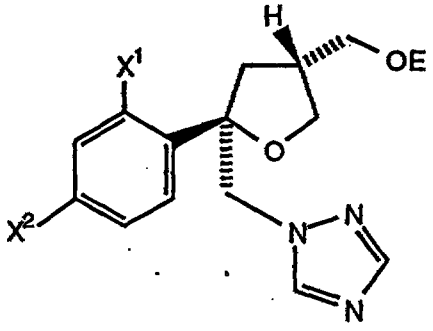
# PROCESS FOR PREPARING INTERMEDIATES FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS

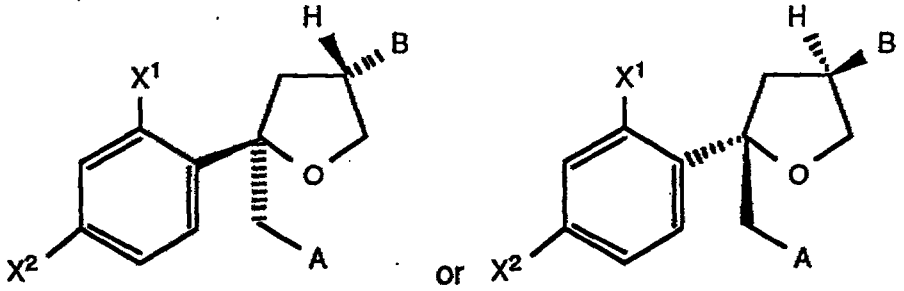
## ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a process for preparing chiral compounds of the formula (I)



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wherein: $X^1$ and $X^2$ are independently F or Cl; and E is $-SO_2R^2$, wherein $R^2$ is $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, $-C_6H_4CH_3$ or $-CF_3$; its enantiomer and racemates thereof, useful in the synthesis of tetrahydrofuran azole antifungals. Novel compounds of the formula



wherein: $X^1$ and $X^2$ are independently F or Cl; B represents $-C(O)Q^*$ or $-CH_2OR^"$; $Q^*$ represents a chiral auxillary group; $R^"$ represents a hydroxy protecting group; and A represents Cl, Br, I, triazolyl or imidazolyl; are also disclosed.