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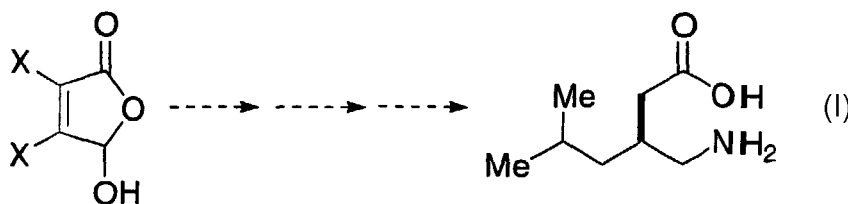
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a process for preparing highly functionalized γ -butyrolactams and γ -amino acids by reductive amination of mucohalic acid or its derivatives, and discloses a process for preparing pregabalin or 3-aminomethyl-5-methyl octanoic acid, GABA analogs with desirable medicinal activity. (Formula I).



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