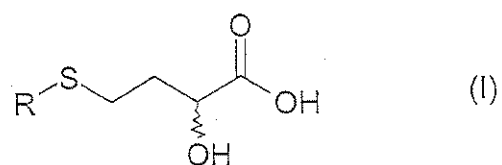


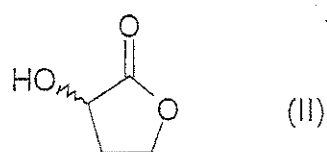
Method for the production of D,L-2-hydroxy-4-alkylthiobutyric acids

Abstract

- 5 The present invention relates to a process for preparing compounds of the formula (I)



by reacting compounds of the formula (II)



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with thiolates $(\text{RS})_n\text{M}$.

The present invention further relates to a process for preparing compounds of the formula (I) from γ -butyrolactone.