## Seperation and identification of an impurity from Istradefylline intermediate

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Section 1 Synthesis of Intermediate A<sub>1</sub>

1,3-Diethylurea (1.4 g, 12mmol) and 2-cyanoacetic acid (1.2 g, 14mmol) were added to a solution of acetic anhydride (10ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at 90~95 °C for 1.0 h. After confirming that the reaction was complete by TLC analysis, the reddish brown oily solution was collected by concentration under reduced pressure. Purified water (10 ml) was addede to the solution at ambient temperature, adjusting to pH 14 with 40% NaOH solution, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 90~95 °C for 15 min. The white precipitate was collected by filtration and dried to give the titled compound.

Section 2.2 HPLC analysis of impurity



Section 3.2 The spectroscopic data such <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR and proton correlation spectroscopy (COSY, HMQC and HMQC) was recorded for impurity in Istradefylline intermediate A<sub>1</sub>.



Fig.S2. UV absorption spectrum in (a) H<sub>2</sub>O, (b) HCl solution (0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>), (c) NaOH solution (0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>) and (d) methnol solution



Fig.S3. IR absorption spectrum of impurity



Fig.S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of impurity



**Fig.S5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of impurity





Fig.S7. DEPT spectrum



**Fig.S8.** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY correlation spectrum



**Fig.S9.** <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>HSQC correlation spectrum



**Fig.S10.** The remote <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H HMBC correlation spectrum



Fig.S11. Single crystal X-ray diffractometer spectrum