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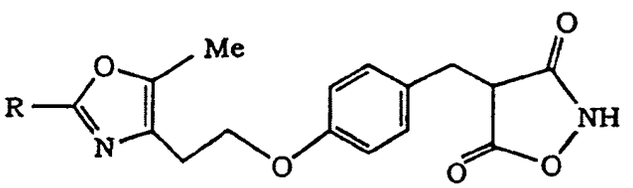
(54) **Process for the production of 2-(5-methyl-4-oxazolyl)acetates**

(57) The present invention relates to a novel method for producing a compound of the formula [11]



[11]

wherein R is an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted condensed heterocyclic group, which is useful as a therapeutic agent for diabetes. The method of the present invention is an industrially utilizable method that enables efficient production of the objective compound [11] from β-methyl L-aspartate via an important intermediate compound [6]

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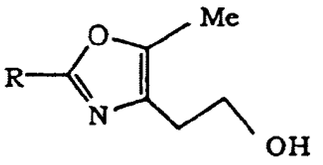

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wherein R is as defined above, at high yield.