

## Computational Supporting information

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Structure	Space group	Lattice Energy		Free energy at 298 K	Density/g cm <sup>-3</sup>	Reduced Cell			Angles/°	Hydrogen Bonding and motif	Graph set		
		/kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	at 298 K			a/Å	b/Å	c/Å			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
A141	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-99.736	-103.155	169	5.9906	7.0975	10.5621	α 98.343	N1-H1-O7	Dimer	R2,2(8)		
<b>ExptMinOpt</b>	<b>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</b>	<b>-99.693</b>	<b>-113.117</b>	<b>1.691</b>	<b>5.991</b>	<b>7.096</b>	<b>10.561</b>	<b>α 98.34</b>	<b>N1-H1-O7</b>	<b>Dimer</b>	<b>R2,2(8)</b>		
CC28	Pbca	-95.901	-110.112	1704	6.5229	10.5147	12.849		N1-H1-O3 N1-H1-O7	Jagged sheet	C1(4)	R2,2(8)	C2,2(8)
AK7	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-95.444	-108.753	1717	6.6109	7.7002	8.7658	α 101.348	N1-H1-O3 N1-H1-O7	Jagged sheet	C1(4)	R2,2(8)	C2,2(8)
AB99	P-1	-95.296	-109.029	1712	6.0797	6.6072	6.7485	α 70.941 β 67.674 γ 62.908	N1-H1-O8 N1-H1-O7	Infinite ribbon of dimers	C1(6)	R2,2(8)	R4,4(20)
DD64	C2/c	-95.12	-108.591	1652	5.8322	11.0235	14.4117	α 101.889	N1-H1-O7	Dimer	R2,2(8)		
AB24	P-1	-94.641	-108.469	1649	4.1022	6.0574	9.7024	α 90.667 β 95.781 γ 108.099	N1-H1-O7	Dimer	R2,2(8)		
DE57	C2/c	-94.635	-108.271	1632	4.1434	11.1736	18.8757	α 90.413	N1-H1-O7	Dimer	R2,2(8)		
CC73	Pbca	-94.465	-109.608	1623	6.7515	7.0385	18.4769		N1-H1-O7	Ribbon	C1(4)		
DA50	Cc	-94.039	-105.526	1624	6.2062	6.8664	10.8491	α 90.272	N1-H1-O8	Chain	C1(6)		
FA77	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-93.94	-109.840	1675	6.0445	6.3893	12.9363	γ 116.179	N1-H1-O8 N1-H1-O7	Infinite ribbon of dimers	C1(6)	R2,2(8)	R4,4(20)
DE15	C2/c	-93.866	-107.687	1622	6.4229	10.4228	13.8319	α 91.097	N1-H1-O3 N1-H1-O7	Jagged sheet	C1(4)	R2,2(8)	C2,2(8)
AS50	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	-93.736	-108.796	1671	5.2702	6.8377	12.4706		N1-H1-O8	Chain	C1(6)		
AK37	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-93.428	-107.728	1736	3.6482	10.5014	12.1584	α 111.753	N1-H1-O8 N1-H1-O7	Jagged sheet	C1(6)	R2,2(8)	C2,2(10)
DE72	C2/c	-93.176	-106.436	1684	6.5729	11.2661	12.9062	α 111.014	N1-H1-O8 N1-H1-O7	Infinite ribbon of dimers	C1(6)	R2,2(8)	R4,4(20)
A149	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-93.123	-108.379	1656	7.0279	7.4923	8.7912	β 101.619	N1-H1-O3	Chain	C1(4)		
AZ28	P2 <sub>1</sub> ,2 <sub>1</sub>	-92.918	-107.594	1646	4.7738	5.0962	18.7557		N1-H1-O7	Ribbon	C1(4)		
CB100	Pbca	-92.774	-107.544	1625	6.5718	7.6646	18.3564		N1-H1-O7	Dimer	R2,2(8)		
AG6	Pc	-92.771	-108.412	1672	3.7711	6.0927	9.999	α 102.075	N1-H1-O8	Chain	C1(6)		
CC104	Pbca	-92.728	-109.226	1662	7.4677	10.1023	11.983		N1-H1-O3	Chain	C1(4)		
AF64	P2 <sub>1</sub>	-92.704	-106.751	1665	4.7857	5.1496	9.1572	β 91.900	N1-H1-O7	Dimer	C1(4)		
DA38	Cc	-92.697	-104.727	0.829	7.4979	7.6717	8.0241	α 100.990	N1-H1-O3	Chain	C1(4)		
AQ3	P2 <sub>1</sub> ,2 <sub>1</sub>	-92.574	-106.959	1687	3.765	9.3707	12.6187		N1-H1-O8	Chain	C1(6)		
CB25	Pbca	-92.543	-107.544	1659	7.3029	8.5272	14.5389		N1-H1-O3 N1-H1-O7	Jagged sheet	C1(4)	R2,2(8)	C2,2(8)
AM68	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-92.538	-106.787	1642	5.093	7.9532	11.3078	β 93.218	N1-H1-O7	Dimer	R2,2(8)		
AM36	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-92.482	-107.646	1623	4.0231	9.9288	11.6296	γ 95.201	N1-H1-O8	Chain	C1(6)		
A146	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-92.46	-108.823	1621	6.6323	6.9842	10.1214	β 98.720	N1-H1-O7	Ribbon	C1(4)		
AH13	P2 <sub>1</sub>	-92.419	-108.280	1654	4.3576	5.2876	10.0234	γ 100.634	N1-H1-O3	Chain	C1(4)		
DE92	C2/c	-92.361	-106.009	1732	3.6143	12.8024	19.0077	α 99.464	N1-H1-O8 N1-H1-O7	Jagged sheet	C1(6)	R2,2(8)	C2,2(10)
A172	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-92.259	-107.411	168	3.7297	9.8077	12.4723	α 101.490	N1-H1-O7	Dimer	R2,2(8)		
AU81	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	-92.223	-108.770	1645	6.036	7.5053	10.0767		N1-H1-O3	Chain	C1(4)		

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Table 2. The crystal structures of 5-hydroxyuracil<sup>a</sup> found within 7 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> of the global minimum in the lattice energy, generated by the MOLPAK/DMAREL search. The experimental crystal structure (ExptMinOpt) is also shown for comparison. The structures, denoted by the MOLPAK code, are available in shexl format from the authors.

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					a/Å	b/Å	c/Å	Angles/°		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
AM64	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-120.427	-133.223	1.829	3.4572	10.5288	12.881	β 97.18	N1-H1-O9 O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7	Sheets	S1,1(5)	R2,2(10)	C1,1(5)
AM10	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-118.632	-133.026	1.831	3.3806	10.0209	13.9051	γ 99.41	N1-H1-O9 O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7	3D	S1,1(5)	R2,2(10)	R2,2(10)
<b>ExptMinOpt</b>	<b>P-1</b>	<b>-117.323</b>	<b>-127.364</b>	<b>1.831</b>	<b>6.151</b>	<b>6.371</b>	<b>7.232</b>	<b>α 66.78</b> <b>β 80.05</b> <b>γ 63.12</b>	<b>O9-H9-O8</b> <b>N3-H3-O7</b> <b>N1-H1-O7</b>	<b>Sheets</b>	<b>S1,1(5)</b>	<b>R2,2(10)</b>	<b>R2,2(8)</b>
AB90	P-1	-117.339	-127.092	1.831	6.1514	6.3701	7.2316	α 66.80 β 80.07 γ 63.13	O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7 N1-H1-O7	Sheets	S1,1(5)	R2,2(10)	R2,2(8)
AM39	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-116.382	-128.11	1.76	5.7353	7.8482	10.8837	γ 99.42	N1-H1-O9 O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7	Sheets	S1,1(5)	R2,2(10)	C1,1(5)
CD97	Pbca	-115.058	-129.455	1.721	6.057	10.8504	15.0413		N1-H1-O9 O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7	Sheets	S1,1(5)	R2,2(10)	C1,1(5)
CA76	P-1	-114.415	-125.184	1.775	5.1982	6.0124	7.8866	α 82.26 β 89.59 γ 78.98	O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7 N1-H1-O7	Sheets	S1,1(5)	R2,2(10)	R2,2(8)
FC6	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-113.734	-124.631	1.764	5.4293	7.2586	12.4002	β 99.20	O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7 N1-H1-O7	Sheets	S1,1(5)	R2,2(10)	C1,1(4)
AM98	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-113.344	-125.397	1.741	5.1852	7.8563	12.0026	β 91.774	N3-H3-O7 N1-H1-O8 O9-H9-O7	3D	S1,1(5)	C1,1(7)	C1,1(6)
AK1	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-113.301	-125.875	1.765	5.3006	7.5281	12.3354	α 107.72	O9-H9-O8 N3-H3-O7 N1-H1-O7	3D	S1,1(5)	C1,1(5)	C1,1(4)

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