

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to processes for the preparation of quinoline-3-carboxamide derivatives, such as sodium 5-chloro-3-(ethylphenylcarbamoyl)-1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinolin-4-olate (Laquinimod sodium). The present invention further relates to intermediates formed in such processes.

34. Laquinimod of formula (1), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as prepared in accordance with the process of any of claims 1-27, for use in treating multiple sclerosis or an autoimmune disease selected from Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, Guillain Barré Syndrome, and Lupus.

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