

A Detailed Bromination Study of 7-Hydroxy-4-Methyl Benzopyran-2-One Under Classical Method and Microwave Irradiation

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ABSTRACT

7-Hydroxy-4-methyl benzopyran-2-one, Benzopyran a class of coumarin derivative, has been subjected for bromination under classical method, microwave irradiation and solvent-free protocol for allylic and vinylic bromination using liquid Br₂, organic bromides, NBS, HBr-H₂O₂ and DDH as brominating agent under different protic and aprotic solvents. The efficacy of the bromination of benzopyran under classical method and microwave irradiation has been established. The effects of the bromination and location of the substituents on the outcome of the reaction have been rationalized by using ¹H NMR and IR spectrum. Few of them showing promising antibacterial activity.

Keywords : Substituted Benzopyran, Classical Method, Microwave Irradiation, Protic and Aprotic Solvents, Allylic and Vinylic Bromination, ¹H NMR, TOF MS ES and Elemental Analysis.

I. INTRODUCTION

Benzopyran (coumarin) derivatives continue to be investigated over the years due to their importance to organic and medicinal chemists because of their huge biological activities¹ (Kumar *et. al.*, 2007). Benzopyran and its derivatives are associated with various functions *viz.* anti-inflammatory² (Lin *et. al.*, 2006), anti-convulsant³ (Bhat *et. al.*, 2006), anti-viral⁴ (Massimo *et. al.*, 2003), anticoagulant⁵ (Ruszat *et. al.*, 2007), antioxidant⁶ (Tyagi *et. al.*, 2003), antibacterial⁷ (Modranka *et. al.*, 2006), antifungal⁸ (Sardari *et. al.*, 1999), anti-HIV^{9a,b} (Huang *et. al.*, 2005), anti-carcinogenic material and antihistamine activity¹⁰ (Elinos-Baez *et. al.*, 2005). Apart from this, they are

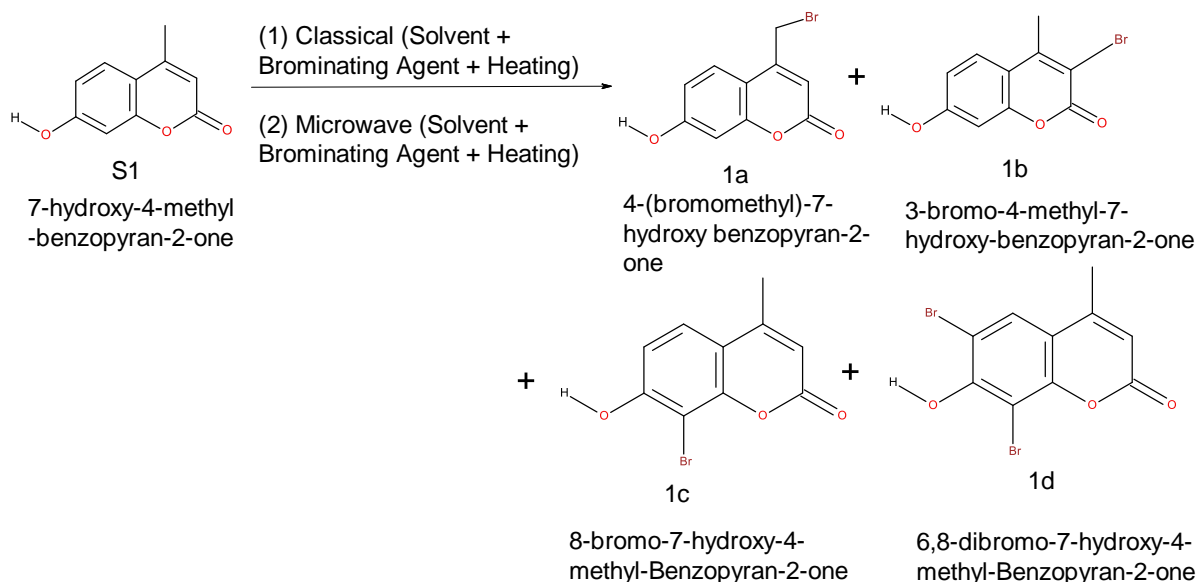
attracting considerable attention of chemists as a large number of natural products contain this heterocyclic nucleus and are widely used as additives¹¹ (Mohanty *et. al.*, 1967) in food, perfumes, cosmetics, pharmaceutical¹² (Kennedy *et. al.*, 1997), optical brighteners (Zahradnik, 1990) in dispersed fluorescent and laser dyes¹³ (Murray *et. al.*, 1982 and Bodenbender, 1912).

Bromination of organic (Natural) compounds continues to receive attention by research workers all over the world. The Bromination of carbonyl compounds is an important transformation in synthetic organic chemistry, bromination of side chain of aromatic ketones has attracted attention

because the resulting bromo ketones are intermediates for the synthesis of variety of biologically active compounds. Bromination at 1- 8 is the first step of introducing a heteroatom so as to provide additional conjugation to the carbonyl group.

The research involves detailed study of bromination of certain benzopyrones. The various products formed have been analyzed and pathways of their formation are described. Bromo derivatives have wide utility both as products and intermediates. Bromination is one of the most important reaction process used for preparation of lead molecules for

Reaction Scheme :



II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

General Procedure for Classical bromination of substituted Coumarin (Method A).

When Br_2 , NBS, DDH, $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2\text{-HBr}$, TBATB, benzyl peroxide and AIBN (radical initiator) was thoroughly mixed stoichiometrically with the substrate in the presence of solvent and elevated temperature for the stipulated time and triturated with crushed ice, then depending on the

drugs and several of the pharmaceuticals. Thus by carrying out bromination studies we propose to enhance the synthetic utility of them.

In continuation to our earlier work¹⁴ (Gangan *et. al.*, 2017) we have systematically studied the effect of various brominating agents under various protic and aprotic solvents. The efficacy of the bromination of benzopyran under classical method and microwave irradiation has been established.

stoichiometric proportion of brominating agent, the respective product was obtained as a filterable solid under suction and recrystallized from glacial acetic acid. The detailed results are summarized in Table 1.

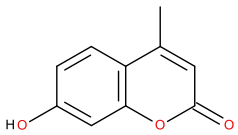
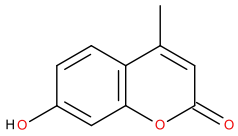
General Procedure for Microwave Irradiation bromination of substituted Coumarin (Method B).

When brominating agent thoroughly mixed stoichiometrically with the substrate in the

presence of solvent and elevated temperature under Microwave oven and heated at 620W for the appropriate time (monitored by TLC). After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, poured into crushed ice, then

depending on the stoichiometric proportion of brominating agent, the respective product was obtained as a filterable solid under suction and the detailed results are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1

Entry	Substrate	Solvents	Reaction condition	Method A (Classical) Time Yields (in Min.) (in%)		M.P. (°C)
1	 7-hydroxy-4-methyl-benzopyron-2-one	CH ₃ COOH	1 Eqv. Br ₂	45	43	246
		CH ₂ Cl ₂ /CH ₃ COOH	1Eqv. HBr- H ₂ O ₂	45	62	246
		THF / Ethyl acetate/Acetonitrile	1 Eqv. TBATB	90	49	272
		Ethyl acetate/ Ethanol/ CH ₃ COOH/ CH ₂ Cl ₂	1 Eqv. NBS	60	63	272
		CH ₃ COOH/ CH ₂ Cl ₂ / Ethyl acetate	0.5 Eqv. DDH- AIBN	55	52	272
		CH ₃ COOH	1 Eqv. PBPB	60	57	246
Entry	Substrate	Solvents	Reaction condition	Method B (Microwave) Time Yield (in Min) (in%)		M.P. (°C)
2	 7-hydroxy-4-methyl-benzopyron-2-one	CH ₃ COOH	1 Eqv. Br ₂	2	52	246
		CH ₂ Cl ₂ /CH ₃ COOH	1Eqv. HBr- H ₂ O ₂	3	67	246
		THF / Ethyl acetate/Acetonitrile	1 Eqv. TBATB	3	63	272
		Ethyl acetate/ Ethanol/ CH ₃ COOH/ CH ₂ Cl ₂	1 Eqv. NBS	2	67	272
		CH ₃ COOH/ CH ₂ Cl ₂ / Ethyl acetate	0.5 Eqv. DDH- AIBN	2	61	272
		CH ₃ COOH	1 Eqv. PBPB	3	52	246

¹H NMR Analysis of S1:- In ¹H NMR spectrum of S1, the signal around δ 2.23 was assigned to C-4 methyl group which is at vinylic position (direct attachment to double bond). The signal at δ 5.90 was assigned to C – 3 olefinic proton. The signal at δ 6.87 appeared as doublet integrating for one proton with coupling constant $J = 8.4$ Hz (ortho coupling) was assigned to C – 5 aromatic proton. The signal resonating at δ 7.5 appeared as doublet with $J = 2.0$ Hz (meta coupling) was assigned to C – 8 aromatic proton. The signal at δ 7.65 appeared as double doublet with $J = 8.4$ Hz and 2.0 Hz integrating for one proton for ortho and meta coupling respectively. The broad singlet appeared as a hump at δ 9.8 was assigned labile – OH group was further confirmed by D₂O exchange technique.

¹H NMR Analysis of 1a :- In ¹H NMR spectrum of 1a, the signal at δ 3.22 was assigned –CH₂Br group. This is due to bromination of –CH₃ to –CH₂Br group by brominating agent. This is due to introduction of electronegative group results in deshielding of methyl protons as well as its direct attachment to double bond. The signal at δ 6.04 was assigned to C – 3 olefinic proton. The signal at δ 6.88 appeared as doublet integrating for one proton with coupling constant $J = 8.6$ Hz (ortho coupling) was assigned to C – 5 aromatic proton. The signal resonating at δ 7.54 appeared as doublet with $J = 2.0$ Hz (meta coupling) was assigned to C – 8 aromatic proton. The signal at δ 7.7 appeared as double doublet with $J = 8.3$ Hz and 2.0 Hz integrating for one proton for ortho and meta coupling respectively. The broad singlet appeared as a hump at δ 10.11 was assigned labile – OH group was further confirmed by D₂O exchange technique.

¹H NMR Analysis of 1b :- In ¹H NMR spectrum of 1b, the signal at δ 2.44 was assigned to C - 4 methyl group attached to olefinic bond. The absence of signal at δ 5.9 - 6.04 rules out the possibility of any olefinic proton and enhances the possibility of bromination at

C – 3 position. The signal at δ 6.87 appeared as doublet integrating for one proton with coupling constant $J = 8.6$ Hz (ortho coupling) was assigned to C – 5 aromatic proton. The signal resonating at δ 7.5 appeared as doublet with $J = 2.0$ Hz (meta coupling) was assigned to C – 8 aromatic proton. The signal at δ 7.7 appeared as double doublet with $J = 8.4$ Hz and 2.0 Hz integrating for one proton for ortho and meta coupling respectively. The broad singlet appeared as a hump at δ 10.11 was assigned labile – OH group was further confirmed by D₂O exchange technique.

¹H NMR Analysis of 1c :- In ¹H NMR spectrum of 1c, the signal at δ 2.34 was assigned C – 4 methyl group which is attached to olefinic bond. The signal at δ 6.10 was assigned to C – 3 olefinic proton. The signal at δ 6.87 appeared as doublet integrating for one proton with coupling constant $J = 8.6$ Hz (ortho coupling) was assigned to C – 5 aromatic proton. The absence of signal δ 7.5 with no meta coupling indicating the absence of aromatic proton and hence presence of bromine atom at C – 8 position. The signal at δ 7.7 appeared as doublet with $J = 8.4$ Hz integrating for one proton for ortho coupling. The broad singlet appeared as a hump at δ 10.11 was assigned labile – OH group was further confirmed by D₂O exchange technique.

¹H NMR Analysis of 1d :- In ¹H NMR spectrum of 1d, the signal at δ 2.29 was assigned C – 4 methyl group which is attached to olefinic bond. The signal at δ 6.10 was assigned to C – 3 olefinic proton. The signal at δ 7.4 appeared as a singlet integrating for one proton was assigned to C – 5 aromatic proton. The absence of signal δ 7.5 with no meta coupling indicating the absence of aromatic proton and hence presence of bromine atom at C – 8 position. The absence of signal at δ 7.7 with no ortho and meta coupling indicating the absence of aromatic proton and hence presence of bromine atom at C – 6 position.

The broad singlet appeared as a hump at δ 11.2 was assigned labile – OH group was further confirmed by D₂O exchange technique. However, the introduction of bromine atom (bromination study) in a resultant molecule is well confirmed by mass spectrum analysis.

From the aforesaid study, it is clear that the outcome of the mediated solvent-free bromination reaction depends critically on the electronic nature and location of the substituents. This was further corroborated from the fact that coumarins bearing electron-withdrawing substituents remained unaffected under the applied reaction conditions.

The bromination of titled compound was reported by (Rehman *et. al.*, 2015) using liquid bromine and NBS with limited scope. In this paper herein we report detailed bromination study using liquid Br₂, organic bromides, NBS, HBr-H₂O₂ and DDH as brominating agent under different protic and aprotic solvents. The efficacy of the bromination of benzopyran under classical method and microwave irradiation has been established.

Study of Solvent

The effect of the solvent was studied and it was found that the more polar solvents enhance the reactivity of brominating agent to favour side chain bromination. Ethyl acetate found to be a good solvent for regioselective bromination of coumarin with NBS, DDH and TBATB. Benzopyran and its derivatives was brominated under microwave irradiation gave regioselective brominated compound at conjugate double bond at C₃-H and ring bromination. Polar protic solvents increases yields with good selectivity.

From the aforesaid study it is clear that differentially substituted coumarins undergo transformations involving vinylic bromination and/or ring bromination, which are critically dictated by the

electronic nature and location of the substituents. A plausible mechanism has been proposed to rationalize the electronic and positional effects of the substituents on the course of the reaction. The ability of the substituents to stabilize the electron-deficient centers seems to play the most crucial role in determining the reactivity and orientation of the said reaction.

Biological Activity

Antibacterial Activity using ditch plate method^{15a,b} (Mwambete and Al lafi *et. al.*) :- The synthesized molecules were screened for their antibacterial activity at 100 µg/ml concentration using ditch plate method against Gram positive (*Staphylococcus aureus*) and Gram negative (*Escherichia coli*) bacterial species qualitatively. The results of the antibacterial activities are summarized in **Table 2**.

Theory : Ditch plate method is the method of chosen to test the anti-bacterial activity of compounds. It is a preliminary method to screen the anti-microbial potential of compounds / drugs, which are insoluble or partially soluble in aqueous phase. In this method, the test compound is seeded in an agar plate and the test organisms are streaked across to test the inhibition of the growth as a marker of anti-microbial activity.

PROCEDURE : A ditch (10 mm x 70 mm) is cut into sterile MH agar plate. The test drug / compound is added to 5 ml molten MH agar butt at 40°C and this mixture is poured into the ditch and allowed to solidify. The ditch should be made in level with the rest of the agar by pouring the mixture. The different bacterial cultures are streaked perpendicular to the ditch using nichrome wire loop. The plate is then incubated at 37° C for 24 hours. The results are observed as inhibition of bacterial growth on the ditch as well as adjacent to the ditch.

Table 2 : Antibacterial Activity Results

Sr. No	Compound No.	Antibacterial Activity	
		Against Gram - ve bacteria species (Escherichia coli)	Against Gram +ve bacterial species (Staphylococcus aureus)
1	S1 (Substrate)	+	+
2	1 a	+	+
3	1b	-	-
4	1c	-	-
5	1d	-	-

The above results shows that the starting material (S1) and side chain brominated molecule (1a) have antibacterial activity against both the bacterial cultures. Thus, monobromo derivative (Benzylic bromination, Compound 1a) was potential antibacterial candidate unlike ring brominated compounds 1b, 1c and 1d. In depth analysis of these compounds (S1 & 1a) through structure activity relationship studies would provide further insight and can be an interesting topic of future studies.

III.CONCLUSION

The above-mentioned protocol avoids the use of molecular bromine, in halogenated or other toxic organic solvents and any kind of toxic catalyst. In this protocol, excess use of toxic bromine can be avoided by using the requisite amount of solid brominating agent through accurate weighing. A stoichiometric amount of HBr is liberated, but this is less toxic than Br₂ vapours. Thus, synthetically important bromocoumarin and its derivatives used as intermediate for the many synthesis of with remarkable antituberculosic activity or other biologically important molecules can be accessed easily by this simple protocol. Therefore, the

aforesaid protocol for the bromination of coumarins helps to minimize the involvement and dispersal of harmful chemicals in the environment. Moreover, NBS DDH and TBATB under solvent-free conditions is a superior reagent for the bromination of coumarins in comparison to bromine in an organic solvent, as shown in table.

NBS reacts with coumarins faster and more efficiently in the absence of solvent and gives monobromo product. Considerable amounts of unidentified byproducts were produced when TBATB and DDH-AIBN were used in organic solvents. Therefore, the yield and purity of the product were depleted and purity of the products as well as the ease of accessibility of the reagent along with procedural simplicity.

The present NBS, DDH-AIBN and TBATB mediated solvent-free and Microwave irradiation reaction provides a very simple, versatile and efficient regioselective bromination of differentially substituted coumarins at allylic position. Whereas the Br₂, HBr-H₂O₂ and PBPB at vinylic position. The most significant features of this methodology are (a) good accessibility of the reagent and its stability (b) a stoichiometric amount of reagent can be used by direct weighing, avoiding excess (c) no evolution of hazardous bromine vapor during the reaction (d) the total elimination of the use of toxic organic solvents (e) a simple experimental procedure (g) good control over the outcome of the reaction by varying the amount of reagent. The aforesaid protocol thus provides an improved procedure for the synthesis of useful bromocoumarins having important pharmaceutical, agricultural and other physicochemical properties.

Supporting Information

All products were characterized by comparison of their ^1H NMR, IR, TOF MS ES and elemental analysis. The spectral data of representative compounds are given below.

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All products were unambiguously characterized by ^1H NMR, TOF MS ES, IR and elemental analysis. The spectral data for some selected representative compounds are given below:

Compound S1. (CDCl_3 + DMSO-d_6 , 400MHz) δ_{ppm} :- 2.23 (s, 3H, $-\text{CH}_3$), 5.90 (s, 1H, olefinic proton), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho coupling), 7.5 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH, meta coupling), 7.65 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho and meta coupling), 9.8 (1H, $-\text{OH}$, D_2O exchangeable); Formula Weight : 176; Molecular formula : $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$; Pure white shining needle shaped solid; Elemental analysis calcd. C 68.18 % H 4.58 % O 27.25 % found C 68.22 % H 4.54 % O 27.27 %; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} :- 3442 ($-\text{OH}$), 3000 – 2800 (methyl, methylene and methine), 1670 ($>\text{C}=\text{O}$ carbonyl group), 1542 (tri-substituted olefinic bond).

Compound 1a. (CDCl_3 + DMSO-d_6 , 400MHz) δ_{ppm} :- 3.77 (s, 2H, $-\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$), 6.04 (s, 1H, olefinic proton), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho coupling), 7.54 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH, meta coupling), 7.7 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho and meta coupling), 10.11 (brs, 1H, $-\text{OH}$, D_2O exchangeable); Formula Weight : 255; Molecular Formula : $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{BrO}_3$; Pure white shining needle shaped solid. Elemental analysis, calcd. C 47.09 % H 2.77 % O 18.82 % Br 31.33 % found C 47.05 % H 2.74 % O 18.85 %; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} :- 3502 ($-\text{OH}$), 3147 ($-\text{CH}_3$), 1694 ($>\text{C}=\text{O}$, carbonyl group), 1533 (tri-substituted olefinic bond), 606 ($-\text{Br}$).

Compound 1b. (CDCl_3 + DMSO-d_6 , 400MHz) δ_{ppm} :- 2.44 (s, 3H, $-\text{CH}_3$), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho

coupling), 7.5 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, ArH, meta coupling), 7.7 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho and meta coupling), 10.11 (brs 1H, $-\text{OH}$, D_2O exchangeable); Formula Weight : 255. Mol. Formula : $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{BrO}_3$; Pure white shining needle shaped solid. Elemental analysis, calcd. C 47.09 % H 2.77 % O 18.82 % Br 31.33 % found C 47.06 % H 2.76 % O 18.85 %; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} :- 3449 ($-\text{OH}$), 3162 ($-\text{CH}_3$), 1701 ($>\text{C}=\text{O}$, carbonyl group), 1605 (tetra-substituted olefinic bond), 611 ($-\text{Br}$).

Compound 1c. (CDCl_3 + DMSO-d_6 , 400MHz) δ_{ppm} :- 2.34 (s, 3H, $-\text{CH}_3$), 6.10 (s, 1H, olefinic proton), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho coupling), 7.7 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, ArH, ortho coupling), 10.11 (brs, 1H, $-\text{OH}$, D_2O exchangeable); Formula Weight : 255. Molecular Formula : $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{BrO}_3$; Pure white shining needle shaped solid. Elemental analysis, calcd. C 47.09 % H 2.77 % O 18.82 % Br 31.33 % found C 47.06 % H 2.76 % O 18.85 %; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} :- 3475 ($-\text{OH}$), 3147 ($-\text{CH}_3$), 1693 ($>\text{C}=\text{O}$, carbonyl group), 1554 (tri-substituted olefinic bond), 605 ($-\text{Br}$).

Compound 1d. (CDCl_3 + DMSO-d_6 , 400MHz) δ_{ppm} :- 2.29 (s, 3H, $-\text{CH}_3$), 6.10 (s, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.4 (s, 1H, ArH); Formula Weight : 412. Molecular Formula : $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{Br}_3\text{O}_3$; Pure yellow flakes. Elemental analysis, calcd. C 29.09 % H 1.22 % O 11.63 % Br 58.06 % found C 29.10 % H 1.25 % O 11.66 %; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} :- 3502 ($-\text{OH}$), 3198 ($-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}$), 1703 ($>\text{C}=\text{O}$, carbonyl group), 1601 (olefinic group), 709 ($-\text{Br}$).

Experimental : Melting points were determined on a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus using digital thermometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu FTIR Prestige model as KBr pellet. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 . Chemical shifts were recorded in parts per million down field from tetramethyl silane. Mass spectra were recorded on a

TOF MS ES mass spectrometer. Elemental analysis were carried out as a percentage on a Thermo finnigan, Flash EA 1112 series, Italy.

IV. CHROMATOGRAPHIC SYSTEM

Column chromatography : For column chromatography 100 – 200 mesh Acme grade silica gel is used. The crude reaction mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure to yield crude mass which is preadsorbed on silica gel and purified by column chromatography with increase in concentration of Ethyl acetate in Petroleum ether. The fractions having similar 'rf' values were pooled together, concentrated and subjected for characterization using various spectroscopic techniques.

Thin layer chromatography : TLC plates were prepared using silica gel G (ACME, BOMBAY). Pet. ether: EtOAc (85 : 15) was used as the solvent system. Radial chromatography : The circular glass plates of thickness 1 mm, were prepared by using silica gel (PF254, E. MERCK, 50 g) in cold distilled water (105 ml). For elution, gradually increasing concentrations of EtOAc in pet ether were employed.

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