

ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF PHENETHYLAMINE DERIVATIVES

A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I), wherein R_1 , and R_2 are ortho or para substituents, independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_7-C_9 aralkoxy, C_2-C_7 alkanoyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkylmercapto, halo and trifluoromethyl; R_3 is hydrogen or C_1-C_6 alkyl; R_4 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, formyl or C_2-C_7 alkanoyl; n is one of the integers 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and the dotted line represents optional olefinic unsaturation; comprising hydrogenating a compound of formula (III), in the presence of a nickel or cobalt catalyst at a temperature of about 5°C to 25°C .

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