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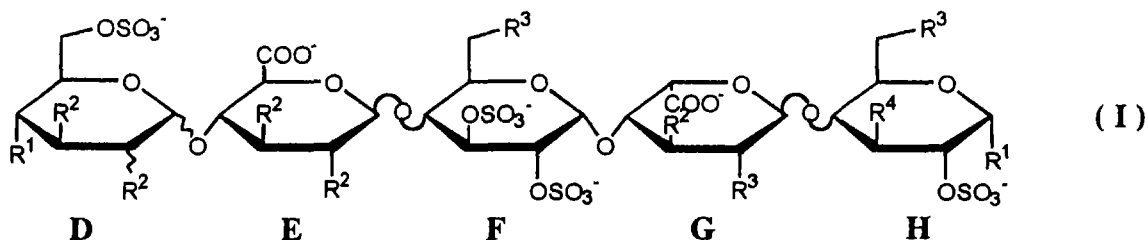
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ABSTRACT

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The invention relates to a carbohydrate derivative having formula I



wherein R^1 is (1-4C)alkoxy; R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are independently (1-4C)alkoxy or OSO_3^- ; the total number of sulfate groups is 4, 5 or 6; and the twisted lines represent bonds either above or below the plane of the six-membered ring to which they are attached; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The compounds of the invention have antithrombotic activity and may be used for treating or preventing thrombosis and for inhibiting smooth muscle cell proliferation.