

## Stability of crystalline structure of paracetamol's molecular crystals generated by calorimetric scanning

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### Abstract

The results of investigation of the stability molecular crystal films of paracetamol with a rhombic modification are reported. The test samples were synthesized from paracetamol powder of monoclinic syngony by a special technique. The technique assumed vacuum evaporation, condensation, and subsequent calorimetric scanning. During the synthesis, a complex conversion of the crystals of the monoclinic syngony into a rhombic one took place. It was carried out by superposition of two phase transitions: a first-order transition with a density change and a second-order transition with a change in orderliness. The second-order transition proceeded as a blurred phase transition with the formation of some "pre-transition phase," which irreversibly consumed in the process of phase transformation.

In the samples of molecular film of rhombic modification crystals of paracetamol the effect of temperature and mechanical action on the structure of molecular crystals was studying. The influence of temperature in a calorimetric cell and the influence of the mechanical effect inside a ball mill was explored. The studies included X-ray diffraction analysis, differential scanning calorimetry analysis and infrared spectroscopy. As a result of the research it was established that paracetamol films of molecular crystals of rhombic modification synthesized using calorimetric scanning have an increased sensitivity to temperature and mechanical action. It was found that the reason for the high sensitivity are the impurities of the crystals of the monoclinic modification remaining after the calorimetric scanning and promoting the polymorphic transformation of the crystals of the rhombic syngony into the monoclinic.

Data of X-ray phase analysis, infrared spectroscopy and differential scanning calorimetry are presented.

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