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Intermolecular benzoyl group transfer reactivity in crystals of racemic 2,6di-*O*-benzoyl-*myo*-inositol 1,3,5-orthobenzoate: Controlling reactivity by solvate (pseudopolymorph) formation

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**Fig. S1** Proton NMR spectrum of Form II crystals of **rac-3**. Inset shows the solvent (2-propanol) peaks.



**Fig. S2** Proton NMR spectrum of Form III crystals of **rac-3**. Inset shows the solvent (toluene) peaks.



Fig. S3 DSC curve for Form III crystals of rac-3.



Fig. S4 Hot stage microscopy images for Form II crystals of rac-3.

	rac-3 - Form II			
Chemical formula	$C_{27}H_{22}O_8$ · [0.25(C <sub>3</sub> O); 0.125 (C <sub>3</sub> O) ·			
	0.25 (O); 0.125 (O)]			
$M_r$	489.22			
Crystal size	0.10×0.01×0.01			
Crystal system	Triclinic			
Space group	<i>P</i> -1			
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.1780(12)			
<i>b</i> (Å)	15.941(3)			
<i>c</i> (Å)	28.069(6)			
α (°)	84.21(3)			
β (°)	87.52(3)			
γ (°)	85.76(3)			
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2740.9(9)			
$Z_{r} D_{calc} (g \text{ cm}^{-3})$	4, 1.186			
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> ), <i>F</i> (000)	0.088, 1025			
$T_{min}$ , $T_{max}$	0.9913, 0.9991			
<i>h, k, l</i> (min, max)	(-6,6), (-18,18), (-32,33)			
Reflns collected	10041			
Unique reflns	6869			
Observed reflns	2306			
No. of parameters	673			
GoF	0.922			
$\mathbf{R}_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.2157			
$wR_2[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.4424			
R <sub>1</sub> _all data	0.2992			
wR <sub>2</sub> _all data	0.5000			
$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}}(e \text{\AA}^{-3})$	0.47, -0.42			
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 Table 1 Crystal data table for Form II crystals of rac-3.



**Fig. S5** Representative ORTEP for molecules in Form II crystals of **rac-3**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability and hydrogen atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. S6 Molecular overlap of Form I and Form II crystals showing the conformational differences.

D-H···A	D-H /Å	H···A /Å	D…A /Å	D-H····A /°
O6B-H6OB····H4A <sup>i</sup>	0.82	2.12	2.934(12)	170
C4A-H4A····O3B <sup>ii</sup>	0.98	2.51	3.417(14)	153
C4B-H4B····O3A <sup>i</sup>	0.98	2.54	3.422(16)	149
C2A-H2A····O6A <sup>iii</sup>	0.98	2.33	3.203(15)	148
C2B-H2B····O6B <sup>iii</sup>	0.98	2.37	3.233(16)	146
C5B-H5B····O1B <sup>ii</sup>	0.98	2.57	3.450(16)	150

Symmetry codes: (i) *x*, *y*, *z*; (ii) 1+*x*, *y*, *z*; (iii) -1+*x*, *y*, *z*.



**Fig. S7** Closely interacting molecules in the chain along *a*-axis with the El-Nu parameters which are not conducive for acyl transfer reaction in the solid-state.



Fig. S8 Simulated (Form I, Form II) and recorded (Form III) PXRD patterns of crystals of rac-3.