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## **Comparison of saturation vapor pressures of $\alpha$ -pinene + O<sub>3</sub> oxidation products derived from COSMO-RS computations and thermal desorption experiments**

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**Table S1: Temperatures of maximum desorption with 20 s averaging (in K) and experimental saturation vapor pressures<sup>a</sup> of the calibration compounds (PEG6, PEG7 and PEG8).**

| Compound                                       | run 1  | run 2  | run 3  | $p_{\text{sat}}$ (Pa) <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------------------|
| C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>7</sub> | 316.82 | 316.80 | 317.32 | $3.05 \times 10^{-5}$              |
| C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>8</sub> | 337.99 | 336.87 | 337.52 | $1.29 \times 10^{-6}$              |
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>9</sub> | 352.07 | 349.29 | 356.85 | $9.20 \times 10^{-8}$              |

<sup>a</sup> The experimental saturation vapor pressures were taken from Krieger et al.<sup>S1</sup>

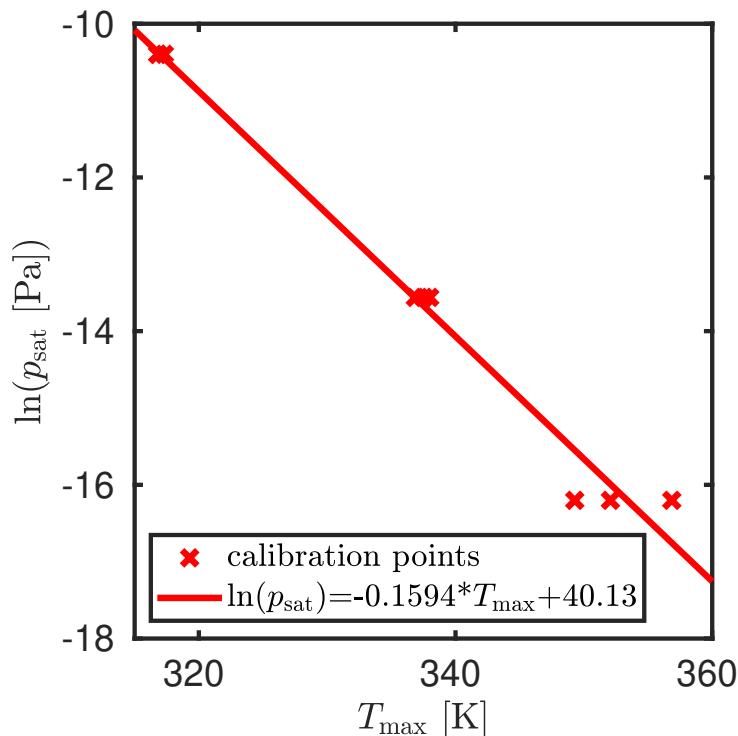


Figure S1: Calibration of the 20 s averaged thermograms at 298.15 K. The compounds used in the calibration are polyethylene glycols (PEG) C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>9</sub> (PEG6, PEG7 and PEG8, respectively). The values used in the calibration are shown in Table S1.

**Table S2:** Difference in  $T_{\max}$  between linear (lin) and polynomial (pol) calibration fit in Ylisirniö et al.,<sup>a</sup> linear calibration fit of this study. The estimate for the polynomial fit for calibration data from this study was calculated by subtracting the  $\Delta T_{\max}$  from the linear calibration fit.

| $p_{\text{sat}}$ (Pa) | $T_{\max, \text{pol}}^a$ (K) | $T_{\max, \text{lin}}^a$ (K) | $\Delta T_{\max}$ (K) | $T_{\max, \text{lin}}^b$ (K) | $T_{\max, \text{pol}}^b$ (K) |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $3.6 \times 10^{-5}$  | 306                          | 305                          | -1                    | 316                          | 317                          |
| $1.6 \times 10^{-6}$  | 324                          | 323                          | -1                    | 335                          | 337                          |
| $9.0 \times 10^{-8}$  | 339                          | 340                          | 1                     | 354                          | 353                          |
| $3.9 \times 10^{-9}$  | 352                          | 358                          | 6                     | 373                          | 368                          |
| $2.0 \times 10^{-10}$ | 364                          | 375                          | 12                    | 392                          | 380                          |
| $9.7 \times 10^{-12}$ | 373                          | 393                          | 20                    | 411                          | 391                          |
| $4.3 \times 10^{-13}$ | 382                          | 411                          | 29                    | 430                          | 401                          |
| $2.2 \times 10^{-14}$ | 389                          | 428                          | 39                    | 449                          | 410                          |
| $1.0 \times 10^{-15}$ | 396                          | 446                          | 51                    | 468                          | 418                          |
| $5.1 \times 10^{-17}$ | 401                          | 464                          | 63                    | 487                          | 424                          |
| $2.4 \times 10^{-18}$ | 405                          | 481                          | 77                    | 506                          | 429                          |

<sup>a</sup>Ylisirniö et al.,<sup>S2</sup> <sup>b</sup>This study.

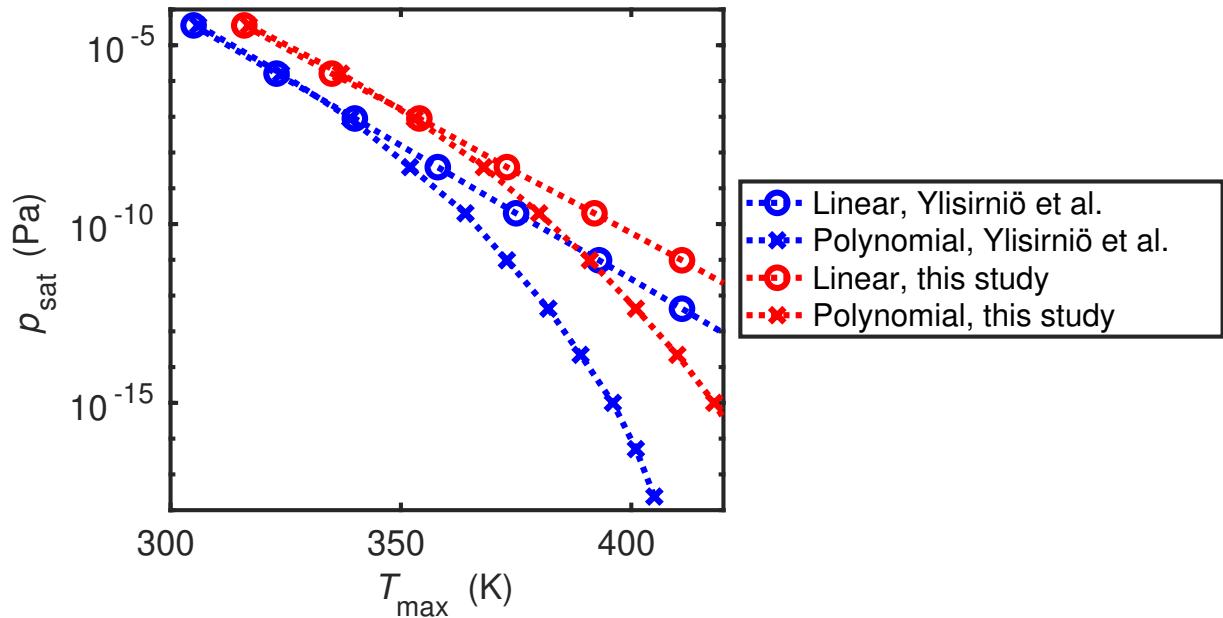


Figure S2: Different calibration curves shown in Table S2.

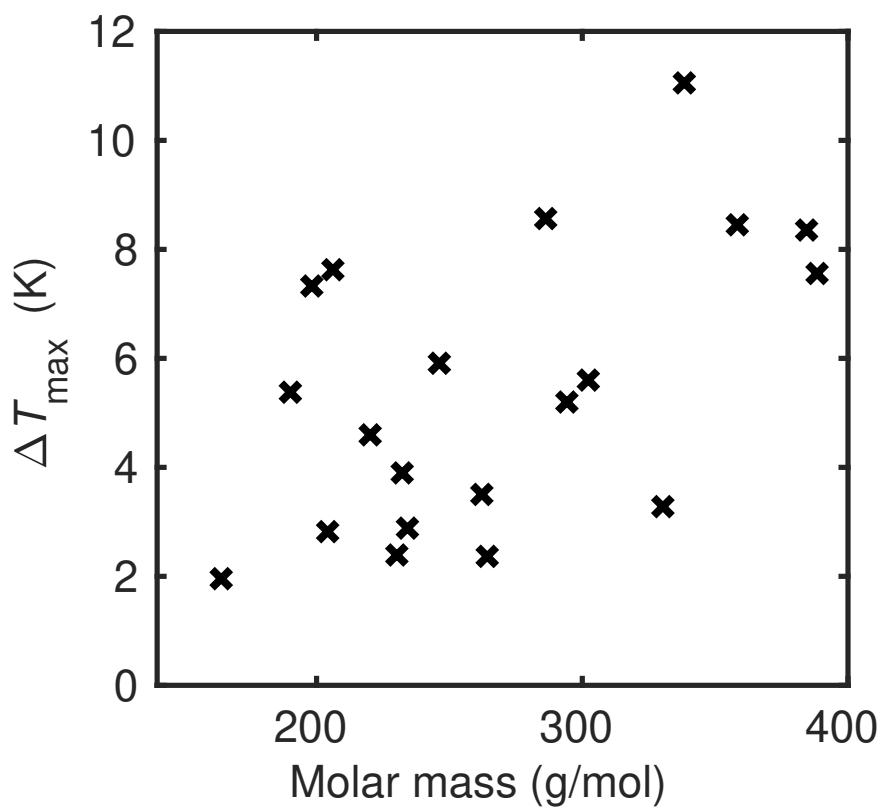


Figure S3: Difference between the highest and lowest  $T_{\max}$  values in the 6 measurement cycles as a function of molar mass. Compounds thought to be products of thermal decomposition were not included.

## S1 Conformer selection

To reduce the computational costs, we tested omitting conformers that contain intramolecular H-bonds already after the initial conformer sampling step. All distances between H-bond donors and acceptors were measured in Spartan14.<sup>S3</sup> We then removed all conformers that contained at least one donor–acceptor distance < 2.2 Å. Doing this, we were able to omit up to 98 % of the original conformers before starting density functional theory (DFT) calculations using TURBOMOLE.<sup>S4</sup> The reduction is significant especially in large monomers and dimers that have thousands of unique conformers.

In cases, where we did not find conformers containing no intramolecular H-bonds (after COSMO*conf* calculations), a new calculation was performed using the full set of conformers as input to COSMO*conf*. This way all conformers containing a single intramolecular H-bond are included in the initial conformer set.

Table S3 shows the number of conformers containing no intramolecular H-bonds we found using two initial conformer sets: one with all conformers found in systematic conformer search ("all") and the other with no conformers that contain intramolecular H-bonds ("0 H-bonds"). The same COSMO*conf* template was then used to optimize all conformers in the conformer sets and to remove duplicate conformers. With both initial conformer sets, COSMO*conf* produced a similar number of final conformers containing no intramolecular H-bonds. The largest difference in the saturation vapor pressure in our test calculations was a factor of 7.34, indicating that too many conformers were removed from the initial conformer set. For the other molecules, the small differences between the two conformer sets is caused by the removal of conformers with similar chemical potentials, in which different conformers were omitted depending on other conformers in the remaining conformer set.

**Table S3:** Comparison of saturation vapor pressures ( $p_{\text{sat}}$ ) calculated using all conformers (all) or conformers containing no intramolecular H-bonds (0 H-bonds) as the input conformer set in COSMO*conf*.

|                                                      | # 0 H-bond conformers |     | $p_{\text{sat}}$ [Pa] |                       | difference |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
|                                                      | 0 H-bonds             | all | 0 H-bonds             | all                   |            |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -iso2   | 5                     | 6   | $1.06 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.05 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.01       |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso4  | 7                     | 8   | $7.68 \times 10^{-6}$ | $6.30 \times 10^{-6}$ | 1.22       |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso2 | 18                    | 15  | $1.03 \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.04 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.99       |

Isomers from Kurtén et al.,<sup>S5</sup> calculated using the BP\_TZVPD\_FINE\_19 parametrization

|                                                       |      |      |                        |                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>9</sub>        | > 40 | > 40 | $6.63 \times 10^{-8}$  | $2.26 \times 10^{-8}$ <sup>b</sup>  | 2.94 |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>10</sub>       | 10   | 10   | $1.97 \times 10^{-9}$  | $1.97 \times 10^{-9}$ <sup>b</sup>  | 1.00 |
| C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso1 | > 40 | > 40 | $1.29 \times 10^{-10}$ | $1.76 \times 10^{-11}$ <sup>b</sup> | 7.34 |
| C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso2 | > 40 | > 40 | $8.72 \times 10^{-10}$ | $8.74 \times 10^{-10}$ <sup>b</sup> | 1.00 |

<sup>b</sup> Hyttinen et al.<sup>S6</sup>

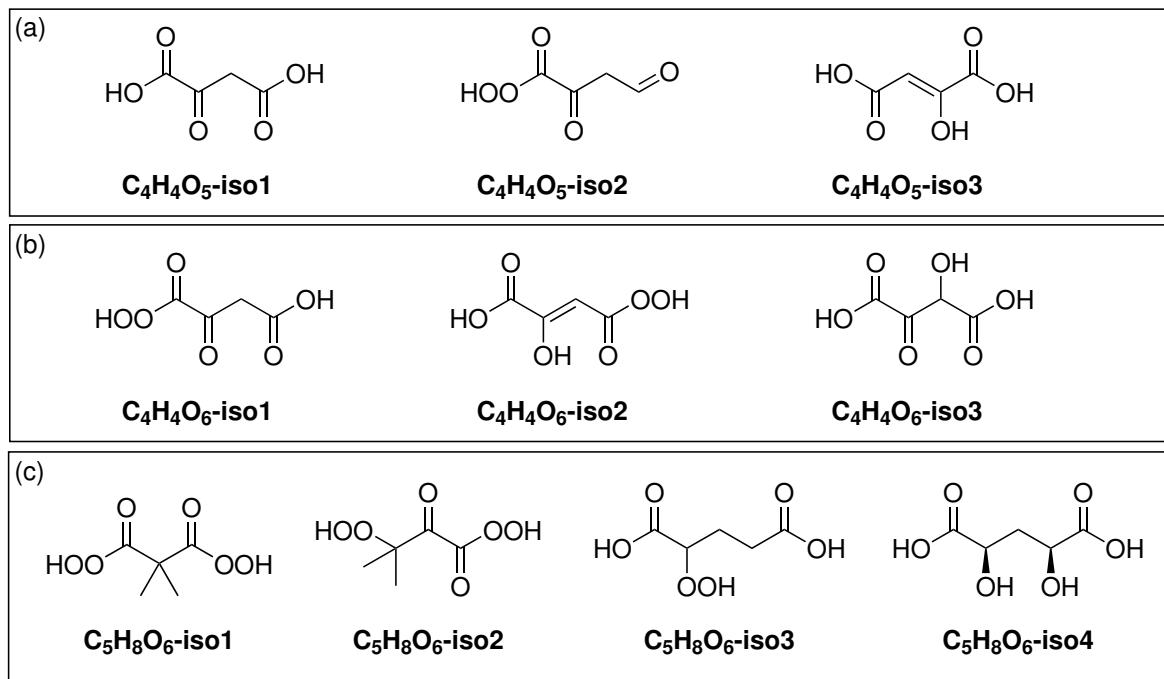


Figure S4: Structures of the studied (a) C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, (b) C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub> and (c) C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub> isomers.

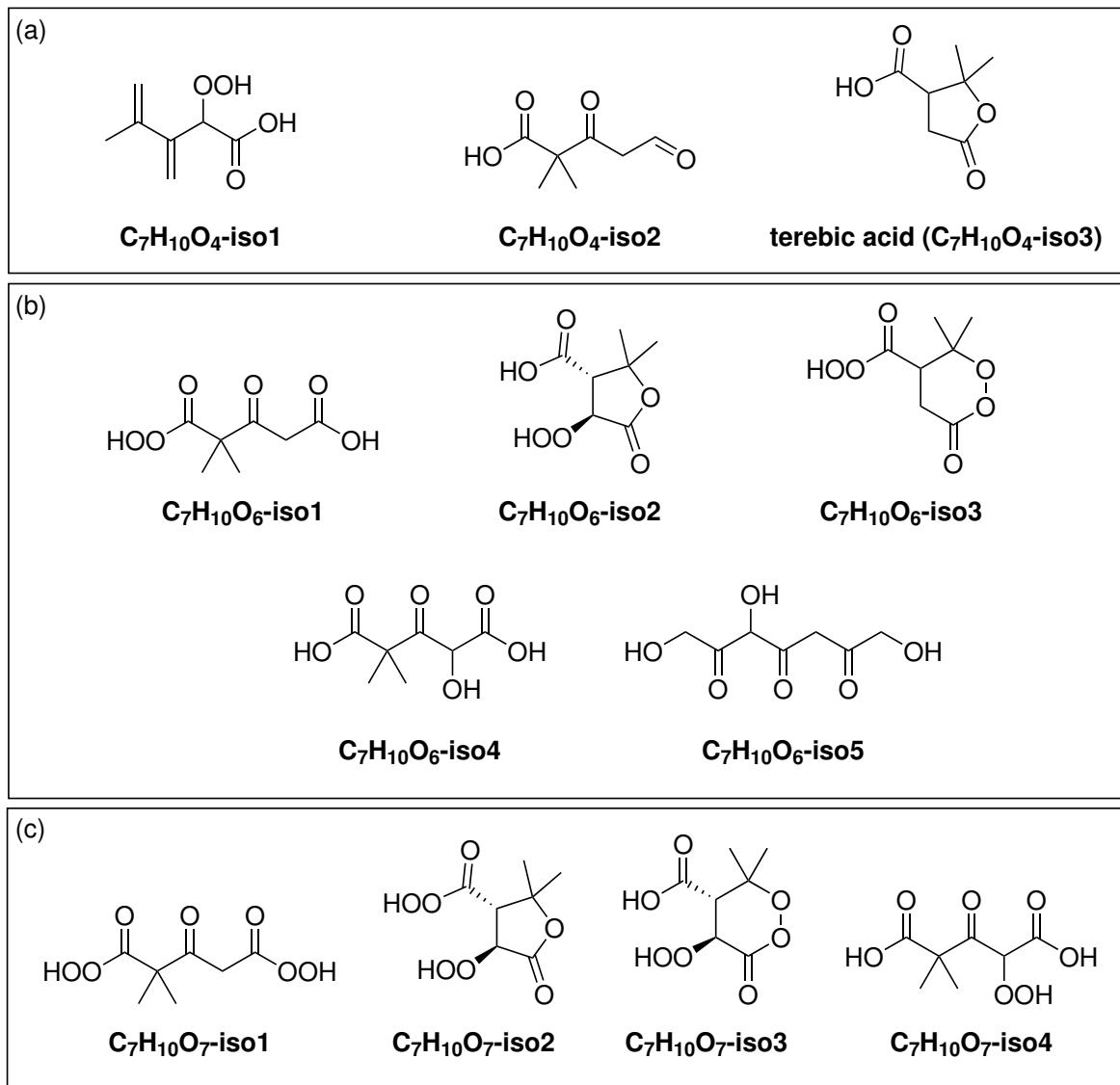


Figure S5: Structures of the studied (a) C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, (b) C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub> and (c) C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>7</sub> isomers. Additional isomers for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub> are shown in Figures S11a and S11b, respectively, as products of thermal decomposition.

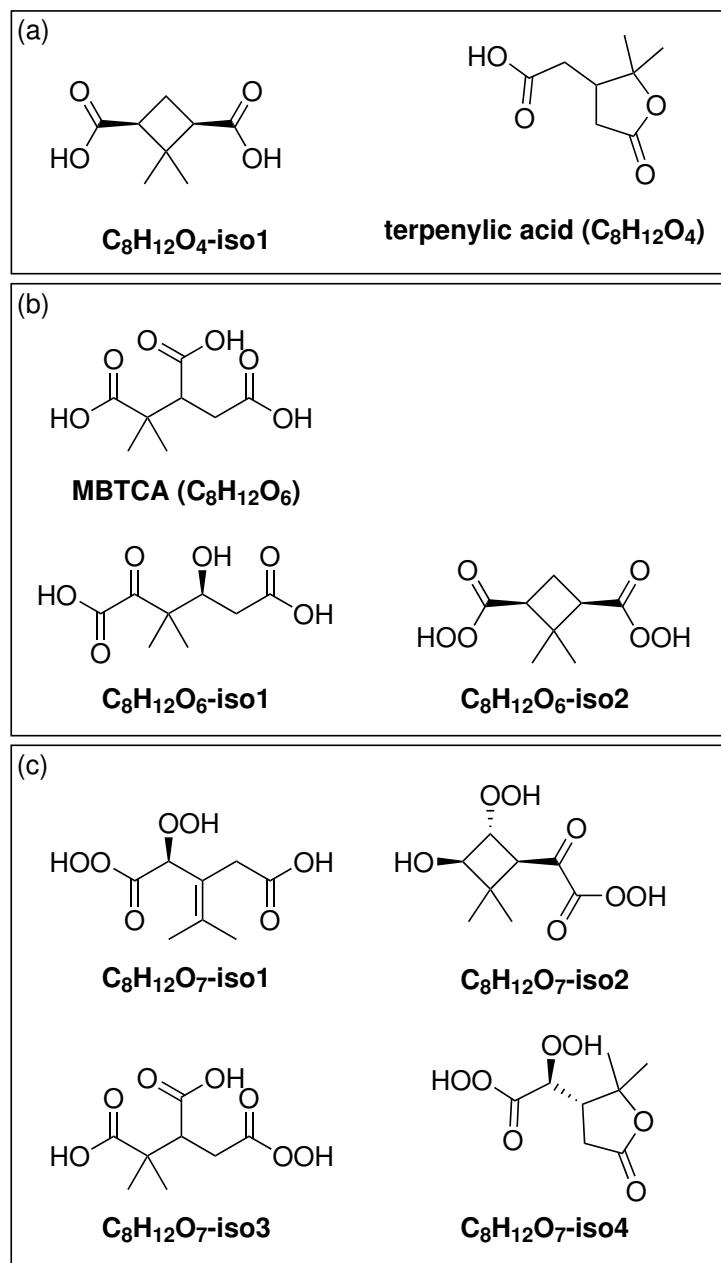


Figure S6: Structures of the studied (a) C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, (b) C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub> and (c) C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>7</sub> isomers. Additional isomers for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub> are shown in Figures S12a and S12b, respectively, as products of thermal decomposition.

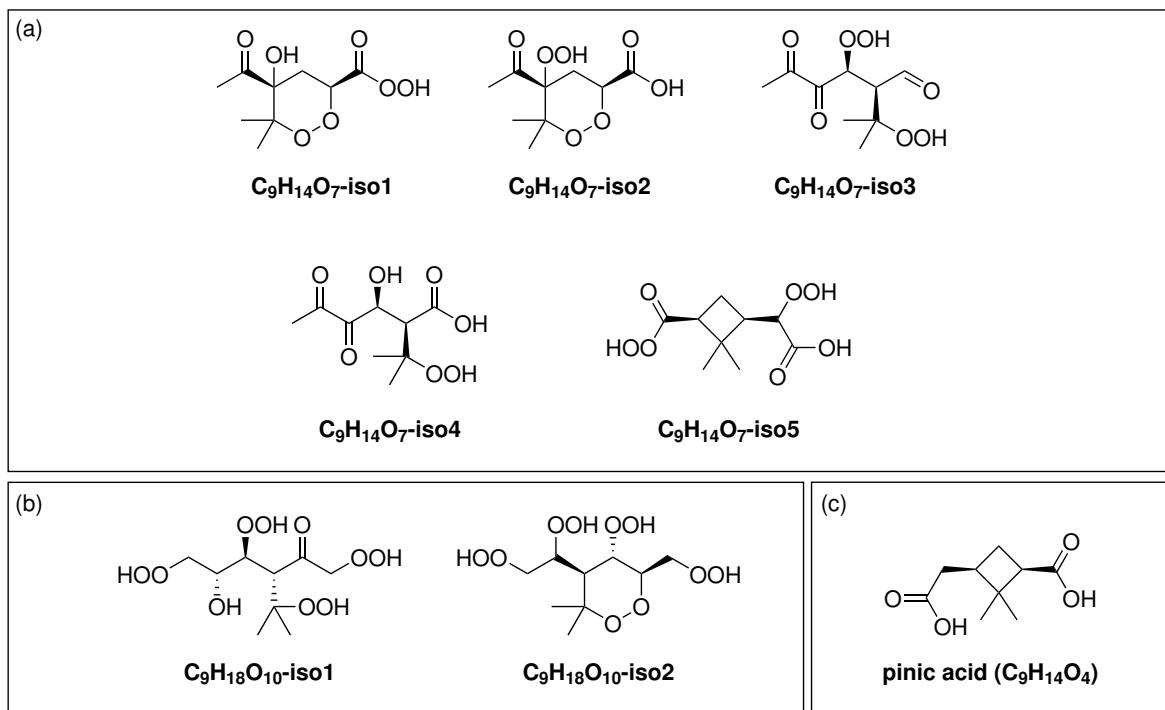


Figure S7: Structures of the studied (a)  $C_9H_{14}O_7$ , (b)  $C_9H_{18}O_{10}$  and (c)  $C_9H_{14}O_4$  isomers.

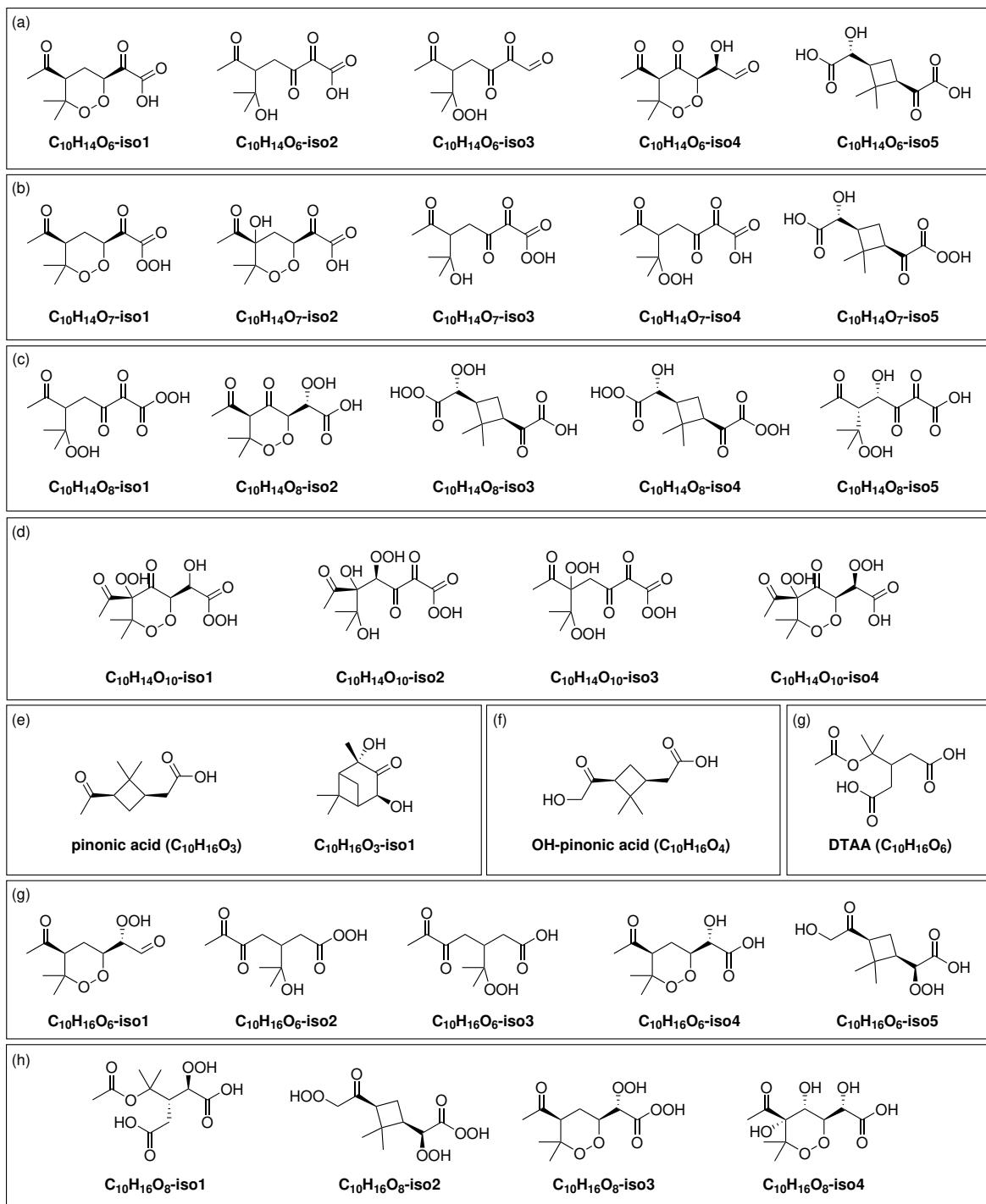


Figure S8: Structures of the studied (a)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6$ , (b)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_7$ , (c)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_8$ , (d)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_{10}$ , (e)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ , (f)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ , (g)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6$  and (h)  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_8$  isomers.

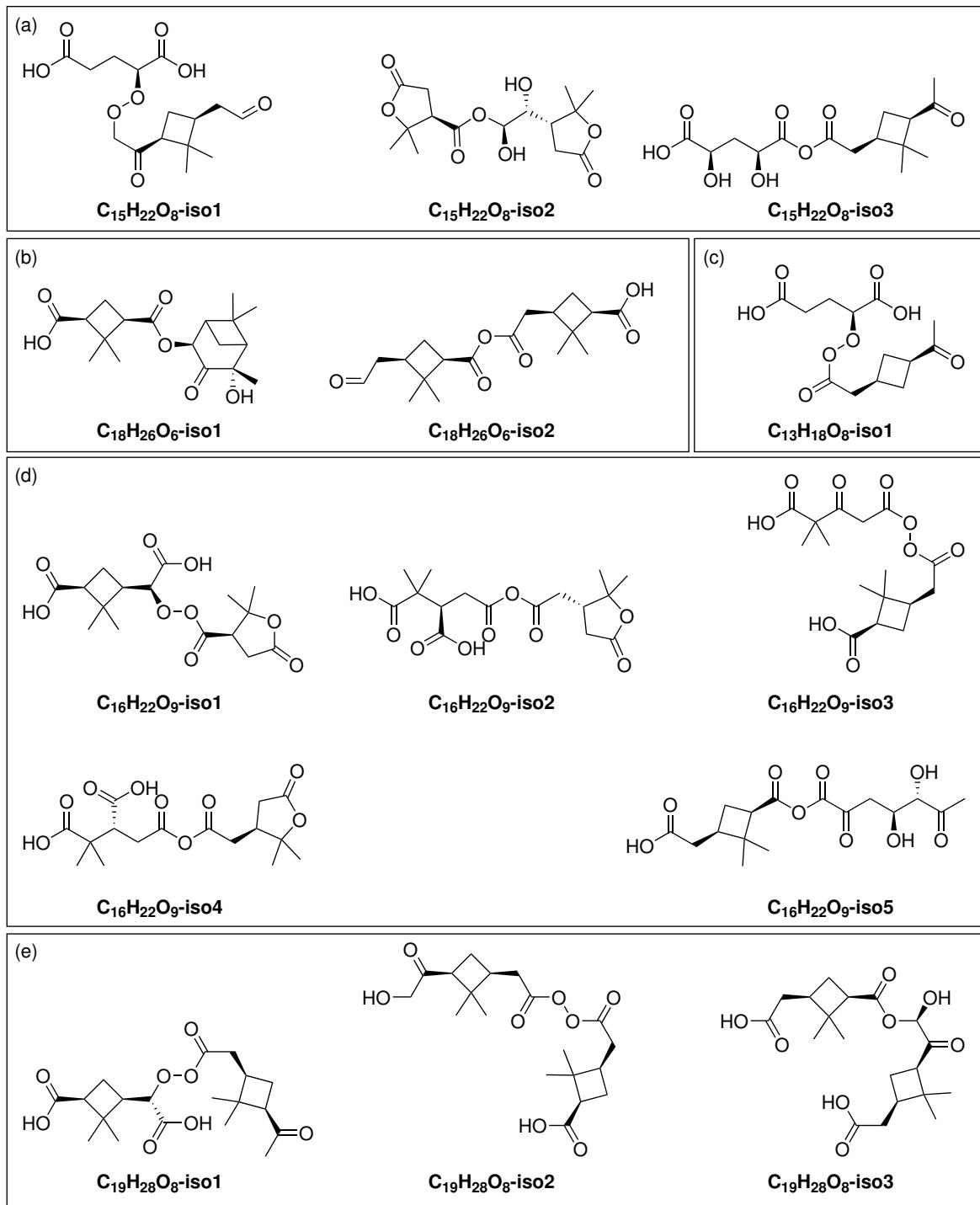


Figure S9: Structures of the studied (a)  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8$ , (b)  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6$ , (c)  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_8$ , (d)  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9$  and (e)  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8$  dimer isomers.

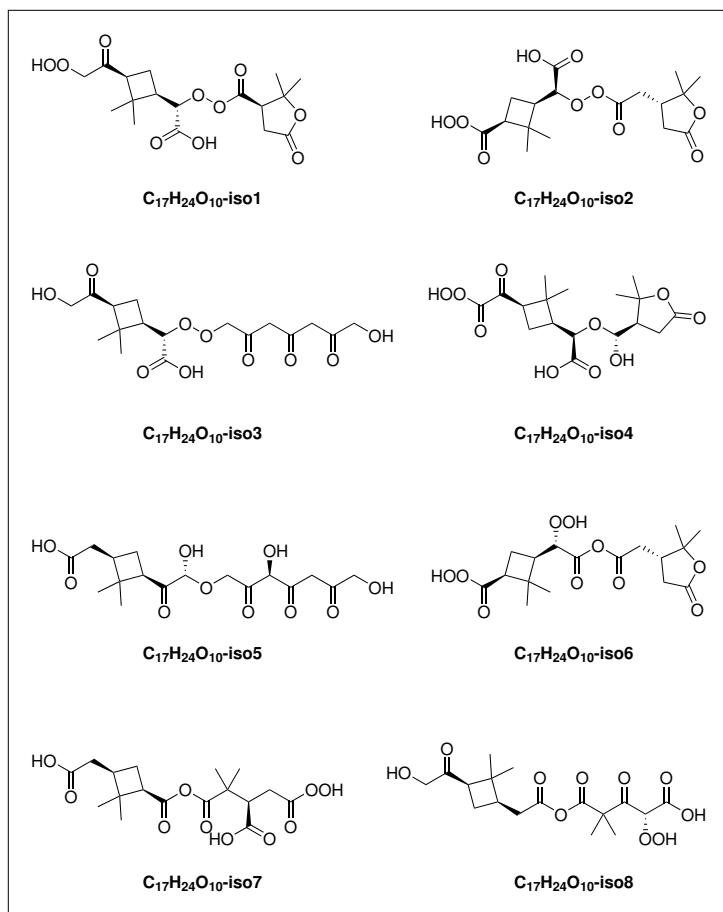


Figure S10: Structures of the studied C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>10</sub> dimer isomers.

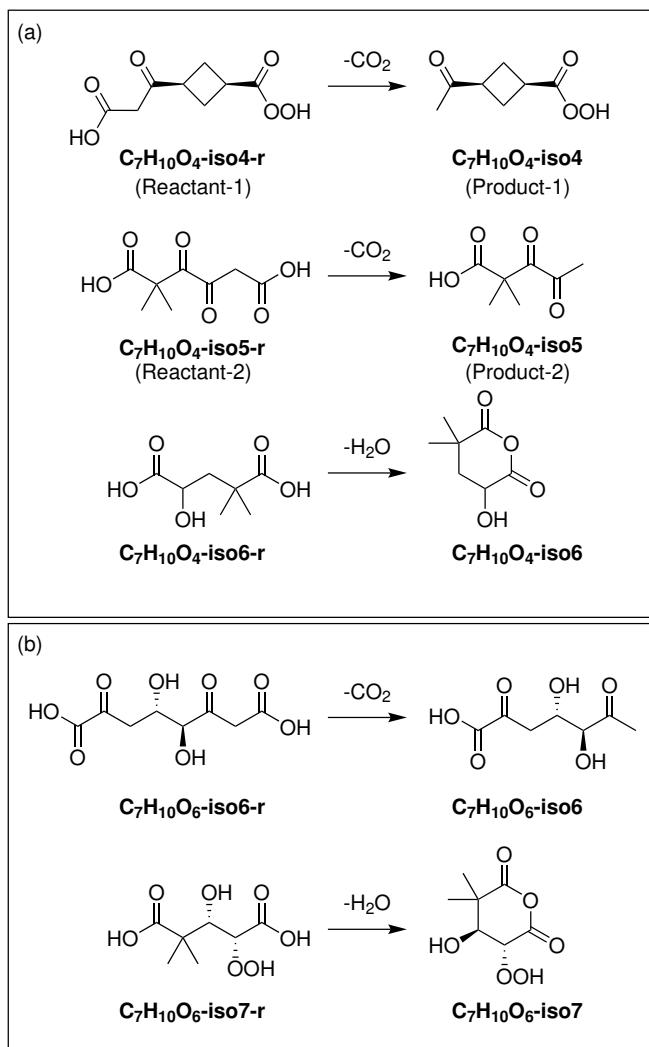


Figure S11: Structures of possible thermal decomposition products of (a) C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and (b) C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, and the corresponding reactants of the decomposition reactions. Note that the reactants (labeled with "-r") have different elemental compositions than indicated by their names.

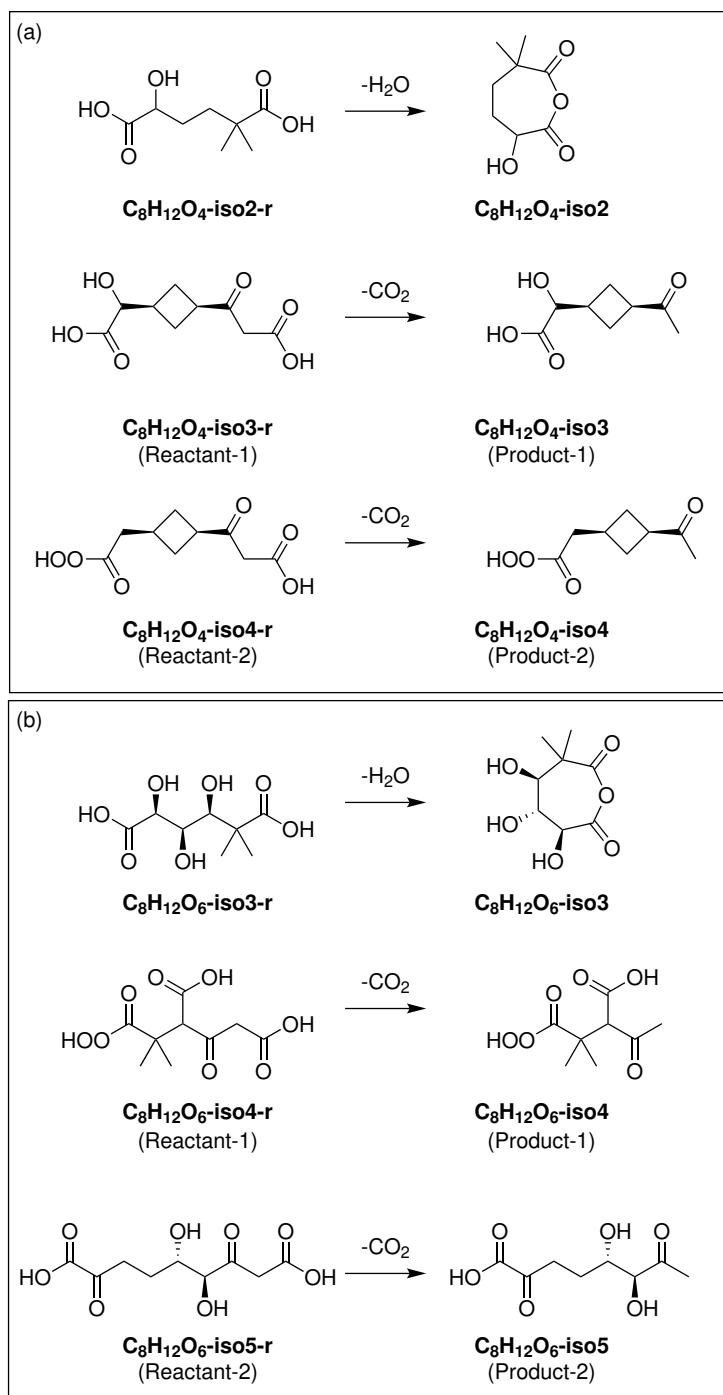


Figure S12: Structures of possible thermal decomposition products of (a) C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and (b) C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, and the corresponding reactants of the decomposition reactions. Note that the reactants (labeled with "r") have different elemental compositions than indicated by their names.

**Table S4: Monomers that form the studied dimer isomers.**

| Monomers                                                                   | Dimer                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}_6 + \text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$       | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_8\text{-iso1}$            |
| $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}_6 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$    | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8\text{-iso1}$            |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$    | $\rightarrow$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8\text{-iso2}$                          |
| $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}_6 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$    | $\xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8\text{-iso3}$    |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ | $\xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{-iso1}$    |
| $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$    | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_6\text{-iso2}$            |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_7$    | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9\text{-iso1}$            |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_7$    | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9\text{-iso2}$            |
| $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_7$    | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9\text{-iso3}$            |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$    | $\xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9\text{-iso4}$    |
| $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6$    | $\xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_9\text{-iso5}$    |
| $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3 + \text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_7$ | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{-iso1}$            |
| $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6$ | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{-iso2}$            |
| $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ | $\rightarrow$ $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8\text{-iso3}$                          |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_8$ | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso1}$         |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_8$    | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso2}$         |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_6$ | $\xrightarrow{-2\text{OH}}$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso3}$         |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6$ | $\rightarrow$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso4}$                       |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6 + \text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ | $\rightarrow$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso5}$                       |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_7$    | $\xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso6}$ |
| $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_7$    | $\xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso7}$ |
| $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4 + \text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_7$ | $\xrightarrow{-\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{-iso8}$ |

**Table S5: COSMOtherm-estimated saturation vapor pressures ( $p_{\text{sat}}$ ) and enthalpies of vaporization ( $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ ) of all studied monomers, dimers and reactants of thermal decomposition at 298.15 K.**

| Molecule name                                                      | Molar mass [g/mol] | $p_{\text{sat}}$ [Pa] | $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ [kJ/mol] |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Monomers                                                           |                    |                       |                                  |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -iso1                 | 132.07             | $6.64 \times 10^{-2}$ | 84.45                            |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -iso2                 | 132.07             | $1.06 \times 10^{-1}$ | 83.11                            |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -iso3                 | 132.07             | $3.02 \times 10^{-2}$ | 91.57                            |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso1                 | 148.07             | $1.87 \times 10^{-3}$ | 101.47                           |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso2                 | 148.07             | $5.47 \times 10^{-3}$ | 97.32                            |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso3                 | 148.07             | $1.39 \times 10^{-3}$ | 102.18                           |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso1                | 158.15             | $1.32 \times 10^{-2}$ | 95.31                            |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso2                | 158.15             | $1.46 \times 10^{-1}$ | 83.55                            |
| terebic acid (C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso3) | 158.15             | $3.00 \times 10^{-3}$ | 93.99                            |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso4                | 158.15             | 1.55                  | 68.17                            |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso5                | 158.15             | $6.54 \times 10^{-1}$ | 77.52                            |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso6                | 158.15             | $3.04 \times 10^{-1}$ | 79.24                            |
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso1                 | 164.11             | 1.58                  | 71.20                            |
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso2                 | 164.11             | $2.29 \times 10^{-2}$ | 90.90                            |
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso3                 | 164.11             | $3.85 \times 10^{-6}$ | 127.28                           |
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso4                 | 164.11             | $2.86 \times 10^{-7}$ | 139.38                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso1                | 172.18             | $9.32 \times 10^{-4}$ | 104.54                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso2                | 172.18             | $1.23 \times 10^{-2}$ | 88.26                            |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso3                | 172.18             | $5.49 \times 10^{-4}$ | 102.45                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso4                | 172.18             | $1.84 \times 10^{-3}$ | 98.45                            |
| terpenylic acid (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )   | 172.18             | $1.72 \times 10^{-4}$ | 104.55                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -iso1               | 184.23             | $2.06 \times 10^{-1}$ | 87.00                            |

**Table S5 – continued from previous page**

| Molecule name                                              | Molar mass [g/mol] | $p_{\text{sat}}$ [Pa] | $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ [kJ/mol] |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| pinonic acid ( $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ )    | 184.23             | $3.86 \times 10^{-3}$ | 95.55                            |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{-iso1}$            | 190.15             | $1.40 \times 10^{-4}$ | 111.13                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{-iso2}$            | 190.15             | $1.30 \times 10^{-4}$ | 110.73                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{-iso3}$            | 190.15             | $3.19 \times 10^{-2}$ | 82.84                            |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{-iso4}$            | 190.15             | $6.09 \times 10^{-6}$ | 124.93                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{-iso5}$            | 190.15             | $1.27 \times 10^{-7}$ | 136.70                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{-iso6}$            | 190.15             | $7.29 \times 10^{-7}$ | 132.58                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_6\text{-iso7}$            | 190.15             | $6.05 \times 10^{-3}$ | 93.22                            |
| OH-pinonic acid ( $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ ) | 200.23             | $1.01 \times 10^{-5}$ | 122.23                           |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6\text{-iso2}$            | 204.17             | $7.48 \times 10^{-3}$ | 92.88                            |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6\text{-iso3}$            | 204.17             | $5.48 \times 10^{-6}$ | 124.92                           |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6\text{-iso4}$            | 204.17             | $6.30 \times 10^{-6}$ | 120.62                           |
| MBTCA ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ )              | 204.17             | $3.20 \times 10^{-7}$ | 138.42                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_7\text{-iso1}$            | 206.15             | $1.83 \times 10^{-6}$ | 127.84                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_7\text{-iso2}$            | 206.15             | $2.03 \times 10^{-4}$ | 108.90                           |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_7\text{-iso3}$            | 206.15             | $6.97 \times 10^{-3}$ | 94.64                            |
| $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_7\text{-iso4}$            | 206.15             | $8.43 \times 10^{-6}$ | 125.11                           |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_7\text{-iso1}$            | 220.17             | $2.65 \times 10^{-8}$ | 145.36                           |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_7\text{-iso2}$            | 220.17             | $7.27 \times 10^{-7}$ | 137.07                           |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_7\text{-iso3}$            | 220.17             | $8.30 \times 10^{-8}$ | 142.88                           |
| $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_7\text{-iso4}$            | 220.17             | $2.22 \times 10^{-6}$ | 127.22                           |
| $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6\text{-iso1}$         | 230.21             | $2.47 \times 10^{-6}$ | 123.40                           |
| $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6\text{-iso2}$         | 230.21             | $1.06 \times 10^{-5}$ | 122.16                           |
| $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6\text{-iso3}$         | 230.21             | $1.65 \times 10^{-4}$ | 109.08                           |

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| Molecule name                                          | Molar mass [g/mol] | $p_{\text{sat}}$ [Pa]                                       | $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ [kJ/mol] |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso4   | 230.21             | $6.12 \times 10^{-3}$                                       | 93.31                            |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso5   | 230.21             | $6.77 \times 10^{-8}$                                       | 142.53                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso1   | 232.23             | $4.79 \times 10^{-5}$                                       | 114.46                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso2   | 232.23             | $7.11 \times 10^{-6}$ ( $3.6 \times 10^{-2}$ <sup>i</sup> ) | 125.84                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso3   | 232.23             | $1.24 \times 10^{-5}$ ( $9.3 \times 10^{-4}$ <sup>i</sup> ) | 122.44                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso4   | 232.23             | $4.25 \times 10^{-6}$                                       | 126.26                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso5   | 232.23             | $7.38 \times 10^{-9}$                                       | 152.48                           |
| DTAA (C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ) | 232.23             | $2.72 \times 10^{-6}$                                       | 128.78                           |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso1    | 234.20             | $3.68 \times 10^{-7}$                                       | 134.89                           |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso2    | 234.20             | $4.16 \times 10^{-6}$                                       | 126.52                           |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso3    | 234.20             | $1.16 \times 10^{-5}$                                       | 121.45                           |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso4    | 234.20             | $7.86 \times 10^{-7}$                                       | 134.75                           |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso5    | 234.20             | $3.21 \times 10^{-8}$                                       | 145.82                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso1   | 246.21             | $1.99 \times 10^{-6}$                                       | 127.51                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso2   | 246.21             | $4.14 \times 10^{-7}$                                       | 138.05                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso3   | 246.21             | $2.85 \times 10^{-6}$                                       | 127.50                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso4   | 246.21             | $2.28 \times 10^{-6}$                                       | 128.28                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub> -iso5   | 246.21             | $3.36 \times 10^{-8}$                                       | 148.67                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso1   | 262.21             | $6.29 \times 10^{-7}$                                       | 133.04                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso2   | 262.21             | $1.03 \times 10^{-6}$                                       | 132.94                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso3   | 262.21             | $4.60 \times 10^{-8}$                                       | 145.63                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso4   | 262.21             | $1.04 \times 10^{-8}$                                       | 150.49                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso5   | 262.21             | $2.69 \times 10^{-8}$                                       | 148.43                           |

<sup>i</sup>Kurtén et al.<sup>S5</sup>

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| Molecule name                                               | Molar mass [g/mol] | $p_{\text{sat}}$ [Pa]  | $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ [kJ/mol] |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso1        | 264.22             | $4.32 \times 10^{-8}$  | 149.32                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso2        | 264.22             | $1.94 \times 10^{-8}$  | 149.88                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso3        | 264.22             | $1.62 \times 10^{-7}$  | 138.41                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso4        | 264.22             | $4.46 \times 10^{-8}$  | 148.82                           |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso1        | 286.23             | $1.64 \times 10^{-11}$ | 182.20                           |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso2        | 286.23             | $2.43 \times 10^{-9}$  | 159.49                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso1       | 294.21             | $1.63 \times 10^{-10}$ | 167.55                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso2       | 294.21             | $1.81 \times 10^{-8}$  | 151.20                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso3       | 294.21             | $1.19 \times 10^{-8}$  | 152.74                           |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso4       | 294.21             | $1.29 \times 10^{-9}$  | 159.26                           |
| Thermal decomposition reactants                             |                    |                        |                                  |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso4-r       | 202.16             | $5.47 \times 10^{-7}$  | 129.96                           |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso5-r       | 202.16             | $1.74 \times 10^{-4}$  | 113.21                           |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso6-r       | 176.16             | $2.70 \times 10^{-5}$  | 121.40                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso2-r       | 190.19             | $5.54 \times 10^{-6}$  | 128.99                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso3-r       | 216.18             | $2.28 \times 10^{-9}$  | 154.76                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -iso4-r       | 216.18             | $3.32 \times 10^{-7}$  | 134.07                           |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso6-r       | 234.16             | $2.52 \times 10^{-11}$ | 169.09                           |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso7-r       | 208.16             | $5.40 \times 10^{-8}$  | 146.36                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso3-r       | 222.19             | $1.40 \times 10^{-11}$ | 177.75                           |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso4-r       | 248.18             | $3.28 \times 10^{-11}$ | 169.43                           |
| No experimental $p_{\text{sat}}$                            |                    |                        |                                  |
| pinic acid (C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) | 186.20             | $2.57 \times 10^{-4}$  | 109.58                           |
| Dimers                                                      |                    |                        |                                  |

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| Molecule name                                         | Molar mass [g/mol] | $p_{\text{sat}}$ [Pa]  | $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$ [kJ/mol] |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso1  | 302.27             | $1.87 \times 10^{-10}$ | 167.55                           |
| C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso1  | 330.32             | $2.06 \times 10^{-11}$ | 175.86                           |
| C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso2  | 330.32             | $1.27 \times 10^{-12}$ | 181.47                           |
| C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso3  | 330.32             | $2.42 \times 10^{-11}$ | 178.93                           |
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>9</sub> -iso1  | 358.33             | $9.15 \times 10^{-12}$ | 180.50                           |
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>9</sub> -iso2  | 358.33             | $4.32 \times 10^{-13}$ | 192.59                           |
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>9</sub> -iso3  | 358.33             | $1.10 \times 10^{-9}$  | 166.08                           |
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>9</sub> -iso4  | 358.33             | $5.03 \times 10^{-13}$ | 191.80                           |
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>9</sub> -iso5  | 358.33             | $9.20 \times 10^{-12}$ | 185.72                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso1 | 388.36             | $3.12 \times 10^{-13}$ | 190.29                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso2 | 388.36             | $3.96 \times 10^{-14}$ | 200.56                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso3 | 388.36             | $4.25 \times 10^{-14}$ | 208.97                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso4 | 388.36             | $3.93 \times 10^{-15}$ | 210.91                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso5 | 388.36             | $2.17 \times 10^{-14}$ | 213.43                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso6 | 388.36             | $5.27 \times 10^{-13}$ | 190.36                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso7 | 388.36             | $5.77 \times 10^{-13}$ | 194.38                           |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> -iso8 | 388.36             | $8.56 \times 10^{-13}$ | 195.08                           |
| C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso1  | 338.39             | $4.08 \times 10^{-7}$  | 141.43                           |
| C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>6</sub> -iso2  | 338.39             | $1.19 \times 10^{-7}$  | 140.03                           |
| C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso1  | 384.41             | $5.14 \times 10^{-12}$ | 186.15                           |
| C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso2  | 384.41             | $2.17 \times 10^{-10}$ | 174.36                           |
| C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>8</sub> -iso3  | 384.41             | $3.26 \times 10^{-12}$ | 189.87                           |

**Table S6: Experimental  $T_{\max}$  values from 6 subsequent thermal desorptions in Kelvin.**

| compound                                        | cycle 2 | cycle 3 | cycle 4 | cycle 5 | cycle 6 | cycle 7 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub>    | 343.74  | 348.67  | 346.32  | 351.78  | 345.86  | 354.61  |
| C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub>    | 448.78  | 449.11  | 448.40  | 447.60  | 447.66  | 442.00  |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub>   | 344.74  | 346.32  | 346.32  | 348.36  | 348.18  | 348.97  |
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub>    | 350.75  | 351.33  | 351.33  | 352.49  | 352.30  | 352.71  |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>3</sub>   | 444.53  | 444.26  | 446.58  | 438.11  | 441.76  | -       |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub>   | 350.45  | 353.98  | 352.82  | 352.49  | 351.98  | 355.35  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | 327.84  | 325.69  | 327.82  | 325.16  | 326.01  | 325.00  |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub>   | 348.30  | 344.93  | 344.93  | 346.53  | -       | -       |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 346.64  | 350.17  | 350.03  | 351.98  | 348.66  | 352.02  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub>  | 388.44  | 393.09  | 393.09  | 394.35  | 391.85  | 387.02  |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>   | 357.10  | 358.71  | 358.71  | 359.92  | 359.75  | 359.76  |
| C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>7</sub>   | 353.35  | 354.00  | 354.00  | 356.04  | 348.41  | 354.77  |
| C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>7</sub>   | 346.64  | 349.08  | 350.58  | 348.36  | 350.36  | 351.24  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub>  | 358.33  | 357.11  | 357.06  | 356.04  | 355.94  | 356.66  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>6</sub>  | 335.45  | 335.05  | 335.84  | 336.12  | 333.00  | 332.22  |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub>   | 358.33  | 357.74  | 360.61  | 360.62  | 359.56  | 360.31  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub>  | 350.45  | 353.60  | 353.98  | 355.68  | 355.36  | 356.36  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>8</sub>  | 350.45  | 350.17  | 350.17  | 352.49  | 352.70  | 353.67  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>8</sub>  | 362.06  | 363.58  | 364.43  | 363.97  | 362.50  | 362.81  |
| C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>10</sub>  | 370.09  | 375.04  | 375.04  | 375.90  | 372.43  | 378.66  |
| C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>10</sub> | 362.86  | 365.65  | 365.92  | 368.06  | 364.73  | 364.16  |
| C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>8</sub>  | 390.00  | 391.69  | 391.69  | 392.00  | 388.10  | 386.40  |
| C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>8</sub>  | 383.11  | 385.54  | 385.05  | 383.94  | 383.30  | 382.26  |
| C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O <sub>6</sub>  | 363.16  | 365.96  | 368.19  | 374.22  | 368.89  | 371.33  |
| C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>9</sub>  | 393.99  | 393.61  | 393.61  | 395.00  | 392.30  | 386.55  |
| C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>8</sub>  | 377.94  | 386.30  | 385.54  | 380.06  | 381.45  | -       |
| C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>10</sub> | 390.00  | 397.56  | 394.53  | -       | -       | -       |
| C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>10</sub> | 379.96  | 385.54  | 385.54  | 383.94  | 387.95  | 382.36  |

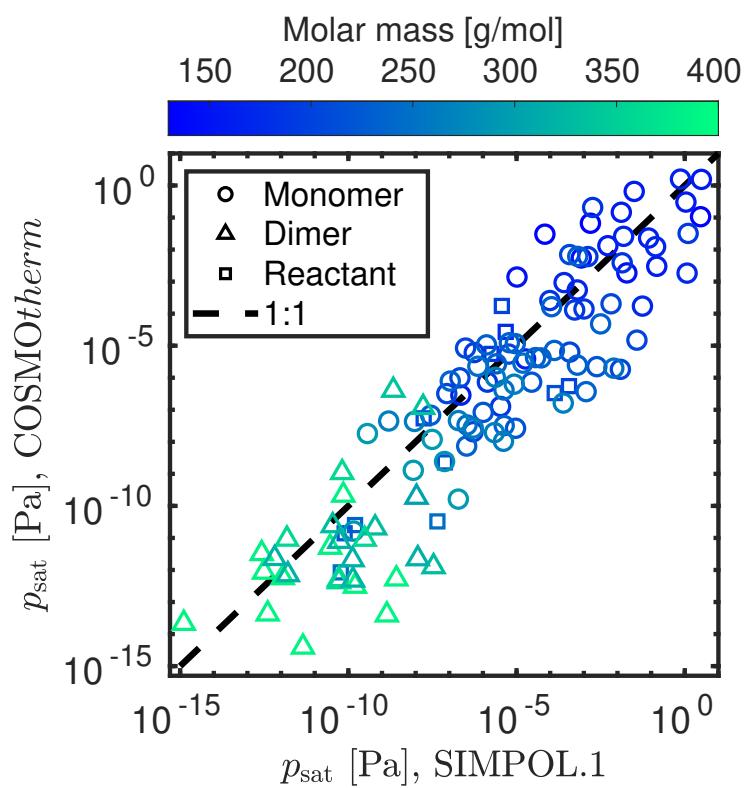


Figure S13: Saturation vapor pressures of all studied monomers, dimers and thermal decomposition reactants estimated using COSMOtherm and SIMPOL.1 at 298.15K.

## S2 The effect of dimer formation on COSMOtherm saturation vapor pressures

The size-dependence of  $S$  in equation 4 was tested using polyethylene glycol (PEG;  $\text{H}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_4)_m\text{OH}$ ) molecules with  $m=2\text{--}8$  (see Figure S14). We see that  $S$  is clearly higher when the  $p_{\text{sat}}$  value of the PEG is estimated using PEG1 than using only PEG2–PEG7. This result is likely caused by the relatively low COSMOtherm-estimated  $p_{\text{sat}}$  of PEG1 (if a logarithmic size dependence is assumed for the  $p_{\text{sat}}$  of the PEG series). No clear correlation is seen between  $S$  and the monomer size (PEG or  $\alpha$ -pinene-derived monomers) with the exception of PEG1 (see Figure S14). The SIMPOL.1 group-contribution method predicts  $S = 6.5 \times 10^{-4}$  for all PEG dimerization reactions.

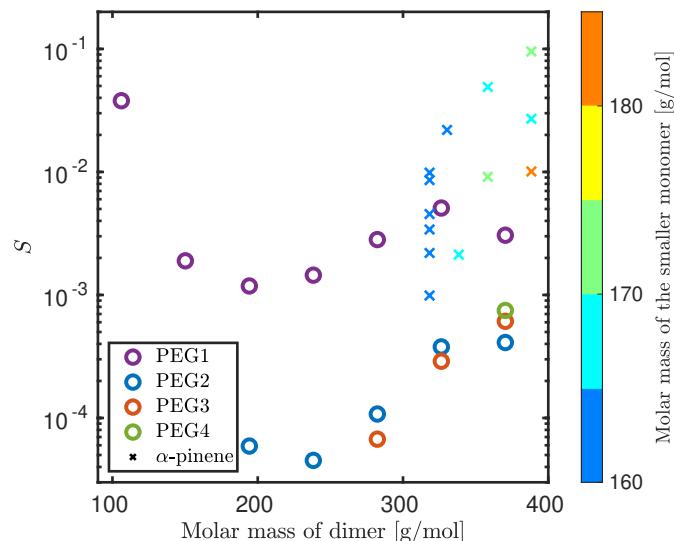


Figure S14: Molar mass dependence of  $S$  in COSMOtherm-derived saturation vapor pressures of polyethylene glycols (PEG2–PEG8) and  $\alpha$ -pinene-derived acid anhydride dimers. The colors indicate the size of the smaller monomer used to form the dimer. E.g., PEG8 can be formed from dimerization of PEG1 and PEG7, PEG2 and PEG6, PEG3 and PEG5, or two PEG4 molecules, giving four different values of  $S$ .

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