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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides enzymatic processes for preparing optically active compounds of Formula (I) wherein X, E and * have the meanings defined in the specification. The invention also provides chiral intermediates useful for preparing compound of Formula (I) and enzymatic processes for preparing such chiral intermediates.

