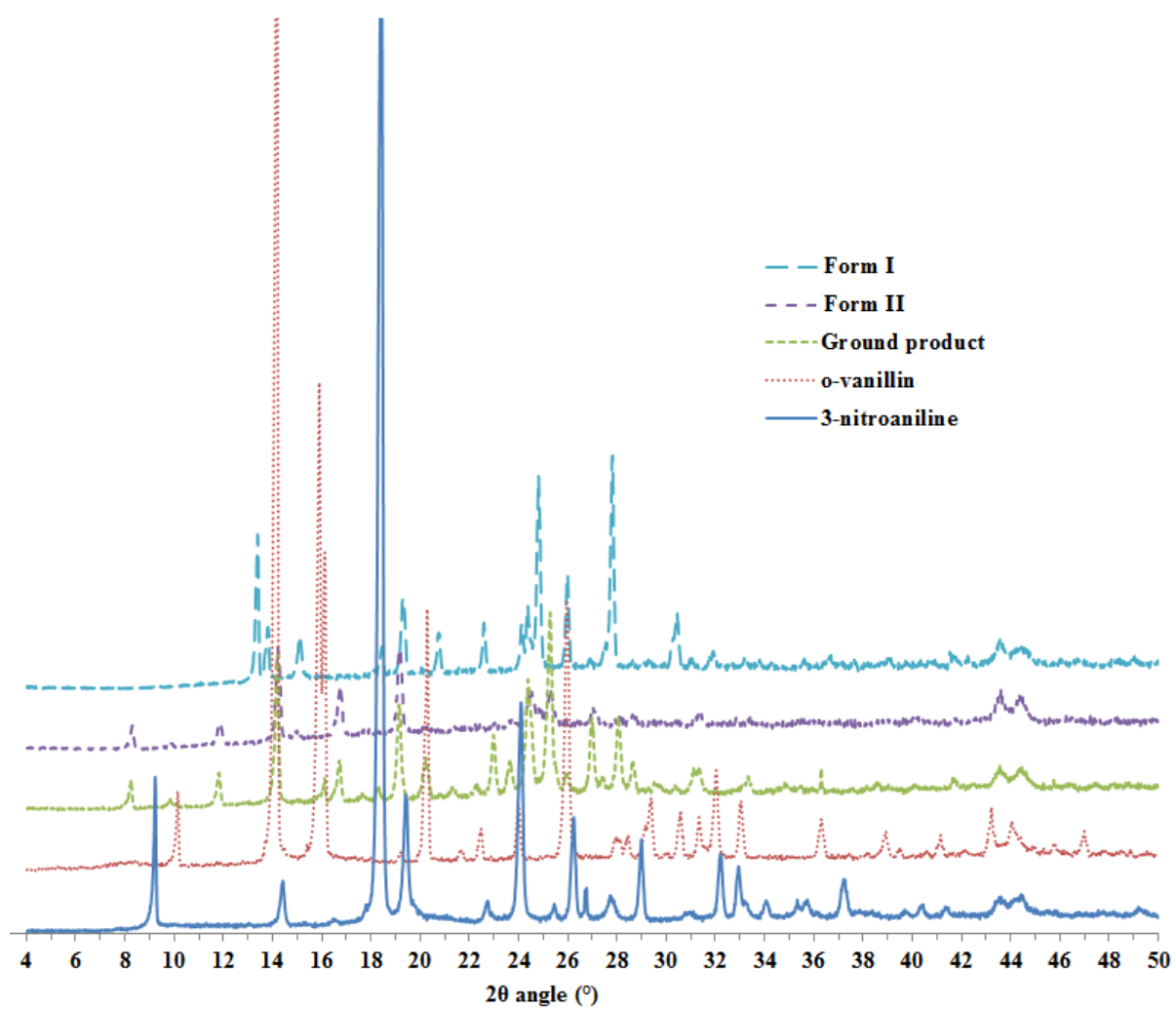


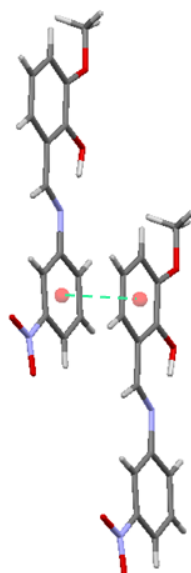
**Electronic Supplementary Information.** Additional table T1 and figures S1, S2, S3A, S3B, S3C and S4 are presented here. X-ray crystallographic information files (CIFs) are also available for the two polymorphic forms of the compound under study. This information is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.rsc.org>.

Table T1. Main Crystallographic Data for Low-Temperature SCXRD of Polymorph II.

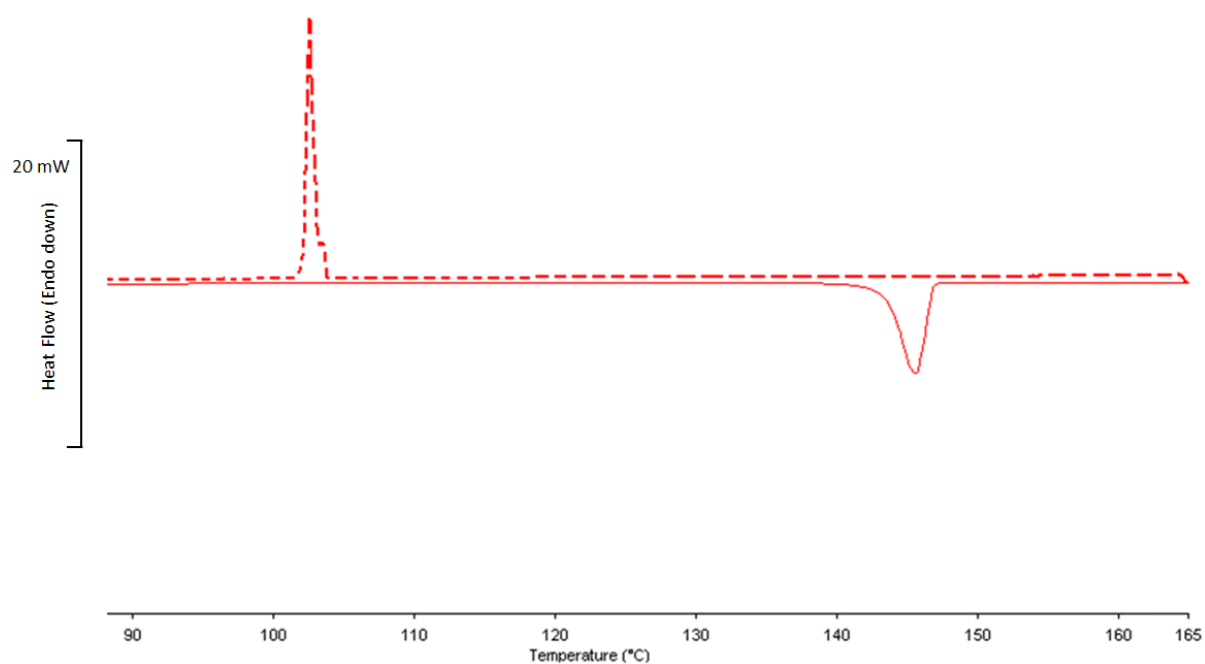
<b>LT-Polymorph II</b>		
<b>Crystal data</b>	Empirical formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
	Fw	272.26
	Crystal system	Orthorhombic
	Space group	Pbca (No. 61)
	a, b, c (Å)	12.4915(15) 7.5972(14) 26.1737(18)
	$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90 90 90
	V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2483.9(6)
	Z	8
	$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.456
	Mu (MoK $\alpha$ ) (/mm)	0.109
	F(000)	1136
	Crystal size (mm)	0.40 / 0.35 / 0.20
	T (K)	105
	<b>Collection data</b>	Radiation (Å)
$\theta$ min. & max. (°)		3.2 – 29.3
Tot., Uniq., R(int)		9181, 3027, 0.026
Obs. data		2561
<b>Refinement</b>	R[I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	0.0419
	wR2[all]	0.1043
	GoF	1.09
	Residual density	-0.21, 0.27



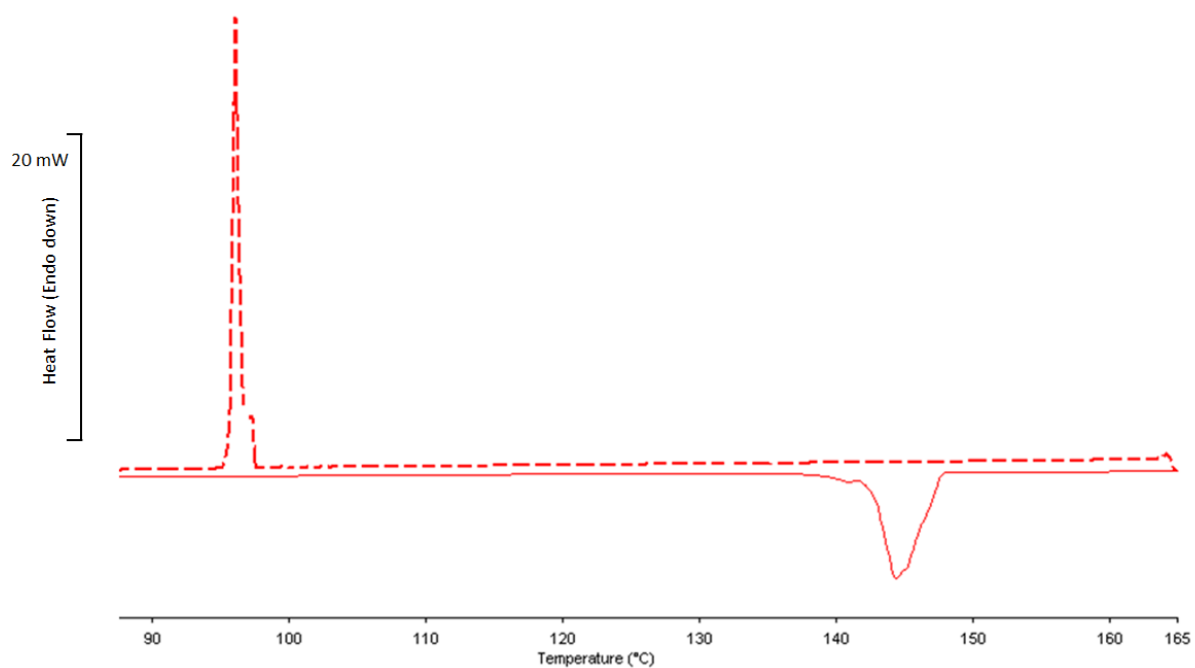
**Figure S1.** PXRD patterns of 3-nitroaniline (blue, on the bottom), o-vanillin (red) and dry-ground samples (green) are compared with experimental patterns for Form I and II, showing that form produced by dry-grinding is Form I.



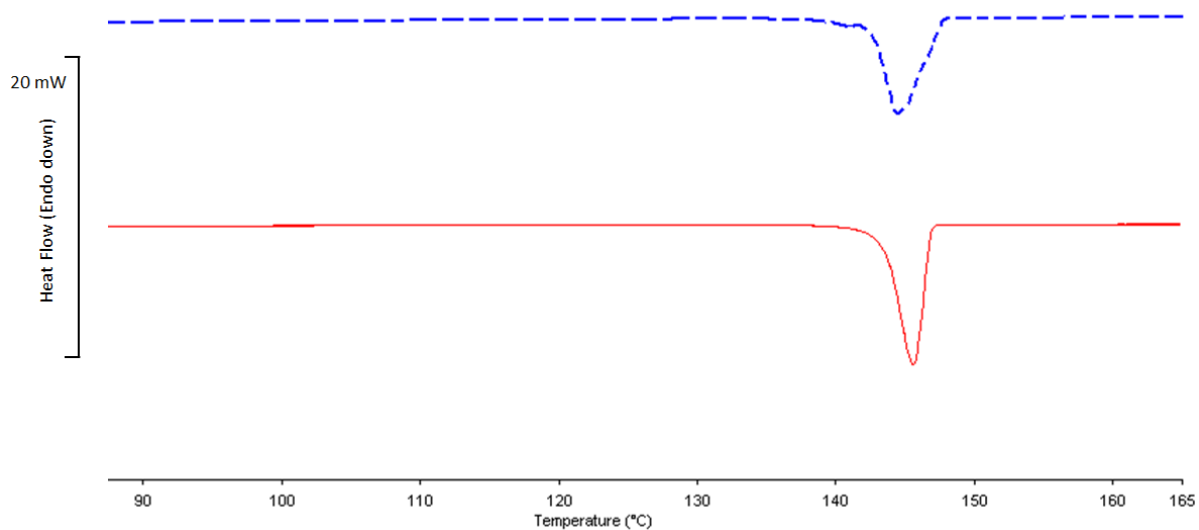
**Figure S2.** Highlighted  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions in Form I.



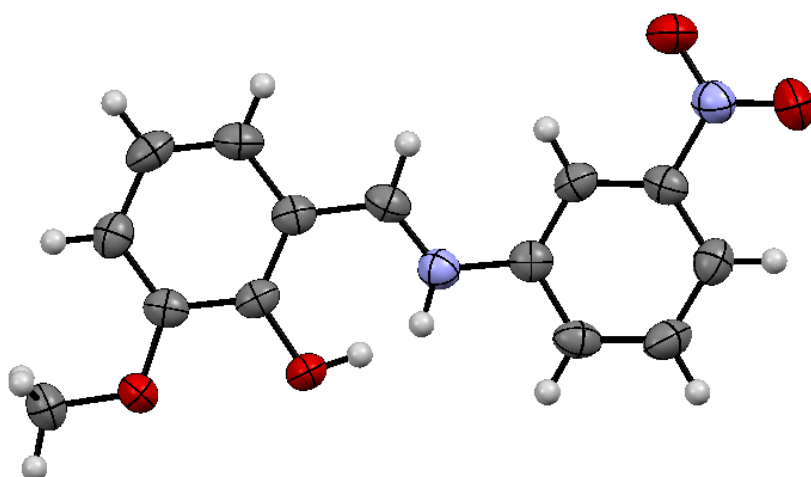
**Figure S3A.** DSC heating/cooling (dotted line) cycle for Form I (5°C/min,  $T_m$ : 143.5°C,  $T_{\text{cryst}}$ : 109.8 °C)



**Figure S3B.** DSC heating/cooling (dotted line) cycle for Form II (5°C/min,  $T_m$ : 144.5°C,  $T_{\text{cryst}}$ : 109.2°C)



**Figure S3C.** Superposition of second heating step for form II (blue dotted line, (5°C/min,  $T_m$ : 144.1°C) and melting point of Form I.



**Figure S4.** ORTEP diagram (50% probability ellipsoids) for compound (**1**) at low-temperature in crystals belonging to polymorph I. An average structure has been refined with highlighting of a weak residual density peak on nitrogen atom.