SYNTHESIS AND CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY OF *bis*-PYRANO-1,4-BENZOQUINONES

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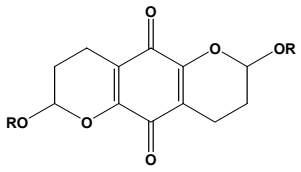
The pyrano-1,4-benzoquinone core occurs in many natural products and pharmaceutically important compounds[1]. Some representative examples[2] are isoasterriquinone, irisquinone, geldenamicyn and dactyloquinones. These wide range of biological applications have stimulated considerable interest in evolving newer synthetic methods for the construction of benzoquinone derivatives[3].

This communication describes an efficient method to synthesize *bis*-pyran-benzoquinones based on a domino three-components reaction, from easily available starting materials. The results of cytotoxic activity of the benzoquinones synthesized will be also presented.



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