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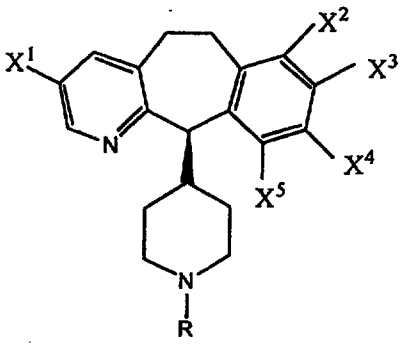
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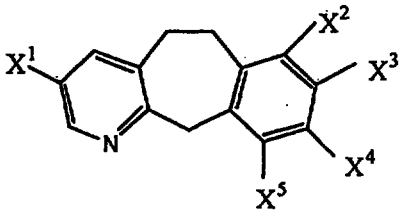
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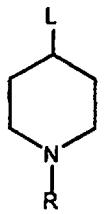
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(I)



(II)



(V)

(57) Abstract

Disclosed is a process for preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein X^1, X^2, X^3, X^4 and X^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, and aryloxy, and R is a protecting group, in which a compound having formula (II) wherein X^1, X^2, X^3, X^4 and X^5 are as defined above, is treated with the following, in any sequence: (a) a non–nucleophilic strong base; (b) a chiral amino alcohol; and (c) a compound having formula (V) wherein L is a leaving group and R is as defined above. The compounds made by this process are useful intermediates for preparing compounds that are inhibitors of farnesyl protein transferase.