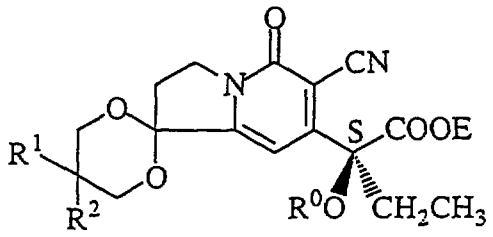
S TYPE 2-SUBSTITUTED HYDROXY-2-INDOLIDINYLBUTYRIC ESTER COMPOUNDS AND PROCESS FOR PREPARATION THEREOF

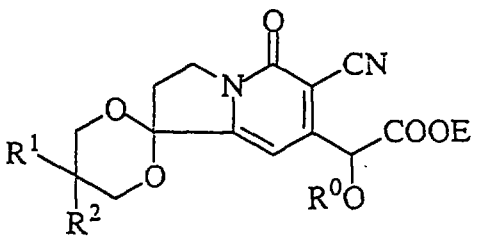
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

A process for preparing S type 2-substituted hydroxy-2-indolidinyl-butyric ester compound [II]:



[II]

wherein R° is residue of nitrogen-containing fused heterocyclic carboxylic acid having absolute configuration of "R"(in which the nitrogen atom is protected), R^1 and R^2 are lower alkyl group, and E is ester residue, which is useful as an intermediate for preparing camptothecin derivatives having antitumor activities, which comprises 2-ethylating 2-substituted hydroxy-2-indolidinylacetic ester compound [I]:



[I]

wherein the symbols are as defined above.