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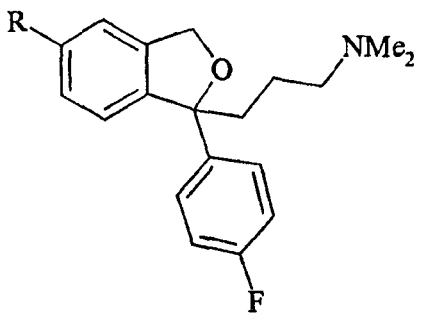
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Method for the preparation of citalopram comprising reaction of a compound of Formula (IV), wherein R is Cl or Br with a cyanid source in the presence of a nickel catalyst and isolation of the corresponding 5–cyano compound, i.e. citalopram.

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