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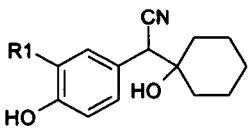
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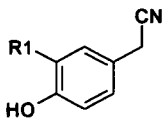
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 1-[CYANO (4-HYDROXYPHENYL)METHYL]CYCLOHEXANOL COMPOUNDS

(I)




(II)




(57) Abstract: Process for the preparation of 1-[cyano (phenyl) methyl] cyclohexanol compounds of general formula (I) in which $R_1$ is hydrogen, ($C_{1-4}$) alkyl or ($C_{1-4}$) alkoxy, wherein a compound of general formula (II) in which $R_1$ is as defined above, is reacted with cyclohexanone, the reaction being carried out in the presence of an organic or inorganic base, and this organic or inorganic base being present in the reaction mixture in at least an equimolar amount, based on the amount of the compound of general formula (II) .