

## Supplementary Materials to:

# $\beta^2$ -*homo*-Amino acid scan of $\mu$ -selective opioid tetrapeptide TAPP

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**Table SM-SYN-1.** Analytical data of the synthesized peptides.

No.	peptide	HPLC t <sub>R</sub> (min)*	HPLC t <sub>R</sub> (min)**	molecular formula	HR ESI-MS		
					calculated for [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	measured for [M+H] <sup>+</sup>	Diff. [ppm]
1	H-Tyr-D-Ala-Phe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub> (TAPP)	20.866	18.017	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	546.2711	546.2715	0.73
8	H-( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hTyr-D-Ala-Phe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub> less polar	21.160	18.672	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2885	3.21
9	H-( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> h- <i>m</i> -Tyr-D-Ala-Phe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub> less polar	21.831	19.240	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2885	3.21
10	H-Tyr-( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hAla-Phe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub>	20.059	17.340	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2893	4.64
11	H-Tyr-D-Ala-( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub>	19.234	16.234	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2879	2.14
12	H-Tyr-D-Ala-Phe-( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe-NH <sub>2</sub>	20.690	18.316	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2889	3.93
13	H-( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hTyr-D-Ala-Phe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub> more polar	19.585	17.019	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2874	1.25
14	H-( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> h- <i>m</i> -Tyr-D-Ala-Phe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub> more polar	20.039	17.711	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2879	2.14
15	H-Tyr-( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hAla-Phe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub>	19.496	16.876	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2880	2.32
16	H-Tyr-D-Ala-( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe-Phe-NH <sub>2</sub>	21.037	19.467	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2879	2.14
17	H-Tyr-D-Ala-Phe-( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe-NH <sub>2</sub>	20.611	18.298	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	560.2867	560.2882	2.68
*linear gradient was applied: 3–97% B for 40 min, phase (A): 0.1% TFA in water; phase (B): 0.1% TFA in ACN.							
**linear gradient was applied: 30–97% B for 30 min, phase (A): 0.1% TFA in water; phase (B): 0.1% TFA in MeOH.							

**Table SM-BIN-1.**  $\delta$ OR binding affinity of the studied compounds.

No.	Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> [nM] <sup>1</sup>
		$\delta$ OR <sup>2</sup>
1	TAPP	616
<b>backbone expansion without changing the spatial positioning of the side-chain</b>		
8 <sup>3</sup>	[(R)- $\beta^2$ hTyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	>10000
9 <sup>3</sup>	[(R)- $\beta^2$ h- <i>m</i> -Tyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	>10000
10	[(S)- $\beta^2$ hAla <sup>2</sup> ]-TAPP	>10000
11	[(R)- $\beta^2$ hPhe <sup>3</sup> ]-TAPP	794
12	[(R)- $\beta^2$ hPhe <sup>4</sup> ]-TAPP	708
<b>backbone expansion with changing the spatial positioning of the side-chain</b>		
13 <sup>3</sup>	[(S)- $\beta^2$ hTyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	>10000
14 <sup>3</sup>	[(S)- $\beta^2$ h- <i>m</i> -Tyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	>10000
15	[(R)- $\beta^2$ hAla <sup>2</sup> ]-TAPP	>10000
16	[(S)- $\beta^2$ hPhe <sup>3</sup> ]-TAPP	890
17	[(S)- $\beta^2$ hPhe <sup>4</sup> ]-TAPP	417

<sup>1</sup> IC<sub>50</sub>, half-maximal inhibitory concentration mean of three determinations in duplicate. <sup>2</sup> Radioligand: 0.5 nM [<sup>3</sup>H]DELT II. <sup>3</sup> Absolute configuration determined *per analogiam* to [(R/S)- $\beta^2$ hPhe<sup>1</sup>]-TAPP (see Section 2.1 in the main text for details)

**Table SM-MOD-1.** Descriptive summary of the binding poses predicted by docking for TAPP and the derivatives.

No	Structure	Xxx1 interactions	H-bond with Tyr148	Position of Xxx <sup>3</sup> side-chain	Position of Xxx <sup>4</sup> side-chain	Interactions of C-terminal amide
	DAMGO in 6DDF	SA1	-	n/a	SD1	n/a
<b>1</b>	TAPP	SA1	-	SC1	SD1	SE1
<b>8</b>	[( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hTyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	SA1	-	SC2	SC4	SE2
<b>9</b>	[( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> h- <i>m</i> -Tyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	SA2	-	SC1	SD1	SE1
<b>10</b>	[( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hAla <sup>2</sup> ]-TAPP	SA3	+	SC4	SC3	SE2
<b>11</b>	[( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe <sup>3</sup> ]-TAPP	SA4	+	to solvent	SD1	SE2
<b>12</b>	[( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe <sup>4</sup> ]-TAPP	SA4	-	SC4	SD1	SE2
<b>13</b>	[( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hTyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	SA5	-	SD1	SC4	to solvent
<b>14</b>	[( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> h- <i>m</i> -Tyr <sup>1</sup> ]-TAPP*	SA6	-	SC1	SD1	SE1
<b>15</b>	[( <i>R</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hAla <sup>2</sup> ]-TAPP	SA6	+	SD1	SD2	SE3
<b>16</b>	[( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe <sup>3</sup> ]-TAPP	SA7	-	SC4	SC3	solvent
<b>17</b>	[( <i>S</i> )-β <sup>2</sup> hPhe <sup>4</sup> ]-TAPP	SA1	-	SC5	SD1	SE2

SA1, dispersive contacts: Ile296, His297, Val300

SA2, dispersive contacts: Met151

SA3, H-bond: Ile296 (backbone); dispersive contacts: Ile296, Val300, Ile322

SA4, H-bond: Lys233 (backbone); dispersive contacts: Val300

SA5, dispersive contacts: Ile296, Val300, Val236

SA6, H-bond: Ile296 (backbone); dispersive contacts: Val236, Ile296

SA7, H-bond: Trp293 (indole); dispersive contacts: Ile 296, Val300

SC1, dispersive contacts: Asn127, Trp318, His319

SC2, intramolecular stack NH<sup>+</sup>···Xxx<sup>3</sup>

SC3, dispersive contacts: Cys217

SC4, dispersive contacts: Leu219

SC5, intramolecular stack Xxx<sup>4</sup>···Xxx<sup>3</sup>

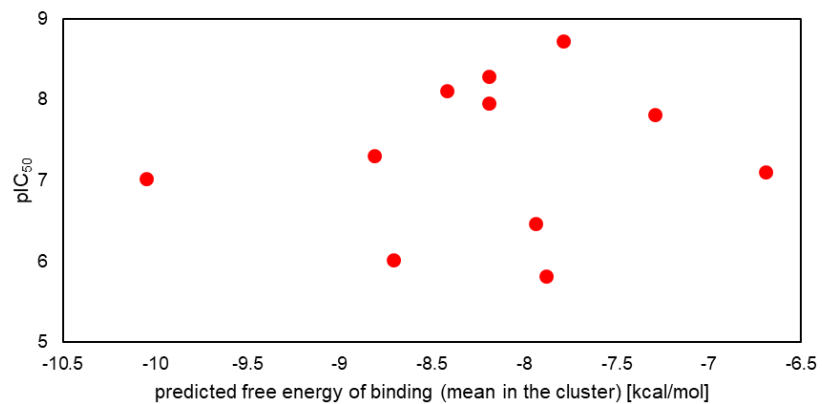
SD1, dispersive contacts: Trp133, Ile144, Cys217

SD2, dispersive contacts: Val300, Trp318

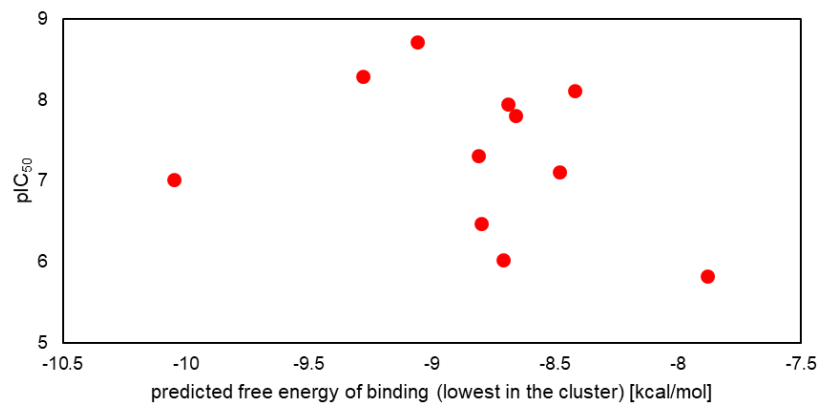
SE1, H-bond: Thr218

SE2, H-bond: Asp216

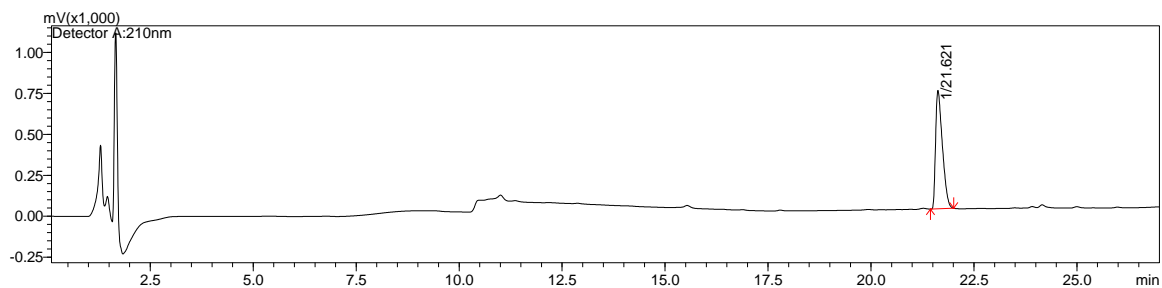
SE3, H-bond: Glu229



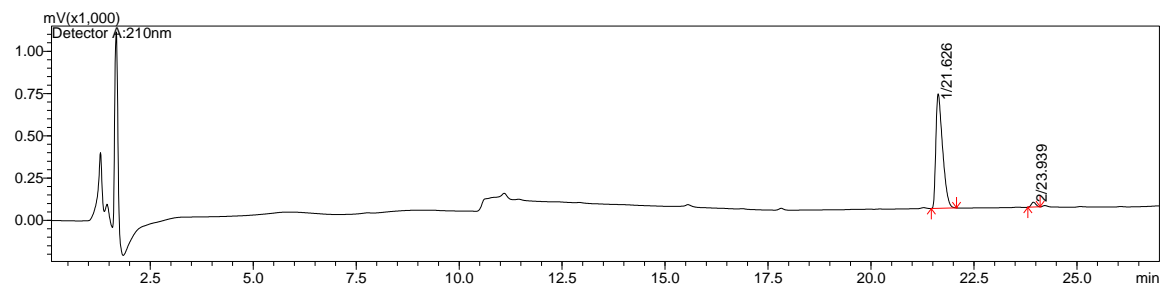
**Figure SM-MOD-1.** Plot of pIC<sub>50</sub> against the predicted by docking free energy of binding (mean in the cluster).



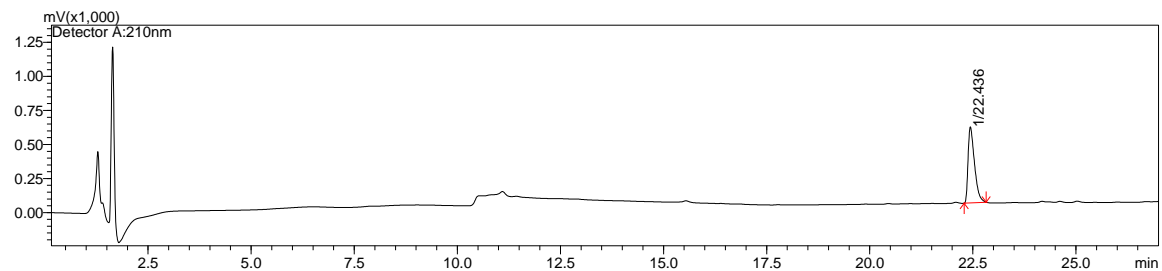
**Figure SM-MOD-2.** Plot of pIC<sub>50</sub> against the predicted by docking free energy of binding (lowest in the cluster).



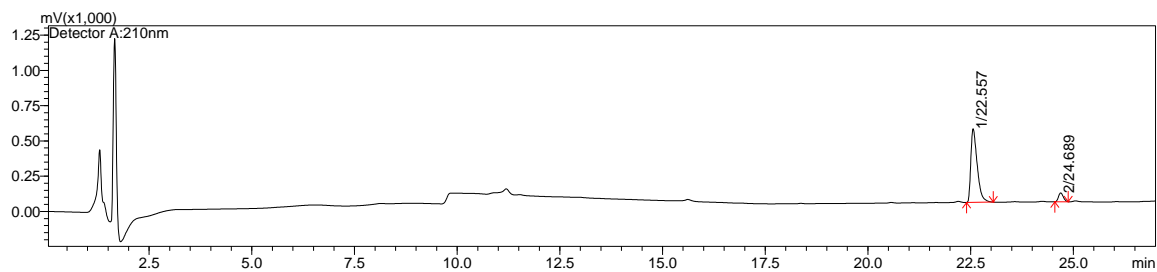
**Figure SM-STAB-1.** HPLC chromatogram of a TAPP (1) sample in human plasma, taken at the start of stability testing.



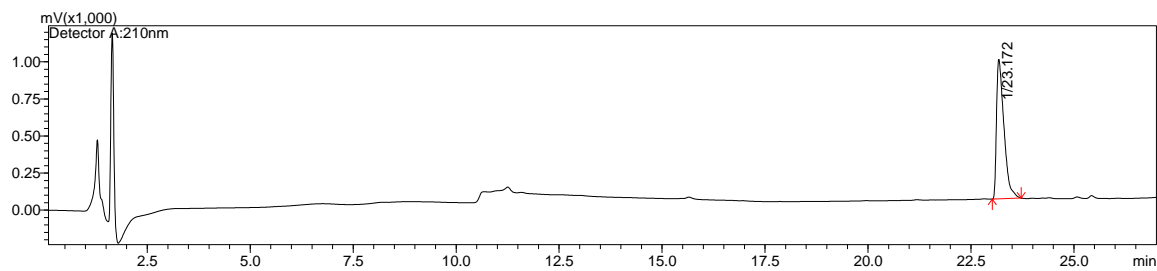
**Figure SM-STAB-2.** HPLC chromatogram of a TAPP (1) sample in human plasma, taken at 48 h of stability testing.



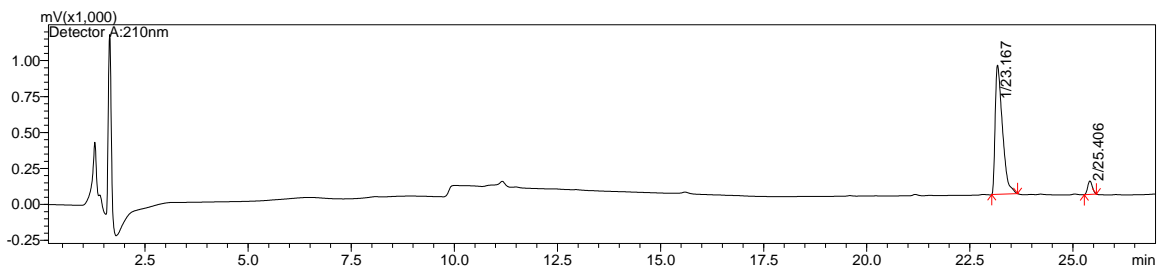
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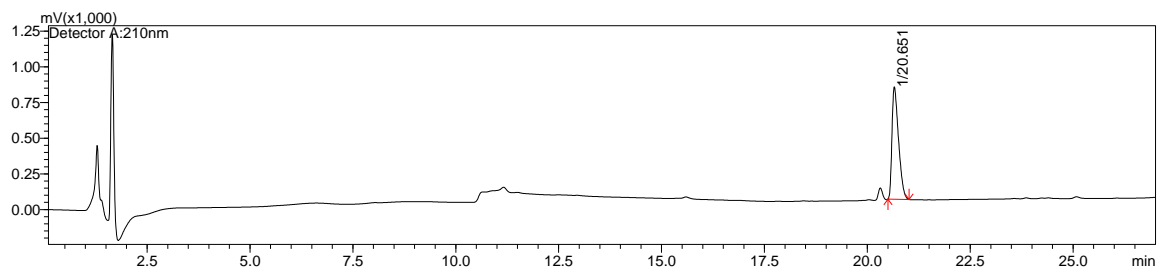
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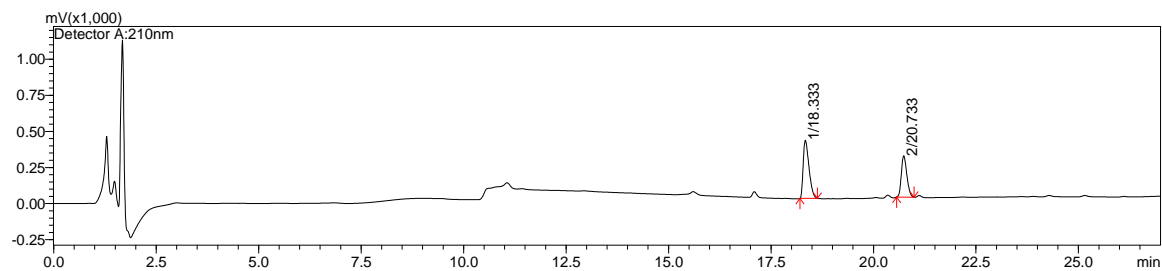
**Figure SM-STAB-5.** HPLC chromatogram of a [(*R*)-β<sup>2</sup>h-*m*-Tyr<sup>1</sup>]-TAPP\* (**9**) sample in human plasma, taken at the start of stability testing.



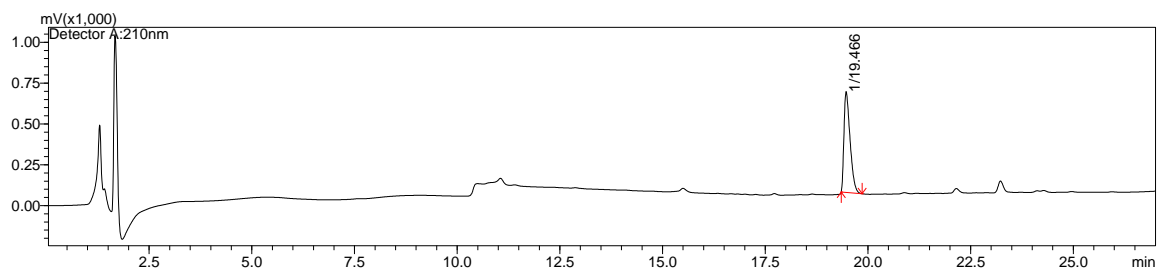
**Figure SM-STAB-6.** HPLC chromatogram of a [(*R*)-β<sup>2</sup>h-*m*-Tyr<sup>1</sup>]-TAPP\* (**9**) sample in human plasma, taken at 48 h of stability testing.



**Figure SM-STAB-7.** HPLC chromatogram of a [(*S*)-β<sup>2</sup>hAla<sup>2</sup>]-TAPP (**10**) sample in human plasma, taken at the start of stability testing.

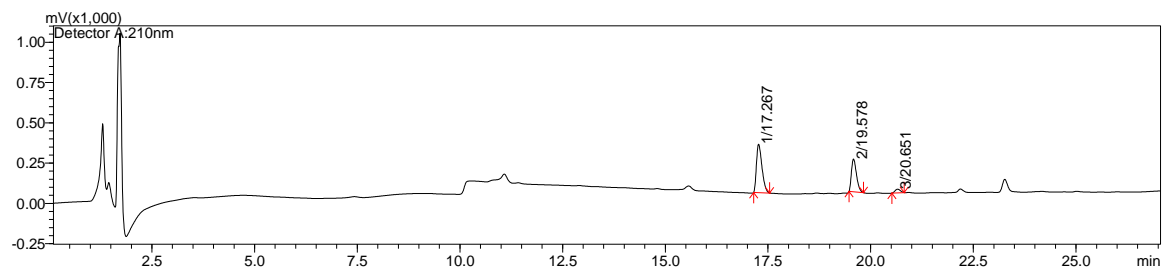


**Figure SM-STAB-8.** HPLC chromatogram of a [(*S*)-β<sup>2</sup>hAla<sup>2</sup>]-TAPP (**10**) sample in human plasma, taken at 4 h of stability testing.

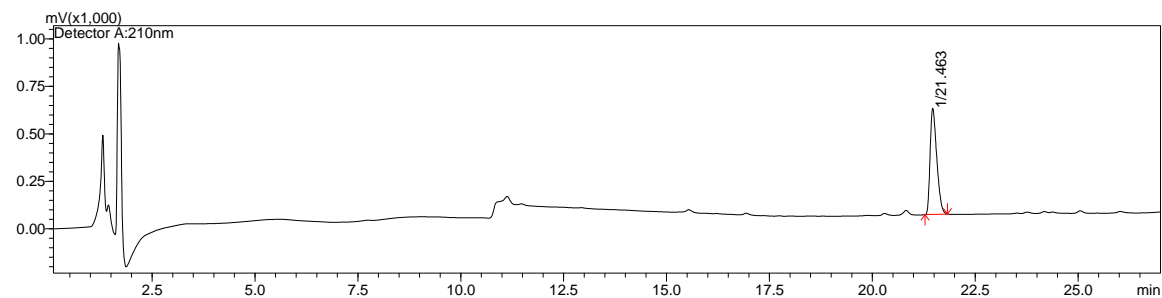


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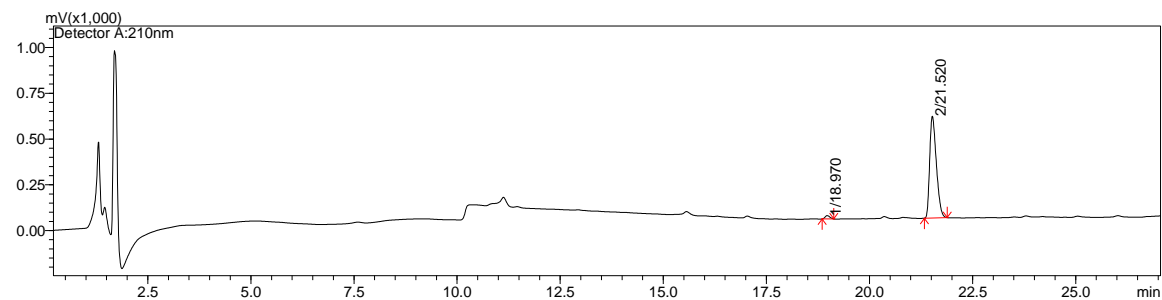




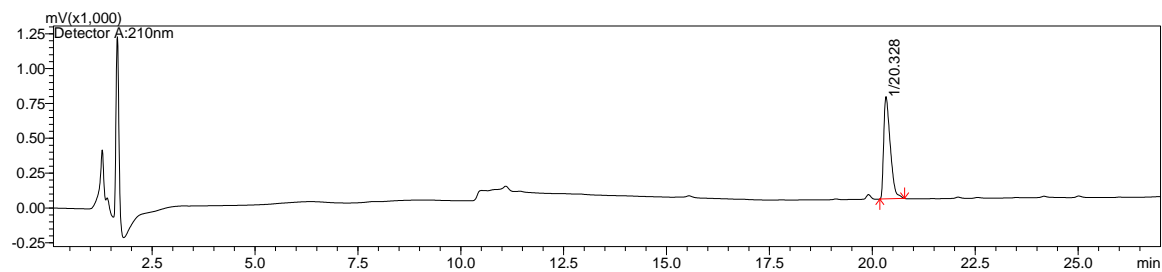
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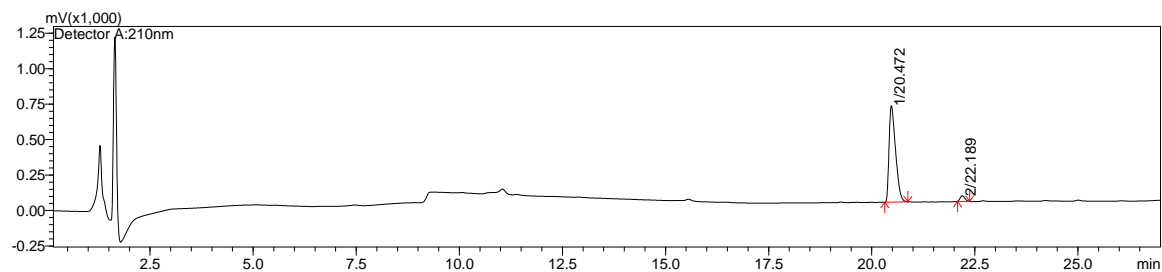
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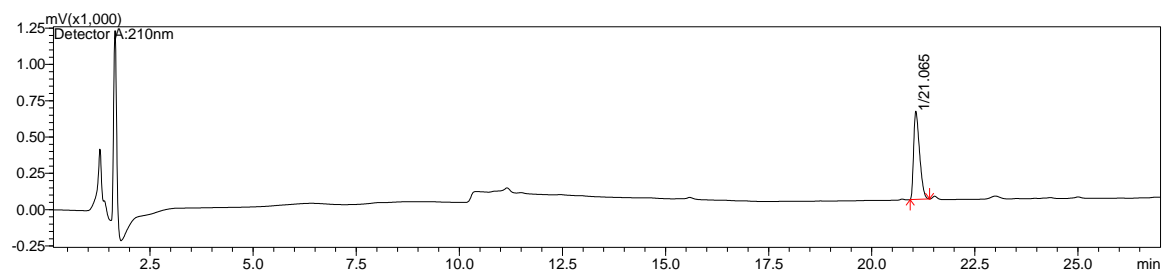
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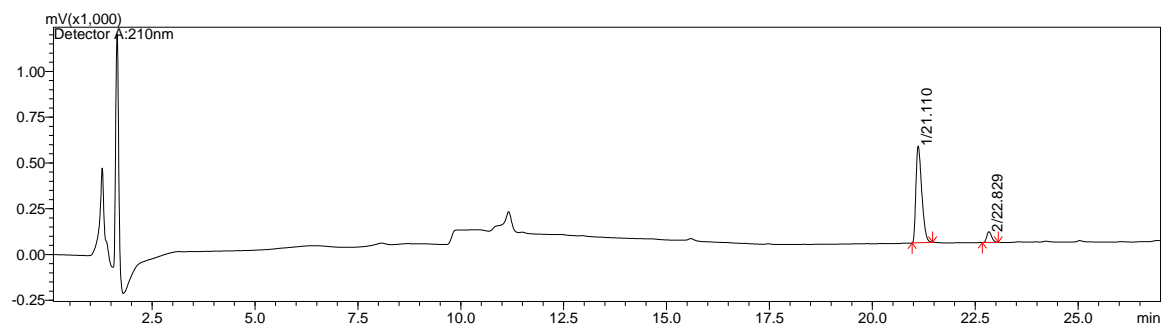
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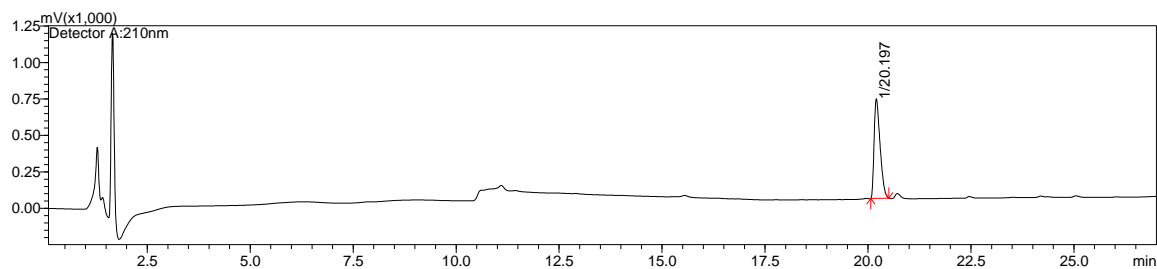
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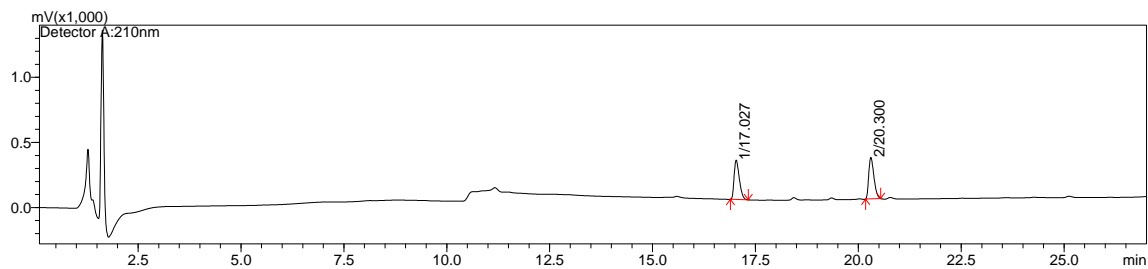
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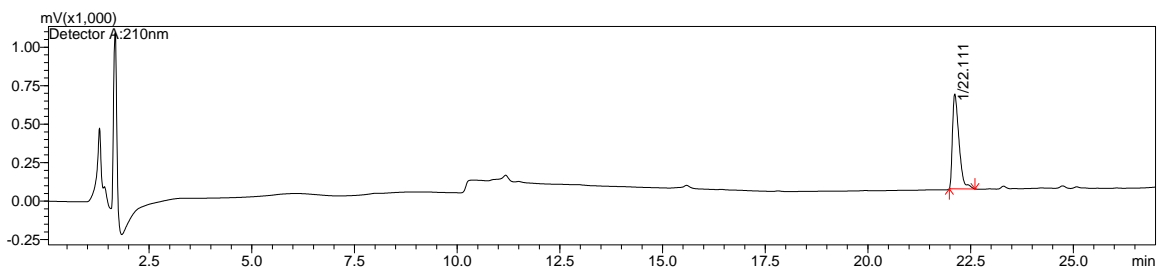
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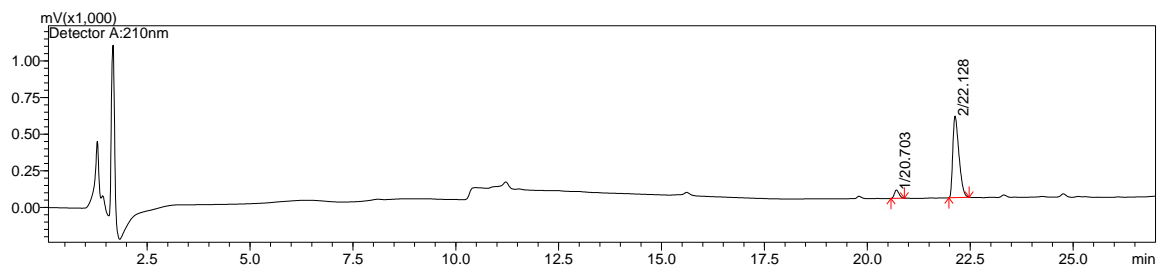
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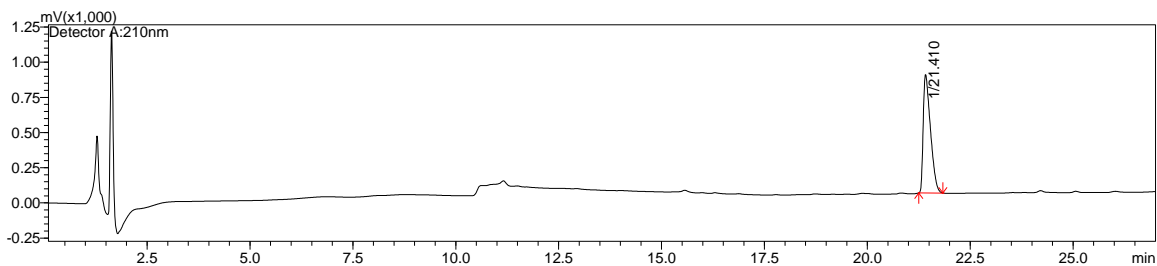
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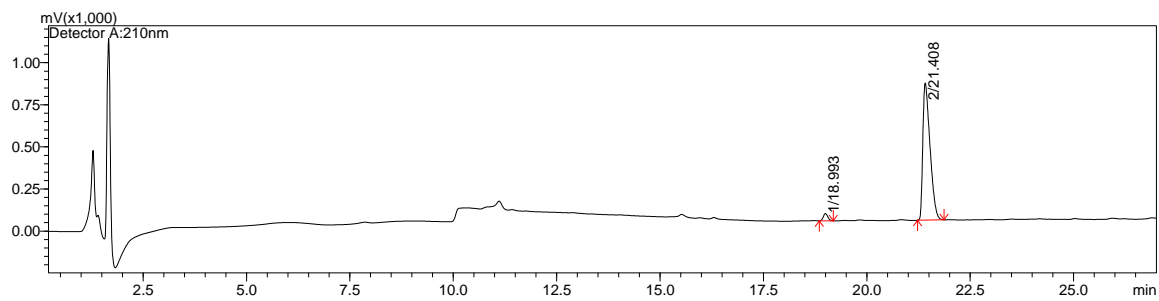
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