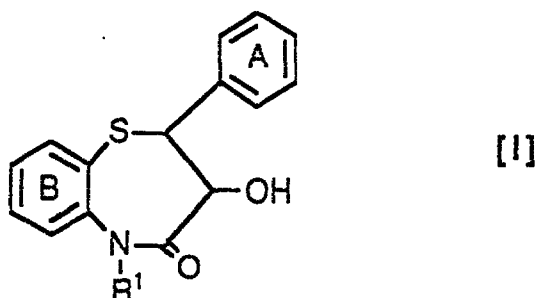
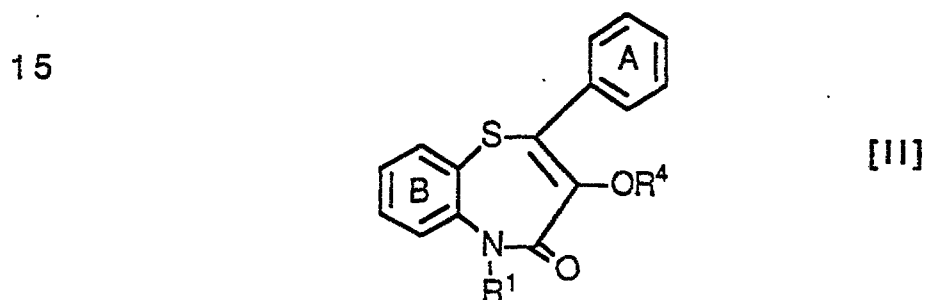


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Process for preparing optically active cis-3-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepin-4(5H)-one compounds [I] of the formula:



10 wherein Ring A and Ring B are substituted or unsubstituted benzene, R¹ is hydrogen or di-lower alkylaminoalkyl, which comprises subjecting 1,5-benzothiazepin-4(5H)-one (II) of the formula [II]:



20 wherein R⁴ is hydrogen or lower alkanoyl, and the other symbols are the same as defined above, to asymmetric reduction with a reaction product of optically active α -amino acid and metal hydride, in high optically yield, and said compounds [I] are very important as intermediate for preparing various medicines.

