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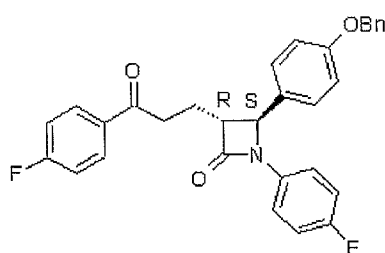
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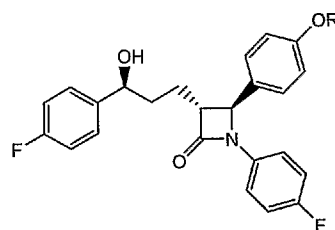
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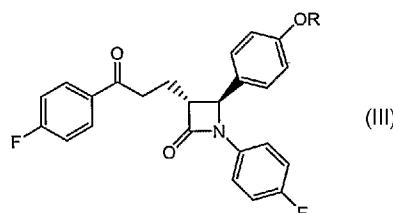
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(57) Abstract: The invention encompasses (3R,4S)-4-((4-benzyloxy)phenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-((S)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl)-2-azetidinone (Compound 2a). The invention further encompasses processes for preparing Compound 2a from Compound 1. The invention also encompasses processes for preparing a compound having Formula (A) from a compound having the formula (B); wherein R is selected from the group consisting of: H or a hydroxyl protecting group. The invention also encompasses processes for preparing Compound 2a, preferably to form Compound 2a-Form 01. Also included are processes for preparing ezetimibe from Compound 2a-Form 01 or Compound 2a prepared according to the invention, compositions containing such ezetimibe, and methods for reducing cholesterol using such compositions.



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