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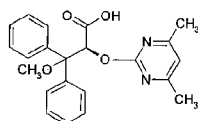
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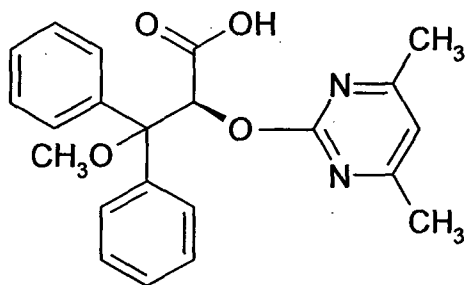


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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an improved and novel process for the preparation of highly pure (>99.8 %) (+)-2(S)-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yloxy)-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid (Ambrisentan) of formula (I).

A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF HIGHLY PURE AMBRISENTAN**Field of the invention:**

The present invention relates to an improved and novel process for the preparation of highly pure (>99.8%) (+)-2(S)-(4,6-Dimethylpyrimidin-2-yloxy)-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid (Ambrisentan) of formula-I

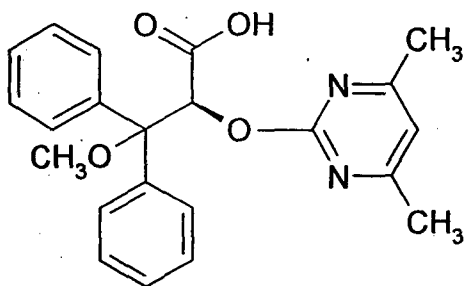
**Formula-I**

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Back ground of the invention

Ambrisentan which is (+)-2(S)-(4,6-Dimethylpyrimidin-2-yloxy)-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid having the formula – I is approved under the trademark “Letairis” by the US Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of Pulmonary artery hypertension(PAH).

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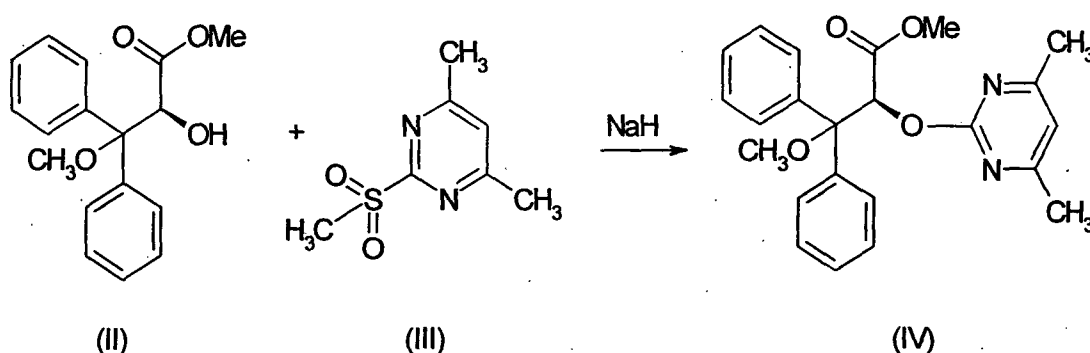
**Formula-I**

The preparation of (+)-2(S)-(4,6-Dimethylpyrimidin-2-yloxy)-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid (Ambrisentan) having the formula – I is described in WO 9611914; US 5932730(1996, 1998 both to BASF) and J. Med. Chem., 1996, vol.39, No.11, p.no. 2123-2128

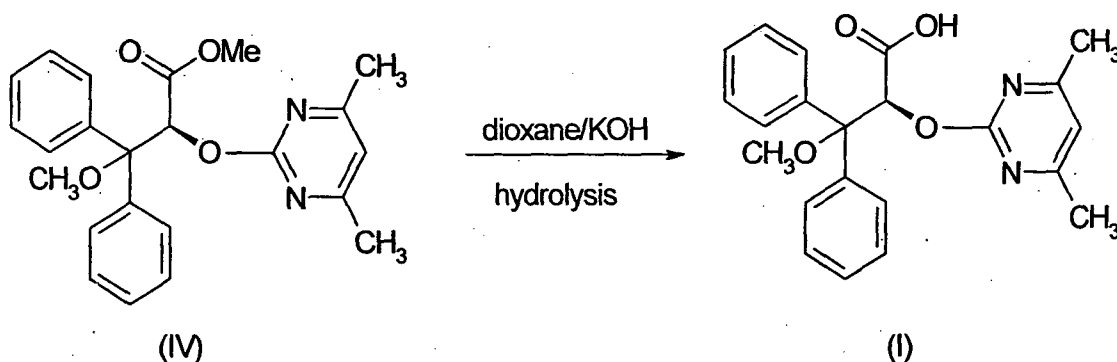
- 5 In WO 9611914 and in its equivalent US 5932730 the following route is described (Scheme-1) for related molecules. The route shown below is adapted for ambrisentan for our study.

Step-I

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Step-2



- 15 In this process methyl 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionate (II) is dissolved in DMF and sodium hydride is added. The mixture is stirred for a hour and then 4,6-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine is added. After stirring at room temperature for 24hours cautious hydrolysis is carried out with water , the pH is adjusted to 5 with acetic acid. , and the solvent is removed under high vacuum. The residue is taken up in ethyl

acetate, washed with water and the solvent is distilled out. The residue is mixed with ether and the resulting precipitate is filtered off.

In step-2 the step-1 product is hydrolyzed in 1N KOH solution in dioxane medium at reflux temperature. After reaction completion the reaction mass is washed with ethyl acetate to remove unreacted ester. The pH of the aqueous layer is adjusted with concd. HCl pH 1-2 and extracted with ethyl acetate. After water washing, ethyl acetate is distilled off and the product was liberated by the addition of ether/hexane mixture.

The above process adds two more steps to the Route of synthesis viz., esterification and hydrolysis

1. racemic 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid resolution followed by esterification
2. Condensation of the ester with 4,6- dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine to yield Ambrisentan ester followed by hydrolysis to give Ambrisentan
3. When this process is repeated in our laboratory the overall realized yield of final product is less than 15%
4. The purity of the final product obtained is only 95%

In J. Med. Chem., 1996, vol.39, No.11, p.no. 2123-2128 same chemical route is described using potassium carbonate base in place of sodium hydride at 90°C for step-1.

The overall realized yield of final product is less than 10% with a purity of about 92%

Further the preparation of (+)-2(S)-(4,6-Dimethylpyrimidin-2-yloxy)-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid(Ambrisentan) having the formula – I is described in WO 01/05771(2001 to BASF)

The objective of this invention is to prepare highly pure Ambrisentan through acid addition salts (1:1) of Ambrisentan. When the base is liberated from the acid addition salts, Ambrisentan of higher purity results.

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It is surprisingly found by the inventors that when the less pure Ambrisentan is reacted with

S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethylamine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine it selectively forms the corresponding acid addition salt, leaving behind the other related substances and
10 impurities which are otherwise difficult to remove by the conventional methods. The S(-)
4-nitrophenyl ethyl amine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine salt of Ambrisentan is further
converted to highly pure Ambrisentan which in turn is converted into other
pharmaceutically acceptable salts with higher purity.

15 **Summary of the invention**

The main object of the present invention is to provide an improved process for the preparation of highly pure (>99.8%) Ambrisentan

20 Another object of the invention is to provide a process for preparation of salts of Ambrisentan with S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine in high purity (>99.8%).

Accordingly in the present invention highly pure Ambrisentan is prepared by

25 *i.* Preparing Ambrisentan by the condensation of S(+)-2-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid with 2-(methylsulfonyl)-4,6-dimethylpyrimidine in presence of sodium hydride base in polar aprotic solvents like DMF or THF

30 *ii.* Treating Ambrisentan with S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethylamine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine yielding the corresponding addition salt of Ambrisentan

iii. Acidifying Ambrisentan S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethylamine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine salt and isolating Ambrisentan of purity 99.9%

Detailed description of the invention :

5 Thus in accordance with the present invention preparation of Ambrisentan comprises of the following steps

i. preparing Ambrisentan by the condensation of S(+)-2-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid with 2-(methylsulfonyl)-4,6-dimethylpyrimidine in presence of
10 sodium hydride base in DMF/THF medium in 1:1.4:4.3 mole ratio

ii. Treating Ambrisentan with S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethylamine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine yielding corresponding addition salts of Ambrisentan

iii. Acidifying Ambrisentan S(-)-4-nitrophenylethylamine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine salt
15 and isolating Ambrisentan of purity 99.85%

In a typical embodiment, the present invention provides the following process for the preparation of Ambrisentan

- 20 1. S(+)-2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid (HIP-III) is dissolved in DMF/THF under nitrogen atmosphere at 20-25°C
2. Sodium hydride is added slowly to the reaction mass during 1 hour at 25-30°C
3. The mixture is stirred for a hour and then 4,6-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine in DMF/THF is added drop wise
- 25 4. The reaction mass is maintained at 25-30°C for 16-17 hours
5. After maintenance it is quenched with methanol and poured into ice-water .
6. aqueous layer pH is adjusted with 1N hydrochloride solution to 2-3 during 30-45 minutes
7. Reaction mass is extracted with Ethyl acetate

8. Ethyl acetate layer is extracted with diluted sodium hydroxide solution
9. Sodium hydroxide layer is acidified with diluted hydrochloric acid
10. reaction mass is maintained under stirring for 2 hours at RT
11. The product is filtered and dried to yield Ambrisentan

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Further reacting the resultant base of Ambrisentan with S-(-)-4-nitro phenylethylamine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine as follows :

- 10 i. Ambrisentan is dissolved in acetone and S-(-)-4-nitro phenylethylamine/ S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine is added directly or as a solution in acetone
- ii. reaction mass temperature is raised to reflux
- iii. reaction mass is maintained at reflux temperature for 1 hour
- iv. reaction mass is brought to room temperature and maintained at the same

15 temperature for

16 -18 hours

iv. The product after filtration and drying at 60-70 °C afforded pure Ambrisentan as corresponding acid addition salt of S-(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethylamine or S(-)-phenyl ethylamine

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The prepared Ambrisentan S-(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine /S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine acid addition salts(1:1) are novel and are identified and characterized by chemical analysis, IR, NMR & Mass spectral. Ambrisentan acid addition salts are further converted to Ambrisentan as follows :

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i. Ambrisentan S-(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine or S(-)-phenyl ethyl amine addition salt is acidified with diluted hydrochloric acid

ii. The reaction mass is maintained at room temperature for 2-3 hours

iii. The product is filtered and washed with purified water

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The solid state properties of Ambrisentan thus prepared are illustrated by the following figures :

- Fig- 1 – XRPD spectrum of the Ambrisentan prepared by the method disclosed in example -1
- 5 Fig-2 – DSC curve of the Ambrisentan prepared by the method disclosed in example-1
- Fig-3 – IR spectrum of the Ambrisentan prepared by the method disclosed in example-1
- 10 Fig- 4 – XRPD spectrum of the Ambrisentan prepared by the method disclosed in example -2
- Fig-5 – DSC curve of the Ambrisentan prepared by the method disclosed in example-2
- 15 Fig- 6 – IR spectrum of the Ambrisentan prepared by the method disclosed in example-2

The required S- 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid and 4,6-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine can be prepared by the prior art processes

The details of the inventions are given in the Examples which are provided for illustration only and therefore the Examples should not be construed to limit the scope of the invention.

EXAMPLES

- 25 **Example-1** : Process for the preparation highly pure Ambrisentan of the formula -I
- Step-1** : Condensation of S(+) 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid and 4,6-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine in DMF medium

Into a 1L round bottomed flask a mixture of DMF(400ml) and S-2-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenyl propionic acid(50g) were charged and stirred for 30 minutes. sodium hydride(18.9g) was added slowly for 1hour and reaction mass was maintained at room temperature for one hours. 2-(methylsulfonyl)-4,6-dimethyl pyrimidine(47.8g) was dissolved in DMF(100ml) and added to the reaction mass at room temperature during 45-60 minutes and reaction mass was maintained overnight under stirring. After reaction completion methanol(50ml) was added slowly to the reaction mass during 30 minutes. Reaction mass was quenched into DM water (5L) and acidified with diluted hydrochloric acid(600ml). Aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate(2x500ml) and combined ethyl acetate layer was extracted with 1N sodium hydroxide solution. Sodium hydroxide layer was separated and acidified with 1N hydrochloride solution . Reaction mass was maintained under stirring for 2hours . The product of the formula-I was filtered and washed with purified water. It was dried in oven at 60-65°C

Dry weight : 60g

15 Purity by HPLC : related : 99.5%

Chiral : 99.5%

Step – II : Preparation of Ambrisentan S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethylamine addition salt(1:1) : Ambrisentan (60g, purity 99.5%) was dissolved in acetone (900ml) and S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine(26.2g) was added to the solution over 30 min . Reaction mass temperature was raised to reflux and maintained for about 1-2hrs. Reaction mass was slowly cooled to room temperature and maintained for about 16-18 hr at the same temperature. The precipitated material was filtered and washed with 200ml of acetone. The product was dried at 60-70°C under vacuum till constant weight.

Dry weight : 60g

25 Melting point : 156-160-deg C

Purity by HPLC : related : 99.95% (Single impurity less than 0.1%)

Chiral : 99.85% (single impurity less than 0.1%)

Step – III : Preparation of highly pure Ambrisentan from Ambrisentan S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethylamine addition salt (1:1):

30 Ambrisentan .S(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine addition salt(60g) was suspended in DM

water(3L)and stirred for 15minutes. Aqueous 1N hydrochloric acid solution(500) was added over a period of 30 min to a pH of 1-2 and maintained at the same temperature for 2-3hours.The precipitated product was filtered and washed with purified water. The product was dried at temperature of 60-70°C till constant weight.

5 Dry weight of Ambrisentan : 42g

Purity by HPLC : related : 99.95% (Single impurity less than 0.1%)

Chiral purity : 99.85% (Single impurity less than 0.1%)

Example-2 : Process for the preparation highly pure Ambrisentan of the formula –I

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Step-1 : Condensation of S(+) 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid and 4,6-dimethyl-2-(-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine in THF medium

Into a 1L round bottomed flask a mixture of THF(1L) and S-2-Hydroxy-3-mehoxy-3,3-
15 diphenyl propionic acid(50g) were charged and stirred for 30 minutes. sodium
hydride(18.9g) was added slowly for 1hour and reaction mass was maintained at room
temperature for one hours. 2-(methylsulfonyl)-4,6-dimethyl pyrimidine(47.8g) was
dissolved in THF(500ml) and added to the reaction mass at room temperature during 45-
60 minutes and reaction mass was maintained overnight under stirring. After reaction
20 completion methanol(50ml) was added slowly to the reaction mass during 30 minutes.
Reaction mass was quenched into DM water (15L) and acidified with diluted
hydrochloric acid(600ml). Reaction mass was maintained under stirring for 3hours at
room temperature. Filtered compound was dissolved in Ethyl acetate and ethyl acetate
layer was extracted with 1N sodium hydroxide solution(2L) Sodium hydroxide layer was
25 separated and acidified with 1N hydrochloride solution(1.25L) . Reaction mass was
maintained under stirring for 2hours . The product of the formula-I was filtered and
washed with purified water. It was dried in oven at 60-65°C

Dry weight : 50g

Purity by HPLC : related : 99.4%

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Chiral : 99.36%

Step – II : Preparation of Ambrisentan S(-) phenyl ethylamine addition salt(1:1) :

Ambrisentan (50g, purity 99.5%) was dissolved in acetone (500ml) and S(-) phenyl ethyl amine(16.0g) was dissolved in acetone(32ml)added to the solution over 30 min . Reaction mass temperature was raised to reflux and maintained for about 1-2hrs.

- 5 Reaction mass was slowly cooled to room temperature and maintained for about 16-18 hr at the same temperature. The precipitated material was filtered and washed with 200ml of acetone. The product was dried at 60-70°C under vacuum till constant weight.

Dry weight : 40g

Melting point : 88-90-deg C

- 10 Purity by HPLC : related : 99.90%(Single impurity less than 0.1%)
Chiral : 99.82% (Single impurity less than 0.1%)

Step – III : Preparation of highly pure Ambrisentan from Ambrisentan S(-) phenyl ethylamine addition salt(1:1) :

- 15 Ambrisentan .S(-) phenyl ethyl amine addition salt(40g) was suspended in DM water(2L)and stirred for 15minutes. Aqueous 1N hydrochloric acid solution(330ml) was added over a period of 30 min to a pH of 1-2 and maintained at the same temperature for 2-3hours. The precipitated product was filtered and washed with purified water. The product was dried at temperature of

- 20 60-70°C till constant weight.

Dry weight of Ambrisentan : 30g

Purity by HPLC : related : 99.90% (Single impurity less than 0.1%)
Chiral purity : 99.80% (Single impurity less than 0.1%)

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Advantages of the invention

- 1) Ambrisentan produced in more than 99.8% chemical purity.
- 2) The chiral purity of Ambrisentan by the process of the present invention is about 99.8%

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We Claim:

1. Novel process for the preparation of Ambrisentan comprising
 - 5 a) Dissolving S(+)-2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid in DMF under nitrogen atmosphere at 20-25°C
 - b) Adding Sodium hydride slowly to the reaction mass during 1 hour at 25-30°C
 - c) stirring reaction mixture for one hour
 - d) adding 4,6-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine solution in DMF drop wise
 - 10 e) Maintaining reaction mass at 25-30°C for 16-17 hours
 - f) quenching reaction mass with methanol and pouring into ice-water.
 - g) aqueous layer pH adjustment with 1N hydrochloride solution
 - h) extraction of reaction mass with ethyl acetate
 - i) extraction of ethyl acetate layer with 1N sodium hydroxide solution
 - 15 j) Acidification of ethyl acetate layer with 1N hydrochloric acid solution
 - k) Maintenance of reaction mass under stirring for 2 hours
 - l) Filtering to yield Ambrisentan.

- 20 2. Novel process for the preparation of highly pure (>99.8%) Ambrisentan comprising the following steps
 - I. Dissolving Ambrisentan in acetone and addition of S-(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine directly or as a solution in acetone
 - II. Raising reaction mass temperature to reflux
 - 25 III. Maintenance of reaction mass at reflux temperature for 1 hour
 - IV. Cooling reaction mass to room temperature and maintaining at the same temperature for 16-18 hours
 - V. Filtering and to yield pure Ambrisentan as an acid addition salt of S-(-)-4-nitro phenylethylamine
 - 30 VI. Acidification of Ambrisentan S-(-)-4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine with diluted hydrochloric acid

VII. Maintenance at room temperature for 2-3hours

VIII. Filtering to yield Ambrisentan of high purity(>99.8%)

3. Novel process for the preparation of Ambrisentan comprising

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- a) Dissolving S(+) 2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-3,3-diphenylpropionic acid in THF under nitrogen atmosphere at 20-25°C
- b) Adding Sodium hydride slowly to the reaction mass during 1hour at 25-30°C
- c) stirring reaction mixture for one hour
- 10 d) adding 4,6-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)pyrimidine solution in THF drop wise
- e) Maintaining reaction mass at 25-30°C for 16-17hours
- f) quenching reaction mass with methanol and pouring into ice-water .
- g) aqueous layer pH adjustment with 1N hydrochloride solution
- h) Maintaining reaction under stirring for 3hours
- 15 i) Filtration and dissolution of filtered solid in ethyl acetate
- j) extraction of ethyl acetate layer with 1N sodium hydroxide solution
- k) Acidification of ethyl acetate layer with 1N hydrochloric acid solution
- l) Maintenance of reaction mass under stirring for 2hours
- m) Filtering to yield Ambrisentan

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4. Novel process for the preparation of highly pure (>99.8) Ambrisentan comprising the following steps

- I. Dissolving Ambrisentan in acetone and addition of S(-) phenyl ethyl amine directly or as a solution in acetone
- 25 II. Raising reaction mass temperature to reflux
- III. Maintenance of reaction mass at reflux temperature for 1hour
- IV. Cooling reaction mass to room temperature and maintaining at the same temperature for 16 -18 hours
- V. Filtering and to yield pure Ambrisentan as an acid addition salt of S(-)
- 30 phenyl ethylamine

VI. Acidification of Ambrisentan S-(-) phenyl ethyl amine addition salt with diluted hydrochloric acid

VII. Maintenance at room temperature for 2-3hours

VIII. Filtering to yield Ambrisentan of high purity(>99.8%)

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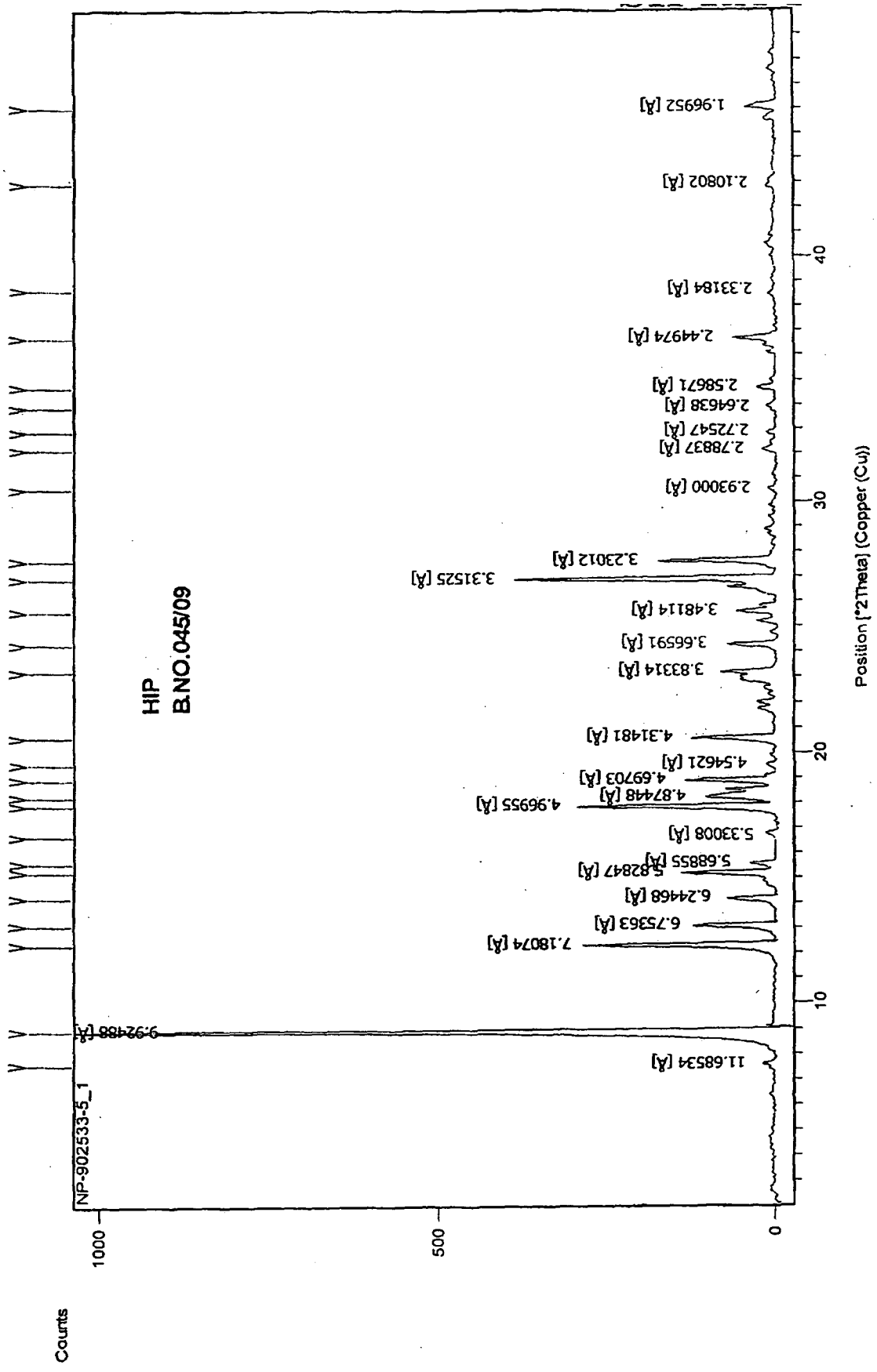
5. A (1:1) addition salt of ambrisentan and S-(-)4-nitro phenyl ethyl amine as a novel pharmaceutically acceptable salt of Ambrisentan

6. A (1:1) addition salt of ambrisentan and S-(-) phenyl ethyl amine as a novel
10 pharmaceutically acceptable salt of Ambrisentan

7. A novel method of preparing highly pure (> 99.8%) Ambrisentan essentially as herein described with reference to example- 1 and example-2

Fig-1

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Fig-2

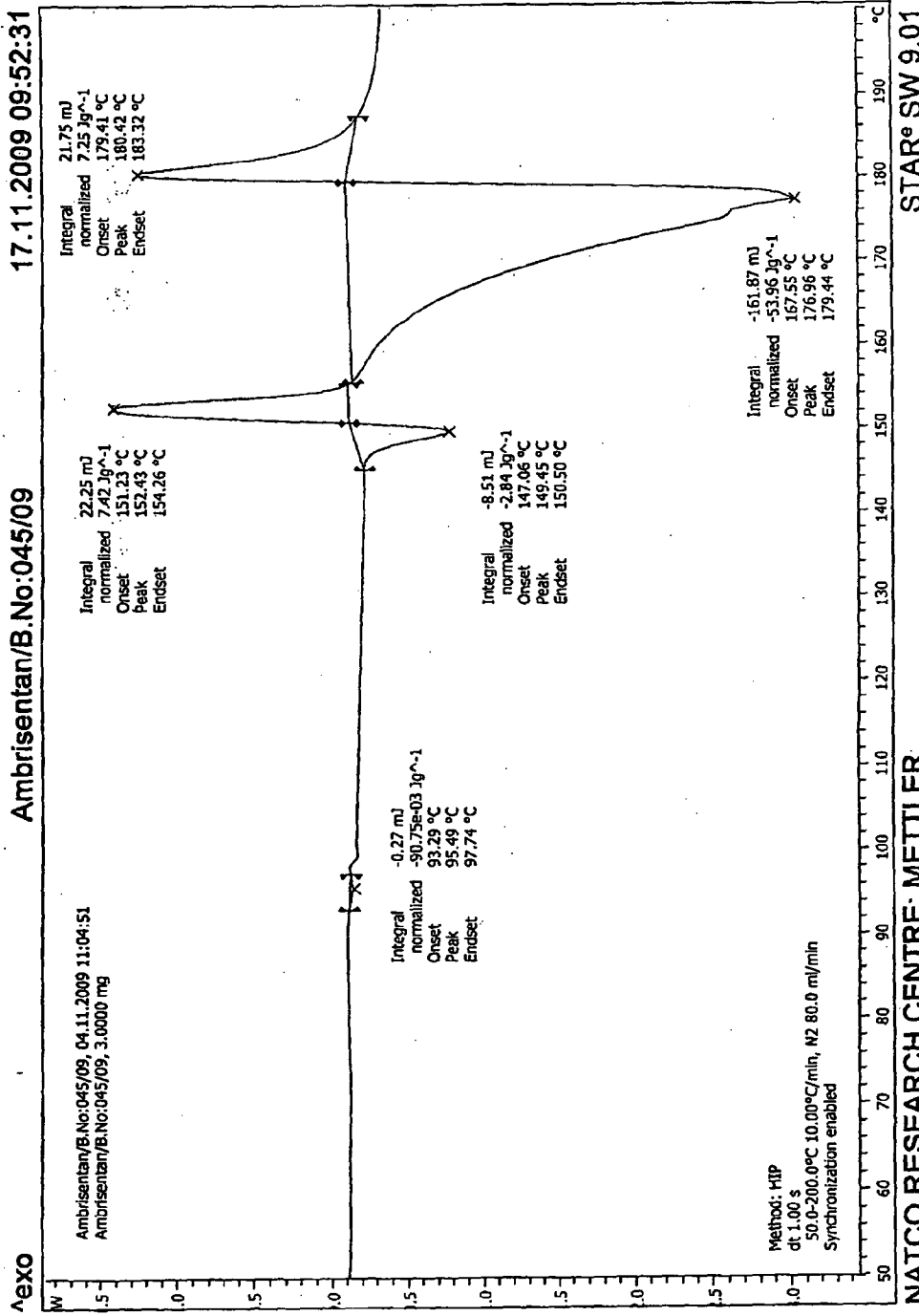
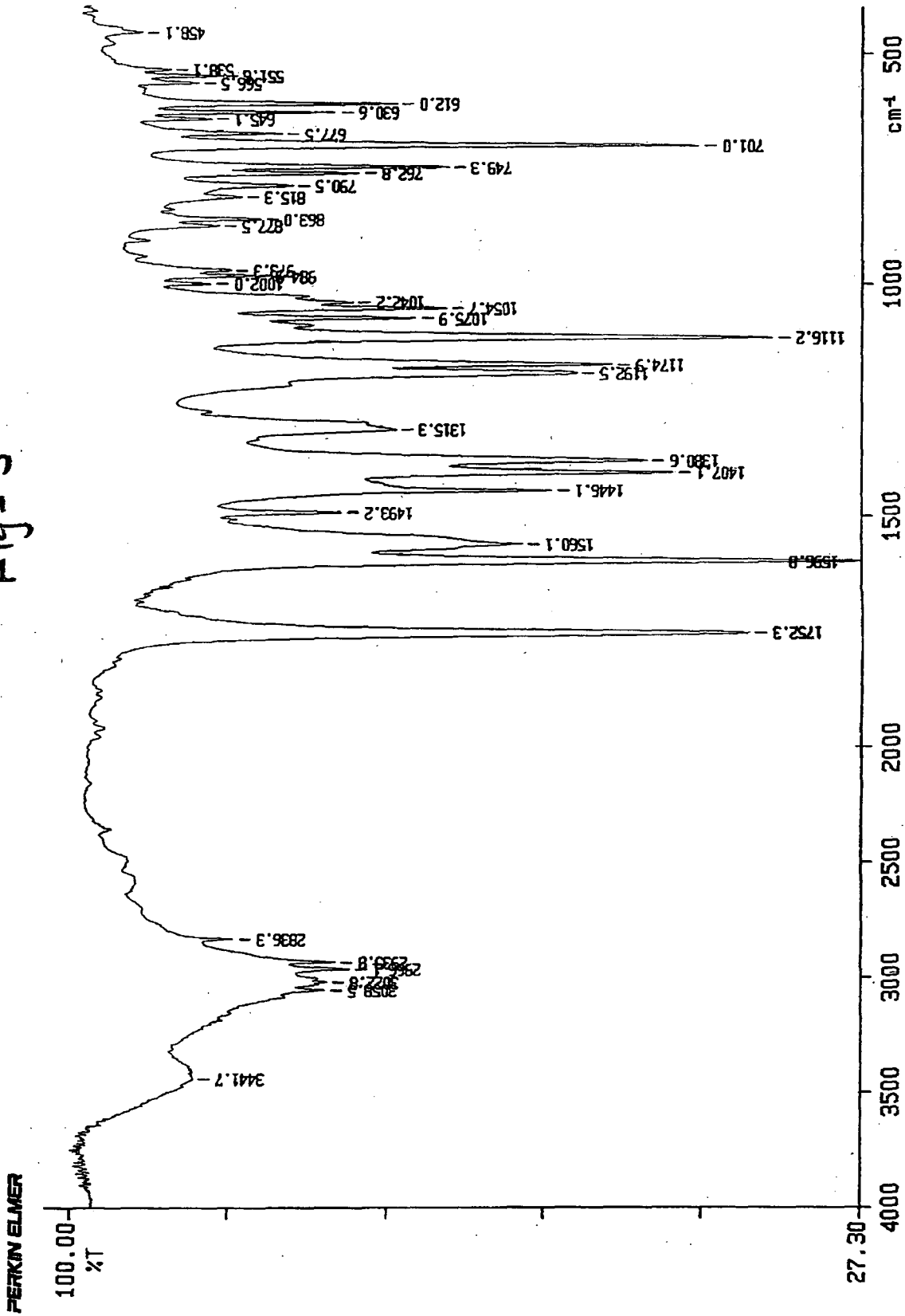


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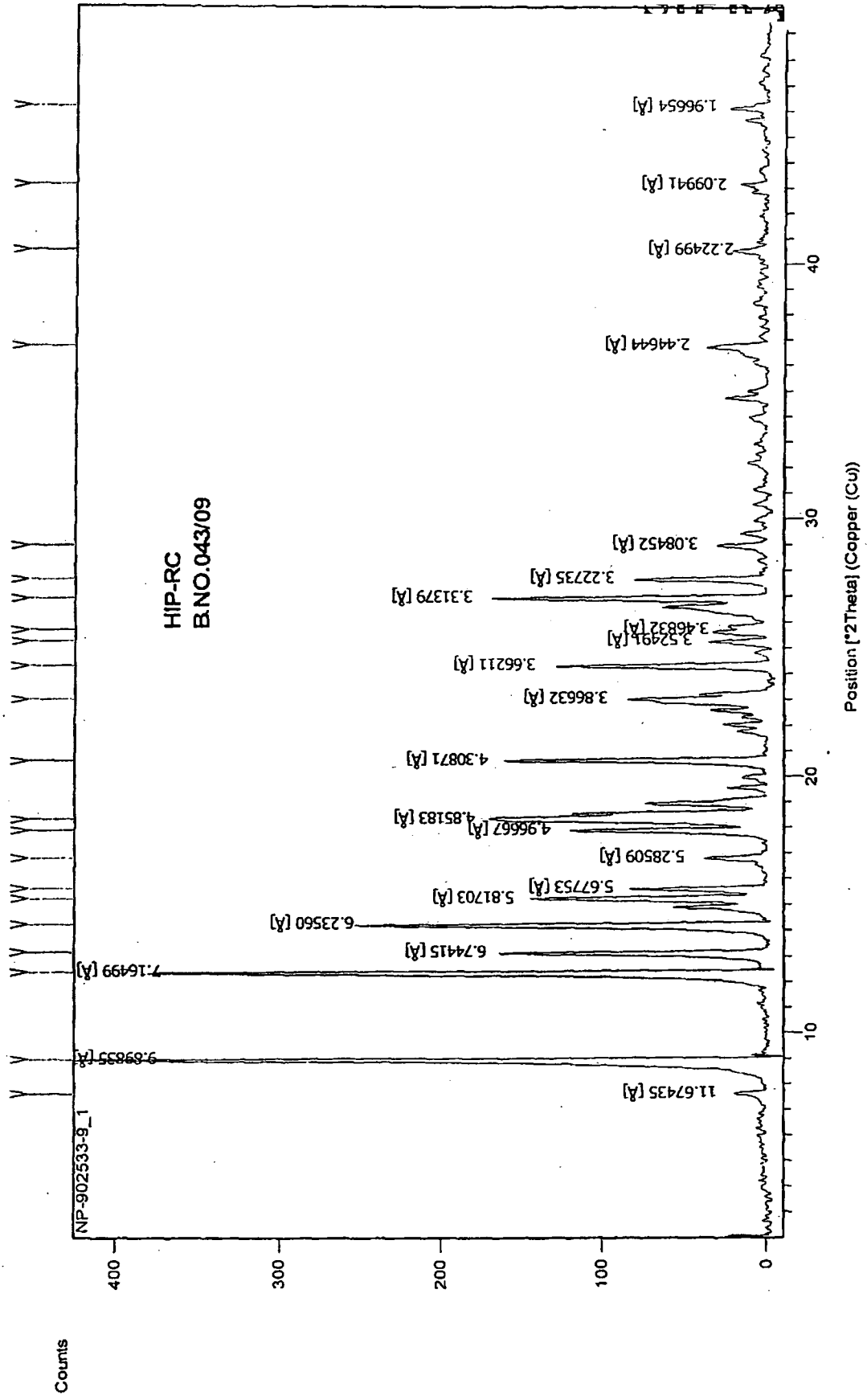


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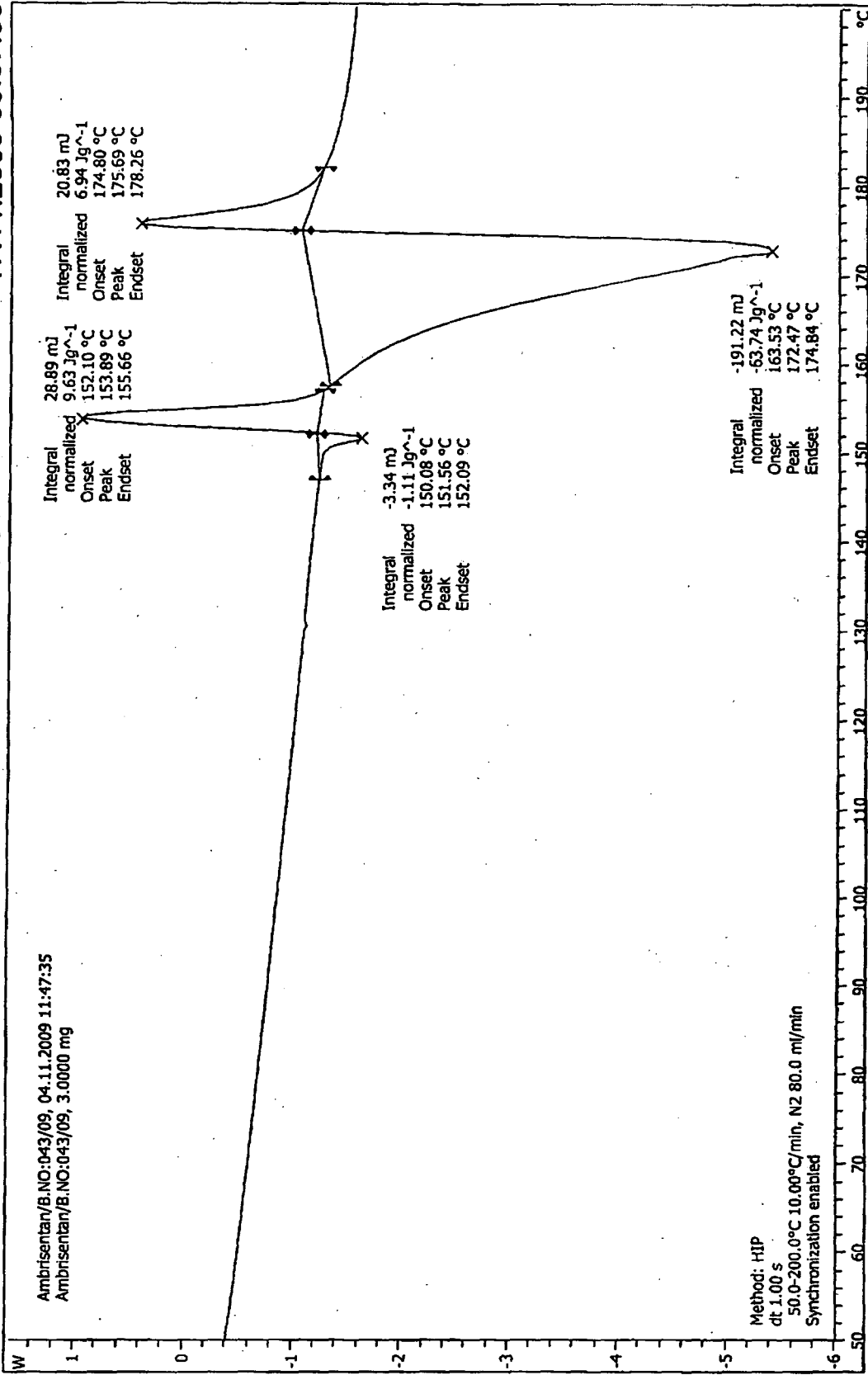
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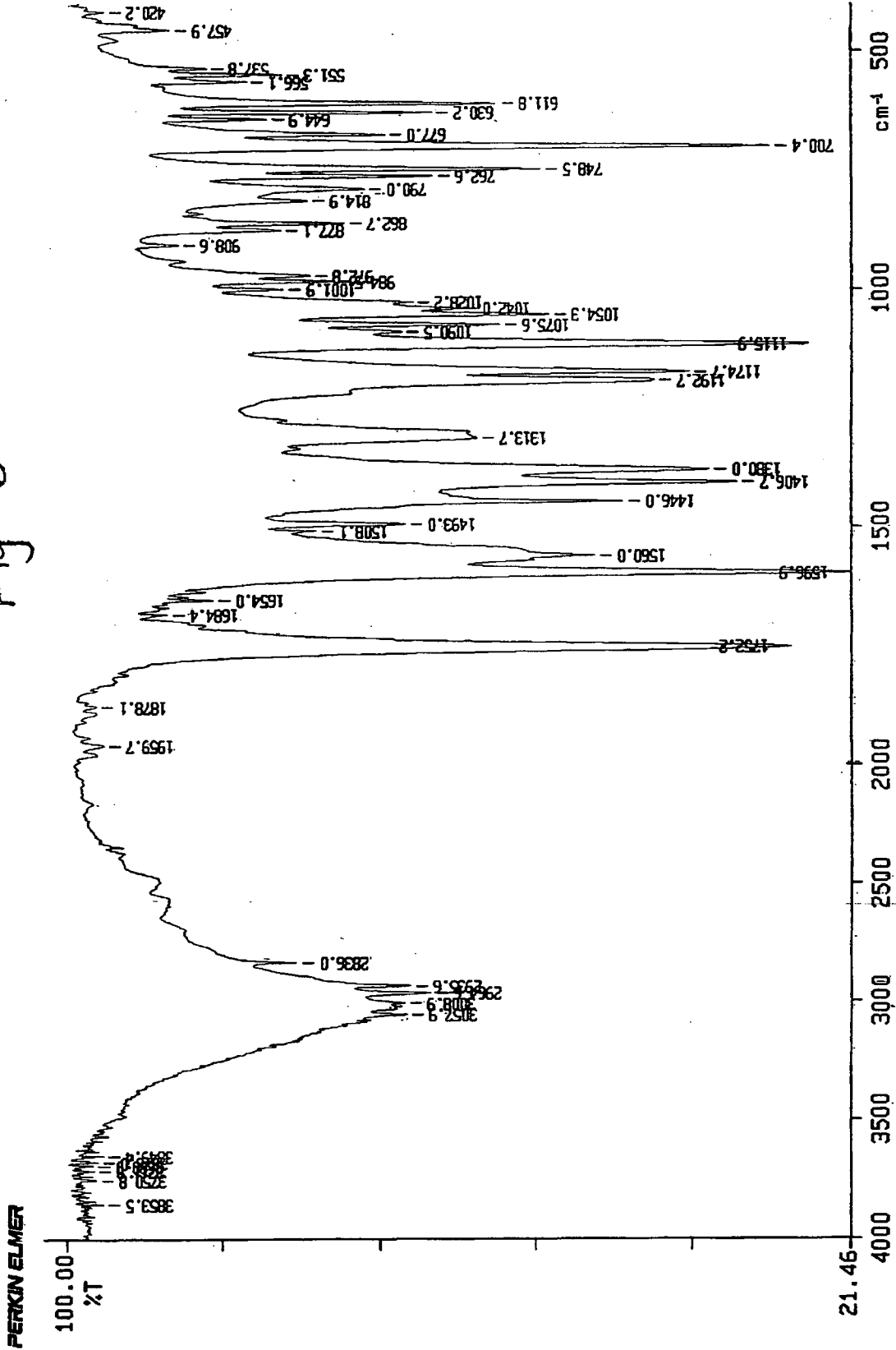
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