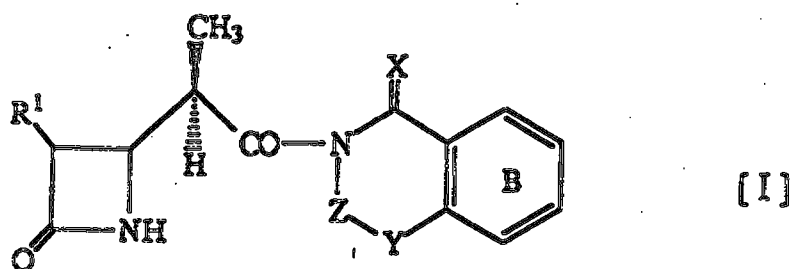


Azetidinone compound and process for preparation thereof

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is disclosed an azetidinone compound of the formula [I]:



wherein Ring B is a benzene ring which may have substituent(s), R¹ is a hydroxy-substituted lower alkyl group which may have substituent(s), X is oxygen atom and the like, Y is oxygen atom and the like, and Z is a methylene group which may have substituent(s), which is useful as a synthetic intermediate of the 1 β -methylcarbapenem-type antibacterial agent.