



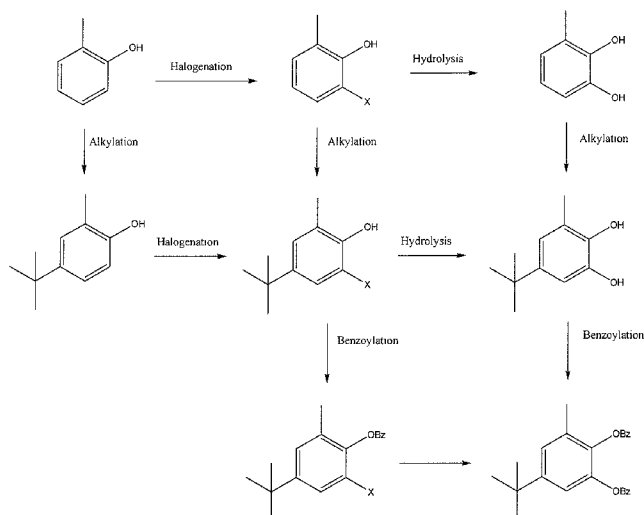
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(54) **Title:** PRODUCTION OF SUBSTITUTED PHENYLENE AROMATIC DIESTERS

FIG. 1

Reaction Scheme 1
Reaction Pathways for Synthesizing BMC/BMPD from *o*-Cresol as Starting Material



x = Halogen

(57) **Abstract:** Synthesis pathways for a precursor to 5-tert-butyl-3-methyl-1, 2-phenylene dibenzoate are provided. The precursor is methylcatechol and/or 5-tert-butyl-3-methylcatechol.



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