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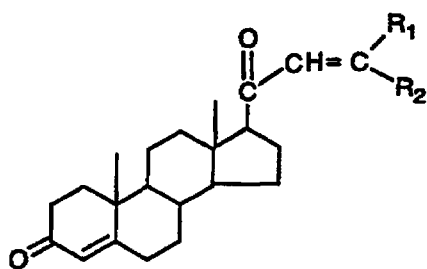
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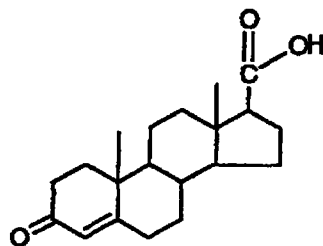
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(III)

(57) Abstract: The process of the present invention transforms a steroidal ketone of formula (III) to androst-4-en-17 β -carboxylic acid (IV) by reaction with K₂SO₃•KHSO₄•K₂SO₄.



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