

METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE α -AMINO ACID BENZYL ESTERS

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ABSTRACT

10 A process for producing an optically active α -amino acid benzyl ester
by reacting an optically active α -amino acid with benzyl alcohol in the
presence of an acid, wherein the reaction is conducted using substantially no
solvent and under reduced pressure while removing water produced during the
progress of the reaction by distillation.