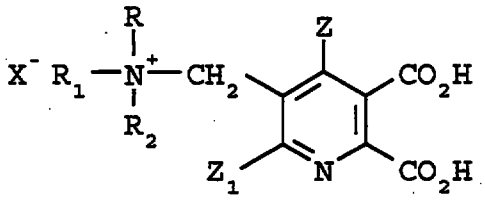
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PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF [(5,6-DICARBOXY-3-PYRIDYL)METHYL]AMMONIUM HALIDES

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

There is provided a process for the preparation of [(5,6-dicarboxy-3-pyridyl)methyl]ammonium halides having the structural formula I



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The [(5,6-dicarboxy-3-pyridyl)methyl]ammonium halides are useful as intermediates in the preparation of herbicidal 5-(alkoxymethyl)-2-(2-imidazolin-2-yl)-nicotinic acids, esters and salts.

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