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Process for the alpha-monoalkylation of aryl acetic esters

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Esters of aryl acetic acids are alkylated with dialkyl carbonates in the alpha position in the presence of a base and at temperatures of between 150 degree C and 270 degree C, obtaining the corresponding esters of [alpha]- aryl-[alpha]-alkyl acetic acids.