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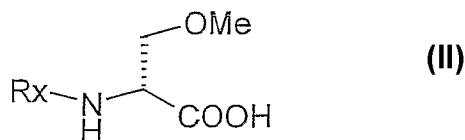
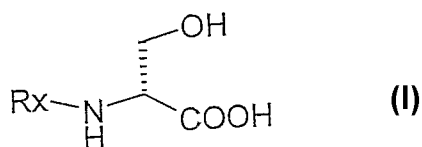
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onamide (lacosamide) comprising the O-methylation of a compound
of formula (I) to produce a compound of formula (II) in a single step
reaction.