#### **Supporting Information**

# Dimorphs of 4'-Amino-4-Hydroxy-2'-Methylbiphenyl: Assessment of Likelihood of Polymorphism in Flexible Molecules

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#### **Powder X Ray**

PXRD data of compound **3** were collected on an INEL XRG3000 instrument ( $\lambda =$ 

1.788965 A, Co-K $\alpha$ 1). The base line in not satisfactory. But the powder pattern gives a

hint that the compound has limited crystallinity and we did not get a single crystal for

further work.



The powder pattern of compound, 3

#### Thermal analysis

We started these experiment with the hope that we would get some characteristic polymorphic behaviour of the compound **2** and as well as compound **3**. But there were no such observations.

**DSC**, A Mettler Toledo Differential Scanning Calorimeter was used. N<sub>2</sub> was used as the inert gas to flush through the DSC furnace (purge rate 150ml/min) and this prevents condensation. Samples were analyzed using closed aluminum pans at a heating rate of  $5^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup>. Crude **2** was heated from 30°C to 200°C (1st step) then cooled to 30°C (2nd step) and the melt was further heated to 200°C (3rd step). Compound **3** was heated from

 $30^{\circ}$ C to  $180^{\circ}$ C (1st step) then cooled to  $30^{\circ}$ C (2nd step) and the melt was further heated to  $180^{\circ}$ C (3rd step). Compound **3** does not crystallise during cooling (see HSM picture) and even for the compound **2**, the crystallisation is not sharp. Partial decomposition occours in both cases.



**Hot stage microscopy** (HSM), A Kofler hot stage microscope was used. The temperature and heating rate were monitored with a digital thermometer. Pictures were taken with a

digital camera attached to the microscope and processed with the Motic software.

Samples were loaded in a glass plate, placed on the hot bench and heated at a rate of

 $\sim 10^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup>. Heating–cooling–heating cycles were performed for each case.



3 ~50 °C















~155°C

~90°C

HSM pictures: crude sample, melting and crystallization.





Figure S1 NMR spectrum of compound, 3.

Form	Interations	d (A°)	D (A°)	$\theta$ (deg)
	N-HO	2.223	3.254 (2)	158.3
Ι	N-HO	2.072	3.154 (2)	177.5
	O-HN	1.778	2.751 (2)	169.9
	O-HN	1.806	2.776 (2)	168.7
	С-НО	2.476	3.470 (2)	152.0
	N-HO	2.164	3.167 (2)	172.6
Π	0-н0	1.709	2.688 (2)	173.3
	O-HN	1.783	2.783 (2)	174.8
	N-HO	2.167	3.156 (2)	166.2
	N-HN	2.073	3.061 (2)	165.8

Table S1 Intermolecular interactions for dimorphs of 2

All C-H, O-H and N-H distances are neutron normalised to 1.083, 0.983 and 1.009 A°.

Experimental					Predicted			
	F F	Reduced Cell Parameters (Å, °)	V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	Energy kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	Reduced Cell Parameters (Å, °)		V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	Energy kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>
					$1^{st}$ P2 <sub>1</sub>	5.518, 7.821, 21.255, 90	452.77	-117.632
(1)	DRE	4.968, 8.700, 21.472	927.98	-108.016	$2^{nd}$ $P2_1$	5.363, 8.053, 10.510, 95.02	452.19	-117.608
					$7^{th}$ Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	5.518, 7.821, 21.255	917.22	-116.729
		5.352, 7.850, 20.808	874.26	-108.587	1 <sup>st</sup> Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	5.307, 7.773, 21.249	876.54	-110.010
( Pna	COM				$2^{nd}$ $P2_12_12_1$	5.397, 7.563, 21.302,	869.43	-109.989
1	-				$3^{rd}$ Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	5.318, 7.743, 21.246	874.90	-109.950
					1 <sup>st</sup> P–1	4.155, 6.571, 18.987, 93.47, 90.94, 90.81	517.25	-158.710
	cff	5.279, 8.785, 20.371	944.67	-115.600	$2^{nd}$ P-1	3.760, 12.717, 13.308, 107.44, 90.26, 98.50	599.66	-158.678
					$83^{th}$ Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	3.845, 13.013, 23.023	1151.93	-161.081

**Table S2** Evaluation of force fields.

CSD	Structures	Torsio	n Angle
REFCODEs		Solid state	ab initio
BIPHEN		0.11	38.48
DECFDP01	$F_5 \longrightarrow F_5$	58.87	54.14
QIMYUG	to the start	47.56	50.25
BUWCAX	$H_2N$ $H_2N$ $NH_2$	68.56	63.64
ZZZMBS01		89.36	89.97
DOHDPH02	HO	0.30	40.47
KEFLEM01		1.58	33.16
NEHFAH		26.32	35.60
DNTDPH		25.93	38.32

**Table S3** Crystal and gas phase torsion angles for selected binhenvls

	Compound 1										
Torsion angle	Rank	Space group	Lattice energy kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	Average	Re–minimized lattice energy kcal mol <sup>–1</sup>	Average					
	1	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-129.301		-82.439						
	2	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-129.197		-82.314						
	3	$P2_1$	-128.722		-82.275						
	4	$P2_1$	-128.703		-82.494						
0	5	$P2_{1}/c$	-128.212	-128.346	-80.597	-81.585					
U	6	Pbca	-128.173		-79.185						
	7	$P2_1$	-128.164		-81.870						
	8	$P2_1$	-127.797		-85.056						
	9	$P2_{1}/c$	-127.647		-79.508						
	10	Pbca	-127.544		-80.106						
	1	$Pna2_1$	-112.279		-81.358						
15	2	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-112.243	-111.517	-80.717						
	3	$Pna2_1$	-112.175		-81.199						
	4	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-111.763		-80.726						
	5	$P2_{1}$	-111.722		-80.337	-79.128					
	6	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-111.299		-79.666						
	7	$P2_1$	-111.193		-80.502						
	8	Pbca	-111.163		-78.718						
	9	$P2_1$	-110.878		-80.441						
	10	$P2_{1}/c$	-110.452		-67.613						
	1	Pbca	-121.008		-77.632						
	2	Pbca	-120.844		-72.770						
	3	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-119.999		-71.149						
	4	Pbca	-119.876	110.001	-78.357	- 4 00 1					
30	5	$Pna2_1$	-119.731	-119.924	-76.754	-/4.091					
	6	Pbca	-119.669		-71.644						
	7	<i>P</i> –1	-119.605		-70.915						
	8	Pbca	-119.545		-75.000						
	9	$P2_{1}/c$	-119.517		-72.594						
	10	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-119.446		-//.032						
45	1	Pbca	-130.693	-129.836	-74.542	-73.677					
	2	$P2_{1}/c$	-130.631		-71.674						

 Table S4 Ten lowest lattice energy crystal structures for compounds 1-4.

3	$P2_{1}/c$	-130.106		-72.842	
4	$P2_{1}/c$	-130.073		-72.388	
5	$P2_{1}/c$	-129.867		-76.338	
6	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-129.797		-72.103	
7	<i>P</i> -1	-129.763		-73.479	
8	$Pna2_1$	-129.490		-79.723	
9	$P2_1$	-129.006		-70.880	
10	Pbca	-128.932		-72.803	
1	C2/c	-125.465		-74.079	
2	$P2_{1}/c$	-125.387		-72.315	
3	C2/c	-125.327		-74.951	
4	Pbca	-125.325		-75.161	
5	$P2_{1}/c$	-124.801	-124.866	-73.488	-74.976
6	$P2_{1}/c$	-124.763		-76.545	
7	$Pna2_1$	-124.735		-80.504	
8	$P2_{1}/c$	-124.688		-76.404	
9	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-124.191		-71.489	
10	Pbca	-123.974		-/4.825	
1	<i>P</i> –1	-112.163		-72.601	
2	Pbca	-112.125		-72.149	
3	C2/c	-112.112		-71.371	
4	$P2_{1}/c$	-112.107		-72.861	
5	C2/c	-112.071	-111.843	-71.908	-71.381
6	$P2_{1}/c$	-111.925		-70.381	
7	$P2_{1}/c$	-111.694		-72.241	
8	$P2_{1}/c$	-111.553		-72.537	
9 10	Pbca	-111.482		-65.013	
10	Γ-1	-111.194		-72.748	
1	Pbca	-106.082		-65.609	
2	Pbca	-105.814		-66.260	
3	<i>P</i> –1	-105.744		-69.056	
4	<i>P</i> -1	-105.544	105 227	-68.927	(7.11)
5	$P2_{1}/c$	-105.395	-105.327	-68.994	-0/.116
6	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-105.294		-65.413	
7	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-105.263		-65.095	
8	Pbca	-104.733		-67.674	
9 10	P–1 Phca	-104.731 -104.669		-69.130 -64 997	
		101.007		· · · / / /	

	Compound 2									
Torsion angle	Rank	Space group	Lattice energy kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	Average	Re–minimized lattice energy kcal mol <sup>–1</sup>	Average				
	1	$Pna2_1$	-148.937		-57.479					
	2	Pbca	-148.259		-56.035					
	3	Pbca	-148.001		-55.303					
	4	$P2_{1}/c$	-147.725		-60.129					
0	5	$P2_1$	-147.624	-147.762	-65.386	-59.271				
	6	$P2_1$	-147.527		-62.174					
	7	$P2_1$	-147.463		-61.210					
	8	$P2_{1}/c$	-147.437		-57.833					
	9	$P2_1$	-147.334		-57.433					
	10	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-147.315		-59.730					
	1 2 3 4	Pbca Pbca P2 <sub>1</sub> P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-148.922 -148.477 -148.143 -148.130		-59.626 -67.396 -63.573 -63.796					
	5	$P2_{1/c}$	147 476		61.061					
15	6	P 21/c	-147.425	-147.75	-62 160	-60.471				
	7	$P_{2_1}^{2_1}^{2_1}^{2_1}$	-147 400		-59.064					
	8	Pbca	-147 252		-56 263					
	9	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-147.153		-56.092					
	10	$P2_{1}/c$	-147.125		-55.680					
	$\frac{1}{2}$	Pbca P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	-151.887 -151.880		-70.103 -61.554					
	3	Pbca	-151.851		-68.048					
	4	$P2_{1}/c$	-151.333		-64.326					
30	5	$P2_{1}/c$	-151.133	-151.246	-60.061	-63.512				
50	6	<i>P</i> –1	-151.051		-64.554					
	7	C2/c	-150.919		-64.880					
	8	$Pna2_1$	-150.858		-61.050					
	9	$P2_{1}/c$	-150.843		-58.188					
	10	Pbca	-150.708		-62.350					
45	1	Pbca	-153.711	-151.947	-69.477	-64.455				
	2	$P2_{1}/c$	-152.344		-62.183					
	3	$P2_{1}/c$	-152.197		-63.852					
	4	C2/c	-152.008		-60.832					
	5	Pbca	-151.941		-64.471					

6	<i>P</i> –1	-151.568		-69.223	
7	<i>P</i> –1	-151.483		-62.306	
8	Pbca	-151.444		-58.880	
9	Pbca	-151.405		-66.414	
10	$P2_{1}/c$	-151.372		-66.914	
1	<i>P</i> –1	-147.748		-61.737	
2	Pbca	-147.637		-65.411	
3	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-147.529		-67.822	
4	Pbca	-147.201		-57.949	
5	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-147.169	-147.140	-66.448	-64.260
6	C2/c	-146.928		-60.941	
7	$Pna2_1$	-146.842		-65.755	
8	Pbca	-146.829		-62.796	
9	$P2_1$	-146.763		-66.607	
10	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-146.756		-67.136	
1	<i>P</i> –1	-144.348		-67.874	
2	<i>P</i> –1	-144.215		-62.546	
3	$P2_{1}/c$	-144.162		-66.392	
4	C2/c	-143.786		-61.557	
5	C2/c	-143.325	-143.315	-63.047	-63.389
6	Pbca	-142.999		-64.177	
7	$P2_{1}/c$	-142.776		-63.344	
8	C2/c	-142.686		-61.956	
9	<i>P</i> –1	-142.503		-62.629	
10	C2/c	-142.346		-60.364	
1	<i>P</i> –1	-142.574		-60.479	
2	C2/c	-141.300		-59.304	
3	$P2_{1}/c$	-141.144		-58.959	
4	C2/c	-141.126		-61.806	
5	$P2_{1}/c$	-141.113	-141.170	-61.310	-60.484
6	<i>P</i> –1	-141.069		-59.565	
7	C2/c	-140.901		-59.615	
8	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-140.889		-60.293	
9	Pbca	-140.864		-64.321	
10	Pbca	-140.715		-59.184	

	Compound <b>3</b>									
Torsion angle	Rank	Space group	Lattice energy kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	Average	Re–minimized lattice energy kcal mol <sup>–1</sup>	Average				
	1	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	-139.489		-64.866					
	2	$Pna2_1$	-138.618		-63.118					
	3	Pbca	-138.199		-52.954					
	4	$P2_{1}/c$	-138.109		-62.076					
0	5	$P2_{1}/c$	-137.789	-138.010	-63.047	-61.314				
	6 7 8 9 10	$\begin{array}{c} C2/c\\ C2/c\\ P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}\\ P2_{1}/c\\ P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}\end{array}$	-137.709 -137.677 -137.617 -137.451 -137.440		-62.012 -61.130 -57.357 -61.061 -65.517					
	1	$P2_1$	-138.279		-64.702					
	2	$P2_{1}/c$	-137.800		-55.710					
15	3	$P2_{1}/c$	-137.758		-57.904					
	4	$P2_{1}/c$	-137.658	-137.530	-65.251					
	5	$P2_{1}/c$	-137.550		-60.855	-61.829				
	6	$P2_{1}/c$	-137.413		-64.151					
	7	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-137.387		-62.498					
	8	$P2_{1}/c$	-137.346		-64.135					
	9 10	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c P-1	-137.174 -136.934		-60.932 -62.148					
	1	$P2_{1}/c$	-144.535		-69.243					
	2	<i>P</i> –1	-144.485		-67.843					
	3	$Pna2_1$	-143.666		-64.861					
	4	$P2_1$	-143.617		-65.610					
30	5	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-143.511	-143.574	-64.693	-65.049				
	6	$P2_{1}/c$	-143.414		-57.154					
	7	$Pna2_1$	-143.194		-65.000					
	8	$P2_{1}/c$	-143.153		-66.240					
	9 10	$Pna2_1$ $P2_1/c$	-143.111 -143.055		-65.879 -63.969					
45	1	$P2_{1}/c$	-148.192	-146.880	-71.052	-67.213				
	2 3	P-1	-148.001		-69.067					
	2	r-1	-14/.23/		-0/./94					

4	$P2_{1}/c$	-147.119		-66.4308	
5	$Pna2_1$	-147.002		-64.727	
6	$Pna2_1$	-146.878		-66.428	
7	$Pna2_1$	-146.353		-66.522	
8	$P2_1$	-146.151		-65.128	
9	Pbca	-145.987		-68.452	
10	$P2_{1}/c$	-145.884		-66.526	
1	$P2_1$	-141.063		-66.333	
2	$P2_{1}/c$	-140.910		-68.542	
3	$Pna2_1$	-140.412		-64.134	
4	<i>P</i> -1	-140.255		-63.929	
5	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-140.220	-140.233	-64.411	-65.653
6	<i>P</i> –1	-140.198		-66.409	
7	<i>P</i> –1	-140.086		-66.315	
8	<i>P</i> –1	-140.048		-63.335	
9	$P2_{1}/c$	-139.589		-64.86	
10	Pbca	-139.545		-68.266	
1	<i>P</i> –1	-136.242		-65.886	
2	<i>P</i> –1	-136.241		-67.327	
3	$P2_1$	-136.067		-64.965	
4	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-136.052		-62.903	
5	<i>P</i> -1	-135.682	-135.629	-67.974	-65.444
6	$P2_{1}/c$	-135.411		-64.732	
7	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-135.290		-68.823	
8	<i>P</i> -1	-135.225		-66.195	
9	<i>P</i> –1	-135.200		-60.033	
10	$P2_{1}/c$	-134.880		-65.601	
1	<i>P</i> –1	-135.517		-66.843	
2	<i>P</i> –1	-135.208		-66.850	
3	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-134.760		-63.294	
4	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-134.714		-67.885	
5	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-134.266	-134.017	-67.463	-63.912
6	<i>P</i> –1	-133.374		-62.714	
7	$P2_1$	-133.127		-62.095	
8	$P2_{1}/c$	-133.102		-57.011	
9	$P2_1$	-133.069		-60.901	
10	$P2_1$	-133.029		-64.067	

	Compound 4										
Torsion angle	Rank	Space group	Lattice energy kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	Average	Re–minimized lattice energy kcal mol <sup>–1</sup>	Average					
	1	$P2_1$	-180.905		-52.970						
	2	$P2_1/C$	-180.89/		-52.409						
	3	Pbca	-180.784		-52.517						
	4	$F Z_1 Z_1 Z_1$	-180.001	100 455	-40.222	50.024					
0	5	$\Gamma Z_1 Z_1 Z_1$	-180.032	-180.455	-30.181	-50.934					
	07	$\Gamma Z_1/C$	-180.237		-51.472						
	8	Pbca	-180.131 -180.136		-30.770						
	9	P2.2.2.	-180.084		-50.981						
	10	$P2_{1}/c$	-180.015		-49.901						
	1	$P2_1$	-180.345		-58.426						
	2	$P2_{1}/c$	-180.222		-55.122						
	3	$P2_{1}/c$	-179.879		-57.708						
	4	$P2_{1}/c$	-179.859		-59.127						
15	5	Pbca	-179.745	-179.738	-57.551	-56.105					
10	6	$P2_1$	-179.712		-57.487						
	7	$P2_{1}/c$	-179.560		-55.510						
	8	$P2_{1}/c$	-179.497		-56.119						
	9	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-179.310		-54.726						
	10	Pbca	-179.246		-49.273						
	1	Pbca	-173.675		-61.754						
	2	Pbca	-172.819		-58.503						
	3	$P2_{1}$	-172.634		-62.521						
	4	$P2_{1}/c$	-172.606		-58.265						
30	5	Pbca	-172.427	-172.508	-62.632	-61.202					
	6	Pbca	-172.421		-65.564						
	7	Pbca	-172.413		-67.366						
	8	C2/c	-172.048		-57.835						
	9	$P2_1$	-172.030		-59.962						
	10	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-172.011		-57.614						
45	1	Pbca	-169.471	-168.615	-70.015	-63.153					
	2	$P2_{1}/c$	-169.340		-67.295						
	3	Pbca	-168.606		-67.926						
	4	P 21/c	-168.564		-58.211						
	5	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-168.555		-59.170						
	6	Pbca	-168.477		-61.819						

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	7	$P2_{1}/c$	-168.462		-61.339	
	8	$P2_{1}/c$	-168.401		-64.186	
	9	C2/c	-168.162		-59.644	
	10	$P2_1$	-168.115		-61.921	
	1	Pbca	-168.048		-71.817	
	2	$P2_{1}/c$	-167.729		-68.685	
	3	$Pna2_1$	-167.655		-66.067	
	4	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-167.425		-59.020	
(0)	5	$P2_1$	-167.371	-167.196	-65.025	-65.326
60	6	$P2_{1}/c$	-167.059		-60.048	
	7	$P2_{1}/c$	-166.853		-64.847	
	8	$P2_{1}/c$	-166.641		-67.662	
	9	Pbca	-166.619		-64.617	
	10	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-166.558		-65.470	
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	2	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-1/1.36		-66.645	
	3	$P2_1$	-171.352		-68.240	
	4	C2/c	-171.294	151 000	-66.327	
75	5	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-171.266	-171.092	-65.738	-66.608
	6	Pbca	-171.033		-66.754	
	7	$P2_1$	-170.882		-64.981	
	8	$P2_{1}/c$	-170.855		-69.027	
	9	$P2_{1}/c$	-170.793		-64.128	
	10	Pbca	-170.711		-67.961	
	1	$P2_1$	-172.839		-67.703	
	2	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-172.106		-64.697	
	3	$P2_{1}/c$	-171.483		-66.483	
	4	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-171.371		-66.912	
90	5	$P2_1$	-171.323	-171.468	-66.613	-65.439
	6	C2/c	-171.293		-65.593	
	7	$P2_{1}/c$	-171.263		-59.967	
	8	Pbca	-171.085		-63.626	
	9	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	-170.967		-66.328	
	10	P 21/c	-170.947		-66.463	