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**A combined experimental and theoretical study of miconazole salts and cocrystals: crystal structures, DFT computations, formation thermodynamics and solubility improvement.**

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## S1. Details of the Gibbs energy of cocrystal formation calculation

In order to calculate the Gibbs energy of cocrystal formation with the stoichiometric ratio  $(API)_n(CF)_m$   $\Delta G_f^{0,298}(CC)$ , we can use the following equations:

$$\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(PM) = X_1 \cdot \Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(API) + X_2 \cdot \Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(CF) \quad (1)$$

where  $(API)_n(CF)_m$ :  $X_1 = n/(n + m)$ ;  $X_2 = m/(n + m)$ .  $\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(PM)$ ,  $\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(API)$ , and  $\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(CF)$  are the sublimation Gibbs energies of the physical mixture, API and CF, respectively. The API and CF abbreviations are used for convenience. In our case, API corresponds to the first cocrystal component and CF corresponds to the second one.

$$\Delta G_f^{0,298}(CC) = \Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(PM) - \Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(CC) \quad (2)$$

The cocrystal formation enthalpy value,  $\Delta H_f^{0,298}(CC)$ , was obtained by the following algorithm.

It is well known that there is a linear dependence between  $\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}$  and  $\Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}$  (the so-called compensation effect). Thus, knowing the experimental  $\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}$  and  $\Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}$  values, it is possible to calculate the coefficients of eq. (3):

$$\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298} = C + D \cdot \Delta H_{sub}^{0,298} \quad (3)$$

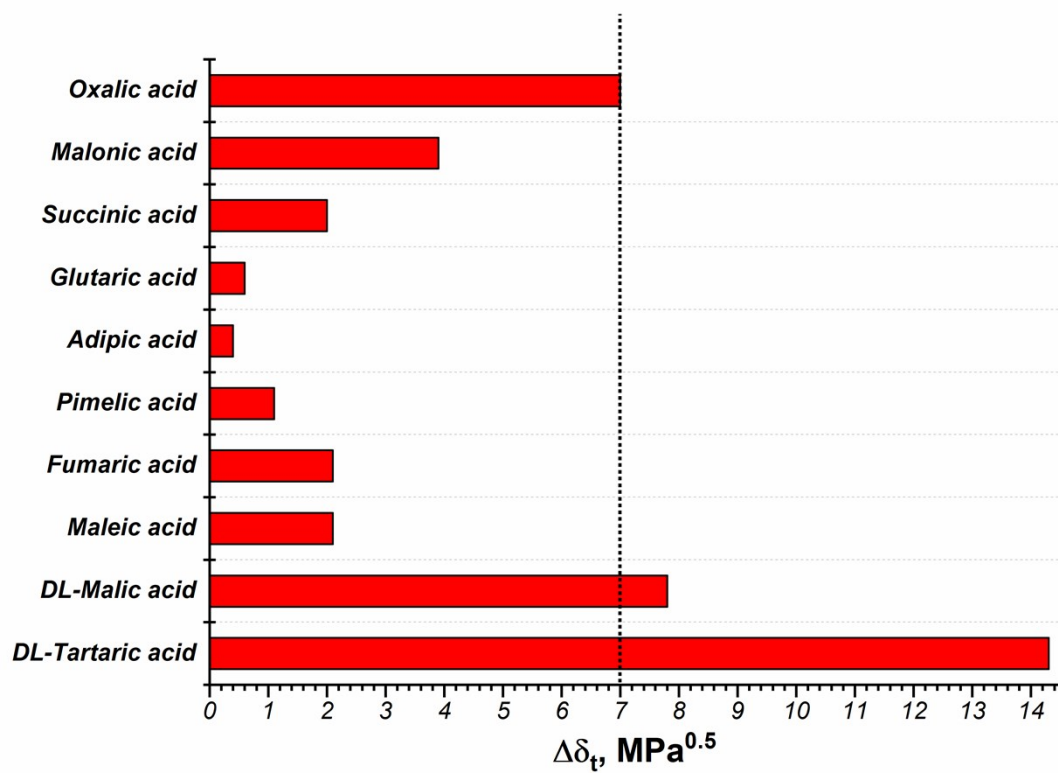
and then calculate the necessary value:

$$\Delta H_f^{0,298}(CC) = \Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}(PM) - \Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}(CC) \quad (4)$$

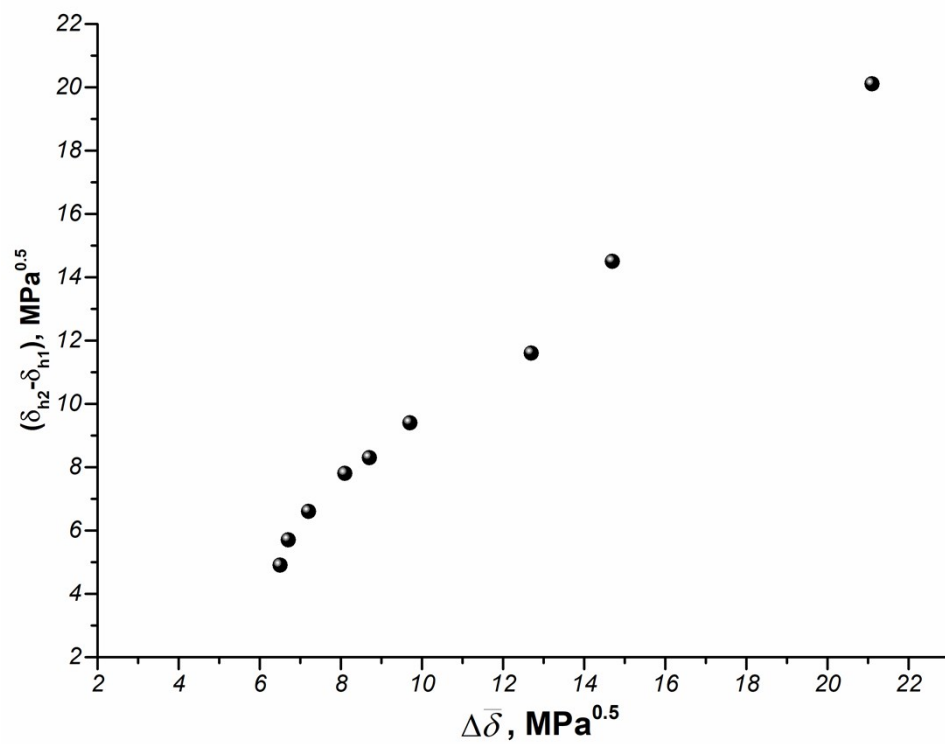
$$\Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}(CC) = (\Delta G_{sub}^{0,298}(CC) - C) / D \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}(PM) = X_1 \cdot \Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}(API) + X_2 \cdot \Delta H_{sub}^{0,298}(CF) \quad (6)$$

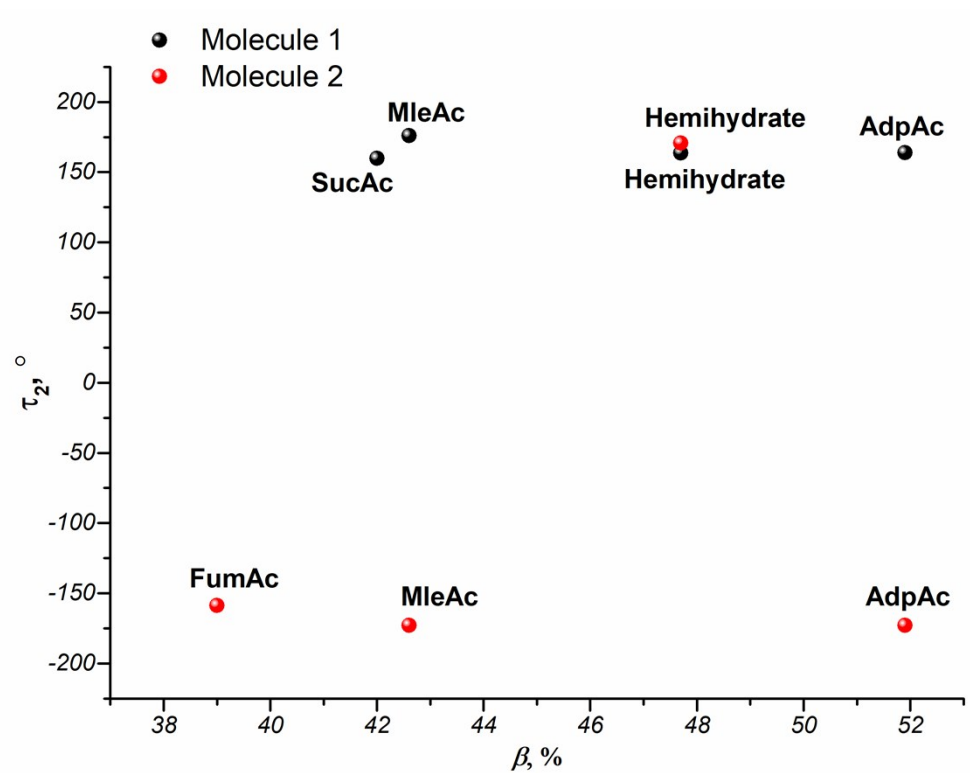
$$T\Delta S_f^{0,298}(CC) = \Delta G_f^{0,298}(CC) - \Delta H_f^{0,298}(CC) \quad (7)$$



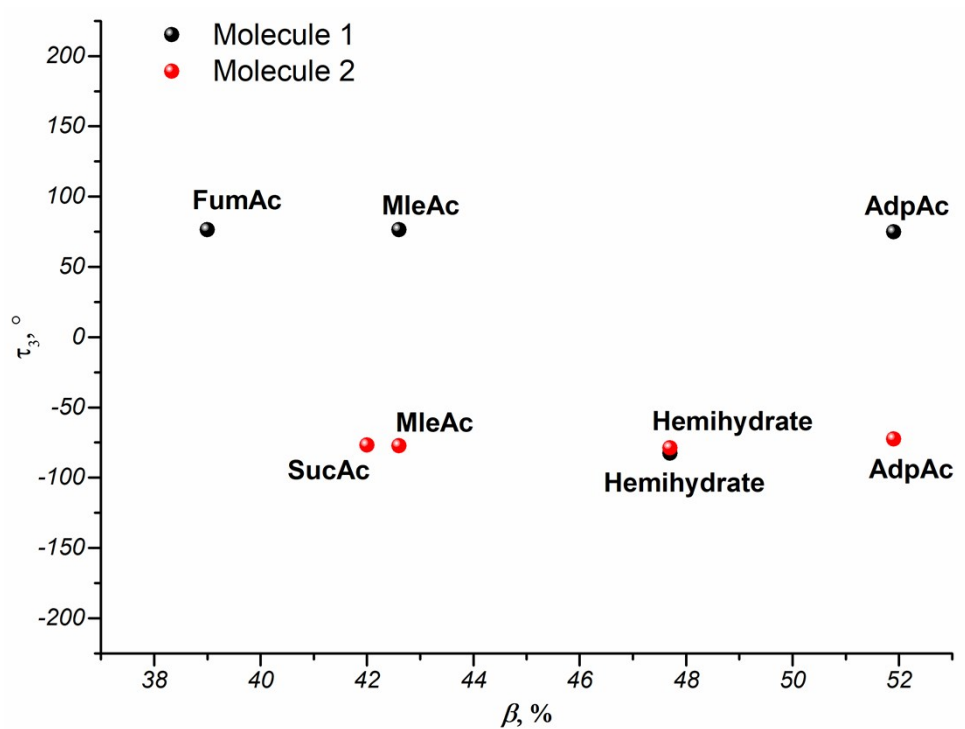
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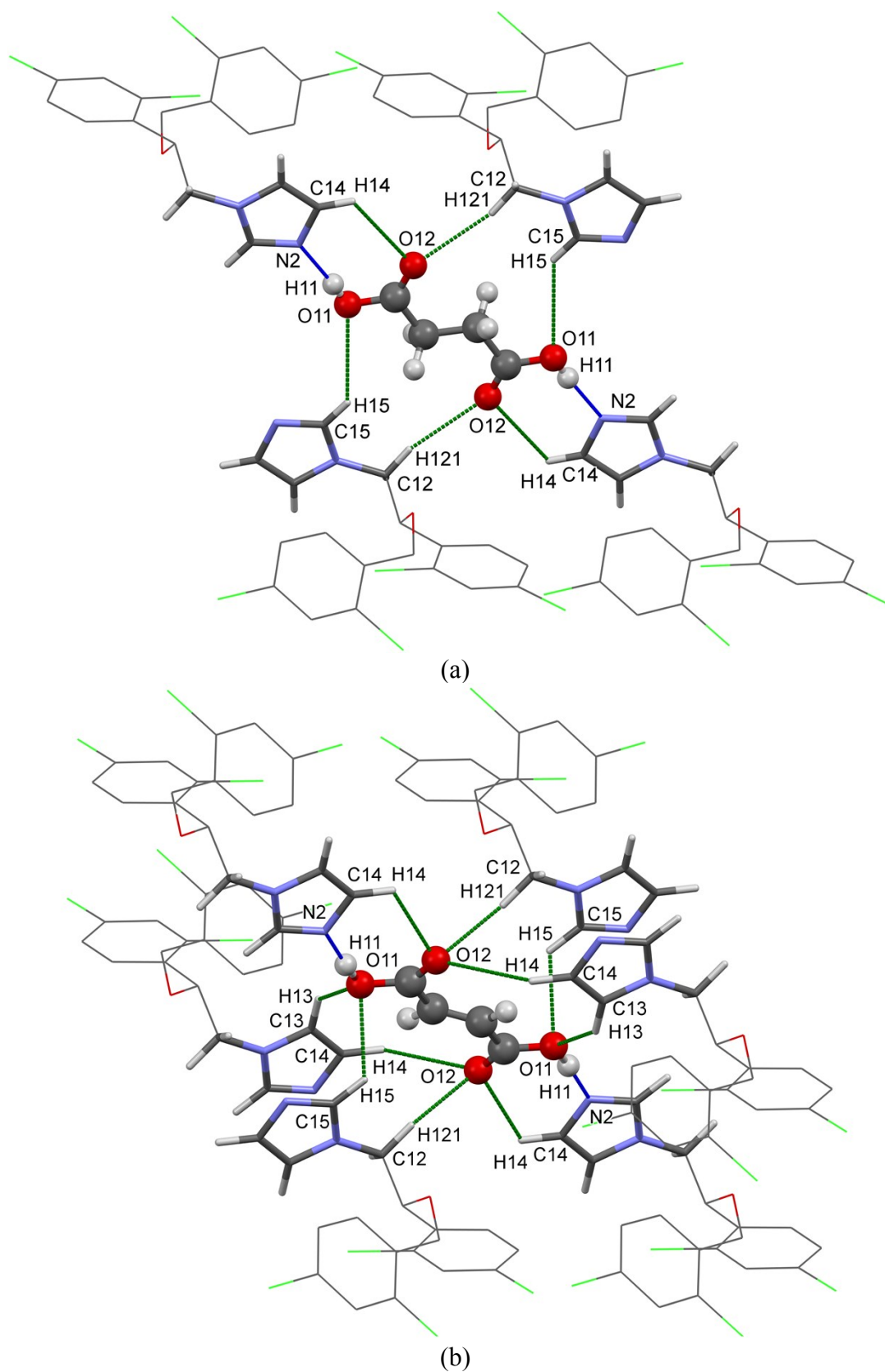
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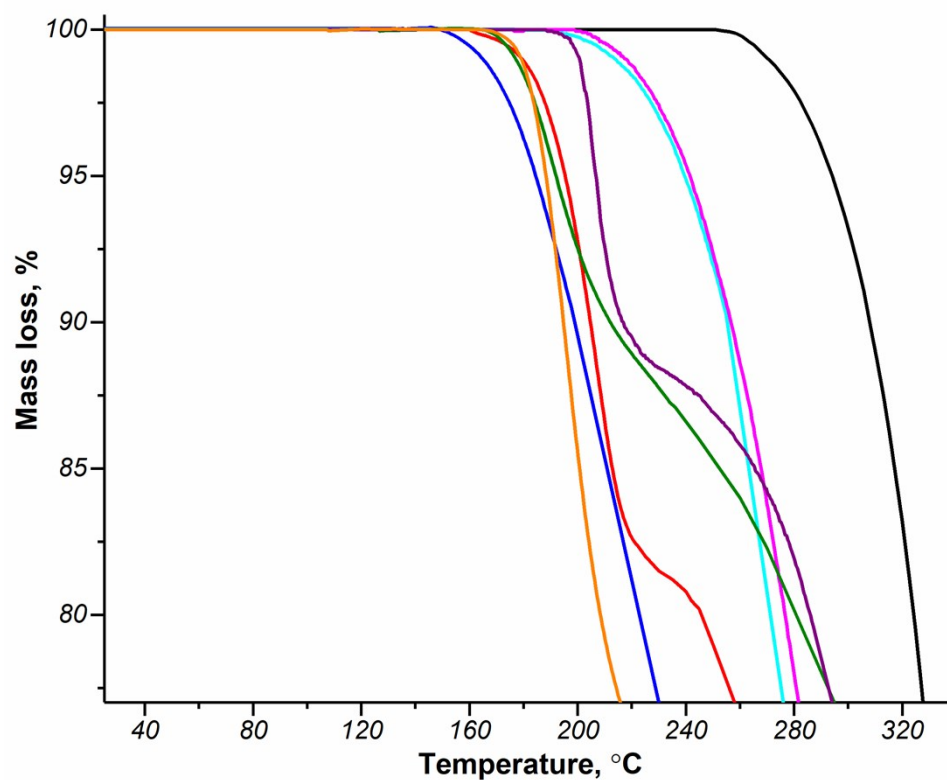
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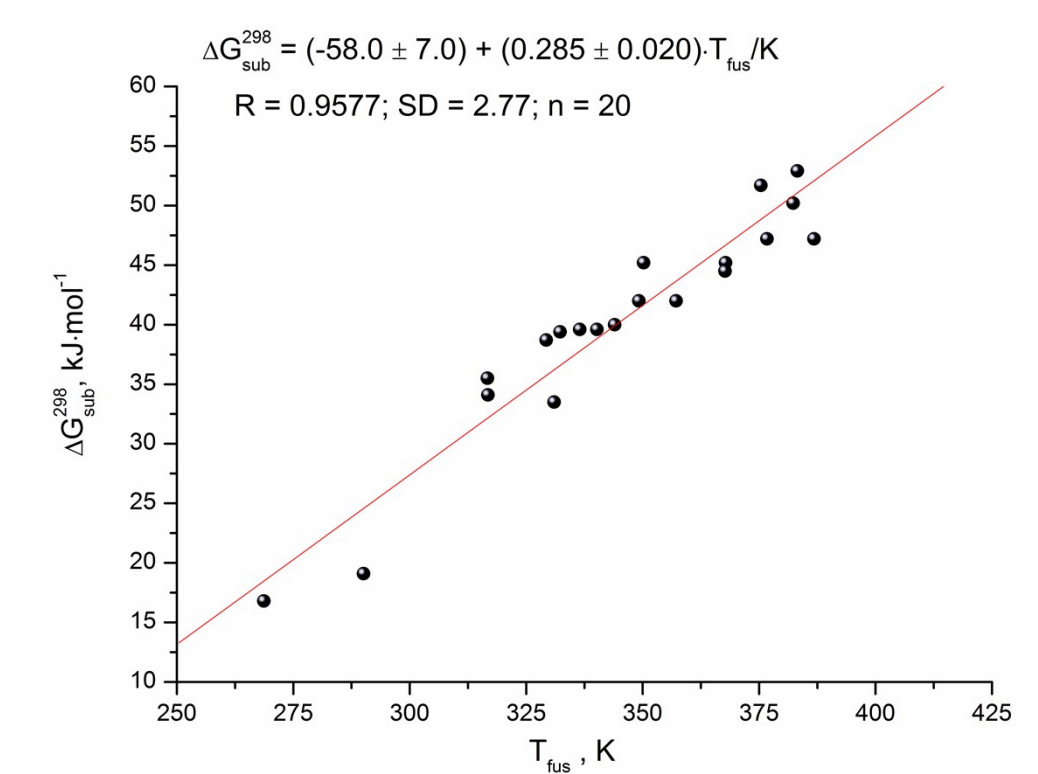
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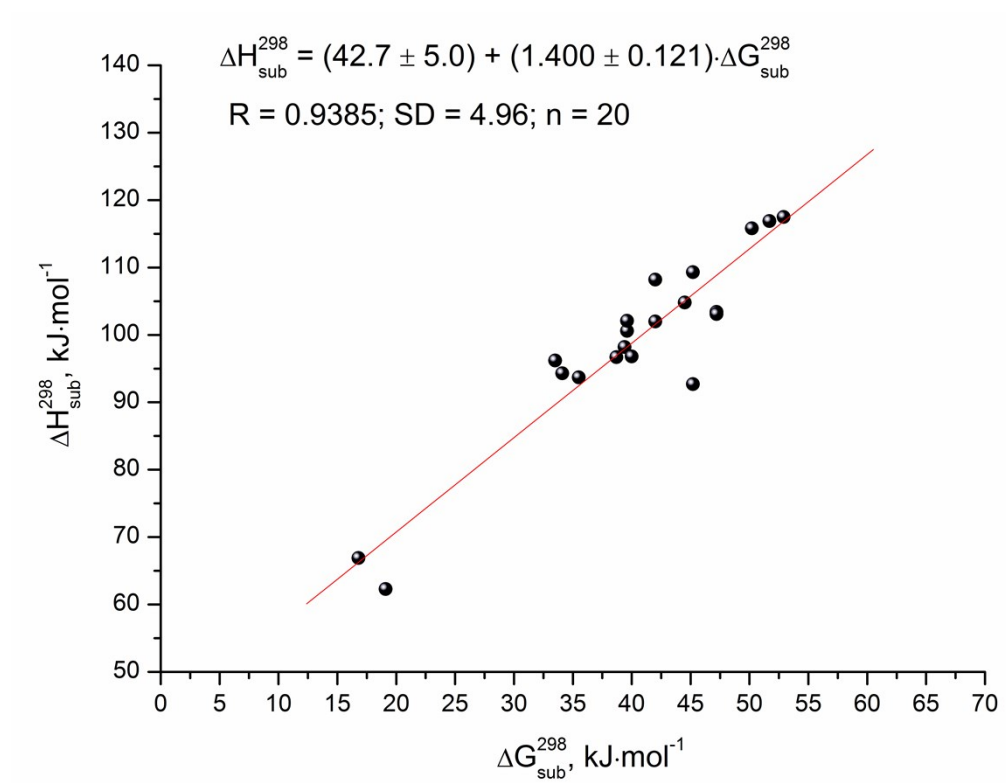
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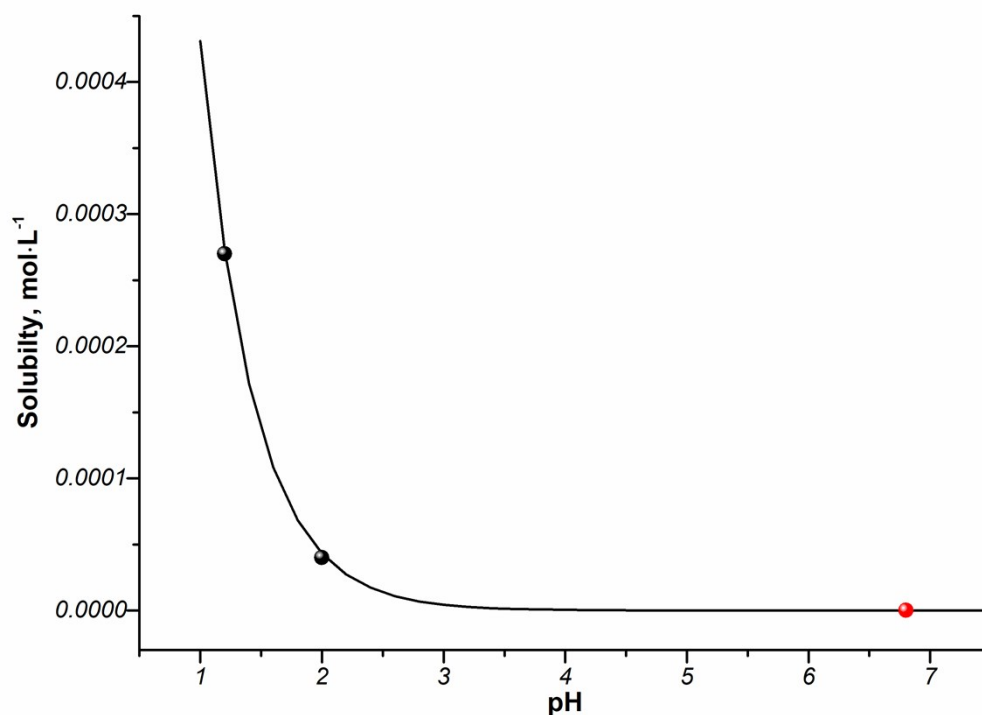
**Figure S6.** TGA thermograms of the MCL crystal forms (— - MCL, — - [MCL+OxlAc] (1:1), — - [MCL+SucAc] (2:1), — - [MCL+AdpAc] (2:1), — - [MCL+PimAc] (2:1), — - [MCL+FumAc] (2:1), — - [MCL+MleAc] (1:1), — - [MCL+TartAc] (1:1)).



**Figure S7.** Dependence between  $\Delta G_{\text{sub}}^{298}$  and  $T_{\text{fus}}$  for the compounds structurally related to miconazole.



**Figure S8.** Dependence between  $\Delta H_{\text{sub}}^{298}$  and  $\Delta G_{\text{sub}}^{298}$  for the compounds structurally related to miconazole.



**Figure S9.** Solubility-pH profile of the MCL base (— is the dependence of the MCL solubility on the pH calculated by the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation, ● is the MCL experimental solubility values in the pH 1.2 and 2.0 buffer solutions, ● is the MCL theoretical solubility)

**Table S1.**  $\Delta pK_a$  values of miconazole and coformer combinations and cocrystal screening results

|        | $pK_a^a$    | $\Delta pK_a$ | Nature of the molecular complex | Experimental methods |                   | Theoretical methods |                  |                  |
|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
|        |             |               |                                 | DSC                  | PXRD <sup>c</sup> | MC <sup>d</sup>     | HBP <sup>e</sup> | HSP <sup>f</sup> |
| MCL    | 6.77 (base) |               |                                 |                      |                   |                     |                  |                  |
| OxIAc  | 1.36; 4.11  | 5.41; 2.66    | salt                            | -                    | +                 | -                   | -                | +/-              |
| MInAc  | 2.43; 5.92  | 4.34; 0.85    | salt                            | amorph               | amorph            | -                   | -                | +                |
| SucAc  | 3.55; 5.69  | 3.22; 1.08    | cocrystal <sup>b</sup>          | +                    | +                 | -                   | -                | +                |
| GluAc  | 3.76; 4.56  | 3.01; 2.21    | cocrystal                       | amorph               | amorph            | -                   | -                | +                |
| AdpAc  | 3.92; 4.70  | 2.85; 2.07    | cocrystal                       | +                    | +                 | -                   | -                | +                |
| PimAc  | 4.05; 4.81  | 2.72; 1.96    | cocrystal                       | -                    | +                 | -                   | -                | +                |
| FumAc  | 3.35; 4.22  | 3.42; 2.55    | cocrystal <sup>b</sup>          | +                    | +                 | -                   | -                | +                |
| MleAc  | 2.85; 5.72  | 3.92; 1.05    | salt <sup>b</sup>               | -                    | +                 | -                   | -                | +                |
| MalAc  | 3.20; 5.13  | 3.57; 1.64    | cocrystal                       | amorph               | amorph            | -                   | -                | +/-              |
| TartAc | 2.72; 4.79  | 4.05; 1.98    | salt                            | +                    | +                 | -                   | -                | -                |

<sup>a</sup> The  $pK_a$  value were calculated in ChemAxon<sup>b</sup> from ref. 2<sup>c</sup> The samples for the PXRD analysis were obtained by liquid-assisted grinding<sup>d</sup>MC stands for molecular complementarity<sup>e</sup>HBP stands for hydrogen bond propensity<sup>f</sup>HSP stands for Hansen solubility parameters

**Table S2.** Calculation of the Hansen solubility parameters of miconazole by the Hoftyzer-Van Krevelen group contribution method

| Structural group           | Frequency | $F_{d_i}$ ,<br>(J·m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>0.5</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> | $F_{p_i}^2$ ,<br>(J·m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>0.5</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> | $F_{h_i}$ ,<br>J·mol <sup>-1</sup>  | $V_m$ ,<br>cm <sup>3</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Phenylene (o, m, p)        | 2         | 2540                                                                 | 48400                                                                  | 0                                   | 104.8                                         |
| -Cl                        | 4         | 1800                                                                 | 4840000                                                                | 1600                                | 96.0                                          |
| -CH <sub>2</sub>           | 2         | 540                                                                  | 0                                                                      | 0                                   | 32.2                                          |
| -O-                        | 1         | 100                                                                  | 160000                                                                 | 3000                                | 3.8                                           |
| -CH-                       | 1         | 80                                                                   | 0                                                                      | 0                                   | -1.0                                          |
| -N=                        | 2         | 40                                                                   | 2560000                                                                | 10000                               | 10.0                                          |
| =CH-                       | 3         | 600                                                                  | 0                                                                      | 0                                   | 40.5                                          |
| <b><math>\Sigma</math></b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>5700</b>                                                          | <b>7608400</b>                                                         | <b>14600</b>                        | <b>286.3</b>                                  |
| Calculations and results   |           | $\delta_d = \sum F_d / \sum V_i$                                     |                                                                        | $\delta_d = 19.9 \text{ MPa}^{0.5}$ |                                               |
|                            |           | $\delta_p = (\sum F_p^2)^{0.5} / \sum V_i$                           |                                                                        | $\delta_p = 9.6 \text{ MPa}^{0.5}$  |                                               |
|                            |           | $\delta_h = (\sum F_h / \sum V_i)^{0.5}$                             |                                                                        | $\delta_h = 7.1 \text{ MPa}^{0.5}$  |                                               |
|                            |           | $\delta_t = (d_d^2 + \delta_p^2 + \delta_h^2)^{0.5}$                 |                                                                        | $\delta_t = 23.2 \text{ MPa}^{0.5}$ |                                               |

$F_{d_i}$  is the group contribution to the dispersion forces

$F_{p_i}$  is the group contribution to the polar forces

$F_{h_i}$  is the group contribution to the hydrogen bonding energy

$V_m$  is the group contribution to the molar volume calculated according to Fedors<sup>3</sup>

**Table S3.** Hansen solubility parameters of the coformers used in this study according to the Hoftyzer-Van Krevelen method

| Compound         | $V_m$ ,<br>$\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ | $\delta_d$ ,<br>$\text{MPa}^{0.5}$ | $\delta_p$ ,<br>$\text{MPa}^{0.5}$ | $\delta_h$ ,<br>$\text{MPa}^{0.5}$ | $\delta_v$ , <sup>a</sup><br>$\text{MPa}^{0.5}$ | $\delta_t$ ,<br>$\text{MPa}^{0.5}$ |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Oxalic acid      | 57.0                                         | 18.6                               | 14.7                               | 18.7                               | 23.7                                            | 30.2                               |
| Malonic acid     | 73.1                                         | 18.2                               | 11.5                               | 16.5                               | 21.5                                            | 27.1                               |
| Succinic acid    | 89.2                                         | 17.9                               | 9.4                                | 15.0                               | 20.3                                            | 25.2                               |
| Glutaric acid    | 105.3                                        | 17.8                               | 8.0                                | 13.8                               | 19.5                                            | 23.9                               |
| Adipic acid      | 121.4                                        | 17.6                               | 6.9                                | 12.8                               | 18.9                                            | 22.9                               |
| Pimelic acid     | 137.5                                        | 17.5                               | 6.1                                | 12.1                               | 18.6                                            | 22.1                               |
| Fumaric acid     | 84.0                                         | 17.4                               | 10.0                               | 15.4                               | 20.1                                            | 25.3                               |
| Maleic acid      | 84.0                                         | 17.4                               | 10.0                               | 15.4                               | 20.1                                            | 25.3                               |
| DL-Malic acid    | 85.1                                         | 19.0                               | 11.5                               | 21.7                               | 22.2                                            | 31.1                               |
| DL-Tartaric acid | 81.0                                         | 20.2                               | 16.1                               | 27.2                               | 25.9                                            | 37.6                               |

<sup>a</sup>  $\delta_v = (\delta_d^2 + \delta_p^2)^{0.5}$

**Table S4.** Crystallographic data and structural refinement summary of the MCL multi-component crystals

|                                   | MCL hemihydrate                                                                     | [MCL+SucAc] (2:1)                                                                               | [MCL+FumAc] (2:1)                                                                               | [MCL+MleAc] (1:1)                                                                            | [MCL+AdpAc] (2:1)                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chemical formula                  | $2(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_2\text{O})\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | $2(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_2\text{O})\cdot\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ | $2(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_2\text{O})\cdot\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_4$ | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}\cdot\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{O}_4$ | $2(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_2\text{O})\cdot\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$ |
| Formula weight                    | 850.24                                                                              | 950.31                                                                                          | 948.29                                                                                          | 532.18                                                                                       | 978.36                                                                                             |
| Crystal system                    | monoclinic                                                                          | triclinic                                                                                       | triclinic                                                                                       | triclinic                                                                                    | triclinic                                                                                          |
| Space group                       | $P2_1/n$                                                                            | $P-1$                                                                                           | $P-1$                                                                                           | $P-1$                                                                                        | $P-1$                                                                                              |
| Temperature, K                    | 150(2)                                                                              | 120(2)                                                                                          | 120(2)                                                                                          | 100(2)                                                                                       | 150(2)                                                                                             |
| $a$ , Å                           | 7.9812(4)                                                                           | 8.0830(3)                                                                                       | 8.1544(2)                                                                                       | 8.8026(3)                                                                                    | 12.6233(9)                                                                                         |
| $b$ , Å                           | 32.6965(16)                                                                         | 9.0956(3)                                                                                       | 8.9059(2)                                                                                       | 8.8626(3)                                                                                    | 13.3497(9)                                                                                         |
| $c$ , Å                           | 14.5964(7)                                                                          | 15.0054(6)                                                                                      | 14.8899(4)                                                                                      | 29.7363(10)                                                                                  | 16.0081(11)                                                                                        |
| $\alpha$ , °                      | 90                                                                                  | 82.8035(14)                                                                                     | 81.5113(8)                                                                                      | 83.6323(10)                                                                                  | 103.462(3)                                                                                         |
| $\beta$ , °                       | 91.2751(16)                                                                         | 80.0928(13)                                                                                     | 81.5921(8)                                                                                      | 85.5987(13)                                                                                  | 100.435(3)                                                                                         |
| $\gamma$ , °                      | 90                                                                                  | 71.2636(12)                                                                                     | 70.0821(7)                                                                                      | 89.6660(12)                                                                                  | 113.091(2)                                                                                         |
| Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>            | 3808.1(3)                                                                           | 1026.25(7)                                                                                      | 1000.15(4)                                                                                      | 2298.73(13)                                                                                  | 2298.7(3)                                                                                          |
| Calc. density, g·cm <sup>-3</sup> | 1.483                                                                               | 1.538                                                                                           | 1.574                                                                                           | 1.538                                                                                        | 1.413                                                                                              |
| $Z$                               | 4                                                                                   | 1                                                                                               | 1                                                                                               | 4                                                                                            | 2                                                                                                  |
| Total reflections                 | 8309                                                                                | 4921                                                                                            | 4814                                                                                            | 12011                                                                                        | 11091                                                                                              |
| Independent reflections           | 7843                                                                                | 4366                                                                                            | 4526                                                                                            | 10567                                                                                        | 7257                                                                                               |
| $R_{\text{int}}$                  | 0.0354                                                                              | 0.0278                                                                                          | 0.0198                                                                                          | 0.0260                                                                                       | 0.0489                                                                                             |
| $R_1$ (all data)                  | 0.0700                                                                              | 0.0382                                                                                          | 0.0282                                                                                          | 0.0606                                                                                       | 0.0784                                                                                             |
| $wR_2$ (all data)                 | 0.1209                                                                              | 0.0899                                                                                          | 0.0639                                                                                          | 0.1222                                                                                       | 0.1110                                                                                             |
| $R_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$             | 0.0657                                                                              | 0.0335                                                                                          | 0.0262                                                                                          | 0.0525                                                                                       | 0.0427                                                                                             |
| $wR_2[I > 2\sigma(I)]$            | 0.1193                                                                              | 0.0869                                                                                          | 0.0629                                                                                          | 0.1188                                                                                       | 0.0993                                                                                             |
| GOF                               | 1.316                                                                               | 1.062                                                                                           | 1.065                                                                                           | 1.106                                                                                        | 1.057                                                                                              |

<sup>a</sup> Adsorption corrections based on measurements of equivalent reflections were applied (SADABS, ver. 2016/2, Bruker AXS area detector scaling and absorption correction program, Bruker AXS Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, USA., 2016).

**Table S5.** Compounds selected for estimating the thermodynamic sublimation characteristics of MCL

| N  | CAS<br>registry number | $T_{fus}$ , K | $\Delta H_{sub}^{298}$ , kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> | $\Delta G_{sub}^{298}$ , kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> | Ref  |
|----|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------|
| 1  | 13029-08-8             | 331.0         | 96.2                                          | 33.5                                          | [4]  |
| 2  | 120-82-1               | 290.1         | 62.3                                          | 19.1                                          | [5]  |
| 3  | 33979-03-2             | 386.8         | 103.4                                         | 47.2                                          | [6]  |
| 4  | 37680-73-2             | 350.2         | 92.7                                          | 45.2                                          | [7]  |
| 5  | 50-29-3                | 383.2         | 117.5                                         | 52.9                                          | [5]  |
| 6  | 37680-65-2             | 316.7         | 93.7                                          | 35.5                                          | [8]  |
| 7  | 35693-99-3             | 357.2         | 102                                           | 42.0                                          | [8]  |
| 8  | 34883-43-7             | 316.8         | 94.3                                          | 34.1                                          | [8]  |
| 9  | 7012-37-5              | 329.3         | 96.7                                          | 38.7                                          | [8]  |
| 10 | 16606-02-3             | 340.2         | 100.6                                         | 39.6                                          | [8]  |
| 11 | 38444-86-9             | 332.3         | 98.2                                          | 39.4                                          | [8]  |
| 12 | 38444-85-8             | 344.0         | 96.8                                          | 40.0                                          | [8]  |
| 13 | 35065-27-1             | 375.4         | 116.9                                         | 51.7                                          | [9]  |
| 14 | 55712-37-3             | 336.5         | 102.1                                         | 39.6                                          | [9]  |
| 15 | 32598-11-1             | 376.7         | 103.1                                         | 47.2                                          | [9]  |
| 16 | 38379-99-6             | 367.8         | 109.3                                         | 45.2                                          | [9]  |
| 17 | 60233-25-2             | 367.7         | 104.8                                         | 44.5                                          | [9]  |
| 18 | 31508-00-6             | 382.3         | 115.8                                         | 50.2                                          | [9]  |
| 19 | 616-47-7               | 268.7         | 66.9                                          | 16.8                                          | [10] |
| 20 | 134-85-0               | 349.2         | 108.2                                         | 42.0                                          | [11] |

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