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A process for the preparation of meta or para-substituted α -arylalkanoic acids of formula (I) wherein R and R₁ are as defined in the disclosure.

