

Drug nano-domains in spray-dried ibuprofen-silica microspheres

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Dihedral angles	<i>S</i> (1)	<i>S</i> (2)	<i>S</i> (3)	<i>R</i>	<i>R</i> -1 H ₂ O	<i>R</i> -2 H ₂ O	<i>S</i> (2)-1 H ₂ O	<i>S</i> (2)-2 H ₂ O
C1-C2-C4-C5	-120	121	111	-120	-95	-141	108	105
C1-C2-C4-C9	58	-60	-68	58	84	43	-72	-76
C3-C2-C4-C5	-10	-116	-120	-10	141	94	-127	-131
C3-C2-C4-C9	168	63		168	-40	-82	53	50

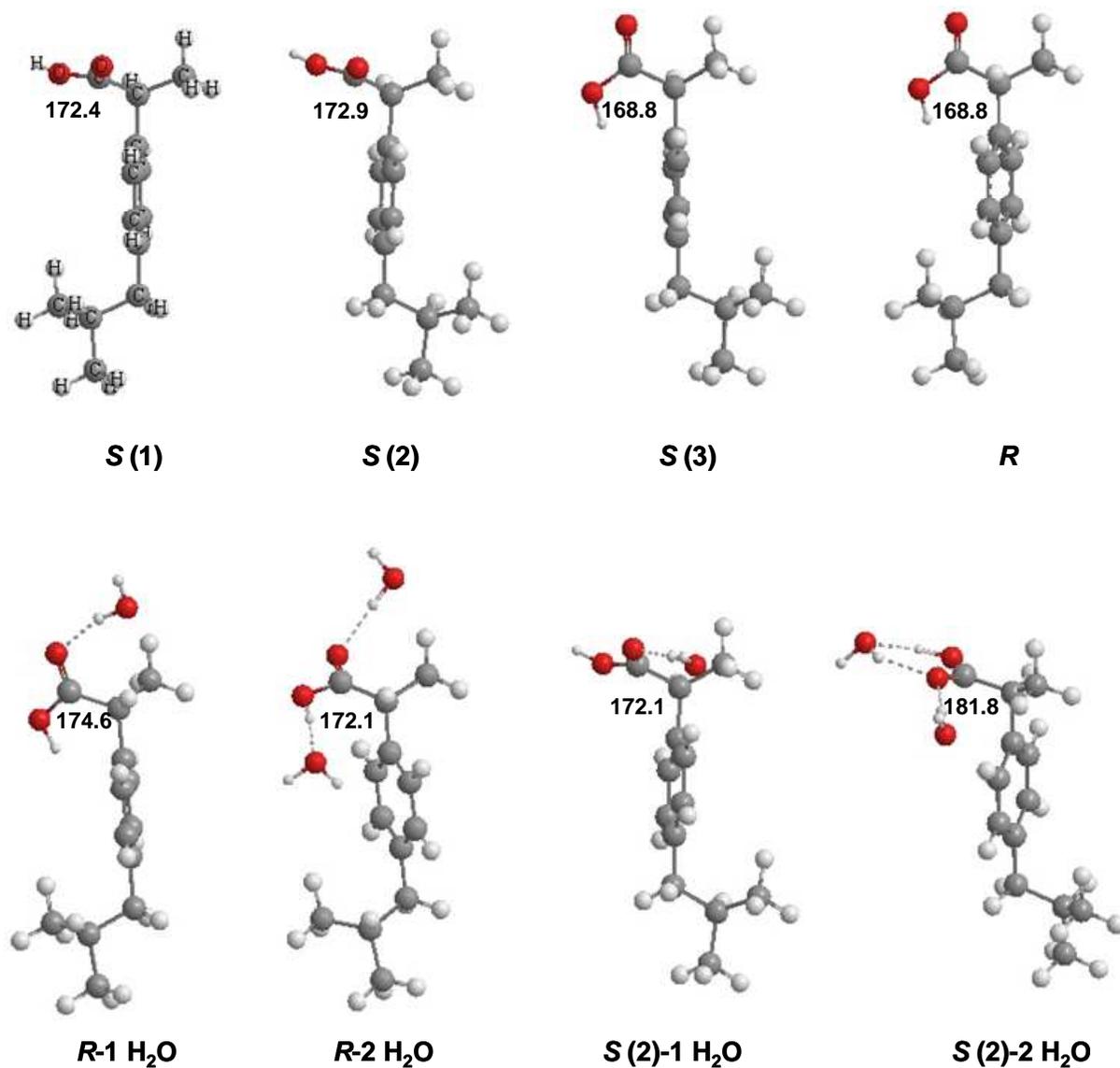
ESI Table 2. Characteristic dihedral angles in degrees of the optimized dimer structures, shown in **ESI Fig. 2**. The atomic numbers are given in Scheme 1 in the main text.

Dihedral angles	N- <i>RS</i> ^a	N- <i>SS</i>	U- <i>RS</i> ^a	U- <i>SS</i>	U- <i>SS</i> -2 H ₂ O	U- <i>SS</i> -3 H ₂ O ^b	U- <i>SS</i> -4 H ₂ O	U- <i>SS</i> -8 H ₂ O
C1-C2-C4-C5	78	119	70	120	-67	104	113	-74
C1-C2-C4-C9	-102	-63	-110	-60	113	-74	-67	104
C3-C2-C4-C5	-51	-114	-55	-120	57	-131	-124	51
C3-C2-C4-C9	128	63	123	60	-124	50	57	-131

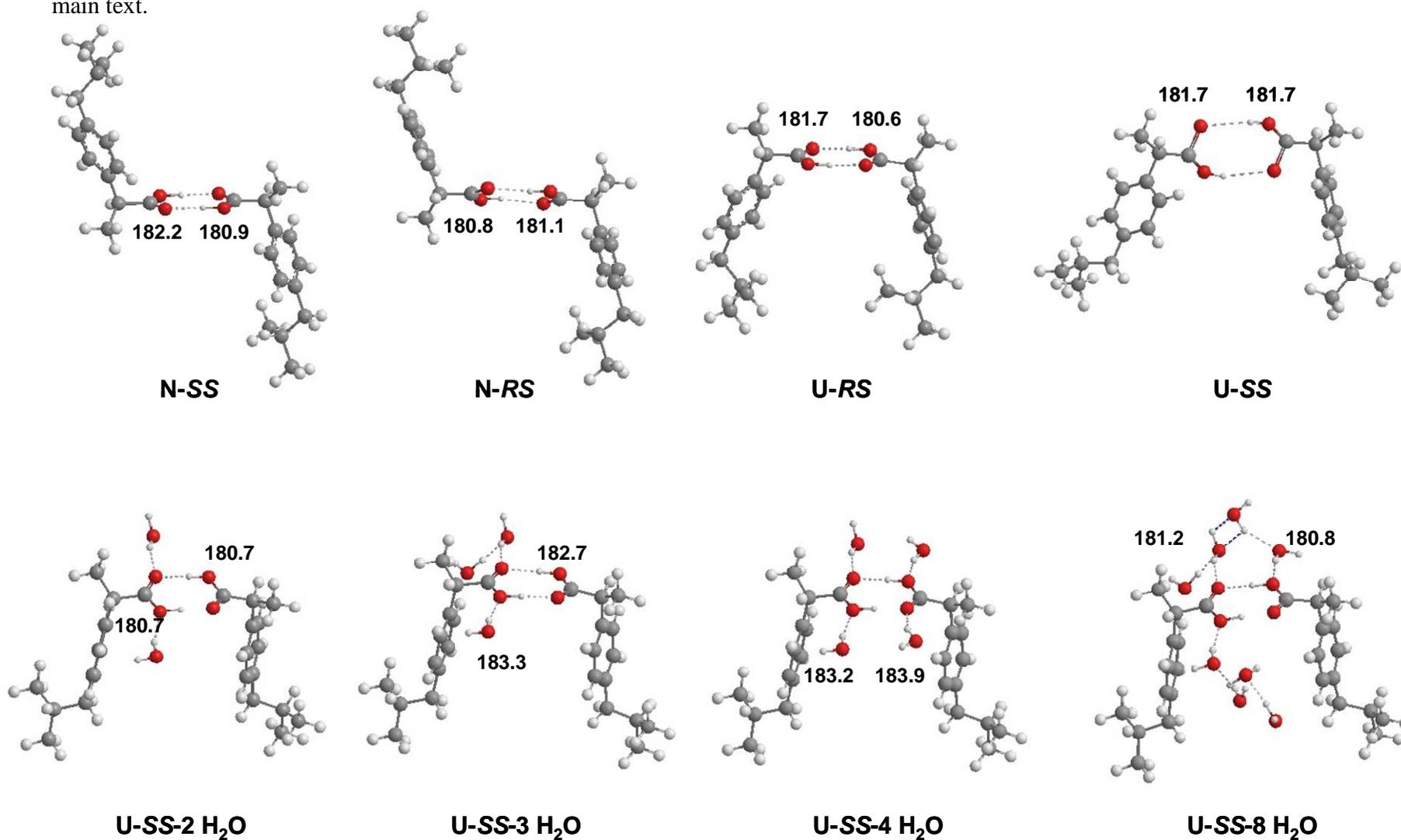
^a dihedral angles for the *R*-isomer in the *RS* dimer;

^b dihedral angles for the left-side *S*-isomer forming two H-bonds

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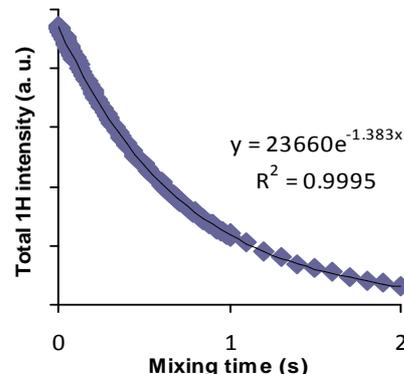


ESI Fig. 2. Optimised structures of ibuprofen dimers, for which ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts of carbon C1 have been computed. The ^{13}C chemical shift values in ppm are reported next to the C1 atom of each ibuprofen molecule. For atomic numbering see Scheme 1 in the main text.

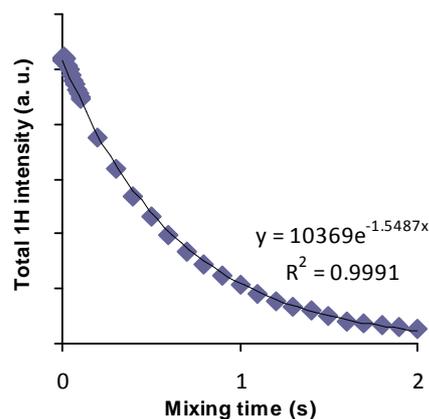


ESI Fig. 3. Variations of the sum of all ^1H peak intensities as a function of the mixing time τ_m .

1st series (magnetic field of 17.6 T, $\nu_{MAS} = 30$ kHz and $T_{stator} = 293$ K). From the exponential decay of the total ^1H intensity with the mixing time τ_m , we obtain a characteristic time of 723 ms that belongs to the range of longitudinal relaxation times T_1 measured (400-900 ms).



2nd series (magnetic field of 17.6 T, $\nu_{MAS} = 30$ kHz and $T_{stator} = 278$ K). From the exponential decay of the total ^1H intensity with the mixing time τ_m , we obtain a characteristic time of 646 ms that belongs to the range of longitudinal relaxation times T_1 measured (500-900 ms).



3rd series (magnetic field of 9.4 T, $\nu_{MAS} = 15$ kHz and $T_{stator} = 295$ K). From the exponential decay of the total ^1H intensity with the mixing time τ_m , we obtain a characteristic time of 428 ms that belongs to the range of longitudinal relaxation times T_1 measured (400-600 ms).

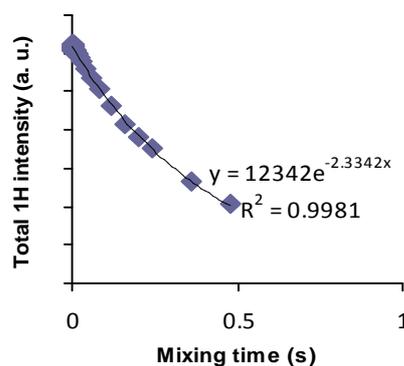


Fig. 4. ^1H - ^{29}Si 2D CP MAS heteronuclear correlation

^1H - ^{29}Si 2D HETCOR spectrum of spray-dried silica microspheres containing ibuprofen ($\phi_{\text{drug}} = 0.25$). The contact time was set to $\tau_c = 5$ ms, and MAS frequency to $\nu_{\text{MAS}} = 12$ kHz.

