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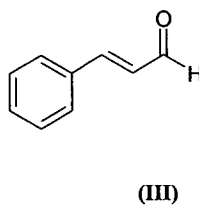
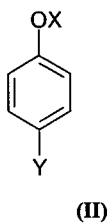
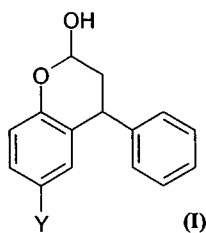
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a process for the production of a compound of formula (I), wherein Y is selected from CH₃, CH₂OH, CH₂CH₂OH, CH₂Br and Br; comprising the steps of: (i) reacting a compound of formula (II), wherein OX is hydroxy 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), 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). The above process may be used in the production of tolterodine and fesoterodine, which are useful in the treatment of overactive bladder.