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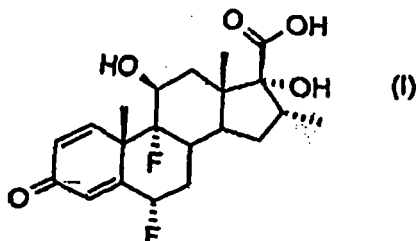
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates *inter alia* to a novel oxidation process for the synthesis of a known intermediate, useful in the preparation of anti-inflammatory steroids, the known intermediate being of formula (I).



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