Supporting Information

Selecting a Stable Solid Form of Remdesivir Using Microcrystal Electron Diffraction and Crystal Structure Prediction

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I. Experimental Methods and Analysis

Sample preparation

The active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) powder of remdesivir forms II and IV were purchased from Guangzhou Dreampharm CLT., with experimental form II X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) matching the patent publication.¹ We used the solvent information from the patent publication to optimize the crystallization steps and obtain high crystallinity sample of experimental form IV. The EMS (Electron Microscopy Sciences) lacey carbon grid with super thin carbon layer coated was directly dropped into the sample crystal powder. The extra sample attached to the grid was blown away using the washing ear ball.

Data collection

The sample grids were quickly frozen in liquid nitrogen, assembled in Gatan cryotransfer holder 626 and then loaded into JEOL F200 equipped with the Gatan OneView detector, respectively.² Diffraction tilt series of crystals were collected using the continuous rotation method, whose rate was 0.5 degree/second.³⁻⁶ The detector distance used was 890 mm and the tilt range was 40 degrees. The total dose per tilt series was 1 electron and the exposure time was 80 seconds.

Data analysis and structure determination

Diffraction frames collected from 10 crystals of remdesivir form II and 25 crystals of remdesivir form IV have been individually indexed and integrated with XDS, then merged to a single data set for each form, respectively.^{2,7,8} The high-quality diffraction data collected from remdesivir form II enabled us to solve its crystal structure by direct method with SHELXT. The data quality of remdesivir form IV is relatively poorer but can still be solved with SHELXT.⁹ The solved models of both forms were then refined against the merged data set with SHELXL as in the pipeline of the structure refinement in the single-crystal X-ray diffraction.^{10,11} Each model was refined by using full matrix least squares on F² minimization. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically,

and the positions of all hydrogen atoms were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model.

Figure S1. A typical diffraction frame for form II.





Figure S2. A typical diffraction frame for form IV.

Sample code	remdesivir form II
Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₅ N ₆ O ₈ P
Formula weight	601.55 g·mol⁻¹
Temperature	cryo-temperature
Wavelength	0.02508 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2 ₁ (No.4)
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.21(4) Å
	b = 12.49(14) Å
	c = 10.85(10) Å
	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	$\beta = 100.7(6)^{\circ}$
	γ = 90°
Volume	1495(22) Å ³
Z, calculated density	2, 1.336 g/cm ³
F(000)	234
Resolution for data collection	0.9 Å
Limiting indices	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11
	-13 ≤ k ≤ 13
	-12 ≤ I ≤ 11
Reflection collected / Independent reflections	11574 / 3562 [R _{int} = 0.2297]
Data completeness	91%
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3562 / 1 / 360
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.042
Final R indices [I ≥ 2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.1609
Final R indices [all data]	$R_1 = 0.2331$, $wR_2 = 0.4225$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.242 / -0.226 e.Å ⁻³

Table S1. Crystallographic data and refinement parameters of remdesivir form II

Table S2.	Crystallographic da	ita and refinement	parameters of remde	sivir form IV
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Sample code	Remdesivir form IV
Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₅ N ₆ O ₈ P
Formula weight	601.55 g·mol⁻¹
Temperature	cryo-temperature
Wavelength	0.02508 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2 ₁ (No.4)
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.03(7) Å
	b = 12.20(20) Å
	c = 11.44(18) Å
	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	$\beta = 104.4(7)^{\circ}$
	γ = 90°
Volume	1356(33) Å ³
Z, calculated density	2, 1.476 g/cm ³
F(000)	235
Resolution for data collection	0.955 Å
Limiting indices	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10
	-12 ≤ k ≤ 12
	-11 ≤ ≤ 11
Reflection collected / Independent reflections	19547 / 3133 [R _{int} = 0.4016]
Data completeness	96%
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	31330 / 8 / 360
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.033
Final R indices [I ≥ 2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.1593
Final R indices [all data]	$R_1 = 0.2346$, $wR_2 = 0.4042$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.171 / -0.197 e.Å ⁻³

The structures with unit-cell constants obtained directly from MicroED and the structures with unit-cell constants adjusted with XRPD indexing results are compared. The calculated root-mean-square distance (RMSD) between the MicroED and CSP structures of both remdesivir form II and form IV are given in Table S3, with the low values strongly indicating that the experimental and predicted structures are almost

identical. Adjusting the unit-cell constants by XRPD indexing results can further reduce the RMSD values by nearly 50%.

Crystal Structures	Before adjusting unit- cell constants (Å)	After adjusting unit-cell constants of both MicroED and CSP structures to XRPD indexing results (Å)		
remdesivir form II vs. X2	0.441 (15/15)	0.298 (15/15)		
remdesivir form IV vs. X1	0.368 (15/15)	0.183 (15/15)		

Table S3. The RMSD values between MicroED and CSP structures.

Table S4. Positional parameters and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters of non-H atoms in remdesivir form II unit-cell.

ATOM	X	Y	Z	U _{eq}
N2	0.6723(6)	0.8010(12)	0.7250(10)	0.064(5)
N3	0.7390(8)	0.7847(13)	0.8476(9)	0.069(5)
C00K	0.8775(9)	0.7846(15)	0.8749(9)	0.079(7)
N00B	0.9494(6)	0.8008(15)	0.7797(11)	0.067(6)
C004	0.8828(9)	0.8171(14)	0.6572(10)	0.076(7)
C00H	0.7442(9)	0.8172(14)	0.6298(8)	0.068(6)
C3	-0.0802(9)	0.4431(13)	0.7948(15)	0.084(9)
C00V	-0.1023(13)	0.4879(13)	0.6754(14)	0.084(7)
C00Q	-0.2257(16)	0.5321(16)	0.6253(14)	0.095(8)
C00R	-0.3272(12)	0.5315(18)	0.6946(17)	0.118(11)
C015	-0.3052(11)	0.4867(16)	0.8140(17)	0.097(9)
COOW	-0.1817(12)	0.4425(14)	0.8641(14)	0.117(13)
P001	0.1564(8)	0.3920(10)	0.7947(10)	0.056(3)
01	0.2621(17)	0.877(2)	0.664(2)	0.090(7)
N1	0.9505(19)	0.826(2)	0.572(2)	0.084(7)
C1	0.5302(16)	0.823(2)	0.567(2)	0.079(8)
O2	0.0261(14)	0.3992(19)	0.850(2)	0.085(6)
O002	0.2144(18)	0.4988(18)	0.8403(18)	0.077(6)
C2	0.4591(16)	0.781(2)	0.762(2)	0.067(6)
O3	0.053(3)	0.160(2)	0.867(2)	0.102(8)
O4	0.164(3)	0.039(5)	0.762(9)	0.28(4)
C003	0.4760(15)	0.8548(15)	0.8672(19)	0.047(4)
N4	0.245(2)	0.3011(16)	0.8793(16)	0.067(5)
C4	0.390(2)	0.151(3)	0.905(3)	0.104(10)
O5	0.4656(13)	0.6829(16)	0.8157(17)	0.062(4)
O006	0.2020(18)	0.786(2)	0.8656(19)	0.103(9)
C00C	0.5527(14)	0.7995(17)	0.6840(17)	0.049(5)
C00D	0.2636(17)	0.196(2)	0.831(3)	0.090(8)
N00F	0.4949(16)	0.915(2)	0.9450(19)	0.070(6)

C00G	0.2441(16)	0.718(2)	0.789(3)	0.094(9)
C00L	0.3106(17)	0.7883(19)	0.6967(19)	0.064(6)
C00N	0.3438(17)	0.6424(19)	0.849(2)	0.070(7)
C00P	0.6557(19)	0.833(2)	0.528(2)	0.076(7)
COOT	-0.290(2)	0.074(4)	0.752(3)	0.139(16)
C00U	0.3248(18)	0.537(2)	0.799(2)	0.068(6)
O00X	0.1479(13)	0.368(2)	0.671(2)	0.094(9)
C00Y	0.150(3)	0.127(3)	0.830(3)	0.110(11)
C00Z	-0.139(3)	0.185(3)	0.660(3)	0.099(9)
C010	-0.176(2)	0.147(2)	0.759(3)	0.081(7)
C011	-0.130(3)	0.092(2)	0.557(3)	0.102(9)
C012	-0.062(4)	0.088(3)	0.850(3)	0.130(14)
C013	-0.433(6)	0.137(6)	0.692(5)	0.24(4)

Table S5. Anisotropic displacement factor coefficients for non-H atoms of remdesivir form II

Atom	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₂₃	U ₁₃	U ₁₂
N2	0.054(9)	0.066(15)	0.074(12)	0.041(10)	0.015(9)	0.006(9)
N3	0.021(6)	0.096(17)	0.093(14)	0.000(11)	0.013(7)	-0.007(8)
C00K	0.049(9)	0.08(2)	0.094(16)	0.044(14)	-0.016(10)	0.001(11)
N00B	0.064(9)	0.062(15)	0.078(12)	0.046(10)	0.020(9)	0.031(9)
C004	0.028(8)	0.09(2)	0.124(19)	0.029(14)	0.038(11)	-0.005(10)
C00H	0.020(7)	0.10(2)	0.073(13)	0.019(11)	-0.008(8)	0.011(9)
C3	0.044(11)	0.08(2)	0.13(2)	0.077(16)	0.033(12)	0.009(10)
C00V	0.073(13)	0.09(2)	0.10(2)	-0.020(14)	0.030(13)	-0.009(13)
C00Q	0.095(16)	0.08(2)	0.11(2)	-0.001(14)	0.023(16)	0.020(15)
C00R	0.090(18)	0.08(3)	0.19(3)	-0.04(2)	0.04(2)	0.038(17)
C015	0.059(12)	0.11(3)	0.13(2)	0.001(18)	0.050(14)	0.036(14)
C00W	0.030(9)	0.17(3)	0.15(3)	-0.09(2)	0.020(13)	-0.006(13)
P001	0.033(4)	0.078(9)	0.056(7)	-0.028(5)	0.008(4)	-0.001(5)
01	0.045(8)	0.12(2)	0.095(15)	0.025(13)	-0.009(9)	-0.006(11)
N1	0.052(9)	0.11(2)	0.095(15)	-0.016(12)	0.023(10)	-0.025(11)
C1	0.030(8)	0.11(2)	0.082(17)	0.030(13)	-0.017(9)	0.006(10)
02	0.031(7)	0.089(16)	0.143(18)	0.010(12)	0.040(9)	-0.004(9)
O002	0.073(10)	0.080(17)	0.069(13)	-0.019(9)	-0.009(9)	0.027(10)
C2	0.029(8)	0.065(19)	0.099(16)	0.031(13)	-0.009(9)	0.013(9)
O3	0.130(19)	0.076(19)	0.110(18)	0.001(13)	0.049(15)	-0.017(16)
O4	0.067(16)	0.18(5)	0.62(12)	-0.15(7)	0.09(3)	-0.02(2)
C003	0.041(8)	0.033(13)	0.065(13)	-0.012(10)	0.009(8)	-0.005(7)
N4	0.098(12)	0.058(14)	0.046(9)	-0.030(8)	0.018(8)	-0.019(11)
C4	0.062(12)	0.09(3)	0.15(3)	0.016(16)	0.000(14)	0.042(14)
O5	0.035(6)	0.075(14)	0.078(11)	0.017(9)	0.019(7)	0.004(7)
O006	0.053(9)	0.17(3)	0.091(14)	0.047(14)	0.015(10)	0.071(14)
C00C	0.029(8)	0.066(14)	0.057(12)	0.012(9)	0.018(8)	-0.012(8)

C00D	0.034(9)	0.09(2)	0.15(2)	0.008(16)	0.037(11)	0.008(11)
N00F	0.049(9)	0.091(19)	0.068(14)	-0.016(11)	0.008(9)	-0.012(9)
C00G	0.014(7)	0.10(2)	0.17(3)	0.039(17)	0.040(11)	0.007(10)
C00L	0.059(10)	0.058(16)	0.062(12)	0.036(10)	-0.026(9)	0.000(11)
C00N	0.043(9)	0.07(2)	0.093(17)	-0.029(12)	-0.003(10)	0.017(10)
C00P	0.058(11)	0.09(2)	0.082(15)	0.017(12)	0.013(11)	-0.025(11)
C00T	0.051(12)	0.23(5)	0.14(3)	0.08(3)	0.017(15)	-0.010(19)
C00U	0.046(9)	0.083(19)	0.081(15)	0.003(12)	0.029(9)	-0.004(10)
O00X	0.032(6)	0.11(2)	0.15(2)	-0.073(15)	0.031(9)	-0.016(9)
C00Y	0.082(18)	0.15(3)	0.09(2)	-0.015(18)	0.014(15)	0.06(2)
C00Z	0.080(15)	0.09(3)	0.13(3)	0.005(18)	0.018(15)	-0.033(15)
C010	0.071(13)	0.06(2)	0.11(2)	0.009(13)	-0.001(14)	-0.003(12)
C011	0.073(13)	0.09(3)	0.15(3)	0.021(17)	0.034(16)	0.007(14)
C012	0.21(3)	0.08(3)	0.072(18)	-0.034(14)	-0.024(19)	-0.08(2)
C013	0.26(6)	0.23(8)	0.22(6)	0.02(4)	-0.02(5)	-0.18(6)

Table S6. Bond lengths of remdesivir form II

Atom	Atom	Length (Å)	Atom	Atom	Length (Å)
N2	C00C	1.218(18)	C1	COOC	1.28(3)
N2	N3	1.39	C1	C00P	1.43(3)
N2	C00H	1.39	O002	C00U	1.37(3)
N3	C00K	1.39	C2	O5	1.35(3)
C00K	N00B	1.39	C2	C00C	1.41(3)
N00B	C004	1.39	C2	C003	1.46(3)
C004	N1	1.26(2)	C2	C00L	1.55(2)
C004	C00H	1.39	O3	C00Y	1.21(4)
C00H	C00P	1.30(3)	O3	C012	1.46(4)
C3	O2	1.26(2)	O4	C00Y	1.34(6)
C3	C00V	1.39	C003	N00F	1.12(3)
C3	C00W	1.39	N4	C00D	1.44(4)
C3	P001	2.500(15)	C4	C00D	1.49(3)
C00V	C00Q	1.39	O5	C00N	1.45(3)
C00V	P001	2.97(2)	O006	C00G	1.31(4)
C00Q	C00R	1.39	C00D	C00Y	1.44(5)
C00R	C015	1.39	C00G	C00N	1.45(3)
C015	C00W	1.39	C00G	C00L	1.58(3)
P001	O00X	1.36(3)	COON	C00U	1.42(3)
P001	O002	1.50(3)	C00T	C010	1.46(4)
P001	O2	1.565(19)	C00T	C013	1.68(8)
P001	N4	1.63(3)	C00Z	C010	1.30(3)
P001	C00U	2.50(3)	C00Z	C011	1.62(4)
P001	C00D	2.69(4)	C010	C012	1.56(4)
01	C00L	1.24(3)			

Table S7. Bond angles of remdesivir form II

Atom Atom Atom Angle (°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle (°)
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C00C	N2	N3	128.6(11)	C3	P001	C00V	27.8(3)
C00C	N2	C00H	111.3(12)	C00D	P001	C00V	137.5(7)
N3	N2	C00H	120	C00C	C1	C00P	108.1(17)
C00K	N3	N2	120	C3	O2	P001	123.8(18)
N3	C00K	N00B	120	C00U	O002	P001	120.1(16)
C004	N00B	C00K	120	O5	C2	C00C	115.2(18)
N1	C004	C00H	121.5(13)	O5	C2	C003	104(2)
N1	C004	N00B	118.4(13)	C00C	C2	C003	112(2)
C00H	C004	N00B	120	O5	C2	C00L	102.5(17)
C00P	C00H	C004	134.1(12)	C00C	C2	C00L	115.9(18)
C00P	C00H	N2	105.9(12)	C003	C2	C00L	106.2(19)
C004	C00H	N2	120	C00Y	O3	C012	116(3)
O2	C3	C00V	126.4(13)	N00F	C003	C2	175(2)
O2	C3	C00W	113.6(13)	C00D	N4	P001	122.0(17)
C00V	C3	C00W	120	C2	O5	C00N	116.7(15)
O2	C3	P001	31.3(10)	N2	C00C	C1	109.8(14)
C00V	C3	P001	95.1(8)	N2	C00C	C2	122.1(17)
C00W	C3	P001	144.9(7)	C1	C00C	C2	128.0(16)
C00Q	C00V	C3	120	C00Y	C00D	N4	113(2)
C00Q	C00V	P001	177.1(5)	C00Y	C00D	C4	114(3)
C3	C00V	P001	57.1(7)	N4	C00D	C4	108(2)
C00R	C00Q	C00V	120	C00Y	C00D	P001	103.5(17)
C00Q	C00R	C015	120	N4	C00D	P001	30.9(11)
COOW	C015	C00R	120	C4	C00D	P001	135(2)
C015	C00W	C3	120	O006	C00G	COON	115(2)
O00X	P001	O002	118.1(16)	O006	C00G	C00L	106(3)
O00X	P001	02	119.5(13)	C00N	C00G	C00L	107.3(16)
O002	P001	02	97.6(12)	01	C00L	C2	119(2)
O00X	P001	N4	109.0(14)	01	C00L	C00G	119(2)
O002	P001	N4	106.9(13)	C2	C00L	C00G	100.3(15)
02	P001	N4	104.3(13)	C00U	C00N	C00G	113(2)
O00X	P001	C00U	95.7(13)	C00U	C00N	O5	106.8(16)
O002	P001	C00U	28.5(9)	C00G	C00N	O5	103(2)
02	P001	C00U	125.7(12)	C00H	C00P	C1	104.6(18)
N4	P001	C00U	100.8(11)	C010	C00T	C013	111(3)
O00X	P001	C3	100.1(10)	O002	C00U	COON	105.3(18)
O002	P001	C3	95.4(10)	O002	C00U	P001	31.5(10)
02	P001	C3	24.8(9)	C00N	C00U	P001	136.5(14)
N4	P001	C3	127.9(10)	O3	C00Y	04	130(4)
C00U	P001	C3	118.5(9)	O3	C00Y	C00D	121(3)
O00X	P001	C00D	83.6(14)	04	C00Y	C00D	109(3)
O002	P001	C00D	129.6(11)	C010	C00Z	C011	112(3)
02	P001	C00D	110.4(11)	C00Z	C010	C00T	122(3)
N4	P001	C00D	27.1(9)	C00Z	C010	C012	114(3)
C00U	P001	C00D	113.7(9)	C00T	C010	C012	104(2)
C3	P001	C00D	126.9(7)	O3	C012	C010	106(3)
O00X	P001	C00V	76.9(11)	N4	P001	C00V	152.2(9)
O002	P001	C00V	92.8(11)	C00U	P001	C00V	105.6(9)
O2	P001	C00V	52.7(10)				

Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle (°)	Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle (°)
C00C	N2	N3	C00K	177(2)	C003	C2	C00C	N2	55(3)
C00K	N00B	C004	N1	-176.4(17)	C00L	C2	C00C	N2	176(2)
N1	C004	C00H	C00P	-7(3)	O5	C2	C00C	C1	120(3)
N00B	C004	C00H	C00P	177(2)	C003	C2	C00C	C1	-121(3)
N1	C004	C00H	N2	176.3(17)	C00L	C2	C00C	C1	1(4)
C00C	N2	C00H	C00P	4.7(18)	P001	N4	C00D	C00Y	-78(3)
N3	N2	C00H	C00P	-177.9(18)	P001	N4	C00D	C4	155.9(19)
C00C	N2	C00H	C004	-177.4(17)	O5	C2	C00L	01	163(2)
02	C3	C00V	C00Q	179(2)	C00C	C2	C00L	01	-71(3)
P001	C3	C00V	C00Q	-179.6(10)	C003	C2	C00L	01	54(3)
02	C3	C00V	P001	-1.4(16)	O5	C2	C00L	C00G	31(3)
C00W	C3	C00V	P001	179.6(10)	C00C	C2	C00L	C00G	157(2)
02	C3	C00W	C015	-179(2)	C003	C2	C00L	C00G	-78(2)
P001	C3	C00W	C015	179.3(18)	O006	C00G	C00L	01	-35(3)
C00V	C3	02	P001	3(3)	C00N	C00G	C00L	01	-158(2)
C00W	C3	O2	P001	-178.3(14)	O006	C00G	C00L	C2	97(2)
O00X	P001	O2	C3	-42(3)	COON	C00G	C00L	C2	-26(3)
O002	P001	O2	C3	86(2)	O006	C00G	C00N	C00U	140(2)
N4	P001	O2	C3	-164(2)	C00L	C00G	C00N	C00U	-103(2)
C00U	P001	O2	C3	81(3)	O006	C00G	C00N	O5	-105(2)
C00D	P001	02	C3	-136(2)	C00L	C00G	C00N	O5	12(3)
C00V	P001	02	C3	-1.3(14)	C2	O5	C00N	C00U	130(2)
O00X	P001	O002	C00U	-42(2)	C2	O5	C00N	C00G	10(3)
O2	P001	O002	C00U	-171.0(19)	C004	C00H	C00P	C1	-179.2(16)
N4	P001	O002	C00U	81(2)	N2	C00H	C00P	C1	-2(2)
C3	P001	O002	C00U	-146.1(17)	C00C	C1	C00P	C00H	-1(3)
C00D	P001	O002	C00U	64(2)	P001	O002	C00U	C00N	174.1(17)
C00V	P001	O002	C00U	-118.3(18)	C00G	C00N	C00U	O002	-71(3)
O00X	P001	N4	C00D	-22(2)	O5	C00N	C00U	O002	175.8(17)
O002	P001	N4	C00D	-150.3(18)	C00G	C00N	C00U	P001	-67(3)
02	P001	N4	C00D	106.9(19)	O5	C00N	C00U	P001	-179.7(17)
C00U	P001	N4	C00D	-121.7(17)	C012	O3	C00Y	O4	8(8)
C3	P001	N4	C00D	98.5(18)	C012	O3	C00Y	C00D	174(3)
C00V	P001	N4	C00D	76(2)	N4	C00D	C00Y	O3	-1(4)
C00C	C2	O5	COON	-154.2(18)	C4	C00D	C00Y	O3	122(3)
C003	C2	O5	COON	83(2)	P001	C00D	C00Y	O3	-32(3)
C00L	C2	O5	COON	-27(3)	N4	C00D	C00Y	O4	168(5)
N3	N2	C00C	C1	177.1(17)	C4	C00D	C00Y	O4	-69(5)
C00H	N2	C00C	C1	-6(2)	P001	C00D	C00Y	O4	137(5)
N3	N2	C00C	C2	1(3)	C011	C00Z	C010	C00T	-48(4)
C00H	N2	C00C	C2	177.9(18)	C011	C00Z	C010	C012	78(3)
C00P	C1	C00C	N2	4(3)	C013	C00T	C010	C00Z	-66(5)
C00P	C1	C00C	C2	-179(2)	C013	C00T	C010	C012	164(3)
O5	C2	C00C	N2	-64(3)	C00Y	O3	C012	C010	-116(3)
C00T	C010	C012	O3	-177(3)	C00Z	C010	C012	O3	48(3)

 Table S8. Torsion angles of remdesivir form II

ΑΤΟΜ	X	Y	Z	U _{eq}
N3	N	0.3408(8)	0.8373(12)	0.2722(13)
C00C	С	0.2710(11)	0.8494(12)	0.3622(10)
C5	С	0.1280(11)	0.8532(11)	0.3324(11)
N00D	Ν	0.0548(8)	0.8449(13)	0.2124(12)
C6	С	0.1246(10)	0.8328(15)	0.1223(10)
N5	N	0.2676(11)	0.8290(14)	0.1522(12)
C00F	С	1.0529(16)	0.4647(16)	0.229(2)
C1	С	1.0793(19)	0.5100(19)	0.344(2)
C2	С	1.196(2)	0.5742(18)	0.387(2)
COOL	С	1.2858(16)	0.5931(17)	0.314(2)
C00V	С	1.2594(18)	0.548(2)	0.199(2)
C00I	С	1.143(2)	0.4836(19)	0.1567(18)
O002	0	0.758(2)	0.509(2)	0.166(3)
N2	N	0.0646(17)	0.8668(15)	0.411(3)
O3	0	0.692(4)	0.098(2)	0.293(3)
C3	С	0.651(4)	0.1727(18)	0.233(6)
O4	0	0.530(2)	0.225(6)	0.226(3)
O004	0	0.8142(18)	0.368(2)	0.337(2)
N4	N	0.522(2)	0.9759(17)	0.055(3)
C4	С	0.5422(16)	0.915(2)	0.128(2)
O5	0	0.5271(17)	0.7209(18)	0.156(3)
C8	С	0.369(2)	0.861(2)	0.462(3)
C9	С	0.4891(18)	0.8548(18)	0.425(4)
C10	С	0.146(3)	0.204(5)	0.431(6)
C11	С	0.650(3)	0.561(2)	0.181(7)
C009	С	0.699(3)	0.208(3)	0.115(3)
C00A	С	0.753(2)	0.7491(16)	0.199(3)
C00H	С	0.697(2)	0.810(2)	0.296(2)
C00N	С	0.5543(13)	0.8205(19)	0.226(2)
C00O	С	0.6378(16)	0.662(2)	0.138(3)
C00R	С	0.195(4)	0.106(2)	0.124(4)
C00S	C	0.4651(17)	0.835(2)	0.298(2)
O00T	0	0.7936(18)	0.805(2)	0.121(2)
C00U	C	0.277(4)	0.159(2)	0.405(5)
C00W	C	0.334(3)	0.217(3)	0.310(3)
C00X	C	0.467(3)	0.158(2)	0.312(3)
C00Y	С	0.830(4)	0.130(4)	0.113(5)
P1	P	0.8110(10)	0.3964(10)	0.2137(14)
01	0	0.9527(15)	0.3922(16)	0.174(2)
N1	N	0.7230(19)	0.3106(16)	0.120(2)
02	0	0.771(2)	0.8963(18)	0.342(4)
C010	С	0.252(3)	0.2160(18)	0.178(4)

Table S9. Positional parameters and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters of non-H atoms in remdesivir form IV unit-cell.

Atom	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₂₃	U ₁₃	U ₁₂
N3	0.085(18)	0.074(13)	0.021(11)	-0.003(10)	-0.022(11)	0.016(11)
C00C	0.087(18)	0.069(15)	0.08(2)	0.020(14)	0.017(17)	0.015(12)
C5	0.023(9)	0.049(11)	0.10(2)	-0.021(11)	0.036(12)	0.015(7)
N00D	0.045(9)	0.097(15)	0.056(15)	0.003(13)	-0.016(10)	-0.008(9)
C6	0.096(16)	0.16(2)	0.006(11)	-0.011(16)	0.018(12)	0.016(18)
N5	0.029(8)	0.110(17)	0.15(3)	0.024(17)	0.067(14)	0.006(10)
C00F	0.050(15)	0.12(2)	0.16(4)	0.08(2)	0.013(19)	-0.021(14)
C1	0.17(3)	0.20(4)	0.11(3)	-0.12(3)	0.09(3)	-0.09(3)
C2	0.078(17)	0.14(3)	0.15(4)	-0.06(3)	0.04(2)	-0.060(19)
C00L	0.23(5)	0.09(2)	0.11(4)	0.03(2)	0.02(4)	0.07(3)
C00V	0.062(18)	0.13(3)	0.53(11)	-0.02(4)	0.14(4)	-0.06(2)
C00I	0.14(3)	0.16(3)	0.08(3)	-0.02(2)	0.00(2)	-0.06(2)
O002	0.079(14)	0.13(2)	0.10(2)	-0.003(18)	0.032(17)	-0.018(15)
N2	0.023(8)	0.065(12)	0.20(3)	-0.016(16)	0.027(14)	0.011(7)
O3	0.16(3)	0.073(18)	0.11(3)	-0.027(16)	0.06(2)	-0.031(16)
C3	0.16(3)	0.002(10)	0.51(10)	0.02(3)	0.14(5)	0.023(14)
04	0.051(11)	0.59(9)	0.040(15)	-0.09(4)	0.035(12)	-0.07(3)
O004	0.065(10)	0.101(14)	0.046(14)	-0.005(13)	0.004(10)	-0.008(10)
N4	0.077(14)	0.067(13)	0.062(19)	0.046(13)	0.003(13)	-0.012(10)
C4	0.022(9)	0.12(2)	0.035(16)	0.023(17)	-0.005(10)	0.008(10)
O5	0.035(9)	0.094(15)	0.12(3)	-0.031(15)	0.012(13)	-0.016(9)
C8	0.045(12)	0.11(2)	0.10(2)	-0.02(2)	-0.048(15)	0.025(12)
C9	0.014(8)	0.085(15)	0.18(4)	0.026(19)	0.049(15)	0.016(9)
C10	0.06(2)	0.35(8)	0.42(11)	0.08(7)	0.05(4)	0.13(4)
C11	0.048(16)	0.031(12)	0.82(16)	-0.01(3)	0.04(4)	0.038(11)
C009	0.067(15)	0.13(3)	0.09(3)	0.01(2)	-0.022(17)	-0.057(16)
C00A	0.051(12)	0.040(10)	0.10(2)	0.020(14)	0.004(14)	-0.017(9)
C00H	0.061(14)	0.12(2)	0.051(18)	0.040(17)	0.010(13)	0.014(15)
C00N	-0.001(7)	0.107(16)	0.072(18)	-0.055(15)	0.003(9)	-0.007(8)
C00O	0.024(10)	0.116(19)	0.048(18)	0.034(15)	-0.005(10)	0.016(11)
C00R	0.18(3)	0.074(19)	0.21(5)	0.00(2)	0.08(4)	-0.06(2)
C00S	0.005(9)	0.14(2)	0.045(15)	0.026(17)	-0.013(10)	0.010(10)
O00T	0.037(9)	0.138(19)	0.087(18)	0.048(17)	-0.007(11)	-0.006(11)
C00U	0.25(5)	0.074(19)	0.31(8)	-0.05(3)	0.22(6)	-0.01(3)
C00W	0.18(5)	0.24(7)	0.32(10)	0.07(6)	-0.17(6)	0.11(5)
C00X	0.13(3)	0.11(2)	0.05(2)	-0.036(18)	0.00(2)	-0.03(2)
C00Y	0.10(2)	0.18(4)	0.17(5)	-0.02(3)	0.02(3)	0.05(2)
P1	0.038(5)	0.081(8)	0.079(12)	0.030(8)	0.004(7)	0.005(6)
01	0.037(7)	0.091(12)	0.061(14)	0.019(11)	0.022(9)	0.016(9)
N1	0.061(11)	0.068(13)	0.083(19)	0.063(13)	0.034(13)	0.018(10)
O2	0.072(12)	0.062(12)	0.26(5)	0.017(18)	0.07(2)	-0.028(11)
C010	0.20(4)	0.045(15)	0.60(13)	0.00(3)	0.30(7)	0.050(18)

Table S10. Anisotropic displacement factor coefficients for non-H atoms of remdesivir form IV

Atom	Atom	Length (Å)	Atom	Atom	Length (Å)
N3	C00S	1.21(2)	O004	P1	1.45(3)
N3	C00C	1.39	N4	C4	1.11(3)
N3	N5	1.39	C4	C00N	1.59(4)
N3	C9	2.01(4)	O5	C00O	1.38(3)
COOC	C8	1.31(3)	O5	COON	1.44(4)
COOC	C5	1.39	C8	C9	1.38(4)
C5	N2	1.23(3)	C9	C00S	1.44(4)
C5	N00D	1.39	C10	C00U	1.52(3)
N00D	C6	1.39	C11	C00O	1.32(5)
C6	N5	1.39	C11	P1	2.55(4)
C00F	01	1.37(3)	C009	N1	1.28(4)
C00F	C1	1.39	C009	C00Y	1.63(5)
C00F	C00I	1.39	C009	P1	2.69(5)
C00F	P1	2.53(2)	C00A	O00T	1.27(3)
C1	C2	1.39	C00A	C00H	1.55(4)
C1	P1	3.07(3)	C00A	C00O	1.59(4)
C2	C00L	1.39	C00H	O2	1.32(4)
C00L	C00V	1.39	C00H	COON	1.46(3)
C00V	C00I	1.39	COON	C00S	1.37(3)
O002	C11	1.30(4)	C00R	C010	1.53(3)
O002	P1	1.52(4)	C00U	C00W	1.53(3)
O3	C3	1.16(6)	C00W	C00X	1.52(3)
C3	O4	1.36(5)	C00W	C010	1.53(4)
C3	C009	1.60(7)	P1	01	1.60(2)
O4	C00X	1.53(6)	P1	N1	1.60(3)

Table S11. Bond lengths of remdesivir form IV

Table S12. Bond angles of remdesivir form IV

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle (°)	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle (°)
C00S	N3	C00C	120.1(17)	O00T	C00A	C00O	112(3)
C00S	N3	N5	119.9(16)	C00H	C00A	C00O	106.3(19)
COOC	N3	N5	120	02	C00H	C00N	122(2)
COOS	N3	C9	45.1(14)	02	C00H	C00A	113(2)
COOC	N3	C9	75.2(13)	C00N	C00H	C00A	97(2)
N5	N3	C9	164.5(9)	C00S	COON	O5	112(2)
C8	C00C	C5	135.4(18)	COOS	COON	C00H	112(2)
C8	C00C	N3	104(2)	O5	COON	C00H	104.7(19)
C5	C00C	N3	120	COOS	COON	C4	112(2)
N2	C5	C00C	120.8(16)	O5	COON	C4	105(2)
N2	C5	N00D	119.1(17)	C00H	COON	C4	110.2(17)
COOC	C5	N00D	120	C11	C00O	O5	116(3)
C5	N00D	C6	120	C11	C00O	C00A	118(3)
N5	C6	N00D	120	O5	C00O	C00A	96(2)
C6	N5	N3	120	N3	COOS	COON	130(2)
01	C00F	C1	129.7(15)	N3	COOS	C9	98(2)

01	C00F	C00I	110.0(17)	C00N	COOS	C9	131.3(19)
C1	C00F	C00I	120	C10	C00U	C00W	118(3)
01	C00F	P1	34.3(10)	C00X	C00W	C00U	104(3)
C1	C00F	P1	98.8(12)	C00X	C00W	C010	105(3)
C00I	C00F	P1	140.0(11)	C00U	C00W	C010	120(4)
C2	C1	C00F	120	C00W	C00X	O4	103(3)
C2	C1	P1	170.0(9)	O004	P1	O002	118.9(16)
C00F	C1	P1	54.6(9)	O004	P1	01	117.7(14)
C00L	C2	C1	120	O002	P1	01	100.6(13)
C2	C00L	C00V	120	O004	P1	N1	112.2(16)
C00I	C00V	C00L	120	O002	P1	N1	105.3(19)
C00V	C00I	C00F	120	01	P1	N1	99.7(14)
C11	O002	P1	129(3)	O004	P1	C00F	102.8(13)
O3	C3	04	126(5)	O002	P1	C00F	88.4(13)
O3	C3	C009	125(3)	01	P1	C00F	28.9(10)
O4	C3	C009	106(4)	N1	P1	C00F	128.5(12)
C3	04	C00X	102(5)	O004	P1	C11	101(2)
N4	C4	C00N	173(2)	O002	P1	C11	23.6(15)
C00O	O5	C00N	118.2(17)	01	P1	C11	124.1(15)
COOC	C8	C9	105(3)	N1	P1	C11	101.1(17)
C8	C9	COOS	112(3)	C00F	P1	C11	108.2(13)
C8	C9	N3	76(2)	O004	P1	C009	96.5(15)
C00S	C9	N3	36.6(13)	O002	P1	C009	123.4(17)
O002	C11	C00O	115(4)	01	P1	C009	99.4(13)
O002	C11	P1	27.7(17)	N1	P1	C009	18.8(10)
C00O	C11	P1	142(3)	C00F	P1	C009	127.3(11)
N1	C009	C3	109(3)	C11	P1	C009	115.5(15)
N1	C009	C00Y	115(3)	O004	P1	C1	80.0(13)
C3	C009	C00Y	106(3)	O002	P1	C1	87.3(15)
N1	C009	P1	23.8(15)	01	P1	C1	54.4(11)
C3	C009	P1	93(2)	N1	P1	C1	153.4(9)
C00Y	C009	P1	104(2)	C00F	P1	C1	26.6(5)
O00T	C00A	C00H	119(2)	C11	P1	C1	99.4(14)
C009	N1	P1	137(2)	C009	P1	C1	144.9(9)
C00R	C010	C00W	118(3)	C00F	01	P1	116.8(18)

Table S13. Torsion angles of remdesivir form IV

Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle (°)	Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle (°)
C00S	N3	C00C	C8	3(2)	O00T	C00A	C00H	C00N	86(3)
N5	N3	C00C	C8	-176.5(17)	C00O	C00A	C00H	C00N	-41(2)
C9	N3	C00C	C8	0.1(15)	C00O	O5	COON	C00S	-143(3)
C00S	N3	C00C	C5	179.3(19)	C00O	O5	COON	C00H	-21(3)
N5	N3	C00C	C5	0	C00O	O5	COON	C4	95(3)
C9	N3	C00C	C5	176.6(11)	O2	C00H	COON	C00S	-79(3)
C8	C00C	C5	N2	-3(3)	C00A	C00H	COON	C00S	158(2)
N3	C00C	C5	N2	-178.1(15)	O2	C00H	COON	O5	159(3)
C8	C00C	C5	N00D	175(2)	C00A	C00H	COON	O5	36(2)
N3	C00C	C5	N00D	0	02	C00H	COON	C4	47(3)

N2	C5	N00D	C6	178.2(15)	C00A	C00H	COON	C4	-76(2)
C00C	C5	N00D	C6	0	O002	C11	C00O	O5	-178(4)
C5	N00D	C6	N5	0	P1	C11	C00O	O5	-173(5)
N00D	C6	N5	N3	0	O002	C11	C00O	C00A	-65(7)
COOS	N3	N5	C6	-179.3(19)	P1	C11	C00O	C00A	-60(8)
C00C	N3	N5	C6	0	C00N	O5	C00O	C11	119(4)
C9	N3	N5	C6	-168(4)	C00N	O5	C00O	C00A	-6(3)
01	C00F	C1	C2	174(2)	O00T	C00A	C00O	C11	134(4)
C00I	C00F	C1	C2	0	C00H	C00A	C00O	C11	-94(4)
P1	C00F	C1	C2	-169.9(12)	O00T	C00A	C00O	O5	-102(3)
01	C00F	C1	P1	-16.4(14)	C00H	C00A	C00O	O5	29(3)
C00I	C00F	C1	P1	169.9(12)	COOC	N3	COOS	COON	178(2)
C00F	C1	C2	C00L	0	N5	N3	COOS	COON	-3(4)
P1	C1	C2	C00L	-55(5)	C9	N3	COOS	COON	-179(4)
C1	C2	C00L	C00V	0	COOC	N3	COOS	C9	-4(2)
C2	C00L	C00V	C00I	0	N5	N3	COOS	C9	175.6(13)
C00L	C00V	C00I	C00F	0	O5	C00N	COOS	N3	-55(4)
01	C00F	C00I	C00V	-174.8(18)	C00H	COON	COOS	N3	-173(3)
C1	C00F	C00I	C00V	0	C4	C00N	COOS	N3	62(4)
P1	C00F	C00I	C00V	164.4(19)	O5	C00N	COOS	C9	127(3)
O3	C3	04	C00X	-2(7)	C00H	C00N	COOS	C9	9(4)
C009	C3	04	C00X	160(3)	C4	C00N	COOS	C9	-116(3)
C5	COOC	C8	C9	-175.8(14)	C8	C9	COOS	N3	3(3)
N3	COOC	C8	C9	0(2)	C8	C9	COOS	C00N	-178(3)
COOC	C8	C9	COOS	-2(3)	N3	C9	COOS	C00N	179(4)
COOC	C8	C9	N3	0.1(15)	C10	C00U	C00W	C00X	176(4)
P1	O002	C11	C00O	174(3)	C10	C00U	C00W	C010	-66(6)
O3	C3	C009	N1	-133(5)	C00U	C00W	C00X	04	-174(3)
04	C3	C009	N1	64(4)	C010	C00W	C00X	04	59(3)
O3	C3	C009	C00Y	-9(6)	C3	04	C00X	C00W	178(4)
04	C3	C009	C00Y	-171(3)	C11	O002	P1	O004	-44(5)
O3	C3	C009	P1	-115(5)	C11	O002	P1	01	-174(4)
04	C3	C009	P1	83(3)	C11	O002	P1	N1	83(5)
O00T	C00A	C00H	O2	-43(3)	C11	O002	P1	C00F	-148(5)
C00O	C00A	C00H	O2	-170(2)	C11	O002	P1	C009	77(5)
C00Y	C009	N1	P1	-67(5)	C11	O002	P1	C1	-121(5)
O004	P1	N1	C009	-35(3)	C1	C00F	01	P1	30(3)
O002	P1	N1	C009	-166(3)	C00I	C00F	01	P1	-156.1(14)
01	P1	N1	C009	90(3)	O004	P1	01	C00F	-64(2)
C00F	P1	N1	C009	94(3)	O002	P1	01	C00F	67(2)
C11	P1	N1	C009	-142(3)	N1	P1	01	C00F	174.3(17)
C1	P1	N1	C009	78(4)	C11	P1	01	C00F	64(3)
C00X	C00W	C010	C00R	70(4)	C009	P1	01	C00F	-166.7(17)
C00U	C00W	C010	C00R	-47(4)	C1	P1	01	C00F	-12.3(11)
C3	C009	N1	P1	52(4)					/

II. Crystal Structure Prediction Workflow

The crystal structure prediction (CSP) workflow (Figure S3) starts with a 2D molecular structure of an active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), with the goal of predicting and ranking its crystal polymorphs. An extensive conformation analysis of the molecular structure is performed by scanning over the flexible dihedral angles of the molecule with 20° steps. For each flexible torsion scan, we obtain a potential energy profile from high precision DFT calculations with the B3LYP/6-31G* basis set^{12,13} using the Gaussian16 software package.¹⁴



Figure S3. XtalPi's crystal structure prediction workflow

Generally, one or two stable conformations are used to start the screening process by varying the values of flexible torsion angles of the starting conformation to create potential energy profiles, which are used to initially parameterize the force field (stage 1) that characterizes the potential energy of the molecule. An indication of the quality of the force field can be obtained by measuring the correlation between the force field itself and the QM values. The energy correlation between the force field and QM calculations for the crystal structures in the low-energy region is a good indication to show the accuracy of

the specific force field. The RMSE between E-MM and E-QM of structures in the low energy region for a tailor-made force field is usually 3-6 kJ/mol even for some complex systems, e.g., salts and zwitterions. Moreover, in the MD sampling process, we monitor the RMSD, volume, potential energy and other properties of the structure to determine whether the structure in the MD sampling is unstable and if the sampling is uniform and converged. By using a tailor-made force field generated for each input candidate structure and a global search algorithm, such as heuristic particle swarm optimization¹⁵ or stochastic Monte Carlo simulations¹⁶ a large set of crystal structures are generated (stage 2) to allow for an accelerated convergence toward the globally enumerated crystal landscape.¹⁷ Then, the generated crystal structures were filtered using an energy filter that adjusted based on the energy correlation of the tailor-made force field, and the high energy crystal structures are filtered out. The remaining crystal structures are clustered using ultrafast AI-based technologies both to remove redundant configurations and to build statistics on our sampling of crystal space groups and molecular conformers. An inhouse modified version of the k-medoids cluster method with a distance threshold instead of the k number was adopted for the clustering of the crystal structures (stage 3).

The representative structures from each cluster were selected for further ranking using higher accuracy methods (stage 4). The crystal structures are first ranked by a semiempirical tight binding density functional algorithm, followed by high-precision density functional level of theory with dispersion energy correction (DFT-D).¹⁸ The final energy ranking of the polymorphs (stage 5) was performed at high precision DFT-D, optPBE-vdW,¹⁹ level of theory as implemented in the VASP software package.²⁰ The accuracy of the reported calculated relative lattice energies is about 1.5 kJ/mol.²¹⁻²³

Since CSP is an iterative workflow, the force field gets more and more accurate after every iteration to reproduce a number of geometrical and energetic properties of crystal structures. The clustering statistics are used to improve crystal structure sampling until convergence is reached. To measure convergence, we perform our searches using two independent CSP algorithms simultaneously. Each of these CSP searches uses a different algorithm to generate the crystal structures and at every iteration of the CSP process, the two search methods cross-validate their results in the low energy region. The search converges when each algorithm finds the same low-energy polymorphs over a number of successive iterations. We also consider the rate at which we find new low energy structures. For example, if the total number of crystal structures in the low energy region remains the same then we conclude that the search has converged. This procedure ensures that an exhaustive search of the low energy regions of the crystal energy landscape is performed. Finally, after convergence, free energy calculations on a subset of low-energy polymorphs are performed to determine the solid form free energy over a range of temperatures (stage 6).²¹

Since the majority of the workload of CSP is a series of independent calculations, it can be made efficient if you have access to a large number of computers. Consequently, we have developed a cloud-based algorithm that can take advantage of a large number of resources on the amazon cloud server. The algorithm works by spawning a series of secure virtual private clouds (VPC) at computing centers across the globe and then it optimizes the workload of each VPC according to the number of compute nodes available, the cost, and the wait time. The VPCs are synced and within 1 hour a million-core high performance cluster (HPC) can be assembled, which, allows us to screen billions of crystal structures on the fly and perform a truly exhaustive search. Screening this many crystal structures has a number of indirect benefits, for example, the force field can be trained and parameterized on a large number of crystal structures, which, in turn, improves both the quality of our search and the energy ranking. Another benefit is the data can be used to train a number of AI and machine learning algorithms to make the CSP search and energy ranking more efficient. Also, by using the combination of a large computing cluster, special enhancing sampling strategies and in-house development structure generation algorithm, we can overcome a lot of complexity issues and push the boundaries of what can be done with CSP. In particular, we can do CSP for more flexible molecules with higher values of Z prime (Z'), and complicated multicomponent crystals.

From CSP calculations, we obtain a crystal energy landscape from which one can learn a lot about the crystal structures of a given API. In particular, ranking of the experimental structures in the landscape is crucial for de-risking the solid form selection of the API. To identify the experimental structures in the polymorph landscape, we calculate XRDs of the predicted structures and compare them with the experimental XRDs for validation. If there is an experimental single crystal structure available, then we also overlay the predicted crystal structure with the experimental structure and measure their similarity with RMSD₁₅ calculations. To discriminate between similar and distinct crystal structures, RMSD₁₅ calculations were used where if the RMSD is less than a certain threshold (<1.0 Å) and there are 15 common molecules for 15 packing shell size, then the two structures are considered to be the same. If we find that the experimental structure corresponds to the lowest energy polymorph in the landscape (ranked X1) and there is a large energy gap between X1 and all other polymorphs, then we can confidently conclude that the experimental structure is the most stable polymorph for the given API. However, in many cases, there are multiple low energy polymorphs that are close in energy to X1. According to available data in the literature, 98.5% of predicted polymorph lattice energy differences are less than 10 kJ/mol, and within 5 kJ/mol between observed polymorphs. Absolute lattice energy represents the energy needed to form a crystal from infinitely separated formula units such as ions, molecules, or atoms. The 0 kJ/mol is not an absolute energy, but it is defined as the energy of the lowest energy crystal structure in the landscape.

In situations where there are a number of low energy polymorphs that are close in energy to X1 it is difficult to definitively determine which is the most stable polymorph using the information from the CSP landscape. At the same time, it is incomplete information because these energy landscapes correspond to the relative stability of polymorphs at 0 K. For many systems the relative stability of polymorphs changes with temperature. Therefore, for CSP to be truly predictive relative free energies of crystal polymorphs must be determined at ambient temperature.

There are a number of methods that have been used for this purpose such as the harmonic approximation or quasi-harmonic approximation (QHA).²⁴ However, while these methods can work well at low temperatures, they do not always work well at higher temperatures, especially in case of flexible molecules like remdesivir. Therefore, we use

a fundamentally different approach for our free energy calculations known as the pseudosupercritical path (PSCP) method.^{22,23} It takes all the conformation effects into account based on a given force field, which is more accurate, but not faster than QHA. This method uses a thermodynamic cycle in conjunction with MD to compute the free energy for each polymorph at a specific reference temperature. In this method, each polymorph is converted through a series of transformations into a reference state, called an Einstein atomic crystal²⁵⁻²⁷ and the details are described elsewhere.²¹ In short, each polymorph can be converted to this reference state and by summing up all of the free energy contributions along this pathway, we can calculate the free energy of the polymorphs from the CSP landscape. We perform this procedure for a given set of low energy polymorphs (for example, X1, X2, X3, X4, X5) to calculate the relative free energies of the polymorphs at a specific reference temperature. We also perform a series of additional MD simulations across a range of temperatures to calculate the relative free energies across this temperature range. This gives us information about how stability of the polymorphs changes as a function of temperature, which is key to predict the most stable polymorph at any given temperature. This protocol has been recently shown to rapidly identify the most stable forms over a wide range of temperatures and can also reveal enantiotropic transitions.²¹

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