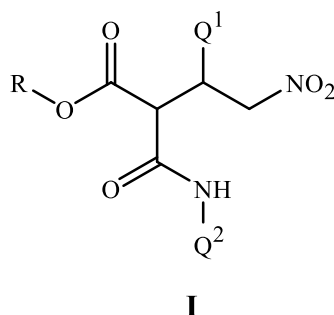


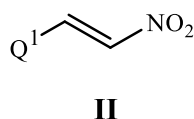
TITLE3-OXO-3-(ARYLAMINO)PROPANOATES, A PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION,
AND THEIR USE IN PREPARING PYRROLIDINONESABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Disclosed are compounds of Formula **I**, including all stereoisomers and salts thereof,



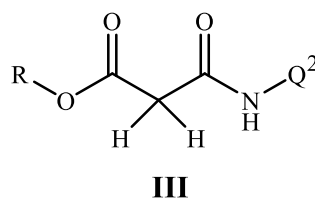
wherein Q¹, Q² and R are as defined in the disclosure.

Also disclosed is a method for preparing a compound of Formula **I**, comprising contacting a compound of Formula **II**

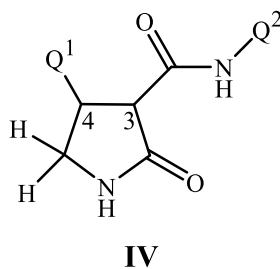


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with a compound of Formula **III**



optionally in the presence of a catalyst or a base to form a compound of Formula **I**.
Further disclosed is a method for preparing a compound of Formula **IV**,



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comprising reductively cyclizing a compound of Formula **I** in the presence of a reducing agent.

[NO FIGURE]