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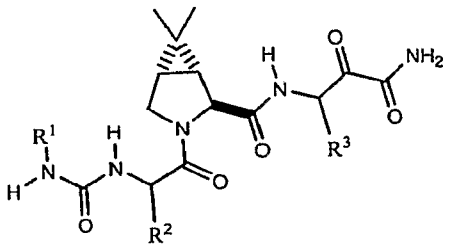
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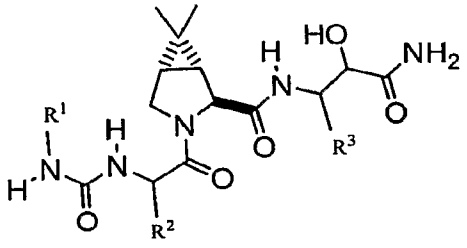
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(54) **Title:** AN OXIDATION PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF N-[3-AMINO-1- (CYCLOBUTYLMETHYL)-2,3-DIOXOPROPYL]-3-{N-[(TERT-BUTYLAMINO)CARBONYL]-3-METHYL-L-VALYL}-6,6-DIMETHYL-3-AZABICYCLO[3.1.0] HEXANE-2-CARBOXAMIDE AND RELATED COMPOUNDS



(I)



(II)

(57) **Abstract:** The present application relates to a process for preparing a compound of formula I: wherein R^1 is alkyl; R^2 is alkyl; and R^3 is optionally substituted cycloalklylalkyl which comprises oxidizing a compound of the formula wherein R^1, R^2 and R^3 are defined above to yield a compound of formula I.

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