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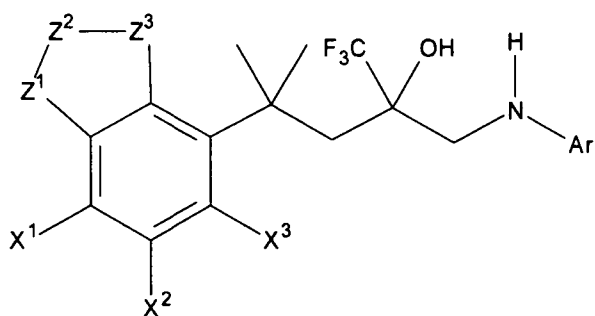
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(57) Abstract: The current invention describes novel chiral synthetic routes and intermediates for the manufacture of chiral anti-inflammatory agents of general formula (VIII) in which at least one of the groups X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup> is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, trifluoromethyl, amino whereas the other groups X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup> have the meaning of a hydrogen atom, in which at least one of the groups Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, Z<sup>3</sup> is selected from -O-, -S-, -NH-, -N(-CH<sub>3</sub>)-, whereas the other groups Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, Z<sup>3</sup> have the meaning of a

-CH<sub>2</sub>- group, and in which Ar is an aromatic group.