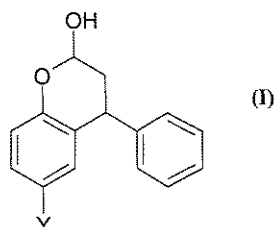


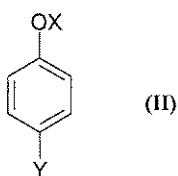
Abstract**Process for the production of benzopyran-2-ol derivatives**

- 5 The invention provides a process for the production of a compound of formula (I),



wherein Y is selected from CH₃, CH₂OH, CH₂CH₂OH, CH₂Br and Br;
comprising the steps of:

- (i) reacting a compound of formula (II),

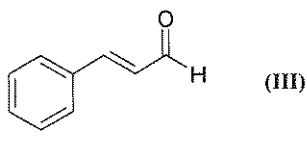


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wherein

OX is hydroxy or O⁻M⁺, in which M⁺ is a cation selected from Li⁺, Na⁺ and K⁺, and
Y is as defined above;

with *trans*-cinnamaldehyde (III),



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in the presence of a secondary amine compound; then

- (ii) treating the product of the preceding step with acid to afford the compound of
formula (I).

- 20 The above process may be used in the production of tolterodine and fesoterodine, which
are useful in the treatment of overactive bladder.

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