### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

## "All water chemistry" for a concise total synthesis of the novel class anti-

### anginal drug (RS), (R), and (S)-ranolazine

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#### **General Information:**

The glassware to be used in reactions was thoroughly washed and dried in an oven and the experiments were carried out with required precautions. Chemicals and all solvents were commercially available (Aldrich Chemical, Merck AG, Fluka and S-D Fine Chemicals) and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz NMR spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with residual undeuterated solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub> : 7.26/77.0) using Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl as an internal standard. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm and J values are given in Hz. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were fully decoupled and were referenced to the middle peak of the solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 77.00 ppm. Splitting pattern were designated as s, singlet; bs, broad singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. Mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan MAT-LCQ [for APCI] mass spectrometers. Infra-red (IR) spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer FT-IR spectrometer in the range 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup> either as neat samples or using KBr for preparing pellets for solid samples. Compounds were routinely checked for their purity on the silica gel GF-254 and visualized under UV at wavelength 254 nm. Melting points were measured with Gupta scientific melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. Evaporation of solvents was performed at reduced pressure, using a rotary evaporator. Microwave reactions performed using CEM Discover microwave system. Unless otherwise mentioned the word 'water' implies the use of 'tap water' in the reaction.

#### **Preparation of Pure water**

**Pure water (15 M\Omega-cm resistivity at 25 °C):** The pure water was prepared by subjecting the tap water for reverse osmosis and ionic/organic removal by passing through pre-packed cartridge.

#### **Preparation of Ultrapure water**

Ultrapure water (18.2 M $\Omega$ -cm resistivity at 25 °C): The ultrapure water was prepared by subjecting the pure water for UV treatment (185/254 nm UV Lamp), deionization by passing through deionization cartridge followed by ultra membrane filtration (0.01um) under pressures up to 145 psi (10 bar). Ultrapure water (UPW) is generally considered to be  $\geq$  18.2 M $\Omega$ -cm resistivity at 25°C, low ppt in metals, less than 50 ppt in inorganic anions and ammonia, less than 0.2 ppb in organic anions, and below 1 ppb total organic carbon (TOC) and silica (dissolved and colloidal).

## The impurities generated during the synthesis of ranolazine (1):

1. Impurities generated during the synthesis of the intermediate 9 by the reaction of 2-methoxyphenol (7) with epichlorohydrine (8).<sup>*a*</sup>



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reaction of 2,6-dimethylaniline (2) with chloroacetyl chloride (3a).<sup>b</sup>



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3. Impurities generated during the synthesis of *N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-(piperazin-1-yl)acetamide (6a) by the reaction of piperazine (5a) with



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# Impurities generated during the synthesis of 18 by the reaction of 9 with 5a<sup>e</sup>



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## **Optimization Study**

## Table 1: Optimization of amount of solvent during *N*-acylation of 2,6dimethylaniline (2) with chloroacetic anhydride (3b)<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Solvent	Amount of solvent (mL)	Time (h)	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	Water	0.1	2	62
2	Water	0.5	2	94
3	Water	1	2	94
4	TFE	0.1 (1 mmol)	0.5	75
5	TFE	0.3 (3 mmol)	0.5	95
6	TFE	1	0.5	94
7	HFIP	0.17 (1 mmol)	0.5	85
8	HFIP	0.34 (2 mmol)	0.5	95
9	HFIP	1	0.5	95

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of 2,6-dimethyl aniline (2) (1 mmol) with chloroacetic anhydride (3b) (1 mmol, 1 equiv) in different amount of solvent at rt (~35 °C). <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield of 4.

#### Table 2: Optimization of time during *N*-acylation of 2 with 3b<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Solvent	Amount of solvent (mL)	Time (h)	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	Water	0.5	1	62
2	Water	0.5	1.5	88
3	Water	0.5	2	94
4	Water	0.5	2.5	94
5	TFE	0.3 (3 mmol)	10 min	59

6	TFE	0.3 (3 mmol)	20 min	80
7	TFE	0.3 (3 mmol)	30 min	95
8	HFIP	0.34 (2 mmol)	10 min	75
9	HFIP	0.34 (2 mmol)	20 min	95
10	HFIP	0.34 (2 mmol)	30 min	95

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **2** (1 mmol) with **3b** (1 mmol, 1 equiv) in solvent at rt (~35 °C) for different intervals of time. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield of **4**.

Table 3: Influence of solvent on tandem *N*-alkylation of 4 with *N*-Bocpiperazine 5b and *N*-Boc deprotection for one-pot synthesis of *N*-(2,6dimethylphenyl)-2-(piperazin-1-yl)acetamide (6a) from 4.<sup>*a*</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **4** (1 mmol) with *N*-Boc-piperazine (**5b**) (1 mmol, 1 equiv) in solvent (5 mL) at 80 °C for 4 h followed by increase the reaction temperature to 110 °C and continue the stirring for further 3h. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield of **6a**. <sup>*c*</sup>Reaction was performed under reflux condition. <sup>*c*</sup>**6a** was formed 12 % after 8 h.

#### Table 4: *O*-alkylation of 19 with 7: Synthesis of ranolazine $(1)^a$

Me	H N Me 19	OH HO CI + 7		e H N Me N 1	OH OMe
Entry	Base	Catalyst	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
	(1.5 equiv)	(10 mol%)			
1	None		rt	10	0
2	None		100	10	0
3	None	SDOSS	100	10	0
4	None	TBAB	100	10	0

5	None	Spam	100	10	0
6	None	Triton	100	10	0
7	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		rt	10	
8	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		60	5	75
9	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>		90	5	90
10	$CS_2CO_3$		rt	10	
11	$CS_2CO_3$		60	5	78
12	$CS_2CO_3$		90	5	91
13	None		100/MW	30 min	0
14	None	SDOSS	100/MW	30 min	0
15	None	TBAB	100/MW	30 min	0
16	$K_2CO_3$		90/MW	30 min	91

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **19** (1 mmol) with **7** (1 mmol, 1 equiv) in water (1 mL) under different conditions. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield of **1**.

## Table 5: Optimization of amount of base during *O*-alkylation of 19 with 7<sup>*a*</sup>



Entry	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (equiv)	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	1	80
2	1.2	86
3	1.5	93
4	2	93

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **19** (1 mmol) with **7** (1 mmol, 1 equiv) in presence of various amounts of base in water (2 mL). <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield of **1**.

Entry	Piperazine (equiv)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>		
		6a	6c	
1	1	70	14	
2	1.2	81	10	
3	1.5	88	5	
4	2	89	5	

#### Table 6: Optimization of amount of 5a for the synthesis of 6a<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **4** (1 mmol) with various equivalents of **5a** in presence of 10 mol% TBAI in water (1 mL) at 60 °C for 3 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield.

#### Table 7: Optimization of catalyst amount during the reaction of 4 with 5a<sup>a</sup>

Entry	TBAI (mol%)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>		
		6a	6с	
1	2.5	21		
2	5	55	trace	
3	10	88	5	
4	20	87	5	

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **4** (1 mmol) with **5a** (1 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in presence of different concentrations of TBAI in water (1 mL) at 60 °C for 3 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield.

#### Table 8: Optimization of temperature during the reaction of 4 with 5a<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Temp (°C)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>		
		6a	6c	
1	rt			
2	60	87	5	
3	90	75	12	

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **4** (1 mmol) with **5a** (1 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in presence of 10 mol% of TBAI in water (1 mL) at different temperatures for 3 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield.

Entry	Time (h)	Yield of 6a (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1	62
2	2	75
3	3	88
4	4	88

## Table 9: Optimization of time during the reaction of 4 with $5a^a$

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction of **4** (1 mmol) with **5a** (1 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in presence of different concentrations of TBAI in water (1 mL) at 60 °C at different intervals of time. <sup>*b*</sup>Isolated yield of **6a**.

## **Scanned NMR spectra**

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-chloro-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (4)







## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of *tert*-butyl 4-(2-(2,6-dimethylphenylamino)-2-oxoethyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (6b)



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR of *tert*-butyl 4-(2-(2,6-dimethylphenylamino)-2-oxoethyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (6b)





# <sup>1</sup>H NMR of *N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-(piperazin-1-yl)acetamide (6a)



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2,2'-(piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide) (6c)





# <sup>1</sup>H NMR of (*RS*)-2-(4-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)piperazin-1-yl)-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (19)





# <sup>13</sup>C NMR of (*RS*)-2-(4-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)piperazin-1-yl)-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (19)







# HPLC profile of (*RS*)- 2-(4-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)piperazin-1-yl)-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide on Chiral Column (19)



#### (RS)- 2-(4-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)piperazin-1-yl)-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide



		Pea	ıkTable		
PDA Ch1 25	56nm 4nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	34.239	23823099	529069	49.974	52.655
2	38.927	23847870	475710	50.026	47.345
Total		47670969	1004779	100.000	100.000

Eluent: Hexane-<sup>*i*</sup>Propanol-Diethylamine (80:20: 0.1)

Flow Rate: 0.7 mL/min

**Chiral Column: AD-H** 

#### HPLC profile of (*R*)- 2-(4-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)piperazin-1-yl)-N-(2,6dimethylphenyl)acetamide (*R*-19) on Chiral Column







		P	eakTable		
PDA Ch1 25	6nm 4nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	34.414	258161	6059	0.458	0.548
2	38.974	56114071	1099243	99.542	99.452
Total		56372232	1105302	100.000	100.000

Eluent: Hexane-<sup>*i*</sup>Propanol-Diethylamine (80:20: 0.1)

Flow Rate: 0.7 mL/min

**Chiral Column: AD-H** 

#### HPLC profile of (*S*)- 2-(4-(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl)piperazin-1-yl)-N-(2,6dimethylphenyl)acetamide (*S*-19) on Chiral Column



PeakTable

PDA Ch1 25	6nm 4nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	34.323	35993515	786746	99.268	99.303
2	39.120	265594	5520	0.732	0.697
Total		36259109	792266	100.000	100.000

Eluent: Hexane-<sup>i</sup>Propanol-Diethylamine (80:20: 0.1)

Flow Rate: 0.7 mL/min

**Chiral Column: AD-H** 

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of Ranolazine (1)







## HPLC profile of (RS)-Ranolazine (RS-1) on Chiral Column



Eluent: Hexane-<sup>*i*</sup>Propanol-Diethylamine (70:30: 0.1)

Flow Rate: 0.8 mL/min

**Chiral Column: AD-H** 

## HPLC profile of (R)-Ranolazine (R-1) on Chiral Column



1 PDA Multi 1/256nm 4nm

PeakTable PDA Ch1 256nm 4nm Peak# Height % Ret. Time Area Height Area % <u>27.165</u> 4538761 <u>98.103</u> 98.756 79859 87748 1006 2 46.223 1.897 1.244 Total 80865 4626509 100.000 100.000

#### Eluent: Hexane-<sup>i</sup>Propanol-Diethylamine (70:30: 0.1)

Flow Rate: 0.8 mL/min

**Chiral Column: AD-H** 

#### HPLC profile of (S)-Ranolazine (S-1) on Chiral Column



1 PDA Multi 1/256nm 4nm

PeakTable

1 Guill Gold					
PDA Ch1 2	56nm 4nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	27.995	52861	995	2.158	4.352
2	46.501	2396698	21871	97.842	95.648
Total		2449559	22867	100.000	100.000

Eluent: Hexane-<sup>*i*</sup>Propanol-Diethylamine (70:30: 0.1)

Flow Rate: 0.8 mL/min

**Chiral Column: AD-H**