SYNTHESIS AND PROPERTIES OF CHALCONES BASED ON DEHYDROACETIC ACID

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The Knoevenagel condensation reaction between dehydracetic acid and aromatic aldehydes is described in this work. The reaction is carried out directly between dehydracetic acid and aromatic aldehydes in the presence of organic bases. The optimal conditions for the Knoevenagel reaction based on dehydracetic acid and various aldehydes were determined. Twenty-one chalcones with substituents of different nature were synthesized. The composition and structure of the obtained compounds were determined. All characteristic signals of chalcones are present in the $^1$H NMR spectra of the obtained compounds registered in CDCl$_3$ and DMSO-d$_6$: OH groups in the range of 18.7–16.5 ppm, CH proton – 6.3–5.9 ppm, and methyl group of the pyran cycle 2.3–2.2 ppm. The corresponding signals of methine protons and aryl substituents are also present in the spectra. The most sensitive to solvent changes is the OH proton bound by an intramolecular hydrogen bond to the carbonyl group of the pyran ring. Signals in DMSO are usually shifted by 0.1–1.0 ppm in a stronger field compared to CDCl$_3$ for dehydracetic acid and chalcones based on it. CH proton signals are shifted by approximately 0.3 ppm in a weaker field, and the signals of the protons of the methyl group are almost insensitive to the solvent. The optical properties of obtained compounds were investigated in DMF, MeOH, MeCN. The synthesized chalcones absorb light in the visible range 330–490 nm with molar extinction coefficients of 3.5–4.5. The solvatochromic effects for most of them are weak – the position of the maximum changes by less than 10 nm. The electron-donor substituents in the phenyl ring (-NMe$_2$ and -NET$_2$) shift the absorption maximum bathochromically by almost 100 nm compared to others in all investigated solvents.

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INTRODUCTION. Dehydroacetic acid (3-acetyl-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one, (DHA)) is a α-pyrone derivative. Its structure was first established by Hale in 1911 [1]. Complexes of dehydroacetic acid with ions of aluminum, zinc, copper(II), beryllium, manganese (II), and other metals are described in the literature. DHA is proposed as a complexing agent in analytical chemistry for gravimetric determination of copper, aluminum, and beryllium [2]. The corresponding mixed ligand complexes are formed when DHA interacts with zirconium and hafnium phthalocyanines [3]. An annealed analog of dehydroacetic acid – 3-acetyl-4-hydroxycoumarin has been proposed for the determination of titanium(IV), cerium(IV), thorium(IV), uranium(VI), and iron(II) ions [4, 5]. X-ray diffraction data obtained for dehydroacetic acid complexes with manganese(II) (Mn(DHA)$_2$(CH$_3$OH)$_2$), cadmium, and zinc [6, 7], confirm the formation of chelate complexes in which the metal atom is coordinated through 3-acetyl and 4-oxy groups of dehydroacetic acid.

DHA is also widely used in organic chemistry since it enters into dozens of reactions to form very diverse classes of substances [8] (Fig. 1).

Some of these compounds contain β-keto-enol or other fragments that may be promising to inorganic chemists as ligands. For example, the interaction of dehydroacetic acid with aromatic aldehydes by the Knoevenagel reaction produces the corresponding chalcones [9–14]. These are colored substances that can also form complexes with metals [15] and boron [16]. Metal complexes have also been widely studied not only with dehydroacetic acid [17–19] but also with its derivatives - Schiff bases [20-25] and other various O,N,S donor ligands [26–28]. For dehydroacetic acid and its derivatives, antimicrobial [15, 29], antitumor [30, 31], antiviral, in particular, anti-HIV activity [16, 32, 33], etc., are widely studied.

![Fig. 1. Examples of dehydroacetic acid derivatives containing chelating centers.](image-url)
The interaction of chalcones with aliphatic amines opens the pyran cycle, preserving the chromophore fragment and forming the corresponding alkylamino-β-keto-enols. These compounds have found their application to monitor the amyloid fibril formation of proteins [34, 35] and as fluorescent probes for functional amyloid visualization in biofilm by confocal microscopy [36].

There are two main methods for preparing chalcones based on dehydroacetic acid by the Knoevenagel reaction (Fig. 2).

According to the first method, the methyl group of dehydroacetic acid is activated by converting dehydroacetic acid into a boron difluoride complex (A), which reacts with aromatic aldehydes with the formation of the corresponding complex. In the next step, this compound is hydrolyzed with alkalis to the corresponding alkylamino-β-keto-enols. These compounds have found their application to monitor the amyloid fibril formation of proteins [34, 35] and as fluorescent probes for functional amyloid visualization in biofilm by confocal microscopy [36].

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![Fig. 2. Methods of obtaining chalcones – derivatives of dehydroacetic acid: activation of the methyl group by forming boron difluoride complex (A), the direct reaction between dehydroacetic acid and aromatic aldehydes (B).](https://ucj.org.ua)

According to the first method, the methyl group of dehydroacetic acid is activated by converting dehydroacetic acid into a boron difluoride complex [16], which reacts with aromatic aldehydes with the formation of the corresponding complex. In the next step, this compound is hydrolyzed with alkalis to the corresponding chalcone. According to the second method, the reaction is carried out directly between dehydroacetic acid and aromatic aldehydes [1] in the presence of organic bases, for example, piperidine.

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**EXPERIMENT AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS.** All characteristic signals of chalcones are present in the $^1$H NMR spectra of the obtained compounds registered in CDCl$_3$ and DMSO-$d_6$: OH groups in the range of
18.7–16.5 ppm, CH proton – 6.3–5.9 ppm, and methyl group of the pyran cycle 2.3–2.2 ppm (Table). In addition, corresponding signals of methine protons and aryl substituents are also present in the spectra. The most sensitive to solvent changes is the OH proton bound by an intramolecular hydrogen bond to the carbonyl group of the pyran ring. Signals in DMSO are usually shifted by 0.1–1.0 ppm in a stronger field compared to CDCl$_3$ for dehydroacetic acid and chalcones based on it. CH proton signals are shifted by approximately 0.3 ppm in a weaker field, and the signals of the protons of the methyl group are almost insensitive to the solvent.

The investigated compounds absorption maxima in DMF are located in the range of 348–490 nm (except for compounds with a nitro group, which have a maximum absorption in the UV region), with extinction coefficients (log $\varepsilon$) in the range of 3.93–4.46.

In methanol, the absorption maxima are located between 350 and 472 nm, the extinction coefficients (log $\varepsilon$) are 3.66–4.54.

In acetonitrile, the absorption maxima are in the range of 279–477 nm, the extinction coefficients (log $\varepsilon$) are 3.55–4.75. The electron-donor substituents in the phenyl ring (-$\text{N(CH}_3)_2$ and -$\text{N(C}_2\text{H}_5)_2$) shift the absorption maximum bathochromically by almost 100 nm compared to others in all investigated solvents.

Comparing the absorption spectra of one compound in different solvents lead to the conclusion that the solvatochromic effects for most of them are weak - the position of the maximum changes by less than 10 nm. However, for compounds 10, 13, and 16, the maximum is shifted to the red region in acetonitrile by 15–17 nm compared to DMF. Moreover, for compounds 12 and 15 the maximum is shifted to the red region by 19 nm. The most significant shift is observed for the compound 20 by 30 nm. Compound 21, in contrast, in DMF has a red-shifted maximum in comparison to acetonitrile, 381 and 345 nm, respectively (table).

![UV-VIS spectra of chalcones 7, 11, and 18 in dimethylformamide (C = 1•10^{-4}M).](image-url)
The proton signals of the pyran cycle in the $^1$H NMR spectra and the UV-VIS data of the obtained chalcones.

| №  | CDCl$_3$  | DMSO  | CDCl$_3$  | DMSO  | CDCl$_3$  | DMSO  | DMF  | MeOH  | MeCN  |
|----|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| OH | 16.67    | 16.54 | 5.92      | 6.28  | 2.26      | 2.25  | -    | -     | -     |
| 1  | 17.95    | 17.55 | 5.97      | 6.32  | 2.29      | 2.28  | 354  | 350  | 357   |
| 2  | 17.44    | 16.94 | 6.01      | 6.36  | 2.31      | 2.28  | 357  | 354  | 356   |
| 3  | 17.48    | 17.12 | 6.01      | 6.34  | 2.31      | 2.28  | 356  | 352  | 352   |
| 4  | 17.42    | 17.04 | 6.01      | 6.34  | 2.32      | 2.28  | 326  | 357  | 360   |
| 5  | -        | 18.01 | -         | 6.28  | -         | 2.26  | 357  | 371  | 378   |
| 6  | 17.86    | 17.66 | 5.95      | 6.28  | 2.27      | 2.26  | 474  | 358  | 361   |
| 7  | 17.53    | 18.08 | 5.95      | 6.25  | 2.27      | 2.25  | 369  | 383  | 383   |
| 8  | 18.13    | 17.78 | 5.93      | 6.29  | 2.26      | 2.26  | 367  | 371  | 376   |
| 9  | 17.92    | 17.49 | 5.97      | 6.31  | 2.29      | 2.26  | 360  | 356  | 360   |
| 10 | 18.18    | 17.89 | 5.94      | 6.27  | 2.27      | 2.25  | 366  | 375  | 381   |
| 11 | 18.24    | 17.93 | 5.94      | 6.27  | 2.27      | 2.25  | 377  | 373  | 383   |
| 12 | 18.16    | 17.80 | 5.96      | 6.18  | 2.26      | 2.18  | 374  | 391  | 393   |
| 13 | 18.44    | 17.42 | 5.93      | 6.25  | 2.26      | 2.24  | 382  | 396  | 399   |
| 14 | 17.80    | 17.32 | 5.90      | 6.29  | 2.22      | 2.29  | 360  | 357  | 360   |
| 15 | 17.97    | 17.64 | 5.95      | 6.31  | 2.27      | 2.28  | 360  | 370  | 279   |
| 16 | 18.11    | 17.78 | 5.94      | 6.28  | 2.27      | 2.25  | 372  | 381  | 387   |
| 17 | 17.80    | 17.50 | 5.90      | 6.33  | 2.22      | 2.28  | 357  | 354  | 358   |
| 18 | 18.61    | 18.57 | 5.89      | 6.22  | 2.24      | 2.25  | 474  | 456  | 465   |
| 19 | 18.71    | 18.57 | 5.90      | 6.18  | 2.24      | 2.23  | 490  | 472  | 477   |
| 20 | 17.98    | 17.51 | 5.98      | 6.34  | 2.29      | 2.28  | 348  | 378  | 378   |
| 21 | 18.13    | 17.77 | 5.98      | 6.35  | 2.30      | 2.30  | 381  | 345  | 345   |

The general synthesis method of dehydroacetic acid condensed derivatives. The reactions were performed by a slightly modified procedure given in the work [3]. 10 mmol of substituted benzaldehyde was added to 10 mmol of dehydroacetic acid in 10 ml of n-butanol and was heated up to boiling temperature. 10 drops of a mixture of pyridine and piperidine (1:1 by volume) were added to the boiling homogeneous solution and refluxed for 2–4 h. Half of the solvent was distilled, the solution was cooled down and filtered from fell-out crystals. The product was washed twice on the filter with a small amount of methanol and recrystallized from the DMF-ethanol system. After that, the product was filtered, washed on the filter with methanol, twice with hot water, and air-dried. Data from $^1$H NMR and UV-VIS spectroscopy are given in the table.
DHA (3-acetyl-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 16.54 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 16.67 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

1) 3-cinnamoyl-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 59%. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 17.55 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.6 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.37 (m, 3H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-$d$) $\delta$ 17.95 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.34 (m, 3H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

2) (E)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(3-(2-nitrophenyl)acryloyl)-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 43%. $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 16.94 (s, 1H), 8.20–7.99 (m, 3H), 7.95–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.73–7.62 (m, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-$d$) $\delta$ 17.44 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.57 (td, $J = 7.8$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

3) (E)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(3-(3-nitrophenyl)acryloyl)-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 31%. $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 17.12 (s, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.35–8.26 (m, 1H), 8.25–8.08 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.68 (m, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-$d$) $\delta$ 17.48 (s, 1H), 8.47 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, $J = 8.2$, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

4) (E)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(3-(4-nitrophenyl)acryloyl)-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 20%. $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 17.04 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

1) $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-$d$) $\delta$ 17.42 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

5) (E)-4-hydroxy-3-(3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)acryloyl)-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 50%. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 18.01 (s, 1H), 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.53–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). Insoluble in chloroform-$d$.

6) (E)-4-hydroxy-3-(3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)acryloyl)-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 39%. $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 17.66 (s, 1H), 9.77 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (dd, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-$d$) $\delta$ 17.86 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.97–6.86 (m, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 2H).

7) (E)-4-hydroxy-3-(3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acryloyl)-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 21%. $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 18.08 (s, 1H), 10.35 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-$d$) $\delta$ 17.53 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

8) (E)-4-hydroxy-3-(3-(2-methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 68%. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-$d_6$) $\delta$ 17.78 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 7.7$, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s,
(E)-4-hydroxy-3-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 43 %. $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 17.80 (s, 1H), 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) $\delta$ 18.16 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

(12) (E)-4-hydroxy-3-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 43 %.

(13) (E)-3-(3-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 51 %. $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 17.42 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 2H), 7.76–7.49 (m, 1H), 6.79–6.51 (m, 2H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d) $\delta$ 18.44 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, $J = 8.6$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

(14) (E)-3-(3-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 52 %. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 17.32 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) $\delta$ 17.80 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 2.22 (s, 3H).

(15) (E)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 51 %. $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d$_6$) $\delta$ 17.64 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). $^1$H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) $\delta$ 17.97 (s, 1H), 8.20
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(\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.88 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.89 (\textit{s}, 2\text{H}), 5.95 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 3.91 (\textit{s}, 6\text{H}), 3.89 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}), 2.27 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}).

16) (E)-3-(3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acryloyl)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 75 \%. \textit{H} NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-\textit{d}_6) \delta 17.78 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 7.99 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.85 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.43–7.14 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.01 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.28 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 6.11 (\textit{s}, 2\text{H}), 2.27 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}).

17) (E)-3-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)acryloyl)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 49 \%. \textit{H} NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-\textit{d}_6) \delta 17.50 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 8.12 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.92 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.88 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.22 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 1.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.16 (\textit{dd}, \textit{J} = 8.1, 1.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.83 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.03 (\textit{s}, 2\text{H}), 5.94 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 2.22 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}).

18) (E)-3-(3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)acryloyl)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 32 \%. \textit{H} NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-\textit{d}_6) \delta 18.57 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 7.95 (\textit{s}, 2\text{H}), 7.59 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.79 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.22 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 3.34 (\textit{s}, 6\text{H}), 2.25 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}). \textit{H} NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-\textit{d}) \delta 18.57 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 7.92 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 8.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.74 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.18 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 3.42 (\textit{q}, \textit{J} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 2.23 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}), 1.11 (\textit{t}, \textit{J} = 6.9 \text{ Hz}, 6\text{H}). \textit{H} NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-\textit{d}) \delta 18.71 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 8.36–7.79 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.59 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 6.65 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 5.90 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 0.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.43 (\textit{q}, \textit{J} = 7.1 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 2.24 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}), 1.21 (\textit{t}, \textit{J} = 7.1 \text{ Hz}, 6\text{H}).

20) (E)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(3-(naphthalen-1-yl)acryloyl)-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 31 \%. \textit{H} NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-\textit{d}_6) \delta 17.51 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 8.67 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.39–8.16 (m, 2\text{H}), 8.08 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.99 (\textit{dd}, \textit{J} = 22.5, 7.1 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 7.72–7.50 (m, 3\text{H}), 6.34 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 2.28 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}). \textit{H} NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-\textit{d}) \delta 17.98 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 8.85 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.42 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.29 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 7.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.04 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.99–7.80 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.66–7.50 (m, 3\text{H}), 5.98 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 2.29 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}).

21) (E)-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-3-(3-(pyren-1-yl)acryloyl)-2H-pyran-2-one. Yield: 68 \%. \textit{H} NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-\textit{d}_6) \delta 17.77 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 9.02 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.64 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 9.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.29–8.36 (m, 6\text{H}), 8.35–8.20 (m, 3\text{H}), 6.35 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 2.30 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}). \textit{H} NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-\textit{d}) \delta 18.13 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 9.17 (\textit{d}, \textit{J} = 15.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.68–8.49 (m, 3\text{H}), 8.30–7.99 (m, 7\text{H}), 5.98 (\textit{s}, 1\text{H}), 2.30 (\textit{s}, 3\text{H}).

CONCLUSIONS

The optimal conditions for the Knoevenagel reaction based on dehydroacetic acid and various aldehydes were determined. Twenty-one chalcones with substituents of different nature in the aromatic nucleus were obtained and characterized by \textit{H} NMR spectroscopy. The optical properties of synthesized compounds were investigated in DMF, MeOH, MeCN. It was found that the absorption maxima are in the visible range from 330 to 490 nm with a weak solvatochromic effect for these compounds in studied solvents.
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