

Stereoselective Asymmetric Hydrogenation of 2-Benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate catalyzed by Pregosin's hydrido complexes of type Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)(bis-phosphine)(SbF<sub>6</sub>)

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## Experimental Section

### ***General Remarks***

All catalysts purchased from Sigma Aldrich and were used as received. Solvents used were analytical grade and were used as received from Merck India Pvt. Ltd. Racemic 2-Benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate was supplied by Unimark Remedies India private Ltd. The Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates using ethyl acetate and hexanes as eluting agents. All products were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy. The <sup>1</sup>H spectra of samples were recorded on a Innova 500 MHz, and/or a Bruker-Avance-300 MHz Spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed using an Shimadzu series liquid chromatography equipped with a dual pump and UV detector (fixed at 240 nm) using a CHIRALPAK IA column and/or CHIRALPAK AD column. For AD column type we have used isopropanol/hexanes 10:90 as eluting agent with a flow rate of 0.6mL/min and UV detection at 254nm. For CHIRALPAK IA column we have used n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v) as eluting agent with flow rate of 1mL/min and UV detection using PDA detector.

### **Preparation of Pregosin's hydrido complexes of type Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)(bis-phosphine)(SbF<sub>6</sub>):**

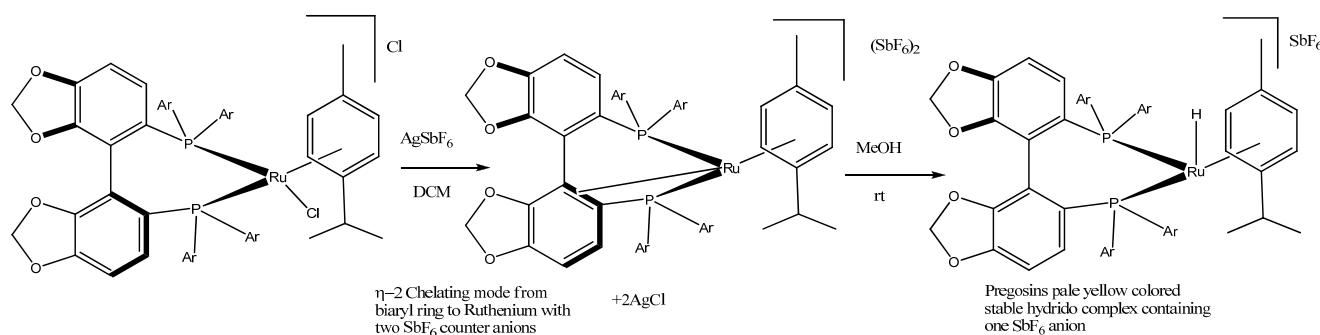
The pregosin's catalyst was synthesized by reacting 25 mg of Ruthenium di halo arene with two equiv of AgSbF<sub>6</sub> in 3mL methanol at 65°C for 30 minutes under nitrogen atmosphere. Upon the reaction, a dark brown solution of the catalyst of Ruthenium di halo arene turned pale yellow followed by the precipitation of AgCl salts.

### **Asymmetric hydrogenation of 2-Benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate:**

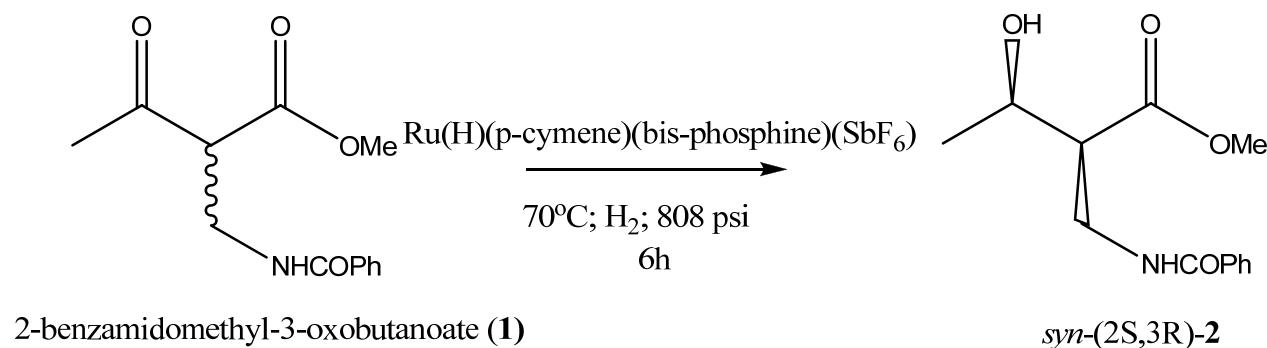
The above mother liquor (3 mL) containing Pregosin's catalyst was pippetted out using a syringe and transferred to an autoclave containing 1.0

mmol of **2-Benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate** dissolved in 12 mL methanol. (total volume 15 mL). Then the reduction reaction was conducted at 808 psi of hydrogen gas at 70°C for six hours in a Parr autoclave with substrate to catalyst ratio (S/C) of 60. After the quantitative completion of the reaction, which was determined by TLC, the crude reaction mixture after removing all solvents under reduced pressure was subjected to HPLC analysis to determine both diastereoselectivity and enantioselectivity of the products.

SCHEME 1



SCHEME 2

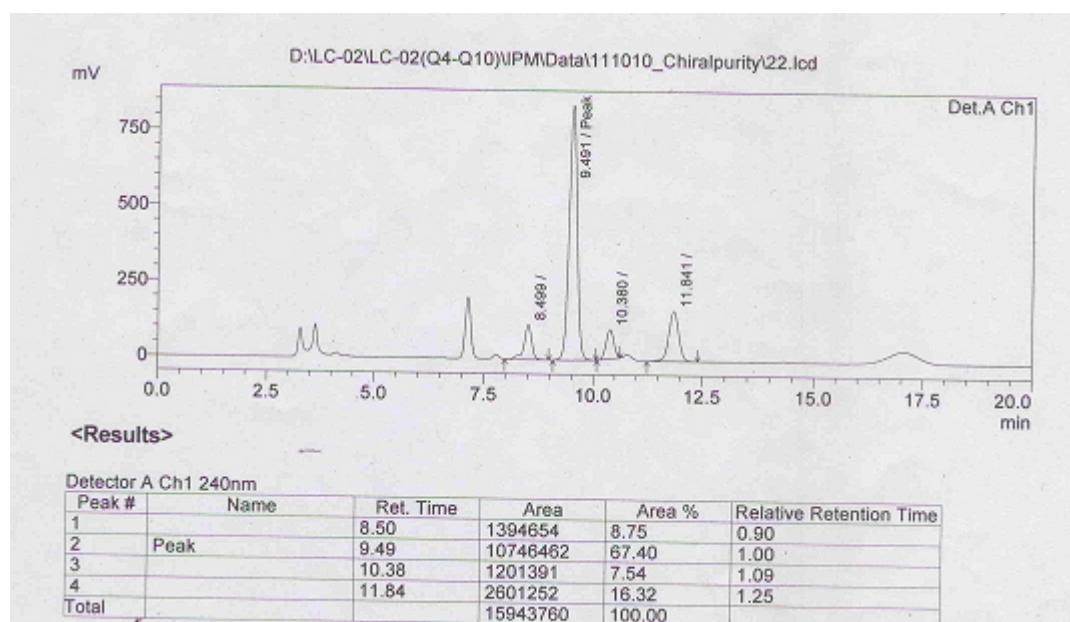


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HPLC data of (*2S,3R*)-methyl-2-(benzamido-methyl)3-hydroxybutanoate:

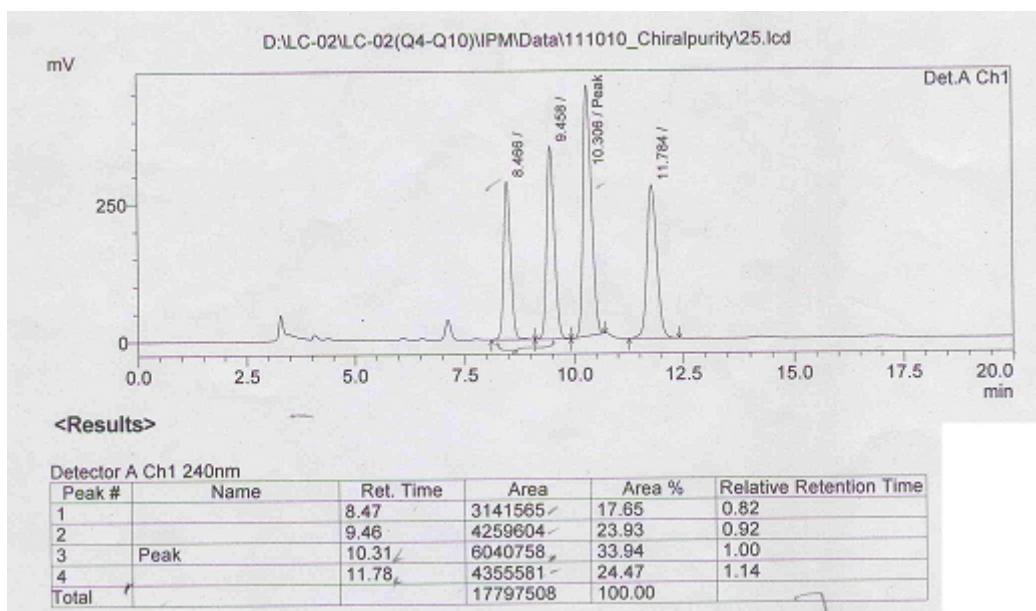
**Table 1(Entry 1)Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((S)-DTBM Segphos)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in MeOH :**

Data: 69% ee, 52 % de Column : Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm), Eluting agent: using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);



**Table1 (Entry 2) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((S)-DTBM Segphos)-Cl in MeOH:**

Data: 25% ee, 16 % de Column: Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) Eluting agent: using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);

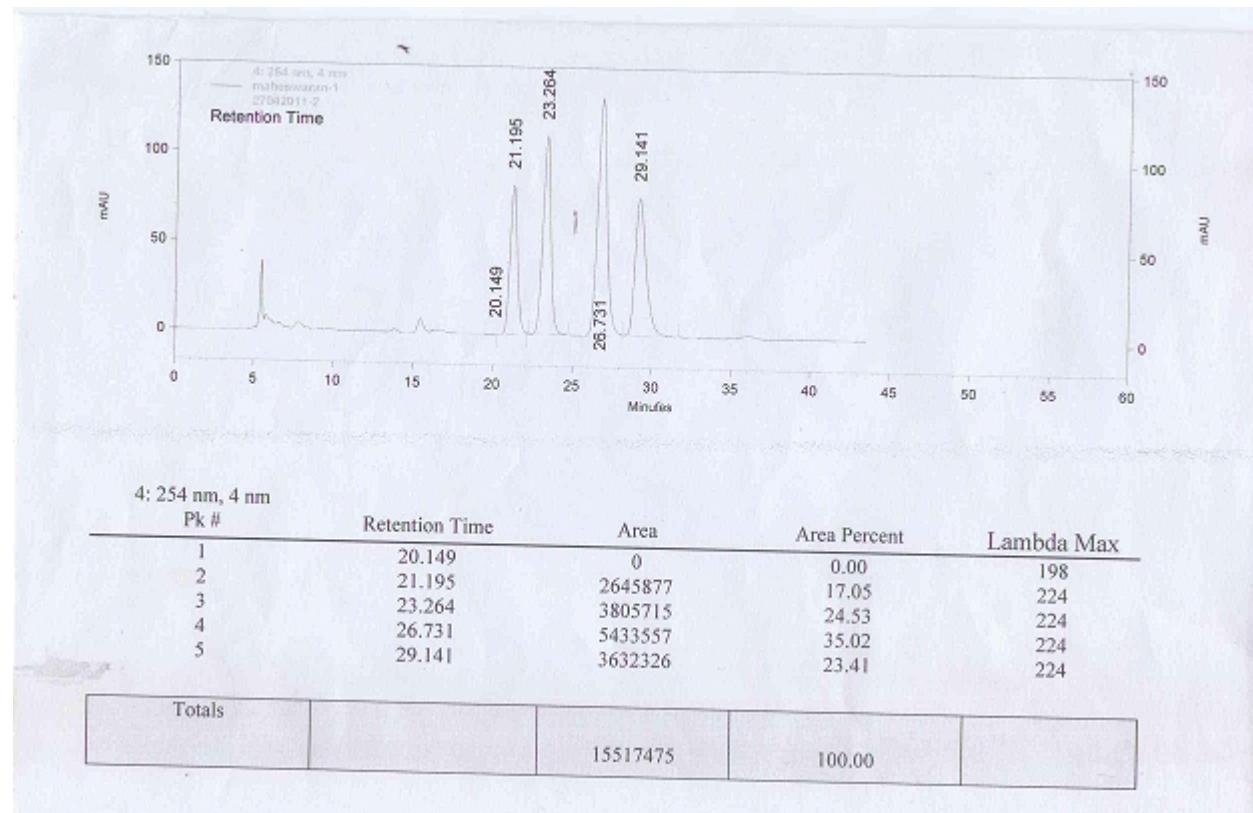


Chiralpak-IA column: Peak 1 at 8.47 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2S,3R) isomer; peak 2 at 9.46 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2R,3S) isomer; peak 3 at 10.31 corresponds to *anti*-(2R,3R) isomer; and finally peak at 11.78 corresponds to *anti*-(2S,3S) isomer.

HPLC Conditions: Isocratic; Chiralpak-IA column (250x4.6mm), 5 $\mu$  using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamide in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v); UV Detection (240nm); diode array flow rate = 1.0mL/min at 25°C.

**Table1 (Entry 2) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((S)-DTBM Segphos)-Cl in MeOH:**

Data: 18% ee, 16 % de Column: Chiralpak AD (4.6X 250mm) Eluting agent: hexanes: isopropanol (9:1)

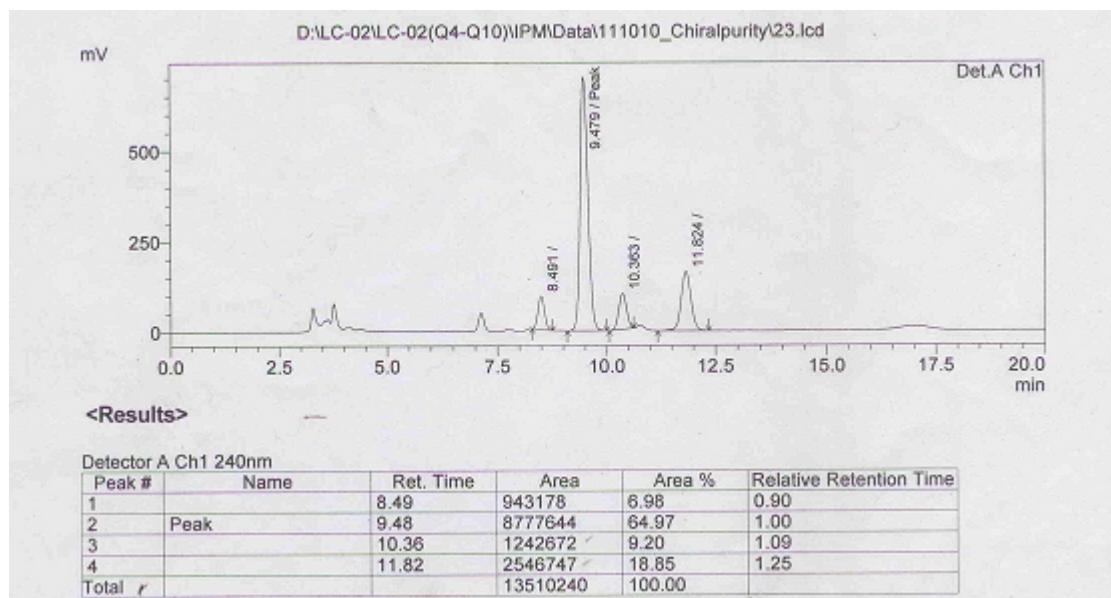


In Chiralpak-AD column: : Peak 1 at 21.195 ret. time corresponds to syn-(2S,3R) isomer; peak 2 at 23.264 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2R,3S) isomer; peak 3 at 26.731 corresponds to *anti*-(2R,3R) isomer; and finally peak at 29.141 corresponds to *anti*-(2S,3S) isomer.

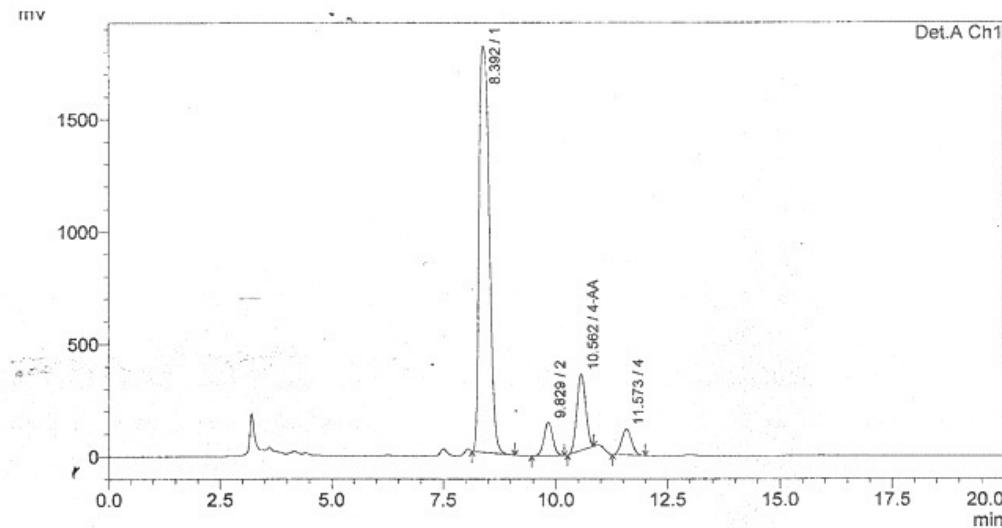
HPLC Conditions: hexane:isopropanol = 90:10, flow: 0.6mL/min, UV detectior: diode array; UV detection.

**Table1(Entry 3)Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((S)-DTBM Segphos)-(PF<sub>6</sub>) in MeOH:**

Data: 81% ee, 44 % de; Column: Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) Eluting agent: using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).



Data: 87% ee, 63 % de; Column: Chiraldak IA (4.6X 250mm) Eluting agent: n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).

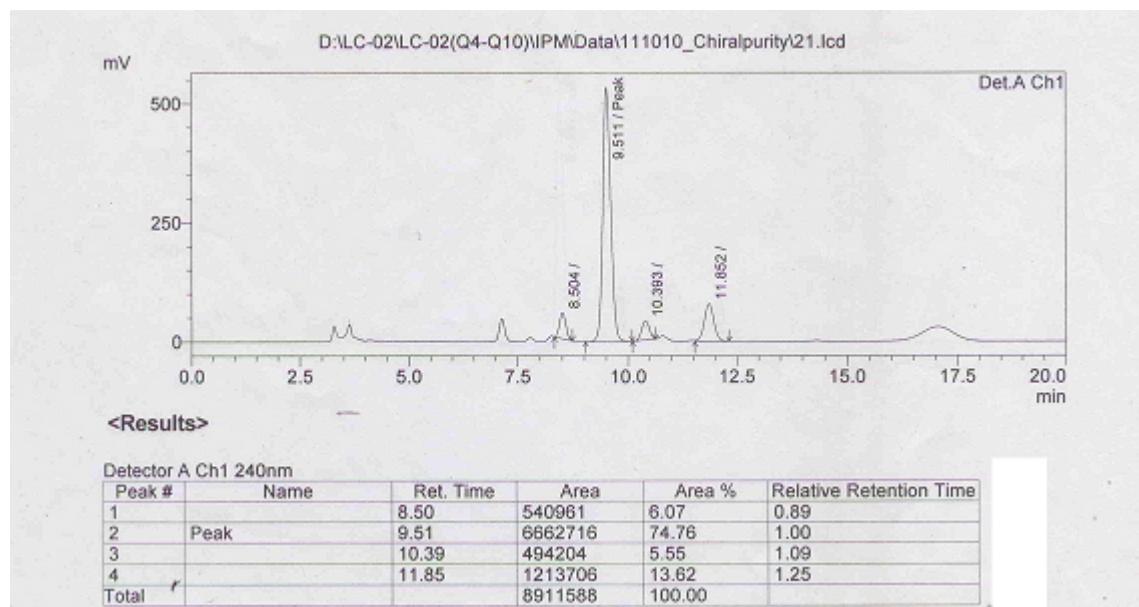


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Detector A Ch1 240nm				
Peak #	Name	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	1	8.392	28440487	76.98
2	2	9.829	2004111	5.42
3	4-AA	10.562	4699050	12.72
4	4	11.573	1803788	4.88
Total			36947437	100.00

**Table1 (Entry 5) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((S)-DTBM Segphos)-(PF<sub>6</sub> +SbF<sub>6</sub>) in MeOH:**

Data: 84% ee, 61 % de; Column: Chiraldak IA (4.6X 250mm), Eluting agent: using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).

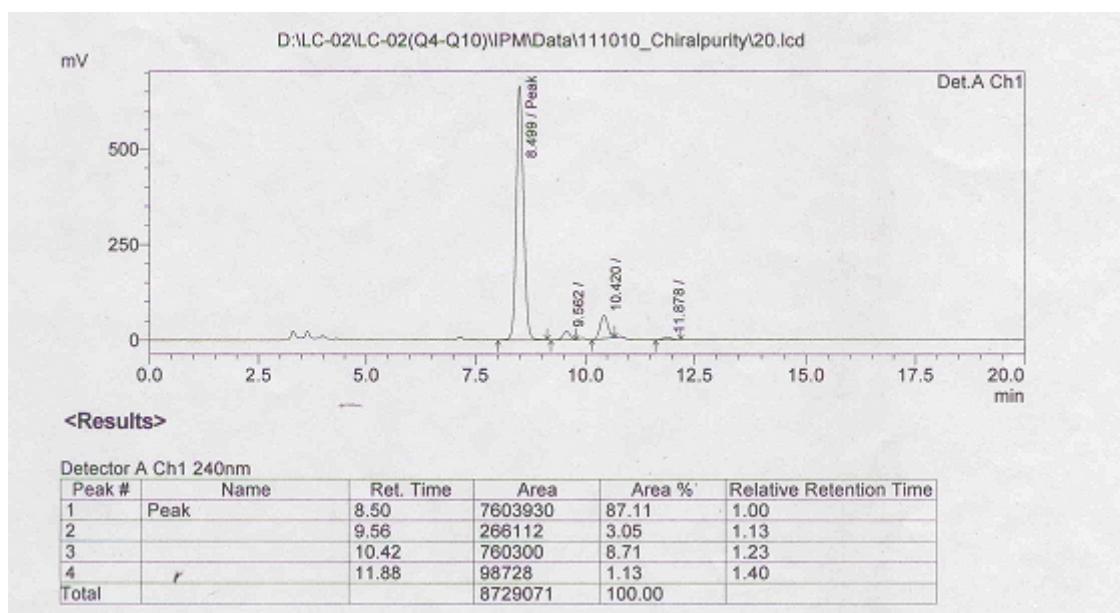


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**Table1 (Entry 6) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((S)-DTBM Segphos)-(PF<sub>6</sub> +SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

Data: 94% ee, 90 % de; Column: Chiraldak IA (4.6X 250mm), Eluting agent:

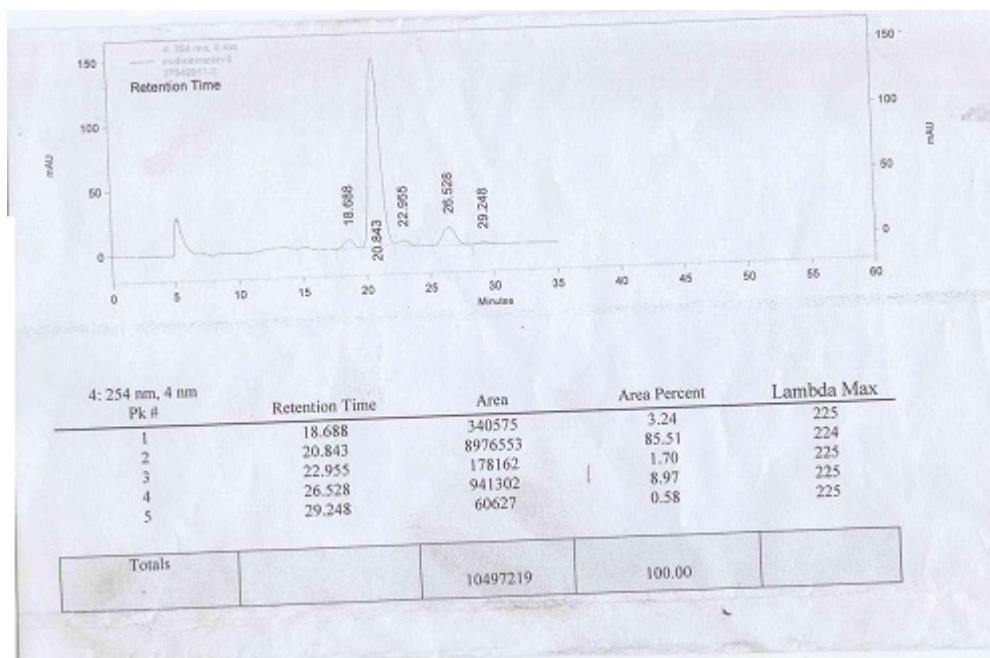
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).



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**Table1 (Entry 7) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((R)-DTBM Segphos)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

Data: 98% ee, 85 % de; Column :Chiralpak-AD (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent: hexanes: isopropanol (9:1)



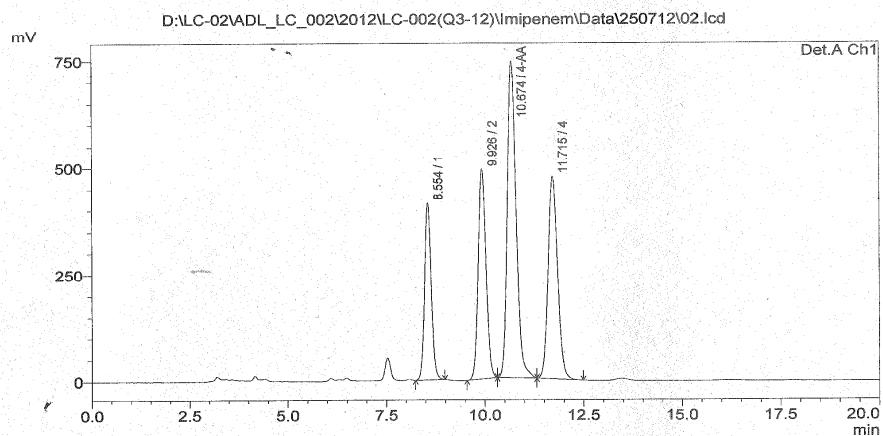
In Chiralpak-AD column: : Peak 1 at 20.843 ret. time corresponds to syn-(2S,3R) isomer peak 2 at 22.955 corresponds *syn*-(2R,3S) isomer of methyl ester; peak 3 at 26.528 corresponds to *anti*-(2R,3R) isomer; and finally peak at 29.248 corresponds to *anti*-(2S,3S) isomer. A lone peak at 18.688min corresponds to ethyl ester of the product.

**(Reaction repeated once again using conditions mentioned in Table 1;  
entry 2)Column type CHIRALPAK-IA using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).**

ANALYTICAL DEVELOPMENT LAB  
UNIMARK REMEDIES LTD, AHMEDABAD

Sample ID : Imipenem  
Sample Name : Racemic Mixture  
Experiment : Chiral Purity  
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Column Dimension : (250X4.6)mm, 5 $\mu$ m  
Column Number : C1H-L51-199  
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Analyst : *P.D.P.* *25/7/12*

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Detector A Ch1 240nm

Peak #	Name	Ret. Time	Area	Area %	Theoretical Plate#	Tailing Factor	Resolution
1	1	8.554	4844552	15.60	12010	1.1	0.0
2	2	9.926	6734164	21.69	11829	1.1	4.1
3	4-AA	10.674	11539635	37.17	11012	1.2	1.9
4	4	11.715	7928663	25.54	11230	1.1	2.5
Total			31047013	100.00			

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**Table1 (Entry 8) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((R)-DM BINAP)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

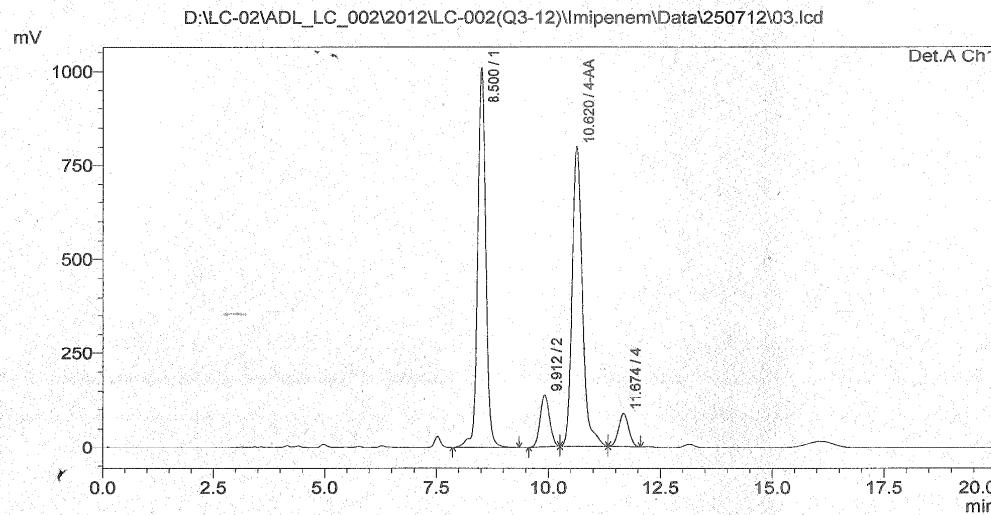
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using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).

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UNIMARK REMEDIES LTD, AHMEDABAD

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Sample Name : DM-BINAP  
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Column Number : CIIH-L51-199  
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Vail# : 3  
Injection Volum : 10  $\mu$ L  
Analyst : *Dinesh Patel*

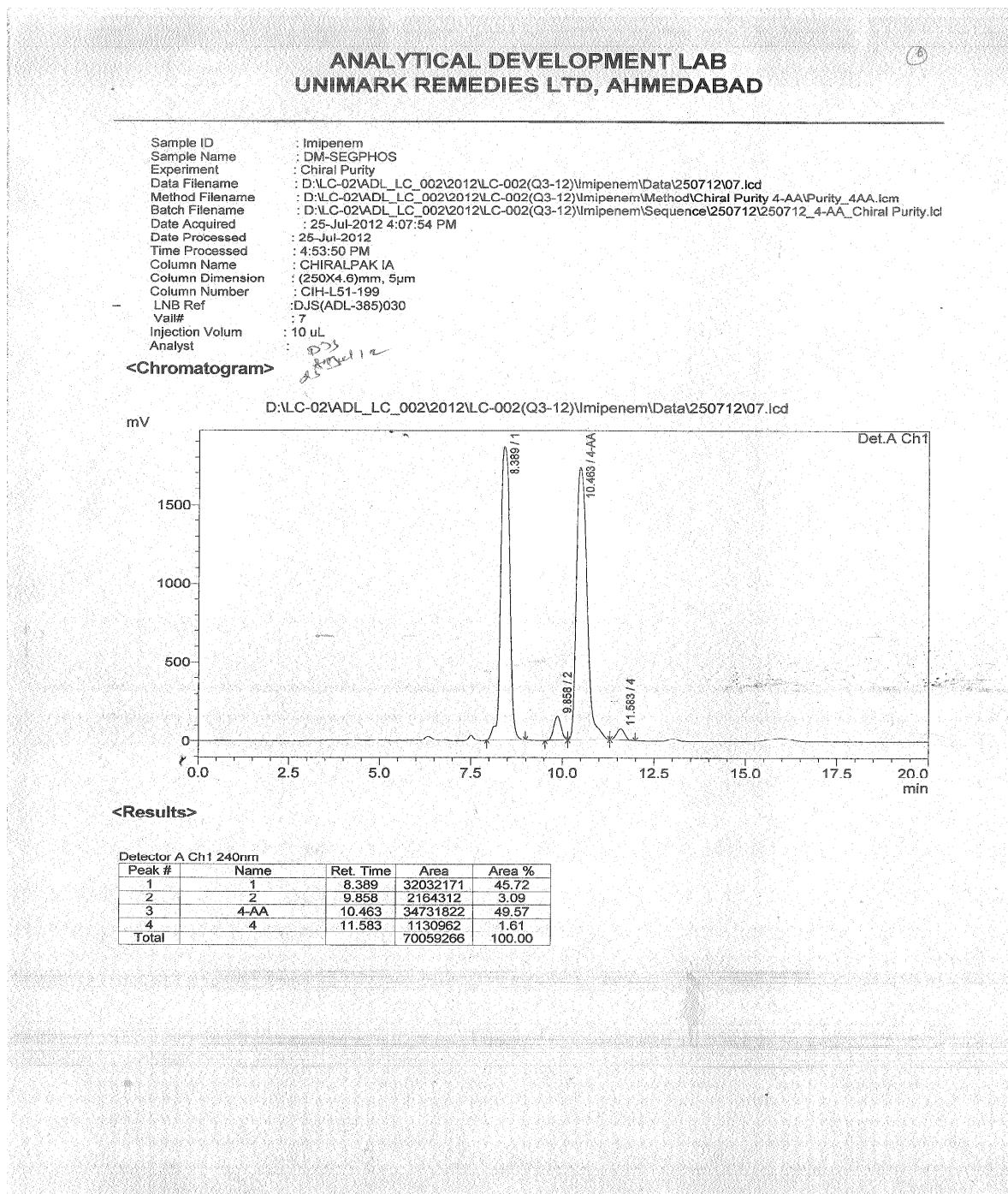
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Detector A Ch1 240nm				
Peak #	Name	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	1	8.500	12656796	44.15
2	2	9.912	1981915	6.91
3	4-AA	10.620	12689868	44.27
4	4	11.674	1338957	4.67
Total			28667537	100.00

Data: 87% ee, 03% de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent: using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);

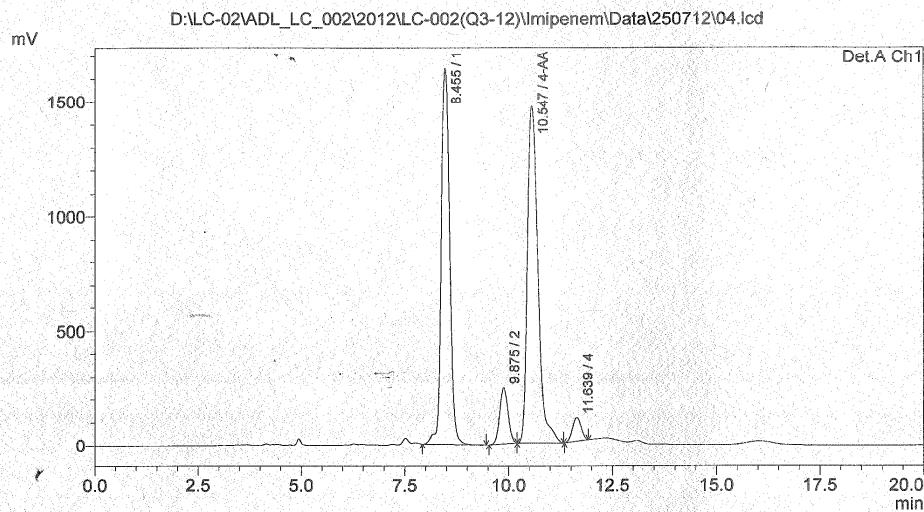


Data: 74% ee, 02 % de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:  
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);

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UNIMARK REMEDIES LTD, AHMEDABAD

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Column Dimension : (250X4.6)mm, 5 $\mu$ m  
Column Number : CIH-L51-199  
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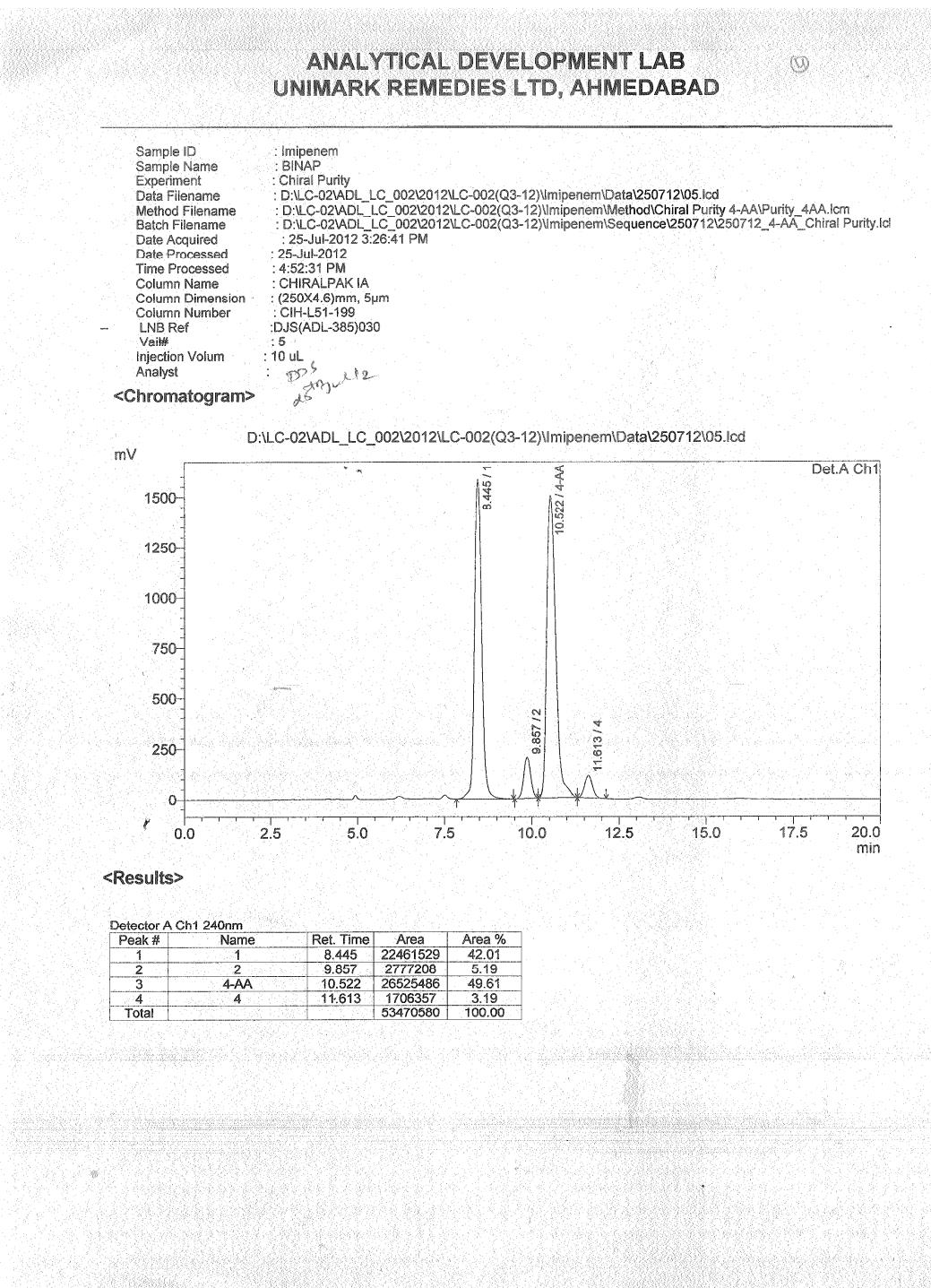


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Detector A Ch1 240nm				
Peak #	Name	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	1	8.455	23114129	42.72
2	2	9.875	3461049	6.40
3	4-AA	10.547	26040428	48.12
4	4	11.639	1495583	2.76
Total			54111189	100.00

Table1 (Entry 11) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((R)-BINAP)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH

Data: 78% ee, 06 % de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:  
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);



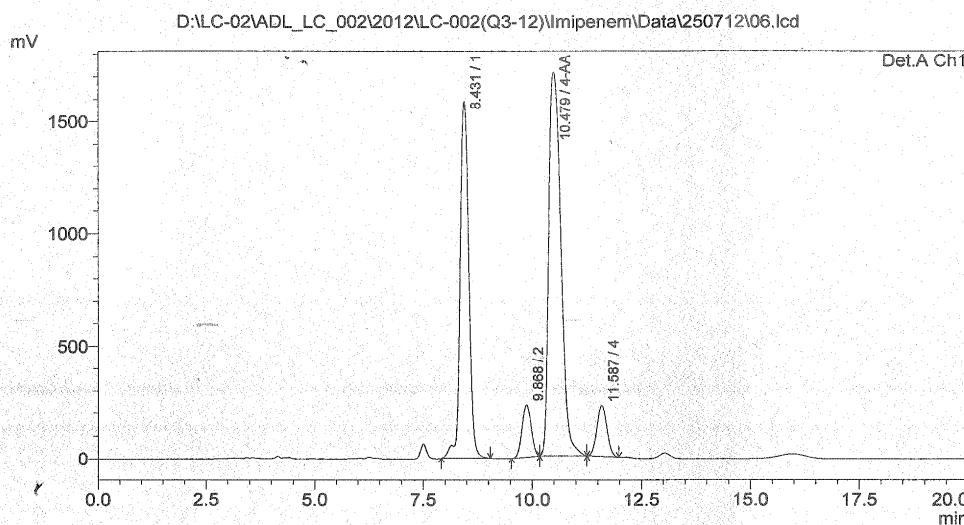
**Table1 (Entry 12) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((R)-SEGPHOS)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

Data: 74% ee, 18 % de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent: using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);

ANALYTICAL DEVELOPMENT LAB  
UNIMARK REMEDIES LTD, AHMEDABAD

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Sample Name : SEGPHOS  
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Column Number : CIH-L51-199  
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Injection Volum : 10 uL  
Analyst : D.S.  
D.S. Anal 12

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Detector A Ch1 240nm

Peak #	Name	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	1	8.431	21953791	35.52
2	2	9.868	3338489	5.40
3	4-AA	10.479	32944917	53.31
4	4	11.587	3561998	5.76
Total			61799193	100.00

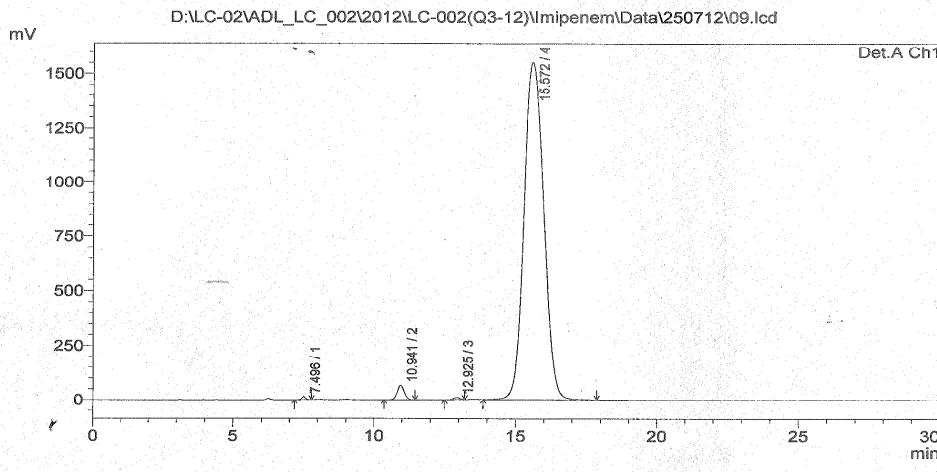
## HPLC trace of Racemic starting material 2-Benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate

(Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:  
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v))

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Vial# : 9  
Injection Volum : 10 µL  
Analyst :

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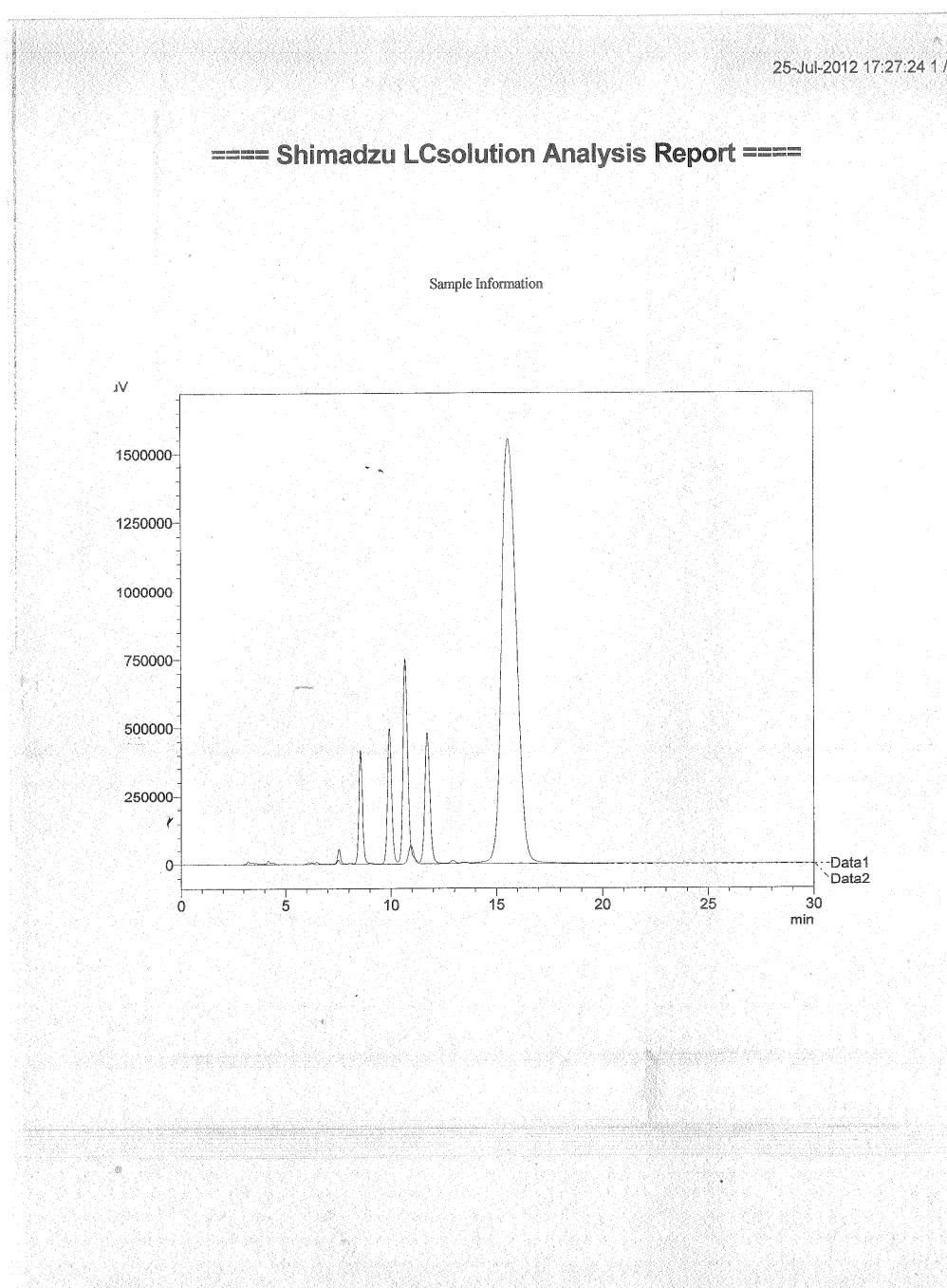


#### <Results>

Detector A Ch1 240nm				
Peak #	Name	Ret. Time	Area	Area %
1	1	7.496	140663	0.18
2	2	10.941	1165957	1.53
3	3	12.925	172340	0.23
4	4	15.572	74945128	98.06
Total			76424068	100.00

Comments: Racemic starting material didn't resolve and appear farther from reduction products under our column type (Chiralpak-I) and under our eluent conditions but certainly it is not present in the HPLC traces of Table 1; entries 1-12.

Overlay HPLC trace of starting material (2-benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate) and Racemic 2-benzamidomethyl-3-hydroxybutanoate



**Comments:** An overlay HPLC trace is presented above which demonstrates that the chiral reduced isomers of 2-benzamidomethyl-3-hydroxybutanoate is distinct from 2-benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate. Hence, there is no presence of this ketone starting material for Table1; entries 1-12 as the asymmetric reduction is complete and quantitative with Pregosin's hydrido complexes.