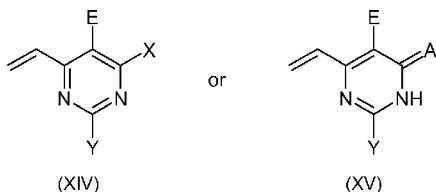
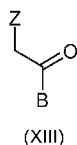
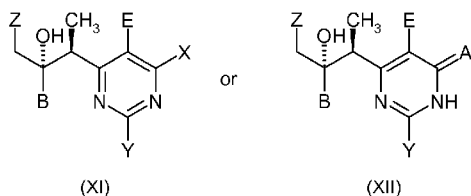




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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention provides a process for preparing a compound of formula: (Formula XI and XII) (XI) (XII) wherein X, Y, Z, A, B and E are as defined herein, by reacting a compound of formula: (Formula XIII) (XIII) with a compound of formula: (Formula XIV and XV) (XIV) (XV) respectively, in the presence of a transition metal catalyst, a ligand suitable for use with 15 the catalyst and a reducing agent. The invention also provides novel intermediates.

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