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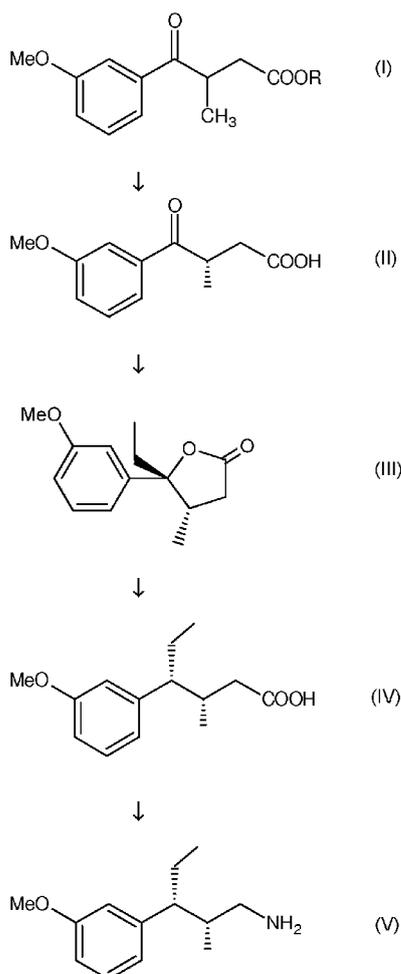
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(54) Title: NEW SYNTHESIS OF TAPENTADOL-HCl INTERMEDIATES



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for the synthesis of tapentadol intermediates comprising the following route of synthesis: (I) → (II) → (III) → (IV) → (V).





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a process for the preparation of a compound of formula V, which, according to the description, is useful as intermediate in the preparation of tapentadol;

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intermediate products comprising compounds of formula II, III, IV and IVa.

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