

Abstract

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The invention provides a process for preparing 4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidine comprising reacting 4-hydroxypiperidine with a base in a solvent at room temperature; and then heating the mixture so produced together with 1,2-dichloro-4-fluorobenzene at an appropriate temperature. 4-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy)piperidine is useful as an intermediate in the preparation of pharmaceutical active ingredients.