

## Supplementary Information

### Asymmetric direct aldol reaction catalyzed by chiral amine macrocycle-metal(II) complex under solvent-free conditions

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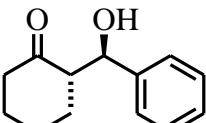
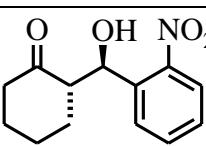
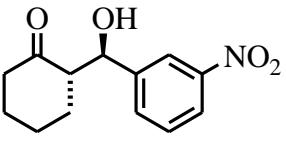
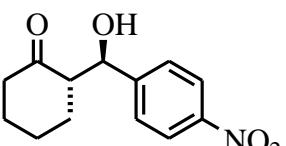
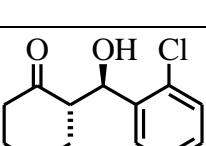
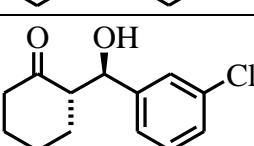
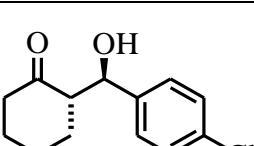
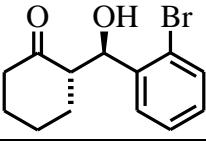
#### General

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-AL 400 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The diastereoselectivity of the reaction was determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy of the crude product. Enantiomeric excesses were determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) either on Chiralpak OD or Chiralpak AD-H column (Daisel). The absolute configuration of aldol products was determined by comparison with published HPLC retention times. Reactions in the ball mill were conducted using a Fritsch Planetary Micro Mill model “Pulverisette 7”.

#### Typical procedure for the solvent-free asymmetric aldol reaction between cyclohexanone and 4-nitrobenzaldehyde in a ball mill:

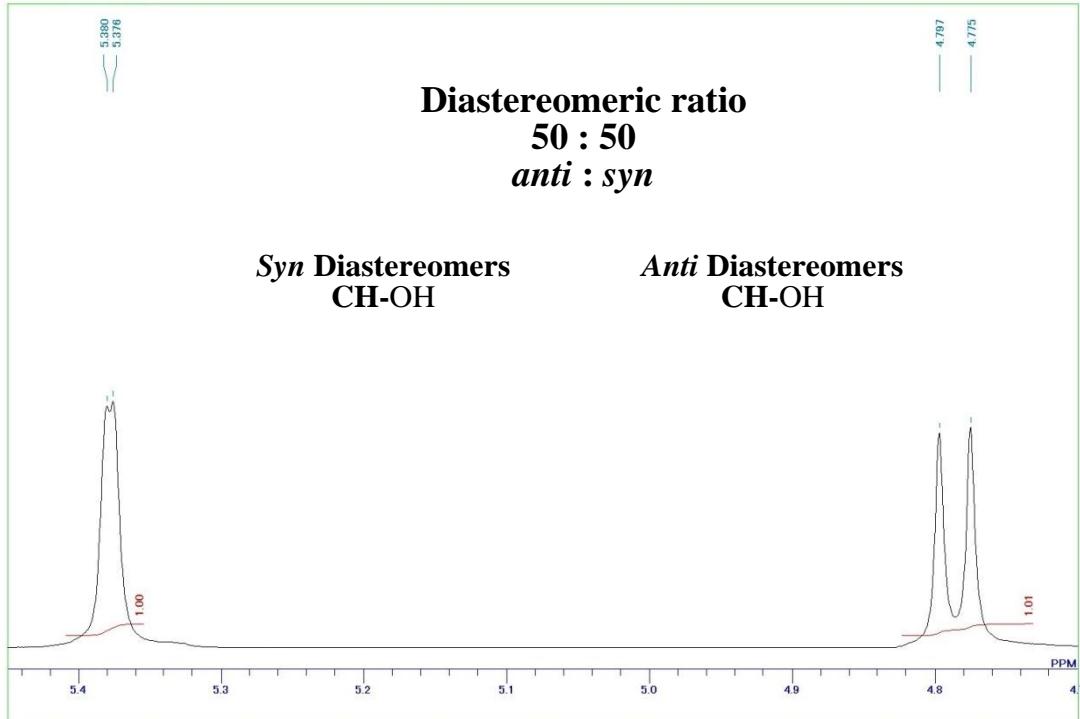
A mixture of (*S,S,S,S,S,S*)-**1** (0.13 g, 0.02 mmol), CoBr<sub>2</sub> (0.087 g, 0.04 mmol), cyclohexanone **8** (2.0 mmol) and 4-nitrobenzaldehyde **9** (0.151g, 1.0 mmol) was milled for 24 h at 100 rpm at room temperature using a planetary ball mill (Fritsch P-7). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) to afford a mixture of *syn*- and *anti*-aldol reaction products (*1R,2S*)-**10** (*anti/syn* = 71:29) in 82% yield with the enantioselectivity of 93% ee. The diastereoselectivity was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude product. The ee was determined by chiral HPLC using Chiralpak AD-H column (hexane:2-PrOH (90:10), 1 mL min<sup>-1</sup>).

Table S1.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectroscopic data for diastereoisomers and HPLC data for diastereoisomers of compounds obtained in the asymmetric aldol reactions.

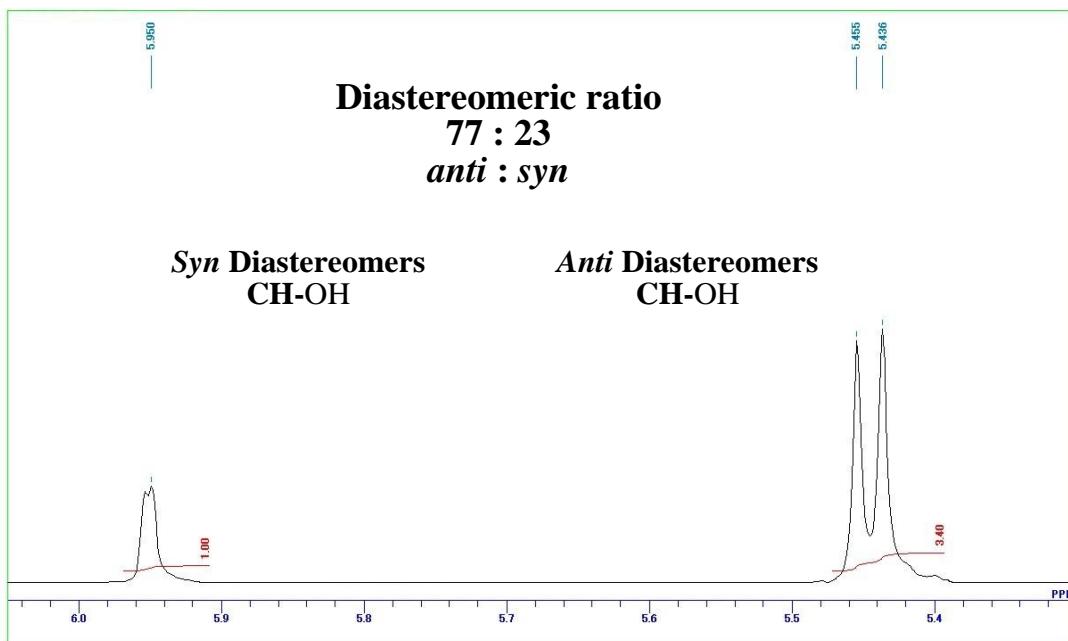
| compound  | $^1\text{H}$ -NMR / $\text{CDCl}_3$<br>( $\text{CHOH}$ ) in ppm<br><i>syn</i> <i>anti</i> | HPLC column<br>eluent / flow rate   | retention time<br>(min)<br><i>anti-major</i><br><i>enantiomer</i> | retention time<br>(min)<br><i>anti-minor</i><br><i>enantiomer</i> |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|    | 5.38    4.78  | CHIRALPAK OD<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(95 : 5) / 0.5 mL min <sup>-1</sup>    | 19.32   | 20.72   |
|    | 5.95    5.45  | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>   | 18.94   | 25.01   |
|   | 5.41    5.05  | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(95 : 5) / 0.8 mL min <sup>-1</sup>  | 9.64  | 12.15   |
|  | 5.49    4.92  | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>   | 28.60   | 21.79   |
|  | 5.34    4.75  | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(95 : 5) / 0.5 mL min <sup>-1</sup>  | 29.29   | 24.17   |
|  | 5.71    5.35  | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 0.5 mL min <sup>-1</sup> | 22.45   | 25.32   |
|  | 5.34    4.77  | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>   | 10.05   | 8.68  |
|  | 5.63    5.31  | CHIRALPAK OD<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(95 : 5) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>      | 10.55   | 13.07   |

|  |      |      |   |       |       |
|--|------|------|---|-------|-------|
|  | 5.38 | 4.78 | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 0.5 mL min <sup>-1</sup> | 26.14 | 27.75 |
|  | 5.34 | 4.91 | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 0.5 mL min <sup>-1</sup> | 33.09 | 28.5  |
|  | 5.53 | 5.07 | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>   | 24.34 | 26.88 |
|  | 5.06 | 4.84 | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(90 : 10) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>   | 22.12 | 29.12 |
|  | 5.56 | 4.85 | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(95 : 5) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>    | 50.04 | 47.59 |
|  | 5.29 | 4.95 | CHIRALPAK AD-H<br>Hexane : 2-PrOH<br>(95 : 5) / 1 mL min <sup>-1</sup>    | 86.19 | 38.39 |
|  | 5.70 |      | CHIRALPAK AS<br>Hexane : 2-propanol<br>(70 : 30) / 1mL min-1              | 11.96 | 14.35 |

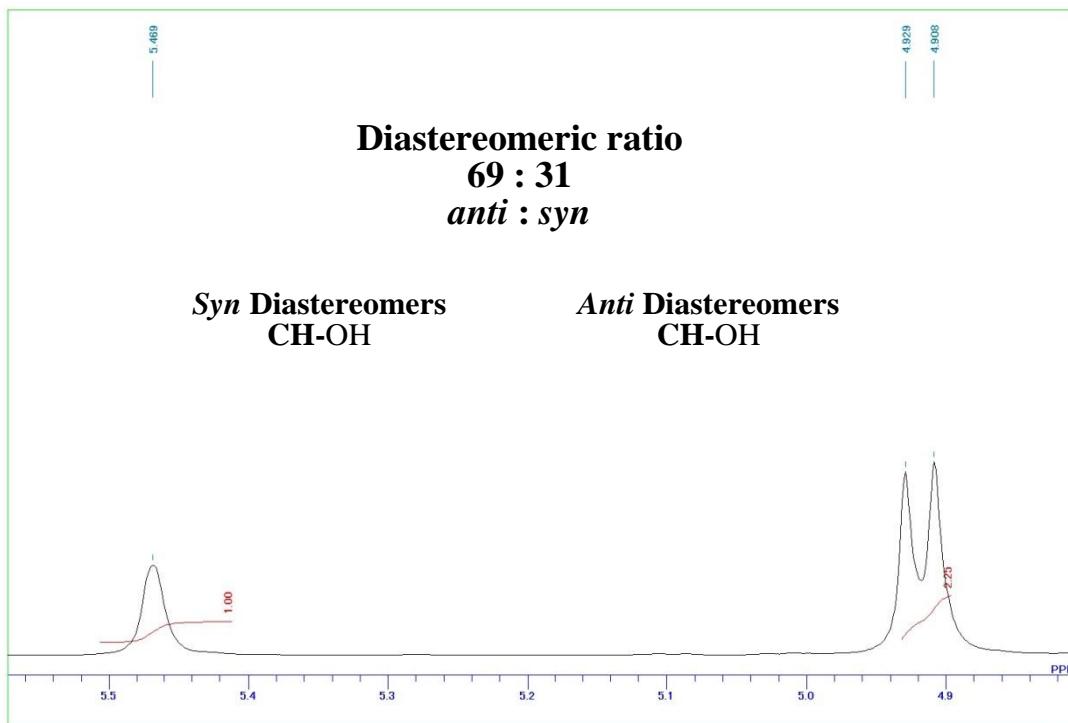
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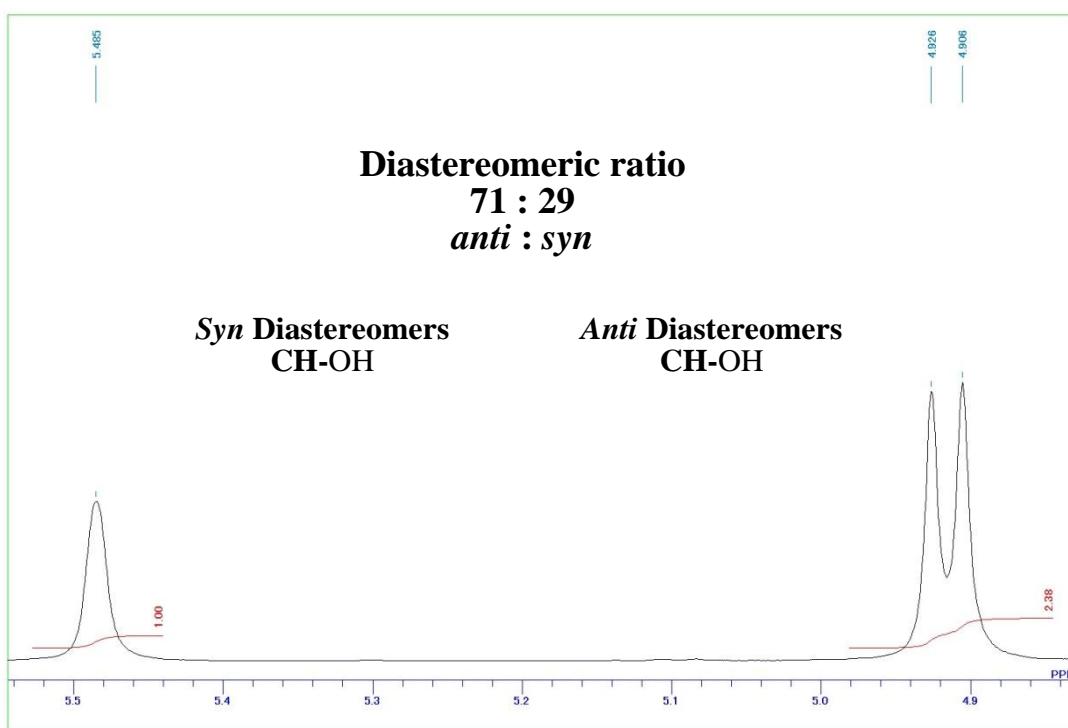
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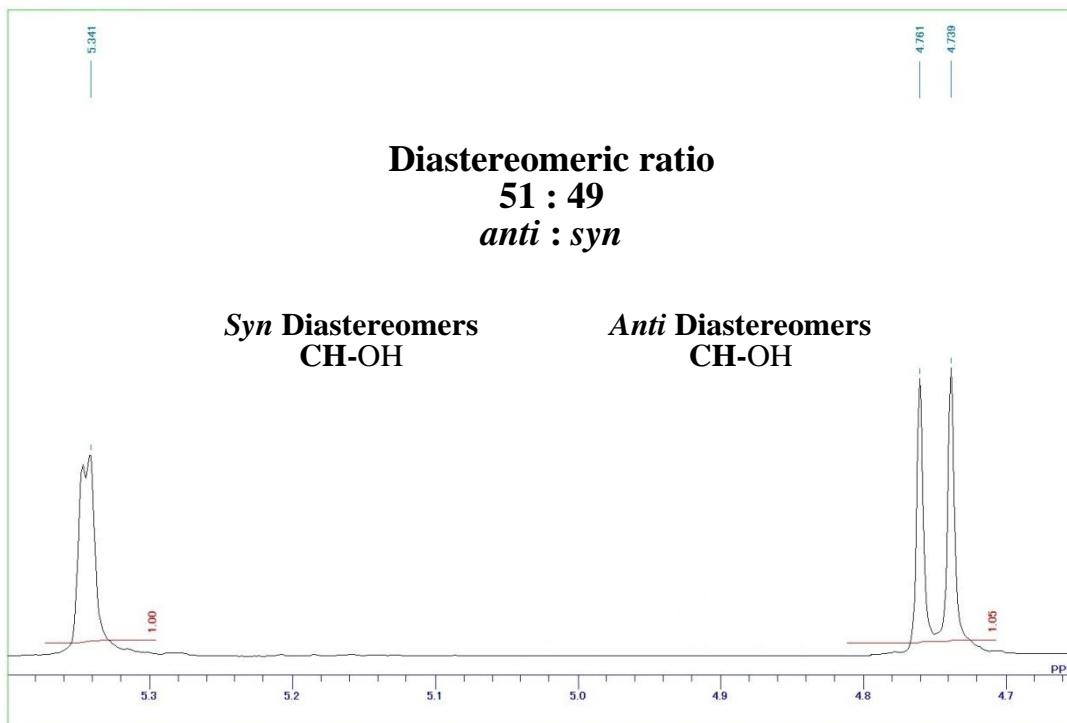
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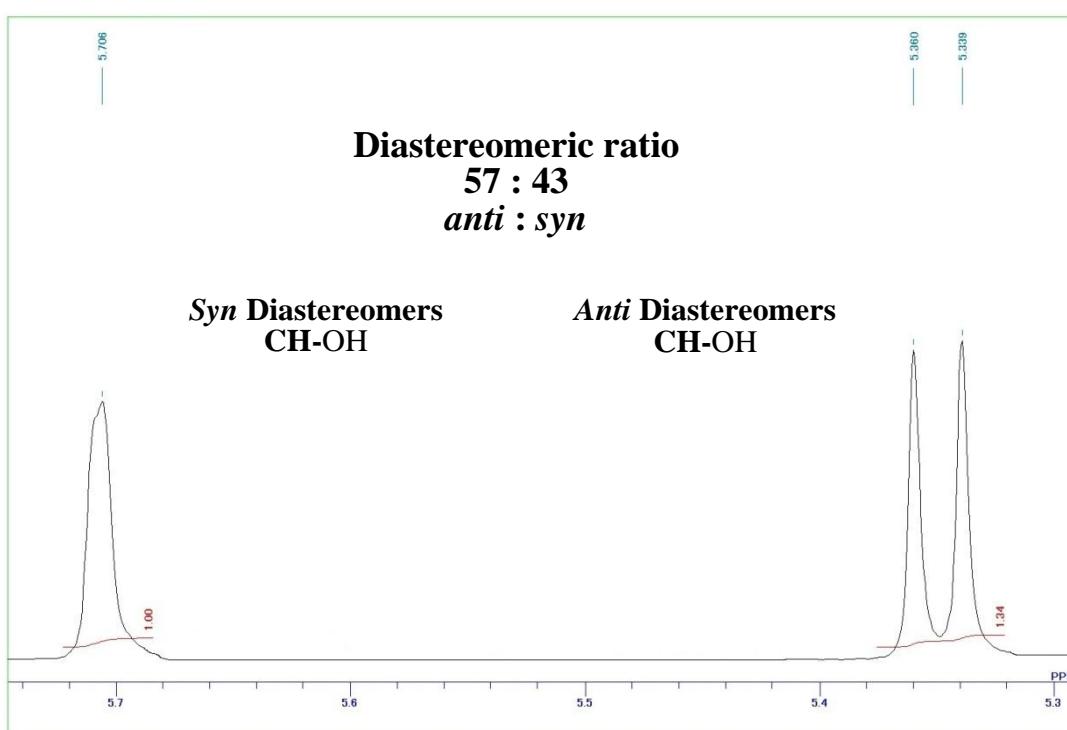
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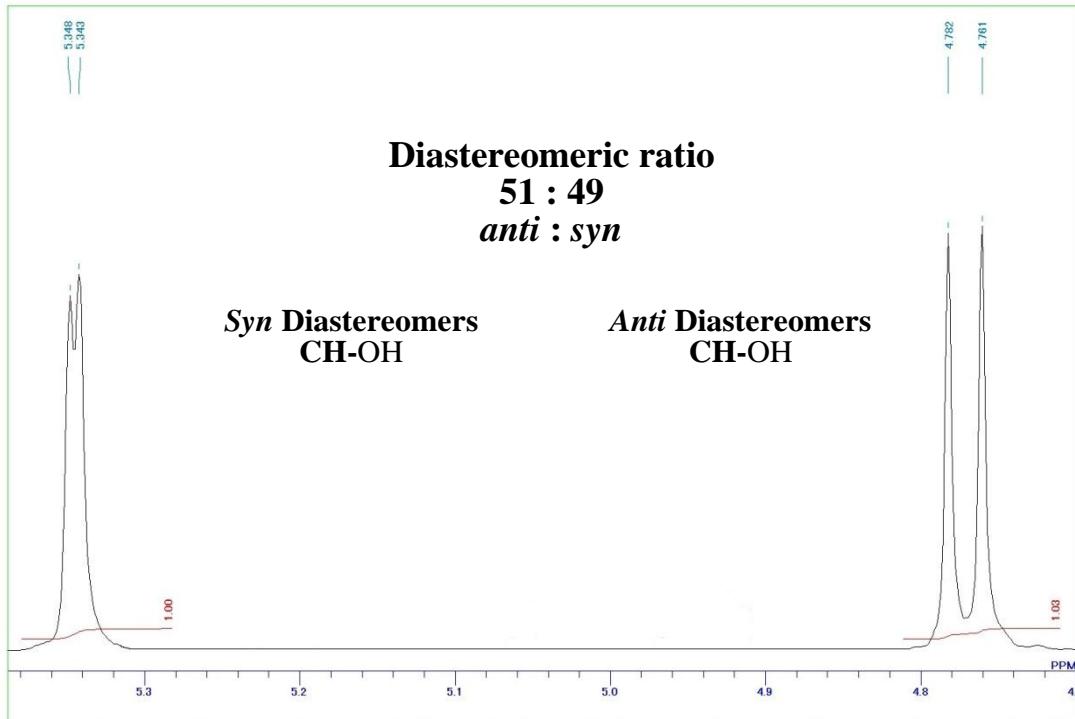
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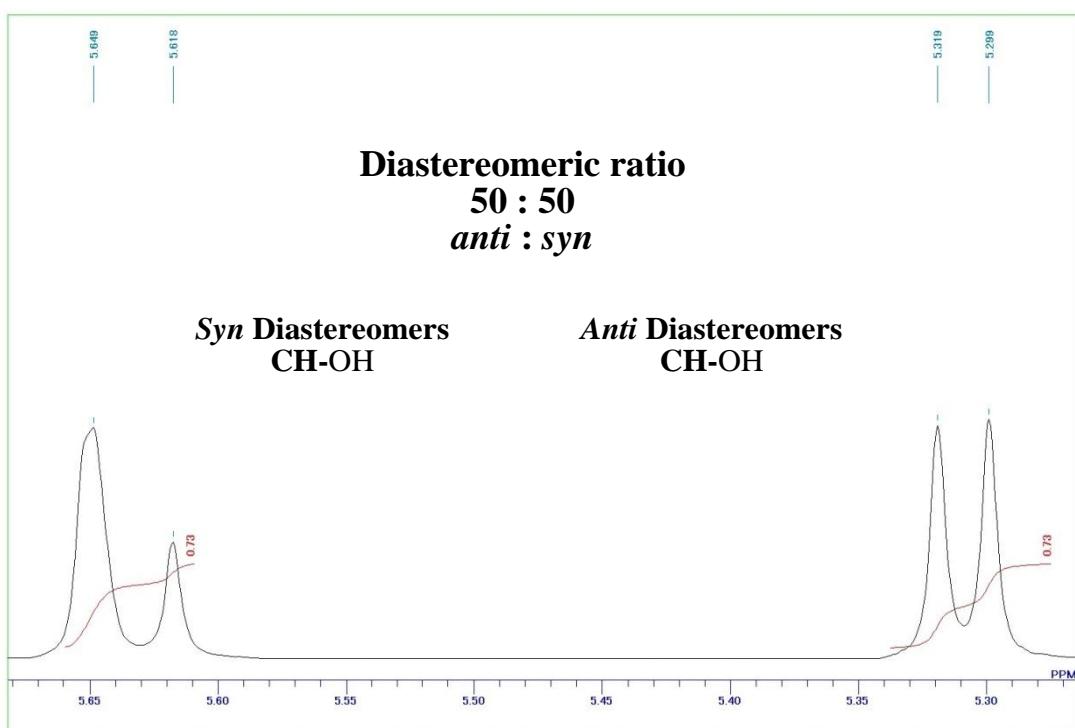
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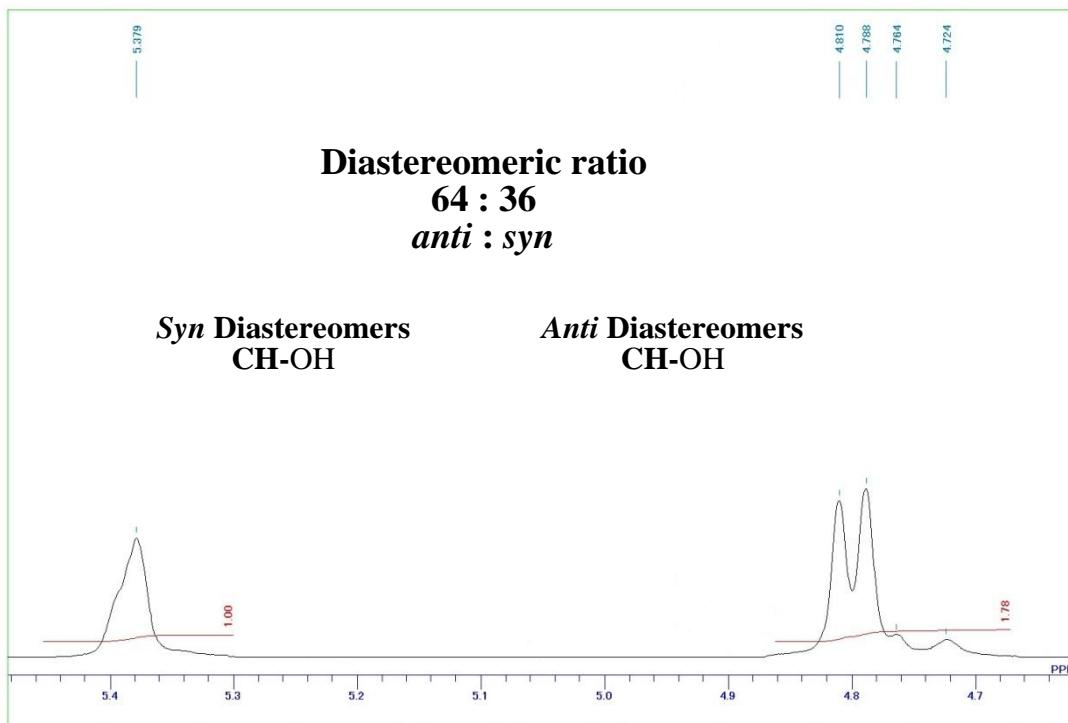
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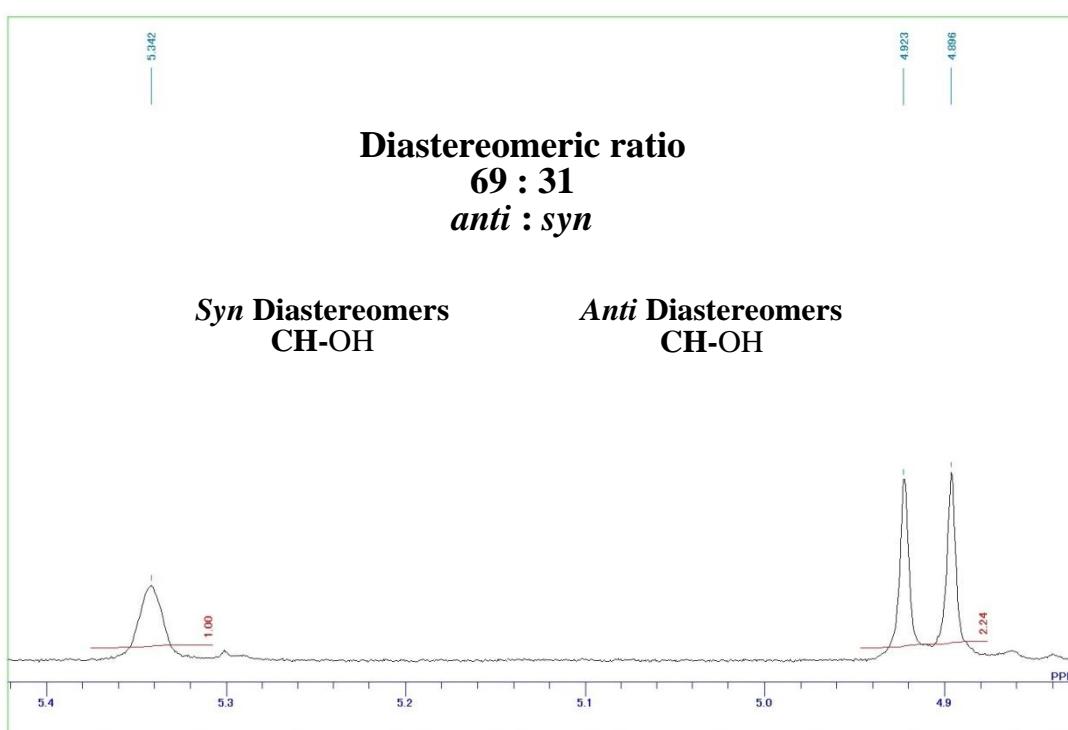
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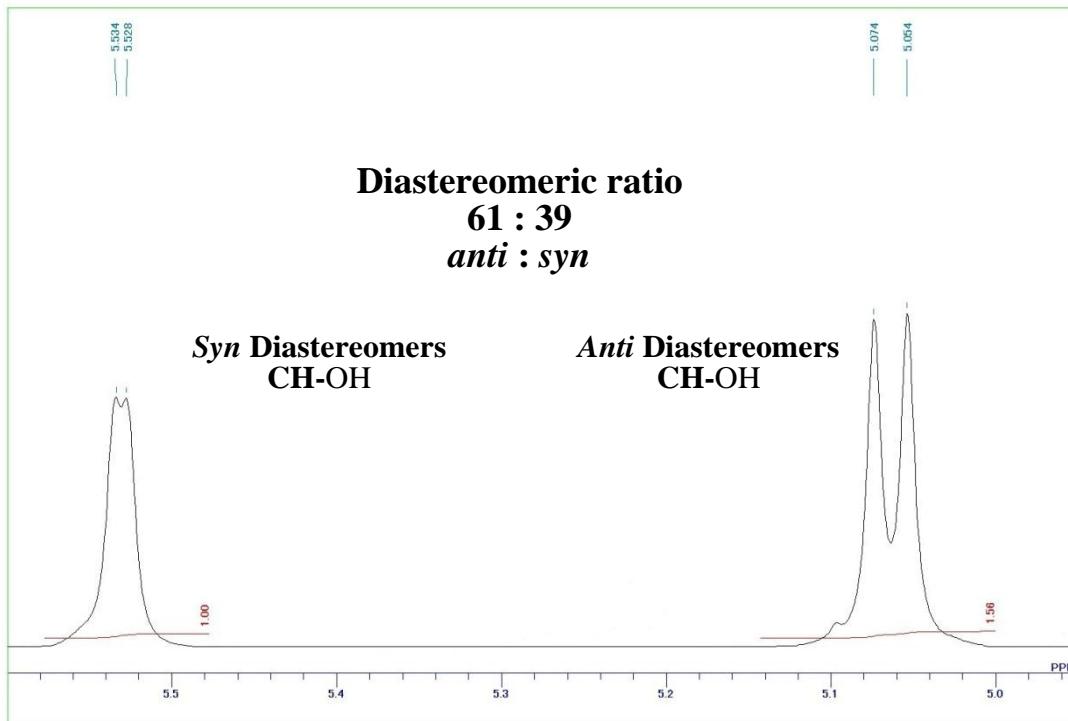
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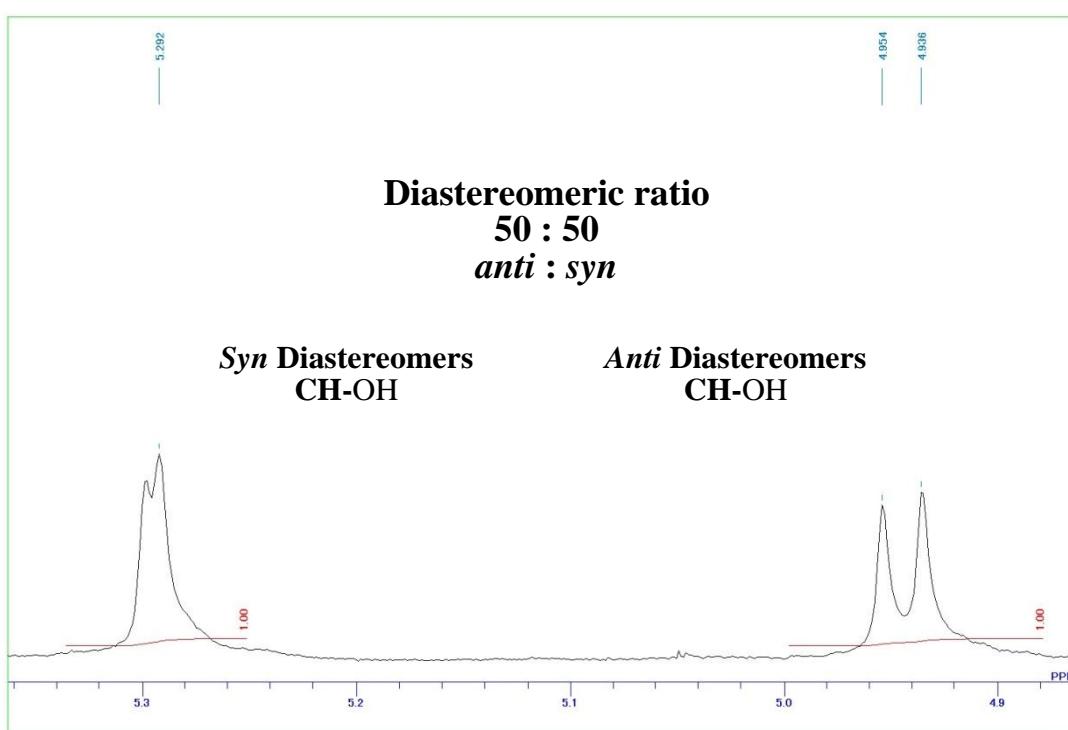
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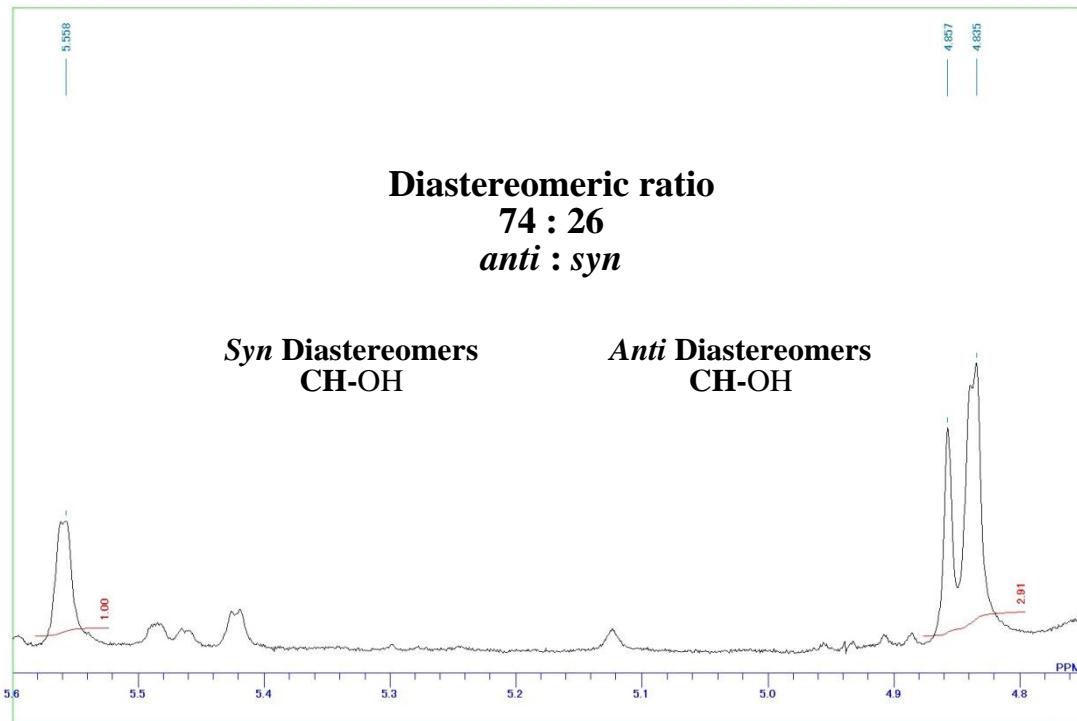
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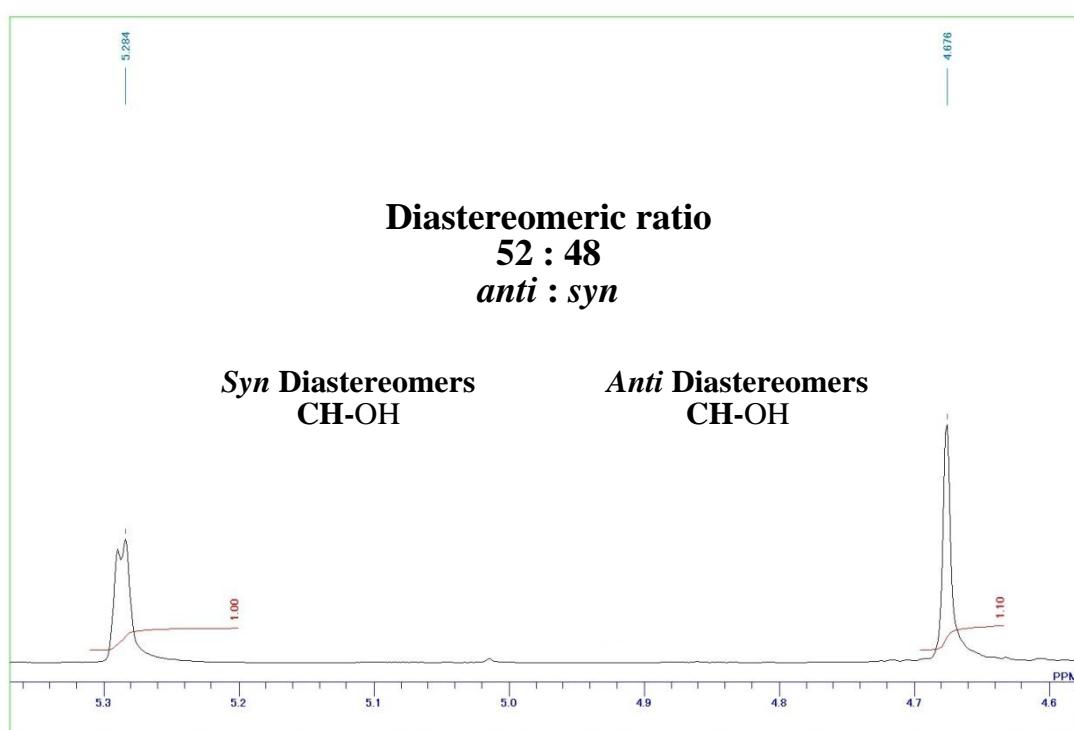
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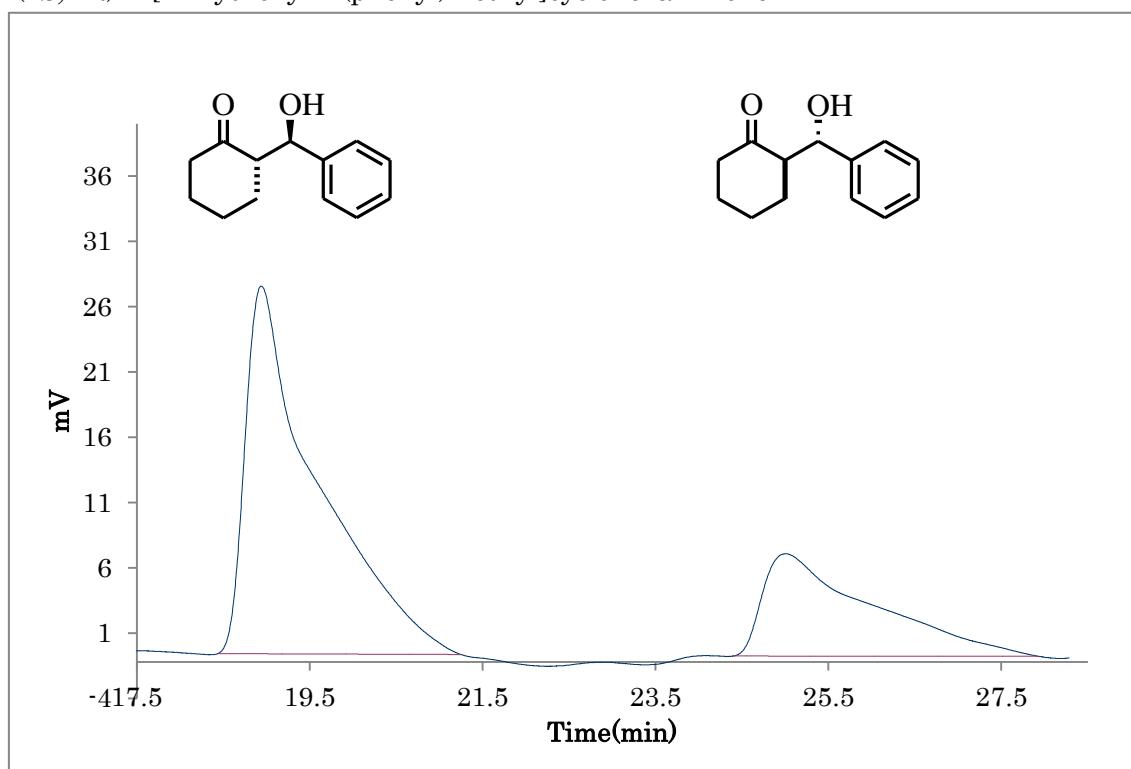
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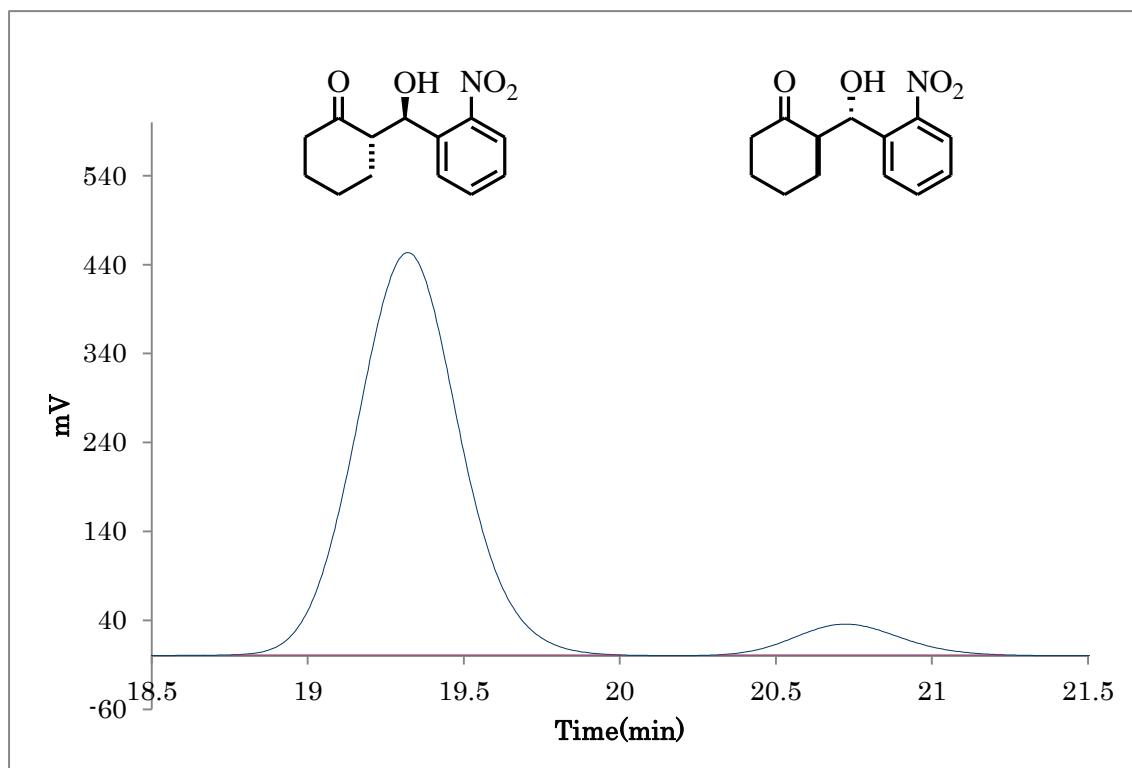


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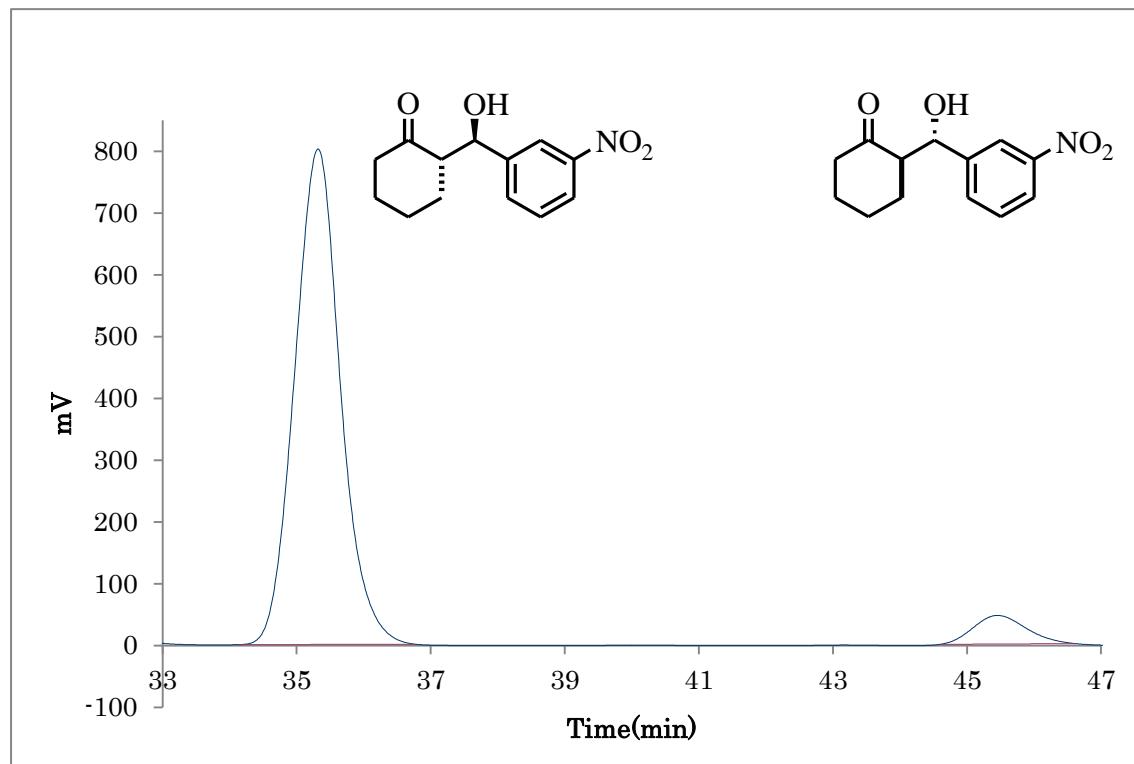


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|------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1    | 18.94               | 70.5184 |         |
| 2    | 25.01               | 29.4816 | 41.0368 |

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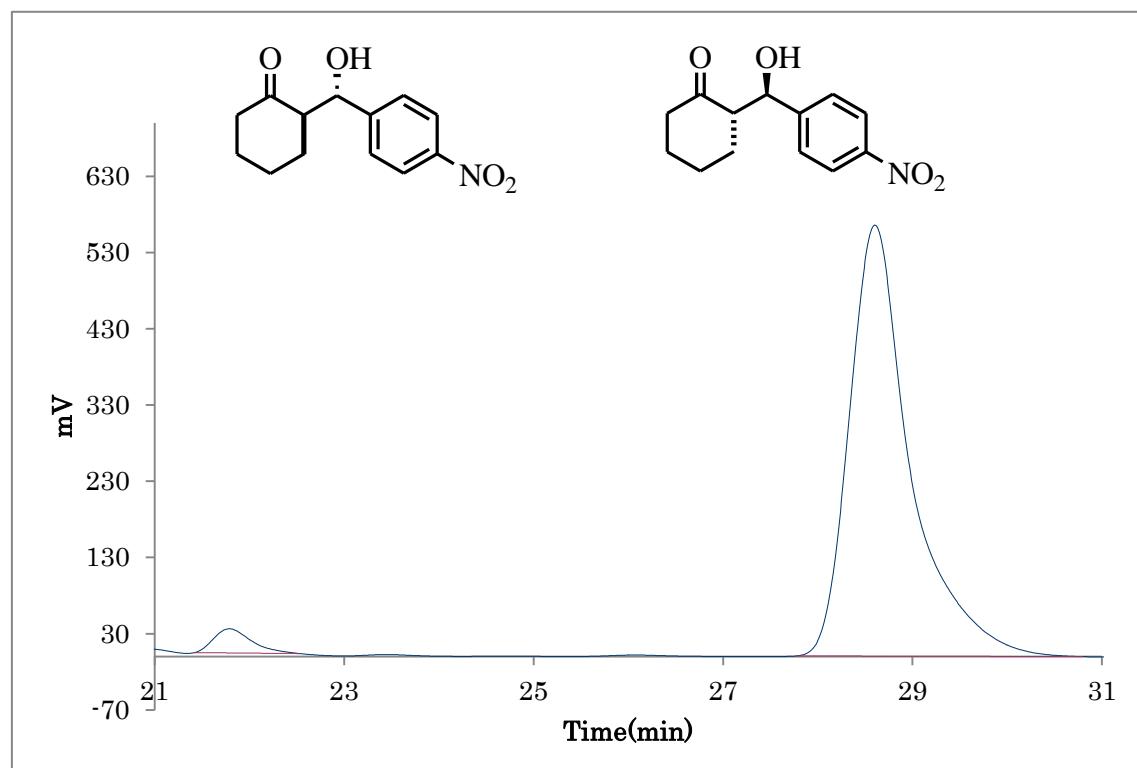


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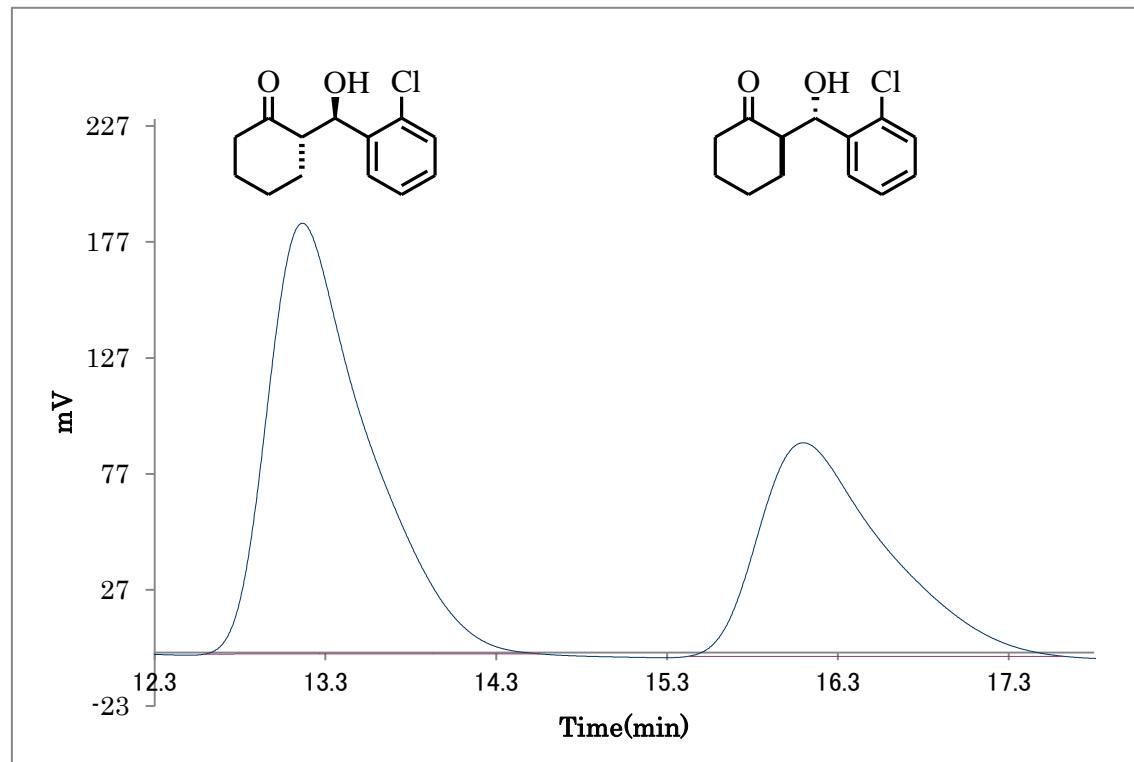
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|------|---------------------|---------|---------|
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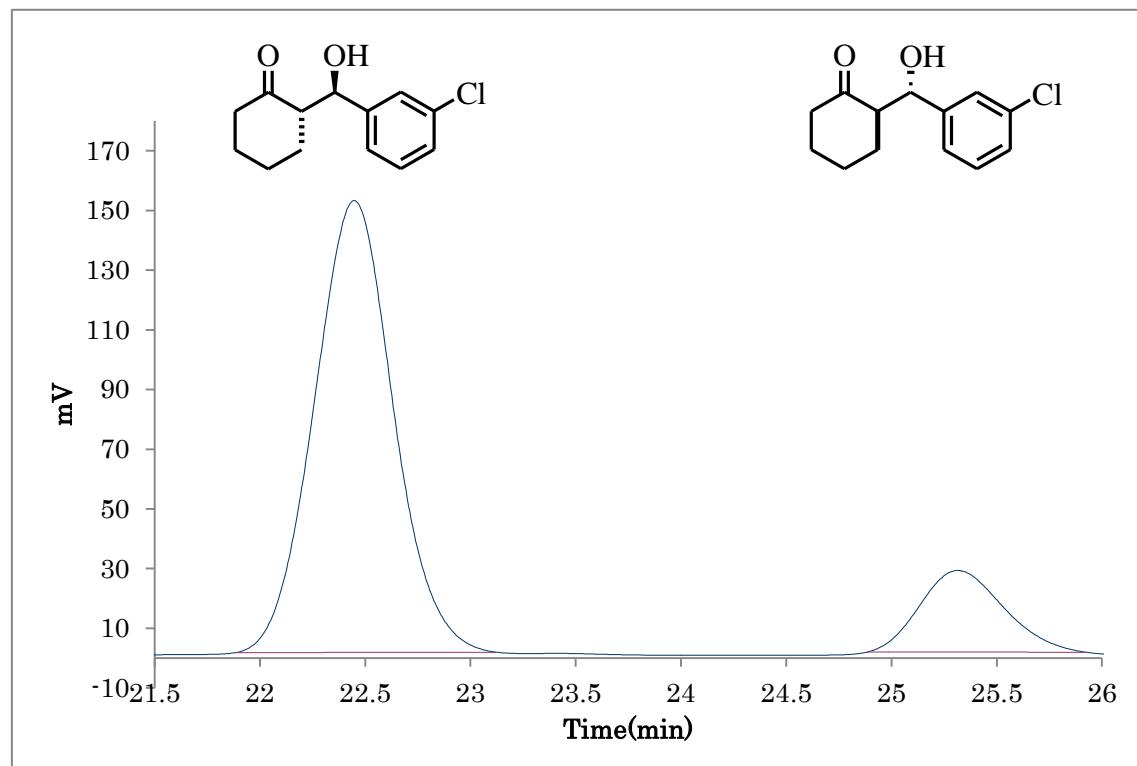
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|------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1    | 21.79               | 3.3639  |         |
| 2    | 28.6                | 96.6361 | 93.2722 |

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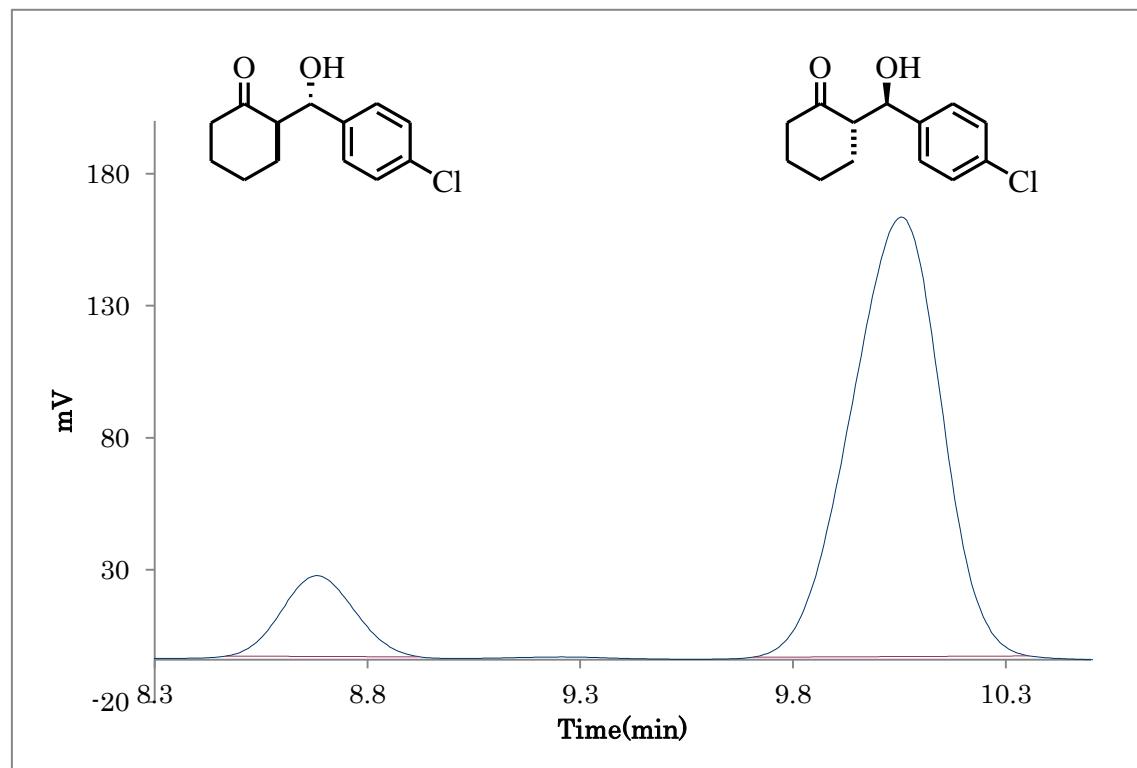
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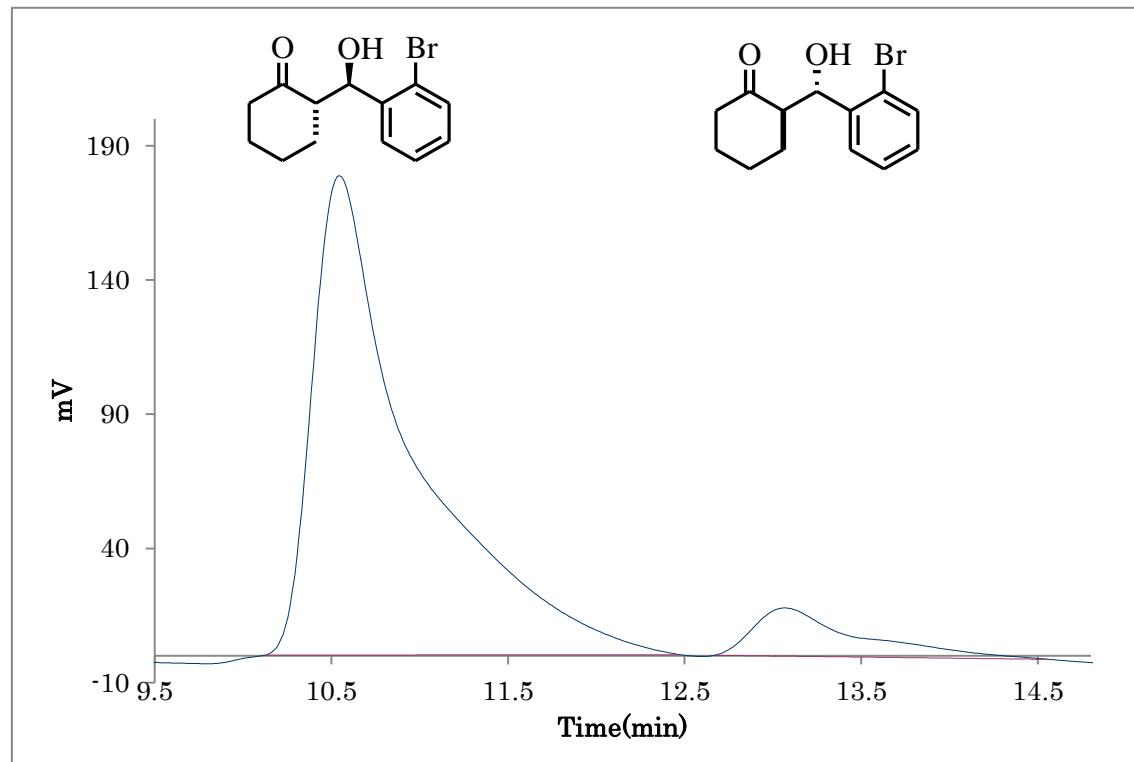
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| 1    | 22.45               | 84.0194 |         |
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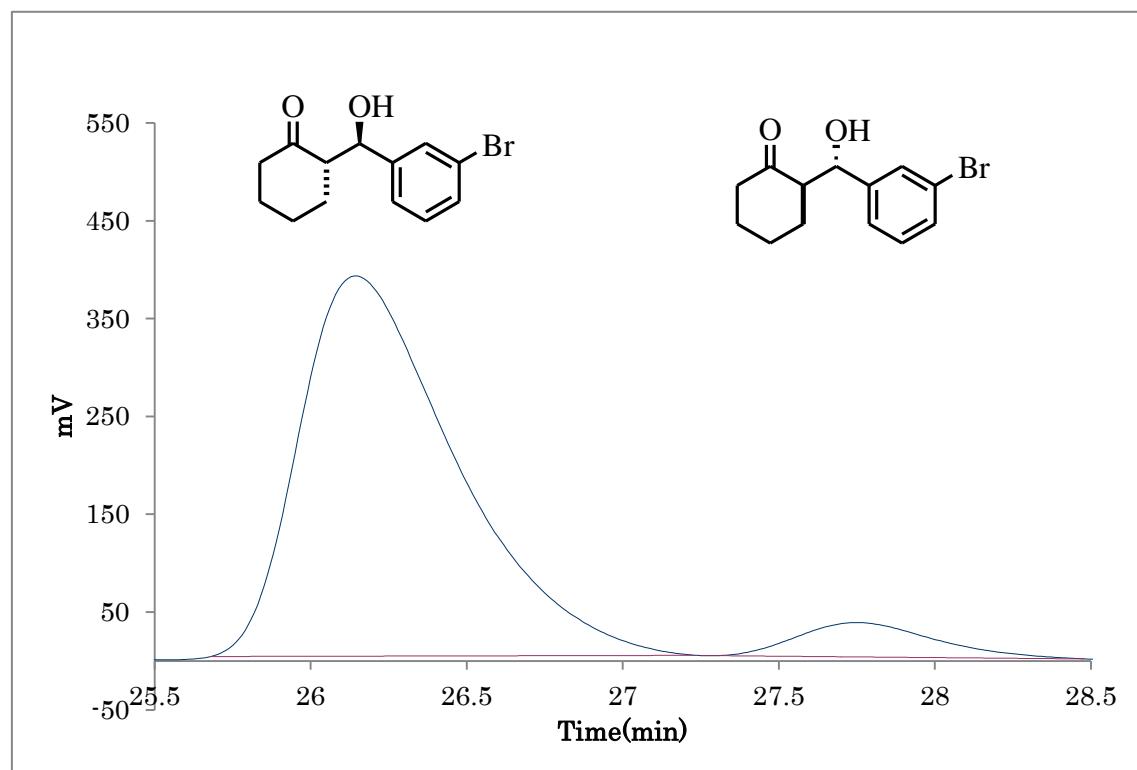
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|------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1    | 8.68                | 12.8839 |         |
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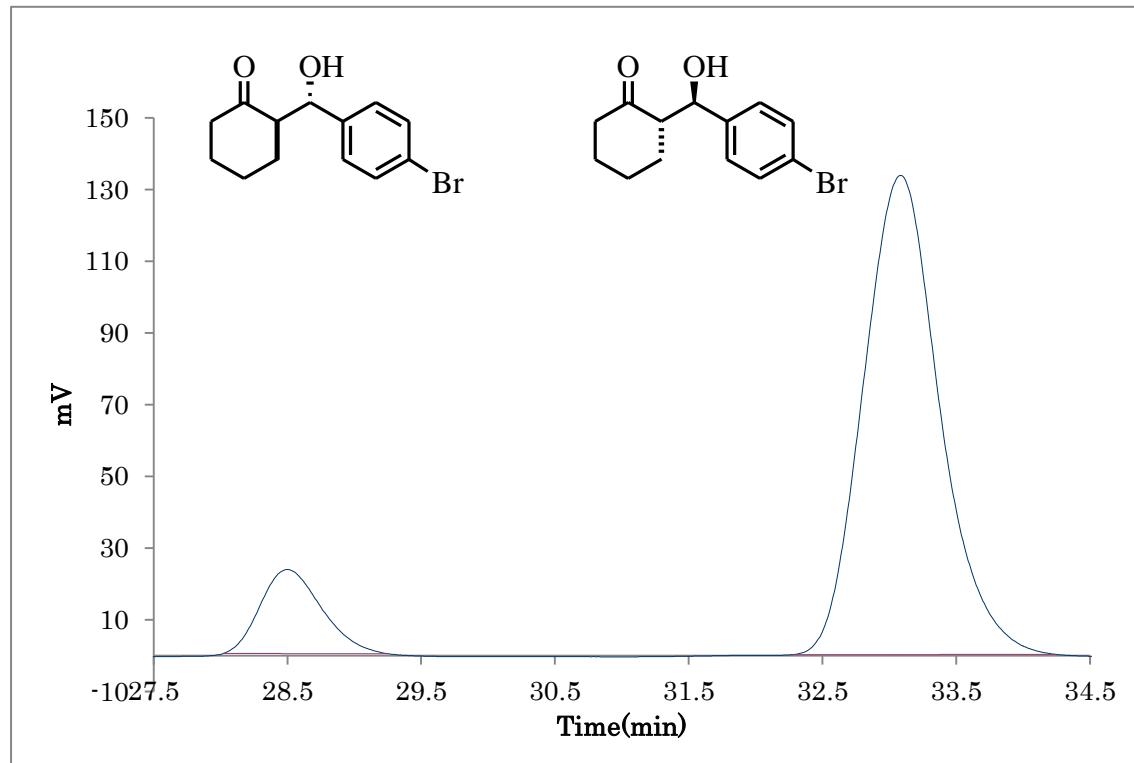
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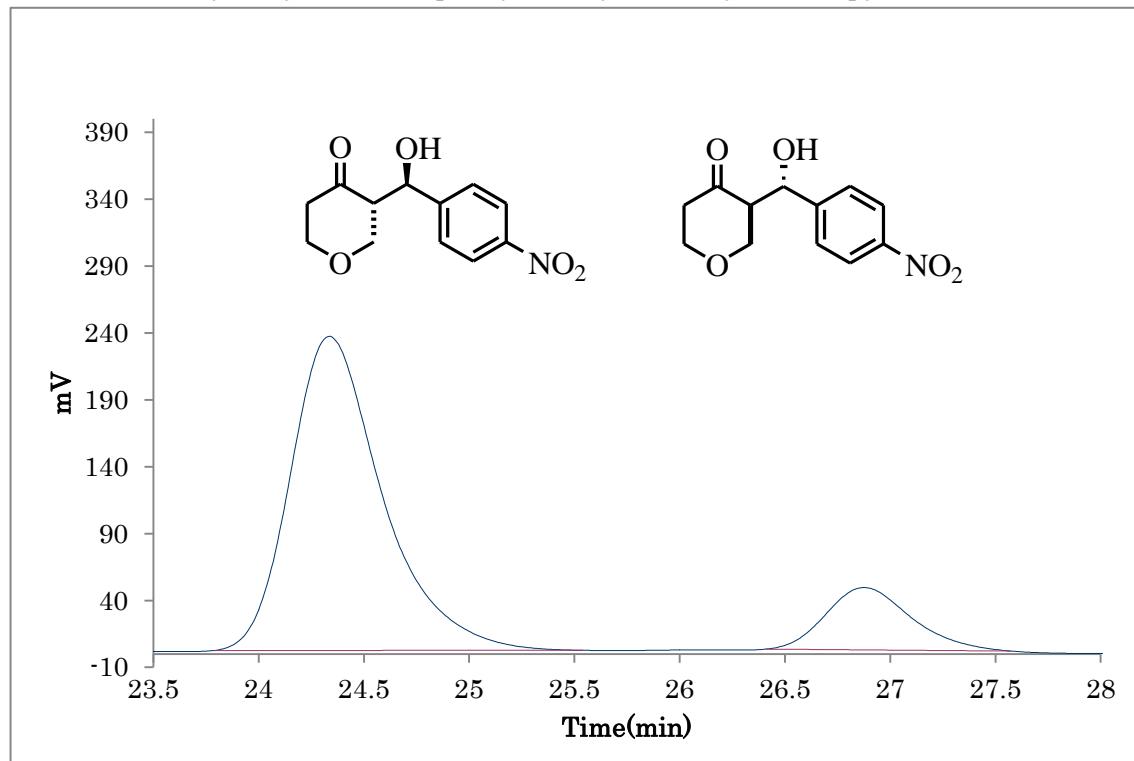
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|------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1    | 26.14               | 92.6941 |         |
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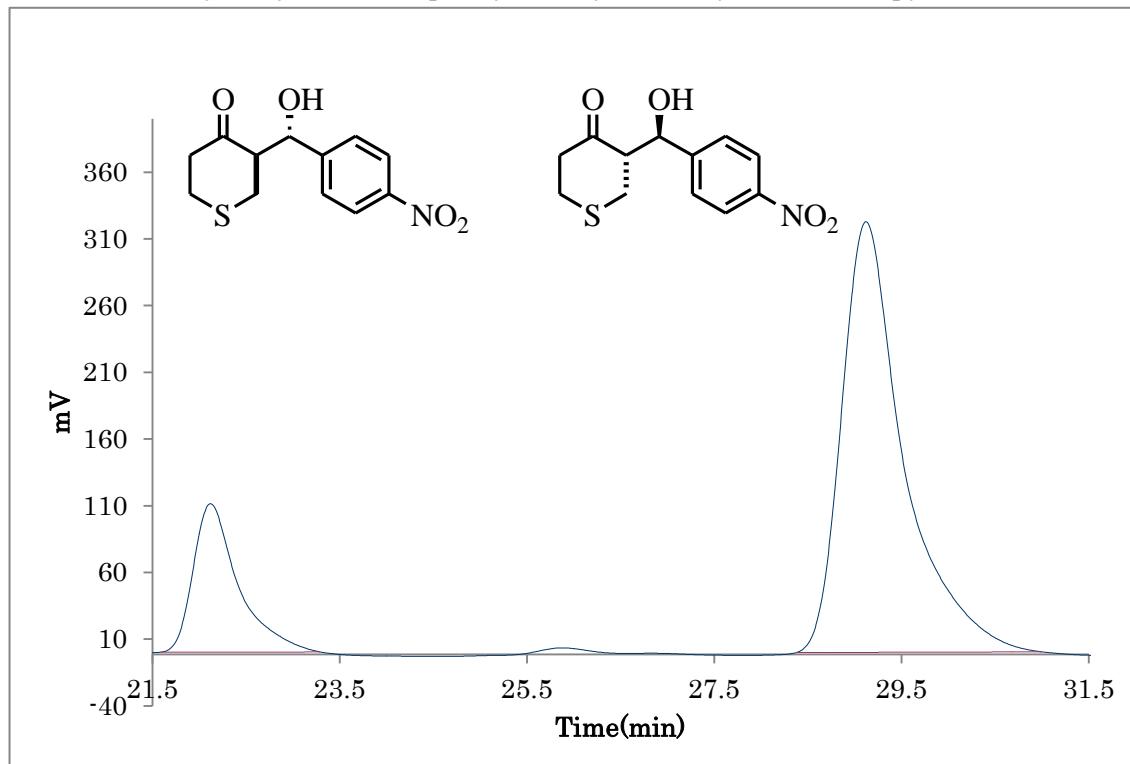
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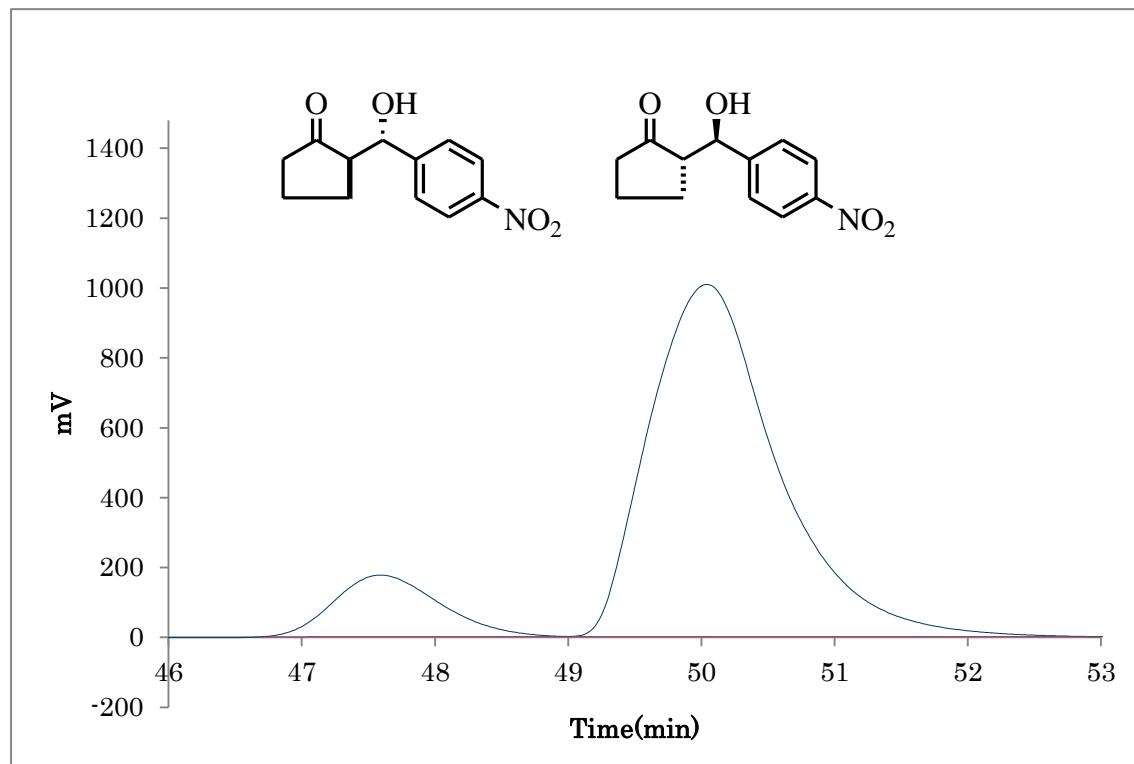
| Peak | Retention time(min) | Area(%) | Ee(%)  |
|------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| 1    | 24.34               | 84.437  |        |
| 2    | 26.88               | 15.563  | 68.874 |

(*2S,1'R*)-2-[1'-Hydroxy-1'-(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]-tetrahydro-4-H-thiopyran-4-one



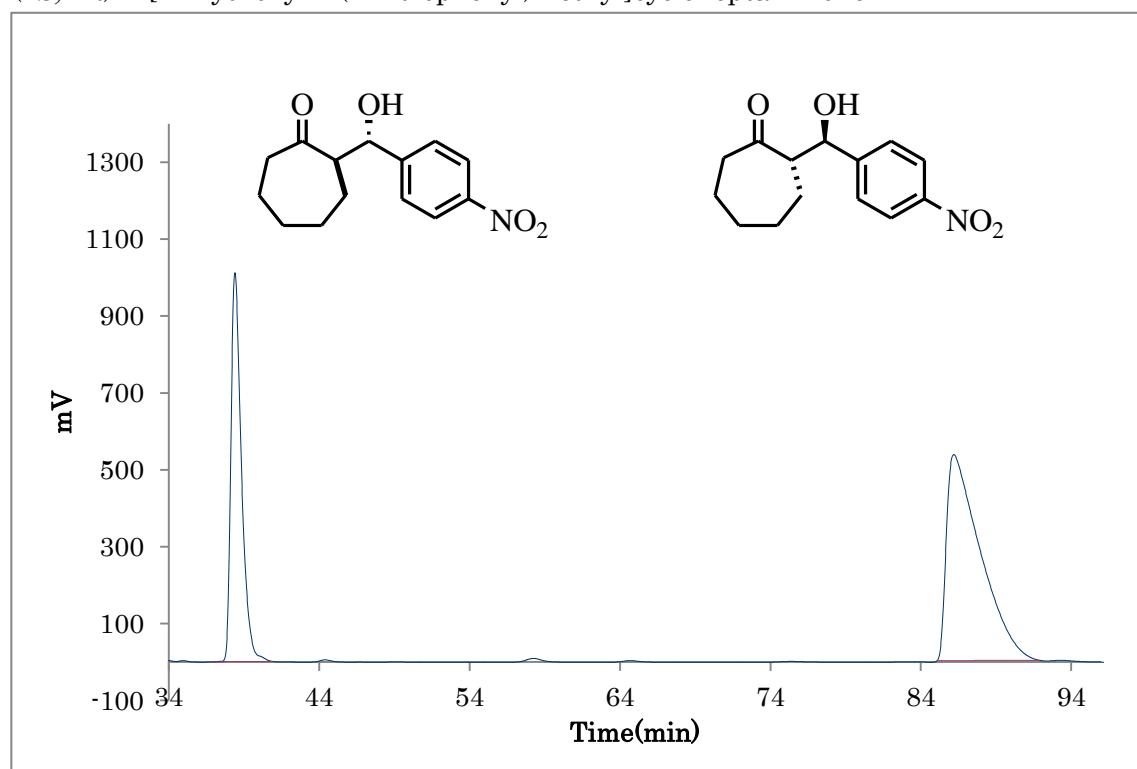
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|------|---------------------|---------|--------|
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| 2    | 29.12               | 79.968  | 59.936 |

(*2S,1'R*)-2-[1'-Hydroxy-1'-(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]cyclopentan-1-one



| Peak | Retention time(min) | Area(%) | Ee(%)   |
|------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1    | 47.59               | 12.6381 |         |
| 2    | 50.04               | 87.3619 | 74.7238 |

(*2S,1'R*)-2-[1'-Hydroxy-1'-(4-nitrophenyl)methyl]cycloheptan-1-one



4-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)butan-2-one

