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Abstract of the disclosure:

There is disclosed a process for production of amide compounds which includes converting a nitrile compound into an amide compound using a cultured broth of bacterial cells, or bacterial cells or materials obtainable by treating bacterial cells, the bacterial cells being cells of a microorganism of the genus Agrobacterium, having activity to convert nitrile compounds into amide compounds. Also disclosed are microorganisms of the genus Agrobacterium, having activity to convert nitrile compounds into amide compounds, which are useful for the process of the present invention.

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