

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an economically advantageous and efficient process for producing an optically active homophenylalanine derivative of the general formula (IV), and an intermediate therefor and a process for producing it.

The present invention relates to a process for producing homophenylalanine derivative of the general formula (IV) which comprises reacting a β -benzoylacrylic acid derivative of the general formula (II) with a 1-arylethylamine derivative of the general formula (III) and reducing the resultant γ -oxo-homophenylalanine derivative of the general formula (I).

