

Table S1. Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement parameters for crystal structures of **I**, **II** and **III**.

Crystal structure	I	II	III
Chemical formula	C ₄ H ₁₁ NO ₄	C ₄ H ₁₁ NO ₅	C ₄ H ₉ NO ₃
<i>M_r</i>	137.14	153.14	119.12
Crystal system	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	monoclinic
Space group	Pca2 ₁	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2	P2 ₁ /n
Crystal size / mm	0.35x0.3x0.1	0.3 x 0.1 x 0.1	0.3x0.25x0.09
<i>a</i> /Å	10.3838(5)	12.3320(4)	5.5044(7)
<i>b</i> /Å	5.7184(3)	9.9903(3)	10.0817(8)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.4118(7)	5.80218(16)	10.2203(13)
<i>β</i> (°)	90	90	93.142(10)
<i>V</i> /Å ³	677.62(6)	714.83(3)	566.31(11)
<i>Z</i> , <i>Z'</i>	4, 1	4, 1	4, 1
<i>D_{calc}</i> /g cm ⁻³	1.344	1.423	1.397
<i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹	0.120	0.131	0.119
No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] reflections	7718 1383 997	11656 1782 1650	5300 1406 1061
<i>θ_{min}</i> (°)	3.56	2.62	2.84
<i>θ_{max}</i> (°)	26.37	28.28	28.28
Range of			
<i>h</i>	-12 → 12	-16 → 16	-7 → 7
<i>k</i>	-7 → 7	-13 → 13	-13 → 13
<i>l</i>	-14 → 14	-7 → 7	-13 → 13
<i>R_{int}</i>	0.0566	0.0247	0.0273
<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)]	0.0415	0.0308	0.0376
<i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²)	0.0806	0.0777	0.0971
<i>S</i>	1.058	1.043	1.032
No of parameters	93	102	77
Restraints	1	0	0
Δ <i>ρ_{max}</i> /eÅ ⁻³	0.103	0.199	0.202
Δ <i>ρ_{min}</i> /eÅ ⁻³	-0.118	-0.118	-0.187

Figure S1. The main structural motif ("hollow tube") in N-hydroxy-N,N-dimethylglycine perhydrate (**II**). Zigzag chains are highlighted by red and blue, O3-H3O...O4 hydrogen bond is highlighted by green. Intramolecular O3-H3O...O1 hydrogen bond is omitted for clarity.

