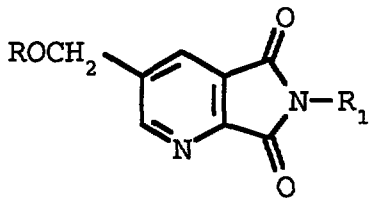
ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 5-(ALKOXYMETHYL)-2,3-PYRIDINEDICARBOXIMIDE COMPOUNDS

There is provided a process for the preparation of 5-(alkoxymethyl)-2,3-pyridinedicarboxamide compounds having the structural formula I



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The 5-(alkoxymethyl)-2,3-pyridinedicarboxamide compounds are useful as intermediates in the preparation of herbicidal 5-(alkoxymethyl)-2-(2-imidazolin-2-yl)nicotinic acid, ester and salt compounds.

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