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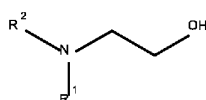
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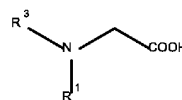
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed towards a process for the synthesis of compounds with general formula (II) or their respective alkali metal salts by oxidation of compounds of general formula (I) with oxygen in the presence of a heterogeneous catalyst containing a metal of group 10 of the periodic table of the elements, wherein R¹ and R² and R³ are same or different and selected from H and C₁-C₆-alkyl, non- substituted or substituted with one or more moieties selected from COOH and O-R⁴ with R⁴ being selected from H and C₁-C₄-alkyl.

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