## Serendipitous discovery of a novel polymorph of an immunosuppressant drug azathioprine: Phase transformation, solubility, dissolution and stability study

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| AZP Form-III  |                  |                    |                   |                                   |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| D—H····A  | D-H (Å)          | H…A (Å)            | D…A (Å)           | $\angle D - H \cdots A(^{\circ})$ |
| C1—H1…N6 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.93             | 2.48               | 3.401 (2)         | 174                               |
| C5—H5····O2 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.93             | 2.33               | 3.172 (2)         | 150                               |
| N2—H2N…N3 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.88 (2)         | 2.05 (2)           | 2.915 (2)         | 167 (2)                           |
| Symmetry codes: (i) x-1, -y   | y+3/2, z-1/2; (i | ii) -x+2, y-1/     | ′2, -z+1/2; (iii) | -x+1, -y+1, -z.                   |
| AZP-H2O   | -                | -                  | -                 | -                                 |
| N2A—H1N…N3A <sup>i</sup>  | 0.89 (2)         | 2.06 (2)           | 2.919 (5)         | 164 (5)                           |
| N1B—H2N…N3B <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.89 (2)         | 2.03 (2)           | 2.918 (5)         | 173 (3)                           |
| Symmetry codes: (i) –x+1, –   | -y+2, -z+1; (ii  | ) -x+1, -y+1, -y+1 | , -z+1.           |                                   |
| AZP-MEE   |                  |                    |                   |                                   |
| N2A—H1N····N3A <sup>i</sup>   | 0.94 (2)         | 1.98 (3)           | 2.867 (4)         | 157 (4)                           |
| O1W—H2W…O1 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.93 (2)         | 2.49 (4)           | 3.204 (5)         | 134 (4)                           |
| O1W—H2W····O2 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.93 (2)         | 2.05 (3)           | 2.881 (5)         | 147 (5)                           |
| N2B—H2N…N3B <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.88 (2)         | 2.04 (2)           | 2.916 (4)         | 177 (3)                           |
| O2—H2O…N1B  | 0.88 (2)         | 2.01 (2)           | 2.876 (4)         | 168 (6)                           |
| O1W—H1W…O1  | 0.91 (2)         | 1.91 (3)           | 2.777 (5)         | 160 (6)                           |
| C5A—H5A····O2B  | 0.95             | 2.49               | 3.337 (5)         | 149                               |
| Symmetry codes: (i) $-x-2$ , $-y+1$ , $-z+2$ ; (ii) $x+1$ , $y$ , $z$ ; (iii) $-x$ , $-y+1$ , $-z+1$ .                      |                  |                    |                   |                                   |
| AZP-DOX   | -                | -                  | -                 |                                   |
| $C1$ — $H1$ ···· $N6^{i}$   | 0.95             | 2.39               | 3.325 (3)         | 170                               |
| C4—H4····O2 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.95             | 2.40               | 3.293 (3)         | 156                               |
| C7—H7 <i>A</i> ···O3 <sup>iii</sup>   | 0.98             | 2.66               | 3.636 (3)         | 177                               |
| C7—H7 <i>B</i> ⋯N4 <sup>iii</sup>   | 0.98             | 2.46               | 3.389 (4)         | 158                               |
| C7—H7 <i>C</i> ⋯O1 <sup>iv</sup>  | 0.98             | 2.60               | 3.542 (3)         | 162                               |
| С8—Н8…О3  | 0.95             | 2.50               | 3.260 (4)         | 137                               |
| N2—H2···N3 <sup>v</sup> 0.86 (3) 2.05 (3) 2.892 (3) 164 (3)   |                  |                    |                   |                                   |
| Symmetry codes: (i) $x-1$ , $-y+3/2$ , $z+1/2$ ; (ii) $-x+2$ , $y-1/2$ , $-z+1/2$ ; (iii) $x-1$ , $y$ , $z$ ; (iv) $-x+1$ , |                  |                    |                   |                                   |
| y-1/2, -z+1/2; (v) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1.$  |                  |                    |                   |                                   |

 Table S1 Hydrogen-bond geometries AZP forms.

| Table S2 Experimenta | l details of AZP | F-III bulk scale | preparation trials. |
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| S.no | Method           | Temperature and stirring<br>time  | Solvents                          | Remarks based on<br>PXRD analysis |
|------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.   | Ball mill method | Liquid-assisted grinding using<br>Ball-mill for 2 hrs with 1000<br>rpm. | 2 drops of acetone                | Form I                            |
| 2.   | Ball mill method | Liquid-assisted grinding using<br>Ball-mill for 2 hrs with 1000<br>rpm. | 2 drops of cyclohexanol.          | Form I                            |
| 3.   | Slurry method    | Stirred at 100°C, 400rpm for 48 hrs.                                    | CyclohexanolandToluenein1:1ratio. | AZP form I.                       |
| 4.   | Slurry method    | Reflux at 100°C for 24 hrs.   | 1:2 mixture of cyclohexanol and   | AZP form I.                       |

|     |                             |  | acetone.  |  |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| 5.  | Slurry method               | Reflux at 100°C for 24 hrs.  | 1:1 mixture of cyclohexanol and acetonitrile.   | AZP form I.                                    |
| 6.  | Slurry method               | Stirred at 100°C, 400rpm for 48 hrs.   | Cyclohexanol and<br>Toluene in 1:2<br>ratio.  | AZP form I.                                    |
| 7.  | Slurry method               | Stirred at RT for 21 hrs.  | Acetone   | AZP form I.                                    |
| 8.  | Slurry method               | Stirred at room temperature for 72 hours.  | 6 drops of lactic<br>acid, and 1:1 ratio<br>of 1-propanol and<br>2-butanol.                     | AZP form I.                                    |
| 9.  | Slurry method               | Stirred at 80°C for 24 hrs.  | Malic acid (2 mol<br>equivalent) and 1ml<br>of cyclohexanol                                     | AZP form I.                                    |
| 10. | Slurry method               | Reflux at 100°C for 24 hrs.  | 5% Cyclohexanol<br>in Isopropyl<br>alcohol.   | Form I with less<br>percentage of Form<br>III. |
| 11. | Solvent<br>evaporation      | Reflux at 100-150°C until clear solution obtained.   | CyclohexanolandAcetonein1:7ratio.   | Form I   |
| 12. | Slurry method               | Stirred at room temperature for 96 hours.  | 5%CyclohexanolinIsopropylalcohol.   | AZP form I.                                    |
| 13. | Slurry method               | Stirred at room temperature for 96 hours.  | 5% Cyclohexanol in acetone.   | AZP form I.                                    |
| 14. | Slurry method               | Stirred at room temperature for 96 hours.  | TolueneandAcetone in 1:1 ratio  | AZP form I.                                    |
| 15. | Recrystallization<br>method | Reflux at 100-110°C for 1 hour<br>until clear solution obtained.<br>The obtained clear solution was<br>stirred at room temperature for<br>72 hours, that resulted in<br>precipitate which was filtered<br>and dried in oven at 40°C. | 10% cyclohexanol<br>in Acetone.   | AZP form I.                                    |
| 16. | Solvent<br>evaporation      | Stirred at 104°C until clear solution obtained.  | 1-propanol (1.5ml),<br>2-butanol(1.5ml)<br>and lactic acid (3<br>drops, 19.64mol<br>equivalent) | Phase pure Form<br>III crystals.               |
| 17. | Slurry method               | Stirred at room temperature for 24 hrs.  | 1-propanol and 2-<br>butanol in 1:1 ratio.  | AZP form I.                                    |
| 18. | Recrystallization           | Reflux at 110°C for 2-3 hrs until<br>clear solution was obtained. The<br>obtained solution was stirred at<br>room temperature for 21 hours   | 1-propanol and 2-<br>butanol in 1:1 ratio.  | Form III.                                      |

|     |                   | that resulted in precipitate,<br>which was filtered and dried at<br>40°C.  |   |                                     |
|-----|-------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| 19. | Slurry method     | Stirred at room temperature for 72 hrs.  | <ul><li>13% lactic acid in</li><li>1:1 mixture of 1-</li><li>propanol and 2-</li><li>butanol.</li></ul> | Form I.                             |
| 20. | Slurry method     | Stirred at room temperature for 72 hrs.  | 13% lactic acid in<br>1-propanol.   | Form I.                             |
| 21. | Recrystallization | Reflux at 110°C for 1 hr, at<br>150°C for 1hr until clear<br>solution was obtained. The<br>obtained solution was stirred at<br>room temperature for 21 hours<br>that resulted in precipitate,<br>which was filtered and dried at<br>40°C.        | 10% lactic acid in<br>1:1 mixture of 1-<br>propanol and 2-<br>butanol.                                  | Form III.                           |
| 22. | Recrystallization | Reflux at 150°C for 1 hour until<br>clear solution was obtained,<br>which was stirred in ice bath for<br>45 minutes, followed by room<br>temperature stirring for 21<br>hours.   | 11% lactic acid in<br>1:1 mixture of 1-<br>propanol and 2-<br>butanol.                                  | Concomitant form I<br>and form III. |
| 23. | Recrystallization | Reflux at 150°C for 1 hour and<br>110°C for 1 hour, until clear<br>solution was obtained, which<br>was stirred at room temperature<br>for 3 hours. The obtained<br>precipitate at room temperature<br>was filtered and dried in oven at<br>40°C. | 6.3% of lactic acid<br>in 1:1 mixture of 1-<br>propanol and 2-<br>butanol.                              | Form III.<br>Yield : 52%            |

**Table S3** Percentage of F-I and F-III after 7, 14 and 30 days of exposure to 70-75% RH condition.

| S. No. | Solid forms         | % of F-I and F-III by      |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 5. 190 |                     | <b>Rietveld refinement</b> |
| 1.     | F-III After 7 days  | 100% F-III                 |
| 2.     | F-III After 14 days | 98.57% F-III and 1.43%     |
|        |                     | F-I                        |
| 3.     | F-III After 30 days | 95.95% F-III and 4.05%     |
|        |                     | F-I                        |

| 4. | F-I After 7 days  | 100% F-I |
|----|-------------------|----------|
| 5. | F-I After 14 days | 100% F-I |
| 6. | F-I After 30 days | 100% F-I |

Table S4 Percentage of F-I and F-III after 7, 14 and 30 days of exposure to 90-95% RH condition.

| S. No | Solid forms         | % of F-I and F-III by<br>Rietveld refinement |
|-------|---------------------|--|
| 1.    | F-III After 7 days  | 94.78% F-III and 5.22%                       |
|       |                     | F-I  |
| 2.    | F-III After 14 days | 42.92% F-III and 57.08%                      |
|       |                     | F-I  |
| 3.    | F-III After 30 days | 100% F-I                                     |
| 4.    | F-I After 7 days    | 100% F-I                                     |
| 5.    | F-I After 14 days   | 100% F-I                                     |
| 6.    | F-I After 30 days   | 100% F-I                                     |





Figure S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Form-I and Firm-III.





Figure S3 Standard linearity plot of AZP.



Figure S4 The TGA plot of AZP F-I and F-III.



Figure S5 Synthon interaction energy in F-I and F-III.



**Figure S6** The 2D fingerprint plots showing N-H/H-N, C-H/H-C and O-H/H-O interactions in F-I and F-III forms.



Figure S7 All interactions of AZP F-I.



Figure S8 All interactions of AZP F-III.