

## Supplementary information

### Polymorphism of Vanillin Revisited: The Discovery and Selective Crystallization of a Rare Crystal Structure

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## X-ray Crystallography information

The X-ray diffraction data were measured on a Bruker D8 Venture PHOTON 100 CMOS system equipped with a Cu K $\alpha$  INCOATEC Imus micro-focus source ( $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å). The crystal was kept at 100(2) K during data collection. Indexing was performed using APEX2.<sup>1</sup> (Difference Vectors method). Data integration and reduction were performed using SaintPlus 6.01.<sup>2</sup> Absorption correction was performed by multi-scan method implemented in SADABS.<sup>3</sup> Space groups were determined using XPREP implemented in APEX2.<sup>1</sup> The structure was solved using SHELXS-97 (direct methods) and refined using SHELXL-2013<sup>7</sup> (full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup>) contained in APEX2<sup>1,7</sup>, WinGX v1.70.01<sup>4-7</sup> and OLEX2.<sup>7,8</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. H9 Hydrogen atom of hydroxyl group has been found from difference Fourier map and was freely refined with Uiso(H) = 1.5Ueq(-OH). The remaining hydrogen atoms of -OH groups as well as -CHO groups have been found from difference Fourier map and were freely refined. All other hydrogen atoms (of -CH, -CH<sub>2</sub> and -CH<sub>3</sub> groups) were placed in geometrically calculated positions and included in the refinement process using riding model with isotropic thermal parameters: Uiso(H) = 1.2Ueq(-CH, -CH<sub>2</sub>) and Uiso(H) = 1.5Ueq(-CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Table S1. Hydrogen Bonds for vanillin Form II.**

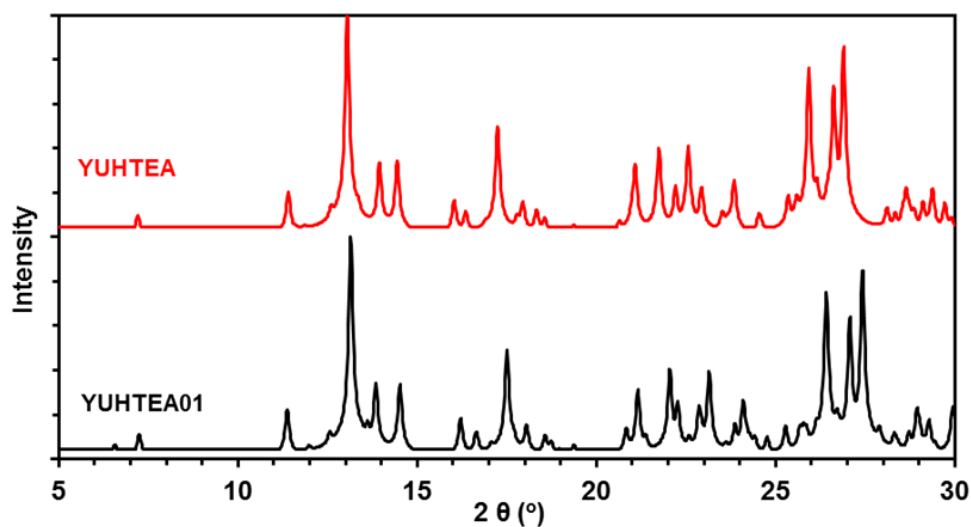
| D   | H   | A                 | d(D-H)/Å | d(H-A)/Å | d(D-A)/°  | D-H-A/° |
|-----|-----|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| O9  | H9  | O7 <sup>i</sup>   | 1.07 (4) | 1.69 (4) | 2.681 (3) | 151 (3) |
| O6  | H6  | O3 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.03 (5) | 1.81 (5) | 2.712 (3) | 144 (4) |
| O8  | H8  | O9 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.97 (6) | 1.96 (6) | 2.806 (3) | 144 (5) |
| O10 | H10 | O6 <sup>iv</sup>  | 0.85 (5) | 2.10 (5) | 2.794 (3) | 139 (4) |

Symmetry operations: (i)  $-1/2+X, 1/2-Y, +Z$ ; (ii)  $1/2+X, 3/2-Y, +Z$ ; (iii)  $1/2-X, 1/2+Y, 1/2+Z$ ; (iv)  $+X, -1+Y, +Z$

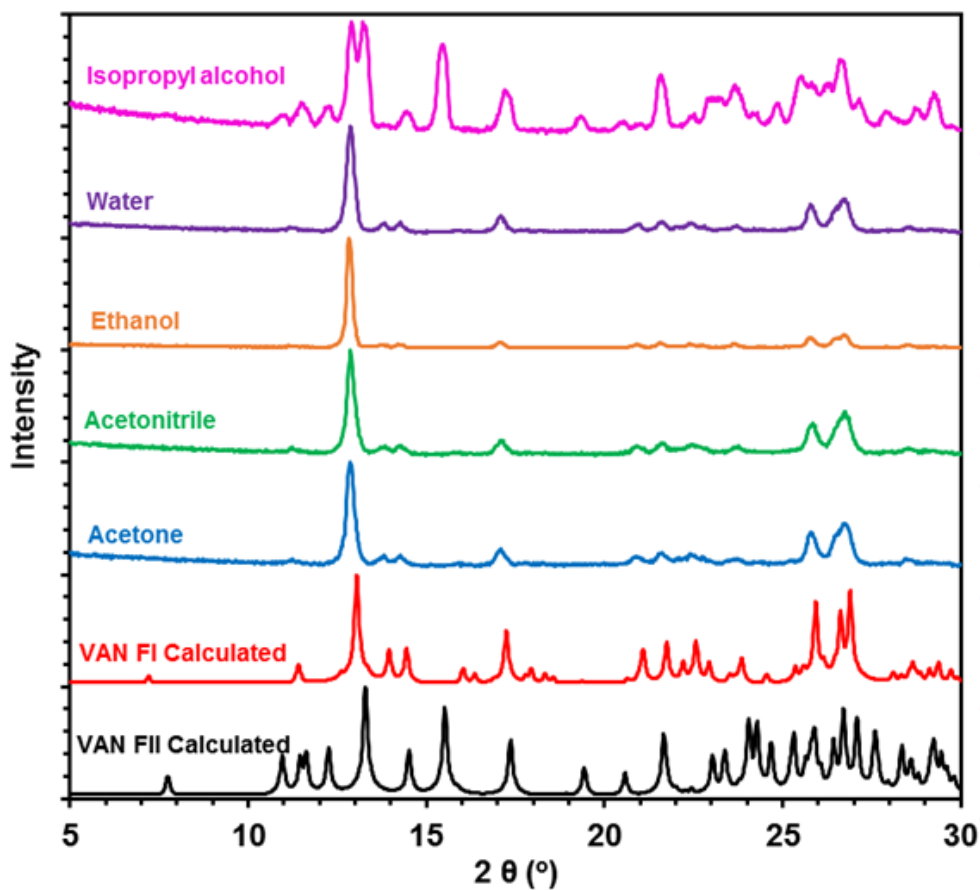
**Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for vanillin Form II**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub> |
| Formula weight                              | 152.14                                       |
| Temperature/K                               | 100 (2)                                      |
| Crystal system                              | Orthorhombic                                 |
| Space group                                 | <i>Pna2<sub>1</sub></i>                      |
| a/Å   | 16.397 (7)                                   |
| b/Å   | 3.810 (1)                                    |
| c/Å   | 45.645 (2)                                   |
| $\alpha$ /°                                 | 90   |
| $\beta$ /°                                  | 90   |
| $\gamma$ /°                                 | 90   |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 2851.61 (19)                                 |
| Z   | 16   |
| Z'  | 4  |
| $\rho$ calc mg/mm <sup>3</sup>              | 1.418  |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                     | 0.918  |
| F(000)                                      | 1280.0                                       |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | 0.11 × 0.04 × 0.02                           |
| Radiation                                   | CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54178)          |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection        | 7.748 to 144.68°                             |
| Index ranges                                | -20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -4 ≤ k ≤ 4, -56 ≤ l ≤ 54       |
| Reflections collected                       | 14594  |
| Independent reflections                     | 5340 [Rint = 0.0521, Rsigma = 0.0485]        |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 5340/1/432                                   |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.028  |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 $\sigma$ (I)]        | R1 = 0.0387, wR2 = 0.0887                    |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R1 = 0.0465, wR2 = 0.0925                    |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.18/-0.23                                   |
| Flack parameter 0.12 (10)                   | Flack parameter 0.12 (10)                    |

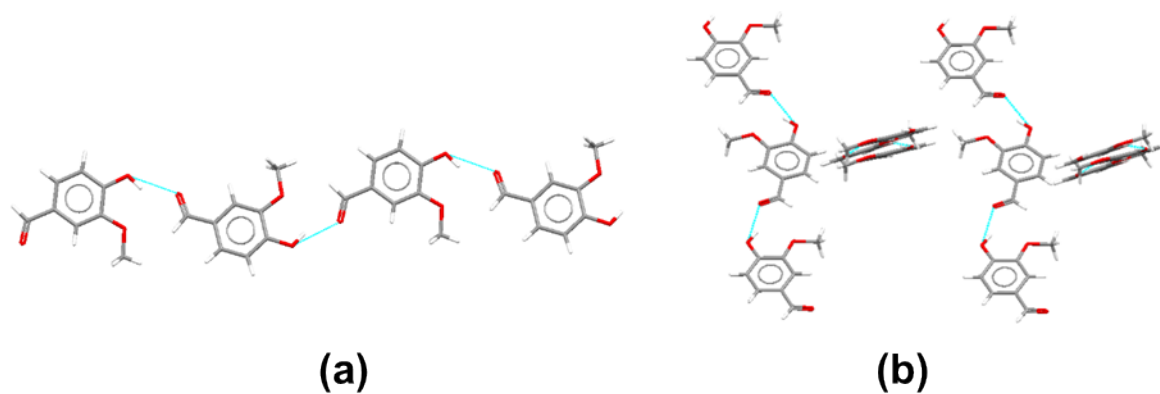
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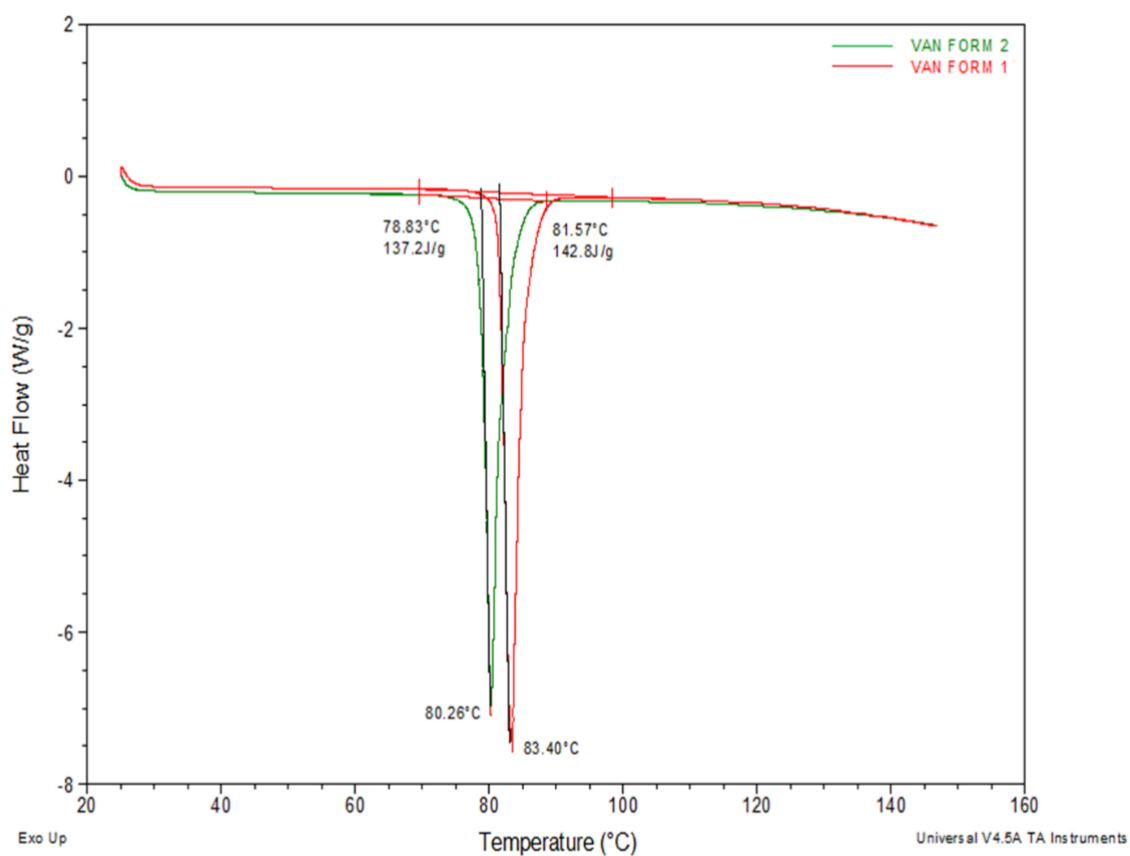
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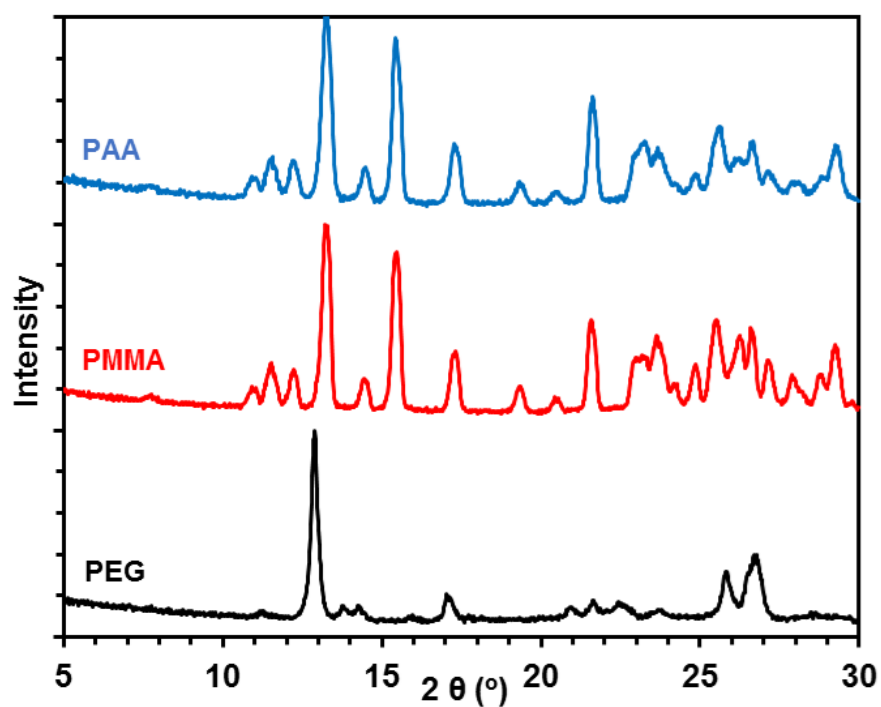
**Fig. S3: Illustration of (a) hydrogen bonding in vanillin Form I; (b) lateral interactions in vanillin tapes in Form I (CSD ref code: YUHTEA).**



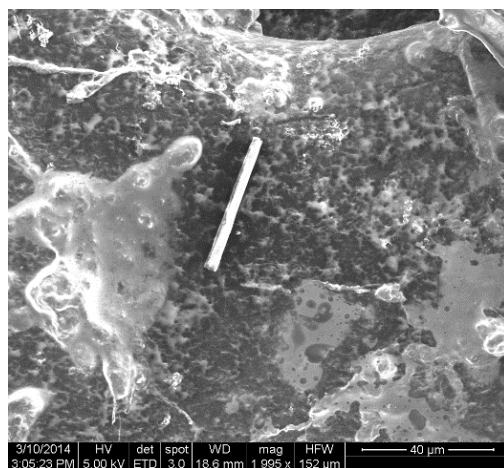
**Fig. S4: DSC traces showing melting points of vanillin Forms I (red) and Form II (green).**



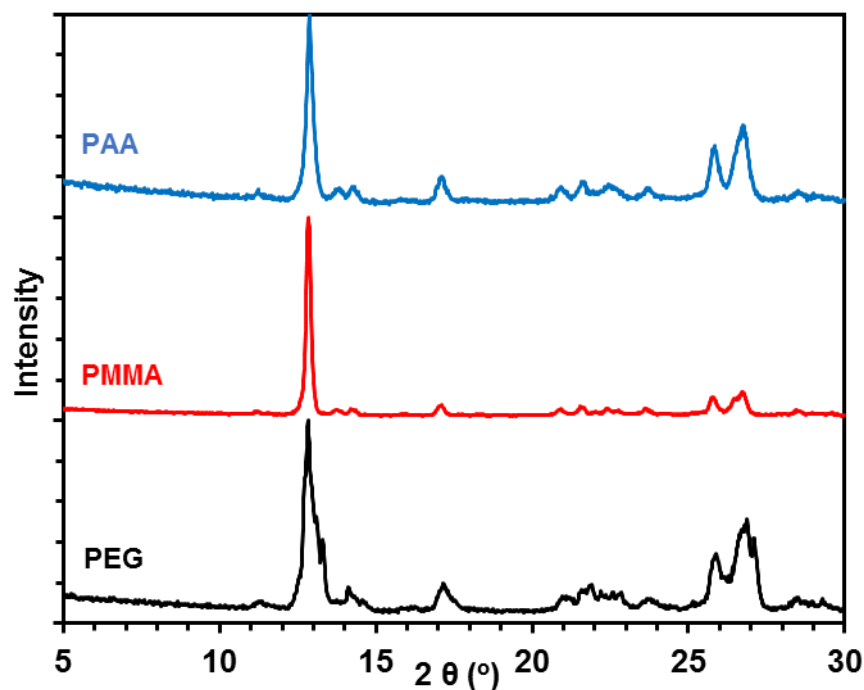
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**Fig. S6: SEM image of vanillin Form I crystallized in presence of PEG by slow evaporation**



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