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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF HIGH PURITY PERINDOPRIL AND INTERMEDIATES USEFUL IN THE SYNTHESIS

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to 1-{2(S)-[1(S)-(ethoxycarbonyl)butylamino]propionyl}-(3aS,7aS)octahydroindol-2(S)-carboxylic acid of the Formula I and the *t*-butylamine salt of the Formula I' thereof free of contaminations derivable from dicyclohexyl carbodiimide, and a process for the preparation thereof. The invention also relates to new intermediates of the general Formula III (wherein R stands for lower alkyl or aryl lower alkyl). The compound of the Formula I - perindopril - is a known ACE inhibitor.