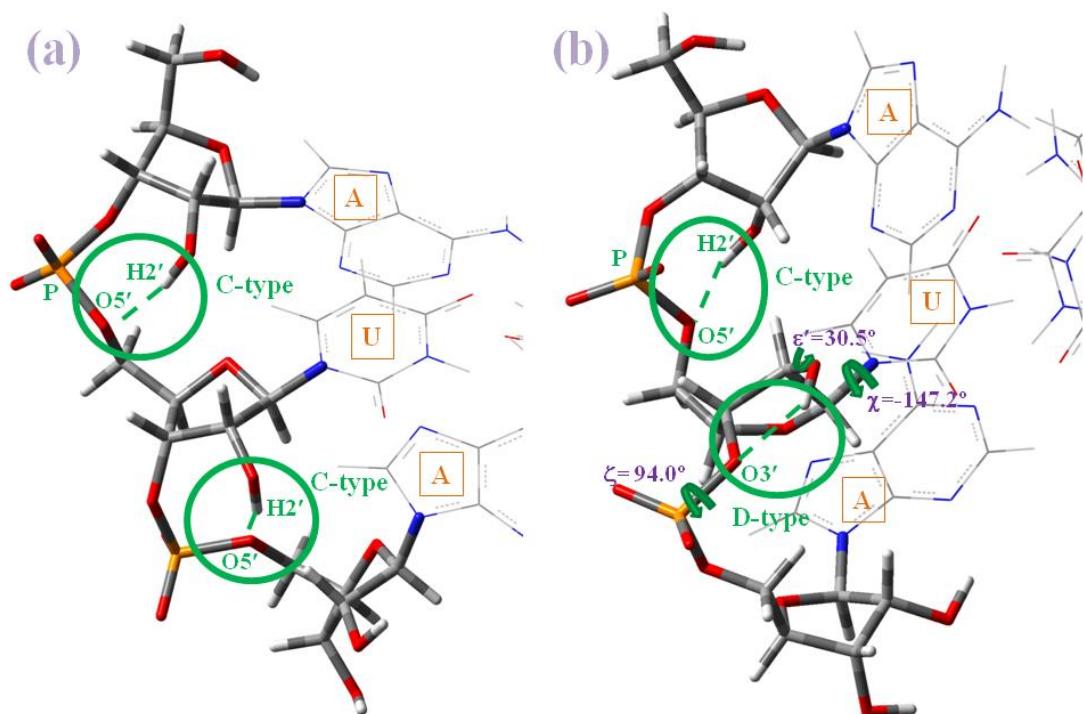




SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Biomolecules of 2-thiouracil, 4-thiouracil and 2,4-dithiouracil: a DFT study of the hydration, Molecular Docking and effect in DNA:RNA Microhelices

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Scheme S1. Strand I of the 5'-AUA-3' DNA:RNA microhelix with other two different kinds of intermolecular H-bonds: (a) C-type with intra-strand H-bonds O_{2'}-H_{2'}(n)…O_{5'}(n+1). (b) With C-type and D-type in the same strand. D-type corresponds to the intra-strand H-bonds O_{2'}-H_{2'}(n)…O_{3'}(n)

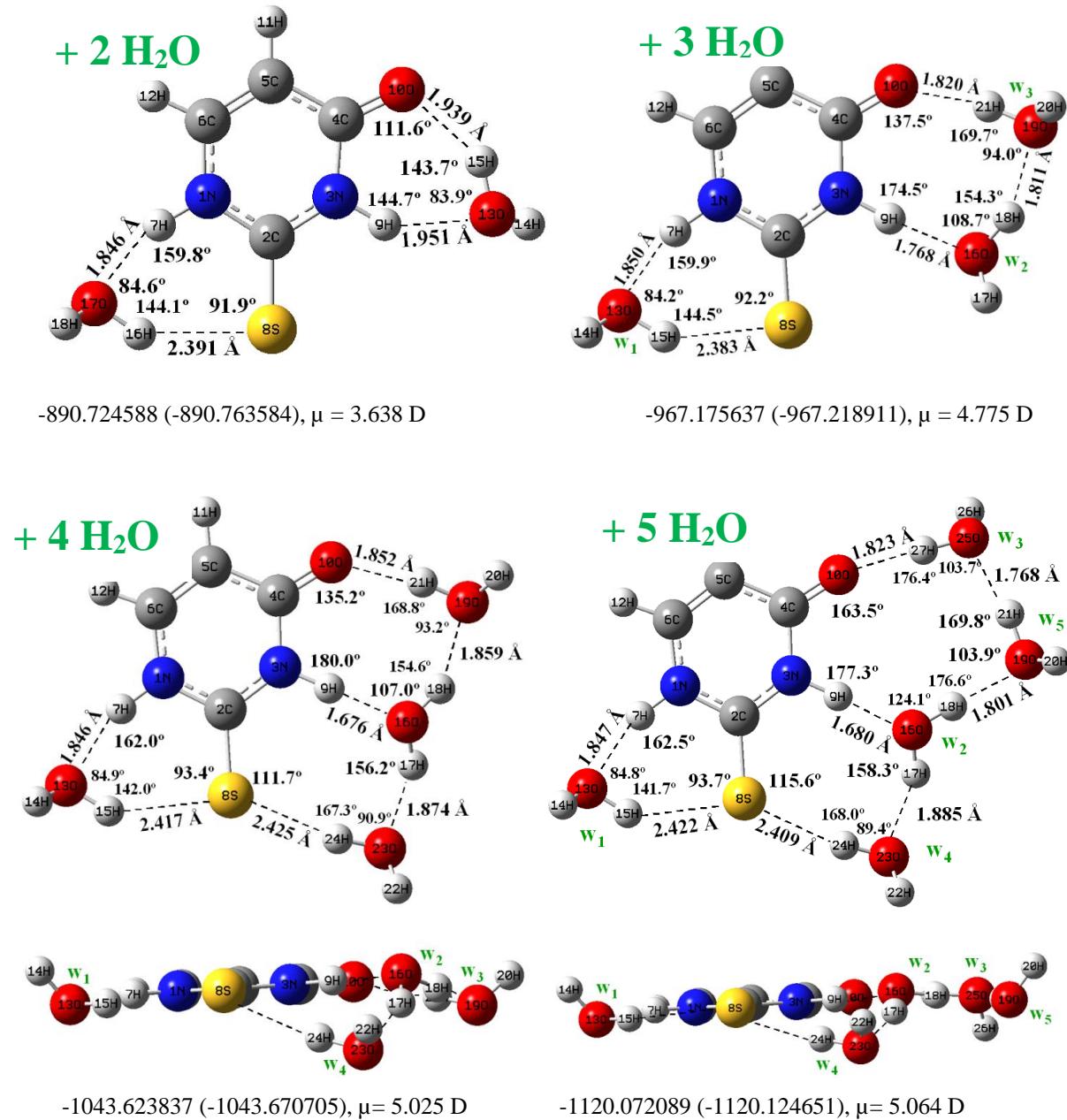
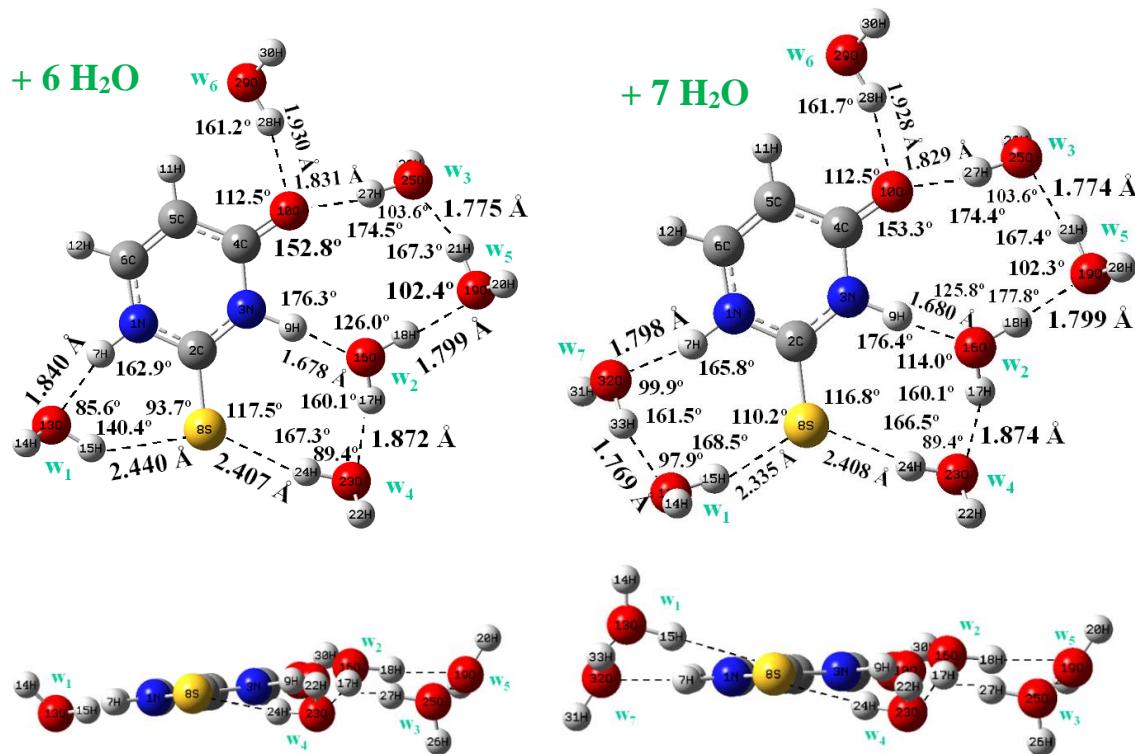
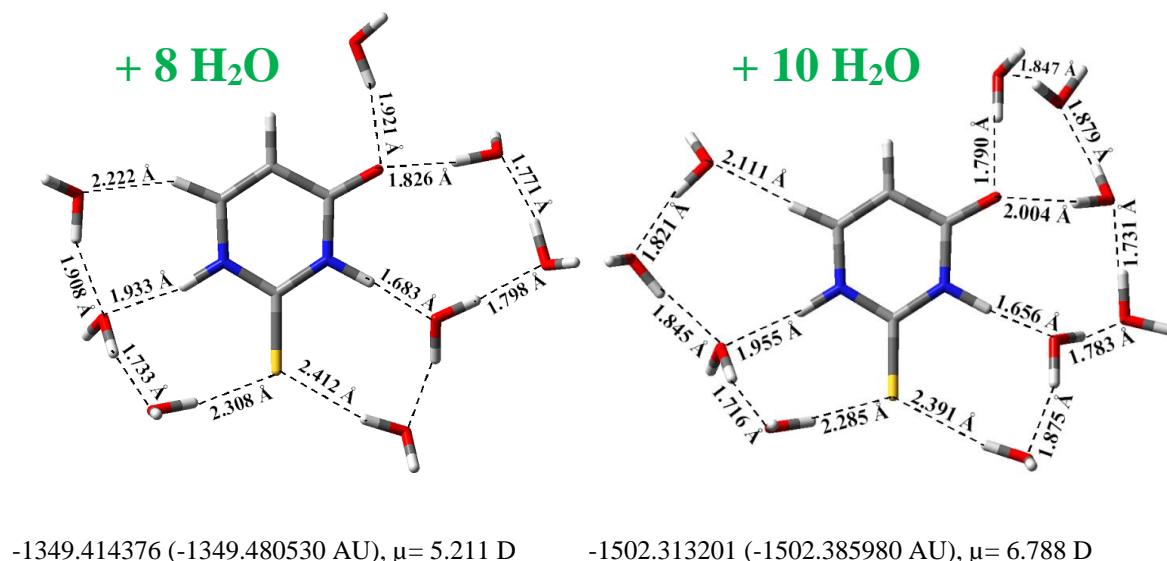


Fig. S1. Optimized most stable hydration clusters of 2-thiouracil with two to five water molecules at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level. Two views of each cluster are plotted. The total energy+ZPE (E) and the Gibbs energy (G) (in parentheses) are in atomic units. The dipole moment (μ) is in Debyes.



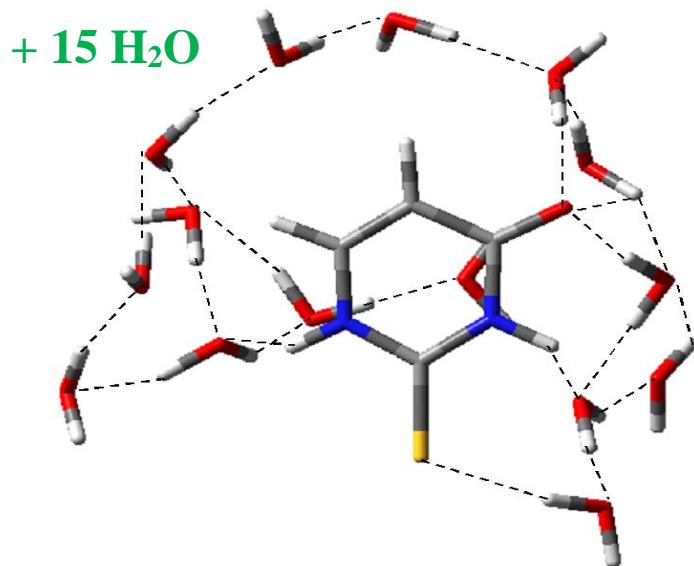
$E = -1196.517128 \text{ AU}$ ($G = -1196.574563 \text{ AU}$), $\mu = 4.293 \text{ D}$ $E = -1272.967966 \text{ AU}$ ($G = -1273.029865 \text{ AU}$), $\mu = 2.572 \text{ D}$

Fig. S2. Optimized most stable hydration clusters of 2-thiouracil with six and seven water molecules at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level. Two views of each cluster are plotted. The total energy+ZPE (E) and the Gibbs energy (G) (in parentheses) are in atomic units. The dipole moment (μ) is in Debyes.



-1349.414376 (-1349.480530 AU), $\mu = 5.211 \text{ D}$ -1502.313201 (-1502.385980 AU), $\mu = 6.788 \text{ D}$

Fig. S3. Optimized most stable hydration clusters at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level of 2TU with 8 and 10 water molecules. The total energy+ZPE and the Free energy G (in parentheses) are in atomic units. The dipole moment (μ) is in Debyes.



$E = -1883.944172$ AU ($G = -1884.021061$ AU), $\mu=2.289$ D

Fig. S4. Optimized most stable hydration cluster with 15 water molecules at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.

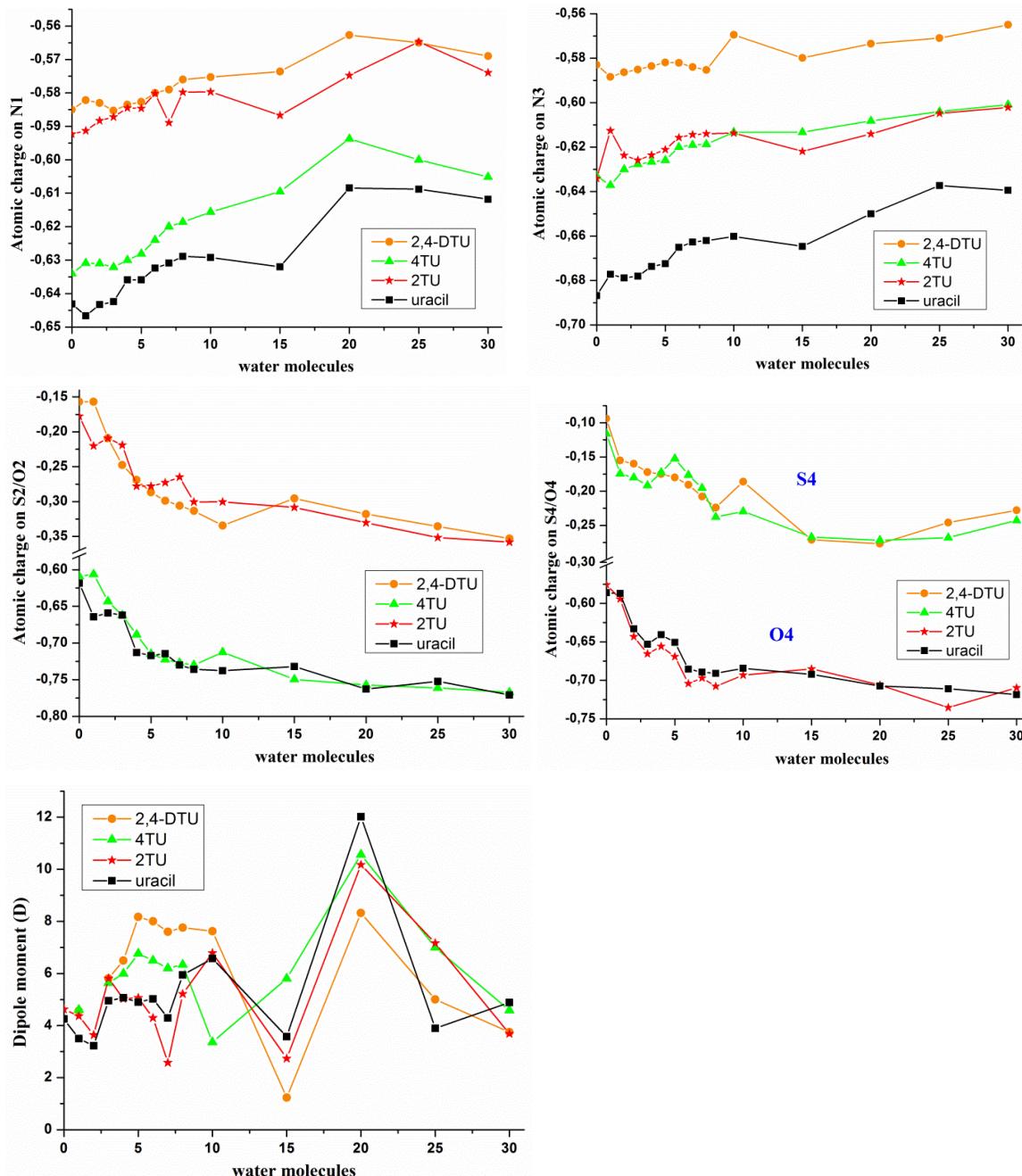


Fig. S5. Variation observed in the NBO atomic charges of the nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur atoms with the progress of the hydration up to 30 water molecules. Disparity determined in the dipole moment values with the hydration. Comparison of uracil versus 2-thiouracil, 4-thiouracil and 2,4-dithiouracil molecules. The values were calculated at the B3LYP/6–31G(d,p) level.

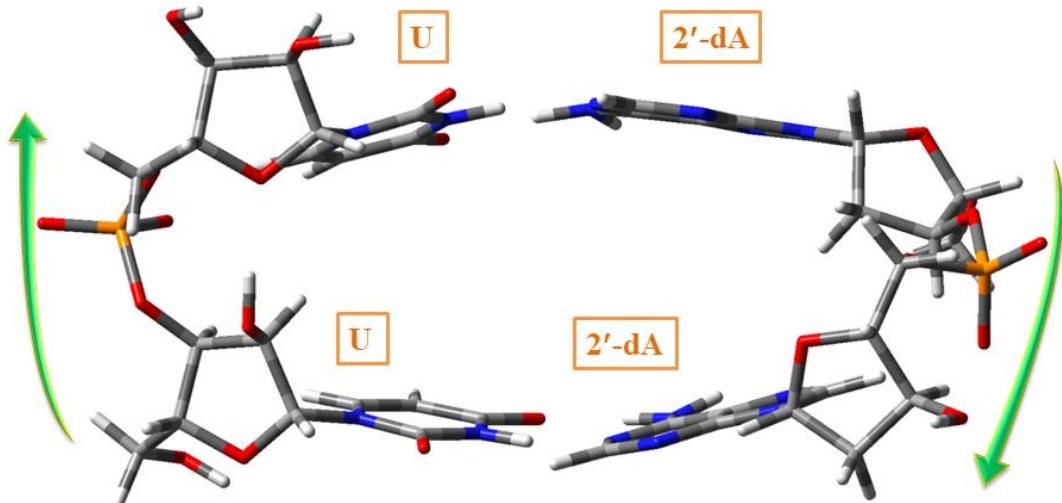
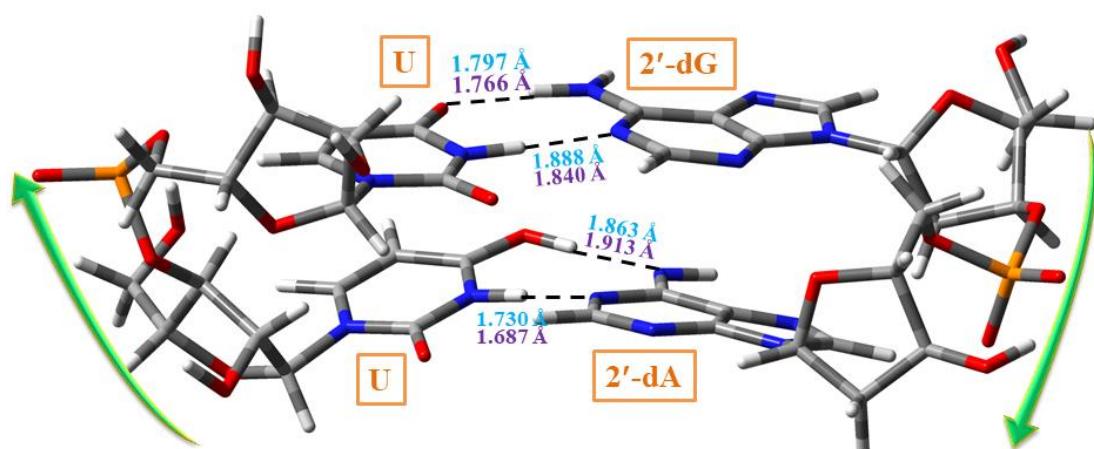


Fig. S6. Optimized microhelix with 2 nucleotide pairs at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.



$E = -4578.738027 \text{ AU}$ ($G = -4578.837595 \text{ AU}$), $E = -4577.631312 \text{ AU}$ ($G = -4577.729292 \text{ AU}$)

Fig. S7. Intermolecular H-bonds values optimized by the DFT methods: M052X and M062X, in the microhelix with 2 nucleotide pairs corresponding to uridine: 2'-dG and uridine*: 2'-dA*. The total electronic energy (E) and Gibbs energy (G) in AU calculated with each DFT method is shown at the end of each figure.

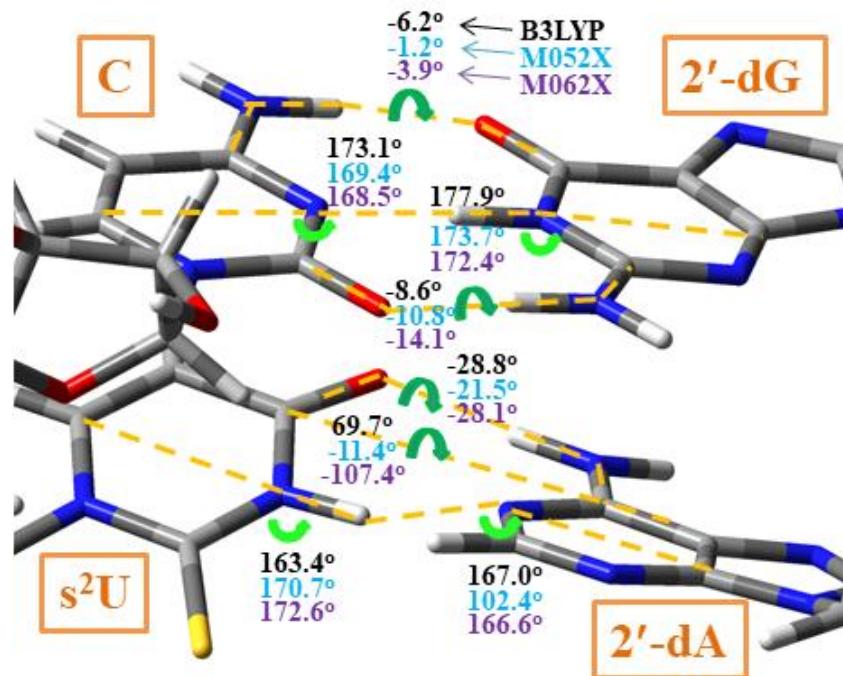


Fig. S8. Intermolecular torsional angles values optimized by the DFT methods: B3LYP, M052X and M062X, in the microhelix with 2 nucleotide pairs corresponding to cytidine: 2'-dG and 2-thiouridine: 2'-dA.

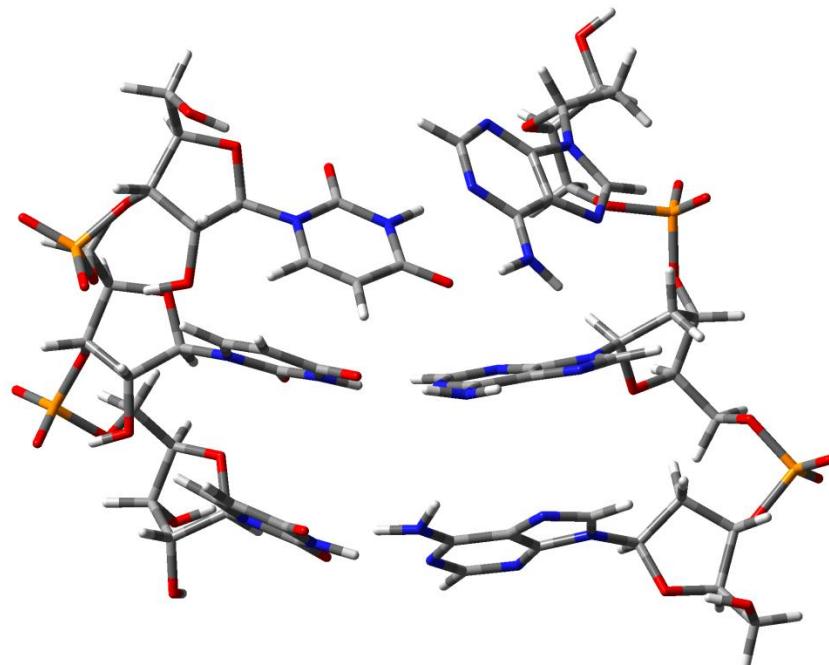


Fig. S9. Microhelix 5'-UUU-3' with three nucleotide pairs optimized at the LC-wPBE/6-31G(d,p) level.

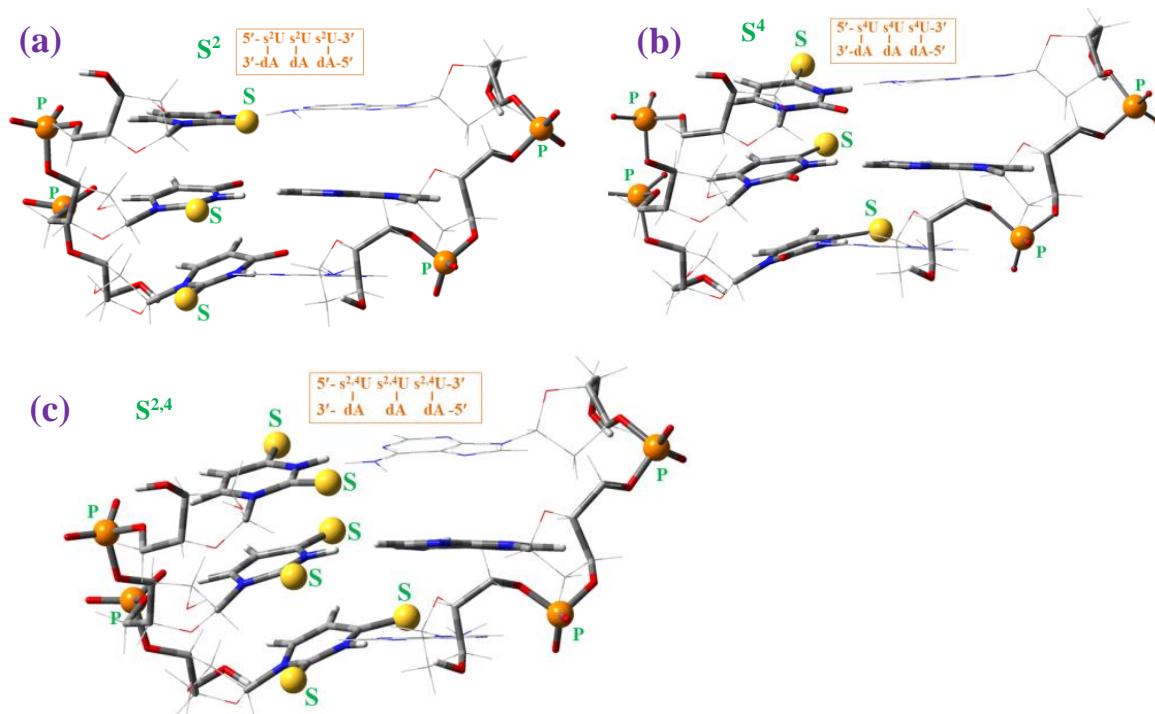


Fig. S10. Main differences observed in the deformation of the microhelices type A with three thio-nucleotide in strand I of the base pairs. (a) with 2-thiouridine, (b) with 4-thiouridine, (c) with 2,4-dithiouridine.

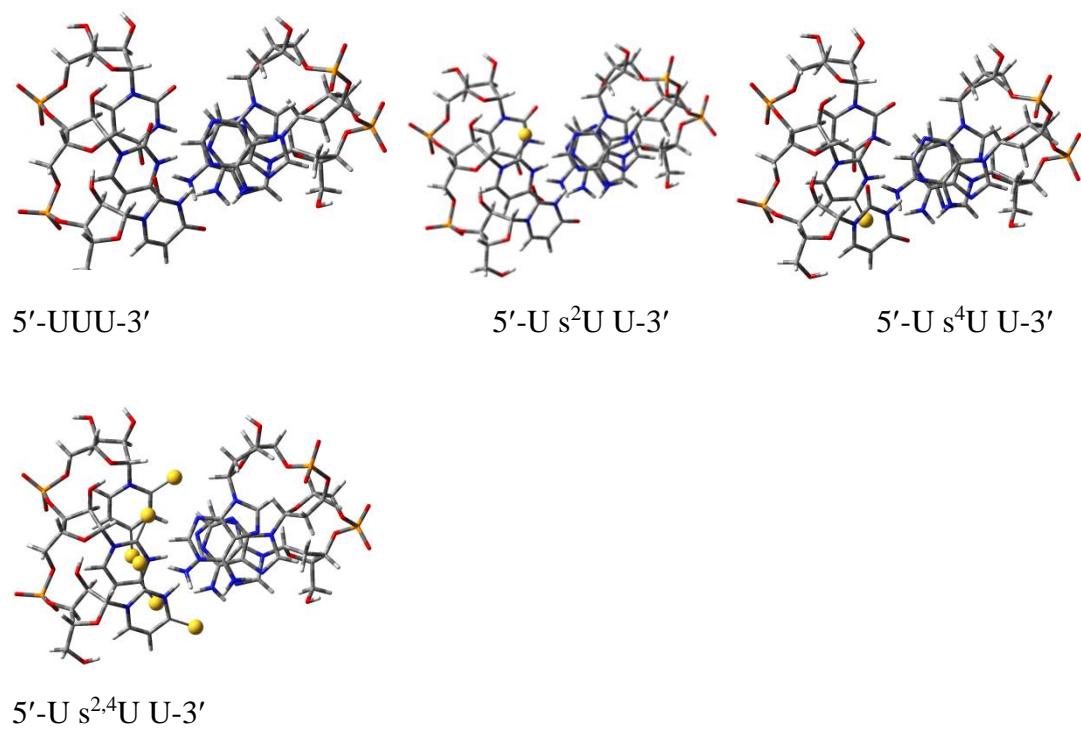


Fig. S11. Different spacial orientation of the A-type microhelices optimized at the M062X/6-31G(d,p) level.

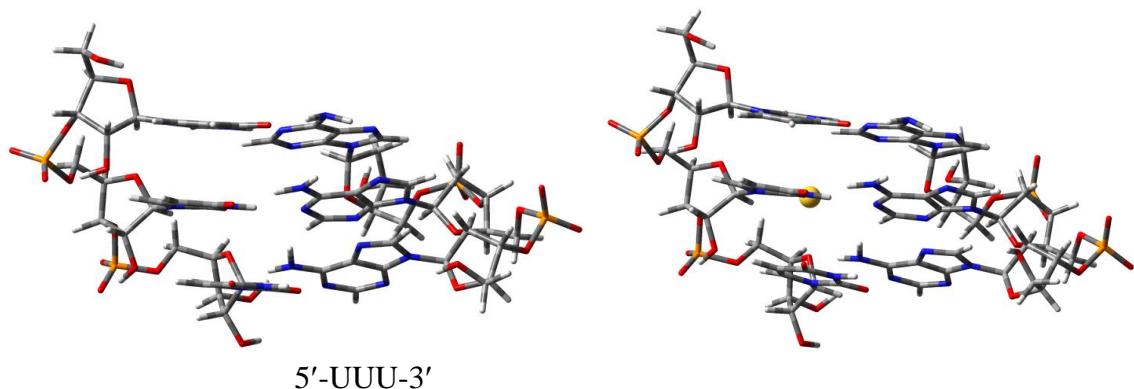


Fig. S12. Effect of the sulphur atom in the spacial orientation of the 5'-U s²U U-3' microhelix of B-type optimized at the M062X/6-31G(d,p) level.

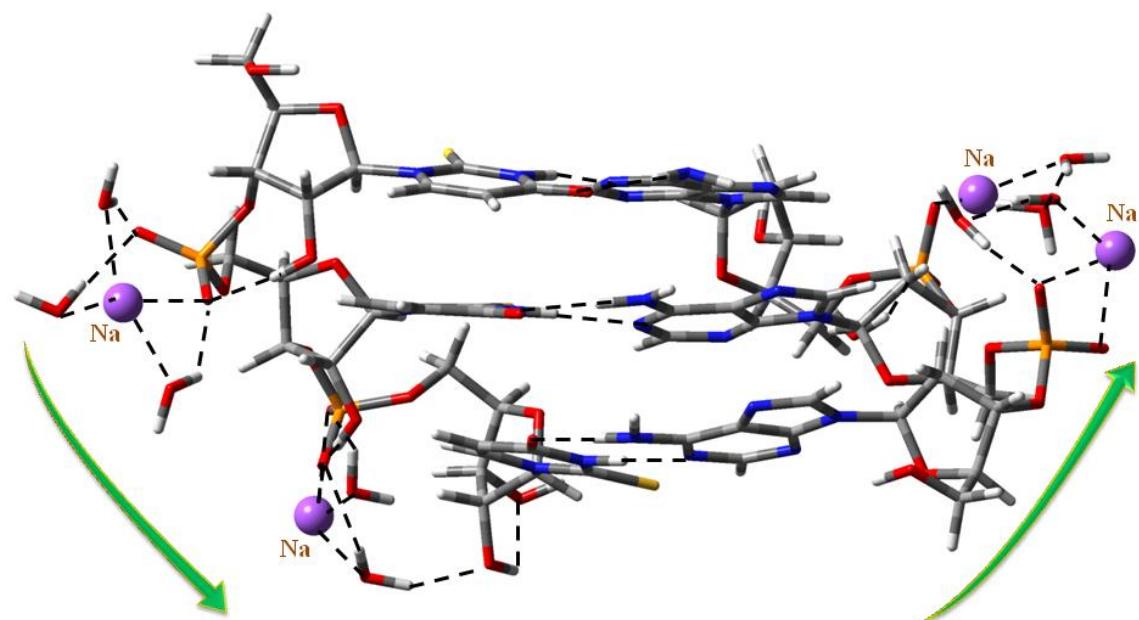


Fig. S13. Effect of the sodium atoms and the water molecules (10 in total) in the spacial orientation of the 5'-s²U s²U s²U-3' microhelix of B-type optimized at the M062X/6-31G(d,p) level.

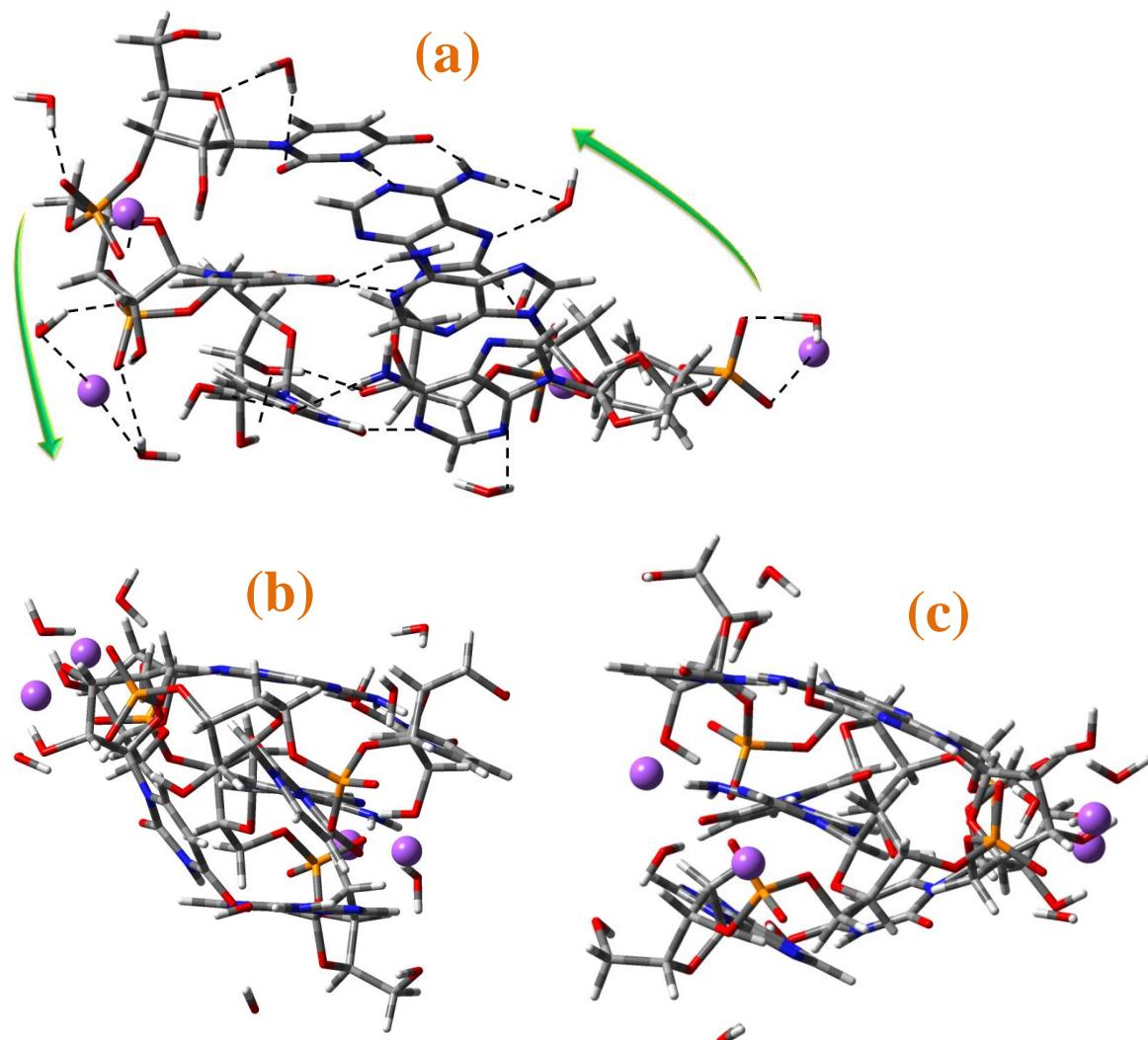


Fig. S14. Three views of the microhelix 5'-UUU-3' with three nucleotide pairs optimized + 4 Na + 10 H₂O at the B97D/6-31G(d,p) level.

