

## Intramolecular Bromine Migration in Fries Rearrangement

**ABSTRACT:** Fries rearrangement of *p*-bromophenyl - $\alpha$  - bromobutyrate furnished the expected indanone (4) together with some unexpected indanones (5 - 8), prepared authentically and unambiguously by the cyclisation of suitably substituted phenyl butyric acid.