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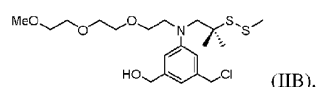
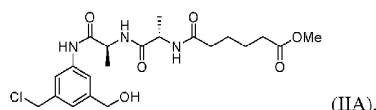
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides novel methods for preparing a compound of formula (IIA) or (IIB) by chlorination using cyanuric chloride, as well as the use of said compounds to provide indolinobenzodiazepine dimer compounds.