

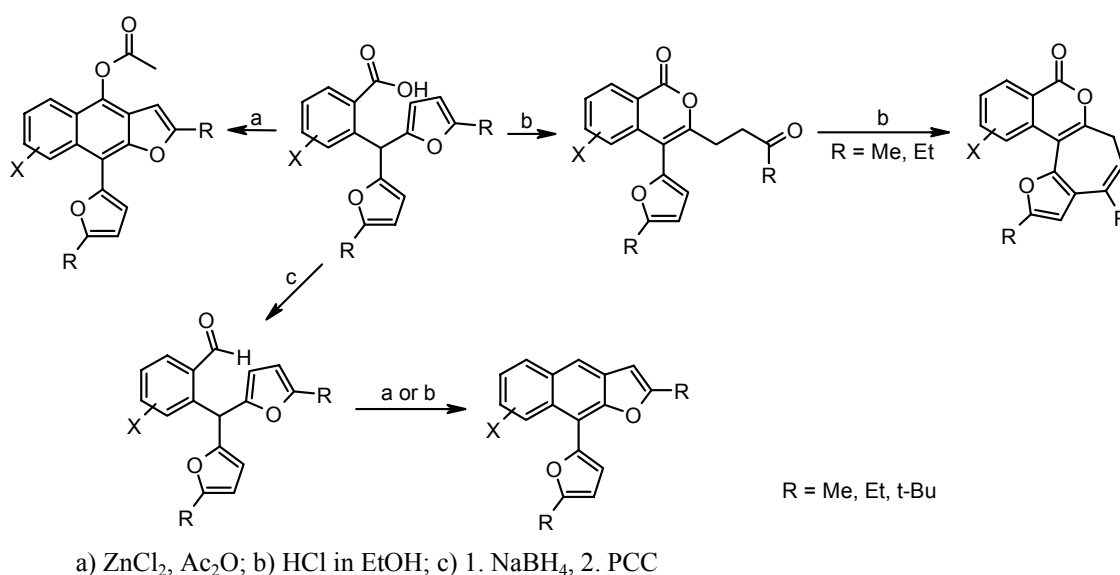
## Carboxy Group as Nucleophil and Electrophil for Intramolecular Reaction of 2-Carboxyaryldifurylmethanes

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It is known that on heating of 2-carboxybenzylfurans in acetic anhydride in the presence of  $ZnCl_2$  intramolecular acylation takes place. This reaction is a stage of natural furonaphtoquinones synthesis [1]. We showed that similar transformation of 2-carboxyaryldifurylmethanes yielded corresponding furonaphtalines.

On the other hand refluxing of these compounds in ethanolic solutions of HCl accompanied by recyclization of one of furan rings and yielded isocoumarine derivatives [2].



However we could not observe recyclization of 2-formylbenzylfurans in mentioned conditions. These substances were converted into furonaphtalines even on the refluxing in HCl saturated ethanol.

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