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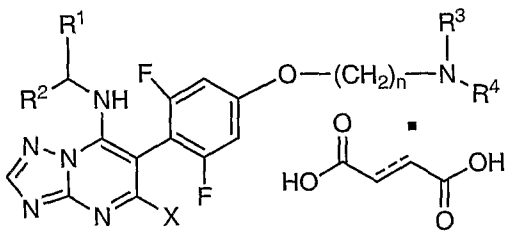
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TUBULIN INHIBITORS



(I)

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a process for the preparation of 6-[(substituted) phenyl]-triazolopyrimidine dicarboxylic acid salt and as a hydrated salt having the structural formula (I) wherein: $R^1$ is $CF_3$ or $C_2F_5$; $R^2$ is H or $C_1$-$C_3$ alkyl; n is an integer of 2, 3, or 4; X is Cl or Br; $R^3$ and $R^4$ are each independently H or C,-$C_3$ alkyl; or $R^3$ and $R^4$ when optionally taken together with the nitrogen atom to which each is attached form a 4 to 6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 nitrogen atoms and 0-1 oxygen atoms or 0-1 sulfur atoms, and optionally substituted with $R^5$; $R^5$ is C,-$C_3$ alkyl; wherein the dotted line is an optional bond.

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