

Comparison of fully optimized α - and 3_{10} -helices with extended β -strands. An ONIOM density functional theory study.

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We compare the structures and energies of β -strands, α -helices, and 3_{10} -helices for capped polyanilines, acetyl(ala)_NNH₂, for values of *N* from 2 to 18, using completely optimized mixed DFT/AM1 calculations. Non-pairwise additive cooperativity is manifest from the variation of the relative energies, helical strain, dipole moments, and H-bond lengths of both types of helices, but especially for the α -helices. While the gas-phase 3_{10} -helices are more stable for small polyanilines, largely due to the additional H-bond, the α -helices become relatively more stable as the polyanilines increase in size.

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