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(54) **Process for the preparation of sitagliptin**

(57) A process for the preparation of 2(R)-4-oxo-4-[3-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]-7(8H)-pyrazinyl]-1-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-2-butanamine and intermediates useful for the synthesis thereof.

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