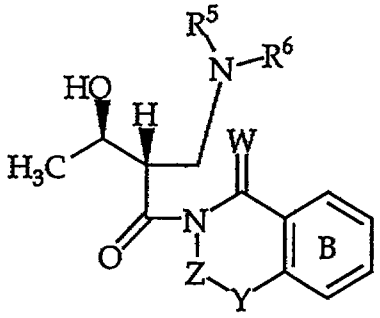
PROCESS FOR PREPARING ACETOXYAZETIDINONE DERIVATIVE AND INTERMEDIATE THEREOF

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

An N-[2-(1-hydroxyethyl)-3-oxopropyl]amine compound of the formula [III]:



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wherein Ring B represents a benzene ring which may be substituted; W represents oxygen atom or sulfur atom; Y represents oxygen atom, sulfur atom or NR^0, R^0 represents hydrogen atom or a substituent; Z represents a substituted methylene group which contains at least one chiral center; R^5 represents an aralkyloxycarbonyl group or an alkoxycarbonyl group; R^6 represents hydrogen atom, an aralkyl group, an acyloxy group, a tri-substituted silyloxy group or an alkoxy group; or both of R^5 and R^6 bond at their termini and combine with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form phthalimido group, and a process thereof are disclosed. Said compound [III] is useful as a starting compound of β-lactam antibacterial agents.