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POLYHYDROXY-2,3-DIARYLXANTHONES AS ANTIOXIDANTS

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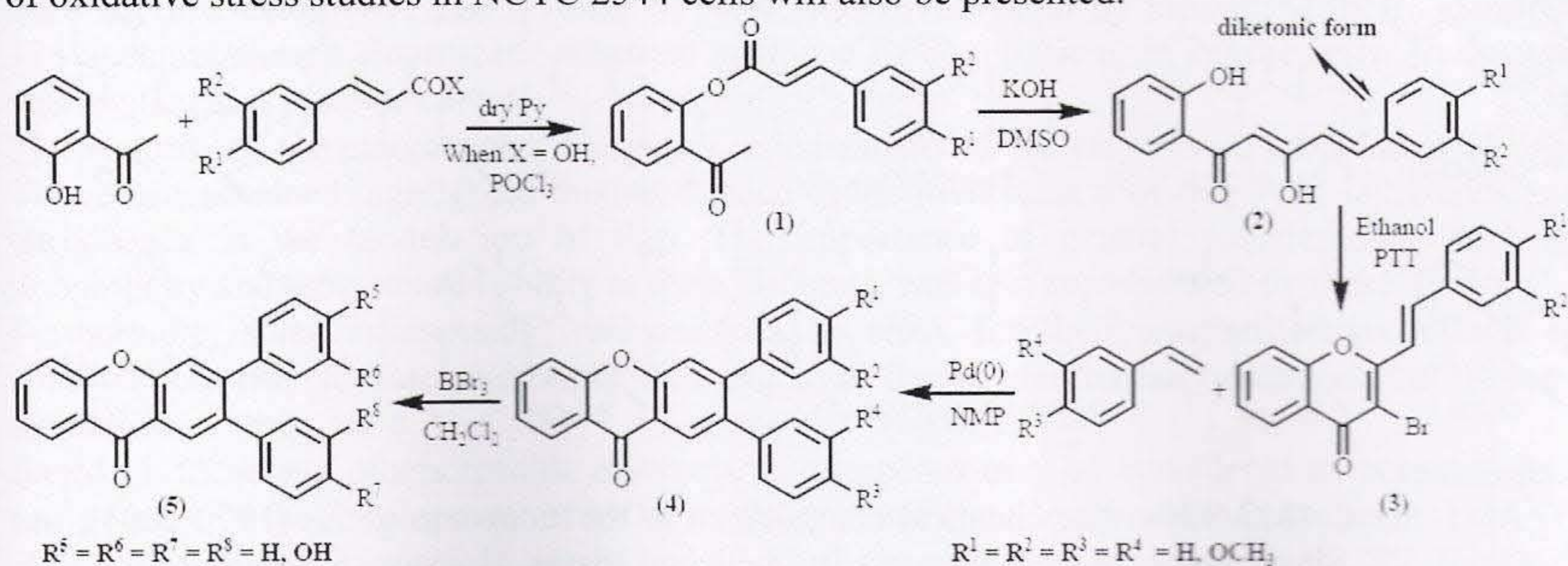
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Abstract

Xanthenes are a class of oxygenated heterocyclic compounds widely occurring in nature.[1] The biological properties of these compounds have been extensively reported in the literature and one of the most promising is their potential application as antioxidant agents.[2] This fact led us to start a programme on the synthesis of 2,3-diarylxanthenes bearing hydroxyl groups in certain positions of their skeleton for further structure- antioxidant activity studies. In this communication we will describe the synthesis of 2,3-diarylxanthenes starting with 2'-hydroxyacetophenone and cinnamic acid derivatives (Scheme 1). The Heck reaction of 3-bromo-2-styrylchromones **3** with styrenes give the methoxyxanthenes **4** which, after cleavage of the protecting groups, give the desired polyhydroxy-2,3-diarylxanthenes **5**. [3] We will also report the inhibitory effect of the synthesized xanthenes **5** on Cu²⁺-induced oxidation of isolated human serum low-density lipoproteins (LDLs). The formation of conjugated dienes and the consumption of carotenoids were chosen as markers of LDL lipid peroxidation.[4] The induction of oxidative stress studies in NCTC 2544 cells will also be presented.



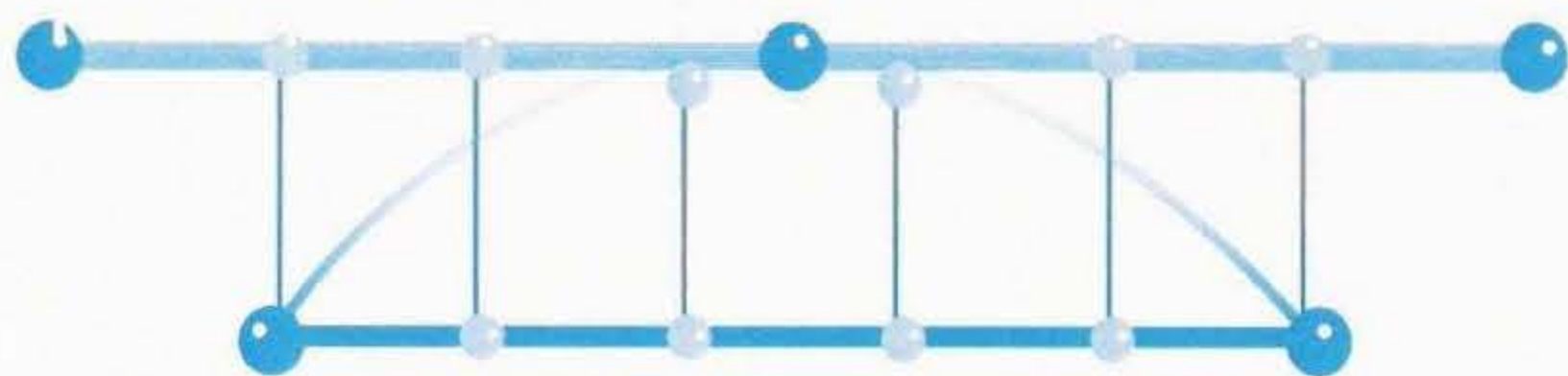
Scheme 1. Synthesis of polyhydroxy-2,3-diarylxanthenes **5**.

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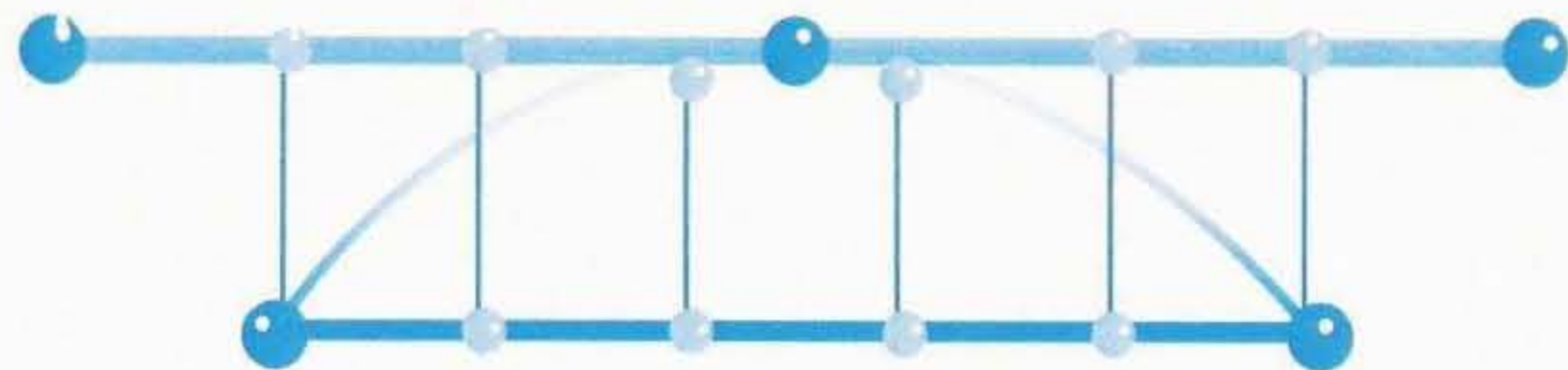
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