

## Thermal Transformations of some Alicyclic $\beta$ -amino acid Hydrates

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Alicyclic  $\beta$ -amino acids were recently used for the construction of two-dimensional hydrogen-bond grids that link molecules into bilayer structures [1]. While the crystallization of several  $\beta$ -amino acids yielded the expected bilayer type structures, others (*cis*-2-hydroxycyclohex-4-ene-1-carboxylic acid, all-*cis*-amino-4-hydroxycyclohexanecarboxylic acid, *trans*-2-aminocyclopentane-carboxylic acid and 3-*exo*-aminobicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-*exo*-carboxylic acid) crystallized as hydrates and did not form the expected grid pattern. These hydrates were analysed by thermogravimetry, differential scanning calorimetry, powder and single crystal X-ray diffraction in an attempt to prepare and characterize their anhydrous crystal forms. The results show that each powder loses the hydrogen-bonded solvent before decomposition. The powder patterns of the solvent-free forms show similarity to those of the bilayer structures.

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