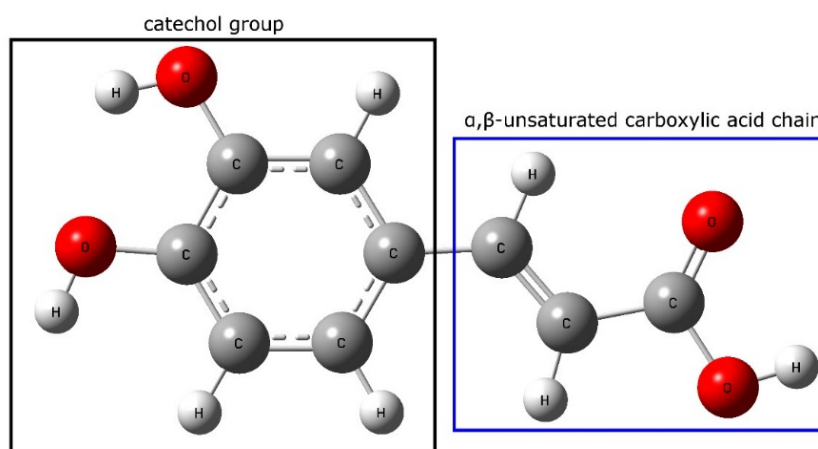


**Table S1.** Selected solubility values ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) of CA, freeze-dried and ball milled (after 20 min) CA; solubility values of the physical mixtures 1:1 and 1:3 mass ratio with excipients; selected solubility values of CA and freeze-dried and ball milled (after 20 min) solid dispersions in mass ratio 1:1 and 1:3. \* indicated statistic significance; Abbreviations: HP- $\beta$ -CD - hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, Koll.VA64 - Kollidon VA 64, Eud.L100 Eudragit L100, Goh - Gohsenol EG-05PW, Neu - Neusilin US2, phm – physical mixture, FD – freeze dried, BM – ball milled.

Substance/solid dispersion	Solubility ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	
	Mass ratio	
	1:1	1:3
CA	$303.274 \pm 6.218$	
CA_HP- $\beta$ -CD_PHM	$1232.670 \pm 3.341^*$	$2022.361 \pm 20.223^*$
CA_Koll.VA64_PHM	$1067.618 \pm 6.911^*$	$1993.973 \pm 19,939^*$
CA_Neu_PHM	$2535.204 \pm 5.352^*$	$3281.838 \pm 15.283^*$
CA_Goh_PHM	$330.888 \pm 3.520$	$359.415 \pm 7.543$
CA_Eud.L100_PHM	$345.968 \pm 1.602$	$365.584 \pm 6.345$
CA_FD	$302.164 \pm 5.579$	
CA_HP- $\beta$ -CD_FD	$1298.020 \pm 1.794^*$	$2262.34 \pm 14.766^*$
CA_Koll.VA64_FD	$916.859 \pm 6.338^*$	$758.203 \pm 2.071^*$
CA_Neu_FD	$2605.226 \pm 18.166$	$3007.422 \pm 17.653^*$

CA_Goh_FD	$382.914 \pm 7.105$	$404.325 \pm 4.058^*$
CA_Eud.L100_FD	$388.755 \pm 6.145$	$401.663 \pm 6.532^*$
CA_BM_20'	$309.086 \pm 5.476$	
CA_HP- $\beta$ -CD_BM_20'	$1139.644 \pm 4.755^*$	$2077.756 \pm 20.777^*$
CA_Koll.VA64_BM_20'	$953.609 \pm 3.294^*$	$1580.101 \pm 15.800^*$
CA_Neu_BM_20'	<b><math>5449.017 \pm 19.420^*</math></b>	$3725.359 \pm 8.755^*$
CA_Goh_BM_20'	$312.335 \pm 3.304$	$331.415 \pm 4.205$
CA_Eud.L100_BM_20'	$309.454 \pm 2.316$	$329.544 \pm 3.646$



**Figure S1.** The optimized geometry of the caffeic acid, containing a catechol group with an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid chain.

**Table S2.** Selected experimental and theoretical modes (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) characteristic vibronic features of caffeic acid. Legend: r–rocking, s–stretching, w–wagging, def.–deformation, side chain -  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acid chain

<b>DFT [<math>\text{cm}^{-1}</math>]</b>	<b>EXP [<math>\text{cm}^{-1}</math>]</b>	<b>Band assignment</b>
424	457	O–H w in catechol group
512	550 575	def. all molecule
568	588	COOH b + def. benzene ring
580	602	C–H w at side chain and benzene ring + O–H w in side chain
632	646 698	O–H w in side chain + CCC t in benzene ring + C–H w at benzene ring
656	737 779	COOH b + CCC b in all molecule
752	800 814	C–H w in all molecule + C–O–H w in side chain + CCC t in side chain
800	849	C–OH s in catechol group + CCC s in benzene ring or C–H w at benzene ring
872	893	C–H w at benzene ring and side chain
976	935	C–H r in all molecule + O–H b in side chain
1032	968	C–H w at side chain
1152	1119	C–H r in all molecule + O–H b in side chain
1224	1173	C–O–H b in catechol group + C–H r at benzene ring + CC s in benzene ring
1272	1213	C–H b at side chain + O–H b in side chain
1320	1273	breathing benzene ring + C–H r in all molecule + C–O–H b in side chain + O–H b in catechol group
1352	1294	breathing benzene ring + C–H r at side chain + O–H b in side chain
1408	1352	CC s in benzene ring + O–H b in all molecule
1504	1375	CC s in benzene ring + O–H b catechol group
1568	1447	CC s in benzene ring
1648	1522	CC s in benzene ring and C=C s in side chain + O–H b in catechol group
1664	1599	CC s in benzene ring and C=C s in side chain + O–H b in catechol group
1696	1616	CC s in benzene ring and C=C s in side chain + O–H b in catechol group
1808	1641	C=O s and O–H b in side chain
3768	3217	O–H s in side chain
3784	3402	O–H s in catechol group
3840	3428	O–H s in catechol group