

[Designation of Document] Abstract

By intravenously administering a sedative comprising methyl

3-[(4S)-8-bromo-1-methyl-6-(2-pyridinyl)-4H-imidazo[1,2-a]
[1,4]benzodiazepin-4-yl]propanoate or a salt thereof to a
patient by a dosing regimen including a two-step process
disclosed in the present invention, general anesthesia can be
safely and promptly induced and maintained.