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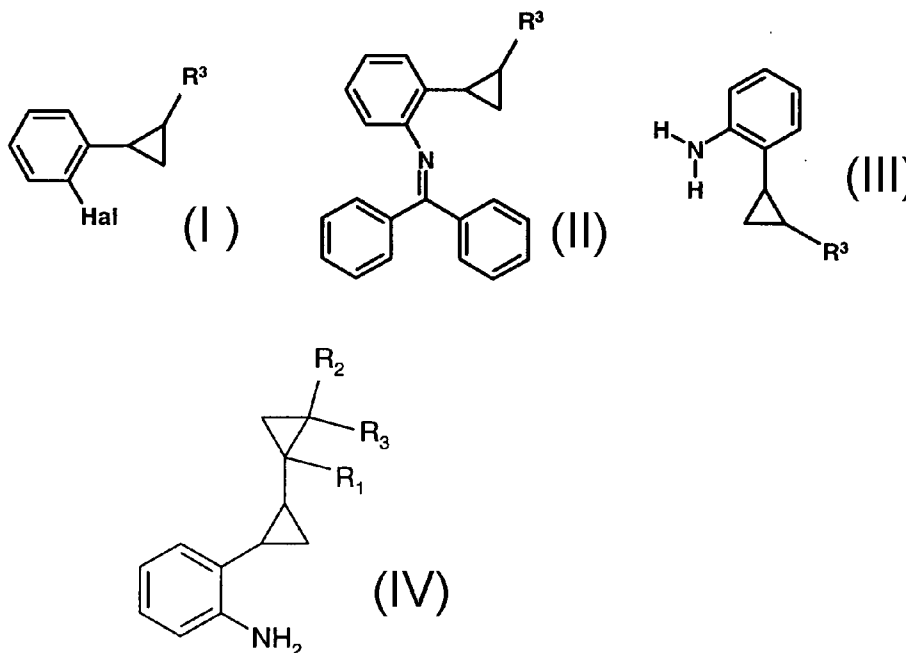
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ANILINES



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of compounds of formula wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ are each independently of the others hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl, by a) reacting compounds of formula (II) wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined for formula (I) and X is bromine or chlorine, with a compound of formula (III) wherein R₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl, in the presence of a base and catalytic amounts of at least one palladium complex compound, to form compounds of formula (IV) wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are as defined for formula (I), and b) converting those compounds, using a reducing agent, into compounds of formula (I).



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