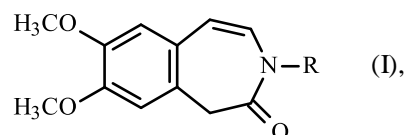
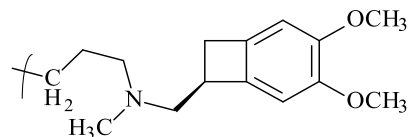


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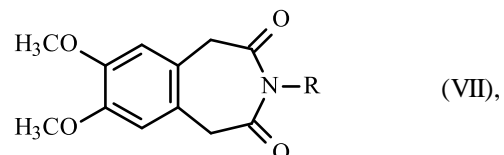
The invention relates to a process for the synthesis of the compound of formula (I):



wherein R represents a *para*-methoxybenzyl (PMB) group or the following group:



characterized in that the compound of formula (VII):



wherein R is as defined above, is subjected to a reduction reaction, in the presence of $\text{LiBH}(\text{Et})_3$, in an organic solvent to yield the compound of formula (I).

It is applied in the synthesis of ivabradine and addition salts thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid.

Claims: 11