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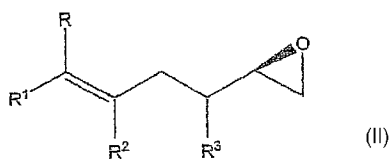
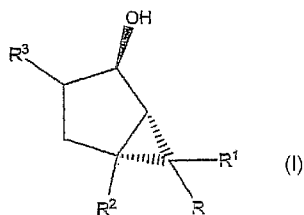
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(57) **Abstract:** A process for the preparation of a the formula (I): which process comprises the intramolecular cyclopropanation of an epoxide of the formula (II); in the presence of 0.05 to 0.75 equivalents of a secondary amine base and at least one equivalent of an alkyl lithium base, wherein R¹, R² and R³ are each hydrogen or C¹⁻⁴ alkyl or R¹ and R² are linked to form a C³⁻⁷ cycloalkenyl or C³⁻⁷ cycloalkenyl ring.



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