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### 글리신의 마그네슘이온 친화도에 대한 DFT연구

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### A DFT Study on Magnesium Ion Affinity of Glycine

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The simplest and smallest amino acid, glycine is of special interest as a model compound for the experimental and theoretical studies on structure and reactivity of amino acids and peptides.<sup>1</sup> The metalation of amino acids plays a significant role in biological phenomena.<sup>2-5</sup> An important factor that influences the location of metal ions in the hydrophobic interior of a protein is the relative intrinsic bond strength between the ionized metals and the various possible metal binding sites. Information on this important thermochemical property can be obtained by studying the metal-ligand complexes in the gas phase in which the solvent effects are absent.

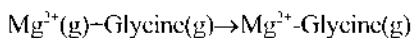
On the other hand, a number of theoretical studies have been reported on the interaction between metal cations and glycine in the gas phase.<sup>4,13</sup> The density functional theory (DFT) methods have been shown to be very efficient in predicting the fundamental thermochemical properties such as gas-phase basicity<sup>14,15</sup> and metal ion affinity.<sup>16</sup> Hoyau and Ohanessian<sup>17</sup> have studied the interaction between the  $Cu^+$  ion and glycine by using the HF and B3LYP/6-31G(d) methods in order to obtain  $Cu^+$  affinity. Bertran *et al.*<sup>18</sup> have reported a B3LYP study on the bonding in the  $Cu^+$ -glycine system. Remko and Rode have investigated the effect of

various metal ions and water coordination on the structure of glycine and zwitterionic glycine employing the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) method.<sup>19</sup>

Thus far, no studies on the structure and magnesium ion affinity of the  $Mg^{2+}$ -glycine complexes have been reported. In this paper, we report a density functional theory investigation on the interaction between the magnesium ion and glycine. In this study, we have focused our attention on the binding sites of the magnesium cation, geometrical structure of complexes, and  $Mg^{2+}$  affinity of glycine.

The DFT calculations were performed at the B3LYP level<sup>20,21</sup> with 6-311++G(d,p) using the Gaussian03 program.<sup>22</sup> The equilibrium geometries for all the structures were fully optimized without any restrictions on symmetries. The metal binding sites for the  $Mg^{2+}$ -glycine complexes were obtained from the geometries for the  $Li^+$  binding sites of glycine had been previously calculated by Jensen.<sup>23</sup> In addition, the MP2/6-311++G(d,p)/B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) calculations were also performed for the comparison purpose.

$Mg^{2+}$  ion affinity is calculated as the difference between the optimized energy of the  $Mg^{2+}$ -glycine complex [ $E(Mg^{2+}\text{-Gly})$ ], and the sum of the energies of the  $Mg^{2+}$  [ $E(Mg^{2+})$ ] and free glycine [ $E(Gly)$ ] for the reaction.



## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Prior to the calculations for the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -glycine complexes, the geometry optimization for various glycine conformers was performed starting from the 13 possible structures that had been reported by Csaszar.<sup>24</sup> Our DFT calculations at the 6-311++G(d,p) level revealed a total of 7 stable conformers among them. A zwitterionic form, along with these 7 optimized glycines was also considered as an additional trial structure in this study. The optimized 7 glycine isomers and the zwitterionic form are shown in Fig. 1.

It should be noted that the zwitterionic form is not optimized in the gaseous state. That is, the zwitterionic form, structure G3, degenerates into structure G2 when G3 is optimized in the gaseous state. This implies that glycine exists as a zwitterion in the crystalline state and in solution due to strong electrostatic and polarization interactions with its

environment.<sup>21</sup> Many studies have shown that glycine also exists in a neutral form in the gas phase.<sup>25-27</sup> The studies have also demonstrated that the zwitterionic form of glycine can be stabilized by the presence of metal ions, thereby forming a bridging complex.<sup>28</sup>

The ground state glycine(G1) is compared to a previously studied conformer and the structural parameters are found to be in good agreement with the results of the theoretical<sup>24</sup> and experimental<sup>29</sup> method. On the basis of this result, we have chosen to use the B3LYP functional couples with the 6-311++G(d,p) basis sets to determine the geometrical structures of the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -glycine complexes and the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  affinity of glycine.

The lowest energy form of neutral glycine in the gas phase, as determined experimentally<sup>29</sup> and theoretically,<sup>30,31</sup> is the G1 conformer with a planar heavy-atom structure and two equal N-H...O H-bonds. Further, the relative energies for the 7 optimized glycines at the B3LYP level in this study are close to those of the MP2 results.<sup>24</sup>

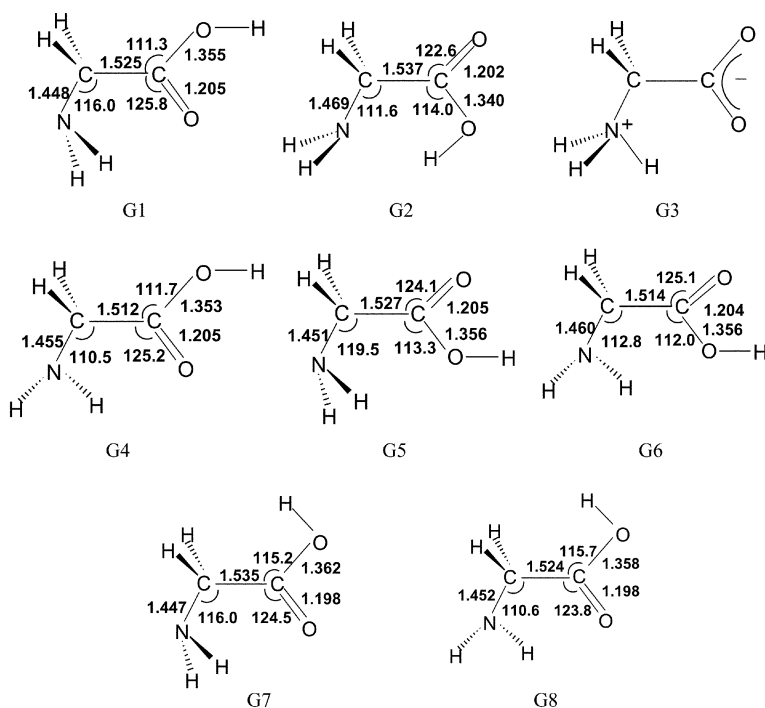


Fig. 1. B3LYP optimized neutral glycines including ground state glycine, G1, and zwitterionic conformer, G3.

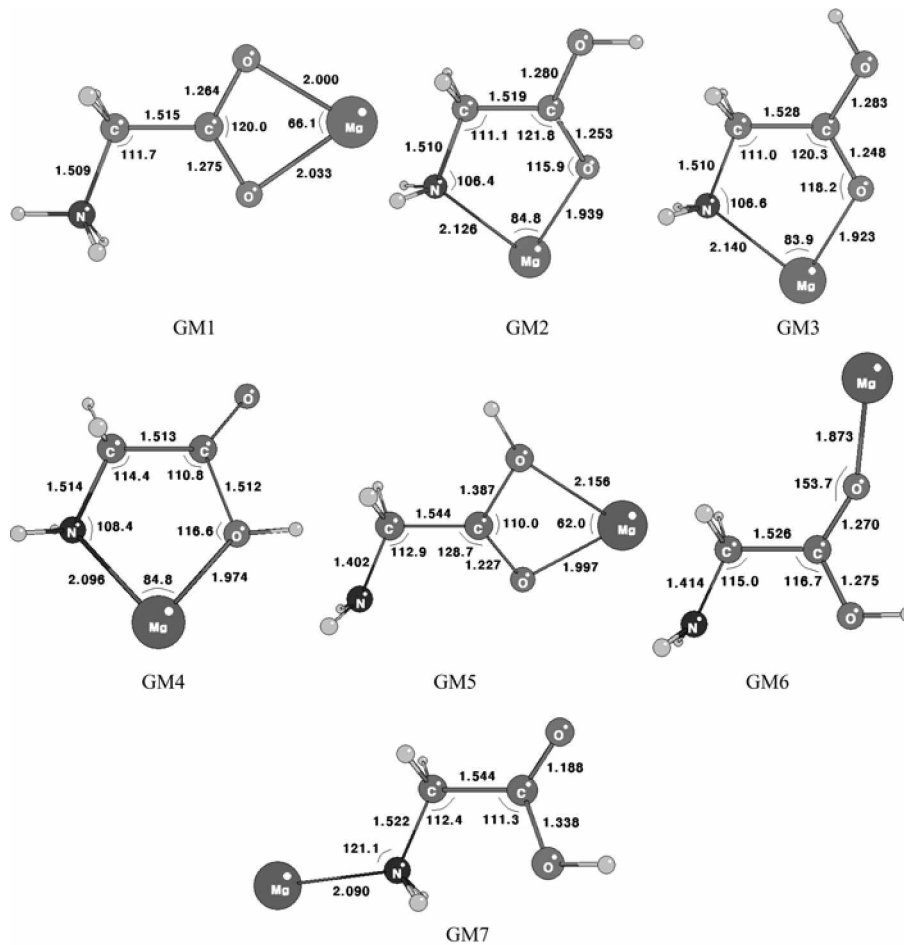


Fig. 2. Optimized structures at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -glycine complexes.

The geometry was optimized to one structure, GM2, for the G1- and G4- $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  complexes even though they were started from the two glycine conformers, G1 and G4. The optimized geometries of the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -glycine complexes associated with the coordination sites of the glycine conformers are shown in Fig. 2.

As shown in Fig. 2, the mode of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  coordination with glycine can be classified into four different groups. The first structure is GM1, in which  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is coordinated to two oxygens, *i.e.*, complexation to the zwitterionic form of glycine. The second group consists of structures GM2, GM3, and GM4 each having a five-membered ring along with  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  coordinated to both amino nitrogen and oxy-

gen. The ring in GM4 complex is slightly enveloped-shaped, similar to cyclopentane. All the other structures with the five-membered ring have  $C_s$  symmetric geometry. The third structure is GM5 that represents a structure corresponding to the coordination with two carboxylic oxygens. The fourth group consists of structures GM6 and GM7, in which  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is coordinated only to the carbonyl oxygen and amino nitrogen, respectively.

It should be noted that the amino hydrogens in the glycines rotate to reduce the repulsion for the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  with complexation in bidentate complexes. The relative and binding energies of the optimized  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -glycine complexes, including the MP2 results, are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Relative and binding energies for optimized Mg<sup>2+</sup>-glycine complexes<sup>a</sup>

Complex	Total energy (a.u.)	Relative energy(kcal/mol)		Binding energy(kcal/mol) <sup>b</sup>	
		B3LYP	MP2	B3LYP	MP2
GM1	-483.953202	0.0	0.0	164.3	160.3
GM2	-483.942995	6.4	8.3	157.9 <sup>c</sup>	151.3 <sup>c</sup>
				156.6 <sup>d</sup>	152.7 <sup>d</sup>
GM3	-483.933944	12.1	14.3	157.5	152.5
GM4	-483.911517	26.2	26.1	139.1	135.9
GM5	-483.881886	44.8	51.0	124.2	114.4
GM6	-483.875251	48.9	57.8	116.4	103.5
GM7	-483.856272	60.8	63.4	104.3	97.9

<sup>a</sup>MP2 results are on B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) optimized geometries.

<sup>b</sup>B3LYP binding energies are included BSSE correction.

<sup>c</sup>Between glycine G4 and Mg<sup>2+</sup>.

<sup>d</sup>Between glycine G1 and Mg<sup>2+</sup>.

As given in Table 1, the MP2 energies are similar to the B3LYP energies. The most stable Mg<sup>2+</sup>-glycine complex is GM1, in which Mg<sup>2+</sup> is bound to both the oxygens at the ends of the zwitterionic glycine in both the methods. The next stable isomer is GM2, in which Mg<sup>2+</sup> is coordinated to the amino nitrogen and carbonyl oxygen. This complex has been found to be less stable than the zwitterionic complex by 6.4 kcal/mol at the B3LYP level. The third stable isomer for the Mg<sup>2+</sup>-glycine complex is GM3 that is computed to be 12.1 kcal/mol less stable than GM1. The important structural difference between GM2 and GM3 is in the orientation of the hydroxyl hydrogen, which is anti to that of the carbonyl oxygen in GM3 and results in 5.7(6.0 in MP2) kcal/mol higher than GM2. The next stable complex is GM4, in which Mg<sup>2+</sup> is bound to the amino nitrogen and hydroxyl oxygen. GM4 is different from above the most stable three C<sub>s</sub>-symmetric isomers, it is a drastically distorted structure, in which Mg<sup>2+</sup> is coordinated to the amino nitrogen with 24.4° above the NCC plane. The last three complexes are GM5, GM6, and GM7 which is 44.8, 48.9, and 60.8 kcal/mol above GM1, respectively. In GM5, similar to GM1, Mg<sup>2+</sup> is bound to the two carboxylic oxygens. In GM6 and GM7, Mg<sup>2+</sup> is bound only to the carboxylic oxygen (at distance 1.873Å) and amino nitrogen (at distance 2.090Å), respectively.

On the other hand, the binding energies between glycine and Mg<sup>2+</sup> at the B3LYP/6-31++G(d,p) level are also presented in Table 1. As has been introduced above, the binding energy is obtained from the difference between the energy of the Mg<sup>2+</sup>-coordinated glycine complex, and the sum of the energy of corresponding free glycine and the magnesium cation. As given Table 1, the zwitterionic form, GM1, has the greatest binding energy with 164.3 kcal/mol due to its more electrostatic and polarity and smaller metal-ligand repulsion than the other complexes.<sup>7, 11, 15</sup> The binding energies of GM2 and GM3 are almost the same (157.9 and 156.6 kcal/mol in GM2 and 157.5 kcal/mol in GM3) due to the similarity of the glycine structure and Mg<sup>2+</sup> coordinated site.

In conclusion, structure GM1, in which Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion coordinates with two oxygens in the carboxylic moiety of the zwitter ionic glycine, exhibited the largest binding energy.

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