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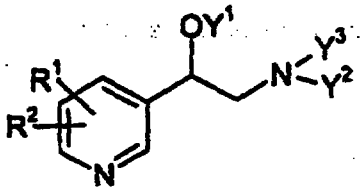
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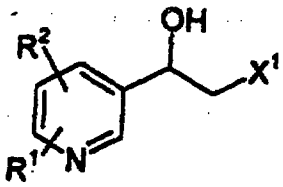
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(I)



(IIA)

(57) Abstract

This invention relates to processes for preparing compounds of formula (I) which are β–adrenergic receptor agonists, and to processes for preparing certain intermediates of formula (II^A) wherein R^1 is nitro, amino or protected amino; R^2 is H, fluoro, chloro CF_3, nitro, (C_1–C_4)alkyl, (C_1–C_4)alkoxy, amino or protected amino; and X^1 is OH or a suitable leaving group, used in that process. The invention also relates to novel compounds of the formulae (II).