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High pressure effect on internal structure and atomic dynamics of pharmaceutical compounds

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Study of the properties of pharmaceutical compounds

The study of pressure-induced changes in the crystal structure and atomic dynamics in **complex molecular crystals** is **an urgent task** of condensed matter physics and organic chemistry.

Moreover structural studies of molecular crystals are extremely important for optimizing the process of pharmacological production, where complex molecular components under additional mechanical influences (grinding or tableting) in the initial substance may develop irreversible polymorphic phase transitions or amorphization, which may lead to significant changes in the physical, chemical and pharmaceutical properties of the pharmacological material.

The harm of irreversible phase transition of pharmaceutical compound developed under high pressure



Experimental base



LabRAM spectrometer Horiba, FLNP JINR (Dubna, Russia)



Extreme Conditions Beamline (ECB) P02.2, PETRA-III DESY (Hamburg, Germany)

Atomic dynamics of lovastatin



Raman, cm ⁻¹	Vibrational modes assignment	
113, 142, 170	Lattice phonon modes	
222, 263 (vw), 296	CH ₃ torsional vibration	
354, 374(sh), 383, 404	C-O out-of-plane deformation	
404, 440, 467(sh), 476, 491	Aliphatic C-CH ₃ stretches/ring deformation/ C-O in-plane deformation	
638(w)	O-H out-of-plane deformation	
829, 844, 871	Aliphatic C-CH ₃ stretches	
971, 976(sh), 984, 992	Out-of-plane C-H deformation in <i>cis</i> -vinylenes	
1035, 1072, 1076	Aliphatic C-H deformation	
1120, 1128, 1136, 1170	Coupled C-O stretches	
1402, 1450	Asymmetric C-H deformation	
1647(s), 1699, 1711	C=C sym stretching in dienes, C=O in esters	
2865, 2928(br), 2945(sh), 2966	Aliphatic C-H stretching (sym and asym in CH_2 and CH_3)	
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Internal structure and atomic dynamics of ofloxacin



Raman, cm ⁻¹	Vibrational modes assignment
434, 452	γ (CCC) out-of-plane deformations
550, 785, 1051, 1401	CC, CN stretching vibrations from A and B rings
1250	υ _s Ο-C-Ο
1387, 1400	the bending vibration of OH group
1453, 1469, 1486	υ CH bending vibrations
2786	υ (CH) stretching vibration of N–CH $_3$
2968, 2985	and antisymmetric stretching vibrations
3043	υ(CH) stretching vibration

Compressibility coefficients			
Form	Initial form	HP-form	
k _a , Å	0.0153(2)	0.0415(1)	
k _b , Å	0.0038(4)	0.0047(3)	
k _c , Å	0.0073(2)	0.0037(4)	
B ₀ , GPa	32(2)	57(3)	



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