

Supplementary Information

**Control of site-specific deprotonation through mechanochemical interconversion of two ionic cocrystal forms of resveratrol**

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## **1. Experimental Details**

### **Materials**

Resveratrol (RSV) was purchased from Oakwood Chemical (Columbia, SC, USA). 4-Aminopyridine (4AP) was purchased from Acros Organics (Fair Lawn, NJ, USA). Ethyl acetate and hexanes were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Fair Lawn, NJ, USA).

### **Slurry experiments**

The 1:1 phase (phase **1**) was initially produced via slurry method by adding RSV and 4AP in a 1:1 molar ratio to a small amount of ethyl acetate or chloroform and stirring overnight. The resulting product was filtered and analyzed via PXRD.

The 1:2 hydrate phase (phase **2**) was initially produced via slurry method by adding RSV and 4AP in a 1:3 molar ratio to a small amount of chloroform and stirring overnight. The resulting product was filtered and analyzed via PXRD.

### **Liquid-assisted grinding (LAG) experiments**

Grinding experiments were performed using a FlackTek SpeedMixer 300-100 SE purchased from FlackTek manufacturing. Stainless steel milling jars and milling balls were acquired from Form-Tech Scientific. Prior to milling, the jars were placed in a custom holder acquired from FlackTek.

Phase **1** was prepared by placing equimolar amounts of RSV (70.8 mg, 0.31 mmol) and 4AP (29.2 mg, 0.31 mmol) along with 30  $\mu$ L ethyl acetate and one 10 mm stainless steel grinding ball in a 15 mL stainless steel milling jar. The mixture was then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes. The product was allowed to air dry for a few hours, then powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) was performed.

Phase **2** was prepared by placing 44.8 mg RSV (0.2 mmol), 55.3 mg 4AP (0.6 mmol), 30  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O, and one 10 mm stainless steel grinding ball in a 15 mL stainless steel milling jar. The mixture was then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes. The product was allowed to air dry for a few hours, then PXRD was performed.

Phase **2** was also prepared by milling RSV and 4AP in a 1:2.5 or 1:2 molar ratio.

### **Interconversion milling experiments**

Interconversion experiments were performed in 15 mL stainless steel milling jars with one 10 mm stainless steel grinding ball.

First, phase **1** was produced by placing 70.8 mg (0.31 mmol) RSV, 29.2 mg (0.31 mmol) 4AP, and 30  $\mu$ L ethyl acetate in a milling jar, which was then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes. PXRD confirmed formation of phase **1**.

To convert phase **1** into phase **2**, 100 mg of phase **1** was placed in a milling jar, followed by addition of 58.4 mg (0.62 mmol) 4AP and 30  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O. The components were then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes, which afforded phase **2** as evidenced by PXRD.

To convert phase **2** to phase **1**, 100 mg of phase **2** was placed in a milling jar, followed by 89.4 mg (0.39 mmol) RSV and 30  $\mu$ L ethyl acetate. The components were then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes, which yielded phase **1** based on PXRD.

These conversions were able to be repeated twice, in sequence, to afford the appropriate phases, i.e., phase **1** was produced, then converted into phase **2**, then converted back into phase **1**, then converted into phase **2** a second time, then converted back into phase **1**.

Notably, heating phase **2** in either ambient or inert atmosphere degrades the product, rather than converting to phase **1**.

The role of stoichiometry and solvent was also elucidated to determine a mechanism of interconversion between phase **1** and phase **2**.

To determine if stoichiometry is the primary condition for conversion, 100 mg of phase **1** was placed in a milling jar, followed by addition of 58.4 mg 4AP. The components were then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes and analyzed via PXRD.

Similarly, 100 mg of phase **2** was placed in a milling jar, followed by addition of 89.4 mg RSV. The components were then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes and analyzed via PXRD.

To determine if solvent is the primary condition for conversion, 100 mg of phase **1** was placed in a milling jar, followed by 30  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O. The components were then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes and analyzed via PXRD.

Similarly, 100 mg of phase **2** was placed in a milling jar, followed by addition of 30  $\mu$ L EtOAc. The components were then milled at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes and analyzed via PXRD.

## **Crystallization**

When crystallizing either phase, methanol, ethanol, and water were not used, as deprotonated RSV reacts with these solvents, degrading in solution.

**Phase 1:** Crystals of phase 1 were grown by dissolving 60.5 mg RSV (0.27 mmol) and 25.0 mg 4AP (0.27 mmol) in 3 mL ethyl acetate. Slow evaporation of the solution yielded crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction.

Crystals of phase 1 were also grown by dissolving approximately 10 mg of interconversion products with a 1:1 mole ratio in 2 mL ethyl acetate in a small vial, then vapor diffusing against hexanes. After several days of vapor diffusion, crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction grew on the inside wall of the vial.

**Phase 2:** Crystals of phase 2 were grown by dissolving approximately 5 mg of the product from milling (1:3 ratio RSV:4AP) in 3 mL ethyl acetate in a small vial, then surrounding the vial with hexanes inside of a larger vial. After several days of allowing the vapors to diffuse, crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction grew on the inside wall of the small vial.

Crystals of phase 2 were also grown by dissolving 10.5 mg of the product from milling (1:2.5 ratio RSV:4AP) in 2 mL ethyl acetate in a small vial, then vapor diffusing against hexanes. After several days of vapor diffusion, crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction grew on the inside wall of the vial.

## 2. Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction (SCXRD) Data

Data were collected on a Rigaku XtaLAB Synergy-i Kappa diffractometer equipped with a PhotonJet-i X-ray source operated at 50 W (50kV, 1 mA) to generate Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$ ) and a HyPix-6000HE HPC detector. Crystals were transferred from the vial to a glass slide in type NVH immersion oil by Cargille. A Leica optical microscope was used to identify a suitable specimen for X-ray diffraction from a representative sample of the material. The crystal and a small amount of oil were collected on a MiTeGen cryoloop and transferred to the instrument where it was placed under a cold nitrogen stream (Oxford) at 100 K, where it was maintained at 100 K throughout the duration of the experiment. The sample was optically centered with the aid of a video camera to ensure that no translations were observed as the crystal was rotated through all positions. The crystal was measured for size, morphology, and color.

After data collection, the unit cell was re-determined using a subset of the full data collection. Intensity data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and background effects using CrysAlisPro.<sup>1</sup> A numerical absorption correction was applied based on a Gaussian integration over a multifaceted crystal and followed by a semi-empirical correction for absorption applied using the program SCALE3 ABSPACK.<sup>2</sup> The program SHELXT<sup>3</sup> was used for the initial structure solution and SHELXL<sup>4</sup> was used for the refinement of the structures. Both of these programs were utilized within the OLEX2<sup>5</sup> software. Hydrogen atoms bound to carbon, oxygen, and nitrogen atoms were located in the difference Fourier map and were geometrically constrained using the appropriate AFIX commands, except where otherwise noted.

### Refinement details:

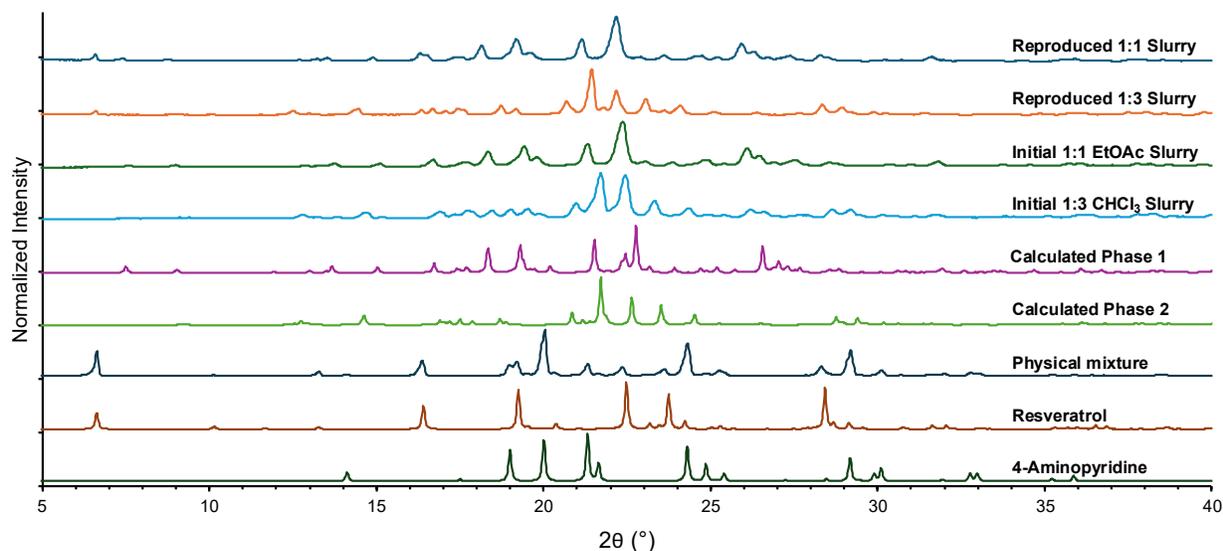
RSV-4AP phase 1: Proton transfer was observed between N1 and N3 of the 4-AP molecules. Both hydrogen atoms (H1A and H3B) could be located in the difference Fourier map and were split into parts A and B and allowed to freely refine to a stable occupancy. H1A refined to 0.720 and H3B refined to 0.280. A G-level alert is present in the checkCIF as a result of successfully modeling the non-integer atoms.

**Table S1.** X-ray data for phase 1 and phase 2.

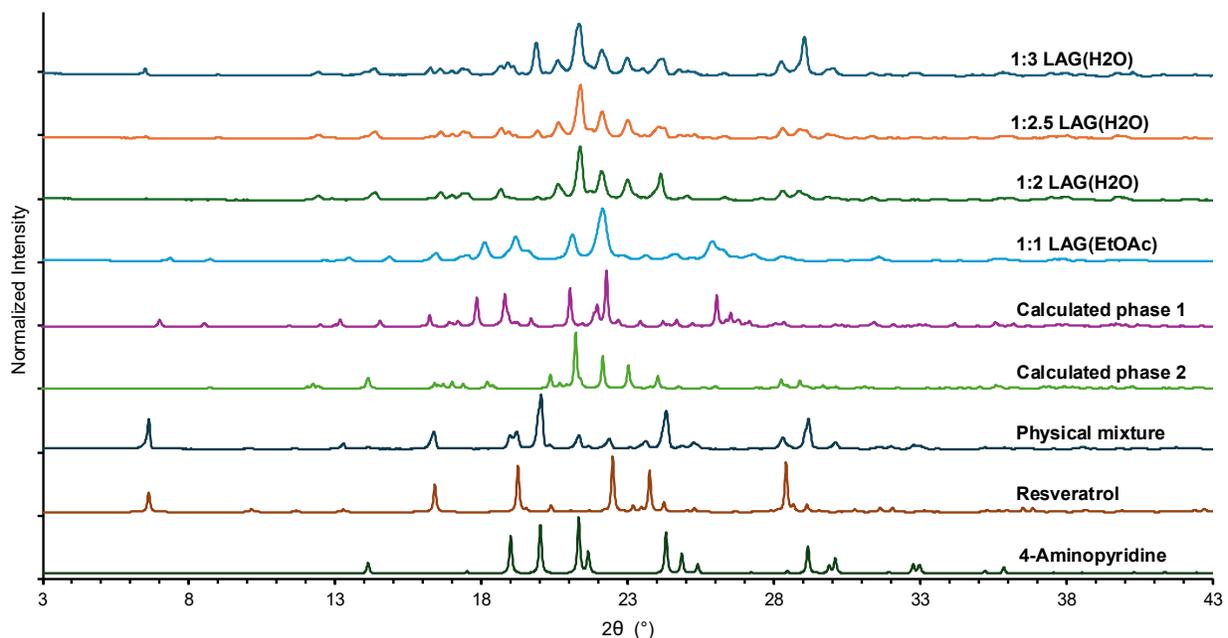
|  | <b>phase 1</b>   | <b>phase 2</b>  |
|--|--|---|
| Compound formula   | C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>36.12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> |
| Formula mass   | 644.71   | 434.49  |
| Crystal system   | triclinic  | monoclinic  |
| Space group  | <i>P</i> -1  | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>                                       |
| <i>a</i> /Å  | 10.2376(5)   | 10.1320(2)  |
| <i>b</i> /Å  | 12.0637(5)   | 7.84810(10)   |
| <i>c</i> /Å  | 14.1752(6)   | 14.9008(3)  |
| $\alpha$ /°  | 77.506(4)  | 90  |
| $\beta$ /°   | 70.733(4)  | 108.952(2)  |
| $\gamma$ /°  | 85.063(4)  | 90  |
| <i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>   | 1613.29(13)  | 1120.64(4)  |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>                                  | 1.327  | 1.288   |
| T/K  | 100.00(10)   | 100.01(10)  |
| <i>Z</i>   | 2  | 2   |
| Radiation Type   | Cu K $\alpha$  | Cu K $\alpha$   |
| Wavelength, Å  | 1.54184  | 1.54184   |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                            | 0.738  | 0.729   |
| <i>F</i> (000)   | 680.0  | 460.0   |
| Crystal Size (mm <sup>3</sup> )  | 0.1 × 0.08 × 0.05  | 0.09 × 0.07 × 0.04  |
| Reflections collected  | 40587  | 16782   |
| No. of independent reflections   | 6739   | 3946  |
| No. of reflection ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                    | 5581   | 3608  |
| Data/restraints/parameters   | 6739/0/451   | 3946/1/300  |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>  | 0.0484   | 0.0513  |
| <i>R</i> 1 ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))                           | 0.0406   | 0.0334  |
| w <i>R</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )) | 0.1008   | 0.0815  |
| <i>R</i> 1 (all data)  | 0.0506   | 0.0375  |
| w <i>R</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) (all data)                            | 0.1060   | 0.0836  |
| Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                   | 1.047  | 1.049   |
| CCDC deposition number   | 2473745  | 2473744   |

### 3. Powder X-ray Diffraction (PXRD) Patterns

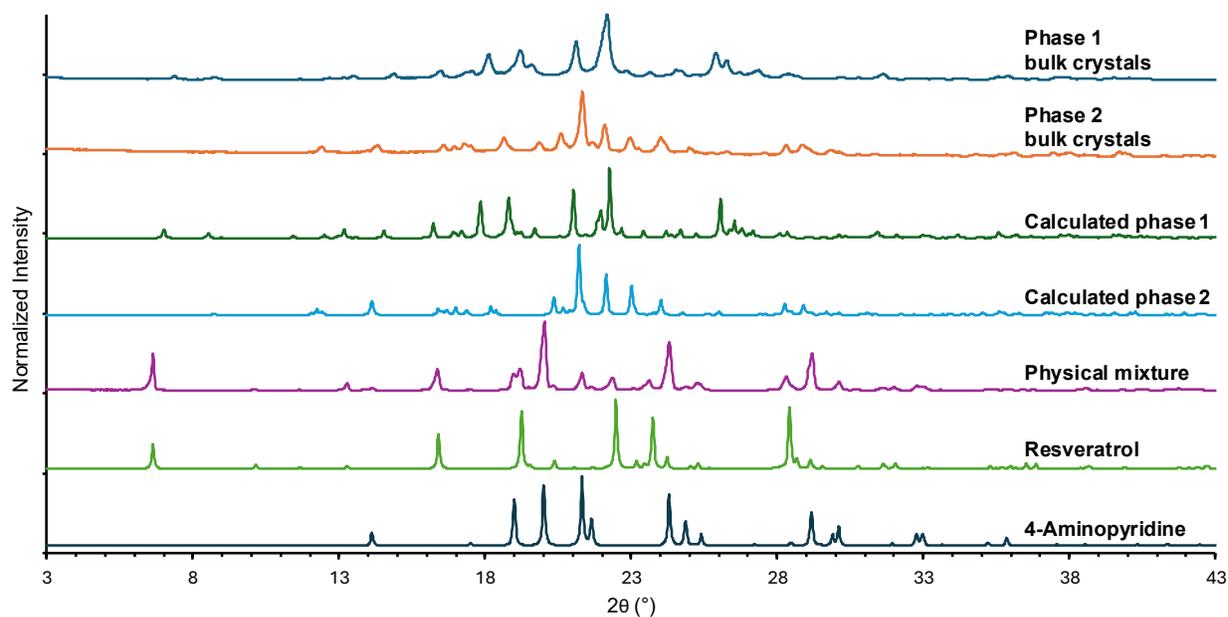
PXRD patterns were collected using a Rigaku Miniflex 6G benchtop powder diffractometer in Bragg-Brentano geometry. An X-ray diffraction pattern was obtained by scanning a  $2\theta$  range of  $3\text{--}60^\circ$ , step size =  $0.02^\circ$ , and scan time of  $5^\circ/\text{minute}$ . The X-ray source was Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ) with an anode voltage of 40 kV and a current of 15 mA. Diffraction intensities were recorded on a position sensitive detector (D/teX Ultra).



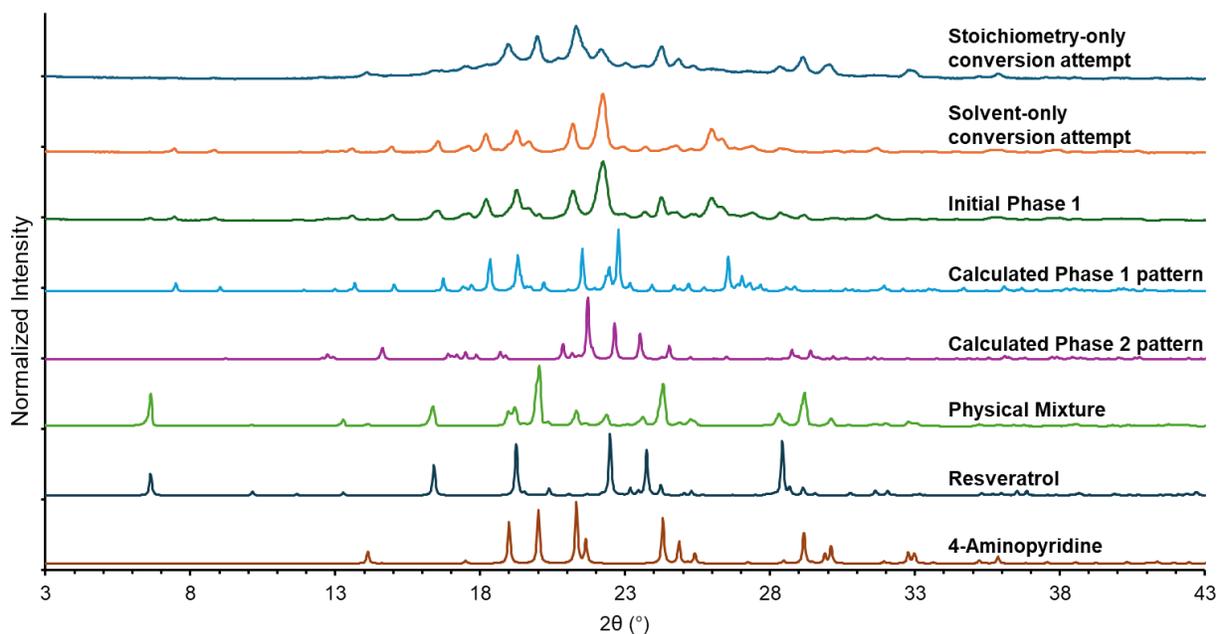
**Figure S1.** PXRD patterns of phase 1 and phase 2 obtained from initial slurry experiments. Individual components and a physical mixture are shown for comparison.



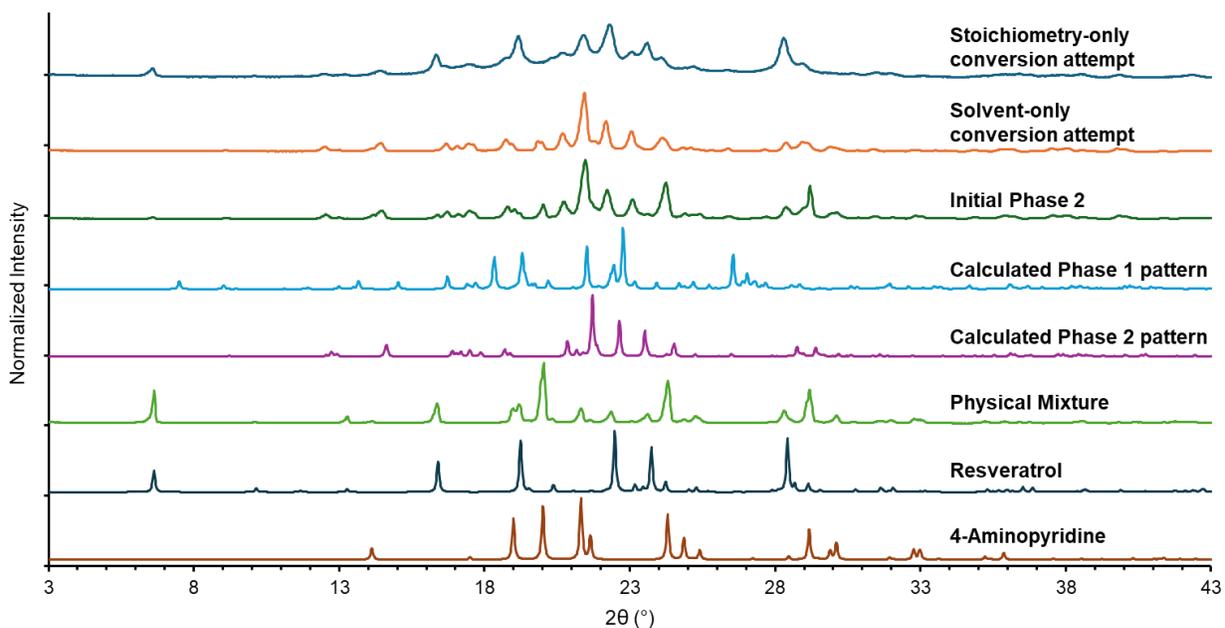
**Figure S2.** PXRD patterns of powders obtained from LAG experiments. Calculated patterns from SCXRD data are shown. The calculated phase 1 and phase 2 patterns were shifted by  $-0.5^\circ$   $2\theta$  to account for difference in collection temperature.



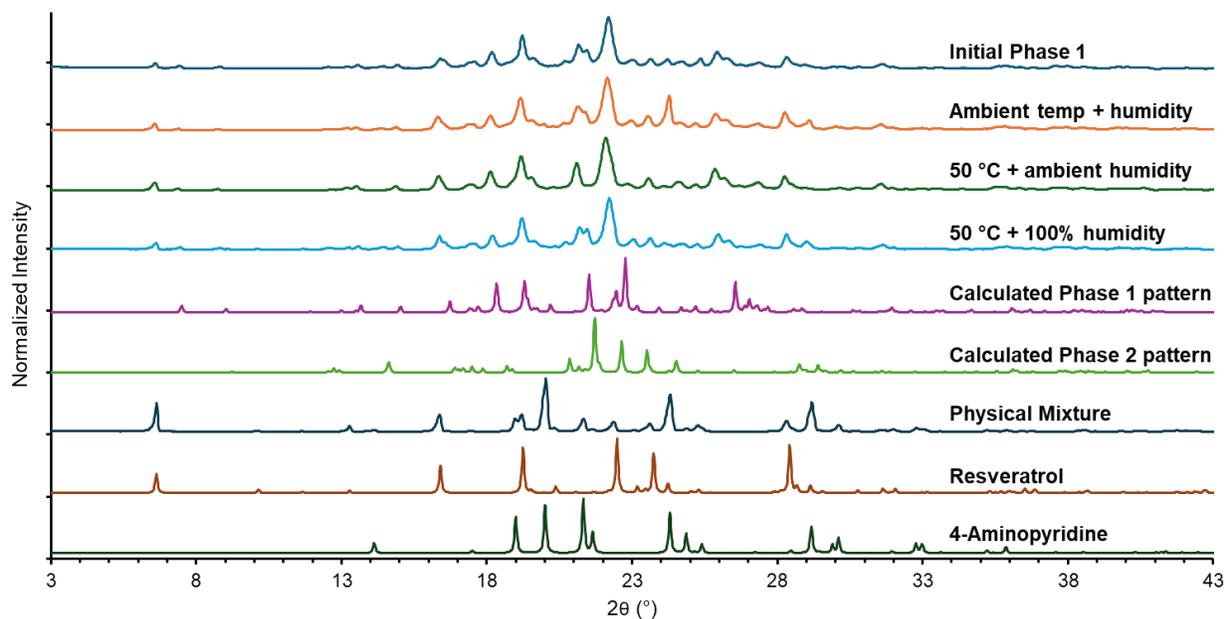
**Figure S3.** PXRD patterns of bulk crystals produced from solution crystallization. Calculated patterns from SCXRD data are shown. The calculated patterns for phase 1 and phase 2 were shifted by  $-0.5^\circ$   $2\theta$  to account for difference in data collection temperature.



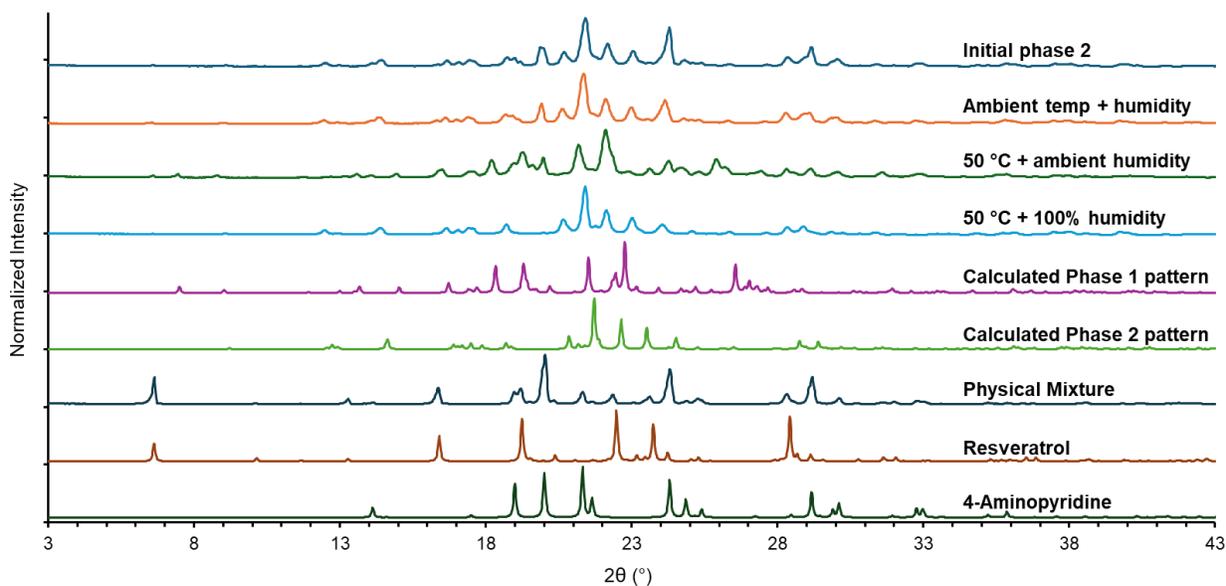
**Figure S4.** PXR D patterns of different conditions for attempted conversion (stoichiometry only, solvent only) of phase 1 into phase 2.



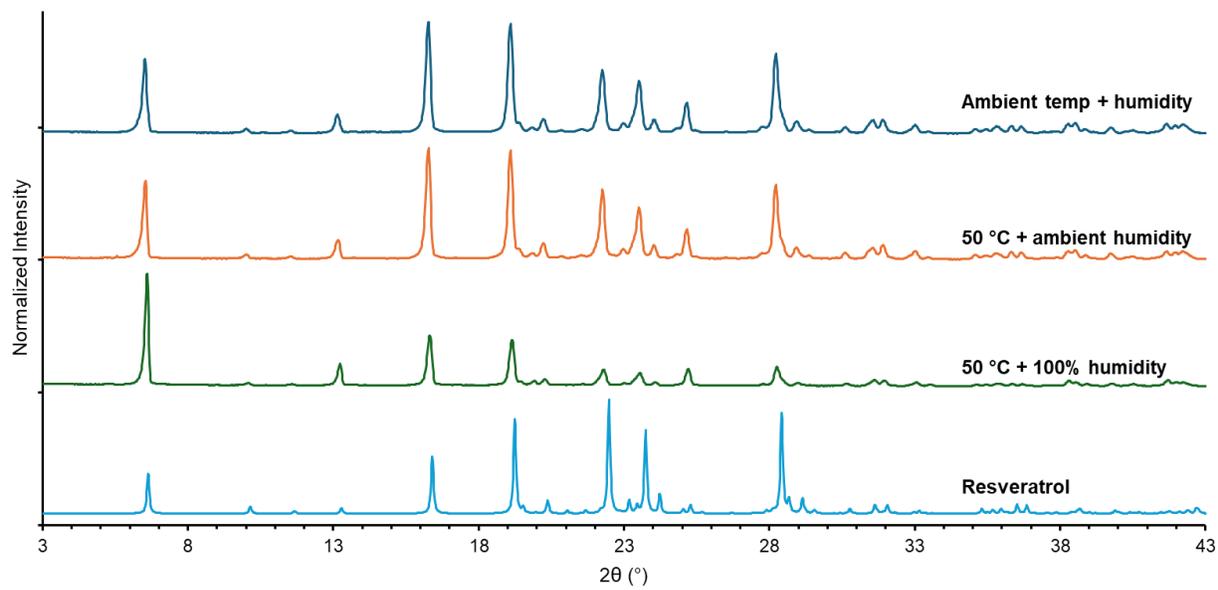
**Figure S5.** PXR D patterns of different conditions for attempted conversion (stoichiometry only, solvent only) of phase 2 into phase 1.



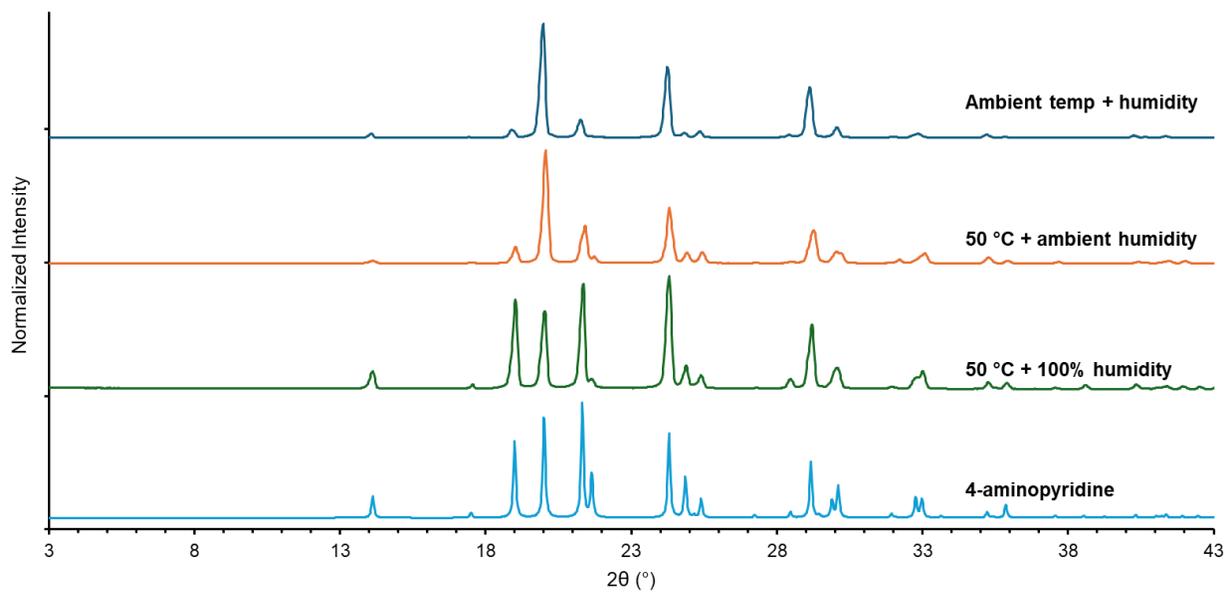
**Figure S6.** PXRD patterns for benchtop stability testing of phase 1 over a period of 1 week. Ambient temperature throughout testing duration was ca. 20 °C, and ambient humidity was ca. 30%.



**Figure S7.** PXRD patterns for benchtop stability testing of phase 2 over a period of 1 week. Ambient temperature throughout testing duration was ca. 20 °C, and ambient humidity was ca. 30%.



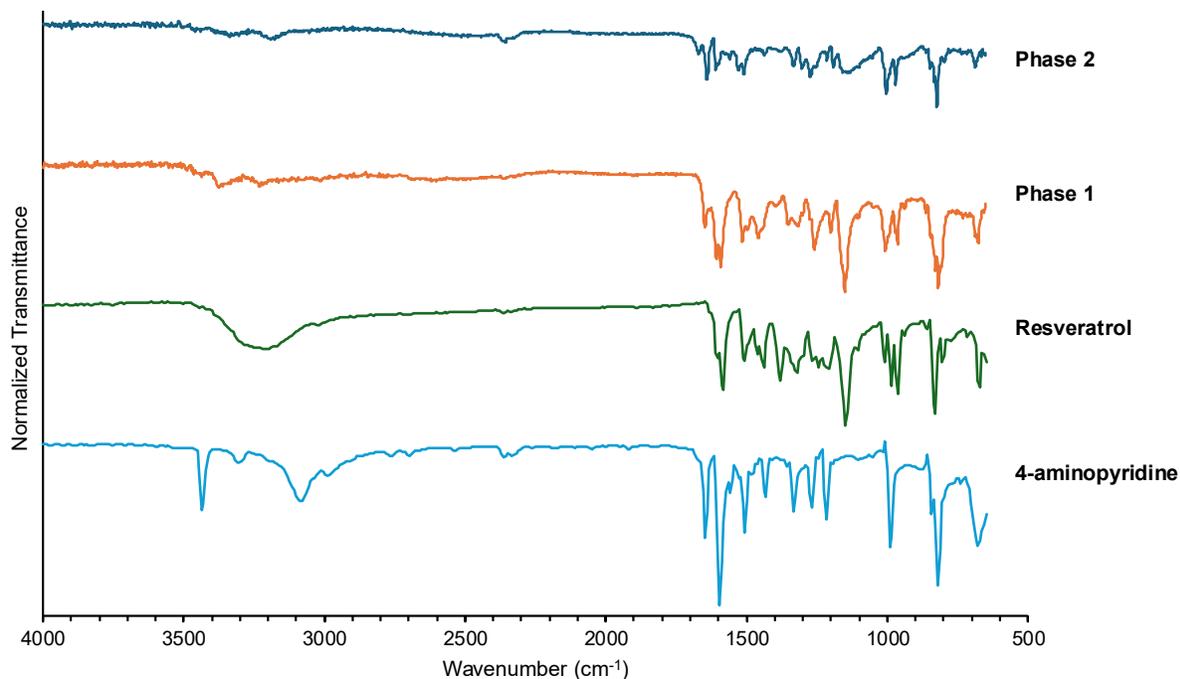
**Figure S8.** PXR D patterns for benchtop stability testing of RSV over a period of 1 week. Ambient temperature throughout testing duration was ca. 20 °C, and ambient humidity was ca. 30%.



**Figure S9.** PXR D patterns for benchtop stability testing of 4AP over a period of 1 week. Ambient temperature throughout testing duration was ca. 20 °C, and ambient humidity was ca. 30%.

#### 4. Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy Data

FTIR data were collected using an Agilent Carey 630 FTIR Spectrometer equipped with an ATR sampling module.



**Figure S10.** FTIR spectra of phase 1, phase 2, RSV, and 4AP.

**Table S2.** Notable signals from the FTIR spectra of the individual components and ionic cocrystals.

| Sample  | O-H stretch (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | N-H stretch (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | C=N stretch (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Aromatic stretch (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | C-O stretch (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4AP     | -                               | 3429<br>3302                    | 1647                            | 1595<br>1505                         | -                               |
| RSV     | 3205                            | -                               | -                               | 1610<br>1580<br>1505                 | 1148                            |
| Phase 1 | broad                           | 3382<br>3222                    | 1651                            | 1604<br>1593<br>1517<br>1489         | 1149                            |
| Phase 2 | broad                           | 3332<br>3199                    | 1638                            | 1606<br>1595<br>1524<br>1511         | 1187                            |

## 5. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy Data

$^1\text{H}$  NMR data were collected using a Bruker AVII+ 300 MHz spectrometer. Single crystals of either salt were dissolved in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  for data collection.

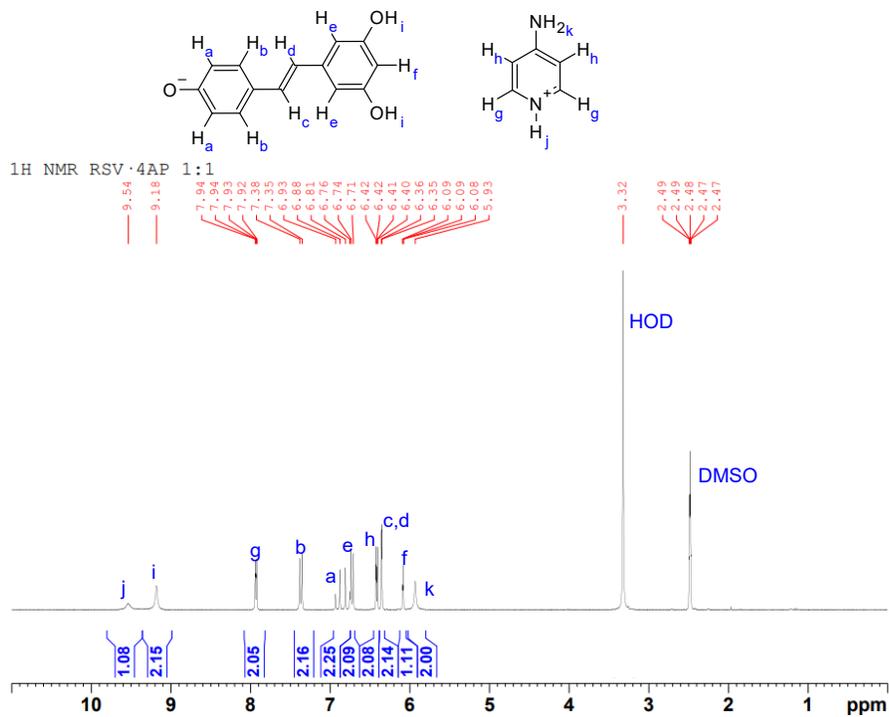


Figure S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of phase 1.

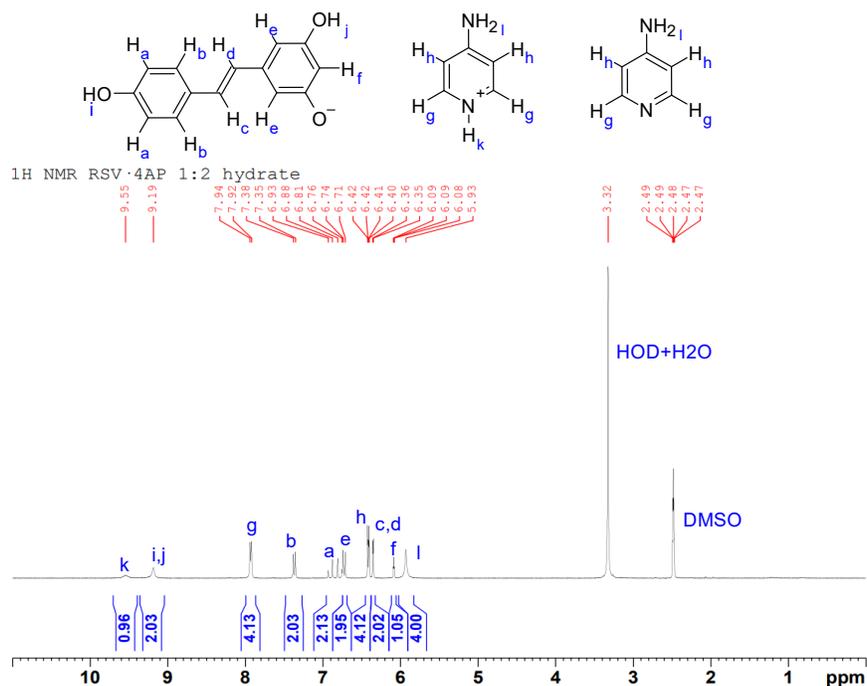
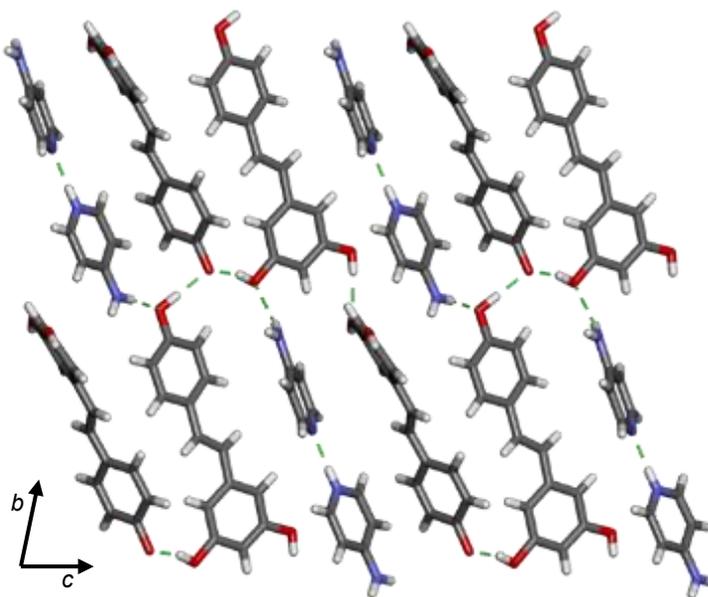
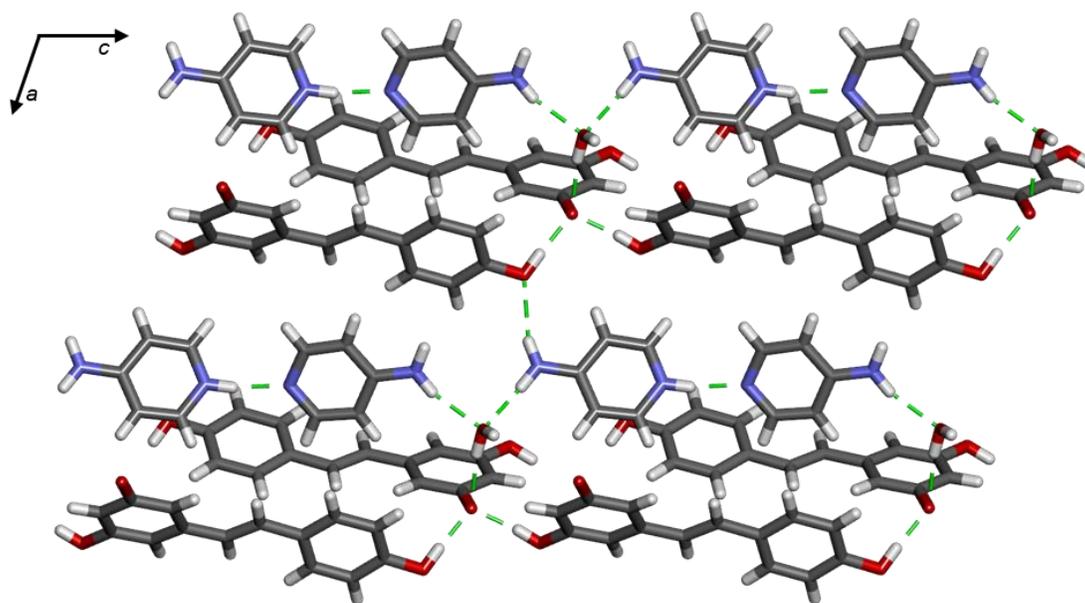


Figure S12.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of phase 2.

## 6. Additional Crystal Structure Images



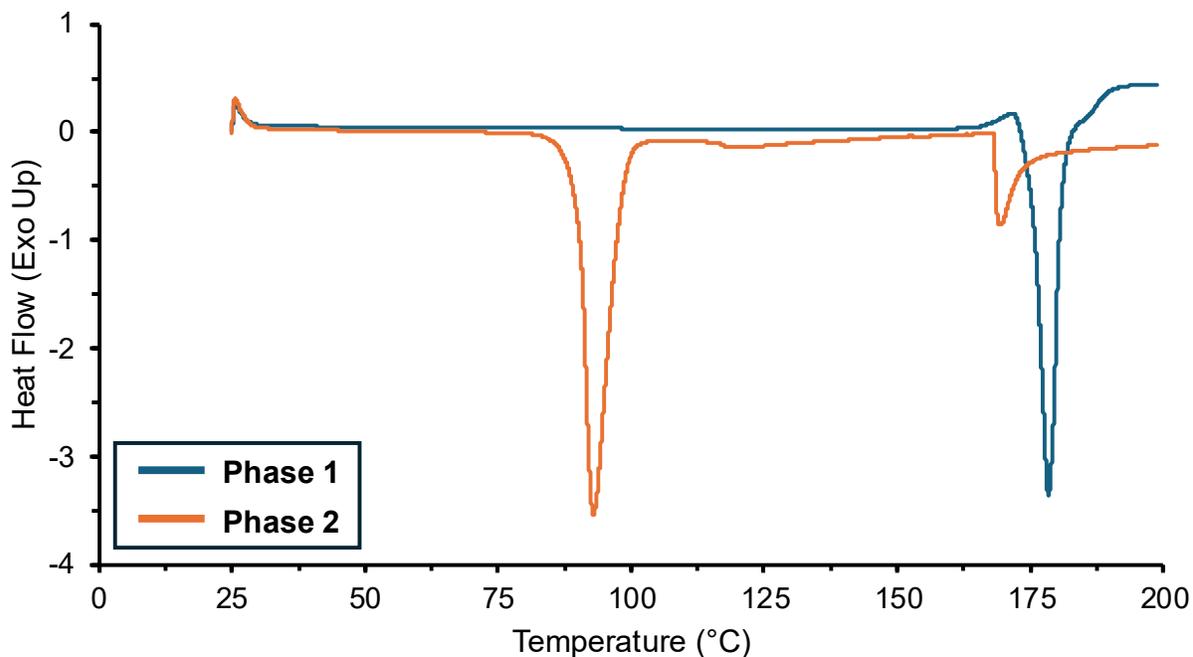
**Figure S13.** X-ray crystal structure of phase **1** depicting hydrogen bonding along the *bc* plane. The minor disordered site has been omitted for clarity.



**Figure S14.** X-ray crystal structure of phase **2** depicting hydrogen bonding along the *ac* plane.

## 7. Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) Data

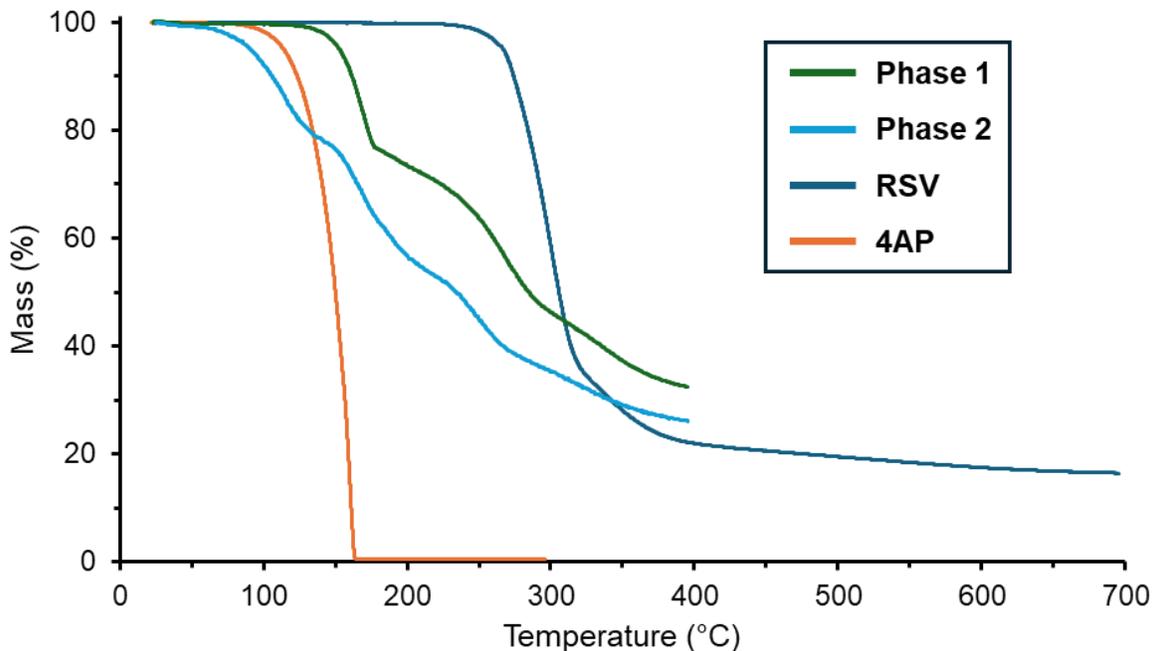
DSC data was collected using a TA Instruments DSC250. An RCS 90 refrigerated cooling system was equipped, using a nitrogen atmosphere (50 mL/min). Samples were run in aluminum pans with hermetic lids, at a heating rate of 10 °C/min.



**Figure S15.** DSC data for phase 1 and phase 2. Melting point of phase 1 is observed at ca. 178 °C. Loss of water from phase 2 is observed ca. 93 °C, and melting point ca. 169 °C.

## 8. Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA) Data

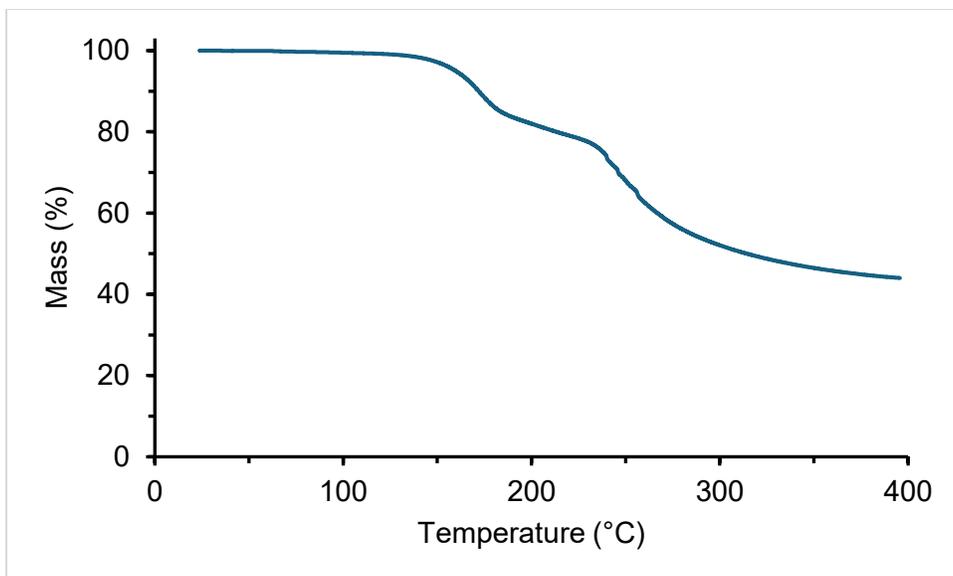
TGA data was collected using a TA Instruments TGA Q50. Samples were run in a platinum pan, with a heating rate of 10°C/min. A nitrogen atmosphere was used with gas flow set at 40 mL/min.



**Figure S16.** TGA thermograms of RSV, 4AP, phase 1, and phase 2. Onsets are noted in the table below.

**Table S3.** Onset temperatures for thermal events in the TGA thermograms.

| Sample  | Water loss (°C) | First onset (°C) | Second onset (°C) |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Phase 1 | -               | 153              | 245               |
| Phase 2 | 89              | 155              | 235               |
| RSV     | -               | 274              |                   |
| 4AP     | -               | 143              |                   |



**Figure S17.** TGA thermogram of product obtained from conversion of phase **2** to phase **1**. First onset at ca. 156 °C, and second onset observed at ca. 235 °C. No loss of water was observed.

## 9. Solubility Data

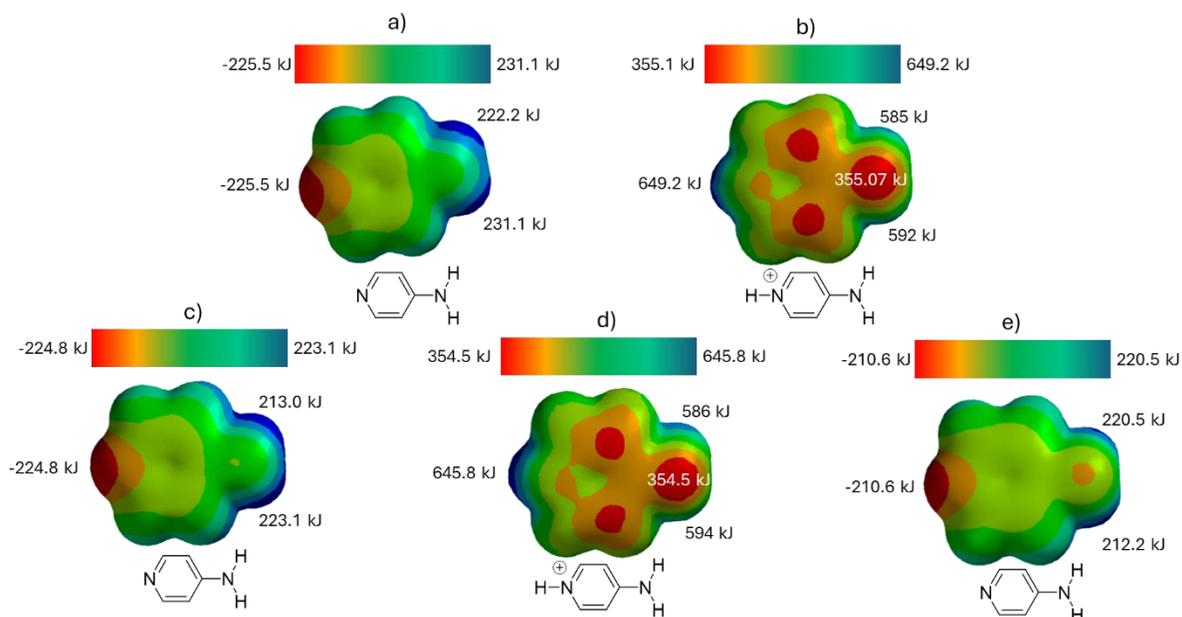
Solubility testing of both phases was performed in pH 1.2 buffer, in triplicate. Buffer was prepared by adding 1.00 g NaCl and 3.5 mL of 12.1 M HCl to a 500 mL volumetric flask, then diluting to the mark with distilled water. A stock solution was prepared by dissolving approximately 10 mg of either phase in 250 mL buffer, then let sit for one hour before preparing standard solutions. Standard solutions were prepared by diluting varying amounts of stock solution to 10 mL with buffer.

**Table S4.** Solubility of both phases in pH 1.2 buffer

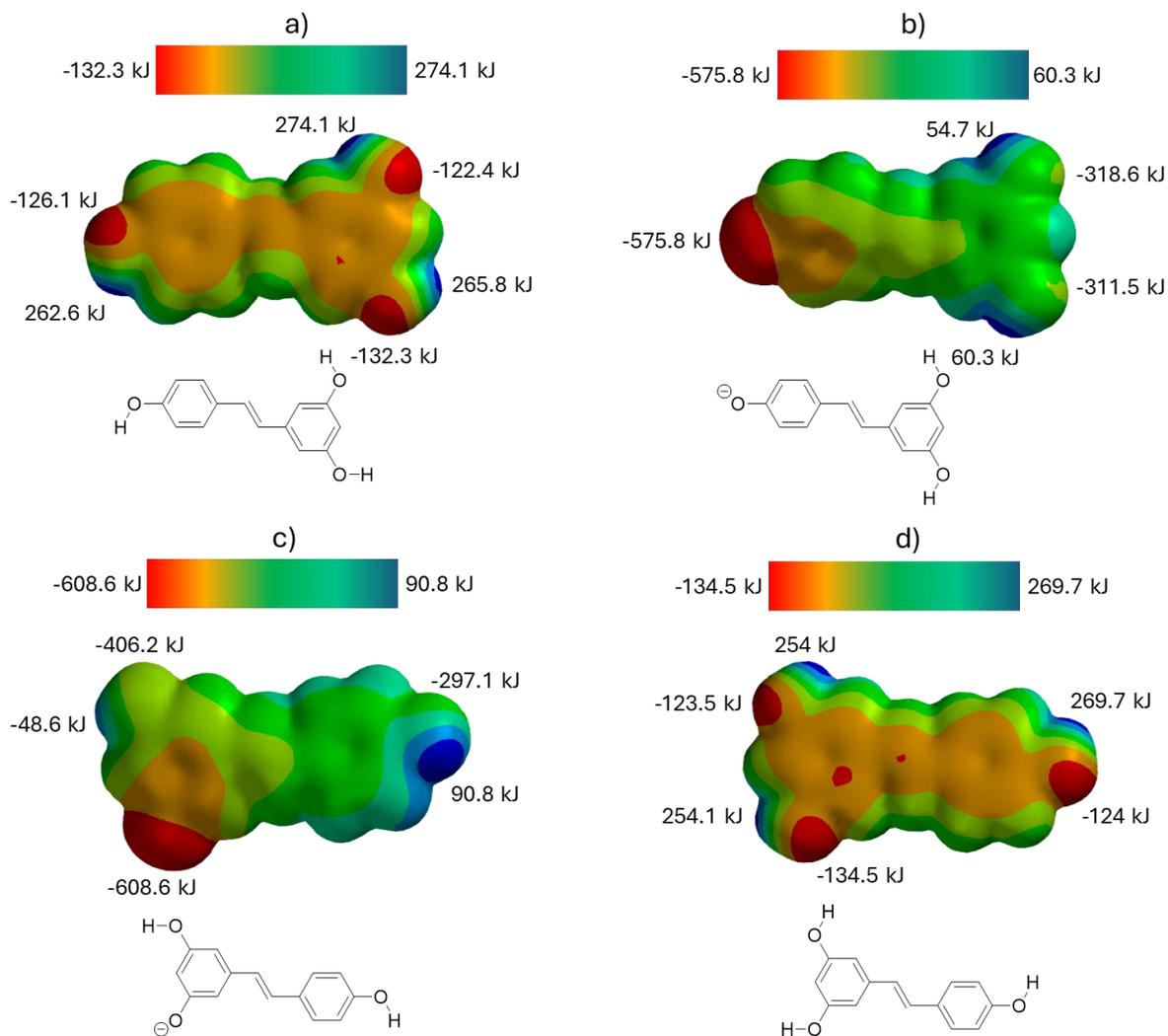
|         | Concentration<br>(mg/mL) | $\lambda_{\max}$ |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Phase 1 | 3.71 $\pm$ 0.05          | 209 nm           |
| Phase 2 | 6.70 $\pm$ 0.95          | 208 nm           |

## 10. Electrostatic Potential Maps

Electrostatic potential maps were generated in Spartan'24,<sup>6</sup> version 1.3.1. Calculations were performed using DFT method, using the B3LYP basis set and 6-311++G\*\* level of theory. Unless otherwise stated, all calculations used molecules modeled in their crystalline geometry without additional geometry optimization.



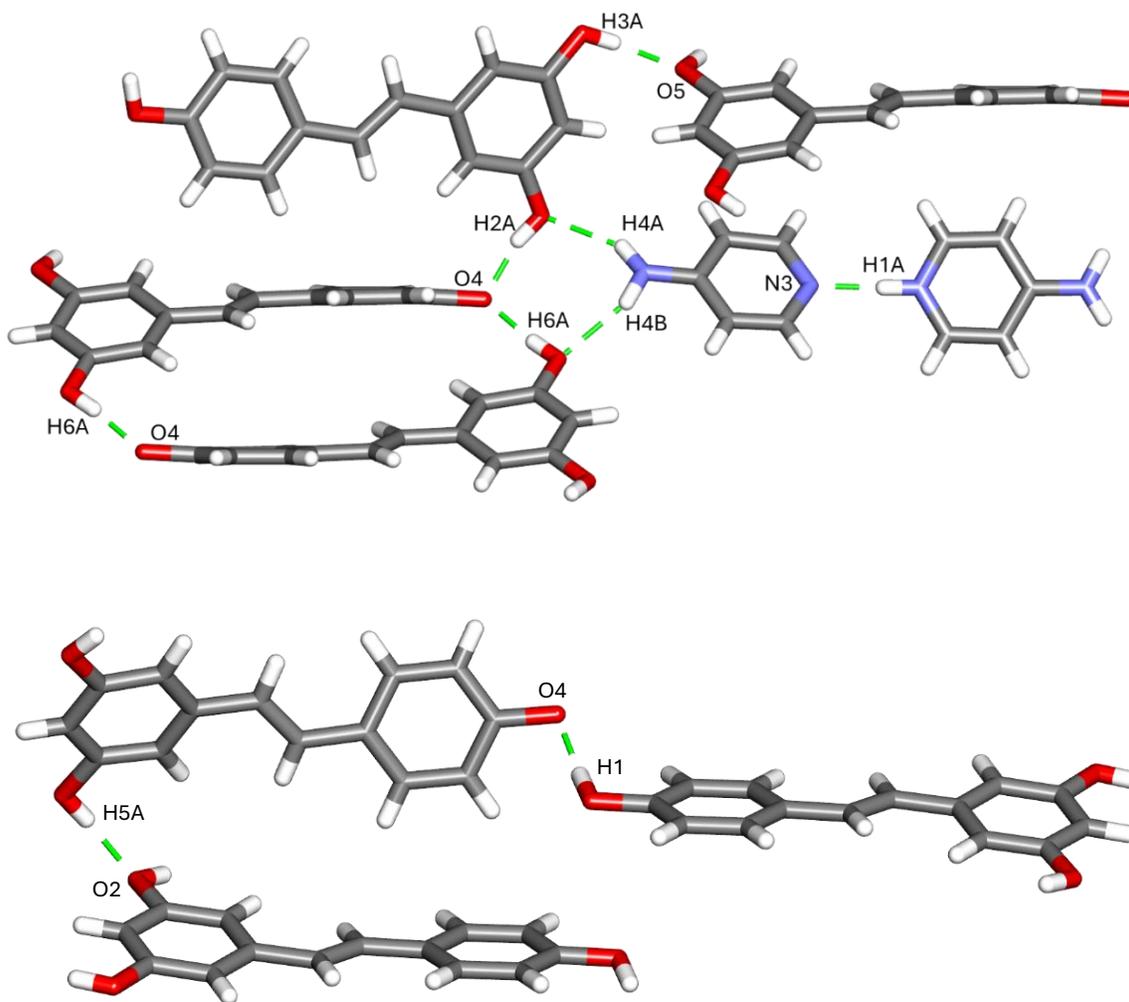
**Figure S18.** Electrostatic potential maps for a) the primary neutral 4AP molecule in phase 1, b) the primary cation 4AP<sup>+</sup> molecule in phase 1, c) the neutral 4AP molecule in phase 2, d) the 4AP<sup>+</sup> cation in phase 2, and e) a 4AP molecule that was subjected to geometry optimization for reference. The skeletal structure below each molecule is shown for clarity. Note the numerical scales on parts a, c, and e are different than parts b and d.



**Figure S19.** Electrostatic potential maps for a) neutral RSV in phase 1, b) the RSV<sup>-</sup> anion in phase 1, c) the RSV<sup>-</sup> in phase 2, and d) a RSV molecule that was subjected to geometry optimization for reference. The skeletal structure below each molecule shows the conformation of the hydroxy groups in the structure.

## 11. Energy Calculations

Lattice energies and interaction energies were calculated using the VisualHabit<sup>7</sup> implementation in Mercury v. 2025.3.3.<sup>8</sup> The DREIDING II forcefield<sup>9-11</sup> was used, with Evjen electrostatic correction<sup>12</sup> and a limiting radius of 30 Å.



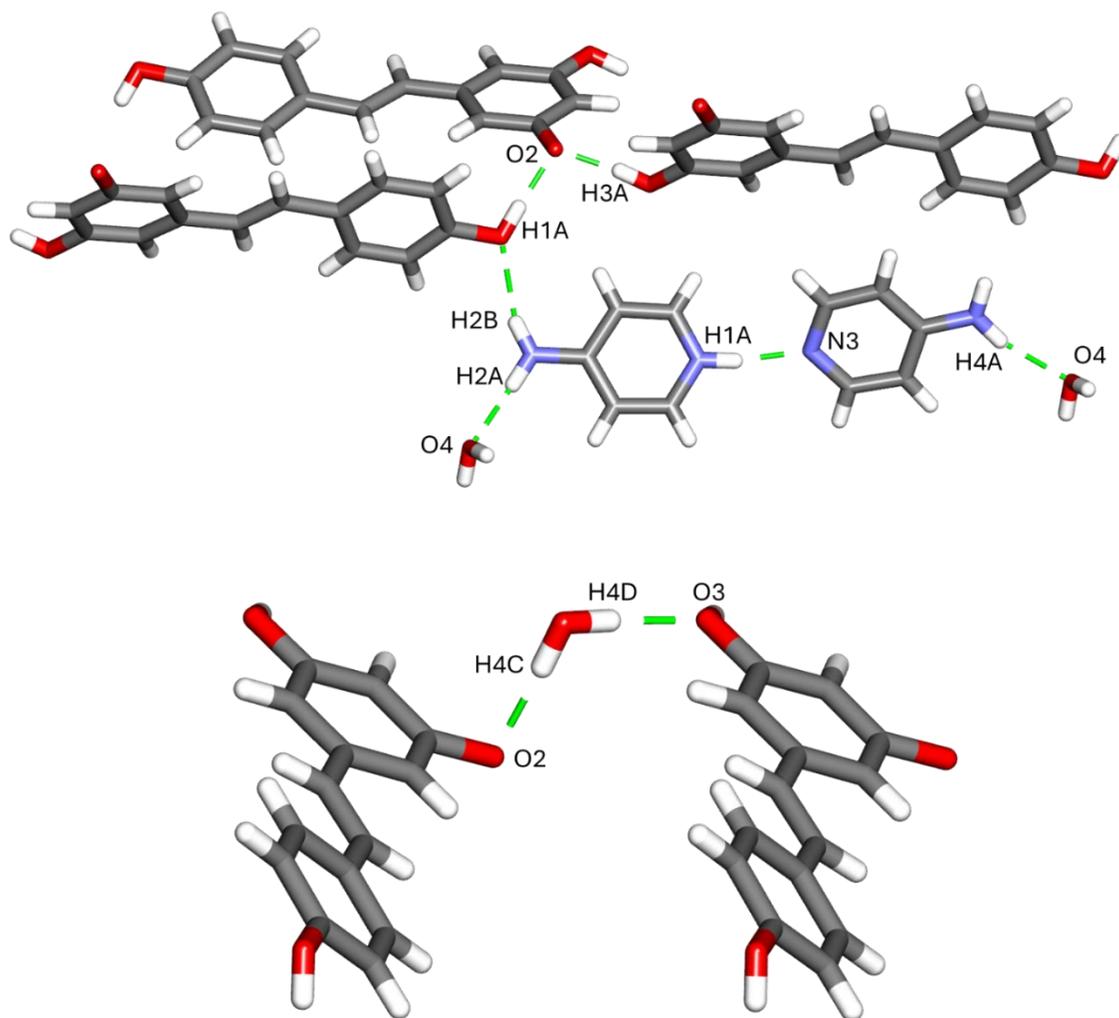
**Figure S20.** Crystal structure images of phase 1 highlighting relevant atoms for intermolecular interaction energy calculations.

**Table S5.** Interaction energies for intermolecular interactions in phase 1 (see figure above for numbering).

| H Bond Pair     | D(H) ... A (Å) | H ... A (Å) | Electrostatic Energy (kJ/mol) | van der Waals Energy (kJ/mol) | Hydrogen Bond Energy (kJ/mol) | Interaction Energy (kJ/mol) |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| O6, H6A ... O4  | 2.694          | 1.858       | 21.495                        | 11.764                        | -27.606                       | 5.653                       |
| N1, H1A ... N3* | 2.691          | 1.811       | -21.781                       | 13.304                        | -14.137                       | -22.613                     |

|                |       |       |         |        |         |         |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| O3, H3A ... O5 | 2.834 | 1.997 | -5.196  | 2.004  | -13.761 | -16.953 |
| O5, H5A ... O2 | 2.677 | 1.847 | -3.356  | -2.064 | -12.955 | -18.376 |
| O1, H1 ... O4  | 2.665 | 1.750 | -24.704 | 12.615 | -11.808 | -23.897 |
| N2, H2B ... O1 | 3.026 | 2.151 | -6.342  | -0.785 | -10.222 | -17.350 |
| N4, H4A ... O2 | 3.048 | 2.202 | -1.049  | -1.106 | -6.128  | -8.283  |
| N4, H4B ... O6 | 3.005 | 2.166 | -1.936  | -0.672 | -5.847  | -8.454  |
| O2, H2A ... O4 | 2.492 | 1.671 | -28.813 | 19.759 | 3.057   | -5.998  |

\* For disordered groups, only the major occupancy was used.



**Figure S21.** Crystal structure images of phase 2 highlighting relevant atoms for intermolecular interaction energy calculations.

**Table S6.** Interaction energies for intermolecular interactions in phase 2 (see figure above for numbering).

| H Bond Pair    | D(H) ... A (Å) | H ... A (Å) | Electrostatic Energy (kJ/mol) | van der Waals Energy (kJ/mol) | Hydrogen Bond Energy (kJ/mol) | Interaction Energy (kJ/mol) |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| O4, H4D ... O3 | 2.732          | 1.834       | -9.640                        | 7.842                         | -14.399                       | -16.197                     |
| N1, H1A ... N3 | 2.766          | 1.896       | -20.356                       | 6.791                         | -13.606                       | -27.171                     |
| O4, H4C ... O2 | 2.850          | 1.974       | -20.715                       | 3.336                         | -13.165                       | -30.544                     |
| N4, H4A ... O4 | 2.960          | 2.098       | -0.958                        | 1.218                         | -10.508                       | -10.248                     |
| N2, H2A ... O4 | 2.919          | 2.070       | -2.565                        | 1.527                         | -10.329                       | -11.367                     |
| O1, H1 ... O2  | 2.563          | 1.731       | 36.911                        | 8.092                         | -6.796                        | 38.206                      |
| N2, H2B ... O1 | 3.007          | 2.198       | -52.034                       | -0.855                        | -6.751                        | -59.640                     |
| O3, H3A ... O2 | 2.516          | 1.682       | 103.892                       | 23.742                        | -0.889                        | 126.745                     |

**Table S7.** Lattice energies for phase 1 and phase 2.

| Ionic cocrystal | Total Electrostatic Energy (kJ/mol) | Total van der Waals Energy (kJ/mol) | Total Hydrogen Bond Energy (kJ/mol) | Total Lattice Energy (kJ/mol) |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Phase 1         | -132.330                            | -30.438                             | -44.193                             | -206.961                      |
| Phase 2         | -118.173                            | -10.648                             | -39.265                             | -168.085                      |

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