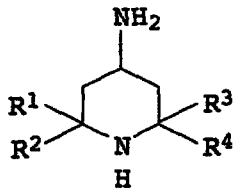
Purification of sterically hindered 4-aminopiperidines

Abstract

A process for purifying crude piperidines of the formula I



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where R^1 to R^4 are C_1-C_6-alkyl, or R^1 and R^2 and/or R^3 and R^4 together are a CH_2-chain of 2 to 5 carbons, which comprises, in a first step, removing high-boiling substances and, if present, water from the crude piperidines by distillation; in a second step, adding from 0.01 to 5 % by weight, based on the product of the first step, as a reducing agent; and, in a third step, isolating the piperidines by distillation.