

## Supporting Information

### Polymorphism and porosity in 4-[(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl) (5-methyl-1H-imidazol-4-yl) methyl]-2,6-dimethylphenol

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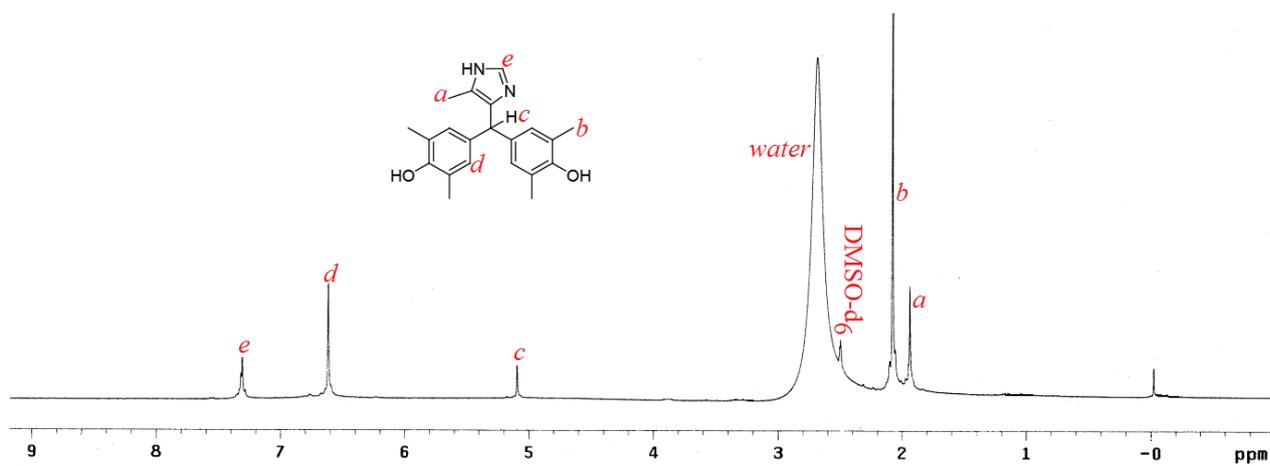


Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz) of Imbp in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>

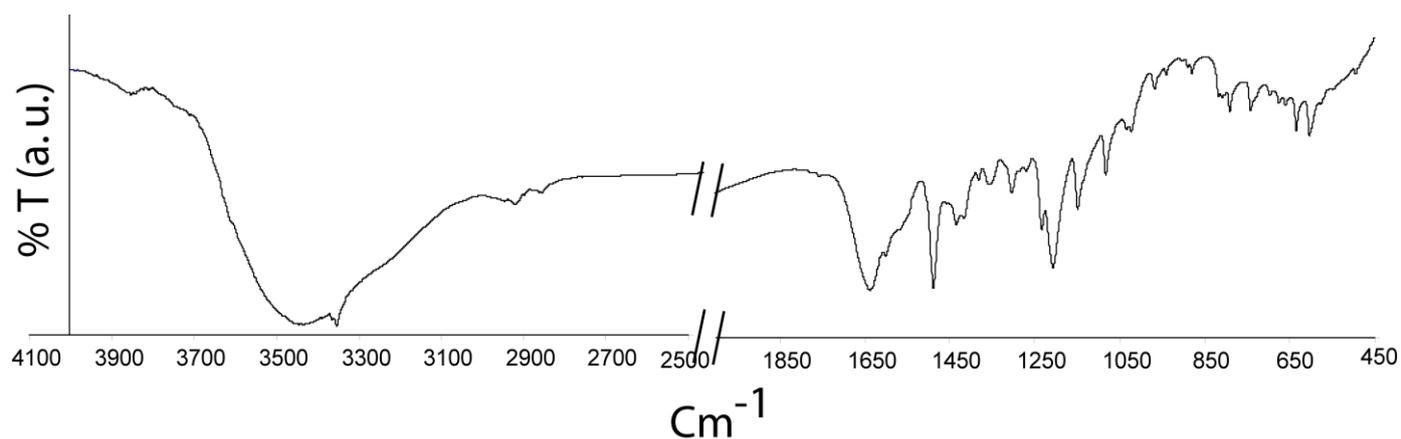
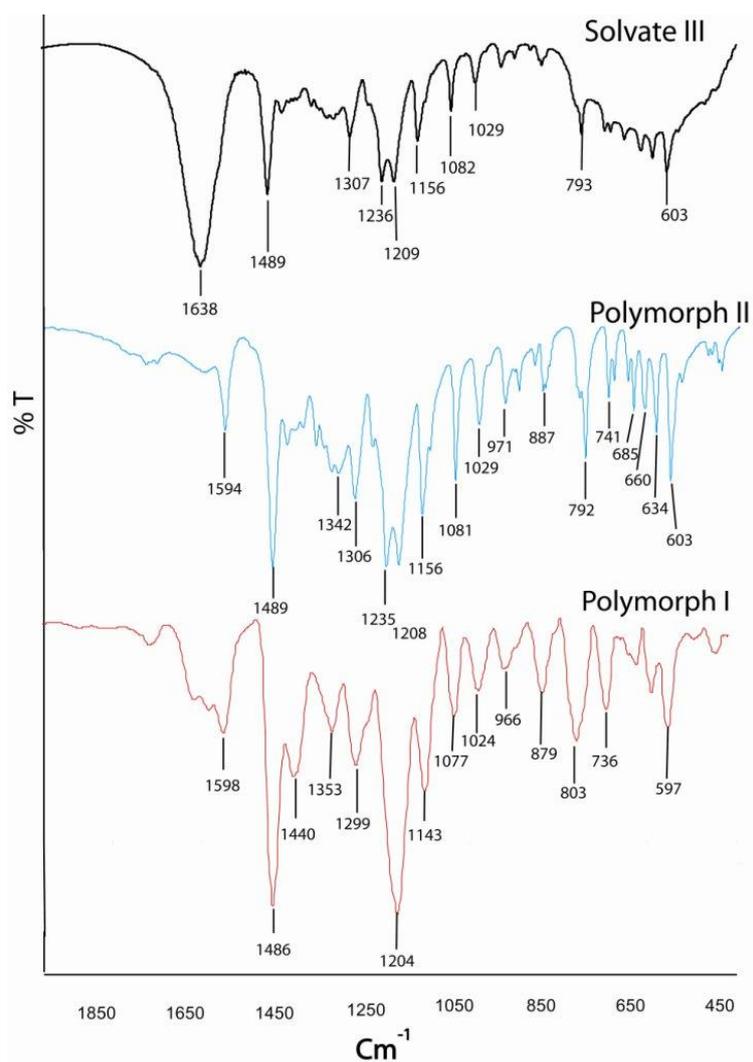
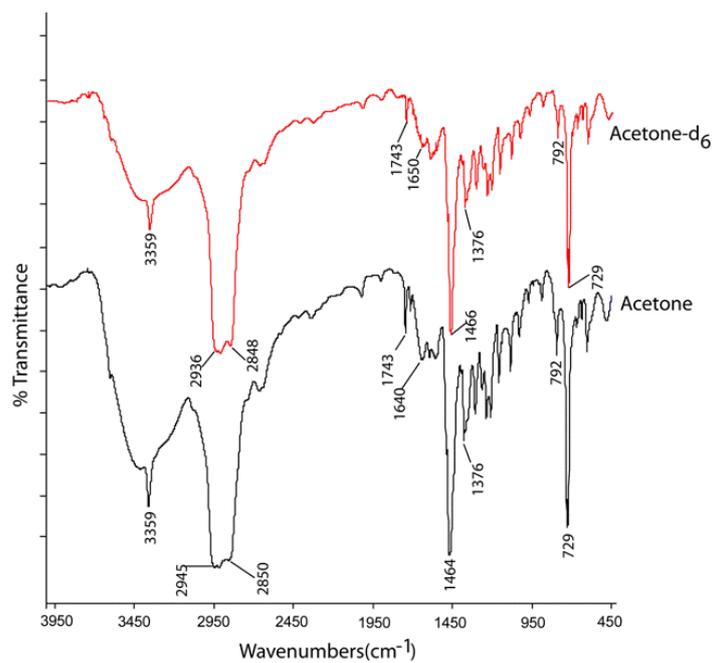


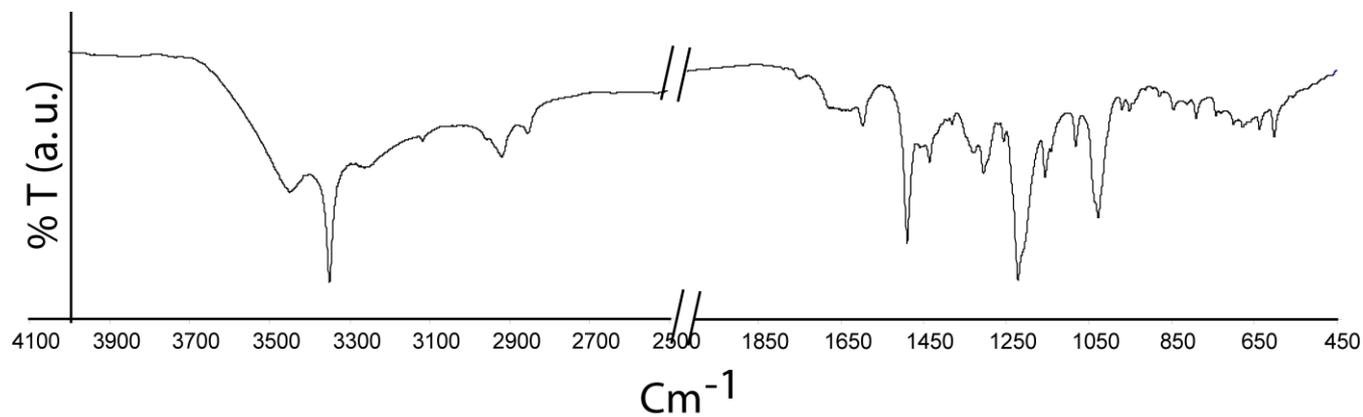
Figure S2: FT-IR spectra (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) of the polymorph I



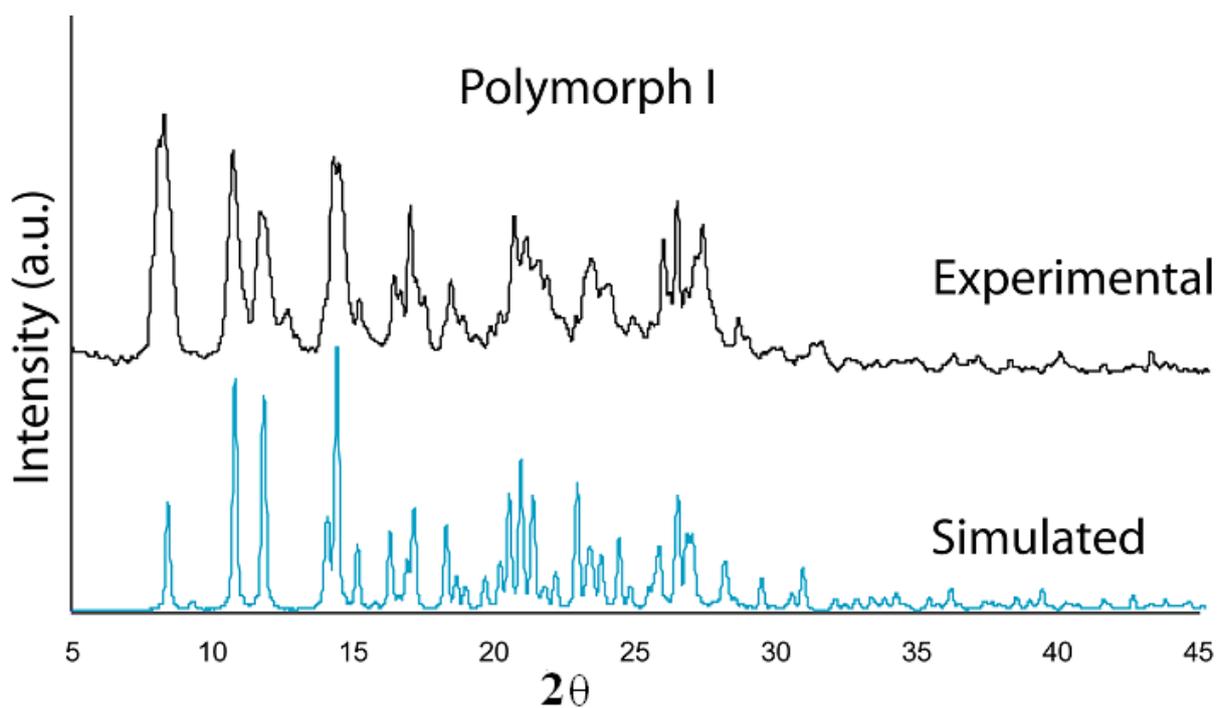
**Figure S3:** Comparison of solid state IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) spectra of polymorph **I** (bottom, red) and polymorph **II** (middle, blue) and solvate **III** (top, black) in the region of 2000-450 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



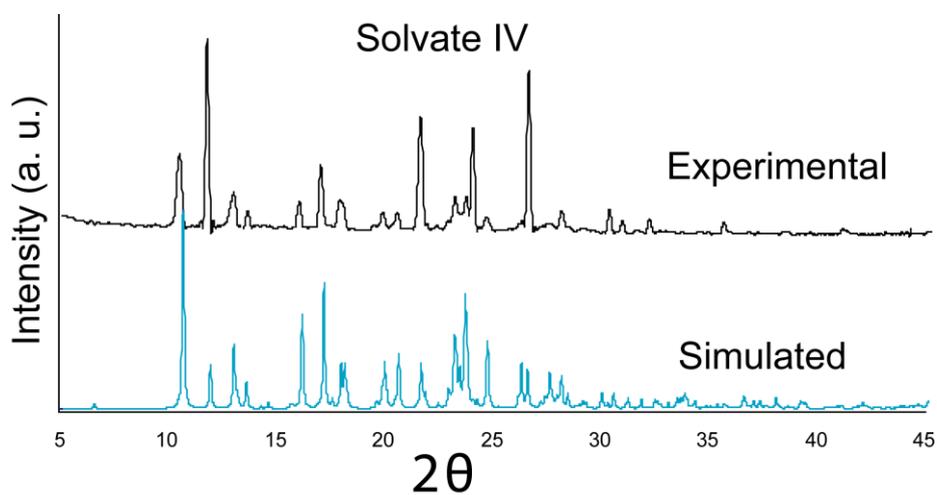
**Figure S4:** FT-IR spectra (Film) of acetone-**Imbp** and acetone- $d_6$ -**Imbp** solvate.



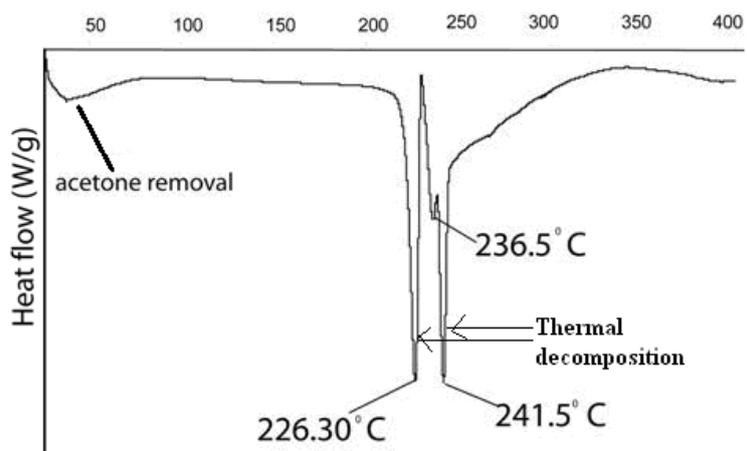
**Figure S5:** FT-IR spectra (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the solvate **IV**



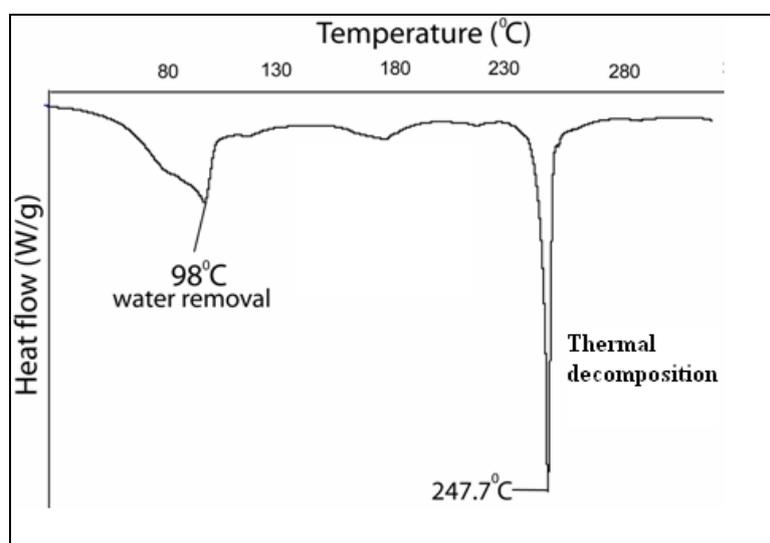
**Figure S6:** Comparison of the simulated and experimental PXR D pattern of solvate **III**.



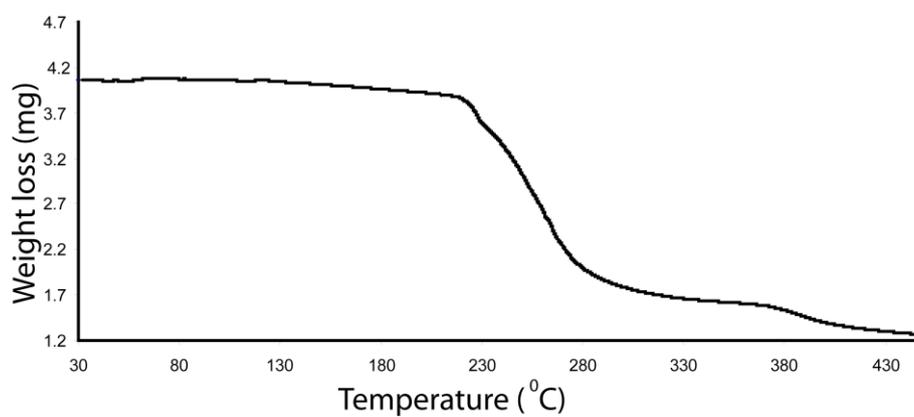
**Figure S7:** Comparison of the simulated and experimental PXR D pattern of solvate **IV**.



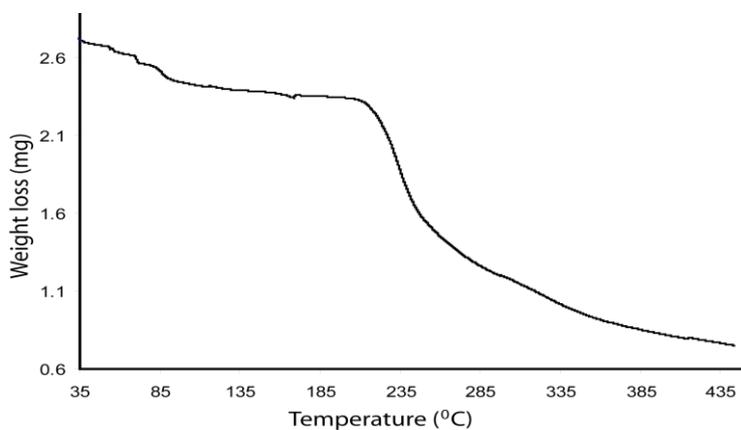
**Figure S8:** DSC of the solvate III (heating rate 5°C/min).



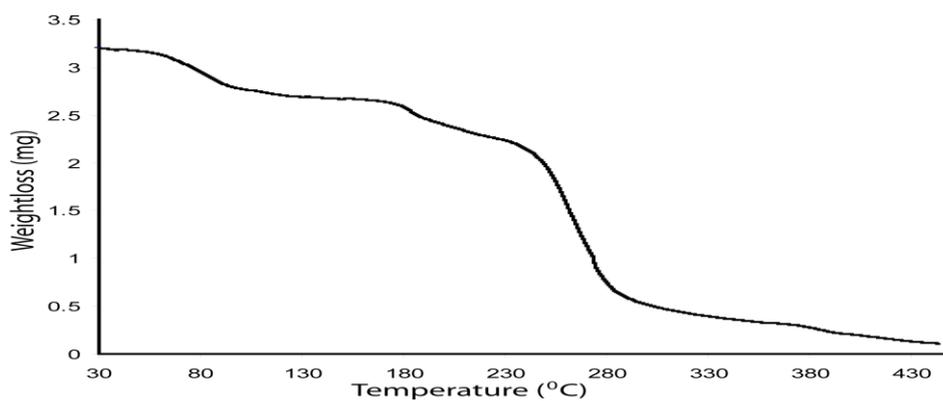
**Figure S9:** DSC of the solvate IV (heating rate 5°C/min)



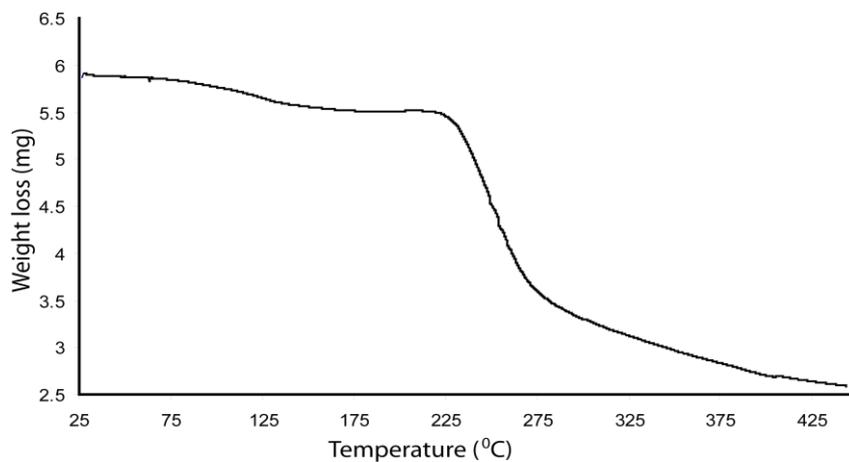
**Figure S10:** TGA of the **polymorph II** showing the absence of disordered solvent molecules in the voids (heating rate 5°C/min).



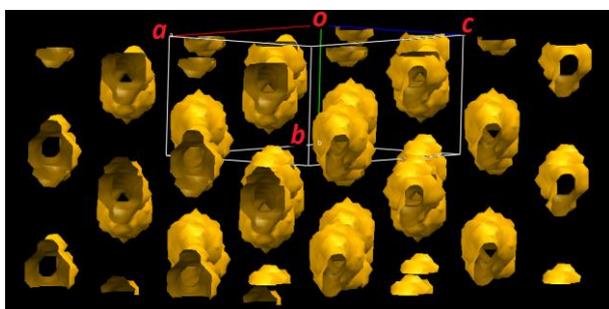
**Figure S11:** TGA of the **solvate III** (heating rate 5° C / min).



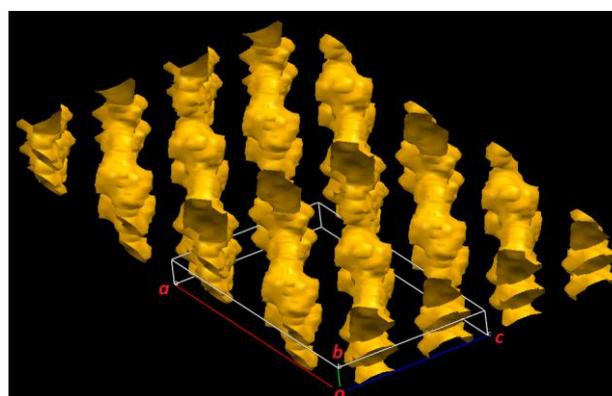
**Figure S12:** TGA of the **solvate IV** (heating rate 5° C / min)



**Figure S13:** TGA of the **polymorph II** after exposing it to acetone vapour for 2 hours. (heating rate 5° C / min)



(a)



(b)

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**Voids**

Find any empty spaces (**voids**) in crystal unit cells that are big enough to hold a spherical "probe" of the given radius. Decrease the **Probe Radius** to find smaller spaces. Decrease the **Grid Spacing** to create smoother surfaces. To see voids in more than one unit cell, use the **Packing/Slicing** dialog to turn on packing and increase the ranges along a, b and c.

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Approx. Grid Spacing: 0.7 Å

Calculate voids using the Contact Surface

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**Results**

Void volume: 13.4 % of unit cell volume

556.02 Å<sup>3</sup>

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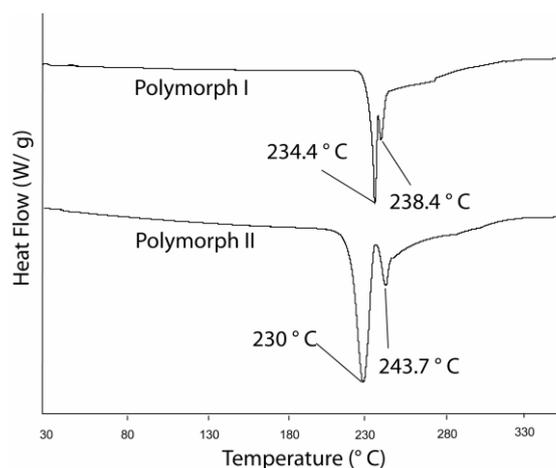
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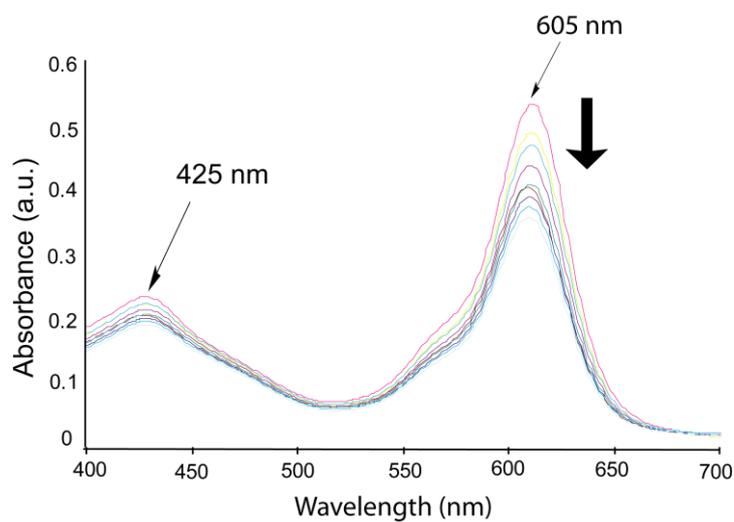
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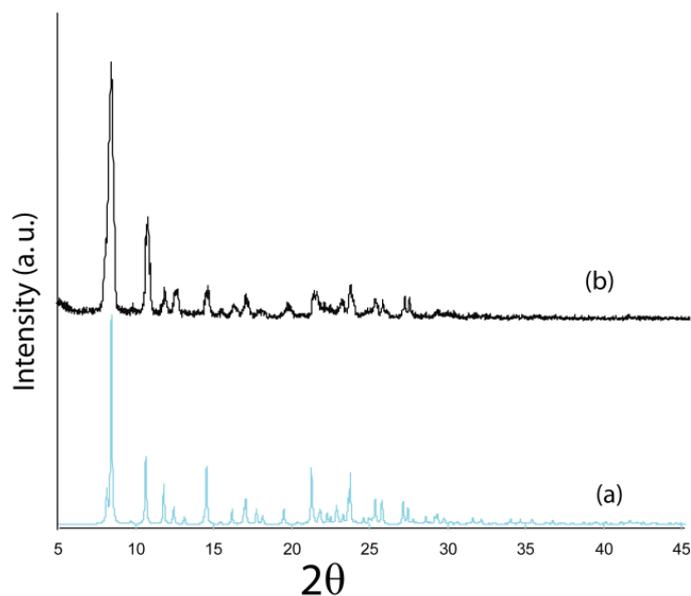
**Figure S14:** Presentation of the voids in the polymorph **II** from different directions.



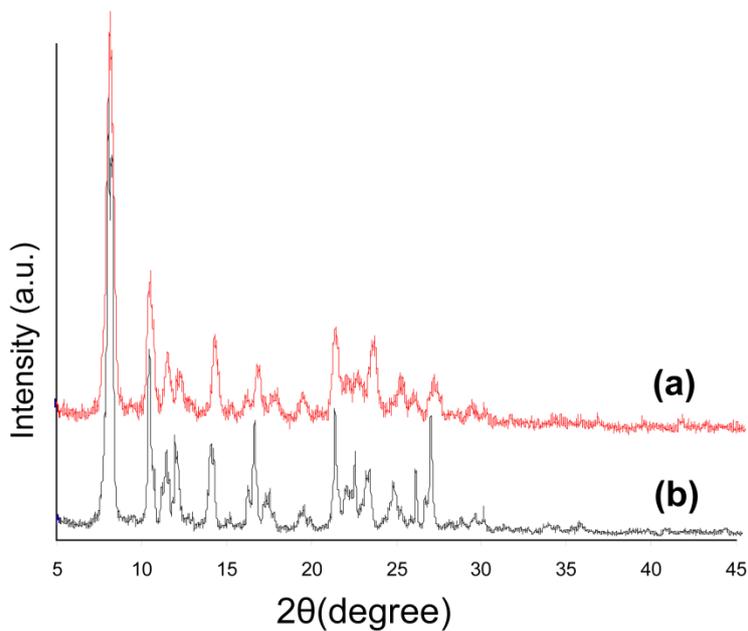
**Figure S15:** DSC of the polymorph **I** and **II** (heating rate 5° C/ minute).



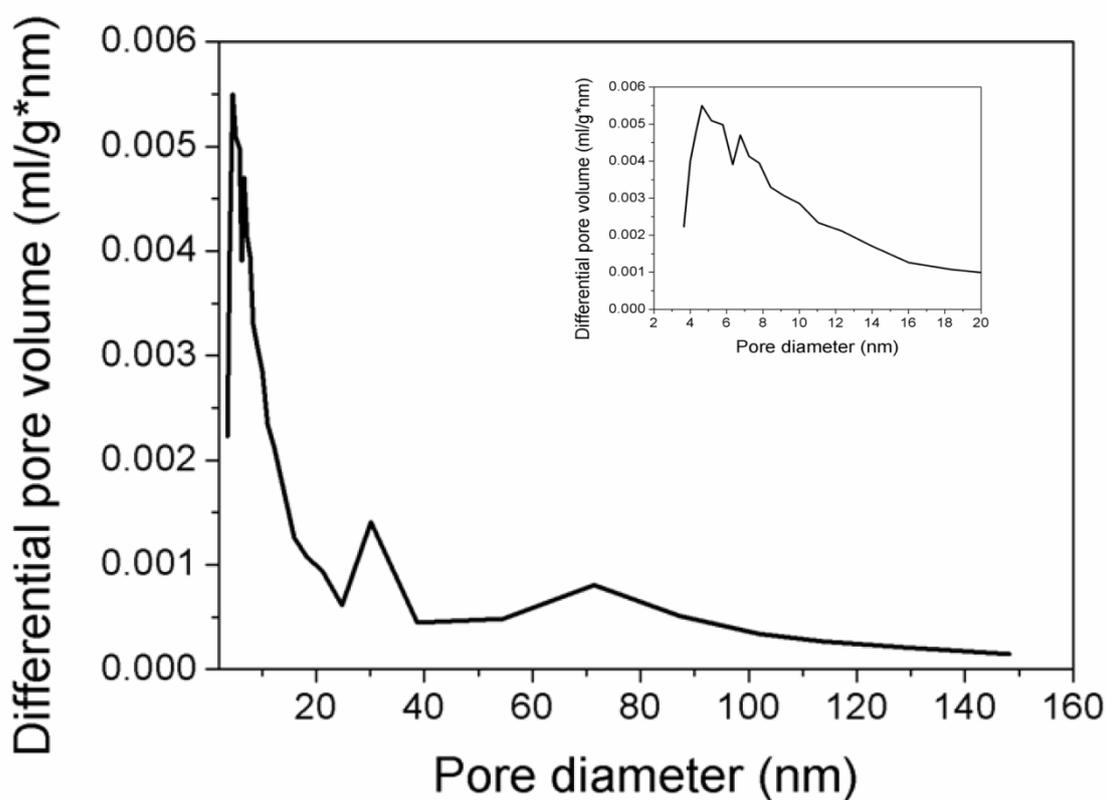
**Figure S16:** UV-visible spectra of DMSO solvate (1.2 × 10<sup>-2</sup> M, 2 mL) with 50 μL incremental addition of acetone.



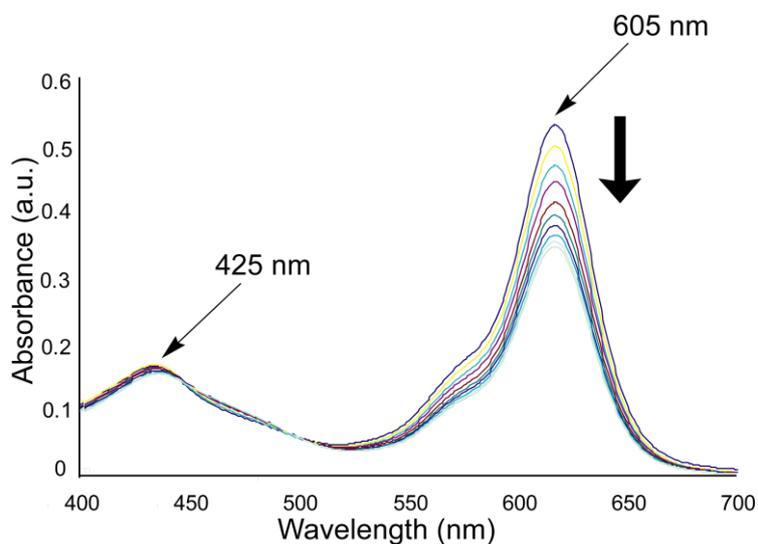
**Figure S17:** The PXR D of the (a) acetone solvate **III** (simulated) and the (b) PXR D of the polymorph **II** after exposure to acetone vapour (*suggests transformation of **II** to **III***).



**Figure S18:** The experimentally observed PXR D of the (a) DMSO solvate **IV** after heating up to  $200^\circ\text{C}$  and the (b) polymorph **II** (*Suggesting conversion of **IV** to **II***).



**Figure S19:** Plot for pore size distribution of the polymorph **II**



**Figure S20:** The changes of UV-vis spectra of **II** in DMSO ( $2 \times 10^{-2}$  M, 2 mL,) on 50  $\mu$ L incremental addition of DMSO.

**Table S1:** Some relevant hydrogen-bond parameters of **I-IV**.

Compound	D-H...A	$d_{D-H}(\text{\AA})$	$d_{H...A}(\text{\AA})$	$d_{D...A}(\text{\AA})$	$\angle D-H...A(^{\circ})$
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I	O(1)-H···O (2) [x, 3/2-y, 1/2+z]	0.82	1.95	2.705 (2)	152
	O(2)-H···N(2) [1-x, 2-y, -z]	0.82	1.91	2.669(3)	154
II	O(1)-H···O (2) [1/2+x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z ]	0.82	1.89	2.680(8)	161
	O(2)-H···N(2) [ -x, 1-y, 1-z]	0.82	1.84	2.617(7)	157
III	O(1)-H···N(2) [1-x,-y,-z]	0.82	1.86	2.6241	155
	O(2)-H···O(1) [-1/2+x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z]	0.82	1.92	2.6750	153
	C(13)-H···O3	0.96	2.71	3.633	160.74
IV	O(1)-H···N(2) [1-x, 1-y, -z]	0.86(6)	1.87(6)	2.721(5)	169(5)
	O(2)-H···O(4)	0.87(6)	1.91(4)	2.702(6)	151(5)
	O(4)-H···O(2)	0.84(5)	2.24(13)	2.702(6)	114(10)
	O(4)-H···O(1) [x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z]	0.87(3)	2.04(4)	2.889(6)	164(4)
	C(12)-H···O(3)	0.929	2.696	3.520	148.24
	C(15)-H···O(1) [1-x, 1-y, -z]	0.93	2.57	3.490(5)	172