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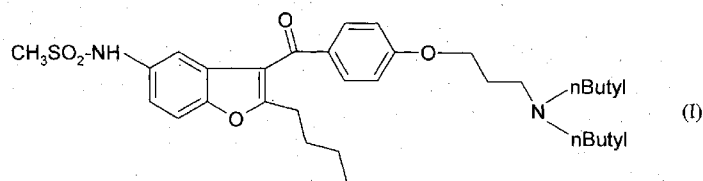
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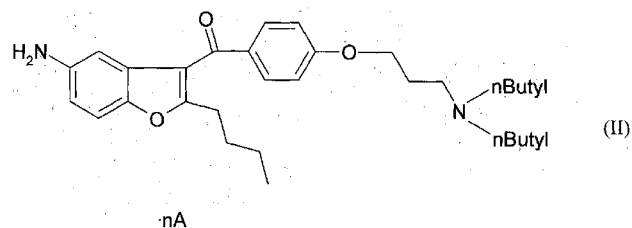
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(I)



(II)

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a novel
process for preparation of N-[2-n-butyl-3-[4-[3-
(di-n-butylamino)-propoxy]-benzoyl]-benzofur-
an-5-yl]methanesulfonamide (I) and pharma-
ceutical acceptable salts thereof, where a salt of
(5-amino-2-butyl-1-berizofuran-3-yl){4-[3-(di-n-
butylamino)propoxy]phenyl}methanone of for-
mula (II) - where A is a mono- or dibasic acid
forming an acid addition salt with the compound
of formula (II), n is 1 if A is dibasic acid and n is
1 or 2 if A is a monobasic acid - is reacted with a
mesylating reagent in a heterogen reaction, if de-
sired, in the presence of a phase transfer catalyst.
The invention also relates to the novel salts of
compound of formula (II), for the preparation of
dronedarone.