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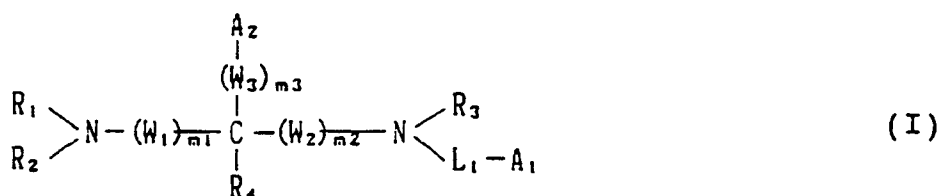
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(57) A photographic processing solution for silver halide light-sensitive materials containing a compound of formula (I):



wherein R₁ represents an aliphatic group, etc.; R₂, R₃, and R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, etc.; L₁, W₁, W₂ each represents an alkylene group, etc.; and A₁ and A₂ each represents a carboxyl group, etc., or a chelate of this compound with Fe (III), etc. The processing solution can be prevented from deterioration due to incorporated and accumulated metal ions or growth of mold or bacteria. Both the compound (I) and its metal chelate are biodegradable.



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