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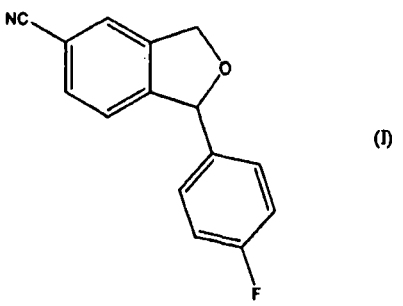
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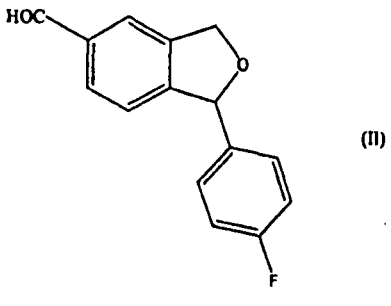
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ACTION

(54) Title: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF CITALOPRAM



(I)



(II)

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(57) Abstract: A method for the preparation of citalopram wherein the aldehyde of formula (II) is converted to the corresponding 5-cyano compound of formula (I) which is alkylated to form citalopram, which is isolated in the form of the base or an acid addition salt thereof.