

Supporting Information

Fenamic acid crystal with two asymmetric units ($Z' = 2$): why $Z' = 2$ rather than $Z' = 1$?

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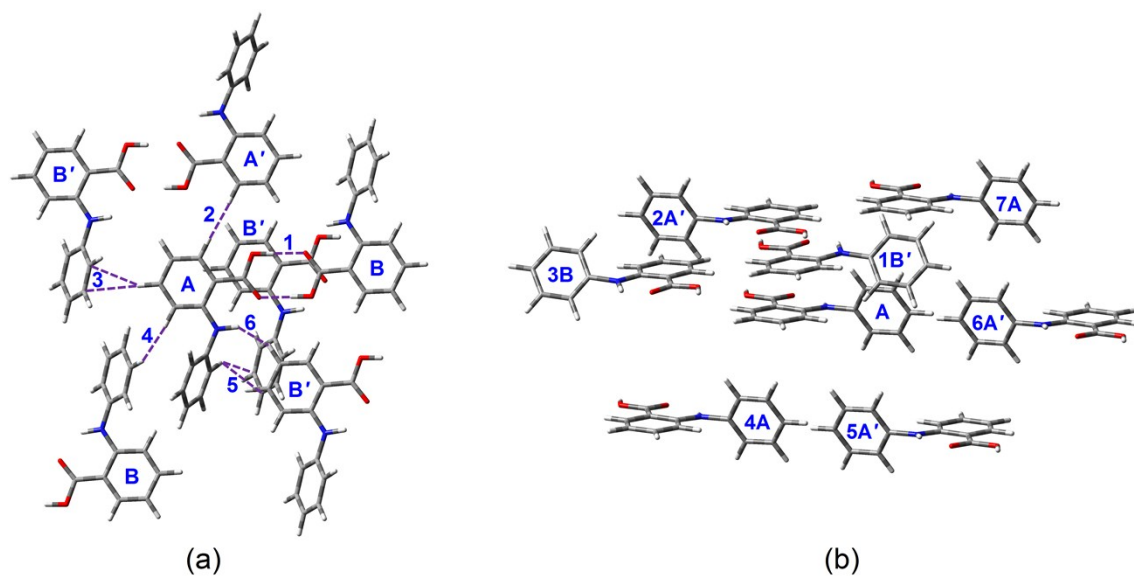


Fig. S1 Six FA molecules interacting with conformer **A** through close contacts (a); seven FA molecules interacting with conformer **A** through π - π interactions (b). The number represents the different complex formed between molecules.

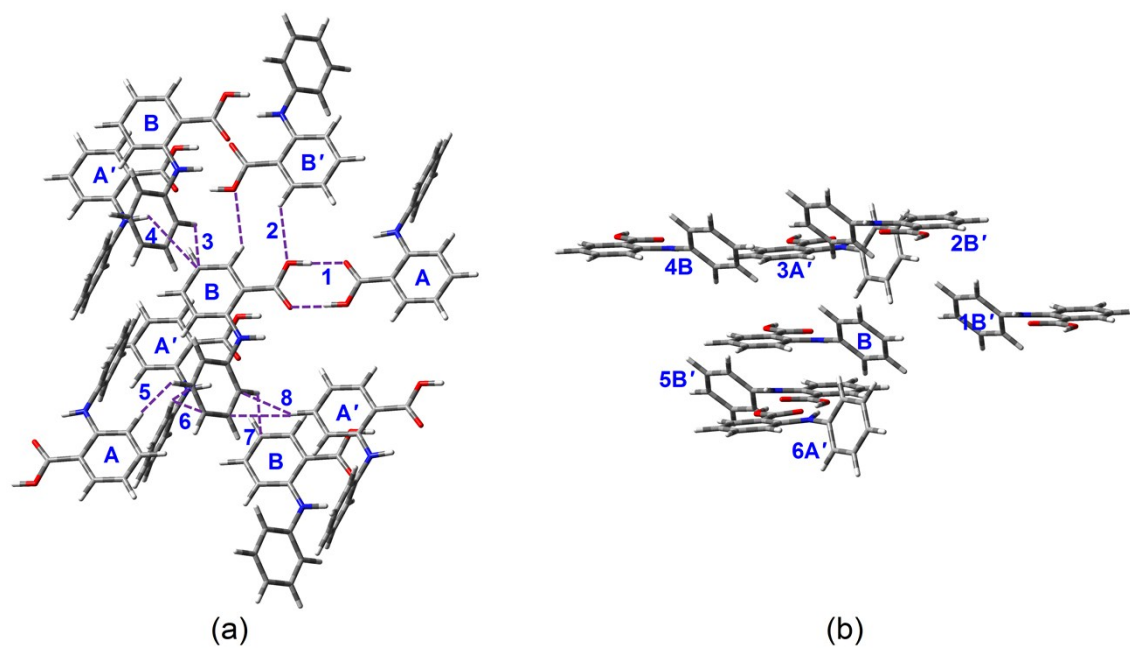


Fig. S2 Eight FA molecules interacting with conformer **B** through close contacts (a); six FA molecules interacting with conformer **B** through π - π interactions (b). The number represents the different complex formed between molecules.

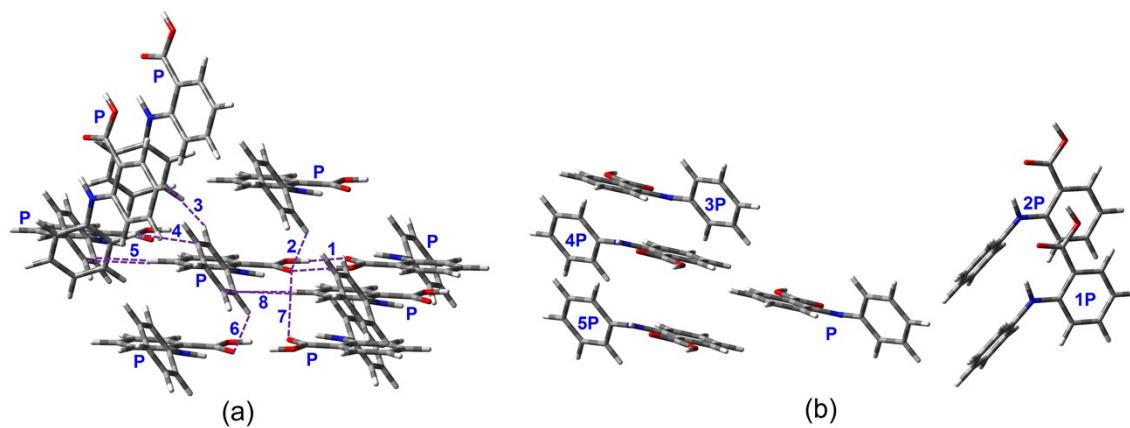


Fig. S3 Eight FA molecules interacting with conformer **P** through close contacts (a); five FA molecules interacting with conformer **P** through π - π interactions (b). The number represents the different complex formed between molecules.

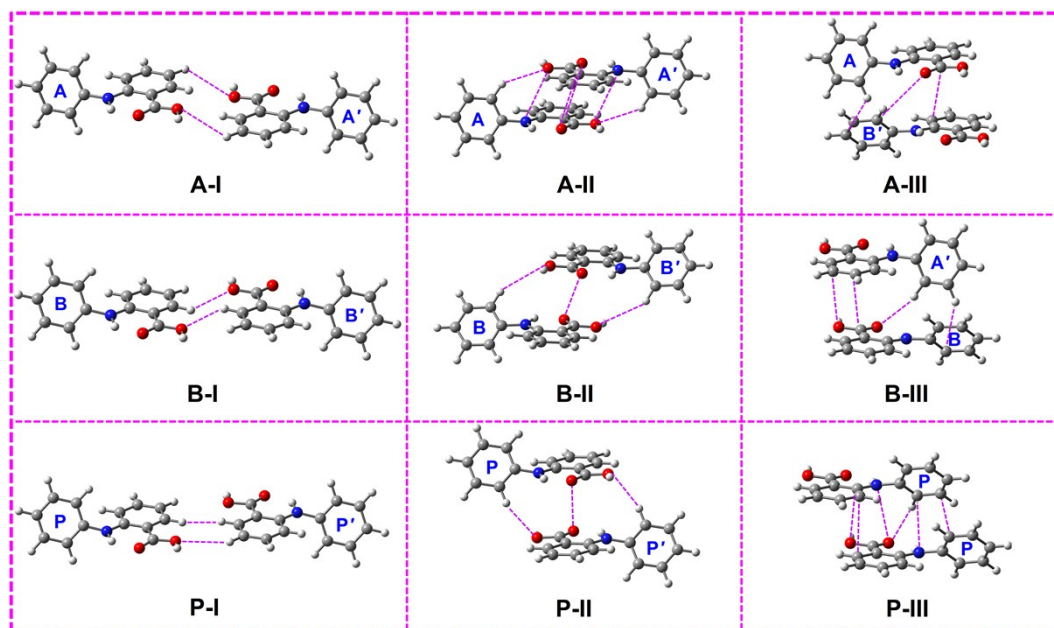


Fig. S4 The molecular pairs (type 1) of the adjacent molecules directly interacting with the carboxyl groups of **A**, **B** and **P** in the partly optimized ($Z'=2$) and predicted ($Z'=1$) FA crystals and the interacting atoms at BCPs listed in Table S2.

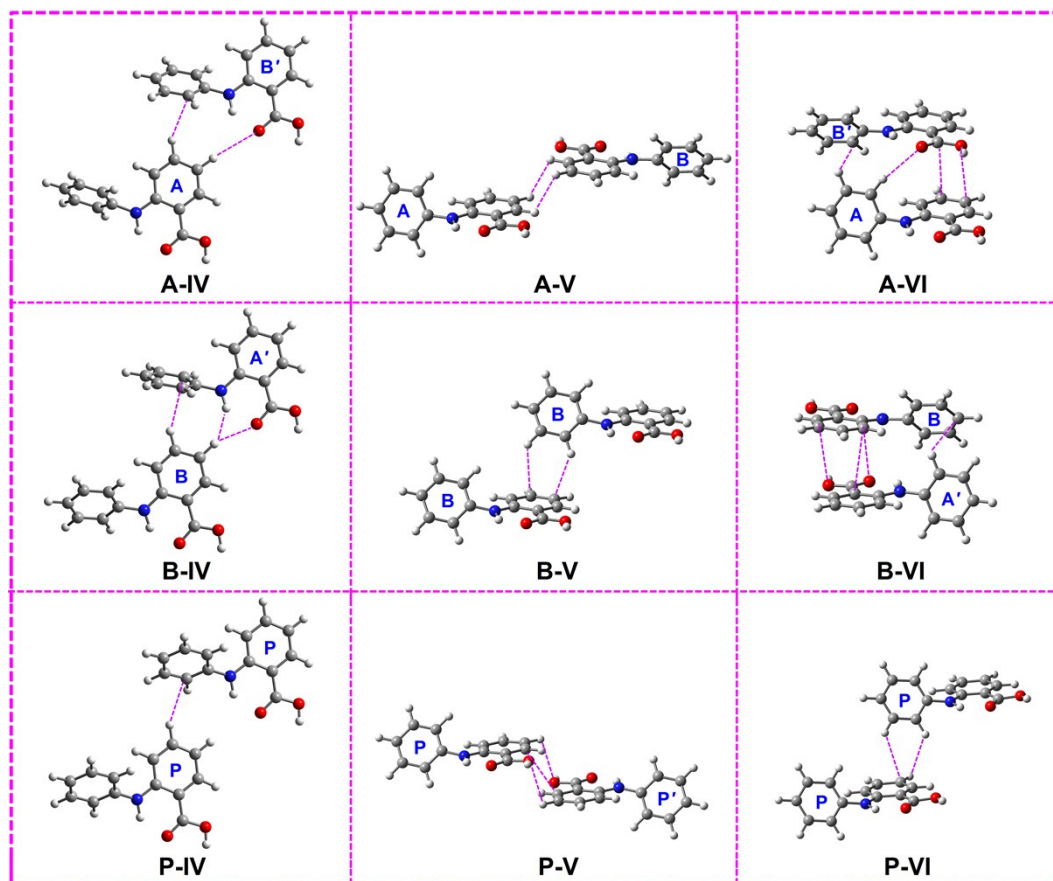


Fig. S5 The molecular pairs (type 2) of the adjacent molecules directly interacting with the carboxyl groups of **A**, **B** and **P** in the partly optimized ($Z'=2$) and predicted ($Z'=1$) FA crystals and the interacting atoms at BCPs listed in Table S3.

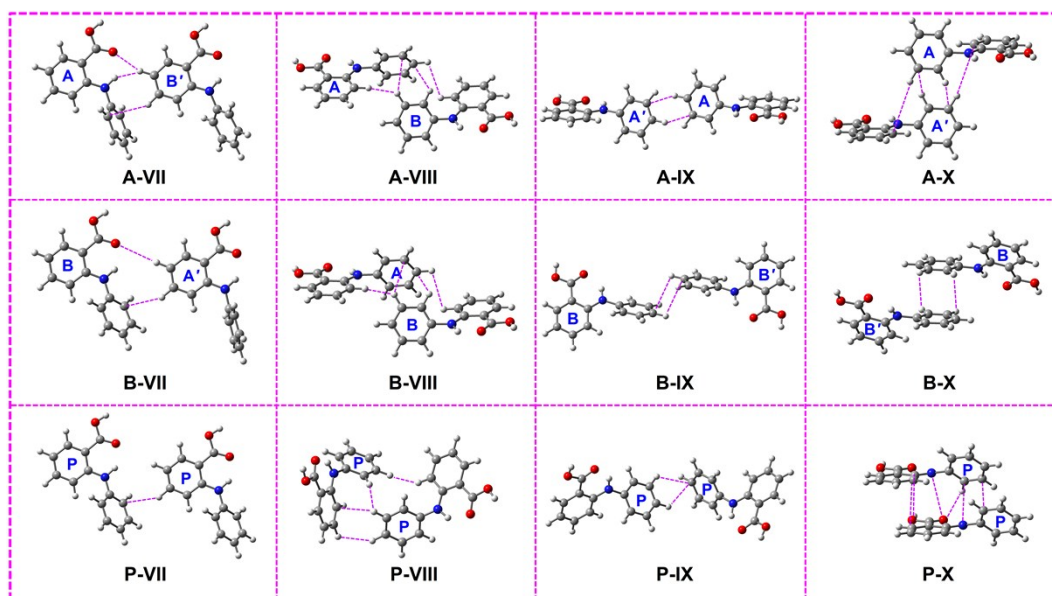


Fig. S6 The molecular pairs (type 3) of the adjacent molecules directly interacting with the carboxyl groups of **A**, **B** and **P** in the partly optimized ($Z'=2$) and predicted ($Z'=1$) FA crystals and the interacting atoms at BCPs listed in Table S4.

Table S1 Crystallographic data for the experimental observed, partly optimized and predicted FA crystals.

	Exp FA crystal	Partly optimized crystal	#1FA_22
Formula	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ NO ₂	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ NO ₂	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ NO ₂
Molecular weight/gmol ⁻¹	213.23	213.23	213.23
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> 1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	8.0995(5)	8.09950	8.7
<i>b</i> /Å	9.8268(6)	9.82680	4.7
<i>c</i> /Å	14.0593(11)	14.05929	27.2
<i>α</i> [°]	85.96(6)	85.96	90
<i>β</i> [°]	88.62(7)	88.62	73.9
<i>γ</i> [°]	73.39(4)	73.39	90
<i>Z, Z'</i>	4, 2	4, 2	4, 1
<i>V</i> /Å ³	1069.64	1069.64	1058.84

Table S2 Intermolecular bond critical points (BCPs), electron density (ρ , in a.u.) and its Laplacian value ($\nabla^2\rho$, in a.u.), the electronic potential energy density (V , in a.u.), the electronic kinetic energy density (G , in a.u.) and the electronic energy density (H , in a.u.) at the BCPs of the complexes involving conformer **A**.^a

	BCP	ρ	$\nabla^2\rho$	V	G	H
A ... B	H15 ^A ...O16 ^B	0.04601	0.12909	-0.04218	0.03723	-0.00495
	O16 ^A ...H15 ^B	0.04666	0.12822	-0.04273	0.03739	-0.00534
A-I	H3 ^A ...O15 ^{A'}	0.00208	0.00889	-0.00121	0.00171	0.00051
	O15 ^A ...H3 ^{A'}	0.00208	0.00889	-0.00121	0.00171	0.00051
A-II	O15 ^A ...H9 ^{A'}	0.00149	0.00674	-0.00076	0.00122	0.00046
	O15 ^A ...N7 ^{A'}	0.00239	0.00895	-0.00132	0.00178	0.00046
	N7 ^A ...O15 ^{A'}	0.00239	0.00895	-0.00132	0.00178	0.00046
	H9 ^A ...O15 ^{A'}	0.00149	0.00674	-0.00076	0.00122	0.00046
	O16 ^A ...C1 ^{A'}	0.00339	0.01089	-0.00157	0.00215	0.00058
	C1 ^A ...O16 ^{A'}	0.00339	0.01089	-0.00157	0.00215	0.00058
	H13 ^A ...C11 ^{B'}	0.00644	0.02004	-0.00331	0.00416	0.00085
A-III	O16 ^A ...C9 ^{B'}	0.00351	0.01187	-0.00184	0.00241	0.00057
	C1 ^A ...C5 ^{B'}	0.00542	0.01417	-0.00214	0.00284	0.00070
	H3 ^A ...O16 ^{B'}	0.00148	0.00663	-0.00078	0.00122	0.00044
A-IV	H4 ^A ...C13 ^{B'}	0.00729	0.02369	-0.00371	0.00482	0.00111
	H2 ^A ...H3 ^B	0.00456	0.01421	-0.00214	0.00285	0.00071
A-V	H3 ^A ...H2 ^B	0.00474	0.01473	-0.00226	0.00297	0.00071
	H9 ^A ...O16 ^{B'}	0.00471	0.01616	-0.00278	0.00341	0.00062
A-VI	C4 ^A ...C14 ^{B'}	0.00394	0.01090	-0.00160	0.00216	0.00056
	C3 ^A ...O15 ^{B'}	0.00440	0.01380	-0.00226	0.00286	0.00060
	H10 ^A ...C13 ^{B'}	0.00478	0.01413	-0.00233	0.00293	0.00060
	O16 ^A ...H3 ^{B'}	0.00471	0.01655	-0.00285	0.00349	0.00064
A-VII	H7 ^A ...H3 ^{B'}	0.00411	0.01484	-0.00233	0.00302	0.00069
	C9 ^A ...H4 ^{B'}	0.00430	0.01248	-0.00202	0.00257	0.00055
	H5 ^A ...H10 ^B	0.00686	0.02116	-0.00370	0.00449	0.00079
A-VIII	C12 ^A ...H10 ^B	0.00459	0.01309	-0.00216	0.00271	0.00055
	C11 ^A ...H9 ^B	0.00496	0.01484	-0.00219	0.00295	0.00076
	H11 ^A ...H5 ^B	0.00312	0.01012	-0.00146	0.00199	0.00053
	C12 ^A ...H11 ^{A'}	0.00445	0.01385	-0.00190	0.00268	0.00078
A-IX	H11 ^A ...C12 ^{A'}	0.00445	0.01384	-0.00190	0.00268	0.00078
	H12 ^A ...C9 ^{A'}	0.00077	0.00254	-0.00026	0.00045	0.00019
A-X	C12 ^A ...H13 ^{A'}	0.00267	0.00796	-0.00108	0.00153	0.00045
	H13 ^A ...C12 ^{A'}	0.00267	0.00796	-0.00108	0.00153	0.00045
	C5 ^A ...H12 ^{A'}	0.00078	0.00254	-0.00026	0.00045	0.00019

^a The atom numbering of the conformer in Fig. 1 is used here.

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	BCP	ρ	$\nabla^2\rho$	V	G	H
B-I	O15 ^B ...H2 ^{B'}	0.00610	0.02064	-0.00385	0.00451	0.00065
	H2 ^B ...O15 ^{B'}	0.00610	0.02064	-0.00385	0.00451	0.00065
B-II	O15 ^B ...H13 ^{B'}	0.00132	0.00581	-0.00062	0.00104	0.00042
	O16 ^B ...O16 ^{B'}	0.00508	0.01936	-0.00295	0.00389	0.00095
	H13 ^B ...O15 ^{B'}	0.00131	0.00580	-0.00062	0.00104	0.00042
B-III	O15 ^B ...C3 ^{A'}	0.00440	0.01380	-0.00226	0.00286	0.00059
	C14 ^B ...C4 ^{A'}	0.00394	0.01090	-0.00160	0.00216	0.00057
	O16 ^B ...H9 ^{A'}	0.00471	0.01615	-0.00278	0.00341	0.00063
	C13 ^B ...H10 ^{A'}	0.00479	0.01414	-0.00233	0.00293	0.00060
B-IV	H3 ^B ...O16 ^{A'}	0.00471	0.01656	-0.00285	0.00350	0.00064
	H3 ^B ...H7 ^{A'}	0.00411	0.01484	-0.00233	0.00302	0.00069
	H4 ^B ...C9 ^{A'}	0.00430	0.01248	-0.00202	0.00257	0.00055
B-V	C4 ^B ...H12 ^B	0.00396	0.01108	-0.00172	0.00225	0.00052
	C3 ^B ...H13 ^B	0.00582	0.01635	-0.00259	0.00334	0.00075
B-VI	C2 ^B ...O15 ^{A'}	0.00351	0.01187	-0.00184	0.00241	0.00056
	C5 ^B ...C1 ^{A'}	0.00542	0.01417	-0.00214	0.00284	0.00070
	C6 ^B ...O16 ^{A'}	0.00500	0.01679	-0.00259	0.00340	0.00080
	C11 ^B ...H13 ^{A'}	0.00644	0.02004	-0.00331	0.00416	0.00085
B-VII	O16 ^B ...H3 ^{A'}	0.00148	0.00663	-0.00079	0.00122	0.00044
	C13 ^B ...H4 ^{A'}	0.00729	0.02370	-0.00371	0.00482	0.00111
B-VIII	H5 ^B ...H11 ^A	0.00312	0.01011	-0.00145	0.00199	0.00054
	H9 ^B ...C11 ^A	0.00496	0.01485	-0.00219	0.00295	0.00076
	H10 ^B ...C10 ^A	0.00459	0.01309	-0.00216	0.00271	0.00056
	H10 ^B ...H5 ^A	0.00685	0.02115	-0.00370	0.00450	0.00079
B-IX	H11 ^B ...C11 ^{B'}	0.00385	0.01094	-0.00157	0.00215	0.00058
	C11 ^B ...H11 ^{B'}	0.00385	0.01094	-0.00157	0.00215	0.00058
B-X	H10 ^B ...H9 ^{B'}	0.00447	0.01402	-0.00205	0.00278	0.00073
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	BCP	$\rho(r)$	$\nabla^2\rho(r)$	V	G	H
P-I	O15 ^P ...H3 ^{P'}	0.00140	0.00657	-0.00080	0.00122	0.00042
	H18 ^P ...H2 ^{P'}	0.00340	0.01139	-0.00172	0.00228	0.00057
P-II	H13 ^P ...O15 ^{P'}	0.00331	0.01235	-0.00187	0.00248	0.00061
	O16 ^P ...O16 ^{P'}	0.00761	0.02707	-0.00538	0.00608	0.00069
	O15 ^P ...H13 ^{P'}	0.00331	0.01235	-0.00187	0.00248	0.00061
P-III	C9 ^P ...C12 ^P	0.00504	0.01328	-0.00197	0.00265	0.00067
	N7 ^P ...C13 ^P	0.00475	0.01360	-0.00216	0.00278	0.00062
	O16 ^P ...H13 ^P	0.00937	0.03217	-0.00598	0.00701	0.00103
	O16 ^P ...N7 ^P	0.00437	0.01407	-0.00244	0.00298	0.00054
	C2 ^P ...C5 ^P	0.00557	0.01507	-0.00223	0.00300	0.00077
P-IV	O15 ^P ...C6 ^P	0.00511	0.01697	-0.00276	0.00350	0.00074
	C13 ^P ...H4 ^P	0.00602	0.01780	-0.00273	0.00359	0.00086
P-V	H3 ^P ...O15 ^{P'}	0.00291	0.01050	-0.00150	0.00206	0.00056
	C2 ^P ...C2 ^{P'}	0.00532	0.01588	-0.00224	0.00311	0.00086
	O15 ^P ...H3 ^{P'}	0.00291	0.01050	-0.00150	0.00206	0.00056
P-VI	H3 ^P ...H13 ^P	0.00229	0.00810	-0.00109	0.00156	0.00047
	C3 ^P ...H12 ^P	0.00277	0.00829	-0.00117	0.00162	0.00045
P-VII	C13 ^P ...H4 ^P	0.00602	0.01779	-0.00273	0.00359	0.00086
P-VIII	H11 ^P ...H4 ^P	0.00433	0.01364	-0.00212	0.00277	0.00064
	H10 ^P ...C5 ^P	0.00518	0.01389	-0.00225	0.00286	0.00061
	H10 ^P ...H9 ^P	0.00559	0.01736	-0.00272	0.00353	0.00081
	H5 ^P ...H10 ^P	0.00220	0.00787	-0.00105	0.00151	0.00046
P-IX	C11 ^P ...H12 ^P	0.00495	0.01570	-0.00236	0.00314	0.00078
	C11 ^P ...H11 ^P	0.00545	0.01515	-0.00243	0.00311	0.00068
P-X	C9 ^P ...C12 ^P	0.00504	0.01328	-0.00197	0.00265	0.00067
	N7 ^P ...C13 ^P	0.00475	0.01360	-0.00216	0.00278	0.00062
	O16 ^P ...H13 ^P	0.00937	0.03217	-0.00598	0.00701	0.00103
	O16 ^P ...N7 ^P	0.00437	0.01407	-0.00244	0.00298	0.00054
	C2 ^P ...C5 ^P	0.00557	0.01506	-0.00222	0.00300	0.00077
	O15 ^P ...C6 ^P	0.00512	0.01697	-0.00276	0.00350	0.00074

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