

Electronic Supplementary Information to:
On the composition and isomerism effect in the
thermal and structural properties of choline
chloride/hydroxyphenol deep eutectic solvents

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Table S1: Number of molecules and box dimensions of the simulated molecular dynamics (MD) systems formed by choline chloride (ChCl) with the catechol (Cate), resorcinol (Reso), and hydroquinone (Hydro) hydrogen-bond donors (HBDs) at different molar ratios of the components.

| | | ChCl | HBD | Box edge (Å) |
|-------------------|--------|------|-----|--------------|
| ChCl/Cate | 1:0.75 | 388 | 291 | 49.97 |
| | 1:1 | 349 | 349 | 49.99 |
| | 1:2 | 246 | 492 | 49.97 |
| | 1:3 | 191 | 573 | 49.97 |
| ChCl/Reso | 1:0.75 | 392 | 294 | 50.17 |
| | 1:1 | 348 | 348 | 50.02 |
| | 1:2 | 246 | 492 | 50.01 |
| | 1:3 | 190 | 570 | 49.99 |
| ChCl/Hydro | 1:0.75 | 388 | 291 | 50.07 |
| | 1:1 | 346 | 346 | 49.99 |
| | 1:2 | 243 | 486 | 49.98 |
| | 1:3 | 189 | 567 | 50.05 |

Table S2: Liquid-glass transition temperature (T_g), cold crystallization temperature (T_{cc}), and melting temperature (T_m) obtained from density scanning calorimetry thermograms for the ChCl/Cate, ChCl/Reso, and ChCl/Hydro mixtures at different molar ratios of the components, together with the difference (ΔT) between the T_m experimental values and those calculated from the ideal phase diagrams for the solid-liquid equilibrium (SLE) between the components ($T_{m, ideal}$). Values in Kelvin degrees.

| Mixture | | T_g | T_{cc} | T_m | $T_{m, ideal}$ | ΔT |
|-------------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|----------------|------------|
| ChCl/Cate | 1:0.75 | - | 264 | - | 370 | - |
| | 1:1 | 193 | 256 | 318 | | -52 |
| | 1:2 | - | - | 328 | | -42 |
| | 1:3 | 211 | 253 | 318 | | -52 |
| ChCl/Reso | 1:0.75 | 195 | 250 | 290 | 374 | -84 |
| | 1:1 | - | - | 302 | | -72 |
| | 1:2 | 192 | - | - | | - |
| | 1:3 | 213 | - | - | | - |
| ChCl/Hydro | 1:0.75 | - | - | 326 | 429 | -103 |
| | 1:1 | - | - | 315 | | -114 |
| | 1:2 | - | - | 316 | | -113 |

Table S3: Enthalpy of fusion ($\Delta_{cr}H_m$) and T_m of the pristine compounds taken from literature data and employed in this work to build the ideal SLE phase diagrams.

| Compound | $\Delta_{cr}H_m(\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$ | $T_m(\text{K})$ | ref. |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------|
| ChCl | 13.8 | ~ 687 | [1] |
| Cate | 22.5 | 377.5 | [2] |
| Reso | 19.4 | 382.5 | [2] |
| Hydro | 26.9 | 445.4 | [2] |

Table S4: Number of H-bonds and average number of H-bonds *per* chloride anion for the Cl-HO_{HBD} and Cl-HO_{Ch} interactions calculated from the MD simulations of the ChCl/Cate, ChCl/Reso, and ChCl/Hydro mixtures at different molar ratios of the components. Atom nomenclature according to Figure 1 of the manuscript.

| | | Cl-HO _{HBD} | | Cl-HO _{Ch} | |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | n° H-bond | n° H-bond / n° Cl ⁻ | n° H-bond | n° H-bond / n° Cl ⁻ |
| ChCl/Cate | 1:0.75 | 543.76 | 1.40 | 372.01 | 0.96 |
| | 1:1 | 641.54 | 1.84 | 322.67 | 0.92 |
| | 1:2 | 798.26 | 3.24 | 173.47 | 0.56 |
| | 1:3 | 760.05 | 3.98 | 77.18 | 0.40 |
| ChCl/Reso | 1:0.75 | 576.78 | 1.47 | 378.92 | 0.97 |
| | 1:1 | 675.48 | 1.94 | 328.07 | 0.94 |
| | 1:2 | 850.49 | 3.46 | 187.26 | 0.76 |
| | 1:3 | 783.57 | 4.12 | 103.90 | 0.55 |
| ChCl/Hydro | 1:0.75 | 567.91 | 1.46 | 380.03 | 0.98 |
| | 1:1 | 666.92 | 1.93 | 332.86 | 0.96 |
| | 1:2 | 829.75 | 3.41 | 200.62 | 0.83 |
| | 1:3 | 801.60 | 4.24 | 116.22 | 0.61 |

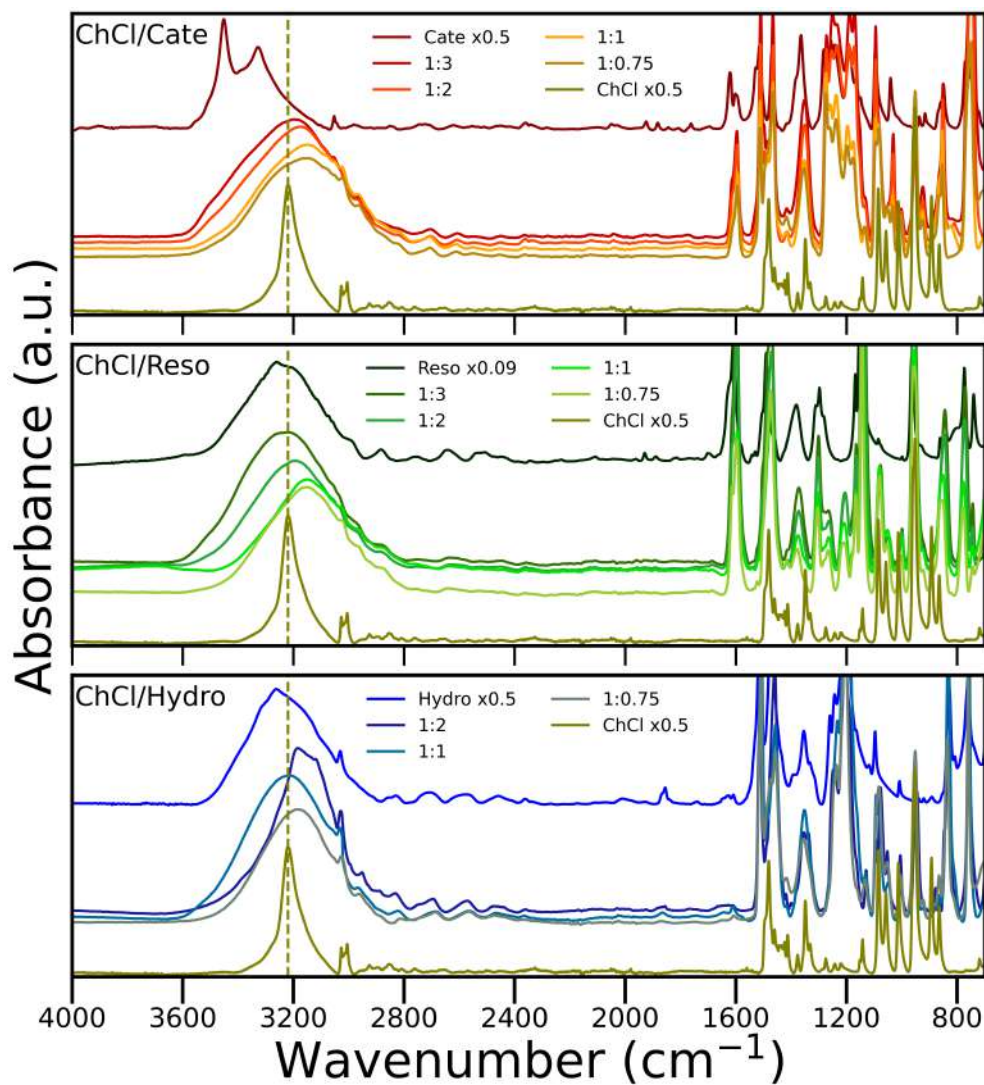


Figure S1: Attenuated total reflection Fourier transform infrared spectra collected on the ChCl/Cate, ChCl/Reso, and ChCl/Hydro mixtures at different molar ratios of the components. A vertical dashed line corresponding to the maximum of the O-H stretching absorption for the ChCl compound is reported as a guide to the eye.

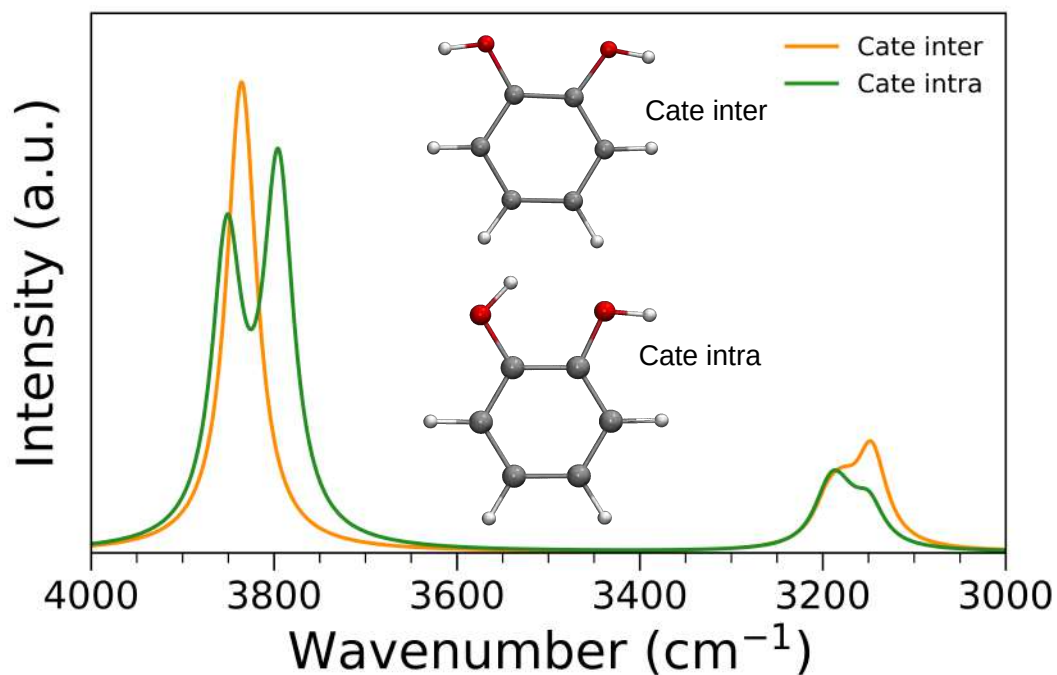


Figure S2: Simulated infrared spectra after geometrical optimization in gas-phase conditions for the two rotamers of the Cate molecule, Cate inter and Cate intra, at the density functional theory B3LYP/6-311++G(*d,p*)/GD3 level of theory.

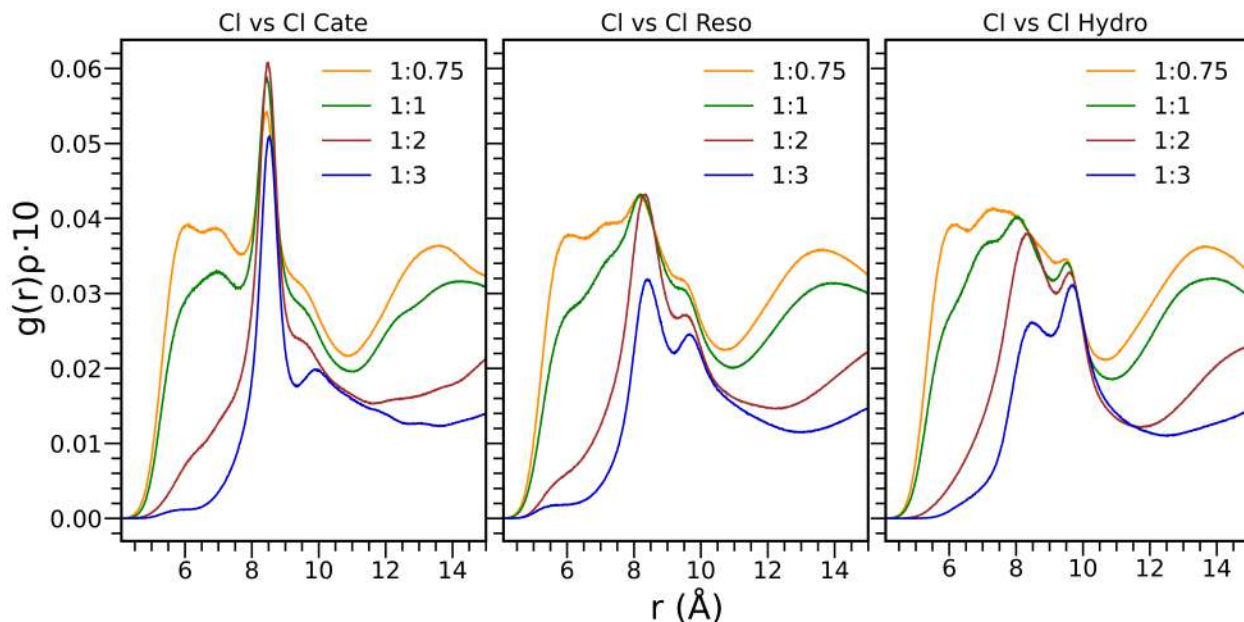


Figure S3: Radial distribution functions multiplied by the number density of the observed species, $g(r)\rho$'s, for the Cl-Cl pairs calculated from the MD simulations of the ChCl/Cate (left), ChCl/Reso (middle), and ChCl/Hydro (right) mixtures at different molar ratios of the components.

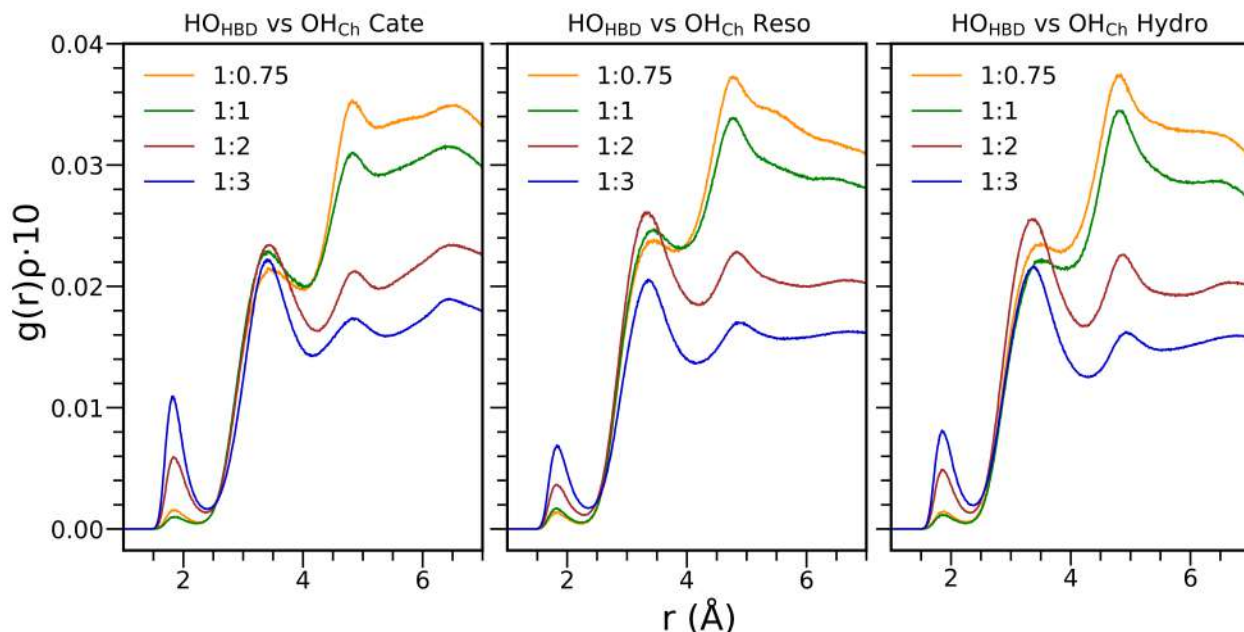


Figure S4: Radial distribution functions multiplied by the number density of the observed species, $g(r)\rho$'s, for the HO_{HBD} - OH_{Ch} pairs calculated from the MD simulations of the ChCl/Cate (left), ChCl/Reso (middle), and ChCl/Hydro (right) mixtures at different molar ratios of the components. Atom nomenclature according to Figure 1 of the manuscript.

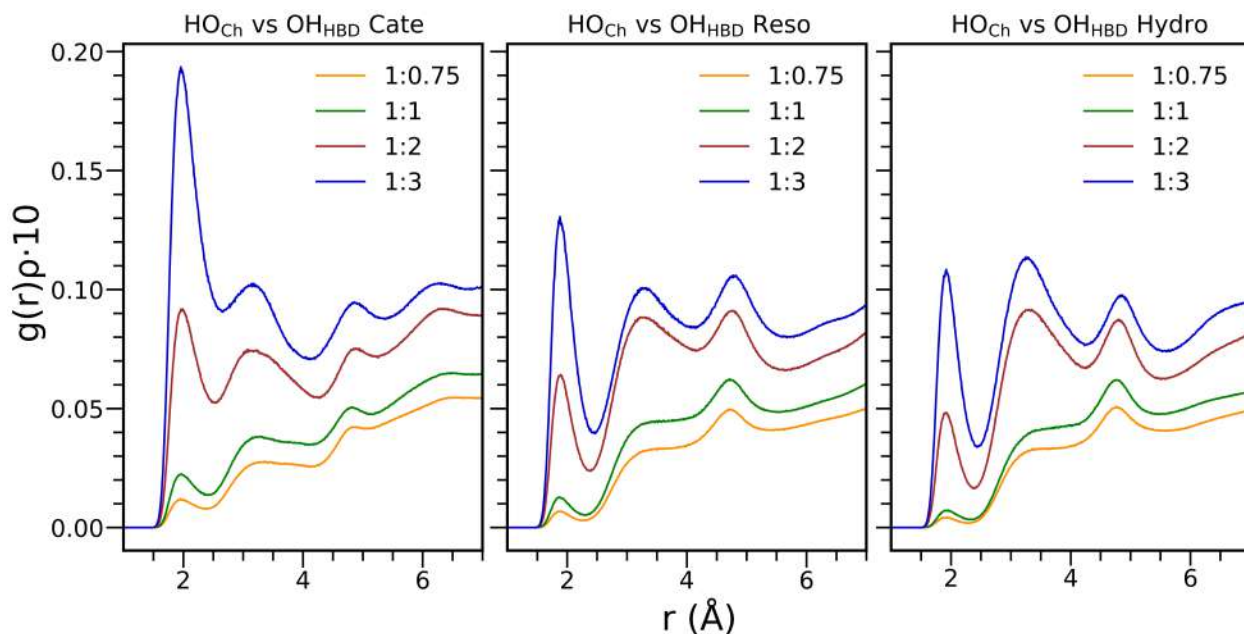


Figure S5: Radial distribution functions multiplied by the number density of the observed species, $g(r)\rho$'s, for the HO_{Ch} - OH_{HBD} pairs calculated from the MD simulations of the ChCl/Cate (left), ChCl/Reso (middle), and ChCl/Hydro (right) mixtures at different molar ratios of the components. Atom nomenclature according to Figure 1 of the manuscript.

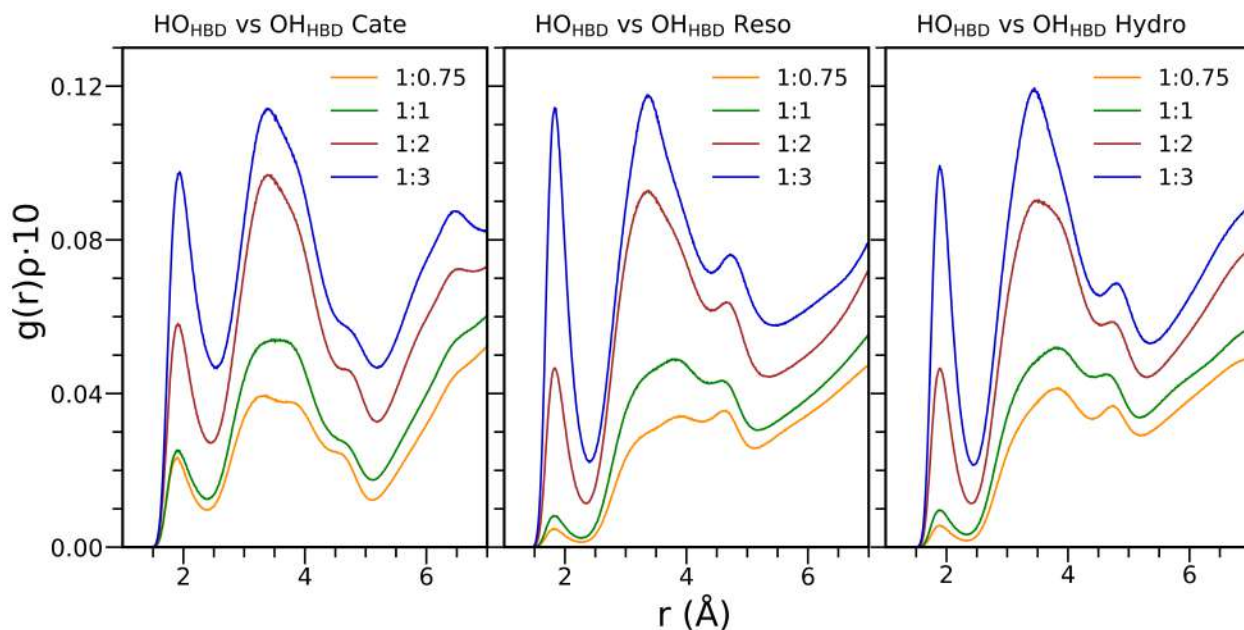


Figure S6: Radial distribution functions multiplied by the number density of the observed species, $g(r)\rho$'s, for the $\text{HO}_{\text{HBD}}\text{-OH}_{\text{HBD}}$ pairs calculated from the MD simulations of the ChCl/Cate (left), ChCl/Reso (middle), and ChCl/Hydro (right) mixtures at different molar ratios of the components. Atom nomenclature according to Figure 1 of the manuscript.

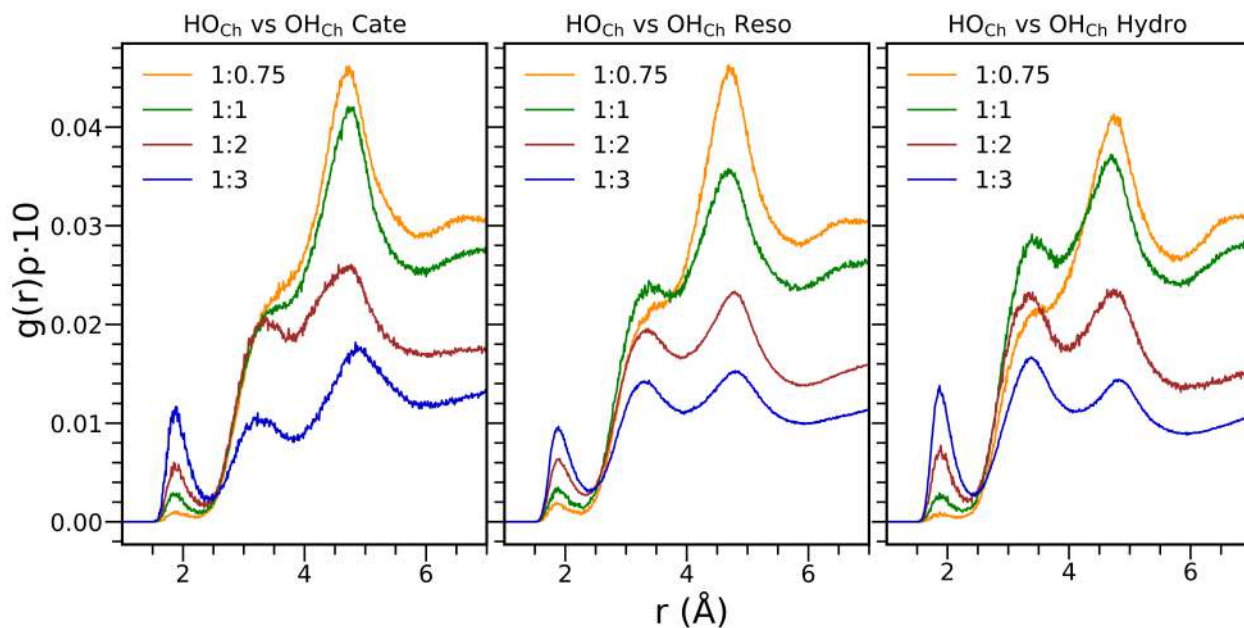


Figure S7: Radial distribution functions multiplied by the number density of the observed species, $g(r)\rho$'s, for the $\text{HO}_{\text{Ch}}\text{-OH}_{\text{Ch}}$ pairs calculated from the MD simulations of the ChCl/Cate (left), ChCl/Reso (middle), and ChCl/Hydro (right) mixtures at different molar ratios of the components. Atom nomenclature according to Figure 1 of the manuscript.

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