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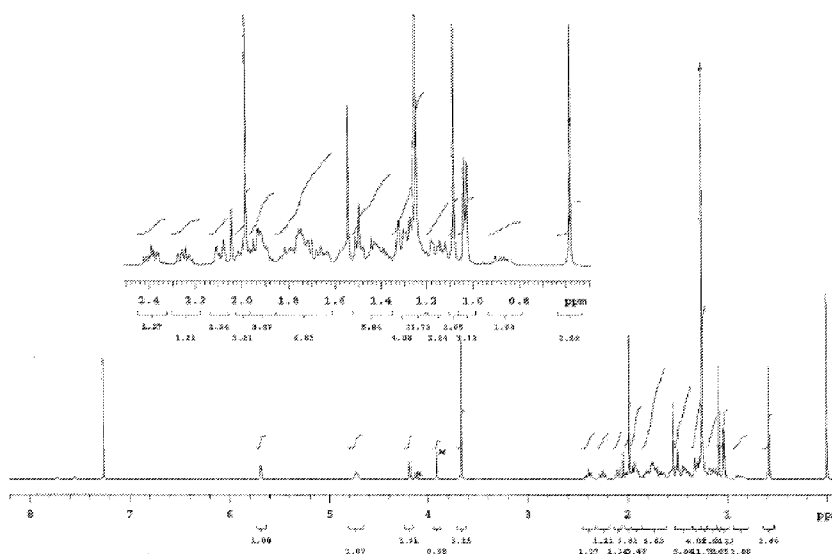
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Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: Synthetic methods for preparing deoxycholic acid and intermediates thereof, high purity synthetic deoxycholic acid, compositions and methods of use are provided. Also, provided are processes for the synthesis of 12-keto or 12- α -hydroxysteroids from Δ -9,11-ene, 11-keto or 11-hydroxy- β -steroids. This invention is also directed to novel compounds prepared during the synthesis. This invention is also directed to the synthesis of deoxycholic acid starting from hydrocortisone.



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