

Table S1 Details of hydrogen bonding in the alkylsilylated guanosine crystals.

crystal	D-H...A	D...A distance / Å	
1a·MeOH	N1-H1...N7 ⁱ	2.875(5)	
	N2-H2B...O6 ⁱ	2.963(5)	
1a·EA	N1-H1...N7 ^a	2.814(9)	
	N2-H3...O6 ^a	2.957(9)	
1b	N1-H1...N7 ^h	2.789(6)	
	N2-H3...O6 ^h	2.789(7)	
2b	N1-H1...O6	2.850(6)	
	N2-H2...N4 ^f	2.958(8)	
	N2-H3...O6	2.877(7)	
	N6-H4...O1 ^f	2.858(7)	
	N7-H6...O1 ^f	2.863(7)	
	N7-H5...N9 ^f	2.984(7)	
	O10-H171...N8	2.917(6)	
	O5-H170...N3	2.834(7)	
	2c·AcOH	N1-H1...N7 ^g	2.910(5)
		N2-H2B...O6 ^g	2.894(5)
N2-H2A...O34 ^d		2.943(5)	
O17-H17...O34		2.773(5)	
3c	O35-H35...N3 ^e	2.693(4)	
	N1-H1...N4 ^b	2.910(5)	
	N2-H2...N8 ^e	2.910(5)	
	N2-H3...O1 ^b	2.894(5)	
	N6-H76...N9 ^c	2.910(5)	
	N7-H77...N3 ^d	2.910(5)	
N7-H78...O7 ^c	2.894(5)		

Symmetry codes: ^a 1/2-x, -y, 1/2+z; ^b 3/2-x, -1/2+y, 1-z; ^c 3/2-x, 1/2+y, -z; ^d x, 1+y, z; ^e x, -1+y, z; ^f -1+x, y, z; ^g 5/2-x, 1/2+y, 2-z; ^h -2-x, -1/2+y, -z; ⁱ 2-x, 1/2+y, -z.

Table S2 Details of hydrogen bonding in the alkylsilylated adenine crystals.

crystal	D-H...A	D...A distance / Å
4	N6-H2...N7 ^h	2.972(8)
	N6-H3...N1 ⁱ	2.999(9)
5	N3-H3A...N4 ^c	3.026(7)
	N3-H3B...N1 ^a	2.907(7)
	O4-H4A...N2 ^b	2.867(6)
	N8-H8A...N9 ^d	3.099(7)
6	N8-H8B...N6 ^e	2.823(7)
	O8-H8O...N7	2.818(7)
	N6-H6A...N7 ^f	2.975(4)
	N6-H6B...N1 ^g	3.089(4)

Symmetry codes : ^a -1-x, -1/2+y, -1-z; ^b x, -1+y, z; ^c -1-x, 1/2+y, -1-z; ^d -1-x, -1/2+y, -z; ^e -1-x, 1/2+y, -z; ^f 2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z; ^g 2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z; ^h -2-x, -1/2+y, -1-z; ⁱ -2-x, 1/2+y, -1-z.

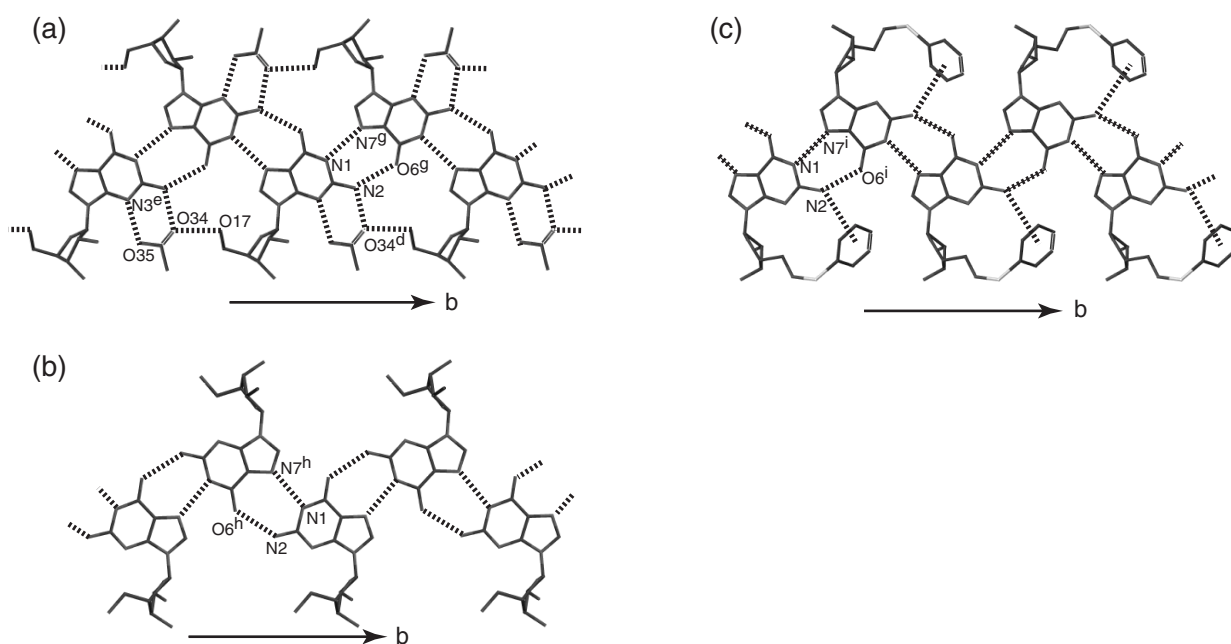


Figure S1 Hydrogen bonded tape motifs in **2c AcOH**(a), **1b**(b) and **1a MeOH**(c). Alkylsilyl groups and hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. Dotted lines indicated hydrogen bonds. Symmetry codes: $^d x, 1+y, z$; $^e x, -1+y, z$; $^g 5/2-x, 1/2+y, 2-z$; $^h -2-x, -1/2+y, -z$; $^i 2-x, 1/2+y, -z$.

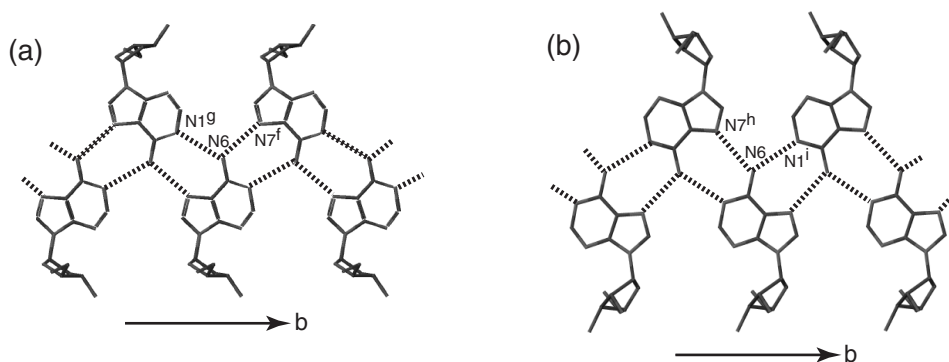


Figure S2 Hydrogen bonded tape motifs in **6** (a) and **4** (b). Alkylsilyl groups and hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. Dotted lines indicated hydrogen bonds. Symmetry codes: $^f 2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z$; $^g 2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z$; $^h -2-x, -1/2+y, -1-z$; $^i -2-x, 1/2+y, -1-z$.