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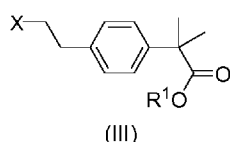
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a process for preparing a compound of (III) wherein X is a leaving group; and R¹ is C₁-C₆ alkyl; which comprises oxidative rearrangement of a compound of formula (II) or a solvate thereof. Compounds of formula (III) are key intermediates in the synthesis of Bilastine.

