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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of α' chloroketones, such as 4-phenyl-3-t-butyloxy-carbonylamino)-2-keto-1-chlorobutane by reacting certain aryl amino acid esters, e.g. N-(2-t-butoxycarbonyl)-L-phenylalanine-4-nitrophenyl ester, with a sulfur ylide compound to form the corresponding keto ylide compound which is then treated with a source of chloride and an organic acid.