu$ rg	39	$\beta$ CHr	48					578	570	$\nu$ rg	18	$\nu$ CO	12	$\beta$ rg	47			
1363	1376	$\nu$ rg	55	$\beta$ CHv	11	$\beta$ OH	13			551	552	$\beta$ rg	12	$\beta$ CCv	34	$\beta$ CO	41			
1358	1367	$\nu$ rg	39	$\nu$ CCv	12	$\nu$ CO	30	$\beta$ rg	11	522	522	$\nu$ rg	10	$\beta$ rg	77					
1341	1341	$\nu$ rg	75	$\beta$ CHr	15					499	511	$\beta$ rg	77							
1328	1328	$\nu$ CCv	20	$\beta$ CCv	13	$\beta$ CHr	10	$\beta$ CHv	52	487	487	$\tau$ rg	50	$\gamma$ CCv	39					
1314	1316	$\beta$ CHr	65	$\beta$ CHv	14					427	422	$\nu$ rg	11	$\beta$ CCv	55	$\beta$ CO	23			
1306	1301	$\nu$ rg	11	$\beta$ CHr	54	$\beta$ OH	18			401	401	$\tau$ rg	99							
1256	1261	$\nu$ rg	18	$\nu$ CCv	17	$\beta$ CHr	16	$\beta$ CHv	26	376	372	$\tau$ OH	97							
1210	1218	$\nu$ rg	19	$\nu$ CCv	14	$\beta$ CHv	21	$\beta$ OH	28	360	358	$\tau$ OH	96							
1201	1205	$\nu$ rg	19	$\beta$ CHr	16	$\beta$ OH	37			334	334	$\nu$ rg	12	$\beta$ rg	10	$\beta$ CO	69			
1187	1181	$\nu$ rg	18	$\nu$ CO	17	$\beta$ CHr	32	$\beta$ OH	25	288	288	$\tau$ rg	59	$\gamma$ CCv	24					
1177	1173	$\nu$ rg	21	$\beta$ CHr	75					247	242	$\nu$ rg	11	$\nu$ CCv	17	$\beta$ CCv	25	$\tau$ rg	23	
1170	1156	$\nu$ rg	10	$\nu$ CO	17	$\beta$ CHr	49	$\beta$ OH	17	238	237	$\tau$ rg	64							
1157	1152	$\nu$ rg	12	$\nu$ CCv	15	$\nu$ CO	11	$\beta$ CHr	50	222	224	$\tau$ rg	76	$\gamma$ CO	10					
1150	1149	$\nu$ rg	14	$\beta$ CHr	81					205	202	$\tau$ rg	40	$\gamma$ CCv	25	$\gamma$ CO	23			
1074	1081	$\nu$ rg	51	$\beta$ CHr	42					178	178	$\nu$ CCv	13	$\beta$ CCv	60					
1028	1029	$\nu$ rg	71	$\beta$ CHr	23					84	83	$\beta$ CCv	29	$\gamma$ CHv	57					
1007	1010	$\nu$ rg	44	$\nu$ CO	19	$\beta$ CHr	16			57	57	$\beta$ CCv	65	$\gamma$ CHv	21					
999	996	$\nu$ rg	38	$\nu$ CCv	12	$\nu$ CO	12	$\beta$ rg	19	51	51	$\gamma$ CCv	85							
										14	14	$\gamma$ CHv	97							

<sup>a</sup> Mean deviation 4.85 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Mean relative deviation 0.55%. <sup>b</sup>  $\nu$ : stretching,  $\beta$ : in-plane deformation,  $\gamma$ : out-of-plane deformation,  $\tau$ : torsion, CC: at least one carbon atom does not belong to ring;  $\nu$ : vinylidene group; r, rg: ring. <sup>c</sup> Wavenumbers below 200 cm<sup>-1</sup> are chosen as equal to the for CT calculated ones.

Table 10 is an extract from Tables 6–9 to summarize the positions of the OH and CH stretching modes on the substituted ring. The shift of the CH stretching modes is clear from the figures. If the OH group on C<sub>5</sub> turns from cis to trans (the other OH group remains in cis position),  $\nu$ (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>15</sub>) does not change,  $\nu$ (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>17</sub>) increases, and  $\nu$ (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>19</sub>) decreases. If the OH group on C<sub>3</sub> turns from cis to trans (the other OH group remains in cis position),  $\nu$ (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>19</sub>) does not change,  $\nu$ (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>17</sub>) increases and  $\nu$ (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>15</sub>) decreases. If both OH groups turn from cis to trans positions,  $\nu$ (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>15</sub>) and  $\nu$ (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>19</sub>) preserve, or nearly preserve, their positions obtained in the cis-trans and trans-cis conformations, respectively, while  $\nu$ (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>17</sub>) further increases. The tendencies are very similar to those mentioned in section 4D about the electron repulsion as a consequence of the change in conformation. The conformation effect is considerably smaller on the  $\nu$ OH stretching modes. As long as one of the OH groups is in the cis position,  $\nu$ (O<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>) is higher than  $\nu$ (O<sub>16</sub>H<sub>27</sub>) and the order changes only after both OH groups turn to the trans position.

Summing up, the conformation change has a large effect on the geometry, on the atomic net charges, on the characteristic frequencies of the OH substituted ring, and on the molecular

energy. The observed changes in the different properties of the OH substituted ring are in good accordance with each other.

Infrared spectra of the four PS conformers were simulated applying the calculated scaled frequencies and the quantum chemically calculated intensities applying Lorentz band functions with 15 cm<sup>-1</sup> fwhh. Although the region below 1800 cm<sup>-1</sup> contains fewer characteristic bands than the 3500 to 3000 cm<sup>-1</sup> region, the conformation effect is observable quite well on the band shifts and in the changes in overlapping and resolving of the bands.

## 5. Conclusions

The molecular structure, the vibrational frequencies, and the vibrational force field of four pinosylvin conformers have been calculated. All of these conformers differing in the positions of the OH groups contain noncoplanar rings, i.e., the conjugation does not extend to the full skeleton of the molecule. The angle between the two rings increases going from the cis-cis to the trans-trans conformer. The break of the conjugation is reflected in several calculated properties. The rotation of the OH groups have negligible effect on the geometric parameters, the diagonal



**TABLE 9: Vibrational Frequencies and Potential Energy Distributions of trans-trans Pinosylvin**

wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>				wavenumber/cm <sup>-1</sup>									
meas.	calc.	PED/% (distributions ≥ 5%)		meas.	calc.	PED/% (distributions ≥ 5%)							
3405	3402	νOH	99	O16–H27 stretching	995	988	νrg	35 βrg	56				
3397	3401	νOH	99	O18–H28 stretching	987	985	νrg	40 βrg	47 τCHv	7			
3103	3114	νCHr	99	C4–H17 stretching	979	979	τCHr	17 τCHv	66				
3103	3091	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	964	962	τCHr	73 τCHv	11				
3082	3081	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	914	938	τCHr	97					
3082	3073	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	909	900	τCC	9 τCHr	69 τCHv	12			
3060	3064	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	864	862	τCC	7 τCHr	27 τCHv	59			
3060	3062	νCHr	97	C6–H19 stretching	851	848	νrg	34 νCC	14 βrg	19 βCC	17		
3056	3056	νCHr	99	unsubstituted ring stretching	829	825	τCHr	96					
3056	3050	νCHr	96	C2–H15 stretching	819	817	τCHr	72 τCO	10				
3029	3042	νCHv	94	anti-phase stretching	771	776	τCHr	74 τCO	9				
3029	3035	νCHv	97	in-phase stretching	751	771	τCC	11 τCHr	67 τCO	9			
1674	1671	νrg	8 νCC	66 βCHv	19	746	τrg	17 τCC	12 τCHr	59 τCHv	7		
1637	1628	νrg	62 βrg	9 βCHr	12	693	νrg	20 νCC	8 νCO	8 βrg	35 βCC	19	
1618	1622	νrg	68 βrg	9 βCHr	12	688	687	τrg	70 τCHr	28			
1601	1615	νrg	66 βrg	9 βCHr	14	675	666	τrg	84				
1588	1592	νrg	68 βrg	8 βCHr	17	619	618	νrg	10 βrg	84			
1516	1522	νrg	37 βCHr	27 βCO	8 βOH	14	597	597	τrg	14 τCO	74		
1494	1492	νrg	36 βCHr	56		585	593	τrg	25 τCC	41 τCO	29		
1472	1462	νrg	46 νCO	10 βCHr	20	578	569	νrg	18 νCC	7 νCO	13 βrg	45	
1448	1448	νrg	40 βCHr	47		551	551	βrg	16 βCC	32 βCO	38		
1363	1374	νrg	63 βCHv	9 βOH	11	522	520	νrg	9 βrg	77			
1358	1366	νrg	32 νCC	14 νCO	31 βrg	12	499	506	νrg	7 νCO	7 βrg	75	
1341	1340	νrg	77 βCHr	12		487	486	τrg	50 τCC	39			
1328	1322	νCC	15 βCC	9 βCHr	28 βCHv	45	427	419	νrg	10 βCC	55 βCO	22	
1314	1310	βCC	11 βCHr	53 βCHv	22	401	401	τrg	98				
1306	1297	νrg	8 βCC	7 βCHr	50 βOH	21	376	368	τOH	94			
1256	1260	νrg	18 νCC	19 βCHr	16 βCHv	26 βOH	8	355	360	τOH	95		
1210	1211	νrg	21 νCC	17 βCHr	16 βCHv	30	334	336	νrg	12 βrg	10 βCO	70	
1201	1199	νrg	13 νCO	24 βCHr	33 βOH	25	288	289	τrg	57 τCC	24		
1187	1189	νrg	18 βOH	65		247	242	νrg	9 νCC	13 βCC	21 βCO	7 τrg	33
1177	1170	νrg	20 βCHr	75		238	238	νCC	8 βCC	8 τrg	55		
1170	1158	νrg	15 νCC	18 βCHr	51	222	223	τrg	76 τCO	8			
1157	1146	νrg	14 βCHr	84		205	202	τrg	40 τCC	24 τCHv	8 τCO	23	
1150	1131	νrg	8 νCO	25 βCHr	47 βOH	17	178	176	νrg	7 νCC	13 βrg	8 βCC	60
1074	1079	νrg	50 βCHr	42		84	87	βCC	24 τrg	9 τCHv	61		
1028	1028	νrg	72 βCHr	23		57	56	βCC	70 τCHv	17			
1007	1009	νrg	43 νCC	8 νCO	15 βCHr	15	51	51	τrg	9 τCC	86		
999	993	νrg	37 νCC	9 νCO	14 βrg	20 βCHr	9	14	15	τCHv	97		

<sup>a</sup> Mean deviation 5.07 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Mean relative deviation 0.58%. <sup>b</sup> ν: stretching, β: in-plane deformation, γ: out-of-plane deformation, τ: torsion, CC: at least one carbon atom does not belong to ring; ν: vinylidene group; r, rg: ring. <sup>c</sup> Wavenumbers below 200 cm<sup>-1</sup> are chosen as equal to the for CT calculated ones.

**TABLE 10: Changes in the Characteristic Vibrational Frequencies of the Substituted Ring of PS<sup>a</sup>**

normal mode	vibrational frequencies/cm <sup>-1</sup>			
	CC	CT	TC	TT
νC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>15</sub>	3092	3092	3050	3050
νC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	3035	3076	3075	3114
νC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>19</sub>	3103	3056	3103	3062
νO <sub>16</sub> H <sub>27</sub>	3402	3400	3401	3402
νO <sub>18</sub> H <sub>28</sub>	3405	3401	3403	3401

<sup>a</sup> PS: pinosylvin, CC: cis-cis, CT: cis-trans, TC: trans-cis, TT: trans-trans.

stretching force constants, and the charge distribution of the unsubstituted ring.

The change of the conformation from cis to trans in the OH group positions results in changes in some properties of the substituted ring. This transition causes electron repulsion in the direction of the vinylidene group and has a remarkable effect on the diagonal stretching force constants of the substituted ring.

As apparent from the results of the normal coordinate analysis, the CH stretching modes of the two rings are not coupled, although these modes of the unsubstituted ring are coupled with each other. The OH groups of the substituted ring isolate the CH groups. Therefore, based on the PED, it can be

concluded that no coupling exists between them. While the calculated CH stretching frequencies of the substituted ring show a conformation effect, the OH stretching frequencies remain practically constant.

In contrary to our expectation, the CT conformer has the lowest molecular energy. The highest energy of the CC conformer is apparent because of the H–H repulsion between the hydrogen of the CH group and the two OH hydrogens.

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