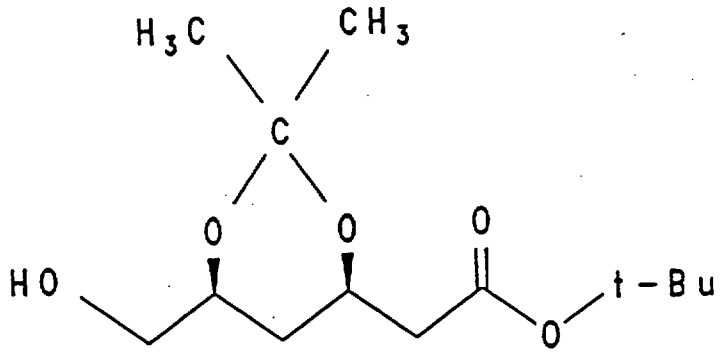
Abstract of the Disclosure

Process for preparing tert-butyl (3R,5S)-6-hydroxy-3,5-O-isopropylidene-3,5-dihydroxyhexanoate

A novel process is described for preparing tert-butyl (3R,5S)6-hydroxy-3,5-O-isopropylidene-3,5-dihydroxyhexanoate of the formula I



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which is a valuable structural element for preparing inhibitors of HMG-CoA reductase.

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