## Supplementary data

## Enantioseparation, stereochemical assignment andchiralrecognitionmechanismofsulfoxide-containing drugs

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Mobile phase	t <sub>R1</sub> (min)	t <sub>R2</sub> (min)	$\mathbf{k}_1$	<b>k</b> <sub>2</sub>	α	Rs
<i>n</i> -Hex:EtOH (80:20, v/v) <sup>a</sup>	12.63	15.96	1.53	2.19	1.44	2.19
<i>n</i> -Hex:FA:EtOH (80:0.1:20, v/v/v) <sup>b</sup>	14.96	22.87	1.99	3.57	1.79	8.39

Table S1. Effect of the acidic additive on the resolution of 4 on the AD-H column.

[Retention factor  $k = (t_1-t_0)/t_0$ , Resolution factor  $Rs = 2(t_2-t_1)/(w_1+w_2)$ .  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  is retention time of enantiomer.  $t_0$  is dead time.  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  is peak width of enantiomer. Selectivity factor  $\alpha = k_2/k_1 = (t_2-t_0)/(t_1-t_0)$ ]. Flow rate: 1 mL/min; column temperature: 30°C; <sup>a</sup> Detection wavelength: 235 nm; <sup>b</sup> Detection wavelength: 285nm.



**Figure S2.** Comparison of the UV (upper) and ECD (lower) chromatograms of **4** on ChiralPak AD-H column with acidic additive, flow rate is 1.0 mL/min, and column temperature is 30°C. Detection wavelength of **4** on the left is 235 nm, on the right is 285 nm. Mobile phase of **4** on the left is n-Hex: EtOH (80: 20, v/v), on the right is n-Hex: FA: EtOH (80: 0.1: 20, v/ v/v).



**Figure S3.** The UV (upper) and ECD (lower) chromatograms of **1** on ChiralPak AD-H column under the optimal condition. Mobile phase is *n*-Hex:EtOH 60:40, flow rate is 1.0 mL/min, column temperature is  $30^{\circ}$ C and detection wavelength is 275 nm.



**Figure S4.** The UV (upper) and ECD (lower) chromatograms of **2** on Chiralcel OD-H column under the optimal condition. Mobile phase is *n*-Hex:EtOH 90:10, flow rate is 1.0 mL/min, column temperature is 25°C and detection wavelength is 275 nm.



**Figure S5.** The UV (upper) and ECD (lower) chromatograms of **3** on ChiralPak AS-H column under the optimal condition. Mobile phase is *n*-Hex:EtOH 60:40, flow rate is 0.8 mL/min, column temperature is 25°C and detection wavelength is 240 nm.



**Figure S6.** The UV (upper) and ECD (lower) chromatograms of **4** on ChiralPak AD-H column under the optimal condition. Mobile phase is n-Hex: FA: EtOH (80: 0.1: 20, v/v/v), flow rate is 1.0 mL/min, column temperature is 30°C and detection wavelength is 285 nm.



**Figure S7.** Comparison of the UV (upper) and ECD (lower) chromatograms of **1** on ChiralPak AD-H column with EtOH 40and IPA20, flow rate is 1.0 mL/min, and column temperature is 30°C and detection wavelength is 275 nm.



**Figure S8.** Comparison of TDDFT-calculated ECD and UV spectra (top and bottom respectively) for sulfoxides **1-4**, theoretical, B3LYP/6-31G(d)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) (red); CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) (green); B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) (blue); CAM-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) (pink). Calculated spectra are Boltzmann averages from calculated spectra of each conformer.



Figure S9. Conformational distribution of enantiomers of 1-4 during the docking process.



**Figure S10.** Interactions between two enantiomers of **1-4** and the CSP of the AD-H column. The conformers shown of molecules **1-4** is the lowest binding energy in their most populated cluster. The structure of CSP is composed of two AD-12mer.pdb molecules to form "tube-mode" [44].



Figure S11. Graphic illustrating the resolution of chiral sulfoxides on the chiral columns.