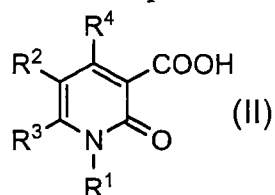


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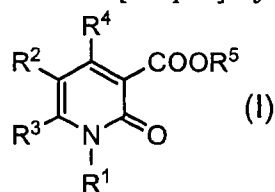
To provide a simple and convenient process of a 1-substituted-2-pyridone-3-carboxylic acid derivative which is an important intermediate for a 2-pyridone-3-carbamoyl derivative having cannabinoid receptor agonist activity, and a 2-pyridone-3-carbamoyl derivative.

A process for producing a compound represented by general formula (II):



wherein R¹ represents alkyl or the like which may be substituted with non-reactive substituent; R² and R³ each independently represents alkyl or the like; or R² and R³ together with the adjacent carbon atom may form cycloalkene; R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or the like, comprising Step A and Step B:

[Step A] hydrolyzing a compound represented by general formula (I):



wherein, R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are as defined above; and R⁵ is alkyl, and

[Step B] adding alcohol to the hydrolysate of the compound represented by general formula (I) generated in Step A, to generate crystals of the compound represented by general formula (II).



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