

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**8-Amino-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline in iridium(III) biotinylated Cp\* complex as artificial imine reductase**

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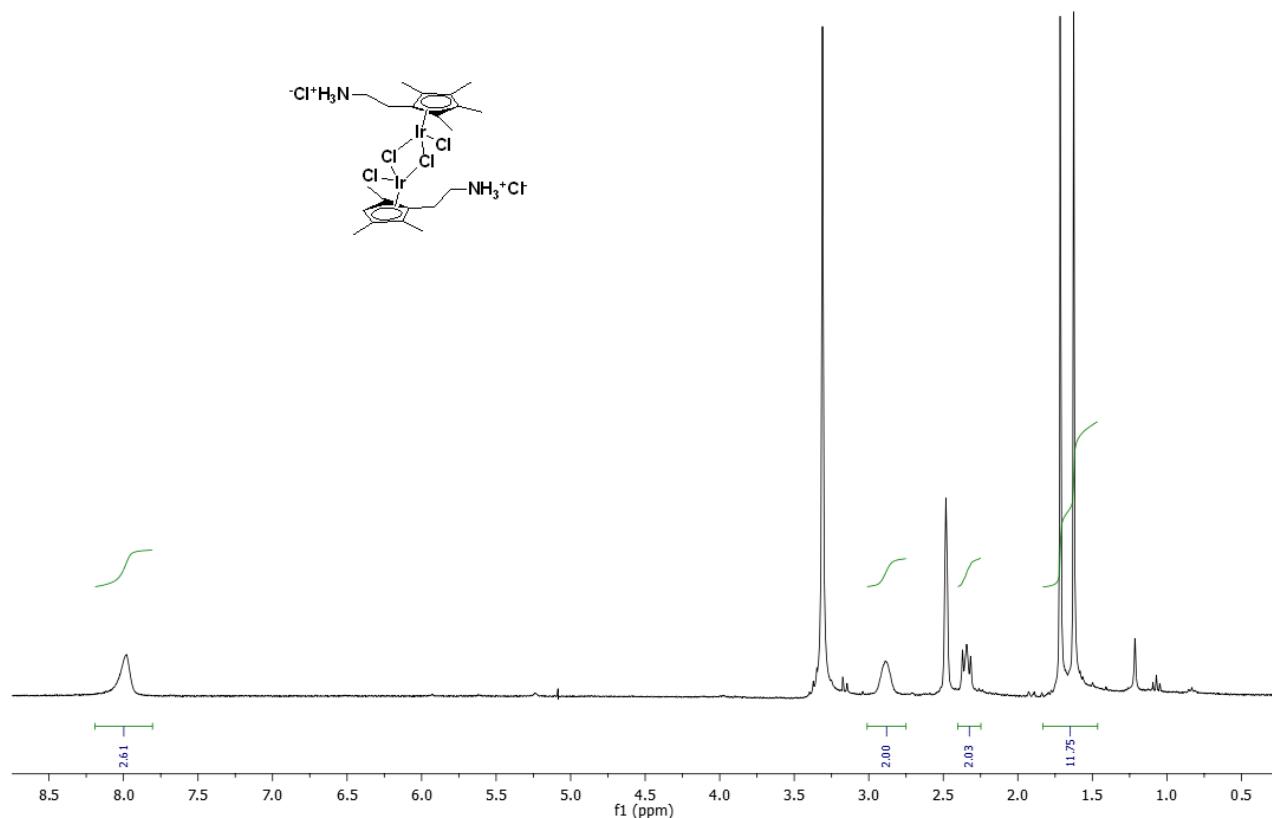
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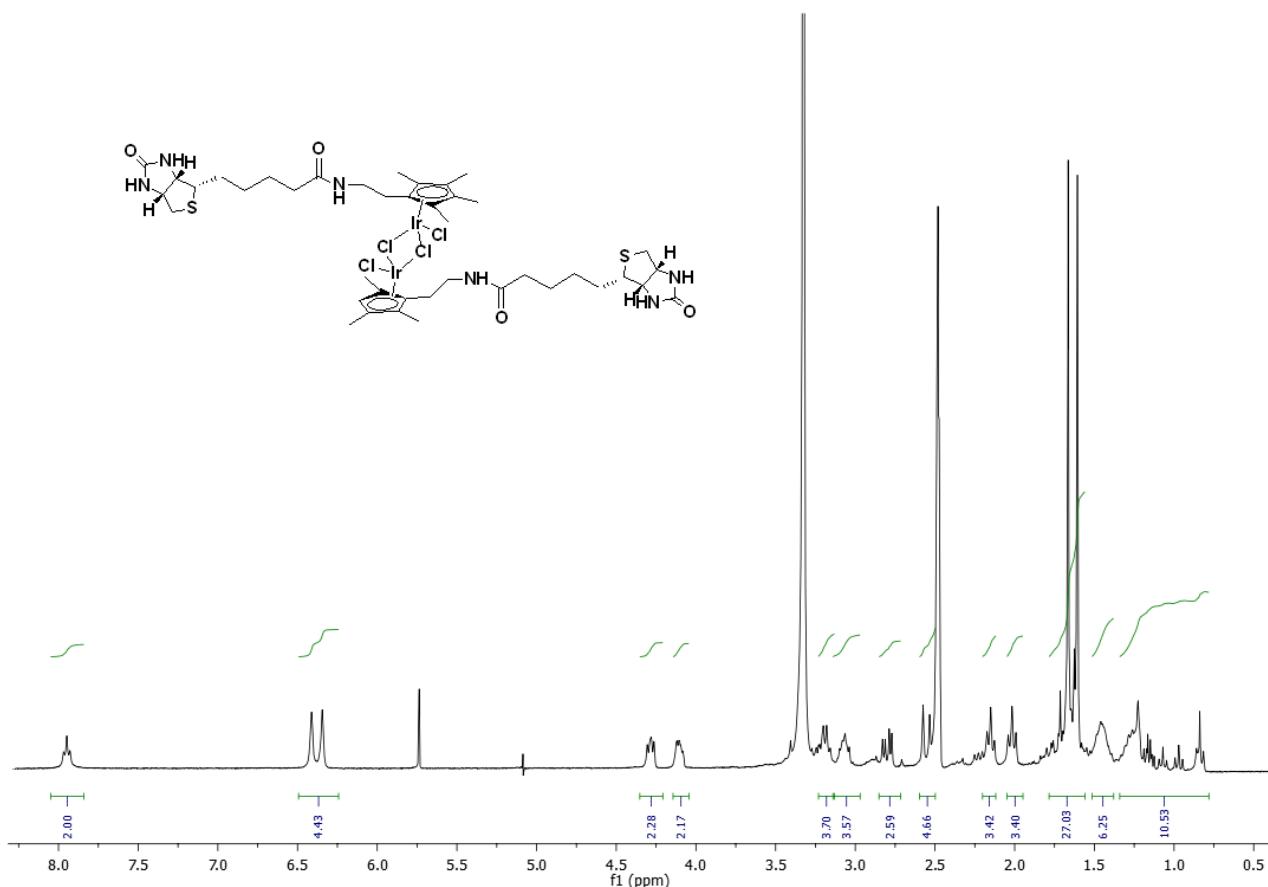
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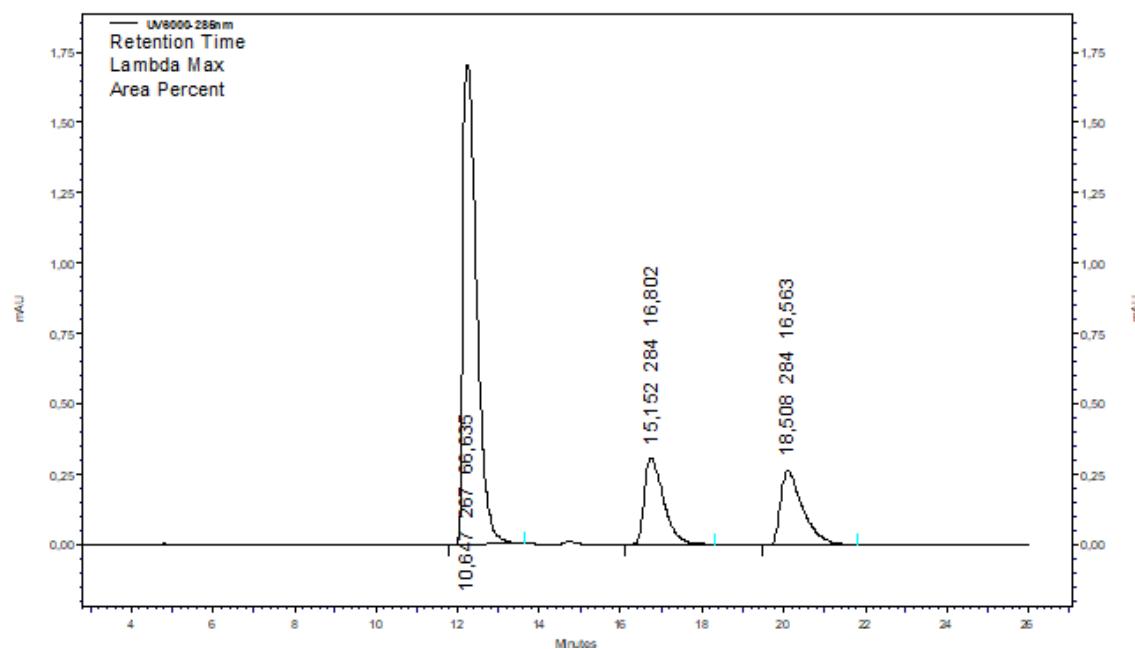
$^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of  $[\eta^5\text{-(2-(2,3,4,5-tetramethylcyclopentadienyl)ethylamine hydrochloride)}\text{IrCl}_2]_2$ :  $\delta$   $\text{H}$  (300 MHz, DMSO) 7.98 (br, 3H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.32 (m, 2H), 1.72 (s, 6H), 1.63 (s, 6H).<sup>1</sup>

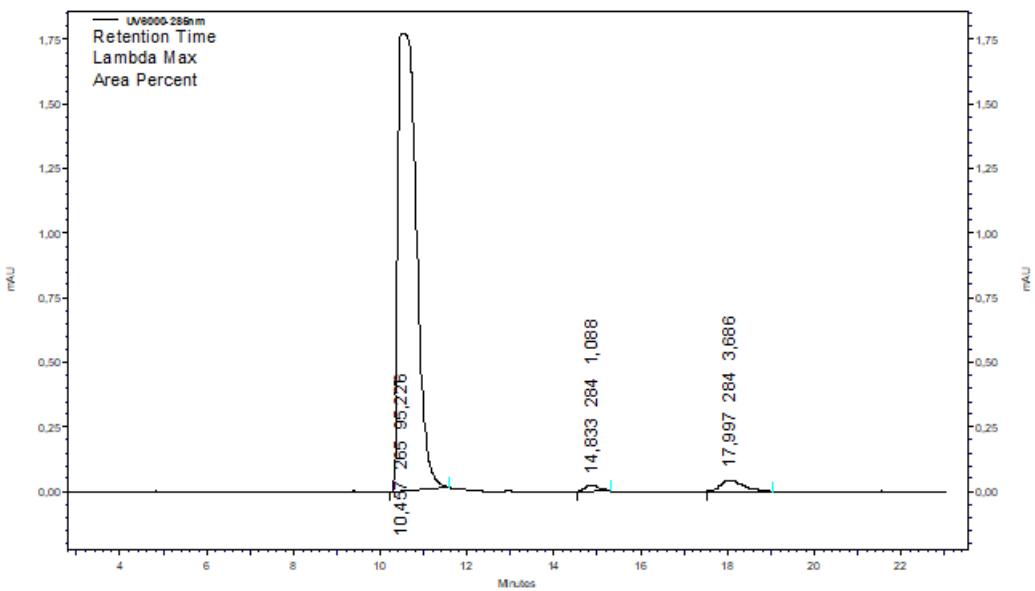


<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of [ $\eta^5$ -(Biot-2-(2,3,4,5-tetramethylcyclopentadienyl)ethylamine)IrCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>:  $\delta$  H (300 MHz, DMSO) 7.95 (t,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 2H), 6.34 (s, 2H), 4.30-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.24-3.20 (m, 4H), 3.16-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dd,  $J=12.5, 5.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.57 (d,  $J=12.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.15 (t,  $J=6.5$  Hz, 4H), 2.02 (t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 4H), 1.76 (s, 12H), 1.66 (s, 12H), 1.63-1.17 (m, 12H).

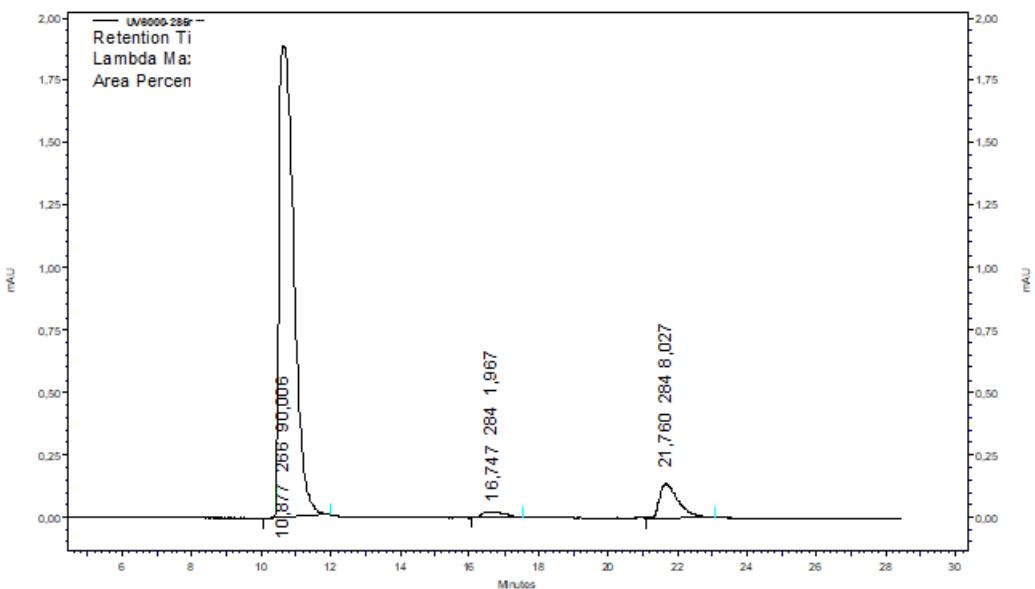


HPLC conditions for 6,7-dimethoxy-1-methyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinoline: eluent hexane/ethanol/DEA=95/5/0.1;  $\lambda=285$  nm; flow=1.0 mL/min; retention time for substrate 10.7 min; for two enantiomers of the product:  $t_S=15.1$  min;  $t_R=18.5$  min. Conversion was obtained by HPLC using correction factor of 1.32.<sup>2</sup>

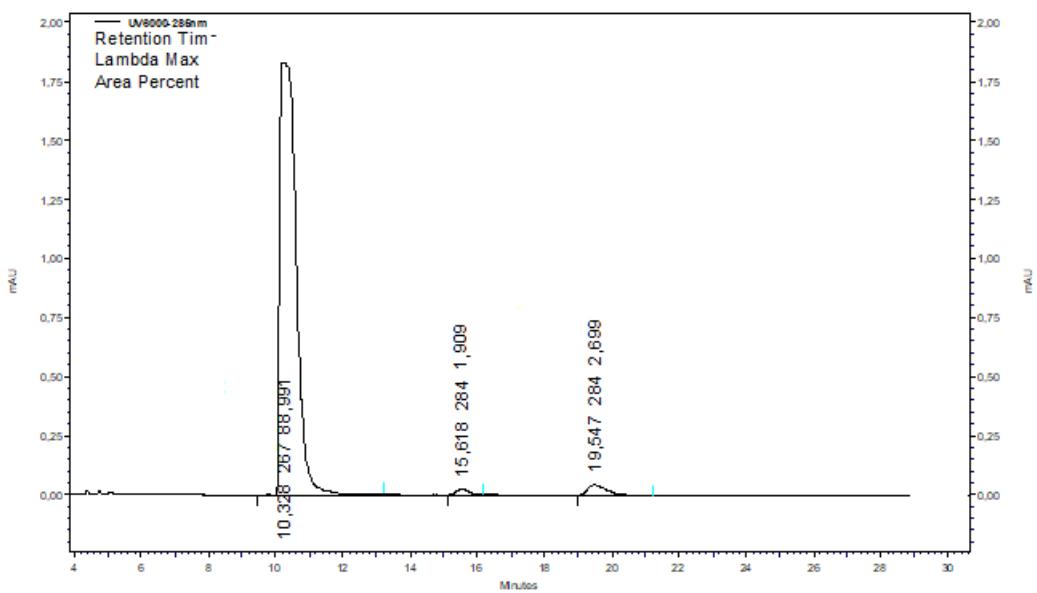




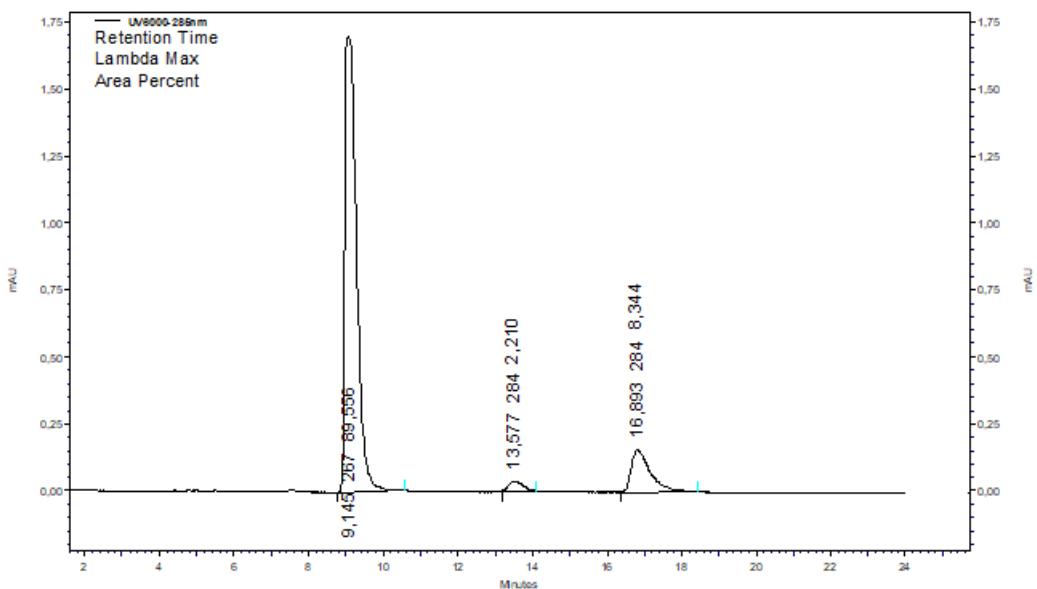
Entry 1, Table 3: conversion 7 %, e.e. 53 %.



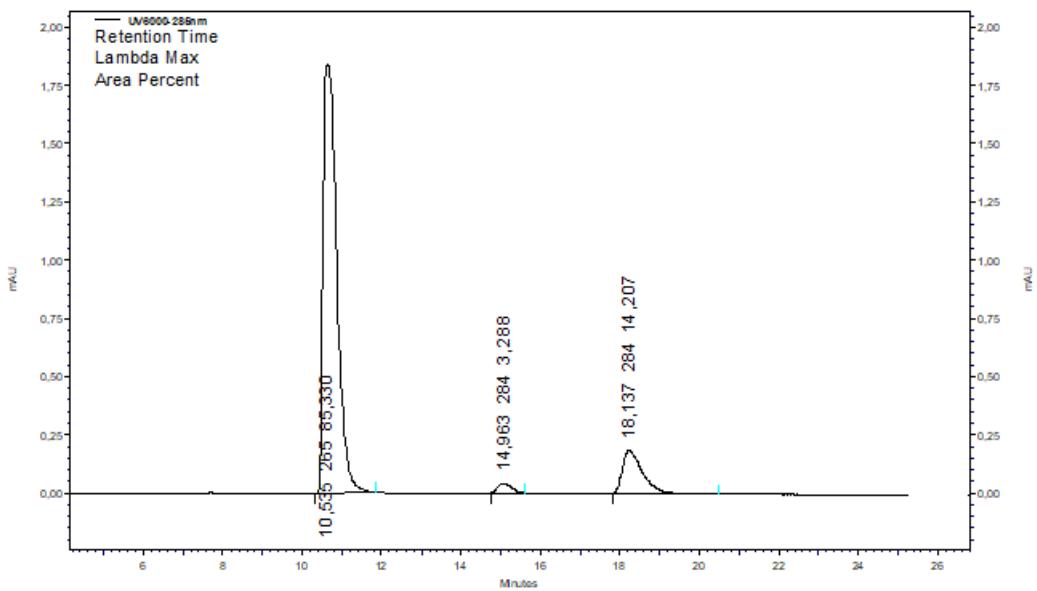
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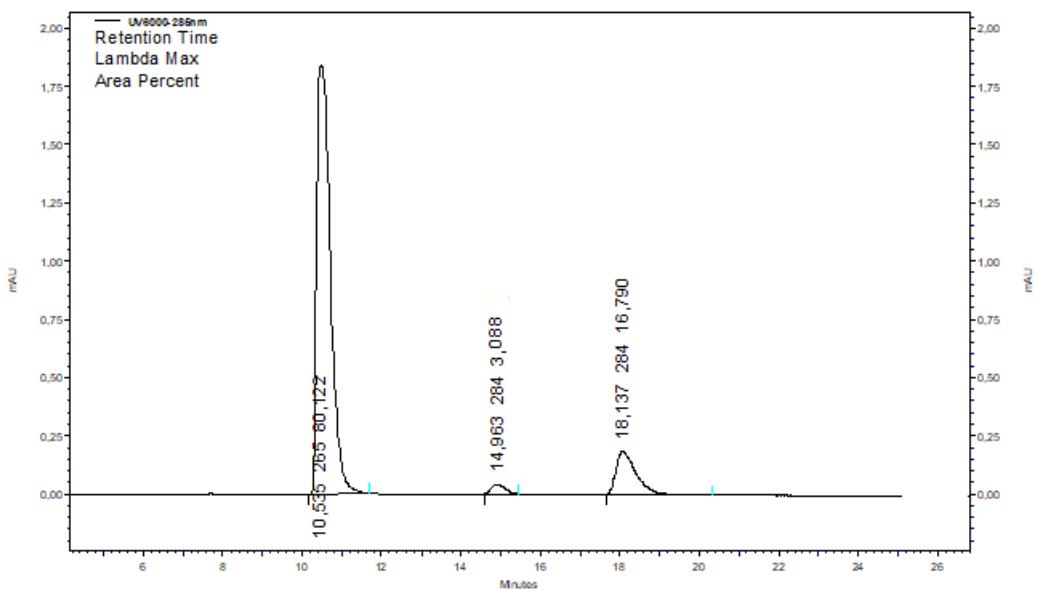
Entry 3, Table 3: conversion 7 %, e.e. 17 %.



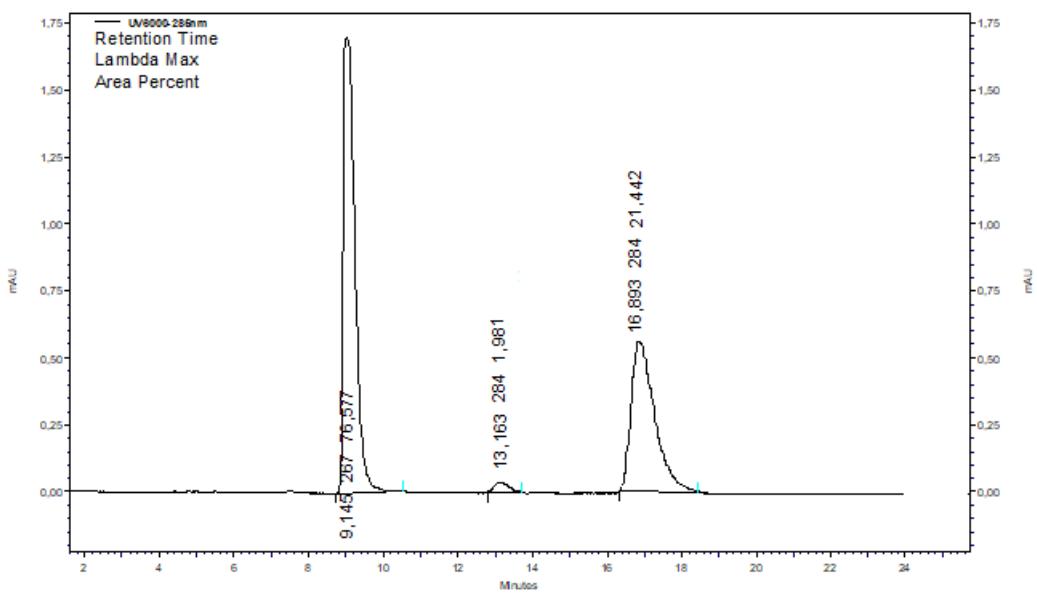
Entry 4, Table 3: conversion 14 %, e.e. 59 %.



Entry 5, Table 3: conversion 23 %, e.e. 62 %.



Entry 6, Table 3: conversion 27 %, e.e. 68 %.



Entry 7, Table 3: conversion 32 %, e.e. 83 %.

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