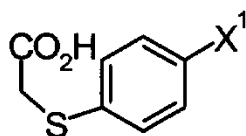


## ABSTRACT

PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF 1-(3-(2-(1-  
BENZOTHIOPHEN-5-YL)ETHOXY)PROPYL)  
AZETIDIN-3-OL OR SALTS THEREOF

A Process for production of 1-(3-(2-(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl)azetidin-3-ol or salts thereof which comprises using as a starting compound as a (phenylthio)acetic acid derivative or salts thereof represented by the general formula:



wherein  $X^1$  represents a halogen atom,  
is useful as a safe process for mass production of 1-(3-(2-(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl)azetidin-3-ol or salts thereof which is useful as a remedy for disease of central and peripheral nerve.