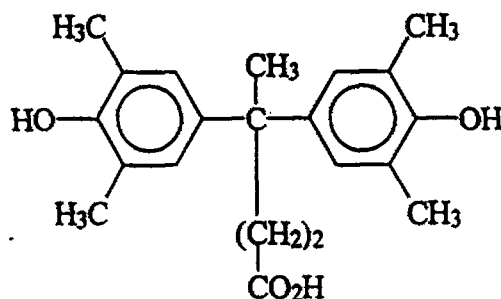


METHOD FOR MAKING BIS-XYLENOLS CONTAINING ACID MOIETIES**Abstract**

An improved method for the preparation of functionalized substituted bisphenol compound is provided. In particular, there is provided a method of making a functionalized substituted bisphenol compound of the formula:

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which comprises heating a mixture comprising a 2,6-dimethylphenol and levulinic acid in the presence of an effective amount of a macroreticular ion-exchange resin, optionally with removal of the water of reaction.

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