

## Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

### A Unique Case of Polymorphism in Polyiodide Networks Resulting from the Reaction of the Drug Methimazole and I<sub>2</sub>.

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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data and structure refinement details for **1-triclinic**.

Compound	$[2(\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{S}-\text{SN}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_6)]\text{I}_3\text{I}_5$
Formula	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{I}_8\text{N}_8\text{S}_4$
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)
<i>M.W.</i>	1469.85
<i>a</i> / Å	7.0461(9)
<i>b</i> / Å	11.5109 (14)
<i>c</i> / Å	23.868(3)
$\alpha$ / °	91.44(1)
$\beta$ / °	92.78(1)
$\gamma$ / °	102.42(1)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	1887.1(4)
<i>Z</i>	2
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g/cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.587
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	6.817
Measured reflections	17105
Unique reflections, <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	7423, 0.041
Observed reflections [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	4776
Absorption correction	SADABS
<i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>	0.513, 1.000
Parameters refined	325
<i>R</i>	0.0388
<i>wR2</i> [all data]	0.0955
<i>GOF</i>	0.902
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ /e Å <sup>-3</sup>	-1.1(1), 1.2(1)

$$R = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; wR2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum [w(F_o^2)^2]} \right\}^{1/2};$$

$GOF = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)]}{(n-p)} \right\}^{1/2}$  where *n* is the number of reflections and *p* is the number of refined parameters.

**Table S2.** [2(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S-SN<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)]I<sub>3</sub>I<sub>5</sub> (**1-triclinic**). Selected interatomic distances (Å) and angles (deg.)

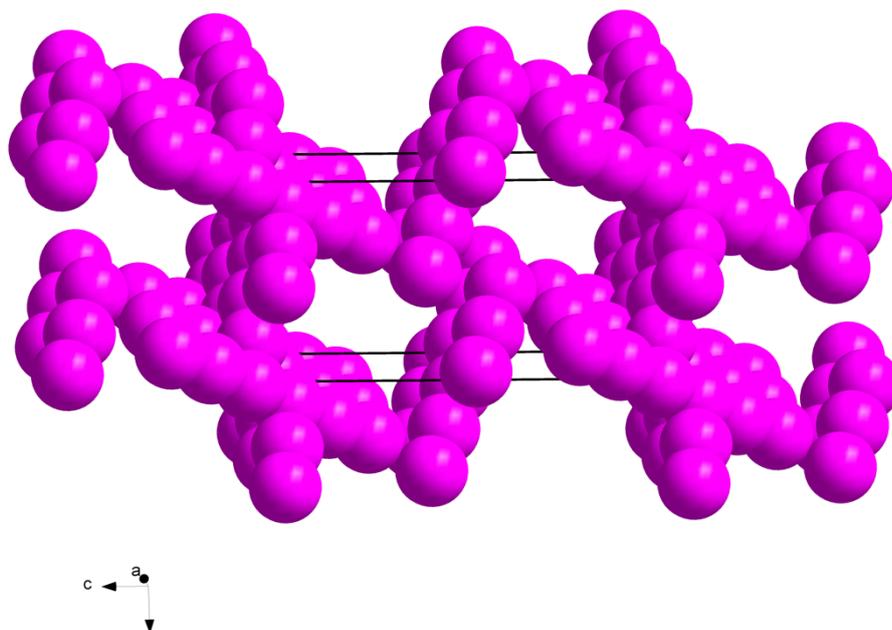
I1-I2	2.9532(8)	I1-I2-I3	178.98(2)
I2-I3	2.9019(8)	I4-I5-I6	176.63(3)
I4-I5	2.7936(9)	I5-I6-I7	96.26(2)
I5-I6	3.1134(9)	I6-I7-I8	174.79(2)
I6-I7	3.0207(8)		
I7-I8	2.8255(8)		
I1...I8	4.1238(10)	I3...I3b	4.2765(10)
I3...I3a	3.8282(11)	I4...I7c	4.3001(11)
I4...I4d	3.5752(11)	I5...I6e	4.2661(11)
I6...I6e	3.8254(11)		
S11-S21	2.088(3)	S12-S22	2.091(3)
S11-C11	1.739(7)	S12-C12	1.752(7)
S21-C51	1.750(7)	S22-C52	1.758(7)
N11-C11	1.317(8)	N12-C12	1.314(8)
N11-C31	1.350(9)	N12-C32	1.355(9)
N21-C11	1.341(8)	N22-C12	1.342(8)
N21-C21	1.354(10)	N22-C22	1.364(9)
N21-C41	1.461(10)	N22-C42	1.493(9)
N31-C51	1.317(8)	N32-C52	1.316(9)
N31-C61	1.357(10)	N32-C62	1.362(9)
N41-C51	1.346(8)	N42-C52	1.359(8)
N41-C71	1.341(10)	N42-C72	1.356(9)
N41-C81	1.476(10)	N42-C82	1.450(10)
C21-C31	1.350(11)	C22-C32	1.343(10)
C61-C71	1.342(11)	C62-C72	1.338(11)
C11-S11-S21	102.0(2)	C12-S12-S22	102.6(2)
C51-S21-S11	103.0(2)	C52-S22-S12	103.0(2)
C11-N11-C31	109.3(6)	C12-N12-C32	109.3(6)
C11-N21-C21	109.3(7)	C11-N21-C41	125.7(6)
C21-N21-C41	125.0(7)	C12-N22-C22	108.3(6)
C12-N22-C42	125.0(6)	C22-N22-C42	126.7(6)
C51-N31-C61	105.5(6)	C52-N32-C62	104.9(6)
C71-N41-C51	106.5(6)	C72-N42-C52	104.6(6)
C71-N41-C81	125.9(7)	C72-N42-C82	127.7(7)
C51-N41-C81	127.5(7)	C52-N42-C82	127.7(6)
N11-C11-N21	107.3(6)	N12-C12-N22	107.9(6)
N11-C11-S11	126.5(5)	N12-C12-S12	126.0(5)
N21-C11-S11	126.1(6)	N22-C12-S12	125.7(5)
C31-C21-N21	106.3(7)	C32-C22-N22	107.0(7)

C21-C31-N11	107.7(7)	C22-C32-N12	107.4(7)
N31-C51-N41	111.1(6)	N32-C52-N42	112.5(6)
N31-C51-S21	124.5(5)	N32-C52-S22	124.5(5)
N41-C51-S21	124.2(6)	N42-C52-S22	122.9(6)
C71-C61-N31	109.3(7)	C72-C62-N32	109.5(7)
N41-C71-C61	107.5(7)	N42-C72-C62	108.6(7)
C11-S11-S21-C51	94.3(3)	C12-S12-S22-C52	-90.6(3)

**Hydrogen bonds**

N12...N31	2.712(8)	N12-H12...N31	176.1(4)
N11...N32	2.690(9)	N11-H11...N32	176.4(4)

Symmetry codes: a = 1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z; b = 2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z; c = 1 + x, y, z; d = 4 - x, 1 - y, -z; e = 3 - x, 2 - y, -z.

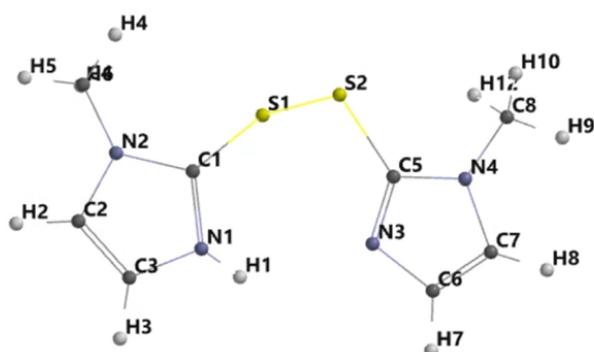


**Figure S1.** Compound **1-triclinic**. The iodide framework seen almost along [100]. The Iodine atoms are drawn with their van der Waals radii to show the channels where the dimeric units made by the two hydrogen-bonded independent monocations are hosted.

Cation methimazole-disulfide [ $C_4H_5N_2S-SN_2C_4H_6$ ]<sup>+</sup>

<b>Name:</b>	DA208
<b>Formula:</b>	$C_8H_{11}N_4S_2$

<b>Job type:</b>	Energy
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**Figure S2.** Cation methimazole-disulfide: atom numbering scheme.

**Table S3.** Cation methimazole-disulfide [ $C_4H_5N_2S-SN_2C_4H_6$ ]<sup>+</sup> atomic charges ( $|e|$ ).

Atom Label	Natural charge	Mulliken charge	Electrostatic charge
<b>C1</b>	+0.252	+0.272	+0.165
<b>C2</b>	-0.050	+0.025	-0.283
<b>C3</b>	-0.043	-0.001	+0.000
<b>C4</b>	-0.510	-0.413	-0.695
<b>C5</b>	+0.127	+0.183	+0.273
<b>C6</b>	-0.096	-0.078	+0.093

<b>C7</b>	-0.061	+0.008	-0.431
<b>C8</b>	-0.491	-0.383	-0.763
<b>H1</b>	+0.488	+0.426	+0.384
<b>H2</b>	+0.290	+0.271	+0.253
<b>H3</b>	+0.292	+0.275	+0.210
<b>H4</b>	+0.282	+0.254	+0.232
<b>H5</b>	+0.276	+0.243	+0.262
<b>H6</b>	+0.271	+0.245	+0.256
<b>H7</b>	+0.256	+0.206	+0.153
<b>H8</b>	+0.267	+0.235	+0.260
<b>H9</b>	+0.264	+0.222	+0.278
<b>H10</b>	+0.260	+0.225	+0.245
<b>H12</b>	+0.253	+0.213	+0.218
<b>N1</b>	-0.520	-0.512	-0.294
<b>N2</b>	-0.350	-0.390	+0.343
<b>N3</b>	-0.503	-0.438	-0.532
<b>N4</b>	-0.380	-0.391	+0.372
<b>S1</b>	+0.185	+0.135	-0.030
<b>S2</b>	+0.239	+0.167	+0.031

*Bis*-cation methimazole-disulfide  $\{[C_4H_5N_2S-SN_2C_4H_6]^+\}_2$

Name:	DA208
Formula:	$2C_8H_{11}N_4S_2$

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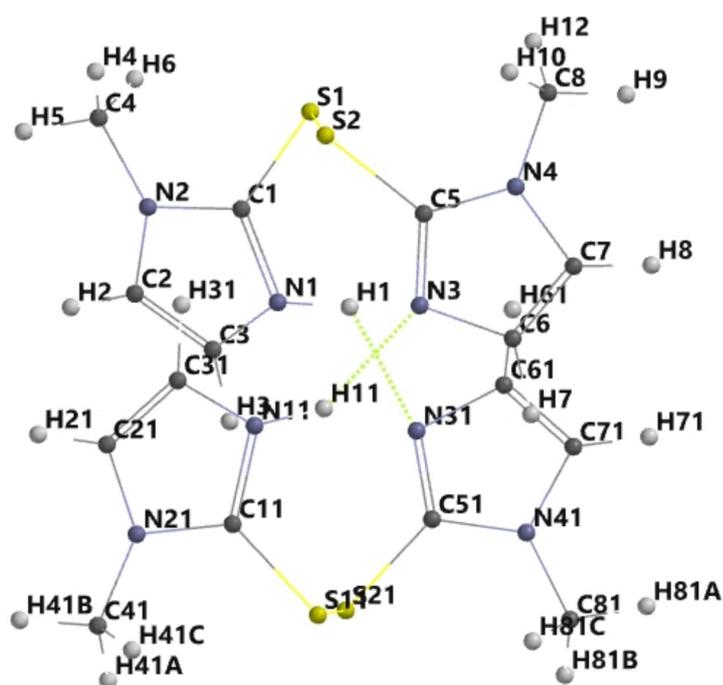


Figure S3. *Bis*-cation methimazole-disulfide: atom numbering scheme.

**Table S4.** *Bis*-cation methimazole disulfide  $\{[C_4H_5N_2S-SN_2C_4H_6]^+\}_2$  atomic charges (e).

Atom Label	Natural charge	Mulliken charge	Electrostatic charge
<b>C1</b>	+0.231	+0.244	+0.273
<b>C2</b>	-0.051	+0.021	-0.205
<b>C3</b>	-0.036	-0.008	+0.010
<b>C4</b>	-0.514	-0.420	-0.613
<b>C5</b>	+0.156	+0.205	+0.235
<b>C6</b>	-0.087	-0.045	-0.023
<b>C7</b>	-0.055	+0.005	-0.285
<b>C8</b>	-0.496	-0.393	-0.755
<b>C11</b>	+0.242	+0.256	+0.158
<b>C21</b>	-0.041	+0.028	-0.310
<b>C31</b>	-0.048	-0.020	+0.118
<b>C41</b>	-0.514	-0.420	-0.590
<b>C51</b>	+0.144	+0.188	+0.292
<b>C61</b>	-0.096	-0.032	-0.049
<b>C71</b>	-0.056	-0.040	-0.214
<b>C81</b>	-0.495	-0.402	-0.594
<b>H1</b>	+0.493	+0.450	+0.388
<b>H2</b>	+0.293	+0.278	+0.245
<b>H3</b>	+0.298	+0.275	+0.148
<b>H4</b>	+0.281	+0.252	+0.211
<b>H5</b>	+0.281	+0.250	+0.256
<b>H6</b>	+0.278	+0.257	+0.256
<b>H7</b>	+0.246	+0.196	+0.127
<b>H8</b>	+0.276	+0.251	+0.240

<b>H9</b>	+0.273	+0.237	+0.285
<b>H10</b>	+0.268	+0.237	+0.253
<b>H11</b>	+0.495	+0.442	+0.369
<b>H12</b>	+0.262	+0.227	+0.239
<b>H21</b>	+0.289	+0.277	+0.266
<b>H31</b>	+0.281	+0.263	+0.100
<b>H61</b>	+0.250	+0.206	+0.144
<b>H71</b>	+0.274	+0.245	+0.224
<b>H41A</b>	+0.283	+0.256	+0.207
<b>H41B</b>	+0.281	+0.251	+0.247
<b>H41C</b>	+0.276	+0.254	+0.246
<b>H81A</b>	+0.271	+0.235	+0.248
<b>H81B</b>	+0.274	+0.250	+0.218
<b>H81C</b>	+0.250	+0.218	+0.193
<b>N1</b>	-0.524	-0.522	-0.354
<b>N2</b>	-0.348	-0.392	+0.179
<b>N3</b>	-0.579	-0.508	-0.487
<b>N4</b>	-0.366	-0.394	+0.313
<b>N11</b>	-0.539	-0.540	-0.330
<b>N21</b>	-0.347	-0.392	+0.273
<b>N31</b>	-0.552	-0.493	-0.413
<b>N41</b>	-0.375	-0.376	+0.183
<b>S1</b>	+0.215	+0.176	-0.008
<b>S2</b>	+0.220	+0.141	+0.045
<b>S11</b>	+0.194	+0.147	+0.009
<b>S21</b>	+0.246	+0.177	+0.034

## Polyiodides $I_3^-$ and $I_5^-$

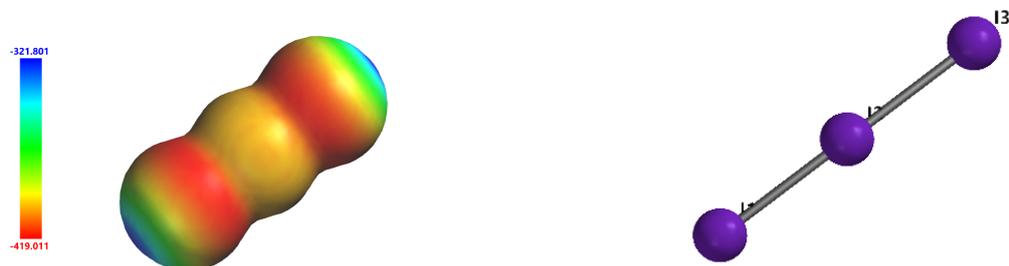


Figure S4. Polyiodide  $[I_3]^-$ : atom numbering scheme.

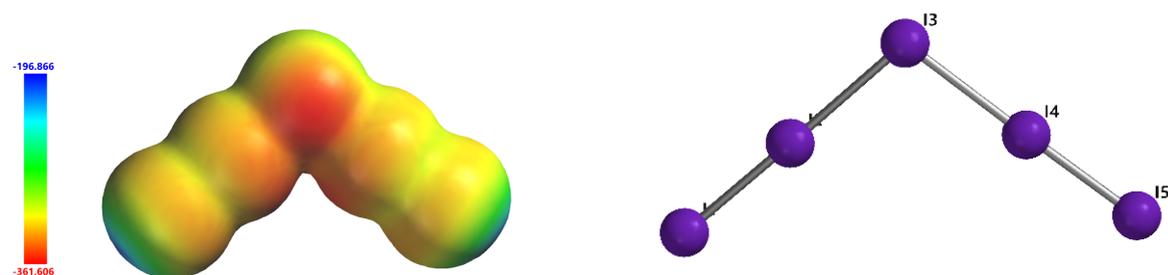
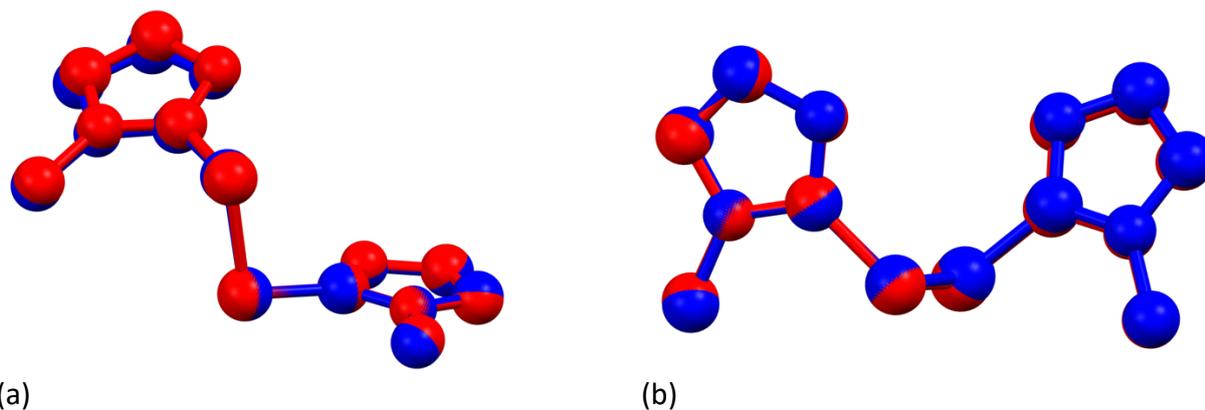


Figure S5. Polyiodide  $[I_5]^-$ : atom numbering scheme.

Table S5. Polyiodides  $[I_3]^-$  and  $[I_5]^-$ : atomic charges ( $e$ ).

Atom Label	Natural charge	Mulliken charge	Electrostatic charge
I1	-0.484	-0.491	-0.454
I2	-0.032	-0.017	-0.092
I3	-0.484	-0.491	-0.454

Atom Label	Natural charge	Mulliken charge	Electrostatic charge
I1	-0.311	-0.324	-0.288
I2	-0.007	+0.012	-0.085
I3	-0.374	-0.384	-0.266
I4	-0.006	+0.012	-0.078
I5	-0.303	-0.316	-0.283

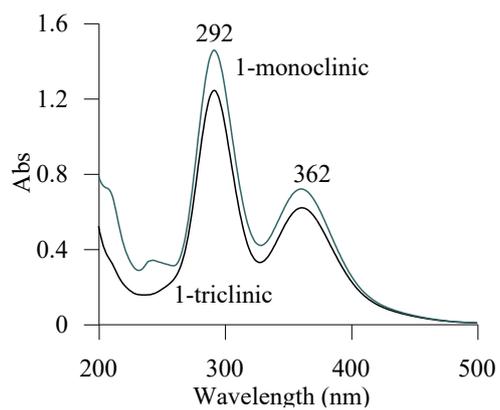


**Figure S6.** Side view (a) and front view (b) of the superposition of the crystal structures of the cations  $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{S}(11)\text{-S}(21)\text{N}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_6]^+$  (**1-triclinic**, red) and  $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{S}(1)\text{-S}(4)\text{N}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_6]^+$  (**1-monoclinic**, XIVBEJ, blue). H-atoms have been omitted for clarity.

**Table S6.** Solid state FT-Raman bands ( $450 - 50 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) of polymorphs **1-triclinic** and **1-monoclinic**, [**1** =  $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{S-SN}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_6)_2\text{I}_3\text{I}_5$ ].

Compound	Polyiodide types	Bands (assignt.) <sup>a</sup>	I1-I2-I3 <sup>b</sup> (Å)	I4-I5...I6...I7-I8 <sup>c</sup> (Å)
<b>1-triclinic</b>	asymmetric $\text{I}_3^-$	112 ( $\nu_1$ ), 132 ( $\nu_3$ )	I1-I2 2.9532 I2-I3 2.9019	
	V-shaped $\text{I}_5^-$ : $\text{I}^- \rightarrow 2(\text{I}_2)$	160 [ $\nu_1(\text{I7-I8})$ ], 172 [ $\nu_1(\text{I5-I4})$ ]		I6-I5 3.113 I6-I7 3.020 I5-I4 2.7936 I7-I8 2.8255
<b>1-monoclinic</b>	symmetric $\text{I}_3^-$	113 ( $\nu_1$ )	I1-I2 2.903 I2-I3 2.909	
	V-shaped $\text{I}_5^-$ : $\text{I}^- \rightarrow 2(\text{I}_2)$	153 [ $\nu_1(\text{I7-I8})$ ], 166 [ $\nu_1(\text{I5-I4})$ ]		I6-I5 3.245 I6-I7 3.118 I5-I4 2.742 I7-I8 2.811

<sup>a</sup> ( $\nu_1$ ) symmetrical stretching, ( $\nu_3$ ) antisymmetrical stretching; <sup>b</sup> Angle I1-I2-I3: **1-triclinic** 178.98°, **1-monoclinic** 176.20°; <sup>c</sup> Angle I5-I6-I7: **1-triclinic** 96.35°, **1-monoclinic** 100.87°.



**Figure S7.** UV-Vis spectra of compound [C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S-SN<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>I<sub>3</sub>I<sub>5</sub> in polymorphs **1-triclinic** and **1-monoclinic**. **1-triclinic** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *T* = 20 °C, *M* = 1.56 × 10<sup>-5</sup>; λ = 292 and 362 nm); **1-monoclinic** (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *T* = 20 °C, *M* = 1.84 × 10<sup>-5</sup>; λ = 292 and 362 nm).