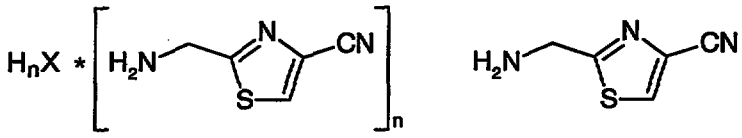
Preparation of 4-cyano-2-aminomethylthiazole

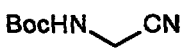
Abstract

The invention relates to processes for preparing 2-aminomethyl-4-cyanothiazole and its salts of the formulae Ia and Ib



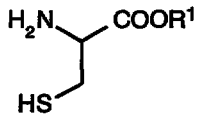
(Ia) (Ib)

in which
n = 1 or 2 and
for n = 1, X is chloride, bromide, triflate and hydrogen sulfate and
for n = 2, X is sulfate, which comprises the process step where the aminonitrile of the formula II



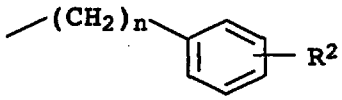
(II)

is stirred with a cysteine ester of the formula III,



(III)

in which R^1 is branched or linear C_{1-10}-alkyl or



where n = 0, 1 or 2 and R^2 is branched or linear C_1-C_{10}-alkyl or C_1-C_4-alkoxy or C_1-C_4-dialkylamino in an inert solvent in the presence of a base at from 0°C to 80°C until the reaction has essentially proceeded to completion, and to the compounds of the formulae Ia and Ib.