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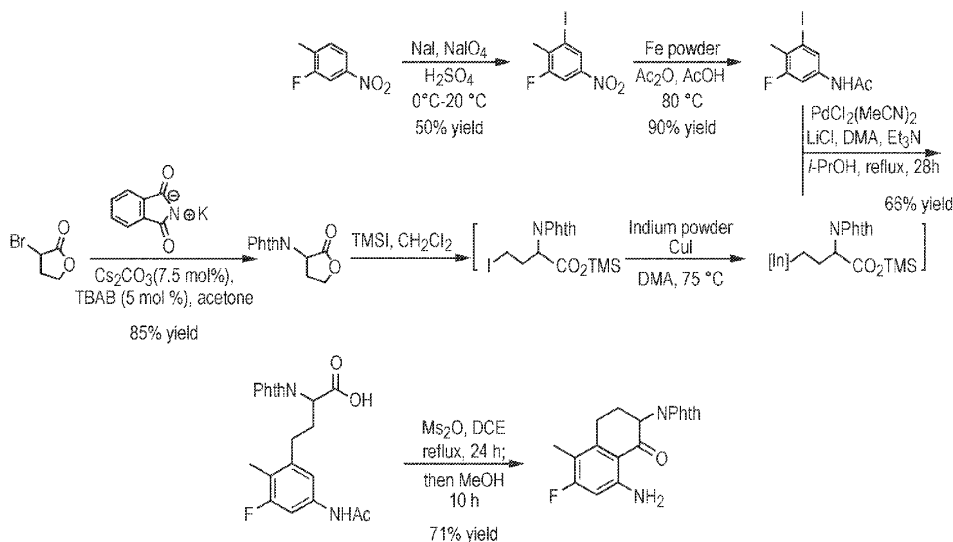


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** Intermediates useful in the preparation of exatecan mesylate and related compounds. Further provided are methods for preparing these compounds. Also provided is an improved, scalable synthesis of exatecan mesylate using the provided intermediates. The synthesis of exatecan mesylate utilizes a convergent approach, involving fewer steps and utilizing fewer reagents and increasing efficiency.

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