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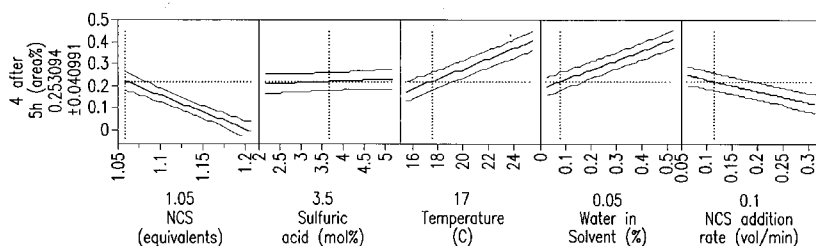


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the field of synthesizing anti-infective compounds. More particularly, the invention relates to synthesizing a family of quinolone compounds useful as anti-infective agents. The invention includes a process for preparing a quinolone compound wherein less than about 0.40% of dimeric impurity of the quinolone is produced.