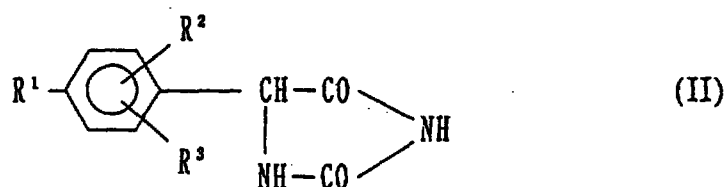


Abstract

A process for preparing a 5-arylhydantoin having the formula (II):



which comprises:

reacting methyl 2-hydroxy-2-methoxyacetate, urea and an aryl compound having the formula (I):



in the presence of an acid. According to the process, the 5-arylhydantoin which is a very effective intermediate for preparing D-arylglycines can be easily prepared from the unexpensive raw materials in a high purity.

