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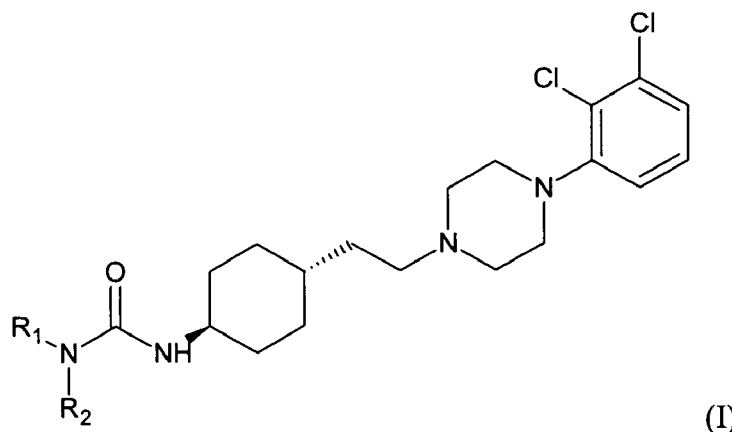
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THEREOF(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a new process for the preparation of compounds of general formula (I) and hydrochloric acid salts and/or hydrates and/or solvates thereof, by dissolving suspending trans 4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazine-1-yl]-cyclohexylamine of formula (III) or a salt or a hydrate or a solvate thereof in an inert solvent in the presence base then adding a carbonic acid derivative of general formula (VI) wherein R is alkyl with C₁₋₆ straight or branched chain or C₁₋₂ fully halogenated alkyl, Z is -O-R or -X, wherein R is as described above, X is halogen, and reacting the compound of general formula (IV) obtained wherein R is as described above, in situ or, optionally in isolated state with an amine of general formula (V) wherein R₁ and R₂ are as described above to obtain the compound of general formula (I) and then optionally forming the hydrochloride salts and/or hydrates and/or solvates thereof.



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