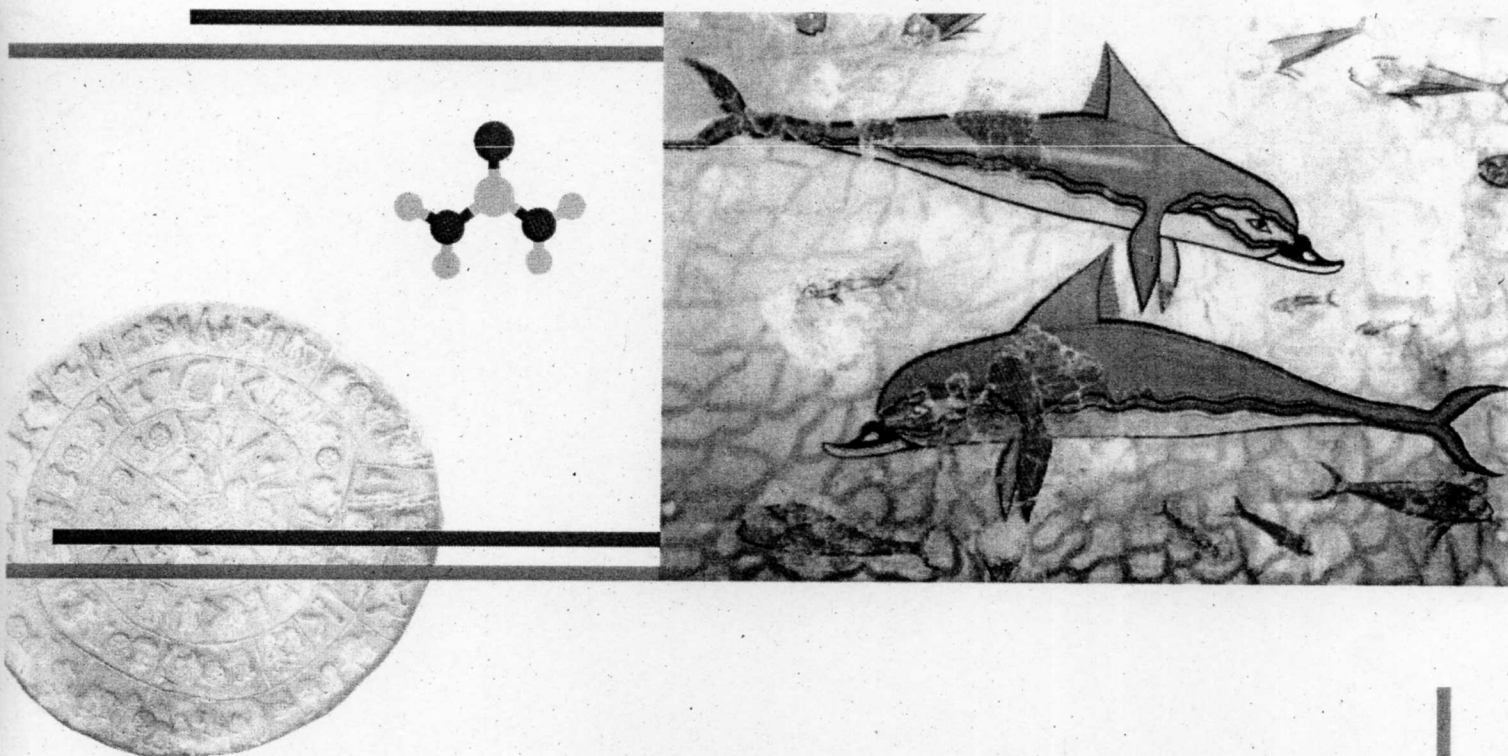




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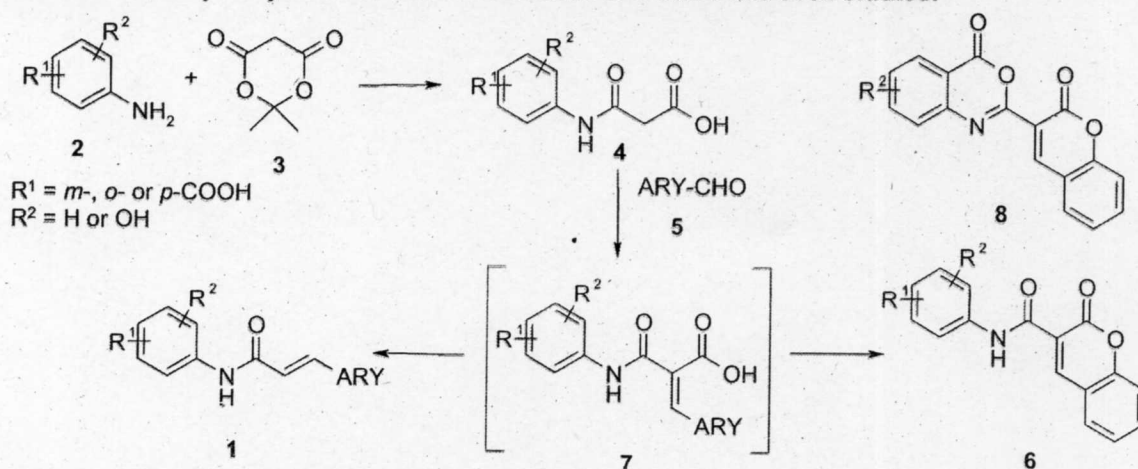
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Avenantramides **1** ($R^1 = o\text{-COOH}$, $R^2 = \text{OH}$) are natural alkaloids exclusively isolated from oats (*Avena Sativa*)¹; these compounds exhibit antioxidant properties,² as well as anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative, and anti-itching activity, which may provide additional protection against coronary heart disease, colon cancer and skin irritation.³

Our investigations were focused on the synthesis of analogues of avenantramides **1** and evaluation of their antiradical activity (detected with DPPH test).

Compounds **1** were obtained according known method⁴, improved by ultrasonication to reduce the duration of the reactions. The target compounds **1** were synthesized from aminobenzoic acids **2** and Meldrum's acid **3**. The obtained amides **4** were treated with aromatic aldehydes **5**, containing hydroxy- and alkoxy- (mainly, methoxy-) groups. Doebner modification of Knoevenagel condensation resulted in desired compounds **1**; in the case of salicylaldehyde it provided *N*-aryl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamides **6**. When starting compound was anthranilic acid, 2-(2-oxo-2*H*-chromen-3-yl)-4*H*-3,1-benzoxazin-4-one **8** was obtained. The hydrolysis of coumarine derivatives **6** and **8** has been studied.



A few of the synthesized compounds exhibit antiradical activity, especially those having both hydroxy- and alkoxy- groups in aromatic ring of cinnamic acid moiety.

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