

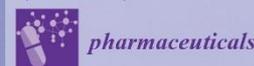


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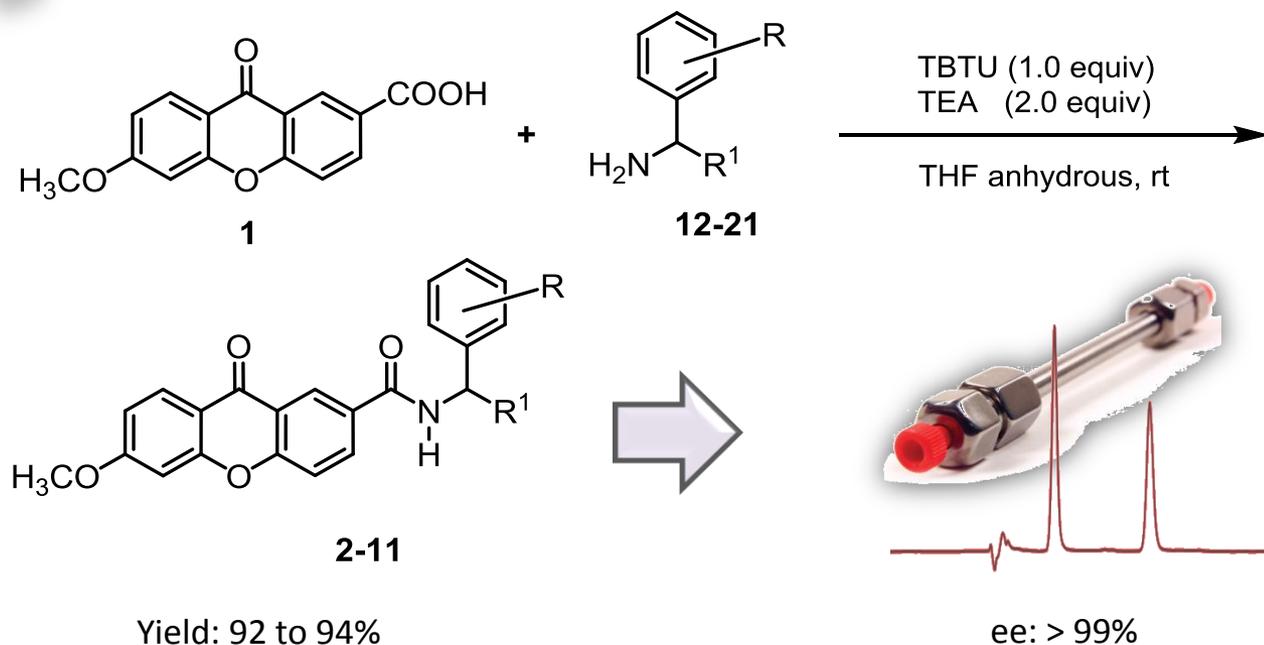
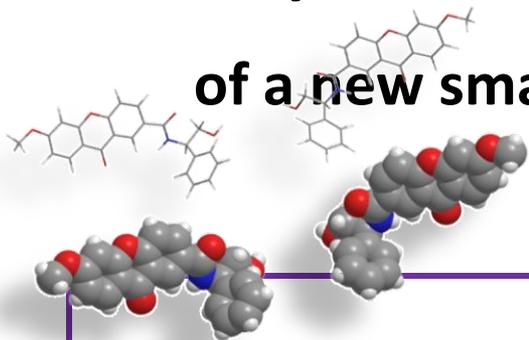
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Synthesis and enantiomeric purity evaluation

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Abstract:

For the last years, searching of new chiral derivatives of xanthenes (CDXs) with potential pharmacological properties has remained in the area of interest of our group. Recently, we have described the ability of CDXs to inhibit the growth of different human tumor cell lines. In fact, some of them exhibited interesting dose-dependent growth inhibitory effects on the evaluated cell lines being dependent on the stereochemistry.

Based on this work, herein we describe the synthesis of a new library of promising bioactive analogues, in enantiomerically pure form, with good yields, short reaction times and no racemization. The optimization of the synthetic pathways to obtain the xanthonic derivative used as chemical building block was also described. The enantiomeric excesses for all synthesized CDXs were measured by HPLC on (*S,S*)-Whelk-O1[®] chiral stationary phase under polar-organic elution conditions, achieving values higher than 99%.

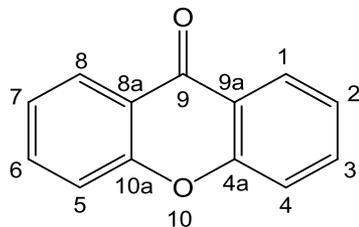
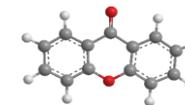
The evaluation of growth inhibitory activity on human tumor cell lines of the synthesized CDXs is in progress.

Keywords: Chiral derivatives of xanthenes; Enantiomerically pure; HPLC; Enantioselectivity.



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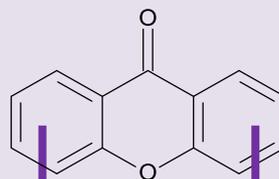
XANTHONES



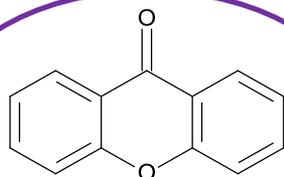
9H-xanthone-9-one

Mainly...

PHARMACOPHORIC MOIETY



Substituents



Substituent

PHARMACOPHORIC MOIETY

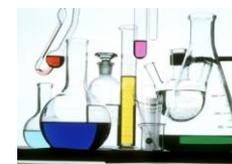
PRIVILEGED STRUCTURE

NATURAL



From higher plants, fungi, lichens, bacteria, and crude oils

SYNTHETIC



Molecular diversity

CHIRAL DERIVATIVES OF XANTHONES (CDXs)

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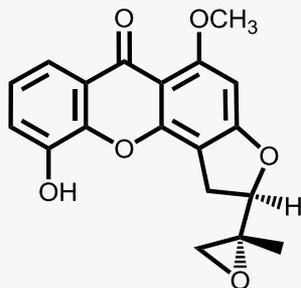
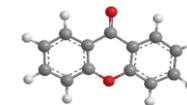


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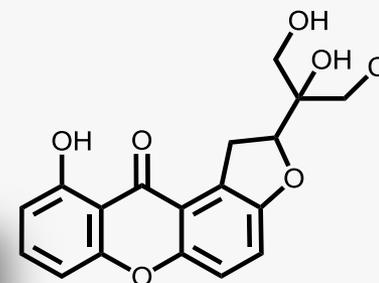
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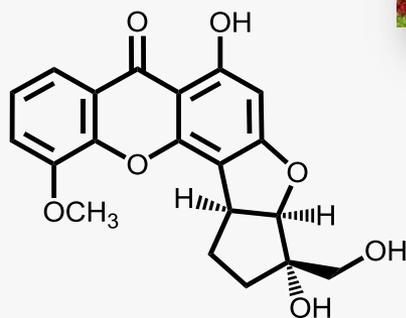
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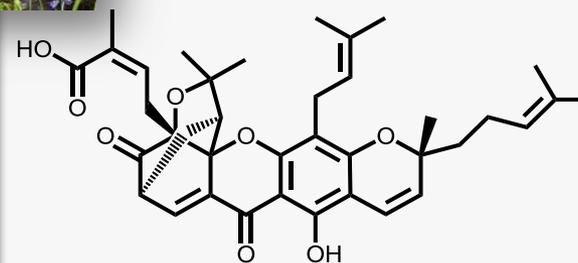
Psorospermin



A furanoxanthone



A difuranoxanthone



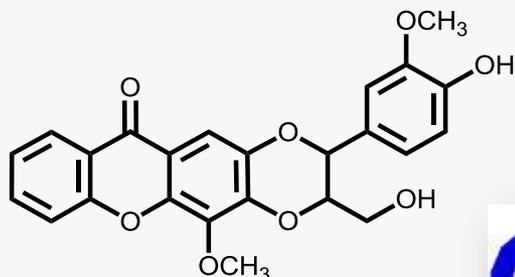
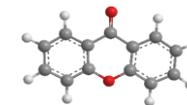
Gambogic acid
(caged xanthones)

- Chem. Rev., **2012**, 112 (7), 3717- 3776; Chemistry, **2010**, 16(33), 944 – 962; Mol. Cancer Ther., **2008**, 7, 617-3623.

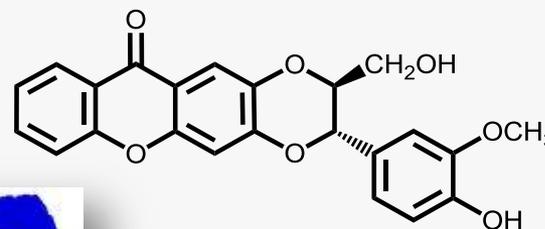


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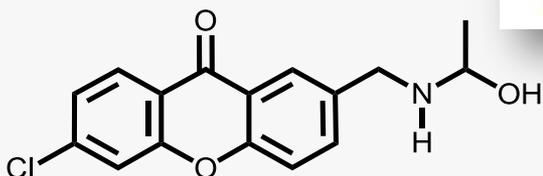
CHIRAL SYNTHETIC XANTHONES – SOME EXAMPLES



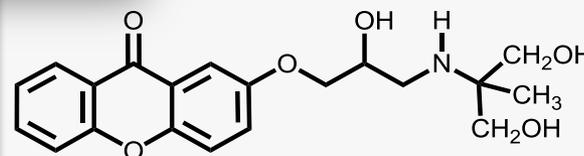
trans – isokielcorin B
Hepatoprotective effect



trans – kielcorin E
Antitumor



An alkanolamine xanthone
Anticonvulsant activity



Antiarrhythmic activity

Few examples...

-Pharmaceutical Research, 1995, 12, 1756 – 1760; Bioorg. Med.Chem., 2008, 16, 7234 -7244; Helv. Chim. Acta, 2002, 85, 2862; Bioorg. Med.Chem., 2009, 17, 1345 – 1352.



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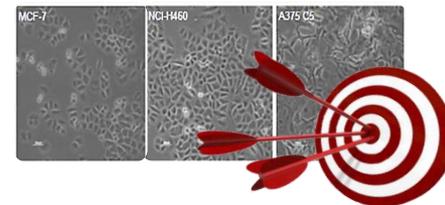
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CHIRAL DERIVATIVES OF XANTHONES: ENANTIOSELECTIVITY STUDY AS INHIBITORS OF GROWTH OF HUMAN TUMOR CELL LINES



Recently,
we have described...

INHIBITION OF GROWTH OF HUMAN TUMOR CELL LINES

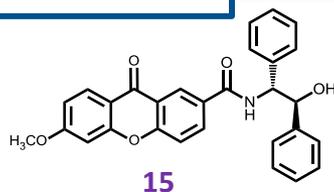
Compound	GI ₅₀ (μM)		
	A375-C5	MCF-7	NCI-H460
3	>150	>150	85.88 ± 5.30
4	>150	91.91 ± 6.27	42.62 ± 1.77
15	32.15 ± 2.03	22.55 ± 1.99	14.05 ± 1.82
16	51.69 ± 5.77	36.54 ± 2.95	24.88 ± 1.37
31	>150	>150	>150
Doxorubicin	130.00 ± 25.20*	60.30 ± 1.20*	19.60 ± 1.90*

THE MOST ACTIVE

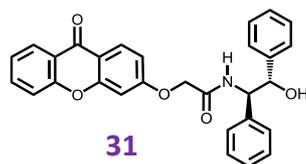
A375-C5 (melanoma),
MCF-7 (breast adenocarcinoma)
NCI-H460 (non-small cell lung cancer)

*Results are expressed in nM

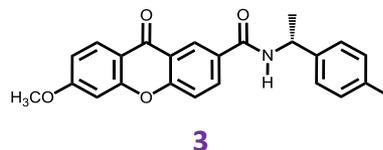
Structures of CDXs



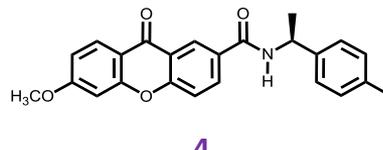
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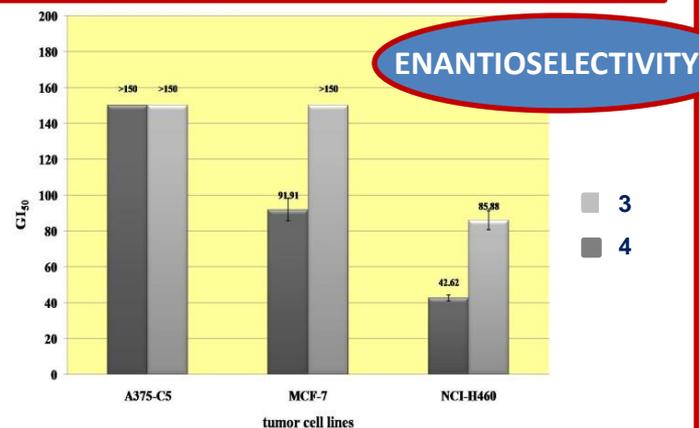


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4

GI₅₀ of enantiomeric pair of CDXs 3 and 4



ENANTIOSELECTIVITY

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SYNTHESIS

Based on previous work...

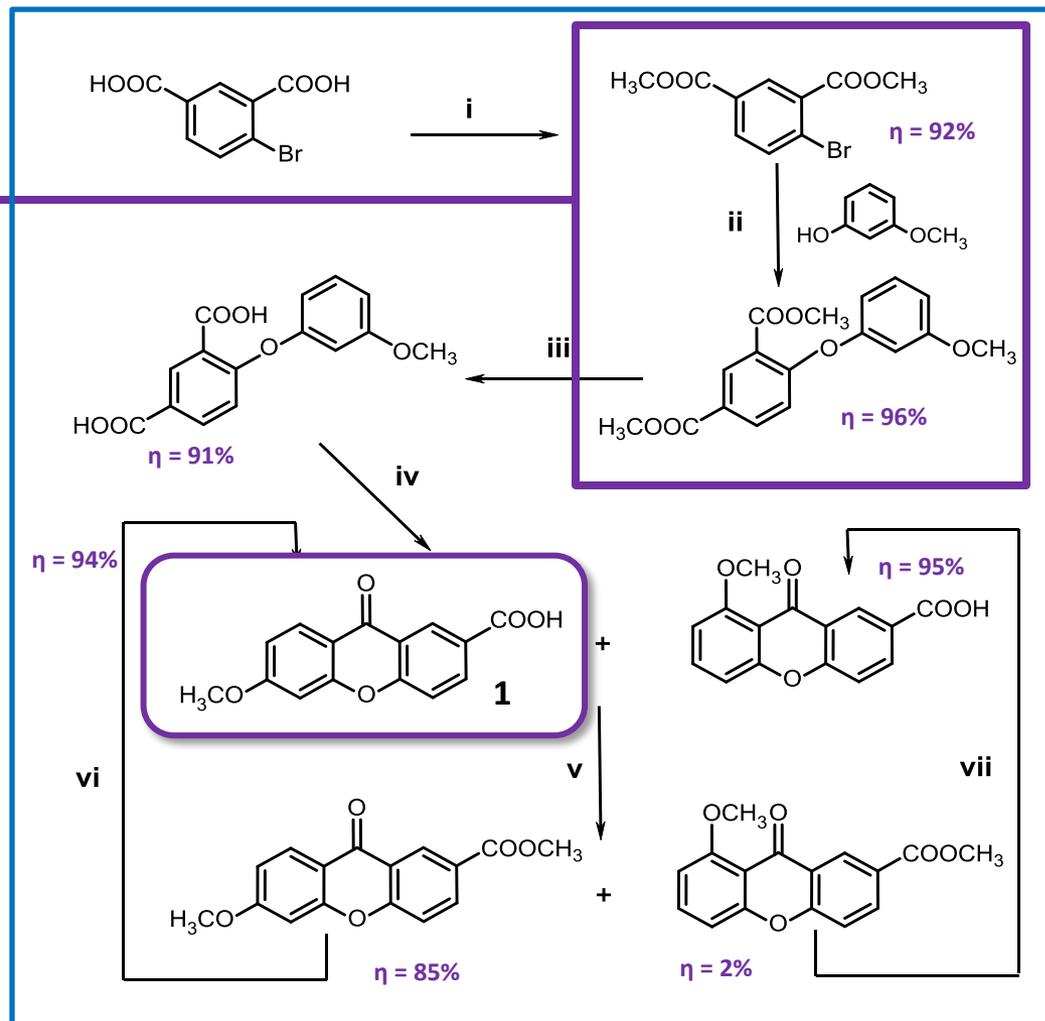
Ullmann reaction improvement

Reagents	Time and temp.	Yield
CuI, pyridine, K ₂ CO ₃	24 h, 115 °C	32% ¹
<i>N,N</i> -dimethyl glycine, CuI, Cs ₂ CO ₃ , dioxane	14 h, 90 °C	54% ²
CuI, K ₃ PO ₄ , Picolinic Acid, DMSO, N ₂	24 h, 80 °C	96%

Lower reaction temperature
Higher yield

i) MeOH, H₂SO₄, reflux, 17 h; ii) CuI, K₃PO₄, Picolinic Acid, DMSO, N₂; iii) MeOH/ Tetrahydrofuran (1:1 v/v), 5M NaOH, room temp., 18 h; iv) P₂O₅, CH₃SO₃H, room temp., 22 h; v) MeOH, H₂SO₄, reflux, 19 h; vi) e) vii) MeOH/ Dichloromethane (1:1 v/v), 5M NaOH, room temp., 22 h.

OPTIMIZATION OF THE SYNTHETIC PATHWAYS TO OBTAIN THE XANTHONIC DERIVATIVE (1) USED AS CHEMICAL SUBSTRATE FOR SYNTHESIS OF CDXS



¹Jackson, W.T. *et al.*, *J. Med. Chem.*, **1993**, *36*, 1726

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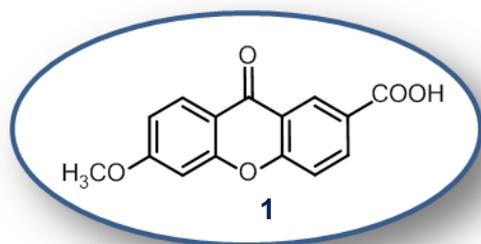
SYNTHESIS

NEW PROMISING BIOACTIVE ANALOGUES

IN ENANTIOMERICALLY PURE FORM

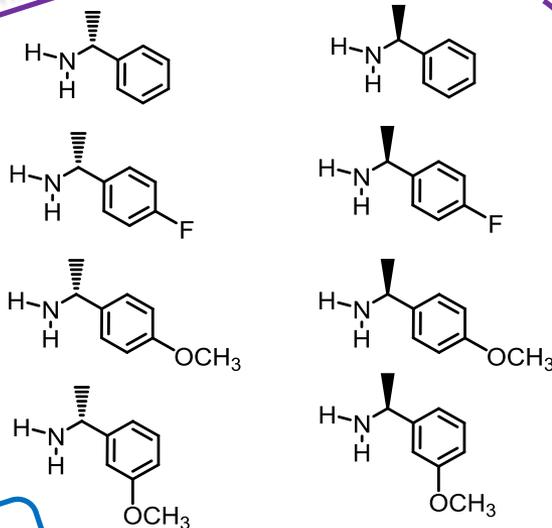
XANTHONIC CHEMICAL SUBSTRATE

COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE CHIRAL BUILDING BLOCKS

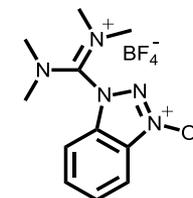
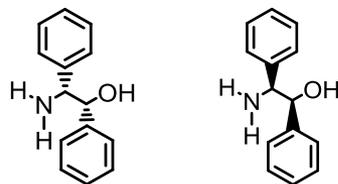


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AMINES



AMINO ALCOHOLS



TBTU (1.0 equiv)

TEA (2.0 equiv)
anhydrous THF, rt

0.5 to 5h

SMALL
LIBRARY
OF CDXs

TEA: Triethylamine;

THF: Tetrahydrofuran;

TBTU: *O*-(Benzotriazol-1-yl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium tetrafluoroborate.



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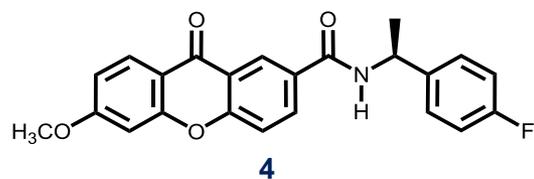
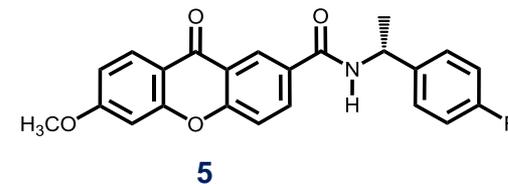
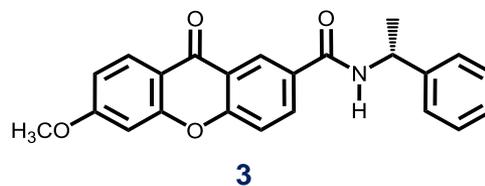
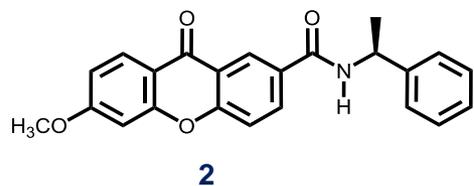


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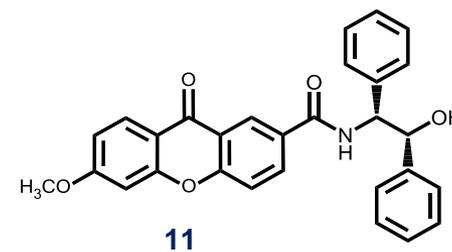
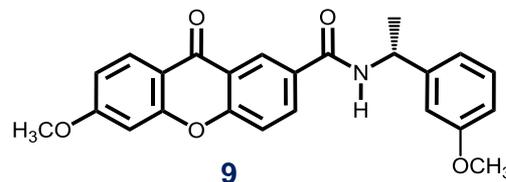
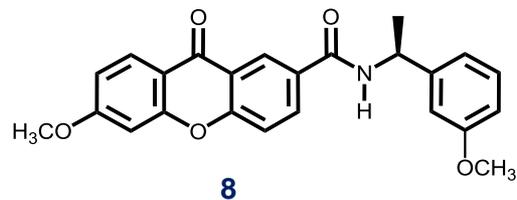
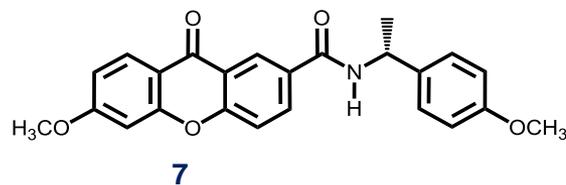
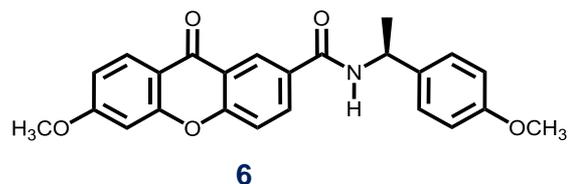
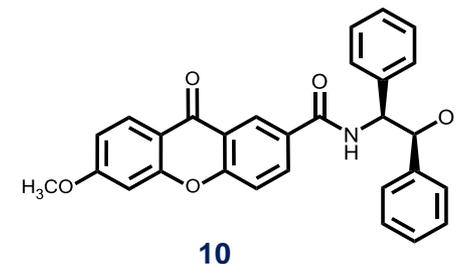
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SYNTHESIS

NEW SMALL LIBRARY OF CDXs

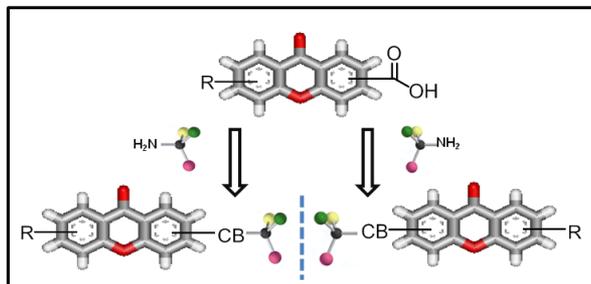


Ten CDXs
Yield: 92 to 94%

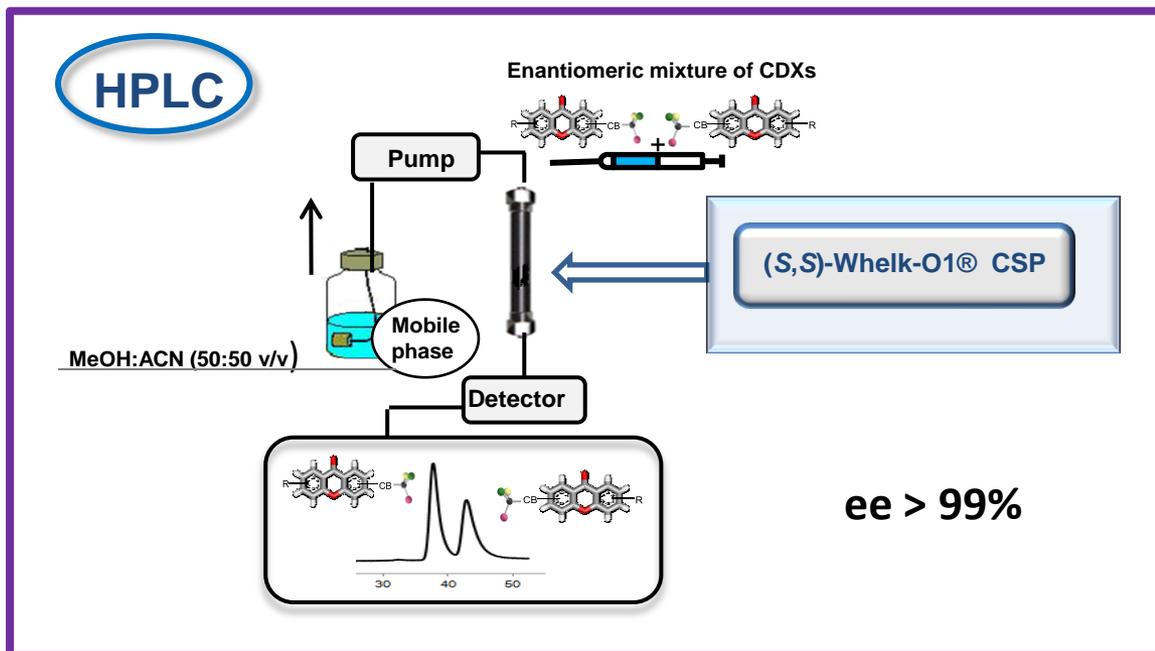


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ENANTIOMERIC PURITY EVALUATION



Next step: evaluation of the
ENANTIOMERIC PURITY

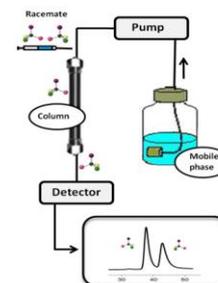


CSP = Chiral stationary phase
ee = enantiomeric excess



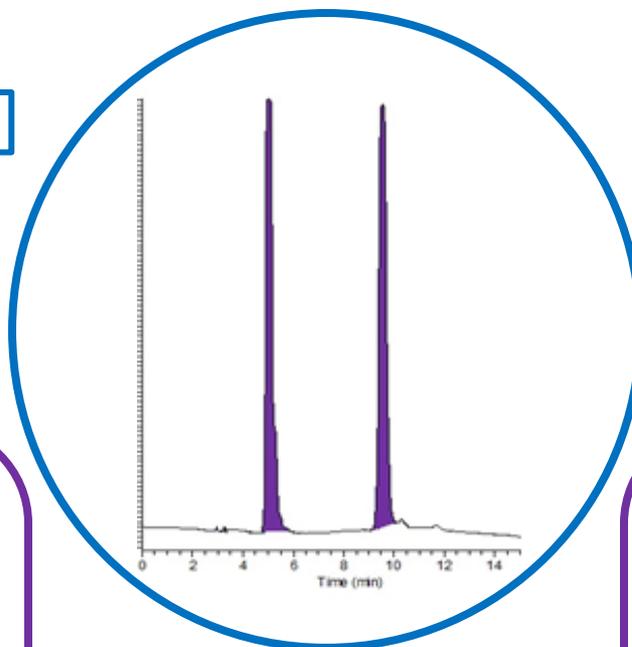
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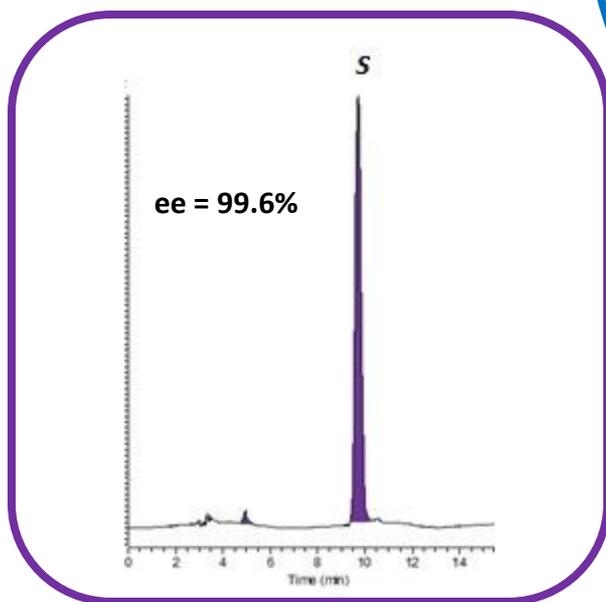


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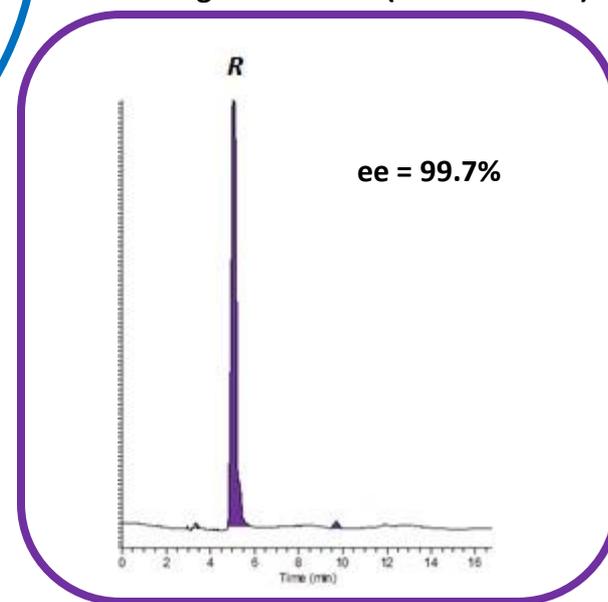
Chromatogram of enantiomeric mixture of CDX2 and CDX3



Chromatogram of CDX2 (*S*-enantiomer)



Chromatogram of CDX3 (*R*-enantiomer)



k_1	= 3.35
k_2	= 7.75
α	= 2.38
R_s	= 9.03

(*S,S*)-Whelk-O1 CSP; ACN:MeOH (50:50 v/v); flow rate 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength 254 nm.



CONCLUSIONS

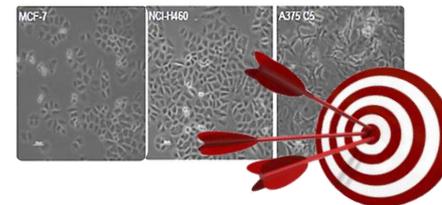
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