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Occurrence of spontaneous resolution of ketoprofen with a racemic crystal structure by simple crystallization under nonequilibrium preferential enrichment conditions

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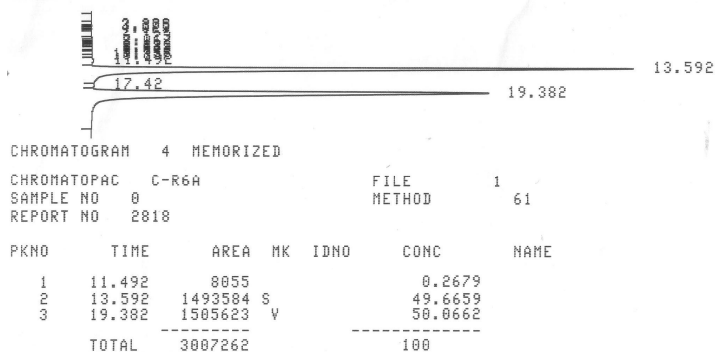
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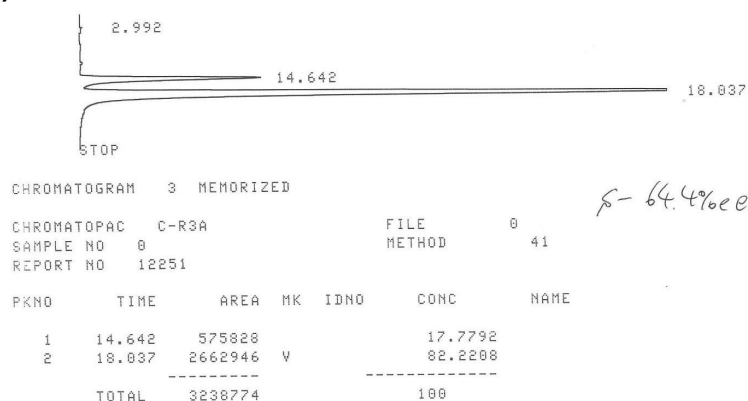
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Electronic Supplementary Information

(a)



(b)



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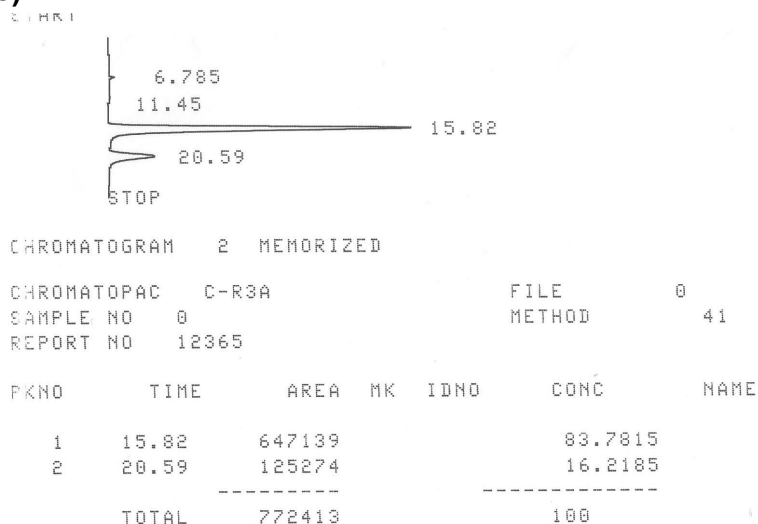


Fig. S1 HPLC chromatograms of ketoprofen. (a) *RS* (0% *ee*), (b) *S*-rich (64% *ee*), and (c) *R*-rich (68% *ee*). The *ee* values were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase column (Daicel Chiralcel OJ, 0.40 x 25 cm), a mixture of hexane, 2-propanol, and acetic acid (900:100:5) as the mobile phase at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min at 30°C, and UV-vis spectrometer (254 nm) as the detector.

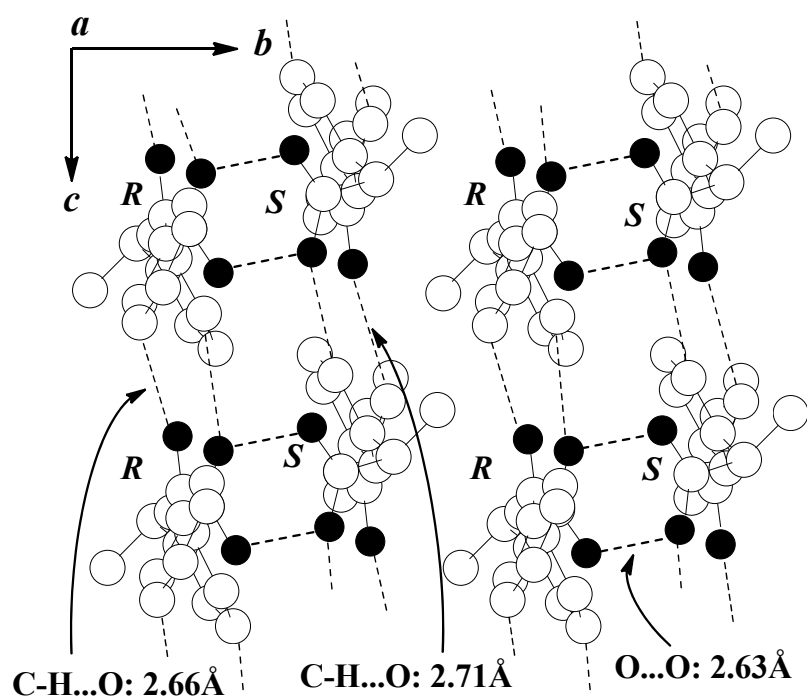


Fig. S2 Crystal structure of (*RS*)-ketoprofen. A view down the *a*-axis.

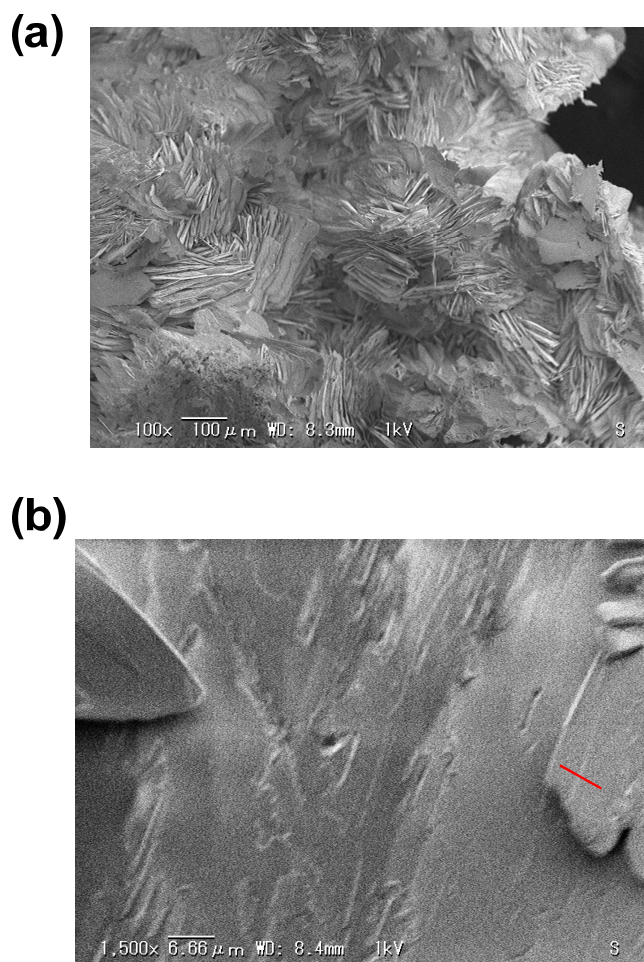


Fig. S3 SEM images of the deposited *S*-rich crystals of 1.2% *ee* after recrystallization of slightly *R*-rich crystal of ketoprofen under the preferential enrichment conditions. The scale bar at the lower left corresponds to (a) 100 μm and (b) 6.6 μm . In panel b, the depth of the hollow along the red line was ca. 1 μm by AFM observation.

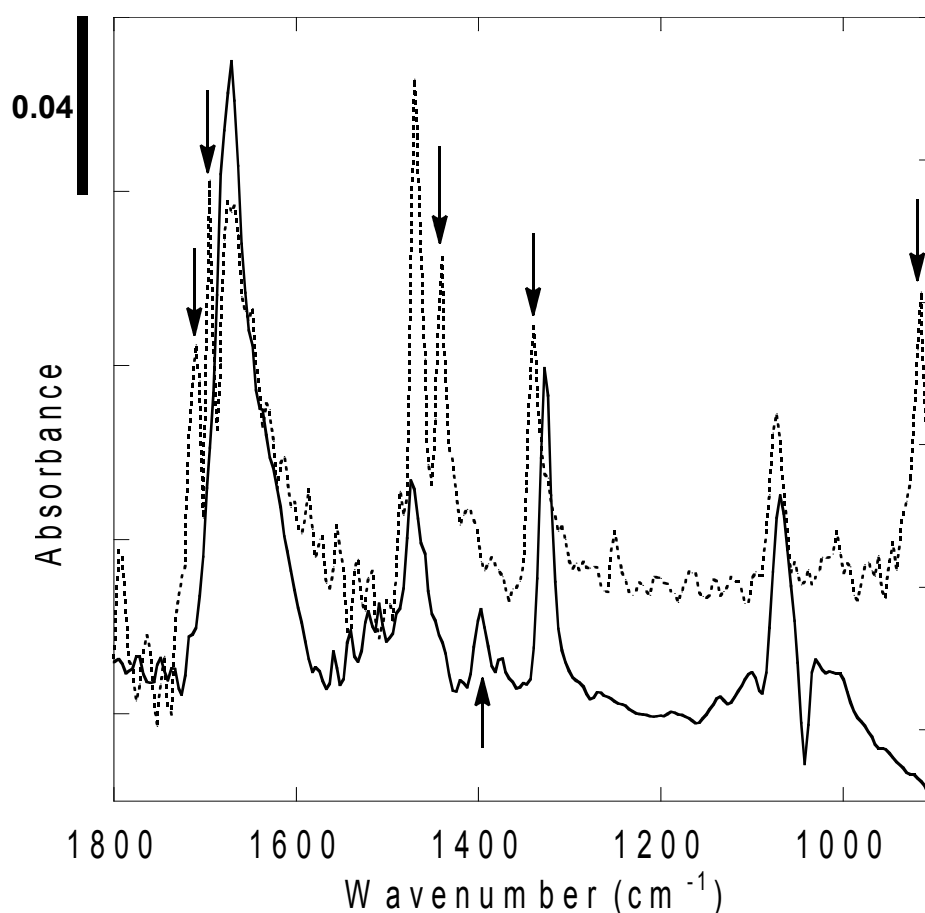


Fig. S4 Comparison of in situ ATR-IR (ReactIR) spectra of ketoprofen. In the supersaturated H₂O-EtOH (v/v 1:1) solution of (*RS*)-ketoprofen (solid line) and in the solid state of deposited *S*-rich crystals of 1.2% *ee* (dotted line). The spectral region includes (i) the C=O stretching vibrations of the keto group and (ii) the C=O and C-O stretching vibrations and O-H bending vibrations with respect to the carboxylic acid. The band near 920 cm⁻¹ which is observed only in the solid state corresponds to the out-of-plane bending of the bonded O-H, which is characteristic of dimeric carboxylic acids. Arrows indicate the difference in the two spectra.