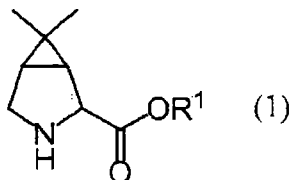


# ABSTRACT



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A proline compound represented by formula (1),



or a salt thereof, which is useful as an intermediate for the production of a medicinal or agrochemical agent or the like, can be produced by a method comprising the following steps A to D:

[Step A]:

a step of reacting a pyrrolidinone compound with a reducing agent,  $(M^{s+})_{1/s} H_{4-m} A I^{-} (OR^3)_m$ , in the presence of a base;

[Step B]:

a step of reacting a pyrrolidinol compound with a cyanating agent;

[Step C]:

a step of hydrolyzing or alcoholyzing the cyanopyrrolidine compound, and

[Step D]:

a step of substituting  $R^2$  in the protected proline compound by a hydrogen atom.



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