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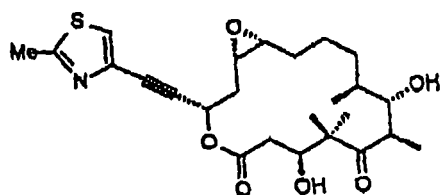
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(54) Title: DEGRADATION OF EPOTHILONES AND ETHYNYL SUBSTITUTED EPOTHILONES



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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a process for a
degradation of an epothilone C or a epothilone D, wherein
an epothilone C or epothilone D is subjected to an olefin
metathesis in the presence of ethylene and subsequently
an optional ester hydrolysis. The invention further
concerns (2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-ethynyl substituted
epothilones (9). Formula (9).