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A process for the preparation of activated sialic acids

Abstract

The invention relates to a process for the preparation of cytidine 5'-monophosphosialic acids which comprises reacting a sialic acid with cytidine 5'-triphosphate in the presence of a cell extract of a naturally occurring microorganism having cytidine 5'-monophospho-N-acetylneuraminic acid synthetase activity, the extract optionally having been subjected to a purification step.