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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an improved process for the preparation of 2-chloro-4-(1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)benzonitrile (III) which is useful as an intermediate in the preparation of carboxamide structured androgen receptor antagonists. The process comprises preparation of compound (III) using heterogeneous palladium catalyst.

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