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# Tuning mechanical behaviour by controlling structure of a series of theophylline co-crystals

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	THP-PIC (2:1)	THP-DCB (1:2)	THP-4Cl3NB (1:1)	THP-4F3NB (1:1)	THP-HBEN (1:1)	THP-ACZ (1:1)
Chemical Formula	$\begin{array}{c} 2(C_{7}H_{8}N_{4}~O_{2}),\\ C_{6}H_{6}N_{2}~O \end{array}$	$C_7H_8N_4O_2,$ 2(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ClNO <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>4</sub> FNO <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	$\begin{array}{c} C_{4}H_{6}N_{4}O_{3}S_{2},\\ C_{7}H_{8}N_{4}O_{2} \end{array}$
Formula weight	482.48	562.18	381.74	365.29	317.31	402.42
Cryst sys	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P-1	P-1	Pbcn	C2/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.0597(7)	10.191(3)	7.0637(4)	7.203(4)	8.0218(9)	42.668(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	9.6051(9)	10.459(3)	15.1470(8)	14.913(9)	14.3076(15)	4.9516(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.2402(13)	12.777(3)	15.4381(8)	16.014(10)	25.258(3)	16.838(3)
α (°)	96.817(2)	98.980(5)	69.6240(10)	63.098(10)	90	90
β (°)	99.412(2)	108.898(5)	81.8190(10)	86.349(12)	90	106.575(6)
γ (°)	103.672(2)	108.434(5)	86.3240(10)	84.677(12)	90	90
Vol (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1042.40(16)	1170.6(5)	1532.48(14)	1527.0(16)	2898.9(5)	3409.5(9)
$D_{calcd}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.537	1.595	1.655	1.589	1.454	1.568
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.116	0.553	0.297	0.134	0.110	0.356
$\theta$ range (°)	2.21-27	1.76-27	2.34-27	1.43-27	2.85-26.99	1.0-26.99
Ζ	2	2	4	4	8	8
range h	-8 to +10	-13 to +12	-9 to +9	-9 to +9	-10 to +10	-54 to +54
range k	-12 to +12	-13 to +12	-13 to +19	-19 to +19	-18 to +16	-6 to +6
range l	-18 to +18	-16 to +16	-16 to +19	-20 to +20	-26 to +32	-21 to +21
Reflns collected	17506	14470	20410	24045	13720	25984
Independe nt reflns	4557	4908	6677	6643	3170	3728
Obsd reflns	3992	2893	5873	3135	2466	2642
<i>T</i> (K)	100 (K)	296 (K)	100 (K)	296	100 (K)	296 (K)
<i>R</i> 1	0.0359	0.0442	0.0328	0.1225	0.0425	0.0403
wR2	0.0897	0.1041	0.0866	0.2934	0.0902	0.1107
GOF	1.038	1.013	1.053	1.065	1.020	1.074
CCDC	915067	915068	915066	915070	915071	915069

 Table S1. Crystallographic Data and structure refinement parameters of THP co-crystals.

D—H⋯A (Å)	<b>D—H</b> (Å)	H···A(Å)	D…A (Å)	D—H···A (deg)
THP-PIC				
D—H…A (Å)	<b>D—H</b> (Å)	H…A(Å)	<b>D</b> ⋯A (Å)	D—H···A (deg)
N5—H1···O3	0.86	1.95	2.7991(13)	170
N11—H4····O2	0.75	2.11	2.8249(15)	159
N11—H5…N10	0.886(17)	2.293(17)	2.6750(16)	105.9(13)
N11—H5····N9	0.886(17)	2.556(18)	3.1774(16)	127.8(13)
N8—H23…O6	0.86	1.94	2.7886(14)	167
С5—Н5В…О1	0.96	2.32	2.7310(17)	105
C6 — H6C…N4	0.96	2.52	2.9502(17)	107
С8 —Н8…ОЗ	0.93	2.45	3.2800(16)	148
С10—Н10…О1	0.93	2.60	3.2682(17)	129
C12 —H12····N4	0.93	2.53	3.4457(17)	168
С19 —Н19…О2	0.93	2.28	3.1241(16)	150
C21—H21C····O7	0.96	2.34	2.6928(17)	101
C24—H24A…N9	0.96	2.55	2.9543(16)	106

## **Table S2.** Geometrical Parameters of H bonds in all co-crystals

#### **THP-DCB**

D—H…A (Å)	<b>D—H (Å)</b>	H…A(Å)	D…A (Å)	D—H···A (deg)
N4—H4····O5	0.88(3)	1.91(3)	2.779(5)	170(2)
O4—H5···O3	0.82	1.84	2.645(3)	168
O6—H6…N2	0.82	1.89	2.708(4)	175
С4—Н4В…О2	0.96	2.29	2.688(5)	104
С7—Н7А…О2	0.96	2.30	2.728(5)	106
С7—Н7С…О7	0.96	2.52	3.394(5)	151
С18—Н18…О2	0.93	2.24	3.137(4)	163

#### THP-4Cl3NB

<b>D—H (Å)</b>	H…A(Å)	D…A (Å)	D—H···A (deg)
0.86	1.91	2.7583(16)	167
0.82	1.84	2.6547(17)	177
0.82	1.88	2.6602(17)	158
0.86	1.86	2.7036(16)	168
0.96	2.30	2.7102(19)	105
0.96	2.58	3.279(2)	130
0.96	2.37	2.7825(19)	105
0.96	2.55	3.465(2)	160
0.93	2.46	3.067(2)	123
0.93	2.39	2.7142(18)	100
0.93	2.54	3.1067(19)	119
0.93	2.43	3.3585(19)	172
0.93	2.39	2.714(2)	100
0.93	2.39	3.290(2)	163
0.96	2.37	2.7069(19)	100
0.96	2.80	3.5901(16)	140
0.96	2.58	2.984(2)	105
0.96	2.51	3.4202(19)	159
0.93	2.59	3.478(2)	161
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### THP-4F3NB Co-crystal

D—H⋯A (Å)	D—H (Å)	H…A(Å)	D…A (Å)	D—H···A (deg)
N3—H3…O3	0.86	1.86	2.714(2)	174
O4—H4…O2	0.82	1.87	2.6833(18)	175
N5—H5A…N2	0.91(2)	2.29(2)	3.170(2)	162(2)
N5—H6A…O1	0.90(2)	2.07(2)	2.963(2)	173(2)
C4—H4B…N2	0.96	2.55	2.964(3)	106
С6—Н6…О1	0.93	2.25	3.070(2)	146
С7—Н7В…О1	0.96	2.34	2.737(2)	104

С10—Н10…О3	0.93	2.44	2.761(2)	100
THP-4F3NB				
D—H⋯A (Å)	D—H (Å)	H····A(Å)	D…A (Å)	D—H···A (deg)
N1—H3…O7	0.86	1.88	2.732(7)	169
O3—H3A…N2A	0.82	1.86	2.659(7)	166
O10—H10…N9	1.09(4)	1.62(5)	2.665(6)	160(4)
N10—H22…O2	0.86	1.87	2.719(7)	168
C2—H2B…O1	0.96	2.27	2.673(8)	104
C2—H2B…O12	0.96	2.58	3.400(7)	144
С3—Н3С…О1	0.96	2.39	2.773(7)	104
С3—Н3С…О8	0.96	2.43	3.354(8)	161
С13—Н13…О6	0.93	2.54	3.134(7)	122
C14—H14…O6	0.93	2.50	3.118(8)	124
С18—Н18…О4	0.93	2.48	3.383(6)	164
С20—Н20С…О6	0.96	2.22	2.674(8)	108
C21—H21B…N9	0.96	2.55	2.976(8)	107
С26—Н26…О1	0.93	2.40	3.328(7)	176
С28—Н28…О10	0.93	2.40	2.715(7)	100
С29—Н29…О5А	0.93	2.46	3.386(8)	172

#### THP-ACZ

D—H⋯A (Å)	D—H (Å)	H····A(Å)	D…A (Å)	D—H…A (deg)
N1—H1…O5	0.82(3)	2.06(3)	2.860(3)	166(3)
N2—H2…N3	0.86	1.99	2.846(3)	172
N1—H3…O1	0.83(3)	2.04(3)	2.869(3)	174(3)
N6—H6…O4	0.86	1.93	2.773(3)	169
С5—Н5А…О4	0.96	2.28	2.733(4)	108
C8—H8…N8	0.93	2.56	3.484(3)	170
С11—Н11А…О5	0.96	2.42	2.768(3)	101
С11—Н11С…О2	0.96	2.46	3.098(4)	124
С11—Н11С…О2	0.96	2.46	3.098(4)	124





Fig. S1 PXRD profile of THP co-crystals.

**FTIR Spectra** 



Fig. S2 Comparison of FTIR spectra of THP, PIC and its co-crystal, THP-PIC.



Fig. S3 Comparison of FTIR spectra of THP, DIC and its co-crystal, THP-DIC.



Fig. S4 Comparison of FTIR spectra of THP, 4Cl3NB and its co-crystal, THP-4Cl3NB.



Fig. S5 Comparison of FTIR spectra of THP, 4F3NB and its co-crystal, THP-4F3NB.



Fig. S6 Comparison of FTIR spectra of THP, HBEN and its co-crystal, THP-HBEN.



Fig. S7 Comparison of FTIR spectra of THP, ACZ and its co-crystal, THP-ACZ.

Sample code	mp (°C) T <sub>max</sub> from DSC	Co-former mp (°C) <sup><i>a</i></sup>
THP	273.2	
THP-PIC	188.0	110
THP-DCB	184.1	204-206
THP-4Cl3NB	211.2	181-184
THP-4F3NB	190.2	123-126
THP-HBEN	233.8	161-162
THP-ACZ	229.2	258-259

**Table S3.** Melting Points of Theophylline, Co-Crystals with Various Co-Formers.

<sup>*a*</sup> Melting point values as reported in Sigma-Aldrich chemical catalog.



sheared crystal



Fig. S8 Schematic representation of shearing of crystal upon applying mechanical force.

Fig. S9 Stepwise shearing of THP-4Cl3NB crystal.



**Fig. S10** DSC thermogram of compositions obtained from different solvents (LAG) and neat grinded (NG) samples of THP-ACZ co-crystal.