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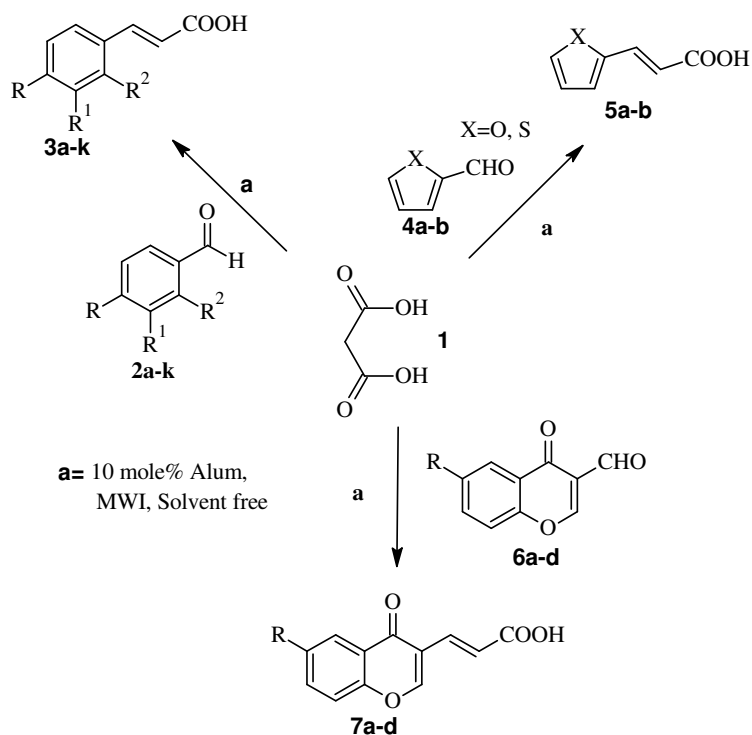
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1479 Alum [KAl(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·12H<sub>2</sub>O]: An efficient, novel, clean, catalyst for Doebner Knoevenagel reaction for the efficient production of αβ-unsaturated acids

Alum mediated solvent free, microwave enhanced, clean process for the production of αβ-unsaturated acids **3**, **5** and **7** is described. Only 10 mol% of alum is enough in this protocol to achieve optimal yields and this protocol is fairly general and applicable to heterocyclic aldehydes and benzopyran 3-aldehydes.

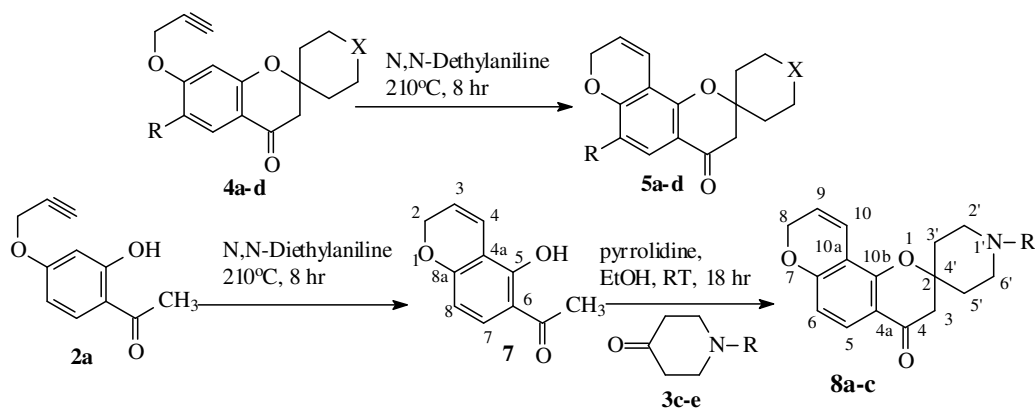


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**1484** Synthesis and antibacterial activity of some new spiro[pyrano[2,3-*f*]chromen-2,1'-cycloalkan]-4-ones and 1'-alkylspiro[pyrano[2,3-*f*]chromen-2,4'-piperidin]-4-ones

Claisen rearrangement of 7-propargyloxyspirochromanones in *N,N*-diethylaniline affords spiro[pyrano[2,3-*f*]chromen-2,1'-cycloalkan]-4-ones **5a-d**, while 1'-alkylspiro[pyrano[2,3-*f*]chromen-2,4'-piperidin]-4-ones **8a-c** can be synthesized by Claisen rearrangement of 4-propargyloxyresacetophenone **2a** followed by cyclization using *N*-substituted piperidones in ethanol-pyrrolidine. All the compounds have been tested *in vitro* for their antibacterial activity against Gram-positive bacteria *Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* and Gram-negative bacteria *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Some of the compounds show moderate to good antibacterial activity.

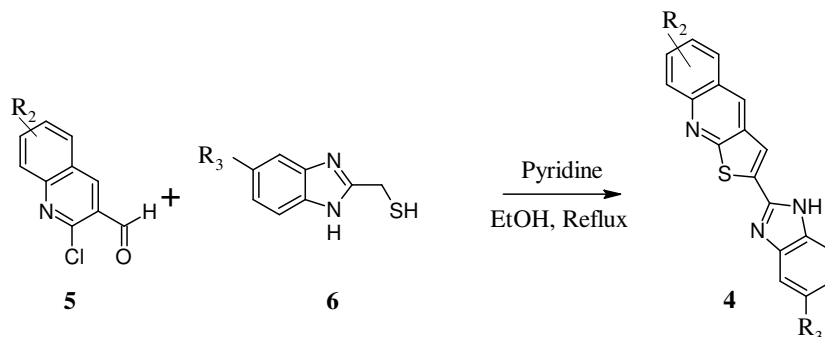


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**1491** Synthesis, characterization and antibacterial activity of benzimidazole derivatives carrying quinoline moiety

A new series 2-(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-yl)-6-substitutedthieno[2,3-*b*]quinolines **4** have been synthesized by the substitution reaction of 2-mercaptoquinoline-3-carbaldehyde **1** with 2-(chloromethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazole **2**. However, the yield obtained by this method is less than 50%. A successful attempt has been made to improve the yield (>85%) by condensing 2-chloroquinoline-3-carbaldehyde **5** with 2-(mercaptomethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazoles **6** in ethanol medium using pyridine as base.



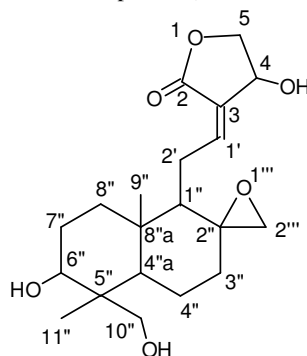
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**1510** A new clerodane-type  $\gamma$ -hydroxybutenolide diterpene from the bark of *Polyalthia longifolia* var. *angustifolia*

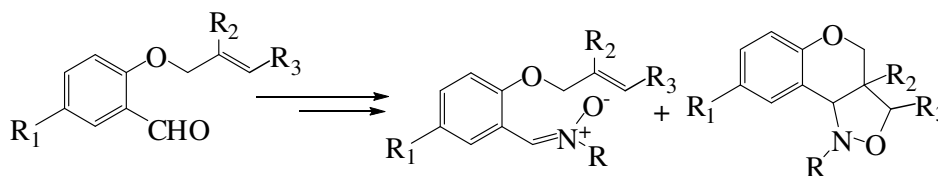
A new clerodane-type  $\gamma$ -hydroxybutenolide diterpene has been isolated from the 50% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane fraction of methanolic extract of the bark of plant, *Polyalthia longifolia* var. *angustifolia*. The structure of the new compound has been established as (Z)-4-hydroxy-3-(2''-(6''-hydroxy-5''-(hydroxylmethyl)-5'',8''a-dimethyloctahydro-1*H*-spiro[naphthalene-2'',2'''-oxiran]-1''-yl)ethylidene)dihydrofuran-2(3*H*)-one, based on the chemical and spectral (UV, IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , 2D-NMR and Mass) data analysis.



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**1513** Preparation of nitrones and studies of their intramolecular 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions



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**1519** Microwave assisted one pot synthesis of pyrazine derivatives of pentacyclic triterpenoids and their biological activity

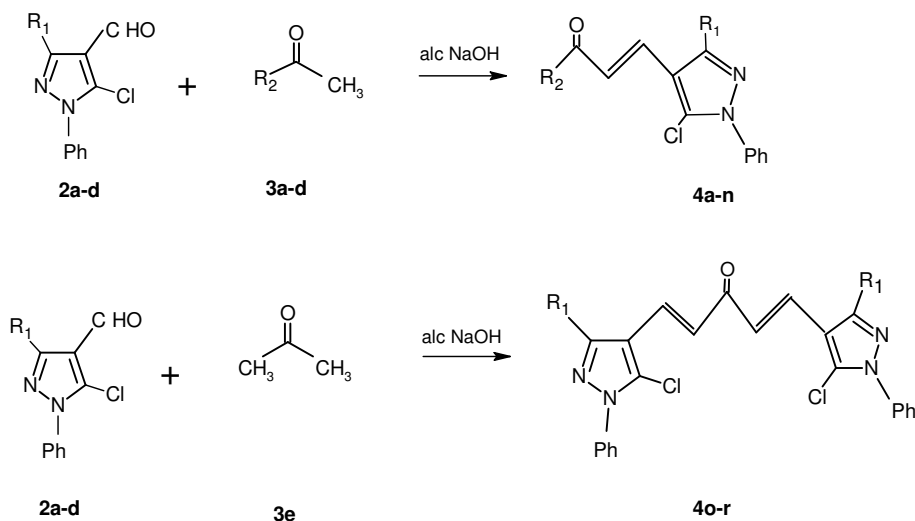
One pot synthesis of 1,4-pyrazine derivative of pentacyclic triterpene has been carried out under microwave irradiation and the antimicrobial potential associated with them has been evaluated.

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- 1524** Synthesis of some 3-(5-chloro-1,3-diaryl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-arylprop-2-en-1-ones and 1,5-bis(5-chloro-1,3-diaryl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)pent-1,4-diene-3-ones and their antimicrobial activity

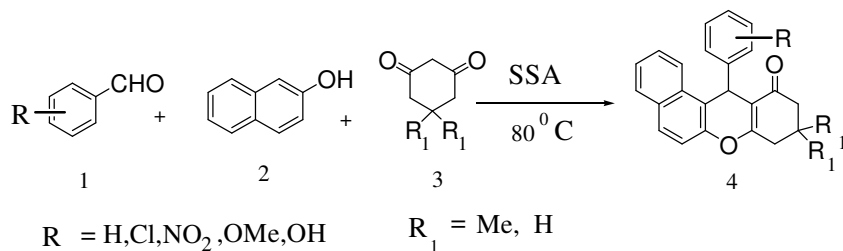
3-(5-Chloro-1,3-diaryl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-arylprop-2-en-1-ones (**4a-n**) and 1,5-bis(5-chloro-1,3-diaryl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)pent-1,4-diene-3-one (**4o-r**) have been synthesized. The compounds have been screened against plant pathogenic fungi and human pathogenic bacteria. Regression analysis has also been done.



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- 1532** Heterogeneous catalyst: Silica sulfuric acid catalyzed synthesis of 9, 10-dihydro-12-aryl-8*H*-benzo[*a*]xanthen-11(12*H*)-one derivatives under solvent-free conditions



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