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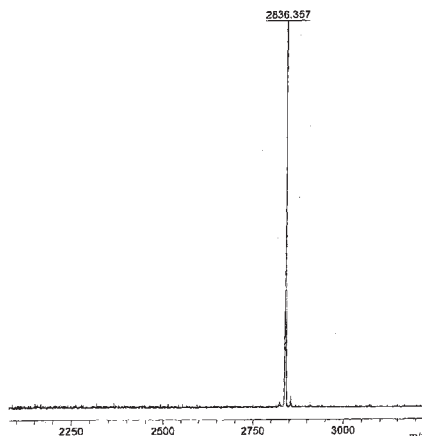
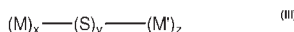


Figure 3

(57) Abstract: A method of preparing a compound of formula (III); wherein x is from 1 to 6, y is from 1 to 12, z is from 0 to 10, each M and each M' is independently a mycolic acid residue including a  $\beta$ -hydroxy acid moiety and each S is a monosaccharide unit; the method comprising reacting one or more mycolic acids with one or more saccharide units wherein the hydroxyl group of each  $\beta$ -hydroxy acid moiety is protected prior to reaction with the one or more saccharide units.

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