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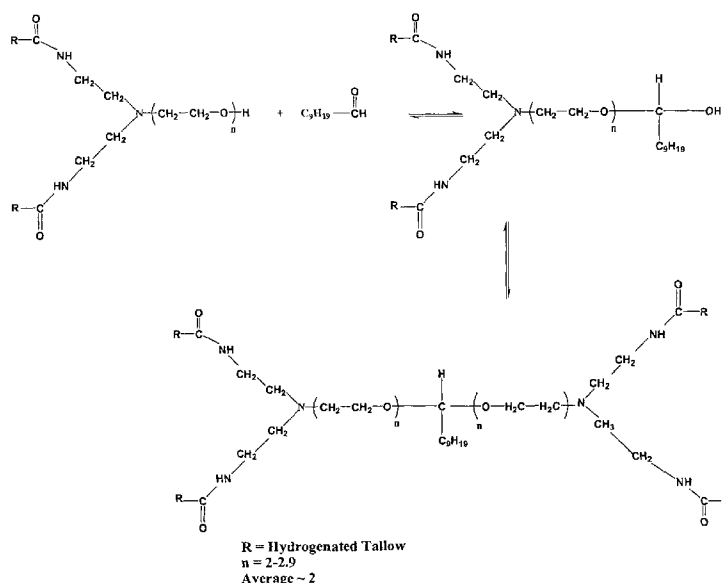
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(54) **Title: FUNCTIONAL FRAGRANCE PRECURSOR**



(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a class of fragrance precursor compounds comprising one or more of the compounds derived from the reaction of X-OH and an aldehyde or ketone, said fragrance precursor compounds being of the formula X-O-C(R) (R*) (OR**) wherein R is a C₆₋₂₄ alkyl group, a C₆₋₂₄ aralkyl group or a C₆₋₂₄ alkaryl group; R* is H or a C₆₋₂₄ alkyl group, a C₆₋₂₄ aralkyl group or a C₆₋₂₄ alkaryl group; R** is H or X; X-O representing a moiety derived from X-OH, and wherein X-OH is a compound selected from the group consisting of surfactants, fabric softeners, softener precursor ester amines, softener precursor amido amines, hair conditioners, skin conditions, saccharides and polymers. In a second aspect it relates to a method of preparing such precursors. Further the invention relates to compositions, comprising the precursor of the invention.

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