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(57) Abstract: The invention described herein pertains to an improved process for preparing the folate-targeted conjugate EC 145 and to the conjugate EC 145 prepared using the improved process, as well as to a pharmaceutical composition comprising the conjugate EC 145 prepared using the improved process.