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Radical cyclisation is a method have been reported to successfully cyclise either C=C (alkene) or alkyne (C \equiv C) in the attempt of making heterocyclic compounds. New approach has been done in this research where nitrile group (C \equiv N) proved to cyclise the desired lactones. Atranone F which is a natural product that was isolated from toxigenic fungus named *Stachybotrys chartarum* was chosen for the synthesis of lactones analogues in this research. Atranone F contains both 5-membered ring (γ) and 6-membered ring (δ) lactones which have many applications in medicines and agricultures.

Analogue structures of both γ - and δ -lactones were prepared from their corresponding cyanohydrins *via* 2 steps of reactions; 1) acylation and 2) radical cyclisation. For the acylation reaction, three α -cyanobromoesters; 1-cyanoethyl 2-bromopropanoate (**75e**), 1-cyanocyclohexyl 2-bromopropanoate (**75f**) and 1-cyanoethyl 2-bromoethanoate (**75g**) together with four β -cyanobromoesters; 1-cyanopropan-2-yl 2-bromopropanoate (**77e**),

1-cyano-2-methylpropan-2-yl 2-bromopropanoate (**77f**), 1-cyanopropan-2-yl 2-bromoethanoate (**77g**) and 1-cyano-2-methylpropan-2-yl 2-bromoethanoate (**77h**) have been successfully synthesized. In total, five new esters have been produced including (**75f**), (**75g**), (**77e**), (**77f**) and (**77g**). All esters products were cyclised to lactones using radical chemistry under the treatment with tris(trimethylsilyl)silane (TTMSH) and azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) in toluene. Three analogue structures of γ -lactone; 4-amino-3,5-dimethylfuran-2-one (**78e**), 4-amino-5-cyclohexyl-3-methyl-3-ene-2-one (**78f**, new compound) and 4-imino-5-methylfuran-2-one (**78g**, new compound) were obtained. Meanwhile, four analogue of δ -lactone have been synthesized (all new compounds); 4-imino-5-hydro-3,6-dimethylpyran-2-one (**79e**), 4-amino-5-hydro-3,6,6-trimethylpyran-2-one (**79f**), 4-imino-3,5-dihydro-6-methylpyran-2-one (**79g**) and 4-imino-3,5-dihydro-6,6-dimethylpyran-2-one (**79h**). Two types of biological activities have been carried out on the cyanobromoesters and the lactones produced in order to determine their activities; 1) Ichthyotoxic test and 2) Cytotoxic assays. Esters **75e**, **75f**, **75g** and **77g** showed strong ichthyotoxic activity with TL_M values of 6.26, 4.00, 2.85 and 4.00 ppm respectively. For the cytotoxic test, esters **75f**, **75g**, **77e**, **77g**, **77h** and lactone **79h** showed good to moderate activity against HL60 cell lines (% viability: 7.1-40.1)

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Pensiklikan radikal adalah kaedah yang telah dilaporkan berjaya mengsiklik sama ada C=C (alkena) atau alkuna (C \equiv C) dalam usaha untuk membuat sebatian heterosiklik. Pendekatan baru telah dilakukan dalam kajian ini di mana kumpulan nitril (C \equiv N) terbukti membentuk lakton yang dikehendaki. Atranon F merupakan produk sebatian semulajadi yang telah diasingkan daripada kulat toksigenik yang dinamakan *Stachybotrys chartarum* telah dipilih untuk mensintesis analog lakton di dalam kajian ini. Atranon F mengandungi kedua-dua cincin 5-ahli: (γ) dan cincin 6-ahli: (δ) lakton yang mempunyai banyak aplikasi dalam ubat-ubatan dan industri pertanian. Struktur analog kedua-dua γ - dan δ -lakton telah disediakan daripada sianohidrin masing-masing melalui 2 langkah tindak balas iaitu; 1) pengasilan dan 2) pensiklikan radikal. Untuk tindak balas pengasilan, tiga α -sianobromoester; 1-sianoetil 2-bromopropanoat (**75e**), 1-

sianosikloheksil 2-bromopropanoat (**75f**) dan 1-sianoetil 2-bromoetanoat (**75g**) bersama empat β -sianobromoester; 1-sianopropan-2-il 2-bromopropanoat (**77e**), 1-siano-2-metilpropan-2-il 2-bromopropanoat (**77f**), 1-sianopropan-2-il 2-bromoetanoat (**77g**) dan 1-siano-2-metilpropan-2-il 2-bromoetanoat (**77h**) telah berjaya disintesis. Secara keseluruhan, lima ester baru telah berjaya dihasilkan termasuk (**75f**), (**75g**), (**77e**), (**77f**) dan (**77g**). Semua produk ester telah digunakan untuk membentuk lakton melalui kaedah kimia radikal dengan tris(trimetilsilil)silan (TTMSH) dan azobisisobutyronitril (AIBN) dalam toluena. Tiga struktur analog γ -lakton; 4-amino-3,5-dimetilfuran-2-on (**78e**), 4-amino-5-sikloheksil-3-metilfuran-2-on (**78f**, sebatian baru) dan 4-imino-5-metilfuran-2-on (**78g**, sebatian baru) telah diperolehi. Manakala, empat analog δ -lakton telah disintesis (semua sebatian baru) 4-imino-5-hidro-3,6-dimetilpiran-2-on (**79e**), 4-amino-5-hidro-3,6,6-trimetilpiran-2-on (**79f**), 4-imino-3,5-dihidro-6-metilpiran-2-on (**79g**) dan 4-imino-3,5-dihidro-6,6-dimetilpiran-2-on (**79h**). Dua jenis aktiviti biologi yang telah dijalankan ke atas sianobromoester dan lakton yang terhasil untuk menentukan keaktifan sebatian-sebatian tersebut; 1) ujian ichtiotoksik dan 2) ujian sitotoksik. Ester **75e**, **75f**, **75g** dan **77g** telah menunjukkan aktiviti ichtiotoksik yang tinggi dengan nilai TL_M masing-masing 6.26, 4.00, 2.85 dan 4.00 ppm. Untuk ujian sitotoksik, ester **75f**, **75g**, **77e**, **77g**, **77h** dan lakton **79h** telah menunjukkan aktiviti yang baik atau sederhana terhadap sel kanser HL60 (% keberkesanan: 7.1-40.1).

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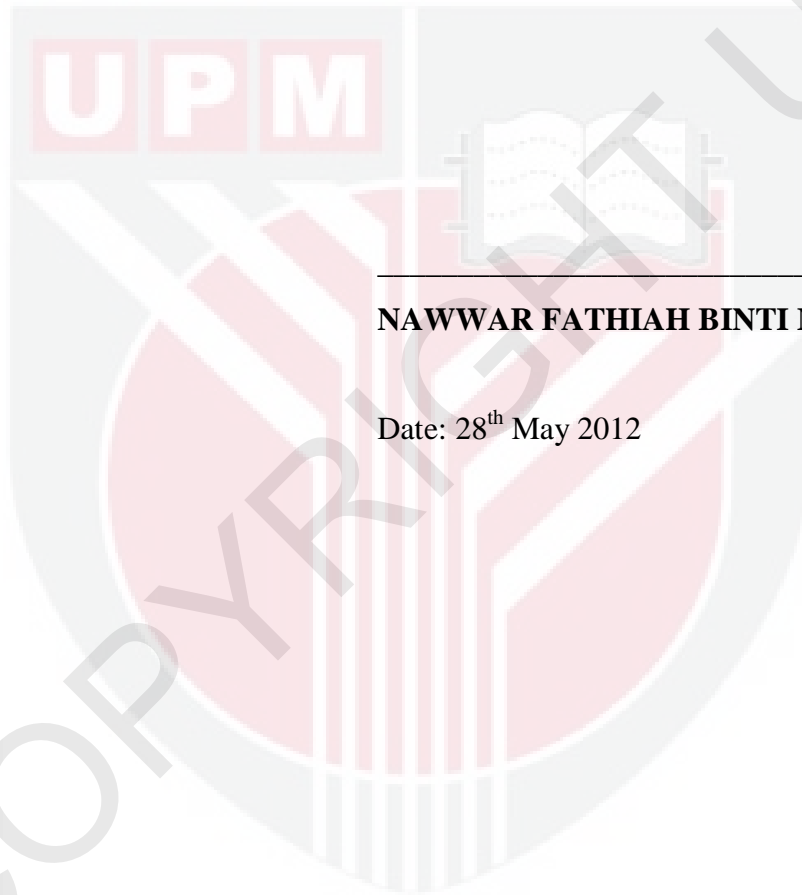
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