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Ozonides as promising anticancer agents

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Organic peroxides have significant potential for creating on their basis new medicinal agents. In recent decades, the chemistry of organic peroxides has been intensively developing due to the detection of antimalarial, anthelmintic, antitumor, growth regulation, and antitubercular activity. The greatest progress in the development of medicinal agents on the base of synthetic peroxides is associated with compounds that contain an ozonide (1, 2, 4-trioxolane) moiety.

In our studies, a general approach to the preparation of bicyclic ozonides is developed via reaction of 1,5-diketones with H₂O₂, promoted by such acids as BF₃·Et₂O, H₂SO₄, p-TsOH and HBF₄. This process leads to the stereoisomeric bridged ozonides and provides a rare example of selective synthesis of ozonides without the use of ozone.

Synthesized ozonides from 1,5-diketones and H₂O₂ have high cytotoxicity *in vitro* and selectivity against HepG2, A549, PC3, and DU145 cancer cell lines, which in some cases is higher than that of paclitaxel, doxorubicin, cisplatin, artemisinin, artesunic acid.

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