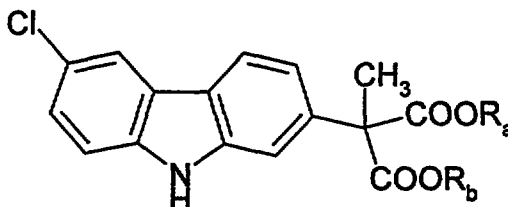


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process of purifying a (6-chloro-2-carbazolyl)methyl-malonic acid di(C_1 - C_6 alkyl) ester of Formula (I):



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wherein R_a and R_b must be the same and are selected from the group consisting of C₁ -C₆ alkyl; comprises phase separating one or more impurities from said carbazole ester at least once wherein the solvent used to carry out said phase separation is acetic acid. In a preferred embodiment said acetic acid is glacial acetic acid which is maintained at a temperature of from about 30° to about 110° C and said carbazole ester is obtained in a purity of at least 99.90% by weight, so that the amount of impurities present therein is 0.10% or less by weight. In a more preferred embodiment of said process, said temperature is from about 50° to about 70° C, and said phase separation is carried out only once.

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