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# Palladium-Catalyzed Acylations: A One-Pot Diversified Synthesis of Phthalazines, Phthalazinones and Benzoxazinones

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**Abstract:** A sequential one-pot strategy for the diversified synthesis of phthalazines, phthalazinones and benzoxazinones, was presented. This strategy proceeds via [Pd]-catalyzed acylation and nucleophilic cyclocondensation with dinucleophilic reagents. This process was based on direct coupling with simple bench-top aldehydes, without the assistance of directing group and without activating the carbonyl group. The process is highly advantageous, as, it employs simple nitrogen based nucleophiles, and non-toxic & readily accessible aldehydes as the carbonyl source. Most importantly, the strategy was applied to the one-pot synthesis of PDE-4 inhibitor.

#### Introduction

Heterocyclic compounds are vital and ubiquitous in nature.<sup>[1]</sup> Thus, development of efficient synthetic processes to accomplish them is indispensable. In particular, the nitrogen based heterocyclic molecules have gained an exceptional importance in medicinal chemistry. Particularly, dinitrogen containing phthalazinones have been utilized to cure various diseases, for example, hepatitis B, arrhythmia, asthma, diabetes, cardiovascular and vascular hypertension (Figure 1).<sup>[2]</sup> In addition, benzoxazinone derivatives are another important class of heterocycles that exhibit interesting physiological and pharmaceutical activities, such as, anticancer, antimalarial, antifungal, antitubercular, phytotoxic, antiviral, antifeedant, anti-HIV and antibacterial.<sup>[3]</sup> While phthalazines are a special class of heterocyclic compounds,<sup>[4]</sup> having medicinal and biological significance (Figure 1).<sup>[5]</sup>





Figure 1: Representative examples of bioactive phathalazinones/phathalazine.

Owing to their interesting structural features and broad spectrum of biological activities, synthetic community has established some interesting strategies on their synthesis. In 1893, Gabriel et al first synthesized the phthalazine using substitution of 1,2-bisdichloromethylbenzene by ring-closing reaction of orthocarbonylbenzaldehyde with hydrazine.<sup>[6]</sup> Commonly, phthalazines have been achieved by using multistep procedures, such as, ring closing or ring enlargement or aromatization of 1,2-dihydro- or 1,2,4,5- tetrahydrophthalazines.<sup>[7]</sup> They were also synthesized by employing the Diels-Alder reaction of 1,2,4,5-tetrazines with arynes/arenes or pyridazino[4,5-d]pyridazine with enamines.<sup>[8]</sup> H. A. Wegner et al presented the synthesis of phthalazines and pyridazino aromatics starting from aromatic aldehydes via directed ortho-lithiation strategy.<sup>[9]</sup> While synthesis of phthalazinones was established by cyclocondensation and cycloaddition reactions.<sup>[10]</sup> Recently, the research group of Xiao-

Feng Wu reported the carbonylative synthesis of phthalazinones from 2-bromobenzaldehydes and hydrazines, in which CO was used as the carbonylating source.<sup>[11]</sup> On the other hand, L. K. Reddy and Baburajan et al made use of  $Mo(CO)_6$  and  $Co_2(CO)_8$ as an alternative sources of CO, respectively.<sup>[12]</sup> Orru et al disclosed [Pd]-catalyzed isocyanide insertion to give phathalazinones,<sup>[13]</sup> while, to the best of our knowledge, there was only one report on the synthesis of benzoxazinones by

Huanfeng Jiang and co-workers via [Pd]-catalyzed carbonylation of aromatic oximes.<sup>[14]</sup>

Sequential one-pot transformations are very essential for chemical synthesis,<sup>[15]</sup> as they enable the formation of more than one bond, thereby facilitating the formation of products with sufficient complexity. Also, they are economically and ecologically viable processes, as they save time, energy and reduce amount of waste formation. Additionally, they are beneficial by reducing tedious isolation and purification steps of the intermediate product(s). Transition-metal-catalysis proved to be powerful tool for the efficient construction of C-C and C-heteroatom bonds.<sup>[16]</sup> We anticipated that a sequential one-pot synthesis of nitrogen containing heterocycles could be feasible using [Pd]-catalyzed direct acylation with aldehydes and cyclocondensation with dinucleophilic agents (Scheme 1). It was also envisaged that simple bench-top aldehydes could serve as non-toxic acyl source. As part of our ongoing research in the development of new synthetic methodologies catalyzed by transition metals.<sup>[17]</sup> very recently, [Pd]-catalyzed direct acylation of iodoarenes with aldehvdes without the aid of functional group was reported by us.<sup>[18]</sup> Subsequently, we have shown the effectiveness of this concept, for a one-pot synthesis of indenones via [Pd]-catalvzed direct acylation and intramolecular aldol condensation.<sup>[19]</sup> Later, the efficacy of the concept was further proven by one-pot synthesis of lactams.<sup>[20]</sup> Encouraged by these outcomes, herein, we describe an efficient one-pot synthesis of phthalazines through [Pd]-catalyzed direct acylation of ortho-iodoaryl ketones with aldehydes and nucleophilic cyclocondensation with hydrazine hydrate. In addition, sequential one-pot formation of phthalazinones have been accomplished upon acylation of orthoiodoaryl esters and cyclocondensation with hydrazine hydrates. Further, the synthesis of N-substituted phathalizinones has also been explored. Furthermore, this concept has been successfully extended to the one-pot synthesis of benzoxazinones using hydroxylamine as the nucleophile for condensation. Remarkably, this protocol enabled the one-pot synthesis of PDE-4 inhibitor.





Scheme 1: Anticipated one-pot synthetic route to heterocylic products.

#### **Results and Discussion**

In order to initiate the synthetic explorations, for the preparation phthalazine **3aa**, ortho-iodoacetophenone of 1a and butyraldehyde 2a, were chosen as the model substrates. Thus, acylation was performed using our earlier established conditions [i.e. Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 equiv), TBHP in H<sub>2</sub>O (5 equiv), 120 °C. 14 hl. After confirming the formation of diketone intermediate 4aa by thin-laver-chromatography (TLC), the cyclocondensation with dinucleophilic hydrazine hydrate was explored, under various conditions. Addition of hydrazine hydrate to the diketone intermediate 4aa along with the base triethylamine (2 equiv) with no additional solvent, furnished the desired phthalazine product 3aa, in moderate yield (Table 1, entry 1). While the reaction with the base K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was found to be inferior (Table 1, entry 2). On the other hand, in the absence of base and solvent, the product 3aa was obtained in poor yields (Table 1, entry 3). Slight improvement was seen with additional amount of solvent DMF in the presence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (Table 1, entry 4). More or less same yield of product 3aa was obtained without base (Table 1, entry 5). Yield deviation was negligible even by decreasing the temperature of the reaction from 100 °C to 50 °C (Table 1, entry 6), so, there is not that much effect of high temperature. Improvement in the yield was noticed by increasing equivalents of hydrazine hydrate in DMF solvent (Table 1, entries 7). Only slight improvement was noted by using MeOH as solvent (Table 1, entry 8). Interestingly, 3aa was obtained in 55% yield in EtOH solvent (Table 1, entries 9). Further, slight improvement of the product 3aa was obtained with 10 equiv of hydrazine hydrate in methanol solvent (Table 1, entry 10). Upon increasing the temperature to 75 °C, yield has been improved to 62% (Table 1, entries 11). While the reaction with 10 equiv of hydrazine hydrate in ethanol at 50 °C, gave 3aa in 64% yield (Table 1, entry 12). Gratifyingly, ethanol was found to be a better solvent than methanol and furnished the phthalazine 3aa, in 67% overall yield, with 10 and 5 equiv of hydrazine hydrate at 75 °C, for 6 h, respectively (Table 1, entries 13 & 14). Whereas, the product 3aa yield was decreased, when 2 equiv of hydrazine hydrate was used (Table 1, entry 15).

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#### Table 1: Optimization study for one-pot formation of phthalazine 3aa via the diketone 4aa.<sup>[a]</sup> $\cap$ Me Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %) Me Ag<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 equiv) СНО N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>C 0 70% TBHP solvent, temp, time in H<sub>2</sub>O (5 equiv) 120 °C, 14 h Ме Me 1a 2a 4aa 3aa One-Pot Entry N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (equiv) Base (2 equiv) Solvent (2.0 mL) Temp (°C) Time (h) Yield 3aa (%)[b] 2.0 6 40 1. NEt<sub>3</sub> 120 \_ 6 2. 2.0 K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> 100 30 3 12 2.0 30 \_ 100 K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> DMF 10 44 4 20 100 5 2.0 DMF 100 10 43 6 20 DMF 42 50 12 -7 4.0 DMF 50 10 47 8 4.0 \_ MeOH 50 15 50 50 9 4.0 EtOH 8 55 10 10.0 MeOH 50 10 58 MeOH 8 62 11 10.0 -75 12 10.0 -EtOH 50 8 64 **EtOH** 75 6 67 13 10.0 \_ EtOH 14 5.0 -75 6 67 75 15 2.0 EtOH 14 53 \_

<sup>[a]</sup> Unless otherwise mentioned, all the reactions were carried out by using 98.0 mg (0.40 mmol) of *ortho*-iodoketone **1a** and aldehyde **2a (**115.0 mg, 1.6 mmol). <sup>[b]</sup> Isolated yields of chromatographically pure products.

With the established conditions in hand, [(1) for acylation: **1a** (1.0 equiv), **2a** (4.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %)/Ag<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 equiv), aqueous TBHP (5.0 equiv) at 120 °C for 14 h; (2) for nucleophilic cylcocondensation: hydrazine hydrate (5 equiv), EtOH (2 mL), 75 °C, for 6 h (Table 1, entry 13)], to check the scope and limitations for the one-pot formation of phthalizine **3aa**, the acylation and insitu nucleophilic cyclocondensation was explored. Thus, after confirming the formation of acylation product upon coupling of *ortho*-iodoarylketones **1a-1e** with aldehydes **2a-2n**, the hydrazine hydrate and ethanol were added to the reaction mixture, under the established conditions. Delightfully, the reaction was found to be smooth and quite successful with very good substrate scope, and furnished a diversified phthalazine products **3aa-3ef** (Table 2). For example, *ortho*-iodoacetophenone **1a** coupling with

aliphatic aldehvdes 2a-2c and subsequent cvclocondensation was amenable, and delivered the products 3aa-3ac (Table 2). Notably, the one-pot reaction of 1a and 1b was also compatible with benzaldehydes 2e, 2k-2m bearing simple to electron rich ring aromatic (Table 2. 3al-3bk). Further, orthoiodobenzophenones 1c-1e, were also smoothly transformed into the corresponding products, under standard reaction conditions (Table 2, 3cn-3ef). Significantly, the reaction was amenable with heteroaromatic systems (Table 2, 3cn & 3ef). Notably, the strategy was also compatible with bromobenzaldehyde 2j and thus would permit further functionalizations, under transition metal catalysis (Table 2, 3dj).

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#### Table 2: Scope of the synthetic study for one-pot synthesis of phthalazines 3aa-3ef.[a] $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5 mol %) $R^2$ Ag<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 equiv) 70% TBHP in H<sub>2</sub>O (5 equiv) $\mathbb{R}^1$ R<sup>3</sup>CHO 120 °C, 12 to 20 h then: k³ H<sub>2</sub>O (5.0 equiv), EtOH 75 °C, 6 to 10 h 1а-е 2a-n 3aa-3ef Me Me Me Me Me Me OMe ОМе MeO Мe ÓМе ÓМе 3aa (67%) 3ab (65%) 3ac (60%) 3al (68%) 3am (66%) OMe OMe Me OMe Me 3de (59%) 3be (68%) 3bk (63%) 3cn (43%) 3df (65%) Ŵе 3dj (62%) 3ef (56%)

Further, to emphasize the importance of the present method, it was aimed at the one-pot synthesis of phthalazinones. For this purpose, *ortho*-iodobenzoate **1f** was identified as the suitable starting material. Thus, acylation of *ortho*-iodomethylbenzoate **1f** with aliphatic aldehydes **2a-2d** and subsequent condensation with nitrogen based nucleophlies was carried out, under the established conditions. Gratifyingly, the desired phthalazinones **5fa-5fd** were obtained as the exclusive products (Table 3). In addition, the reaction was also smooth with benzaldehydes **2e-2i**, **2l** ranging from simple, electron rich and electron deactivating aromatic rings (Table 3, **5fe-5fl**), thus, emphasizing the importance of the present protocol.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[a]</sup> Isolated yields of chromatographically pure products.

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Further, to demonstrate the synthetic utility of the present strategy, it was planned for the one-pot synthesis of N-substituted phthalazinones. This could be achieved upon subjecting the acylated dicarbonyl intermediate to N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride analogs 8. Thus, after monitoring the formation of ketone intermediate by TLC, the reaction mixture was treated with different hydrazine analogs 8a-8e, to drive subsequent cyclocondensation. To our delight, as anticipated, the strategy was smooth with aliphatic aldehydes 2a-2c, under stablished conditions (Table 4, 6faa-6fbe). However, the reaction was sluggish when aromatic aldehydes were employed as the acylating agents. This may be due to the fact that N-arylated hydrazines are somewhat less nucleophilic than that of simple hydrazine hydrate. Moreover, the corresponding ketone intermediate generated from aromatic aldehydes is less electrophilic than aliphatic ones. Hence, it is necessary to optimize the conditions, for the formation of corresponding Nsubstituted phthalazinones with aromatic aldehydes. After

exploring the reaction under different conditions, it was realized that conc.  $H_2SO_4$  (10 equiv), as an additive was best to drive the cyclocondensation step. Further, these modified optimized conditions enable the synthesis of *N*-substituted phthalazinones (Table 4, **6fea-6fhe**).

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<sup>[a]</sup> Isolated yields of chromatographically pure products.

Furthermore, to reveal the importance of present method, it was aimed at the one-pot synthesis of PDE-4 inhibitor. Thus, *ortho*iodomethylbenzoate **1f** was subjected to acylation with veratraldehyde **2l** and subsequent condensation with phenylhydrazine hydrochloride **8a** (Scheme 2). Gratifyingly, the target product PDE-4 inhibitor **6fla** was obtained in 59% overall yield.

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Scheme 2: One-pot synthesis of PDE-4 inhibitor 6fla.

Moreover, to establish the diversity of this protocol, one-pot synthesis of benzoxazinones was aimed. Thus, in-situ formed ketones were reacted with hydroxylamine hydrochloride. Delightfully, as presumed, the benzoxazinones **7fa-7fd** were accomplished, in moderate to fair yields (Table 5). It is worth mentioning that the reaction was sluggish when attempts were made with aromatic aldehydes as acylating agents. This could be due to less nucleophilic nature of hydroxylamine hydrochloride. In addition, the acylated aromatic ketones are slightly less reactive than aliphatic ones.

and benzoxazinones. The whole process proceeds through [Pd]catalyzed intermolecular acylation and nucleophilic condensation with dinucleophiles. Simple bench-top aldehydes and nitrogen based nucleophiles were employed, as non-toxic sources. This process was relied upon direct coupling with aldehydes, without the activation of the carbonyl group and no directing group assistance is needed. Significantly, the effectiveness of strategy has been established by one-pot synthesis of PDE-4 inhibitor.



<sup>[a]</sup> Isolated yields of chromatographically pure products.

#### Conclusions

In summary, a sequential one-pot method was developed for the efficient and diversified synthesis of phthalazines, phthalazinones

#### **Experimental Section**

IR spectra were recorded on a FTIR spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer at 295 K in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; chemical shifts ( $\delta$  ppm) and coupling constants (Hz) are reported in standard fashion with reference to either internal standard tetramethylsilane (TMS) ( $\delta_H$ =0.00 ppm) or CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta_{H}$  = 7.25 ppm). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz spectrometer at RT in CDCI<sub>3</sub>; chemical shifts ( $\delta$  ppm) are reported relative to CHCl<sub>3</sub> [ $\delta_{C}$  = 77.00 ppm (central line of triplet)]. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR, the nature of carbons (C, CH, CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>) was determined by recording the DEPT-135 spectra. In the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, the following abbreviations were used throughout: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qui =quintet, sept = septet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet and br. s = broad singlet. High-resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were recorded on Q-TOF electron spray ionization (ESI) mode and atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) modes. Melting points were determined on an electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

All small scale reactions were carried out using Schlenk tube. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel using a combination of hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents. Reactions were generally run under argon or a nitrogen atmosphere. Solvents were distilled prior to use; petroleum ether with a boiling range of 60 to 80 °C was used. Acme's silica-gel (60–120 mesh) was used for column chromatography (approximately 20 g per one gram of crude material).

The aldehydes **2a-n** which have been used are commercially available. The *ortho*-iodoester **1f** is commercially available.

The following *ortho*-iodo ketone **1a-e** was synthesized from **10a-d** which is reported (Table 6, see supporting information).

GP-1 [General procedure for preparation of 3/5]:

GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone/ortho-iodoester 1a-f (98.0-135.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde **2a-n (**115.0-313.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 12-20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone/ ortho-iodoester 1a-f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6-10 h. Progress of the products 3/5 formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3/5 (50.0-106.0 mg, 43-72 %). The products 3al, 3am, 3de and 5fa-5fl are reported in literature.[21]

#### GP-2 [General procedure (condition A) for preparation of 6faa-6fbe]:

GP-2 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2a-c (115.0-160.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)2 (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 12-18 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8 (410.0-623.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75  $\,^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 10-12 h. Progress of the products 6 formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6faa-6fbe (65.0-106.0 mg, 57-61 %).

#### GP-3 [General procedure (condition B) for preparation of 6fea-6fhe]:

GP-3 was f carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2e-h (169.0-198.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 12-20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.39 ml, 4.0 mmol) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8 (410.0-623.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 40-48 h. Progress of the products 6 formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fea-6fhe (67.0-86.0 mg, 50-64 %). The products 6fea, 6feb, 6fec, 6fed are reported in literature.<sup>[22, 12b]</sup>

#### GP-4 [General procedure for preparation of 7]:

GP-4 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2a-d (115.0-179.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)2 (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 12-20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (138.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6-10 h. Progress of the products 7 formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 7 (46.0-52.0 mg, 50-63 %). The products 7fa are reported in literature.[14]

1-methyl-4-propylphthalazine (3aa): GP-1 was carried out with orthoiodoketone 1a (98.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2a (115.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1a was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6 h. Progress of the products 3aa formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3aa (50.0 mg, 67 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), R<sub>f</sub>(1a)=0.80, R<sub>f</sub>(3aa)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): vmax=2938, 1710, 1682, 1594, 1452, 1282, 1081, 904, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.09-8.03 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.29-3.25 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.92-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=159.4 (s, Ar-C=N), 156.1 (s, Ar-C=N), 131.7 (d, Ar-CH), 131.6 (d, Ar-CH), 126.2 (s, Ar-C), 125.3 (s, Ar-C), 124.9 (d, Ar-CH), 124.5 (d, Ar-CH), 34.9 (t, -CH2-), 22.7 (t, -CH2-), 19.7 (q, CH3), 14.2 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>=[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 187.1230; found 187.1236.

**1-butyl-4-methylphthalazine** (**3ab**): GP-1 was carried out with *ortho*iodoketone **1a** (98.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde **2b** (137.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 12 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the *ortho*-iodoketone **1a** was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products **3ab** formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution,

dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products **3ab** (52.0 mg, 65 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), *R*<sub>f</sub>(**1a**)=0.80, *R*<sub>f</sub>(**3a**)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000–600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): *v*<sub>max</sub>=2936, 1720, 1684, 1590, 1451, 1280, 1189, 943, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ =8.08-8.02 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.86-7.83 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.30-3.27 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.87-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ =159.6 (s, Ar-C=N), 156.0 (s, Ar-C=N), 131.6 (d, Ar-CH), 131.5 (d, Ar-CH), 126.1 (s, Ar-C), 125.2 (s, Ar-C), 124.9 (d, Ar-CH), 124.5 (d, Ar-CH), 32.8 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 31.5 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 22.8 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 19.7 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>=[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 201.1386; found 201.1382.

1-methyl-4-pentylphthalazine (3ac): GP-1 was carried out with orthoiodoketone 1a (98.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2c (160.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 15 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1b was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 3ac formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3ac (51.0 mg, 60 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), R<sub>f</sub>(1a)=0.80, R<sub>f</sub>(3ac)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): v<sub>max</sub>=2938, 1719, 1687, 1612, 1460, 1280, 1081, 914, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.09-8.03 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.30-3.26 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.89-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.33 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ =159.6 (s, Ar-C=N), 156.0 (s, Ar-C=N), 131.6 (d, Ar-CH), 131.5 (d, Ar-CH), 126.2 (s, Ar-C), 125.2 (s, Ar-C), 124.9 (d, Ar-CH), 124.5 (d, Ar-CH), 33.1 (t, -CH2-), 31.8 (t, -CH2-), 29.1 (t, -CH2-), 22.5 (t, -CH2-), 19.7 (q, CH3), 13.9 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calculated for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>=[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 215.1543; found 215.1537.

1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-methylphthalazine (3al): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone 1a (98.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2I (265.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1a was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 10 h. Progress of the products **3al** formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous  $NaHCO_3$  solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3al (76.0 mg, 68 %).

1-methyl-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)phthalazine (3am): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone 1a (98.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2m (314.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1a was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 3am formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3am (82.0 mg, 66 %).

5-methyl-8-phenyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]phthalazine (3be): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone 1b (116.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2e (169.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 18 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1b was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 10 h. Progress of the products 3be formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3be (106.0 mg, 68 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1a)=0.80, Rf(3be)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): vmax=2930, 1705, 1680, 1595, 1453, 1283, 1085, 912, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=7.63-7.61 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.50-7.49 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.31 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.13 (s, 2H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>O-), 2.91 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=158.1 (s, Ar-C=N), 155.1 (s, Ar-C=N), 151.4 (s, 2 × Ar-C), 136.6 (s, Ar-C), 129.7 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 128.9 (d, Ar-CH), 128.4 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 124.7 (s, Ar-C), 123.3 (s, Ar-C), 103.1 (d, Ar-CH), 102.3 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 101.1 (d, Ar-CH), 20.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for  $[C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_2]^+=[M+H]^+: 265.0972;$  found 265.0973.

**5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-8-methyl-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]phthalazine** (3bk): GP-1 was carried out with *ortho*-iodoketone **1b** (116.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde **2k** (218.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 15 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the *ortho*-iodoketone **1b** was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 7 h. Progress of the products **3bk** formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction mixture was completed. The reaction was completed. The reaction was completed.

solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3bk (74.0 mg, 63 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1a)=0.80, Rf(3bk)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): vmax=2932, 1719, 1676, 1590, 1451, 1280, 1189, 914, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 7.40 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.29 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.25 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.01 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz and 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.12 (s, 2H, -OCH2O-), 3.83 (s, 3H, -OCH3), 2.90 (s, 3H, CH3) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl3, 100 MHz): δ=159.6 (s, 2 × Ar-C), 158.0 (s, Ar-C=N), 155.2 (s, Ar-C=N), 151.3 (s, 2 × Ar-C), 138.0 (s, Ar-C), 129.4 (d, Ar-CH), 124.7 (s, Ar-C), 123.2 (s, Ar-C), 122.1 (d, Ar-CH), 115.0 (d, Ar-CH), 115.0 (d, Ar-CH), 103.1 (d, Ar-CH), 102.3 (t, -CH2-), 101.1 (d, Ar-CH), 55.3 (q, CH3), 20.1 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calculated for  $[C_{17}H_{15}N_2O_3]^+=[M+H]^+$ : 295.1077; found 295.1070.

1-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)phthalazine (3cn): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone 1c (123.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2n (179.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 18 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1c was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 3cn formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution. dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3cn (46.0 mg, 43 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1a)=0.80, Rf(3cn)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): *v*<sub>max</sub>=2943, 1713, 1689, 1590, 1451, 1287, 1189, 923, 711 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.94-7.83 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.80-7.77 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73-7.72 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H, Ar-H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=158.6 (s, Ar-C=N), 152.8 (s, Ar-C=N), 139.0 (s, Ar-C), 136.2 (s, Ar-C), 132.3 (d, Ar-CH), 132.0 (d, Ar-CH), 130.2 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 129.7 (d, Ar-CH), 129.3 (d, Ar-CH), 129.0 (d, Ar-CH), 128.5 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 127.6 (d, Ar-CH), 126.8 (d, Ar-CH), 125.9 (s, Ar-C), 125.8 (d, Ar-CH), 125.2 (s, Ar-C) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for  $[C_{18}H_{13}N_2S]^+=[M+H]^+: 289.0794;$  found 289.0790.

**1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylphthalazine** (3de): GP-1 was carried out with *ortho*-iodoketone **1d** (135.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde **2e** (169.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 16 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the *ortho*-iodoketone **1d** was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 10 h. Progress of the products **3de** formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution,

dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products **3de** (74.0 mg, 59 %).

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(p-tolyl)phthalazine (3df): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone 1d (135.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2f (192.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 15 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1d was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 3df formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3df (85.0 mg, 65 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1a)=0.80, Rf(3df)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): v<sub>max</sub>=2938, 1720, 1685, 1509, 1455, 1286, 1087, 935, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.17-8.13 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.78-7.76 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.48 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=160.5 (s, Ar-C), 158.7 (s, Ar-C=N), 158.4 (s, Ar-C=N), 139.2 (s, Ar-C), 133.5 (s, Ar-C), 131.7 (d, Ar-CH), 131.6 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 130.1 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 129.2 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 128.8 (s, Ar-C), 126.6 (d, Ar-CH), 126.5 (d, Ar-CH), 126.0 (s, Ar-C), 125.9 (s, Ar-C), 114.0 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 55.4 (q, CH3), 21.4 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for  $[C_{22}H_{19}N_2O]^+=[M+H]^+: 327.1492$ ; found 327.1490.

1-(3-bromophenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)phthalazine (3dj): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone 1d (135.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2j (115.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1d was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 3dj formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of agueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3dj (97.0 mg, 62 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), R<sub>f</sub>(1a)=0.80, R<sub>f</sub>(3dj)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): vmax=2940, 1705, 1687, 1589, 1451, 1287, 1182, 904, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.21-8.11 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 8.08-8.04 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.95 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.88-7.85 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.78-7.67 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.91 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=160.7 (s, Ar-C), 159.0 (s, Ar-C=N), 157.3 (s, Ar-C=N), 138.4 (s, Ar-C), 133.0 (d, Ar-CH), 132.3 (d, Ar-CH), 132.1 (d, Ar-CH), 132.0 (d, Ar-CH), 131.6 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 130.0 (d, Ar-CH), 128.7 (d, Ar-CH), 128.5 (s,

Ar-C), 126.8 (d, Ar-CH), 126.0 (d, Ar-CH), 125.8 (s, Ar-C), 125.7 (s, Ar-C), 122.6 (s, Ar-C), 114.1 (d,  $2 \times Ar$ –CH), 55.4 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>=[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 391.0441; found 391.0445.

1-(thiophen-2-yl)-4-(p-tolyl)phthalazine (3ef): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoketone 1e (125.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2f (192.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (5.0 mg, 5 mol %),  $Ag_2O$  (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 18 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoketone 1e was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 9 h. Progress of the products **3ef** formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 3ef (68.0 mg, 56 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1a)=0.80, Rf(3ef)=0.30, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): *v<sub>max</sub>*=3003, 1709, 1679, 1632, 1534, 1451, 1283, 1089, 924, 719 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.93-7.83 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.59 (dd, J= 4.8 Hz and 0.9 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.26 (dd, J = 4.8 Hz and 3.9 Hz , 1H, Ar-H), 2.48 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub> ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=158.5 (s, Ar-C=N), 152.6 (s, Ar-C=N), 139.3 (s, Ar-C), 139.0 (s, Ar-C), 133.3 (s, Ar-C), 132.2 (d, Ar-CH), 131.9 (d, Ar-CH), 130.1 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 129.6 (d, Ar-CH), 129.2 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 128.8 (d, Ar-CH), 127.6 (d, Ar-CH), 126.8 (d, Ar-CH), 125.8 (s, Ar-C), 125.7 (d, Ar-CH), 125.2 (s, Ar-C), 21.4 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaS]<sup>+</sup>=[M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 325.0770; found 325.0773.

4-propylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fa): GP-1 was carried out with orthoiodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2a (115.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)2 (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag2O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6 h. Progress of the products 5fa formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fa (48.0 mg, 64 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 50:50), Rf(1f)=1.0, Rf(5fa)=0.30, UV detection].

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4-butylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fb): GP-1 was carried out with orthoiodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2b (137.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)2 (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag2O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 12 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6 h. Progress of the products 5fb formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fb (52.0 mg, 65 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 50:50), *R*<sub>f</sub>(**1**f)=1.0, *R*<sub>f</sub>(**5**fb)=0.30, UV detection].

4-pentylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fc): GP-1 was carried out with orthoiodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2c (160.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6 h. Progress of the products 5fc formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fc (64.0 mg, 62 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 50:50), Rf(1f)=1.0, Rf(5fc)=0.30, UV detection].

4-cyclohexylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fd): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2d (179.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 13 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 7 h. Progress of the products 5fc formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fd (91.2 mg, 68 %).[TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 50:50), Rf(1f)=1.0, Rf(5fc)=0.30, UV detection].

4-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fe): GP-1 was carried out with orthoiodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2e (169.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)2 (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag2O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6 h. Progress of the products 5fe formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fe (63.0 mg, 71 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:80), R<sub>f</sub>(1f)=1.0, R<sub>f</sub>(5fe)=0.30, UV detection].

4-(p-tolyl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (5ff): GP-1 was carried out with orthoiodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2f (192.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)2 (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag2O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 19 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 5ff formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5ff (60.0 mg, 63 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:80), Rf(1f)=1.0, Rf(5ff)=0.30, UV detection].

4-(naphthalen-1-yl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fg): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2g (249.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 17 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 9 h. Progress of the products 5fg formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution. dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fg (69.0 mg, 63 %).[TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:80), R<sub>f</sub>(1f)=1.0, R<sub>f</sub>(5fg)=0.30, UV detection].

4-(4-fluorophenyl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fh): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2h (198.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg,

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0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 18 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the *ortho*-iodoester **1f** was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6 h. Progress of the products **5fh** formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products **5fh** (55.0 mg, 57 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:80), *R*(**1f**)=1.0, *R*(**5fh**)=0.30, UV detection].

4-(3-chlorophenyl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fi): GP-1 was carried out with ortho- iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2i (224.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 17 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 9 h. Progress of the products 5fi formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$ . The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution. dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fi (102.0 mg, 60 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:80), Rf(1f)=1.0, Rf(5fi)=0.30, UV detection].

4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)phthalazin-1(2H)-one (5fl): GP-1 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2l (265.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydrazine mono hydrate (99.0 mg, 1.99 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 5fl formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 5fl (81.0 mg, 72 %).[TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:80), R<sub>f</sub>(1f)=1.0, R<sub>f</sub>(5fl)=0.20, UV detection].

**2-phenyl-4-propylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6faa):** GP-1 was followed with *ortho*-iodoester **1f** (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde **2a** (115.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (5.0 mg, 5 mol %),  $Ag_2O$  (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the *ortho*-iodoester **1f** was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and *N*-protected hydrazine

hydrochloride 8a (410.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 6faa formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of agueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6faa (106.0 mg, 61 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(6faa)=0.50, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000–600 cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $v_{max}$ =3030, 1719, 1678, 1595, 1451, 1283, 1182, 914, 718, 675 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 8.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 2.99-2.95 (m, 2H), 1.89-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=159.0 (s, C=O), 147.1 (s, Ar-C=N), 142.0 (s, Ar-C), 133.1 (d, Ar-CH), 131.3 (d, Ar-CH), 129.1 (s, Ar-C), 128.6 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 128.6 (s, Ar-C), 127.7 (d, Ar-CH), 127.4 (d, Ar-CH), 125.6 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 124.5 (d, Ar-CH), 34.2 (t, -CH2-), 21.4 (t, -CH2-), 13.9 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for  $[C_{17}H_{17}N_2O]^+=[M+H]^+$ : 265.1335; found 265.1331.

4-butyl-2-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6fba): GP-1 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2b (137.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8a (410.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 6 h. Progress of the products 6fba formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fba (64.0 mg, 58 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(6fba)=0.50, UV detection].

4-pentyl-2-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6fca): GP-2 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2c (160.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8a (410.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 10 h. Progress of the products 6fca formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fca (67.0 mg, 57 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(6fca)=0.50, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000–600 cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{max}$ =3012, 1704, 1685, 1593, 1453, 1284, 1189, 914, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 8.54 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz and 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz and 1.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.01-2.97 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ =159.0 (s, C=O), 147.4 (s, Ar-C=N), 142.0 (s, Ar-C), 133.1 (d, Ar-CH), 131.3 (d, Ar-CH), 129.1 (s, Ar-C), 128.6 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 128.6 (s, Ar-C), 127.7 (d, Ar-CH), 127.4 (d, Ar-CH), 125.7 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 124.5 (d, Ar-CH), 32.3 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 31.6 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 27.8 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 22.4 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 14.0 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O]\*=[M+H]\*: 293.1648; found 293.1643.

4-butyl-2-tosylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6fbe): GP-2 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2b (137.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8e (623.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 10 h. Progress of the products 6fbe formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fbe (86.0 mg, 60 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(6fbe)=0.50, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): vmax=3010, 1700, 1682, 1509, 1451, 1285, 1084, 938, 716 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.35-8.32 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.84-7.80 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.77-7.75 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.00-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.79-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.42 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ =158.2 (s, C=O), 148.2 (s, Ar-C=N), 145.5 (s, Ar-C), 134.5 (s, Ar-C), 134.3 (d, Ar-CH), 131.8 (d, Ar-CH), 129.5 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 129.3 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 128.5 (s, Ar-C), 127.8 (d, Ar-CH), 125.0 (d, Ar-CH), 32.2 (t, -CH2--), 29.8 (t, -CH2-), 22.5 (t, -CH2-), 21.7 (q, CH3), 13.8 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for  $[C_{19}H_{21}N_2O_3S]^+=[M+H]^+: 357.1267$ ; found 357.1271.

2,4-diphenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6fea): GP-3 was followed with orthoiodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2e (169.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)2 (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag2O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.39 ml, 4.0 mmol) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8a (410.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 45 h. Progress of the products 6fea formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of agueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fea (76.0 mg, 64 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(6fea)=0.50, UV detection].

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6feb): GP-3 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2e (169.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.39 ml, 4.0 mmol) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8b (455.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 30 h. Progress of the products 6feb formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3  $\times$  15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6feb (70.0 mg, 55 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, R<sub>f</sub>(6feb)=0.50, UV detection].

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6fec): GP-3 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2e (169.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg. 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg. 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml), conc.  $H_2SO_4$  (0.39) ml, 4.0 mmol) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8c (501.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 43 h. Progress of the products 6feb formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fec (80.0 mg, 60 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(6fec)=0.50, UV detection].

2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6fed): GP-3 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2e (169.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.39 ml, 4.0 mmol) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8d (625.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 46 h. Progress of the products 6feb formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fed (86.0 mg, 57 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(6fed)=0.40, UV detection].

4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-tosylphthalazin-1(2H)-one (6fhe): GP-3 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2h (198.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 16 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.39 ml, 4.0 mmol) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8e (623.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 48 h. Progress of the products 6fhe formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fhe (79.0 mg, 50 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), R<sub>f</sub>(1f)=0.60, R<sub>f</sub>(6fhe)=0.50, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): v<sub>max</sub>=2937, 1719, 1685, 1590, 1451, 1284, 1082, 935, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ=8.42-8.40 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.67-7.60 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 2.42 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=164.9 (d, Ar-C-F, J = 249 Hz), 157.8 (s, C=O), 147.3 (s, Ar-C=N), 145.8 (s, Ar-C), 134.3 (d, Ar-CH), 134.3 (s, Ar-C), 132.2 (d, Ar-CH), 131.6 (d, Ar-CH), 131.5 (d, Ar-CH), 130.3 (s, Ar-C), 129.6 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 129.5 (d, 2 × Ar-CH), 129.3 (s, Ar-C), 128.9 (s, Ar-C), 127.8 (d, Ar-CH), 127.2 (d, Ar-CH), 116.0 (d, Ar-CH), 115.8 (d, Ar-CH), 21.7 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S]<sup>+</sup>=[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 391.1111; found 391.1109.

(6fla)<sup>[12b]</sup>. 4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenylphthalazin-1(2H)-one GP-3 was followed with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2I (265.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 20 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml), conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.39 ml. 4.0 mmol) and N-protected hydrazine hydrochloride 8a (410.0 mg, 2.8 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 45 h. Progress of the products 6fla formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 6fla (84.0 mg, 59 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 85:15), Rf(1f)=0.90, Rf(6fla)=0.30, UV detection].

**4-propyl-1H-benzo[d][1,2]oxazin-1-one** (**7fa**): GP-4 was carried out with *ortho*-iodoester **1f** (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde **2a** (115.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the

reaction was monitored by TLC till the *ortho*-iodoester **1f** was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (138.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 7 h. Progress of the products **7fa** formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products **7fa** (46.0 mg, 63 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), *R*(**1f**)=0.60, *R*(**7fa**)=0.50, UV detection].

4-butyl-1H-benzo[d][1,2]oxazin-1-one (7fb): GP-4 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2b (137.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 13 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (138.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 8 h. Progress of the products 7fb formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was guenched by the addition of agueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 7fb (45.0 mg, 56 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(7fb)=0.50, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): vmax=2981, 1690, 1682, 1601, 1543, 1460, 1247, 1089, 914, 713 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ= 8.37 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz and 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.91 (td, J = 7.7 Hz and 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.83 (td, J = 7.7 Hz and 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.95-2.91 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.45 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=163.8 (s, C=O), 155.9 (s, Ar-C=N), 135.3 (d, Ar-CH), 133.4 (d, Ar-CH), 128.8 (d, Ar-CH), 126.9 (s, Ar-C), 124.9 (d, Ar-CH), 122.7 (d, Ar-CH), 30.2 (t, -CH2-), 29.5 (t, -CH2-), 22.4 (t, -CH2-), 13.7 (q, CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for  $[C_{12}H_{14}NO_2]^+=[M+H]^+: 204.1019; found 204.1023.$ 

4-pentyl-1H-benzo[d][1,2]oxazin-1-one (7fc): GP-4 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2c (160.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 5 mol %), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 14 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (138.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 10 h. Progress of the products 7fc formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO3 solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 15$  mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 7fc (52.0 mg, 60 %). [TLC control (petroleum

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ether/ethyl acetate 95:05),  $R_i$ (**1f**)=0.60,  $R_i$ (**7fc**)=0.50, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000–600 cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{max}$ =2945, 2876, 1819, 1710, 1680, 1599, 1457, 1280, 1089, 930, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$ = 8.38 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz and 0.98 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.91 (td, J = 7.5 Hz and 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.83 (td, J = 7.5 Hz and 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 2.94-2.91 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.31 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$ =163.8 (s, C=O), 155.9 (s, Ar-C=N), 135.3 (d, Ar-CH), 133.4 (d, Ar-CH), 128.8 (d, Ar-CH), 126.9 (s, Ar-C), 124.9 (d, Ar-CH), 122.7 (d, Ar-CH), 31.5 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>–), 30.5 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>–), 27.1 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>–), 22.3 (t, -CH<sub>2</sub>–), 13.9 (q, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z calculated for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>=[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 218.1176; found 218.1180.

4-cyclohexyl-1H-benzo[d][1,2]oxazin-1-one (7fd): GP-4 was carried out with ortho-iodoester 1f (105.0 mg, 0.40 mmol) and aldehyde 2d (179.0 mg, 1.6 mmol) in the presence of  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (5.0 mg, 5 mol %),  $Ag_2O$  (111.3 mg, 0.48 mmol) and 70% aqueous solution of TBHP (257.1 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture to stir at 120 °C for 12 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC till the ortho-iodoester 1f was completed. Then the reaction mixture was removed from oil bath and allow to reach room temperature. Then added ethanol (2 ml) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (138.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) and allowed the reaction mixture stirred at 75 °C for 12 h. Progress of the products 7fd formation was monitored by TLC till the reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the crude material by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) furnished the products 7fd (46.0 mg, 50 %). [TLC control (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 95:05), Rf(1f)=0.60, Rf(7fd)=0.50, UV detection]. IR (MIR-ATR, 4000-600 cm<sup>-1</sup>): v<sub>max</sub>=2930, 1719, 1680, 1593, 1450, 1287, 1089, 934, 718 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ= 8.38 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz and 0.98 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.90 (td, J = 7.7 Hz and 1.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.81 (td, J = 7.2 Hz and 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 3.09-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.61 (m, 3H), 1.49-1.28 (m, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ=163.7 (s, C=O), 158.7 (s, Ar-C=N), 135.2 (d, Ar-CH), 133.2 (d, Ar-CH), 128.9 (d, Ar-CH), 126.5 (s, Ar-C), 124.4 (d, Ar-CH), 122.8 (d, Ar-CH), 39.6 (d, -CH-), 31.2 (t, 2 x-CH2-), 26.4 (t, 2 x-CH2-), 25.9 (t, -CH2-) ppm. HR-MS (ESI+) m/z calculated for [C14H16NO2]\*=[M+H]\*: 230.1176; found 230.1172.

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