

NEW APPROACH TO THE SYNTHESIS OF DERIVATIVES OF NATURAL COMPOUND DIHYDROACTINIDIOLIDE

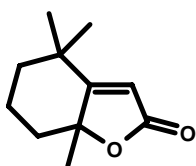
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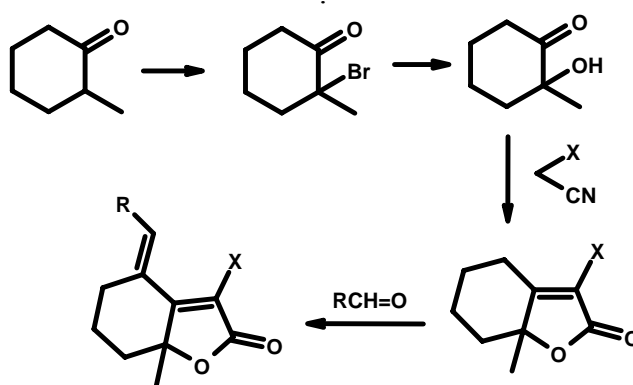
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Dihydroactinidiolide has been isolated from number of plants, e.g. spikerush, tea leaves, tobacco and cassia. Its phytotoxic nature was observed in investigation¹.



Dihydroactinidiolide

A convenient approach has been developed for syntheses of some 3-substituted functionalized derivatives. The initial ketol **II** was synthesized by alkaline hydrolysis of corresponding α -bromo derivative **I**, obtained by brominating of 2-methylcyclohexanone and distilled under reduced pressure. Bromination took place for tertiary carbon with good yield. Lactones **III** were synthesized through the interaction of **II** with substituted ethylacetates in ethanol solution in the presence of sodium ethylate.



X = CN, CO₂C₂H₅, C(O)CH₃, Ar

R = Alk, Ar, Het

α -Methylene group of unsaturated bond of **III** reacts with various aldehydes with formation of targeted derivatives **IV**.

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