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(57) Abstract: A process for preparing xanthine phosphodiesterase V inhibitors, and compounds utilized in said process. The process includes a five-step methodology for efficient synthesis of Compound (5) without intermediate purifications or separations, a dihalogenation step to synthesize Compound (7), and a coupling reaction to produce Compound (9).