## MS32-P8 X-ray structural analysis of sodium salt of acetylsalicylic acid

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Pharmacological effects of acetylsalicylic acid have been known for a long time. Recently, new therapeutic uses of aspirin were discovered, and investigated, e.g. prevention of colon cancer or treatment of dementia. This promotes a detailed screening for new physical (polymorphs) and chemical (salts, co-crystals) forms of aspirin. An improved dissolution rate of the forms is a desirable property in order to decrease stomach wall damage.

Many patents are focused on the preparation of the sodium aspirin. Surprisingly, no structure of sodium aspirin has been solved yet. The sodium salt can be prepared by the reaction of acetylsalicylic acid with sodium bicarbonate. Both known and patented forms arise under very similar conditions - sodium acetylsalicylate dihydrate and anhydrate. Their preparation is very difficult and the reproducibility is fairly low due to ester hydrolysis. Therefore a new screening of salt preparation and crystallization was performed to achieve better reproducibility.

The preparation of sodium acetylsalicylate dihydrate was successful, the structure was determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The dihydrate form was later dehydrated to sodium acetylsalicylate anhydrate. (not verified yet). The dehydration was studied by thermoanalytical methods (TGA/DSC). However, the structure of anhydrate has not been solved yet.

Further, a new form of sodium aspirin was discovered sodium acetylsalicylate monohydrate. Its structure was determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Unlucky, no attempts to reproduce the monohydrate form were successful.

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## MS32-P9 Temperature-induced single-crystal-to-single-crystal polymorph transformation in cadmium(II) trimer with pyridine-4-propanamide

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Single-crystal-to-single-crystal (SCSC) transformations have been established as an interesting solid state phenomenon and have gained some interest, as the transformed structure can be also determined, providing insight into the possible mechanism of transformation [1]. SCSC transformations may be induced by external stimuli like heat, light or sorption/desorption of guest/solvent molecules and usually occur metal-organic frameworks (MOFs). The studies of SCSC polymorph transformations of metal-organic compounds are scarce, but they start to gain attention [2]. The molecular structure of cadmium(II) coordination trimer with pyridine-4-propanamide (4-Propy), [Cd<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>(4-Propy)<sub>6</sub>](CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub> (1), consists of three cadmium(II) ions bridged with chloride ions; each is coordinated by two N-monodentate 4-propy ligands. Two water molecules are bound to the terminal cadmium(II) ions of the trimer, preventing further polymerization of the trimer units. High-temperature polymorph (A) of 1 crystallized in triclinic system (P-1 space group) at room temperature. SCSC transformation to low-temperature polymorph (B) of 1 occurred by cooling a single crystal to 150 K on a diffractometer (Fig. 1). Polymorph B crystallized in monoclinic system (P2,/n space group). In A, trimer units are linked via propanoate ions by N-H···O interactions, forming a 1D chain along the [0 1 1] direction. However, in **B**, similar 1D chains are assembled into a 2D network in the plane (0 1 0) due to the additional N-H...Cl interactions, present only in B. Therefore, lowering temperature enables the assembly of the 1D chains of A into 2D network of B by introducing different type of interaction (N-H···Cl). It seems that the transformation of A into B is possible due to slight change of the molecules' orientation in the structure of A, enabling the formation of N-H···Cl interactions in the same crystal, without a collapse of the crystal structure. This SCSC polymorph transformation was also studied by PXRD and DSC. The Hirshfeld surface analysis was performed to identify the interactions present in **A** and **B**, revealing differences between the polymorphs. References: [1] J. P. Zhang, P. Q. Liao, H. L. Zhou, R. B. Lin, X. M. Chen, Chem. Soc. Rev. 43 (2014) 5789.; [2] D. Aulakh, J. R. Varghese, M. Wriedt, Inorg. Chem. 54 (2015) 8679. Acknowledgment: This work has been fully supported by Croatian Science Foundation under the project UIP-11-2013-1809.