

ABSTRACT

To produce an 1-alkoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl derivative having little amount of impurities and good
5 quality by a simple, efficient and highly productive process which comprises catalytically reducing an 1-alkoxycarbonyl-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl derivative.
1-Alkoxycarbonyl-3-phenyl-propyl derivative is provided and obtained by catalytic reduction being carried out
10 in an alcohol or a solvent containing the alcohol in the presence of a strong acid having a concentration of 0.4 to 0.5 N, the amount of the strong acid being at least 3 equivalents based on one equivalent of the 1-alkoxycarbonyl-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl derivative (1 mole).

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