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 del Soldato, Piero; Santus, Giancarlo; Benedini, Francesca (Inventors). Nicox S.A.(Assignee). **US 7723382 B2**. (Published 25 May 2010).

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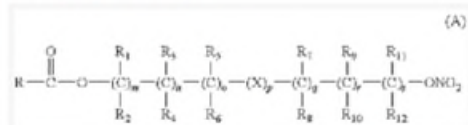
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The present invention refers to a process for preparing a compound of general formula (A), as reported in the description, wherein R is a radical of a drug and R1-R12 are hydrogen or alkyl groups, m, n, o, q, r and s are each independently an integer from 0 to 6, and p is 0 or 1, and X is O, S, SO, SO2, NR13 or PR13 or an aryl, heteroaryl group, said process comprising reacting a compound of formula (B) R-COOZ (B) wherein R is as defined above and Z is hydrogen or a cation selected from: Li+, Na+, K+, Ca++, Mg++, tetralkylammonium, tetralkylphosphonium, with a compound of formula (C), as reported in the description, wherein R1-R12 and m, n, o, p, q, r, s are as defined above and Y is a suitable leaving group.

**French:**

PCT Patent Number : WO2004020385A1, La présente invention se rapporte à un procédé de préparation d'un composé de formule générale (A), comme indiqué dans le descriptif, dans laquelle R désigne un radical d'un médicament et R1-R12 désignent des groupes hydrogène ou alkyle, m, n, o, q, r et s désignent chacun de manière indépendante un entier allant de 0 à 6, et p désigne 0 ou 1, et X désigne O, S, SO, SO2, NR13 ou PR13 ou un groupe aryle, hétéroaryle, ledit procédé consistant à faire réagir un composé de formule (B), dans laquelle R est tel que défini ci-dessus et Z désigne hydrogène ou un cation sélectionné dans : Li+, Na+, K+, Ca++, Mg++, tétralkylammonium, tétralkylphosphonium, avec un composé de formule (C), comme décrit dans le descriptif, dans laquelle R1-R12 et m, n, o, p, q, r, s sont tels que définis ci-dessus et Y désigne un groupe partant convenable.

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The invention claimed is:

1. A process for preparing a compound of general formula (A)

wherein R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>12</sub> are the same or different and independently are hydrogen, straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted with aryl; m, n, o, q, r and s are each independently an integer from 0 to 6, and p is 0 or 1, and X is O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sub>13</sub> or PR<sub>13</sub>, in which R<sub>13</sub> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or X is selected from the group consisting of: saturated or unsaturated C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkylene, optionally substituted with one or more straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl groups; arylene, optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms, straight or branched alkyl groups containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> perfluoroalkyl; a 5 or 6 member saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic heterocyclic ring selected from

and R is the radical of a pharmacologically active compound selected from the group consisting of:

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| This application is a National Stage entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/008700, filed Aug. 6, 2003, the entire specification and claims of which are incorporated herewith by reference.   |  |           |            |                     |
| The present invention relates to a process for preparing nitrooxyalkyl substituted esters of carboxylic acids, to intermediates useful in said process and to their preparation.  |  |           |            |                     |
| Many carboxylic acid nitrooxyalkyl esters are pharmacologically active products. For example, 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives having nitrooxy moieties at the C-3 and/or C-5 ester position have shown to be active calcium-channel blockers similar to nifedipine and nicardipine (J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans 1, 525 (1993)). In literature, several methods for synthesizing nitrooxyalkyl esters are reported. In this way, the nitrooxy moiety may be for example introduced by nucleophilic substitution of a leaving group already present on the alkyl chain of alkyl ester precursor. In particular, 2-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propionic acid 4-nitrooxybutyl ester has been synthesized reacting 4-chlorobutyl 2-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propionate with silver nitrate (WO 95/09831), whereas 2-(benzoylphenyl)propionic acid 4-nitrooxybutyl ester (ketoprofen nitrooxybutyl ester) has been prepared reacting the 2-(3-benzoylphenyl)propionic acid sodium salt with 1,4-dibromobutane to give the corresponding bromobutyl ester, which was then treated with silver nitrate to yield the desired nitrooxy derivative. Both processes have the disadvantage that during the introduction of nitrooxy group, impurities of difficult removal are often obtained, such as silver salts (AgCl, AgBr) and silver metal, this being prejudicial to the use of the end-products in therapeutic field, in which an improved purity is always requested. |  |           |            |                     |
| A further known process for preparing the above mentioned nitrooxyalkyl esters is the insertion of nitrooxyalkyl group by reacting the carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof (halide) with a nitrooxyalkyl alcohol or with a nitrooxyalkyl bromide. For example, 2-(S)-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propionic acid 4-nitrooxybutyl ester is prepared treating the corresponding acid chloride with 4-nitrooxybutan-1-ol in methylene chloride and in presence of potassium carbonate (WO 01/10814). This method has also the disadvantage that several by-products are formed, being in fact very difficult to obtain nitrooxyalkyl alcohols and the acyl halide in a pure form; moreover, for example 4-nitrooxybutan-1-ol is stable only in solution and it cannot be isolated as a pure substance.   |  |           |            |                     |
| It was thus an object of the present invention to provide a new process for preparing carboxylic acid nitrooxyalkyl esters not having the above mentioned disadvantages and wherein impurities and by-products are present in an essentially negligible amount.   |  |           |            |                     |
| The present invention relates to a process for preparing a compound of general formula (A)  |  |           |            |                     |

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Abstract: The present invention refers to a process for preparing a compound of general formula (A), as reported in the description, wherein R is a radical of a drug and R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>12</sub> are hydrogen or alkyl groups, m, n, o, q, r and s are each independently an integer from 0 to 6, and p is 0 or 1, and X is O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sub>13</sub> or PR<sub>13</sub> or an aryl, heteroaryl group, said process comprising reacting a compound of formula (B) R-COOZ (B) wherein R is as defined above and Z is hydrogen or a cation selected from: Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>,...

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| 8 Legal status - EPO family               |                |                 |  |   |
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| US<br>20100217028<br>A1                   | 29 Jul 2011    | US<br>STCB<br>- | INFORMATION ON STATUS:<br>APPLICATION<br>DISCONTINUATION | ABANDONED -- FAILURE TO RESPOND TO AN OFFICE ACTION |
| CN 1678560 A                              | 01 Oct 2014    | CN<br>C17 -     | CESSATION OF PATENT<br>RIGHT                             |   |
| CN 1678560 A                              | 18 Jul 2007    | CN<br>C14 +     | GRANT OF PATENT OR<br>UTILITY MODEL                      |   |
| CN 1678560 A                              | 30 Nov<br>2005 | CN<br>C10       | ENTRY INTO SUBSTANTIVE<br>EXAMINATION                    |   |
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| Abstract                           | AB         | ab(*ammonium)  | Use adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.   |
| Abstract present                   | ABANY      | tetralkylphosphonium<br>AND abany(yes)                 | Add: AND ABANY(YES) to a query to limit retrieval to records with abstracts.   |
| Accession number                   | AN         | an(US7723382B2)  | A unique document identification number assigned by the information provider.  |
| All fields                         | ALL        | all(Li Na K Ca Mg)                                     | All fields <i>except</i> the full text. Use proximity and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.   |
| All fields + text                  | --         | Li AND Na AND K AND<br>Ca AND Mg                       | Using no field code searches all fields including the full text.   |
| Any number, in many formats        | PNUM       | pnum(US7723382)<br>pnum(US7723382 B2)<br>pnum(7723382) | Publication, application, priority application, related application, and related publication number. Includes various forms of the number. Search cited and citing publication numbers with CTPN and CGPN. |
| Application country                | APC        | apc(us)  | Application, priority application, and related application country.  |
| Application date                   | APD        | apd(20060913)  | The main application date.   |
| Application dates – all            | APDA       | apda(2003-08-06)<br>apda(20030806)                     | Application, priority, and related application dates.  |
| Application number                 | APN        | apn(US 2006522986)                                     | The main application number.   |
| Application numbers – all          | APNA       | apna(IT 2002MI1861)                                    | Application, priority application, and related application numbers.  |
| Assignor                           | PAOR       | paor("DEL SOLDATO,<br>PIERO")                          | An assignor is a former assignee transferring rights to a new assignee (PARE).   |
| Author                             | AU         | au(Santus, Giancarlo)                                  | Author names in patent databases are inventors but can be searched using the AU field code.  |
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<sup>9</sup> Most, but not all, of the search examples are from the sample record.

| Field Name                         | Field Code | Search examples  | Description and Notes  |
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| Cited patent publication number    | CTPN       | ctpn(US 6040341 A)<br>ctpn(6040341)<br>ctpn(US 6040341)                        | Includes enhanced/variant forms of the number.   |
| Cited references – all             | REF        | ref(WO98007701)<br>ref(US8062653)<br>ref("Medicinal Chemistry")                | Cited/citing patent and cited literature references.   |
| Citing patent publication date     | CGDA       | cgda(20111122)   | The publication date of a citing patent in the document.   |
| Citing patent publication number   | CGPN       | cgpn(US 8062653 B2)<br>cgpn(US 8062653)<br>cgpn(8062653)                       | Includes enhanced/variant forms of the number.   |
| Claims                             | CLM        | clm("ferulic acid")  | Claims are the legal text describing the patent.   |
| Classification – CPC <sup>10</sup> | CPC        | cpc(C07C 69/734)<br>cpc(C07C 69)<br>cpc(C07C)<br>cpc(C07)<br>cpc(C)            | The Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) is available for searching from March 2013 forward.  |
| Classification – ECLA              | ECLA       | ecla(C07C 201/02)<br>ecla(C07C 201)<br>ecla(C07C)<br>ecla(C07)<br>ecla(C)      | European Class codes.  |
| Classification – IPC <sup>11</sup> | IPC        | ipc(C07C 69/734)<br>ipc(C07C 69)<br>ipc(C07C)<br>ipc(C07)<br>ipc(C)            | International Patent Class codes. IPC Version 7 and earlier is used prior to 2006. The IPC Version 8 is used from 2006 forward.  |
| Classification – US                | USCL       | uscl(514/509)<br>uscl(514)   | National Class codes (United States).  |
| Company information                | CO         | co("Nicox S.A.")   | The as-published patent assignee, new assignee and assignor.   |
| Document text                      | TX         | tx("nitrooxyalkyl substituted esters")<br>tx(nitrooxy* NEAR/5 ester?)          | Abstract, claims, and specifications. Use adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results. May also search using FT.                                       |
| Document type                      | DTYPE      | dtype(patent)  | The only document type in United States Patents is "patent".   |
| Examiner                           | EXM        | exm(Puttlitz, Karl)<br>exm(1621)   | Examiner and examiner reference code (USPTO Art Unit). Not available for published applications.   |
| EPO simple family ID               | FID        | fid(133531253)   | The EPO simple family ID is a type of accession number assigned to patents that share an identical priority application number.  |
| First available                    | FAV        | fav(20120325)  | Indicates the first time a document was loaded in a database. It will not change however many times the record is subsequently reloaded.                               |
| From database <sup>12</sup>        | FDB        | nitrooxy* N/5 ester AND<br>fdb(1008365)  | Useful in multi-database searches to isolate records from a single database. FDB cannot be searched on its own; specify at least one search term then AND it with FDB. |
| Full text                          | FT         | ft("nitrooxyalkyl substituted esters")<br>ft(nitrooxyalkyl substituted esters) | Abstract, claims, and specification. May also search using TX.   |

<sup>10</sup> The Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) was introduced in January 2013. It is structurally similar to the International Patent Classification (IPC), so CPC classes are searched the same way using the CPC field code. CPC attributes are the same as the IPC attributes with the exception of the Value attribute (I - Inventive, A - Additional).

<sup>11</sup> IPC Version 7 and earlier is used from 1970 through 2005. IPC Version 8 is used from 2006 forward. With the introduction of the Reformed International Patent Classification (IPCR/8) on January 1, 2006, the format of the IPC group increased in length from 3 to 4 digits. For comprehensive retrieval, both forms of the classification codes should be searched. Some records may contain IPCR/8 codes as well as earlier versions of IPC codes, indicating that an older patent has been reclassified. Each IPCR/8 classification code is also assigned a series of attributes. These include classification level (A - Advanced, C - Core, S - Subclass), value (I - Inventive, N - Non-inventive), position (F - First, L - Later), status (B - Basic, R - Reclassified, V - Various, D - Deleted), version date, action date, source (H - Human, M - Machine, G - Generated), and assigning office.

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| Image present                                  | IMGANY     | ft(nitrooxyalkyl substituted esters) AND imgany(yes)                        | Add: AND IMGANY(YES) to a query to limit your search to documents with an image.  |
| Inventor                                       | INV        | inv(Santus, Giancarlo)  | May also search inventor names using the AU field code.   |
| Inventor country                               | ICO        | ico(IT)   |   |
| Language                                       | LA         | la(english)   | The language in which the document was originally published.  |
| Language of abstract                           | SL         | sl(english)   |   |
| Legal representative                           | LRP        | lrp(Arent Fox)  | The legal representative, attorney, agent, or firm who represents the patent assignee.  |
| Legal representative location                  | LRL        | lrl(CA)   | The mailing address if available.   |
| Legal status                                   | LS         | ls(lapse)<br>ls("US AS")<br>ls(20140715)<br>ls("CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT") | Legal status Gazette date, code, code description, and notes.   |
| Legal status code                              | LSC        | lsc("US AS")<br>lsc(Assignment)   | Legal status code and code description.   |
| Legal status date                              | LD         | ld(201407)<br>ld(20140715)  | Legal status Gazette date and effective date in notes.  |
| New assignee                                   | PARE       | pare(NICOX)   | The name of the patent assignee who is receiving transfer rights from an assignor (PAOR).   |
| Number of cited literature references          | NR         | nr(>5)<br>nr(7)   | NR is a numeric field so using "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) symbols, for example, is possible.  |
| Number of cited patents                        | NCP        | ncp(23)<br>ncp(22 OR 23 OR 24)  | NCP is a non-numeric field; using symbols such as "greater than" (>), "less than" (<) is not possible.  |
| Number of citing patents                       | NCBP       | ncbp(2)   | NCBP is a non-numeric field; using symbols such as "greater than" (>), "less than" (<) is not possible.   |
| Number of claims                               | NOC        | noc(1-25)<br>noc(>10)   | NOC is a numeric field; using "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) symbols, for example, is possible.   |
| Number of legal status entries                 | NLS        | nls(<=10)<br>nls(1-10)  | NLS is a numeric field; using "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) symbols, for example, is possible.   |
| Patent assignee                                | PA         | pa("NICOX ")  | The as-published applicant or patent assignee names.  |
| Patent assignee country                        | ACO        | aco(fr)   | The mailing address country for the patent assignee consisting of the ISO-standard 2-letter country code.   |
| Patent publication country                     | PBC        | pb(us)  | The 2-letter ISO standard country code for the main publication and related publication country.  |
| Patent publication country and kind code       | KC         | kc(us b2)<br>kc(us)   | The kind code indicates the publication level of a patent document. KC searches main publication country and kind code, or the country only.                  |
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| Patent publication date                        | PD         | pd(20100525)<br>pd(201005)  | Main publication date.  |
| Patent publication dates – all                 | PDA        | pda(2010)<br>pda(20040311)  | Main and related publication dates.   |
| Patent publication number                      | PN         | pn(US 7723382B2)<br>pn(US 7723382)  | Main publication number.  |
| Patent publication numbers – all               | PNA        | pna(US 7723382)<br>pna(WO2004020385)  | Main and related publication numbers.   |
| Patent title                                   | TI         | ti(nitrooxyalkyl substituted esters)  |   |
| Priority application country                   | PPC        | ppc(it)   | The 2-letter ISO-standard country code associated with the priority application number.   |
| Priority application date                      | PRD        | prd(20020829)<br>prd(200208)  | The 8-digit date assigned to a priority application number.   |

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| Priority application number              | PRN        | prn(IT 2002MII861)   | The priority application number is the number assigned to the original or first application.                         |
| Publication title                        | PUB        | pub(United States Patents)   | In a patent database, the publication title is the database name.  |
| Publication type                         | PT         | pt("Government & Official Publications")                                     | The only publication type in United States Patents is "Government & Official Publications".                          |
| Reassignment date                        | RAD        | rad(20061201)<br>rad(2006-12-01)   | The effective date of a reassignment.  |
| Reassignment information                 | REA        | rea(20050714)<br>rea("NON-COMPT. & CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT")<br>rea(NICOX) | Reassignment effective date, new assignee, assignor, reel/frame, and assignment description.                         |
| Reel and frame                           | RR         | rr(016994/0054)  | Reel/frame data is available in legal status.  |
| Related publication and application type | DT         | dt(PCT)<br>dt("Related publication")   | The type of related publication and application, such as PCT, Continuation in part, etc.                             |
| Relevance category                       | RI         | ri(a)  | A cited reference may include single letter codes that indicate how it is relevant to the patent.                    |
| Specification                            | SPEC       | spec(objet cylindrique)  | The specification of the patent. To search all text (abstracts, claims, specification), use the TX or FT field code. |
| Updates                                  | UD         | ud(20140730)   | The date(s) the record was loaded as a result of an update provided by the supplier.                                 |
| Field of search                          | CLFS       | clfs(514/509)<br>clfs(514)   | Class codes used by examiners for their prior art search report.   |

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