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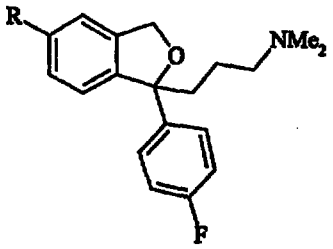
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(57) Abstract

Method for the preparation of citalopram comprising reaction of a compound of Formula (IV) wherein R is halogen, or CF_3–$(CF_2)_n$–SO_2–, n being 0 to 8, with a cyanide source in the presence of a palladium catalyst and a catalytic amount of Cu^+ or Zn^{2+}, or with $Zn(CN)_2$ in the presence of a palladium catalyst.