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(57) Abstract: A calcium carboxylate is prepared by reacting water, calcium oxide, and a compound of formula (I),
wherein R is a C₁-C₃ alkyl and R₁ is a C₁ or C₂ alkyl. The reaction solution is heated to remove an amount of a
(I) co-product from the reaction solution. The calcium carboxylate may be recovered in a solid form from the reaction
solution.

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