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**The low-/room-temperature forms of the lithiated salt of  
3,6-dihydroxy-2,5-dimethoxy-p-benzoquinone: a combined  
experimental and dispersion-corrected density functional study**

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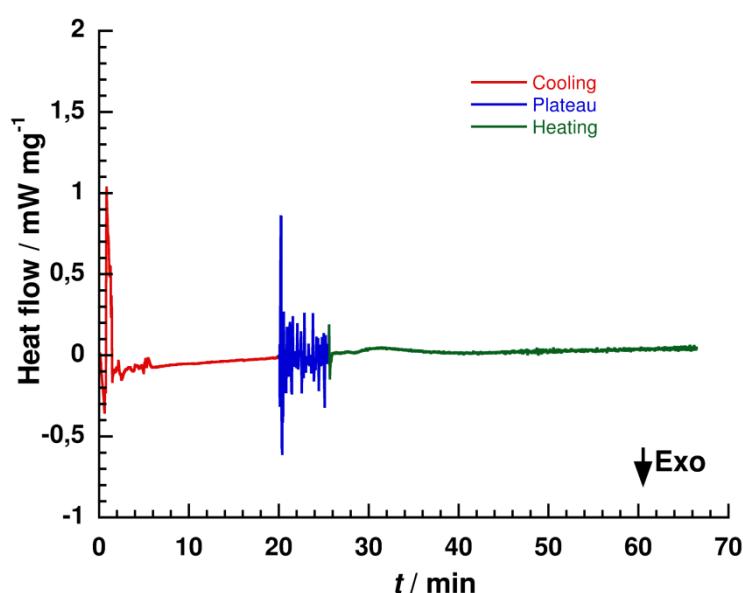
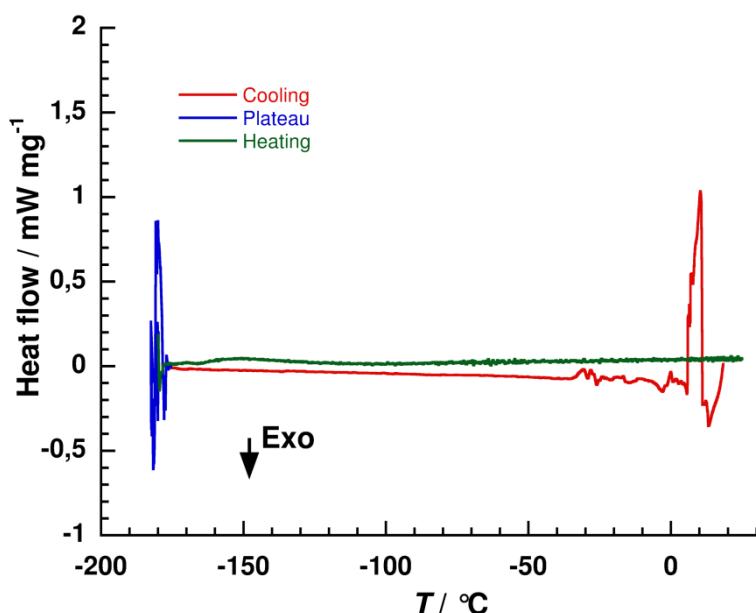
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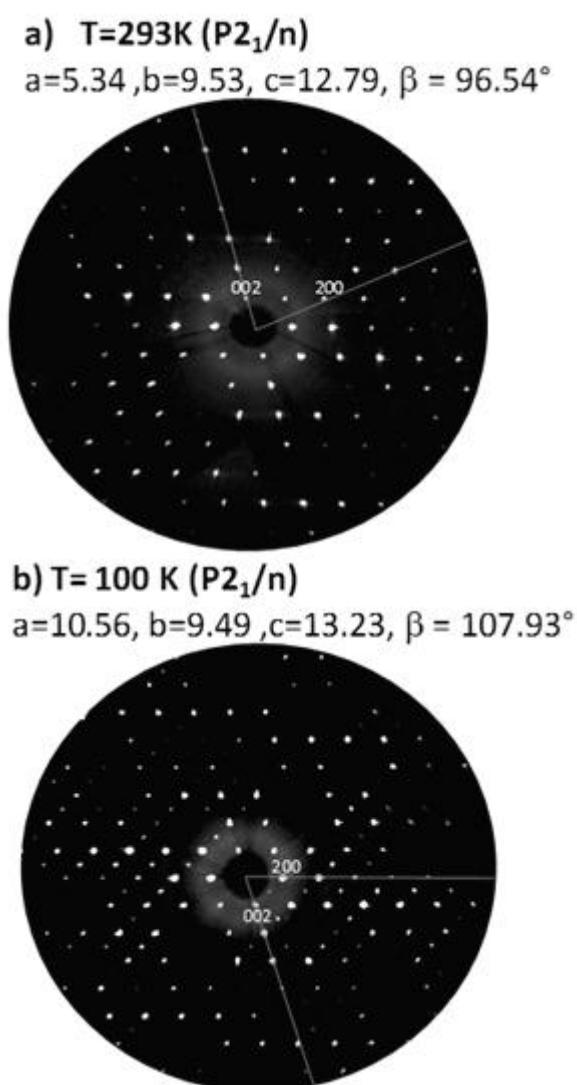
## 1. Thermal analysis



**Fig. S1.** DSC analysis measurement showing no thermal event upon cooling and heating, as well as during the plateau at 93 K.

The sample was cooled down to 93 K and kept at that temperature for 5 min to stabilize the base measurement, and then was heated up to 25°C at 5 K.min⁻¹. Upon one cooling-heating cycle (RT - 93 K) with a plateau at 93 K for several minutes to stabilize, no specific thermal event occurred, *i.e.* no phase transition is expected. The first peaks at the beginning of the experiment are due to thermal resistance of the furnace and other peaks emerging at the beginning and at the end of the plateau can be ascribed to an artifact from the apparatus relative to rate and temperature changes.

## 2. X-ray crystallographic data



**Fig. S2.** The (h0l) layer precession frame calculated from single crystal data collection at room temperature (a) and 100 K (b). The supercell spots are evidenced in the latter. The blue lines indicate  $a^*$  and  $c^*$  directions.

## 3. Computational details

In the VASP calculations based on a plane wave basis set, we employed projector augmented-wave pseudopotentials (PAW)<sup>1</sup> in which the semi-core states are treated as valence. An energy cut-off of 520 eV was applied. The Brillouin zone sampling was performed using the Monkhorst-Pack scheme<sup>2</sup> with a k-points grid of 4x2x2. The structure was fully relaxed with the threshold of  $10^{-5}$  eV for energy convergence and  $10^{-3}$  eV/Å for residual forces. In order to take into account dispersion forces, we have employed a semi-empirical method developed by Grimme<sup>3</sup> that includes the long-range contributions via damped pairwise  $f_{\text{dmp}}(R)C_6R^{-6}$  terms at a negligible cost compared to standard

DFT calculations (see <sup>4,5</sup>). The damping function  $f_{dmp}(R)$  must be used to avoid near-singularities for small R values and double-counting effects of correlation at intermediate distance:

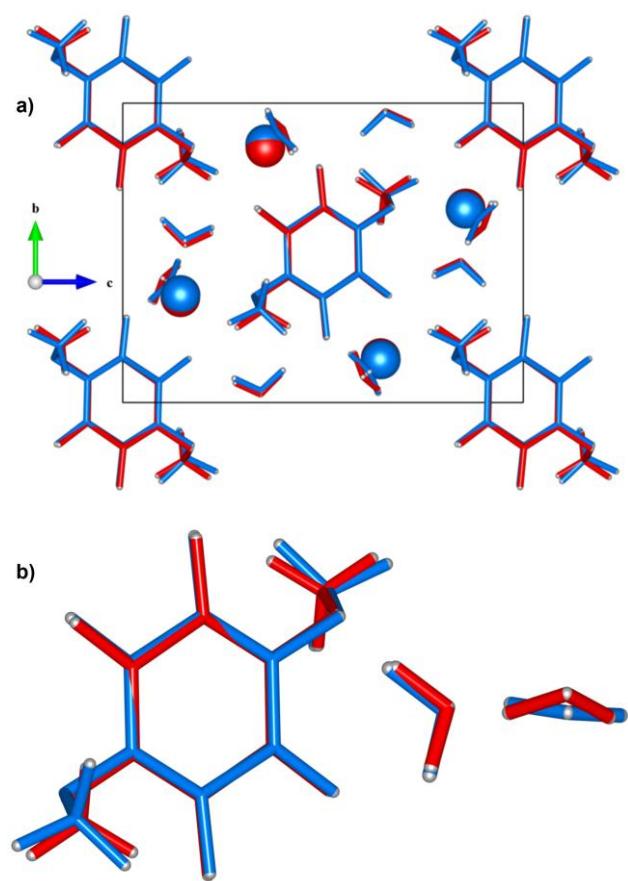
$$f_{dmp}(R) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-d(R/R_r - 1)}} \text{ where } R_r \text{ is the sum of atomic vdW radii, } R_{vdW}. \quad (1)$$

Such dispersion corrections are introduced as:

$$E_{disp} = -s_6 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N \sum_g \frac{C_6^{ij}}{R_{ij,g}^6} f_{dmp}(R_{ij,g}) \quad (2)$$

where the energy is the summation over all atom pairs and  $g$  lattice vectors,  $N$  is the number of atoms,  $s_6$  is a functional-dependent global scaling factor,  $C_6^{ij}$  is the dispersion coefficient of atom pair  $ij$ , and  $R_{ij,g}$  is the inter-nuclear separation of the atom pair. This treatment applied to the PBE functional and thus labeled PBE-D has gained popularity, providing an improved description of molecular systems. However, Civalleri *et al.*<sup>6,7</sup> demonstrated the need to adjust the parameterization (from PBE-D to PBE-D\*) for the application of the method to crystalline solids. For PBE-D\* parameterization<sup>6</sup>,  $R_r$  is multiplied by 1.3 for H and by 1.05 for the other atoms. In previous works,<sup>4,5</sup> we observed a better agreement between optimized geometry using this method and experimental structures of lithiated organic crystals, although no complete transferability of the modified set was reached. In addition to the vdW radii modification, the  $s_6$  value should also be adjusted in some cases.<sup>4</sup> Especially, for the study of the  $\beta$ -phase, we performed a screening of the  $s_6$  parameter within the range: 0.75 - 0.52. Within this set, the method labeled corr-PBE-D\*\_0.52, corresponding to the  $s_6$  value 0.52 (instead of 0.75 used for PBE-D/PBE-D\*) and to the concomitant vdW radii modification of PBE-D\* was identified as the most optimized treatment for this phase. In the present study, we tried to see if a further decrease of the  $s_6$  value for this phase at RT could improve its geometry optimization. An improvement was indeed found for the  $s_6$  value of 0.36 concerning the  $\beta$ -form, therefore leading us to consider the corr-PBE-D\*\_0.36 method. On the other hand for the treatment of the  $\alpha$ -phase, the  $s_6 = 0.52$  value (corresponding to the corr-PBE-D\*\_0.52 calculations) was clearly identified as providing the best agreement among the various tested methods.

The all-electron code CRYSTAL09,<sup>8,9</sup> relying on first principles DFT-LCAO instead of using plane waves was also employed by taking the hybrid functional B3PW91<sup>10</sup> with the 6-31G(d,p) Gaussian-type basis set<sup>11-13</sup> within the DFT-D treatment of Grimme. The SCF convergence threshold on the total energy was fixed at  $10^{-12}$  Ha and the optimization convergence criterion on the RMS of the displacement at  $10^{-3}$  eV/Å. Truncation criteria for bielectronic integrals (Coulomb and HF exchange series) were set to  $10^{-7}$ ,  $10^{-7}$ ,  $10^{-7}$ ,  $10^{-7}$  and  $10^{-14}$  Hartree. 104101 and 207621 total grid points were used for the  $\beta$ - and  $\alpha$ -polymorph structures, respectively. A pruned (55,434) integration grid was used for the radial and angular distribution of grid points.



**Fig. S3.** a) Overlay of the  $\beta$ -phase for the structure at RT (red) and the minimized structure by using the corr-B3PW91-D\*<sub>0.36</sub> method (blue) viewed down the  $a$  axis. b) Zoom in the overlay of the  $\text{Li}_2\text{DHDMQ}^{2-}$  anion and water molecules.

**Table S1.** Theoretically and experimentally determined intramolecular bond distances for the polymorphic  $\alpha$ -form.

	EXP	Theoretical calculation		
	100K	PBE-D*	corr-PBE-D*_0.52	corr-B3PW91-D*_0.52
<b><i>d(C-C)</i></b>				
<i>d(C<sub>1a</sub>-C<sub>2a</sub>)</i>	1.387(1)	1.401	1.399	1.396
<i>d(C<sub>2a</sub>-C<sub>3a</sub>)</i>	1.411(1)	1.414	1.412	1.412
<i>d(C<sub>3a</sub>-C<sub>1a</sub>)</i>	1.533(1)	1.533	1.535	1.532
<i>d(C<sub>1b</sub>-C<sub>2b</sub>)</i>	1.402(1)	1.411	1.413	1.408
<i>d(C<sub>2b</sub>-C<sub>3b</sub>)</i>	1.394(1)	1.402	1.405	1.399
<i>d(C<sub>3b</sub>-C<sub>1b</sub>)</i>	1.537(1)	1.534	1.532	1.533
<b>&lt;<i>d(C-C)</i>&gt;</b>	<b>1.444</b>	<b>1.449</b>	<b>1.449</b>	<b>1.447</b>
<b>&lt;<i>d(C-C)</i> except (C3-C1) &gt;</b>	<b>1.399</b>	<b>1.407</b>	<b>1.407</b>	<b>1.404</b>
<b>&lt;<i>d(C3-C1)</i>&gt;</b>	<b>1.535</b>	<b>1.534</b>	<b>1.534</b>	<b>1.533</b>
<b><i>d(C-O)</i></b>				
<i>d(C<sub>4a</sub>-O<sub>2a</sub>)</i>	1.436(1)	1.448	1.446	1.431
<i>d(C<sub>1a</sub>-O<sub>1a</sub>)</i>	1.271(1)	1.279	1.281	1.268
<i>d(C<sub>2a</sub>-O<sub>2a</sub>)</i>	1.392(1)	1.388	1.392	1.378
<i>d(C<sub>3a</sub>-O<sub>3a</sub>)</i>	1.252(1)	1.265	1.267	1.253
<i>d(C<sub>4b</sub>-O<sub>2b</sub>)</i>	1.440(1)	1.448	1.451	1.453
<i>d(C<sub>1b</sub>-O<sub>1b</sub>)</i>	1.257(1)	1.267	1.266	1.255
<i>d(C<sub>2b</sub>-O<sub>2b</sub>)</i>	1.393(1)	1.391	1.388	1.381
<i>d(C<sub>3b</sub>-O<sub>3b</sub>)</i>	1.263(1)	1.275	1.273	1.262
<b>&lt;<i>d(C-O)</i>&gt;</b>	<b>1.338</b>	<b>1.345</b>	<b>1.346</b>	<b>1.335</b>
<b>&lt;<i>d(delocalized C-O)</i>&gt;</b>	<b>1.261</b>	<b>1.272</b>	<b>1.272</b>	<b>1.260</b>
<b>RMSD C-C , C-O</b>	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.007
<b><i>d(C-H)</i></b>				
<i>d(C<sub>4a</sub>-H<sub>1a</sub>)</i>	0.99(1)	1.099	1.099	1.090
<i>d(C<sub>4a</sub>-H<sub>2a</sub>)</i>	0.96(1)	1.097	1.097	1.092
<i>d(C<sub>4a</sub>-H<sub>3a</sub>)</i>	0.98(1)	1.096	1.096	1.094
<i>d(C<sub>4b</sub>-H<sub>1b</sub>)</i>	0.99(1)	1.099	1.099	1.094
<i>d(C<sub>4b</sub>-H<sub>2b</sub>)</i>	0.97(1)	1.099	1.099	1.093
<i>d(C<sub>4b</sub>-H<sub>3b</sub>)</i>	0.96(2)	1.096	1.095	1.090
<b>&lt;<i>d(C-H)</i>&gt;</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1.098</b>	<b>1.098</b>	<b>1.092</b>
<b><i>d(O-H)</i></b>				
<i>d(O<sub>W1</sub>-H<sub>W1a</sub>)</i>	0.85(1)	0.999	0.998	0.986
<i>d(O<sub>W1</sub>-H<sub>W1b</sub>)</i>	0.84(1)	0.996	0.998	0.989
<i>d(O<sub>W2</sub>-H<sub>W2a</sub>)</i>	0.80(1)	0.989	0.99	0.978
<i>d(O<sub>W2</sub>-H<sub>W2b</sub>)</i>	0.80(1)	0.992	0.992	0.980
<i>d(O<sub>W3</sub>-H<sub>W3a</sub>)</i>	0.83(1)	0.993	0.995	0.981
<i>d(O<sub>W3</sub>-H<sub>W3b</sub>)</i>	0.86(2)	1.007	1.005	0.993
<i>d(O<sub>W4</sub>-H<sub>W4a</sub>)</i>	0.80(1)	1.009	1.009	0.991
<b>&lt;<i>d(O-H)</i>&gt;</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.996</b>	<b>0.997</b>	<b>0.984</b>

**Table S2.** Experimental and optimized lattice parameters,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $\beta$ , unit cell volume  $V$ , and inter-plane distance,  $d$ . Numbers between brackets correspond to instrumental error for experimental results and discrepancies with the experiment for theoretical data.

		$a$ (Å)	$b$ (Å)	$c$ (Å)	$\beta$ (°)	$V/Z$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	$d$ (Å)
<b>β-phase</b>	Exp.	5.3318(5)	9.5162(9)	12.781(1)	96.493(1)	322.2(1)	4.66
	PBE-D*	5.1390 (-3.6%)	9.5921 (+0.7%)	12.7964 (+0.2%)	96.739 (+0.3%)	313.215 (-1.4%)	4.54 (-2.1%)
	corr-PBE-D*_0.36	5.1882 (-2.7%)	9.6447 (+1.4%)	13.0143 (+1.8%)	98.296 (+1.9%)	322.2 (+0.0%)	4.66 (+0.0%)
	corr-PBE-D*_0.52	5.1561 (-3.2%)	9.6096 (+0.9%)	12.9829 (+1.6%)	97.866 (+1.4%)	318.6 (-0.6%)	4.62 (-0.9%)
	corr-B3PW91-D*_0.36	5.1825 (-2.8%)	9.5773 (+0.6%)	13.0395 (+2.02%)	98.219 (+1.78%)	320.28 (-0.3%)	4.71 (+1.1%)
<b>α-phase</b>	Exp.	10.5610(8)	9.4941(7)	13.2344(8)	107.394(3)	316.6(1)	4.61
	PBE-D*	10.4202 (-1.3%)	9.6085 (+1.3%)	13.0551 (-1.3%)	107.335 (-0.1%)	311.94 (-1.5%)	4.52 (-2.0%)
	corr-PBE-D*_0.52	10.4847 (-0.75%)	9.6295 (+1.5%)	13.0958 (-1.0%)	106.527 (-0.8%)	316.89 (-0.0%)	4.59 (-0.4%)
	B3PW91-D*_0.52	10.4836 (-0.7%)	9.4490 (-0.5%)	13.2521 (+0.13%)	106.616 (-0.7%)	314.48 (-0.7%)	4.65 (+0.9%)

**Table S3.** AIM analysis a) of the  $\alpha$ -phase (at the corr-B3PW91-D\*<sub>0.52</sub> level of theory); b) of the  $\beta$ -phase (at the corr-B3PW91-D\*<sub>0.36</sub> level of theory). Calculated interatomic distance,  $R_{A-B}$ , electron density at BCP,  $\rho(r_C)$ , Laplacian of electron density at BCP,  $\nabla^2\rho(r_C)$ , Eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  of hessian of electron density,  $|\lambda_1|/\lambda_3$  ratio and Bond Ellipticity,  $\varepsilon$ .

a)

	$R_{A-B}$ (Å)	$\rho(r_C)$ (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> )	$\nabla^2\rho(r_C)$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$\lambda_1$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$\lambda_2$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$\lambda_3$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$ \lambda_1 /\lambda_3$	$\varepsilon$
<b>C-C</b>								
<b>C<sub>3a</sub>-C<sub>2a</sub></b>	1.412	2.085	-20.509	-16.098	-12.434	8.024	2.006	0.29
<b>C<sub>3a</sub>-C<sub>1a</sub></b>	1.532	1.714	-14.820	-12.409	-11.470	9.060	1.370	0.08
<b>C<sub>2a</sub>-C<sub>1a</sub></b>	1.396	2.139	-21.401	-16.652	-12.484	7.760	2.146	0.33
<b>C<sub>3b</sub>-C<sub>2b</sub></b>	1.399	2.126	-21.159	-16.509	-12.434	7.806	2.114	0.33
<b>C<sub>3b</sub>-C<sub>1b</sub></b>	1.533	1.714	-14.820	-12.409	-11.470	9.060	1.370	0.08
<b>C<sub>2b</sub>-C<sub>1b</sub></b>	1.408	2.099	-20.651	-16.195	-12.388	7.928	2.043	0.31
<b>C-O</b>								
<b>C<sub>3a</sub>-O<sub>3a</sub></b>	1.253	2.490	2.193	-21.305	-21.255	44.753	0.476	0.00
<b>C<sub>2a</sub>-O<sub>2a</sub></b>	1.378	1.869	-7.785	-12.820	-12.170	17.205	0.745	0.06
<b>C<sub>1a</sub>-O<sub>1a</sub></b>	1.268	2.423	-1.132	-20.341	-20.123	39.328	0.517	0.01
<b>C<sub>4a</sub>-O<sub>2a</sub></b>	1.431	1.653	-8.988	-10.170	-9.928	11.085	0.917	0.02
<b>C<sub>3b</sub>-O<sub>3b</sub></b>	1.262	2.443	0.386	-20.605	-20.555	41.546	0.496	0.00
<b>C<sub>2b</sub>-O<sub>2b</sub></b>	1.381	1.856	-7.135	-12.602	-11.856	17.327	0.727	0.06
<b>C<sub>1b</sub>-O<sub>1b</sub></b>	1.255	2.477	1.686	-21.112	-20.966	43.763	0.482	0.01
<b>C<sub>4b</sub>-O<sub>2b</sub></b>	1.433	1.647	-9.060	-10.120	-9.810	10.845	0.933	0.03
<b>C-H</b>								
<b>C<sub>4a</sub>-H<sub>1a</sub></b>	1.090	1.937	-25.351	-18.916	-18.073	11.638	1.625	0.05
<b>C<sub>4a</sub>-H<sub>2a</sub></b>	1.092	1.930	-24.990	-18.773	-17.905	11.663	1.610	0.05
<b>C<sub>4a</sub>-H<sub>3a</sub></b>	1.090	1.917	-24.605	-18.555	-17.712	11.663	1.591	0.05
<b>C<sub>4b</sub>-H<sub>1b</sub></b>	1.094	1.923	-24.630	-18.580	-17.712	11.663	1.593	0.05
<b>C<sub>4b</sub>-H<sub>2b</sub></b>	1.093	1.930	-25.137	-18.798	-17.977	11.617	1.618	0.05
<b>C<sub>4b</sub>-H<sub>3b</sub></b>	1.090	1.937	-25.351	-18.895	-18.052	11.617	1.627	0.05
<b>O-H</b>								
<b>O<sub>W1</sub>-H<sub>W1a</sub></b>	0.989	2.234	-46.295	-41.956	-41.185	36.846	1.139	0.02
<b>O<sub>W1</sub>-H<sub>W1b</sub></b>	0.986	2.261	-47.138	-42.464	-41.692	37.014	1.147	0.02
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>-H<sub>W2a</sub></b>	0.981	2.301	-48.366	-43.331	-42.439	37.378	1.159	0.02
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>-H<sub>W2b</sub></b>	0.978	2.321	-48.366	-43.378	-42.439	37.475	1.158	0.02
<b>O<sub>W3</sub>-H<sub>W3a</sub></b>	0.993	2.193	-45.449	-41.424	-40.678	36.653	1.130	0.02
<b>O<sub>W3</sub>-H<sub>W3b</sub></b>	0.981	2.294	-48.270	-43.160	-42.389	37.282	1.158	0.02
<b>O<sub>W4</sub>-H<sub>W4a</sub></b>	0.991	2.234	-46.295	-41.810	-41.039	36.557	1.144	0.02
<b>O<sub>W4</sub>-H<sub>W4b</sub></b>	0.976	2.348	-49.281	-43.860	-43.017	37.593	1.167	0.02
<b>O-H-C<sup>methyl</sup></b>								
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>...H<sub>2b</sub>-C<sub>4b</sub> (HB1)</b>	2.730	0.040	0.482	-0.121	-0.096	0.721	0.167	0.21
<b>O<sub>3a</sub>...H<sub>3b</sub>-C<sub>4b</sub> (HB2)</b>	2.524	0.061	0.843	-0.193	-0.168	1.203	0.160	0.16
<b>O<sub>3b</sub>...H<sub>1a</sub>-C<sub>4a</sub> (HB3)</b>	2.712	0.047	0.650	-0.121	-0.071	0.843	0.143	0.55
<b>O<sub>W4</sub>...H<sub>2a</sub>-C<sub>4a</sub> (HB4)</b>	2.801	0.034	0.507	-0.096	-0.046	0.650	0.148	1.06
<b>O<sub>W3</sub>...H<sub>3b</sub>-C<sub>4b</sub> (HB5)</b>	2.985	0.027	0.386	-0.071	-0.046	0.507	0.143	0.23
<b>O<sub>W4</sub>...H<sub>2b</sub>-C<sub>4b</sub> (HB6)</b>	2.978	0.027	0.361	-0.071	-0.025	0.457	0.158	1.33
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>...H<sub>2a</sub>-C<sub>4a</sub> (HB7)</b>	2.885	0.027	0.386	-0.071	-0.071	0.554	0.130	0.26
<b>O-H-C<sup>carbonyl</sup></b>								
<b>O<sub>W3</sub>-H<sub>W3b</sub>...C<sub>1a</sub> (HB8)</b>	2.642	0.223	2.289	-1.132	-1.107	4.532	0.250	0.04

<b>O<sub>W4</sub>-H<sub>W4b</sub>...C<sub>1a</sub> (HB9)</b>	2.662	0.196	2.096	-0.939	-0.893	3.953	0.238	0.05
<b>C-H...C</b>								
<b>C<sub>4b</sub>-H<sub>1b</sub>...C<sub>2a</sub> (HB10)</b>	2.788	0.047	0.507	-0.143	-0.096	0.771	0.188	0.49
<b>C<sub>4a</sub>-H<sub>3a</sub>...C<sub>2b</sub> (HB11)</b>	2.838	0.047	0.507	-0.143	-0.071	0.700	0.207	0.98
<b>O...H-O</b>								
<b>O<sub>1a</sub>...H<sub>W3b</sub>-O<sub>W3'</sub> (HB11)</b>	1.827	0.223	2.289	-1.132	-1.107	4.532	0.250	0.04
<b>O<sub>1a</sub>...H<sub>W4b</sub>-O<sub>W4'</sub> (HB12)</b>	1.871	0.196	2.096	-0.939	-0.893	3.953	0.238	0.05
<b>O<sub>3a</sub>...H<sub>W1a</sub>-O<sub>W1</sub> (HB13)</b>	1.707	0.290	3.132	-1.711	-1.686	6.531	0.262	0.03
<b>O<sub>W3</sub>...H<sub>W4a</sub>-O<sub>W4</sub> (HB14)</b>	1.732	0.283	3.060	-1.614	-1.543	6.192	0.261	0.05
<b>O<sub>W1</sub>...H<sub>W2a</sub>-O<sub>W2</sub> (HB15)</b>	1.797	0.236	2.532	-1.278	-1.203	5.035	0.254	0.06
<b>O<sub>W4</sub>...H<sub>W2b</sub>-O<sub>W2</sub> (HB16)</b>	1.812	0.243	2.435	-1.253	-1.228	4.939	0.254	0.02
<b>O<sub>3b</sub>...H<sub>W3a</sub>-O<sub>W2</sub> (HB17)</b>	1.673	0.317	3.350	-1.928	-1.878	7.156	0.269	0.02
<b>Li...O</b>								
<b>Li<sub>2</sub>...O<sub>1a</sub></b>	2.228	0.094	2.000	-0.457	-0.361	2.796	0.164	0.27
<b>Li<sub>2</sub>...O<sub>3a</sub></b>	2.067	0.135	3.157	-0.746	-0.721	4.628	0.161	0.03
<b>Li<sub>2</sub>...O<sub>W3</sub></b>	2.086	0.135	3.035	-0.771	-0.746	4.532	0.170	0.04
<b>Li<sub>1</sub>...O<sub>1b</sub></b>	2.054	0.142	3.350	-0.796	-0.721	4.867	0.163	0.09
<b>Li<sub>1</sub>...O<sub>W1</sub></b>	1.986	0.175	4.192	-1.086	-1.036	6.289	0.172	0.04
<b>Li<sub>1</sub>...O<sub>W4</sub></b>	2.000	0.155	3.975	-0.939	-0.893	5.807	0.162	0.04
<b>Li<sub>1</sub>...O<sub>3b</sub></b>	2.020	0.155	3.735	-0.893	-0.843	5.471	0.163	0.04
<b>Li<sub>2</sub>...O<sub>W2</sub></b>	1.921	0.189	5.110	-1.253	-1.132	7.496	0.167	0.09
<b>Li<sub>2</sub>...O<sub>2b</sub></b>	2.227	0.081	1.903	-0.432	-0.361	2.725	0.159	0.23
<b>Li...C</b>								
<b>Li<sub>2</sub>...C<sub>3a</sub></b>	2.894	0.135	3.157	-0.746	-0.721	4.628	0.161	0.03
<b>Li<sub>1</sub>...C<sub>3b</sub></b>	2.800	0.155	3.735	-0.893	-0.843	5.471	0.163	0.04
<b>O...O</b>								
<b>O<sub>3a</sub>...O<sub>2b</sub></b>	2.837	0.074	0.914	-0.218	-0.168	1.300	0.167	0.18
<b>O<sub>W3</sub>...O<sub>3b</sub></b>	2.666	0.317	3.350	-1.928	-1.878	7.156	0.269	0.02
<b>O<sub>W3</sub>...O<sub>2b</sub></b>	2.957	0.067	0.818	-0.193	-0.143	1.182	0.163	0.44
<b>O<sub>1b</sub>...O<sub>W1</sub></b>	2.700	0.270	2.939	-1.518	-1.471	5.953	0.255	0.03
<b>O<sub>2a</sub>...O<sub>W1</sub></b>	2.878	0.074	1.011	-0.218	-0.143	1.375	0.158	0.62
<b>O<sub>3b</sub>...O<sub>2a</sub></b>	2.912	0.061	0.796	-0.193	-0.143	1.132	0.170	0.21
<b>H...H</b>								
<b>H<sub>2a</sub>...H<sub>W4b</sub></b>	2.358	0.034	0.507	-0.096	-0.046	0.650	0.148	1.06

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	R <sub>A-B</sub> (Å)	$\rho(r_c)$ (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> )	$\nabla^2\rho(r_c)$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$\lambda_1$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$\lambda_2$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$\lambda_3$ (e.Å <sup>-5</sup> )	$ \lambda_1 /\lambda_3$	$\epsilon$
<b>C-C</b>								
<b>C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub></b>	1.398	2.126	-21.282	-16.587	-12.467	7.772	2.134	0.33
<b>C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub></b>	1.410	2.081	-20.580	-16.142	-12.428	7.990	2.020	0.30
<b>C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>1</sub></b>	1.534	1.703	-14.736	-12.359	-11.424	9.047	1.366	0.08
<b>C-O</b>								
<b>C<sub>1</sub>-O<sub>1</sub></b>	1.267	2.414	-0.753	-20.362	-20.199	39.806	0.512	0.01
<b>C<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub></b>	1.378	1.864	-7.774	-12.877	-12.178	17.281	0.745	0.06
<b>C<sub>3</sub>-O<sub>3</sub></b>	1.255	2.474	1.803	-21.214	-21.121	44.137	0.481	0.00
<b>C<sub>4</sub>-O<sub>2</sub></b>	1.430	1.645	-8.963	-10.143	-9.959	11.139	0.911	0.02
<b>C-H</b>								
<b>C<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>4a</sub></b>	1.089	1.942	-25.793	-19.136	-18.305	11.648	1.643	0.05

<b>C<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>4b</sub></b>	1.093	1.912	-24.626	-18.577	-17.714	11.665	1.593	0.05
<b>C<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>4c</sub></b>	1.094	1.910	-24.557	-18.537	-17.659	11.639	1.593	0.05
<b>O-H</b>								
<b>O<sub>W1</sub>-H<sub>1a</sub></b>	0.989	2.220	-46.467	-42.043	-41.264	36.842	1.141	0.02
<b>O<sub>W1</sub>-H<sub>1b</sub></b>	0.982	2.272	-47.947	-42.973	-42.199	37.225	1.154	0.02
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>-H<sub>2a</sub></b>	0.980	2.291	-48.701	-43.648	-42.672	37.618	1.160	0.02
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>-H<sub>2b'</sub></b>	0.971	2.383	-49.672	-44.127	-43.113	37.568	1.175	0.02
<b>O...H-C<sup>methyl</sup></b>								
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>...H<sub>4a</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> (HB1)</b>	2.707	0.044	0.578	-0.136	-0.127	0.842	0.162	0.07
<b>O<sub>W2</sub>...H<sub>4c</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> (HB2)</b>	3.219	0.015	0.228	-0.036	-0.017	0.281	0.128	0.02
<b>O...H-O</b>								
<b>O<sub>1</sub>...H<sub>2b'</sub>-O<sub>W2</sub> (HB3)</b>	1.983	0.155	1.633	-0.701	-0.650	2.984	0.235	0.08
<b>O<sub>1</sub>...H<sub>1b</sub>-O<sub>W1</sub> (HB4)</b>	1.787	0.237	2.548	-1.281	-1.234	5.063	0.253	0.04
<b>O<sub>3</sub>...H<sub>1a</sub>-O<sub>W1</sub> (HB5)</b>	1.714	0.283	3.068	-1.666	-1.623	6.357	0.262	0.03
<b>O<sub>W1</sub>...H<sub>2a</sub>-O<sub>W2</sub> (HB6)</b>	1.789	0.247	2.655	-1.335	-1.253	5.243	0.255	0.07
<b>C...H-C</b>								
<b>C<sub>2</sub>...H<sub>4a</sub>-C<sub>4</sub></b>	2.771	0.051	0.523	-0.154	-0.109	0.785	0.196	0.05
<b>Li...O</b>								
<b>Li...O<sub>1</sub></b>	2.156	0.110	2.451	-0.570	-0.487	3.509	0.163	0.17
<b>Li...O<sub>2</sub></b>	2.382	0.054	1.257	-0.260	-0.168	1.684	0.154	0.55
<b>Li...O<sub>3</sub></b>	2.053	0.140	3.319	-0.787	-0.754	4.859	0.162	0.04
<b>Li...O<sub>W1</sub></b>	2.021	0.159	3.728	-0.955	-0.912	5.595	0.171	0.05
<b>Li...O<sub>W2</sub></b>	1.940	0.176	4.747	-1.122	-1.038	6.907	0.162	0.08
<b>Li...C</b>								
<b>Li...C<sub>3</sub></b>	2.860	0.141	3.319	-0.787	-0.754	4.859	0.162	0.04
<b>O...O</b>								
<b>O<sub>2</sub>...O<sub>3</sub></b>	2.913	0.062	0.784	-0.173	-0.149	1.105	0.157	0.17
<b>O<sub>2</sub>...O<sub>W1</sub></b>	2.946	0.068	0.849	-0.195	-0.131	1.175	0.166	0.49
<b>O<sub>1</sub>...O<sub>W1</sub></b>	3.099	0.053	0.648	-0.148	-0.057	0.854	0.173	1.58

**Table S4.** Positions of all hydrogen atoms in the  $\alpha$ -form, determined by X-ray diffraction (red) and by our dispersion corrected density functional computations (blue) within the corr-B3PW91-D\*\_0.52 method.

Atom label	Fractional position		
	x	y	z
H <sub>2</sub> O			
H <sub>W4b</sub>	0.2997	0.6410	0.9384
H <sub>W4b</sub>	0.3053	0.6467	0.9364
H <sub>W4a</sub>	0.2829	0.5350	0.8772
H <sub>W4a</sub>	0.2777	0.5158	0.8688
H <sub>W3a</sub>	0.4621	0.4016	0.8863
H <sub>W3a</sub>	0.4609	0.3914	0.8929
H <sub>W3b</sub>	0.4324	0.4274	0.7823
H <sub>W3b</sub>	0.4266	0.4183	0.7700
H <sub>W2a</sub>	0.7402	0.5350	0.9566
H <sub>W2a</sub>	0.7388	0.5278	0.9686
H <sub>W2b</sub>	0.7825	0.5597	0.8794
H <sub>W2b</sub>	0.7831	0.5417	0.8671
H <sub>W1a</sub>	0.9610	0.4110	0.8928
H <sub>W1a</sub>	0.9657	0.4022	0.8961
H <sub>W1b</sub>	0.9435	0.4307	0.7857
H <sub>W1b</sub>	0.9395	0.4321	0.7749
CH <sub>3</sub>			
H <sub>2b</sub>	0.2922	0.7500	0.5826
H <sub>2b</sub>	0.2932	0.7626	0.5785
H <sub>3b</sub>	0.3128	0.7576	0.707
H <sub>3b</sub>	0.3145	0.7626	0.7173
H <sub>1b</sub>	0.2665	0.6122	0.6437
H <sub>1b</sub>	0.2530	0.6084	0.6409
H <sub>2a</sub>	0.7890	0.7448	0.5966
H <sub>2a</sub>	0.7895	0.7707	0.6002
H <sub>3a</sub>	0.7738	0.6047	0.6526
H <sub>3a</sub>	0.7591	0.5992	0.6454
H <sub>1a</sub>	0.8218	0.7477	0.7207
H <sub>1a</sub>	0.8217	0.7380	0.7367

**Table S5.** Positions of all hydrogen atoms in the  $\beta$ -form, determined by X-ray diffraction (red) and by our dispersion corrected density functional computations (blue) within the corr-B3PW91-D\*\_0.36 method.

Atom label	Fractional position		
	x	y	z
CH <sub>3</sub>			
H <sub>4a</sub>	0.588(4)	0.751(3)	0.2134(19)
H <sub>4a</sub>	0.59916	0.77012	0.23155
H <sub>4b</sub>	0.612(5)	0.897(3)	0.1454(19)
H <sub>4b</sub>	0.62387	0.90652	0.14093
H <sub>4c</sub>	0.514(4)	0.756(3)	0.088(2)
H <sub>4c</sub>	0.50779	0.73748	0.09719
H <sub>2O</sub>			
H <sub>1a</sub>	0.406(4)	0.065(2)	0.2817(18)
H <sub>1a</sub>	0.37713	0.08007	0.27888
H <sub>1b</sub>	0.460(4)	0.093(2)	0.3930(18)
H <sub>1b</sub>	0.43992	0.10704	0.3995
H <sub>2a</sub>	0.328(7)	0.544(4)	0.863(3)
H <sub>2a</sub>	0.28861	0.53516	0.86204
H <sub>2b'</sub>	0.343(13)	0.664(8)	0.921(6)
H <sub>2b'</sub>	0.33502	0.66365	0.93012

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