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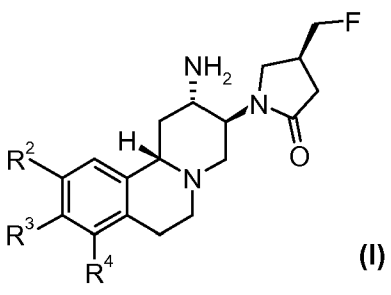
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PYRIDO [2,1-A] ISOQUINOLINE DERIVATIVES



(I)

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a novel process for the preparation of pyrido[2,1-a] isoquinoline derivatives of the formula (I) wherein R^2, R^3 and R^4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy and lower alkenyl, wherein lower alkyl, lower alkoxy and lower alkenyl may optionally be substituted by a group consisting of lower alkoxycarbonyl, aryl and heterocyclyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. The pyrido[2,1-a] isoquinoline derivatives of the formula (I) are useful for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases which are associated with DPP IV.