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## Crystallography

All presented apremilast multicomponent forms crystallized in tetragonal system with $P 4_{1} 2_{1} 2$ space group. This system is unique due to all prepared forms being isostructural. More crystallography details and details from structure solution is in Tab. S1.

Tab. S1: Crystallography details and structure solution details.
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\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { Number } & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
\hline \text { Guest molecule } & \begin{array}{l}2,4- \\
\text { Dihydroxybenzoic } \\
\text { acid }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}2,5- \\
\text { Dihydroxybenzoic } \\
\text { acid }\end{array}
$$ \& \begin{array}{l}4-Hydroxybenzoic <br>

acid\end{array} \& Nicotinamide\end{array}\right]\)| CCDC deposit number |
| :--- |
| 2049271 |


| R indices (all data) | $R 1=0.0482$, <br> $w R 2=0.1358$ | $R 1=0.0401$, <br> $w R 2=0.1022$ | $R 1=0.0513$, <br> $w R 2=0.1456$ | $R 1=0.0393$, <br> $w R 2=0.1060$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fin. diff. $\rho m a x\left(e^{-} / \AA^{-3}\right)$ | 0.64 and -0.61 | 0.62 and -0.35 | 0.70 and -0.86 | 0.54 and -0.47 |
| Flack parameter | $0.02(3)$ | $0.01(2)$ | $-0.000(2)$ | $0.01(2)$ |
| Temperature of <br> measurement $(K)$ | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |


| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nicotinic Acid | Salicylic acid | Anisole | Chlorobenzene | Bromobenzene |
| 2049274 | 2049282 | 2049270 | 2049269 | 2049275 |
| 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 S), <br> C6 H5 N O2 | 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 <br> S), C7 H5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 } \\ & \text { S), C7 H8 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 4(\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{H} 24 \mathrm{~N} 2 \mathrm{O} 7 \mathrm{~S}), \\ \mathrm{C} 12 \mathrm{H} 9 \mathrm{Cl} 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 <br> S), C6 H5 Br |
| SuperNova | SuperNova | SuperNova | SuperNova | SuperNova |
| 1.54184 | 1.54180 | 1.54180 | 1.54180 | 1.54180 |
| 1044.09 | 1058.09 | 1029.12 | 2066.06 | 1077.98 |
| Tetragonal | Tetragonal | Tetragonal | Tetragonal | Tetragonal |
| P 41212 | P 41212 | P 41212 | P 41212 | P 41212 |
| 12.9268(1) | 12.9133(1) | 12.8885(1) | 12.8788(1) | 12.8625(1) |
| 12.9268(1) | 12.9133(1) | 12.8885(1) | 12.8788(1) | 12.8625(1) |
| 29.3204(2) | 29.3418(1) | 29.5227(1) | 29.3261(1) | 29.5499(1) |
| 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 4899.50(8) | 4892.84(8) | 4904.12(8) | 4864.13(8) | 4888.85(8) |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| 1.416 | 1.436 | 1.394 | 1.411 | 1.465 |
| 1.649 | 1.669 | 1.616 | 2.110 | 2.554 |
| 2192.0 | 2220.0 | 2168.0 | 2166.0 | 2240.0 |
| 0.210x0.284×0.294 | $0.363 \times 0.387 \times 0.676$ | $0.138 \times 0.211 \times 0.221$ | $0.170 \times 0.224 \times 0.360$ | 0.090x0.167x0.218 |
| block | block | block | block | block |
| 3.737;67.452 | 3.740;67.621 | 3.742;67.603 | 4.570;67.616 | 3.748;67.548 |
| 83935 | 93647 | 61003 | 45672 | 92129 |
| 4406 [Rint=0.060] | 4419 [Rint=0.027] | 4440 [Rint=0.031] | 4375 [Rint=0.035] | 4425 [Rint=0.033] |
| 4270 | 4398 | 4342 | 4293 | 4321 |
| [ 1 > 2.0б(I)] | [ 1 > 2.0б(I)] | [ $1>2.0 \sigma(1)]$ | [ 1 > 2.0б(I)] | [ 1 > 2.0б(I)] |
| 0.999 to 67.452 | 0.998 to 67.621 | 1.000 to 67.603 | 0.996 to 66.264 | 1.000 to 67.548 |
| multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan |
| 0.647 and 0.707 | 0.484 and 0.546 | 0.735 and 0.800 | 0.595 and 0.699 | 0.629 and 0.795 |
| 4406/20/353 | 4419/1/354 | 4440/8/333 | 4375/120/353 | 4425/61/325 |
| 0.9999 | 1.0911 | 1.1032 | 0.9885 | 0.9938 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { R1=0.0362, } \\ & w R 2=0.0922 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { R1=0.0301, } \\ & w R 2=0.0754 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0323, \\ & w R 2=0.0453 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline R 1=0.0324, \\ & w R 2=0.0889 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0735, } \\ & \text { wR2 }=0.2128 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0374, } \\ & \text { wR2=0.0932 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0302, } \\ & w R 2=0.0755 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0332, } \\ & w R 2=0.0459 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0330, } \\ & w R 2=0.0895 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0747, } \\ & w R 2=0.2147 \end{aligned}$ |
| 0.29 and -0.31 | 0.44 and -0.40 | 0.76 and -0.35 | 0.74 and -0.48 | 2.25 and -2.35 |


| $-0.003(19)$ | $0.028(15)$ | $0.010(16)$ | $-0.002(15)$ | $0.012(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |


| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iodobenzene | m-Xylene | p-Xylene | Mesitylene | Trifluorotoluene |
| 2049276 | 2049277 | 2049280 | 2049279 | 2049281 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 } \\ & \text { S), C6 H5 I } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{H} 24 \mathrm{~N} 2 \mathrm{O} 7 \mathrm{~S}, \\ 0.5(\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{H} 10) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 } \\ & \text { S), C8 H13 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 } \\ & \text { S), C9 H12 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 2(C22 H24 N2 O7 <br> S), C7 H6 F3 |
| Gemini | SuperNova | SuperNova | SuperNova | SuperNova |
| 1.54180 | 1.54180 | 1.54180 | 1.54180 | 1.54180 |
| 1124.98 | 513.57 | 1030.17 | 1041.17 | 1068.10 |
| Tetragonal | Tetragonal | Tetragonal | Tetragonal | Tetragonal |
| P 41212 | P 41212 | P 41212 | P 41212 | P 41212 |
| 12.9104(1) | 12.9696(1) | 13.1850(1) | 13.2792(1) | 12.9492(1) |
| 12.9104(1) | 12.9696(1) | 13.1850(1) | 13.2792(1) | 12.9492(1) |
| 29.4495(1) | 29.2499(1) | 28.5930(1) | 28.2737(1) | 29.6806(3) |
| 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 4908.60(8) | 4920.14(8) | 4970.73(8) | 4985.70(8) | 4976.90(9) |
| 4 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 1.522 | 1.387 | 1.377 | 1.387 | 1.426 |
| 6.529 | 1.594 | 1.577 | 1.580 | 1.688 |
| 2312.0 | 2168.0 | 2180.0 | 2200.0 | 2236.0 |
| $0.121 \times 0.136 \times 0.190$ | $0.245 \times 0.276 \times 0.330$ | 0.110x0.229x0.279 | 0.309x0.348x0.487 | 0.178×0.189x0.324 |
| block | block | plate | block | block |
| 3.738;76.331 | 3.728;67.595 | 3.692;67.660 | 3.677;67.664 | 3.724;67.641 |
| 86093 | 100964 | 97817 | 90441 | 119531 |
| 5141 [Rint=0.030] | 4454 [Rint=0.037] | 4498 [Rint=0.031] | 4516 [Rint=0.035] | 4502 [Rint=0.047] |
| 5108 | 4439 | 4440 | 4479 | 4478 |
| [ 1 > 2.0б(I)] | [ 1 > 2.0б( I ] | [ $1>2.0 \sigma(1)]$ | [ $1>2.0 \sigma(1)]$ | [ $1>2.0 \sigma(1)]$ |
| 0.999 to 76.331 | 0.999 to 67.595 | 0.999 to 67.660 | 1.000 to 67.664 | 0.999 to 67.641 |
| multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan |
| 0.396 and 0.454 | 0.620 and 0.677 | 0.681 and 0.841 | 0.543 and 0.614 | 0.716 and 0.740 |
| 5141/16/329 | 4453/125/362 | 4498/46/333 | 4516/6/337 | 4502/185/381 |
| 0.9968 | 1.1151 | 0.9300 | 0.8635 | 0.9740 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline R 1=0.0356, \\ & w R 2=0.0792 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0356, \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0792 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0274, \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0595 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0223, \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0601 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0670, \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1605 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline R 1=0.0358, \\ w R 2=0.0794 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0358, } \\ & \text { wR2=0.0794 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1=0.0277, } \\ & \text { wR2=0.0598 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0224, \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0603 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0672, \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1606 \end{aligned}$ |
| 0.99 and -1.74 | 0.20 and -0.23 | 0.32 and -0.78 | 0.21 and -0.26 | 0.38 and -0.57 |
| -0.004(4) | 0.03(2) | -0.0000(7) | -0.003(11) | 0.06(4) |
| 95 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |


| 15 |
| :--- |
| Hexafluorobenzene |
| 2071132 |
| $2(\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{H} 24 \mathrm{~N} 2 \mathrm{O} 7 \mathrm{~S})$, <br> (C6 <br> F6) |
| SuperNova |
| 1.54184 |
| 1107.10 |
| tetragonal |
| P 41212 |
| $12.84250(10)$ |
| $12.84250(10)$ |
| $29.4534(2)$ |
| 90 |
| 90 |
| 90 |
| $4857.74(6)$ |
| 4 |
| 1.514 |
| 1.844 |
| 2296.0 |
| $0.17 \times 0.252 \mathrm{x} 0.34$ |
| block |
| $3.75 ; 74.27$ |
| 41296 |
| 4928 Rint $=0.0182]$ |
| 4897 |
| $[\mathrm{I}>2.0 \sigma(\mathrm{I})]$ |
| 1.000 to 74.27 |
| analytical |
| 0.601 and 0.731 |
| $4928 / 93 / 349$ |
| 1.66 |
| R1 $=0.0226$, |
| wR2 $=0.0716$ |
| R1 $=0.0228$, |
| wR2=0.1358 |
| 0.16 and -0.21 |
| $0.004(9)$ |
| 120 |
|  |

Forms in Tab. S1 are new and published for the first time in this journal. However, to enlarge dataset for correlations, five similar forms of apremilast were added to the dataset. In particular, toluene
solvate (CCDC: 1546012), o-xylene solvate (CCDC: 1985110) and fluorobenzene (CCDC: 1985111) solvate and phthalic acid cocrystal (CCDC: 1991669) and benzoic acid cocrystal (CCDC: 1911987). More information about their crystal structures can be found in Cambridge Structural Database under the mentioned CCDC numbers. Note that answers to B level alerts in checkcif are included in cif files.

## Materials and Methods

Apremilast was kindly provided by Zentiva, k.s., as form B (which is used in the original drug product ${ }^{1}$ ). The solvents and crystallization partners were obtained from various commercial suppliers and were used as received, without any further purification.

## Screening of multicomponent forms of apremilast (single crystal preparation)

Screening was based on available data in scientific literature ${ }^{5-7}$. It becomes immediately obvious that the rational way of screening is searching for small aromatic molecules (substituted benzene rings) in 2:1 molar ratio (apremilast:guest molecule). 21 molecules were chosen for the screening (Tab. S2).

Different approaches were used for screening of cocrystals and screening of solvates. While screening for cocrystals, 50 mg of apremilast was mixed with an appropriate amount of the coformer (2:1 molar ratio), dissolved in acetone or methanol and let to freely evaporate. Sufficient single crystals were collected and measured. While screening for solvates, 50 mg of apremilast was dissolved in $200 \mu$ of tetrahydrofuran (THF). After complete dissolution, $20 \mu 1$ of chosen solvent was added into the solution. Since the boiling point of THF is lower compared to chosen solvents, THF evaporated first and apremilast crystallized into the chosen solvent. The rest of the solvent was let to freely evaporate, and sufficient amount of crystals was collected and measured.

Tab. S2: Molecules chosen for the multicomponent form screening. Molecules marked red resulted in physical mixture of both compounds, green resulted in cocrystal/solvate. Number in the bracket refers to a preparation method of scaled up samples (methods are described further in the text).

| Chemical compound |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid (1) | Chlorobenzene (2) | Nicotinamide (3) |
| 2,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (1) | Fluorobenzene (2) | o-Xylene (2) |
| 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (1) | Gallic acid (-) | Paracetamol (-) |
| Acetylsalicylic acid (-) | Iodobenzene (2) | p-Xylene (2) |
| Anisole (2) | Isonicotinamide (-) | Salicylic acid (1) |
| Benzoic acid (1) | Mesitylene (2) | Trifluorotoluene (2) |
| Bromobenzene (2) | m-Xylene (2) | Nicotinic acid (-) |
| Hexafluorobenzene (2) |  |  |

18 out of the 22 tested molecules resulted in the formation of multicomponent form. Size of the guest molecule appears to be crucial parameter ${ }^{8}$.

## Scale up of apremilast multicomponent forms

Scale up to several grams of the new forms was necessary for the measurement and evaluation of properties. Three different approaches were applied during the scale up.

1) 8 ml of methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) was saturated with chosen coformer at room temperature. The solution was filtered and then heated to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .1 .2 \mathrm{mg}$ of apremilast was added at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and let to cool down. Crystallization occurred and the samples were mixed for 24 hours, filtered, and washed with methanol followed by drying ( $12 \mathrm{~h}, 40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 100$ mbar).
2) 1.2 mg of apremilast was dissolved in approx. 10 ml of THF. 2 ml of chosen solvent was added to the solution and resulting mixture was let to freely evaporate. The product was dried ( $2 \mathrm{~h}, 30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 100 \mathrm{mbar}$ ) after the evaporation.
3) 2 ml of water was saturated with nicotinamide at room temperature. The solution was filtered and then heated to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .1 .2 \mathrm{mg}$ of apremilast was added at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and let to cool down. Crystallization occurred and the samples was mixed for 24 hours, filtered, and washed with methanol, dried ( $12 \mathrm{~h}, 40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 100 \mathrm{mbar}$ ).

All prepared samples were checked by standard solid-state analysis (XRPD, Raman, DSC, NMR) and their powder diffraction pattern was compared to pattern generated from corresponding crystal structures. The solid phase purity was confirmed for all samples.
Which method was used for preparation of each sample is stated in Tab. S2.
Note that for nicotinic acid the preparation of higher amount of the cocrystal was unsuccessful. Therefore, it was excluded from the correlations.

## Results

Additional supporting data that was not shown in the manuscript is presented in this section in a form of figures and tables.

## XRPD

XRPD patterns were measured and evaluated to determine formation of a new multicomponent form. Further, the XRPD patterns of the material used for the measurement and evaluation of properties was compared with patterns calculated from solved crystal structures. This ensures that structure could be properly linked with its properties (Fig. S1).



Fig. S1: Comparison of measured XRPD patterns (red line) and calculated XRPD patterns (black line) from crystal structure.

Note that SCXRD measurement was performed at either $120 \mathrm{~K} / 95 \mathrm{~K}$ and the XRPD measurement of the prepared multicomponent forms was performed at room temperature. The patterns shown in Fig. S1 were corrected for equal temperature to simplify the comparison. Differences in peak intensity might be caused by preferential orientation of the crystals during XRPD measurements. Isostructurality of prepared samples is clearly visible from the XRPD patterns which are very similar.

## DSC

DSC was measured to ensure solid phase purity of the prepared samples. Furthermore, melting temperatures of the multicomponent forms were used to correlate with other evaluated properties. Melting temperature of apremilast used in the original drug product is included as well. Evaluated melting temperatures are summarized in Fig. S2 and Tab. S2. The DSC diagrams used for the evaluation are shown in Fig. S3.


Fig. S2: Melting temperatures of all compared multicomponent forms and apremilast.
Tab. S3: Values of melting temperatures of all compared multicomponent forms and apremilast.

| Multicomponent form | Melting temperature $\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Trifluorotoluene | 138 |
| Nicotinamide | 151 |
| p-Xylene | 151 |
| 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid | 154 |
| Fluorobenzene | 155 |


| Apremilast | 155 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mesitylene | 156 |
| Chlorobenzene | 161 |
| Iodobenzene | 162 |
| Bromobenzene | 163 |
| Hexafluorobenzene | 166 |
| m-Xylene | 166 |
| Toluene | 167 |
| Anisole | 169 |
| Benzoic acid | 171 |
| 2,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 173 |
| 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 179 |
| Phthalic acid | 182 |
| o-Xylene | 183 |
| Salicylic acid | 189 |





Fig. S3: DSC diagrams of all presented multicomponent forms.
Despite the melting temperatures of the guest molecules being publicly available information, the values used throughout this work are summarized in Tab. S4.
Tab. S4: Values of melting temperatures of all compared guest molecules.

| Guest molecule | Melting temperature $\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Toluene | -95 |
| m-Xylene | -48 |
| Mesitylene | -45 |
| Fluorobenzene | -44 |
| Chlorobenzene | -44 |


| Anisole | -37 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Bromobenzene | -31 |
| Iodobenzene | -29 |
| Trifluorotoluene | -29 |
| o-Xylene | -25 |
| Hexafluorobenzene | 5 |
| p-Xylene | 13 |
| Benzoic acid | 122 |
| Nicotinamide | 128 |
| Salicylic acid | 159 |
| 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 206 |
| Phthalic acid | 207 |
| 2,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 210 |
| 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid | 215 |

## IDR

Intrinsic dissolution rate of the measured forms was measured, evaluated, and correlated with other properties. It was also compared with the IDR of apremilast in the original drug product and it was observed that some of the new forms are able to bring substantial pharmaceutical advantages (however, not all of them could be used due to toxicity reasons). IDR values are summarized in Fig. S4 and Tab. S5.


Fig. S4: Intrinsic dissolution rates of all compared multicomponent forms and apremilast.
Tab. S5: Values of intrinsic dissolution rates of all compared multicomponent forms and apremilast.

| Multicomponent form | IDR $\left[\mu \mathrm{g} / \mathrm{min} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}\right]$ | Standard deviation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| o-Xylene | 5 | 1.2 |
| m-Xylene | 8 | 1.0 |
| Mesitylene | 8 | 1.6 |
| Anisole | 9 | 2.1 |
| Toluene | 12 | 2.3 |
| Bromobenzene | 13 | 1.7 |
| Apremilast | 14 | 1.5 |
| Chlorobenzene | 16 | 2.8 |
| Trifluorotoluene | 17 | 1.9 |
| Fluorobenzene | 18 | 0.6 |
| Hexafluorobenzene | 21 | 2.7 |
| p-Xylene | 24 | 6.1 |
| Nicotinamide | 67 | 3.7 |
| Phthalic acid | 81 | 1.5 |
| Benzoic acid | 91 | 15.9 |
| 2,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 97 | 8.3 |
| 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid | 111 | 3.8 |
| 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 159 | 23.1 |

Measurement of iodobenzene solvate and salicylic acid cocrystal was repeated 10 times, but due to the disc breakage during the IDR measurement it was not possible to obtain usable data for those two solid forms. Therefore, those samples were not included in correlations between intrinsic dissolution rate and other measured quantities. It is interesting to note that IDR of cocrystals was in all cases higher compared to solvates.

## EqSol

Equilibrium solubility of the prepared solid forms was measured in $\mathrm{pH}=6.8$ phosphate buffer with the addition of $0.2 \%$ of SDS. The tested solid form was mixed with the buffer and the formed slurry was stirred for 24 h at 750 RPM at room temperature. The solid and liquid phase were separated using centrifugal filtration ( 4000 RPM ) and apremilast content in the liquid phase was analyzed using HPLC. EqSol values were used to correlate with other properties and are summarized in Fig. S5 and Tab. S6.


Fig. S5: Equilibrium solubility of all compared multicomponent forms and apremilast.
Tab. S6: Values of equilibrium solubility of all compared multicomponent forms and apremilast.

| Multicomponent form | EqSol [mg/L] |
| :--- | ---: |
| o-Xylene | 22 |
| Mesitylene | 63 |
| Anisole | 65 |


| Bromobenzene | 76 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Toluene | 80 |
| m-Xylene | 90 |
| Hexafluorobenzene | 104 |
| Chlorobenzene | 115 |
| Iodobenzene | 117 |
| p-Xylene | 125 |
| 2,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 159 |
| Salicylic acid | 172 |
| Nicotinamide | 177 |
| Benzoic acid | 182 |
| Phthalic acid | 189 |
| Fluorobenzene | 193 |
| 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid | 211 |
| Apremilast | 213 |
| 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | 222 |
| Trifluorotoluene | 251 |

Phase transformations of the solids during the experiment were considered and the powder samples used for the EqSol experiment were examined via Raman spectroscopy before and after the experiment (Fig. S6). It was observed that solvates are extremely stable over the duration of the experiment ( 24 hours in dissolution medium). No transformation was observed. Phase stability of cocrystals was varying from sample to sample exhibiting different levels of transformation to apremilast form $\mathrm{II}^{9}$. The lowest phase stability was estimated for 4-hydroxybenzoic acid cocrystal with approx. $50 \%$ conversion to apremilast form II after 24 h in the dissolution medium. The transformation suggests that there is no complex between the guest molecule and apremilast that would be stable enough to persist in the solution. It also implies that two forms contribute to the equilibrium solubility- the tested cocrystal and apremilast form II. It is interesting to note that conversion to form II appears mostly from multicomponent forms with higher equilibrium solubility as well as IDR (cocrystals).


Fig. S6: Comparison of Raman spectra before and after 24 hours of equilibrium solubility experiment in phosphate buffer dissolution medium. Blue line - before EqSol experiment. Grey line - after EqSol experiment.
Values for equilibrium solubility of guest molecules in water were find in scientific literature and are summarized in Fig. S7 and Tab. S7. References to scientific literature are also included in Fig. S7 and Tab. S7. Nicotinamide is not included in Fig. S7 to increase clarity, since its solubility in water is much higher compared to the rest of the guest molecules.


Fig. S7: Equilibrium solubility of all compared guest molecules. Nicotinamide is not shown to increase clarity.

Tab. S7: Values of equilibrium solubility of all compared guest molecules.

| Guest molecule | Solubility $[\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{L}]+$ reference |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mesitylene | $48\left(\mathrm{ref}^{10}\right)$ |
| m-Xylene | $160\left(\mathrm{ref}^{11}\right)$ |
| p-Xylene | $170\left(\mathrm{ref}^{11}\right)$ |
| o-Xylene | $180\left(\mathrm{ref}^{11}\right)$ |
| Iodobenzene | $340\left(\mathrm{ref}^{12}\right)$ |
| Bromobenzene | $410\left(\mathrm{ref}^{13}\right)$ |
| Trifluorotoluene | $450\left(\operatorname{ref}^{14}\right)$ |
| Chlorobenzene | $500\left(\mathrm{ref}^{11}\right)$ |
| Toluene | $530\left(\mathrm{ref}^{15}\right)$ |


| Hexafluorobenzene | $617\left(\operatorname{ref}^{16}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Anisole | $1040\left(\operatorname{ref}^{13}\right)$ |
| Fluorobenzene | $1920\left(\operatorname{ref}^{12}\right)$ |
| Salicylic acid | $2240\left(\operatorname{ref}^{13}\right)$ |
| Benzoic acid | $3400\left(\operatorname{ref}^{11}\right)$ |
| 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid | $5000\left(\operatorname{ref}^{17}\right)$ |
| 2,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | $5780\left(\operatorname{ref}^{18}\right)$ |
| Phthalic acid | $6970\left(\operatorname{ref}^{10}\right)$ |
| 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid | $22000\left(\right.$ ref $\left.^{19}\right)$ |
| Nicotinamide | $1000000\left(\right.$ ref $\left.^{20}\right)$ |

All solubility values of guest molecules, as well as references (Tab. S7), were taken from database PubChem (experimental values were used). Nicotinamide was not included into correlations of guest molecule solubility with other properties because its solubility is several orders of magnitude higher compared to the rest of the guest molecules.

## CrystalCMP

Crystal CMP was used to compare packing similarity of solved structures. Since many readers might not be familiar with the software used for this purpose, there is a short description of the CrystalCMP software. The CrystalCMP software works differently compared to for example Crystal Packing Similarity tool used in Mercury (one of the tools many readers might be familiar with). The comparison of the clusters within Mercury is based on the calculations of the differences between the interatomic positions and the similarity/difference is calculated as positional difference between molecules in a molecular cluster. CrystalCMP on the other hand, calculates the packing similarity differently. The similarity is calculated from the differences between positions and rotations between the center of the related molecules in the cluster. The deviations of the positions and rotations are considered in the packing similarity term (PS) as follows:
$P S=D+X \cdot \frac{A}{180}$,
where D is the average distance (in $\AA$ ) between molecular centers of related molecules and A is the average angle between them. X is a default parameter that weighs the influence of the A parameter (is set to 100 by default). The values of PS are plotted on the x -axis for the different solid forms showing the differences in the packing. The compared structures are more similar in terms of crystal packing the smaller the difference in PS is. For the calculations is used only the biggest molecule of the cluster (apremilast in this case), thus ignoring the guest molecule. For more details refer to the original publication ${ }^{21}$.

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