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# In vitro antioxidant activity evaluation of selected xanthene derivatives

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Xanthendiones (1,8-dioxooctahydroxanthenes) are a special class of oxygen-incorporating tricyclic compounds bearing as a basic feature a pyran nucleus fused on either side with cyclohex-2-enone rings. They are often found as a structural motif in natural products with a wide range of biological activities, such as: antioxidant, antimicrobial, trypanocidal, antiinflammatory, antiproliferative and anticancer. A convenient and efficient approach toward the synthesis of seven aromatically substituted xanthendiones 1-7 and one structurally-related xanthenone 8 through condensation of dimedone and the appropriate aromatic aldehyde is reported. The relationship between the chemical structure and pharmacological activity was determined empirically using appropriate software packages and *in vitro* using the 2,2'-azinobis-(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid (ABTS) method. The results of the ABTS assay indicate that five compounds possess the ability to scavenge the ABTS•+ radical cation. Based on the comparison of the IC50 values, the activity of the compounds was found to be as follows: 6 > 1 > 7 > 2 > 8.

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