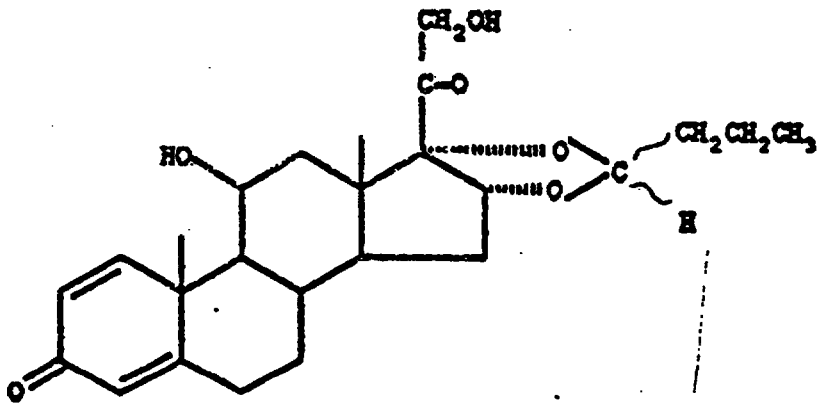
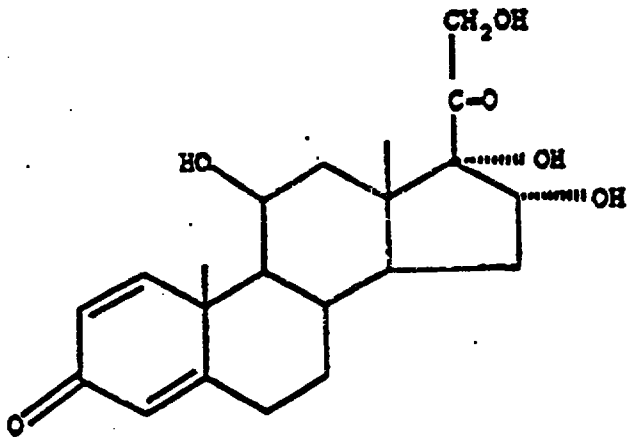
Abstract

The present invention relates to a novel process for the manufacture of (22 R,S)-16α,17α-butylidenedioxy-11ß,21-dihydroxy-pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione



by reacting 11ß,16α,17α,21-tetrahydroxypregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione



with butanal, $CH_3CH_2CH_2CHO$ in acetonitrile with p-toluenesulphonic acid as a catalyst.

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