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(54) PROCESS FOR PRODUCING 3-AMINO-2-HYDROXYPROPIONIC ACID **DERIVATIVES**

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(57)**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a process for preparing 3-amino-2-hydroxypropionic acid derivatives (1) which does not use dangerous reagents, is economically advantageous, and is suitable for an industrial production, which process comprises:

treating N-protected-3-amino-2-hydroxypropionic acid derivatives (2) having a steric configuration at 2-position carbon reverse to that of derivatives (1) with a leaving group-introducing agent to convert into N-protected-3-aminopropionic acid derivatives (3),

then treating the derivatives with a basic substance to convert into substituted-3-amino-2-hydroxypropionic acid derivatives (4) having an inverted steric configuration at 2-position carbon,

and then converting the derivatives into 3-amino-2-hydroxypropionic acid derivatives (1).

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{3} \\ \downarrow \\ R^{1}R^{2}C \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow H \\ \downarrow \\ HC \longrightarrow OH \\ \downarrow \\ COOH \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{3} \\ R^{1}R^{2}C \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow S^{1} \\ HO \longrightarrow CH \\ COOS^{2} \end{array} \tag{2}$$

$$R^{3}$$

$$R^{1}R^{2}C \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow S^{1}$$

$$L \longrightarrow CH$$

$$COOS^{3}$$
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