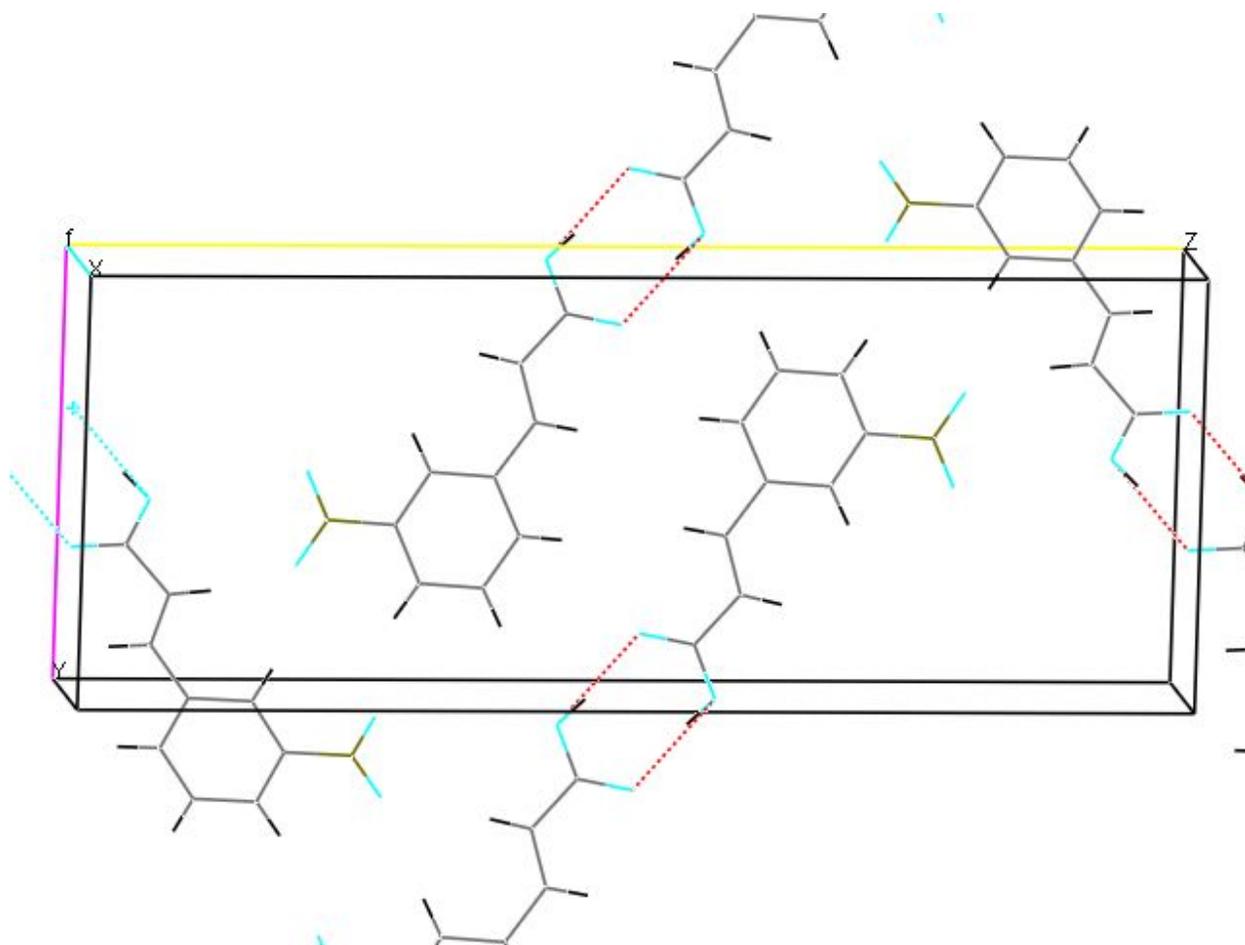


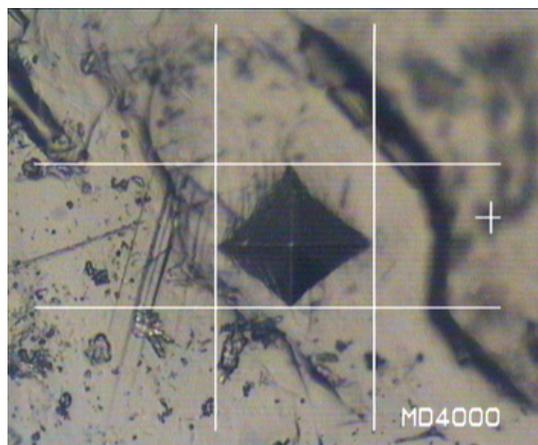
**Fig. S1 The grown crystal of 3NCA**



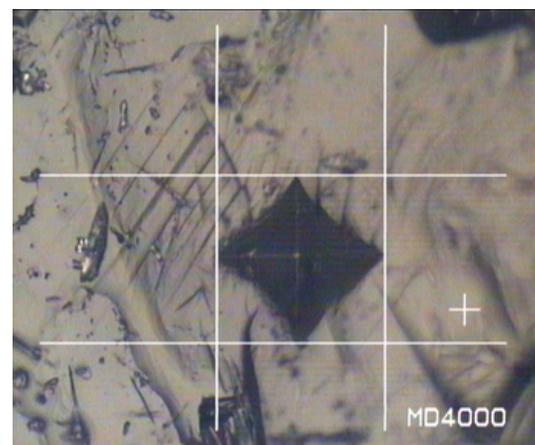
**Fig. S2** Crystal packing when viewed along the a-axis

### Crystal packing in 3nitrocinnamic acid

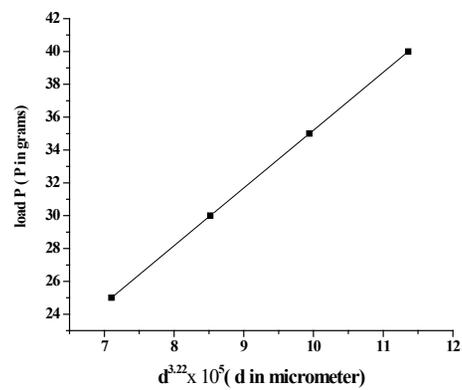
In the crystal, the independent 3nitrocinnamic acid molecules are linked by complimentary intermolecular O-H...O hydrogen bonds. Atom O<sub>20</sub> acts as a hydrogen bond donor to carbonyl atom O<sub>19</sub> of another 3nitrocinnamic acidmolecule (-x+1, -y-1, -z). The D...A distance being 2.636(3) Å and the D-H...A angle of 169°. This hydrogen bonding interaction leads to the formation of centrosymmetric dimers with a graph set notation of R<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>(8). The packing diagram exhibits stacking of such dimers along the crystallographic a axis.



**Fig.S3** Indentation mark for 10gm



**Fig.S4** Indentation mark for 30 gm



**Fig. S5** load P Vs  $d^n$

**Table S1. Optimized geometrical parameters of 3NCA**

Bond Length (Å)				Bond Angle(°)				Dihedral Angle(°)			
Parameter	Mono mer	Dimer	Exp.	Parameter	Mono mer	Dimer	Exp.	Parameter	Mono mer	Dimer	Exp.
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub>	1.407	1.407	1.389	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>3</sub>	122.10	122.13	120.52	C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	0.003	-0.004	0.98
C <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>3</sub>	1.088	1.088	0.930	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	119.36	119.35	118.80	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	-0.002	0.001	-0.86
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	1.389	1.388	1.368	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	122.65	122.65	123.26	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>6</sub>	179.99	179.99	179.97
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	1.397	1.397	1.381	C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>6</sub>	119.46	119.46	121.20	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub>	0.00	0.002	-0.06
C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>6</sub>	1.088	1.088	0.930	C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub>	118.08	118.09	117.70	C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	- 179.99	179.99	179.22
C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub>	1.394	1.394	1.378	C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	119.79	119.78	119.83	C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub>	0.001	-0.001	0.83
C <sub>7</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	1.091	1.091	0.929	C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub>	120.23	120.22	120.37	C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	179.99	179.99	179.30
C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub>	1.396	1.396	1.366	C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	119.65	119.65	119.18	H <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub>	-0.003	0.003	0.09
C <sub>9</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	1.092	1.092	0.929	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub>	118.58	118.57	118.87	C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub>	- 179.99	179.99	- 179.56
C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub>	1.483	1.483	1.471	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub>	122.75	122.73	122.06	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -H <sub>13</sub>	- 179.98	179.92	179.40
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub>	1.465	1.465	1.463	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -H <sub>13</sub>	116.18	116.16	115.92	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub>	0.01	-0.09	-0.60
C <sub>12</sub> -H <sub>13</sub>	1.095	1.095	0.929	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub>	127.5	127.36	128.09	H <sub>13</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> - H <sub>15</sub>	179.99	179.99	179.55
C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub>	1.345	1.346	1.322	C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -H <sub>15</sub>	123.41	123.41	118.96	H <sub>13</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> - C <sub>16</sub>	-0.00	-0.01	-0.45
C <sub>14</sub> -H <sub>15</sub>	1.091	1.091	0.980	C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub>	119.68	120.53	122.17	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>17</sub>	- 179.98	179.99	171.97
C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub>	1.480	1.478	1.459	C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>17</sub>	117.43	117.33	118.30	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>18</sub>	0.02	0.002	8.57
N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>17</sub>	1.224	1.224	1.218	C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>18</sub>	117.53	117.51	118.43	H <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -	- 179.99	- 179.99	177.44

								O <sub>19</sub>			
N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>18</sub>	1.225	1.225	1.212	C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>19</sub>	126.03	122.75	120.68	H <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> - O <sub>20</sub>	0.006	-0.001	-2.01
C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>19</sub>	1.214	1.237	1.244	C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>20</sub>	111.20	112.93	115.69	O <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>20</sub> - H <sub>21</sub>	-0.001	-0.059	-2.90
C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>20</sub>	1.355	1.319	1.278	C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>20</sub> -H <sub>21</sub>	105.91	110.03	109.49				
O <sub>20</sub> -H <sub>21</sub>	0.974	1.012	0.820								

**Table S2. Experimental and calculated absorption wavelengths, energies and oscillator strengths of 3NCA using the TD-DFT method at the B3LYP/cc-pvdz and BHLYP/cc-pvdz level**

Excitation	CI expansion coefficient	Wavelength (nm) Calc. gas phase	Oscillator strength ( <i>f</i> )	Excitation	CI expansion coefficient	Wavelength (nm) Calc. ethanol B3LYP/cc-pvdz	Oscillator strength ( <i>f</i> )	Excitation	CI expansion coefficient	Wavelength (nm) Calc. ethanol BHLYP	Oscillator strength ( <i>f</i> )	Expt. (nm)
Excited state1	Singlet A			Excited state1	Singlet A			Excited state1	Singlet A			
47 → 51	0.65951			48 → 52	-0.11850			45 → 51	-0.64248		0.0000	
47 → 52	-0.21927	324.50	0.0000	50 → 51	0.67757	335.44	0.0170	45 → 52	-0.17808	287.36		
47 → 53	0.10476			50 → 52	0.12637			45 → 53	-0.17649			
								45 → 54	-0.13867			

Excited state2	Singlet A			Excited state2	Singlet A			Excited state2	Singlet A			
48 → 51	0.11714	320.04	0.0129	47 → 51	0.68872	315.46	0.0000	49 -> 51	-0.14866			
48 → 52	0.13375			47 → 52	0.11237			49 -> 52	0.17241	278.59	0.0212	261
50 → 51	0.63601							50 -> 51	-0.63071			
50 → 52	-0.24472							50 -> 52	-0.16601			
Excited state3	Singlet A			Excited state3	Singlet A			Excited state3	Singlet A			
49 → 51	0.32658							43 -> 51	0.63899			
49 → 52	0.61076	296.28	0.0000	49 → 51	-0.21175	284.03	0.0000	43 -> 52	0.17611	259.39	0.0000	
49 → 54	0.10018			49 → 52	0.65877			43 -> 53	0.16492			
				49 → 54	-0.10441			43 -> 54	0.12962			

**Table S3: Definition of internal co-ordinates of 3NCA**

No.	Symbol	Type	Definition
<b>Stretching</b>			
1-8	Ri	C-H (ring)	C <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> -H <sub>8</sub> , C <sub>9</sub> -H <sub>10</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -H <sub>21</sub> , C <sub>23</sub> -H <sub>24</sub> , C <sub>25</sub> -H <sub>26</sub> , C <sub>27</sub> -H <sub>28</sub> .
9-12	Ri	C-H (SUB)	C <sub>12</sub> -H <sub>13</sub> , C <sub>14</sub> -H <sub>15</sub> , C <sub>30</sub> -H <sub>31</sub> , C <sub>32</sub> -H <sub>33</sub> .
13-24	r <sub>i</sub>	C-C (ring)	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> , C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> , C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> , C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> , C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> , C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> .
25-30	ri	C-C (SUB)	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> , C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> , C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> , C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> , C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> , C <sub>32</sub> - C <sub>34</sub> .
31-34	qi	N-O	N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>17</sub> , N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>18</sub> , N <sub>29</sub> -O <sub>35</sub> , N <sub>29</sub> -O <sub>36</sub>
35-38	Qi	C-O	C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>40</sub> , C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>41</sub> , C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>37</sub> , C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>38</sub>
39-40	Ri	C-N	C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub>
41-44	qi	O-H	O <sub>41</sub> -H <sub>42</sub> , O <sub>38</sub> -H <sub>39</sub> , O <sub>40</sub> -H <sub>39</sub> , O <sub>37</sub> -H <sub>42</sub>
<b>Bending</b>			
45-56	β <sub>i</sub>	C-C-H (Ring1)	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -H <sub>8</sub> , C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -H <sub>8</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -H <sub>10</sub> , C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -H <sub>10</sub> , C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -H <sub>13</sub> , C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -H <sub>13</sub> , C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -H <sub>15</sub> , C <sub>16</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> - H <sub>15</sub> .
57-68	β <sub>i</sub>	C-C-H (Ring2)	C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -H <sub>21</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -H <sub>21</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> -H <sub>24</sub> , C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> - H <sub>24</sub> , C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> -H <sub>26</sub> , C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> -H <sub>26</sub> , C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> -H <sub>28</sub> , C <sub>19</sub> - C <sub>27</sub> -H <sub>28</sub> , C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> -H <sub>31</sub> , C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> -H <sub>31</sub> , C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> -H <sub>33</sub> , C <sub>34</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> -H <sub>33</sub> .
69-70	β <sub>i</sub>	C-O-H	C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>41</sub> -H <sub>42</sub> , C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>38</sub> -H <sub>39</sub>
71-72	θ <sub>i</sub>	O-H-O	O <sub>38</sub> -H <sub>39</sub> -O <sub>40</sub> , O <sub>41</sub> -H <sub>42</sub> -O <sub>37</sub>
73-76	α <sub>i</sub>	C-C-C (SUB)	C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> , C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> .
77-81	α <sub>i</sub>	b(C-C-C)	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> , C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> , C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> , C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> , C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> ,

82-85	$\theta_i$	C-N-O	C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>17</sub> , C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>18</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub> -O <sub>35</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub> -O <sub>36</sub>
86-89	$\alpha_i$	C-C-O	C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>40</sub> , C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>41</sub> , C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>37</sub> , C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>38</sub>
90-95	$\delta_i$	C-C-C (Ring1)	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> , C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> , C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> .
96-101	$\delta_i$	C-C-C (Ring2)	C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> , C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> , C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> , C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> .
102-105	$\beta_i$	C-C-N	C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub> , C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub> .
<b>Out of plane bending</b>			
106-111	$\omega_i$	C-H (Ring1)	H <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> , H <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> , H <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> , H <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> , H <sub>13</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> , H <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> .
112-117	$\omega_i$	C-H (Ring 2)	H <sub>21</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> , H <sub>24</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> , H <sub>26</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> , H <sub>28</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> , H <sub>31</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> , H <sub>33</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> .
118-119	$\omega_i$	C-N	N <sub>11</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> , N <sub>29</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> .
120-121	$\omega_i$	N-O	C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>17</sub> -O <sub>18</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub> -O <sub>35</sub> -O <sub>36</sub>
122-123	$\omega_i$	C-O	C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>40</sub> -O <sub>41</sub> , C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>37</sub> -O <sub>38</sub>
124-125	$\omega_i$	C-C (SUB)	C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> , C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>27</sub>
<b>Torsion</b>			
126-131	$\tau_i$	t(C-C) Ring1	C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> , C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> , C <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> .
132-137	$\tau_i$	t(C-C) Ring2	C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> , C <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> , C <sub>23</sub> -C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> , C <sub>25</sub> -C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> , C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> .
138-141	$\tau_i$	t(C-O)	C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>40</sub> , H <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>41</sub> , C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>37</sub> , H <sub>33</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>38</sub>
142-145	$\tau_i$	t(N-O)	C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>18</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -N <sub>11</sub> -O <sub>18</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub> -O <sub>36</sub> , C <sub>20</sub> -C <sub>22</sub> -N <sub>29</sub> -O <sub>36</sub> .
146-147	$\tau_i$	t(CCOH)	C <sub>14</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> -O <sub>41</sub> -H <sub>42</sub> , C <sub>32</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> -O <sub>38</sub> -H <sub>39</sub>
148-153	$\tau_i$	t(CCCC)	C <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> , C <sub>27</sub> -C <sub>19</sub> -C <sub>30</sub> -C <sub>32</sub> ,

			$C_{20}-C_{19}-C_{30}-C_{32}$ , $C_1-C_{12}-C_{14}-C_{16}$ , $C_{19}-C_{30}-C_{32}-C_{34}$ .
153-156	$\tau_i$	t(OHO)	$C_{16}-O_{41}-H_{42}-O_{37}$ , $C_{34}-O_{37}-H_{42}-O_{41}$ , $C_{16}-O_{40}-H_{39}-O_{38}$ , $C_{34}-O_{38}-H_{39}-O_{40}$ .

**Table S4: Definition of local symmetry coordinates (much like the natural internal coordinates) and the corresponding force constant (mdyne/A°) with scale factors used**

No.	Symbol	Definition	Scale factors	Force constant
<b>Stretching</b>				
1-8	vC-H	$R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8$	0.9220	5.17
9-12	vC-H(SUB)	$R_9, R_{10}, R_{11}, R_{12}$ .	0.9220	5.17
13-24	vC-C	$r_{13}, r_{14}, r_{15}, r_{16}, r_{17}, r_{18}, r_{19}, r_{20}, r_{21}, r_{22}, r_{23}, r_{24}$ .	0.9110	6.29
25-30	vC-C(SUB)	$r_{25}, r_{26}, r_{27}, r_{28}, r_{29}, r_{30}$ .	0.9202	5.73
31-32	v NO2ss	$(q_{31}+q_{32})/\sqrt{2}, (q_{33}+q_{34})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9532	11.42
33-34	v NO2as	$(q_{31}-q_{32})/\sqrt{2}, (q_{33}-q_{34})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9532	8.79
35-36	v CO2ss	$(Q_{35}+Q_{36})/\sqrt{2}, (Q_{37}+Q_{38})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9532	10.84
37-38	v CO2as	$(Q_{35}-Q_{36})/\sqrt{2}, (Q_{37}-Q_{38})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9212	7.91
39-40	vCN	$R_{39}, R_{40}$	0.9460	3.81
41-44	vOH	$q_{41}, q_{42}, q_{43}, q_{44}$	0.9220	6.02
<b>Bending</b>				
45-50	bCH (Ring1)	$(\beta_{45}-\beta_{46})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{47}-\beta_{48})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{49}-\beta_{50})/\sqrt{2},$ $(\beta_{51}-\beta_{52})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{53}-\beta_{54})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{55}-\beta_{56})/\sqrt{2}$ .	0.9245	0.47
51-56	bCH (Ring2)	$(\beta_{57}-\beta_{58})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{59}-\beta_{60})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{61}-\beta_{62})/\sqrt{2},$ $(\beta_{63}-\beta_{64})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{65}-\beta_{66})/\sqrt{2}, (\beta_{67}-\beta_{68})/\sqrt{2}$ .	0.9245	0.47
57-58	bCOH	$\beta_{69}, \beta_{70}$	0.9561	4.84
59-60	bOHO	$\theta_{71}, \theta_{72}$	0.9561	1.67
61-62	bCC SUB	$(\alpha_{73}-\alpha_{74})/\sqrt{2}, (\alpha_{75}-\alpha_{76})/\sqrt{2}$ .	0.9562	0.85
63-67	bCCC	$\alpha_{77}, \alpha_{78}, \alpha_{79}, \alpha_{80}, \alpha_{81}$ .	0.9562	1.08
68-69	bNO2ro	$(\theta_{82}-\theta_{83})/\sqrt{2}, (\theta_{84}-\theta_{85})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9561	1.32
70-71	bNO2tw	$(\theta_{82}+\theta_{83})/\sqrt{2}, (\theta_{84}+\theta_{85})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9561	4.62
72-73	bCO2ro	$(\alpha_{86}-\alpha_{87})/\sqrt{2}, (\alpha_{88}-\alpha_{89})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9561	1.00
74-75	bCO2tw	$(\alpha_{86}+\alpha_{87})/\sqrt{2}, (\alpha_{88}+\alpha_{89})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9561	7.73
76	bRtri(Ring1)	$(\delta_{90}-\delta_{91}+\delta_{92}-\delta_{93}+\delta_{94}-\delta_{95})/\sqrt{6}$	0.9630	1.21
77	bRtri(Ring2)	$(\delta_{96}-\delta_{97}+\delta_{98}-\delta_{99}+\delta_{100}-\delta_{101})/\sqrt{6}$	0.9630	1.21

78-79	bRsym	$(-\delta_{90}-\delta_{91}+2\delta_{92}-\delta_{93}-\delta_{94}+2\delta_{95})/\sqrt{6}$ , $(-\delta_{96}-\delta_{97}+2\delta_{98}-\delta_{99}+\delta_{100}+2\delta_{101})/\sqrt{6}$	0.9630	1.24
80	bRasy(Ring1)	$(\delta_{90}-\delta_{91}+\delta_{93}-\delta_{94})/2$	0.9630	1.22
81	bRasy(Ring2)	$(\delta_{96}-\delta_{97}+\delta_{99}-\delta_{100})/2$	0.9630	1.22
82-83	bCN	$(\beta_{102}-\beta_{103})/\sqrt{2}$ , $(\beta_{104}-\beta_{105})/\sqrt{2}$	0.9561	1.19
		<b>Out-of-Plane bending (wagging)</b>		
84-89	gCH(Ring 1)	$\omega_{106}$ , $\omega_{107}$ , $\omega_{108}$ , $\omega_{109}$ , $\omega_{110}$ , $\omega_{111}$ .	0.9532	0.46
90-95	gCH(Ring 2)	$\omega_{112}$ , $\omega_{113}$ , $\omega_{114}$ , $\omega_{115}$ , $\omega_{116}$ , $\omega_{117}$ .	0.9532	0.46
96-97	gCN	$\omega_{118}$ , $\omega_{119}$ .	0.9715	0.55
98-99	gNO2	$\omega_{120}$ , $\omega_{121}$ .	0.9715	0.52
100-101	gCO2	$\omega_{122}$ , $\omega_{123}$ .	0.9715	0.76
102-103	gccsub	$\omega_{124}$ , $\omega_{125}$ .	0.9715	0.54
		<b>Torsion</b>		
104	tRtri(Ring1)	$(\tau_{126}-\tau_{127}+\tau_{128}-\tau_{129}+\tau_{130}-\tau_{131})/\sqrt{6}$	0.9707	3.66
105	tRtri(Ring2)	$(\tau_{132}-\tau_{133}+\tau_{134}-\tau_{135}+\tau_{136}-\tau_{137})/\sqrt{6}$	0.9707	3.66
106	tRsym(Ring1)	$(\tau_{126}-\tau_{128}+\tau_{129}-\tau_{131})/2$	0.9707	5.71
107	tRsym(Ring2)	$(\tau_{132}-\tau_{134}+\tau_{135}-\tau_{137})/2$	0.9707	5.71
108-109	tRasy	$(-\tau_{132}+2\tau_{133}-\tau_{134}-\tau_{135}+2\tau_{136}-\tau_{137})/\sqrt{6}$ , $(-\tau_{132}+2\tau_{133}-\tau_{134}-\tau_{135}+2\tau_{136}-\tau_{137})/\sqrt{6}$	0.9707	12.90
110-111	tCO2	$(\tau_{138}+\tau_{139})/2$ , $(\tau_{140}+\tau_{141})/2$	1.000	0.11
112-113	tNO2	$(\tau_{142}+\tau_{143})/2$ , $(\tau_{144}+\tau_{145})/2$	1.000	0.07
114-115	tCCOH	$\tau_{146}$ , $\tau_{147}$ .	1.000	0.335
116-119	tCCCC	$(\tau_{148}+\tau_{149})/2$ , $(\tau_{150}+\tau_{151})/2$ , $\tau_{152}$ , $\tau_{153}$	1.000	0.28
120-121	tOHO	$(\tau_{153}+\tau_{154})/2$ , $(\tau_{155}+\tau_{156})/2$	1.000	0.85

**Table S5: Detailed vibrational assignment of 3NCA dimer by normal mode analysis based on SQM force field calculations**

Experimental wavenumbers (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		Scaled wavenumbers (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	<sup>a</sup> IR intensity	<sup>b</sup> Raman intensity	<sup>c</sup> Characterization of normal modes with PED (%)
IR	Raman				
		3103	0.0020	2.42	2 VCH (99)
		3066	0.0032	3.19	13VCH (99)
		3049	0.0025	1.43	VCH (99)
		3049	0.0025	1.43	VCH (99)
		3033	0.0022	0.844	VCH (99)
		1618	0.0689	78.2	vNO <sub>2</sub> as ( 59), VCC ( 14), bNO <sub>2</sub> ro ( 10)
		1615	0.0899	100	bCOH ( 41), VCCSUB ( 17), bOHO ( 16), vCO <sub>2</sub> as ( 10)
		1611	0.1170	61.2	VCCSUB ( 58), bCH ( 12), bCOH ( 11)
		1454	0.00299	22.3	bCOH ( 43), bOHO (39), vCO <sub>2</sub> as ( 11)
		1440	0.0208	3.72	bCOH ( 29), bOHO ( 19), bCH ( 19), VCC
		1435	0.0142	3.27	bCH ( 35), VCC ( 30), bCOH ( 12), bOHO
1308 s	1305	1313	0.0489	3.14	bCOH ( 28), bOHO ( 28), vCO <sub>2</sub> ss ( 12)
		1294	0.0182	1.90	14 VCC (58), bCH ( 10)
		1268	0.00418	0.706	3 bCH ( 61), VCCSUB ( 18)
		1226	0.00568	2.07	9b bCH ( 67)
		1192	0.0255	58.9	bCH ( 27), VCCSUB ( 21), vCO <sub>2</sub> ss ( 10),
		1154	0.00092	5.46	bCH (66), VCC (14)
		1153	0.00090	5.51	bCH (66), VCC ( 14)
1109 m	1110	1123	0.00081	0.811	18a bCH ( 80), VCC ( 18)

		1123	0.00081	0.811	18a bCH (80), VCC (18)
1076		1055	0.00778	2.53	VCC (41), bCH (36), VCN (13)
		1055	0.00778	2.53	VCC (41), bCH (37), VCN (13)
		1041	0.0107	0.842	bCH (46), VCC (38), VCN (10)
		1041	0.0107	0.842	bCH (46), VCC (38), VCN (10)
		1019	0.0148	0.759	gcH (89)
		1019	0.0148	0.759	gcH (52), tRtri (30), tRasy (13)
		1014	0.0234	0.578	tCCOH (66), bOHO (30)
1001 w	1001 s	1000	0.00328	0.613	gcH (85), tRtri (11)
		1000	0.00328	0.613	tRtri (47), tRsym (30), gcH (22)
973 w		968	0.00091	13.4	bRtri (64), VCC (32)
		968	0.00091	13.4	bRtri (64), VCC (32)
		950	0.00414	5.10	VCCSUB (35), vCO2ss (16), bCCC (15), bOHO (15)
935 m		948	0.00370	5.54	VCCSUB (42), bCCC (17), vCO2ss (13)
		932	0.000729	1.50	tRasy (59), tRtri (23), tRsym (10)
		910	0.00187	2.25	VCC (22), VCN (20), VCCSUB (16), bOHO (15)
	909	910	0.00187	2.25	VCC (22), VCN (20), VCCSUB (15), bOHO (15)
		891	0.00304	2.55	gcH (83), gCO2 (12)
		816	0.0115	1.02	tRasy (53), tRtri (33), gcH (10)
		812	0.0137	1.03	bNO2tw(55), VCC(10), bRtri(10)
		742	0.00268	0.427	tRtri (31), tRasy (20), gNO2 (18), gCO2 (12)
		714	0.004780	0.289	tRasy (36), tRtri (32), gCO2 (11)
		682	0.000779	1.23	bCO2tw (38), bOHO (12), bRasy (12)
		669	0.00189	0.478	tRtri (54), tRasy (45)
		655	0.00313	1.54	bRasy (42), bCO2tw (19)
596 m		649	0.00149	3.30	bCO2tw (33), bRasy (29), bOHO (11)
		573	0.00226	0.405	bRsym (39), bCO2tw (20), bOHO (16)
568 m		572	0.00219	0.428	bRsym (39), bCO2tw (23)
		544	0.00825	0.210	bCO2ro (22), bNO2ro (14), vOH (12), bOHO (12), bCCsub (10)

		522	0.00174	0.633	tRsym ( 25), tRtri ( 22), tRasy ( 17), gccsub
		521	0.00179	0.597	tRsym ( 34), tRtri ( 28), tRasy ( 11), gccsub ( 11)
		500	0.0108	0.397	bNO2ro ( 37), bCO2ro ( 13), vOH ( 11), bCN ( 10)
487 m		489	0.00199	1.65	bNO2ro ( 29), bCO2ro ( 26), bCCC ( 17)
425 w	403 vw	428	0.000240	0.180	tRsym ( 58), gCN ( 21)
		424	0.000253	0.185	tRasy (53), tRsym ( 46)
405 w		385	0.00566	0.766	VCN ( 19), bRasy (19), vOH (16), boHO (10)
		379	0.00263	1.78	VCN ( 38), bRasy ( 27)
		361	0.00521	0.509	vOH ( 21), bCCsub ( 17), boHO (15)
	333 vw	345	0.000570	2.96	vOH ( 25), bCCsub (15), bCO2ro (14), VCCSUB (12)
		291	0.000154	7.91	vOH ( 52), bCCC (11)
	288 w	287	0.000191	6.25	tRasy (44), tRsym ( 40)
	275 w	285	0.000204	4.74	tRasy ( 45), tRsym ( 43)
		255	0.00126	0.449	VCCSUB ( 22), bCCC (21), bCN (17), bRsym (13)
		240	0.00424	0.509	vOH ( 41), bCN (18), bCCC (15), boHO (12)
	225 w	224	0.000427	1.63	bCOH ( 34), boHO ( 29), bCN ( 16), bCCC ( 11)
	187 m	186	0.000101	3.00	tRasy ( 36), toHO ( 14), tCCCC ( 13), tRsym ( 10)
		175	0.000229	4.47	tRasy ( 58), tRsym ( 21)
		167	0.000121	13.7	tRasy ( 53), tRsym ( 23)
		161	0.00011	8.66	tCO2 (28), toHO ( 19), tCCCC ( 12), tRasy ( 11)
		153	0.00007	11.8	bCOH ( 37), vOH ( 35), boHO ( 17)
		110	0.000574	3.46	tRasy ( 25), toHO ( 12), tRtri ( 11), tCCOH ( 11)

		104	0.00147	2.57	vOH ( 33), bCCsub ( 22), bOHO (11)
		93	0.000347	2.83	tCCCC( 29), gcH (14), tRasy ( 13), tOHO (12), gccsub ( 10)
		74	0.000152	9.83	vOH ( 59), bOHO (11)
		68	0.000244	10.4	tOHO (89)
		60	0.000101	18.8	tRsym ( 31), tRasy ( 25), tNO2 (18)
		49	0.000085	44.4	tRasy ( 35), tRsym ( 31), tNO2( 13), tOHO (13)
		44	0.000064	10.2	bCCC ( 38), bCOH (21), bCCsub (14), bOHO ( 10)
		38	0.000052	25.1	tRasy ( 27), tCCCC (20), tRsym ( 19)
		34	0.000052	18.4	tCCCC (49), tRsym (10), tCCOH (10)
		18	0.00015	17.5	bCCC ( 40), vOH ( 30), bCO2ro (13)
		9	0.00042	8.67	tOHO ( 57), tCCCC ( 17)
		8	0.00042	8.11	tOHO (31), tCCOH (26), tCCCC (19)

<sup>a</sup>Calculated IR intensities.

<sup>b</sup>Relative Raman intensities calculated by Eq. (1) and normalized to 100.

<sup>c</sup>Only PED contributions >10% are listed.

Abbreviations: vs – very strong, s – strong, m – medium, w – weak, vw – very weak, br- broad, sh- shoulder, v – stretching, ss – symmetric stretching, as- asymmetric stretching, R- phenyl ring, b-bending, asy- asymmetric deformation, tri- trigonal deformation, b-inplane bending, t- torsion, g- out of plane bending, W- wagging, bRtri- trigonal ring in-plane bending, bRasy- asymmetric ring in-plane bending, bRsy- symmetric ring in-plane bending, tRtri- trigonal ring torsion, tRasy- asymmetric ring torsion, tRsym- symmetric ring torsion.