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## Solventless Aldol Condensation

**Figure 4:** In Step [1], the hydroxy anion removes a proton from the  $\alpha$ -carbon of the ketone to form a resonance-stabilized enolate. In Step [2], the nucleophilic enolate attacks the electrophilic carbonyl carbon of the aldehyde, forming a new carbon-carbon bond. In Step [3], the alkoxide anion is protonated to form the corresponding  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketone. In Step [4], the hydroxide anion removes a proton from the  $\alpha$ -carbon, thus forming a resonance stabilized enolate. In Step [5], the electron pair of the enolate forms the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated bond as the hydroxide anion

2) Assess the growth inhibitory activity of the chalcones in cervical epithelial carcinoma (HeLa) cell lines by antiproliferative activity studies.

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