

Supporting information

## Direct Asymmetric Reductive Amination for the Synthesis of (S)-Rivastigmine

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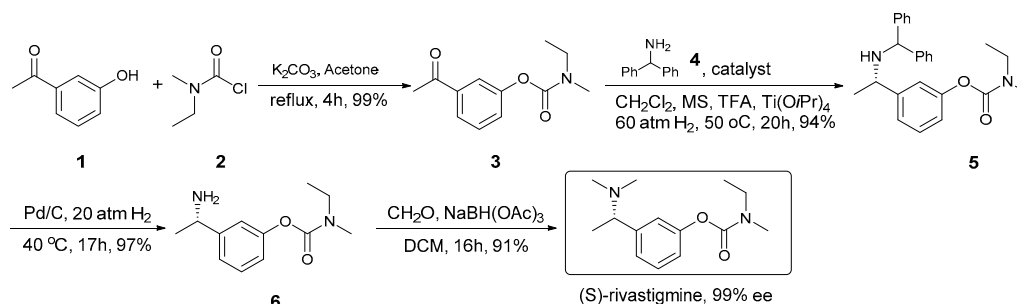
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## I. The synthetic route of (S)-rivastigmine

(S)-Rivastigmine was prepared according to the scheme 1 below

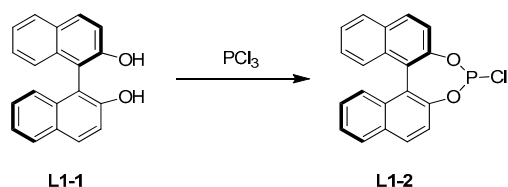


Scheme 1. the synthetic route of (S)-rivastigmine

## II. General Procedure for Preparation of Monophos-type ligands

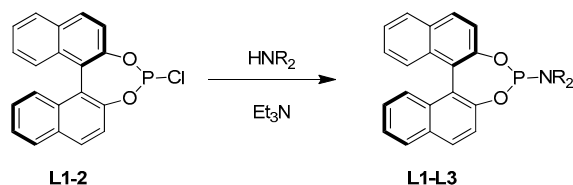
Ligands **L1**, **L2**, **L3** were synthesized according to the reported procedures[1-7].

1)



A 25 mL Schlenk flask was charged with (*R*)-(+)-1,1-bi(2-naphthol) (0.57g, 2 mmol), phosphorus trichloride (2.74 g, 20 mmol, 10 equiv), 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (1.6  $\mu$  L, 0.02 mmol, 0.008 equiv) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to 90 oC for 15 min, and all volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL $\times$ 2) was used to remove the traces of phosphorus trichloride. The resulting oil was vacuummed for 3 h to give the pale solid which was used directly in next step.

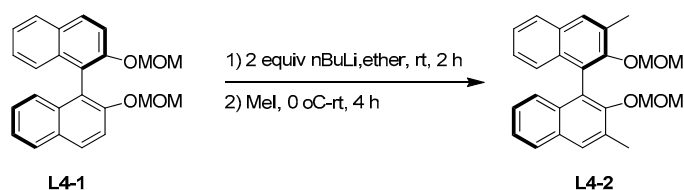
2)



A 25 mL round-bottom flask was charged with 2 mmol of corresponding amine, 3 mmol of Et<sub>3</sub>N and 10 ml toluene. The above made chlorophosphite was dissolved in 5 mL toluene and was transferred to the reaction flask. The mixture was stirred for 3 h. The solid was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash column chromatography (EtOAc /Hex) to yield desired ligand (yield: 75-95%).

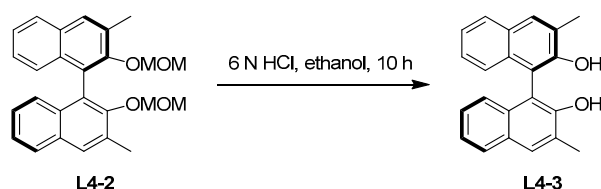
Ligands **L4** were synthesized according to the reported procedures[5].

1)



At room temperature, *n*-butyllithium (1.32 mL of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 3.3 mmol) was added to a solution of (*S*)-2,2'-bis(methoxymethoxy)-1,1'-binaphthyl (0.62 g, 1.65 mmol) dissolved in anhydrous ether (25 mL). After 2 h, the resulting gray suspension was cooled to 0 °C and methyl iodide (0.47 g, 3.3 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for further 4 h, after which it was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (25 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 25 mL) and the combined with the above organic phases which were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) and brine (25 mL). The solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude reaction product was purified by chromatography (PE/EA=5:1) to afford **L4-2** as a white powder (72% yield).

2)



a 50-mL round bottom was charged with **L4-2** (0.35 g, 1.25 mmol). The reagent was dissolved in a minimum amount of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and ethanol (7.0 mL) and 6 N HCl (7.0 mL) were added successively. The mixture was then heated at reflux for 10 h and the resulting yellow solution was concentrated *in vacuo* after cooling to room temperature. Water (10 mL) was added and the solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 × 12 mL), after which the organic layers were combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The drying agent was removed via filtration and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The remaining crude product was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA= 5:1) to give **L4-3** as a white powder (80% yield).

3) The following procedure is the same as for the synthesis of **L1-3**.

Ligands **L6** were synthesized according to the reported **L6** procedures [1-7].

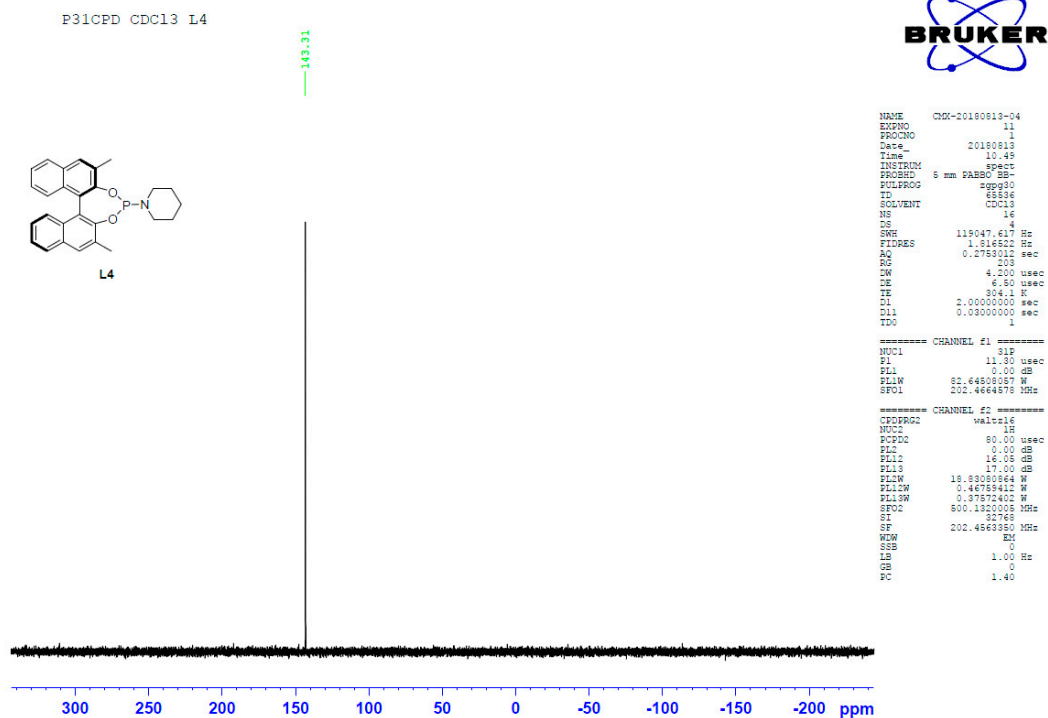
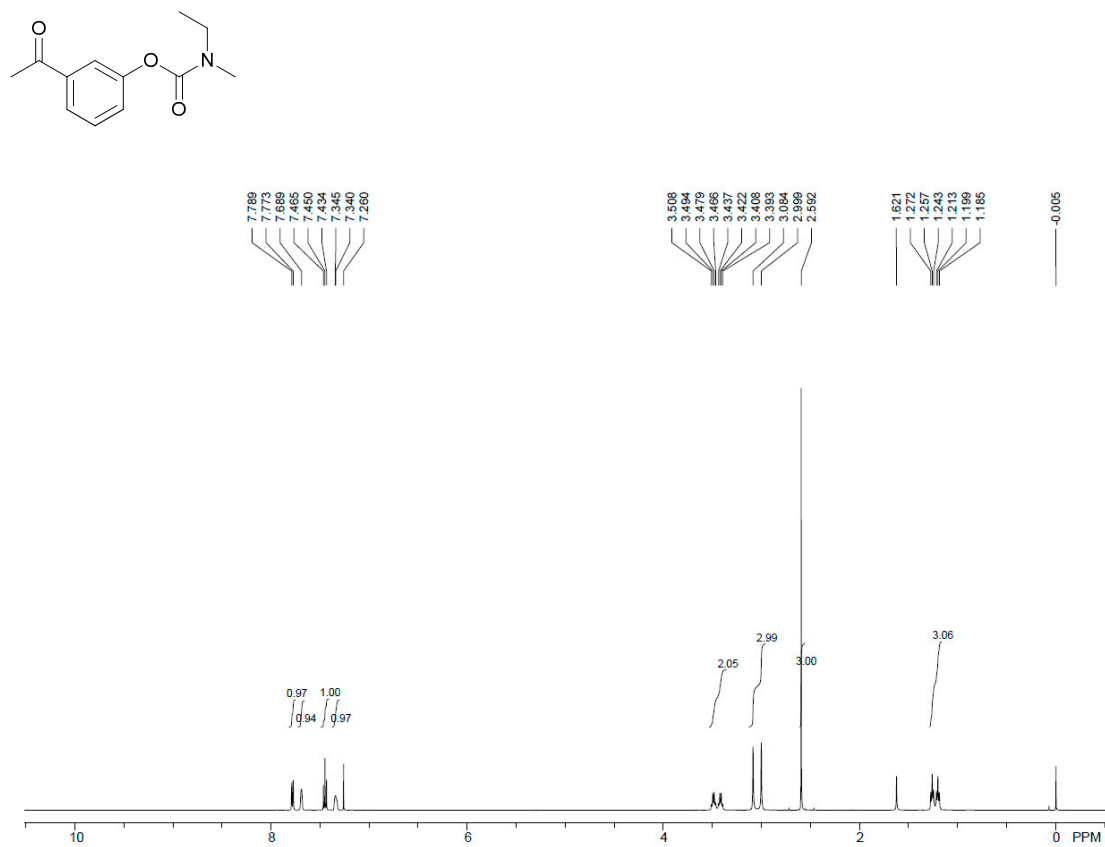
1) (R)-(+)-1,1-bi(2-naphthol) (0.57g, 2 mmol) 10 % Pd/C (0.12 g, 50 % wet) and 10 mL of ethanol were placed into a 50 mL autoclave and stirred under 50 bar H<sub>2</sub> at 70 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, Pd/C was filtered off and washed with ethanol (3x5 mL). The combined filtrates were concentrated in vacuum to give 0.588 g of H8-BINOL (yield: 100%).

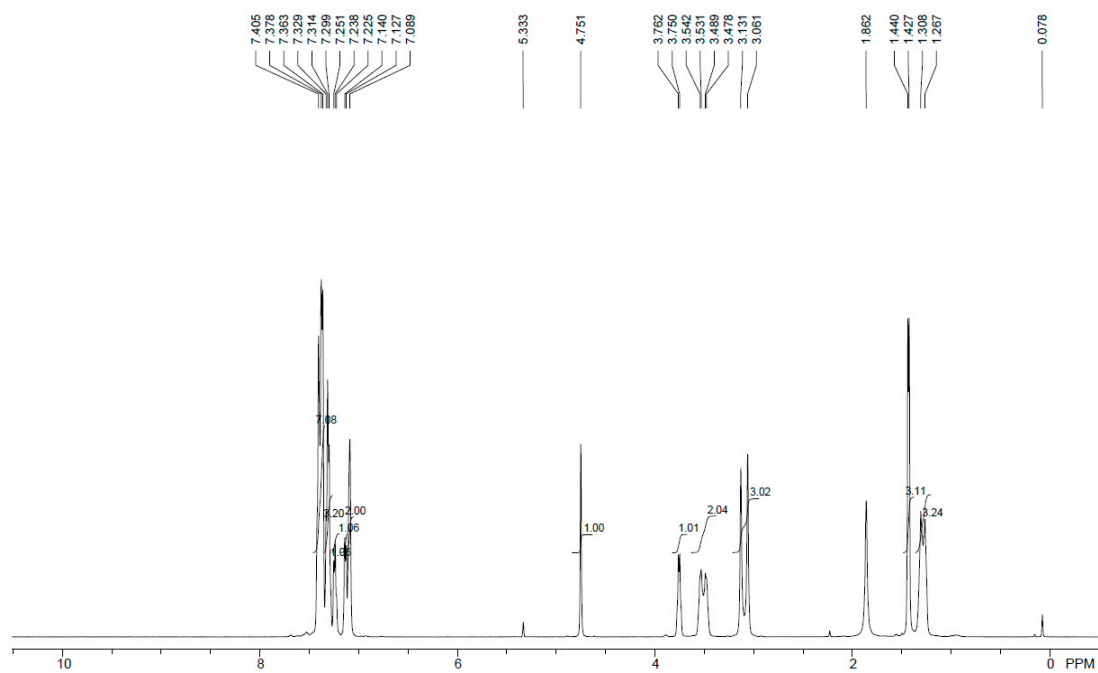
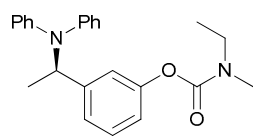
2) The following procedure is the same as for the synthesis of **L1-L3**.

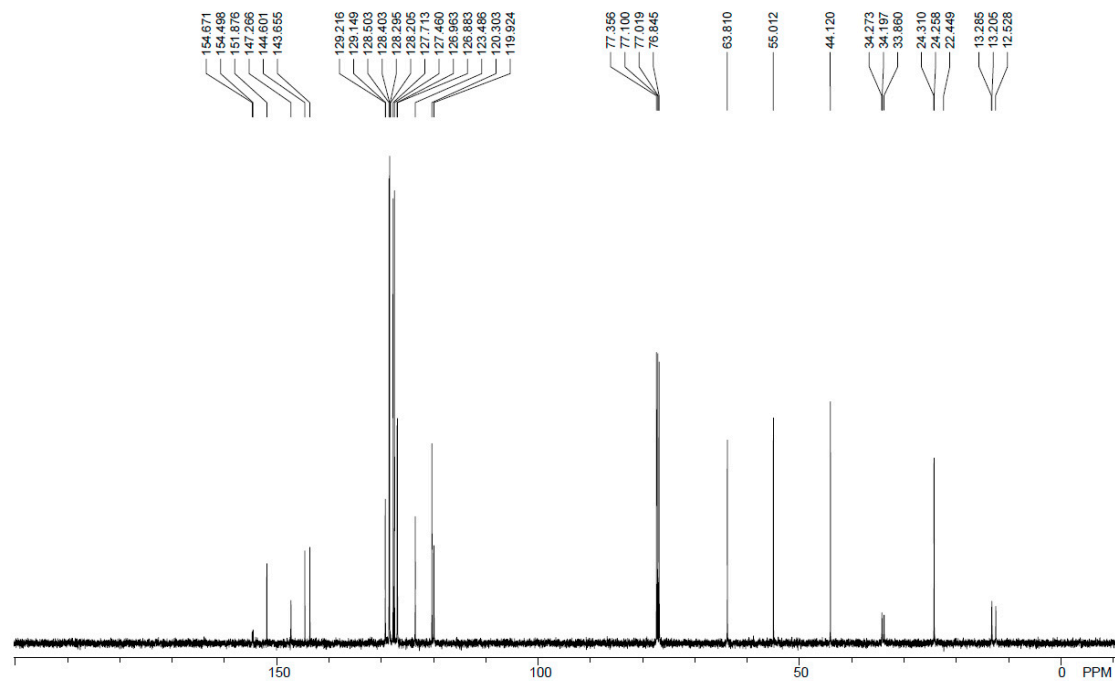
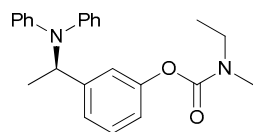
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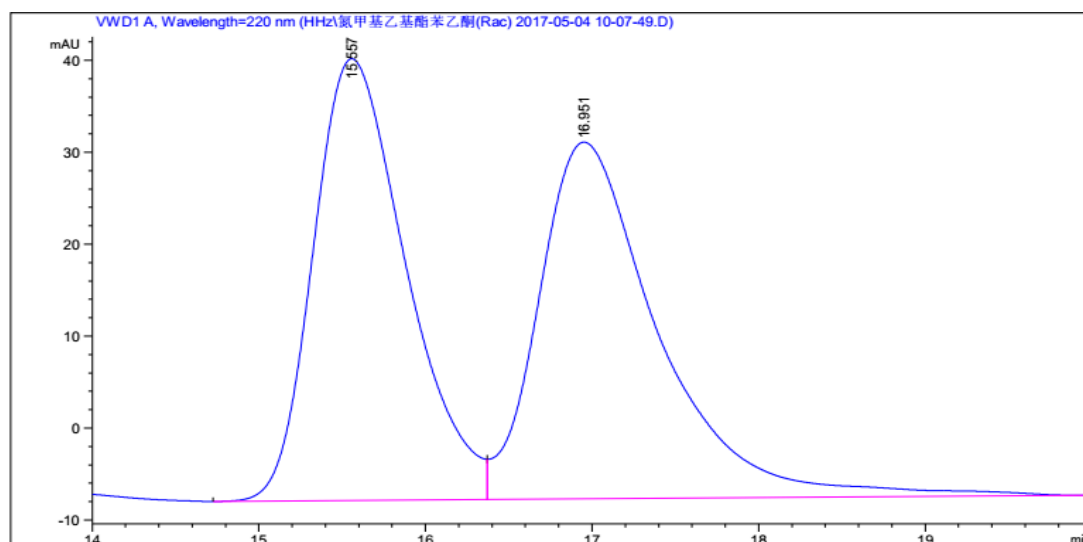


<sup>1</sup>H-NMR of Compound **3** (500 MHz, Chloroform-d):

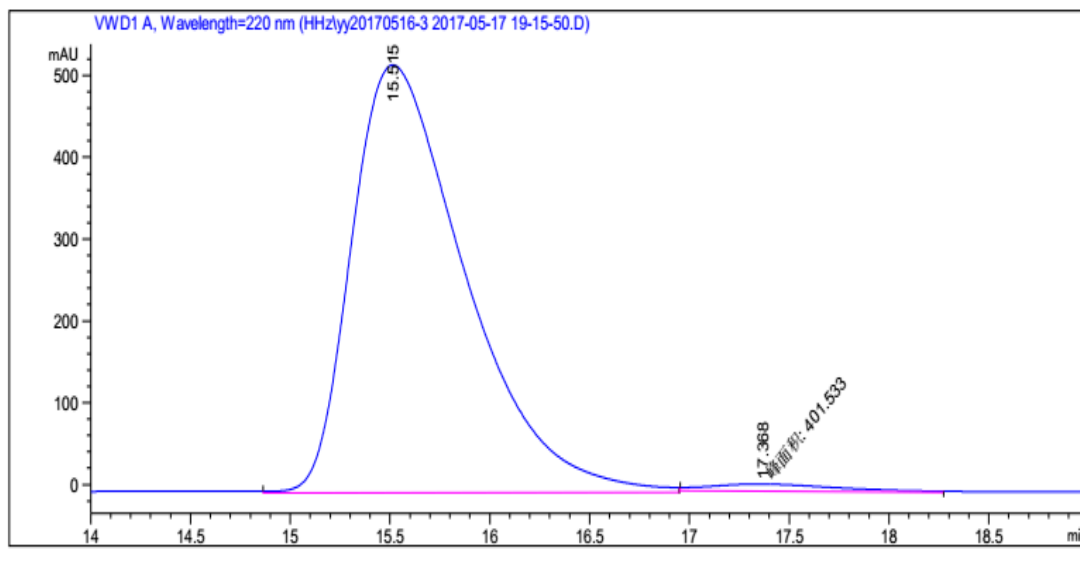
**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR of Compound 5 (500 MHz, Chloroform-d):**

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR of Compound 5 (125 MHz, Chloroform-d):

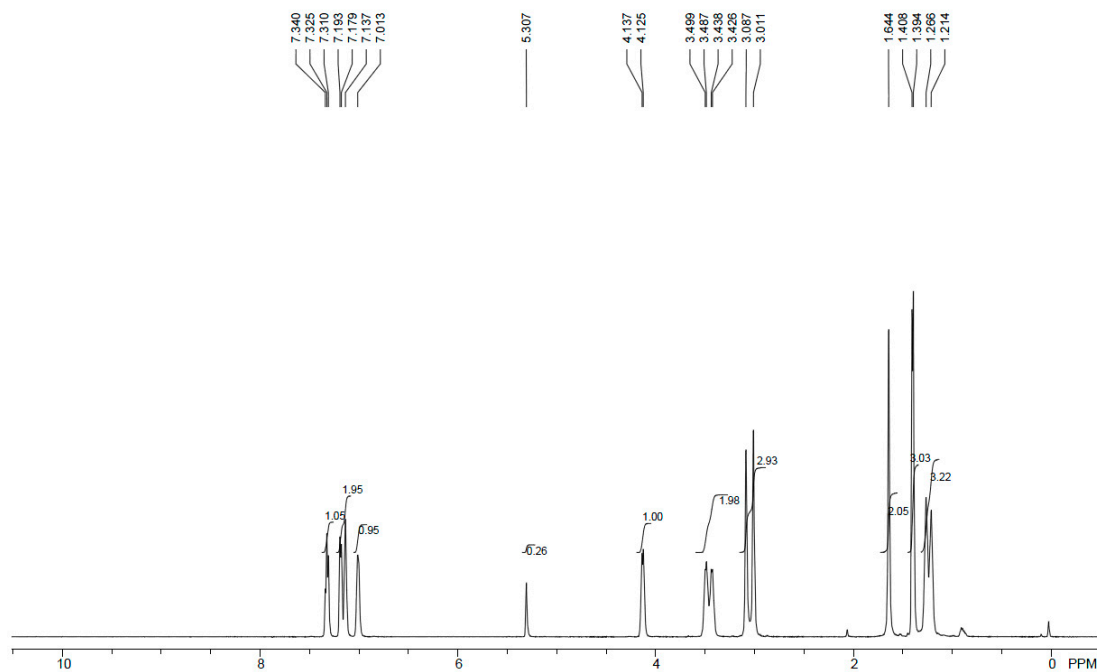
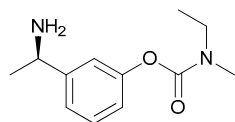
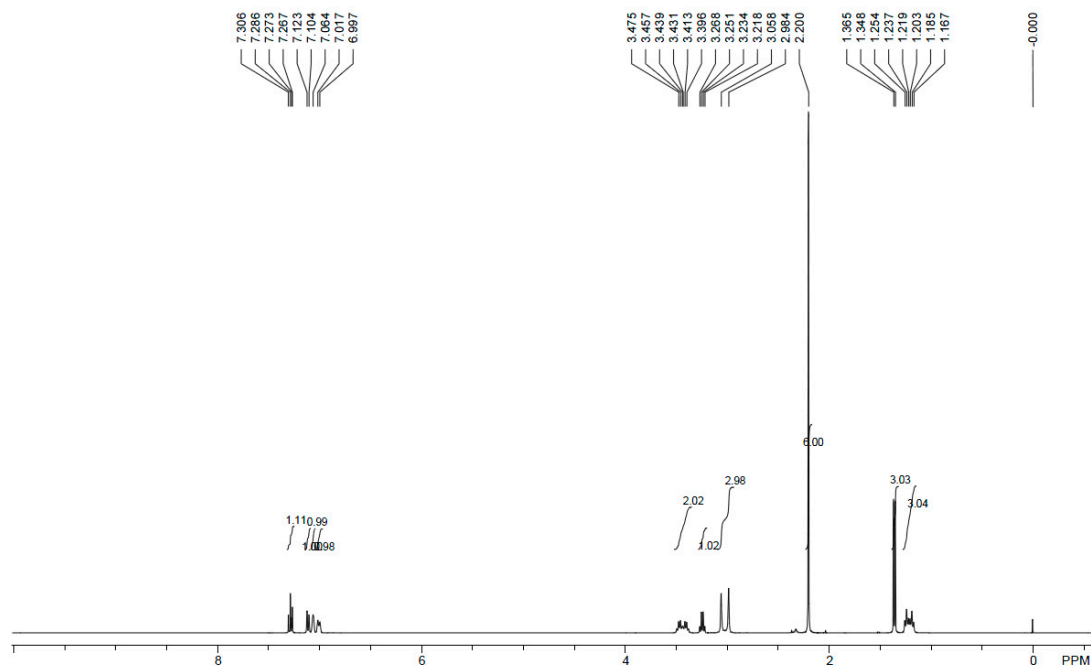
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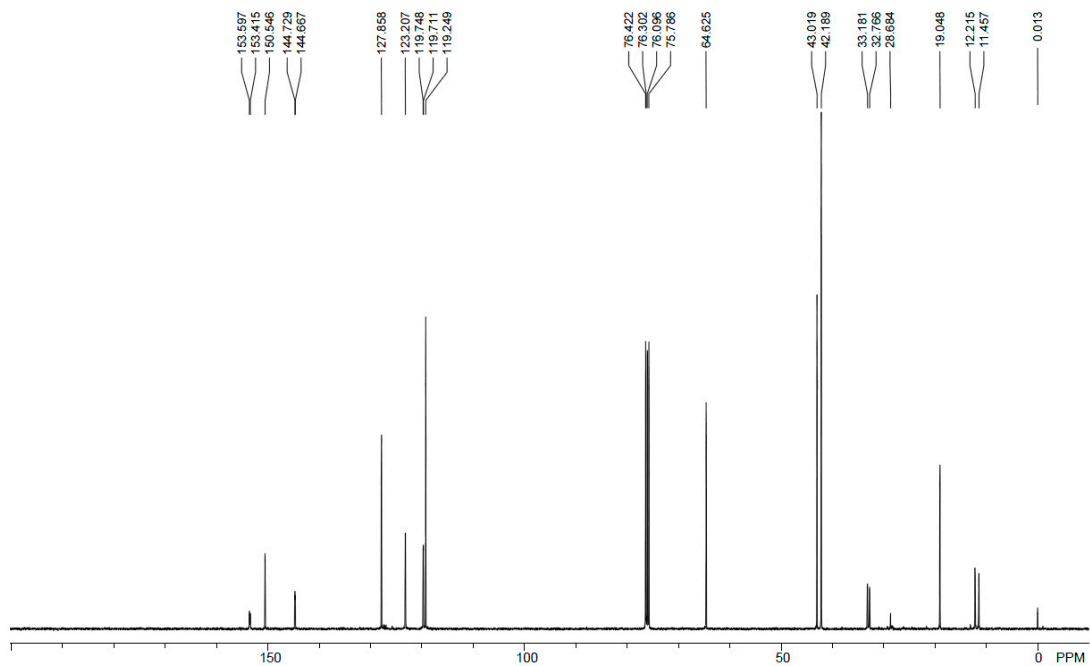


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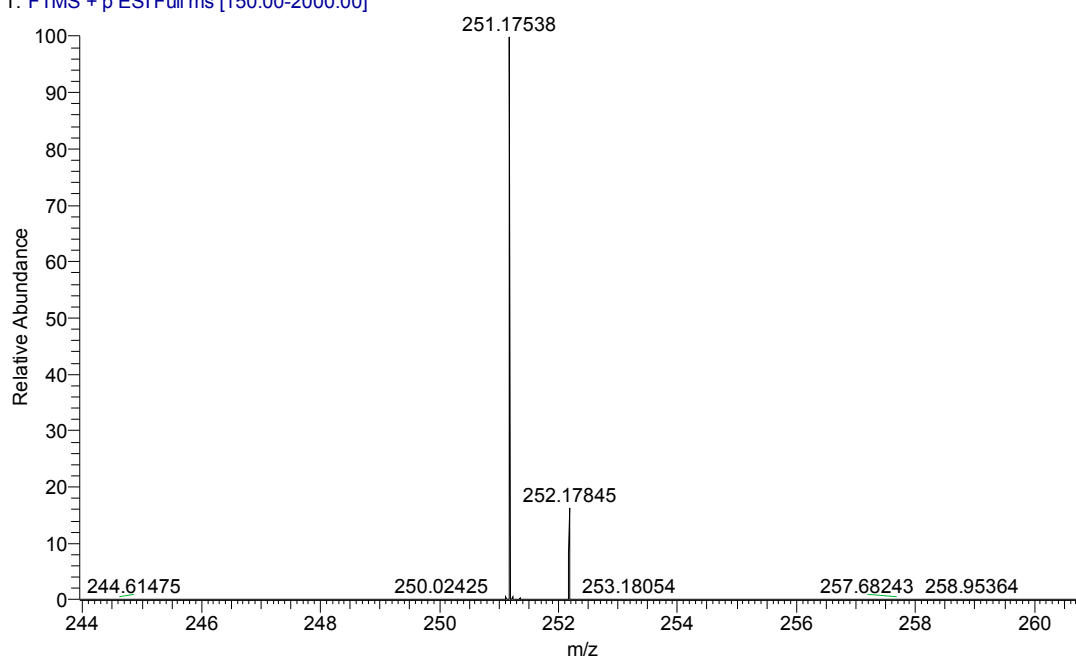


**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR of Compound 6 (500 MHz, Chloroform-d):****<sup>1</sup>H-NMR of (S)-Rivastigmine(400 MHz, Chloroform-d):**

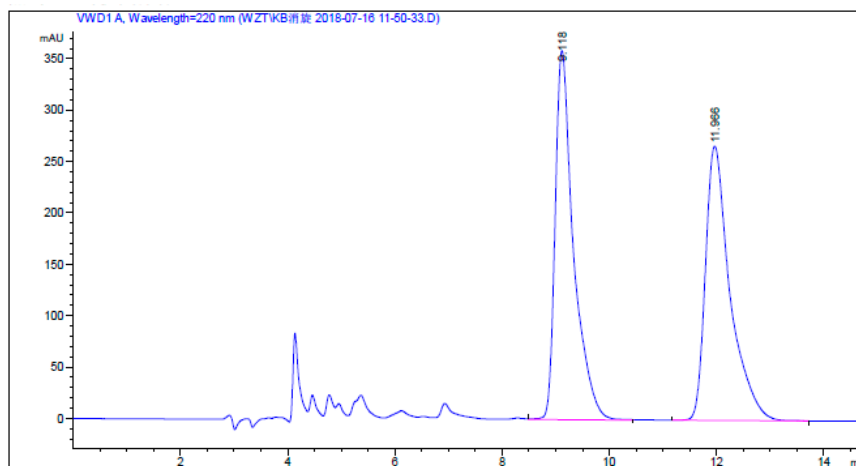
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR of (S)-Rivastigmine (100 MHz, Chloroform-d):

## HRMS of (S)-Rivastigmine:

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Chiral HPLC of Rivastigmine (Chiracel-OD, n-hexane/2-propanol/Methanol/Diethylamine  
=80/15/5/0.1, flow rate =1.0 mL/min,UV220 nm):



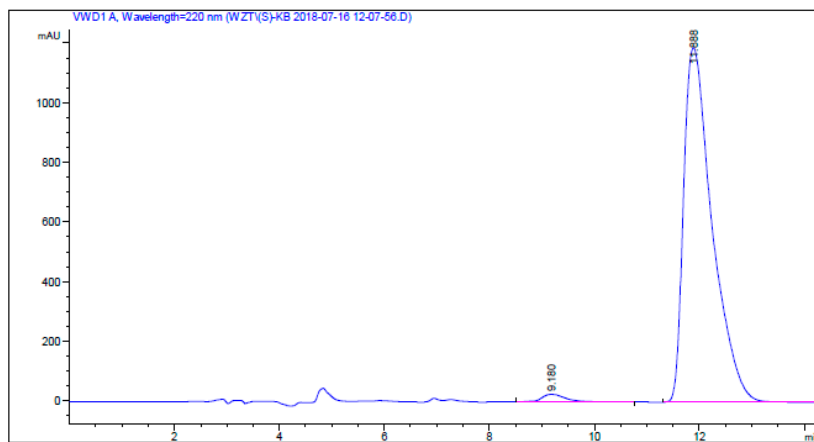
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Chiral HPLC of (S)-Rivastigmine (Chiracel-OD, n-hexane/2-propanol/Methanol/Diethylamine =80/15/5/0.1, flow rate =1.0 mL/min,UV220 nm):



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