SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

'Carba'-carfentanil (*trans* isomer): a μ opioid receptor (MOR) partial agonist with a distinct binding mode

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Stereochemical assignment of compounds 8a and 8b

Resonance assignments were based on 2D ¹H-¹H COSY and NOESY as well as ¹H-¹³C HSQC correlation spectra. The two isomers have very different NOE patterns between aromatic protons and those on the cyclohexane ring. From this, it can be concluded that isomer **8a** is *cis* and isomer **8b** is *trans*.

Table 1 Proton and carbon-13 resonance assignments of compounds 8a and 8b



	8a		8b	
	¹ H	¹³ C	¹ H	¹³ C
4	1.26	34.18	1.07	35.65
3,5a	0.90	26.55	1.28	28.46
3,5e	1.46	26.55	1.58	28.46
2,6a	1.72	30.81	1.13	33.27
2,6e	2.06	30.81	2.17	33.27
2'	0.81	9.12	0.82	9.12
1'	1.80	28.21	1.74	28.21
1' _a	7.50	130.93	7.30	130.13
-OCH ₃	3.64	52.00	3.64	51.44
2″	2.47	32.46	2.51	32.42
1″	1.35	37.26	1.40	38.10
1" _a	7.12	128.08	7.13	127.99

Figure 1. 1-D ¹H NMR spectra of compounds 8a and 8b







