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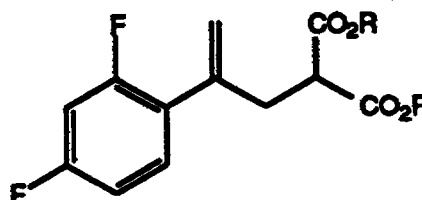
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(57) Abstract

Disclosed is a process for preparing compounds of formula (I) wherein R is C₁-C₆ alkyl, comprising heating a mixture of a difluorobenzene derivative, allene, a dialkyl malonate of the formula CH₂(CO₂R)₂, wherein R is C₁-C₆ alkyl, and a base, in a polar organic solvent in the presence of a catalyst, in a sealed vessel and the pressure within the vessel is 1 to 10 psig.



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