Solid state analysis and theoretical explorations on polymorphic and hydrate

forms of p-hydroxybenzaldehyde isonicotinichydrazone: Effect of additives on

polymorphic crystallization

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Abstract

The reaction of p-hydroxybenzaldehyde with an equimolar amount of isonicotinic hydrazide afforded two

polymorphic and hydrate forms of p-hydroxybenzaldehyde isonicotinichydrazone (HBIH) by varying the

experimental reaction conditions. The compounds are fully characterized by means of single crystal and

powder diffraction methods, vibrational spectroscopy (FT-IR and Raman), thermal and elemental

analysis. The compound crystallizes in three different forms in two different space groups, P2₁/c (form P_A

and P_B) and Pbca (P_C). The Hirshfeld surface analysis shows the differences in the relative contributions

of intermolecular interactions to the total Hirshfeld surface area for the HBIH molecules. The calculated

pairwise interaction energies (104-116 kJ/mol) can be related to the stability of the crystals. Energy

framework analysis identifies the interaction hierarchy and their topology. The geometry and

conformation of the three forms are essentially similar which differ only by packing arrangement.

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1. Introduction

Polymorphism is the existence of a solid material in more than one form of crystal structure or phases that

have different arrangements or conformations of the molecules in the crystal lattice. It offers a useful tool

for examining the structure-property relationship due to the different intermolecular interactions and has

received considerable attention from pharmaceutical industry and the academic community [1,2]. The

difference in the internal structure of polymorphs alters their physicochemical properties, including

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