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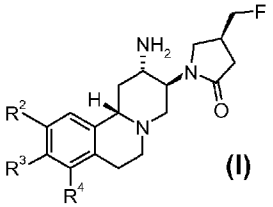
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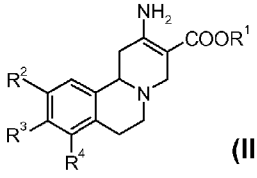
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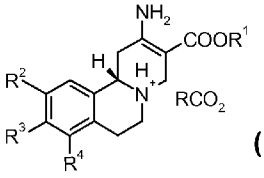
(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PYRIDO[2,1-A]ISOQUINOLINE DERIVATIVES COMPRISING OPTICAL RESOLUTION OF AN ENAMINE



(I)



(II)



(III)

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a process for the preparation of pyrido[2,1-a] isoquinoline derivatives of the Formula (I), wherein R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are defined in the specification, comprising the optical resolution of an enamine of the Formula (II), wherein R^1 is lower alkyl, in the presence of an optical active resolving agent to form an (S)-enamine salt of the Formula (III), wherein RCO_2- is the conjugate base of the resolving agent.