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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a process for the preparation of $\Delta^9,11$ steroids by deoxygenation of 9,11-epoxy steroids using HI. The disclosed process selectively forms $\Delta^9,11$ steroids such as Vamorolone and can also be used for steroid synthesis of $\Delta^9,11$ steroids in pharmaceutical purity.

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