

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Potassium caffeate/caffeic acid co-crystal: the rat race between catheolic and carboxylic moiety in an atypical hybrid co-crystal

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#### X-ray single crystal data:

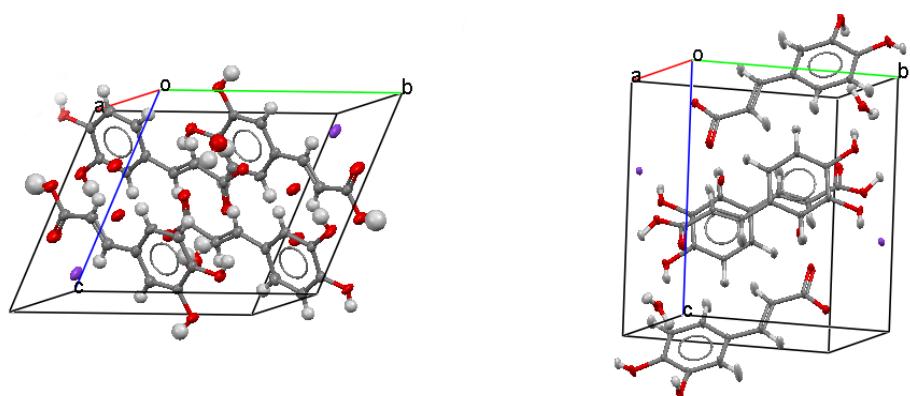
$C_{18}H_{15}KO_8 \cdot H_2O$ ,  $M_r = 416.42$  triclinic, P-1,  $a = 9.7482(7)$  Å,  $b = 10.2754(9)$  Å,  $c = 10.5529(9)$  Å,  $\alpha = 114.473(8)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 108.182(7)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 95.313(7)^\circ$ ,  $V = 883.45(16)$  (Å<sup>3</sup>),  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho = 1.565$  mg M<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.353$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda = 0.71069$  Å,  $T = 298(2)$  K,  $F(000) = 432$ , crystal size =  $0.20 \times 0.15 \times 0.12$  mm, 6402 reflections collected, 3084 reflections unique ( $R_{int} = 0.032$ ), GoF = 1.037,  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$ ,  $wR(F^2) = 0.121$ , min/max residual density = -0.25/0.34 e Å<sup>-3</sup>. Completeness to  $\theta$  (25.1°) = 0.985.

**Table ST1** Molecular Dynamics Average values and estimated standard deviations (e.s.d.) attained by Model I and II from NPT simulation at 293 K of the Total, Potential and Kinetic Energies ( $kcal mol^{-1}$ ), and Shannon Entropy for and relative differences  $\Delta = E(\text{II}) - E(\text{I})$

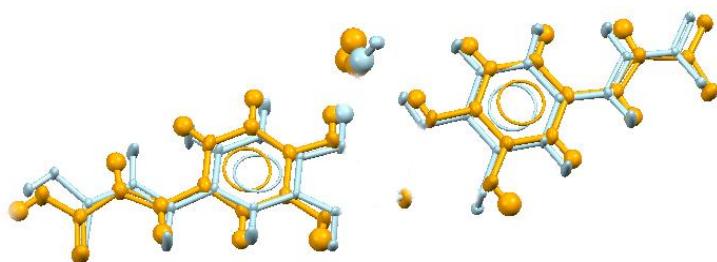
|                  | Model I   |        | Model II  |        | $\Delta$ |        |
|------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|
|                  | e.s.d.    |        | e.s.d.    |        | e.s.d.   |        |
| $E_{\text{Tot}}$ | -7052.350 | 4.769  | -7094.935 | 4.706  | -42.585  | 6.700  |
| $E_{\text{Pot}}$ | -7679.954 | 14.115 | -7722.556 | 14.099 | -42.602  | 19.950 |
| $E_{\text{Kin}}$ | 627.604   | 13.641 | 627.621   | 13.652 | 0.015    | 19.299 |
| Entropy          | 1467.53   | 360.83 | 1390.82   | 372.79 | -76.72   | 518.68 |

**Table ST2** Estimated standard deviation (e.s.d.) of the adps of model I and II with respect to X-ray ones

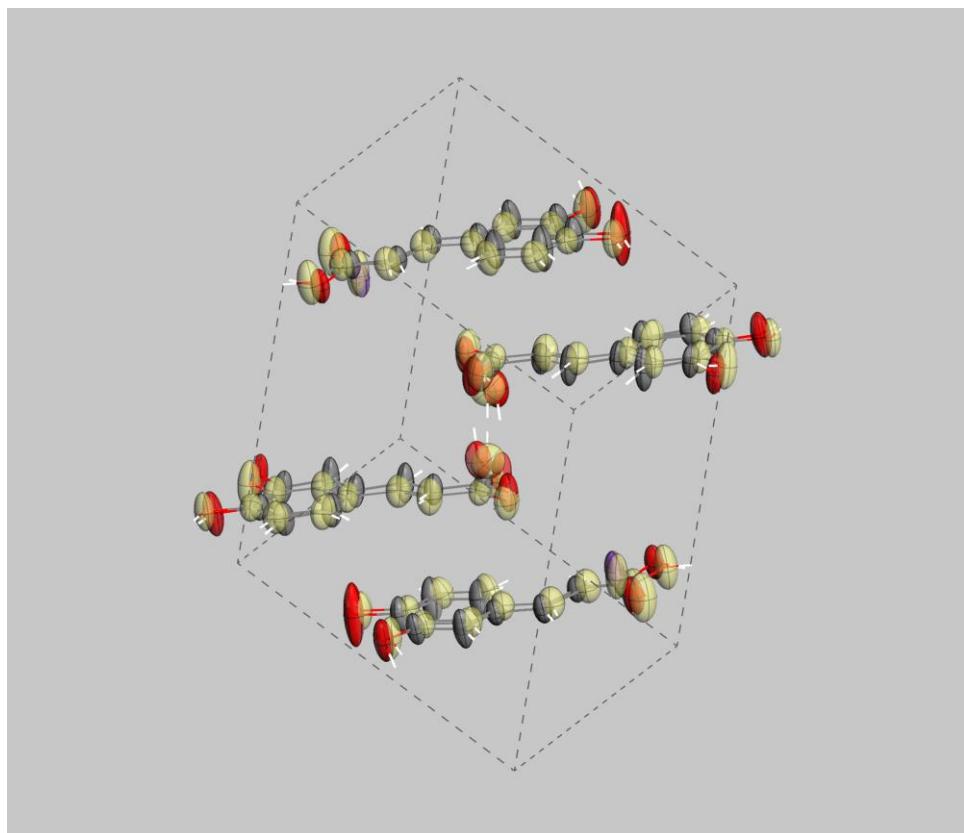
|          | $C1 \rightarrow O4$ | $H2 \rightarrow H41$ | $C1A \rightarrow O4A$ | $H2A \rightarrow H4A1$ | $H_2O$ | K      |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Model I  | 0.0123              | 0.0284               | 0.0073                | 0.0239                 | 0.0259 | 0.0162 |
| Model II | 0.0166              | 0.0283               | 0.0139                | 0.0157                 | 0.0366 | 0.0275 |



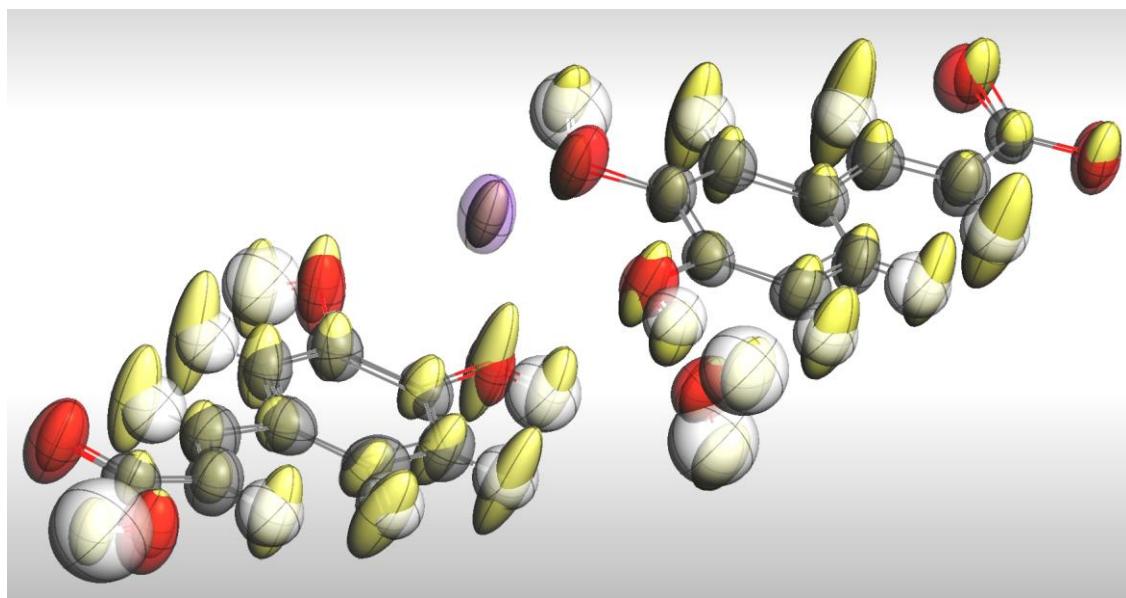
**Fig. SF1** X-ray structure (left) and model **II** one (right) unit cell.



**Figure SF2** Superimposition of the asymmetric unit of the X-ray structure (orange) and model **II** (light blue). The position of the K ion is coincident and therefore resulted eclipsed.



**Figure SF3** Superimposition of the experimental crystal packing with the model I MD averaged one. The experimental anisotropic thermal factors are shown (yellowish) and compared with the MD calculated ones (in red and gray for oxygen and carbons, respectively). The agreement in the anisotropic thermal factors is extended to the whole MD calculated super-cell and not only confined to the single unit fragment.



**Figure SF4** Superimposition of the whole asymmetric units (with displayed hydrogens, at difference with Figure 6 in the text) with the MD averaged ones of model I MD. The experimental anisotropic thermal factors are shown (in red and gray for oxygen and carbons, respectively) and compared with the MD calculated ones (yellowish ).

## Structure II CIF

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O1     O      0.62213  -0.09471   -0.68739   0.02045   Uani    1.00
O2     O      0.35784  -0.04405   -0.57173   0.01815   Uani    1.00
H21    H      0.34542  0.02748    -0.63868   0.02069   Uani    1.00
O3     O      0.99943  -0.83678   -0.53750   0.01598   Uani    1.00
H31    H      1.09519  -0.81291   -0.59510   0.01925   Uani    1.00
O4     O      0.88336  -0.83724   -0.28464   0.02069   Uani    1.00
H41    H      0.79158  -0.85815   -0.21989   0.02075   Uani    1.00
C1     C      0.51525  -0.12811   -0.60556   0.01330   Uani    1.00
C2     C      0.55310  -0.25630   -0.53665   0.01483   Uani    1.00
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| C3   | C | 0.68902  | -0.35981 | -0.57602 | 0.01744 | Uani | 1.00 |
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| O1A  | O | 0.44359  | 0.15090  | 0.12166  | 0.01512 | Uani | 1.00 |
| O2A  | O | 0.26171  | 0.17515  | 0.29475  | 0.02264 | Uani | 1.00 |
| O3A  | O | 0.32043  | 0.80445  | -0.23990 | 0.01526 | Uani | 1.00 |
| H3A1 | H | 0.39215  | 0.84668  | -0.19815 | 0.01932 | Uani | 1.00 |
| O4A  | O | 0.01191  | 0.94793  | -0.13426 | 0.02308 | Uani | 1.00 |
| H4A1 | H | -0.10905 | 0.98617  | -0.10000 | 0.02109 | Uani | 1.00 |
| C1A  | C | 0.31434  | 0.22076  | 0.18888  | 0.01269 | Uani | 1.00 |
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| O5   | O | 0.67563  | 0.07261  | -0.09641 | 0.01753 | Uani | 1.00 |
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| O1  | 0.01640 | 0.01662 | 0.02478 | -0.00337 | 0.00298  | 0.00506  |  |
| O2  | 0.01637 | 0.01447 | 0.01684 | 0.00339  | 0.00217  | 0.00556  |  |
| H21 | 0.02037 | 0.01493 | 0.01919 | 0.00347  | 0.00241  | 0.00670  |  |
| O3  | 0.01581 | 0.00943 | 0.01766 | 0.00034  | 0.00597  | -0.00067 |  |
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| C1  | 0.01277 | 0.00996 | 0.01480 | -0.00049 | -0.00027 | 0.00181  |  |
| C2  | 0.01381 | 0.01118 | 0.01554 | 0.00136  | 0.00028  | 0.00273  |  |
| H2  | 0.03863 | 0.03030 | 0.03228 | 0.01740  | 0.01800  | 0.01794  |  |
| C3  | 0.01978 | 0.01115 | 0.01542 | 0.00283  | 0.00226  | 0.00197  |  |
| H3  | 0.05445 | 0.02489 | 0.03174 | 0.01587  | 0.02360  | 0.01218  |  |
| C4  | 0.01625 | 0.00983 | 0.01225 | 0.00229  | 0.00038  | 0.00016  |  |
| C5  | 0.01880 | 0.01093 | 0.01305 | 0.00262  | 0.00342  | 0.00094  |  |
| H5  | 0.04224 | 0.02226 | 0.01805 | 0.00776  | 0.01170  | 0.00419  |  |
| C6  | 0.01191 | 0.00866 | 0.01284 | 0.00037  | 0.00233  | -0.00013 |  |
| C7  | 0.01132 | 0.00996 | 0.01199 | 0.00171  | 0.00105  | 0.00072  |  |
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| H8  | 0.04058 | 0.02446 | 0.01288 | 0.01258  | 0.00612  | 0.00234  |  |

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|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| C9   | 0.02653 | 0.01304 | 0.01144 | 0.00780  | 0.00179  | -0.00019 |
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| O2A  | 0.02148 | 0.01473 | 0.02100 | 0.00411  | 0.00893  | 0.00863  |
| O3A  | 0.01190 | 0.01431 | 0.01578 | 0.00006  | 0.00081  | 0.00494  |
| H3A1 | 0.01363 | 0.01969 | 0.02260 | -0.00305 | -0.00094 | 0.00402  |
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| H3A  | 0.04188 | 0.02034 | 0.02882 | 0.01155  | 0.01685  | 0.01019  |
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| H9A  | 0.02765 | 0.02468 | 0.03289 | 0.00471  | 0.01445  | 0.01389  |
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| C8A | H8A | 1.069 | . | ? |
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| C9A | H9A | 1.063 | . | ? |
| O5  | H52 | 0.981 | . | ? |
| O5  | H51 | 0.977 | . | ? |