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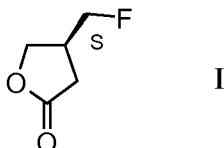
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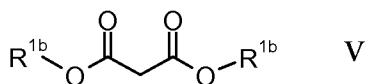
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process of the preparation of (S)-4-fluoromethyl-dihydro-furan-2-one of the formula (I) by employing a dialkylmalonate of the formula (V) wherein R^{1b} is lower alkyl, and the use of this process for the manufacture of DPP-IV inhibitors that are useful for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases such as diabetes.

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