



NOVEL ROUTE OF DEHYDROGENATION OF 2-PHENYL-CHROMAN-4-ONE TO 2-PHENYL- CHROMEN-4-ONE USING MONTMORILLONITE K-10 CLAY

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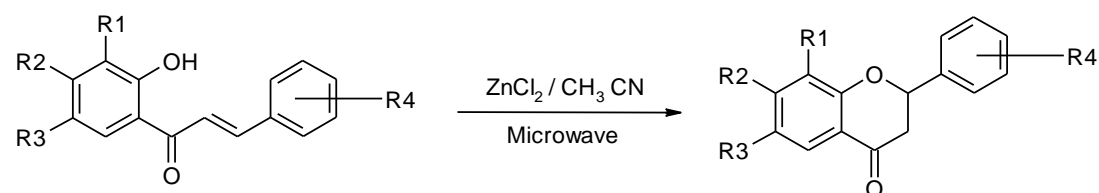
In the most general sense, clays are a type of fine-grained earth, primarily composed of aluminum and silicate minerals. Montmorillonite clays¹⁵⁻¹⁷ are thought to have formed from volcanic ash during the Jurassic and later periods, and were named for the location of their discovery, Montmorillon, France, in the 1800s. These clays are now mined in regions all over the world, including Europe, Africa, Asia, South and North America, with U.S. mines in Florida, Georgia, Illinois and Texas. Montmorillonite clays have a wide variety of uses and have recently been found to have the ability to catalyze a wide range of chemical reactions. A catalyst is a chemical species that induces a chemical reaction to occur at a reasonable rate, without itself being consumed in the process; the catalyst¹⁻³ can typically be recovered and reused. Development of naturally benign substances like clays as catalysts for chemical reactions constitutes an exciting breakthrough in Green Chemistry and promises to reduce the amount of hazardous waste associated with the synthesis of new drug compounds¹⁸.

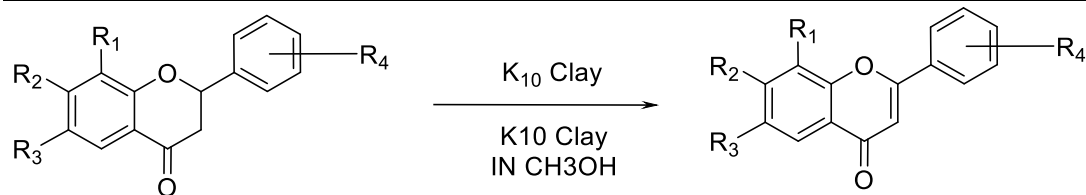
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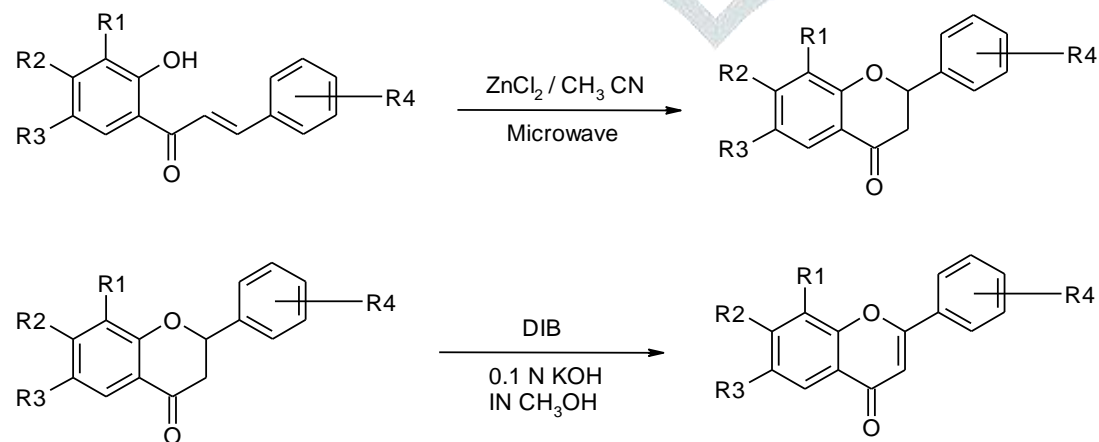
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