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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a process for preparing a compound of formula (I), comprising reacting a bromo-substituted pyridine with an amine of the formula NHR^5R^6 , reacting the resulting amide with an iodo-halomethyl-substituted compound and cyclizing the resultant product, wherein R , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in the specification; also claimed are a compound of formula (a), and a process for preparing it from the corresponding halo-substituted benzoic acid.

