

Supplementary material

On molecular complexes derived from amino acids and nicotinamides in combination with boronic acids

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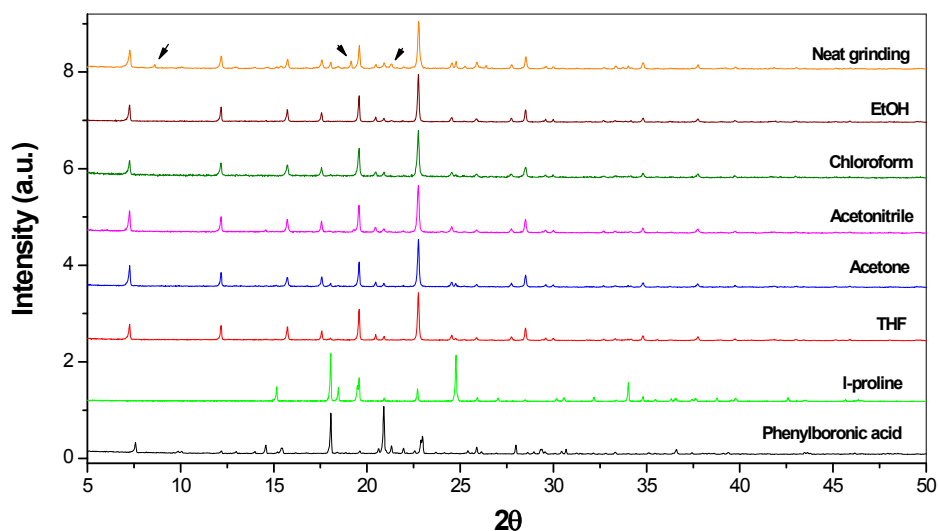


Figure S1. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of PBA-PRO obtained from neat and liquid-assisted grinding experiments. XRPD patterns of the starting materials are included for comparison.

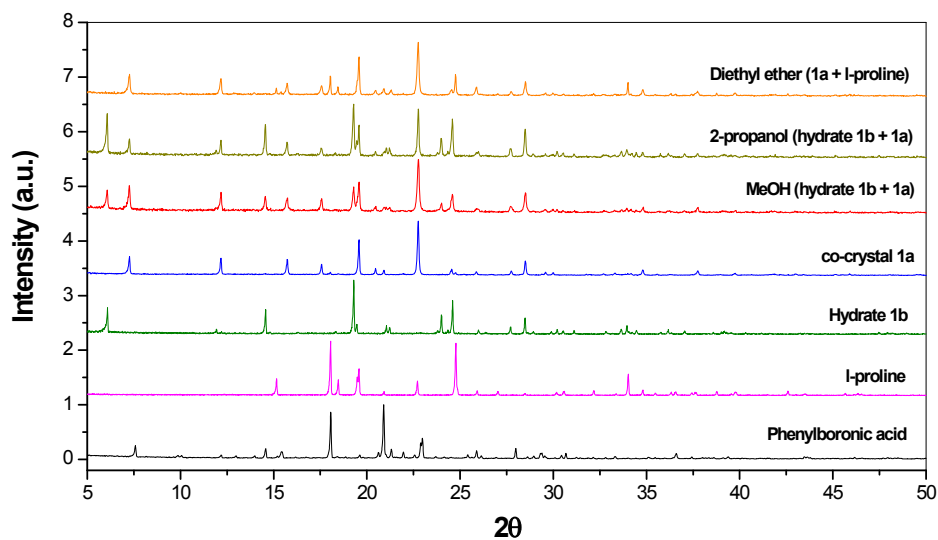


Figure S2. Liquid-assisted grinding of PBA and PRO using diethyl ether, 2-propanol and MeOH gives phase mixtures of PBA-PRO (**1a**) and PBA-PRO-H₂O (**1b**), as seen from the X-ray powder diffraction patterns.

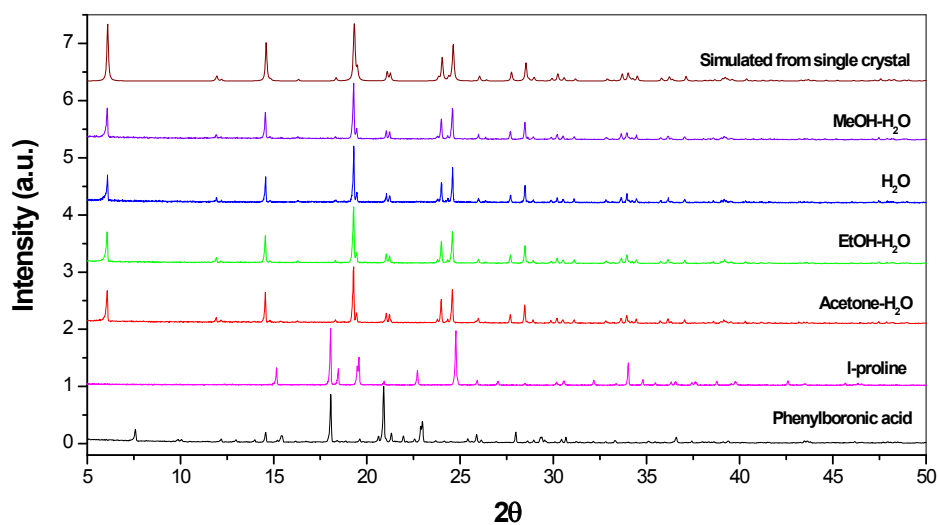


Figure S3. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of PBA-PRO-H₂O obtained from liquid-assisted grinding experiments. XRPD patterns of the starting materials and simulated XRPD data are included for comparison.

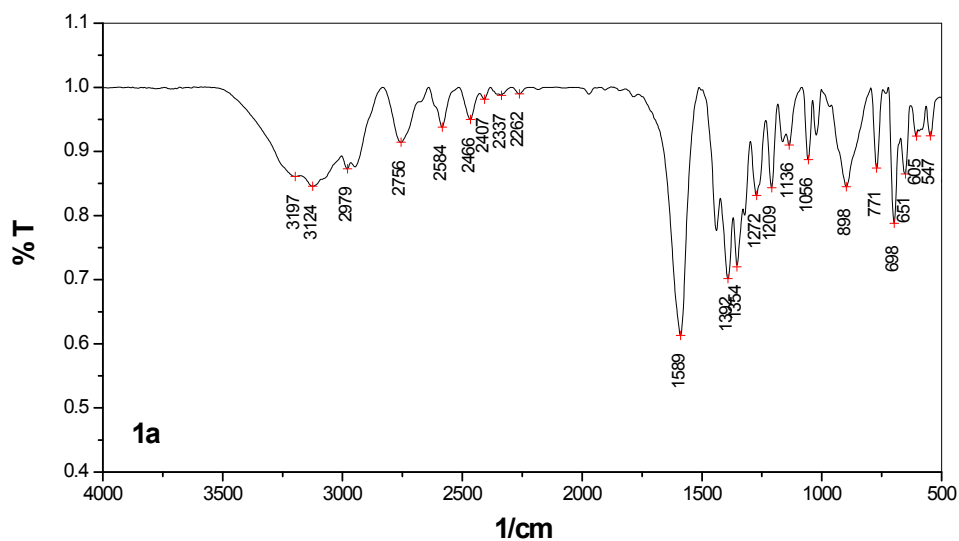


Figure S4. IR spectrum of PBA-PRO.

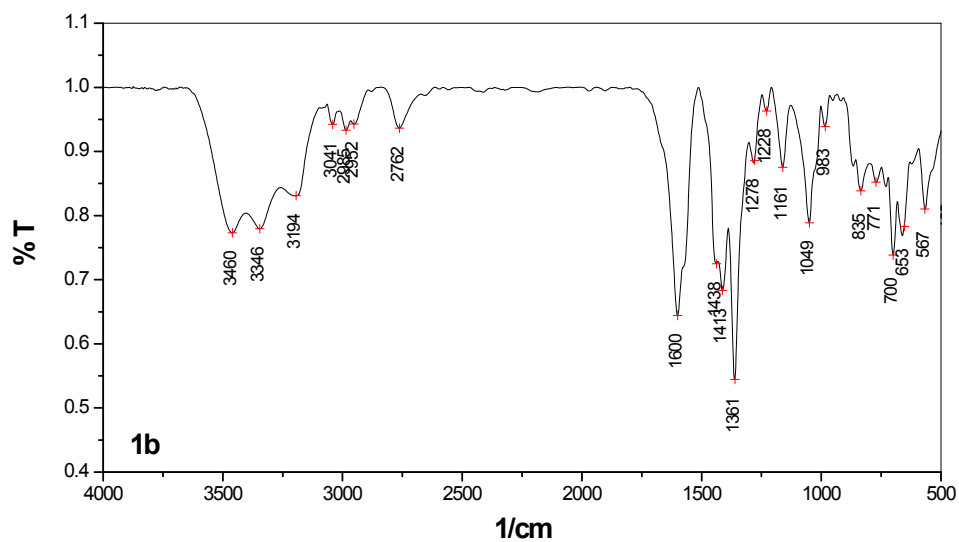


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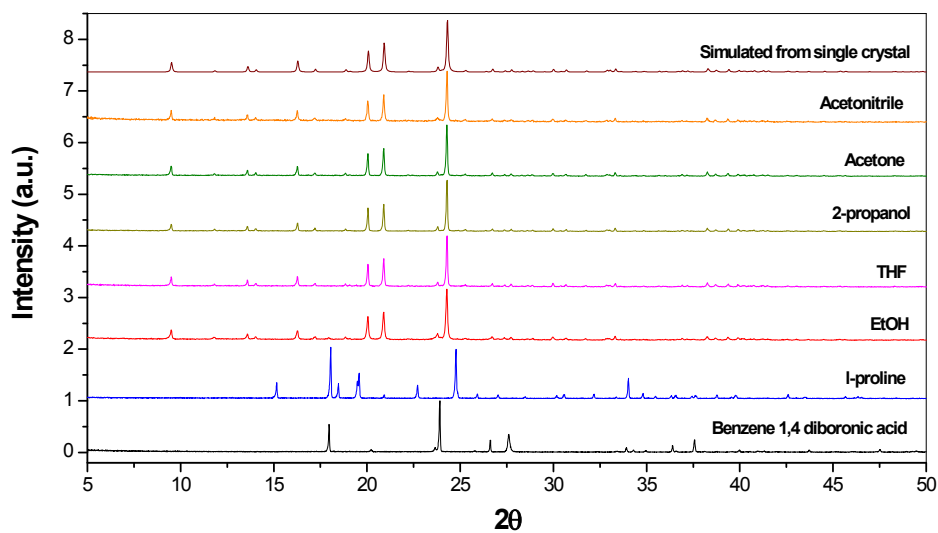


Figure S6. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of α -BDBA-PRO obtained from neat and liquid-assisted grinding experiments. XRPD patterns of the starting materials and simulated XRPD data are included for comparison.

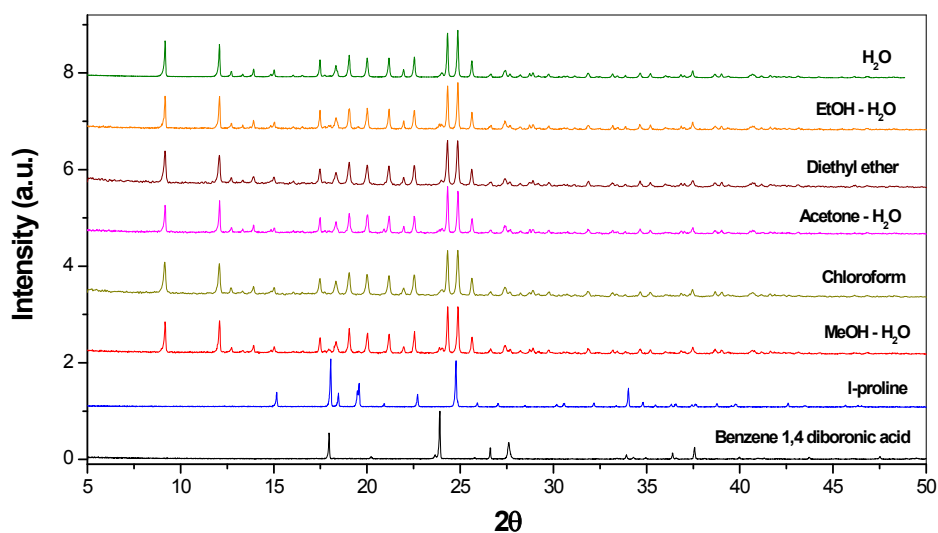


Figure S7. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of β -BDBA-PRO obtained from neat and liquid-assisted grinding experiments. XRPD patterns of the starting materials are included for comparison.

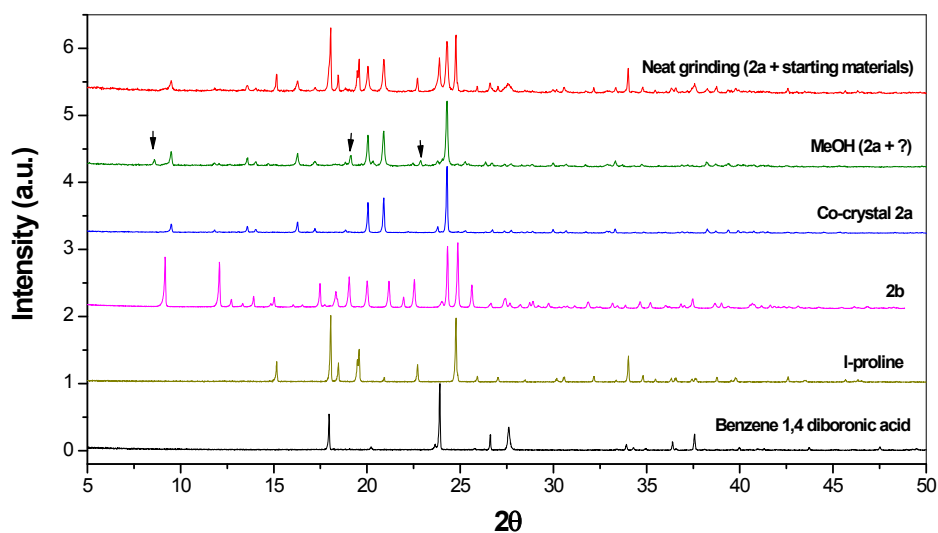


Figure S8. As seen from the X-ray powder diffraction patterns, liquid-assisted grinding using MeOH gives a phase mixture of α -BDBA-PRO (**2a**) and an unknown compound, while neat grinding gives a phase mixture of α -BDBA-PRO and starting materials. XRPD patterns of the starting materials and cocrystals α -BDBA-PRO (**2a**) and β -BDBA-PRO (**2b**) are included for comparison.

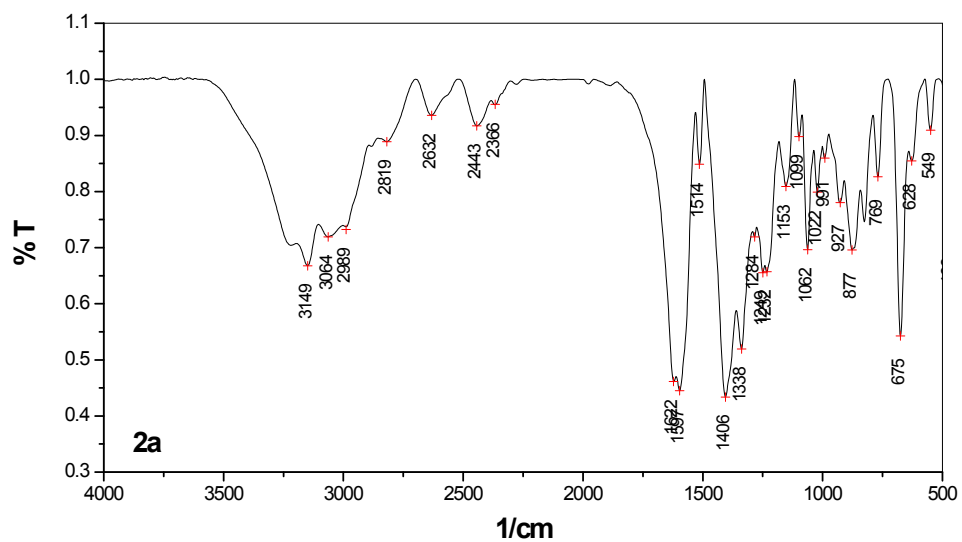


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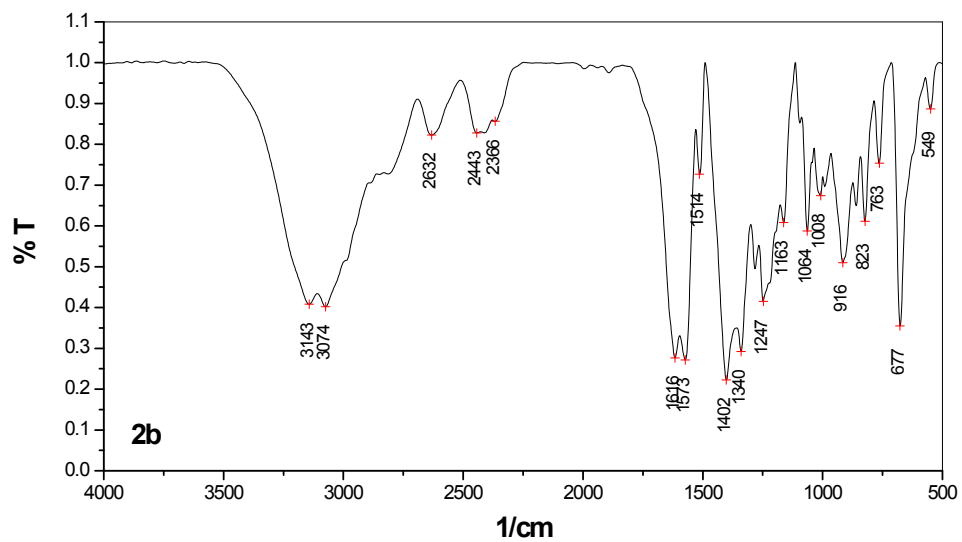


Figure S10. IR spectrum of β -BDBA-PRO.

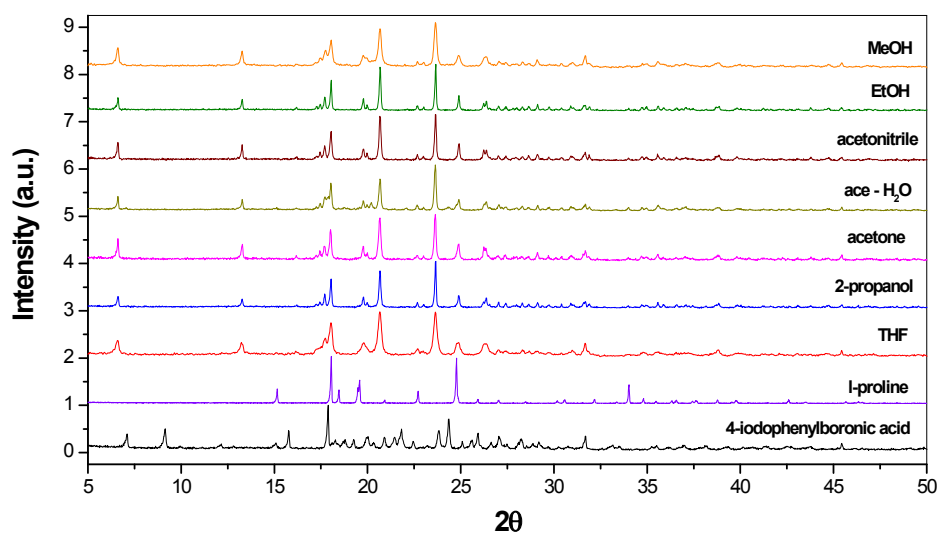


Figure S11. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of α -IPBA-PRO obtained from liquid-assisted grinding experiments. XRPD patterns of the starting materials are included for comparison.

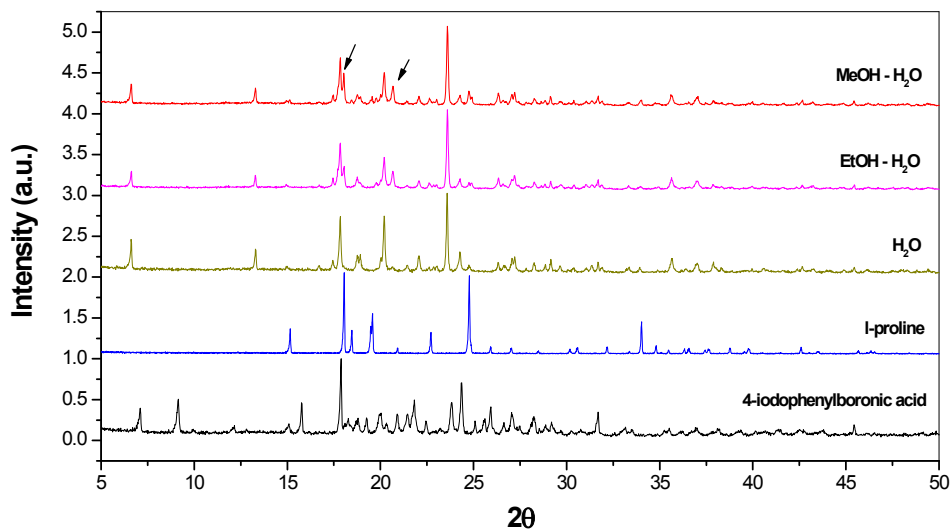


Figure S12. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of β -IPBA-PRO obtained from liquid-assisted grinding experiments. XRPD patterns of the starting materials are included for comparison.

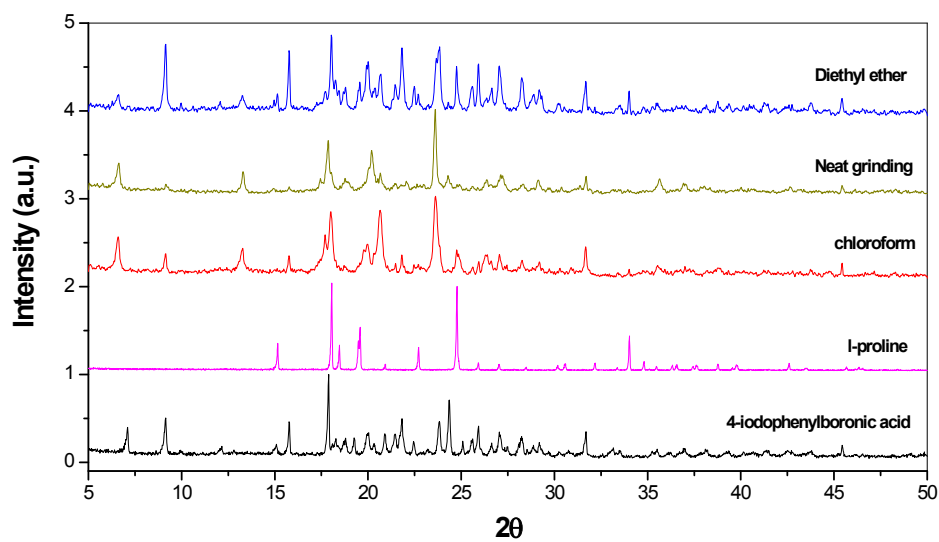


Figure S13. Neat grinding and liquid-assisted grinding of IPBA and PRO using diethyl ether and chloroform give phase mixtures, as seen from the X-ray powder diffraction patterns.

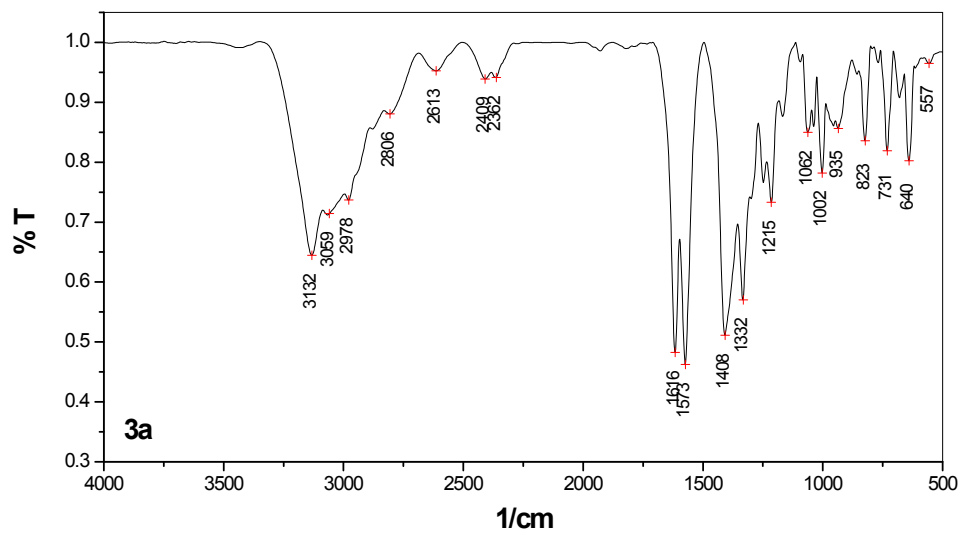


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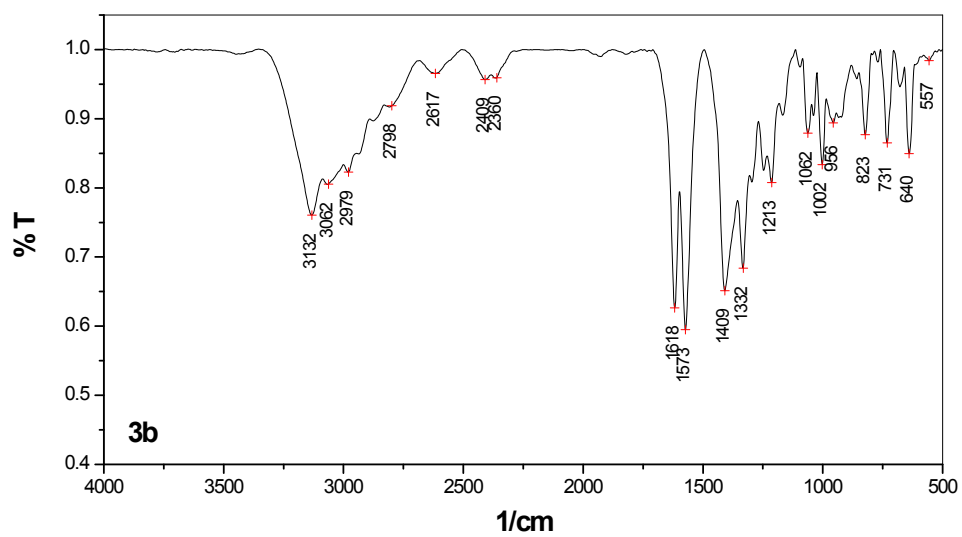


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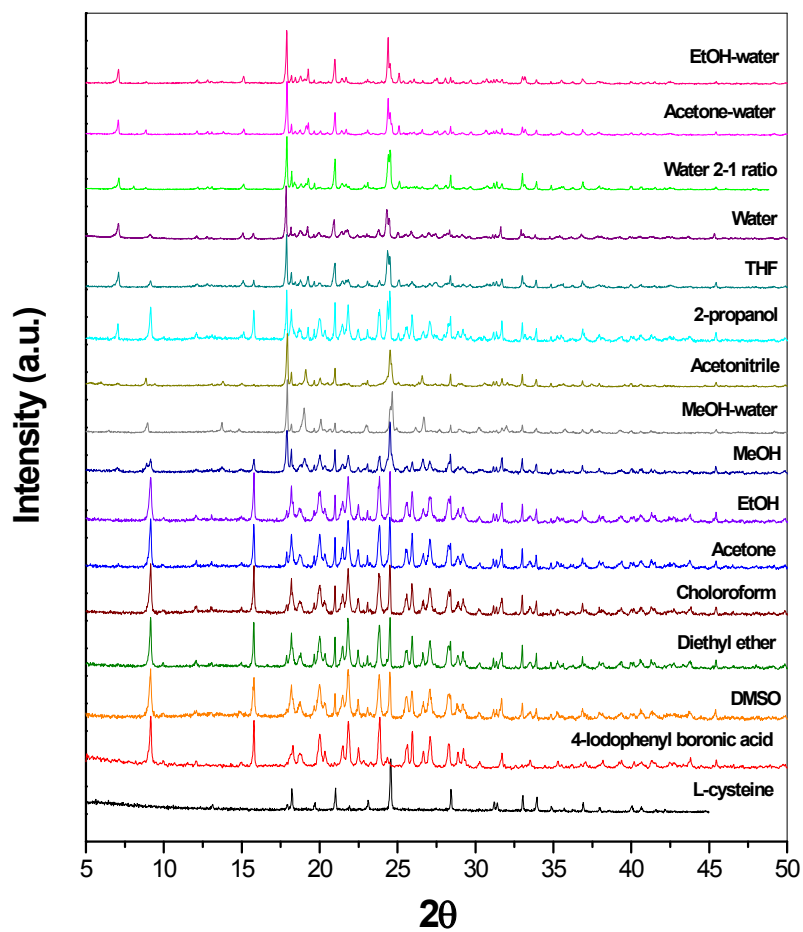


Figure S16. XRPD data of the co-crystal screening experiments with *L*-cysteine and 4-iodophenylboronic acid.

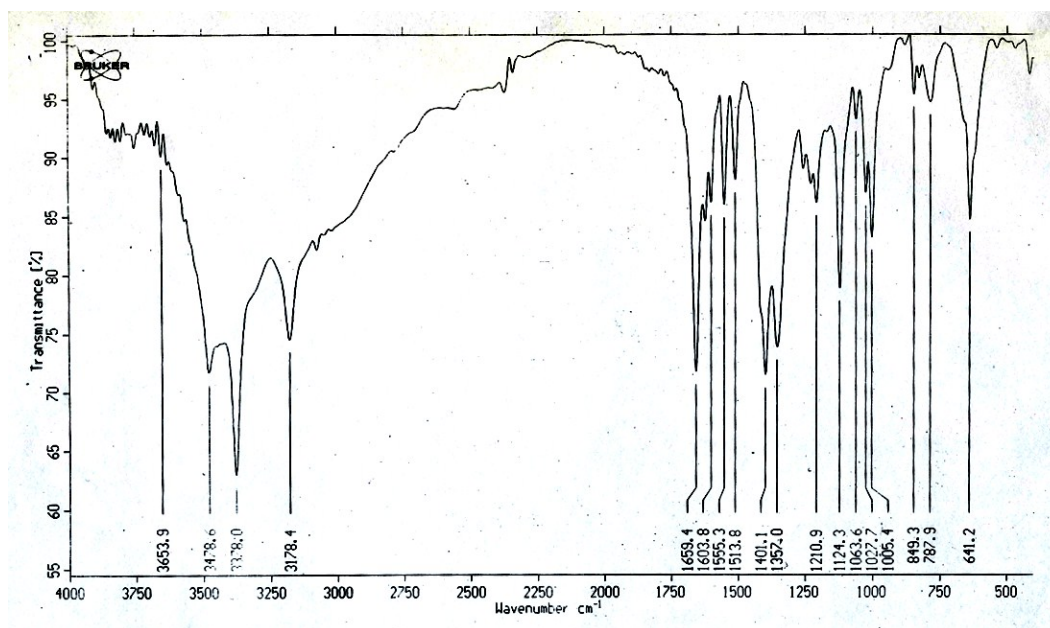


Figure S17. IR spectrum of BDBA-INA.

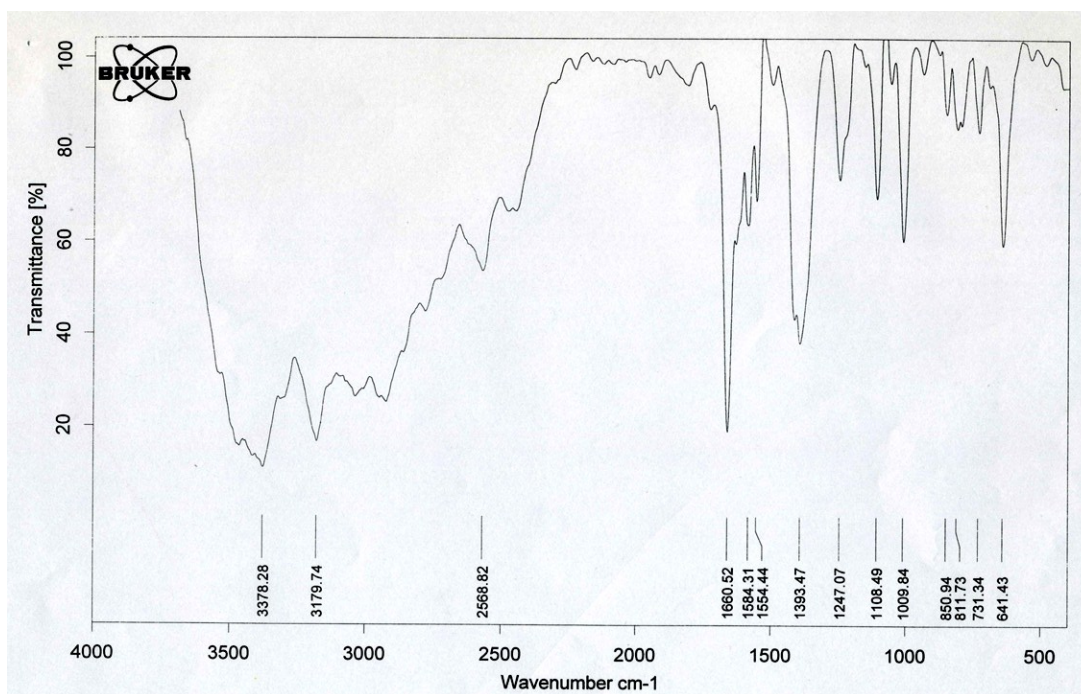


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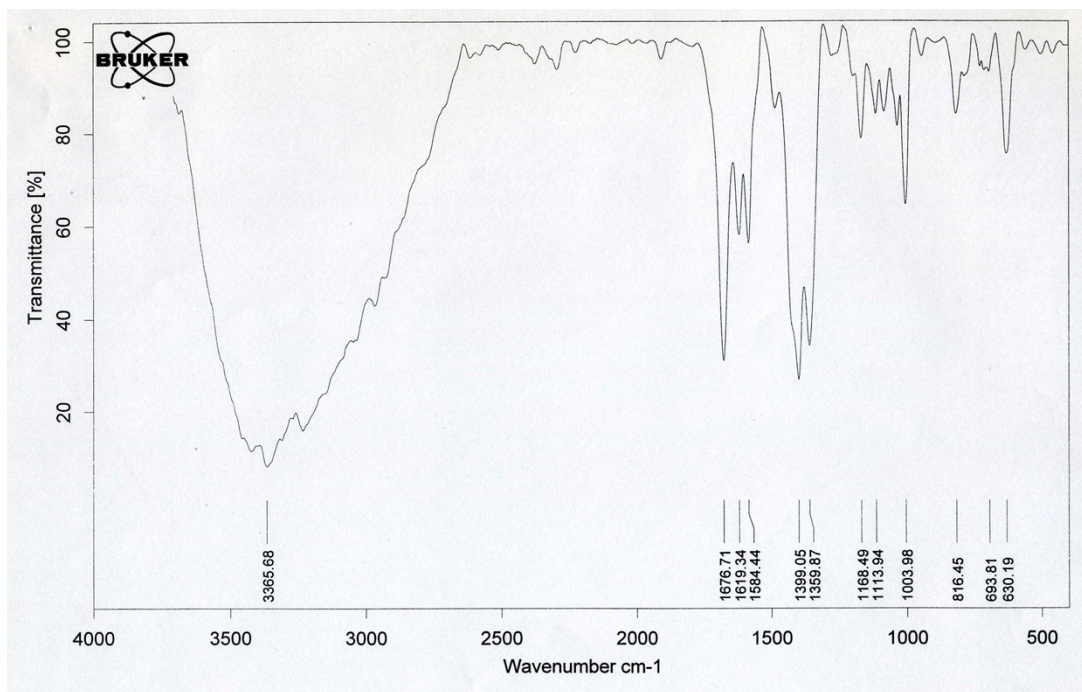


Figure S19. IR spectrum of IPBA-NA.

TG-DSC analysis

The molecular complexes PBA-PRO and PBA-PRO-H₂O are pseudopolymorphs, which is reflected in the TGA and DSC traces (Fig. S20-S23, Table 4). The TGA graph of PBA-PRO indicates an initial mass loss of ~10 %, starting at approximately 80 °C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 91$ °C), which is accompanied by an endothermic peak in the DSC plot. In accordance with previous studies, the degradation reaction can be attributed to the dehydration reaction of PBA to the corresponding anhydride, 1,3,5-triphenylboroxine (calcd.: 7.6 %).⁴⁷ There was no mass loss related to the following exothermal peak observed in the DSC trace at 160 °C, which may indicate a solid-solid transformation. After this transformation, the TGA graph showed that the retained mass started to decompose in the temperature range of 190-260 °C, which is related to a broad endothermic peak with minima at 251, 256 and 277 °C. Since the sublimation of pure PRO occurs at $T_{\text{peak}} = 250$ °C,⁴⁸ it can be suggested that during this process first elimination of PRO takes place (calcd.: 48.6 %) followed by decomposition of 1,3,5-triphenylboroxine.

In general, the TGA and DSC traces of PBA-PRO-H₂O (Fig. S22-S23, Table 4) resemble the thermal behavior of PBA-PRO. However, the initial endothermic event started at a lower temperature ($T_{\text{onset}} = 54$ °C, $T_{\text{peak}} = 63$ °C) and the weight loss of ~14 % was larger, which indicates that first the loss of the crystal lattice water molecules occurred followed by dehydration of PBA (calcd.: 14.1 %).

Cocrystals α -BDBA-PRO and β -BDBA-PRO are polymorphs, thus giving very similar TGA and DSC curves (Fig. S24-27, Table 4). The TGA graph of α -BDBA-PRO showed an initial mass loss of ~9 % starting at about ~129 °C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 149$ °C), which is in accordance with the loss of two stoichiometric equivalents of water (calcd.: 9.1 %) and can be attributed to the dehydration of BDBA.⁴⁹ The mass loss of ~58 % starting at ~267 °C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 282$ °C) is consistent with the elimination of two molecules of PRO (calcd.: 58.1 %).⁴⁸ In comparison, for the molecular complex β -BDBA-PRO the most remarkable difference is found in the DSC trace for the dehydration process. The shift to higher temperature values ($T_{\text{onset}} = 133$ °C, $T_{\text{peak}} = 155$ °C) indicates that α -BDBA-PRO is thermodynamically more stable than β -BDBA-PRO.

For the polymorph pair α -BDBA-PRO/ β -BDBA-PRO, the TGA and DSC curves of α -IPBA-PRO and β -IPBA-PRO are also strongly related (Fig. S28-S31, Table 4). The TGA trace

of α -IPBA-PRO indicates an initial mass loss of ~7% starting at about ~116 °C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 127$ °C), which could be attributed to the dehydration of IPBA (calcd.: 5.0 %). There was an additional mass loss of ~5% related to an exothermic event observed in the DSC trace at $T_{\text{peak}} = 182$ °C, which may indicate that an additional decomposition reaction took place. After the reaction, the TGA graph showed a mass loss of ~25 % accompanied by a broad endothermic peak with minima at 274, 279 and 312 °C similar to that observed for the remaining, above-described cocrystals with PRO. However, the relatively large difference with the calculated weight loss of 31.7 % indicates that the elimination of PRO took now place in two steps. For β -IPBA-PRO, in the DSC trace the first endothermic thermal event started at ~120 °C with peak minimum at 130 °C, which suggests that now polymorph II is thermodynamically more stable than α -IPBA-PRO.

The TGA graph of BDBA-INA (Fig. S32) indicates an initial mass loss of ~12 % starting at ~140 °C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 157$ °C) that can be attributed to the dehydration of BDBA (calcd.: 8.8 %). The subsequent mass loss of ~62 % in the temperature range of 157-360 °C is in good agreement with the complete sublimation of two stoichiometric equivalents of isonicotinamide (calcd.: 62.5 %).

The TGA and DSC curves of IPBA-INA (Fig. S33-34) indicate an initial mass loss of ~5 % starting at ~ 85°C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 95$ °C) to give the corresponding boroxine upon dehydration of IPBA (calcd.: 4.9 %). After this event, there were two exothermic signals at 106 and 129 °C. Subsequent mass loss starts at ~145°C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 152$ °C) and occurs in several steps. According to the sublimation point of INA ($T_{\text{peak}} = 159$ °C), the initial mass loss of ~25.5 % in the temperature range of 145-230 °C should correspond to the elimination of this component.⁴⁹ However, the observed weight loss is significantly lower than the expected value (calcd.: 34.6 %), indicating that INA is lost in more than one step. The subsequent weight loss of 21.7 % in the temperature range of 230-290 °C exceeds the remanent mass of INA, indicating that also the decomposition of 1,3,5-tris-(4-iodophenyl)boroxine has initiated. The TGA and DSC graphs of IPBA-NA (Fig. S35-36) are similar to those of IPBA-INA. After an initial mass loss of ~5.8 % starting at ~70 °C ($T_{\text{peak}} = 81$ °C) for the dehydration of IPBA (calcd.: 4.9 %), from 140 to 200 °C there was a mass

loss of 11.4 % followed by a further loss of 12.3 % in the range of 200-230 °C, which in sum are significantly lower than the expected weight loss for the sublimation of NA (calcd.: 34.6 %).

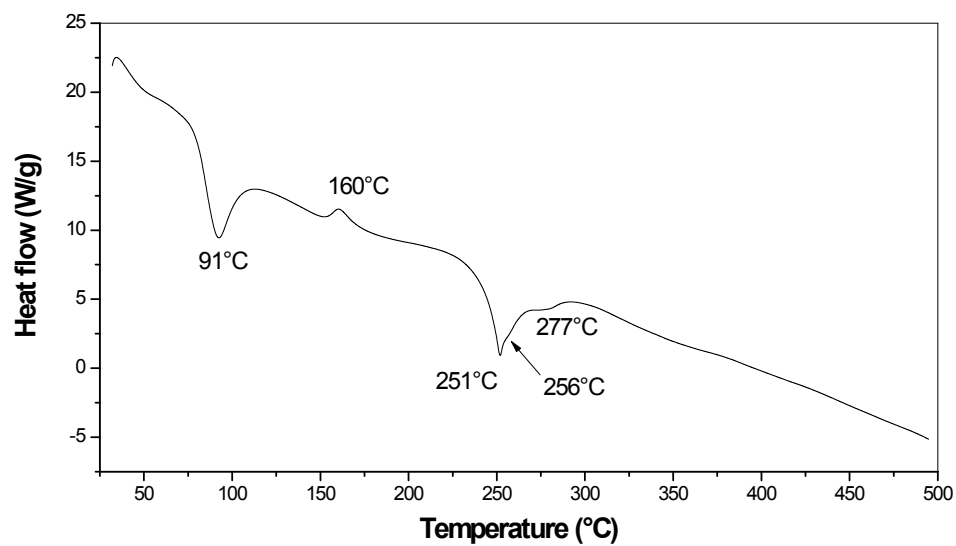


Figure S20. DSC trace of PBA-PRO.

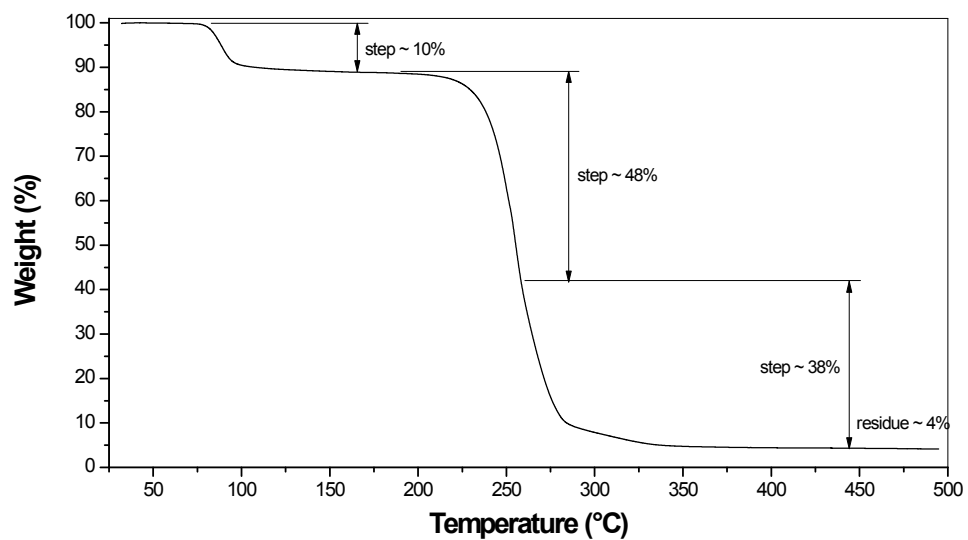


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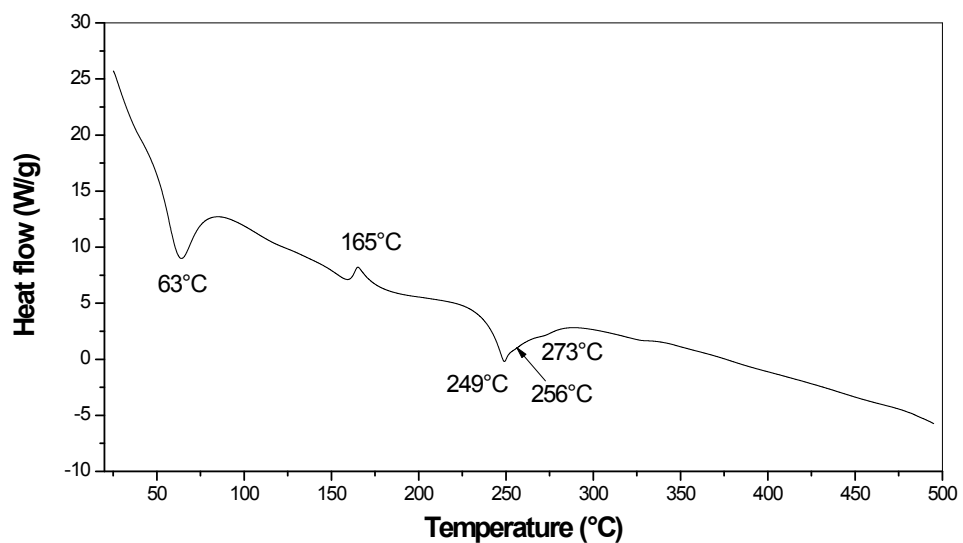


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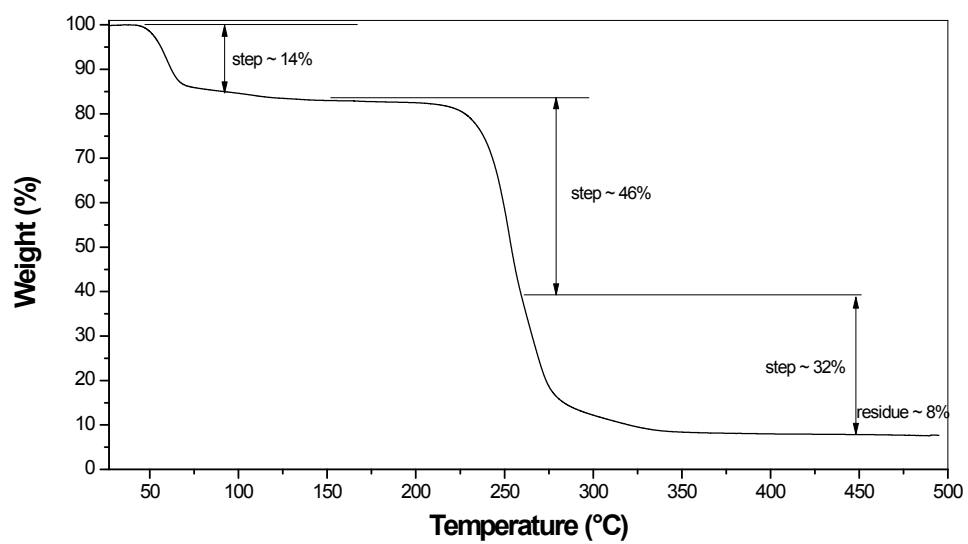


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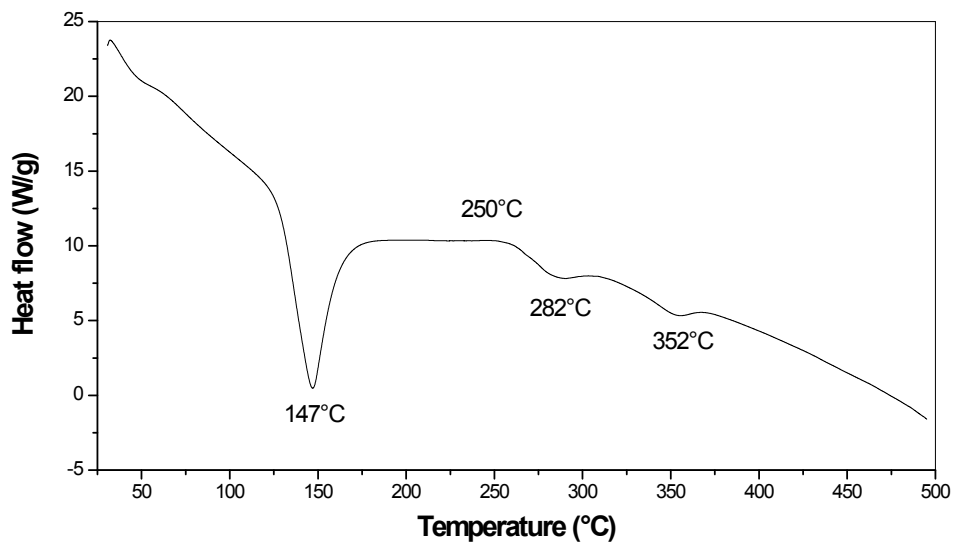


Figure S24. DSC trace of α -BDBA-PRO.

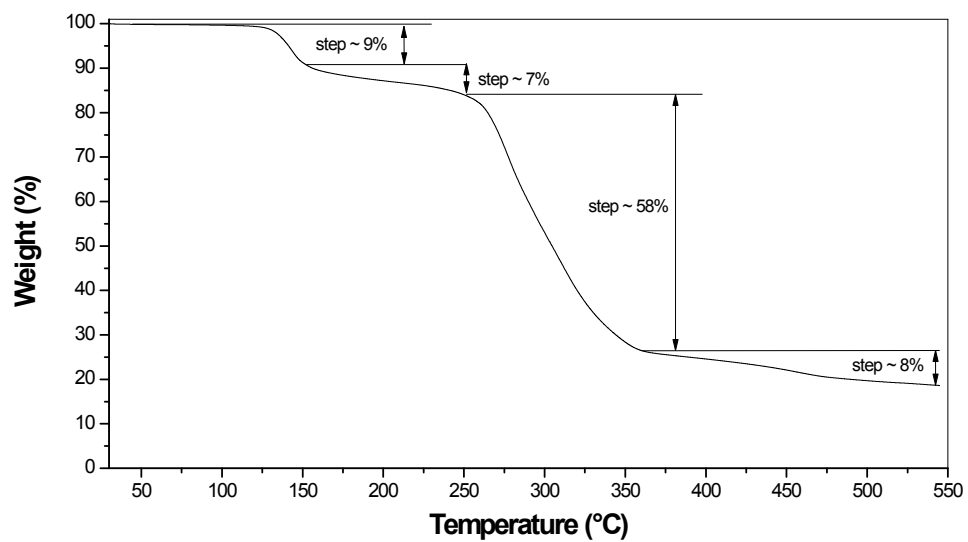


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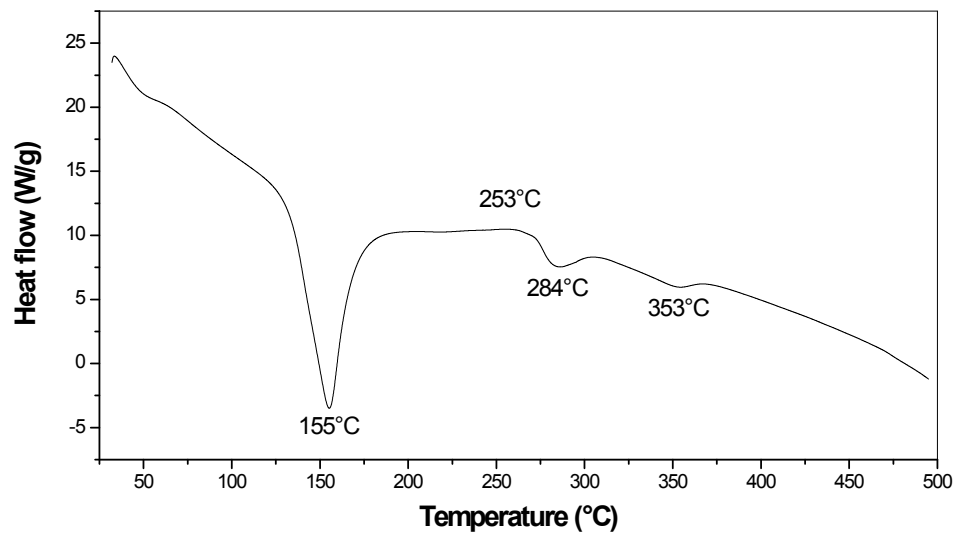


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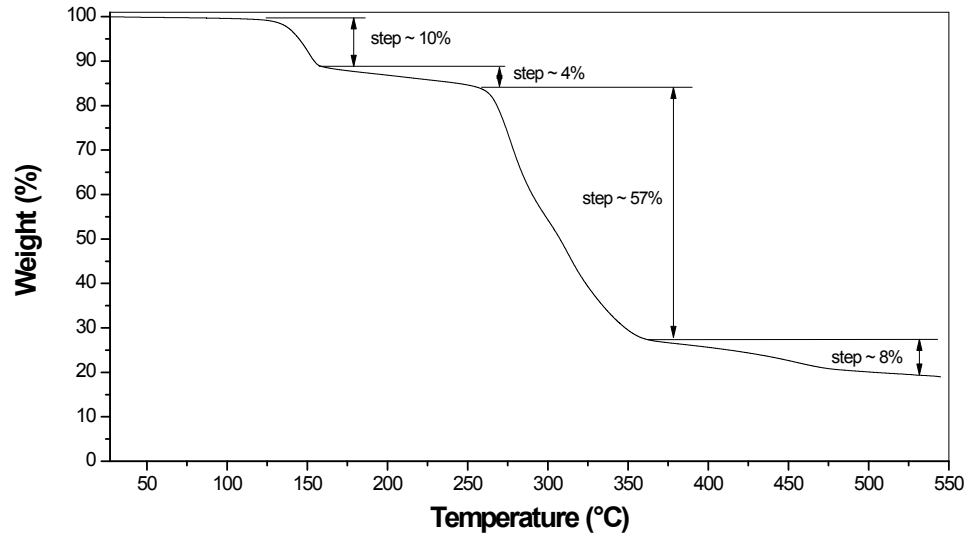


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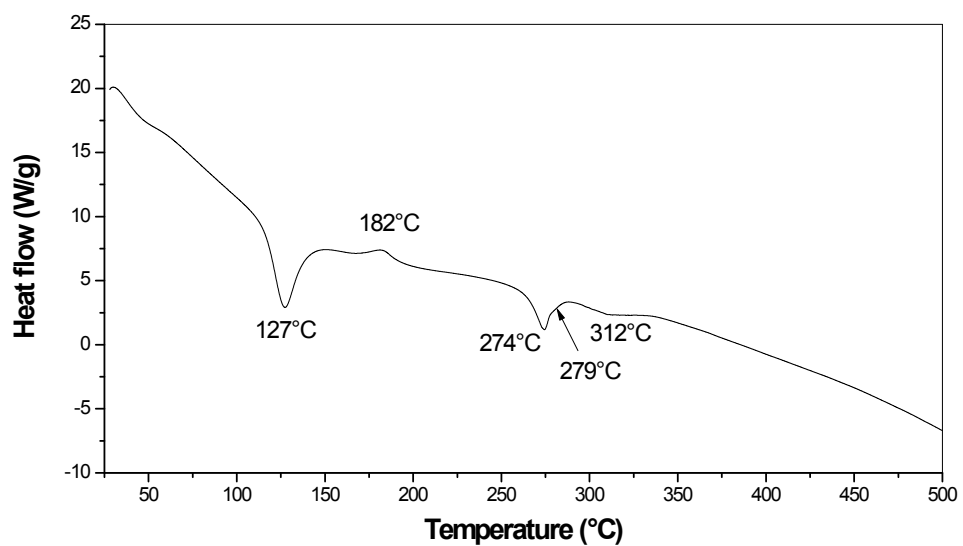


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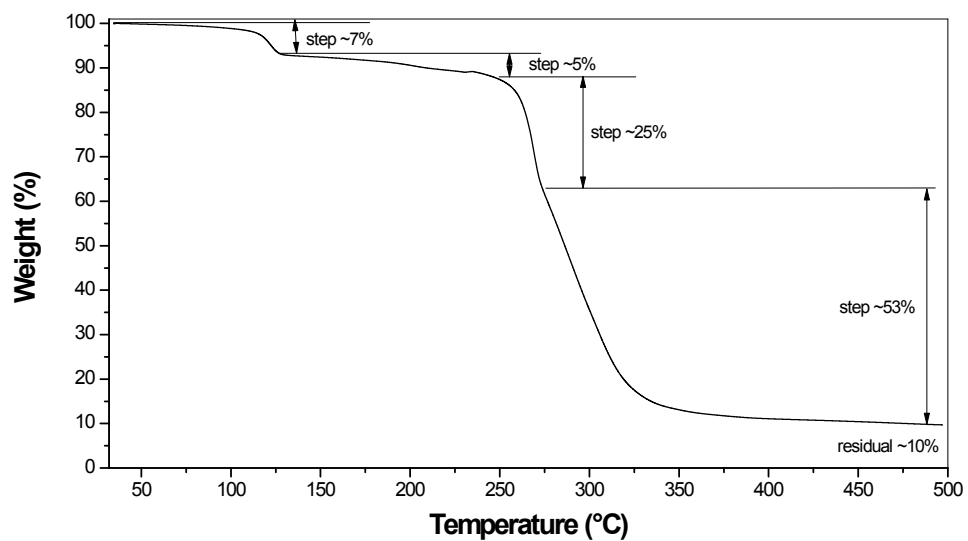


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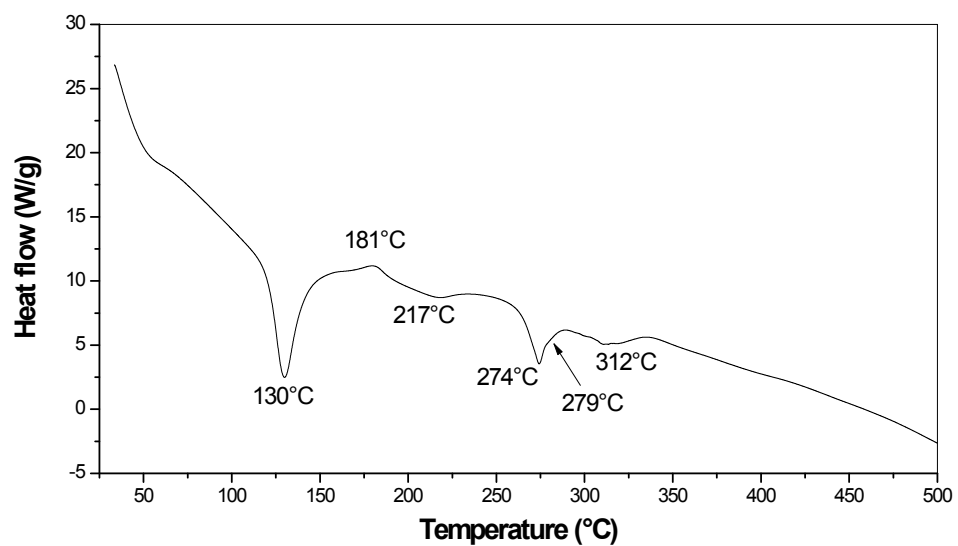


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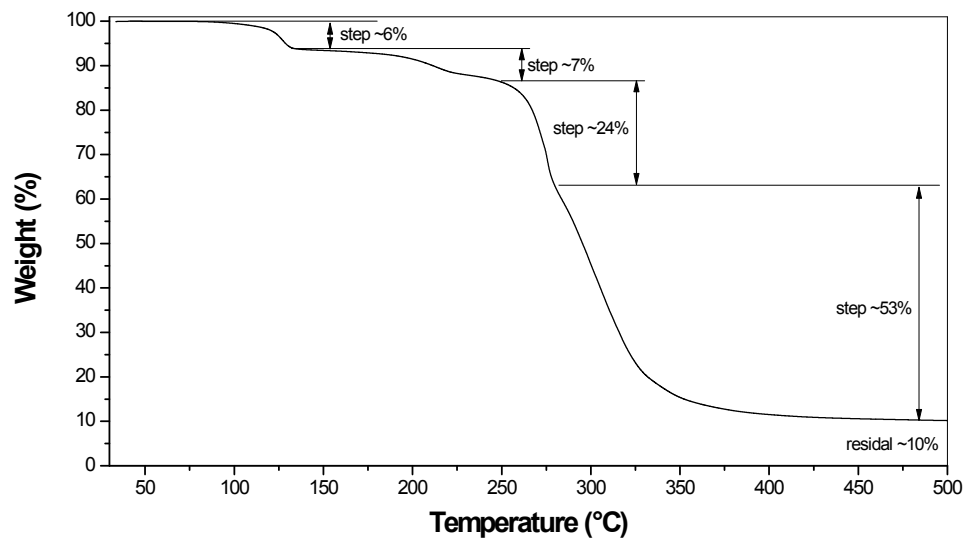


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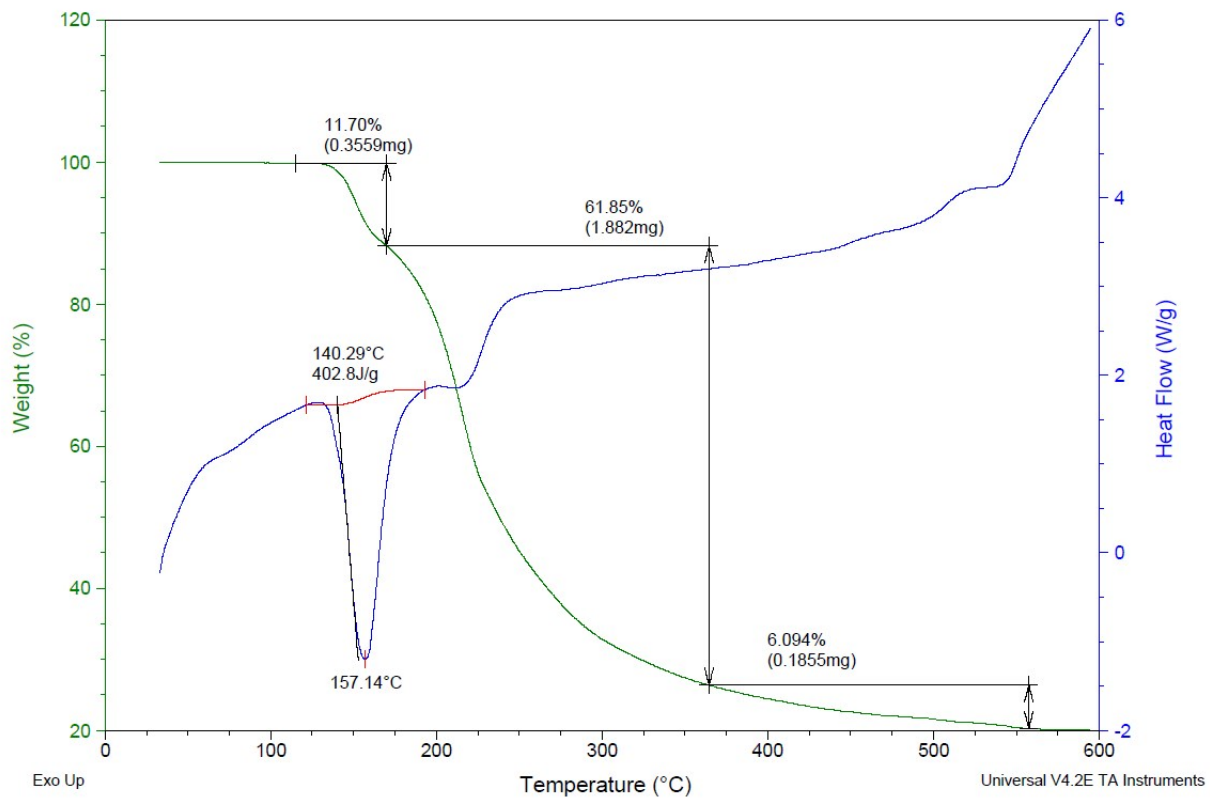


Figure S32. TGA and DSC traces of BDBA-INA.

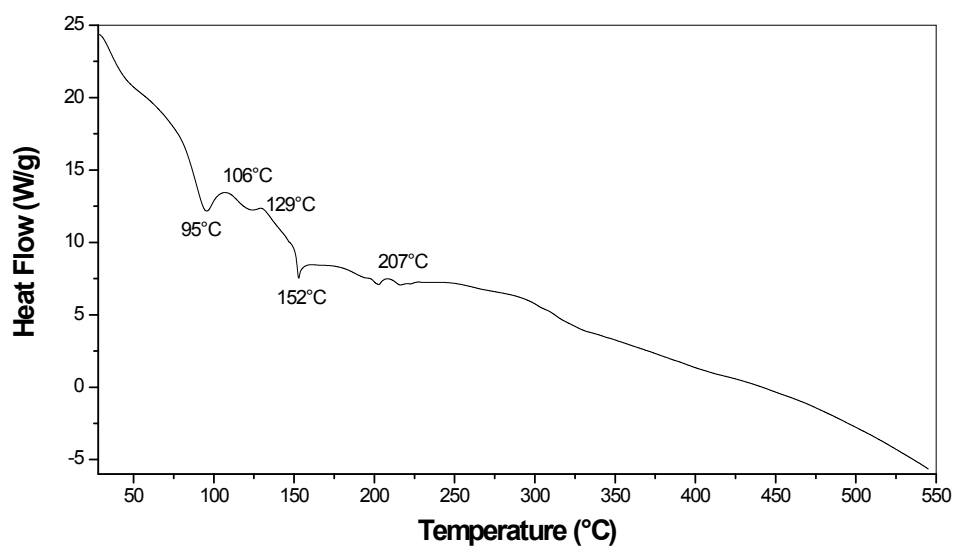


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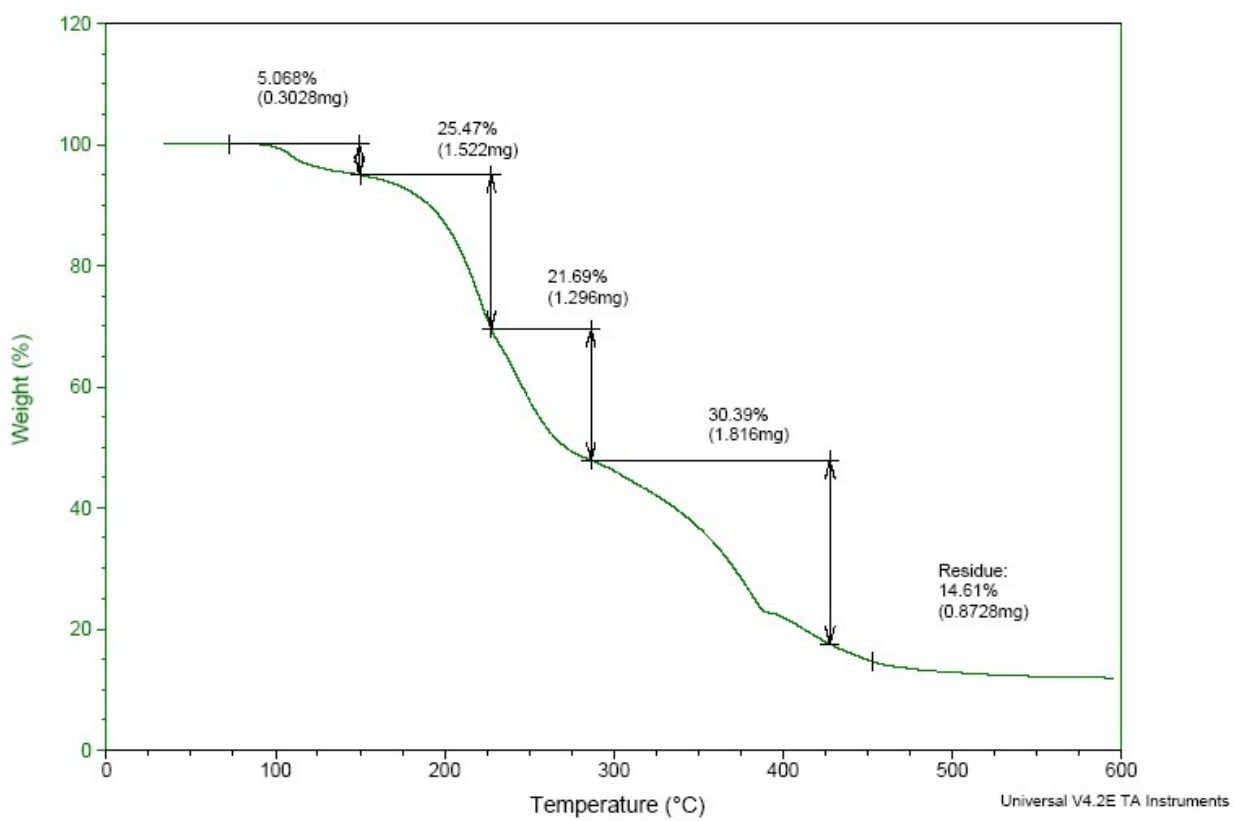


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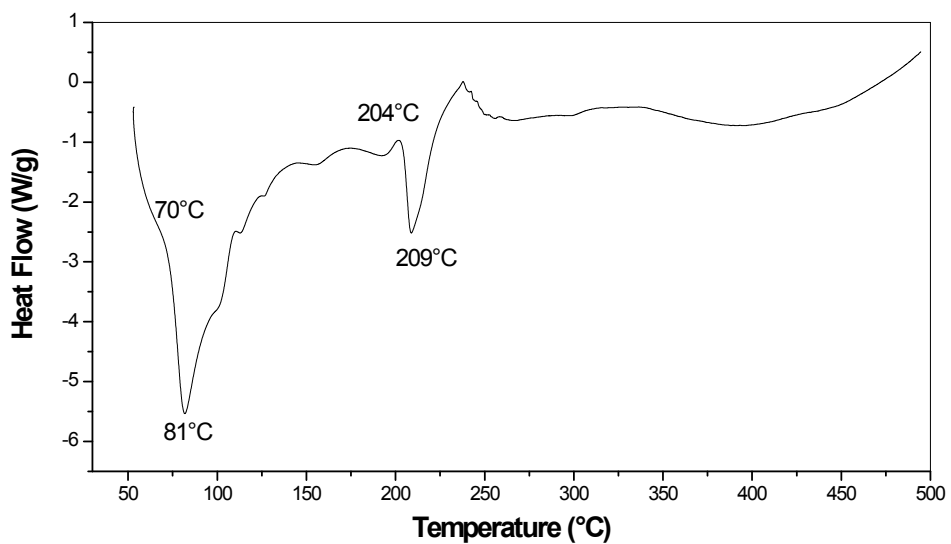


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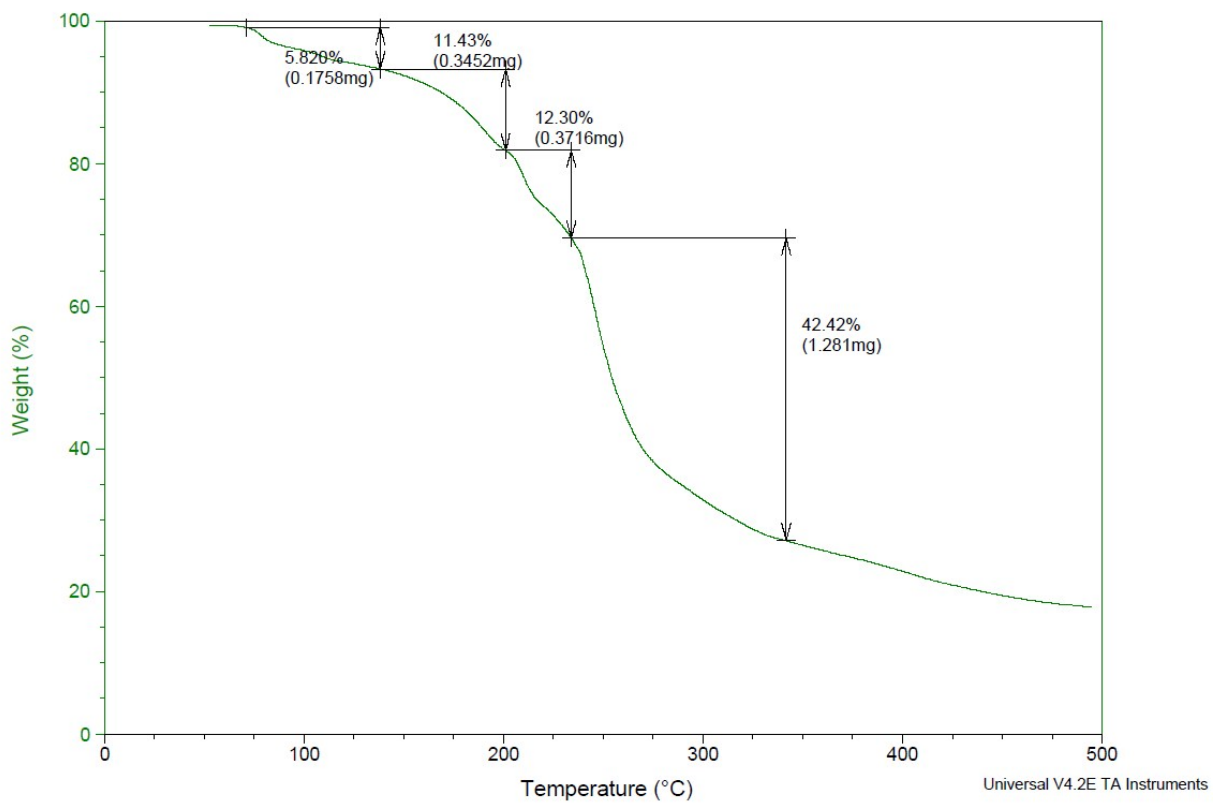


Figure S36. TGA trace of IPBA-NA.

Pawley Fit of the molecular complex β -BDBA-PRO (**2b**)

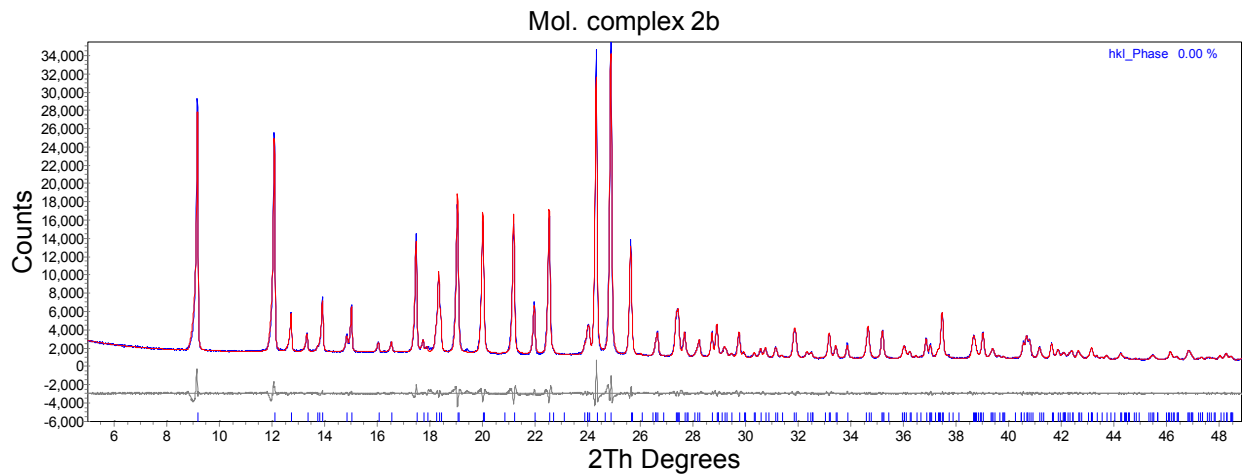


Figure S37. Pawley fit of β -BDBA-PRO (**2b**): calculated (red), experimental (blue) and the difference between experimental and calculated patterns (gray).

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Rietveld refinements

Co-crystal PBA-PRO

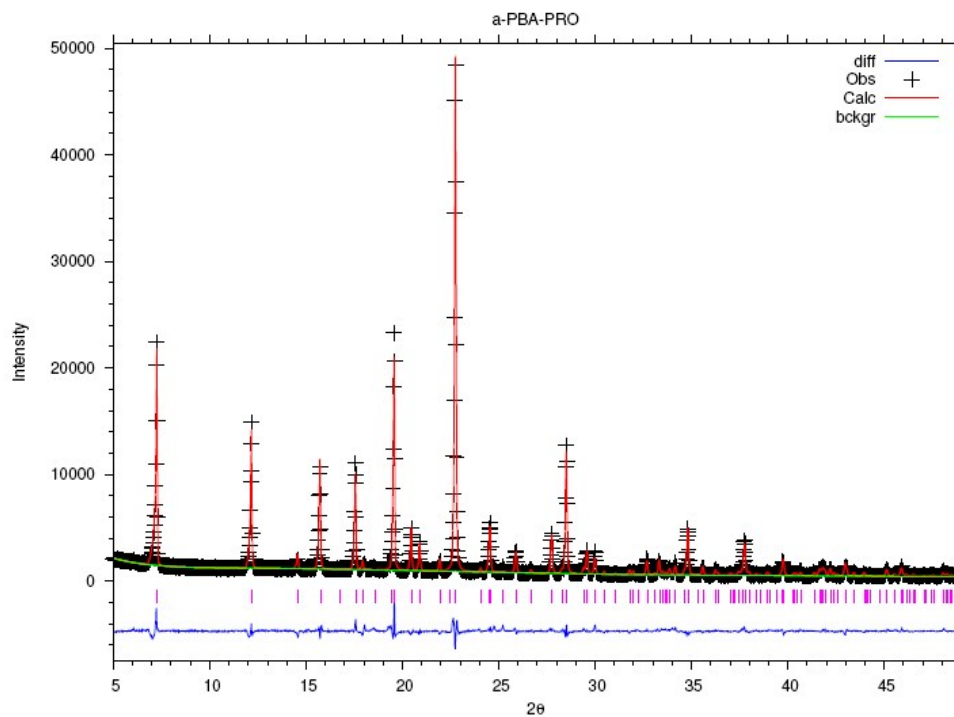


Figure S38. Rietveld refinement of PBA-PRO: calculated (red), experimental (black) and the difference between experimental and calculated patterns (blue).

Co-crystal α -IPBA-PRO

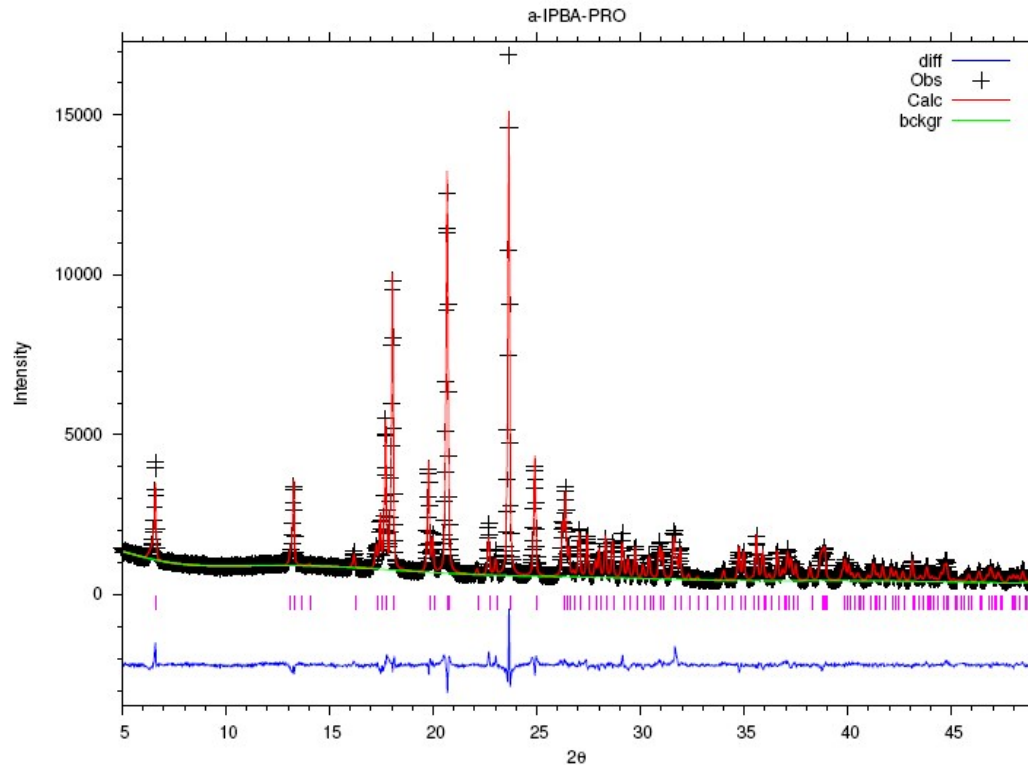


Figure S39. Rietveld refinement of α -IPBA-PRO: calculated (red), experimental (black) and the difference between experimental and calculated patterns (blue).

Cocrystal β -IPBA-PRO

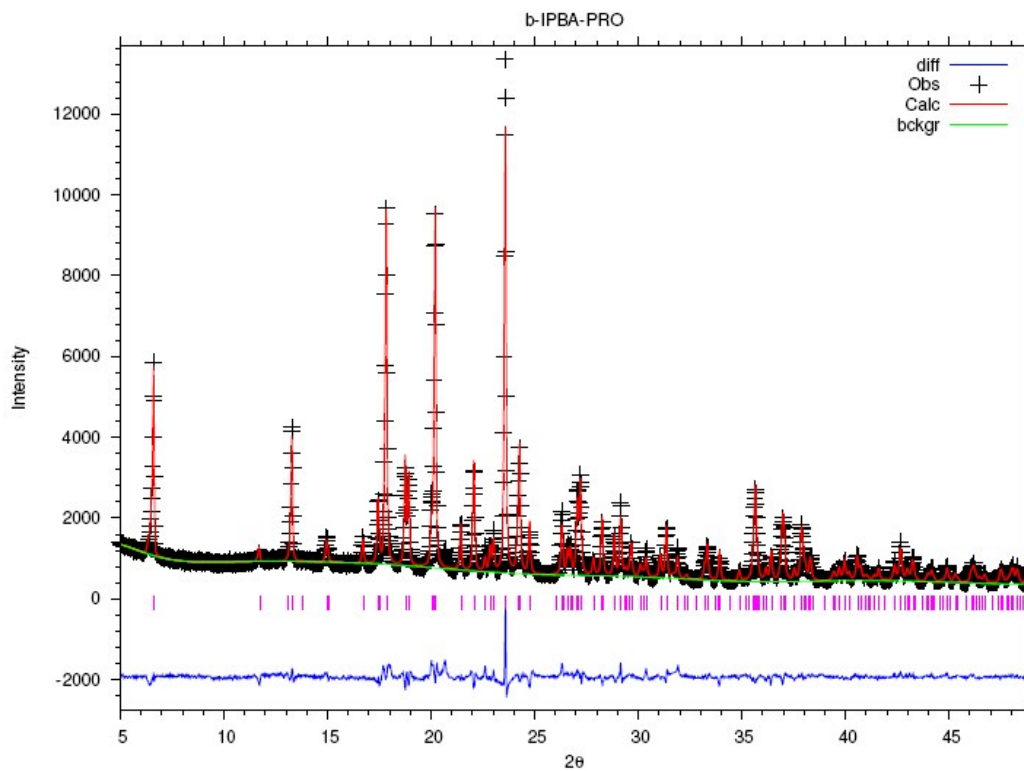


Figure S40. Rietveld refinement of β -IPBA-PRO: calculated (red), experimental (black) and the difference between experimental and calculated patterns (blue).

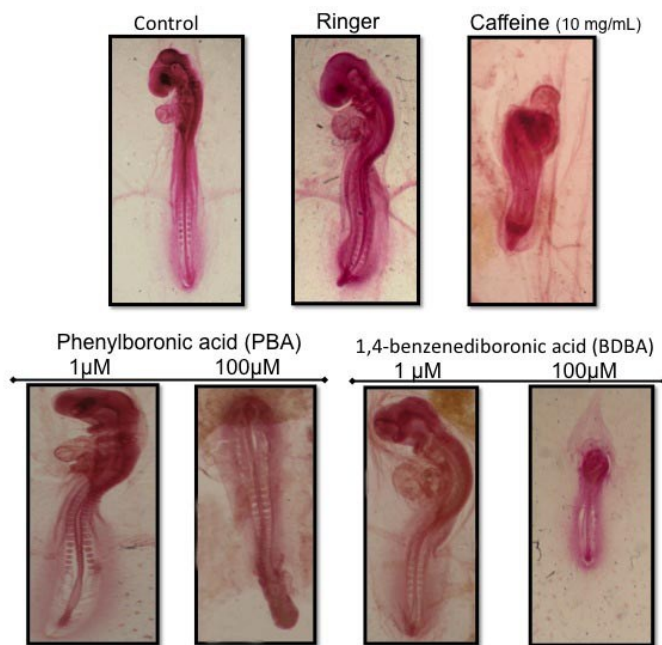


Figure S41. Morphological changes in chicken embryos treated with phenylboronic acid (PBA) and 1,4-benzenediboronic acid (BDDBA).

Table S1. Results of the cytotoxicity assays for 4-carboxyphenylboronic, 2-naphthylboronic, 3-formylboronic, 4-cyanophenylboronic, 3-aminophenylboronic, 4-formylboronic, 3-carboxyphenylboronic, and 3-cyanophenylboronic acid using the human HEK-293Q and WRL-68 cell lines.

Compound	TD50 HEK-293Q [mM] ^a	TD50 WRL-68 [mM] ^a
4-Carboxyphenylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000
2-Naphthylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000
3-Formylphenylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000
4-Cyanophenylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000
3-Aminophenylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000
4-Formylphenylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000
3-Carboxyphenylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000
3-Cyanophenylboronic acid	> 5000	> 5000

a) The TD₅₀ values reported are the mean values from two experiments, which were carried out each eight-fold.