

Capturing The Significance of X-Ray Crystallography in Pharmaceutical Field:

The Application to Characterize New Salt, Co-Crystal and
Co-Amorphous

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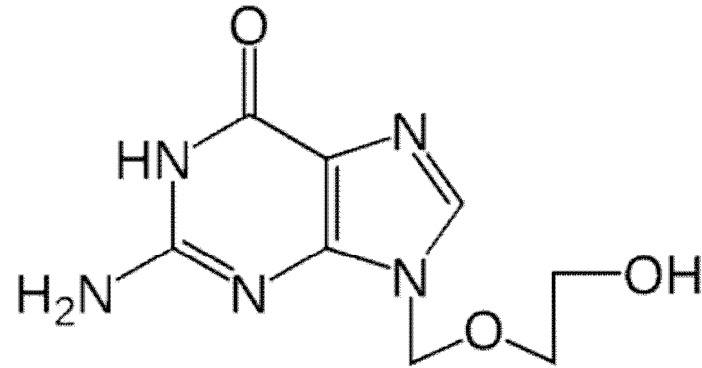
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Acyclovir



- Guanosine analogue antiviral drugs.
- The treatment of herpes simplex virus infections.

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■ Screening and Characterization

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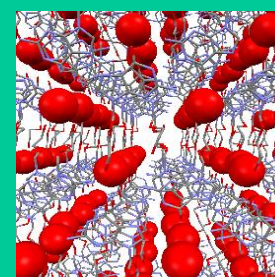
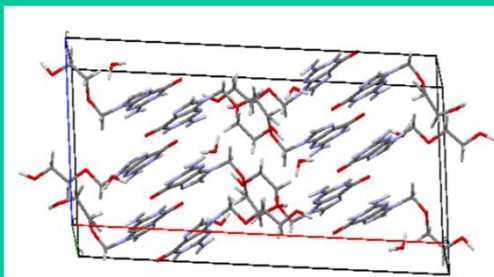
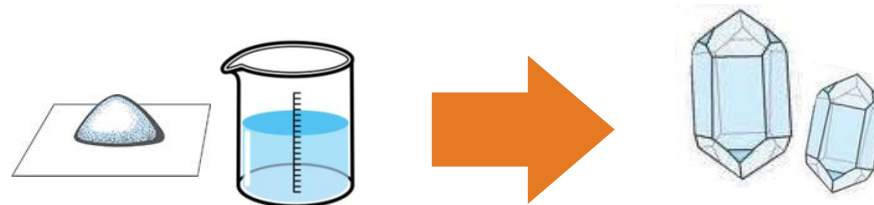
2/3 Hydrate

Commercially available

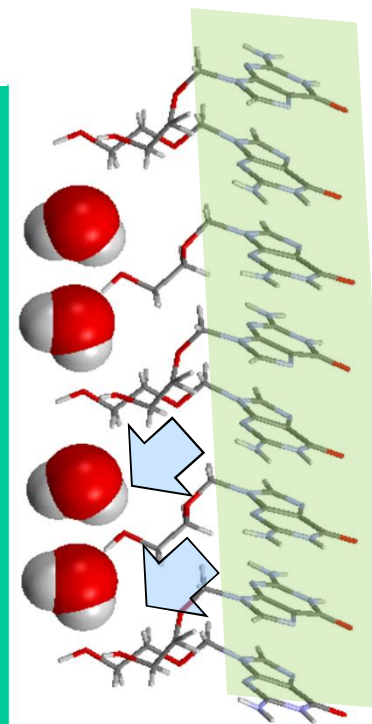
Recrystallized from ethanol solution



$P2_1/n$
 a 25.459(1) Å
 b 11.282(1) Å
 c 10.768(1) Å
 β 95.16(1)°
Volume
3080.342 Å³
 Z 12
R-factor 5.3%



Column structure
Stacking purine moiety



Dihydrate

From ammonium solution



P-1

a 6.8386(7) Å

b 11.3679(14) Å

c 14.942(2) Å

α 82.845(4)°

β 82.419(3)°

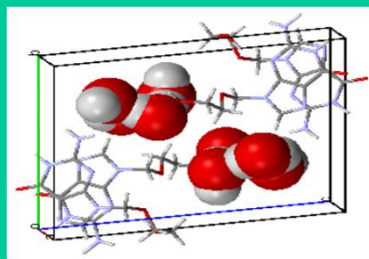
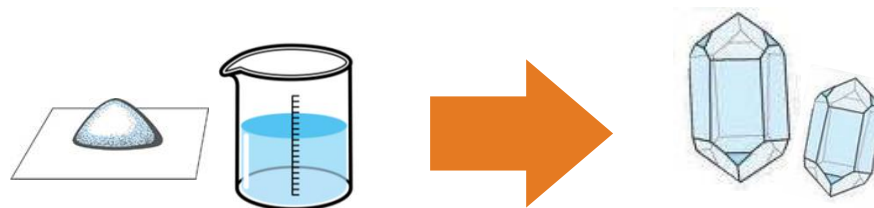
γ 89.326(3)°

Volume

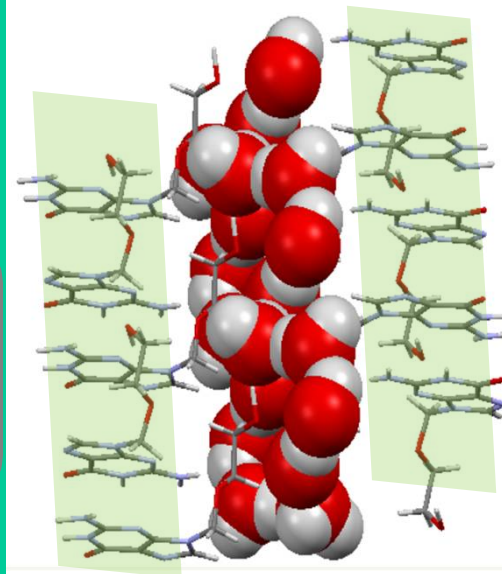
1142.5(2) Å³

Z 4

R-factor 7.71%

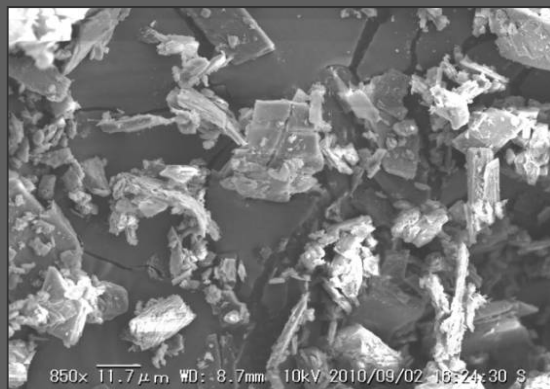


Channel structure
Stacking purine moiety

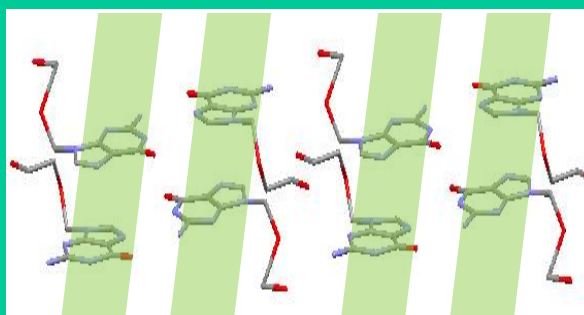
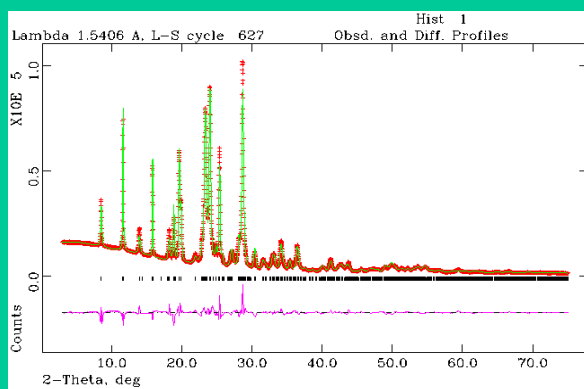


Anhydrate2

Dehydration of hydrates



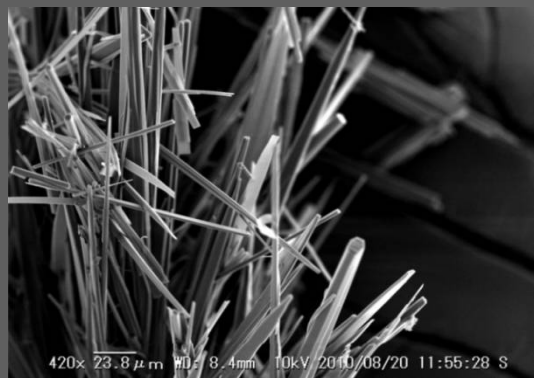
$P2_1/c$
 a 10.9399(6) Å
 b 11.1837(6) Å
 c 8.1164(4) Å
 β 108.6277(34)°
Volume
941.009 Å³
 Z 4



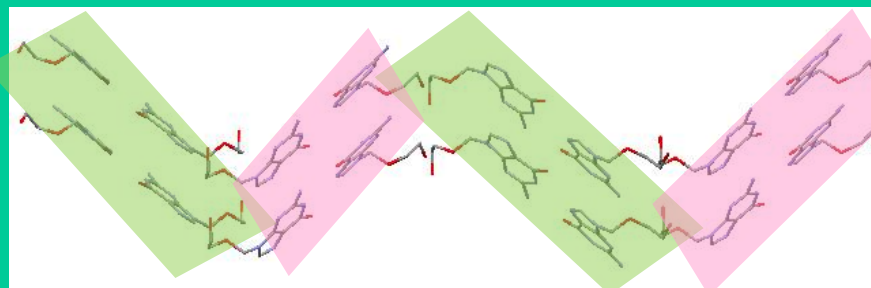
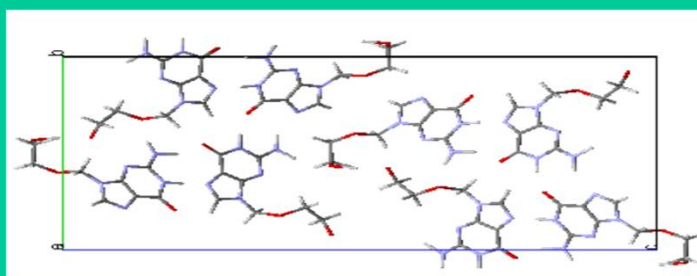
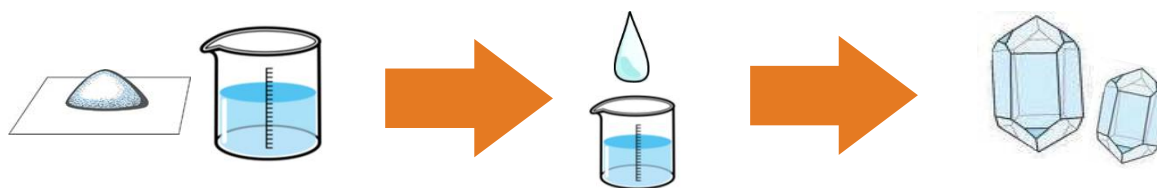
Stacking purine moiety

Anhydrate2

Crystallization by Vapor-Diffusion. Procedure. (DMF+Acetonitrile)

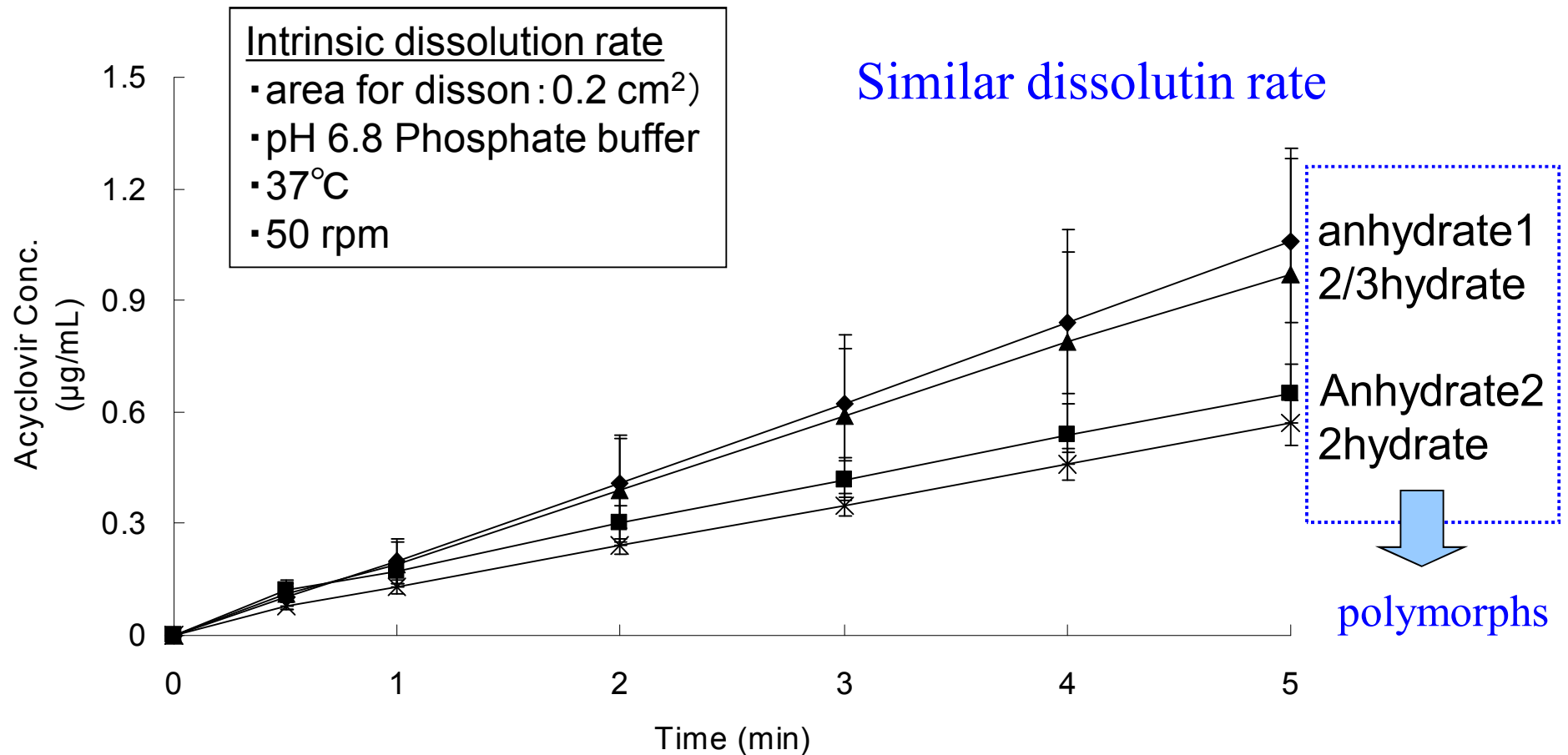


P $2_12_12_1$
 a 4.5387(10) Å
 b 15.0308(3) Å
 c 28.3320(6) Å
Volume
1932.82 Å³
 Z 8
 R -factor 9.88 %



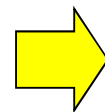
Different stacking mode

Dissolution properties for acyclovir polymorphs



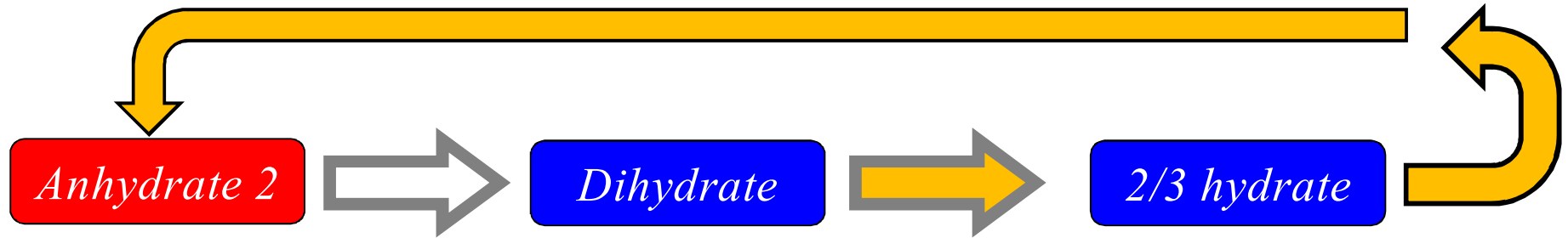
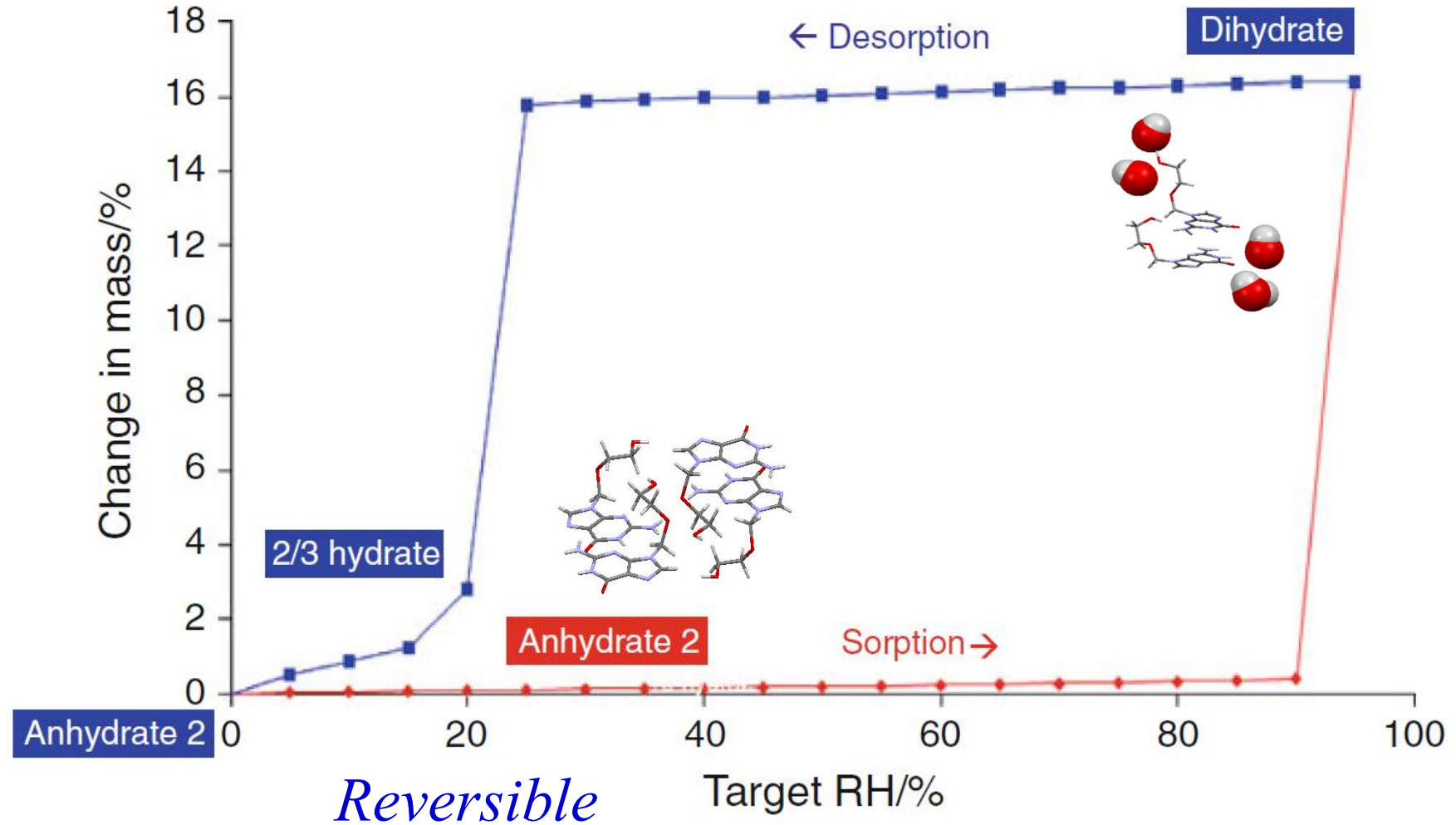
Transformation of anhydrate to hydrate was quick.

Anhydrates were useless

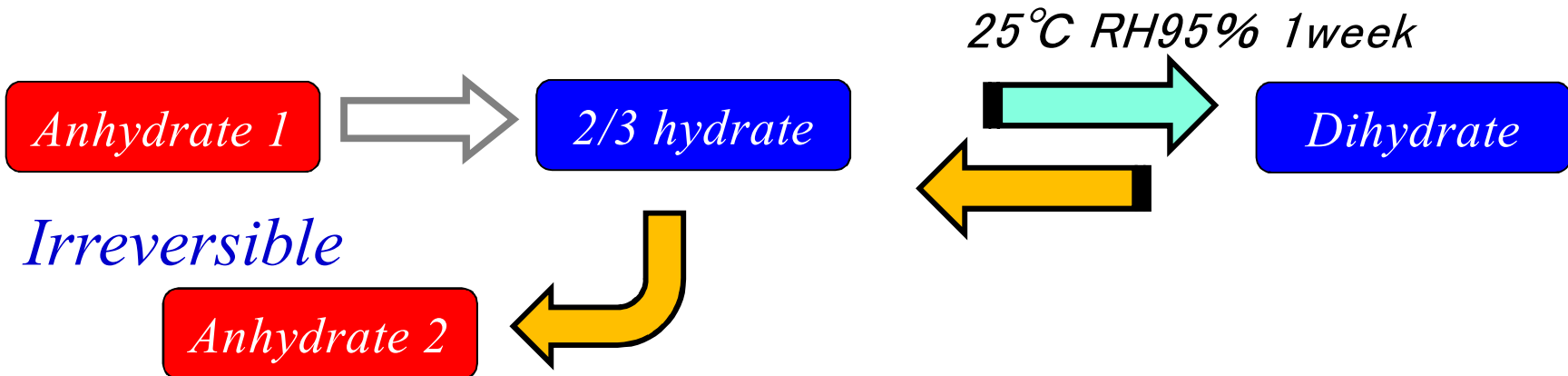
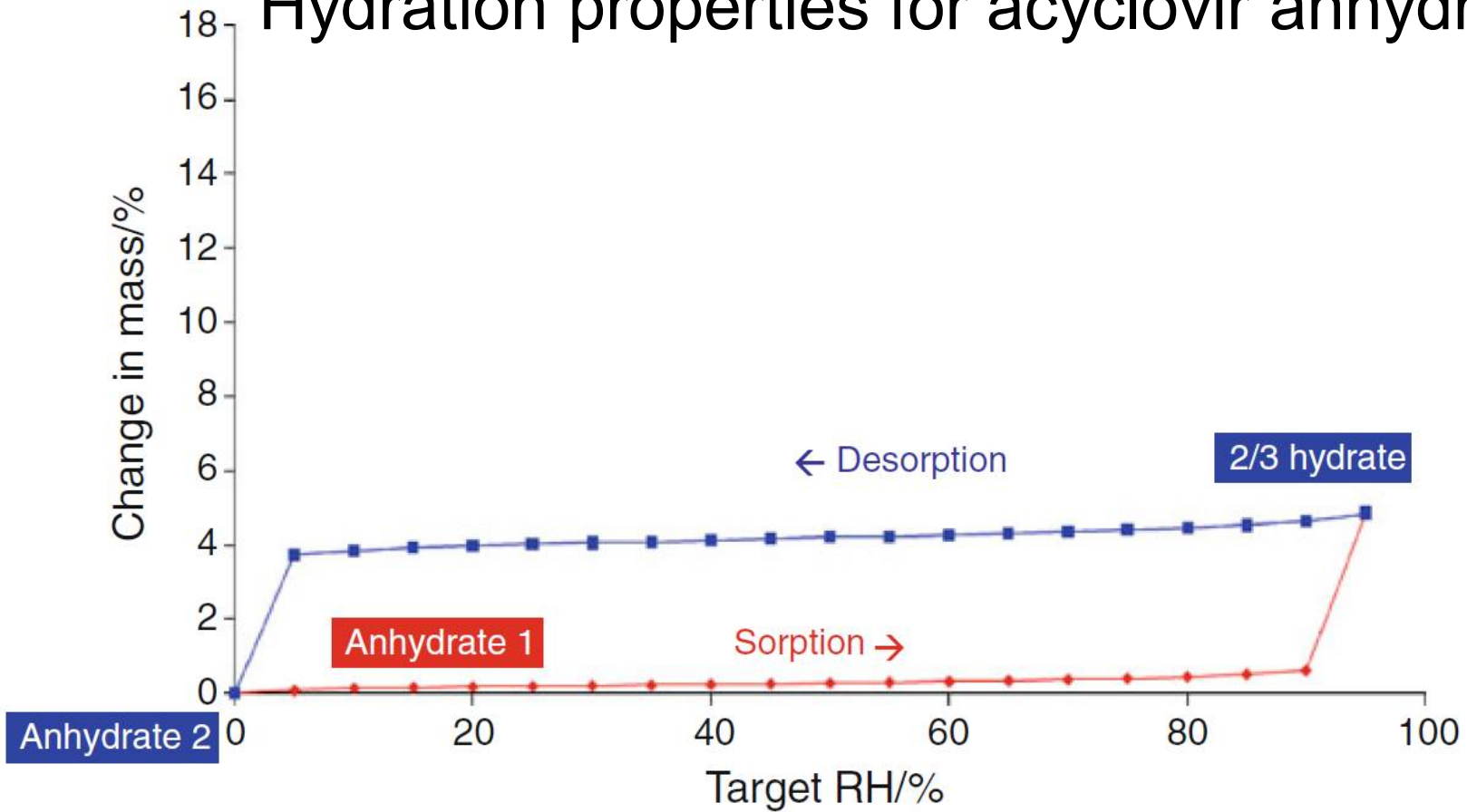


Hydration mechanism ?

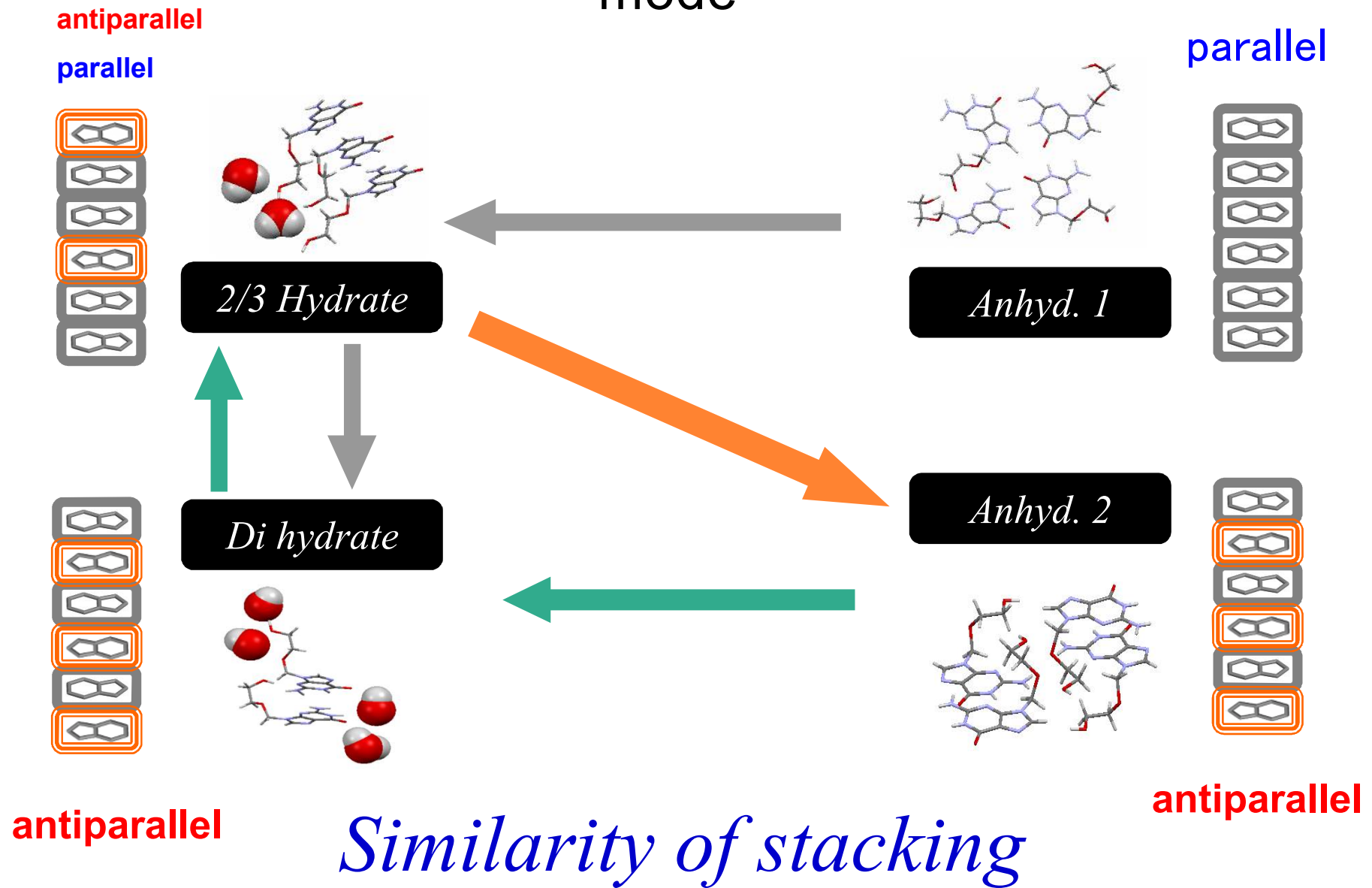
Hydration properties for acyclovir anhydrate2



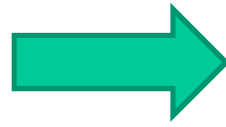
Hydration properties for acyclovir anhydrate1



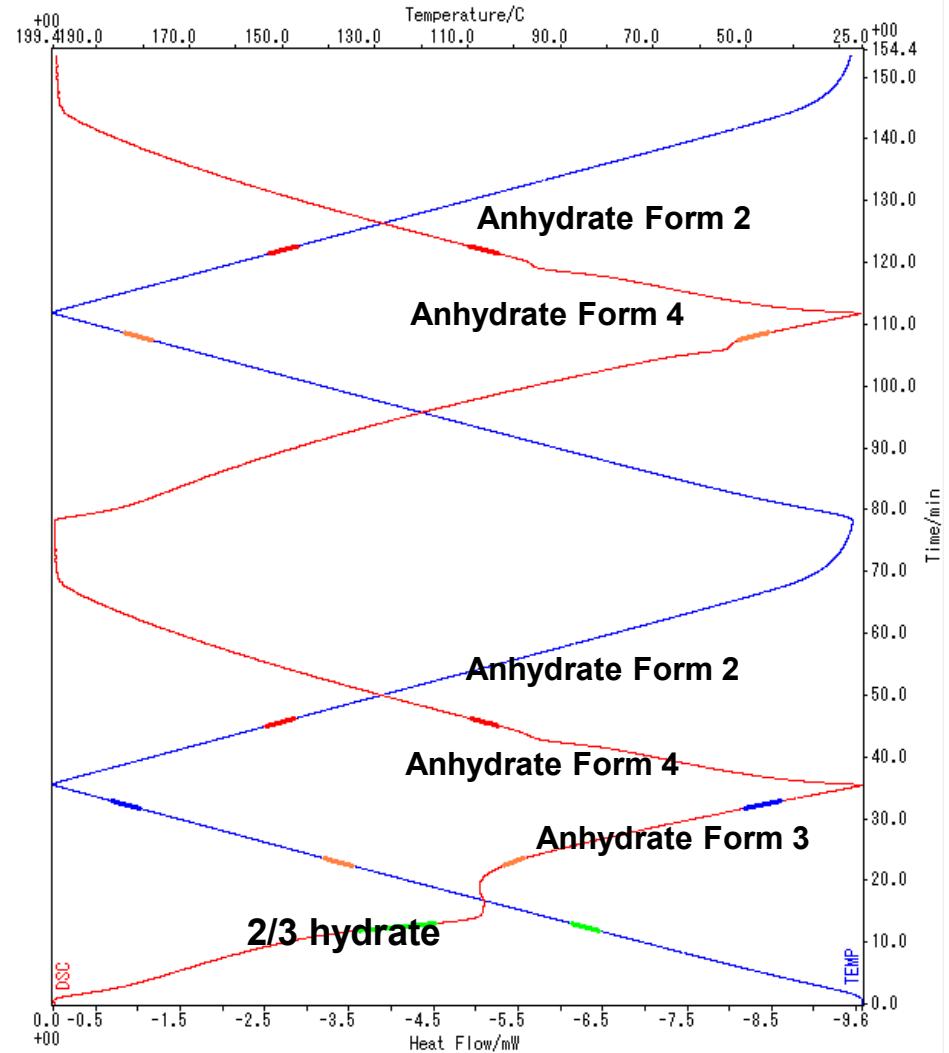
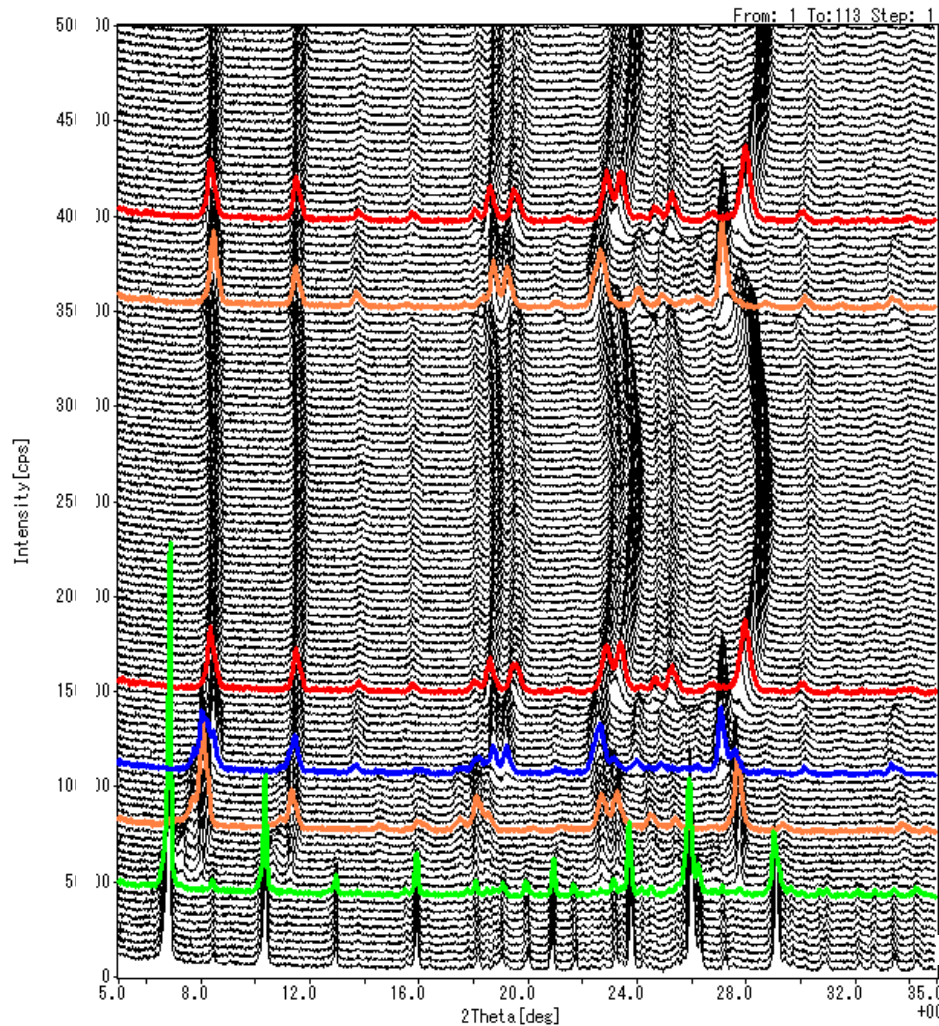
Comparison between transition behavior and stacking mode



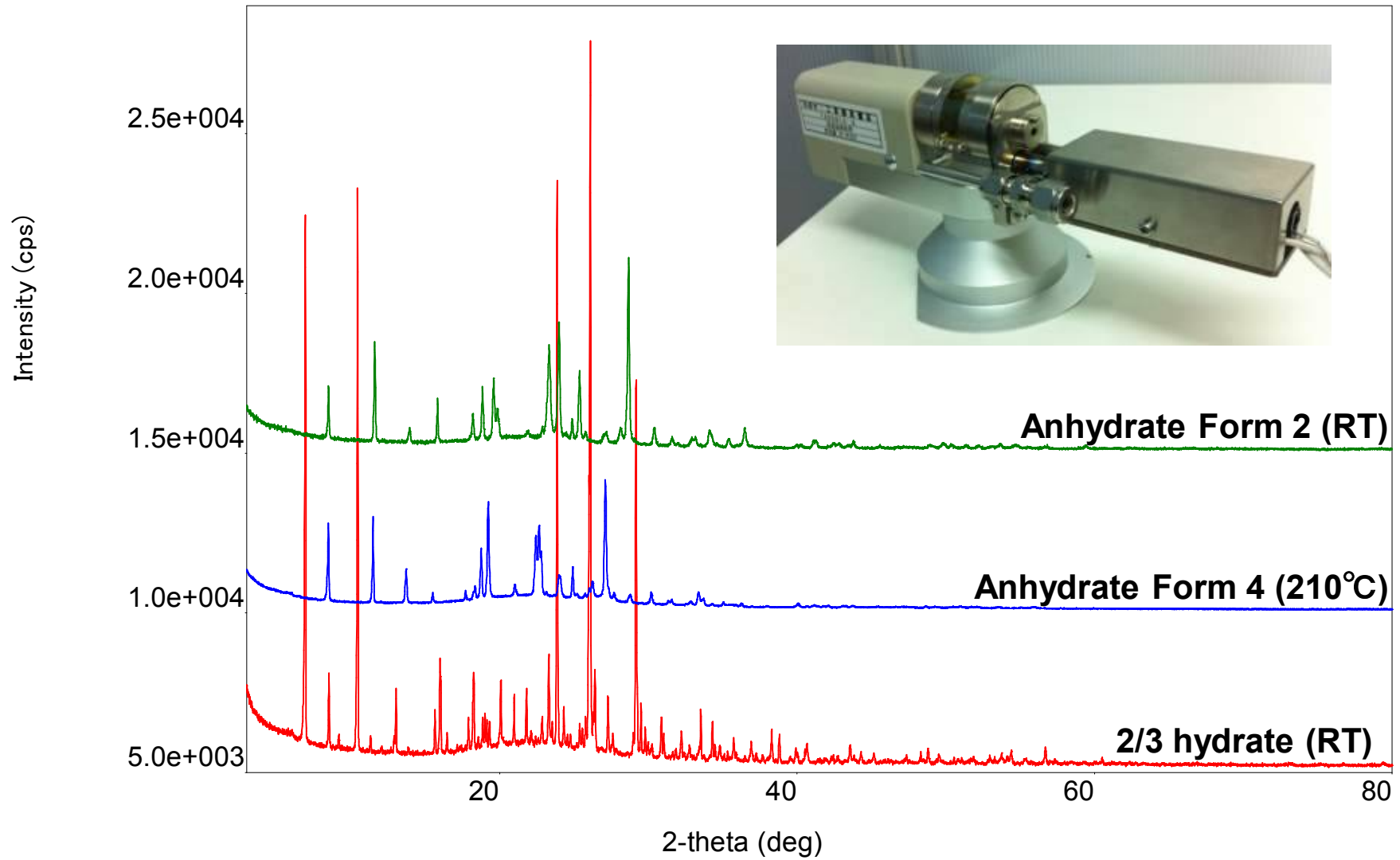
The phase transition mechanism is complicated.



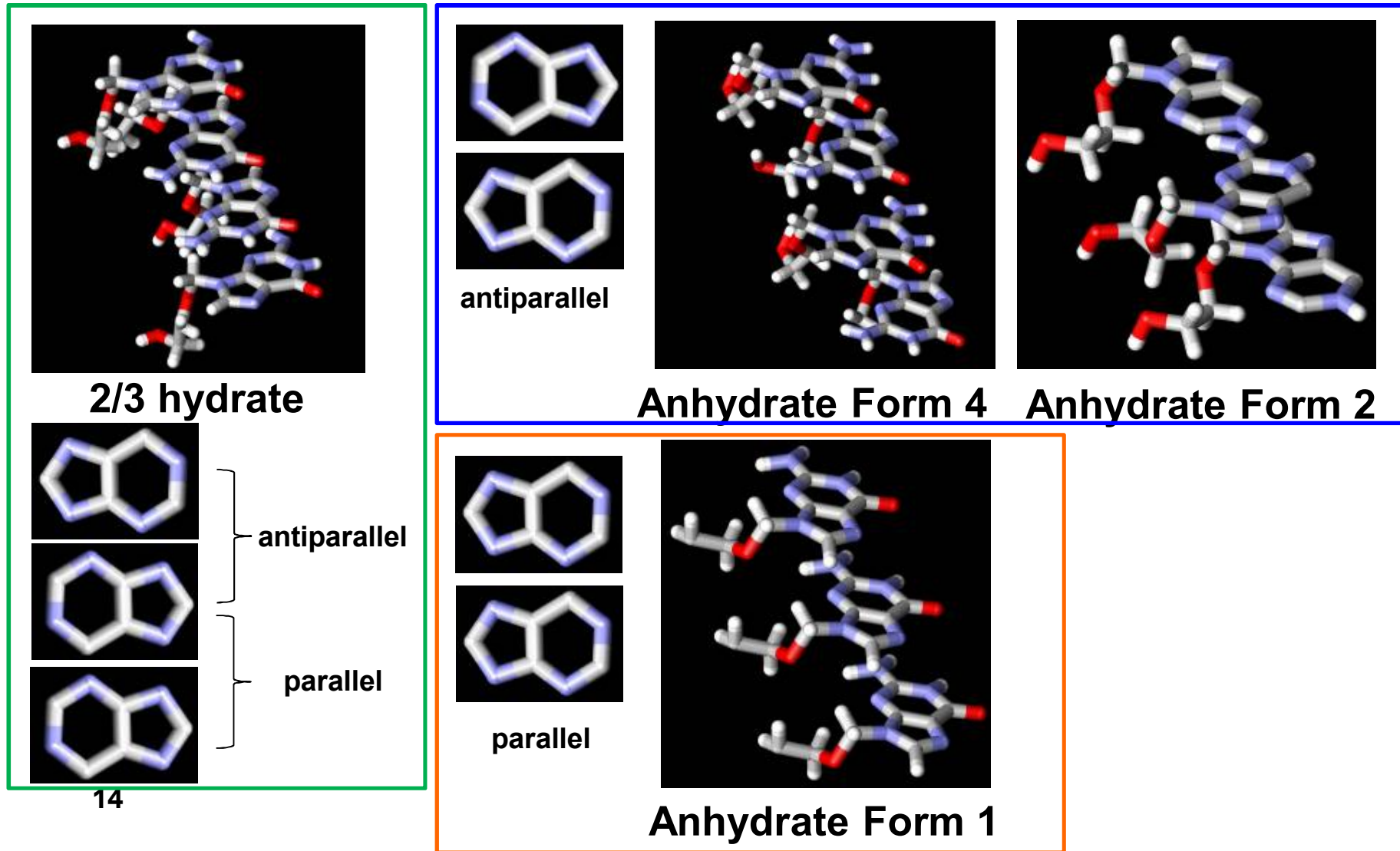
X-ray DSC



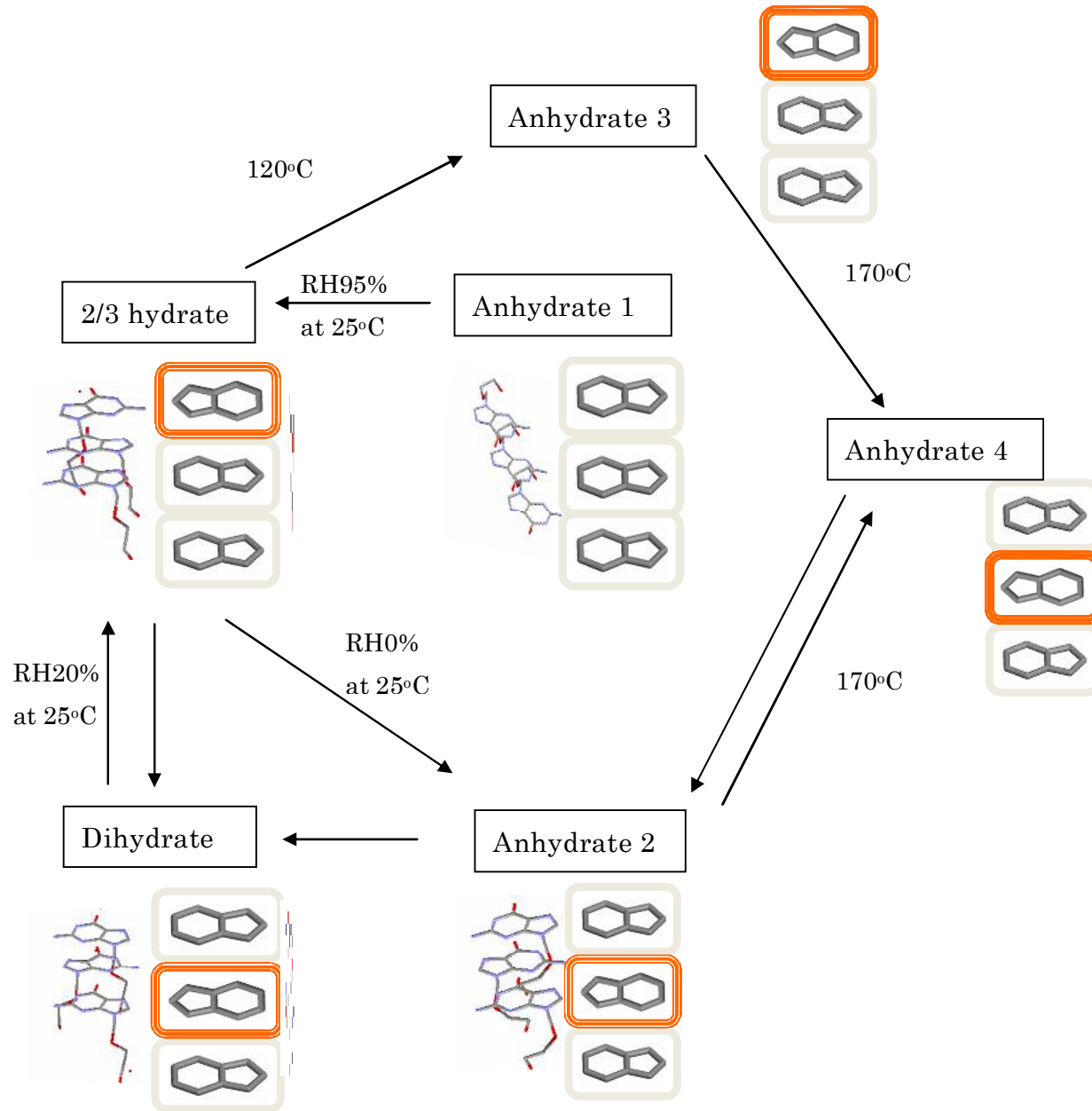
XRPD patterns of acyclovir using HT capillary sample holder



Comparison from the view of stacking structure



Phase Transition of Acyclovir polymorphs



Conclusion

- There are two packing manners for purine moiety. Anhydrate 1, anhydrate 2, 2/3 hydrate and ACV dihydrate were packed in parallel, antiparallel, mixture of parallel—anti-parallel and parallel manners, respectively.
- Based on the packing manner of ACV, it can be seen why the phase transformation occurs with readily or with difficulty.

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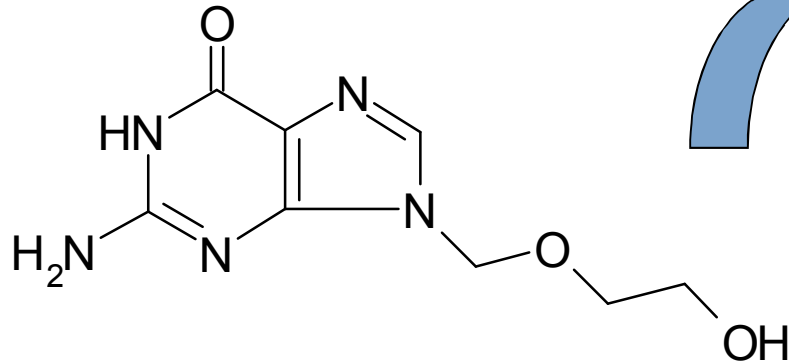
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dissolution properties



Sprangly soluble in water

Dissolution rate and solubility for water

Activity related to the solubility in base

Oral dosage form

Bioavailability : low

D. Patel, *et al. Drug. Dev. Ind. Pharm.* 33:1318 (2007).

Transdermal

Transdermal Absorption : low

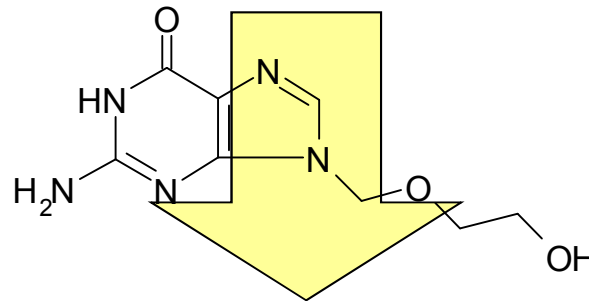
D. J. Freeman, *et al. Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.* 29:730 (1986).

Improvement of solubility

Improvement of the physicochemical properties

methods

- polymorphs
- Salt formation
- Package
- gringing
- Solvate
- Cocrystal
- Solid dispersion
- amorphous



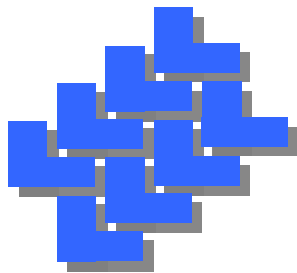
Applicaton for oral dosage form

Cocrystal→Improvement of dissolution properties

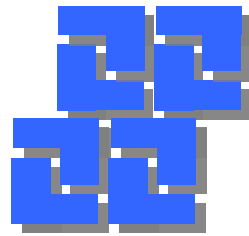
Application for transdermal dosage form

Amorphization→Increase the solubility in base→ Increase the absorption

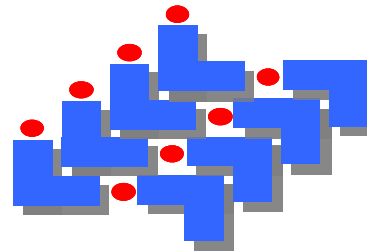
Cocrystal . . .



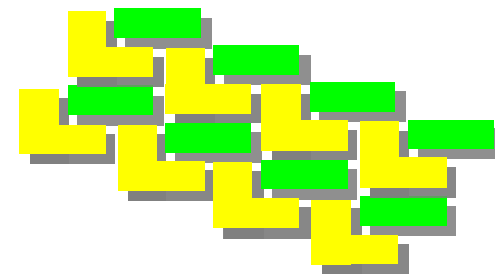
pure API



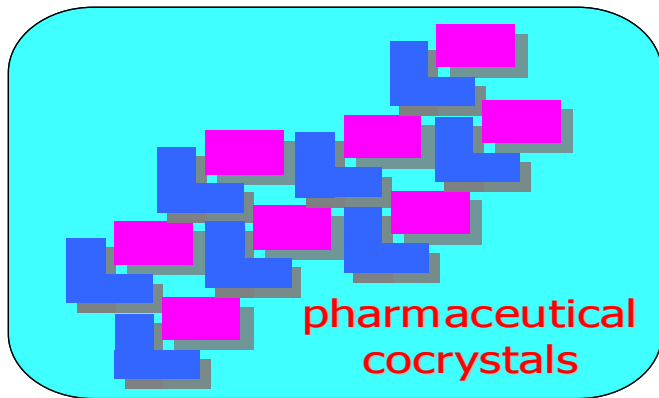
polymorph
of pure API



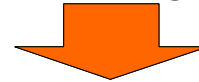
hydrate/solvate
of API



salt of API



- Multicomponent crystal
- Hydrogen bonding, Neutral

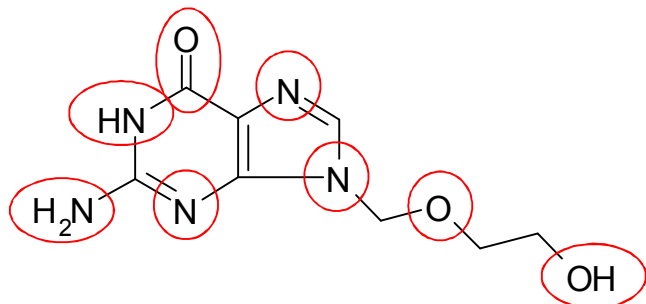


Multicomponent crystal
Hydrogen bonding, Neutral

- Neutral API
- Water/solvent
- Charged API
- Counter ion
- Cocrystal former

ACV has many functional groups,
Capable to make hydrogen bonding

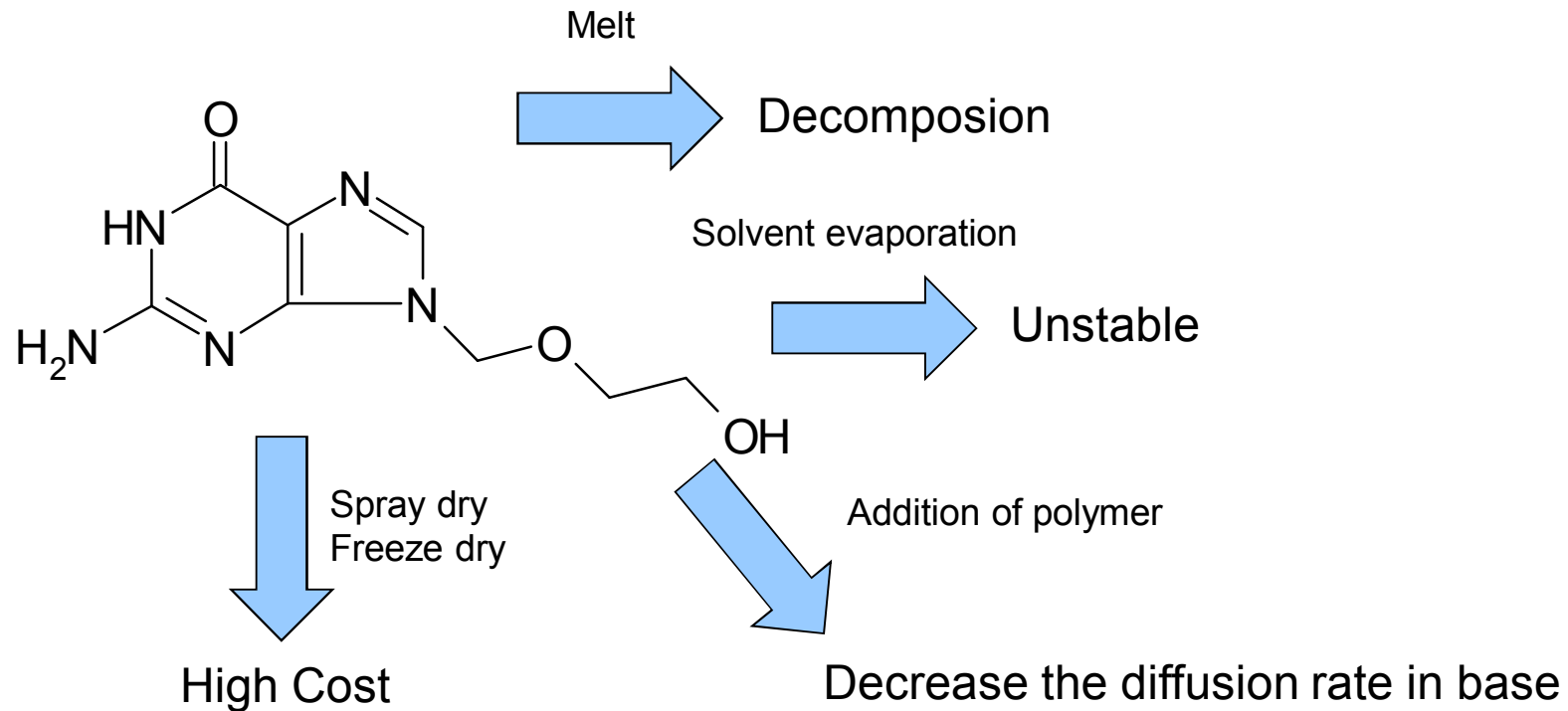
Cocrystal formation



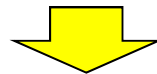
:Hydrogen bond donor or acceptor sites

Generally recognized as safe compound

Amorphization of Acyclovir



Conventional methods isn't suitable for the amorphization



Preparation of Amorphous complex with additives

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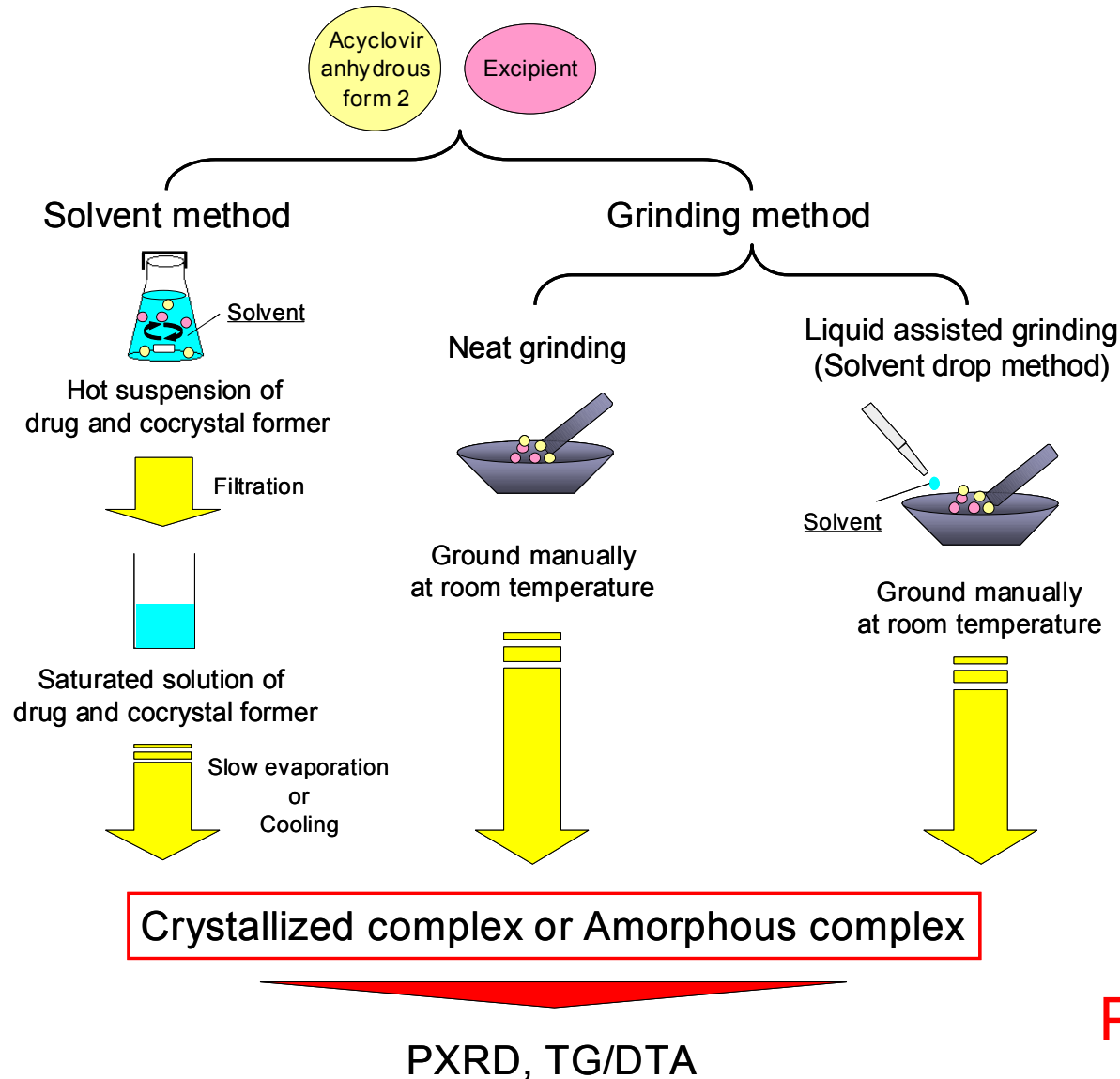
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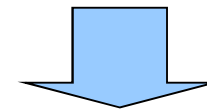
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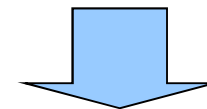
Screening methods



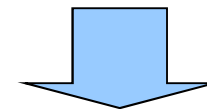
Screening by
Solvent, Grinding



Liquid assisted grindig

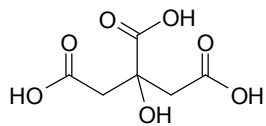


14additives
9 solvent

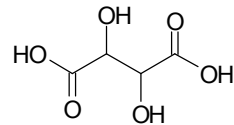


Evaluated by
PXRD, Themal Analysis

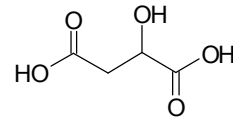
Generally recognized as safe compounds used



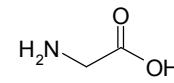
Citric acid



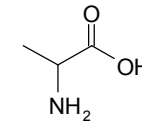
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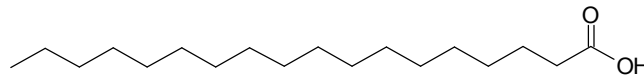
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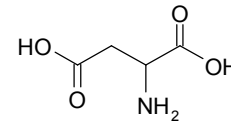
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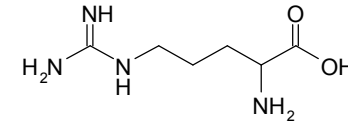
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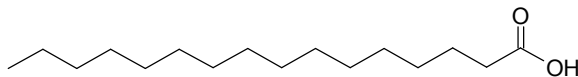
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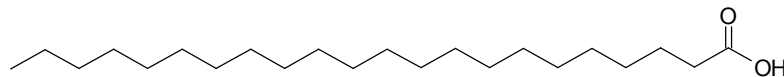
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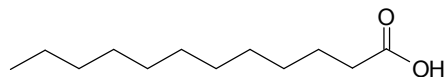
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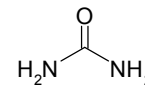
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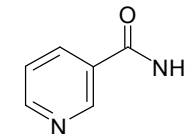
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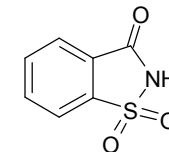
Lauric acid



Urea



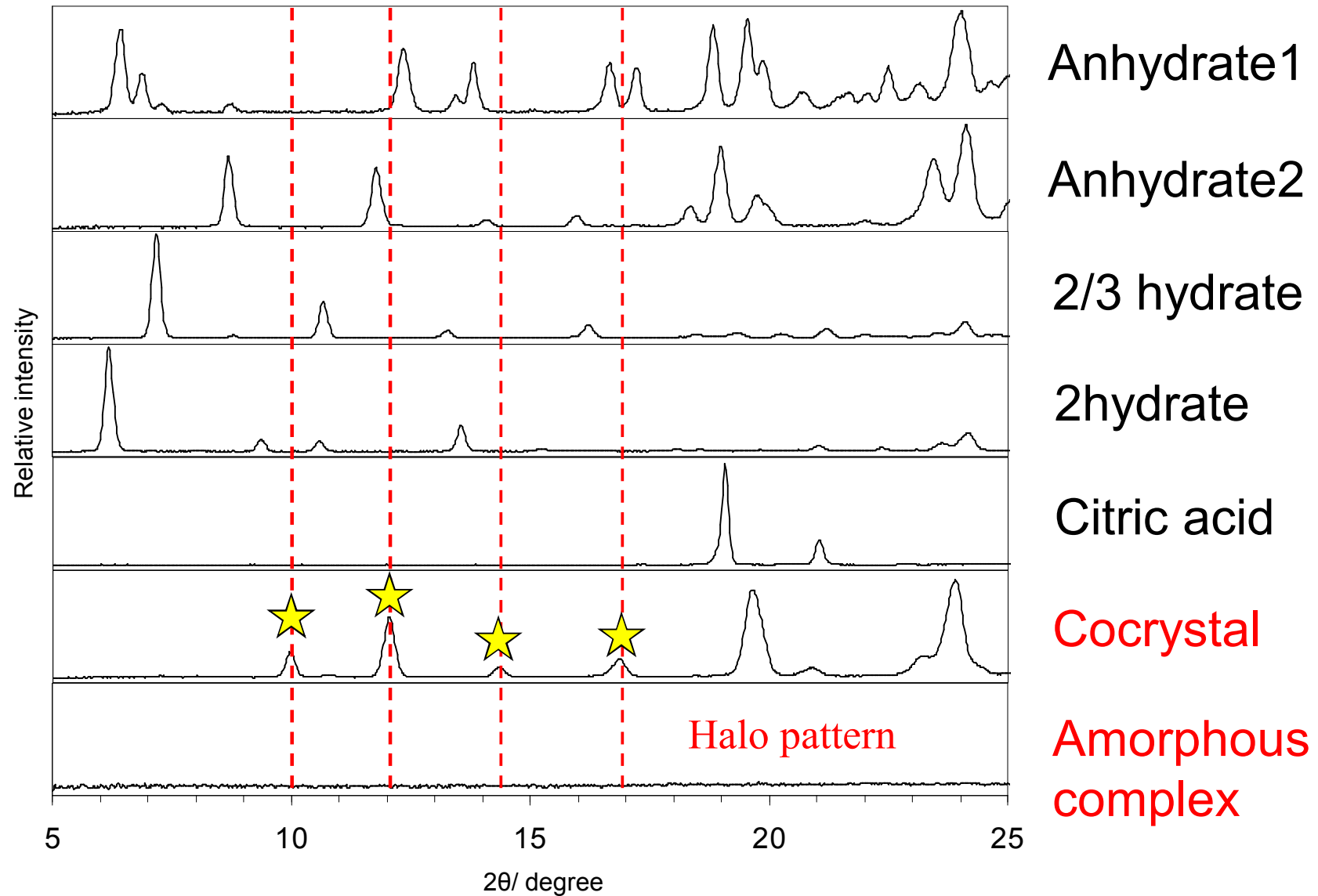
Nicotinamide



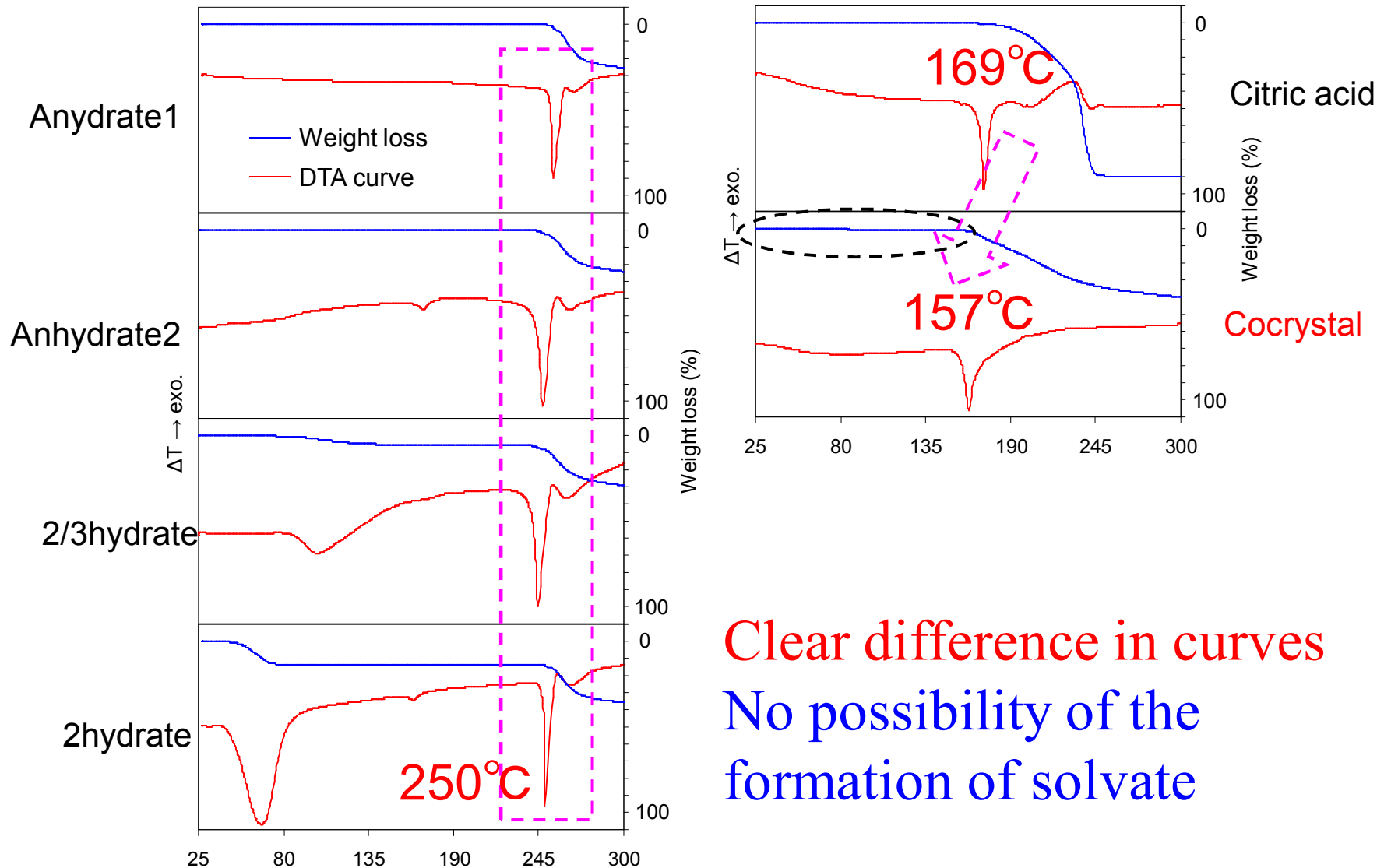
Saccharin

Existence of the records as Oral or Transdermal application

PXRD patterns of samples

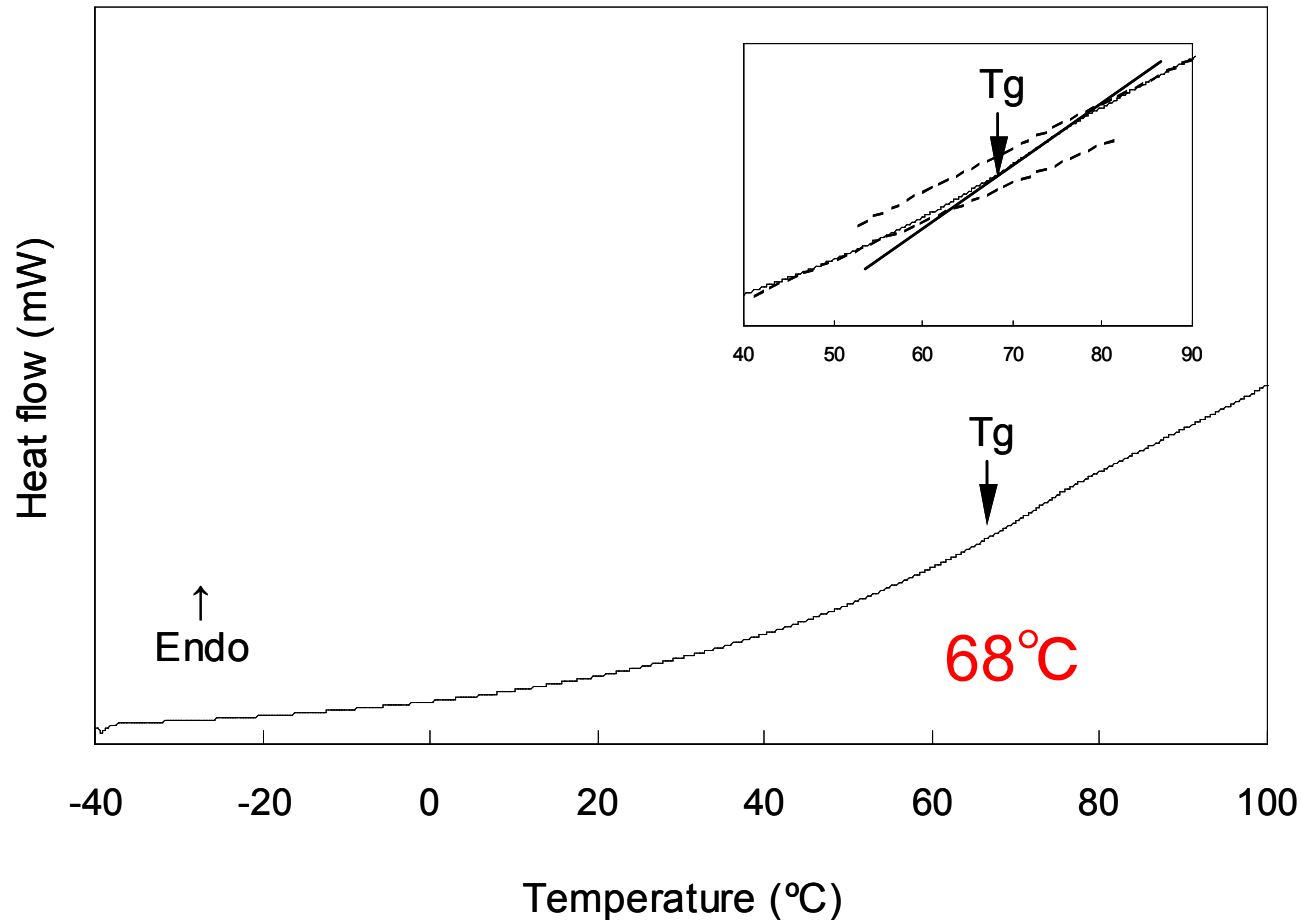


TG/DTA curve of samples



Clear difference in curves
No possibility of the formation of solvate

DSC curves of amorphous complex



Glass transition temperature T_g was higher than the room temperature.
Confirmation of the physical stability of amorphous complex

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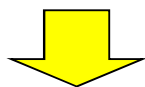
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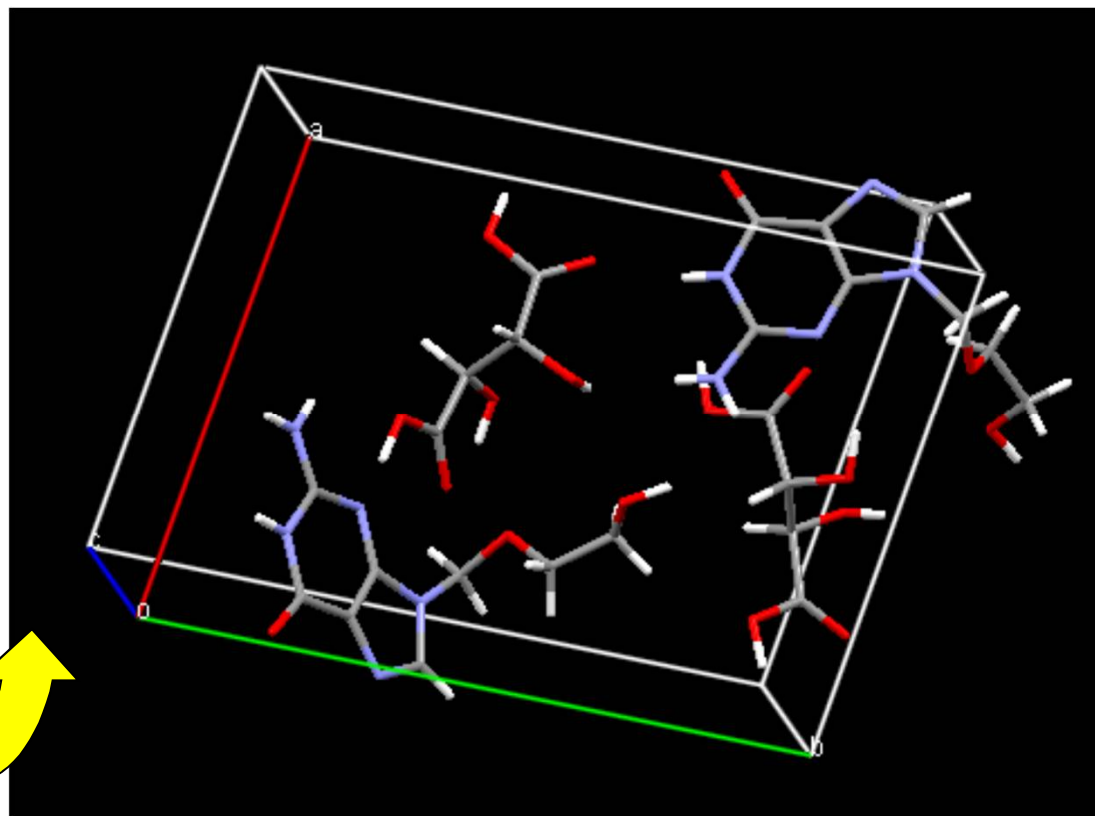
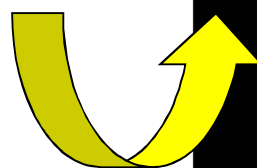
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Crystal structure of Acyclovir - Citric acid Cocrystal

Single crystals weren't obtained



Crystal structure analysis using powder diffraction data obtained by synchrotron radiation

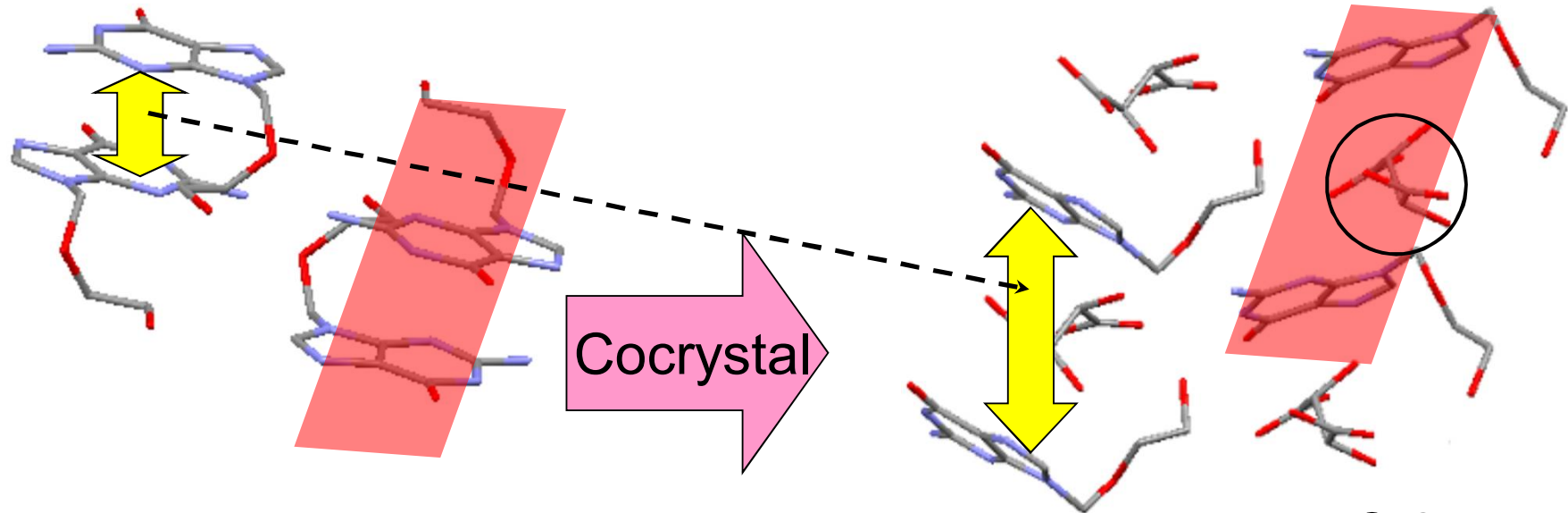


Stoichiometry of Acyclovir : Citric acid was 1:1

Comparison of stacking structure of Acyclovir and its cocrystal

Anhydrare2

Acv-Citric acid Cocrystal



Stacking structure of Purine frame

○ Citric acid

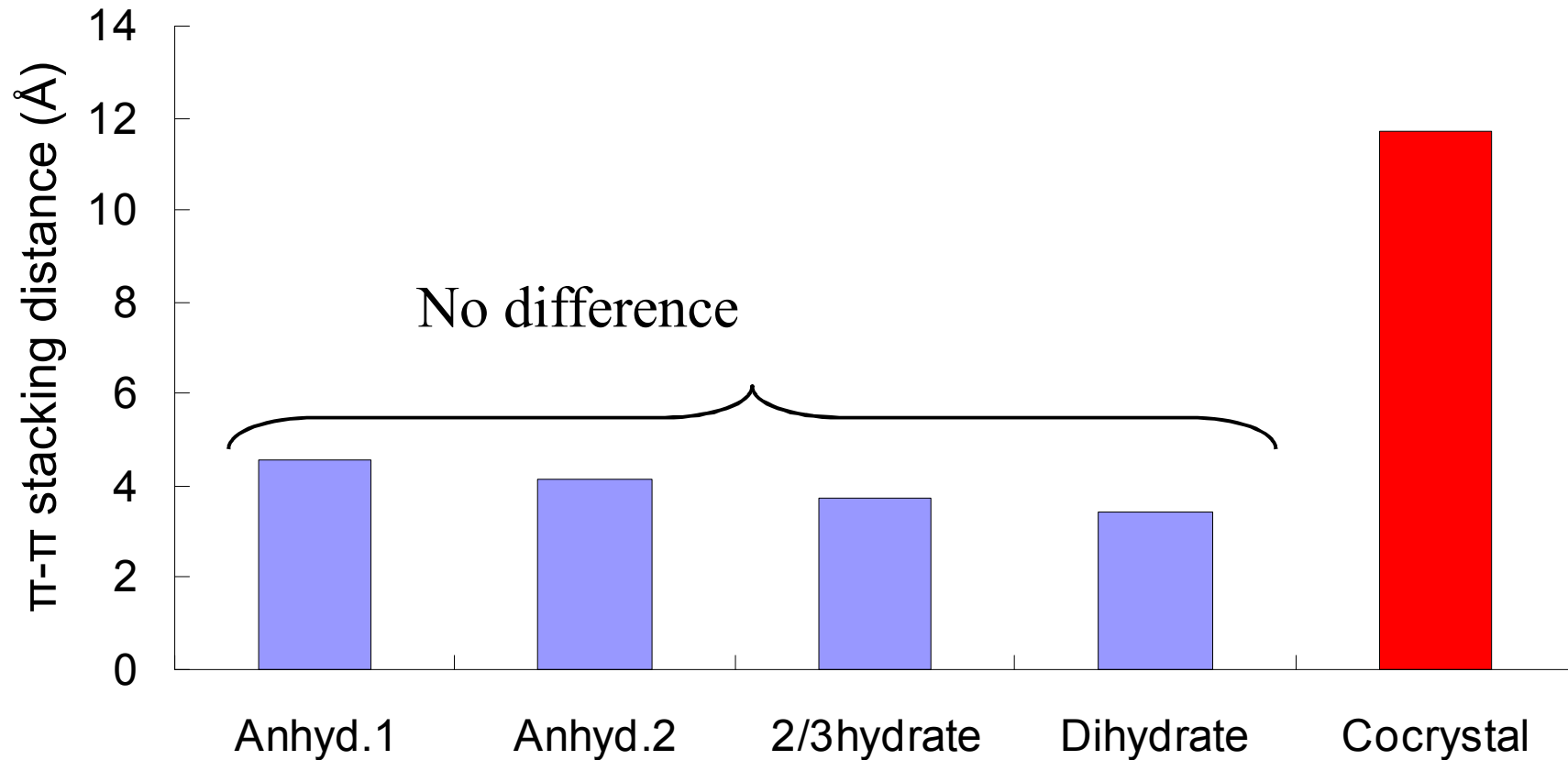


Un-stabilize the stacking structure by intercalation of citric acid



Enhancement of the solubility

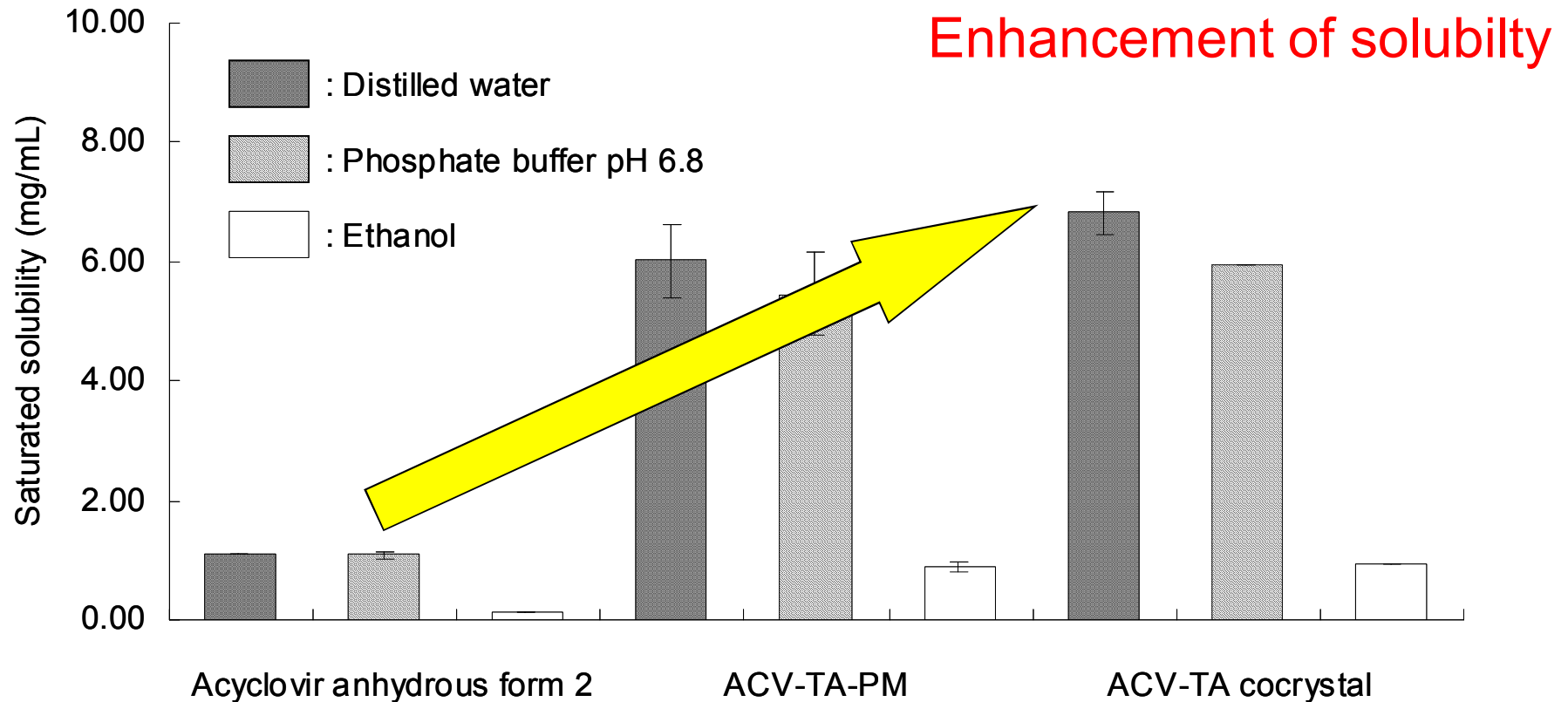
Distance in the purine frame in the crystals



Change in the crystal structure by cocrystal

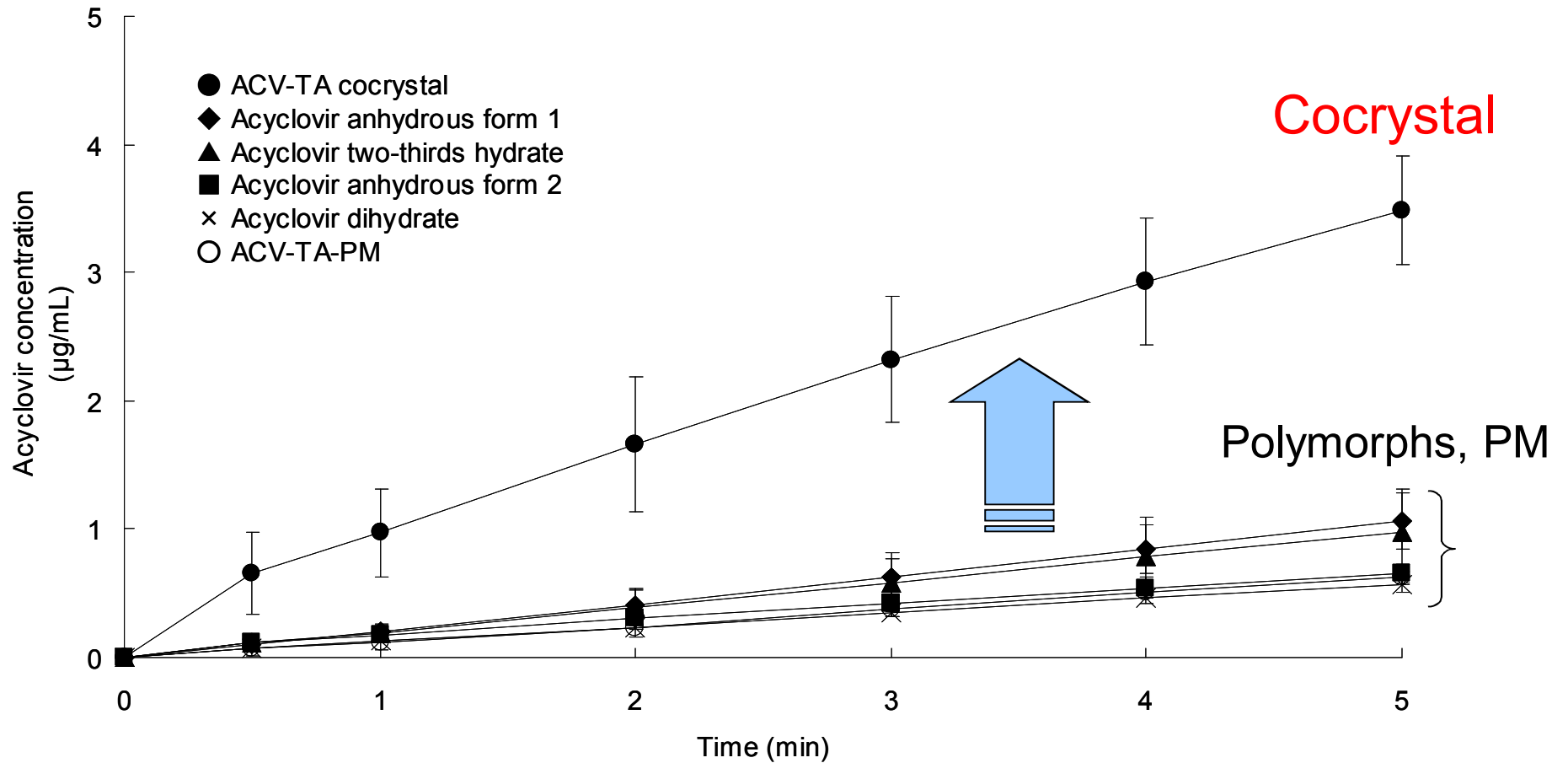
Improvement of dissolution property

Saturated Solubility of Cocrystal in various solvents



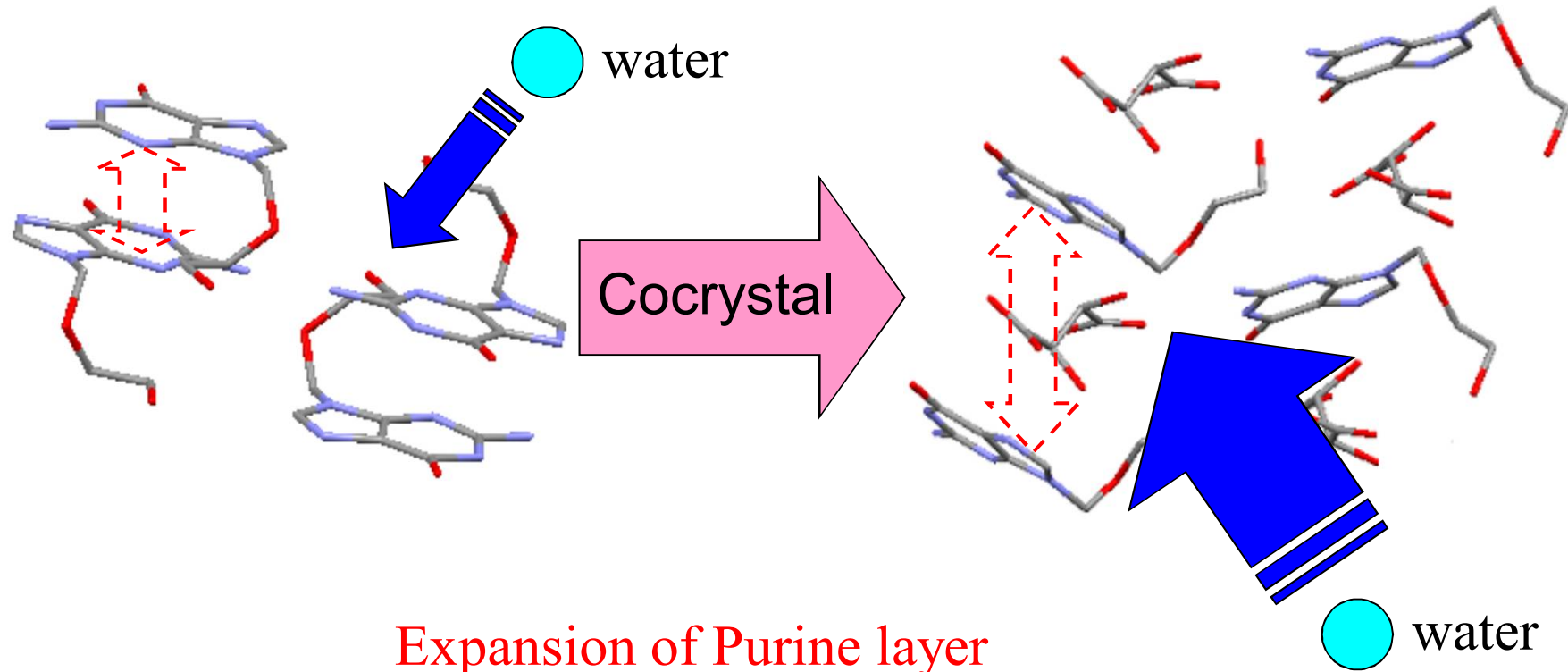
Physical mixture showed the similar solubility compare to the Cocrystal
ACV and Citric acid was interacted, even in the solution.

Initial dissolution profiles for ACV samples



Remarkable enhancement of solubility was observed.

Mechanism for improvement of dissolution property of ACV by Cocystal formation



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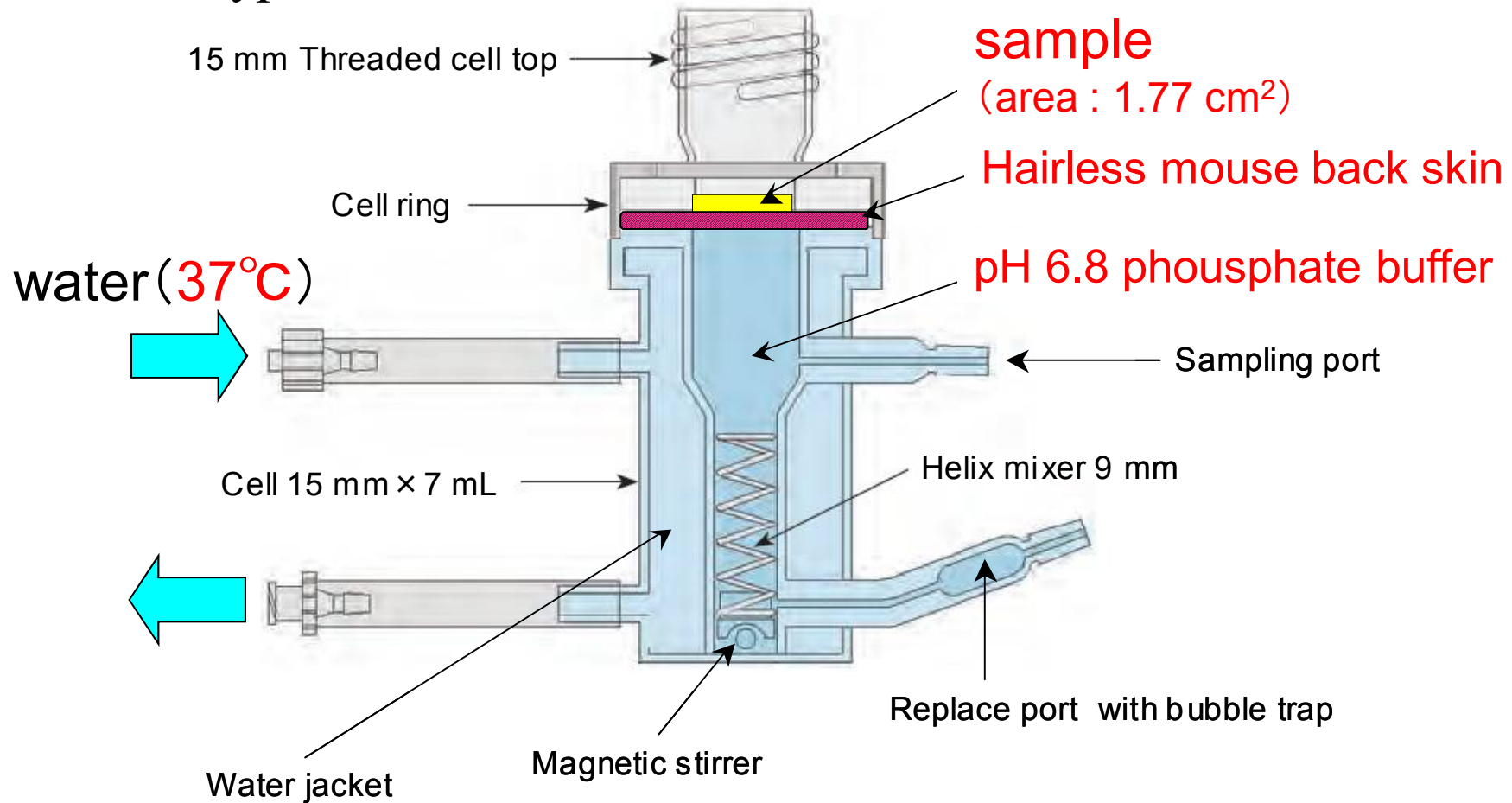
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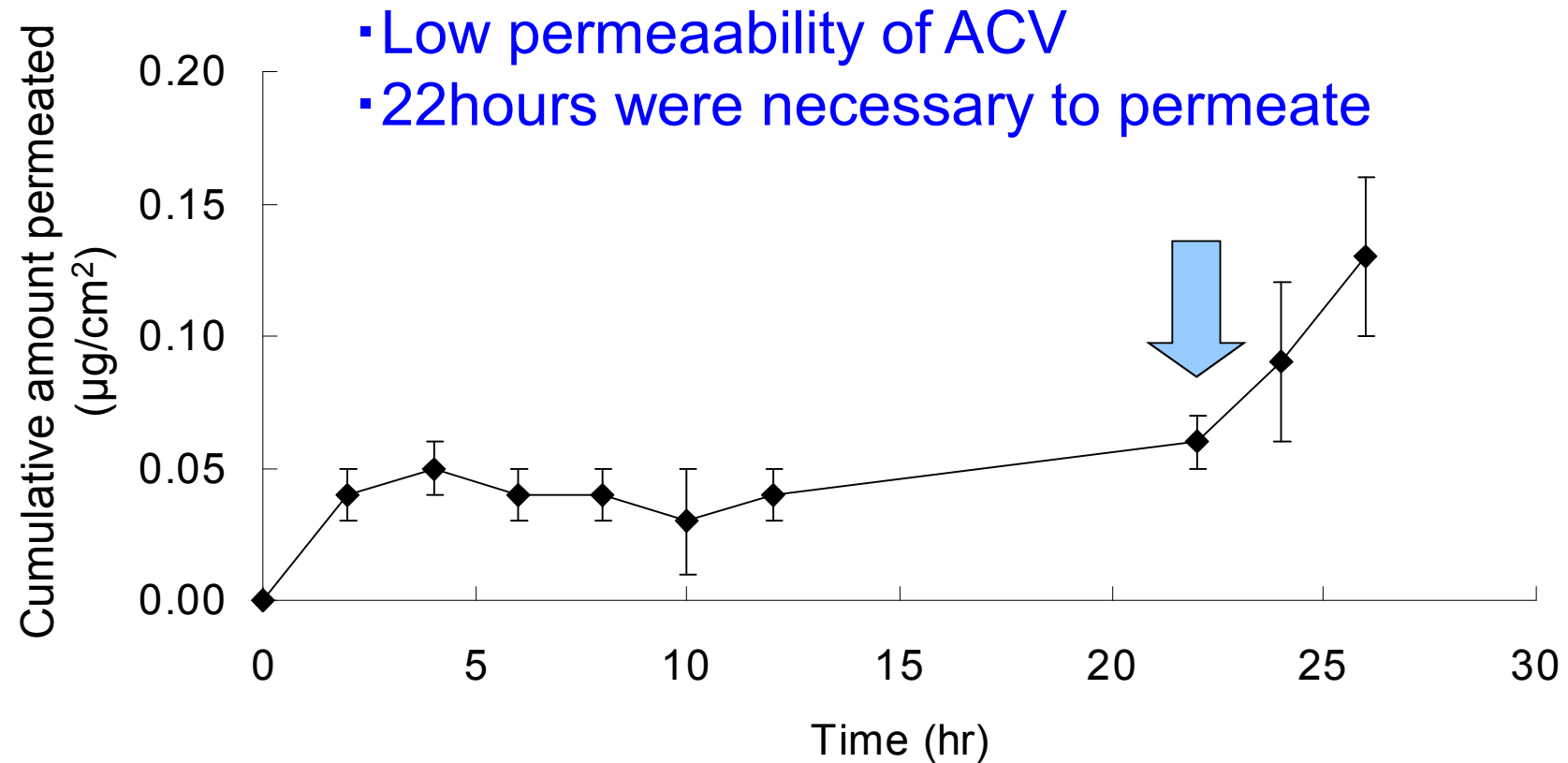
In vitro Transdermal test for ACV ointment

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Ointment base: **Macrogol**

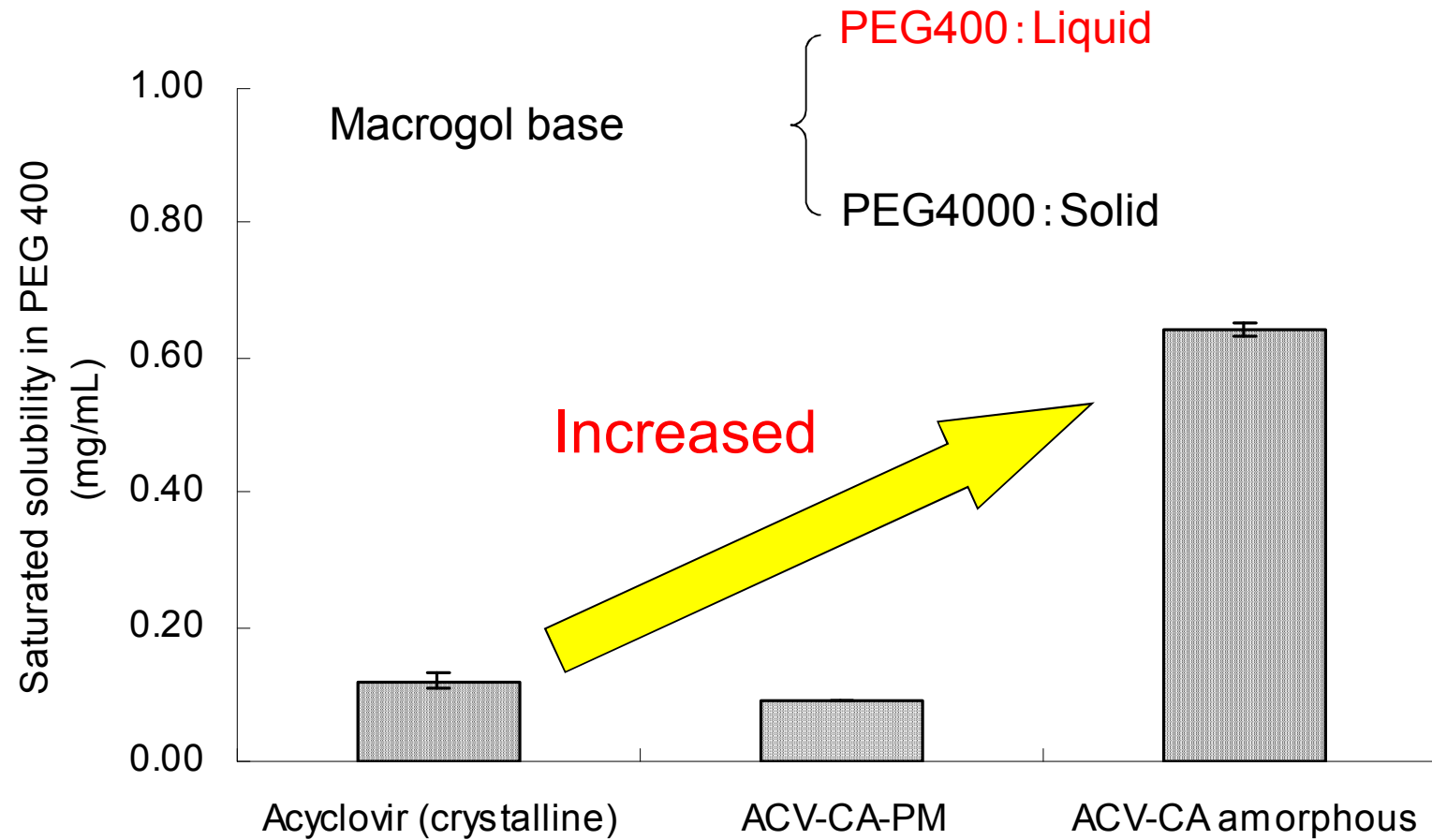
Permeability of ACV



Application of amorphous complex ?

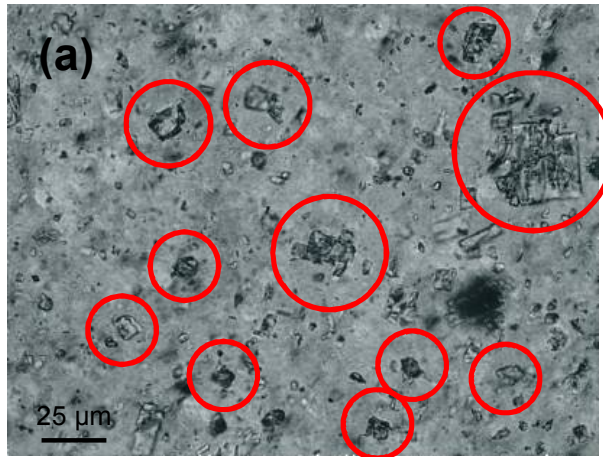
Solubility of ACV in PEG400

Saturated solubility of ACV in Macrolog base



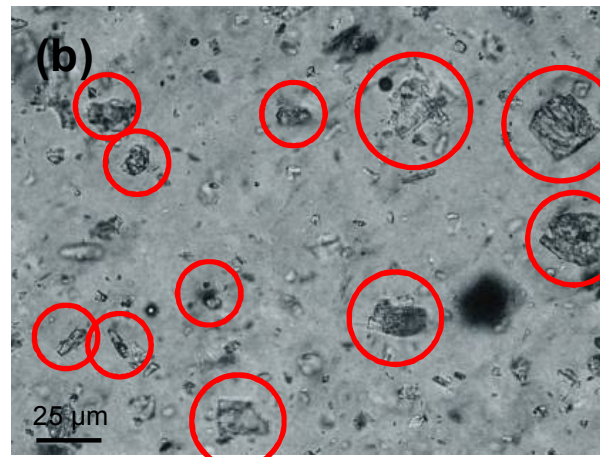
Microscopic picture of samples

ACV



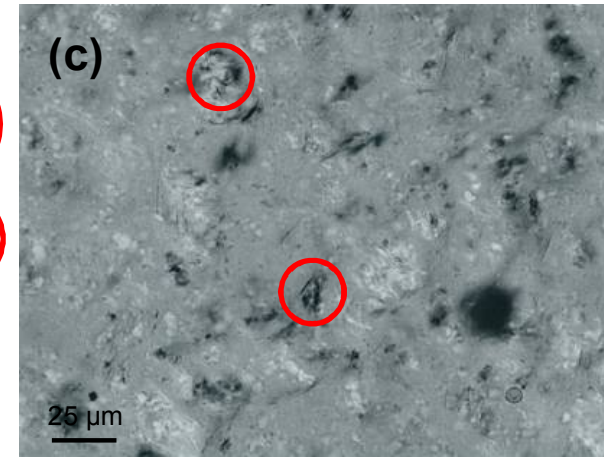
Low solubility
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Crystallization

ACV - Tartalic acid
Physical Mix.



Low solubility
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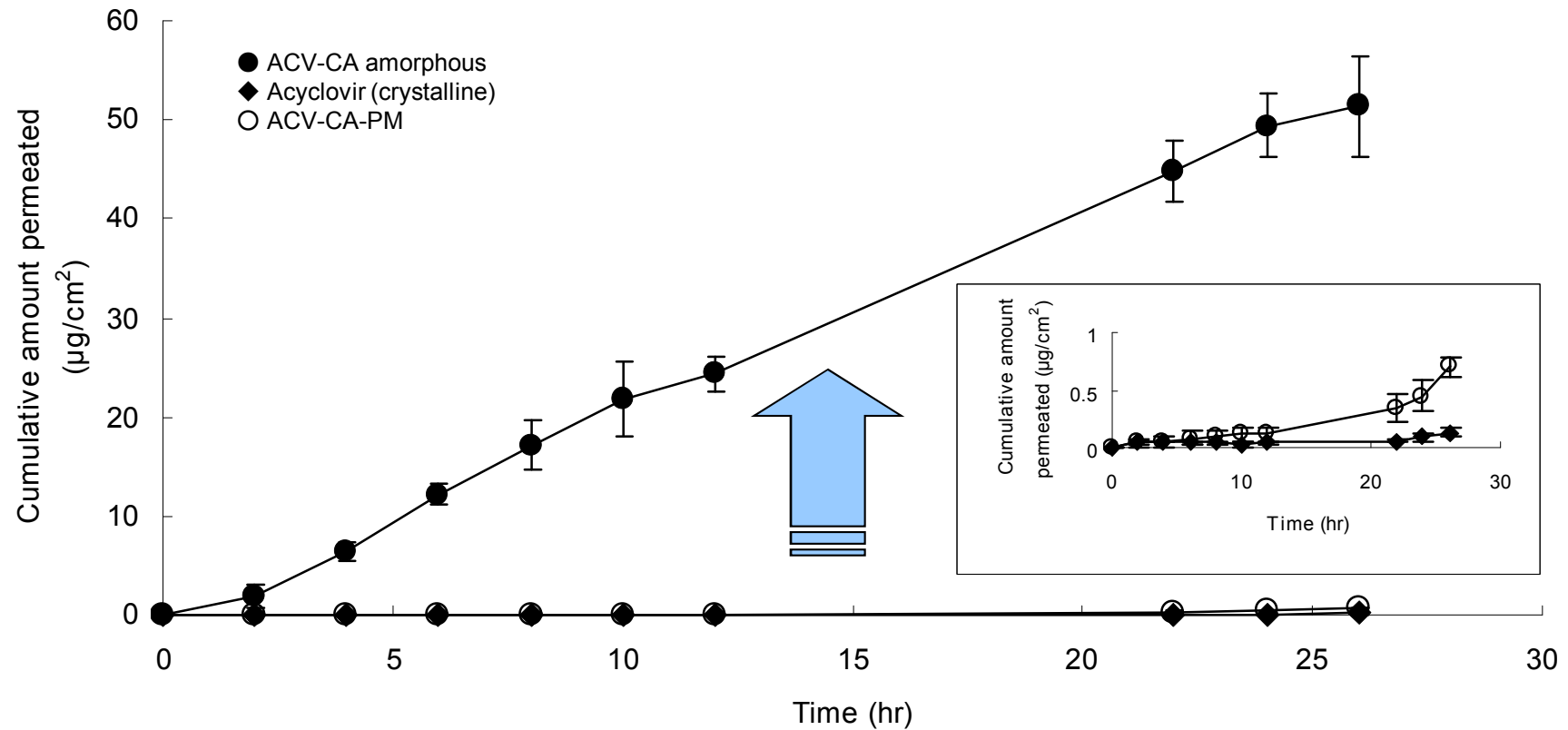
ACV - Tartalic acid
amorphous



Solubility: **High**
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Almost dissolved

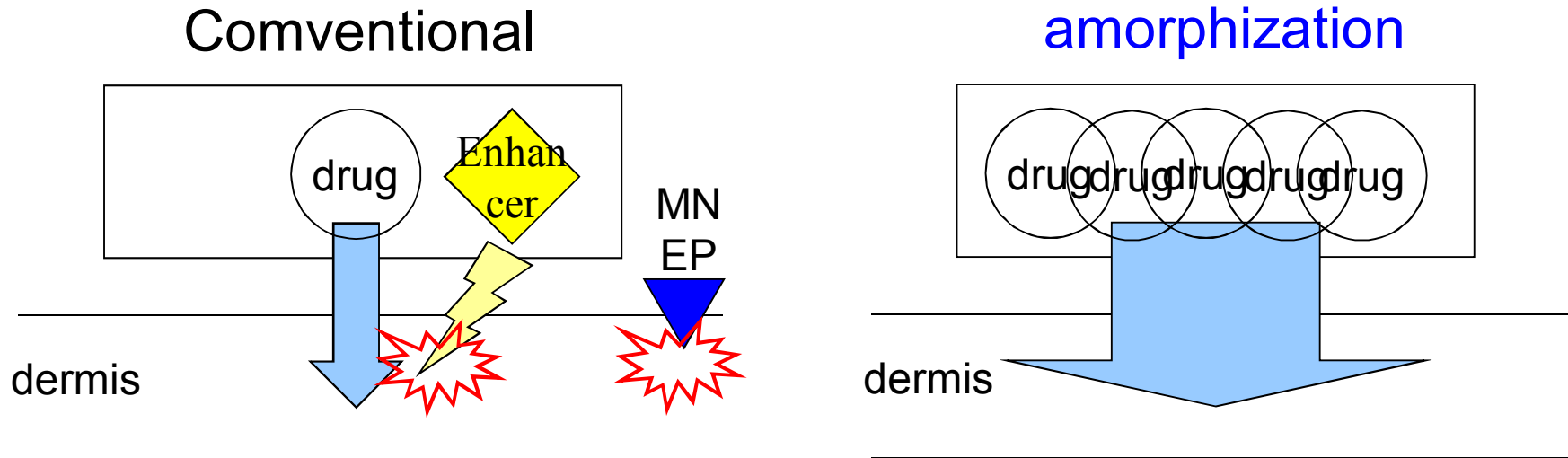
Amorphous ACV complex was dissolved in super saturated states.

Permeability of ACV samples



Improvement of permeability of ACV was achieved

Advantage of amorphization for transdermal application



Chemical, physical
enhancement methods might
affects the barrier function of
skin

Increase the concentration
gradient may not affect the
barrier function

Safer method for transdermal application