

## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

### Solution and solid state characterization of “sparteine surrogate”

#### (+)-(1*R*,5*S*,11*aS*)-tetrahydrodeoxocytisine

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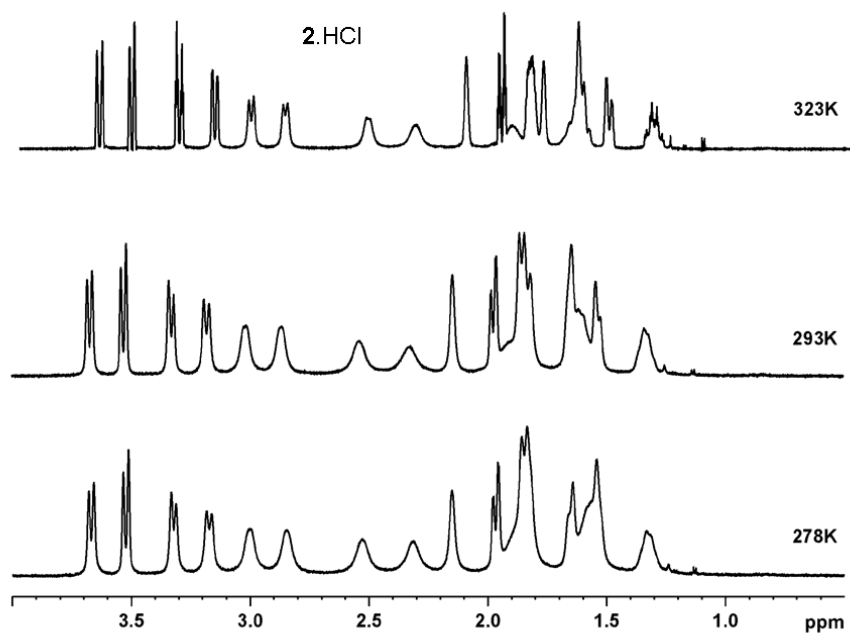


Fig. S1. Proton NMR spectra of 2.HCl at different temperatures.

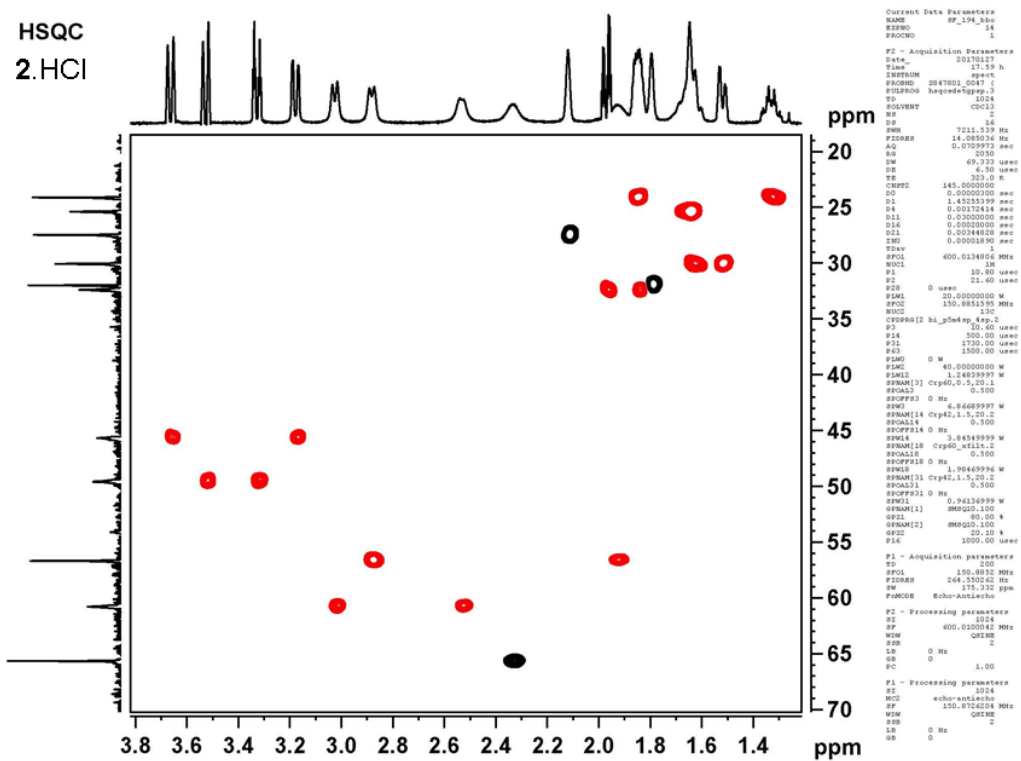


Fig. S2. HSQC spectrum of 2.HCl.

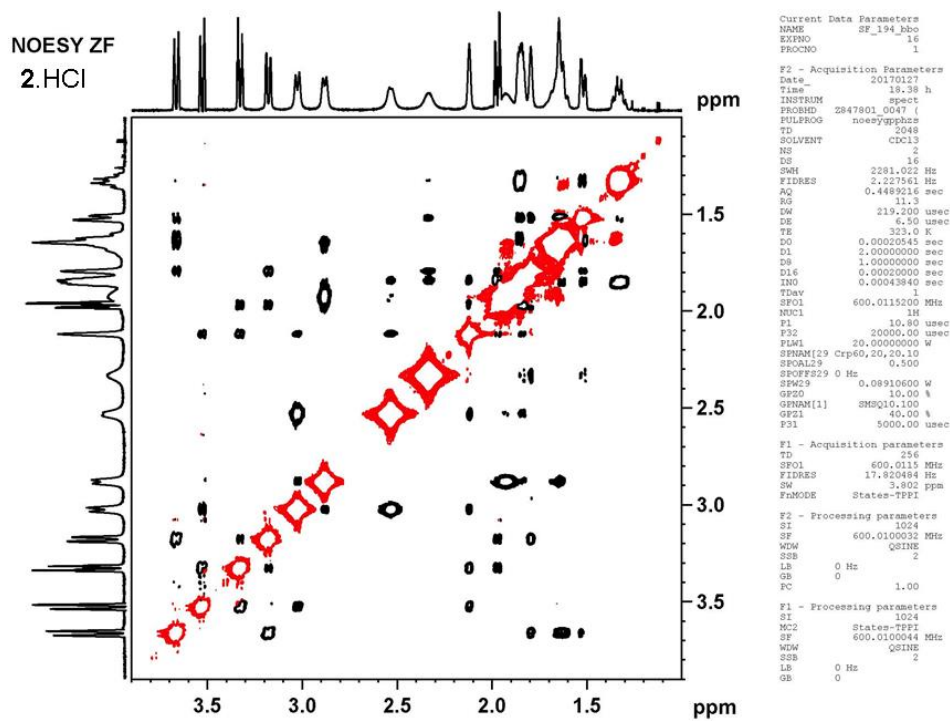


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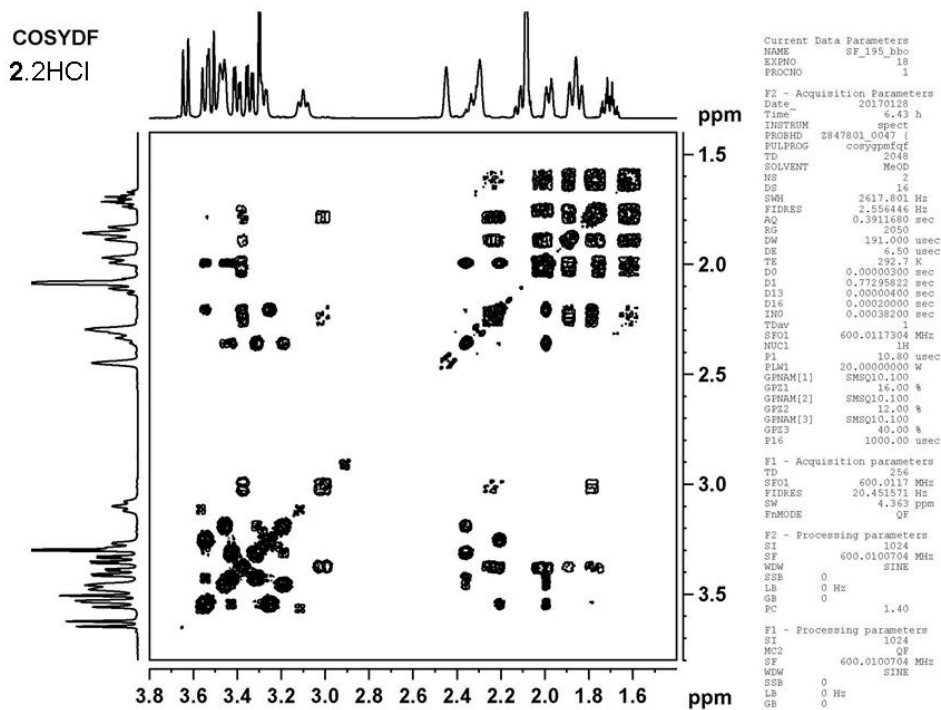


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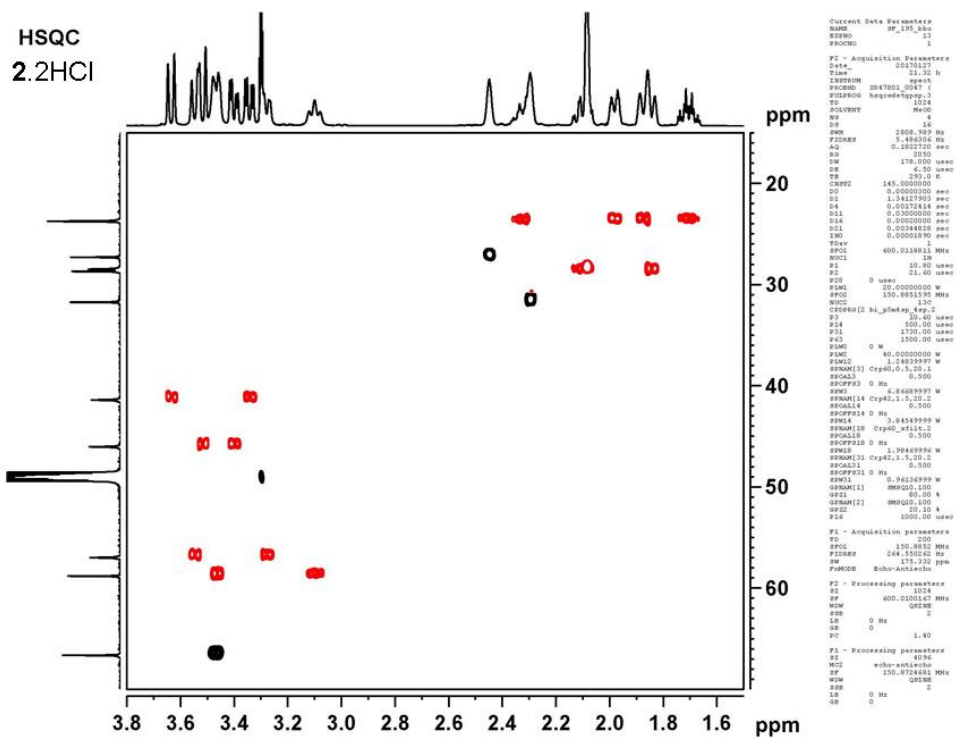


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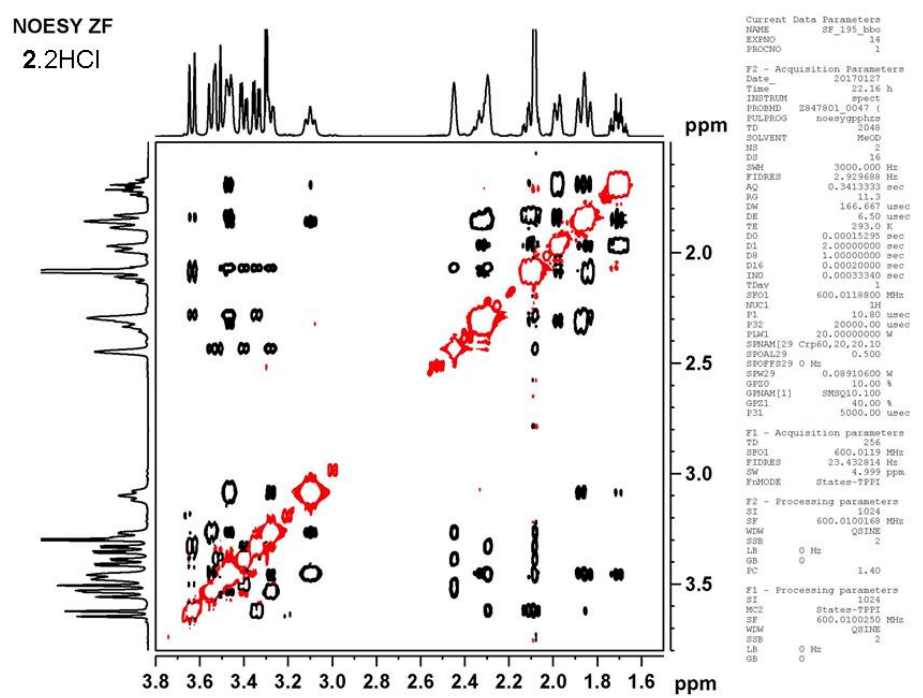


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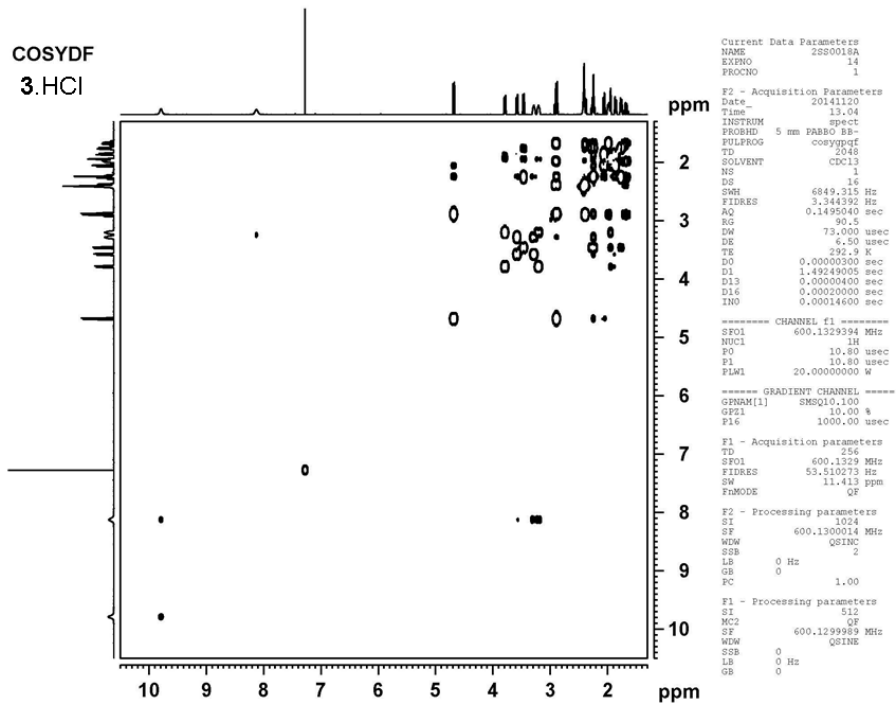


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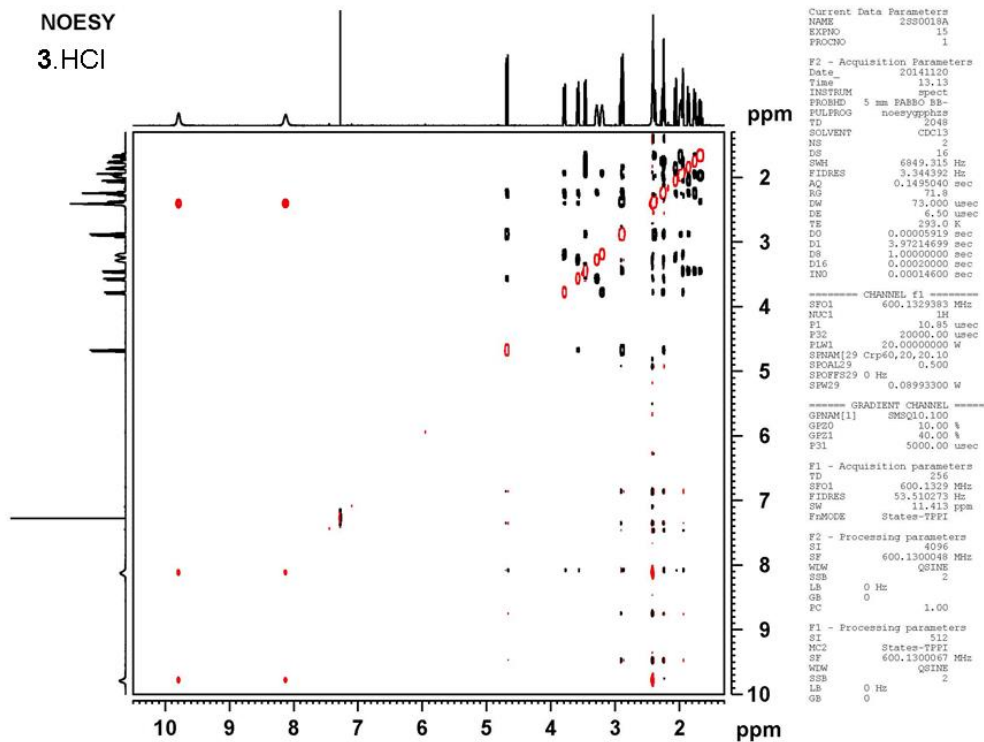


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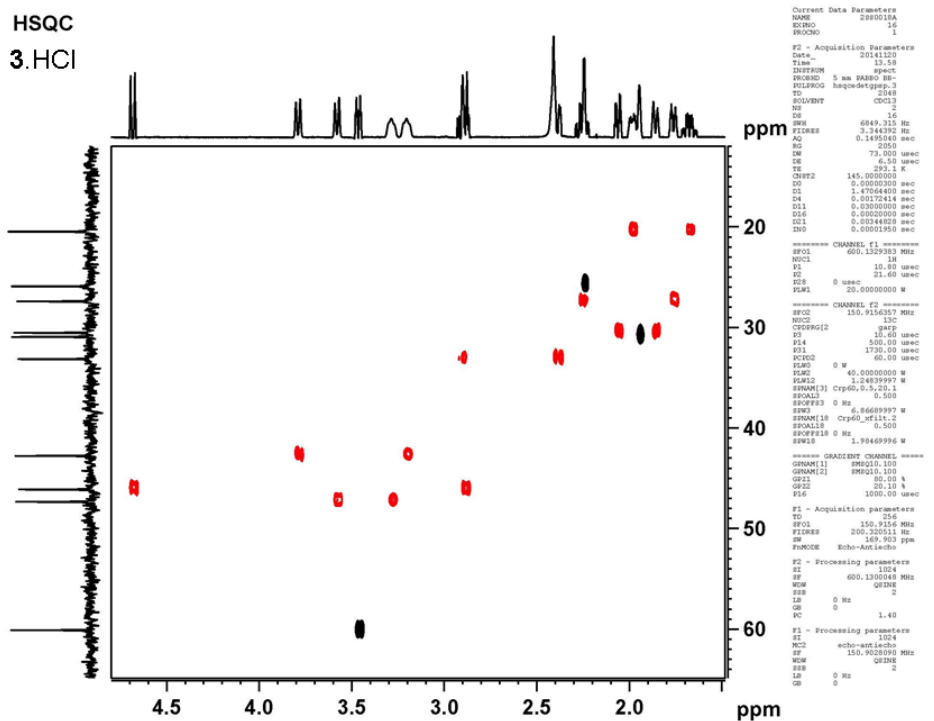


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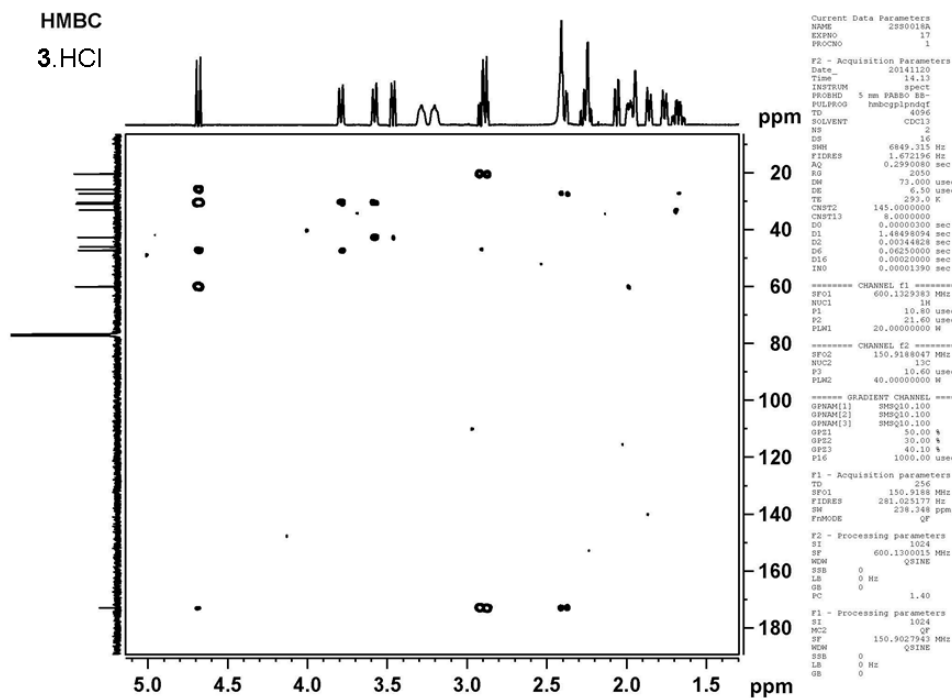


Fig. S10. HMBC spectrum of 3.HCl.

**Table S1.** Most important data collection and refinement indicators for **2.2HCl**, **2.HCl**, and **3.HCl**

|  | <b>2.2HCl</b>  | <b>2.HCl</b>  | <b>3.HCl</b>   |
|--|--|---|--|
| Chemical formula   | 2(Cl)·C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ·0.28(H <sub>2</sub> O) | Cl·C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ·0.41(H <sub>2</sub> O) | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O·H <sub>2</sub> O·Cl |
| $M_r$  | 258.25   | 224.13  | 248.75   |
| Crystal system, space group  | Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$   | Monoclinic, $C2$  | Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$   |
| Temperature (K)  | 290  | 290   | 290  |
| $a, b, c$ (Å)  | 7.7173(11), 9.3085(12), 18.737(3)  | 11.794(2), 7.7031(9), 13.9152(19)   | 7.602(3), 11.840(5), 13.840(3)                                       |
| $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)  | 90, 90, 90   | 90, 97.170(15), 90  | 90, 90, 90   |
| $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 1346.0 (3)   | 1254.3 (3)  | 1245.8 (8)   |
| $Z$  | 4  | 4   | 4  |
| Radiation type   | Mo $K\alpha$   | Mo $K\alpha$  | Mo $K\alpha$   |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.46   | 0.28  | 0.30   |
| Crystal size (mm)  | 0.3 × 0.2 × 0.15   | 0.28 × 0.16 × 0.14  | 0.3 × 0.25 × 0.22  |
| Data collection  |  |   |  |
| Diffractometer   | SuperNova, Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas   | SuperNova, Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas  | CAD4 Enraf nonius  |
| Absorption correction  | Multi-scan   | Multi-scan  | None   |
| $T_{\min}, T_{\max}$ or decay  | 0.513, 1.000   | 0.592, 1.000  | 0.935  |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections | 4492, 2807, 1717   | 3752, 2578, 1912  | 2815, 2644, 1782   |
| $R_{\text{int}}$   | 0.076  | 0.032   | 0.056  |
| $(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )                    | 0.691  | 0.690   | 0.660  |
| Refinement   |  |   |  |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$  | 0.075, 0.195, 1.03   | 0.057, 0.180, 1.05  | 0.063, 0.175, 1.01   |
| No. of reflections   | 2807   | 2578  | 2644   |
| No. of parameters  | 170  | 157   | 168  |
| No. of restraints  | 0  | 1   | 0  |
| H-atom treatment   | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement       |   |  |
| $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )    | 0.53, -0.41  | 0.29, -0.30   | 0.36, -0.34  |
| Absolute structure   | Flack x determined using 371 quotients [(I+)-(I-)]/[(I+)+(I-)] [1]           | Flack x determined using 604 quotients [(I+)-(I-)]/[(I+)+(I-)] [1]        | Flack x determined using 528 quotients [(I+)-(I-)]/[(I+)+(I-)] [1]   |
| Absolute structure parameter   | -0.29 (17)   | 0.02 (14)   | -0.23 (14)   |

**Table S2.** Bond lengths for 2.2HCl, 2.HCl, and 3.HCl

|           | 2.2HCl     | 2.HCl     | 3.HCl     |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| N7A—C11A  | 1.526(8)   | 1.456(5)  | 1.483(7)  |
| N7A—C7    | 1.494(9)   | 1.471(6)  | 1.487(7)  |
| N7A—C8    | 1.506(9)   | 1.459(6)  | 1.365(8)  |
| N7A—H7A   | 0.93(6)    | -         | -         |
| N3—H3A    | 1.00 (7)   | 0.89 (7)  | 0.94 (7)  |
| N3—H3B    | 1.09 (7)   | 0.79 (6)  | 0.82 (8)  |
| N3—C4     | 1.480 (8)  | 1.484 (7) | 1.490 (8) |
| N3—C2     | 1.473 (8)  | 1.479 (6) | 1.492 (8) |
| C11A—C1   | 1.500 (9)  | 1.525 (6) | 1.545 (8) |
| C11A—C11  | 1.514 (9)  | 1.510 (6) | 1.508 (8) |
| C11A—H11A | 1.05 (7)   | 0.96 (4)  | 1.05 (5)  |
| C1—C2     | 1.520 (9)  | 1.523 (6) | 1.517 (8) |
| C1—C6     | 1.516 (10) | 1.509 (7) | 1.527 (7) |
| C1—H1     | 1.02 (6)   | 0.96 (7)  | 1.047 (7) |
| C9—C10    | 1.512 (11) | 1.508 (7) | 1.510 (9) |
| C9—C8     | 1.492 (11) | 1.500 (7) | 1.504 (8) |
| C5—H5     | 0.93 (6)   | 0.94 (6)  | 1.06 (6)  |
| C11—C10   | 1.534 (11) | 1.514(7)  | 1.509 (9) |
| C6—C5     | 1.521 (10) | 1.501(8)  | 1.520 (9) |
| C7—C5     | 1.511 (10) | 1.510 (8) | 1.519 (8) |
| C5—C4     | 1.544 (10) | 1.525(8)  | 1.517 (9) |
| O8—C8     | -          | -         | 1.216 (7) |
| O10W—H10C | 0.9321     | 0.93      | 0.8496    |
| O10W—H10D | 0.9265     | 0.9291    | 0.8498    |

**Table S3.** Hydrogen Bonds geometry for 2.2HCl, 2.HCl, and 3.HCl

| $D-H\cdots A$                         | $D-H$    | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Compound 2.2HCl                       |          |             |             |               |
| C2—H2B $\cdots$ C17 <sup>i</sup>      | 0.97     | 2.82        | 3.761 (7)   | 164           |
| C11—H11B $\cdots$ O10W <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.97     | 2.59        | 3.40 (3)    | 140           |
| C8—H8A $\cdots$ C13 <sup>iii</sup>    | 0.97     | 2.80        | 3.679 (7)   | 152           |
| C8—H8B $\cdots$ C13 <sup>iv</sup>     | 0.97     | 2.84        | 3.766 (8)   | 159           |
| C4—H4A $\cdots$ C17                   | 0.97     | 2.79        | 3.494 (6)   | 130           |
| C4—H4B $\cdots$ O10W <sup>v</sup>     | 0.97     | 2.64        | 3.43 (3)    | 139           |
| O10W—H10D $\cdots$ C17 <sup>vi</sup>  | 0.93     | 2.17        | 3.10 (2)    | 179           |
| N3—H3A $\cdots$ C17 <sup>vii</sup>    | 1.00 (7) | 2.14 (7)    | 3.094 (6)   | 158 (5)       |
| N7A—H7A $\cdots$ C17 <sup>vii</sup>   | 0.93 (6) | 2.18 (7)    | 3.099 (5)   | 170 (5)       |
| N3—H3B $\cdots$ C13 <sup>v</sup>      | 1.09 (7) | 1.97 (7)    | 3.021 (6)   | 160 (5)       |
| C1—H1 $\cdots$ O10W <sup>ii</sup>     | 1.02 (6) | 2.32 (7)    | 3.29 (4)    | 158 (5)       |
| C11A—H11A $\cdots$ C13 <sup>iii</sup> | 1.05 (7) | 2.68 (7)    | 3.666 (7)   | 156 (5)       |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (ii)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $x-1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1$ ; (iv)  $x, y+1, z$ ; (v)  $-x+2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ ; (vi)  $x+1, y-1, z$ ; (vii)  $-x+2, y-1/2, -z+3/2$ .

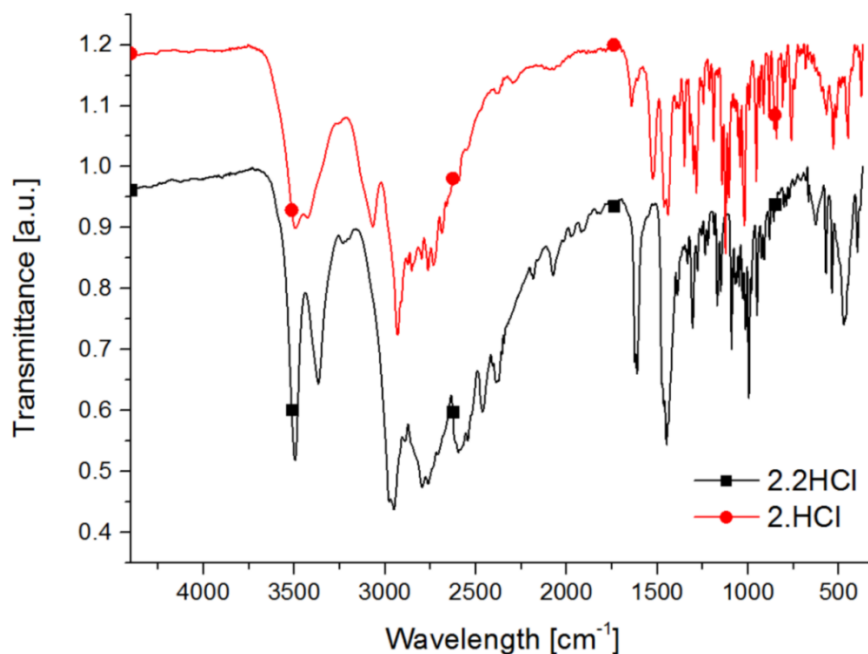


| $D-H\cdots A$              | $D-H$    | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Compound <b>2.HCl</b>      |          |             |             |               |
| $C2-H2A\cdots Cl3^i$       | 0.97     | 2.93        | 3.820 (5)   | 153           |
| $C4-H4B\cdots O10W$        | 0.97     | 2.53        | 3.382 (14)  | 147           |
| $O10W-H10C\cdots Cl3^i$    | 0.93     | 2.21        | 3.137 (17)  | 179           |
| $O10W-H10D\cdots Cl3^{ii}$ | 0.93     | 2.37        | 3.299 (15)  | 179           |
| $N3-H3A\cdots Cl3^{iii}$   | 0.89 (7) | 2.21 (7)    | 3.068 (5)   | 160 (6)       |
| $N3-H3B\cdots Cl3^{iv}$    | 0.70 (6) | 2.57 (6)    | 3.217 (5)   | 156 (6)       |
| $N3-H3B\cdots N7A$         | 0.70 (6) | 2.45 (5)    | 2.806 (6)   | 113 (5)       |

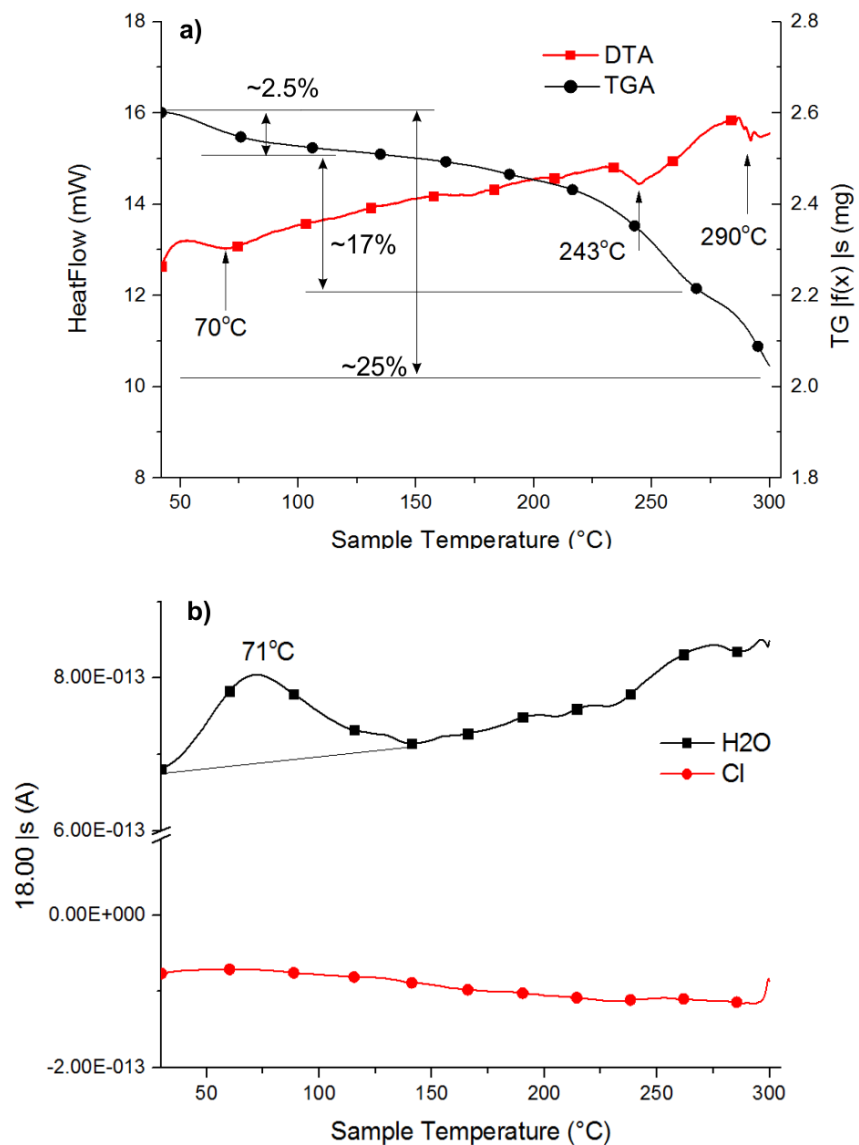
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| $D-H\cdots A$               | $D-H$    | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Compound <b>3.HCl</b>       |          |             |             |               |
| $C9-H9A\cdots O10W^i$       | 0.97     | 2.57        | 3.332 (8)   | 135           |
| $C4-H4A\cdots O10W^{ii}$    | 0.97     | 2.55        | 3.370 (8)   | 143           |
| $O10W-H10C\cdots Cl3^{iii}$ | 0.85     | 2.38        | 3.230 (5)   | 174           |
| $O10W-H10D\cdots O8$        | 0.85     | 1.92        | 2.770 (7)   | 177           |
| $N3-H3A\cdots Cl3$          | 0.94 (7) | 2.20 (7)    | 3.090 (6)   | 157 (6)       |
| $N3-H3B\cdots Cl3^{iv}$     | 0.82 (8) | 2.46 (8)    | 3.178 (6)   | 147 (6)       |
| $C5-H5\cdots O8^{ii}$       | 1.06 (6) | 2.42 (6)    | 3.427 (7)   | 157 (5)       |
| $C1-H1\cdots O10W^v$        | 1.05 (7) | 2.65 (7)    | 3.639 (8)   | 157 (5)       |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y-1/2, -z-1/2$ ; (ii)  $x-1/2, -y-3/2, -z$ ; (iii)  $-x-1/2, -y-2, z-1/2$ ; (iv)  $x+1/2, -y-5/2, -z$ ; (v)  $-x-1, y-1/2, -z-1/2$ .



**Fig. S11.** FTIR spectrum of **2.2HCl** and **2.HCl** (KBr).



**Fig. S12.** Representation of a) DTA and TGA curves and b) gaz mass evolving detection of 18 u (water) and 35 u (chlorine) of  $2.2\text{HCl}$ ; detection of 17 u ( $\text{OH}^-$ ) and 36 u ( $\text{HCl}$ ) was not observed.

## References

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