

Correction to "Interaction of Metal Ions with Biomolecular Ligands: How Accurate Are Calculated Free Energies Associated with Metal Ion Complexation?"

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Scrutinizing the values published in Table 4, we realized a mistake in our script that was converting stability constants obtained

Table 4. Free Energies Associated with the Complexation of Metal Ions (Mn²⁺, Fe²⁺, Cu²⁺, Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺) in Solution, Calculated as $\Delta G = \Delta E_{\rm int} + \Delta G_{\rm solv} + \Delta E_{\rm ZPE} - \Delta (RT \ln(q_{\rm trans}q_{\rm rot}q_{\rm vib}))$, Using Various Methods and $[M(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$ as Reference^a

| complex | \exp^b | $\mathrm{MP2/aTZ}^c$ | $M06/TZ^d$ | $B3LYP/TZ^e$ | B3LYP+D/ TZ^e | MPWB1K/TZ | M052X/cTZ(SMD) |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| $[\operatorname{ZnX}_6]^{2+f}$ | -6.7 | -4.8 | -3.2 | -2.1 | -4.2 | -1.3 | -11.8 |
| $[Cd X_6]^{2+}$ | -6.7 | -6.2 | -5.4 | -5.6 | -7.1 | -4.8 | -14.7 |
| $[CuX_6]^{2+}$ | -10.6 | -22.6 | -24.9 | -20.4 | -22.4(-10.0) | -22.7 | -23.1(-18.2) |
| $[FeX_6]^{2+}$ | -3.4 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 1.4 | -0.9 | 1.4 | -5.7 |
| $[MnX_6]^{2+}$ | -2.0 | -0.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | -1.1 | 0.8 | -8.2 |
| $[ZnY_6]^{2+g}$ | -3.6 | -5.7 | -1.6 | -0.3 | -4.1 | -0.6 | -3.0 |
| $[Cd Y_6]^{2+}$ | -3.7 | -8.9 | -4.8 | -4.2 | -7.1 | -4.3 | -5.0 |
| $[CuY_6]^{2+}$ | -5.7 | -25.1 | -24.5 | -16.3 | -20.6(-3.2) | -23.3 | -11.8(-11.5) |
| $[FeY_6]^{2+}$ | | | 1.4 | 1.0 | -2.7 | 0.5 | -0.8 |
| $[MnY_6]^{2+}$ | -1.8 | -5.5 | -2.0 | -0.5 | -4.0 | -1.2 | -1.7 |
| $[ZnZ_6]^{+h}$ | -2.2 | 12.0 | 13.2 | 14.6 | 12.0 | 12.7 | -11.3 |
| $[CdZ_6]^+$ | -2.6 | 13.0 | 13.8 | 14.8 | 11.7 | 13.6 | -10.1 |
| $[CuZ_6]^+$ | -3.0 | 1.4 | -1.2 | 2.8 | 1.2 (7.2) | 0.1 | -19.1(-19.5) |
| $[FeZ_6]^+$ | -1.9 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 15.1 | 12.6 | 12.9 | -10.2 |
| $[MnZ_6]^+$ | -1.9 | 13.3 | 14.7 | 15.0 | 11.4 | 13.1 | -11.1 |

"The equilibrium geometries were obtained using the RI-DFT(PBE)/def-SV(P) method along with empirical dispersion correction. No constraints were imposed during the optimizations, and stability checks were performed. COSMO-RS was used for the calculation of the solvation energies. The values in parentheses are for tetracoordinated systems; see the text for details. All of the values are in kcal mol $^{-1}$. Experimental values for ionic strength equal to 2 M ([MX $_6$] systems), 0.5 M ([MY $_6$] systems), and 0 M ([MZ $_6$] systems). RI-MP2 method, aug-cc-pVTZ basis set. M06 functional, def2-TZVP basis set. B3LYP functional, def2-TZVP basis set f [MX $_6$] $^{2+}$ stands for the [M II (NH $_3$) $_2$ (H $_2$ O) $_4$] $^{2+}$ complex. f [MX $_6$] $^{+}$ stands for the [M II (CH $_3$ COO)(H $_2$ O) $_5$] $^{+}$ complex.

from the literature into free energy changes associated with corresponding complexation reactions. We remedy our mistake and the correct values (column 2) listed in the new Table 4 presented below. In most cases, the values are \sim 1 kcal mol⁻¹ more negative, with few exceptions that amount to 2–6 kcal mol⁻¹ (more negative). The correct values are generally in slightly better agreement with the calculated values. The corrections leave our observations and conclusions mostly unchanged.