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(54) **Title:** SYNTHESIS OF CCR5 RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention is directed to the synthesis of 4-[4-[(R)-[1-[cyclopropylsulfonyl)-4-piperidinyl](3-fluorophenyl)methyl]-3(S)-methyl-1-piperazinyl]-1-[(4,6-dimethyl-5-pyrimidinyl)carbonyl]-4-methylpiperidine], and intermediates therefor from readily available starting materials by a novel route.

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