

## Supporting Information for

**Crystal engineering, electron density analysis and in-situ variable temperature studies of co-crystal between nicotinic acid and gallic acid sesquihydrate.**

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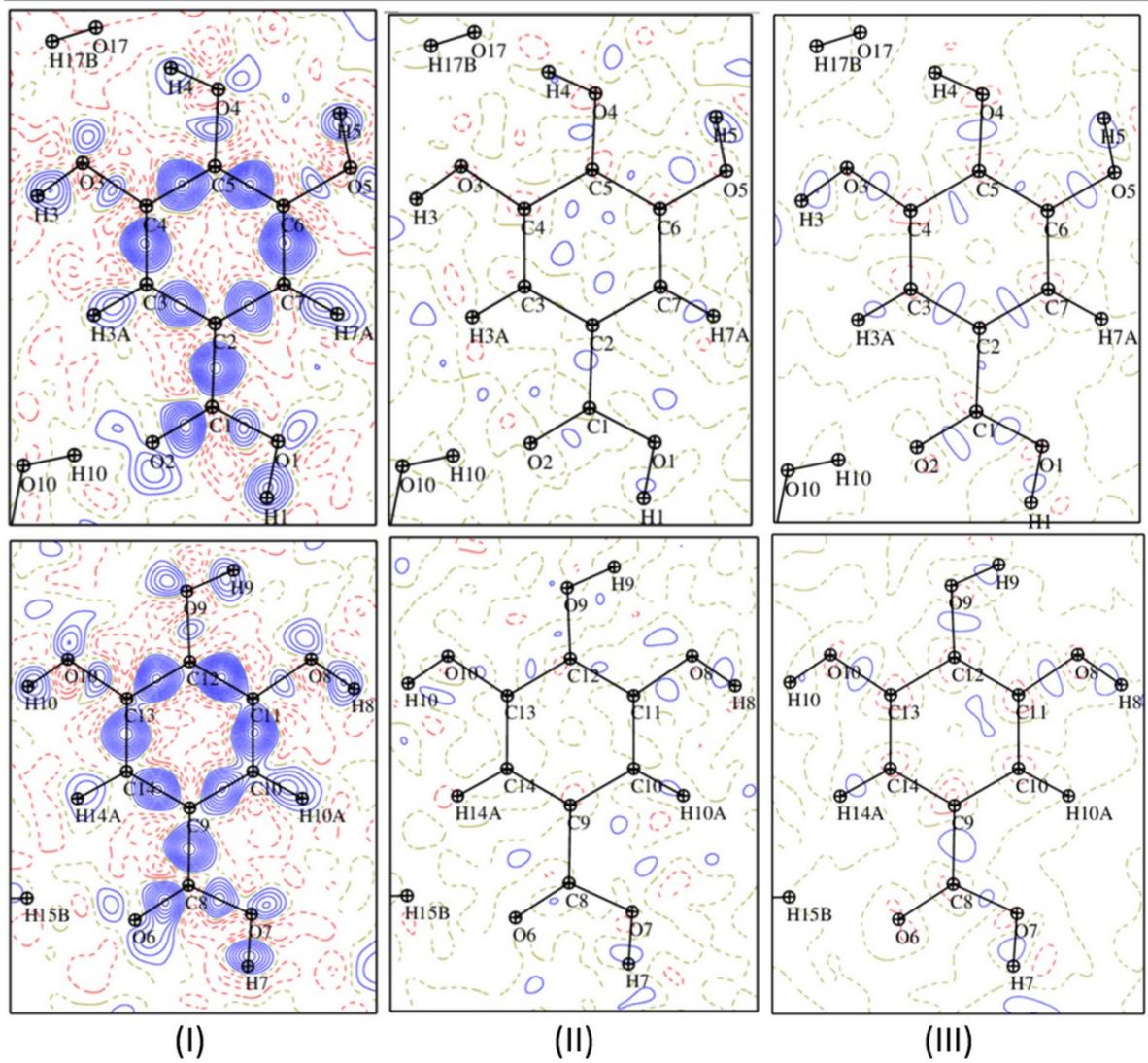
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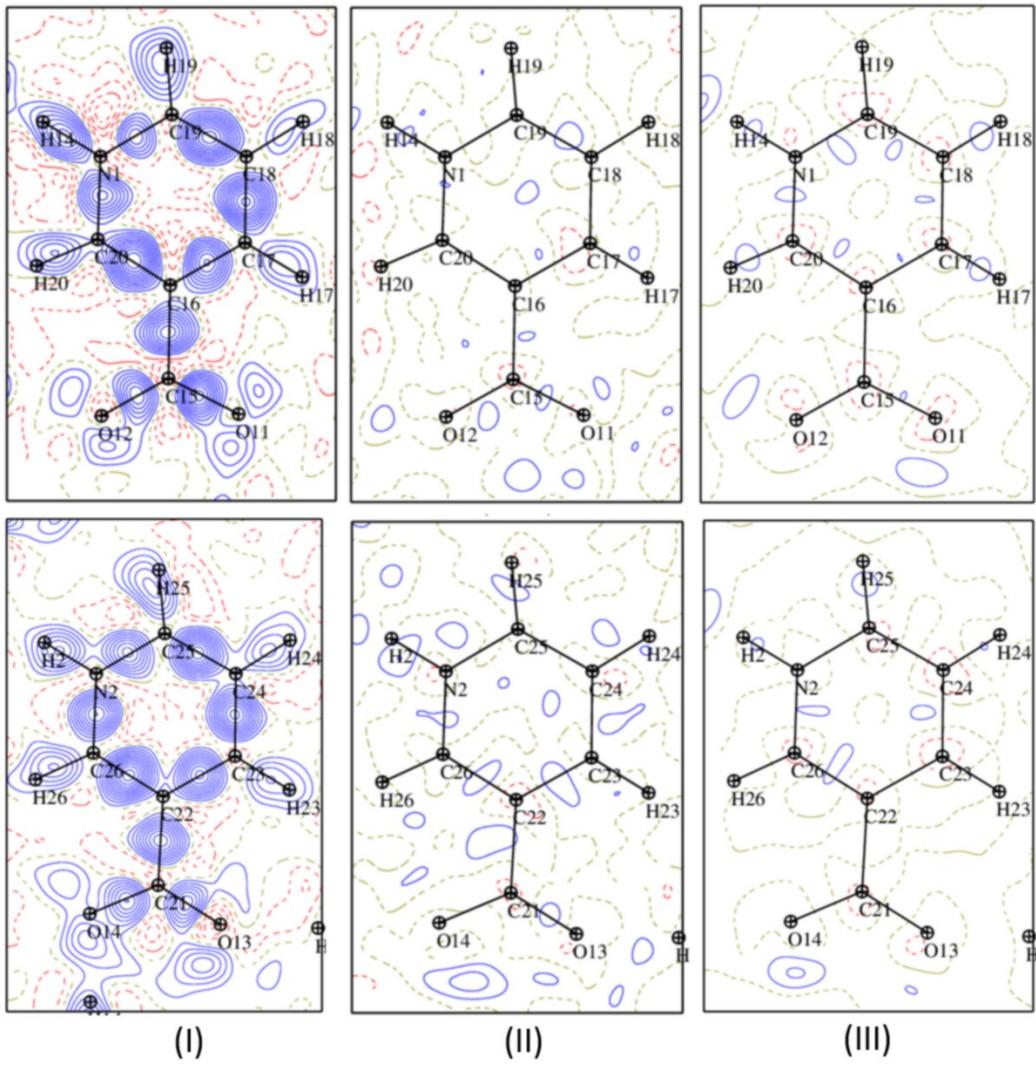
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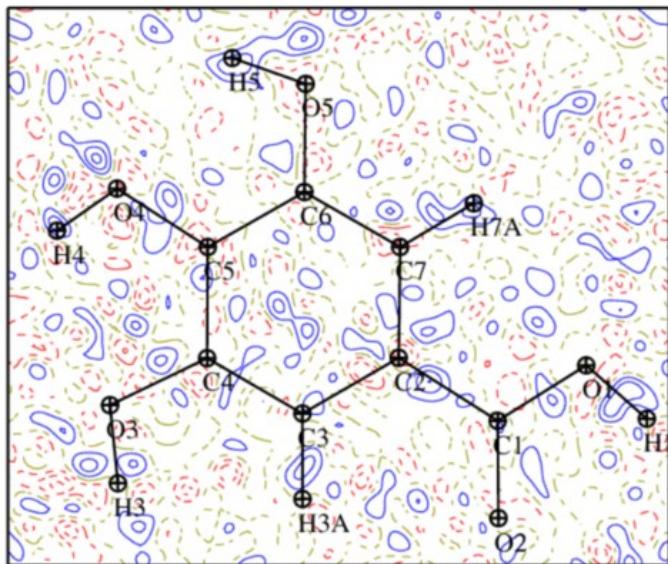
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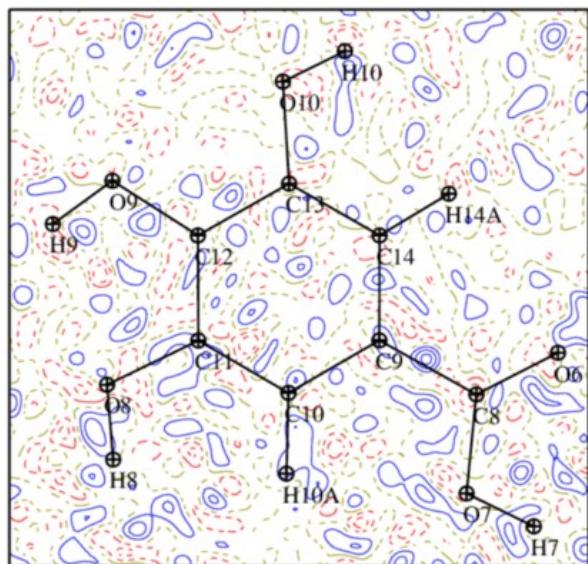
**Figure S1A:** Deformation electron density maps of GA1 and GA2 after IAM refinement (I), residual electron density maps after multipolar refinement experimental (II) and (III) after MM refinement of theoretical structure factors at contour level of  $0.05 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  and with  $\sin\theta_{\text{Max}}/\lambda = 0.7 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ .



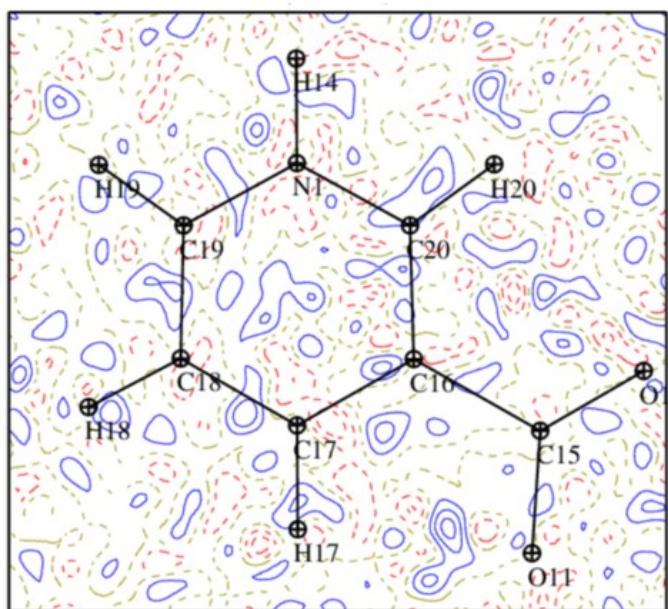
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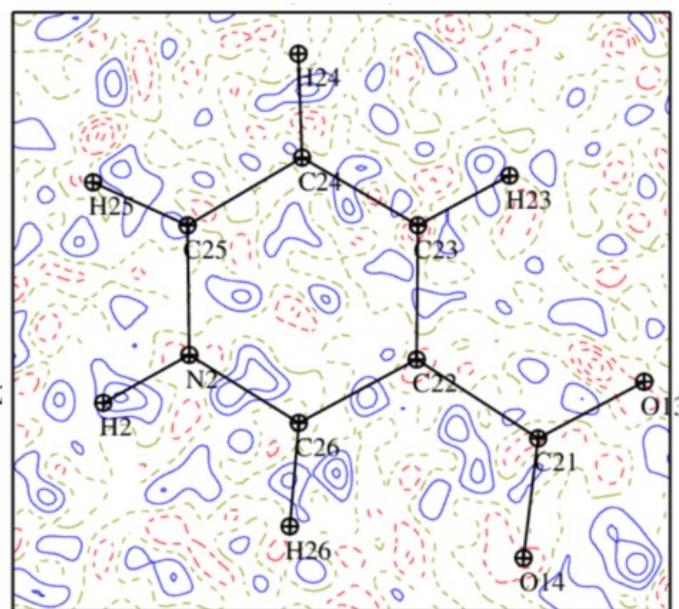
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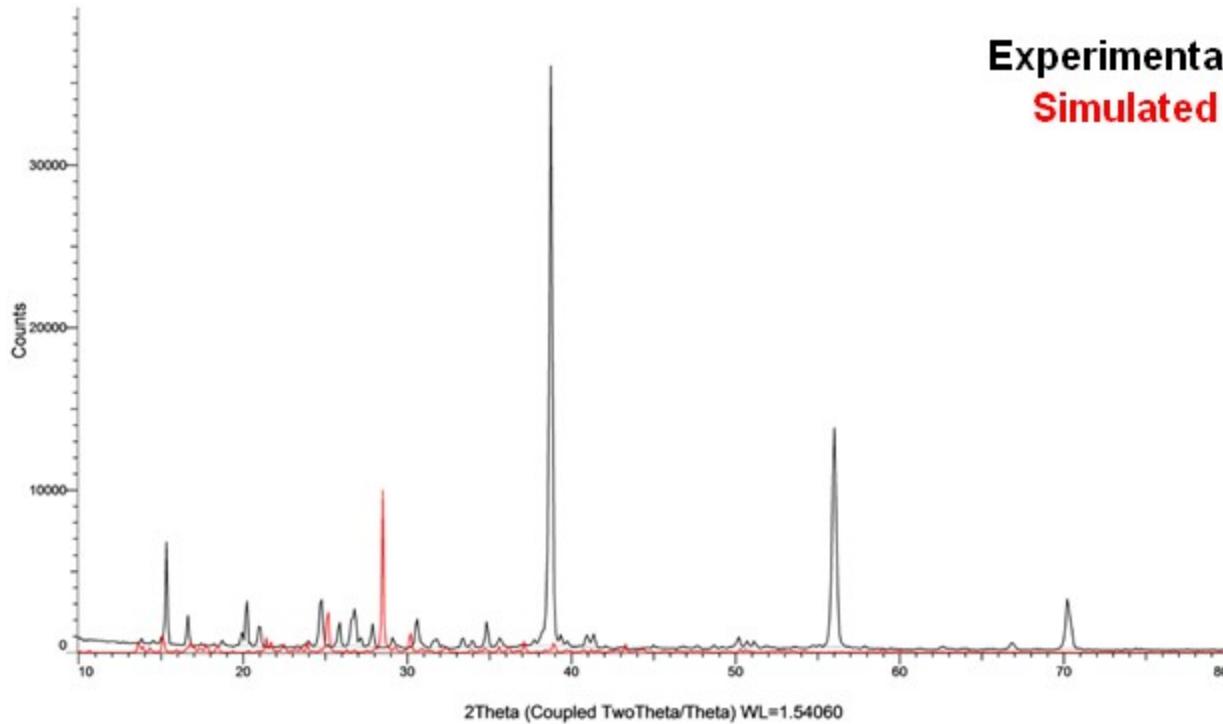
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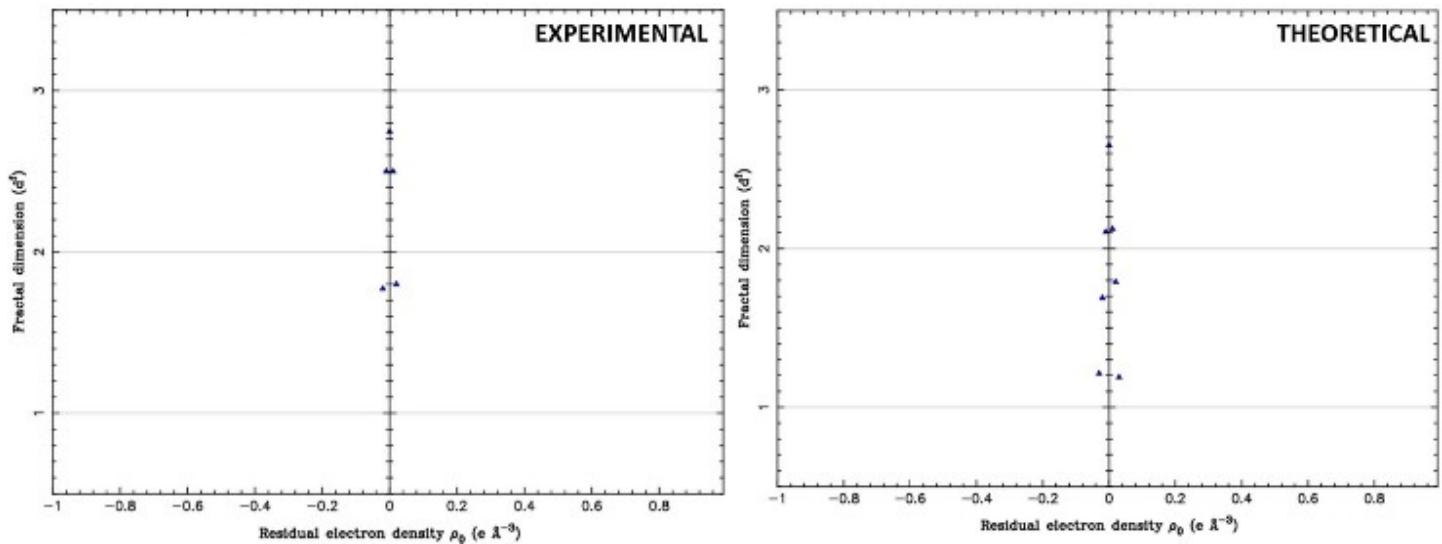
NA2

**Figure 1SC:** Residual electron density maps of GA1,GA2,NA1 and NA2 after experimentally multipolar refinement. contour level of  $0.05 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   $\sin\theta_{\text{Max}}/\lambda=1.163 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ .

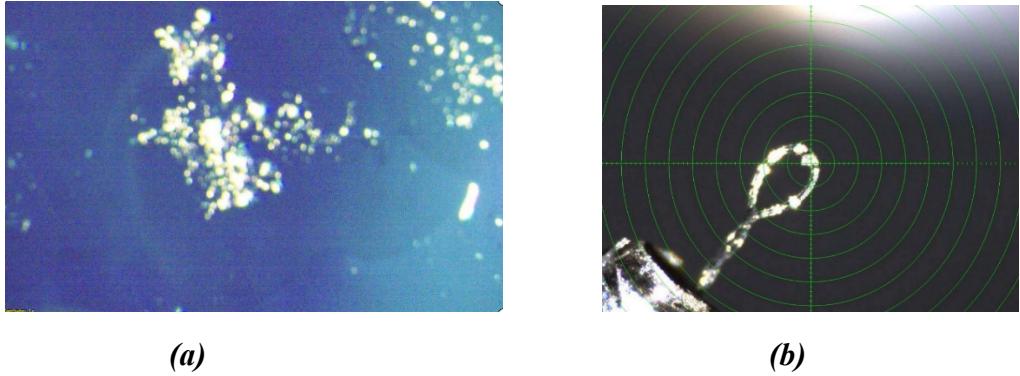
**Experimental**  
**Simulated**



**Figure S2(a):** The powder XRD pattern of GANA co-crystal experimentally determined (black) and simulated powder pattern from single crystal data(red) using Mercury software. The intensity of the experimental pattern is manifold higher than the simulated. The position of the peaks till  $50^\circ$  is comparable, which is the upper limit of the simulated pattern.



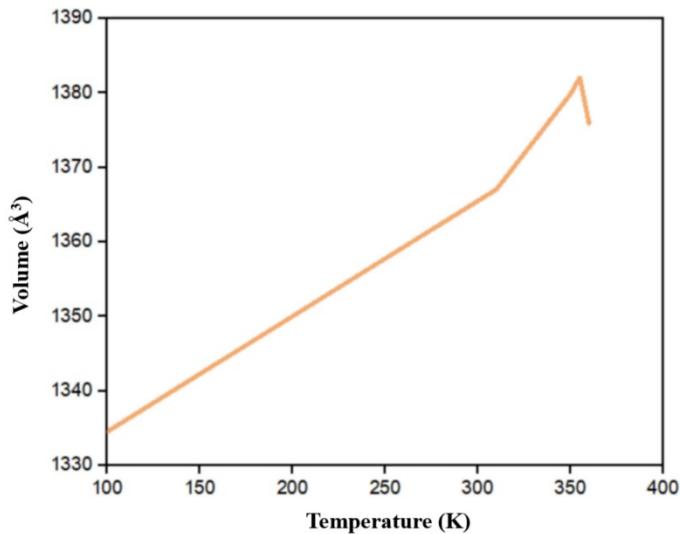
**Figure S2(b):** A fractal dimensions plot comparing the residual electron densities after experimental and theoretical ( $\sin\theta/\lambda$  of  $1.163 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ) multipolar refinements.



(a)

(b)

**Figure S3:** Residual mass after in situ heating GANA co-crystal (a), single crystal obtained from this residual mass (b).



**Figure S4:** GANA co-crystal unit cell volume expansion with increase in temperature.

**Table S1 (a):** estimated ADPs for H atoms calculated from *SHADE* server.

Atom	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
H4	0.022712	0.025149	0.020224	0.0142	0.006122	0.001855
H14A	0.02818	0.03036	0.019821	0.019391	0.010529	0.001433
H19	0.028369	0.034685	0.013168	0.019246	0.005856	0.002328
H3A	0.028209	0.031886	0.023217	0.021452	0.011817	0.003951
H20	0.029919	0.032951	0.020766	0.022372	0.011424	0.003116
H7A	0.027088	0.03092	0.016197	0.017048	0.007241	0.001924
H25	0.025658	0.034985	0.019859	0.021885	0.005407	0.007092
H24	0.029928	0.030467	0.022195	0.021479	0.010366	0.003264
H18	0.031931	0.034269	0.021271	0.023485	0.012779	0.003657

H10A	0.023581	0.034819	0.021393	0.021696	0.00685	0.005508
H26	0.030384	0.029688	0.021138	0.020689	0.010438	0.002707
H23	0.026894	0.031858	0.013621	0.017524	0.004309	0.000875
H17	0.026802	0.037691	0.020796	0.024377	0.007548	0.007048
H15A	0.02248	0.029489	0.028434	0.011843	0.016221	0.008699
H15B	0.030115	0.019288	0.028899	0.014511	0.013689	0.007412
H17B	0.025787	0.03431	0.024794	0.018314	0.014452	0.008145
H17A	0.019581	0.034545	0.022786	0.016586	0.005392	0.00624
H16A	0.031352	0.026584	0.027024	0.018926	0.013291	0.012458
H16B	0.018047	0.029321	0.028417	0.010105	0.009768	0.005795
H7	0.021767	0.028612	0.013916	0.01508	0.004632	0.00188
H9	0.023543	0.028518	0.017479	0.017079	0.0089	0.003064
H10	0.022157	0.021741	0.019402	0.013125	0.006852	0.000637
H8	0.022628	0.029299	0.017859	0.018523	0.006741	0.005051
H14	0.026517	0.034037	0.018289	0.022358	0.006646	0.005722
H5	0.022635	0.028629	0.02088	0.017369	0.007871	0.006111
H1	0.021068	0.026421	0.019269	0.015984	0.007533	0.005112
H3	0.023231	0.029612	0.020839	0.018167	0.009677	0.004884
H2	0.028043	0.033191	0.013763	0.019091	0.005314	0.002199

**Table S1 (b):** Chemical equivalent constrains.

C14	C3	C7	C10			
C12	C5					
C11	C4	C13				
C19	C25					
C20	C26					
C8	C1					
C22	C16					
C24	C18					
C23	C17					
H4	H9	H10	H8	H5	H3	
H14A	H3A	H7A	H10A			
H19	H20	H25	H26			
H24	H18					
H23	H17					
H15A	H15B	H17B	H17A	H16A	H16B	
H7	H1					
H14	H2					
H4	H15A	H7				
H14A	H24	H23				

**Table S1(c):** DFT calculated distances with restrain values.

Atom 1	Atom2	Distance (Å)	Restrain
O7	H7	0.99827	0.001
O1	H1	1.01827	0.001
O9	H9	0.99289	0.001
O10	H10	0.99878	0.001
O4	H4	0.99581	0.001
O5	H5	0.97843	0.001
O8	H8	1.00351	0.001
O3	H3	0.99675	0.001
N2	H2	1.02491	0.001
N1	H14	1.08752	0.001
O16	H16B	0.99508	0.001
O16	H16A	0.9953	0.001
O17	H17B	0.9819	0.001
O17	H17A	0.98564	0.001
O15	H15A	0.98713	0.001
O15	H15B	0.97777	0.001
C14	H14A	1.07852	0.001
C19	H19	1.08087	0.001
C3	H3A	1.07976	0.001
C20	H20	1.07945	0.001
C7	H7A	1.07977	0.001
C25	H25	1.07812	0.001
C24	H24	1.07882	0.001
C18	H18	1.08104	0.001
C10	H10A	1.07856	0.001
C26	H26	1.07993	0.001
C23	H23	1.082	0.001
C17	H17	1.07956	0.001

**Table S2:**

Effect of temperature on unit cell volume of co-crystal

	Temperature	Volume ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )
1	100K	1334.57(6)
2	298K	1370.51 (9)
3	310K	1367.1(8)
4	350K	1379.9(15)
5	355K	1382.1(10)
6	360K	1376.0(11)
7	361K	33140(14) melting
8	365K	1406(5)

**Table S3:** Topological properties of (3, -1) CPs on the covalent interactions: distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ), electron density ( $\text{e\AA}^{-3}$ ), Laplacian ( $\text{e\AA}^{-5}$ ), Hessian eigenvalues ( $\text{e\AA}^{-5}$ ),  $\varepsilon$  = ellipticity,  $G_{\text{CP}}$ = bond kinetic energy density (Hartree  $\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ) and  $V_{\text{CP}}$  = bond potential energy density (Hartree  $\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ).

The upper line in each pair gives the experimental values and the lower one the theoretical values.

	Interacting atoms	$d_{12}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$d1_{\text{cp}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$d2_{\text{cp}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\rho(\mathbf{rb})$ ( $\text{e/\AA}^3$ )	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{c}\mathbf{p})$ ( $\text{e/\AA}^5$ )	$\lambda_1$ ( $\text{e/\AA}^5$ )	$\lambda_2$ ( $\text{e/\AA}^5$ )	$\lambda_3$ ( $\text{e/\AA}^5$ )	$\varepsilon$	$G_{\text{cp}}$	$V_{\text{cp}}$
1	O6—C8	1.226	0.809(2)	0.417(1)	2.828(3)	-	27.350	-24.620	28.140	0.111	3.435	-8.539
		1.226	0.775	0.451	2.704	-	-23.05	-20.95	18.06	0.101	3.014	-7.913
2	O2—C1	1.230	0.811(1)	0.419(1)	2.814(2)	-	27.030	-24.340	26.160	0.111	3.332	-8.429
		1.230	0.769	0.461	2.654	-	22.550	-20.490	17.660	0.101	2.905	-7.587
3	O12—C15	1.245	0.824(2)	0.421(2)	2.671(1)	-	25.100	-23.170	26.870	0.083	3.135	-7.769
		1.245	0.768	0.477	2.602	-	21.910	-20.040	16.780	0.093	2.782	-7.326
4	O14—C21	1.260	0.825(1)	0.435(1)	2.638(3)	-	24.300	-22.310	16.880	0.089	2.661	-7.404
		1.260	0.772	0.488	2.544	-	20.800	-19.130	15.450	0.088	2.669	-7.052
5	O13—C21	1.257	0.820(2)	0.437(3)	2.630(3)	-	24.010	-22.380	15.960	0.073	2.610	-7.350
		1.257	0.773	0.484	2.515	-	20.480	-18.980	15.510	0.080	2.623	-6.922
6	O11—C15	1.278	0.835(1)	0.443(3)	2.552(1)	-	22.950	-21.510	14.460	0.067	2.431	-6.963

		1.278	0.770	0.508	2.402	-	-	-17.840	16.530	0.095	2.491	-6.442
7	N2—C26	1.339	0.822(1)	0.517(1)	2.360(3)	-	-	-16.850	6.810	0.133	2.005	-6.049
		1.339	0.773	0.566	2.166	-	-	-14.890	16.050	0.150	2.172	-5.461
8	N1—C20	1.341	0.811(1)	0.530(1)	2.337(2)	27.854	-	-16.660	7.560	0.126	2.010	-5.970
		1.341	0.766	0.575	2.149	-	-	-14.770	16.790	0.134	2.191	-5.412
9	N2—C25	1.346	0.818(1)	0.527(1)	2.302(1)	25.607	-	-15.920	8.160	0.121	2.032	-5.857
		1.346	0.786	0.560	2.148	16.331	-	-14.930	15.100	0.106	2.112	-5.367
10	N1—C19	1.342	0.811(1)	0.531(1)	2.294(3)	25.244	-	-15.940	8.370	0.109	2.029	-5.826
		1.342	0.771	0.571	2.162	15.201	-	-14.690	16.200	0.137	2.196	-5.456
11	C25—C24	1.382	0.707(1)	0.675(1)	2.233(1)	-	-	-14.050	9.280	0.212	2.049	-5.625
		1.382	0.712	0.670	2.103	-	-	-13.620	13.730	0.181	2.028	-5.176
12	C19—C18	1.384	0.708(1)	0.676(1)	2.227(2)	21.640	-	-14.000	9.330	0.212	2.044	-5.603
		1.384	0.710	0.674	2.094	-	-	-13.450	13.780	0.191	2.024	-5.147
13	O1—C1	1.319	0.866(1)	0.453(1)	2.225(1)	-	-	-17.750	11.630	0.036	1.906	-5.528
		1.319	0.794	0.525	2.129	-	-	-15.600	15.940	0.062	2.076	-5.287
14	O7—C8	1.329	0.873(2)	0.457(1)	2.220(2)	25.047	-	-17.550	10.830	0.045	1.868	-5.490
		1.329	0.793	0.537	2.114	-	-	-15.410	16.420	0.065	2.08	-5.239
15	C20—C16	1.388	0.725(1)	0.663(2)	2.214(1)	21.162	-	-13.980	9.820	0.216	2.036	-5.553
		1.388	0.713	0.676	2.085	15.620	-	-13.350	13.640	0.193	2.008	-5.11
16	C22—C26	1.390	0.664(1)	0.726(1)	2.207(1)	21.008	-	-13.930	9.880	0.217	2.028	-5.528
		1.390	0.678	0.712	2.046	-	-	-13.030	13.450	0.206	1.938	-4.946

						15.294	15.710					
17	C3—C4	1.389	0.679(2)	0.710(1)	2.194(1)	-	-	-13.400	9.830	0.281	2.011	-5.473
		1.389	0.684	0.706	2.070	-	-	-12.900	13.540	0.234	1.991	-5.051
18	C14—C13	1.392	0.681(1)	0.710(1)	2.189(1)	-	-	-13.350	9.920	0.282	2.008	-5.454
		1.392	0.678	0.714	2.050	-	-	-12.520	13.520	0.268	1.966	-4.973
19	C11—C10	1.392	0.711(1)	0.681(1)	2.189(1)	-	-	-13.350	9.920	0.281	2.008	-5.455
		1.392	0.720	0.671	2.064	-	-	-12.570	13.460	0.281	1.981	-5.026
20	C18—C17	1.392	0.681(1)	0.711(1)	2.184(1)	-	-	-13.970	9.680	0.192	1.978	-5.423
		1.392	0.691	0.701	2.018	-	-	-13.120	13.670	0.163	1.904	-4.838
21	C24—C23	1.395	0.682(1)	0.713(1)	2.176(1)	-	-	-13.900	9.750	0.192	1.970	-5.392
		1.395	0.691	0.704	2.042	-	-	-13.270	13.910	0.157	1.955	-4.94
22	O15—H15B	0.977	0.769(1)	0.208(1)	2.175(2)	-	-	-34.290	31.680	0.002	1.209	-5.007
		0.977	0.732	0.245	2.225	-	-	-30.590	36.370	0.005	1.883	-5.514
23	O5—H5	0.979	0.764(1)	0.215(1)	2.173(1)	-	-	-34.410	34.260	0.004	1.311	-5.053
		0.979	0.739	0.240	2.143	-	-	-30.270	35.520	0.006	1.688	-5.138
24	C6—C5	1.400	0.708(2)	0.692(1)	2.165(1)	-	-	-13.200	10.260	0.323	1.962	-5.353
		1.400	0.698	0.703	2.026	-	-	-12.440	12.930	0.290	1.882	-4.853
25	C12—C13	1.398	0.702(1)	0.697(1)	2.164(1)	-	-	-13.010	9.820	0.334	1.953	-5.344
		1.398	0.699	0.700	2.118	-	-	-13.030	13.190	0.297	2.026	-5.224
26	C12—C11	1.403	0.704(2)	0.699(1)	2.156(1)	-	-	-13.060	9.890	0.313	1.945	-5.313
		1.403	0.709	0.694	2.067	-	-	-12.550	13.140	0.314	1.955	-5.023

28	C4—C5	1.403	0.700(1)	0.704	2.154	-	17.130	-13.050	9.880	0.313	1.941	-5.304	
		1.403	0.707	0.697	2.035	-	16.060	-12.420	13.130	0.293	1.910	-4.895	
29	C6—C7	1.391	0.709	0.683	2.152	20.134	-	16.910	-13.340	10.120	0.268	1.944	-5.297
		1.391	0.713	0.678	2.068	15.403	-	16.050	-12.800	13.450	0.254	1.979	-5.036
30	C22—C23	1.393	0.678	0.716	2.147	19.866	-	16.250	-13.690	10.080	0.187	1.946	-5.284
		1.393	0.689	0.705	2.066	15.734	-	15.700	-13.360	13.330	0.175	1.960	-5.021
31	C16—C17	1.395	0.679	0.716	2.142	19.742	-	16.210	-13.650	10.120	0.187	1.941	-5.265
		1.395	0.697	0.697	2.023	14.976	-	15.230	-13.010	13.260	0.171	1.903	-4.855
32	O17—H17B	0.982	0.769	0.213	2.140	34.915	-	33.360	-33.030	31.480	0.010	1.228	-4.901
		0.982	0.741	0.241	2.145	24.905	-	30.140	-29.900	35.140	0.008	1.707	-5.157
33	O9—H9	0.992	0.772	0.221	2.139	32.541	-	33.440	-32.970	33.860	0.014	1.336	-4.950
		0.992	0.752	0.241	2.043	23.050	-	28.950	-28.710	34.610	0.008	1.569	-4.752
34	O16—H16B	0.995	0.779	0.216	2.136	34.582	-	32.990	-32.550	30.960	0.013	1.234	-4.890
		0.995	0.751	0.244	2.055	22.606	-	28.480	-28.210	34.090	0.009	1.616	-4.815
35	O16—H16A	0.995	0.779(2)	0.216(2)	2.136(1)	34.580	-	32.980	-32.550	30.960	0.013	1.235	-4.890
		0.995	0.748	0.247	2.059	21.025	-	28.110	-27.880	34.960	0.008	1.698	-4.869
36	O15—H15A	0.987	0.773(2)	0.214(2)	2.135(2)	34.502	-	32.980	-32.830	31.310	0.005	1.235	-4.886
		0.987	0.744	0.242	2.127	24.453	-	29.740	-29.520	34.810	0.007	1.688	-5.087
37	O17—H17A	0.985	0.770(1)	0.214(1)	2.128(1)	34.169	-	32.940	-32.600	31.370	0.010	1.236	-4.863
		0.985	0.746	0.239	2.099	24.303	-	29.650	-29.360	34.700	0.010	1.632	-4.965
38	O3—H3	0.996	0.773(1)	0.224(2)	2.121(2)	-	-	-	-32.190	33.780	0.016	1.361	-4.902

					31.130	32.720					
		0.996	0.754	0.243	1.998	- 20.110	27.770	-27.550	35.210	0.008	1.609
38	O4—H4	0.995	0.771(1)	0.224(2)	2.116(1)	- 31.006	32.500	-32.220	33.710	0.009	1.357
		0.995	0.754	0.241	2.041	- 23.419	28.820	-28.760	34.170	0.002	1.547
39	O10—H10	0.998	0.771(2)	0.227(1)	2.102(1)	- 29.966	32.140	-31.410	33.580	0.023	1.375
		0.998	0.754	0.244	2.037	- 22.972	28.650	-28.240	33.920	0.015	1.559
40	O8—H8	1.003	0.776(1)	0.227(2)	2.101(3)	- 29.892	31.940	-31.640	33.690	0.009	1.376
		1.003	0.761	0.242	1.979	- 21.636	27.760	-27.670	33.790	0.003	1.498
41	C9—C14	1.400	0.698(1)	0.702(2)	2.095(2)	- 18.477	15.970	-12.740	10.230	0.253	1.896
		1.400	0.706	0.694	1.989	- 13.729	14.900	-12.130	13.300	0.228	1.889
42	C9—C10	1.401	0.698(1)	0.703(1)	2.090(2)	- 18.444	15.970	-12.720	10.240	0.256	1.887
		1.401	0.697	0.704	1.979	- 13.900	14.920	-12.270	13.280	0.216	1.860
43	C2—C7	1.398	0.705(1)	0.694(2)	2.088(2)	- 18.444	15.930	-12.950	10.430	0.230	1.882
		1.398	0.699	0.700	1.969	- 13.395	14.820	-12.240	13.660	0.211	1.861
44	C2—C3	1.400	0.701(1)	0.699(1)	2.068(3)	- 17.991	15.790	-12.670	10.470	0.247	1.860
		1.400	0.701	0.698	1.936	- 12.900	14.560	-11.930	13.590	0.220	1.815
45	O8—C11	1.353	0.826(1)	0.528(2)	2.068(1)	- 19.563	16.160	-14.740	11.340	0.096	1.786
		1.353	0.793	0.560	1.946	- 10.102	14.400	-13.670	17.970	0.054	1.968
46	O9—C12	1.355	0.828(1)	0.527(1)	2.050(2)	- 18.363	15.990	-14.410	12.040	0.110	1.803
		1.355	0.792	0.563	1.922	- -9.198	14.500	-13.160	18.460	0.102	1.961
47	O3—C4	1.359	0.822(1)	0.537(1)	2.049(2)	- 18.787	16.070	-14.510	11.790	0.107	1.781

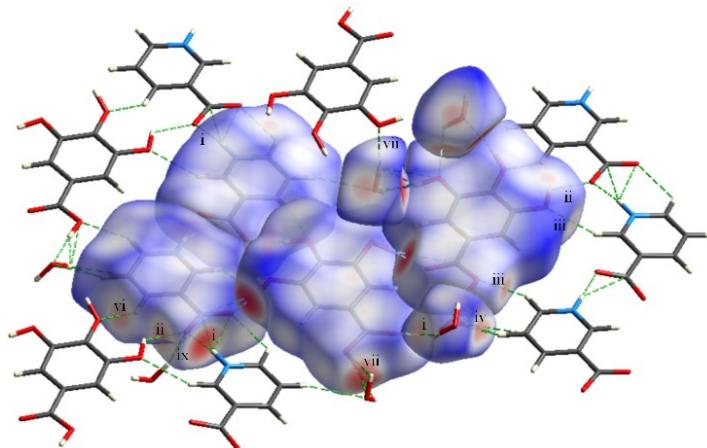
		1.359	0.792	0.567	1.915	-8.731	-	13.950	-13.210	18.420	0.056	1.966	-4.543
48	O10—C13	1.366	0.826(1)	0.540(1)	2.041(2)	-	-	15.970	-14.460	12.010	0.105	1.781	-4.851
		1.366	0.795	0.571	1.872	-7.998	-	13.640	-12.760	18.400	0.069	1.913	-4.386
		1.360	0.829(1)	0.531(1)	2.036(1)	17.911	-	15.790	-14.350	12.230	0.100	1.794	-4.841
49	O4—C5	1.360	0.792	0.567	1.912	-8.226	-	14.060	-12.910	18.740	0.089	1.984	-4.544
		0.997	0.780(1)	0.218(2)	2.028(2)	29.831	-	31.230	-31.120	32.520	0.004	1.221	-4.530
		0.997	0.759	0.238	2.008	22.351	-	27.820	-27.670	33.140	0.005	1.527	-4.620
50	O7—H7	1.018	0.790(2)	0.227(1)	1.971(3)	26.031	-	29.110	-29.100	32.180	0.001	1.275	-4.373
		1.018	0.771	0.247	1.924	20.244	-	25.910	-25.900	31.570	0.001	1.449	-4.316
		1.366	0.836(1)	0.531(2)	1.965(1)	17.719	-	15.220	-14.030	11.540	0.085	1.652	-4.544
52	O5—C6	1.366	0.796	0.571	1.871	-7.852	-	13.910	-12.600	18.660	0.104	1.917	-4.384
		1.479	0.696(1)	0.783(1)	1.883(1)	16.707	-	14.220	-11.670	9.180	0.218	1.528	-4.226
		1.479	0.701	0.777	1.769	11.418	-	12.940	-11.020	12.540	0.174	1.547	-3.893
53	C2—C1	1.079	0.741(1)	0.338(1)	1.865(2)	-	-	18.810	-17.730	17.700	0.060	1.392	-4.103
		1.079	0.721	0.358	1.918	-	-	18.780	-18.130	18.760	0.036	1.534	-4.339
		1.079	0.742(1)	0.338(2)	1.864(1)	18.784	-	18.770	-17.730	17.720	0.059	1.393	-4.101
54	C26—H26	1.079	0.723	0.357	1.875	-	-	18.260	-17.630	18.840	0.036	1.496	-4.185
		1.483	0.689(1)	0.794(1)	1.856(3)	16.125	-	13.970	-11.290	9.140	0.238	1.501	-4.132
		1.483	0.708	0.775	1.709	10.965	-	12.670	-10.670	12.370	0.188	1.453	-3.673
55	C20—H20	1.079	0.735(1)	0.344(1)	1.839(3)	18.356	-	18.130	-17.330	17.110	0.046	1.362	-4.009
		1.079	0.721	0.358	1.852	-	-	-	-17.400	18.410	0.014	1.470	-4.103

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58	N2—H2	1.025	0.796(2)	0.229(1)	1.836(1)	19.941	-	25.250	-25.200	30.510	0.002	1.282	-3.960
		1.025	0.775	0.250	1.998	-	-	26.220	-25.650	30.020	0.022	1.529	-4.587
59	C25—H25	1.078	0.733(1)	0.345(1)	1.836(1)	17.964	-	-	-17.110	17.150	0.053	1.374	-4.006
		1.078	0.720	0.358	1.869	-	-	17.950	-17.520	18.550	0.024	1.489	-4.163
60	C10—H10A	1.078	0.716(1)	0.362(1)	1.832(3)	17.088	-	17.540	-16.560	17.010	0.059	1.408	-4.011
		1.078	0.704	0.374	1.841	-	15.674	17.250	-16.460	18.040	0.048	1.492	-4.082
61	C14—H14A	1.078	0.717(2)	0.362(1)	1.831(2)	17.074	-	17.540	-16.550	17.010	0.060	1.407	-4.009
		1.078	0.706	0.373	1.797	-	14.995	16.790	-16.100	17.900	0.043	1.436	-3.922
62	C23—H23	1.082	0.737(1)	0.345(2)	1.830(1)	18.136	-	17.960	-17.270	17.090	0.040	1.355	-3.979
		1.082	0.717	0.365	1.867	-	16.447	17.540	-17.380	18.470	0.010	1.508	-4.167
63	C19—H19	1.081	0.736(1)	0.346(2)	1.827(1)	17.741	-	17.860	-17.010	17.130	0.050	1.366	-3.975
		1.081	0.725	0.356	1.893	-	16.897	18.100	-17.760	18.970	0.019	1.541	-4.265
64	C3—H3A	1.079	0.717(1)	0.363(1)	1.826(2)	16.997	-	17.480	-16.490	16.970	0.060	1.400	-3.991
		1.079	0.701	0.379	1.801	-	15.072	16.710	-15.900	17.540	0.051	1.439	-3.934
65	C7—H7A	1.080	0.717(1)	0.363(2)	1.824(1)	16.980	-	17.440	-16.470	16.930	0.059	1.397	-3.982
		1.080	0.706	0.374	1.824	-	15.343	16.980	-16.380	18.020	0.037	1.473	-4.021
66	C24—H24	1.079	0.741(1)	0.337(1)	1.802(3)	17.977	-	17.760	-17.060	16.840	0.041	1.306	-3.870
		1.079	0.712	0.366	1.847	-	16.011	17.250	-16.850	18.090	0.024	1.489	-4.098
67	C18—H18	1.081	0.743(1)	0.338(1)	1.796(1)	17.841	-	17.680	-16.980	16.820	0.041	1.301	-3.851
		1.081	0.715	0.366	1.838	-	16.129	17.280	-16.780	17.940	0.030	1.464	-4.058

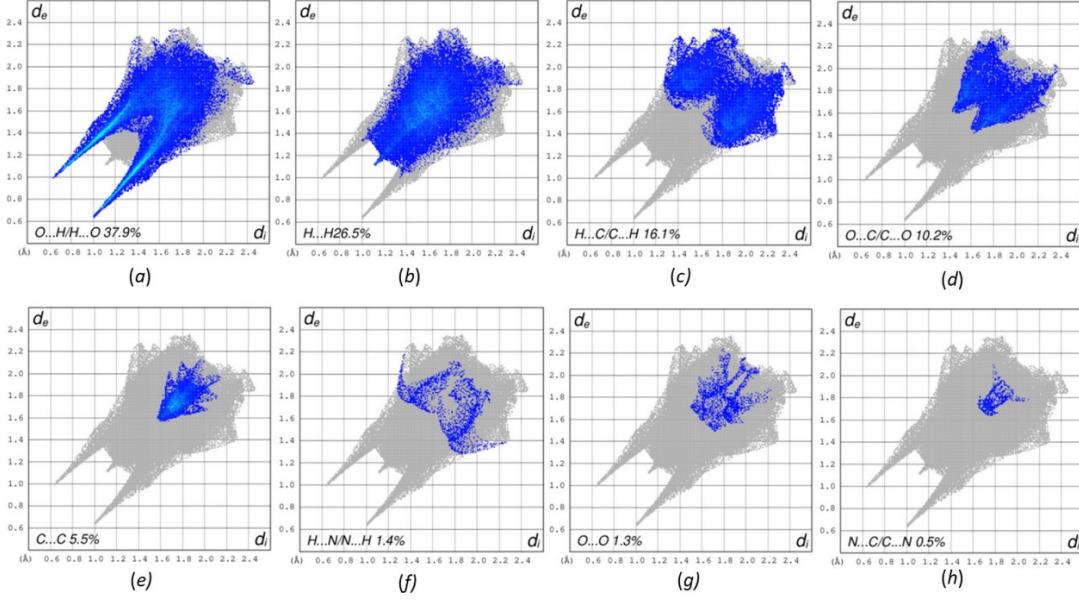
68	C22—C21	1.504	0.736(1)	0.769(2)	1.781(2)	14.051	-	13.050	-11.100	10.100	0.175	1.448	-3.880
		1.504	0.750	0.754	1.702	10.527	-	12.360	-10.820	12.660	0.143	1.460	-3.658
69	C15—C16	1.509	0.761(1)	0.748(1)	1.740(3)	13.665	-	12.550	-11.010	9.900	0.140	1.386	-3.729
		1.509	0.761	0.748	1.684	10.053	-	12.200	-10.700	12.860	0.140	1.447	-3.597
70	N1—H14	1.087	0.829(1)	0.258(1)	1.628(3)	12.432	-	20.450	-19.860	27.870	0.030	1.231	-3.332
		1.087	0.821	0.267	1.671	13.118	-	20.280	-19.970	27.130	0.015	1.280	-3.478

## Hirshfeld Surface Analysis and Fingerprint plots

The Hirshfeld surface alongwith interacting neighboring molecules is shown in figure S7, red spots in the vicinity of all oxygen and nitrogen atoms highlight the stronger intermolecular interactions while white region shows the weak H···H contacts. Fingerprint plots of co-crystal (Figure S8) were generated with  $d_{\text{norm}}$ , normalized contact distance in terms of  $d_e$  and  $d_i$ , using *CrystalExplorer* [45]. The two sharp spikes exhibiting the O···H/H···O contacts accounting 37.9% of interactions, the broader region between these spikes shows the H···H contacts of 26.54% of total interactions indicates that these short contacts play a crucial role in the co-crystal assembly, while the wing shaped upper area shows the H···C/C···H interactions of 16.1%. Moreover, O···C, C···C, N···H and O···O interactions show 10.2%, 5.5%, 1.4% and 1.3% contribution in co-crystal assembly and its packing; whereas the N···C interactions contribute relatively less with corresponding value of 0.5%. This analysis depicts that O···H interactions are the major contributing interactions involved in co-crystal assembly and crystal water molecules are responsible for these interactions.



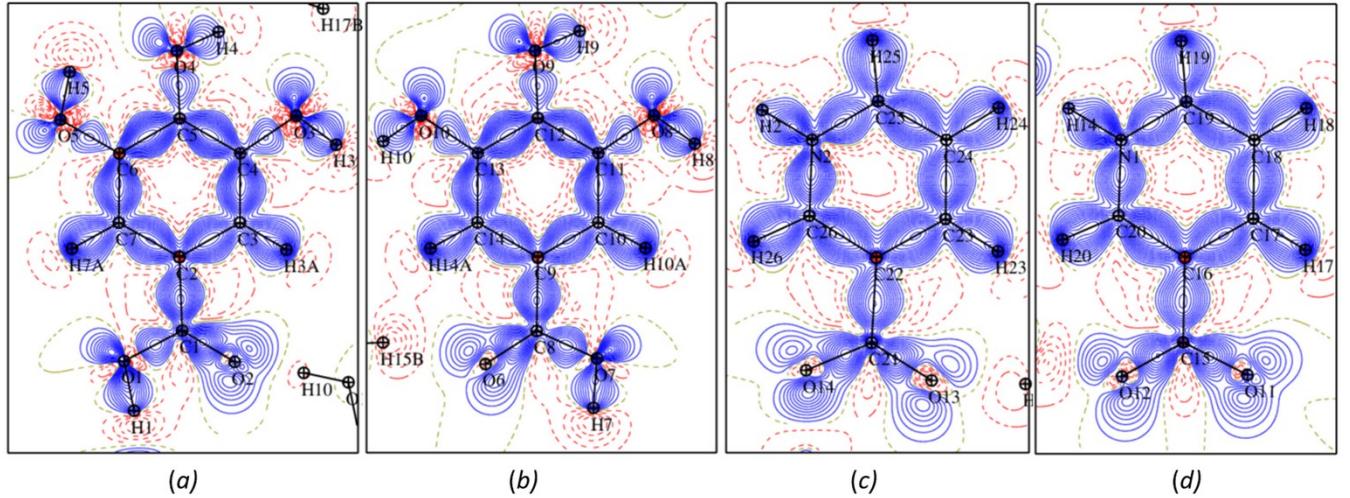
**Figure S5:** The Hirshfeld surface of GANA co-crystal, with its interacting molecules. The symmetry codes are same as in table 2.



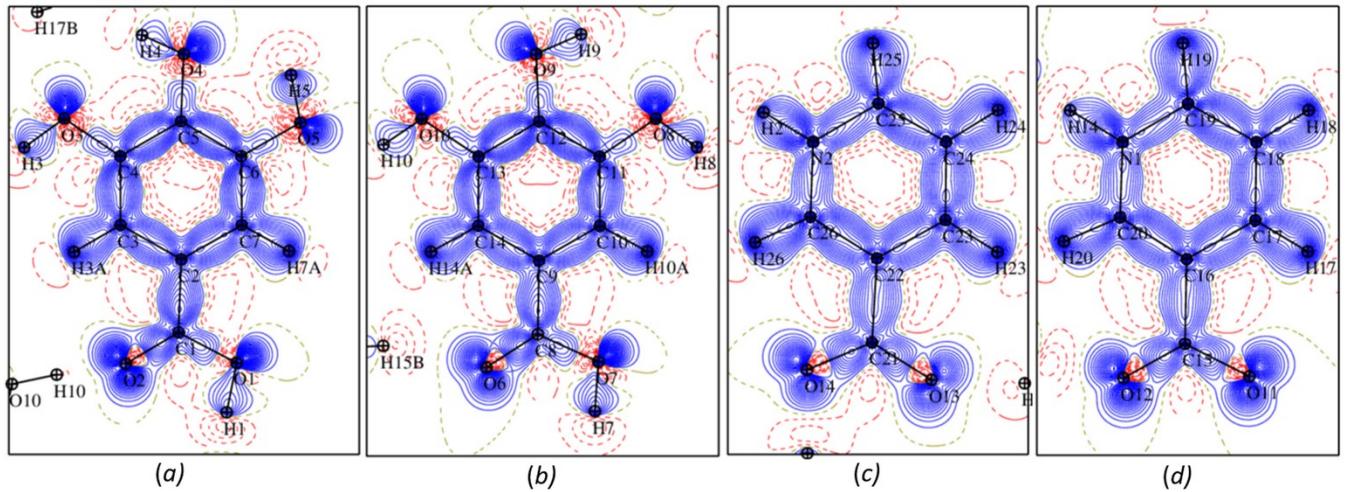
**Figure S6:** Fingerprint plots showing the percentage of interactions in the GANA co-crystal.

### Electron density maps and topological study of covalent bonds

The static deformation density maps of all the molecules after experimental and theoretical multipole refinement (figure S9) show the accumulation of electron density between the connected atoms, nature of bonding and oxygen atoms lone pairs position of carbonyl and hydroxyl groups of all molecules. All the carbonyl oxygen atoms O2, O6, O12, O13 and carboxylate (O11 and O14) lone pairs are bilobed, while the lone pair of water molecules are in tetrahedral manner above and below the plane of water molecule as shown in figure S10 for O17-water molecule. All these findings are consistent with the detailed analysis of lone pairs of oxygen acceptor atom of carbonyl and hydroxyl groups in literature [51] and both experimental and theoretical static electron density maps are in agreement. For comprehensive analysis of intramolecular and intermolecular interactions involved in co-crystal assembly, the topological analysis of the electron density of co-crystal based on QTAIM [34] has been performed using *VMoPro* [52]. The bond critical points (*bcp*s) search for all bonds found (3, -1) and negative value of Laplacian of electron density, which reflects the covalent bond nature of all bonds in the co-crystal. In homonuclear C—C bonds, the *bcp*s are present in the middle, while in hetronuclear bonds (O—C, N—C, C—H, N—H, O—H) the *bcp*s are away from the middle of the bond and shifted towards the either electropositive atom. The experimental topological properties including electron density  $\rho_{bcp}(r)$  and the Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}(r)$  of cocrystal have been calculated and compared with the corresponding theoretical structure factors from DFT calculations in the cocrystal (Table S1).



**Figure S7(a):** The static electron density maps of experimental data (a) GA1 molecule, (b) GA2 molecule, (c) NA1 molecule and (d) NA2 molecule.



**Figure S7(b):** The static electron density maps of Theoretical data (a) GA1 molecule, (b) GA2 molecule, (c) NA1 molecule and (d) NA2 molecule.

### Electron density $\rho_{bcp}(\mathbf{r})$ :

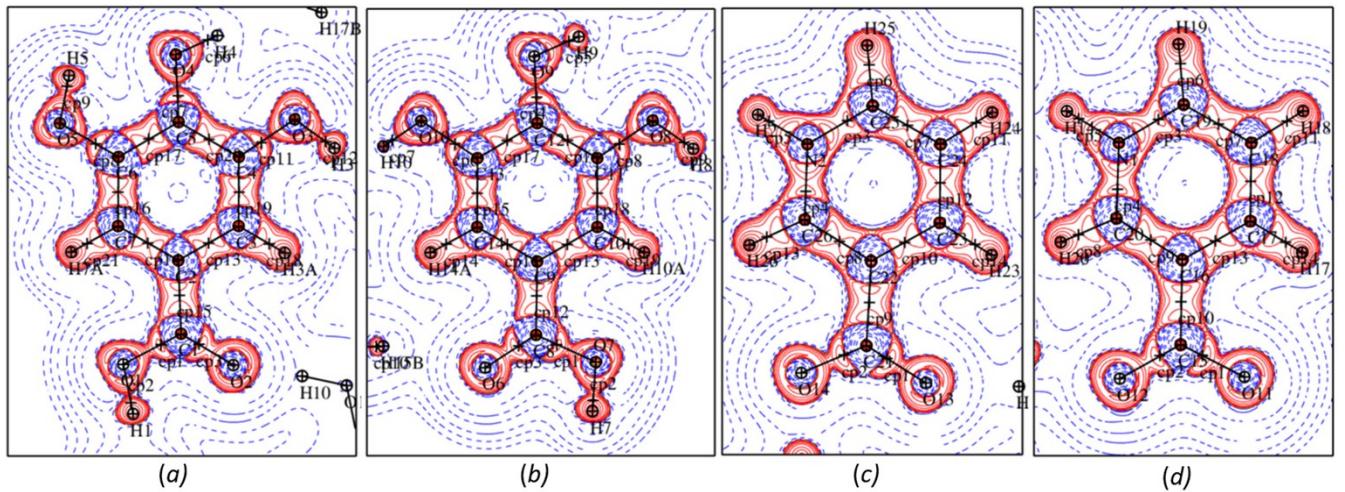
Electron density, a physical observable quantity which is maximum around nuclei and appears to be featureless away from nuclei. It is used to describe the bonding situation and chemical reactivity [53]. The electron density  $\rho_{cp}(\mathbf{r})$  in the aromatic ring C—C bond ranges from  $1.96/1.87\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  to  $2.23/2.10\text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  in which C24—C25 bonding region of NA2 molecule has highest charge accumulation, the corresponding

experimental and theoretical electron density  $\rho_{cp}$  ( $r$ ) values are  $2.23 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  and  $2.10 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  respectively. As expected, all non-aromatic C—C bonds have low charge accumulation as compared to aromatic bonds following the same trend in the theory with the corresponding average value of electron density  $1.82 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  and  $1.72 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  respectively. The C=O bond of carboxyl groups of GA molecules have highest charge accumulation at the  $bcp_s$ , with corresponding average values of experimental and theoretical electron density  $2.82\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  and  $2.68 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  respectively. In NA molecules, the carboxylate anion (C=O<sup>-</sup>) and C=O bonds have almost equal charge accumulation with an average value of  $2.62 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  and  $2.52 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  for experimental and theoretical electron densities respectively. [Table S3]. The C—H bonds of aromatic rings of GA and NA molecules have almost equal charge accumulation with an average electron density value  $1.83/1.85 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ . Among O—H bonds, the charge accumulation in carboxyl group and aromatic hydroxyl groups is unequal; the charges in the O—H aromatic ring bonds is highly concentrated [average value  $2.12/2.04\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ] as compared to O—H carboxyl bond [ $1.99/1.97\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ]. Relatively, the average electron density of O—H bonds of water molecules is  $2.14 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  and  $2.12 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  for experimental and theoretical respectively. In C—N<sup>+</sup>—H bonds of pyridinium zwitterion, C—N bonds have an average charge accumulation of  $2.33/2.16 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ , while N—H bonds have an average electron density of  $1.73/1.83 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ , in N—H bond the predicted electron density value is greater than the experimentally determined electron density.

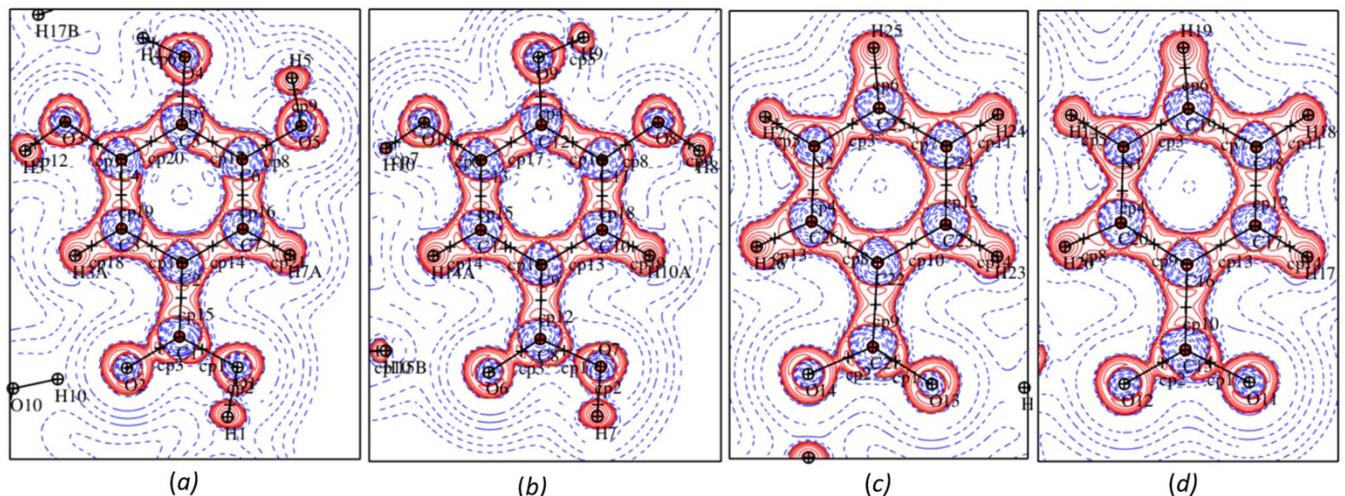
### **Laplacian of electron density $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}(r)$ :**

Laplacian of electron density, an important electronic property at  $bcp_s$ , explains the nature of bonds in a molecule. Topological analysis including Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}$  ( $r$ ) has been carried out for experimental and theoretical structure factors and their comparison is given in table S3 and figure S11. In this GANA co-crystal, the Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}$  ( $r$ ) at all the  $bcp_s$  is negative, so the electronic charge is locally concentrated and potential energy dominates, which exhibits the shared shell interactions termed as covalent bonds. The relief maps of the Laplacian of electron density in aromatic ring planes of experimental data and these maps are in good agreement with the theoretical maps in figure S8. In the aromatic C—C bonds of co-crystal, the Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}$  ( $r$ ) ranges from  $-17.72/-7.85 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-5}$  to  $-21.80/-15.98 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-5}$ , while the Laplacian of electron density of non-aromatic C—C bond ranges from  $-13.66/-10.05 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-5}$  to  $-16.70/-11.42 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-5}$ . Among all aromatic C—C bonds, the Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}$  ( $r$ ) of C24—C25 is highest,  $-21.80/-15.98 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-5}$  that shows the charges at this bond are highly concentrated. In co-crystal, the carbonyl group C=O have relatively high value of Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}$  ( $r$ ) as compared to all other bonds, this high value depicts the accumulation of charge in the

carbonyl bond. The Laplacian of electron density  $\nabla^2\rho_{bcp}(r)$  of carbonyl bonds C=O bonds of both NA molecules (1 and 2) are quite different [C15=O12: -21.40/-25.16e $\text{\AA}^{-5}$ ; C21=O13: -30.43/25.17e $\text{\AA}^{-5}$ ].



**Figure S8 (a):** The relief maps of Laplacian of electron density using experimental structure factors data (a) GA1 molecule, (b) GA2 molecule, (c) NA1 molecule and (d) NA2 molecule.



**Figure S8 (b):** The relief maps of Laplacian of electron density using theoretical structure factors (a) GA1 molecule, (b) GA2 molecule, (c) NA1 molecule and (d) NA2 molecule.

**Table S4:** Topological properties of (3, -1) CPs on the intermolecular interactions: distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ), electron density ( $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ), Laplacian ( $e\text{\AA}^{-5}$ ), Hessian eigenvalues ( $e\text{\AA}^{-5}$ ),  $\varepsilon$  = ellipticity,  $G_{\text{cp}}$  = Bond Kinetic energy  $V_{\text{cp}}$  = Bond Potential Energy ( $\text{Hartree}/\text{\AA}^3$ ). The upper line in each pair gives the experimental values and the lower one the theoretical values.

	Interactions	Interacting species	$d_{12}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$d1_{\text{cp}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$d2_{\text{cp}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\rho(\text{rb})$ ( $e/\text{\AA}^3$ )	$\nabla^2\rho(\text{cp})$ ( $e/\text{\AA}^5$ )	$G_{\text{cp}}$ ( $\text{Hartree}/\text{\AA}^3$ )	$V_{\text{cp}}$ ( $\text{Hartree}/\text{\AA}^3$ )	$\varepsilon$
1	C19— H19···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	NA1···GA1	2.341(1)	0.957(2)	1.405(1)	0.058(2)	1.040(2)	0.054	-0.034	0.015
			2.341	0.973	1.380	0.072(1)	1.115	0.054	-0.040	0.003
2	C26···O2	NA2···GA1	3.049(1)	1.610(1)	1.463(2)	0.057(1)	0.742(3)	0.040	-0.027	0.243
			3.049	1.627	1.461	0.051	0.730	0.040	-0.027	0.411
3	C12···C24	GA2···NA2	3.192(1)	1.641(2)	1.583(1)	0.056(2)	0.586(1)	0.034	-0.020	0.920
			3.192	1.639	1.568	0.048	0.571	0.034	-0.020	1.131
4	O17— H17A···O9	O17water··· GA2	2.367(1)	0.942(2)	1.460(2)	0.053(3)	0.929(1)	0.047	-0.027	0.135
			2.367	0.954	1.421	0.059	0.933	0.047	-0.034	0.059
5	C25···O5	NA2···GA1	3.085(1)	1.542(1)	1.546(1)	0.047(1)	0.657(3)	0.034	-0.020	0.637
			3.085	1.546	1.545	0.044	0.629	0.034	-0.020	0.567
6	C26— H26···O5 <sup>iii</sup>	NA2···GA1	2.413(1)	0.974(1)	1.456(2)	0.047(2)	0.904(2)	0.040	-0.027	0.095
			2.413	0.996	1.431	0.054	0.906	0.047	-0.034	0.005
7	O13···H20— C20	NA2···NA1	2.637(1)	1.566(1)	1.116(1)	0.046(2)	0.692(2)	0.034	-0.020	0.101
			2.637	1.498	1.160	0.042	0.654	0.034	-0.020	0.150
8	C4···C19	GA1···NA1	3.243(1)	1.706(2)	1.581(1)	0.046(2)	0.516(1)	0.027	-0.020	0.706
			3.243	1.668	1.603	0.041	0.493	0.027	-0.020	1.131
9	C6···O1	GA1···GA1	3.207(1)	1.673(1)	1.556(2)	0.042(1)	0.560(1)	0.027	-0.020	1.284
			3.207	1.658	1.564	0.037	0.539	0.027	-0.020	1.131
10	C16···O14	NA1···NA2	3.332(1)	1.713(1)	1.650(1)	0.042(2)	0.485(1)	0.020	-0.013	0.442
			3.332	1.735	1.635	0.035	0.460	0.020	-0.013	0.684
11	O4···C24	GA1···NA2	3.195(1)	1.572(1)	1.624(2)	0.041(1)	0.547(2)	0.027	-0.020	0.649
			3.195	1.575	1.622	0.036	0.518	0.027	-0.013	0.862
12	O9···H23— C23	GA2···NA2	2.554(1)	1.559(2)	1.066(1)	0.037(2)	0.654(1)	0.034	-0.020	1.267
			2.554	1.521	1.074	0.045	0.716	0.034	-0.020	0.899
13	C18···O9	NA1···GA2	3.252(1)	1.675(1)	1.591(2)	0.036(3)	0.490(1)	0.020	-0.013	1.077
			3.252	1.671	1.590	0.033	0.470	0.020	0.013	1.499
14	C26···O11	NA2···NA1	3.304(1)	1.682(2)	1.636(1)	0.033(2)	0.410(1)	0.020	-0.013	0.042
			3.304	1.677	1.639	0.028	0.385	0.020	-0.013	0.061
15	O7···O8	GA2···GA2	3.237(1)	1.594(1)	1.652(2)	0.032(3)	0.506(1)	0.020	-0.013	0.238
			3.237	1.600	1.651	0.032	0.501	0.020	-0.013	0.477

1	O15— 6 H15B···O17	O15water··· O17water	2.856(1) 2.856	1.169(2) 1.150	1.701(1) 1.708	0.032(3) 0.039	0.482(1) 0.535	0.027 0.027	-0.013 -0.013	1.417 1.517
1	O16···H24— 7 C24	O16water··· NA2	2.598(1) 2.598	1.590(1) 1.545	1.041(2) 1.075	0.032(2) 0.042	0.614(1) 0.651	0.027 0.034	-0.013 -0.020	0.259 0.208
1	C24— 8 H24···O7 <sup>i</sup>	NA2···GA2	2.640(1) 2.640	1.090(1) 1.104	1.559(1) 1.537	0.032(2) 0.042	0.551(1) 0.625	0.027 0.027	-0.013 -0.020	0.106 0.292
1	C14— 9 H14A···O10	GA2···GA2	2.828(1) 2.828	1.240(2) 1.243	1.665(1) 1.631	0.030(2) 0.034	0.450(1) 0.472	0.020 0.020	-0.013 -0.013	0.247 0.444
2	C3— 0 H3A···O14	GA1···NA2	3.012(1) 3.012	1.408(1) 1.400	1.629(2) 1.628	0.030(1) 0.029	0.402(2) 0.400	0.020 0.020	-0.013 -0.013	0.415 0.513
2	C20— 1 H20···O16	NA1···O16 water	3.083(1) 3.083	1.376(2) 1.346	1.748(1) 1.770	0.029(3) 0.032	0.403(1) 0.421	0.020 0.020	-0.013 -0.013	1.417 0.817
2		GA2···GA2	3.228(1) 3.228	1.623(1) 1.608	1.605(1) 1.623	0.028(3) 0.026	0.459(1) 0.446	0.020 0.020	-0.013 -0.013	0.324 0.137
2		NA1···NA1	3.636(1) 3.636	1.793 1.783	1.865 1.881	0.024(1) 0.023	0.315 0.311	0.013 0.013	-0.007 -0.007	1.078 0.879
2		GA2···NA1	3.500(1) 3.500	1.703(1) 1.680	1.856(1) 1.870	0.023(3) 0.021	0.307(1) 0.309	0.013 0.013	-0.007 -0.007	0.410 0.449
2	C23— 5 H23···O17	NA2···O17 water	3.068(1) 3.068	1.444(1) 1.397	1.688(1) 1.686	0.017(1) 0.020	0.267(1) 0.294	0.007 0.013	-0.007 -0.007	0.756 0.302
2		GA2···NA2	2.249(1) 2.249	1.130(1) 1.113	1.162(1) 1.141	0.014(1) 0.029	0.390(2) 0.458	0.013 0.020	-0.007 -0.013	0.079 0.011
2		NA1···NA1	2.898(1) 2.898	1.467(1) 1.449	1.475(1) 1.462	0.012(2) 0.014	0.171(1) 0.194	0.007 0.007	-0.005 -0.047	0.303 0.374
2	C7— 8 H7A···O14	GA1···NA2	3.465(1) 3.465	1.526(1) 1.546	2.023(1) 1.928	0.004(2) 0.005	0.072(1) 0.084	0.003 0.003	-0.001 -0.002	0.904 0.001

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(vii)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (viii)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+2$ ; (ix)  $-x+2, -y+1, -z+2$ ; (x)  $x, y+1, z+1$ .

**Table S5:** Ellipticity ( $\varepsilon$ ) of intermolecular H bonds. The upper line in each pair gives the experimental values and the lower one the theoretical values; the statistical errors are estimated based on ref 66.

	Interactions	Interacting species	$\varepsilon$
1	O14···H14—N1	NA2 ··· NA1	0.001
			0.003
2	N2—H2···O11 <sup>i</sup>	NA2 ··· NA1	0.010
			0.006
3	O15···H1—O1	O15water···GA1	0.046
			0.005
4	O12···H8—O8	NA1···GA2	0.122
			0.007
5	O2···H10—O10	GA1···GA2	0.066
			0.016
6	O16···H3—O3	O16water···GA1	0.002
			0.002
7	O7—H7···O16 <sup>vi</sup>	GA2···O16water	0.029
			0.014
8	O4—H4···O17	GA1···O17water	0.077
			0.003
9	O16—H16A···O17 <sup>iv</sup>	O16water···O17 water	0.044
			0.010
10	O16—H16B···O13 <sup>vii</sup>	O16water···NA2	0.173
			0.006
11	O13···H9—O9	NA2···GA2	0.162
			0.006
12	O15—H15A···O11 <sup>ix</sup>	O15water···NA1	0.016
			0.032
13	O17—H17A···O10	O17water···GA2	0.163
			0.006
14	O3···O17	GA1···O17water	0.149
			0.457
15	O6···H15B—O15	GA2···O15water	0.129
			0.059
16	O8···H20—C20	GA2···NA1	0.307
			0.269
17	O5—H5···O11 <sup>ii</sup>	GA1···NA1	0.213

			0.016
18	C17—H17···O4 <sup>v</sup>	NA1···GA1	0.057
			0.038
19	O17—H17B···O6 <sup>i</sup>	O17water···GA2	0.181
			0.048
20	C18—H18···O15 <sup>iii</sup>	NA1···O15water	0.015
			0.004
21	C25—H25···O12 <sup>j</sup>	NA2···NA1	0.016
			0.026
22	O15—H15B···O10	O15water···GA2	0.099
			0.028

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### Bond ellipticity index

The bond ellipticity [ $\varepsilon = \lambda_1/\lambda_2 - 1$ ] is an index of the measure of cylindricity of the charge distribution and charge delocalization of an interaction<sup>74</sup>. In the present study, the experimental ellipticity values of N—H···O hydrogen bonds range from 0.001 to 0.010 which indicate their cylindrical nature and localization of the charge. Similarly, for most of the O—H···O interactions the values are close to zero except for O8—H8···O12 and O5—H5···O11<sup>ii</sup>, being 0.122 and 0.213 respectively which indicate their non-cylindrical nature and delocalization of charge. These two hydrogen bonds are non-linear with their  $\angle D-H-A$  being 166.87° and 129.47° respectively. These two bonds also possess lower electrostatic energy-28(3) kJ/mol (Table 3), which shows weak nature of these interactions. For the C—H···O interactions, the ellipticity, is quite higher than previously mentioned strong interactions, ranging from 0.015 to 0.307 which shows that these interactions have an elliptical shape and are stretched. It can be concluded that ellipticity is not only measures cylindricity of a bond, but it is also an index of bond strength. Hydrogen bonds with ellipticity values close to zero possess the highest electrostatic interaction energies (Table 3) while those with higher ellipticity values possess lower electrostatic energies. Bond ellipticity is therefore can be a direct measure of the strength of an interaction. However, the precision and accuracy in the calculation of ellipticity for H bonds, especially for experimental data, is generally not considered reliable. One therefore remains cautious in believing ellipticity indices for H bonds.