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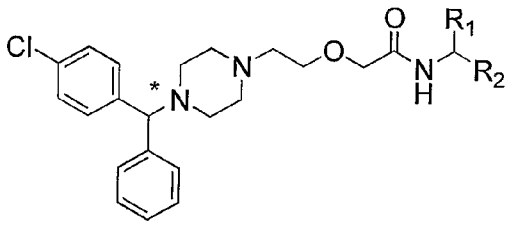
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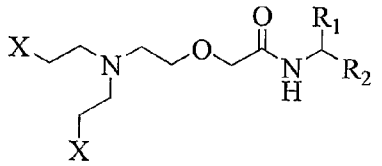
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(IIa)



(VIIIa)

(57) **Abstract**: TAbstract A process for the preparation of 2-[2-[4-[(4-chloro phenyl) phenyl methyl]-1-piperazinyl] ethoxy acetic acid of formula (Ia) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and compounds of formula (IIa) and (VIIIa), wherein R1 = H or C1-C4 alkyl; R2 = aryl or heteroaryl or R1 and R2 together with the carbon to which they are attached form a C3-C8 cycloalkyl group and X is a suitable leaving group for example, chlorine, bromine, iodine, 4-methylphenyl-sulfonyloxy, methylsulfonyloxy group or 4-bromophenyl-sulfonyloxy group are described.

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