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A New Alternative Synthesis of 5-Cyanophthalide, a Versatile Intermediate in the Preparation of the Antidepressant Drug Citalopram.

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