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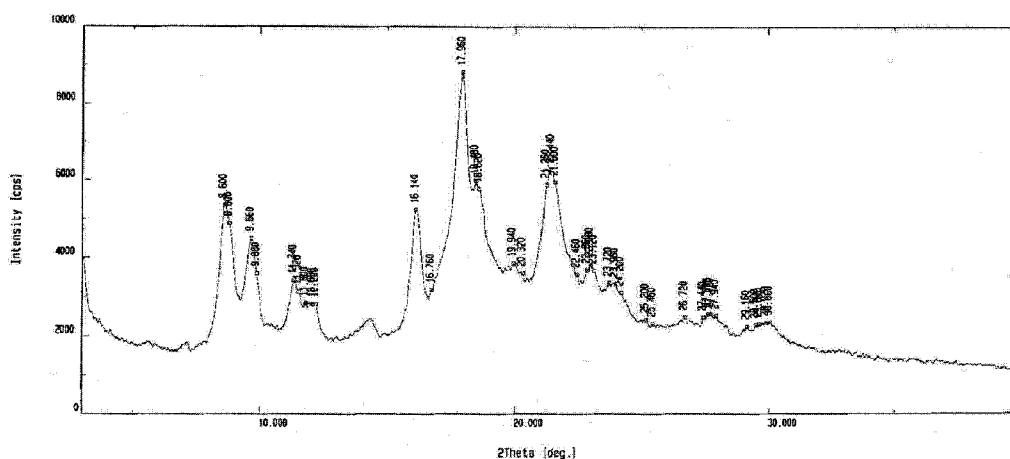
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to magnesium salts of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, processes for their preparation, pharmaceutical compositions thereof and methods of using compositions to treat mammals suffering from hypercholesterolemia.

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