



# Chiral Separations on Zirconia-Based Chiral Stationary Phases

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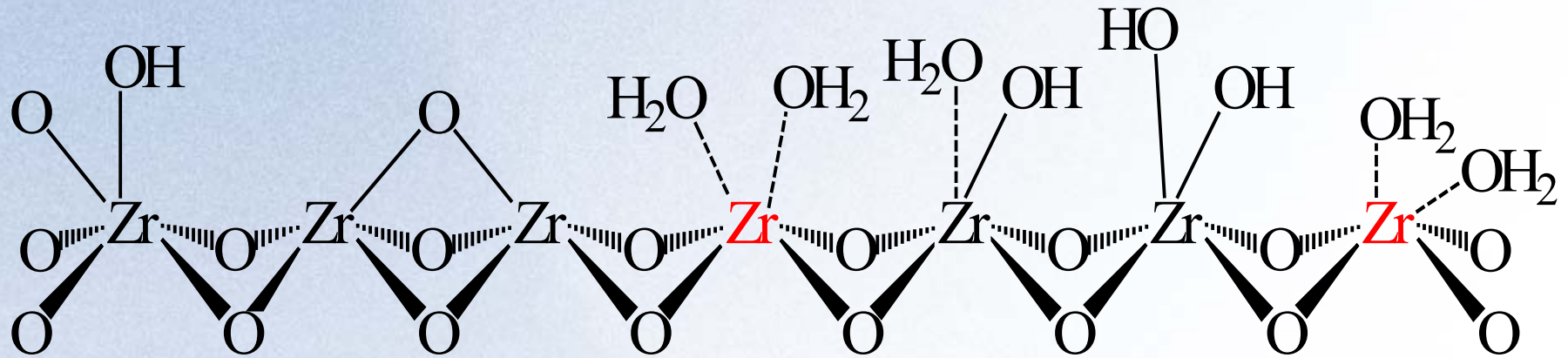
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# Surface Chemistry of Zirconia



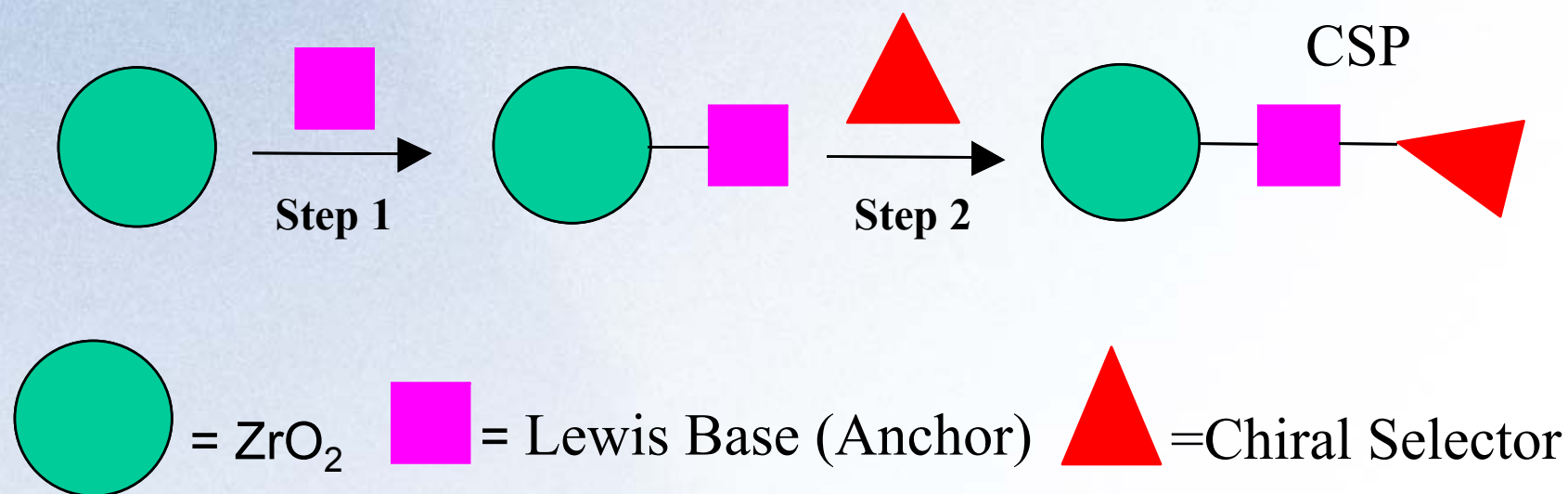
Zirconia chemistry is dominated by Lewis acid-base reactions



**Other Lewis base examples:**  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ,  $\text{RCO}_2^-$ , Catechol




# A Novel Approach to Attaching Chiral Selectors<sup>1</sup> to Zirconia<sup>2</sup>



1. William H. Pirkle, et. al., J. Chromatogr., 316 (1984) 585.
2. 2. Phase I SBIR Grant (NIH).



# Interaction Strength of Lewis Bases with Zirconia<sup>1</sup>

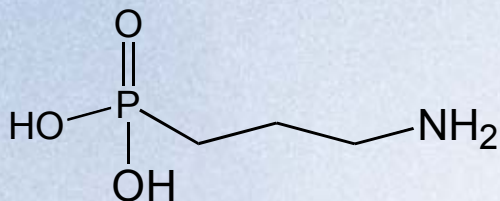
Interaction Strength	Lewis Base (L)
<b>Strongest</b>  <b>Weakest</b>	Hydroxide Phosphate Fluoride Citrate Sulfate Acetate Formate Nitrate Chloride Water

**Small Lewis bases with high electron density and low polarizability interact more strongly with Zr atoms.**

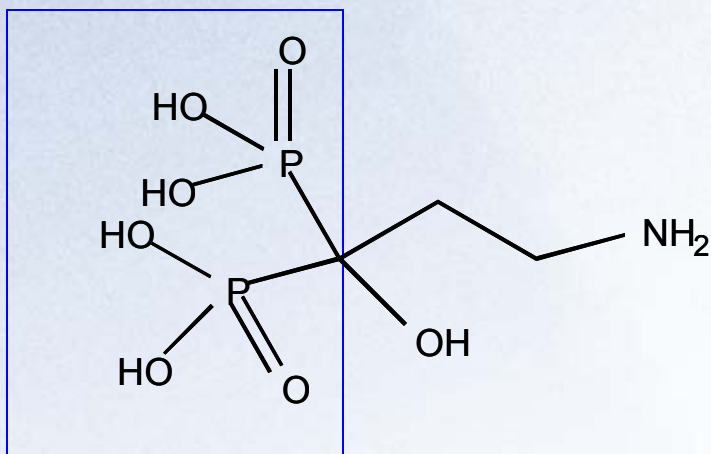
1. J.A. Blackwell and P.W. Carr, "Development of an Eluotropic Series for the Chromatography of Lewis Bases on Zirconium Oxide," *Anal. Chem.* 64, 863-73 (1992).



# A Bidentate Phosphonate Anchor—the Key to Improved Stability<sup>1</sup>



**Aminopropylphosphonic acid (APPA)**



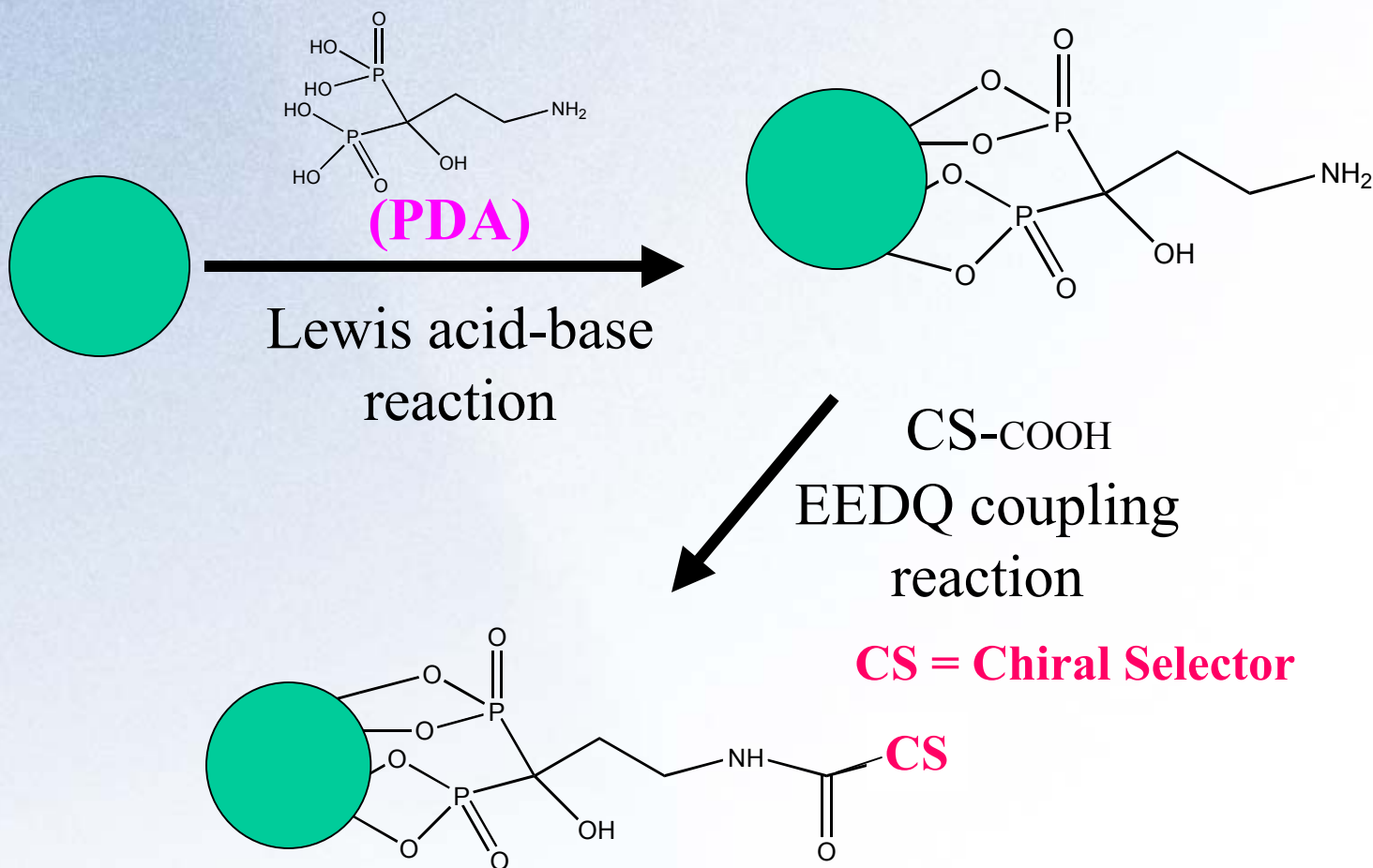
**Pamidronic acid (PDA)<sup>1</sup>  
(Phase II Anchor)**

Bidentate anchor

1. Phase II SBIR (NIH).



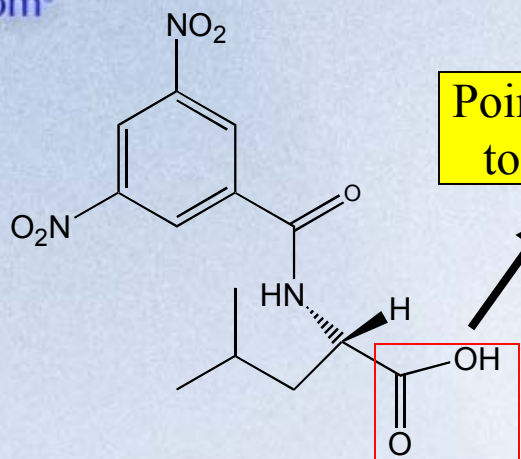
# Zirconia CSP 2-Step Synthesis with Bidentate Anchor (PDA)





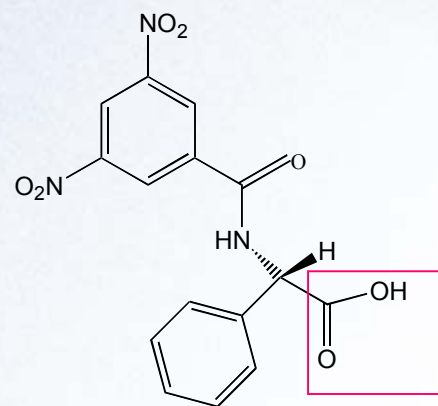
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# Chiral Selectors Evaluated<sup>1</sup>

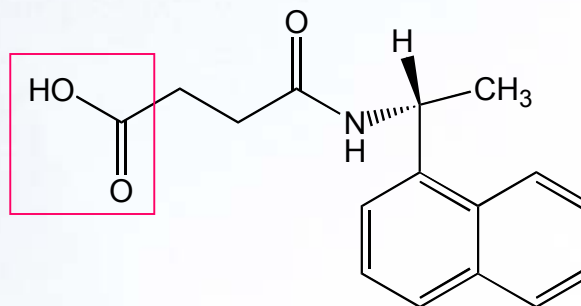


(S)-DNB-L-Leucine

[(S)-Leu]



(S)-DNB-L-Phenylglycine  
[(S)-PG]

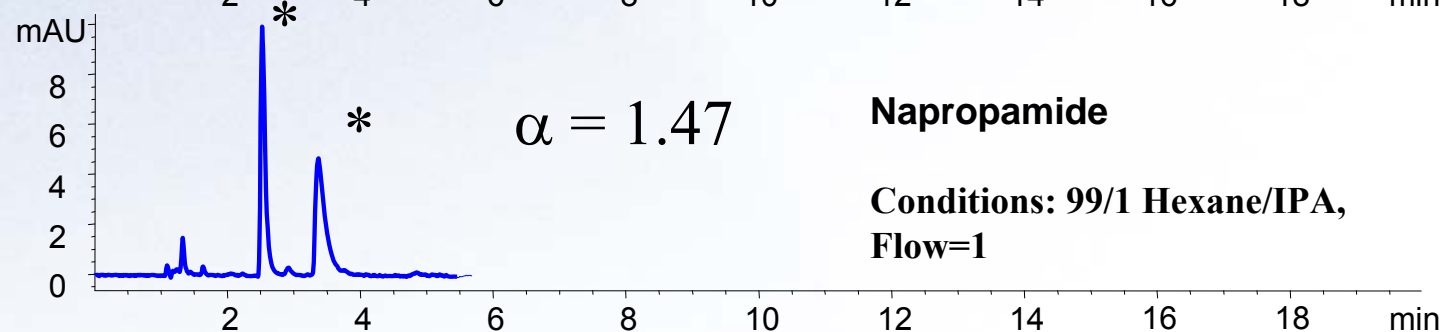
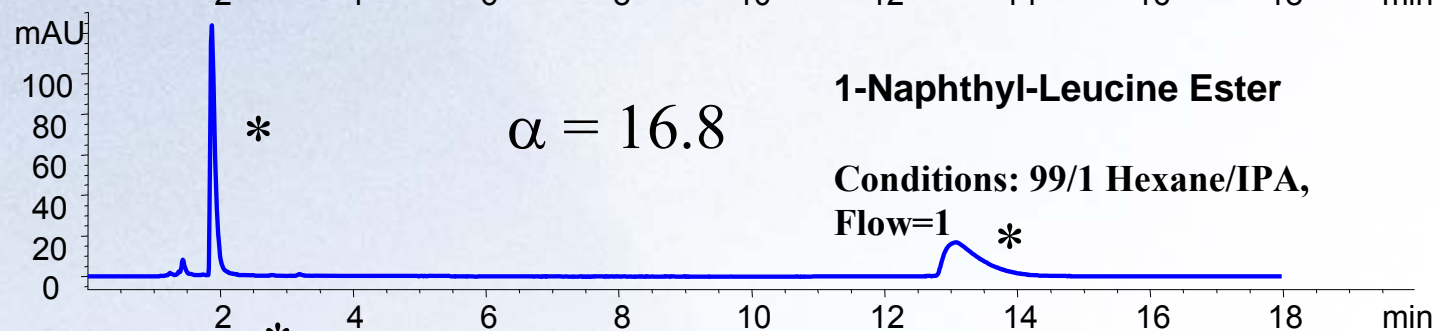
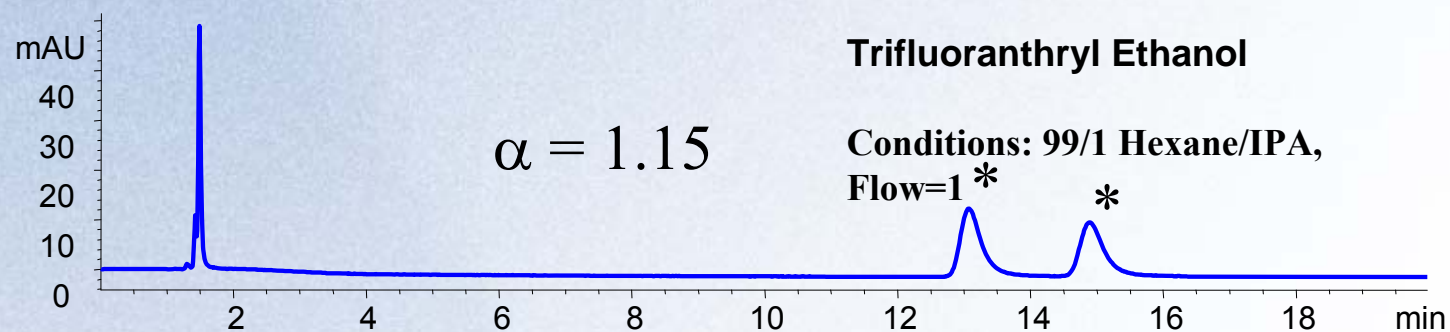


(S)-N-[1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl]succinamic acid  
[(S)-NESA]

1. Phase II SBIR (NIH)



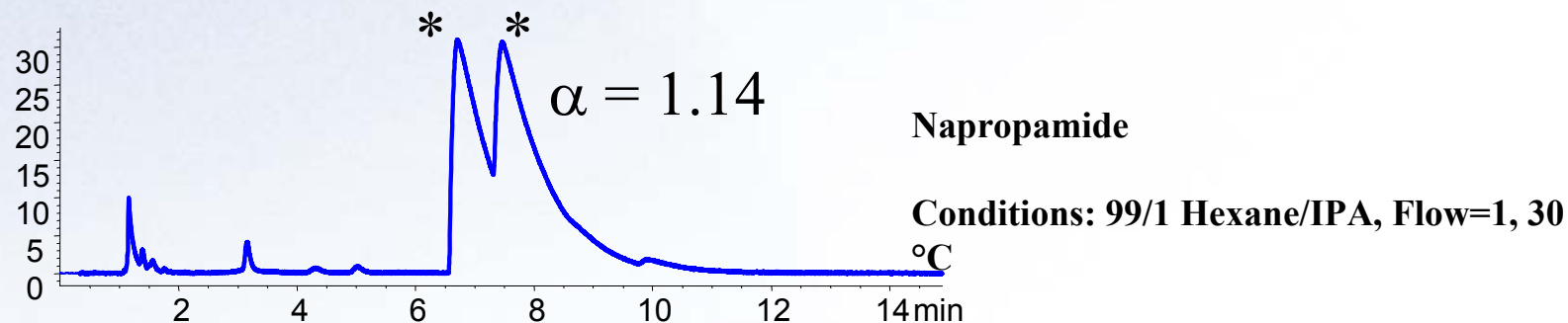
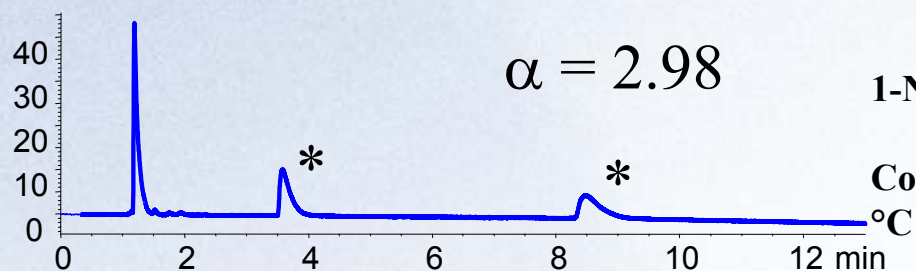
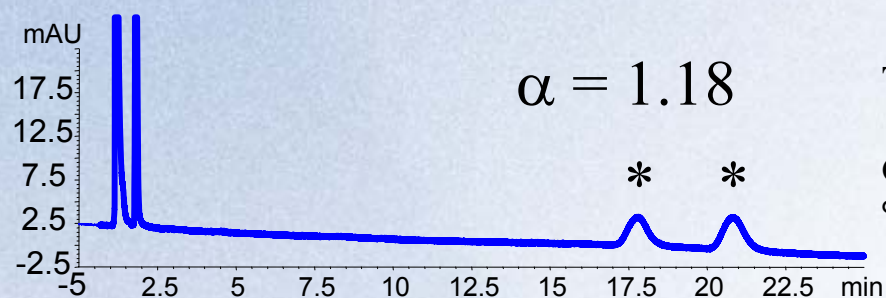
# Chiral Separation on Zr (S)-Leu ( $\pi$ -acceptor phase)





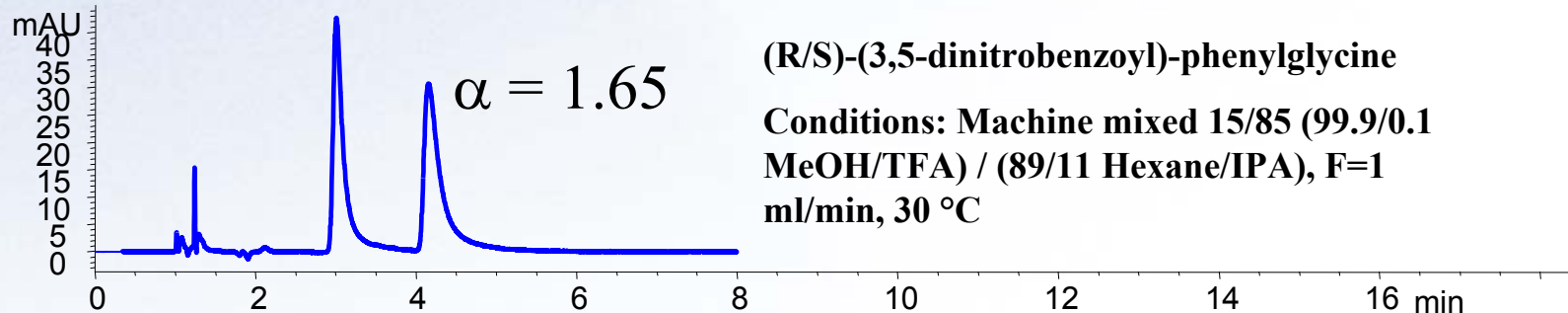
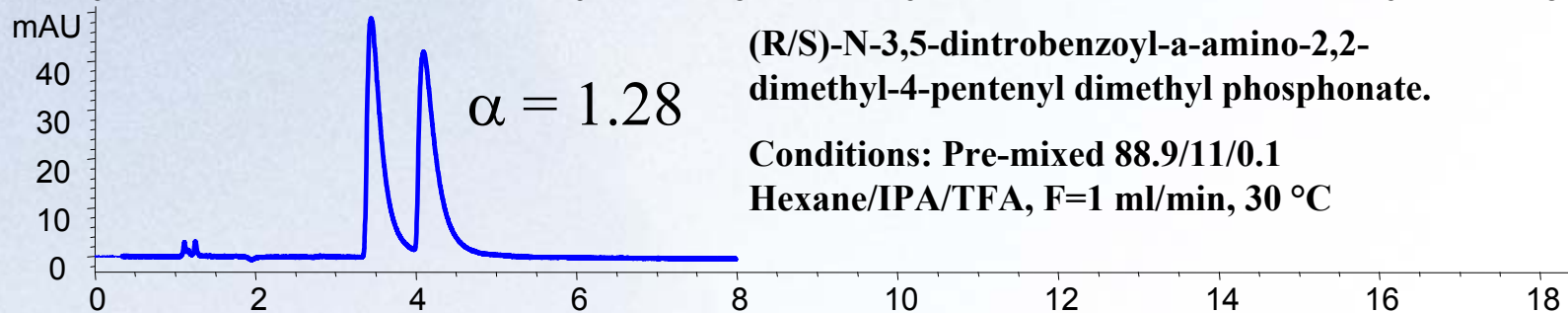
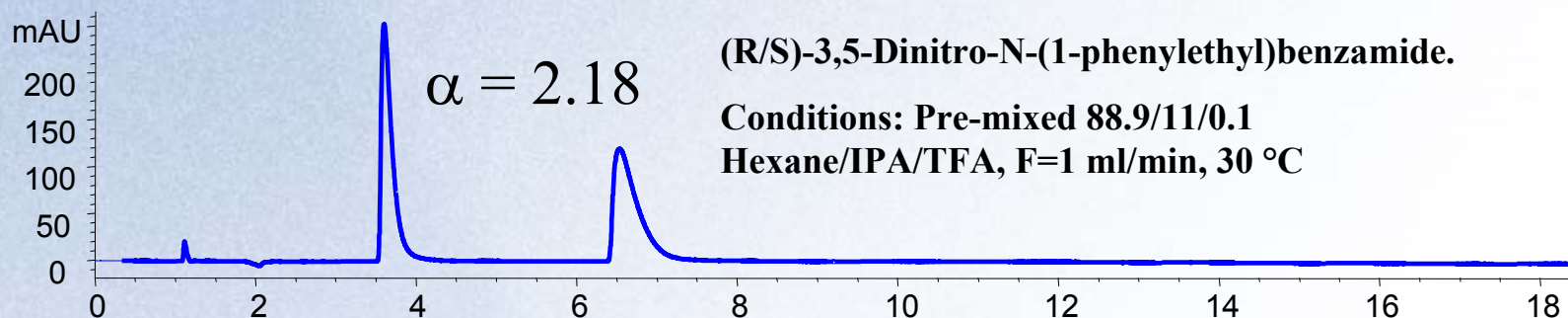


# Chiral Separation on Zr (R)-PG (Another $\pi$ -acceptor phase)



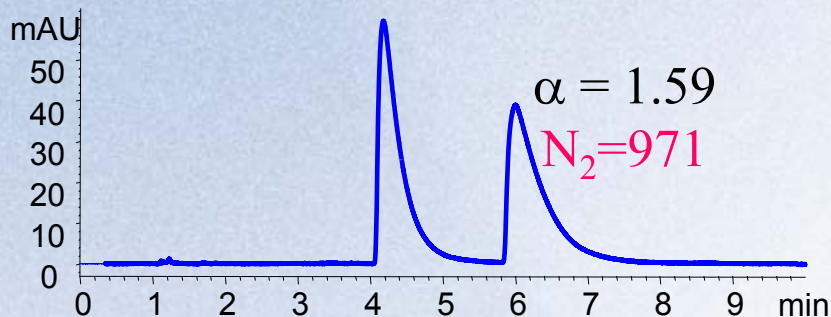


# Chiral Separations on Zr (S)-NESA ( $\pi$ - donor phase)



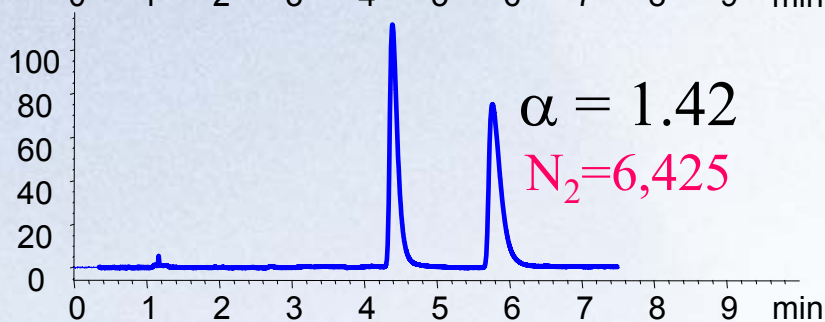


# Methanol Effect on Zr (S)-NESA

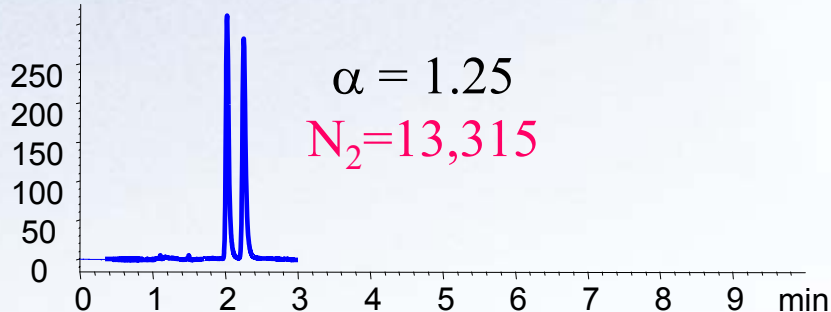


Sample: (R/S)-N-3,5-dinitrobenzoyl-a-amino-2,2-dimethyl-4-pentenyl dimethyl phosphonate

Conditions: 89/11 Hexane/IPA, F=1 ml/min, 30 °C.



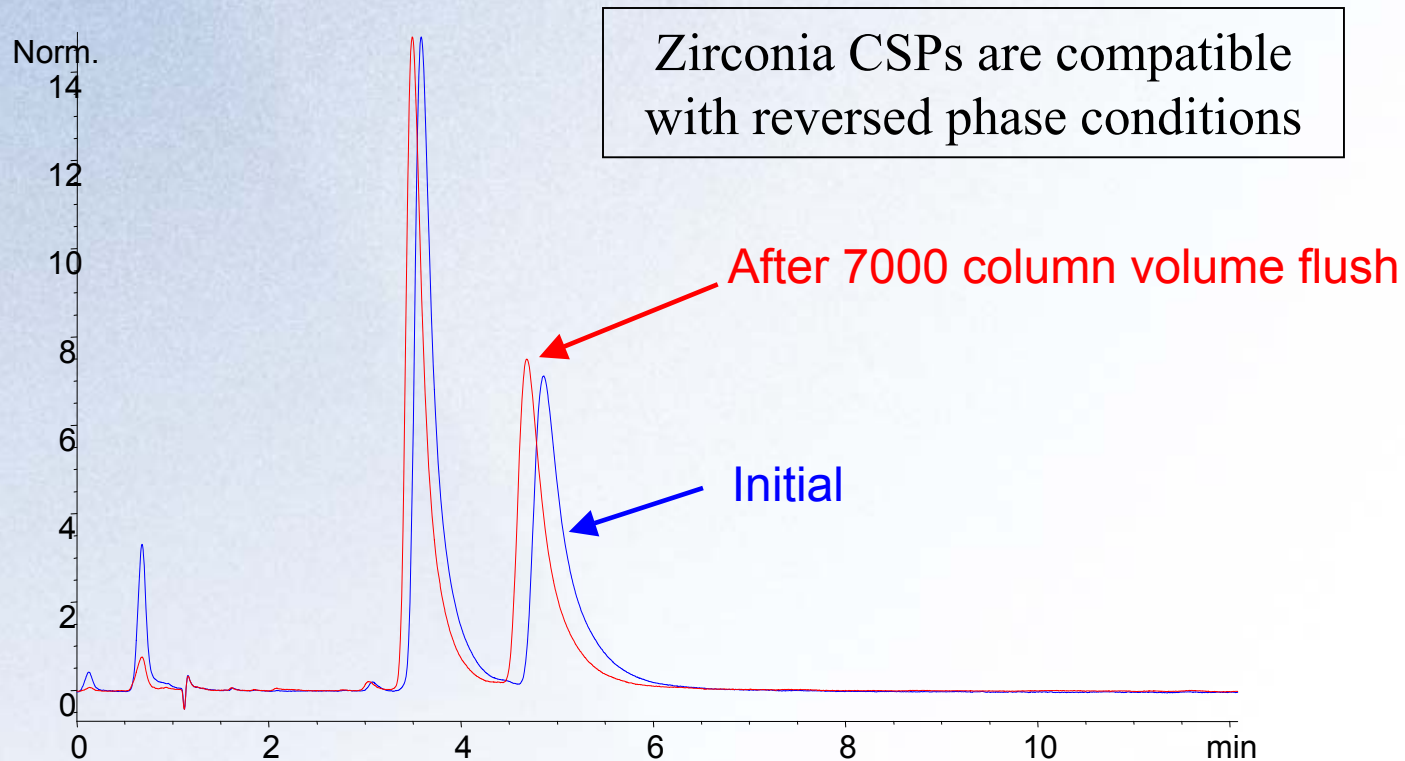
Conditions: 90 / 2 / 8 (99/1 Hexane/IPA) /  
**MeOH** / (70/30 Hexane/IPA), F=1 ml/min, 30 °C



Conditions: 80 / 10 / 10 (99/1 Hexane/IPA) /  
**MeOH** / (70/30 Hexane/IPA), F=1 ml/min, 30 °C



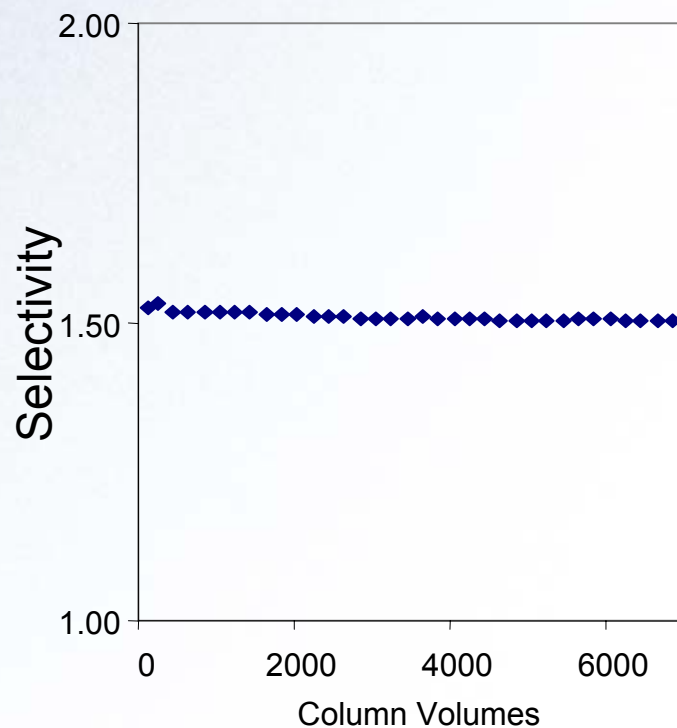
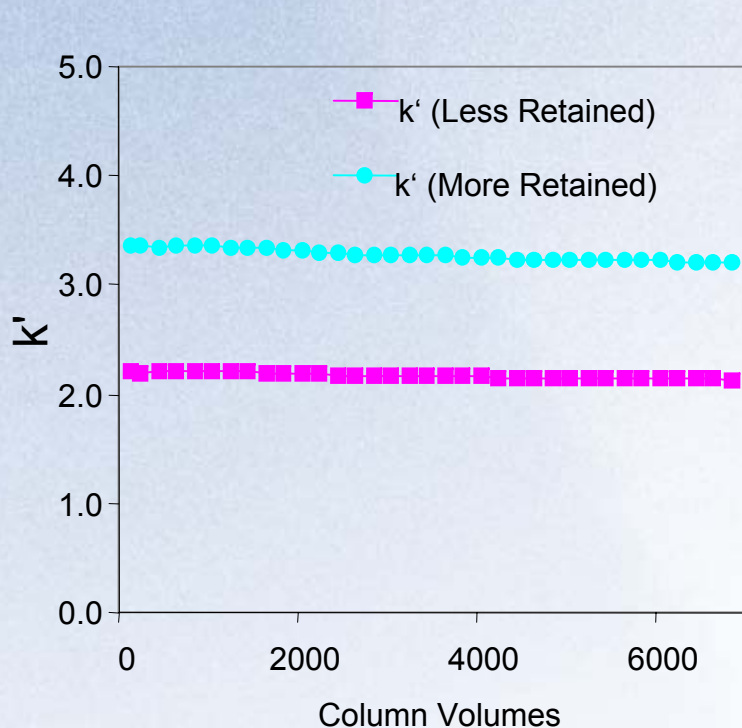
# Stability of Zr-(S)-NESA at pH 2



Column ID: ZrCSP051605C, Mobile phase: 15/85 ACN/0.01 mM TFA  
pH 2, Temperature: 30 °C. Injection volume: 5 ul, Wavelength: 254 nm.  
Probe solutes:(R/S)-3,5-dinitro-N-(1-phenylethyl)benzamide.



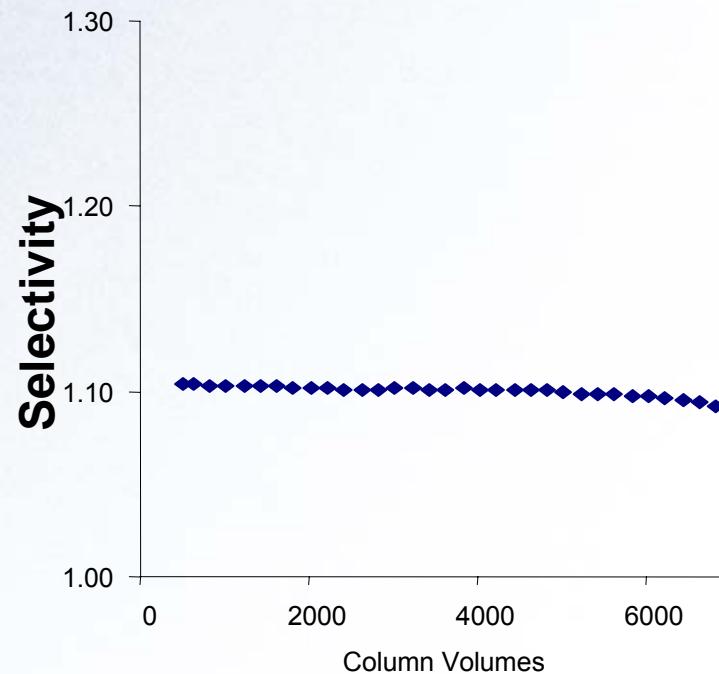
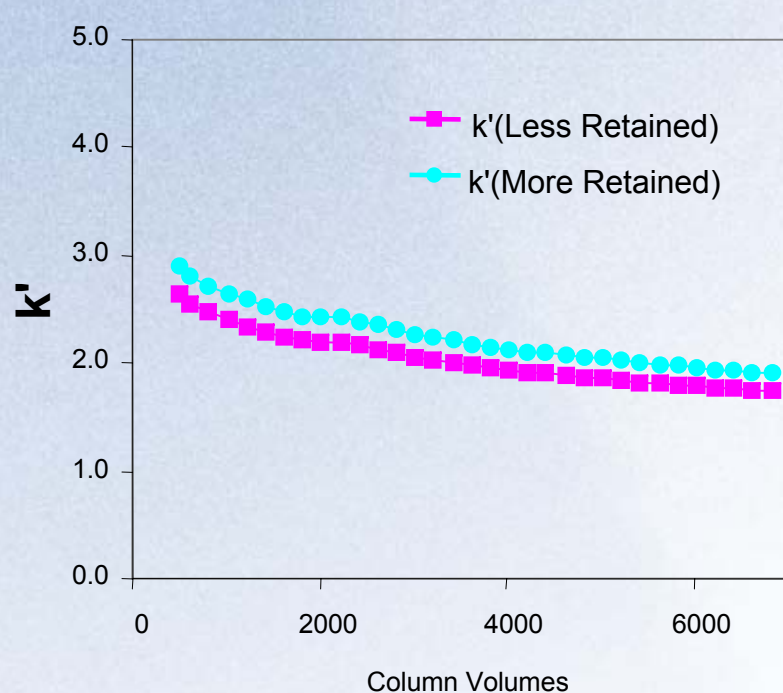
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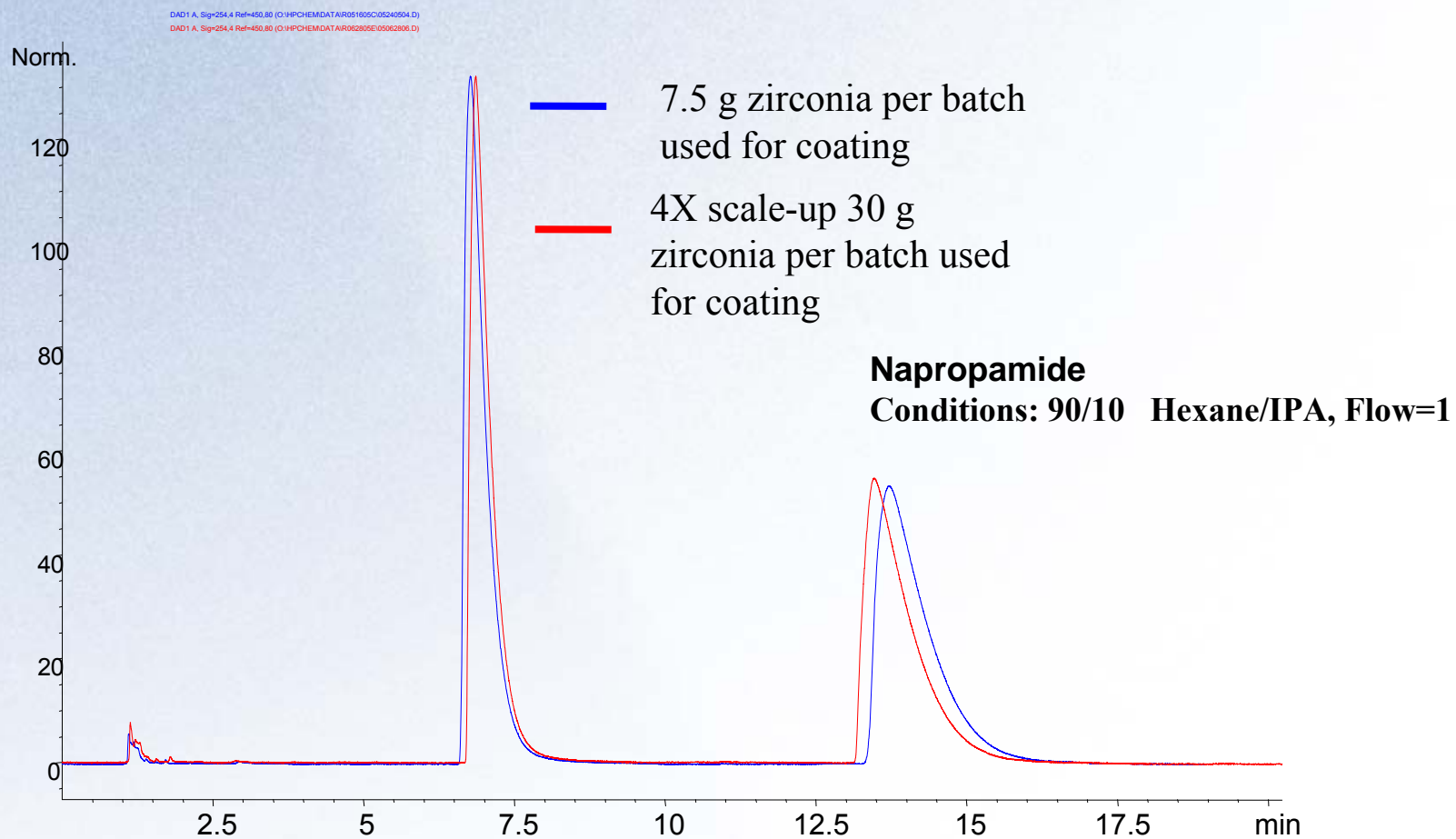
# Stability of Zr-(S)-DNB-Leu at pH 8



Column ID: ZrCSP032805A, Mobile phase: 15/85 ACN/5 mM ammonium hydrogencarbonate pH 8.0, Temperature: 30 °C. Injection volume: 5 ul, Wavelength: 254 nm. Probe solutes:(R/S)-2, 2, 2-trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl)ethanol

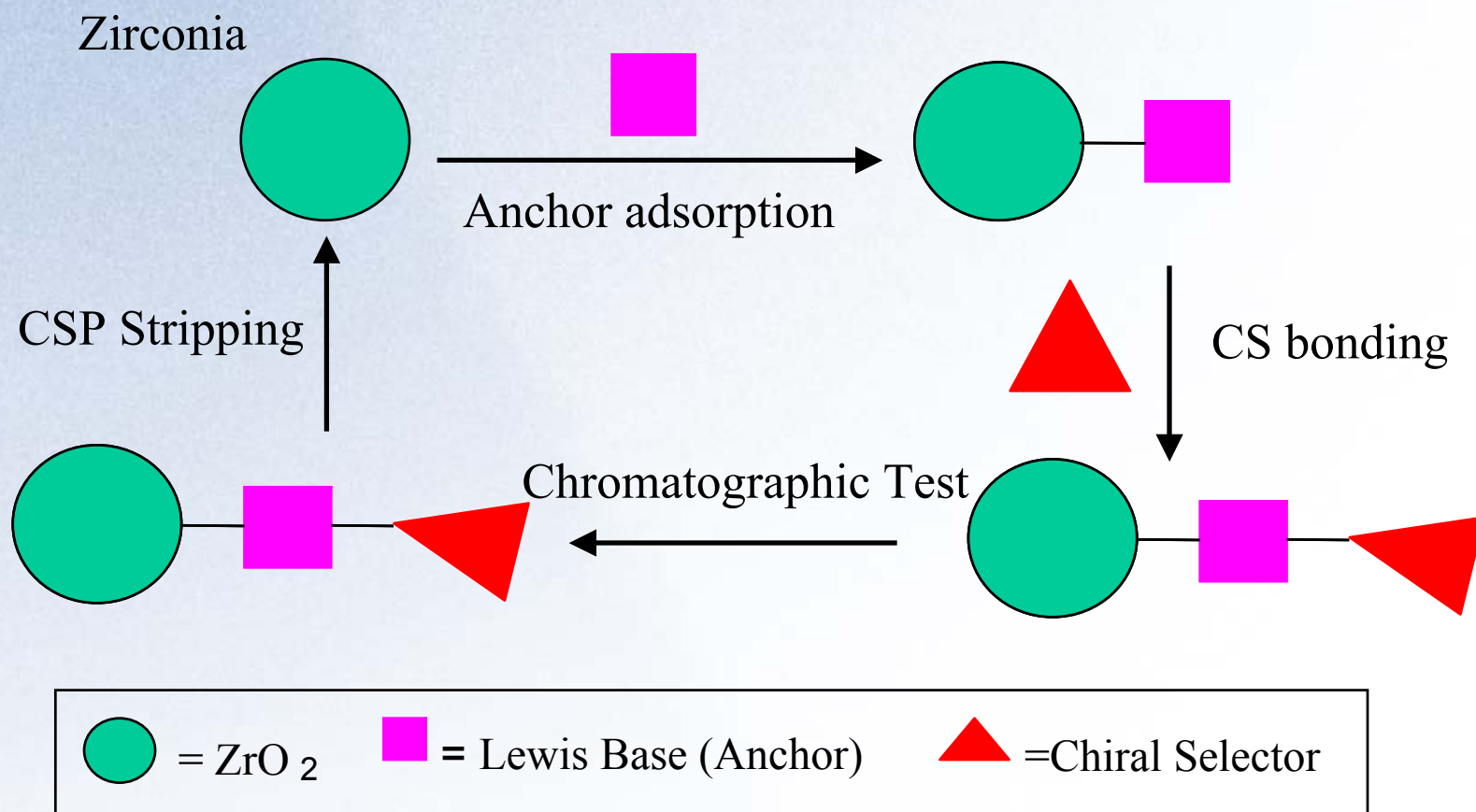


# Production Scale-up of Zr (S)-NESA





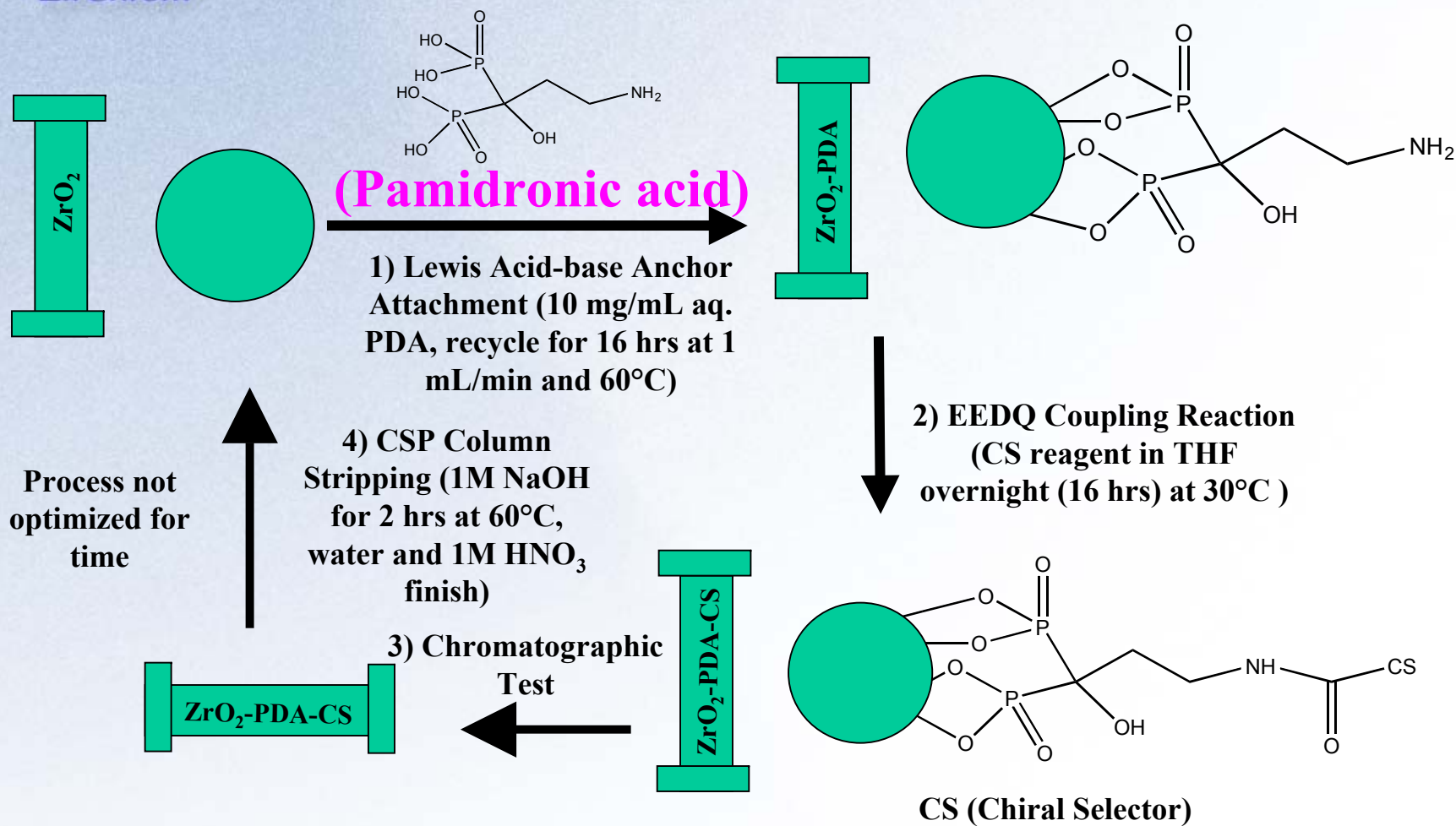
# 2-Step Synthesis of Zirconia CSPs for Chiral Selector Screening







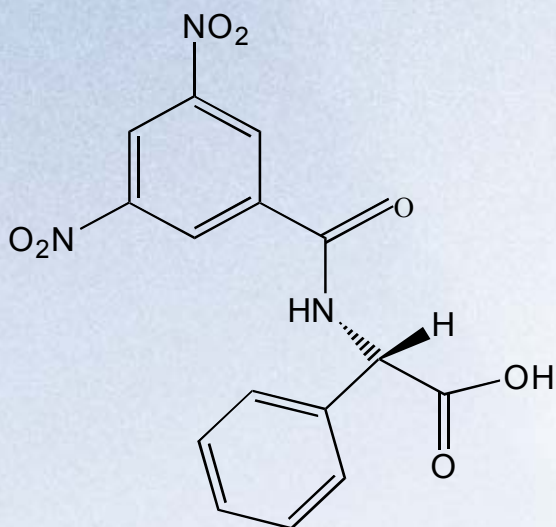
# 2-Step Online Zirconia CSP Synthesis for Chiral Screening



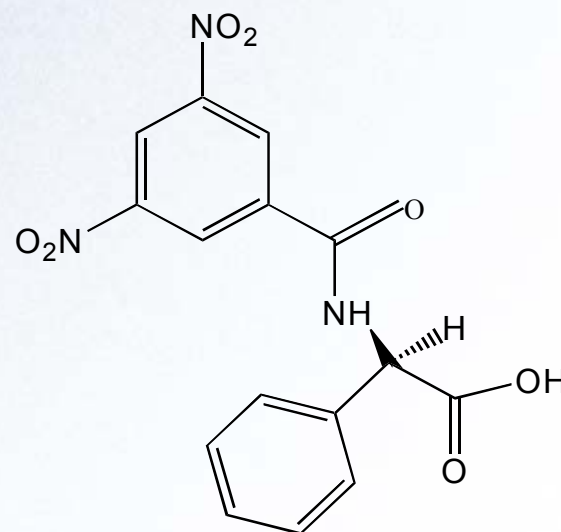


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# Changing Chiral Selectors



(S)-DNB-L-Phenylglycine (S-PG)

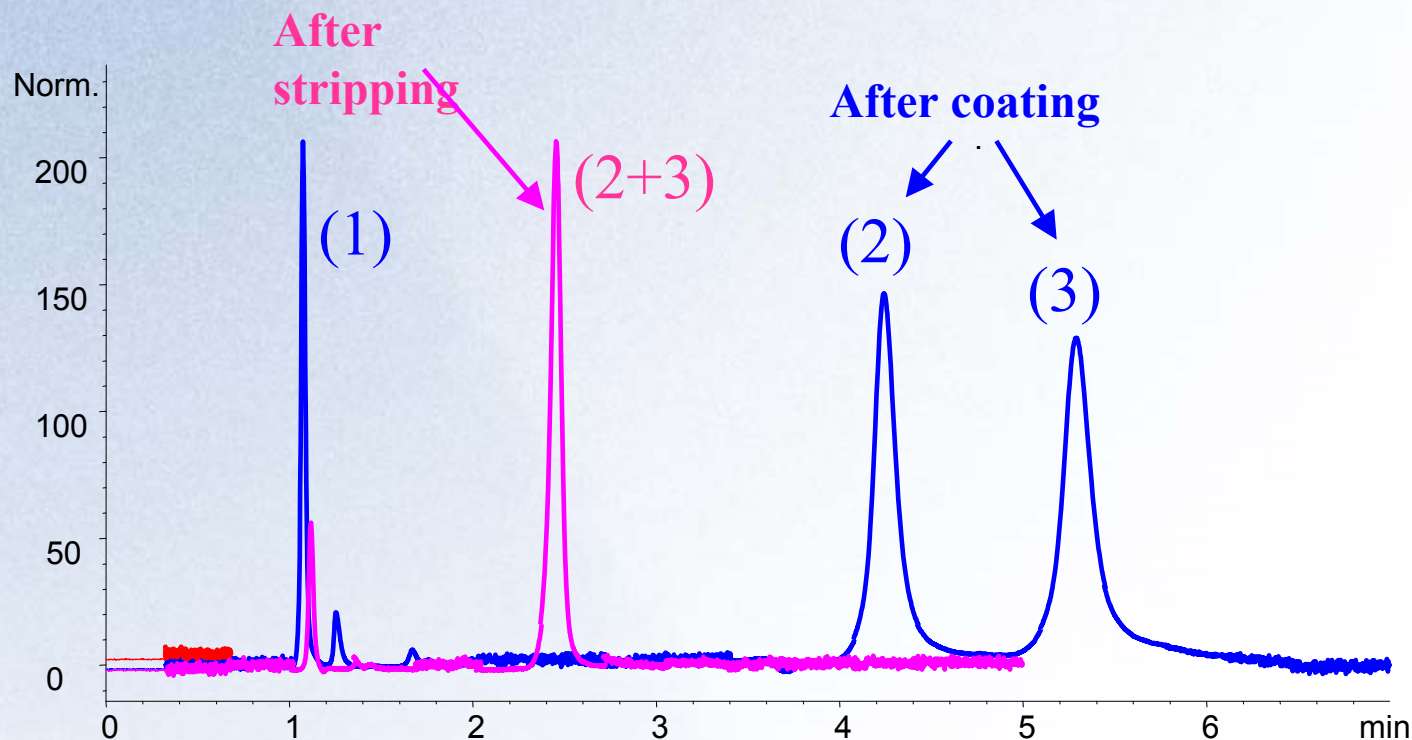


(R)-DNB-L-Phenylglycine (R-PG)

Pamidronic acid derivatives



# Stripping Experiment: (S)-PG CSP

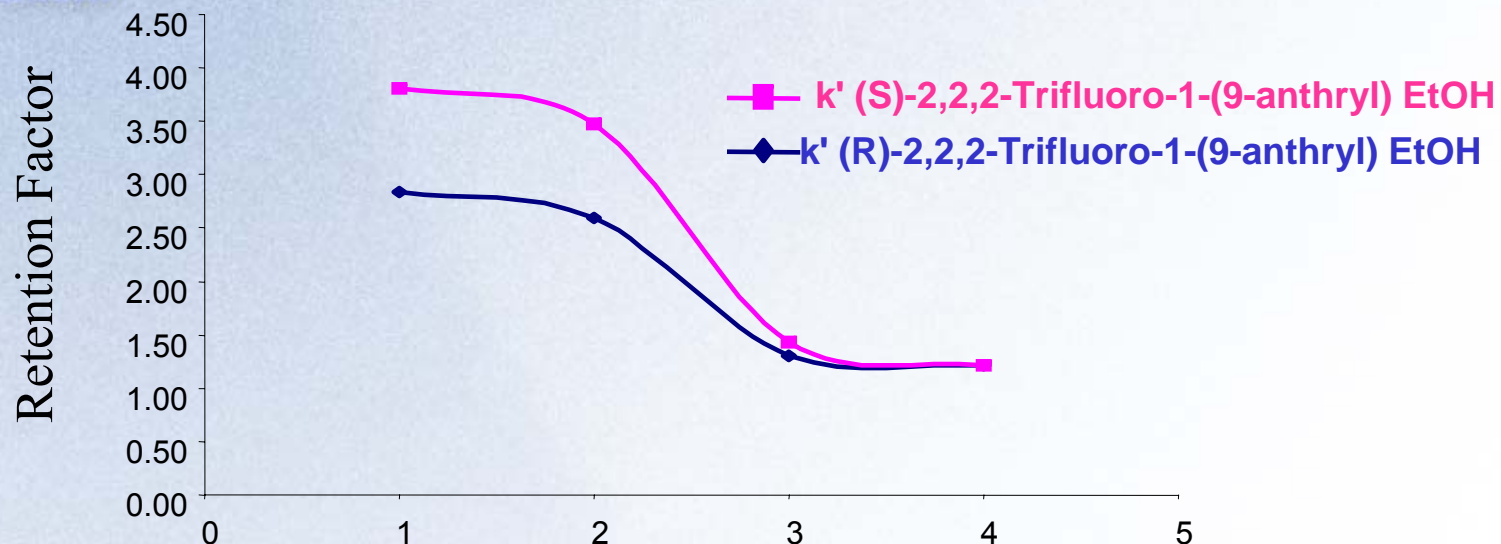


Pre-mixed 98/0.5/1.5 Hexane/TFA/IPA, flow rate=1 ml/min, ambient temperature, 254 nm, Column: ZirChrom PDA-(S)-PG, S/N SPG122005D (100 × 4.6 mm, 3 μm, Running HPLC coated on PHASE110805A, batch#: 52-132). Solute: (1) 1,3,5-Tri-*t*-butyl-benzene, (2) (S)-2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl) ethanol, (3) (R)-2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl) ethanol 5 μl injection.



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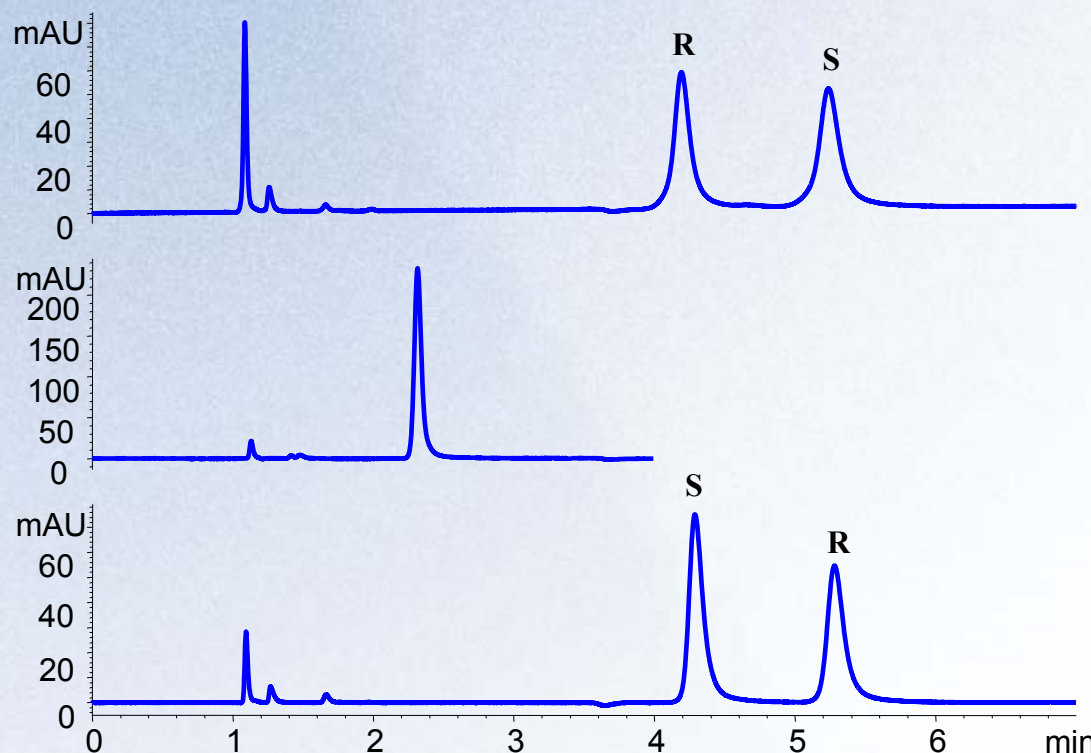
# Changes During (S)-PG Stripping



- 1- Original column.
- 2- Column flushed with 15/85 ACN/pH 12  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  for 10 column volumes, then 10 column volumes of water, 10 column volumes of 1.0 M nitric acid, and 10 column volumes of water.
- 3- Column then flushed with 50 column volumes of 20/80 ACN/ 1 M NaOH, then 10 column volumes of water, 10 column volumes of 1 M nitric acid and 10 column volumes of water.
- 4- Column then flushed with 20/80 ACN/ 1 M NaOH for 50 column volumes at 60 °C, then flushed with 10 column volumes of water, 10 column volumes of 1 M nitric acid, and 10 column volumes of water.



# Changing (S) to (R)-Phenylglycine CSP on Same Zr Column



## 2-Step Load (S)-PG CS

$$k'(\text{less}) = 2.84$$

$$k'(\text{more}) = 3.81$$

$$\alpha = 1.34$$

## Strip (S)-PG CS

No separation.

## 2-Step Load (R)-PG CS

$$k'(\text{less}) = 2.92$$

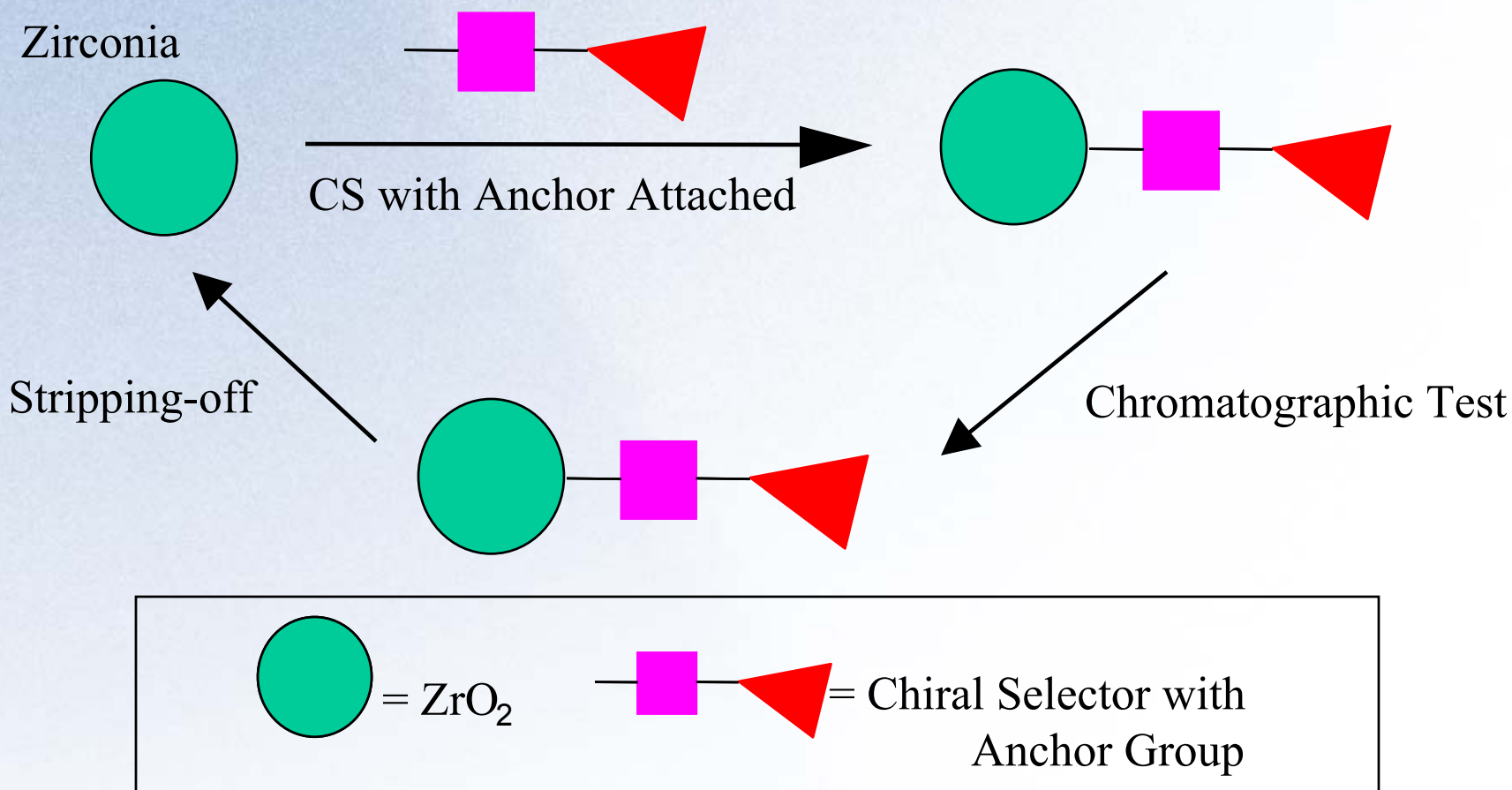
$$k'(\text{more}) = 3.83$$

$$\alpha = 1.34$$

Pre-mixed 98/0.5/1.5 Hexane/TFA/IPA, F=1 ml/min, rm °C, 254 nm, Column: ZirChrom PDA-(S)-PG, S/N SPG122005D and ZirChrom PDA-(R)-PG, S/N RPG020806A (100 × 4.6 mm, 3 μm, Running HPLC coated on PHASE110805A, batch#: 52-132). Solute: 1,3,5-Tri-t-butyl-benzene, (R orS)-2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl) EtOH. 5 μl injection.



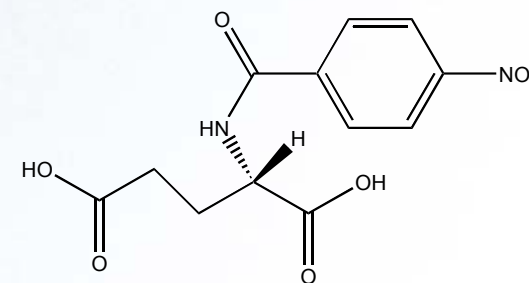
# 1-Step Synthesis of Zirconia CSPs for Fast Chiral Screening





## Example 1-Step Attachment and Detachment Cycle

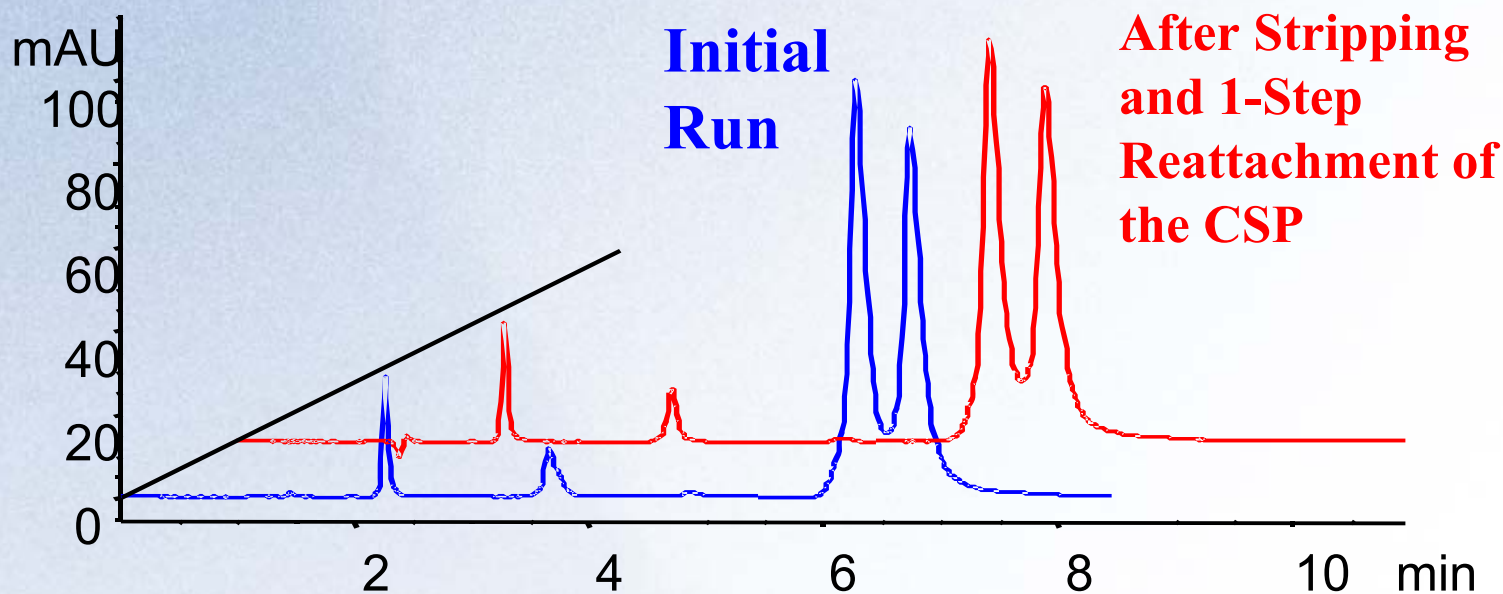
- Pass a solution of 20 mM N-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-L-glutamic acid (CSP) in tetrahydrofuran for 10 minutes at a column temperature of 60°C and a flow rate of 1 mL/min .
- Flush column with 100% THF for 10 minutes at 2 mL/min at ambient temperature.
- Separate a racemic solution of ( $\pm$ )-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(9-anthyl)ethanol.
- Strip the CSP by flushing the column with a 50 mM solution of tetramethylammonium hydroxide solution (pH 12) for 20 minutes at 60°C using a flow rate of 1 mL/min.
- Repeat procedure using the same CSP



N-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-L-glutamic acid



# Glutamic Acid Proof of Concept



Comparison between the initial and final separation of ( $\pm$ )-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(9-anthyl)ethanol leucine ester during a single CSP screening cycle.

Chromatographic conditions: mobile phase: 99/1 hexane/IPA; flow rate: 1 ml/min; temperature: 30 °C, solute concentration = 1mg/mL, 5  $\mu$ L injection.



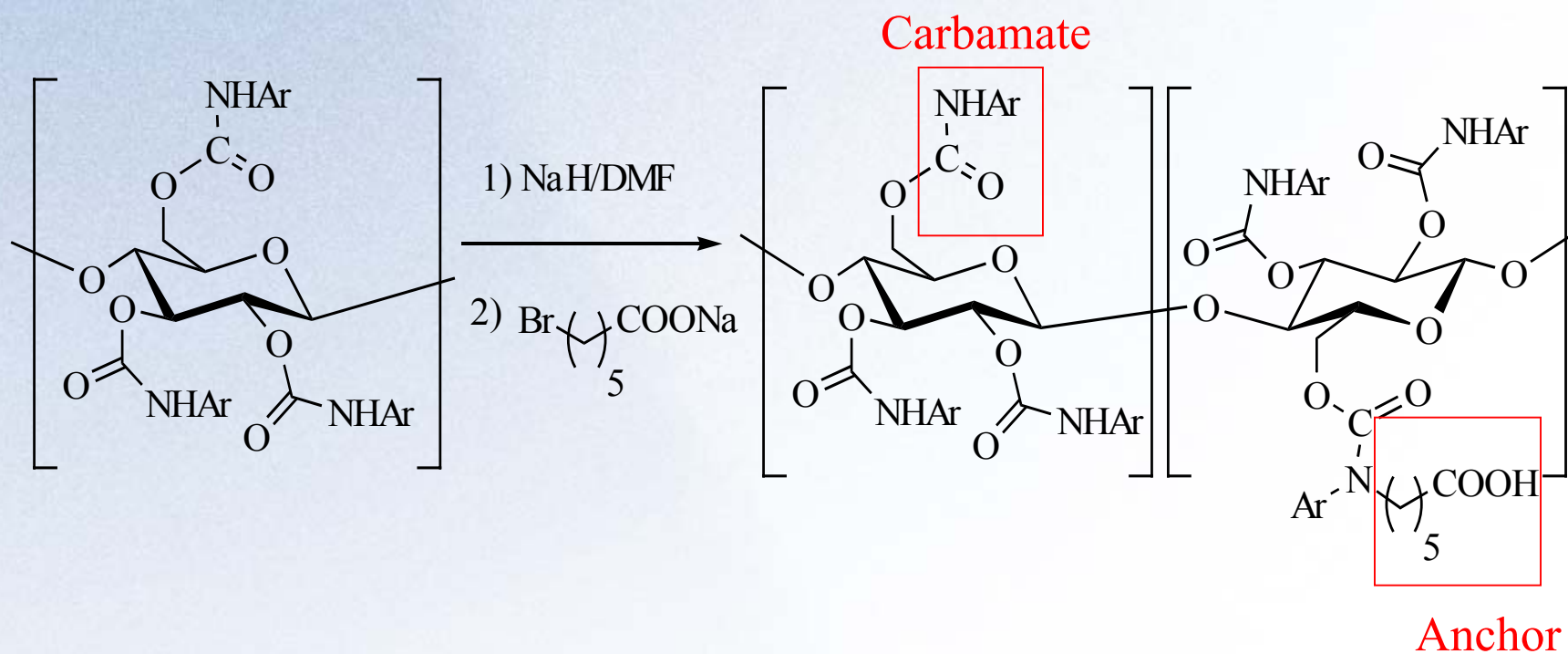


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# **Development of a New Class of Regenerable Cellulosic Coated Zirconia Stationary Phases**

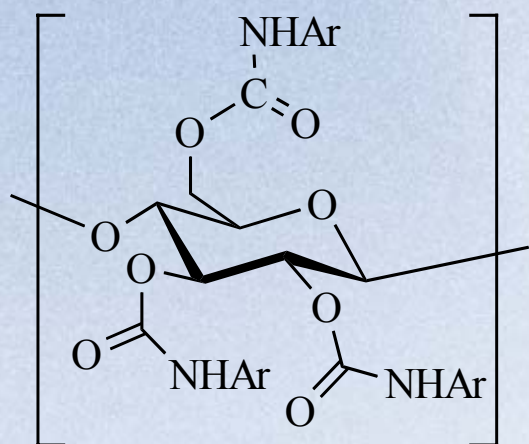


# Carboxylate Modified Cellulose Based CSP on Zirconia

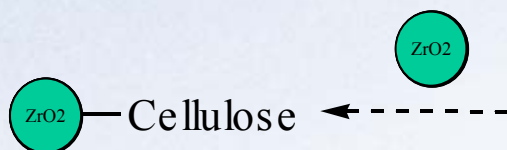
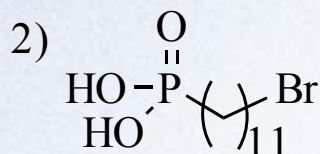




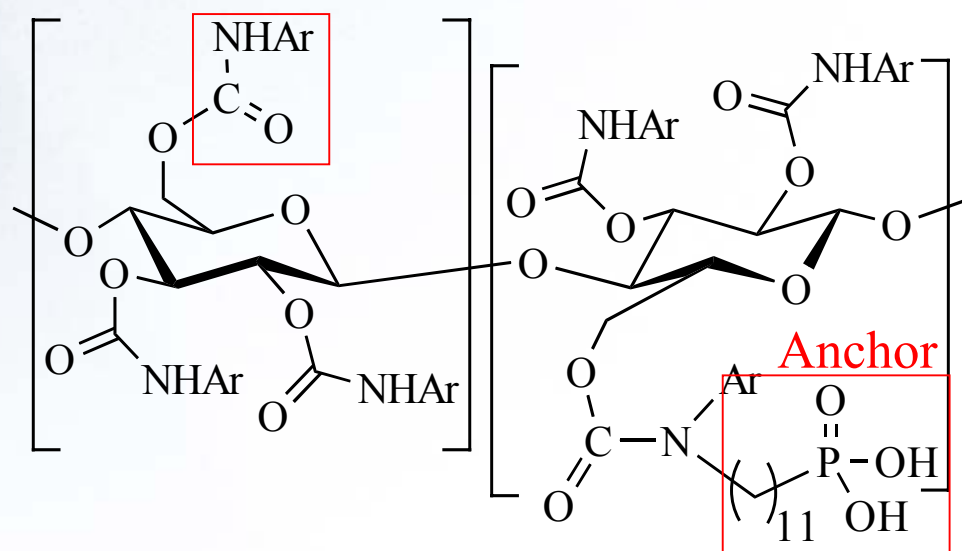
# Phosphonate Modified Cellulose Based CSP on Zirconia



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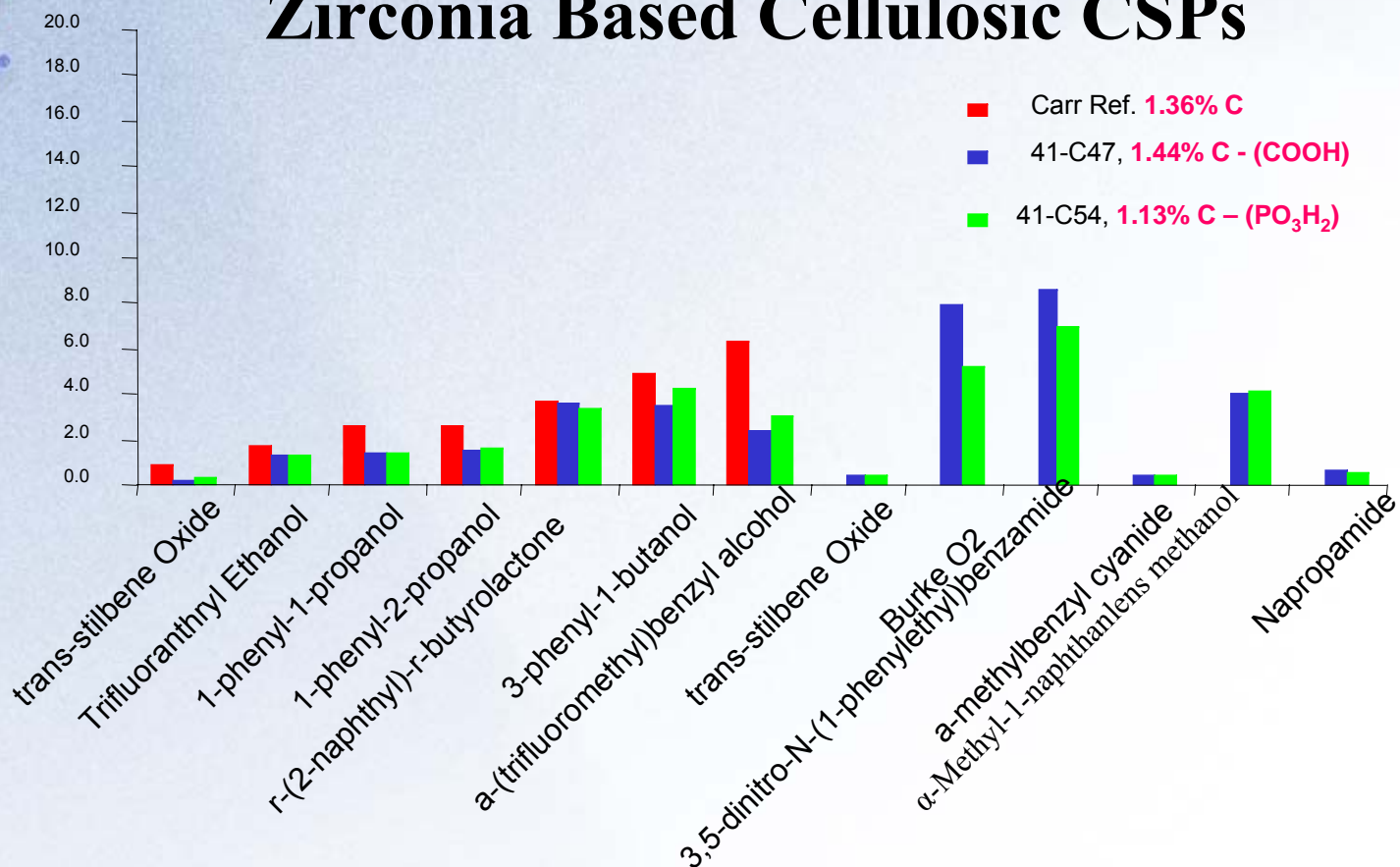
Carbamate





# Retention Comparison of Hexanoic Acid Modified and Undecylphosphonic Acid Zirconia Based Cellulosic CSPs

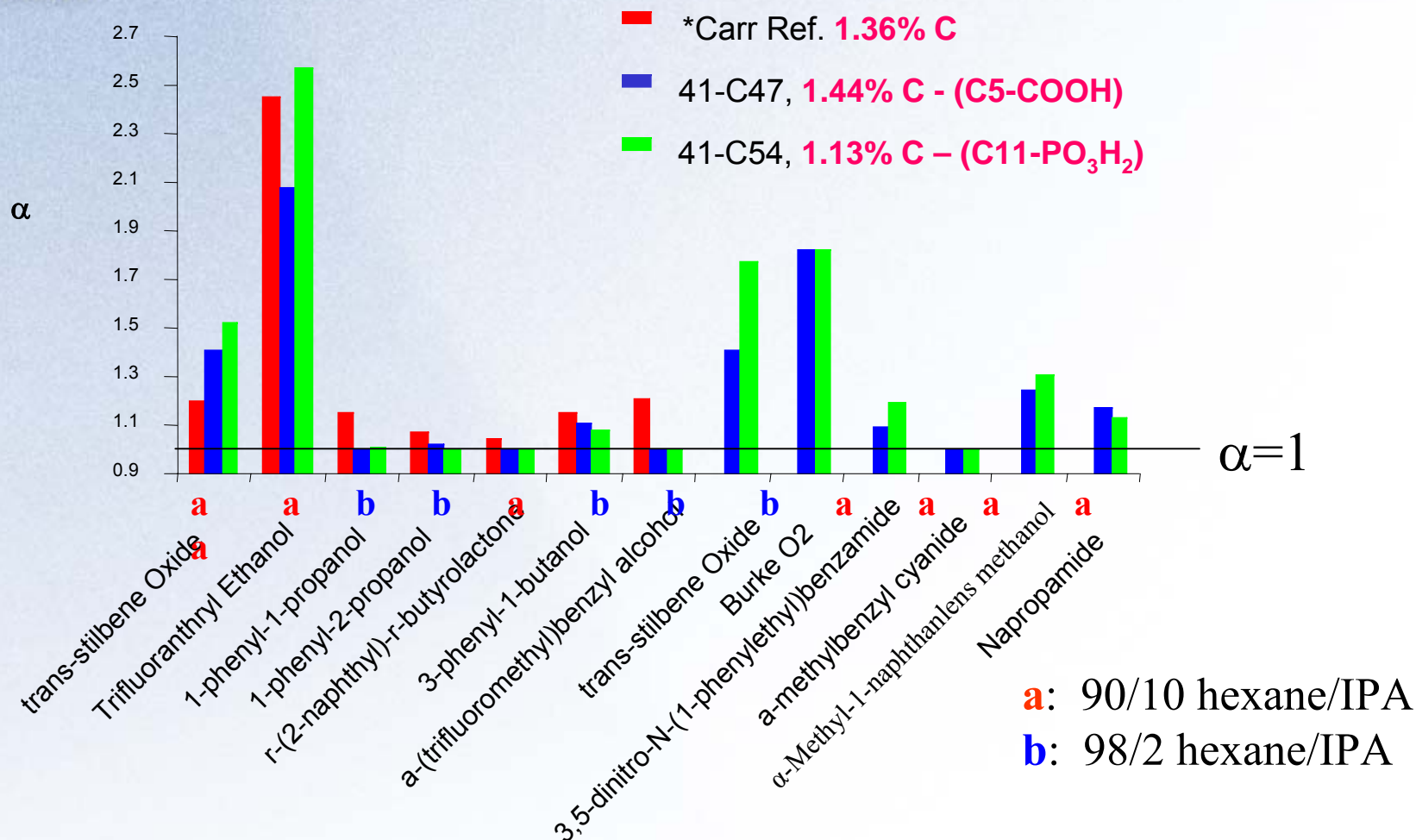
$k'$



- (1) Generally  $k'$  on the new CSP is lower than previous published work (Carr, et al., Anal. Chem., 71 (1999) 3013-3021).
- (2) Batch C54 is slightly less retentive than C47.



# Selectivity Comparison of Previous and New Zirconia Based Cellulosic CSPs

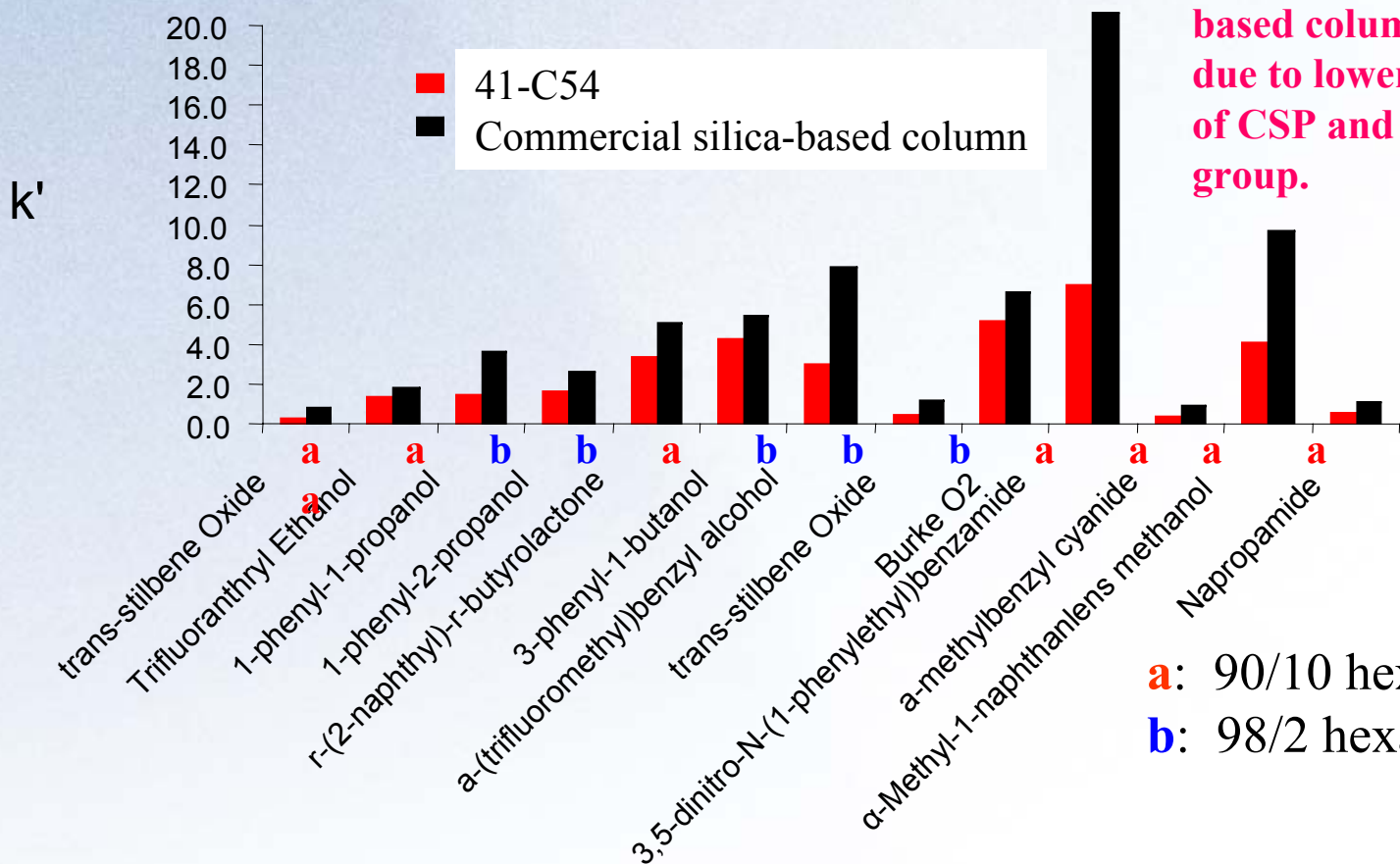




# Retention Comparison Between Alkylphenyl Modified Cellulosic CSPs and Commercial Silica CSPs

41-C54, J04-175, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, -C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>H  
Commercial Silica CSP column

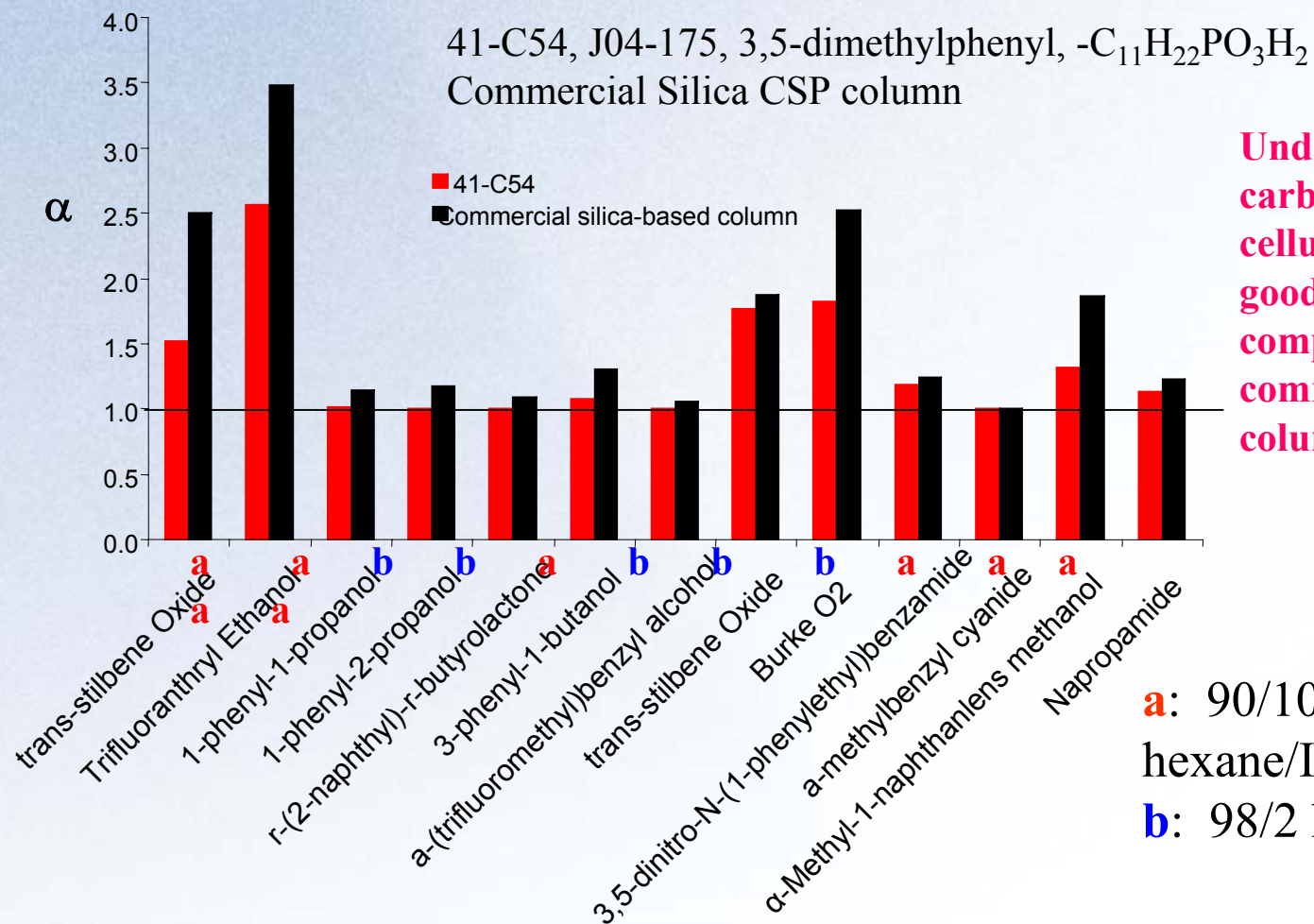
**New phase has less retention than commercial Silica-based column likely due to lower loading of CSP and anchor group.**



**a:** 90/10 hexane/IPA  
**b:** 98/2 hexane/IPA



# Selectivity Comparison Between Undecylphenyl Carbamate Modified Cellulosic CSPs and Commercial Silica CSPs



Undecylphenyl carbamate modified cellulosic CSP has good selectivity compared to a commercial silica column.

**a:** 90/10 hexane/IPA  
**b:** 98/2 hexane/IPA



## Effect of Ionic Strength on the Separation of Basic Chiral Pharmaceuticals on Undecylphosphonic Acid Modified Cellulosic CSPs

41-C54, J04-175, 3,5-dimethylphenyl,  $-C_{11}H_{22}PO_3H$

Ion Strength/ Selectivity	Ammonium Actate in IPA (mM)			
	200	100	80	40
Pindolol	2.87	2.10	1.79	1.30
Propranolol	1.55	1.53	1.35	1.10
Atenolol	1.26	1.12	1.09	1.00
Nadolol	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

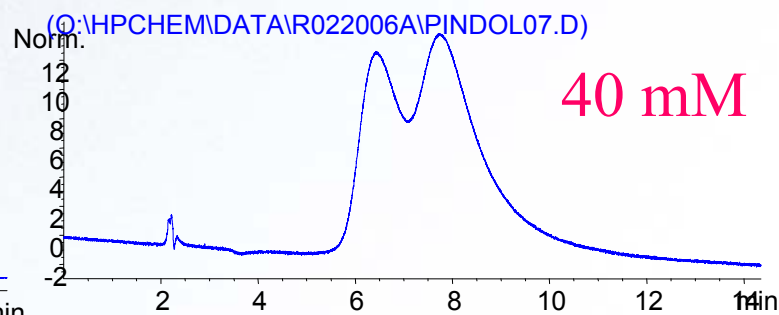
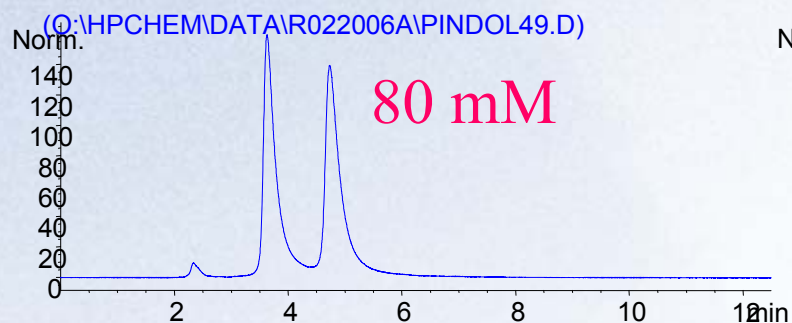
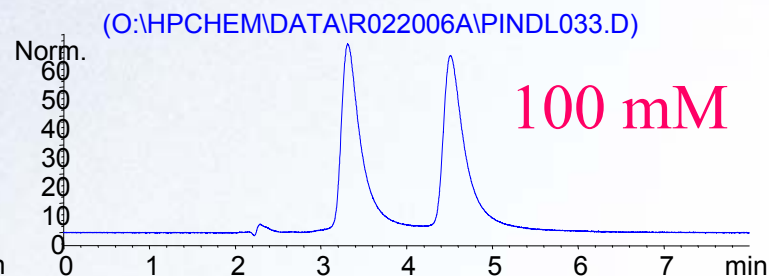
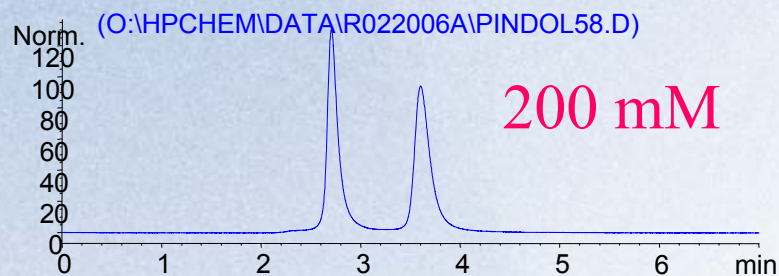
**Increasing ammonium acetate increases enantio-selectivity.**

LC Conditions: Agilent 1100 with chemstation, flow rate 0.5 mL/min., UV 254, mobile phase = 100% IPA with specified concentration of ammonium acetate, Temperature = ambient, column dimension 10 cm x 4.6 mm id, 3 micron particles.





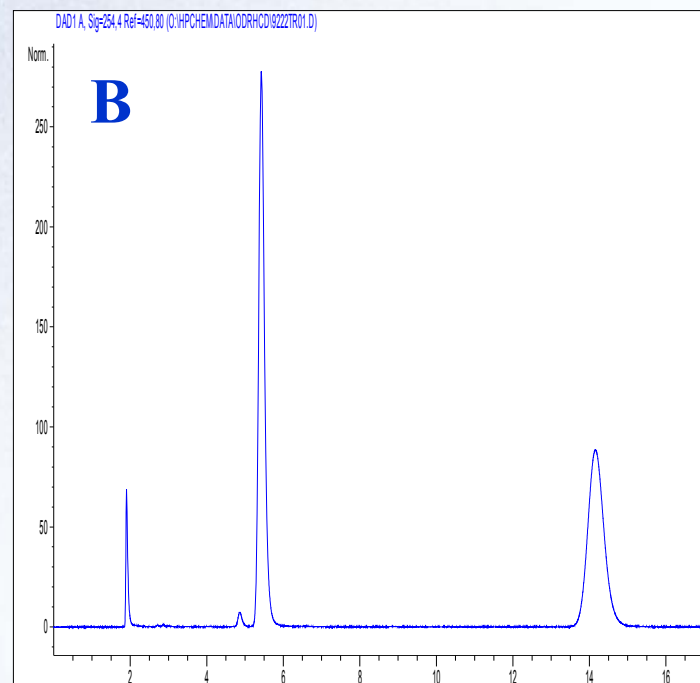
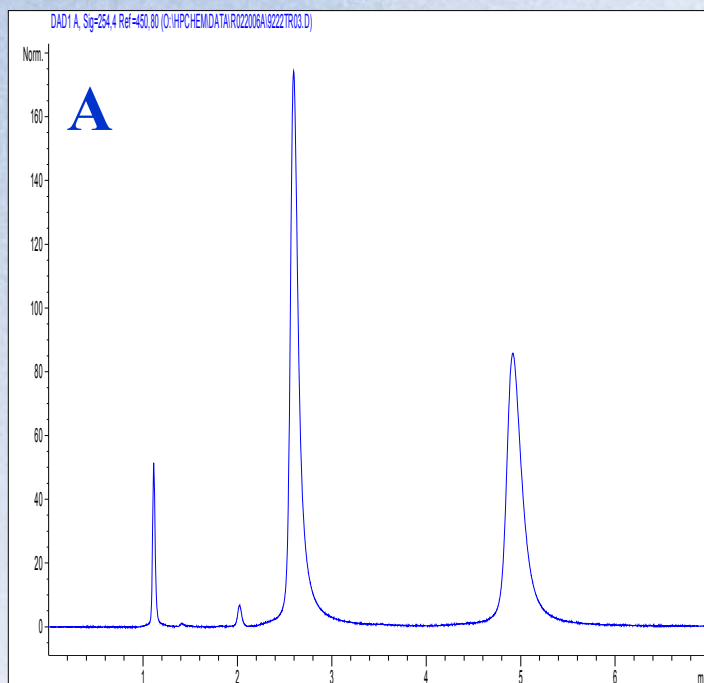
# Effect of Ionic Strength on Undecylphosphonic Acid Modified Cellulosic CSPs



**Increasing ammonium acetate increases the selectivity and decreases retention and improves peak shape for Pindolol. This is likely due to suppression of cation-exchange retention mechanism that occurs for *basic molecules*.**



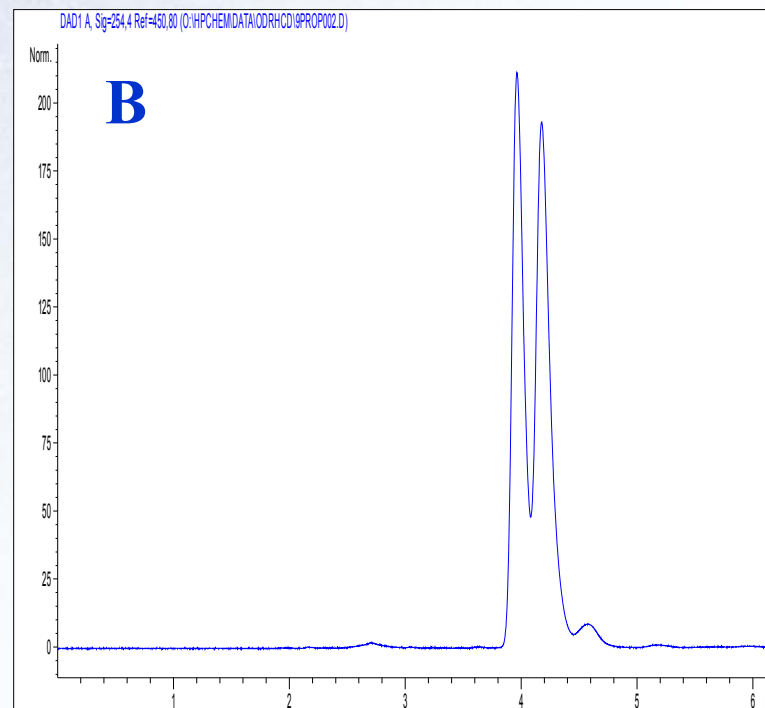
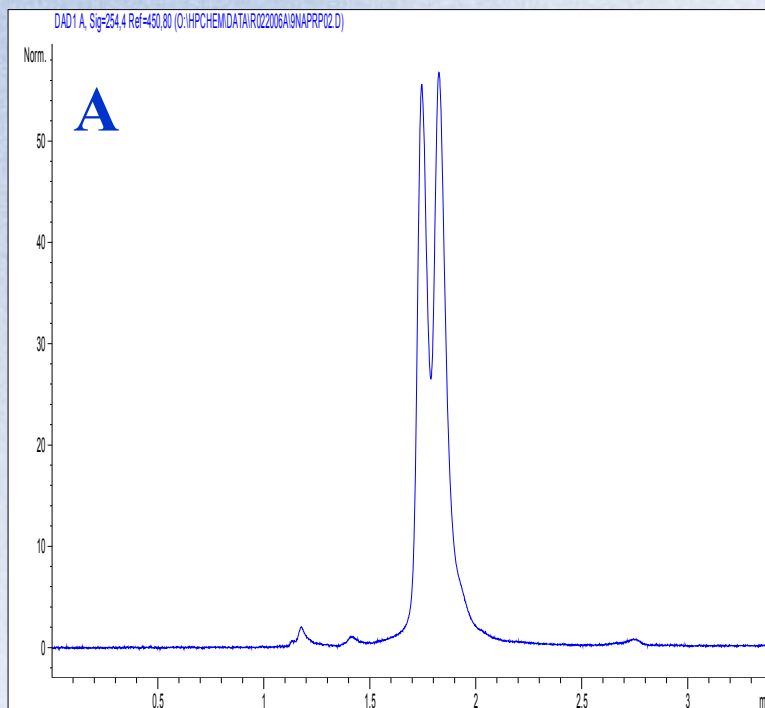
# Comparison of Silica and Zirconia Cellulosic Phases



**Columns, (A) CelluloZe™ (Celu022006A), 100 × 4.6 mm, 3 μm Zirconia, (B) Silica-based column, 150 × 4.6 mm, 5 μm Silica, Solute (RS)-(±)-2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl) EtOH, Mobile phase 90 / 10 Hexane / IPA, Flow Rate, 1 mL/min, Column temperature, ambient.**



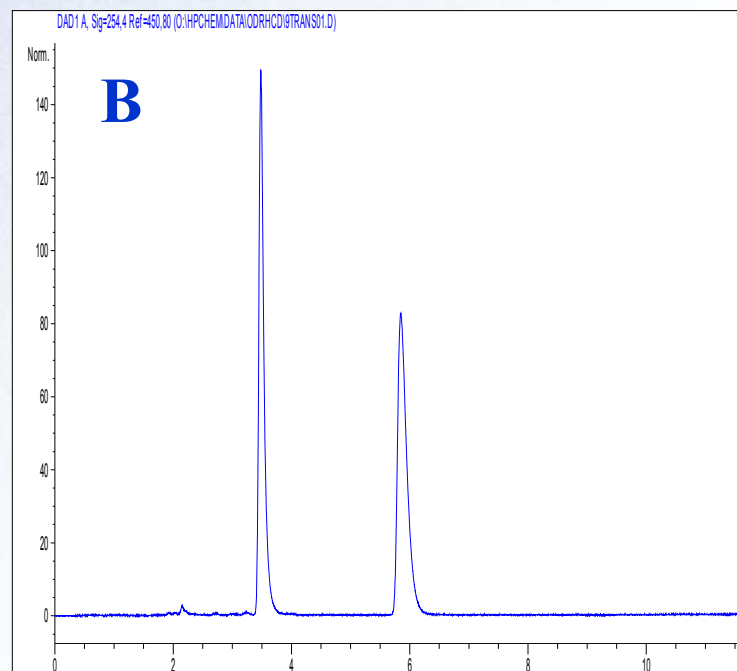
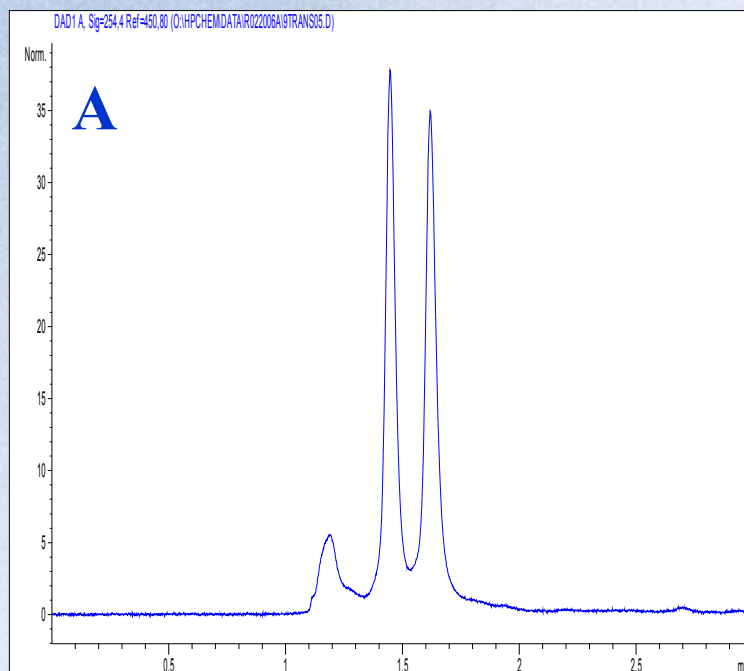
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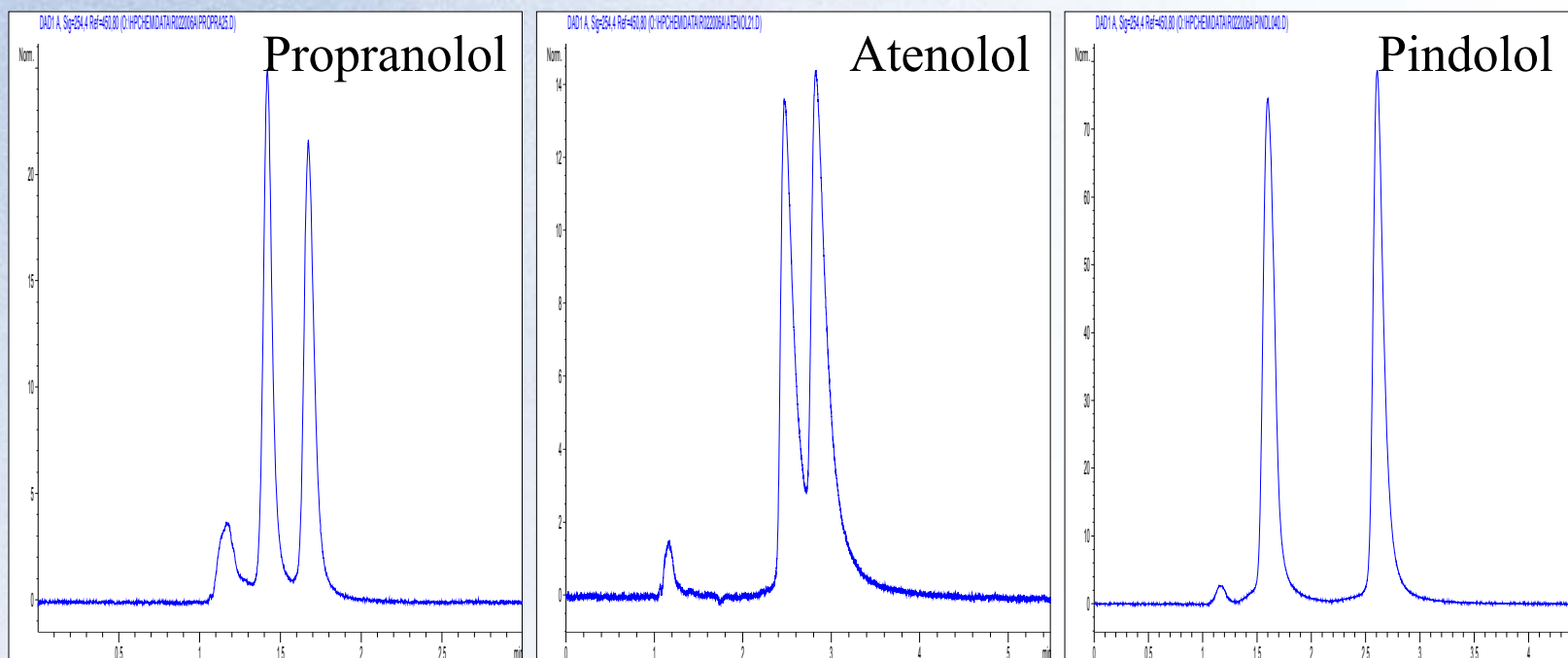
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# Separation of Basic Drugs on Phosphonated Cellulose Zirconia



**Column, CelluZe™ (Celu022006A), 100 × 4.6 mm, 3 μm Zirconia,**  
**Mobile phase, = 50/50 Heptane/IPA (100 mM NH<sub>4</sub>OAc in IPA),**  
**Flow Rate, 1 mL/min, Column temperature, ambient.**



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## Conclusions

- **Brush-type CSPs were attached to zirconia using multi-dentate pamidronic acid (PDA).**
- **Zirconia-based CSPs were shown to be reproducible, stable and have comparable chromatographic performance to commercial silica-based Brush-type CSPs for a range of chiral compounds.**
- **Zirconia-based CSPs offer the user the potential to regenerate the chiral stationary phase online.**
- **The new zirconia-based cellulosic CSPs showed similar resolving power to commercial silica-based cellulosic CSPs for selected chiral compounds; increased ionic strength improved resolution of basic chiral compounds.**



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