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54 **Method of preparation of optically active alpha-amino-acids.**

57 A new process of synthesis of optically active α -amino acids is described through nitrosation in a non-aqueous, aprotic system, of the corresponding N-carbamyl derivatives followed by decomposition of the thus obtained N-nitroso derivatives in aqueous acidic medium. The process, which is of a general applicability, leads to a remarkable increase in the reaction yields, due to the suppression of the main side reaction leading to the corresponding α -hydroxy-acid. Some N-nitroso intermediates, which can be recovered from the process of the invention, are also described.

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