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Ionic co-crystals of enantiopure and racemic histidine with calcium halides

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ESI - 1: Crystal Structure details.

Table ESI-1. *Single crystal* data and details of measurements for histidine ICCs with calcium halides.

	(L-His) ₂ ·CaCl ₂ ·3H ₂ O	(L-His) ₂ ·CaBr ₂ ·3H ₂ O	(DL-His) ₂ ·CaBr ₂ ·4H ₂ O	(L-His) ₂ ·Cal ₂ ·3H ₂ O
Formula	$C_{12}H_{24}CaCl_2N_6O_7$	$C_{12}H_{24}Br_2CaN_6O_7$	$C_{12}H_{26}Br_2Ca_1N_6O_8$	$C_{12}H_{24}CaI_2N_6O_7$
Fw (g*mol ⁻¹)	475.35	564.27	582.28	658.25
Cryst. System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	C 2	C 2	P -1	C 2 2 21
Z	2	2	1	4
a (Å)	20.6509(11)	20.9187(19)	4.8911(6)	4.9123(6)
b (Å)	5.1087(3)	5.1257(5)	10.0848(12)	20.333(2)
c (Å)	10.7880(5)	11.1180(7)	11.8785(13)	23.505(3)
α (deg)	90	90	95.772(9)	90.00
β (deg)	114.287(4)	115.051(6)	96.250(9)	90.00
γ (deg)	90	90	103.656(10)	90.00
V (ų)	1037.40(10)	1079.96(16)	561.11(11)	2347.8(5)
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.522	1.735	1.723	1.862
μ (mm⁻¹)	0.606	4.035	3.889	2.939
Measd reflns	2328	2479	3874	3715
Indep reflns	1720	1649	2517	2389
$R_1[on F_0^2, I>2\sigma(I)]$	0.0390	0.0499	0.0938	0.0698
wR ₂ (all data)	0.1306	0.1184	0.2683	0.1058

ESI - 2: TGA analyses



Figure ESI - 1. TGA trace for $(L-His)_2 \cdot CaCl_2 \cdot 3H_2O$.



Figure ESI - 2. TGA trace for $(L-His)_2 \cdot CaBr_2 \cdot 3H_2O$.



Figure ESI - 3. TGA trace for $(DL-His)_2 \cdot CaCl_2 \cdot 3H_2O$.



Figure ESI - 4. TGA trace for (DL-His)₂·CaBr₂·4H₂O.



Figure ESI - 5. TGA trace for $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$.



Figure ESI - 6. TGA trace for (DL-His)₂·Cal₂·4H₂O.

ESI - 3: Calculated and Experimental XRPD Patterns for CaBr₂ ICCs



Figure ESI - 7. Comparison between the experimental (top) powder pattern of $(L-His)_2 \cdot CaCl_2 \cdot 3H_2O$ and the one calculated (bottom) from single crystal data.



Figure ESI - 8. Comparison between the experimental (top) powder pattern of $(L-His)_2 \cdot CaBr_2 \cdot 3H_2O$ and the one calculated (bottom) from single crystal data.



Figure ESI - 9. Comparison between the experimental (top) powder pattern of (DL-His)₂·CaBr₂·4H₂O and the one calculated (bottom) from single crystal data.

ESI - 4: Variable Temperature XRPD

Thermal programs for all samples are based on the thermogravimetric analysis profiles: first a pattern is collected at room temperature, then a program of stepwise heating (in the temperature range for which dehydration is observed in the TGA traces) is applied, followed by cooling to room temperature. Heating rate 30 °C min⁻¹. After each temperature has been reached, the sample is kept at that temperature for 5 min before an XRPD pattern is collected.



Figure ESI - 10. XRPD patterns of (L-His)₂·CaCl₂·3H₂O at room temperature, 100 °C, 175 °C.



Figure ESI - 11. XRPD patterns of $(L-His)_2 \cdot CaBr_2 \cdot 3H_2O$ at room temperature, 100°C, 150 °C, 175 °C. The peaks at 43 ° 2 θ are due to the sample holder.



Figure ESI - 12. XRPD patterns of $(DL-His)_2 \cdot CaCl_2 \cdot 3H_2O$ at room temperature, 100°C, 175 °C, 200 °C. The peaks at 43 ° 2 θ are due to the sample holder.



Figure ESI - 13. XRPD patterns of (DL-His)₂·CaBr₂·4H₂O at room temperature, 100°C, 150 °C, 175 °C, 200 °C.



Figure ESI - 14. XRPD patterns of $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ at room temperature, 100°C, 175 °C, 200 °C. The peaks at 43 ° 2 θ are due to the sample holder.



Figure ESI - 15. XRPD patterns of $(DL-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ at room temperature, 75°C, 110 °C, 200 °C. The peaks at 43 ° 2 θ are due to the sample holder.

S5: Calculated and Experimental XRPD Patterns of (L-His)₂·Cal₂·3H₂O



Figure ESI - 16. XRPD patterns of $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ at room temperature and 110 °C compared to the calculated XRPD pattern of $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 3H_2O$.

ESI - 6: Structural determination of (DL-His)₂·CaCl₂·3H₂O, (L-His)₂·Cal₂·4H₂O and (DL-His)₂·Cal₂·4H₂O

Laboratory data were used in the crystal structure determination. XRPD were analysed with the software X'Pert HighScore Plus¹ using DICVOL4 or DICVOL algorithms to find the right unit cell. (DL-His)₂·CaCl₂·3H₂O was indexed in the monoclinic system, the structure was solved in the space group P 2₁/n by simulated annealing, performed with EXPO2014,² using Ca, Cl and O (as water: the precise position of hydrogen atoms of water molecules are difficult to establish using PXRD) atoms, and one molecule of histidine. Ten runs for simulated annealing trial were set, and a cooling rate (defined as the ratio Tn/Tn⁻¹) of 0.95 was used. The Rietveld refinement was subsequently performed with TOPAS 5.0³ in the range 2θ=5-70.0°. The peak shape was modelled for size and strain with the Gaussian and Lorentzian functions present in TOPAS 5.0.

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The refinement converged to R_{wp} =5.62 % and R_p = 4.22%.

Figure ESI - 17. Rietveld analysis plot of $(DL-His)_2 \cdot CaCl_2 \cdot 3H_2O$. Red line is the calculated diffractogram, blue line is the observed diffractogram and grey line is the difference plot. Y-axis is reported as \sqrt{y} .

The powder pattern of $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ was indexed in the monoclinic system, space group I2, with a volume cell of 1206.16(3) Å³ and a plausible solution was found with EXPO 2014 with the simulated annealing algorithm. Afterwards, it was used for Rietveld refinements in the range

 2θ =5-70°, which were performed with the software TOPAS 5.0. The peak shape was modelled for size and strain with the Gaussian and Lorentzian functions present in TOPAS 5.0.

A small quantity (less than 1%) of $Cal_2 \cdot 8H_2O$ was identified in the product pattern, and its profile was refined on the basis of the known crystal structure.

The refinement converged to R_{wp} =4.40 % and R_{p} = 3.42%.



Figure ESI - 18. Rietveld analysis plot of $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$. Red line is the calculated diffractogram, blue line is the observed diffractogram and grey line is the difference plot. Black and blue tick marks corresponds to of $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ and $Cal_2 \cdot 8H_2O$ l correspondingly. Y-axis is reported as \sqrt{y} .

The powder pattern of (DL-His)₂·Cal₂·4H₂O was indexed in the triclinic system, space group P-1. A plausible solution was found with EXPO 2014 with the simulated annealing algorithm and consequently used for Rietveld refinements performed with the software TOPAS 5.0. The peak shape was modelled for size and strain with the Gaussian and Lorentzian functions present in TOPAS 5.0.

A small quantity (less than 1%) of $Cal_2 \cdot 8H_2O$ was identified in the product pattern, and its profile was refined on the basis of the known crystal structure.

The refinement converged to R_{wp} = 4.35% and R_p = 3.30%.



Figure ESI - 19. Rietveld analysis plot of $(DL-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$. Red line is the calculated diffractogram, blue line is the observed diffractogram and grey line is the difference plot. Y-axis is reported as \sqrt{y} .

Structural data for the ICCs solved from XRPD are listed in Table S1.

	(DL-His) ₂ ·CaCl ₂ ·3H ₂ O	(L-His) ₂ ·Cal ₂ ·4H ₂ O	(DL-His) ₂ ·Cal ₂ ·4H ₂ O
Formula	$C_{12}H_{24}N_6O_7Ca_1Cl_2$	$C_{12}H_{26}N_6O_8Ca_1I_2$	$C_{12}H_{26}N_6O_8Ca_1I_2$
Fw (g*mol ⁻¹)	475.34	658.24	658.24
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P 2 ₁ /n	12	P-1
Z	4	4	2
a (Å)	18.878(4)	16.725(3)	4.9032(9)
b (Å)	5.0905(11)	4.8773(7)	10.5466(2)
c (Å)	10.799(3)	14.909(2)	11.965(3)
α (deg)	90.0	90	94.539(13)
β (deg)	97.857(13)	97.374(9)	95.925(13))
γ (deg)	90.0	90	102.71 (13)
V (ų)	1028.13(4)	1206.16(3)	597.06(2)
R_wp, %	5.62	4.40	4.35

Table ESI - 2. Structural data for $(DL-His)_2 \cdot CaCl_2 \cdot 3H_2O$, $(L-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ and $(DL-His)_2 \cdot Cal_2 \cdot 4H_2O$.

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