

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method for producing an optically active benzylamine derivative which is useful as an intermediate for pharmaceutical products and the like. In the present invention, an optically active benzylalcohol derivative is reacted with a sulfonylamide derivative in the presence of a phosphine derivative and an azodicarbonyl compound, to obtain an optically active benzylsulfonylamide derivative as a novel compound. Then, the thus-obtained optically active benzylsulfonylamide derivative is reacted with a thiol derivative, thereby producing an optically active benzylamine derivative. According to the present invention, the compound can be easily produced by a simple and short process without racemization.