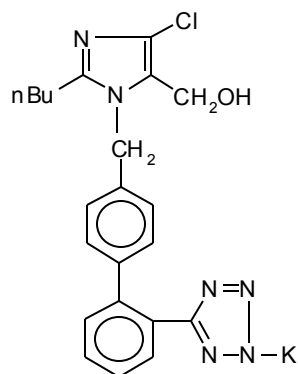
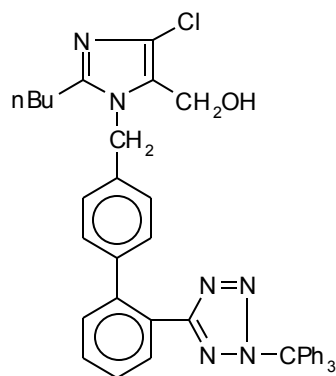


The invention relates to a process for the synthesis of losartan potassium of formula (I), chemical name: 2-n-butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)-methyl]-imidazol-5-methanol potassium, starting from 2-n-butyl-4-chloro-1-[(2'-(2-triphenylmethyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)-methyl]-1H-imidazol-4-methanol of formula (III). According to the process the compound of formula (III) is reacted in an alcohol of formula (VI), - wherein the meaning of R is C₁-C₄ straight chain alkyl group - with 0.1-1 equivalent of potassium hydroxide. The final product of formula (I) is isolated after crystallizing out by changing the solvent to an aprotic or weakly protic solvent (I).



I



III

R-OH (VI)