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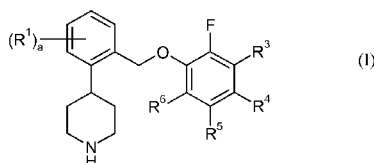
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to processes and intermediates for preparing compounds of formula (I) where a, R¹, and R³⁻⁶ are as defined in the specification, or a salt thereof. The compounds of formula (I) are serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors.



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