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(57) Abstract :

Disclosed herein is a process for preparation of 2-hydroxy-3, 5-diiodo benzoic acid with high yield and purity which comprises reacting salicylic acid in an alcohol with iodine monochloride, wherein iodine monochloride is generated insitu from the mixture of iodine or a salt of hydro iodic acid and chlorinating agent in presence of an oxidizing agent.

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