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[54] **PROCESS FOR THE REDUCTION OF PTERINS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The inventive process for the reduction of pterins by means of an alkali metal boron hydride in water to the corresponding 5,6,7,8-tetrahydropterins is characterized in that the reduction is carried out in the presence of a catalytical amount of a water-soluble Pb(II)-salt.

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