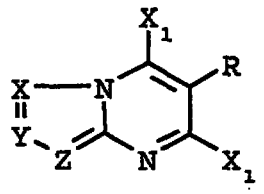
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PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DIHALOAZOLOPYRIMIDINES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An effective and efficient process for the preparation of a dihaloazolopyrimidine having the structural formula



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In this process, a malonic acid ester is reacted with a heterocyclylamine to form an intermediate salt, which optionally may be acidified to form a dihydroxyazolopyrimidine; the salt or the dihydroxyazolopyrimidine is then halogenated.