Supporting Information: "Co-crystals of Praziquantel: Discovery by Network-Based Link Prediction"

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S1 – Materials

Table S1: Coformers used for the LAG and SE experiments with their CAS-numbers, chemical supplier and purity.

S2 – Experimental techniques conditions and powder diffraction results

This section contains the experimental techniques used to characterize the phases obtained after single-crystal growth and screening by liquid-assisted grinding (LAG), solvent evaporation (SE) and measurement of saturation temperatures (SAT) (see ter Horst et al. [1]). The conditions used to synthesize the phases obtained after screening are shown in Table S2, and protocols for single crystal growth are reported per structure below. The corresponding powder diffractograms obtained in cases where new patterns emerged are presented in Figures S1-S14. A thorough description of these co-crystal screening methods and their results will be discussed in a future publication.

Powder X-ray diffraction analysis (PXRD)

LAG and SE samples were placed as a thin film of powder on zero-background (557)-silicon wafers and measured with a Panalytical Empyrean diffractometer. The diffractograms were measured in Bragg-Brentano geometry (reflection mode) using monochromatic CuKα radiation from a sealed LFF tube and a PIXcel3D 1x1 detector. A continuous scan was made in the 5° < 2 θ < 30° range with a step size of 0.013° and a scan speed of 0.11° s⁻¹.

SAT samples were analyzed using a Bruker D8 Advance II diffractometer with Debye– Scherrer transmission from a Cu source radiation (1.541 Å) with an operating voltage of 40kV, current 50mA, Kα1 Johansson monochromator and 1mm anti-divergence slit. A scanning range of 20 values between 4° and 35° was applied with a scan speed of 0.017° .s⁻¹.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SC-XRD)

The experimental protocol for growing crystals suitable for SC-XRD are presented in section S3. Reflections were measured on a Bruker D8 Quest diffractometer with sealed tube and Triumph monochromator (λ = 0.71073 Å). Software package used for the intensity integration was Saint (v8.40A, Bruker). Absorption correction was performed with SADABS-2016/2 [2]. The structures were solved with direct methods using SHELXL-2014/5. Least-squares refinement was performed with SHELXL-2018/3 [3] against $|F_0^h|^2$ of all reflections. Non-| hydrogen atoms were refined freely with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were placed on calculated positions or located from difference Fourier maps. All calculated hydrogen atoms were refined using a riding model.

Table S2: Solvents used for the LAG, SE and SAT screening methods. For LAG and SE, 50 mg of a 1:1 molar ratio was used. The stoichiometric ratios are expressed as 'mol coformer per mol of PZQ' for the SAT method and were equimolar for LAG and SE. '-ⁱ': terephthalic, isophthalic and phthalic did not dissolve in the selected solvents. DMF can dissolve these coformers, but its evaporation rate is slow.

Table S2 (continued).

Figure S1: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, pimelic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG and SE. SAT resulted in a physical mixtures of the coformers both solvents.

Figure S2: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, salicylic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG and SE. The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal hydrate (p1822a) is added for comparison. SAT resulted in a physical mixture for MeCN and AcOEt, and did not crystallize with EtOH.

Figure S3: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 1,4 diiodotetrafluorobenzene and their mixtures acquired after LAG, SE and SAT. The simulated powder pattern of its cocrystal (p2057a) is added for comparison.

Figure S4: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG, SE (both with MeCN) and SAT (EtOH). The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal (p1932a) is added for comparison.

Figure S5: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 4-aminosalicylic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG, SE and SAT. The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal solvate (p2054a) is added for comparison. The SE sample consisted of an oil and 4-aminosalicylic acid crystals (added to figure).

Figure S6: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG, SE and SAT. The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal (p2046a) is added for comparison.

Figure S7: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, hydroquinone and their mixtures acquired after LAG, SE and SAT. The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal (p1931a) is added for comparison.

Figure S8: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, vanillic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG and SE (both with EtOH). The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal (p2026a) is added for comparison.

Figure S9: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, vanillic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG and SE (both with MeCN), and SAT (with EtOH). The results exclude the formation of a co-crystal solvate with either solvents.

Figure S10: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 2,5 dihydroxybenzoic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG and SE (both with acetone). The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal (p1829a) is added for comparison.

Figure S11: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 2,5 dihydroxybenzoic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG, SE and SAT with MeCN. The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal solvate (p1821a) is added for comparison.

Figure S12: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 3,5 dihydroxybenzoic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG, SE, and SAT with MeCN. The simulated powder pattern of its co-crystal solvate (p2044a) is added for comparison.

Figure S13: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, 2,4 dihydroxybenzoic acid and their mixtures acquired after LAG and SE (with MeCN), and SAT (with EtOH). The simulated powder pattern of its cocrystal (p2024a) is added for comparison.

Figure S14: Powder diffractograms for PZQ, orcinol and their mixture acquired after LAG (with EtOH). The simulated powder pattern of its cocrystal (p2040a) is added for comparison.

S3 – Crystallographic data and analysis of the discovered co-crystal structures

The crystal structures of twelve new co-crystals of PZQ were grown, and are classified into four classes based on the hydrogen bonding patterns and packing encountered in the crystal structure:

- Enantiopure chains (**S3.1**);
- Racemic chains (**S3.2**);
- Racemic pairs (**S3.3**);
- Racemic networks (**S3.4**).

The new crystal structures are presented and discussed per class, together with their crystallographic data, experimental procedures for single crystal growth, ORTEP plots and hydrogen bonding interaction details. The latter two were generated using the PLATON-software package [\(www.platonsoft.nl/platon/\)](http://www.platonsoft.nl/platon/).

Below, the CCDC numbers and crystal structure identifiers of the co-crystals are presented together with their corresponding constituents:

S3.1 – Enantiopure chains

Table S3: Crystallographic data of the co-crystal structures characterized by the formation of enantiopure chains.

p1829a: co-crystal of PZQ and 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (**22**)

An equimolar mixture of 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (35 mg) and PZQ (65 mg) was completely dissolved in minimum amount of a solution containing n-heptane and acetone (approx.70:30 v:v). Colorless block-like crystals were obtained after slow evaporation.

Figure S15: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (p1829a).

p1821a: co-crystal solvate of PZQ, 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and acetonitrile (**22**)

2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (35 mg) and PZQ (65 mg) (1:1 molar ratio) were dissolved in a minimal amount of hot acetonitrile (approx. 60°C). Dissolution was promoted by ultrasound. Colorless plate-like crystals were obtained after slow evaporation.

Figure S16: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal solvate containing PZQ, 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and acetonitrile (p1821a).

p1932a: co-crystal of PZQ and 4-hydroxybenzoic acid (**7**)

4-Hydroxybenzoic acid (26.6 mg) and PZQ (12.0 mg) were ground separately and combined in approximately 15 mL of diethylether. The solution was slowly evaporated at room temperature, and yielded colorless block-like crystals after approx. five days.

Figure S17: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and 4-hydroxybenzoic acid (p1932a).

p2054a: co-crystal solvate of PZQ, 4-aminosalicylic acid and acetonitrile (**12**)

An equimolar mixture of PZQ (103 mg) and 4-aminosalicylic acid (50 mg) was dissolved in 1.5 mL of hot acetonitrile (approx. 65°C) and divided over two vials with closed lids. The solutions were left to slowly cool down to room temperature, both resulting in colorless needle-shaped crystals.

Figure S18: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal solvate containing PZQ, 4-aminosalicylic acid and acetonitrile (p2054a).

p2040a: co-crystal of PZQ and orcinol (**29**)

71 mg of a manually ground, equimolar mixture PZQ and orcinol was partially dissolved in 4 mL of diethylether and heated to approx. 30 °C. The warm solution was filtered and stored in a closed glass vial (plastic lid) at room temperature. After 8 days, the vial was stored at 5 °C, from which a powder precipitated after approx. 14 days. The saturated solution was collected and again stored at 5°C. After 8 days, the vial was opened and briefly blown over with nitrogen, evaporating some of the solvent. Colorless needle-like crystals were obtained after one day.

Figure S19: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and orcinol (p2040a).

Discussion of the enantiopure chain co-crystals

The first class of crystal structures are characterized by the formation of enantiopure chains, which are shown for the S-enantiomer of PZQ in Figures 5 and 6. An exact mirror image of the chain, containing the opposite enantiomer, is also present in these structures, as all co-crystals have crystallized in centrosymmetric space groups (crystallographic details in Table S3). The forces responsible for holding chains of opposite chirality together are of a weaker nature then the hydrogen bonding interactions in the chains themselves (*e.g.* additional short contacts between PZQ's chiral hydrogen atoms and the oxygen atoms on 4-hydroxybenzoic acid's hydroxyl group (see Figure S17 and corresponding hydrogen bonding interaction table).

As discussed in the main text, the cocrystal solvates with 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (p1821a, Figure 5b and S16) and 4-aminosalicylic acid (p2054a, Figure 5d and S18) are isostructural. An overlay of their chains (along the [1,1,1] direction, Figure S20) does show that slight orientational differences (shown using distance *d* in Figure 5) prevent the structures from being exact copies, but the resemblance is nonetheless striking.

Figure S20: Structural overlay of the cocrystal solvates with 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid (p1821a) and 4 aminosalicylic acid (p2054a).

Moreover, although exhibiting a very similar hydrogen bonding pattern and intermolecular spacings, it was not possible to match the atomic position of 2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid's binary co-crystal chain (p1829a, Figure 5a, along the [1,-1,0] direction) with that of its acetonitrile solvate (p1821a, Figure 5b).

4-Hydroxybenzoic acid (p1932a, Figure 5c), on the other hand, is slightly tilted compared to the other coformers forming enantiopure chains, and although also running along the same [1,1,1] direction, its unit cell parameters differ from the co-crystal solvates (Table S3). Its chain can therefore not be matched with those of the former two.

S3.2 – Racemic chains

Table S4: Crystallographic data of the co-crystal structures characterized by the formation of racemic chains.

p1931a: co-crystal of PZQ and hydroquinone (**15**)

57.2 mg of PZQ and 20.8 mg of hydroquinone were combined and dissolved in approx. 15 mL of diethylether. The solution was divided over two glass vials with pierced lid, and left for evaporation at room temperature. After two days, needle-like crystals were obtained (possibly pure hydroquinone), and the saturated solution was isolated and again slowly evaporated. This yielded colorless block-shaped crystals after two days, which were further analyzed with SC-XRD.

Figure S21: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and hydroquinone (p1931a).

p2044a: co-crystal solvate of PZQ, 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and acetonitrile (**24**)

50 mg of an equimolar mixture containing PZQ and 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid was dissolved in 1 mL of acetonitrile and filtered using a 0.2µm wwPTFE syringe filter (Pall Corporation). Slow evaporation resulted in colorless block-shaped crystals after approximately five days.

Figure S22: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal solvate containing PZQ, 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and acetonitrile (p2044a).

p2024a: co-crystal of PZQ and 2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid (**28**)

An equimolar mixture (71 mg) was partially dissolved in 4 mL diethylether at heated to approx. 40 °C. The warm solution was filtered using a 0.2µm wwPTFE syringe filter (Pall Corporation) and stored at room temperature in a glass vial with plastic cap. Within two days, colorless blockshaped crystals were formed.

Figure S23: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and 2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid (p2024a).

Discussion of the racemic chain co-crystals

The co-crystal solvate containing 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid and acetonitrile (p2044a, Figure 7b and S22) exhibits a racemic chain running along the [0,0,1] direction, and strongly resembles the enantiopure chains presented in Figure 5. Here, both *R-* and *S*-enantiomers of PZQ form hydrogen bonds in a similar fashion, and point in the same direction. As slight rotation or tilt of 3,5 dihydroxybenzoic acid can be seen in Figure 7b, depending on the handedness of the enantiomer with which the hydroxyl- and carboxylic acid groups form hydrogen bonds, respectively.

A similar periodic tilt of the coformer is also present in the hydroquinone co-crystal (p1931a, Figure 7a, along the [-1, 0, 2] direction), yet enantiomers of different chirality point in opposite directions.

This also the case for the racemic chain formed with 2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid (p2024a, Figure 7c), but the coformer also periodically flips along the chain. Given its structural similarity to 4 hydroxybenzoic acid and the emergence of an SE and SAT phase of which we did not succeed to grow a single crystal, it remains unclear whether a co-crystal polymorph with an enantiopure stacking such as in Figure 5 could exist.

S3.3 – Racemic pairs

Table S5: Crystallographic data of the co-crystal structures characterized by the formation of racemic pairs.

p1822a: co-crystal hydrate of PZQ, salicylic acid and water (**5**)

An equimolar mixture containing 26 mg of salicylic acid and 74 mg of PZQ was dissolved in a minimal amount of acetone, which was slowly evaporated at room temperature. Colorless platelike crystals were obtained after several days of evaporation.

Figure S24: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal hydrate containing PZQ, salicylic acid and water (p1822a).

p2026a: co-crystal of PZQ and vanillic acid (**20**)

A mixture containing 167 mg of PZQ and 93 mg of vanillic acid was manually ground, and 43 mg was dissolved in 1 mL of acetone. Slow evaporation of the solution resulted in colorless blockshape crystals.

Figure S25: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and vanillic acid (p2026a).

p2046a: co-crystal of PZQ and 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (**13**)

163 mg of PZQ and 110 mg of 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid were first combined and manually ground. 77 mg of the mixture was dissolved in 1.2 mL of ethyl acetate, which was completely evaporated, resulting in small needle-like crystals. The residue was partially re-dissolved in a mixture of 1.5 mL ethyl acetate and 1 mL n-heptane, leaving some crystallites as seeds. Slow evaporation yielded colorless/slightly yellow needles suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

Figure S26: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (p2046a).

Discussion of the racemic pair co-crystals

In contrast to the chain-forming co-crystals presented above, a class of co-crystals forming enantiomer pairs, similar to one of PZQ's racemic compounds TELCEU01, was identified. The *R*and *S-*enantiomers form intermolecular interactions to each other through the formation hydrogen bonds *via* the carbonyl groups on the piperazinone moieties.

A strong resemblance to TELCEU01's racemic pairs was observed for the co-crystal with vanillic acid (p2026a, Figure S25 and 8c), and only a small difference in intermolecular spacing between enantiomers is present compared to TELCEU01 (*d* in Figure 8a and 8c). From the new co-crystals with coformers containing carboxylic acid groups, the co-crystal with vanillic acid is the only where the formation of carboxylic acid dimers is observed. Similar to the case of 2,4 dihydroxybenzoic acid, we did not succeed to grow a single crystal of the phase obtained after SE with MeCN, and the possibility for vanillic acid to form an enantiopure or racemic chain co-crystal through hydrogen bonds with its carboxylic acid group seems plausible.

For 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (p2046a, Figure S26 and 8d), the enantiomers are shifted compared to the racemic compound, resulting in interactions between PZQ's aromatic rings and carbonyl groups. This is illustrated in Figure 8d with *d1*, and *d²* highlights the original interacting atoms in TELCEU01.

In the co-crystal hydrate with salicylic acid (p1822a, Figure S24 and 8b), the enantiomers are bridged by hydrogen bonds with two water molecules, and attempts to grow a co-crystal anhydrate (where the enantiomers interact in a similar fashion to TELCEU01) were unsuccessful.

It is also noteworthy to mention that, although forming a racemic chain, hydroquinone (Figure 7a) also appears to fulfill a bridging function similar to the water molecules.

S3.4 – Racemic networks

Table S6: Crystallographic data of the co-crystal structures characterized by the formation of racemic networks.

p2057a: co-crystal of PZQ and 1,4-diiodotetrafluorobenzene (**6**)

81 mg of 1,4-diiodotetrafluorobenzene and 63 mg of PZQ (1:1 molar ratio) were combined and manually ground for 5 minutes. 25 mg of this mixture was dissolved in 1.4 mL EtOH, which was treated with ultrasound and heated to speed up dissolution. Slow evaporation of the solution resulted in colorless needle-shaped crystals.

Figure S27: ORTEP plot of the co-crystal containing PZQ and 1,4-diiodotetrafluorobenzene (p2057a).

Discussion of the racemic network co-crystal

Unlike the other coformer hits, 1,4-diiodotetrafluorobenzene does not contain functional groups suitable for hydrogen bond formation. In this co-crystal (p2057a, Figure S27 and 9), halogen bonds are observed between the coformer's iodone groups and PZQ's carbonyl groups, and C-H…F interactions with the cyclohexyl and aromatic moieties of PZQ. Therefore, a two-dimensional network is formed rather than a zero-dimensional pair or one-dimensional chain. Similar to the racemic chains, a slight tilt of the coformer is observed depending on the handedness of the PZQ molecules on its left and right side.

S4 – Additional predictions for PZQ

Table S7: Fifty additional predictions for PZQ based on the 8 known co-crystals from the CSD combined with the data obtained from this article (including co-crystal solvates).

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