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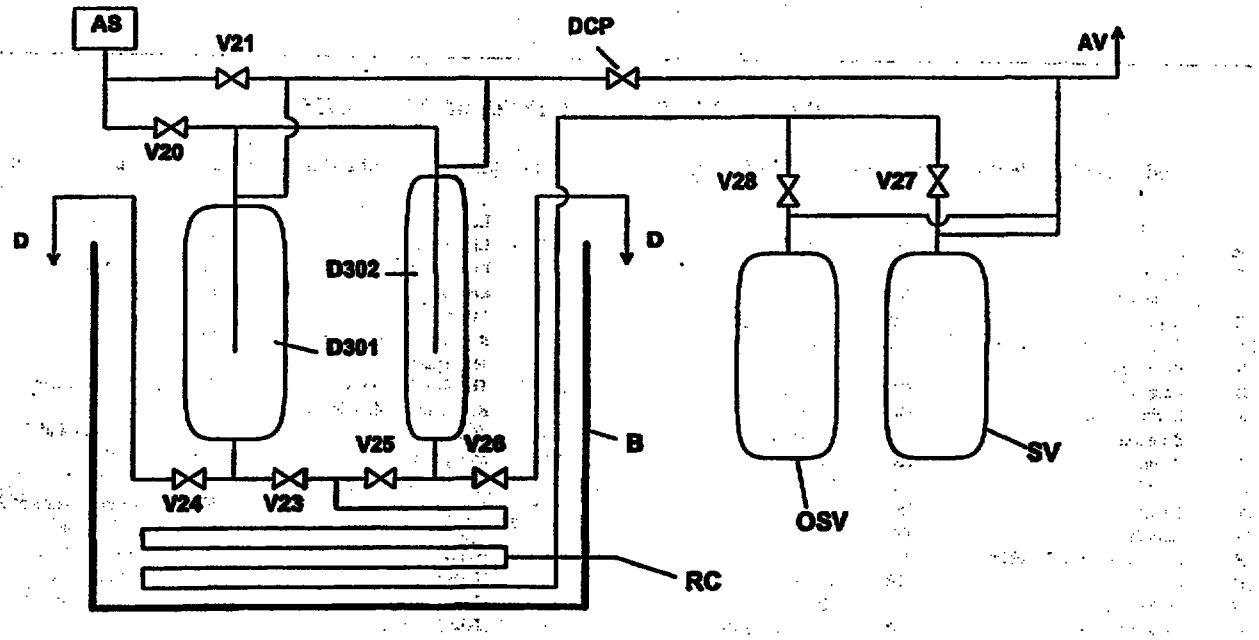

(57) Abstract

An aromatic carboxylic acid such as terephthalic acid is produced by the liquid phase oxidation of a precursor thereof, the oxidation being carried out in such a way that substantially all of the aromatic carboxylic acid produced in the course of the reaction is maintained in solution during the reaction.