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**PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DIALKYL PYRIDINE-
2,3-DICARBOXYLATE AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF
FROM DIALKYL DICHLOROSUCCINATE**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

There is provided a process for the preparation of substituted and unsubstituted-2,3-pyridinedicarboxylate compounds by reacting a dialkyl dichlorosuccinate with a dehydrohalogenating agent, an ammonia source and an appropriately substituted α,β -unsaturated aldehyde or ketone.