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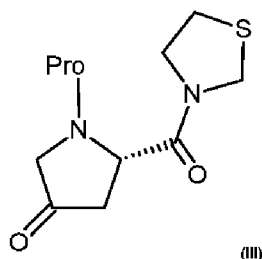
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a process for the preparation of an N-protected (5S)-5-(1,3-thiazolidin-3-ylcarbonyl)pyrrolidin-3-one of Formula III. The invention also provides a process for the preparation of {(2S,4S)-4-[4-(3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]pyrrolidin-2-yl}(1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl)methanone, or salts thereof, using the N-protected (5S)-5-(1,3-thiazolidin-3-ylcarbonyl)pyrrolidin-3-one of Formula III.