

## Supporting Information

### First scale-up: problems and resolutions on the synthesis of WAY-253752, a novel, dual-acting SSRI/5HT<sub>1A</sub> antagonist.

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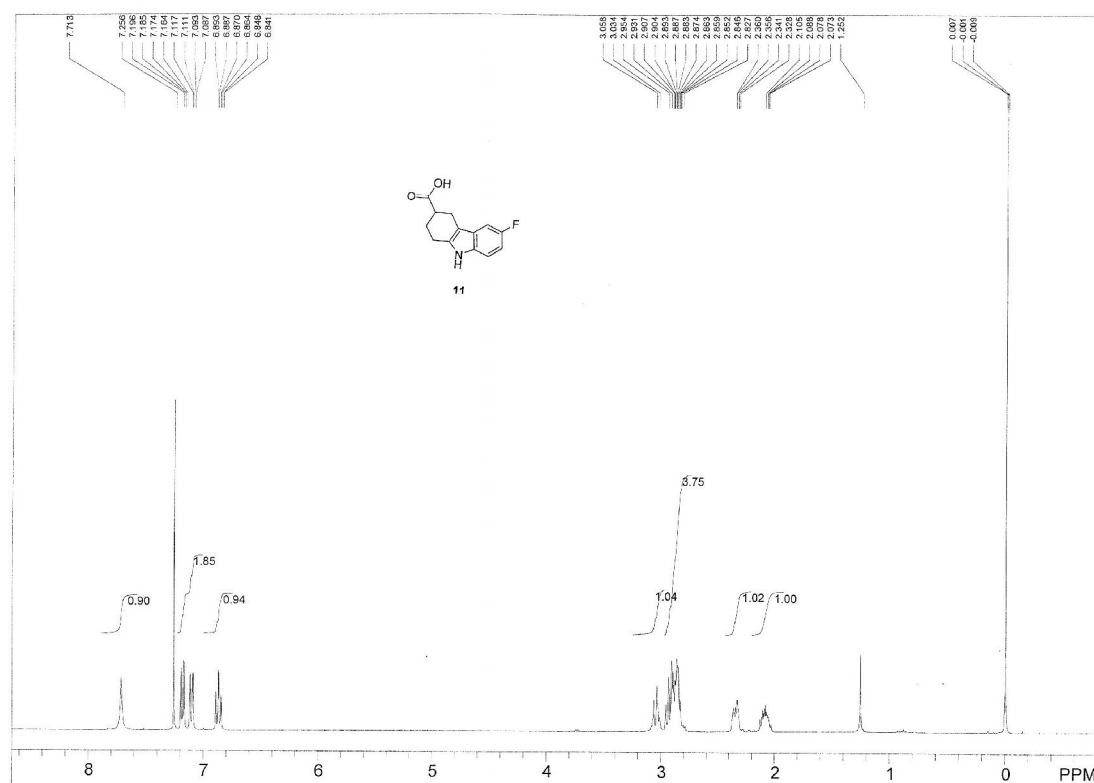
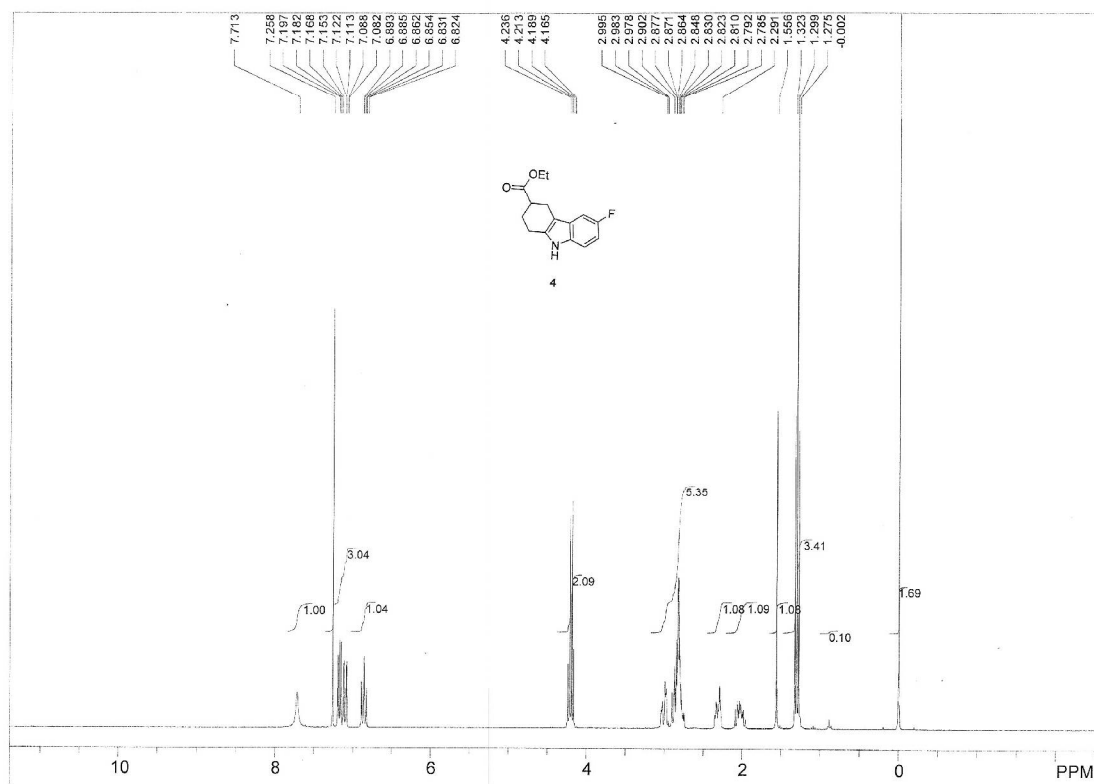
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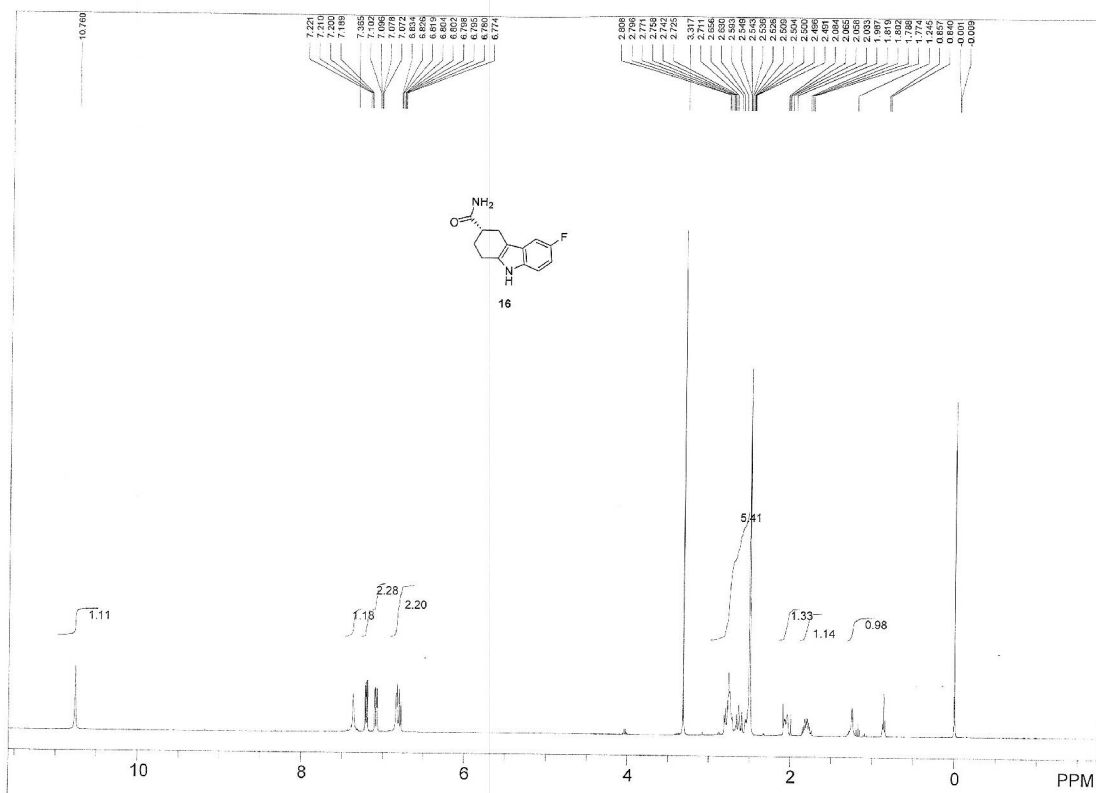
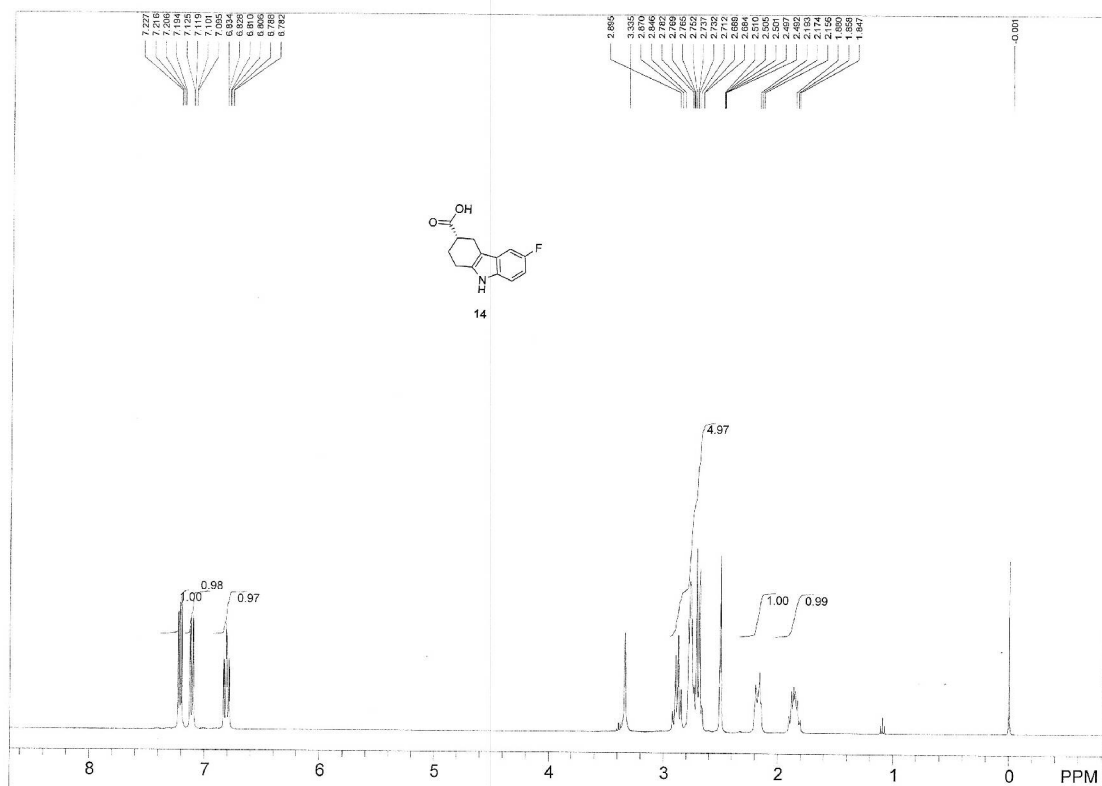
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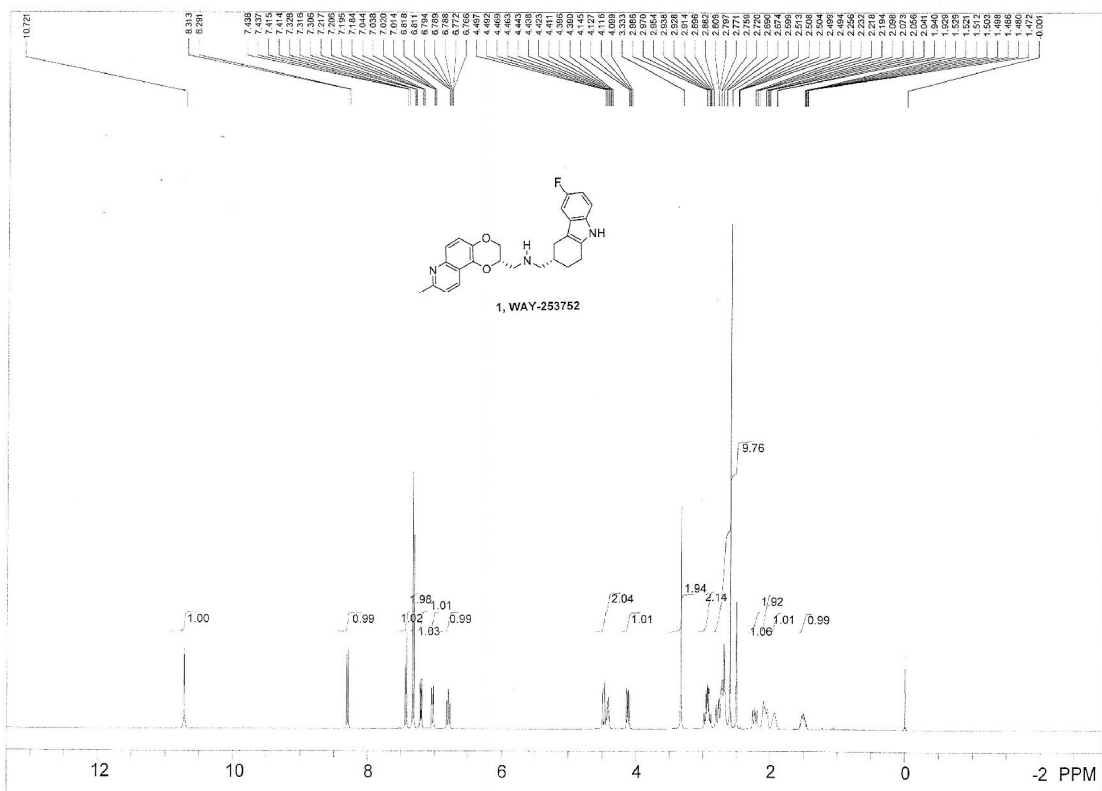
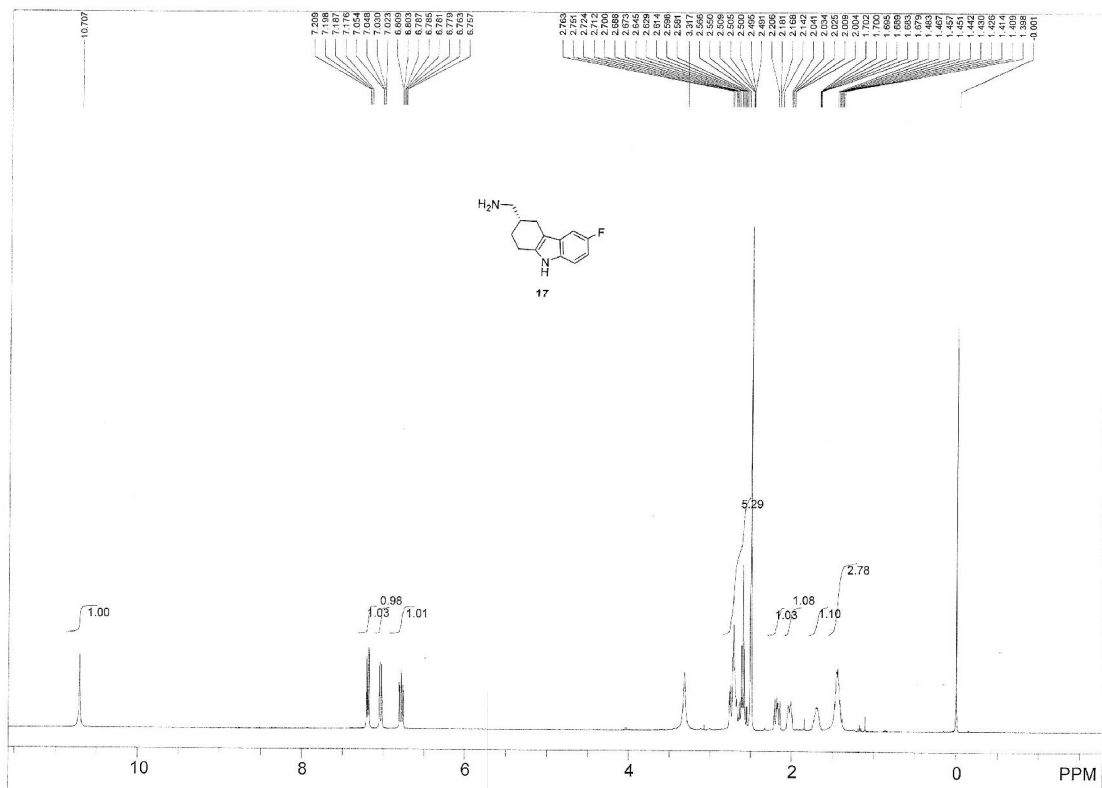
#### General Experimental Methods

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (compounds 4, 11) and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (compounds 14, 16, 17, 1) using tetramethylsilane as a standard. Chiral HPLC analysis was performed on HP 1100-6 liquid chromatograph equipped with a Welch O1 RR 4.6 x 250 mm column. Mobile phase composition: 60% heptane containing 0.02% TFA, 40% isopropyl alcohol, flow rate 1 mL/min.

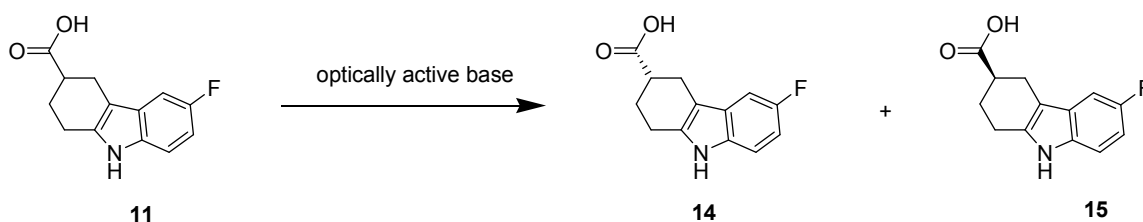
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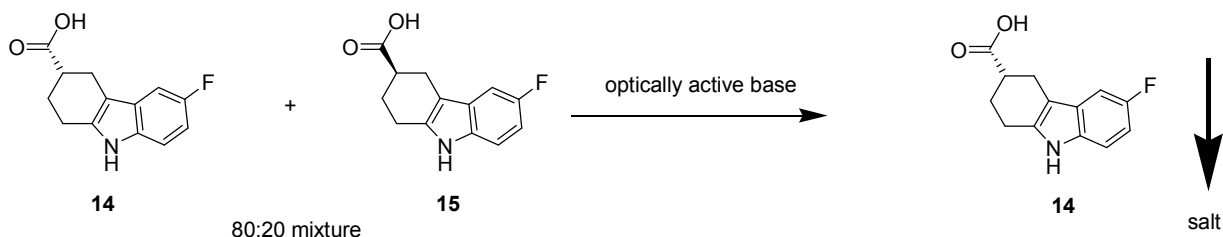
### First resolution of the racemic acid 11



**0.1M Solutions of the racemic acid, 8, and the optically active bases in acetonitrile were made, mixed up in 1:1 ratio, and left in open vials.**

Base	Results
(-)-ψ-ephedrine	No crystals
(+)-dehydroabietyl amine	Fast precipitation, amorphous
D-(+)-2-aminobutanol	No crystals
(-)-N-benzylphenethylamine	No crystals
(-)-Cinchonidine	Slow crystallization, <b>14/15</b> ratio 2:98 Mother liquor <b>14/15</b> ratio 80:20

### Second resolution of the acid, enriched with the right enantiomer



Base	Results	S:R ratio in the salt
(+)-ephedrine	No crystals	
(-)-ephedrine	Crystals, forming slowly	80:20
(+)-norephedrine	No crystals	
(+)-pseudoephedrine	Crystals, forming slowly	98:2
(+)-naphthylethylamine	Crystals, forming very fast	80:20
(-)-naphthylethylamine	Crystals, forming very fast	80:20
(-)-methylbenzylamine	Crystals, forming slowly	80:20