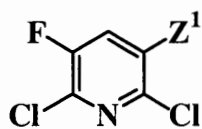
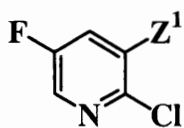


ABSTRACT

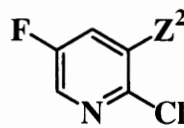
To provide a method for producing a 3-substituted 2-chloro-5-fluoro-pyridine or its salt in high yield from a readily available material through a short process under mild reaction conditions using a reagent which is easy for handling and simple in the reaction operation. Namely, a method for producing the following compound (2) or its salt which comprises selectively reducing a chlorine atom at the 6-position of the following compound (1) or its salt, is provided. Further, a method for producing the following compound (4) or its salt which comprises substituting a Z^1 group of the following compound (2) or its salt obtained by the reduction reaction, by a Z^2 group, is provided. Here, Z^1 is $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^1$, etc., and R^1 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group or a cycloalkyl group. Z^2 is a group different from Z^1 and is $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^5$, etc., and R^5 is an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group or a cycloalkyl group.



(1)



(2)



(4)