Two methods for the preparation of sitagliptin phosphate via

chemical resolution and asymmetric hydrogenation

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Abstract

Two effective processes have been developed for the preparation of sitagliptin phosphate. The approach of chemical resolution obtained R-sitagliptin in five steps from commercially available starting materials using the inexpensive NaBH₄ to reduce the enamine and then using (-)-Di-p-toluoyl-L-tartaric acid to resolute racemates in 11% yield overall. The route successfully avoids the use of expensive noble metal as catalysts compared with traditional synthesis methods, resulting in greatly reduced costs and simplified synthetic routes. Other alternative asymmetric hydrogenation of β -ketomide route of the synthesis of sitagliptin was found, two of the intermediates were firstly synthesized.

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Scheme 1 Merck's three generations synthesis processes



Scheme 2 The process for the preparation of sitagliptin phosphate via chemical resolution



Scheme 3 The process for the preparation of sitagliptin phosphate via asymmetric hydrogenation

HPLC chromatograms and 1H and 13C NMR spectra copies of the product and key intermediates are provided as follows:



HPLC spectra of 5-[1-Hydroxy-2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl) ethylidene]-2,2-

dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione 9



1H NMR spectra of 5-[1-Hydroxy-2-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl) ethylidene]-2,2dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione **9**



HPLC spectra of 4-oxo-4-[3-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3a]pyrazin-7(8H)-yl]-1-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)bytan-2-one **10**



1H NMR spectra of 4-oxo-4-[3-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3a]pyrazin-7(8H)-yl]-1-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)bytan-2-one **10**



HPLC spectra of (Z)-3-Amino-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-5,6-dihydro-8H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]pyrazin-7-yl)-4-(2,4,5-trifluoro-phenyl)-but-2-en-1-one **11**



HPLC pectra of Sitagliptin 1



1H NMR spectra of Sitagliptin 1 in Scheme 2



13C NMR spectra of Sitagliptin 1 in Scheme 2



Chiral HPLC chromatograms of R-Sitagliptin 1



Chiral HPLC chromatograms of S-Sitagliptin



1H NMR spectra of methanesulfonate 15



1H NMR spectra of Sitagliptin 1 in Scheme 3



13C NMR spectra of Sitagliptin 1 in Scheme 3