

Direct Asymmetric Aldol Reactions between Aldehydes and Ketones Catalyzed by L-Tryptophan in the Presence of Water

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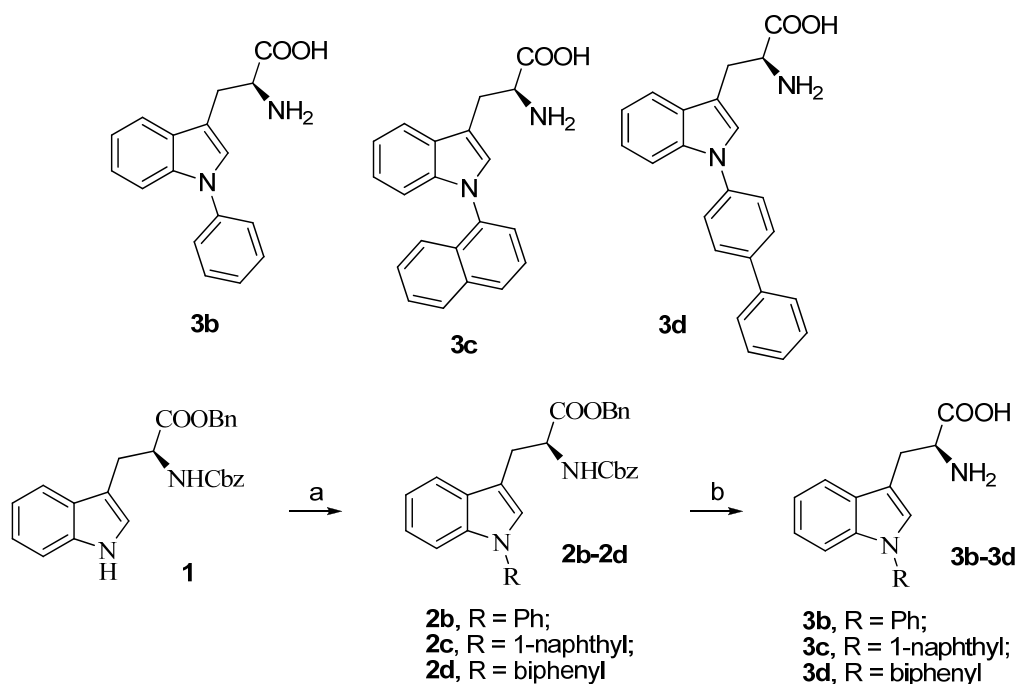
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A. Preparation of tryptophan derivatives 3b-3d

General synthetic scheme:



a: ArI, Cul, K₃PO₄, *trans*-1,2-cyclohexanediamine, toluene, microwave, 135 °C, 2 h;
b: H₂, Pd/C, MeOH, RT

Intermediates **2b**, **2c** and **2d** were synthesized following the literature procedure on *N*-arylation.^[1] Subsequent hydrogenolysis simultaneously remove Cbz protection on the nitrogen and cleave off benzyl ester, affording catalysts **3b**, **3c** and **3d**.

Benzyl (S)-1-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-2-(1-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylcarbamate (**2b**)

A white solid; 73% yield; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.38-3.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.81-4.88 (m, 1H, CH), 5.08-5.19 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 6.94 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.12-7.59 (m, 19H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.37, 156.44, 140.12, 136.98, 136.66, 135.81, 130.22, 129.74, 129.24, 129.19, 129.13, 127.07, 124.97, 123.34, 121.01, 119.72, 111.26, 67.95, 55.31, 28.56; MS (ESI): calcd for [C₃₂H₂₉N₂O₄]⁺ M: 504.2; found *m/z* 504.3.

(S)-2-Amino-3-(1-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoic acid (**3b**)

A grey solid; 86% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, MeOD) δ = 3.13-3.18 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.51-3.57 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.82-3.86 (m, 1H, CH), 7.13-7.74 (m, 10H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, MeOD) δ = 170.15, 138.60, 136.54, 128.81, 128.27, 128.22, 127.60, 127.44, 121.58, 119.18, 118.99, 110.35, 110.13, 55.04, 27.49; HRMS (ESI): calcd for [C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂]⁺ M: 281.1285; found m/z 281.1290.

Benzyl (S)-1-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-2-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylcarbamate (2c)

A white solid; 77% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.43-3.47 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.88-4.90 (m, 1H, CH), 5.06-5.22 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 6.83-6.85 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.99-7.52 (m, 21H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.30, 156.41, 138.79, 136.97, 136.35, 135.72, 135.09, 131.24, 131.11, 130.16, 129.20, 129.16, 129.14, 129.02, 128.99, 128.87, 128.84, 128.80, 128.76, 128.75, 127.67, 127.32, 127.28, 126.06, 125.75, 124.09, 123.95, 123.08, 120.76, 119.53, 111.56, 110.76, 67.94, 67.91, 55.63, 28.67.

(S)-2-Amino-3-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoic acid (3c)

A grey solid; 91% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ = 3.12-3.19 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.34-3.50 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.60-3.69 (m, 1H, CH), 6.86-7.79 (m, 12H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ = 171.01, 138.27, 135.84, 134.54, 130.10, 129.61, 129.54, 128.78, 128.72, 128.41, 128.32, 127.46, 127.13, 126.24, 125.57, 123.82, 122.55, 119.72, 110.71, 54.88, 27.25; HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C₂₁H₁₈N₂O₂Na]⁺ M: 331.1245; found m/z 353.1260.

Benzyl (S)-1-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-2-(1-(4'-phenyl)-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylcarbamate (2d)

A white solid; 76% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.33-3.53 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.87-4.92 (m, 1H, CH), 5.12-5.23 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 7.01 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.16-7.52 (m, 23H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.34, 156.43, 140.85, 139.92, 139.27, 136.95, 136.61, 135.79, 129.80, 129.60, 129.22, 129.17, 129.10, 128.82, 128.76, 128.20, 127.69, 127.14, 125.07, 123.40, 121.08, 119.75, 111.68, 111.32, 67.93, 67.61, 55.28, 28.55.

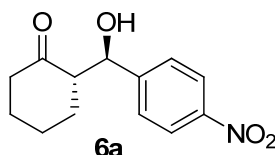
(S)-2-Amino-3-(1-(4'-phenyl)-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoic acid (3d)

A grey solid; 89% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ = 3.17-3.32 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.52-3.67 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.86-4.01 (m, 1H, CH), 7.11-7.84 (m, 14H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ = 171.01, 139.68, 138.88, 138.24, 135.75, 129.23, 128.16, 127.76, 127.55, 126.86, 124.16, 122.78, 120.27, 119.65, 112.21, 110.56, 54.58, 26.92; HRMS (ESI) calcd for [C₂₃H₂₁N₂O₂]⁺ M: 357.1598; found m/z 357.1594.

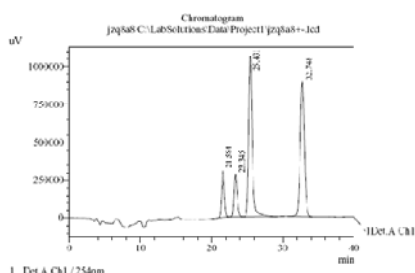
B. Analytical Data and HPLC spectra of the Aldol Products

Compounds **6j**, **6n** and **6u** are new, all the other aldol products are known compounds.

(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)cyclohexanone (6a)^[2]

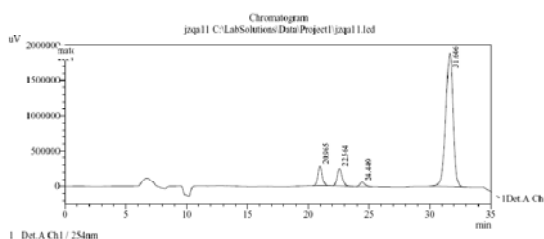


Compound **6a**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 20:80, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 24.45 min. (minor), t_R = 31.65 min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 1.58-1.85 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.09-2.14 (m, 1H, OH), 2.31-2.63 (m, 3H, CH, CH₂), 4.88-4.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.84H, CH), 5.48 (s, 0.16H, CH), 7.49-7.52 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.20-8.22 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH).



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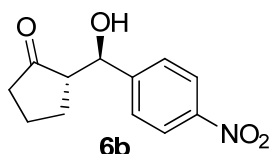
(racemic **6a**)



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1	20.965	3073837	271.279	7.356	10.989
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3	24.449	1780996	279.61	1.552	2.348
4	31.646	39988889	1896.042	83.194	76.806
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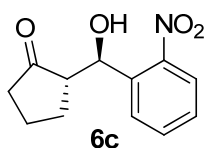
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(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)cyclopentanone (**6b**)^[3]

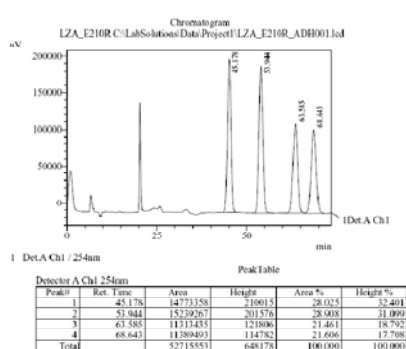


Compound **6b**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 3:97, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 140.1 min. (minor), t_R = 145.9 min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.54-1.57 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.66-2.47 (m, 5H, CH, 2CH_2), 2.81 (br, 1H, OH), 4.82-4.85 (d, J = 9.03 Hz, 0.34H, CH), 5.41 (s, 0.66H, CH), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.18-8.21 (m, 2H, ArH).

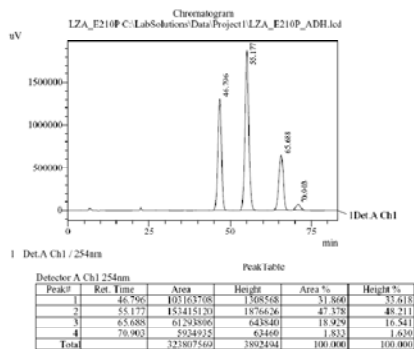
(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(2-nitrophenyl)methyl)cyclopentanone (**6c**)^[4]



Compound **6c**: a yellow oil; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 65.69 min. (major), t_R = 70.90 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.71-1.73 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.03-2.31 (m, 3H, 2CH_2), 2.67-2.69 (m, 1H, CH), 5.40-5.43 (d, J = 8.37 Hz, 0.24H, CH), 5.88-5.89 (d, J = 2.79 Hz, 0.76H, CH), 7.42-7.97 (m, 4H, ArH).

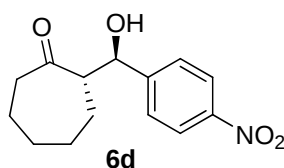


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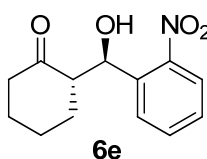
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(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)cycloheptanone (6d)^[3]

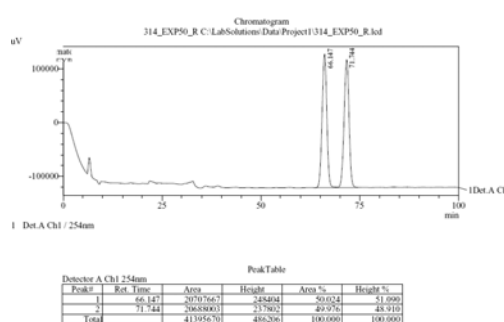


Compound **6d**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 39.01 min. (major), t_R = 92.60 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.25-1.60 (m, 8H, 4CH₂), 2.47-2.52 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.84-2.97 (m, 1H, CH), 3.75 (br, 1H, OH), 4.90-4.93 (d, J = 7.56 Hz, 0.60H, CH), 5.30 (s, 0.40H, CH), 7.50-7.53 (d, J = 8.88 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.19-8.22 (d, J = 8.55 Hz, 2H, ArH).

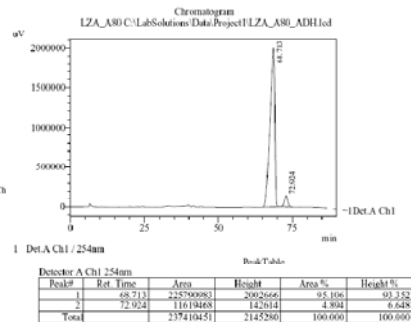
(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(2-nitrophenyl)methyl)cyclohexanone (6e)^[3]



Compound **6e**: a yellow oil; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 68.71 min. (major), t_R = 72.92 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.56-2.12 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.28-2.47 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.71-2.79 (m, 1H, CH), 5.43-5.45 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.40-7.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.61-7.66 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.75-7.82 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.83-7.85 (m, 1H, ArH).

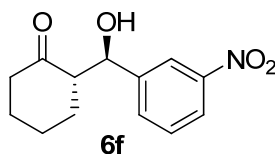


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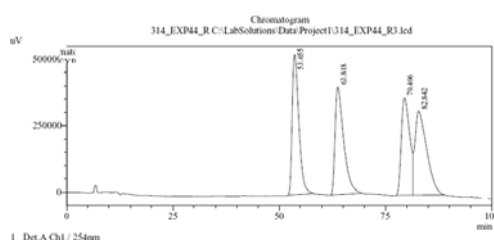


(enantiometric enriched **6e**)

(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(3-nitrophenyl)methyl)cyclohexanone (6f)^[3]

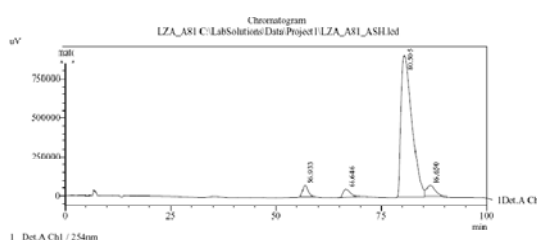


Compound **6f**: a yellow oil; Chiralcel AS-H column, $\lambda = 254$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 80.51$ min. (major), $t_R = 86.65$ min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 1.36$ -2.10 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.30-2.61 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 4.87-4.90 (d, $J = 8.55$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.49-7.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.65-7.67 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.14-8.20 (m, 2H, ArH).



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4	82.842	41335609	315511	17.141	19.355
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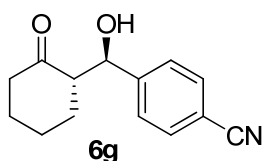
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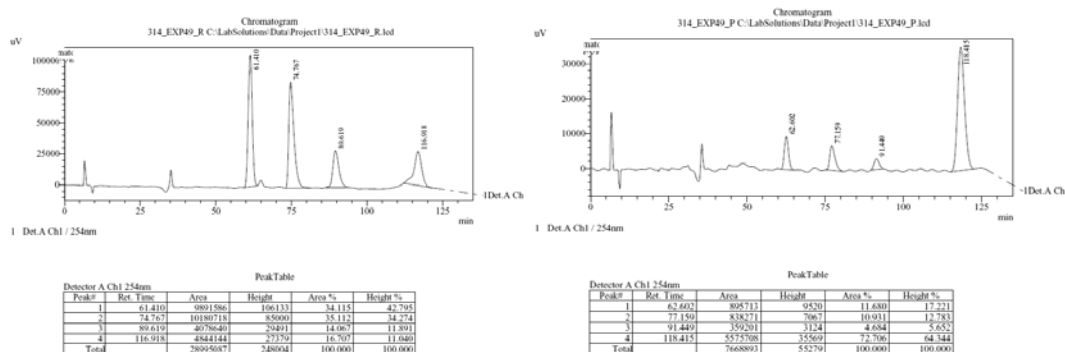
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2	66.646	5628225	50617	3.061	4.609
3	80.505	162240745	908095	88.277	82.687
4	86.650	769551	6569	0.509	6.193
Total		183809107	1698297	100.000	100.000

(enantiometric enriched **6f**)

(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(4-cyanophenyl)methyl)cyclohexanone (6g)^[4]



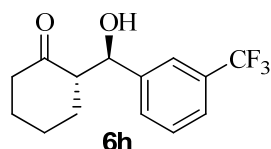
Compound **6g**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel AS-H column, $\lambda = 254$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 91.45$ min. (minor), $t_R = 118.42$ min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 1.32$ -2.14 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.30-2.61 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 4.82-4.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.63-7.66 (m, 2H, ArH).



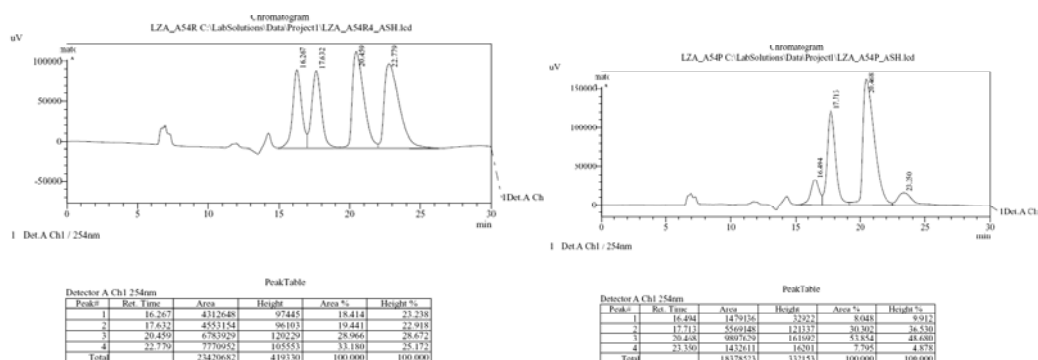
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(S)-2-((R)-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6h**)^[5]



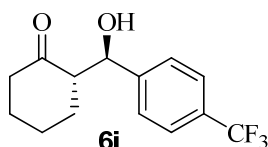
Compound **6h**: a white solid; Chiralcel AS-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 20.47 min. (major), t_R = 23.35 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.32-2.15 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.32-2.65 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 4.84-4.87 (d, J = 8.52 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.47-7.60 (m, 4H, ArH).



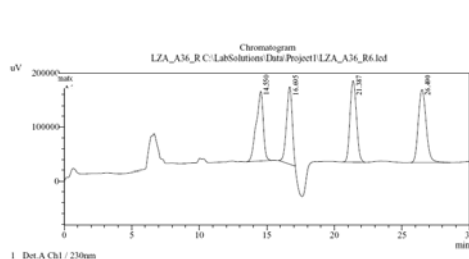
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(S)-2-((R)-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6i**)^[4]

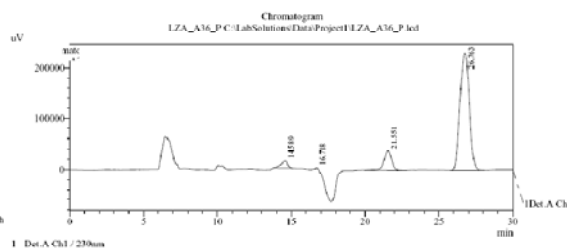


Compound **6i**: a white solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, $\lambda = 230$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 21.55$ min. (minor), $t_R = 26.76$ min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 1.39$ -2.21 (m, 6H, 3CH_2), 2.34-2.60 (m, 3H, CH_2 , CH), 4.86-4.88 (d, $J = 8.55$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.33-7.57 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.58-7.83 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.02-8.18 (m, 1H, ArH).



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1	14.550	4701090	126043	24.145	21.660
2	16.695	9214958	141408	21.648	36.672
3	21.387	5048294	151096	25.928	27.032
4	26.490	5506194	175419	28.730	34.777
Total		19470544	558956	100.000	100.000

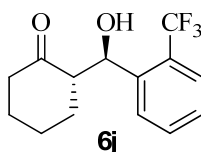
(racemic **6i**)



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1	14.589	921458	12372	2.567	4.738
2	16.718	15574	1606	0.132	0.560
3	21.591	1337582	27104	11.319	13.147
4	26.753	10042502	230143	84.983	81.546
Total		11817116	282225	100.000	100.000

(enantiometric enriched **6i**)

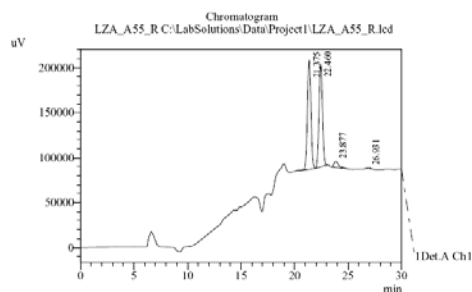
(S)-2-((R)-2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6j**)



Compound **6j**: a colorless oil; Chiralcel AD-H column, $\lambda = 254$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 15:85, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 19.92$ min. (major), $t_R = 20.91$ min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 1.37$ -2.08 (m, 6H, 3CH_2), 2.36-2.50 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.73-2.75 (m, 1H, CH), 5.28-5.32 (d, $J = 7.41$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.39-7.41 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.60-7.70 (m, 3H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 214.8, 139.9, 132.4, 128.3, 127.9, 125.5, 125.4,$

122.9, 69.1, 57.7, 42.6, 30.3, 27.7, 24.9; MS (ESI) calcd for $[C_{14}H_{15}O_2F_3Na]^+$ M: 295.1; found m/z 295.0;

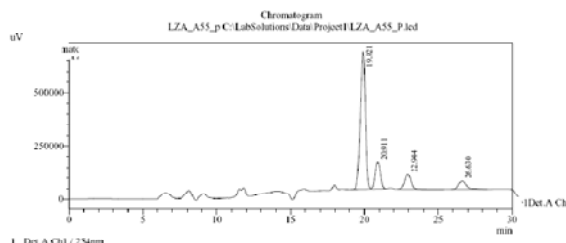
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1 Det.A Ch1 / 254nm

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1	21.375	2809753	171578	47.583	48.924
2	22.460	2575908	113665	43.623	45.759
3	23.877	206982	6745	3.505	2.716
4	26.911	27213	1112	0.461	0.448
5	42.805	255135	5350	4.829	2.154
Total		5904930	248400	100.000	100.000

(racemic **6j**)

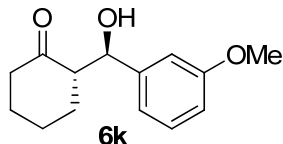


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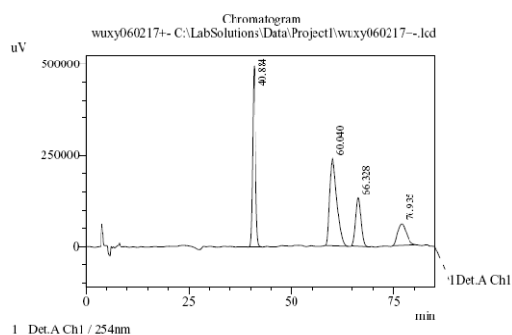
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1	19.921	15399696	646432	69.593	73.297
2	20.911	3162346	127247	14.204	14.410
3	22.944	2108366	60384	9.528	7.857
4	26.910	1457903	39961	6.588	4.525
Total		22126205	887043	100.000	100.000

(enantiometric enriched **6j**)

(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(3-methoxyphenyl)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6k**)^[6]

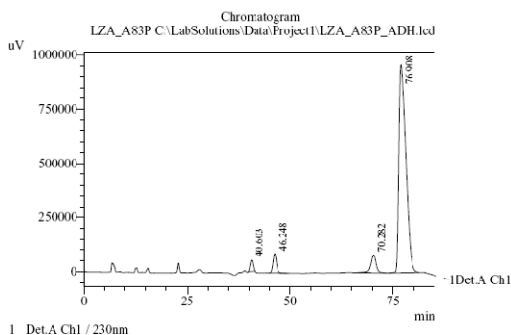


Compound **6k**: a colorless oil; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 230 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 70.28 min. (minor), t_R = 76.91 min. (major); 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 1.28-2.12 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.31-2.62 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.76-4.79 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.82-6.91 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.23-7.29 (m, 1H, ArH).



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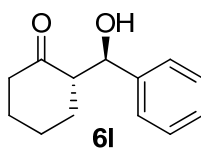
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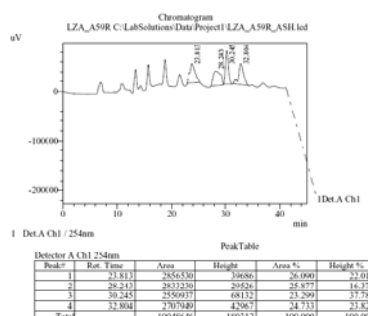
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3	70.282	7445946	82318	5.826	6.948
4	76.908	117790155	961873	88.751	81.179
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(enantiometric enriched **6k**)

(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6l**)^[3]

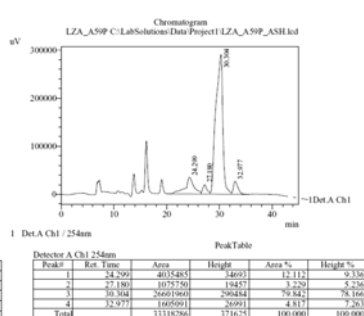


Compound **6l**: a colorless oil; Chiralcel AS-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 30.30 min. (major), t_R = 32.98 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.26-2.09 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.29-2.62 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 4.77-4.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 0.51H, CH), 5.38-5.39 (d, J = 2.13 Hz, 0.49H, CH), 7.28-7.34 (m, 5H, ArH).



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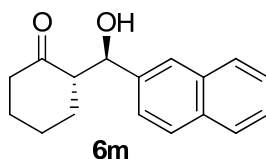
(racemic **6l**)



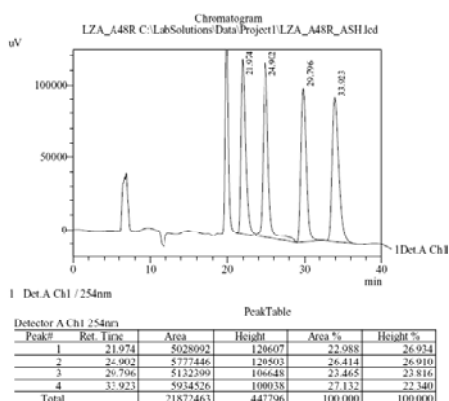
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3	30.364	26601960	296484	79.842	78.166
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(enantiometric enriched **6l**)

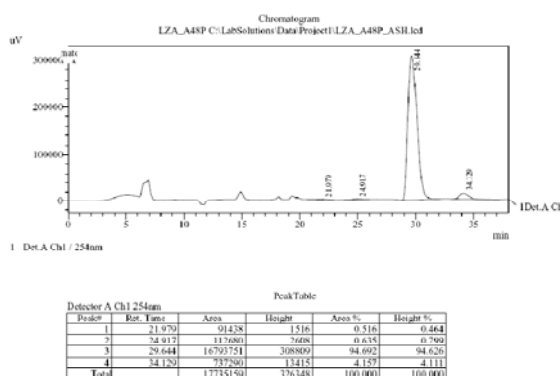
(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(naphthalen-3-yl)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6m**)^[7]



Compound **6m**: a white solid; Chiralcel AS-H column, $\lambda = 254$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 21.98$ min. (minor), $t_R = 29.64$ min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 1.32$ -2.10 (m, 6H, 3CH_2), 2.32-2.53 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.68-2.76 (m, 1H, CH), 4.95-4.98 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.46-7.49 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.75 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.81-7.86 (m, 3H, ArH).

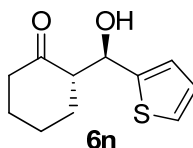


(racemic **6m**)



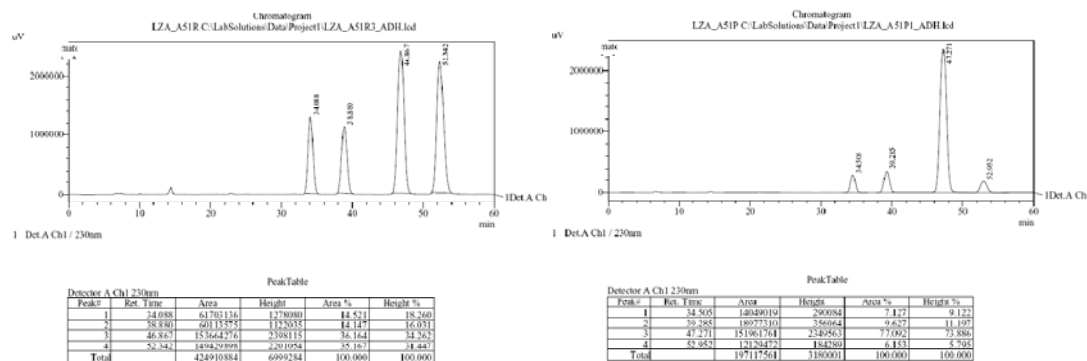
(enantiometric enriched **6m**)

(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(thiophen-2-yl)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6n**)



Compound **6n**: a colorless oil; Chiralcel AD-H column, $\lambda = 230$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 47.27$ min. (major), $t_R = 52.95$ min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 1.60$ -1.88 (m, 6H, 3CH_2), 2.45-2.65 (m, 3H, CH_2 , CH), 5.05-5.08 (d, $J = 8.37$ Hz, 0.73H, CH), 5.52-5.53 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 0.27H, CH), 6.93-6.95

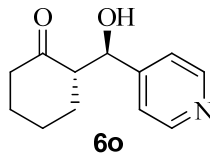
(m, 2H, ArH), 7.20-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 214.5, 133.5, 127.6, 126.3, 125.1, 70.8, 57.9, 42.6, 30.9, 27.7, 24.7; MS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}]^+$ M: 233.1; found m/z 233.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}]^+$ M: 223.0607; found m/z 223.0617.



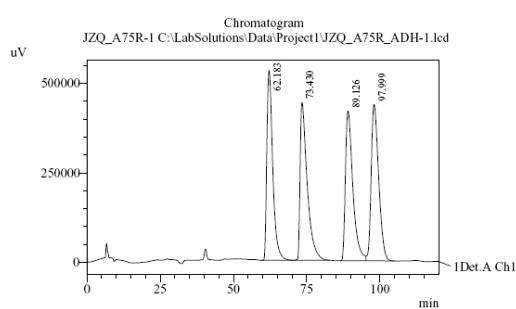
(racemic **6n**)

(enantiometric enriched **6n**)

(S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(pyridin-4-yl)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6o**)^[7]

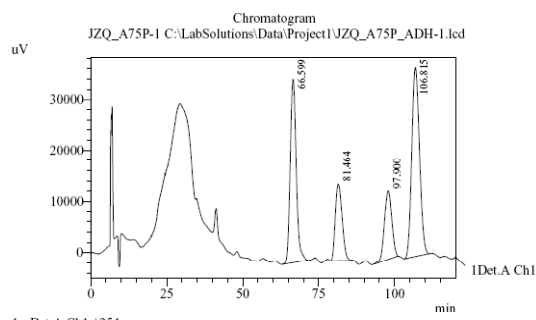


Compound **6o**: a white solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 97.90 min. (minor), t_R = 106.82 min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.41-2.09 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.34-2.59 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 4.77-4.79 (d, J = 8.04 Hz, 0.6H, CH), 5.37-5.38 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 0.4H, CH), 7.25-7.29 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.56-8.59 (m, 2H, ArH).



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	62.183	74562909	530355	24.819	29.025
2	73.430	74352167	441251	24.749	24.148
3	88.126	74067219	418550	24.654	22.906
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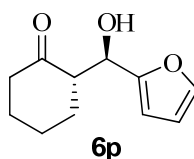
(racemic **6o**)



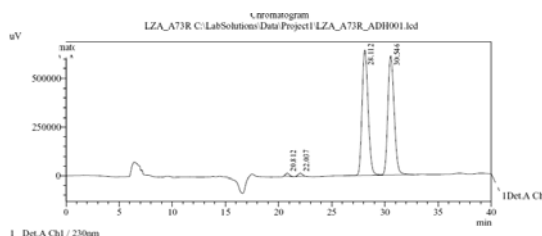
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1	66.599	4937855	35887	30.813	35.494
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3	97.900	2254961	13377	14.071	13.231
4	106.815	6508860	36945	40.616	36.541
Total		16025301	101106	100.000	100.000

(enantiometric enriched **6o**)

(S)-2-((R)-(Furan-2-yl)(hydroxy)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6p**)^[7]

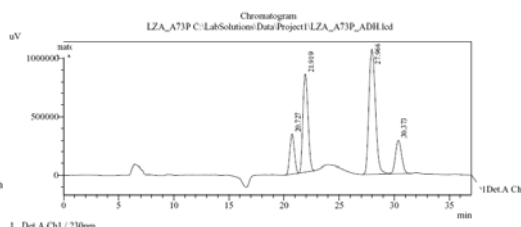


Compound **6p**: a colorless oil; Chiralcel AD-H column, $\lambda = 230$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 27.97 min. (major), t_R = 30.37 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.25-2.10 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.44-2.45 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.83-3.03 (m, 1H, CH), 4.81-4.84 (d, $J = 8.22$ Hz, 0.6H, CH), 5.27-5.29 (d, $J = 6.09$ Hz, 0.4H, CH), 6.27-6.33 (m, 2H, CH), 7.34-7.38 (m, 1H, CH).



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	28.112	375795	15647	9.723	1.216
2	27.037	440854	16614	0.847	1.291
3	28.112	25715834	644438	49.394	50.068
4	30.340	25539534	639426	49.037	47.425
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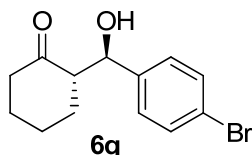
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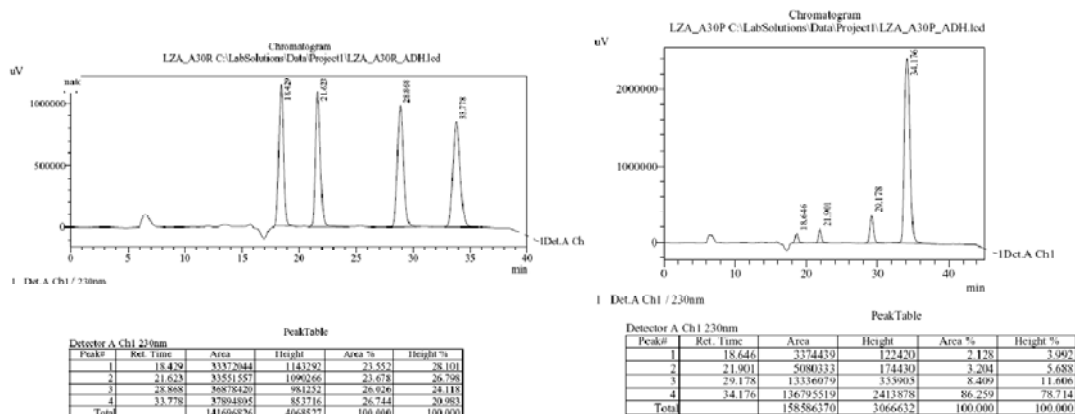
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3	27.966	44351651	1064153	47.949	42.138
4	30.373	11321954	386491	12.024	11.344
Total		92501134	2525413	100.000	100.000

(enantiometric enriched **6p**)

(S)-2-((R)-(4-Bromophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)cyclohexanone (6q)^[7]



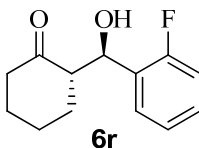
Compound **6-q**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, $\lambda = 230$ nm, *i*-PrOH: Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 29.18$ min. (minor), $t_R = 34.18$ min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 1.27$ -2.08 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.33-2.55 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 4.73-4.76 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 0.54H, CH), 5.33-5.34 (d, $J = 1.95$ Hz, 0.46H, CH), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 215.2, 140.0, 131.5, 128.6, 121.7, 74.2, 57.3, 42.7, 30.8, 27.7, 24.7$.



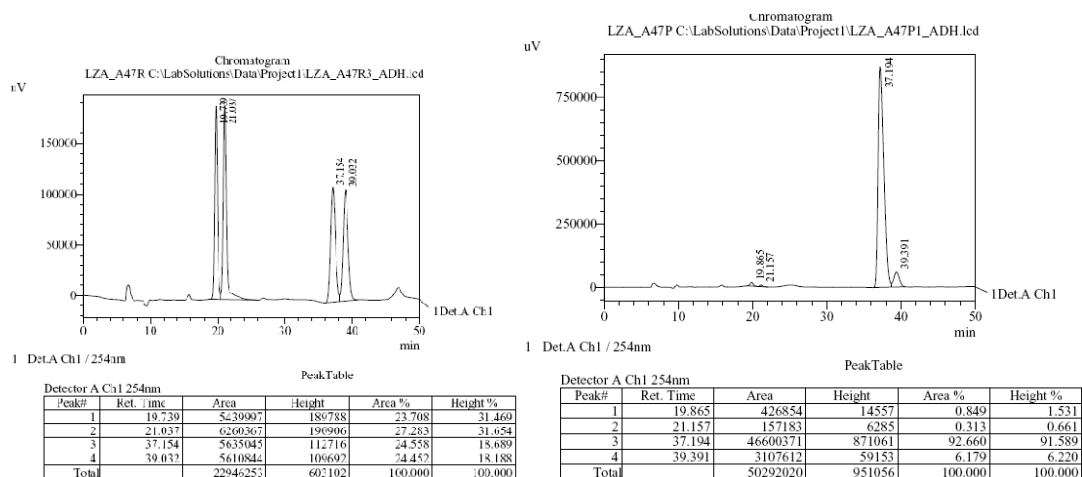
(racemic **6q**)

(enantiometric enriched **6q**)

(S)-2-((R)-(2-Fluorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)cyclohexanone (6r)^[8]



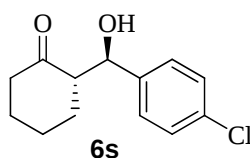
Compound **6r**: a colorless oil; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 254 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 5:95, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 37.19 min. (major), t_R = 39.39 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.32-2.08 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.29-2.50 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.63-2.72 (m, 1H, CH), 5.16-5.19 (d, J = 8.88 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.98-7.04 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.14-7.19 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.23-7.30 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.45-7.47 (m, 1H, ArH).



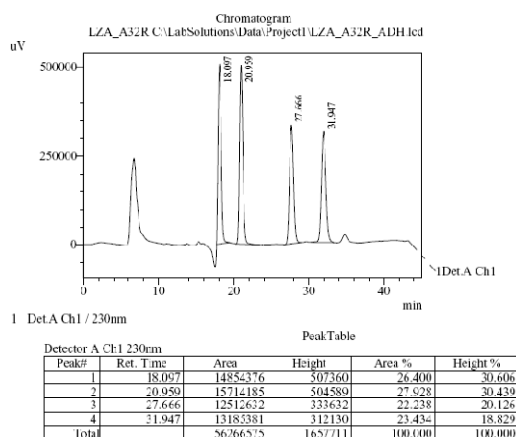
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(enantiometric enriched **6r**)

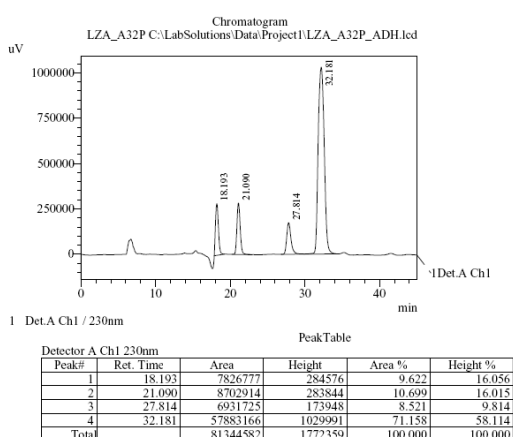
(S)-2-((R)-(4-Chlorophenyl)(hydroxy)methyl)cyclohexanone (**6s**)^[3]



Compound **6s**: a white solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, λ = 230 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 27.81 min. (minor), t_R = 32.18 min. (major); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.30-2.12 (m, 6H, 3CH₂), 2.32-2.62 (m, 3H, CH₂, CH), 4.77-4.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.28-7.36 (m, 4H, ArH).

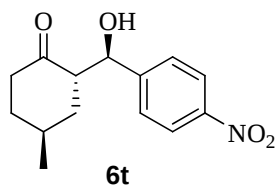


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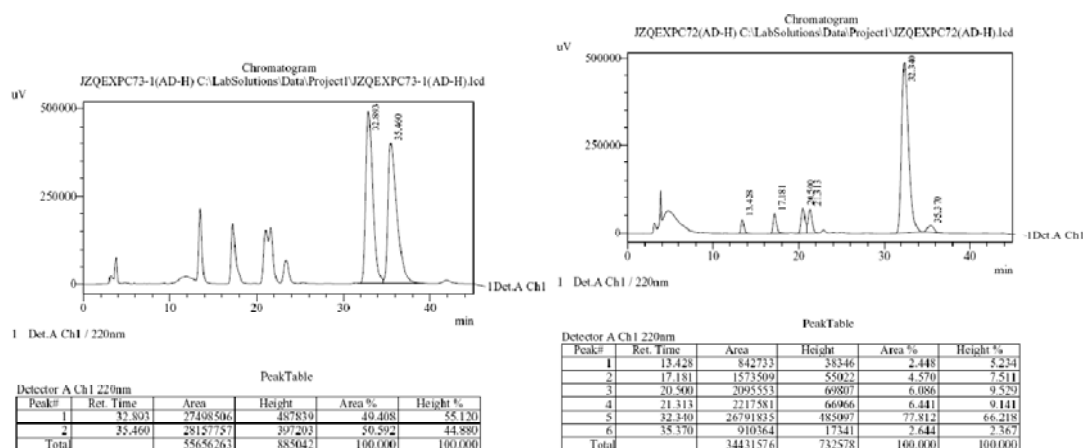


(enantiometric enriched **6s**)

(2S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)-4-methylcyclohexanone (**6t**)^[9]



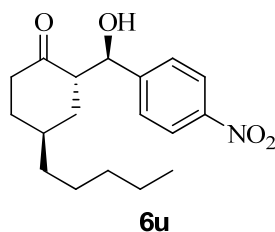
Compound **6t**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel AD-H column, $\lambda = 220$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 1.0 mL/min, t_R = 32.80 min. (major), t_R = 35.85 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.01-1.05 (m, 3H, CH_3), 1.25-1.33 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.64-2.04 (m, 3H, CH_2 , CH), 2.41-2.78 (m, 3H, CH_2 , CH), 4.91-4.94 (d, $J = 8.55$ Hz, 0.79H, CH), 5.48 (s, 1H, CH), 7.48-7.51 (d, $J = 8.73$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.19-8.22 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 214.9, 148.4, 127.8, 126.6, 123.6, 74.1, 52.8, 38.1, 36.0, 32.9, 26.6, 18.2.



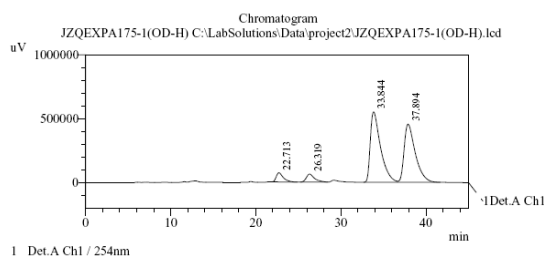
(racemic **6t**)

(enantiometric enriched **6t**)

(2S)-2-((R)-Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)-4-pentylcyclohexanone (**6u**)

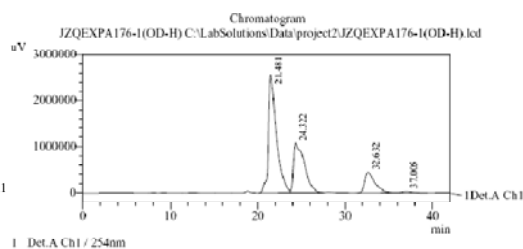


Compound **6u**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel OD-H column, $\lambda = 254$ nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, $t_R = 21.48$ min. (major), $t_R = 24.32$ min. (minor); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 0.79$ -81 (m, 3H, CH_3), 1.18-1.33 (m, 8H, 4 CH_2), 1.42-1.63 (m, 5H, CH, 2 CH_2), 2.43-2.44 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.64-2.65 (m, 1H, CH), 4.85-4.87 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.46-7.48 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.17-8.19 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H, ArH); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 214.1, 148.3, 146.9, 126.5, 123.3, 73.9, 56.0, 41.8, 36.2, 31.9, 31.8, 31.7, 26.6, 22.4, 13.9$; MS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4]^-$ M: 318.2; found m/z 318.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4]^-$ M: 318.1711; found m/z 318.1714.



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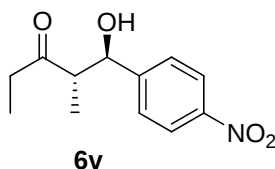
(racemic **6u**)



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3	32.632	35420738	430016	12.141	10.567
4	37.005	2660761	32608	0.912	0.801
Total		291734589	4069540	100.000	100.000

(enantiometric enriched **6u**)

(1*R*,2*S*)-1-Hydroxy-2-methyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)pentan-3-one (**6v**)^[10]



Compound **6v**: a yellow solid; Chiralcel D-OJ-H column, λ = 220 nm, *i*-PrOH:Hexane = 10:90, 0.5 mL/min, t_R = 72.62 min. (major), t_R = 94.02 min. (minor); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 1.02-1.06 (m, 6H, 2 CH_3), 2.46-2.58 (m, 2H, CH_2), 3.35-3.36 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 0.21H, CH), 3.56-3.57 (d, J = 2.55 Hz, 0.79H, CH), 4.87-4.89 (m, 0.22H, CH), 5.22 (s, 0.78H, CH), 7.49-7.51 (d, J = 8.85 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.18-8.21 (d, J = 8.85 Hz, 2H, ArH).

C. DFT Calculations

The total energies and atomic coordinates of all optimized structures (B3LYP/6-31G**).

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TS4 (-1469.92480)

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prod4 (-1469.93983)

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C	-4.512089	-2.765872	-0.205455	C	-4.915454	-2.678135	-0.287738
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C	0.961474	-1.562193	-2.812424	C	1.091392	-1.119712	-3.037311
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H	4.056736	-0.594036	-2.255794	H	4.335527	-0.264321	-2.219663
H	1.927545	1.727357	0.671956	H	1.853958	1.424998	0.868630
H	3.572053	1.021181	2.409404	H	3.481377	0.630438	2.581764
H	5.702286	-1.280229	-0.507624	H	5.948952	-1.050414	-0.488764
N	5.668837	-0.584263	2.061616	N	5.732009	-0.730351	2.144983
O	6.592694	-1.322192	1.716818	O	6.732045	-1.335446	1.757259
O	5.498145	-0.167647	3.207526	O	5.471640	-0.493701	3.324280

cyclohexanone (-309.90369)

C	-1.160466	0.000000	0.064969
C	1.018467	1.265967	-0.282404
C	1.018468	-1.265967	-0.282403
C	1.791720	0.000000	0.111297
C	-0.392695	-1.287120	0.341755
C	-0.392695	1.287120	0.341755
O	-2.307259	0.000000	-0.340948
H	-0.990539	-2.130180	-0.014228
H	-0.297443	-1.383608	1.433758
H	1.567974	-2.164732	0.019045
H	0.927464	-1.308375	-1.375938
H	1.967040	0.000000	1.196586
H	2.779322	0.000000	-0.364089
H	1.567973	2.164733	0.019045
H	0.927463	1.308376	-1.375938
H	-0.990539	2.130180	-0.014226
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p-nitrobenzaldehyde (-550.09551)

C	-1.036086	-1.111191	0.000000
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C	0.367814	-3.183155	0.000000
O	-0.573828	-3.949476	0.000000
N	-0.127082	2.516828	0.000000
O	0.910312	3.177265	0.000000
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H	1.414408	-3.557674	0.000000
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H	-1.908544	-1.755866	0.000000
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