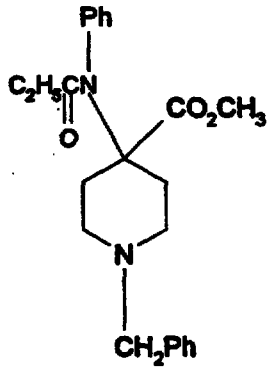
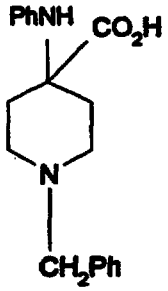
Abstract

A process for the preparation of the compound of formula (I), a useful intermediate for the preparation of analgesic agents.



(I)

which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II) or an acid addition salt thereof



(II)

with propionic anhydride and then treating the resultant product with methanol.

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