



# Modern Methods for the Separation of Enantiomers - from Kilos to Tons -

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# *Chirality in Drug Pipeline*

- Over 80% of drug candidates contain at least one chiral center
- Increasingly complex molecules, requiring more advanced production methodologies
- Three General Strategies
  - Chiral Pool
  - Asymmetric Synthesis
  - Resolution



# *Challenge*

- Is there an optimal approach to problem?
- No – each stage is driven by different imperatives, therefore choices are also different



# *Pre-Clinical*

- Short-term Focus
  - Speed is key
  - Cost less of an issue
- Pragmatic approach
  - Produce racemate then separate
  - Less effort on asymmetric synthesis, chiral pool (only if quick and easy)



# *Clinical*

- Long-term focused
  - Scalability, cost, efficiency, robustness
- “Tool Box” Approach
  - Cannot assume that any approach is invalid
  - Test all, then run economic feasibility



# *Chiral Separation*

- Used at all stages
  - Classical Resolution
  - Chiral Chromatography
- Enabling Chiral Separations
  - Developing efficient methods
  - Small-scale runs (> 100kg)
  - Technology Transfer for commercial



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# *Perceptions of Chromatography*

- Chromatography is considered to be:
  - Last Resort
  - Temporary Solution
  - Inelegant
  - Difficult to Use





# *Reality of Modern Chromatography*

- Chromatography is;
  - Cost effective
  - Reliable
  - Scalable



# Scalable Technology



Methods are developed on analytical columns



# Scalable Technology



Ampac Fine Chemicals



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# Scalable Technology



# *Chiral Chromatography Method Development*

- Screen compound
  - Chiral Stationary Phase (CSP)
  - Mobile Phase
- Determine Optimum Combination
- Perform Loading Study
- Run Stability Tests
- Productivity = kg enantiomer/kg CSP/day

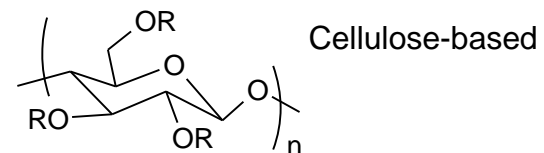
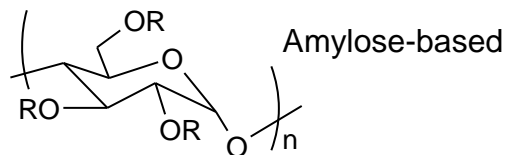


# *Key Points to Consider*

- Solubility characteristics
- Stability (chemical and stereo)
- Presence of other impurities
- API or intermediate
- Ability to racemize non-target enantiomer



# Chiral Stationary Phase



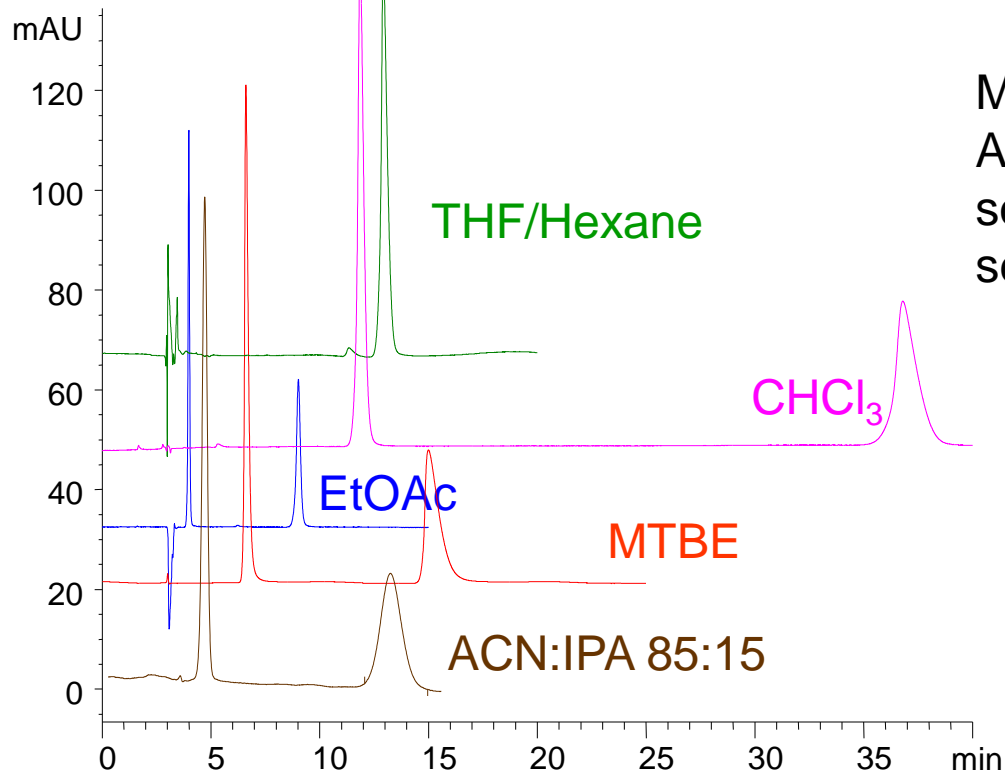
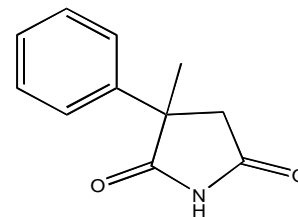
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CHIRALPAK IA	Immobilized	
CHIRALPAK ID	Immobilized	
CHIRALPAK IE	Immobilized	

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# Screening Study

## *$\alpha$ -Methyl- $\alpha$ -Phenylsuccinimide*



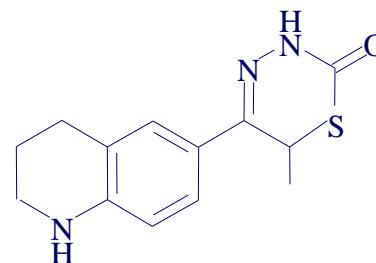
Multiple separation opportunities  
Also separates with conventional solvents. Note, zero THF selectivity

*CHIRALPAK IA, 250 x 4.6 mm*  
*Flow rate 1 ml/min*  
*UV detection 254 nm*

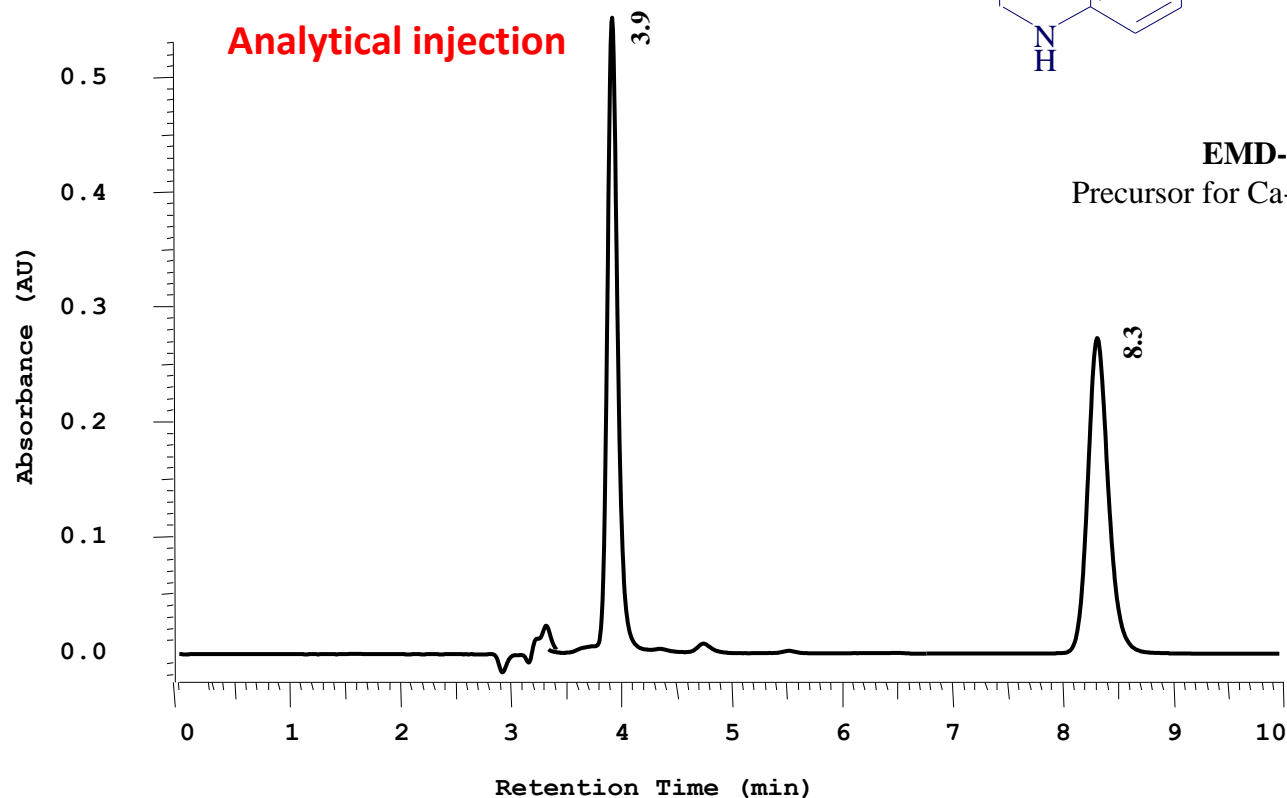




# Chiral Separation of EMD-53986



**EMD-53986**  
Precursor for Ca-sensitizing drug



Dichloromethane/THF 70:30

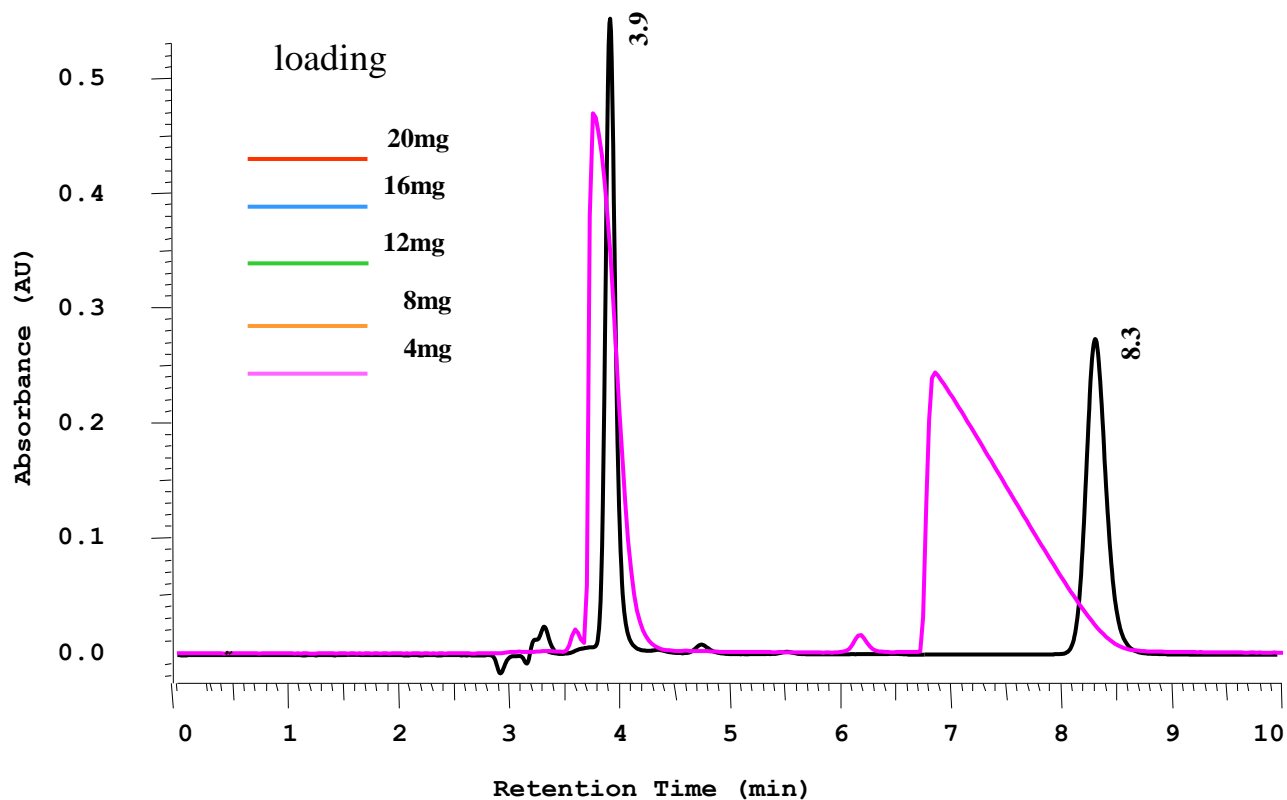
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(Column 25 x 0.46 cm, 5 µm CSP)

Solubility in mobile phase: 45 g/L



# Loading Study for EMD-53986



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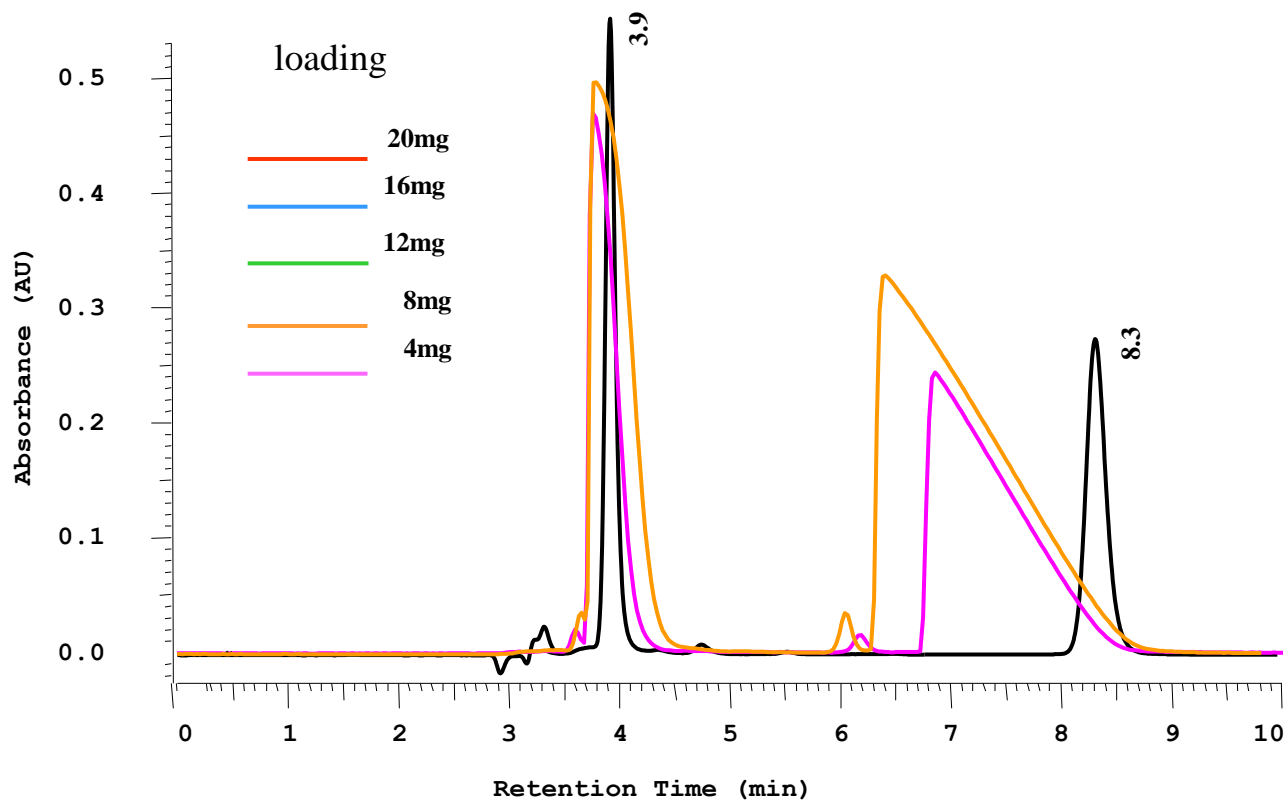
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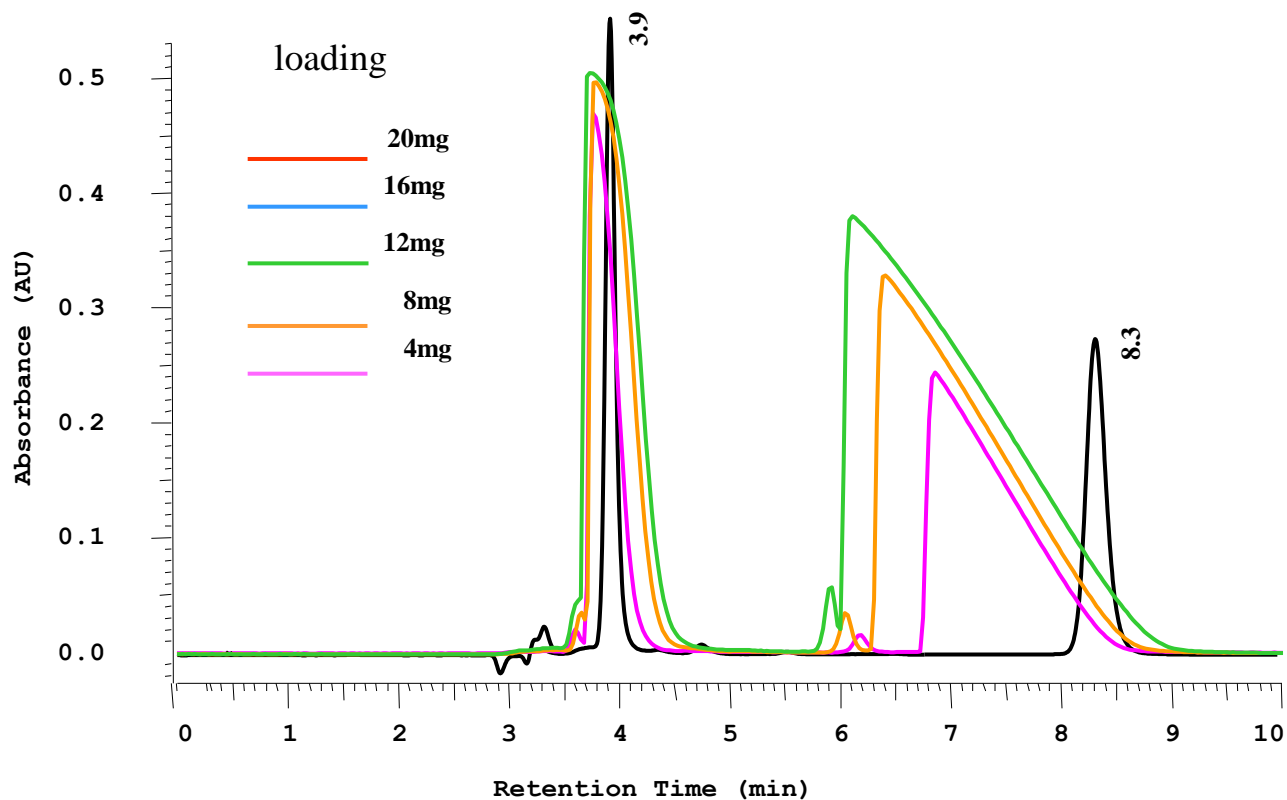
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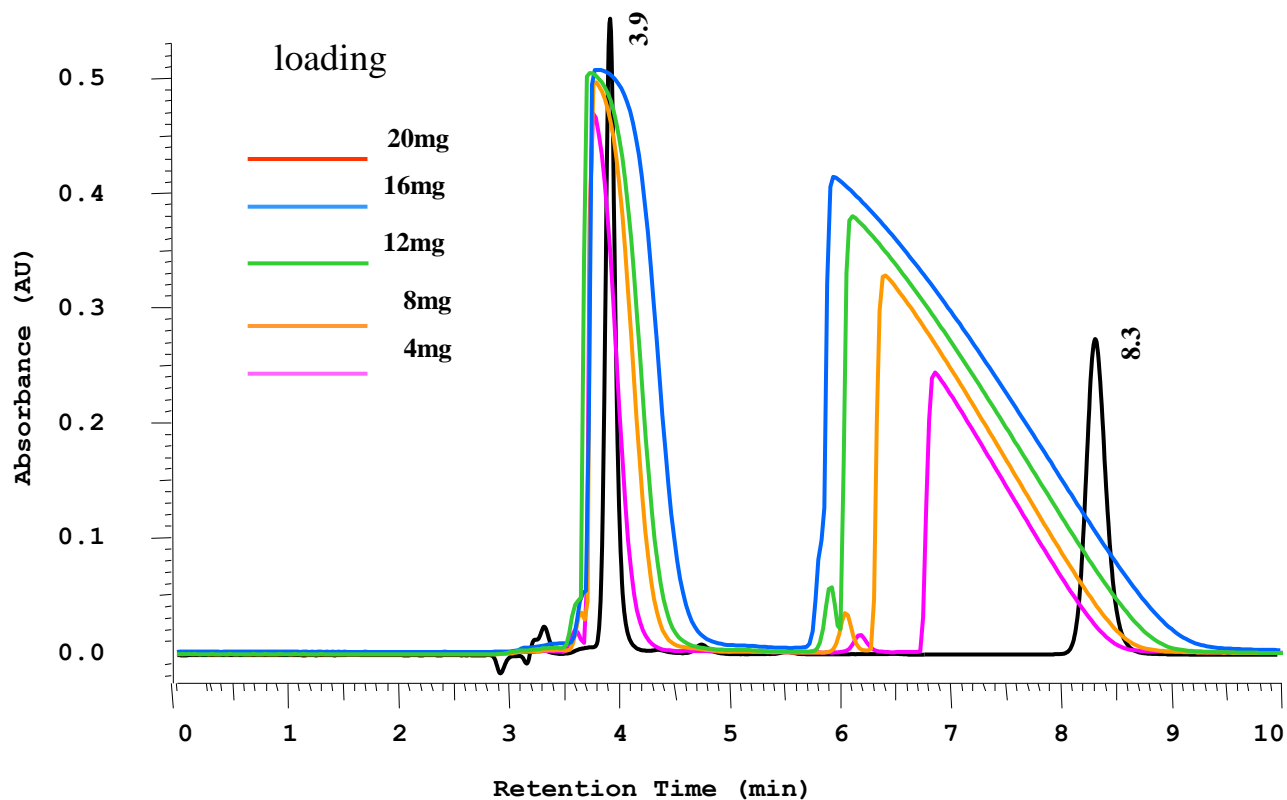
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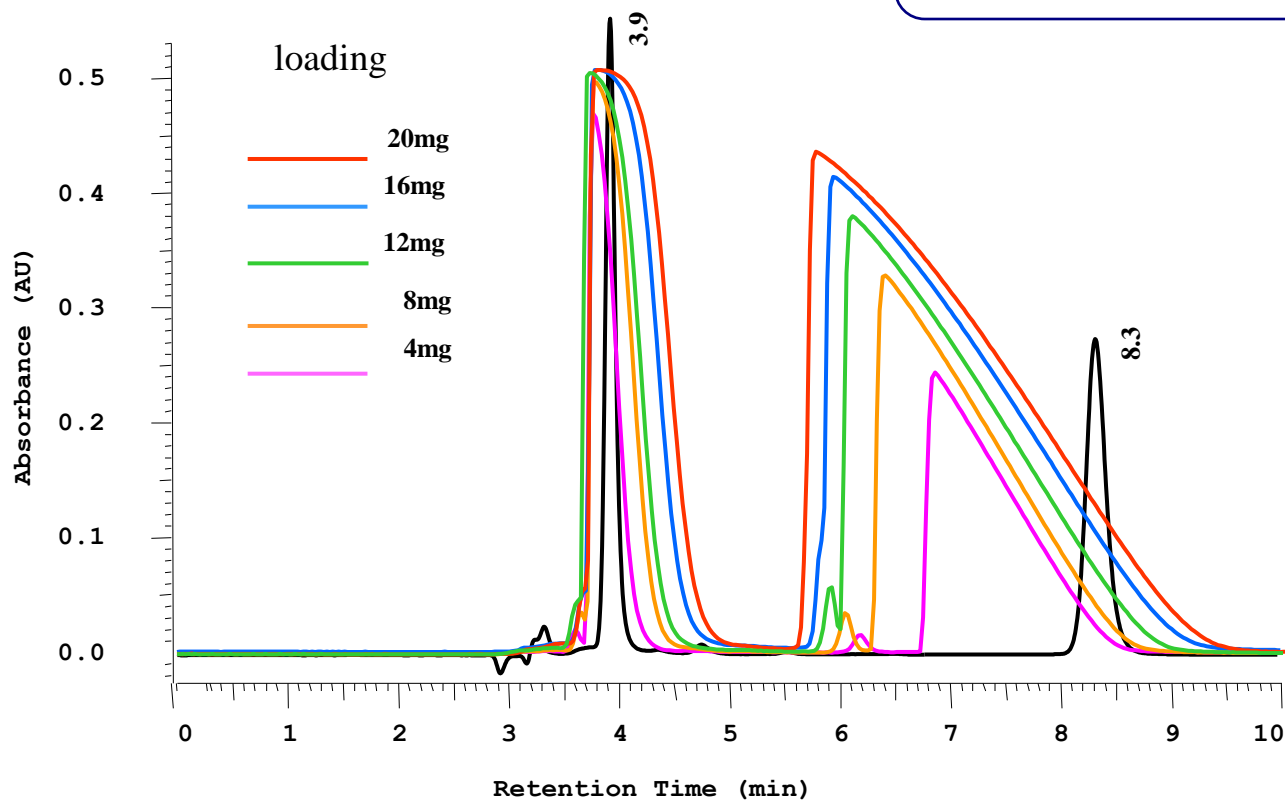
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# Loading Study for EMD-53986

**Estimated productivity:  
2.8kg enantiomer/kg CSP/day**



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# Preparative chromatography

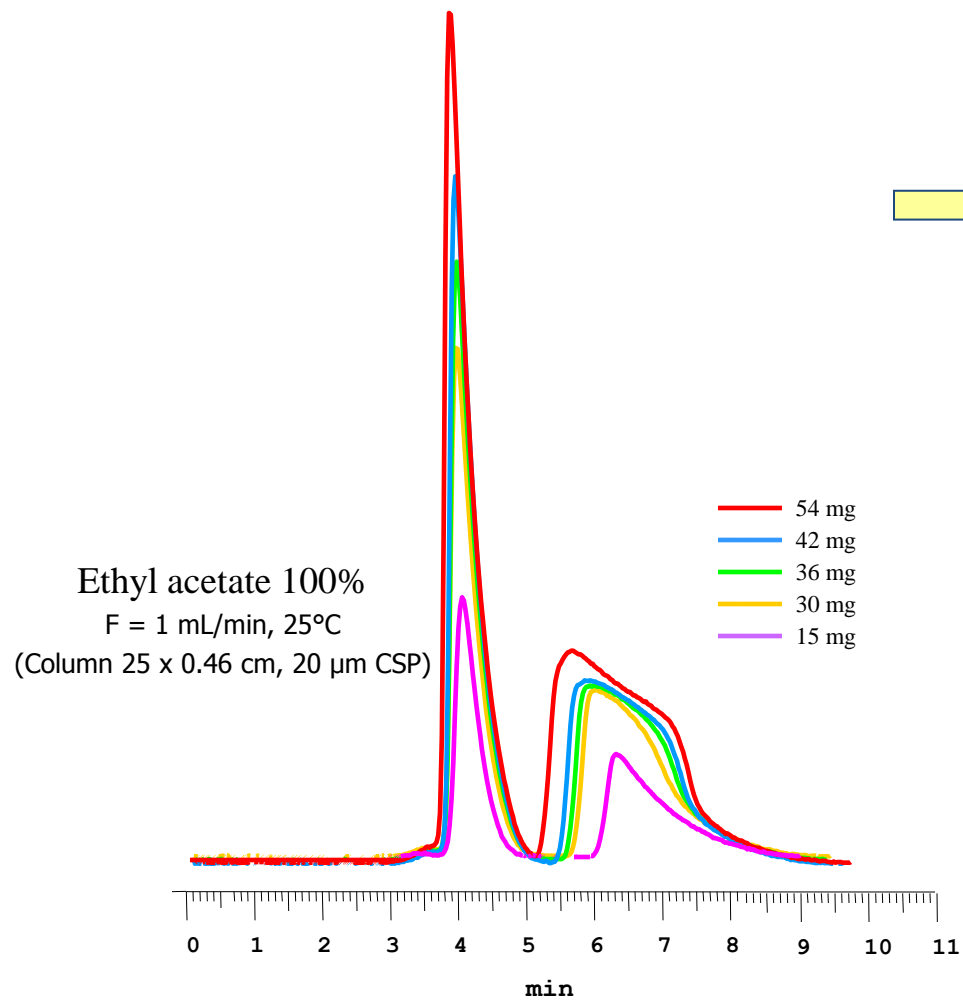
HPLC (batch)



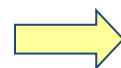
SMB (continuous)



# Glutethimide

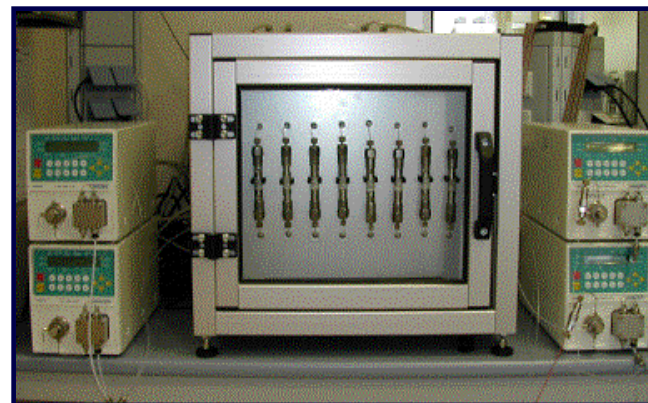


Solubility in mobile phase: 300 g/L



**Productivity:**  
**> 11 kg enantiomer/kg CSP/day**

Productivity demonstrated  
under SMB conditions





# *Case Studies*

- Two Clinical Development Projects
  - 1) Continuous Enantio-Enrichment
  - 2) Stage-Appropriate Technology

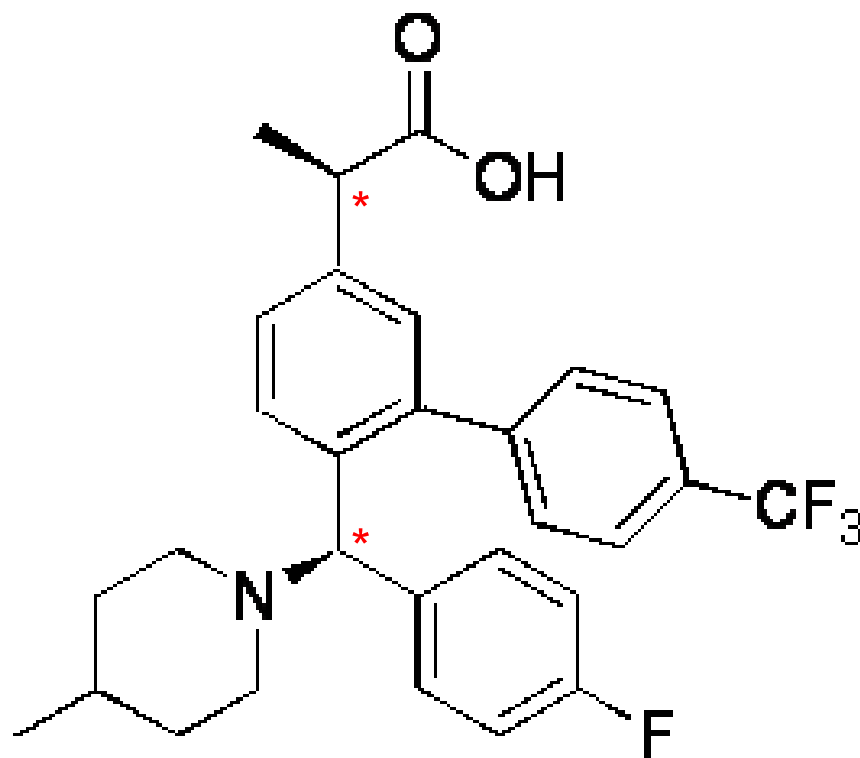


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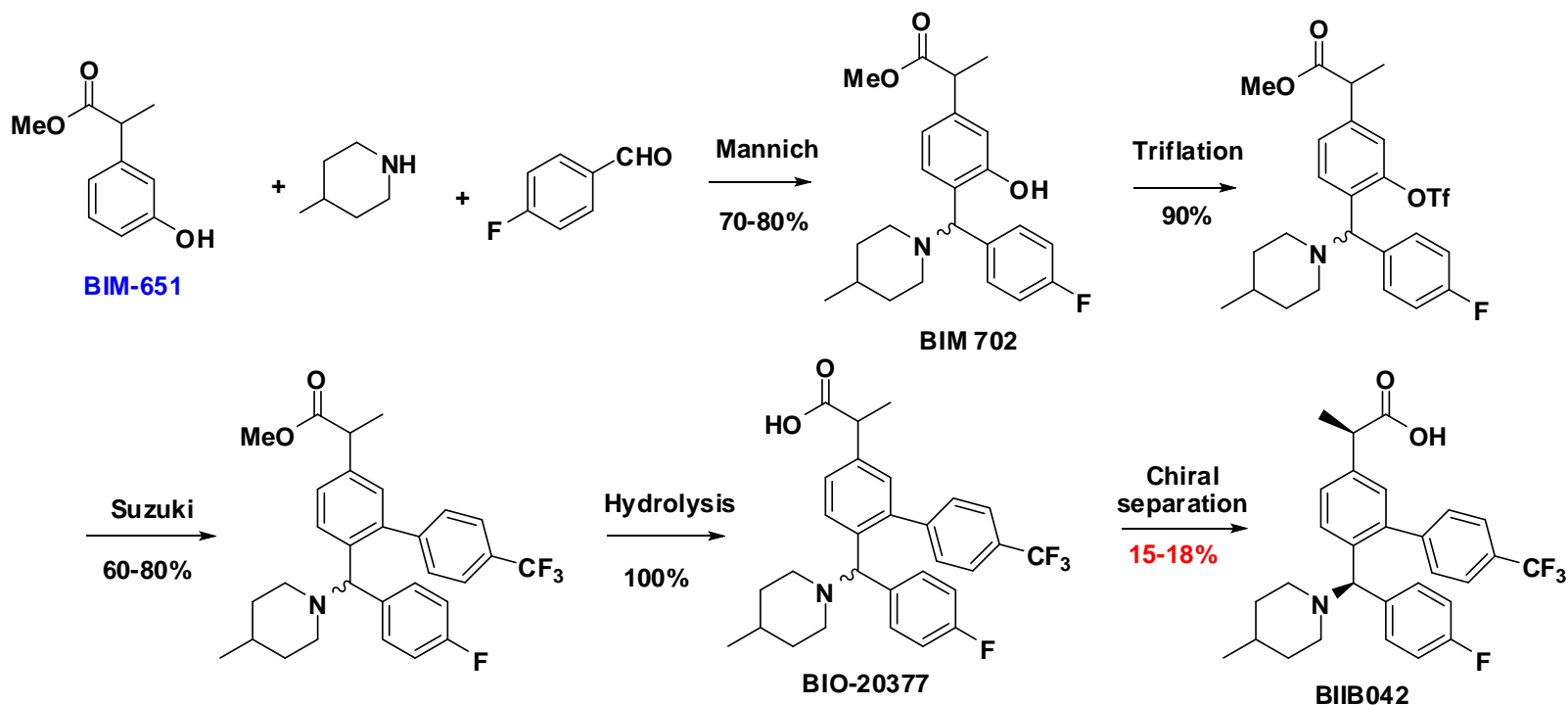
- Biogen Idec Alzheimer's Drug
  - BIIB042
  - Two chiral centers
  - Continuous process developed



# BIIB042 Structure



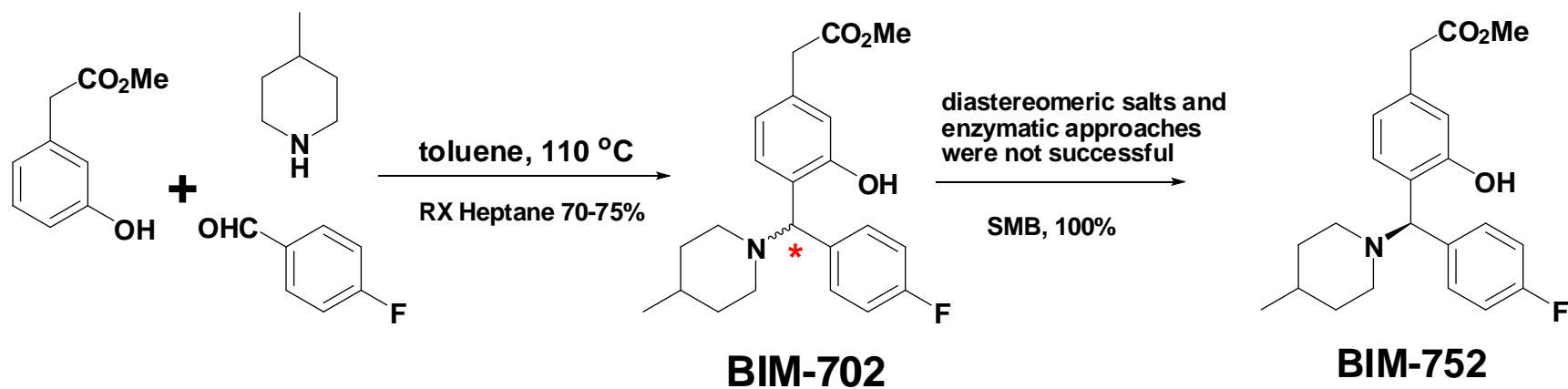
# Initial Drug Discovery Approach



The Mannich reaction established the framework for **BIIB042** in the first step producing **BIM-702**, and chiral chromatography was employed to separate the four stereoisomers.



# Formation of First Chiral Center

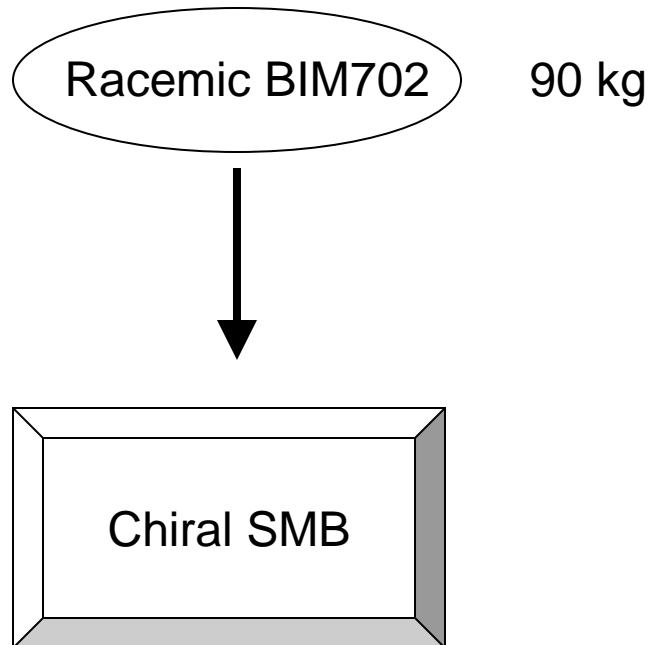


# *Chiral SMB Approach*

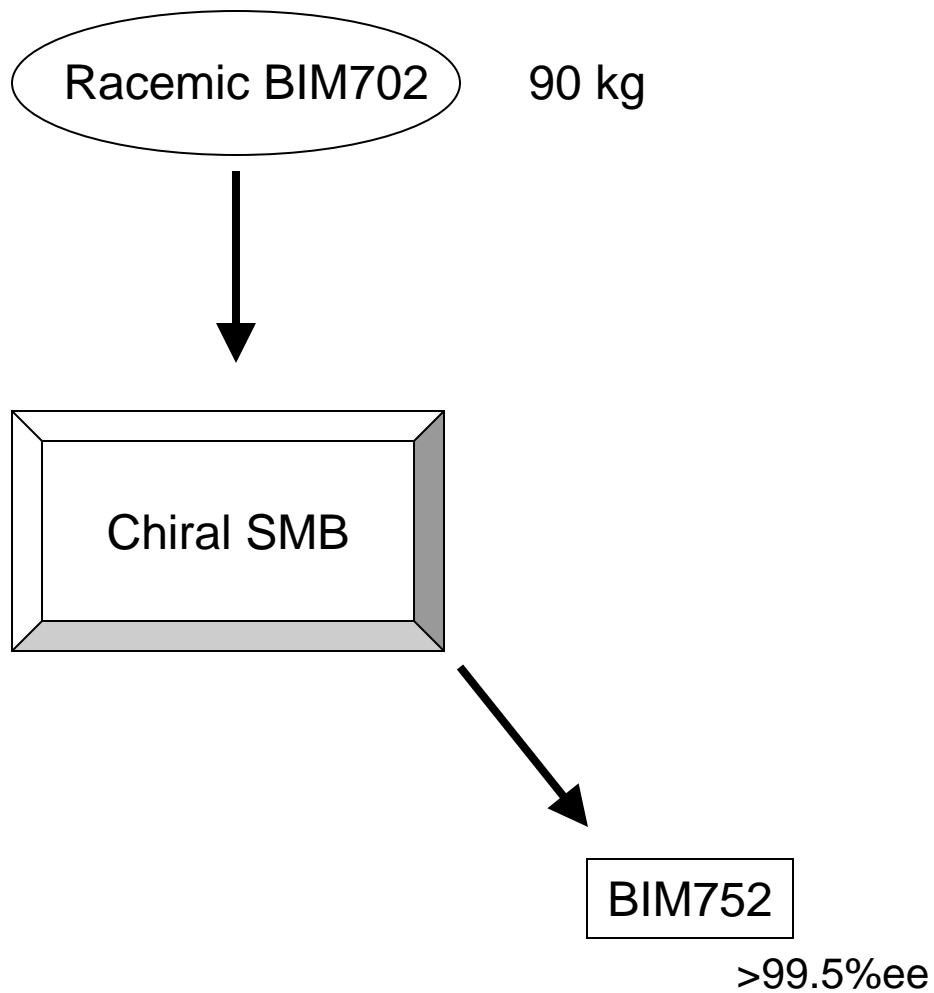
- Screened against matrix of chiral stationary phases/solvents
  - Best method; AD CSP with Hexane/IPA
- Determined optimum process parameters
  - Yield, %ee



# *Continuous SMB Process*

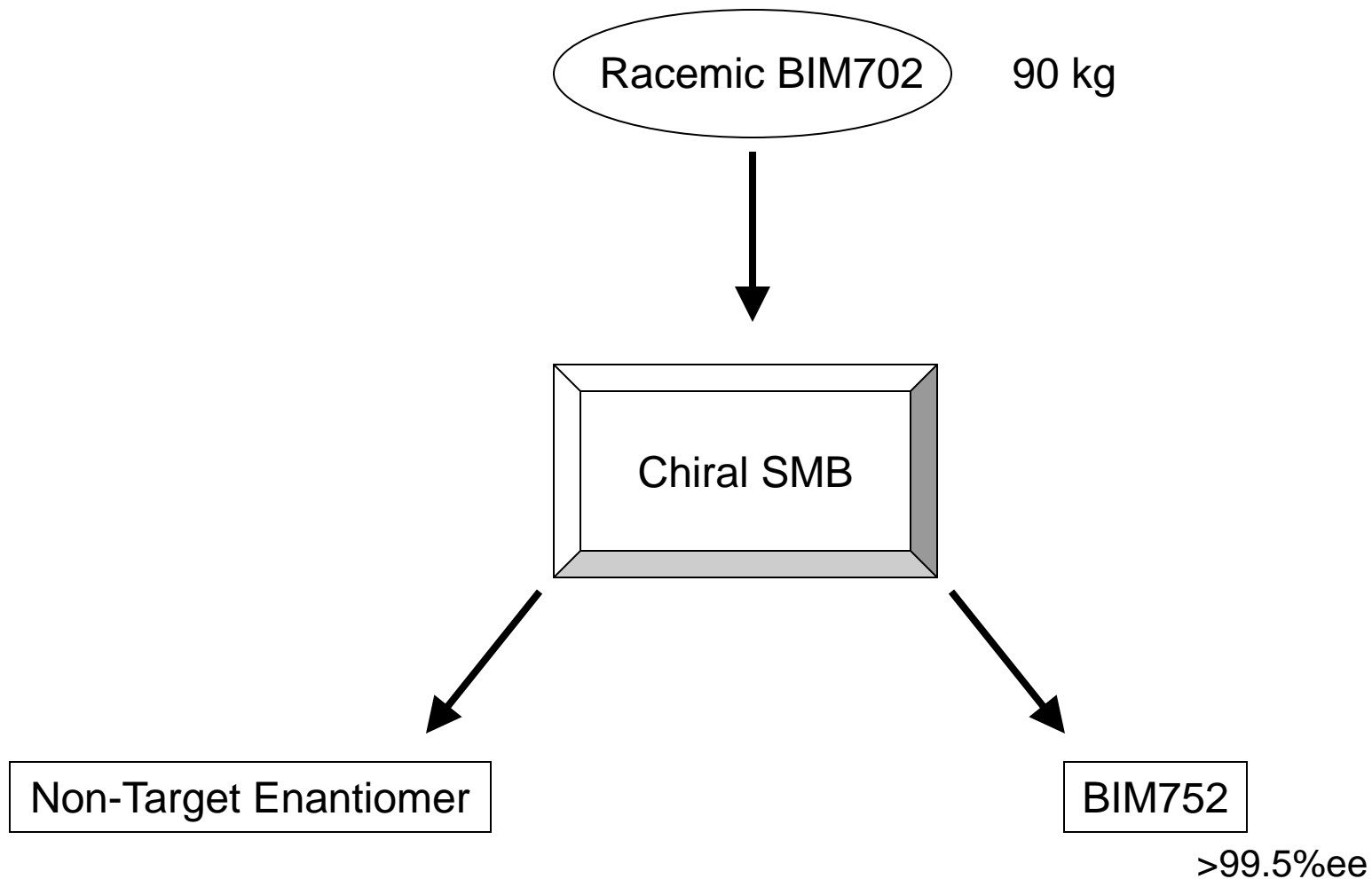


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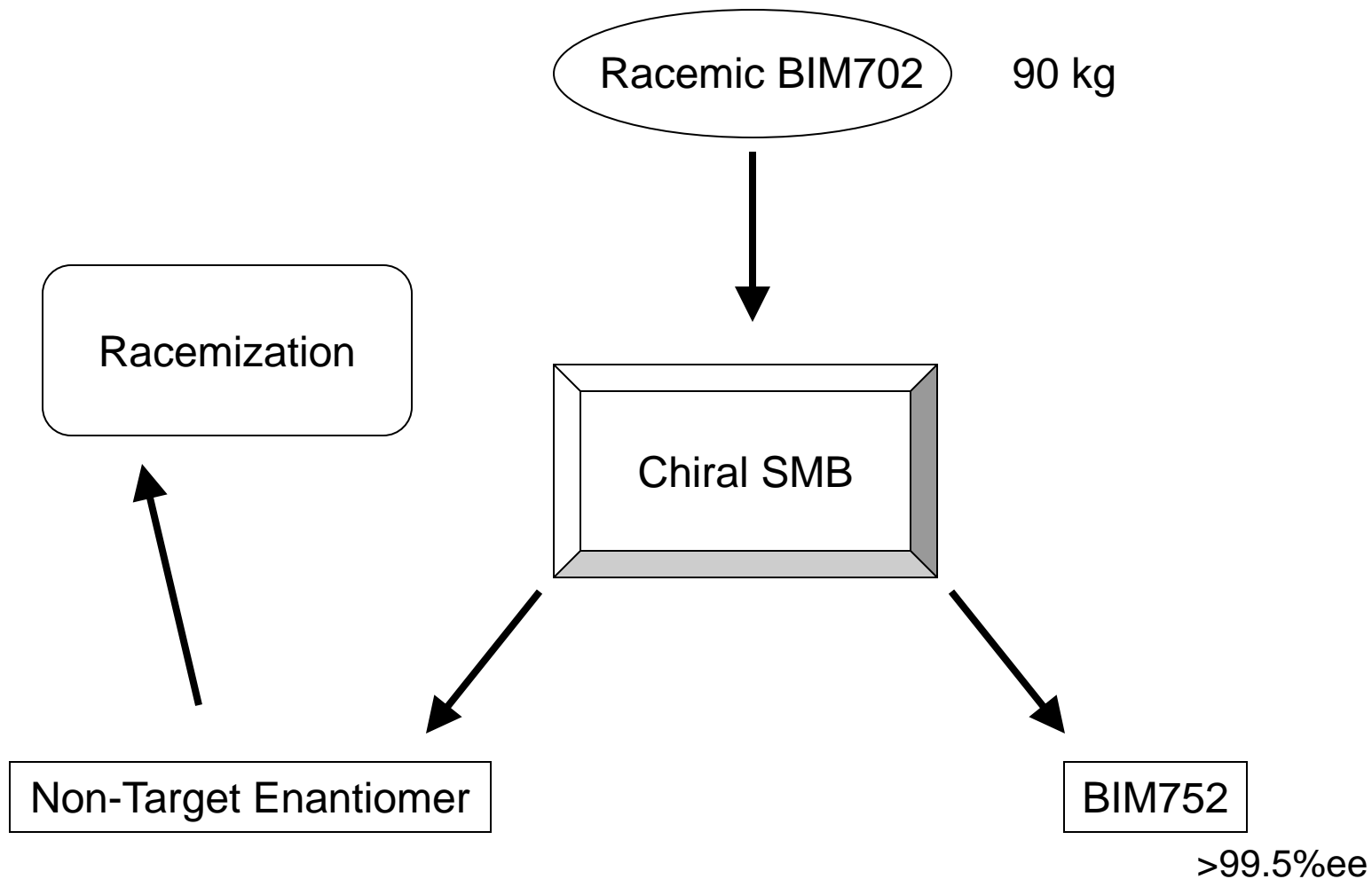




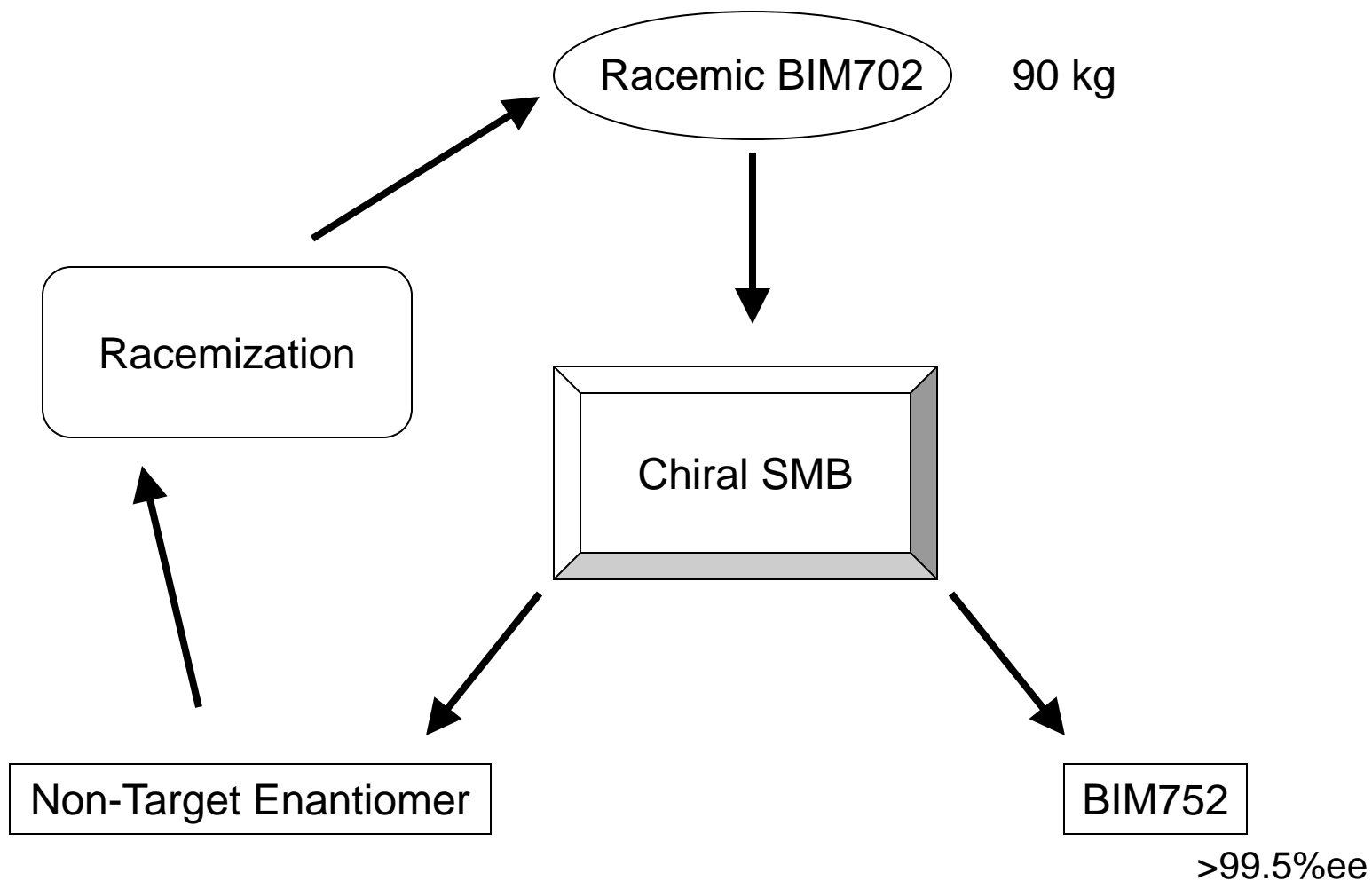
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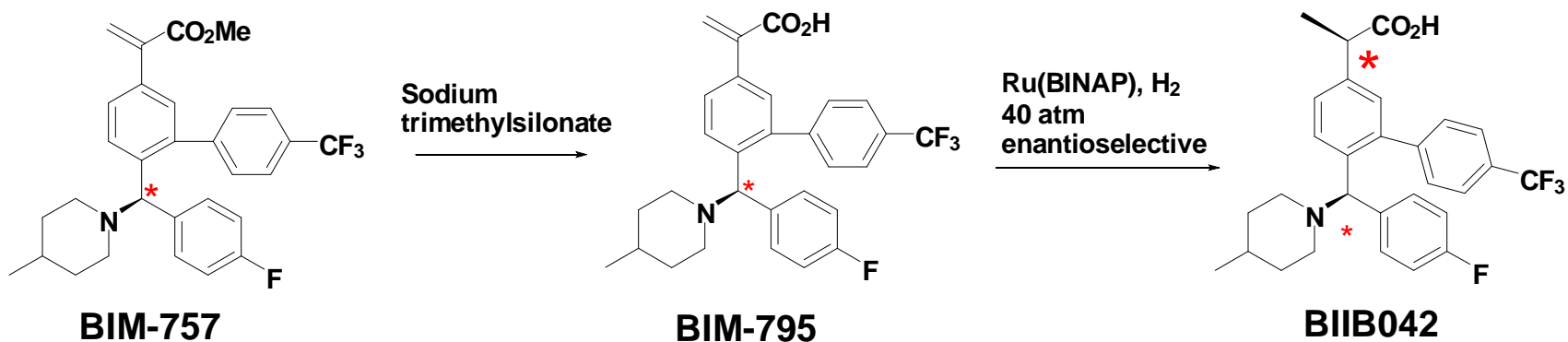
# Continuous SMB Process



# Lab Scale SMB



# Second Chiral Center



>95% ee via catalytic hydrogenation (Ru)

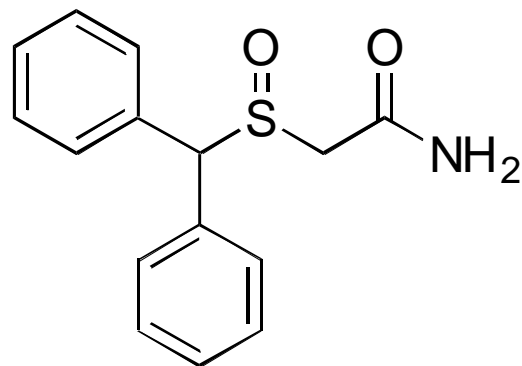
## *2) Stage-Appropriate Technology*

- Development of Armodafinil
- Cephalon (Teva)

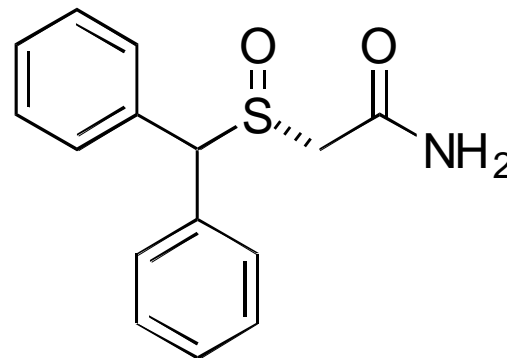


# Stage-Appropriate Technology

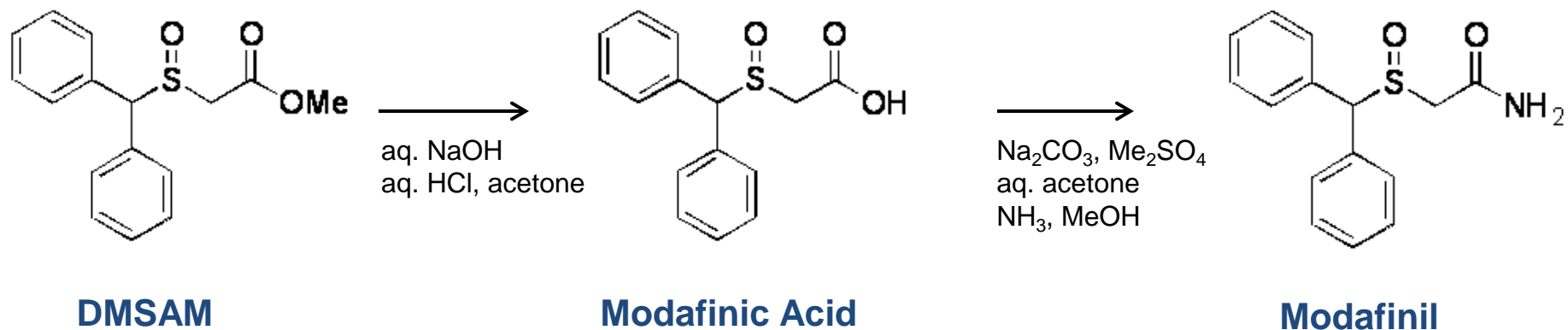
- Modafinil (Provigil)
  - Approved for treatment of apnea, narcolepsy, shift work disorder
  - Racemic API



- Armodafinil (Nuvigil)
  - (R)-Enantiomer
  - Second generation therapy



# Pre-Clinical Phase



- Modafinic Acid was the best candidate for classical resolution
- Easily converted to R-Modafinil



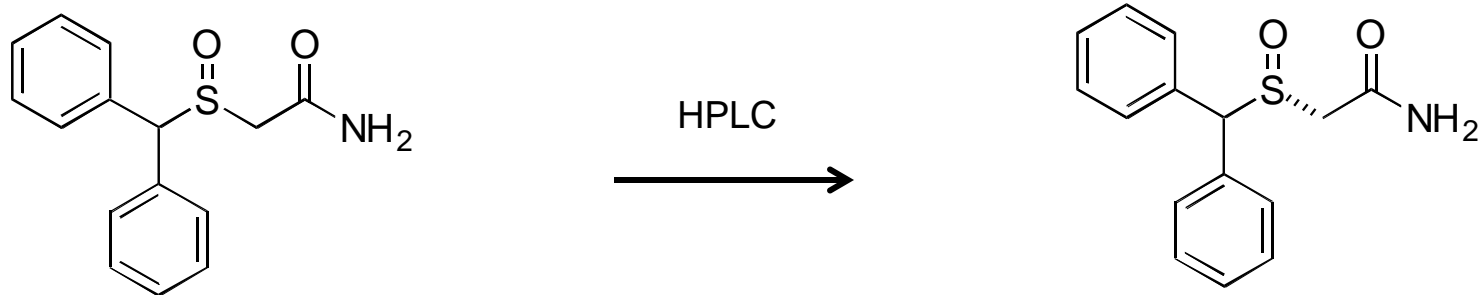
# *Pre-Clinical Phase*

- 85 kgs prepared via crystallization
  - ~98% ee
  - Conversion to R-Modafinil
  - Non-ideal system due to
    - Product degradation
    - Cost inputs
    - High labor component



# Clinical Phase

- Chiral HPLC/SMB study on Modafinil
  - Screened CSPs
  - HPLC and SMB methods developed
- 60kg of Phase I material produced
  - Single column HPLC
  - >99.0%ee



# *Clinical Phase*

- 550kg Phase II/III material produced
  - Chiral SMB
  - Optical purity >99.2%
  - Chemical purity >99.7%
- Over 10 MT of racemate processed via SMB
  - Novasep operation
  - Process ran on 300mm and 450mm systems
  - Stable, robust process



# *Commercial Launch*

- Asymmetric Oxidation Results
  - 75% isolated yield
  - >99.5% optical purity
- Significantly longer development than chromatography
- Favorable economics
- Launch of Armodafinil was accelerated due to stage-appropriate technologies



# *Development of Armodafinil*

- Three different methods employed
- Pre-Clinical – Classical Resolution
- Clinical Trials – Chiral SMB
- Commercial Launch – Asymmetric Synthesis
- Result – Speed to Market



# *Conclusions*

- Chiral Chromatography can offer advantages
  - Effective from mgs to MTs
  - Predictable scale factors
  - Ability to “dial in” desired %ee



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- Biogen Idec
- Teva (Cephalon)
- Novasep





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