

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>):**

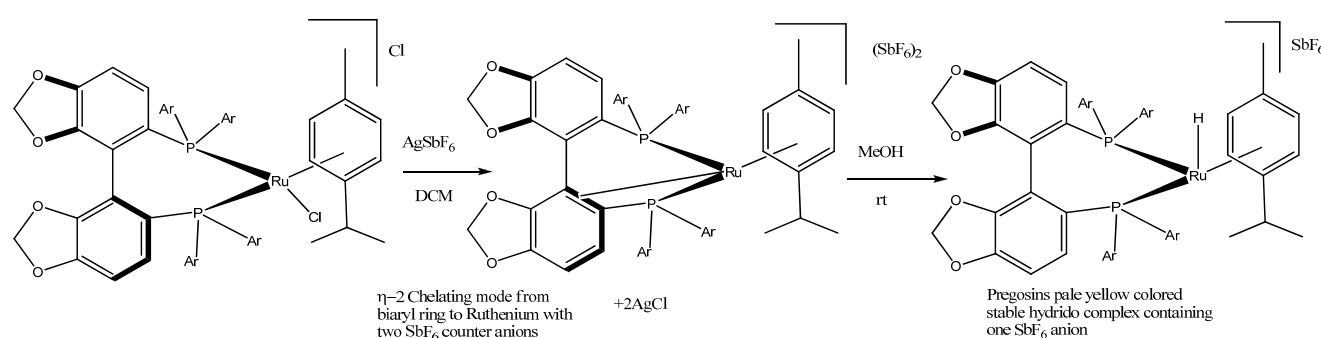
The pregosin's catalyst was synthesized by reacting 25 mg of Ruthenium di halo arene with two equiv of AgSbF<sub>6</sub> in 3mL methanol at 65°C for 30 minutes under nitrogen atmosphere. Upon the reaction, a dark brown solution of the catalyst of Ruthenium di halo arene turned pale yellow followed by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

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

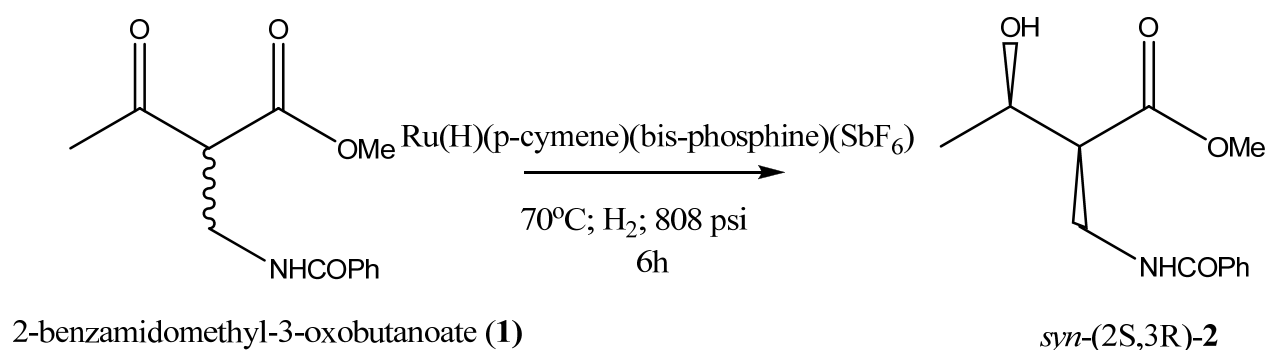
The above mother liquor (3 mL) containing Pregosin's catalyst was pipetted out using a syringe and transferred to an autoclave containing 1.0

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.

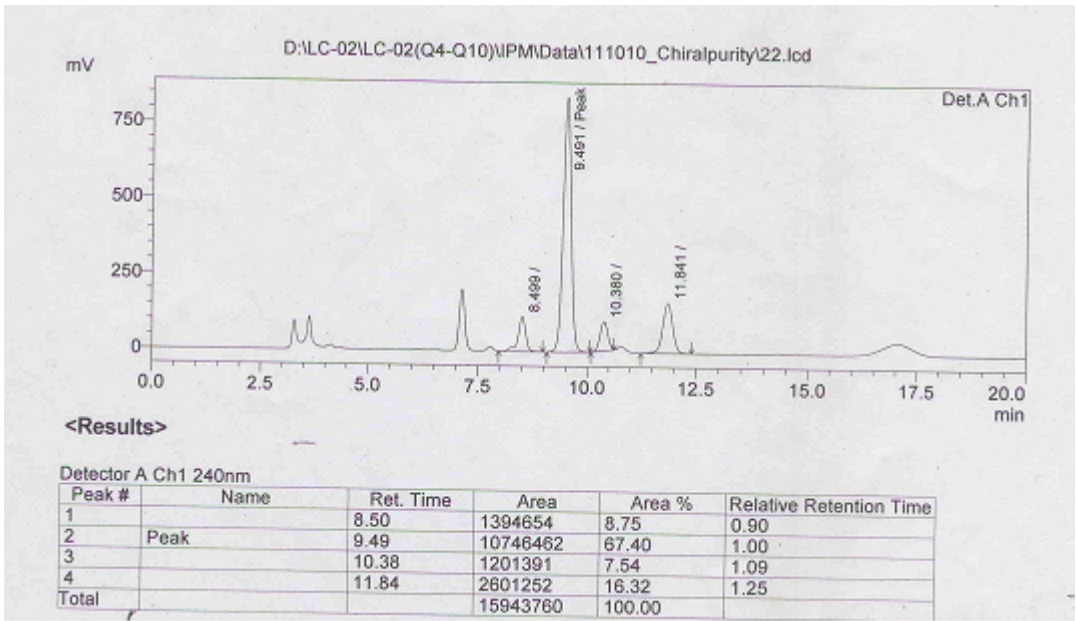
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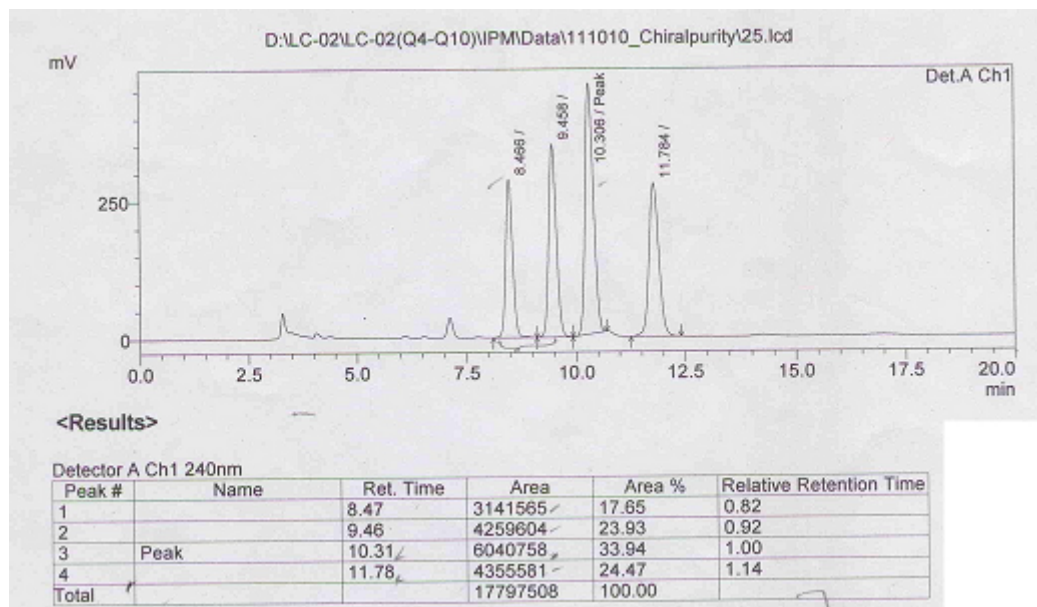


**Table 1(Entry 1)Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((*S*)-DTBM Segphos)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in MeOH :**  
Data: 69% ee, 52 % de Column : Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm),Eluting agent: using n-  
Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);



**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);

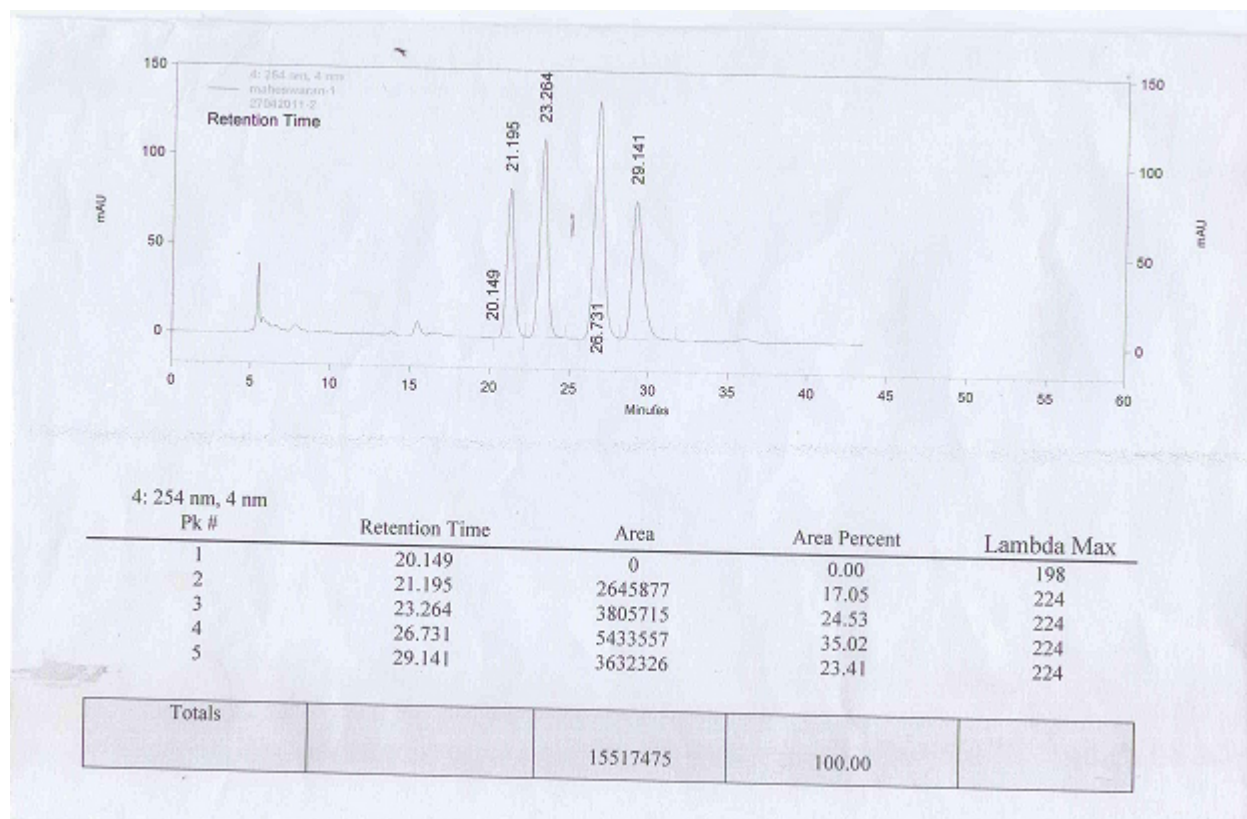


Chiralpak-IA column: Peak 1 at 8.47 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2*S*,3*R*) isomer; peak 2 at 9.46 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2*R*,3*S*) isomer; peak 3 at 10.31 corresponds to *anti*-(2*R*,3*R*) isomer; and finally peak at 11.78 corresponds to *anti*-(2*S*,3*S*) isomer.

HPLC Conditions: Isocratic; Chiralpak-IA column (250x4.6mm), 5μ 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)

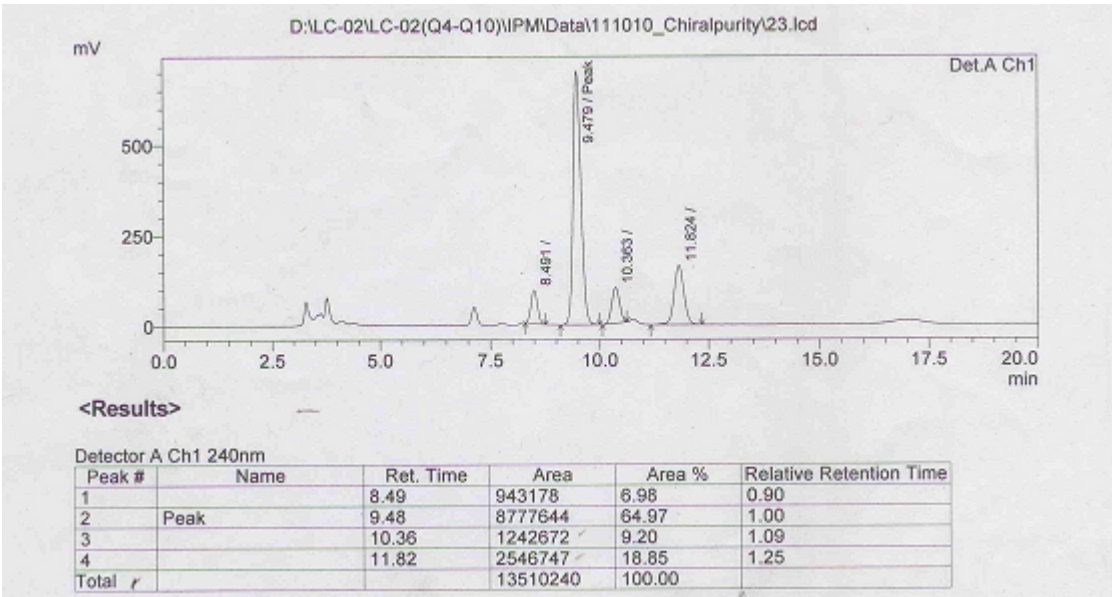


In Chiralpak-AD column: : Peak 1 at 21.195 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2*S*,3*R*) isomer; peak 2 at 23.264 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2*R*,3*S*) isomer; peak 3 at 26.731 corresponds to *anti*-(2*R*,3*R*) isomer; and finally peak at 29.141 corresponds to *anti*-(2*S*,3*S*) isomer.

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

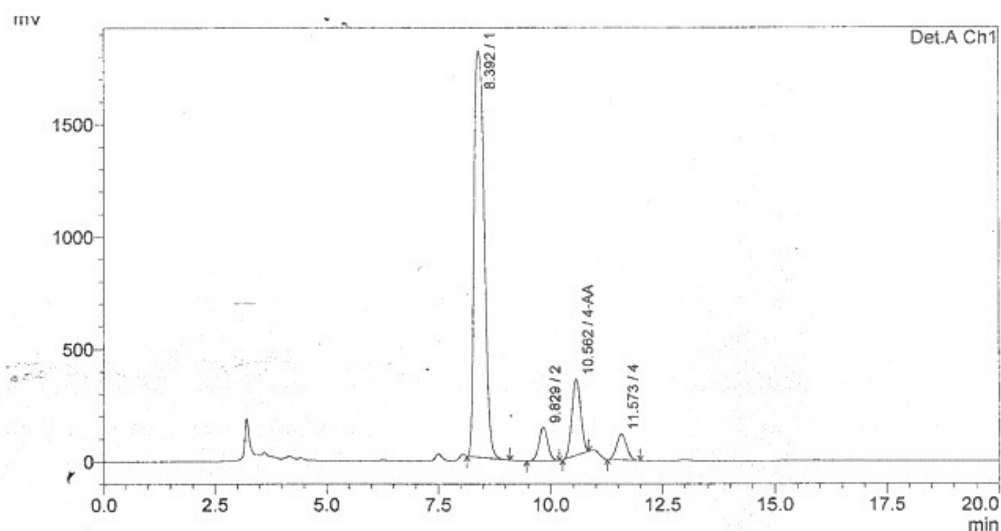
**Table1(Entry 3)Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((*S*)-DTBM Segphos)-(PF<sub>6</sub>) in MeOH:**

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).



**Table1(Entry 4)Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((*R*)-DTBM Segphos)-(PF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

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



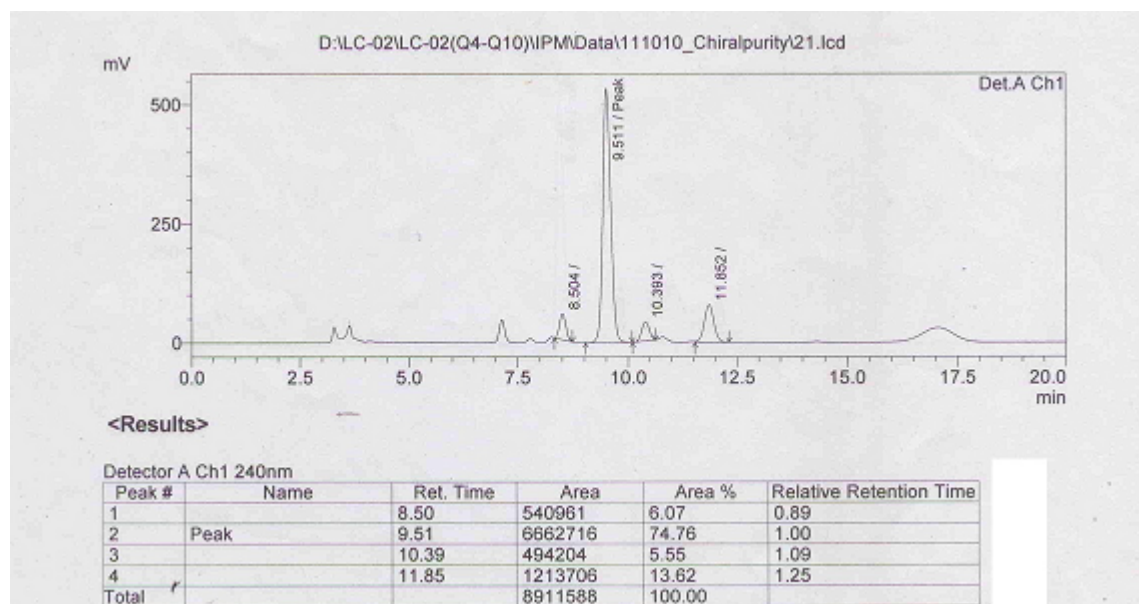
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| Detector A Ch1 240nm |      |           |          |        |
|----------------------|------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Peak #               | Name | Ret. Time | Area     | Area % |
| 1                    | 1    | 8.392     | 28440487 | 76.98  |
| 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 |

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

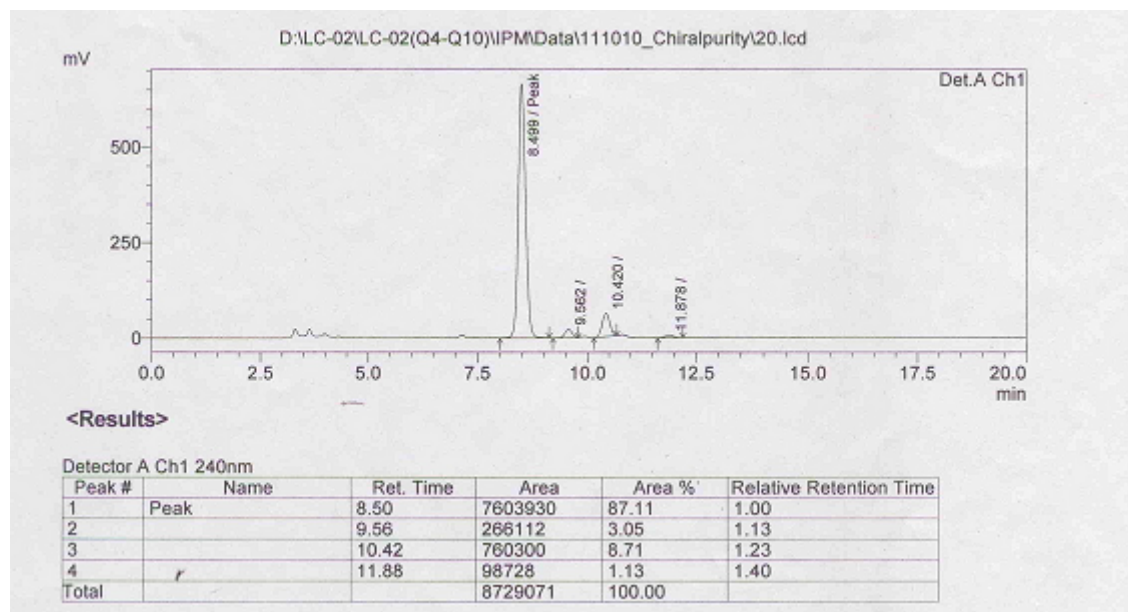


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**Table1 (Entry 6) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((S)-DTBM Segphos)-(PF<sub>6</sub> +SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

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

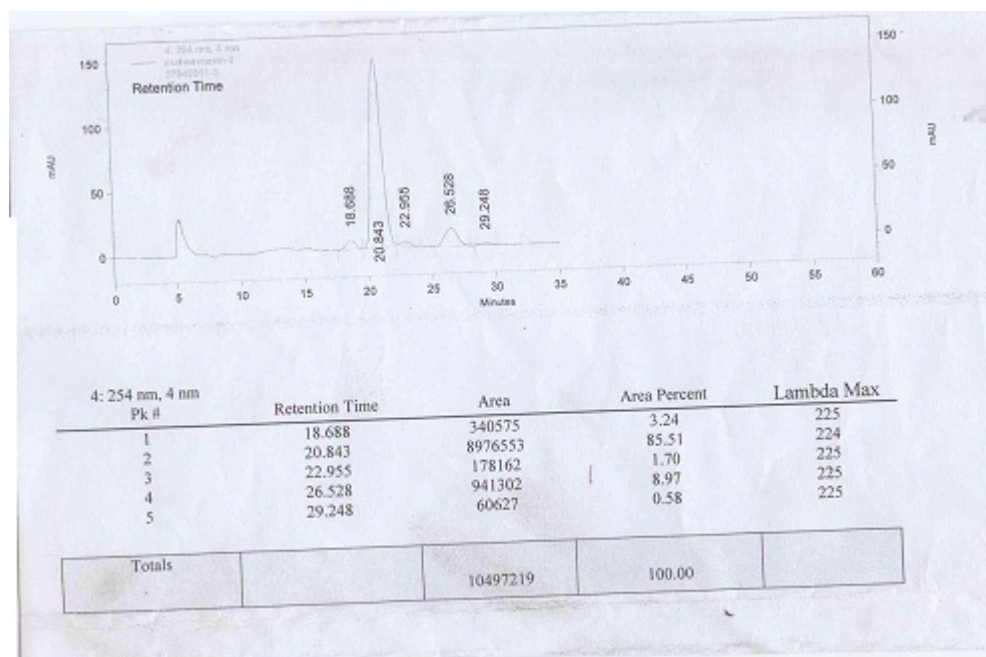
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).



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**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)

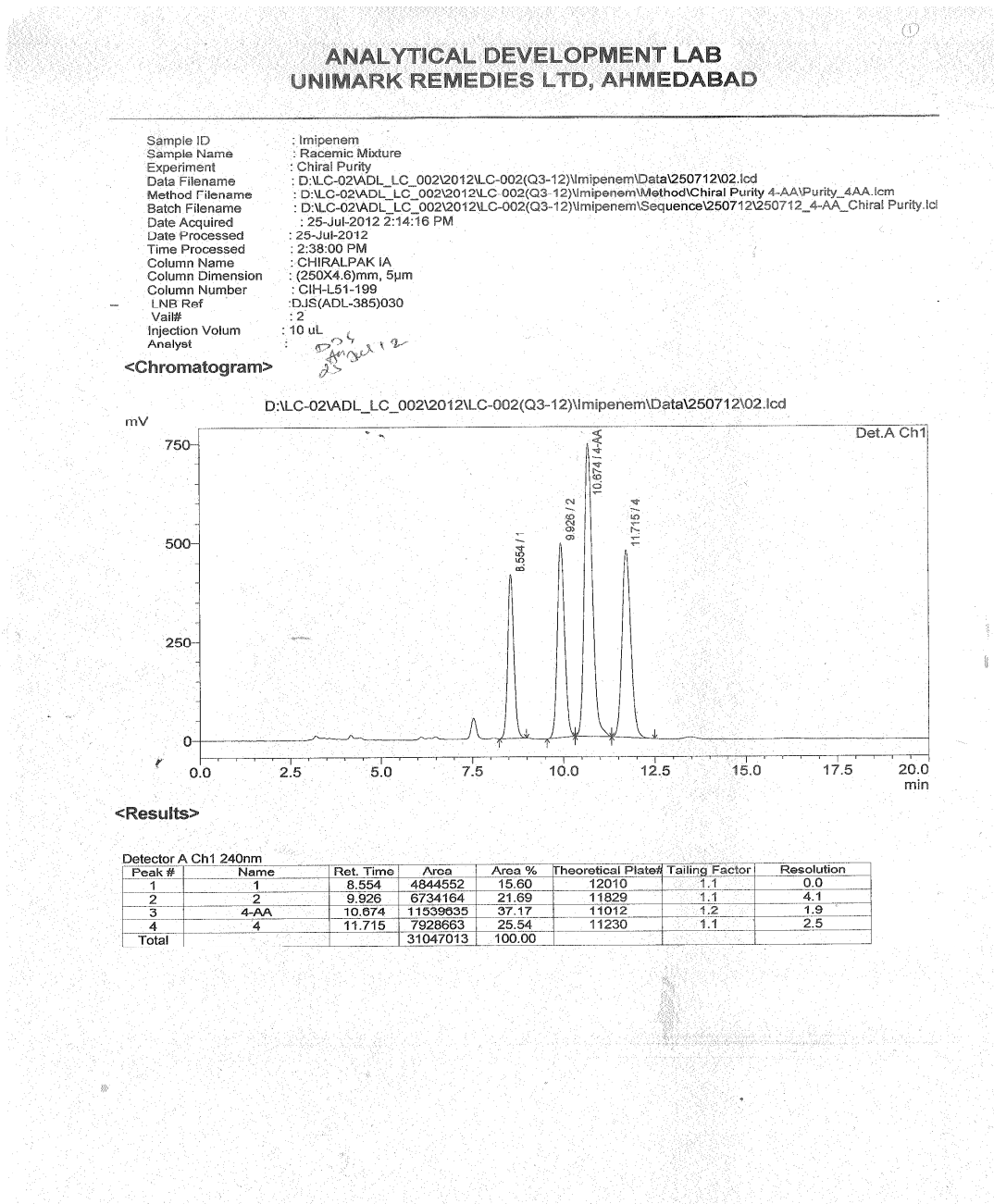


In Chiralpak-AD column: : Peak 1 at 20.843 ret. time corresponds to *syn*-(2S,3R) isomer peak 2 at 22.955 corresponds *syn*-(2R,3S) isomer of methyl ester; peak 3 at 26.528 corresponds to *anti*-(2R,3R) isomer; and finally peak at 29.248 corresponds to *anti*-(2S,3S) isomer. A lone peak at 18.688min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

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**HPLC trace of Racemic 3-hydroxyBenzamidomethylbutanoate**

(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).

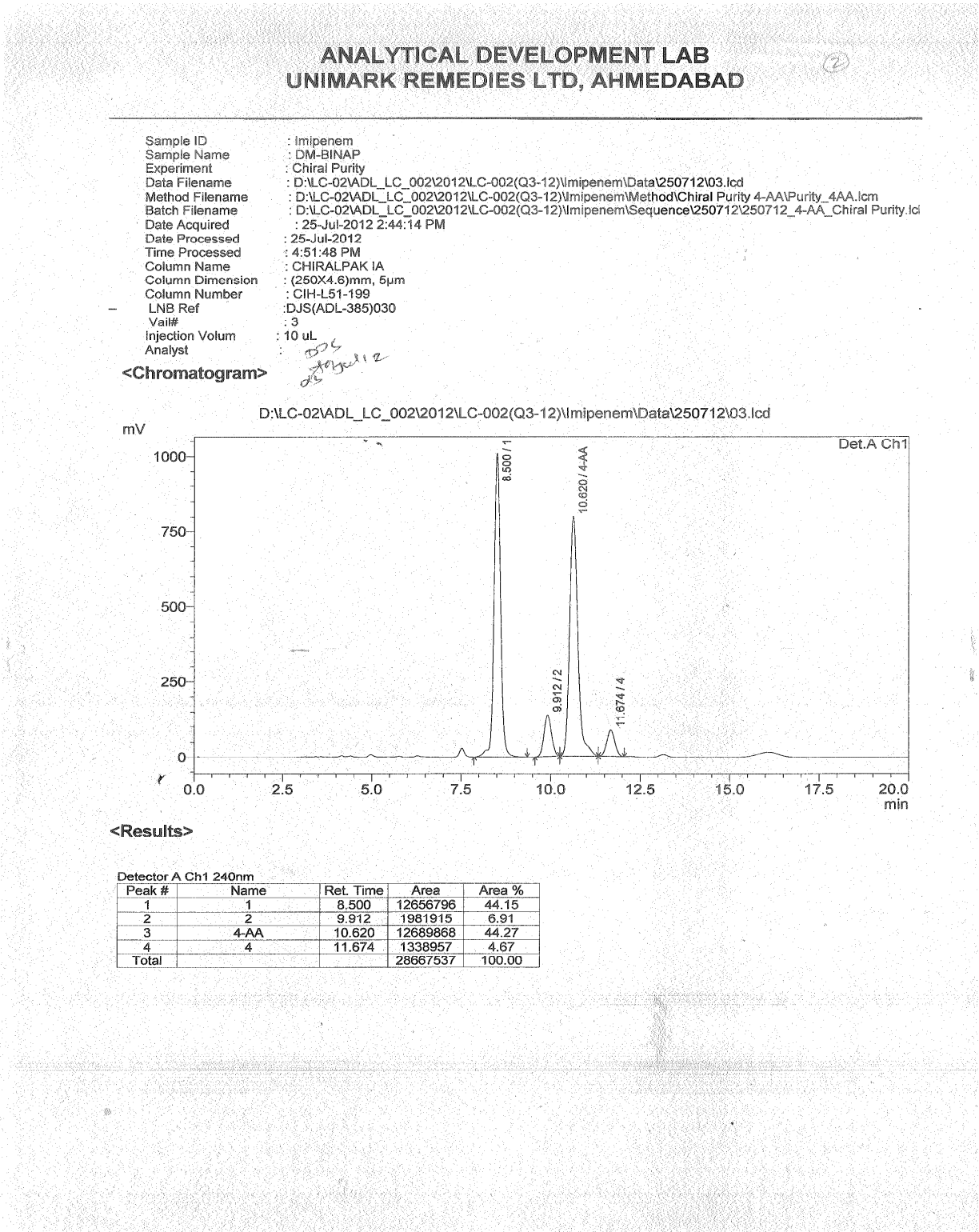


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**Table1 (Entry 8) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((*R*)-DM BINAP)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

Data: 73% ee, 02 % de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:

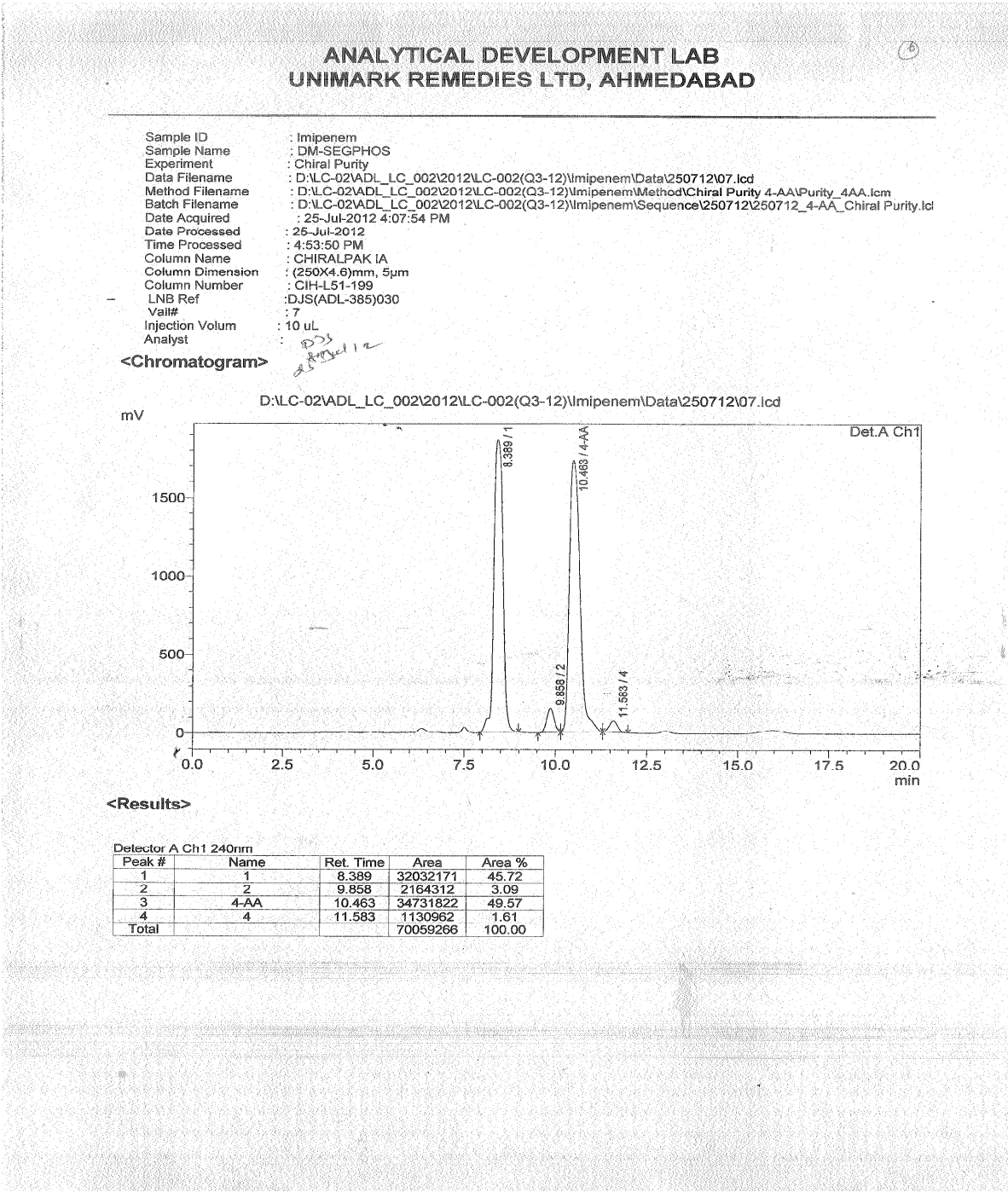
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v).



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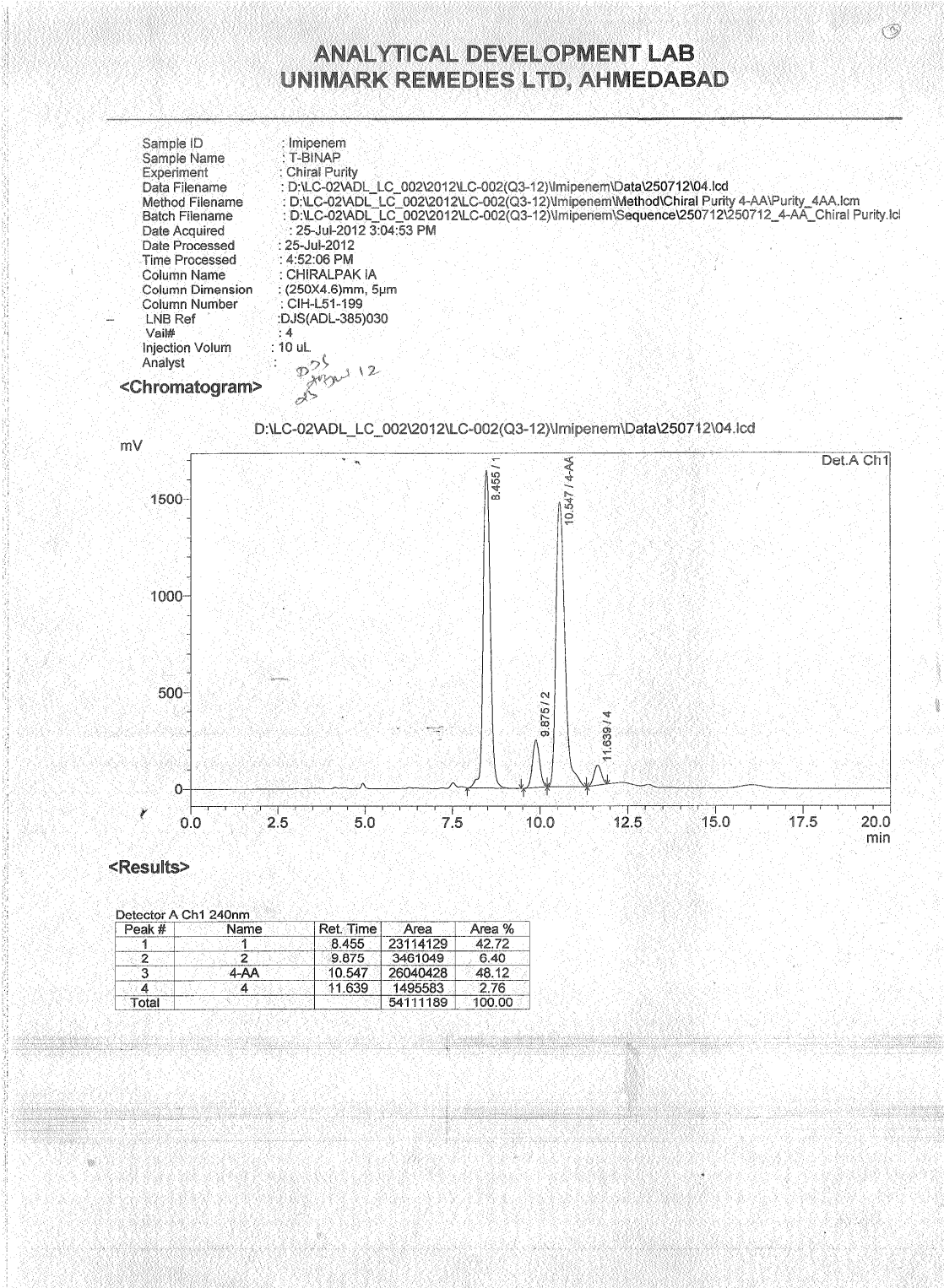
Table1 (Entry 9) Ru(H)(p-cymene)((R)-DM Segphos)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH

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);



**Table1 (Entry 10) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((R)-Tolyl-BINAP)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

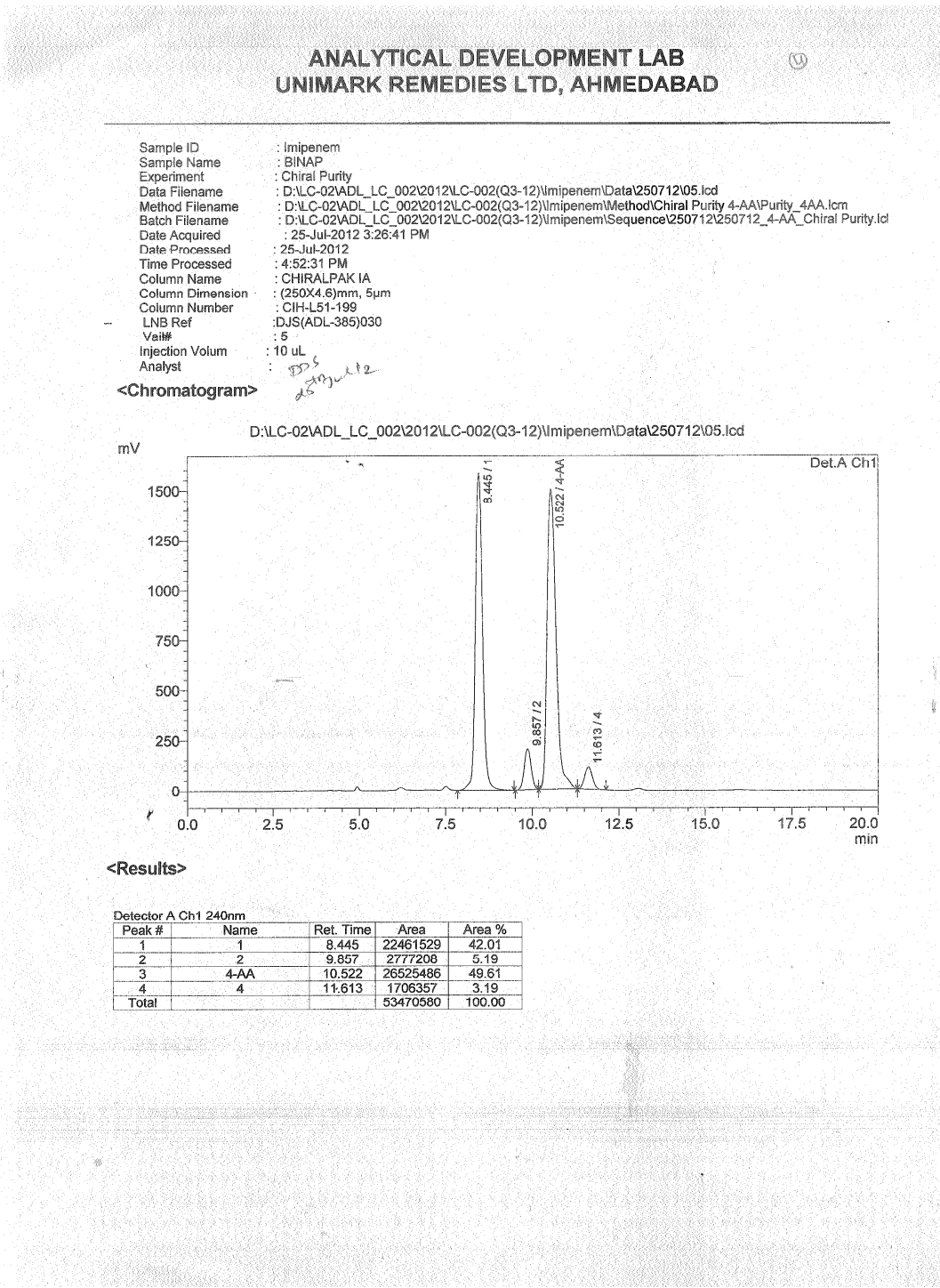
Data: 74% ee, 02 % de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:  
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v);



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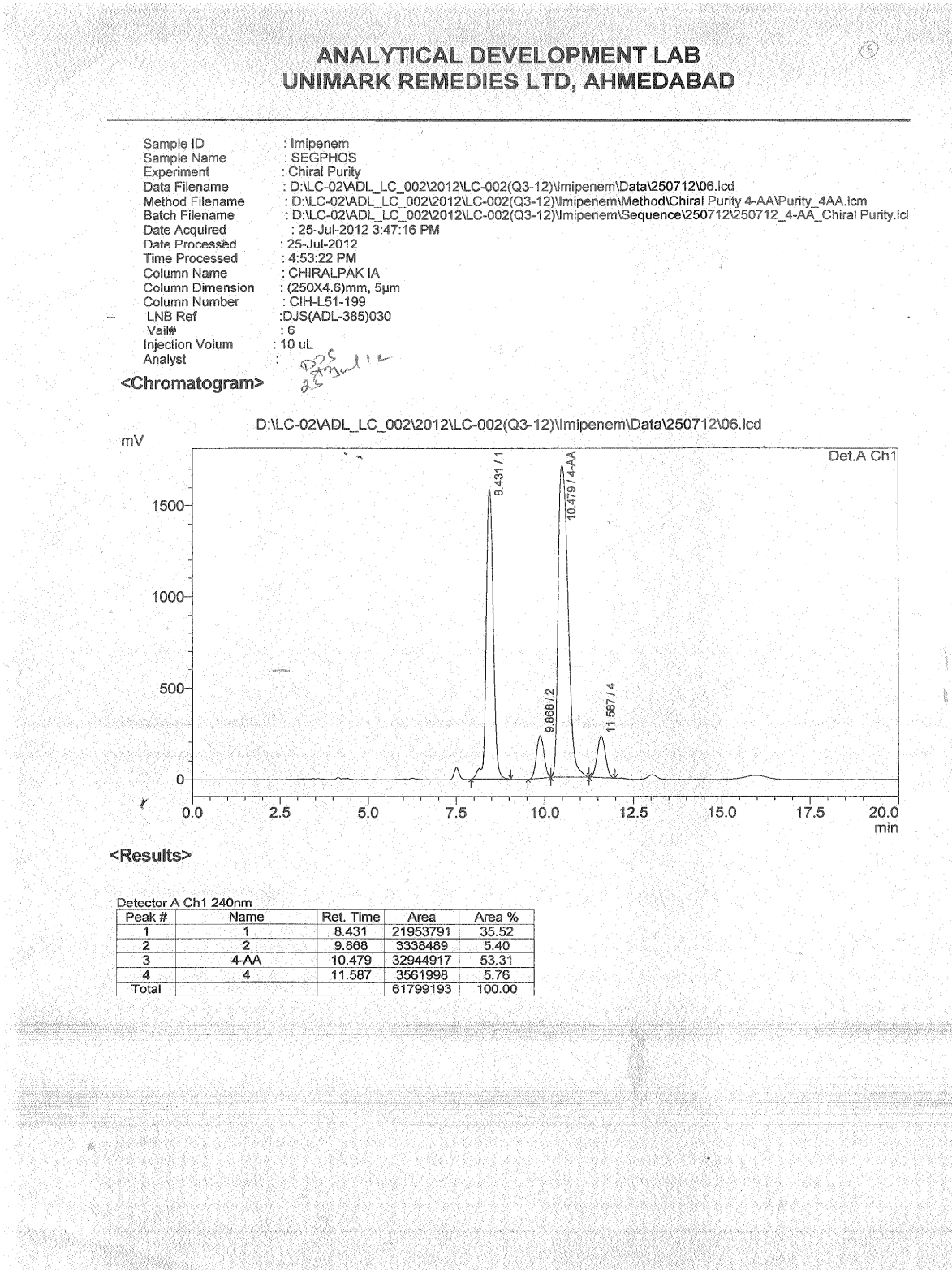
Table1 (Entry 11) Ru(H)(*p*-cymene)((R)-BINAP)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH

Data: 78% ee, 06 % de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:  
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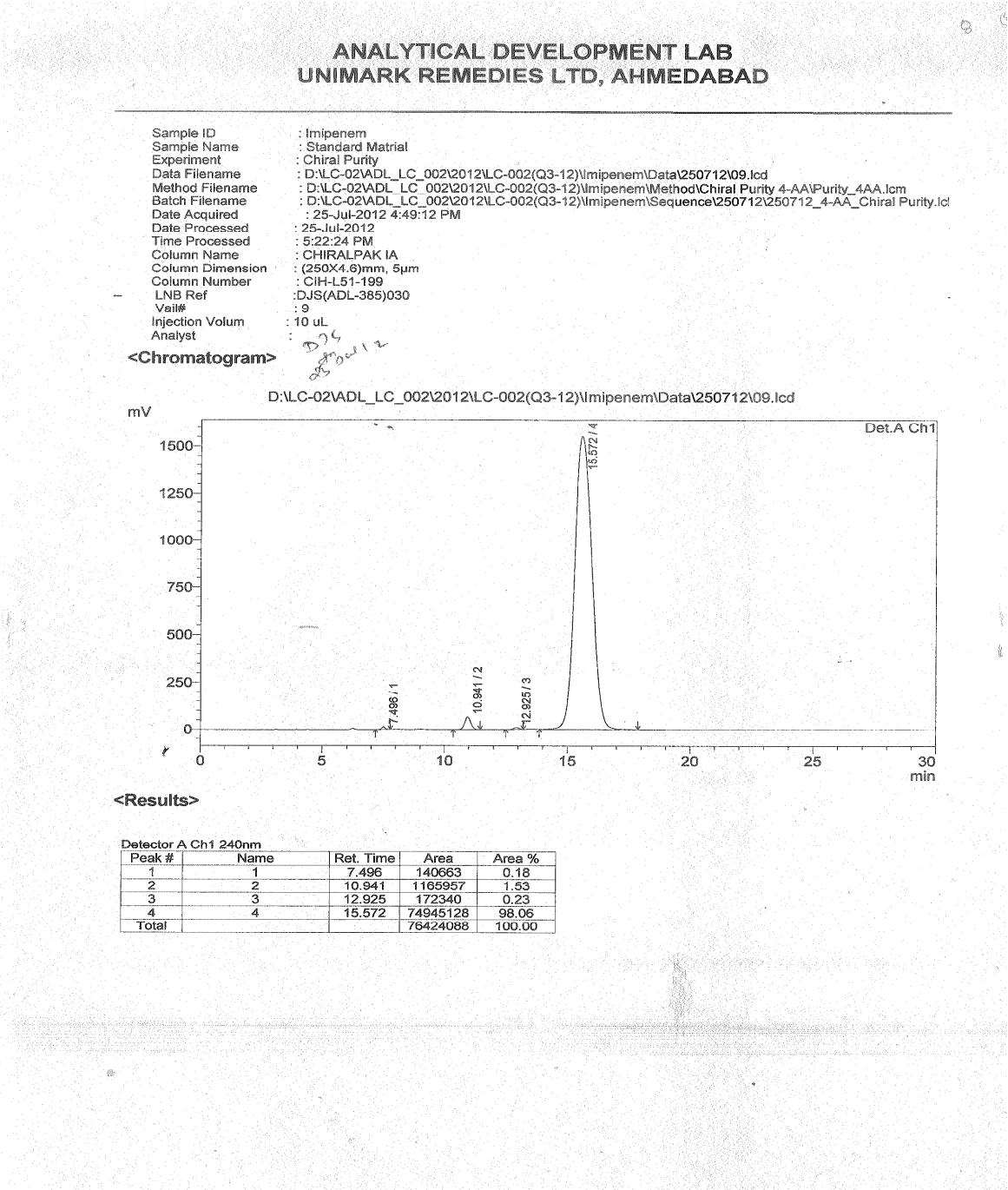


**Table1 (Entry 12) Ru(H)(p-cymene)((R)-SEGPHOS)-(SbF<sub>6</sub>) in EtOH**

Data: 74% ee, 18 % de; Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:  
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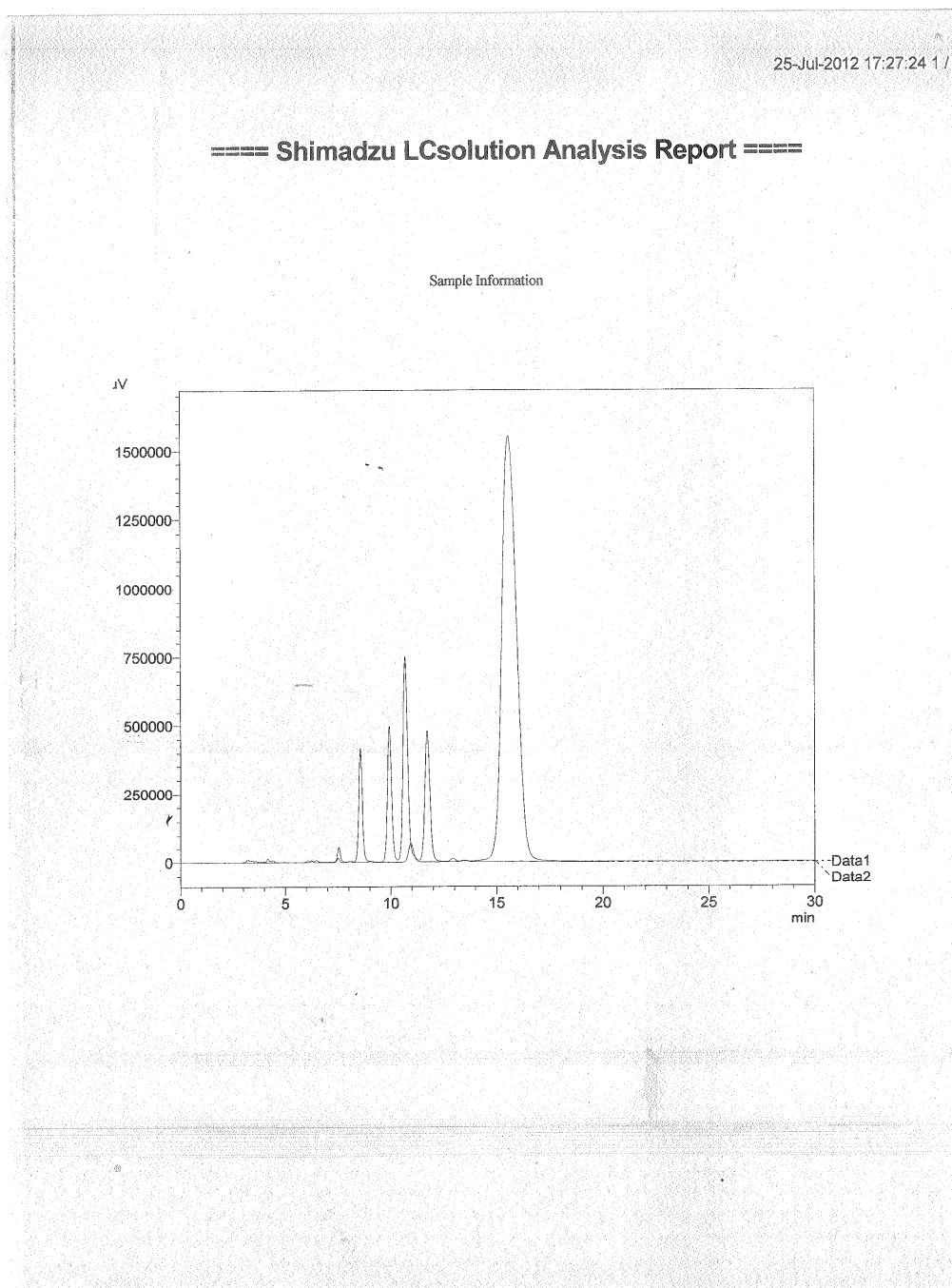


HPLC trace of Racemic starting material 2-Benzamidomethyl-3-oxobutanoate  
(Column :Chiralpak IA (4.6X 250mm) eluting agent:  
using n-Hexane/Ethanol/Diethylamine in the ratio of 85:15:0.2(v/v/v))



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 Table1; 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.