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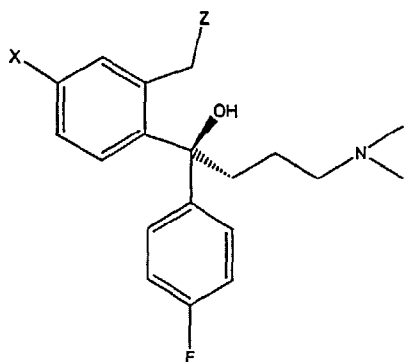
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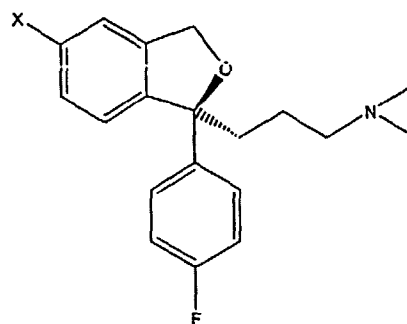
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for the preparation of escitalopram by cyanation of optically active intermediates of the formulas (III) and (II) below, and the preparation of such intermediates by optical resolution.



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