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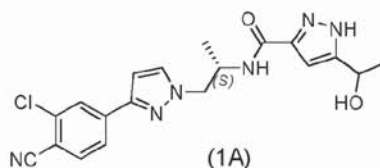
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an improved process for the preparation of carboxamide structured androgen receptor (AR) antagonists such as N-((S)-1-(3-(3-chloro-4-cyanophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-propan-2-yl)-5-(1-hydroxyethyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxamide (1A) and key intermediates thereof such as 2-chloro-4-((1H-pyrazol-3-yl)benzonitrile) (V). AR antagonists are useful in the treatment of cancer, particularly prostate cancer and other diseases where AR antagonism is desired.