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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF (3-CYANO-1H-INDOL-7-YL)(4-(4-FLUOROPHENETHYL)PIPERAZIN-1-YL)-METHANONE AND SALTS THEREOF

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of (3-cyano-1H-indol-7-yl)[4-(4-fluorophenethyl)piperazin-1-yl]-methanone and salts thereof, characterised in that an indole ester of the formula II in which R is as defined in Claim 1, is converted into 3-cyano-1H-indole-7-carboxylic acid via steps (1) to (4) according to Claim 1, and this is reacted with 1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl]piperazine or salts thereof to give the product.