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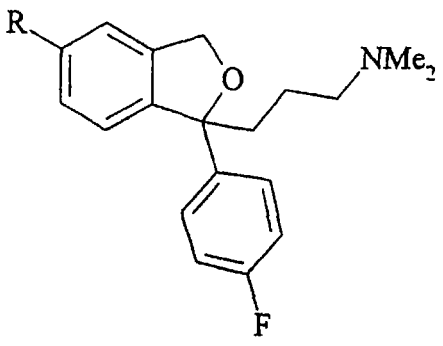
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A method for the preparation of citalopram comprising reductive hydrolysis of a compound of Formula (IV) wherein R is a N,N-disubstituted amid group or an optionally substituted 4,5-dihydro-1,3-oxazol-2-yl group, and conversion of the resulting 5-formyl compound to citalopram.