

Recent Developments in Chemistry of Phthalazines

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Abstract

This review highlights the methods used for the synthesis of phthalazine derivatives and fused phthalazinones. Their reactivity and synthetic importance were investigated. Phthalazine derivatives can be used as building blocks for heterocycles as well as fused heterocyclic compounds.

Keywords: Phthalazine derivatives; Pyrazolophthalazines; Indazolophthalazines; [1,2,4] Triazolophthalazines

Introduction

Among a large variety of nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds, heterocyclic containing hydrazine has received considerable attention because of their pharmacological properties and clinical applications [1-6]. Phthalazine derivatives were reported to possess anticonvulsant [7-10], cardiotonic [11], antitumor [12-16], antihypertensive [17-19], antithrombotic [20], a ntidiabetic [21,22], antimicrobial [23,24], antitry-panosomal [25], anti-inflammatory [26-32], cytotoxic [14], vasorelexant [19] and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 11(VEGFR-2) inhibitory [33]. Therefore, a number of methods have been reported for the synthesis of phthalazine derivatives [34-41]. These properties are more fully detailed in the supplementary material. The review comply published data on the synthesis of new phthalazine derivatives until 2013.

Synthesis of Phthalazine derivatives

From hydrazine and hydrazine derivatives

Hydrazine and hydrazine derivatives are the most common reagents used for the synthesis of phthalazinone derivatives via their reactions with phthalic anhydride, phthalides, phthalimides etc.

Hydrazines with anhydrides: Several methods were reported for the preparation of phthalazinones derivatives. These methods mainly involve the reaction of phthalic anhydrides with hydrazine hydrate in the presence of acetic acid [42-44].

Phthalazinones **5,7-9** were synthesized from commercially available phthalic anhydride in **2-3** steps as depicted in (Scheme 1 and 2) [45-51].

Additionally, reaction of phthalic anhydride and aromatic hydrocarbons in the presence of anhydrous aluminum chloride under Friedel-Craft's conditions afforded 2-aryloxybenzoic acids **10** which treated with hydrazine hydrate and hydrazine derivatives to give the phthalazine (2H)-1-one **11,12** [52-57] (Scheme 3).

In 2006, Salvi et al. [58] reported that 2-[1-(4-oxo-3,4-dihydrophthalazin-1-yl)alkyl]-1H-isoindole-1,3-(2H)-diones **15** were obtained from fusion of phthalyl derivatives of amino acid **13** with phthalic anhydride in the presence of anhydrous sodium acetate followed by cyclization with hydrazine hydrate in n-butanol (Scheme 4).

Fifteen novel 1,4-disubstituted phthalazinylpiperazine derivatives were designed and synthesized using a convenient seven-step procedure starting from phthalic anhydride depicted in (Scheme 5). The cytotoxicities against A549, HT-29 and MDA-MB-231 cancer cell lines

were tested [59]. An expeditious one-pot method has been developed for the synthesis of aryl, heteryl thiadiazinyl-phthalazin-1,4-diones via a multicomponent approach. Reaction of phenacyl bromides **22** with thiocarbohydrazide **23** and phthalic anhydride afforded corresponding aryl thiadiazinyl-phthalazine-1,4-diones **24** similarly, reaction of 3-(2-bromoacetyl) coumarins **25** with thiocarbohydrazide and phthalic anhydride afforded required heterylthiadiazinyl-phthalazine-1,4-diones **26** under the same reaction conditions in excellent yields [60] (Scheme 6).

Hydrazines with 2-acyl benzoic acids: Kirill et al. [31] reported the cyclization of 2-nitro-5-chloro phenylhydrazine **27** with acyl benzoic acids **28** yielded 2-(2-nitro-5-chlorobenzene)-4-substituted phthalazin-1-ones **29** (Scheme 7).

Lukacs and Simig [61] adopted a novel method for the synthesis of phthalazine derivatives **32** via the reaction of benzophenones **30** with chromium (VI) oxide in a mixture of acetic anhydride and sulphuric acid followed by cyclization of the products with hydrazine hydrate in refluxing ethanol (Scheme 8).

Hydrazine with 1,2-diester: The dimethylphthalate derivative **33** reacted with hydrazine to yield the desired phthalhydrazide **34** which undergo chlorination with phosphorus oxychloride to give **35**. Subsequent treatment with sodium methoxide afforded the methoxychloride **36** [62] (Scheme 9).

Hydrazines with Phthalides: Chloroformylation of 3-methoxy benzoic acid **37** and subsequently radical bromination of **38** produced **39** in good yield. Treatment with triphenyl phosphine gave **40** and wittig olefination with 3,5-dichloro-4-pyridine carboxaldehyde **41** afforded the phthalide **42**. Hydrazine cyclization of **42** resulted phthalazine derivative **43** [42] (Scheme 10).

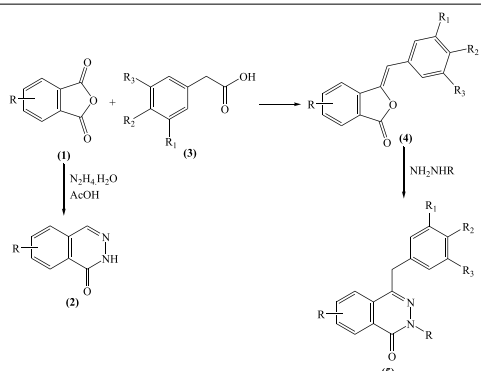
Cockcroft et al. [12] synthesized the phthalazinone derivative **47** according the following (Scheme 11).

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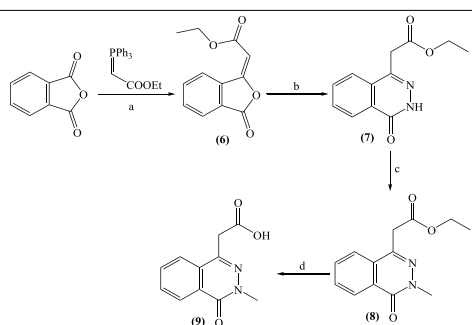
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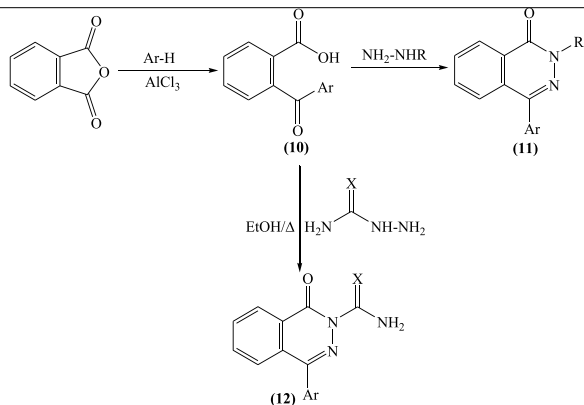
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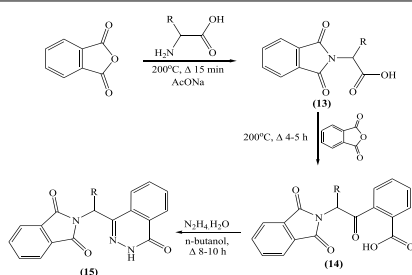
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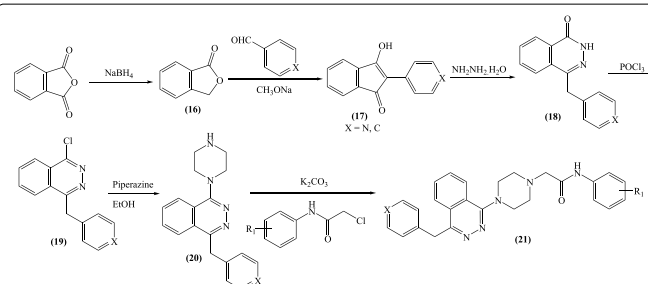
Scheme 2: Synthesis of phthalazinone derivatives **7-9**. Reagents and conditions: (a) CHCl_3 , reflux, 5 h, 51%; (b) hydrazinehydrate, EtOH, addition at rt and then reflux, 90°C , 2 h, 71%; (c) MeI, KOBu^t , DMF, 30 min, 80%; (d) LiOH, THF:MeOH:water (1:1:1), rt, 8–10 h, 81%.



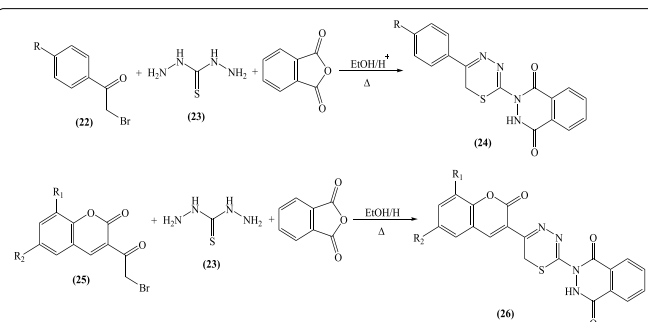
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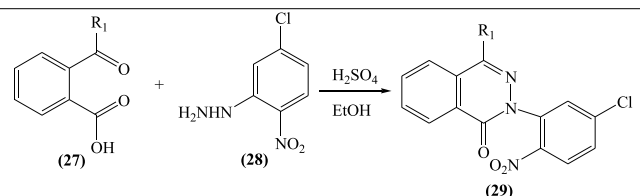
Scheme 4: Synthesis of 2-[1-(4-oxo-3,4-dihydrophthalazin-1-yl)alkyl]-1H-isoindole-1,3-(2H)-diones



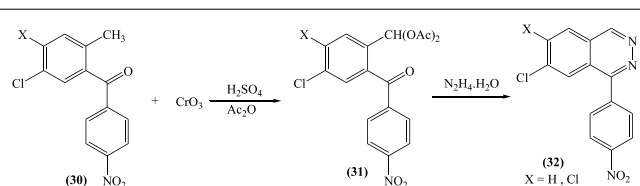
Scheme 5: Synthesis of 1,4-disubstituted phthalazinylpiperazine derivatives **21**



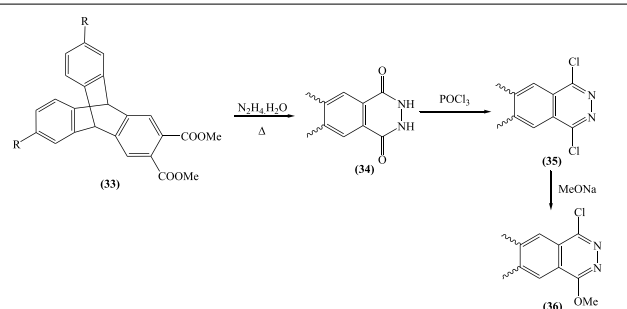
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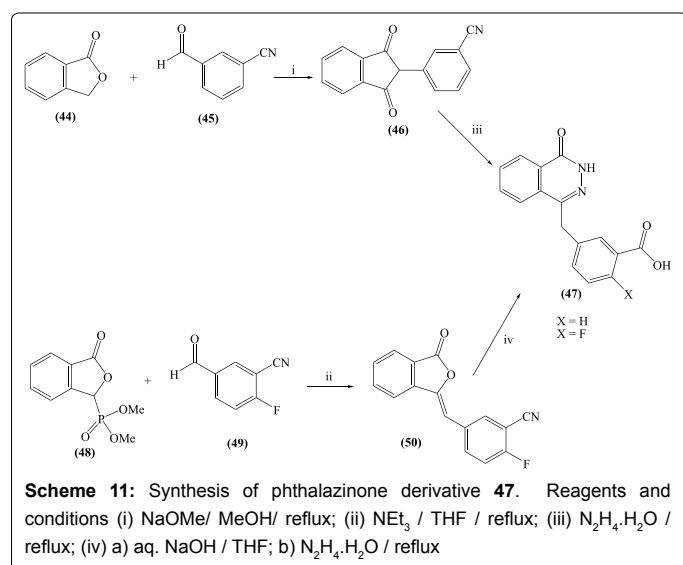
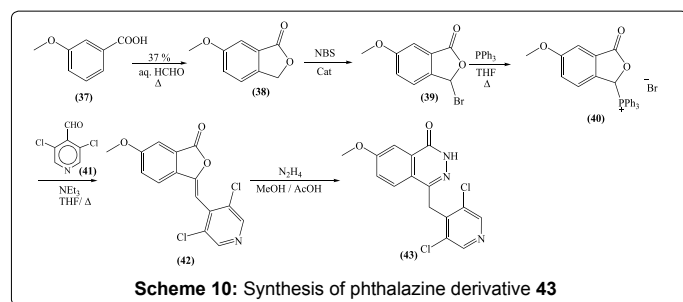
Scheme 7: Synthesis of 4-substituted phthalazin-1-ones **29**.



Scheme 8: Synthesis of phthalazine derivatives **32**



Scheme 9: Hydrazinolysis of dimethylphthalate derivative **33**



Hydrazines with phthalimide: Novel three-step method to prepare 4-substituted chlorophthalazines from phthalimide was reported [63] (Scheme 12).

Hydrazines with phthaloyl chloride: Recently [64] it was reported that the reaction of phthaloyl chloride **56** with *N*-methyl acetophenone hydrazones **57** leads to the formation of 2-ethenyl-3-methyl-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-diones **58** (Scheme 13).

Hydrazines with 2-iodobenzyl bromide and diiodide: The systematic investigation of the cycloaminocarbonylation of bifunctional 2-iodobenzyl bromide and 1,2-diiodobenzene substrates towards tetrahydrophthalazin-one (tetrahydrophthalazindione) derivatives was described [65].

2-Iodobenzyl bromide **59** was reacted with hydrazine derivatives, such as methylhydrazine, phenylhydrazine, hydrazine, 1,2-dimethylhydrazine and 1,1-dimethyl hydrazine under atmospheric carbon monoxide pressure in DMF in the presence of palladium(0) catalysts generated *in situ* from palladium(II) acetate catalytic precursor and yielded the phthalazinones **60-64** (Scheme 14).

1,2-Diiodobenzene **65** was reacted with hydrazines and gave the phthalazin-1,4-dione **66** together with side products (Scheme 15).

Recently, practical synthesis of 2-substituted 1,2-dihydro phthalazines **69** that based on the reaction between 2-(bromomethyl) benzaldehydes and arylhydrazines under basic conditions and with FeCl₃ as the catalyst [66] (Scheme 16).

From 3,2-benzoxazine-4-one

The reaction of 3,2-benzoxazin-4-ones with different nitrogen containing reagents, was successfully used in the preparation of different phthalazinone derivatives. For example, reaction of 1-aryl-3,2-benzoxazin-4-ones **70** with hydrazine in refluxing ethanol yielded bis-phthalazinone **71**.

Fusion of benzoxazin-4-one with ammonium acetate at 115°C gave 4-aryl-1(2*H*)-phthalazinone **72**. The 4-aryl-2-(4-methylphenyl) phthalazinones **73** were obtained by reacting the benzoxazine-4-ones and *p*-toluidine in refluxing ethanol [67]. In addition, Kassab [68] prepared 4-phenyl-1(2*H*) phthalazinone **72** by ammonolysis of 1-aryl-3,2-benzoxazine-4-one with formamide (Scheme 17).

From 3,1-benzoxazine-4-ones

Kassab et al. [69] used 3,1-benzoxazine-4-ones for the preparation of phthalazinone derivatives. Thus, the reaction of 3,1-benzoxazine-4-one derivative **74** with thioglycolic acid in refluxing *n*-butanol yielded the 1-oxo-phthalazinyl thioglycolic acid derivative **75**. In a similar manner [69] reaction of **74** with 2-amino pyridine in refluxing *n*-butanol gave 2-[2-(*N*-4-pyridyl-carboxamide) phenyl]-4-(4-bromophenyl) phthalazin-1-one **76** (Scheme 18).

From cis-diol

Inverse Diels-Alder reaction of tetrazine **77** with benzene cis-diol **78** as a dienophile in CHCl₃ has been examined to give the addition product **81**.

The adduct **81** was submitted to phenyl iodo-bis(trifluoroacetate) oxidation and yielded the fully aromatic compound 5-hydroxy phthalazine **82** was formed as the sole product in 62% yield. Furthermore, treatment of the adduct **81** with MnO₂ and O₂ afforded phthalazine derivatives **83** and **84** (Scheme 19).

Synthesis of Fused Phthalazine Derivatives

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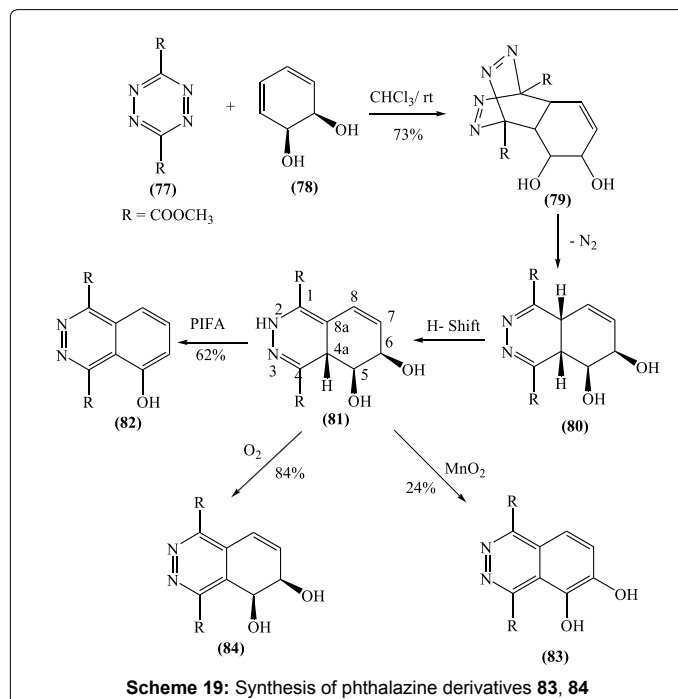
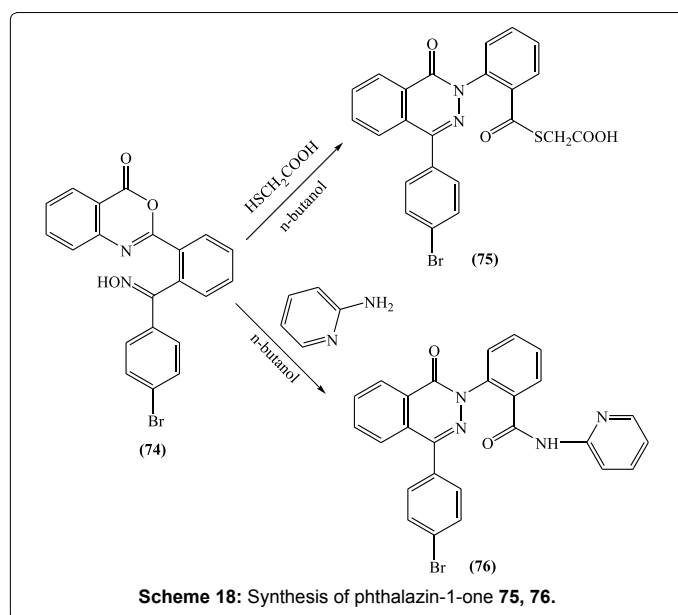
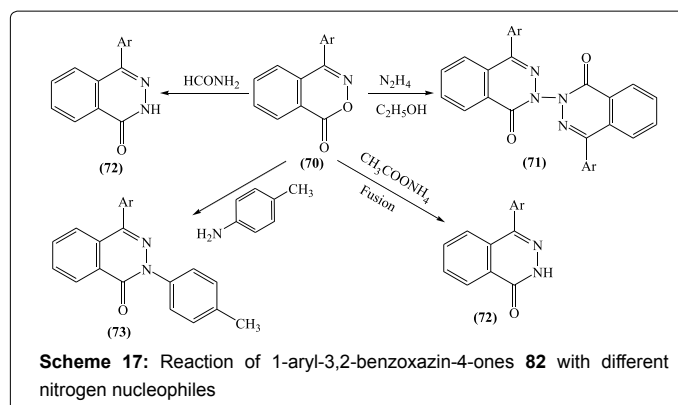
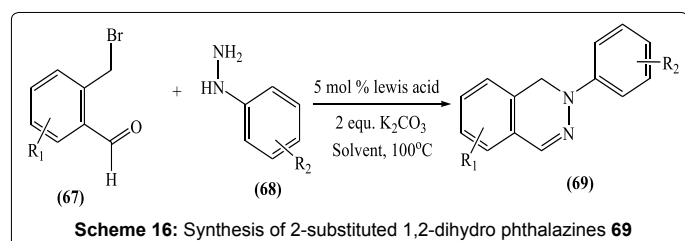
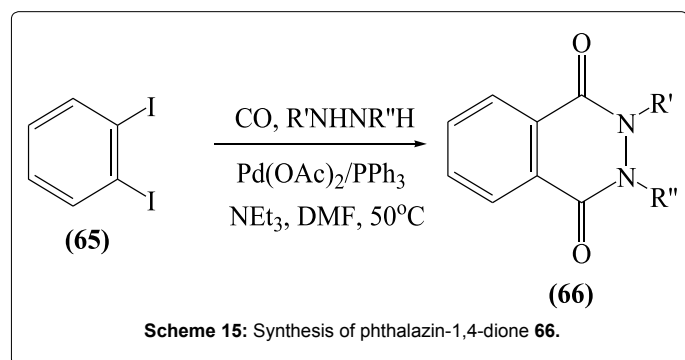
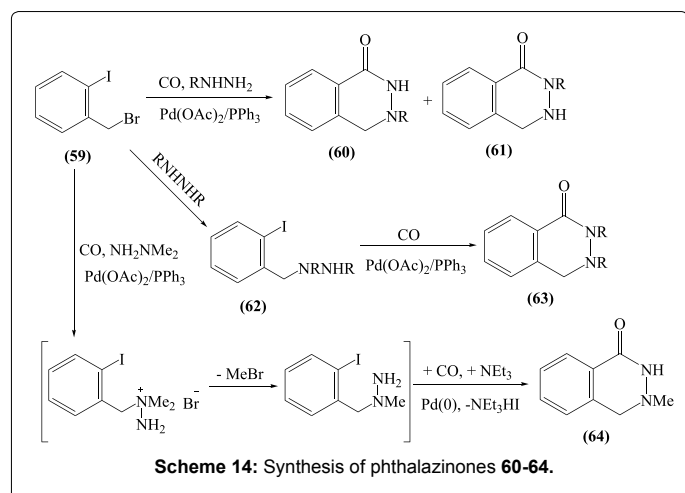
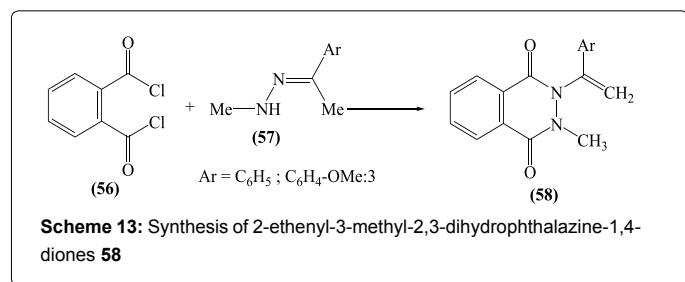
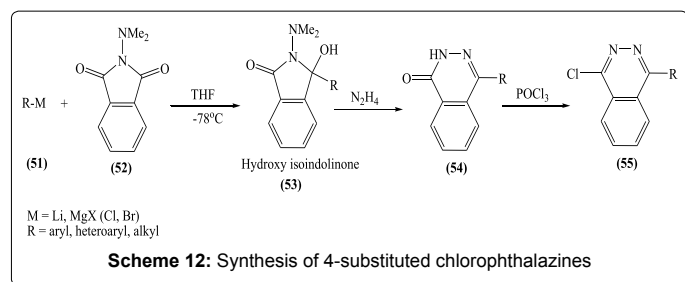
Synthesis of highly functionalized 1*H*-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine-1,2-dicarboxylates **87** via a one-pot isocyanide-based multi-component reactions (IMCRs) of various cyclic anhydrides, hydrazine hydrate, isocyanides **85** and dialkyl acetylene dicarboxylates **86** in EtOH/acetone (1:1) at room temperature was reported [71,72] (Scheme 20).

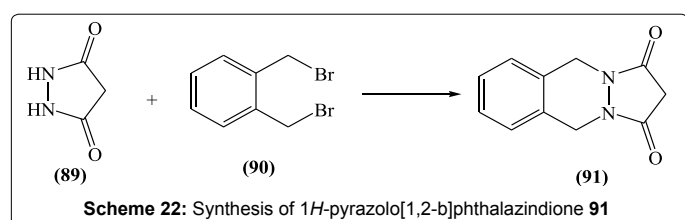
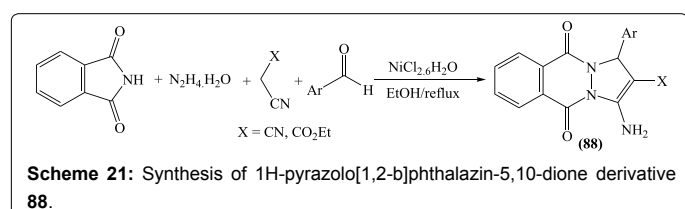
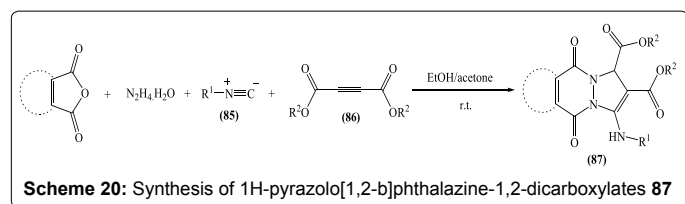
One-pot four-component condensation reaction of phthalimide, hydrazine hydrate, aromatic aldehydes and malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate catalysed by Lewis acid NiCl₂.6H₂O was reported [73] to give 1*H*-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*] phthalazin-5,10-dione derivative **88** (Scheme 21).

Treating pyrazolidindione **89** with 1,2-bis (bromomethyl) benzene **90** afforded the tricyclic 1*H*-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*] phthalazindione **91** [74] (Scheme 22).

Pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazindione derivatives [75] were reported as anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antihypoxic and antipyretic agents [4].

There are only several literatures about the multi component synthesis for 1*H*-pyrazolo[1,2-*b*]phthalazine-5,10-dione derivatives, which were synthesized by a one pot three component reaction of phthalhydrazide, aromatic aldehydes and malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate catalyzed by PTSA [76], Et₃N [77] or [Bmim]OH [78].





Gahremanzadeh et al. [76] synthesized 1H-pyrazolo [1,2-b] phthalazin-5,10-dione derivatives **92** via the simple condensation reaction of malononitrile or ethylcyanoacetate, phthalhydrazide and aldehydes in the presence of a catalytic amount of p-toluene sulphonic acid (PTSA) in ionic liquid 1-butyl-3-methyl imidazolium bromide as solvent at 100°C (Scheme 23).

Recently, the synthesis of 2H-indazolo [2,1-b] phthalazintriones has been reported by Bazgir and co-workers using (PTSA) as catalyst [79].

A simple efficient and green practical approach to 1H-pyrazolo [1,2-b] phthalazine-5,10-diones **95** from phthalhydrazide, aldehydes and malononitrile/ethyl cyanoacetate has been developed that uses inexpensive and readily available InCl_3 as a catalyst in solvent free [80].

A schematic mechanism for the catalytic activity of InCl_3 in the synthesis of titled compounds **95** should be postulated as shown in (Scheme 24).

The synthesis of 1H-pyrazolo[1,2-b] phthalazine-5,10-dione derivatives **97** via condensation reaction of 2-chloro-3-formyl quinolines **96**, malononitrile/ethyl cyanoacetate and 2,3-dihydro-1,4-phthalazinedione using a catalytic amount of piperidine in refluxing ethanol has been described. All the synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against a panel of pathogenic strain of bacteria and fungi [81] (Scheme 25).

A direct and efficient approach for the preparation of pyrazolo phthalazinyl spirooxindoles **99** has been developed through one-pot three-component reaction of easily available isatin, malononitrile or cyanoacetic ester, and phthalhydrazide catalyzed by nickel chloride in polyethylene glycol 600. Desired products were obtained in high to excellent yields using a simple workup procedure [82,83] (Scheme 26).

Sonocatalysis synthesis of a novel class of spiroacenaphthylene-1,1'-pyrazolo[1,2-b]phthalazines **101** via a facile, atom-economical and one pot three-component condensation reaction was investigated [84] (Scheme 27).

The 1-[(1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methoxy]phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[1,2-b] phthalazine-5,10-dione derivatives **104** were synthesized by a simple and efficient method, i.e., by the four-component, one-pot condensation reaction of phthalhydrazide, a (propargyloxy) benzaldehyde **102**, an active methylene compound (malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate), and an azide **103** in the presence of $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ /sodium L-ascorbate as catalyst [85] (Scheme 28).

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Shaterian et al. [86] reported an efficient method for the preparation of 2H-indazolo[2,1-b]phthalazine-triones derivatives **106** using silica sulfuric acid as recyclable solid acid catalyst under solvent-free conditions (Scheme 29).

A new green protocol has been developed for the synthesis of 2H-indazolo[1,2-b]phthalazine-triones **107** via one-pot, three-component condensation reaction of aromatic aldehydes with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds and phthalhydrazide using reusable dodecylphosphonic acid (DPA) as heterogeneous solid acid catalyst under solvent-free conditions. This protocol provides a novel and improved method for obtaining 2H-indazolo[1,2-b] phthalazine-triones in terms of good yields with little catalyst loading [87] (Scheme 30).

1H-Imidazo Phthalazindiones

Kim et al. [14] reported a series of 1-substituted 2-methyl 1H-imidazo[4,5-g] phthalazine-4,9-dione derivatives **112** as depicted in (Scheme 31).

Yavari et al. [88] reported the synthesis of imidazophthalazines **116** via nucleophilic substitution of chlorine atom with secondary alicyclic amines in the side benzene ring of phthalazine (Scheme 32).

[1,2,4] TriazoloPhthalazines

Lebsack et al. [75] synthesized [1,2,4] triazolo [3,4-a]phthalazine derivative **118** as follows: (Scheme 33).

A general method is reported for the solid-phase synthesis of [1,2,4] triazolo [3,4-a] phthalazine **122** and tetrazolo [5,1-a] phthalazine derivatives **123** based on the cyclization of resin-bound chlorophthalazines with various hydrazides or sodium azide. The resin-bound chlorophthalazines produced by nucleophilic aromatic substitution reaction of dichloro-phthalazine with the secondary amines resins served as the key intermediate for subsequent triazolophthalazine resins and tetrazolophthalazine resins [40,89] (Scheme 34).

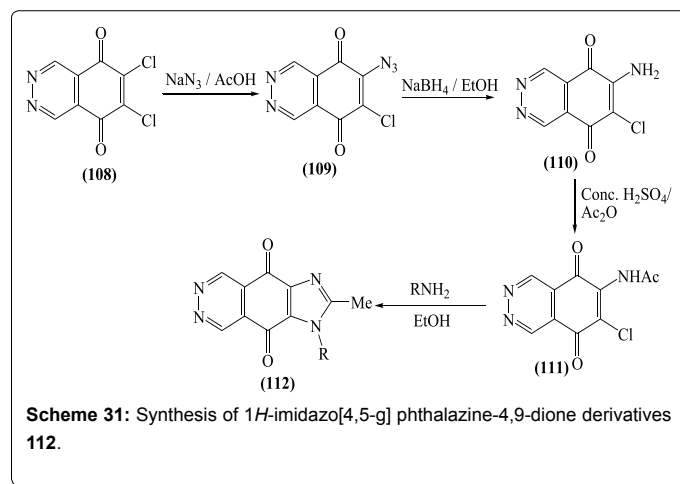
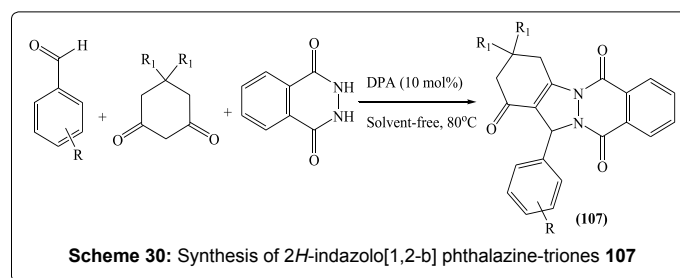
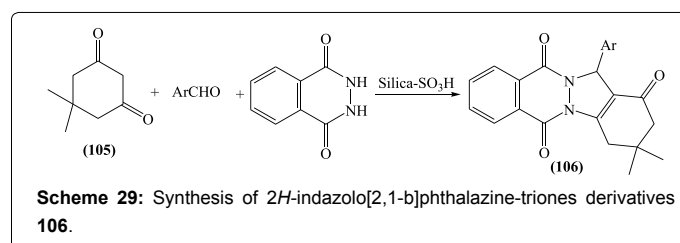
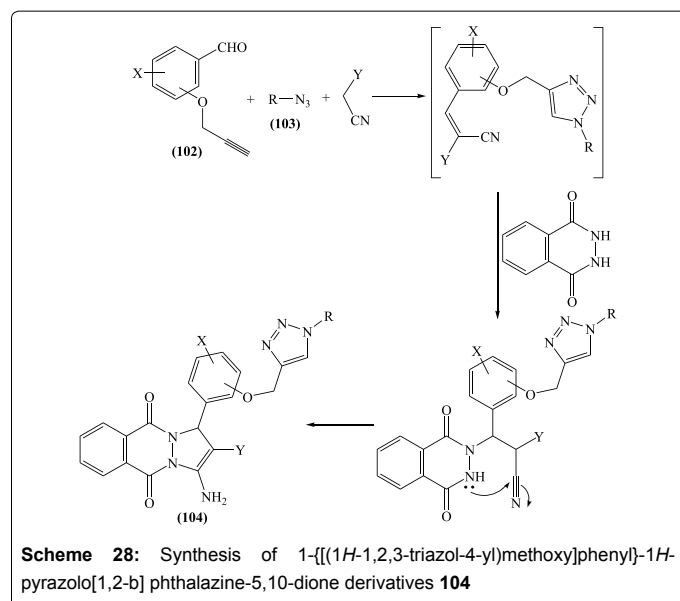
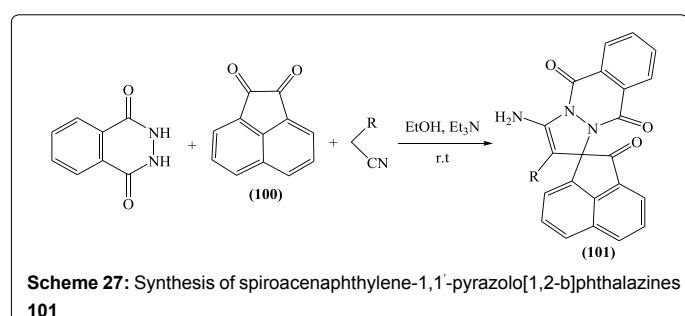
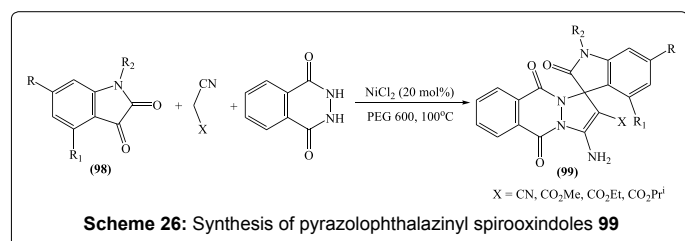
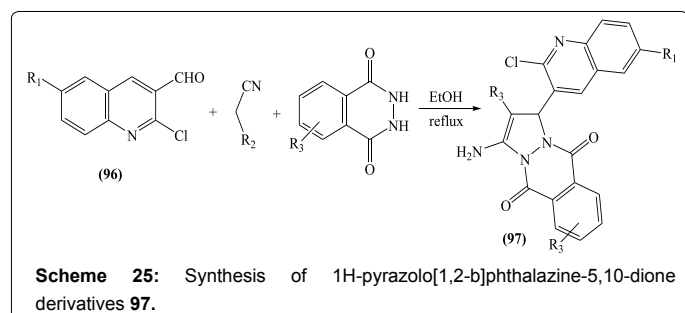
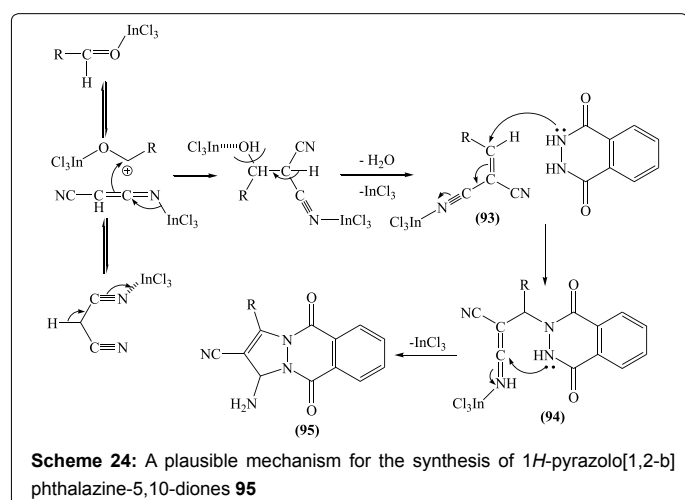
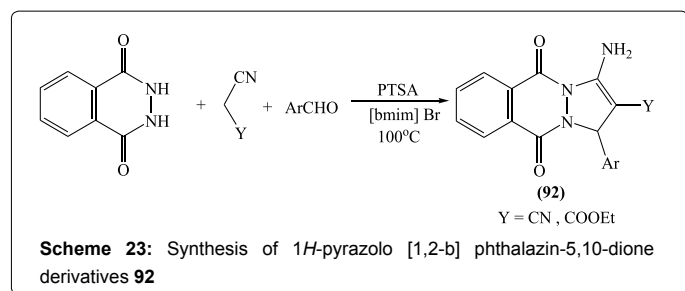
4-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)-1(2H)-phthalazinone **124** was used as key starting material for synthesis of fused [1,2,4]triazolophthalazines depending on the principles of lactam-lactim dynamic equilibrium phenomena [90,91] (Scheme 35).

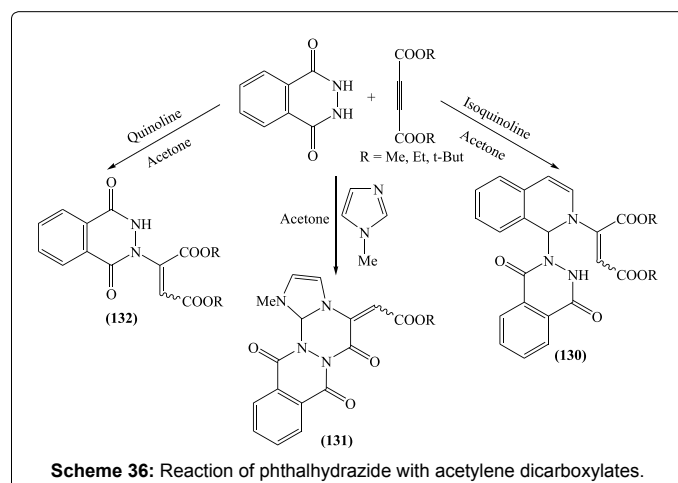
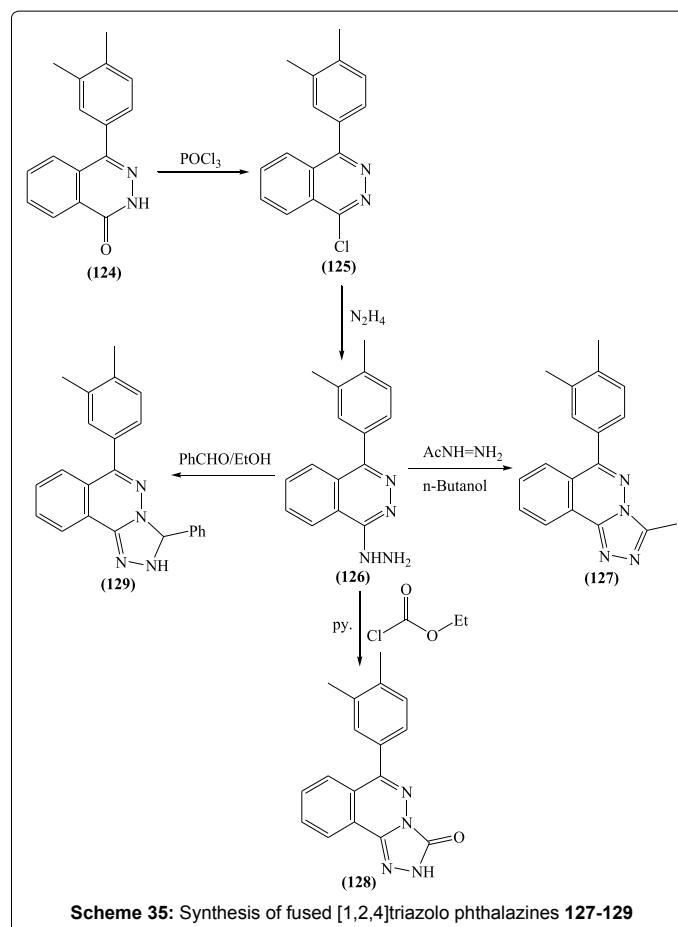
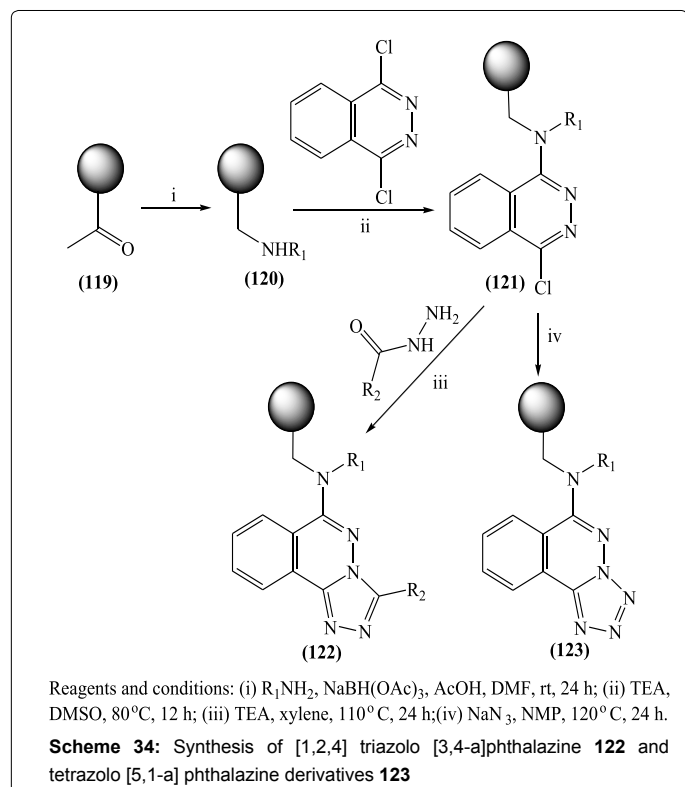
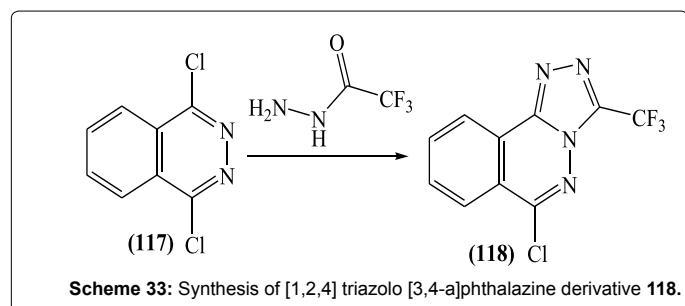
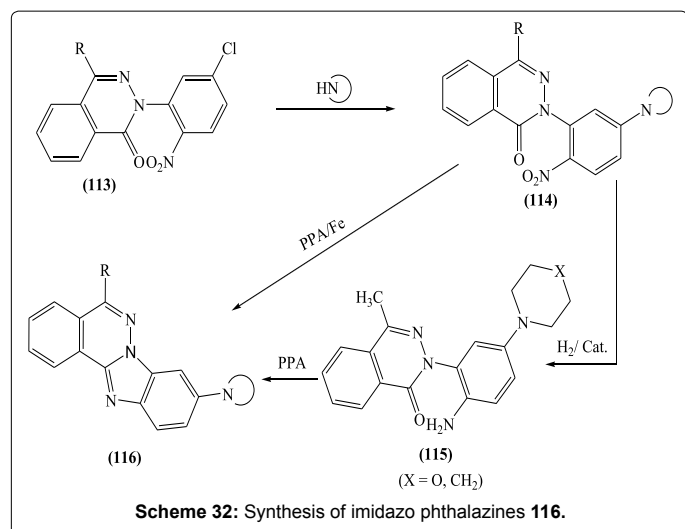
Reactions of Phthalazines

Reaction with acetylinic compounds:

Gahremanzadeh et al. [92] reported the reaction of phthalhydrazide and acetylene dicarboxylates in the presence of N-heterocycles to afford **130**, **131** and **132** as follows: (Scheme 36).

Iwamoto et al. [93] reported that in the reaction of 1-substituted phthalazines with ynamines, there are three patterns of ring





transformation giving naphthalene derivatives **133** through addition-cyclization denitrogenation (**type A**), giving benzodiazocine derivatives **134** through addition-cyclization-ring expansion (**type B**) and giving pent substituted pyridine derivatives **135** through N-N bond cleavage of the pyridazine ring (**type C**) (Scheme 37).

A highly effected silver-catalysed formal inverse electron-demand Diel's Alder (IEDDA) reaction of phthalazine **136** and siloxy alkynes **137** has been reported [94,95]. The reactions provided ready access

to a wide range of siloxynaphthalenes **139** and anthracenes which are formed in good to high yields, under mild reaction conditions using low catalyst loadings (Scheme 38).

A series of novel 3-(indolyl) prop-1-ynyl substituted phthalazines **142** were prepared via a concise pathway by palladium catalyzed cross coupling of appropriate halogens **140** and *N*-propargylindoles **141** [15,96] (Scheme 39).

Reaction with Amines: (Nucleophilic substitution reactions)

The activity of halogen attached to either or both carbons of the azine ring was analogous to similar activity in 2-or 4-halogeno-quinolines. In general the reaction of 1-halogeno or 1,4-dihalogeno phthalazines with ammonium derivatives (primary or secondary amines) [97] afforded **144**.

Snaz et al. [98] showed the synthesis of mono and bi (alkyl amino) benzo [g] phthalazine derivatives **145** and **146** as follow: (Scheme 40).

It has been achieved [99] by the reaction of 1,4-dichlorobenzo[g] phthalazine with the corresponding poly amines a new series of mono and binuclear 1-alkylamino-4-chlorobenzo[g]phthalazine derivatives **147-149** containing flexible polyaminic chains. (Scheme 41)

Piatnitski et al. [100] reported that, commercially available 1,4-dichlorophthalazine **150** was first reacted with an amine to give the mono substituted adduct **151** [101]. The remaining chloride was then coupled with boronic acid or boronic acid ester under Suzuki reaction conditions with microwave irradiation to give the desired final compound **152** (Scheme 42).

Reaction with chalcones

Cyclocondensation of 1-aryl-3-ferrocenyl-2-propen-1-ones **153** with hetaryl hydrazine resulted in *N*-hetaryl-3-aryl-5-ferrocenyl pyrazolines **155** [102] (Scheme 43).

Alkylation

Treatment of phthalazine or its alkyl derivatives with alkyl halides yields *N*-alkyl phthalazinium halides **156** and when treated with Ag_2O and KOH afforded the *N*-alkyl derivatives **157** and **158**, respectively [103] (Scheme 44).

A novel series of phthalazine derivatives bearing isoindol-1,3-dione moiety were synthesized by treating 2-(4-(4-oxo-3,4-dihydrophthalazin-1-yl)phenyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione **159** with various chemical alkylating reagents [104,105] (Scheme 45).

4-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)-1(2*H*)-phthalazinone **124** was used as key starting material for synthesis a new series of 1,4-disubstituted phthalazines, and 2,4-disubstituted phthalazinones depending on the principles of lactam-lactim dynamic equilibrium phenomena [90,91] (Scheme 46).

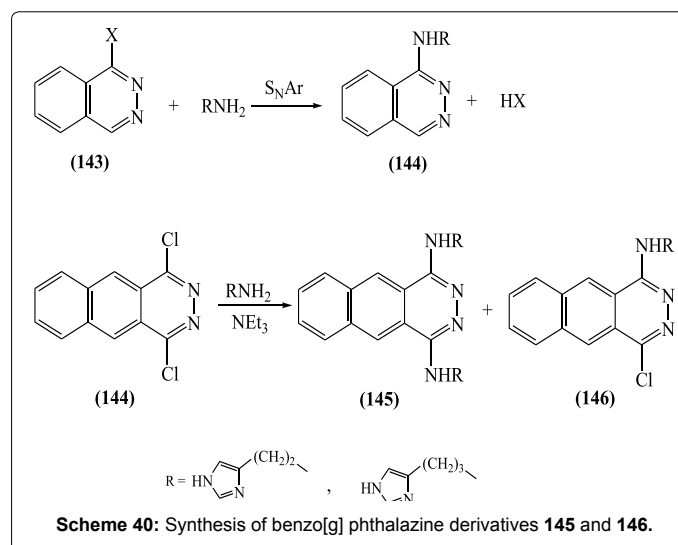
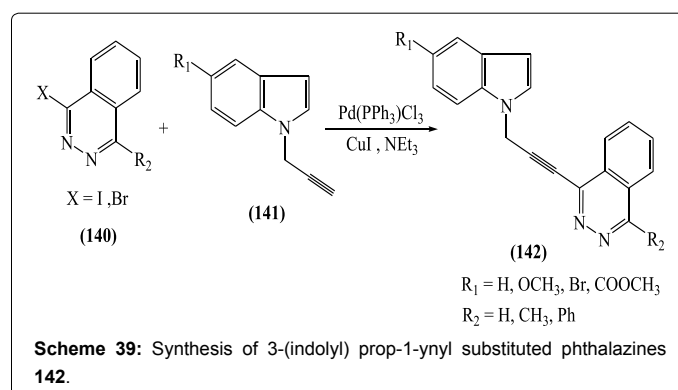
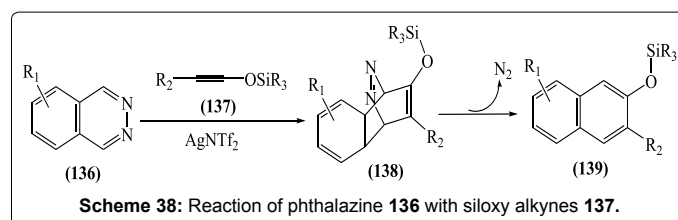
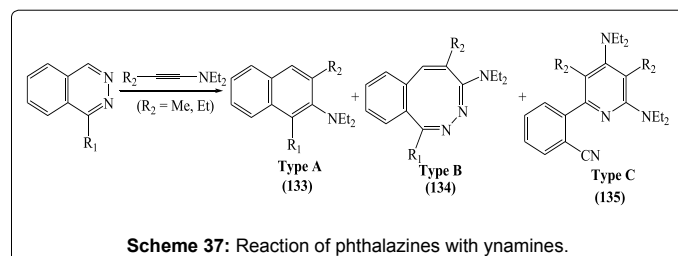
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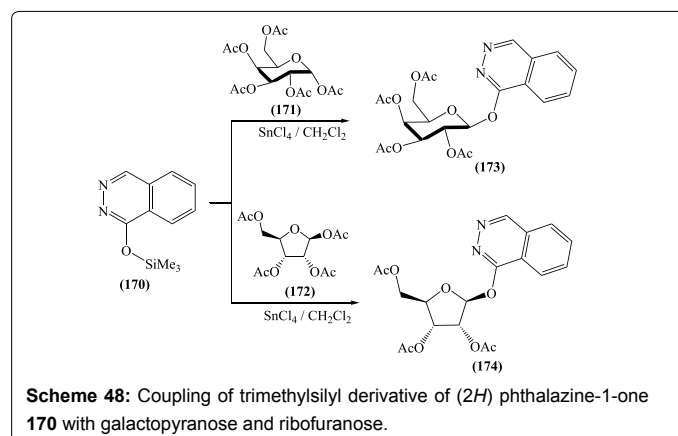
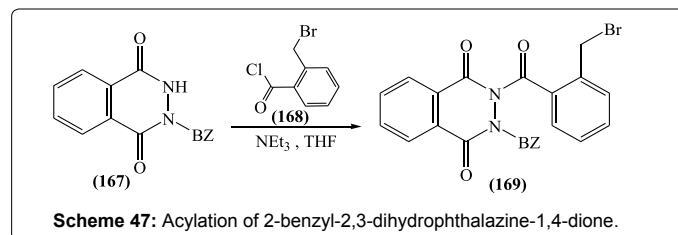
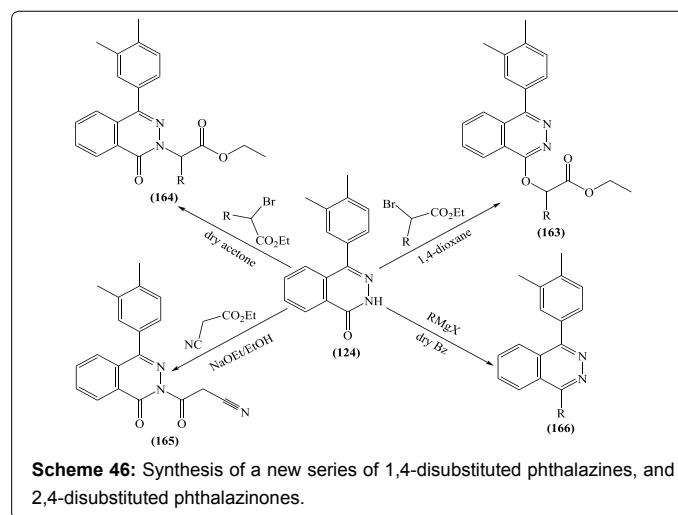
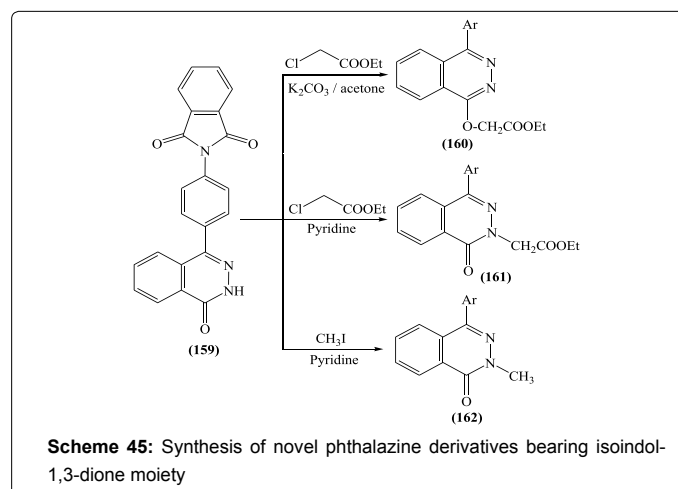
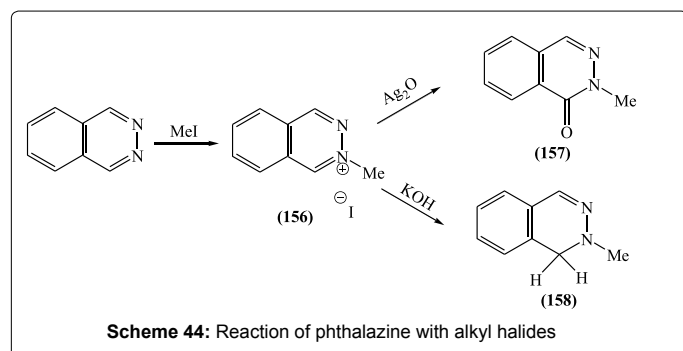
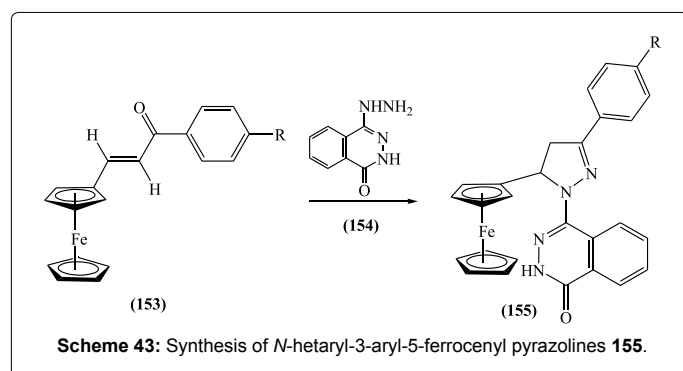
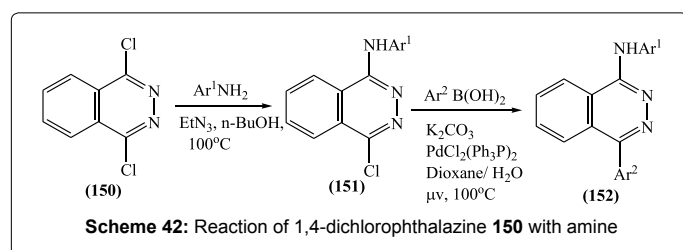
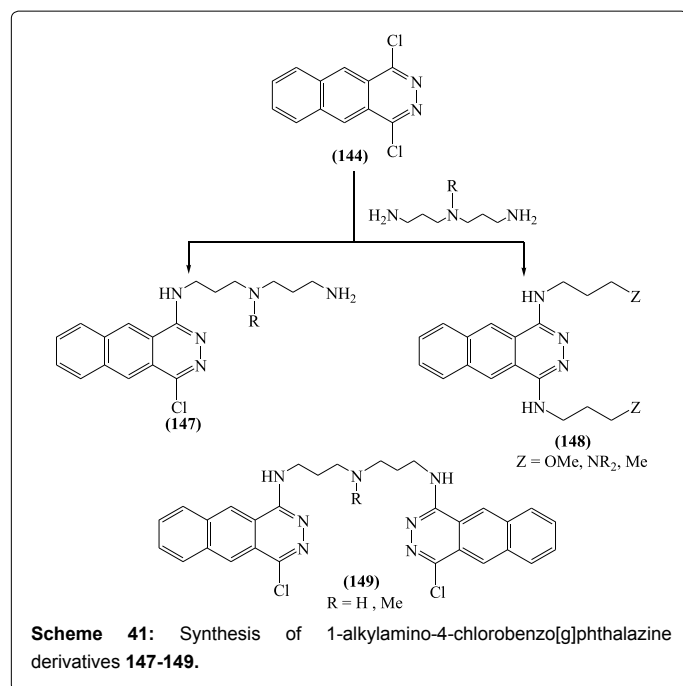
Acylation of 2-benzyl-2,3-dihydrophthalazine-1,4-dione **167** with 2-(bromomethyl)-benzoyl chloride **168** yielded **169** [106] (Scheme 47).

Reaction with galactopyranose and ribofuranose

Coupling of trimethylsilyl derivative of (2*H*) phthalazine-1-one

170 with 1,2,3,4,6-penta-O-acetyl- α -D-galactopyranose **171** in the presence of stannic chloride gave the respective glycosides, 2-(per-O-acetyl-D-glycosyloxy) phthalazines **172**. Under the same conditions 1,2,3,5-tetra-O-acetyl- β -D-ribofuranose **173** gave 1-(2,3,5-tri-O-acetyl- α -D-ribofuranosyloxy) phthalazine **174** [16] (Scheme 48).





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