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## Synthesis of polyfused heterocyclic compounds via reactivity 1, 4-naphaquinone

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Received: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 ; Accepted: 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2012**ABSTRACT**

In the present study, a series of poly fused heterocyclic compounds incorporating 1, 4-naphthoquinone have synthesized such as accridine, pyrazine, hydroprazine, imidazole, phenazine, and bezophenazine derivatives respectively, via a nucleophilic substitution and cyclization reaction.

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**KEYWORDS**

Accridine;  
Benzophenazine;  
Phenazine;  
Imidazole.

**INTRODUCTION**

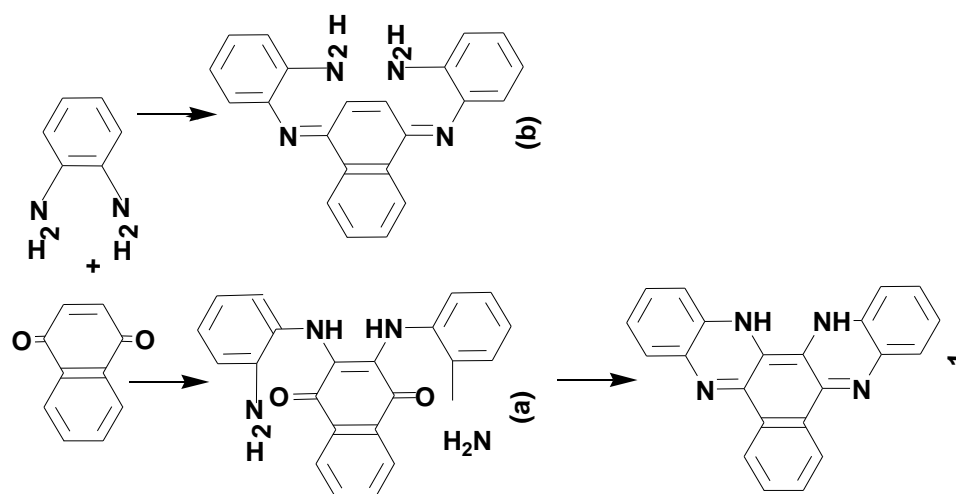
Quinones have recently attracted the interest of chemists due to the importance of their derivatives, which have widespread applications in different fields such as antitumors<sup>[1]</sup>, drugs<sup>[2]</sup>, photoconductor<sup>[3]</sup>, substances, antivirus<sup>[4]</sup> and as vat dyes<sup>[5,6]</sup>. A large variety of compounds containing one or more heterocyclic ring fused to the quinone nucleus were prepared from 1, 4-naphthoquinone which has structure is common in various natural products<sup>[7]</sup>, and is found to exhibit an interesting range of pharmacological properties including antibacterial<sup>[8-10]</sup>, antiviral<sup>[11]</sup>, trypanocidal<sup>[12]</sup>, anticancer<sup>[13]</sup>, antimaterial<sup>[14-16]</sup>, and antifungal<sup>[17-19]</sup> activities. Other quinones such as 3,4,9-trioxo-1, 2,3,4,0-pentahydrobenz [g] indol<sup>[20]</sup>, and derivatives of benz [G] 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinone-4, 5,10-trione<sup>[21]</sup> are also known for their biological activities against Gram-negative bacteria (*Serratia* sp., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, ATCC-6NA-10245 *Escherichia*, *Escherichia coli* B-3704, *Salmona* sp, SW-476, *Pseudomonas* sp. SW-653, Gram positive bacteria such as *Bacillus subtilis* NRS-744, *Micrococcus*

*luteus* SW-712, *Bacillus negaterium* SW-354, *Staphylococcus aureus* B-767, *Streptomyces* sp. SW-123, *Bacillus cereus* ATCC-9634, and Fungi such as *Candida albicans* IMRU-3669, *Aspergillus flavus* S-C 43(313). The reaction of quinones with different reagents, which are mostly used in preparing heterocyclic compounds.

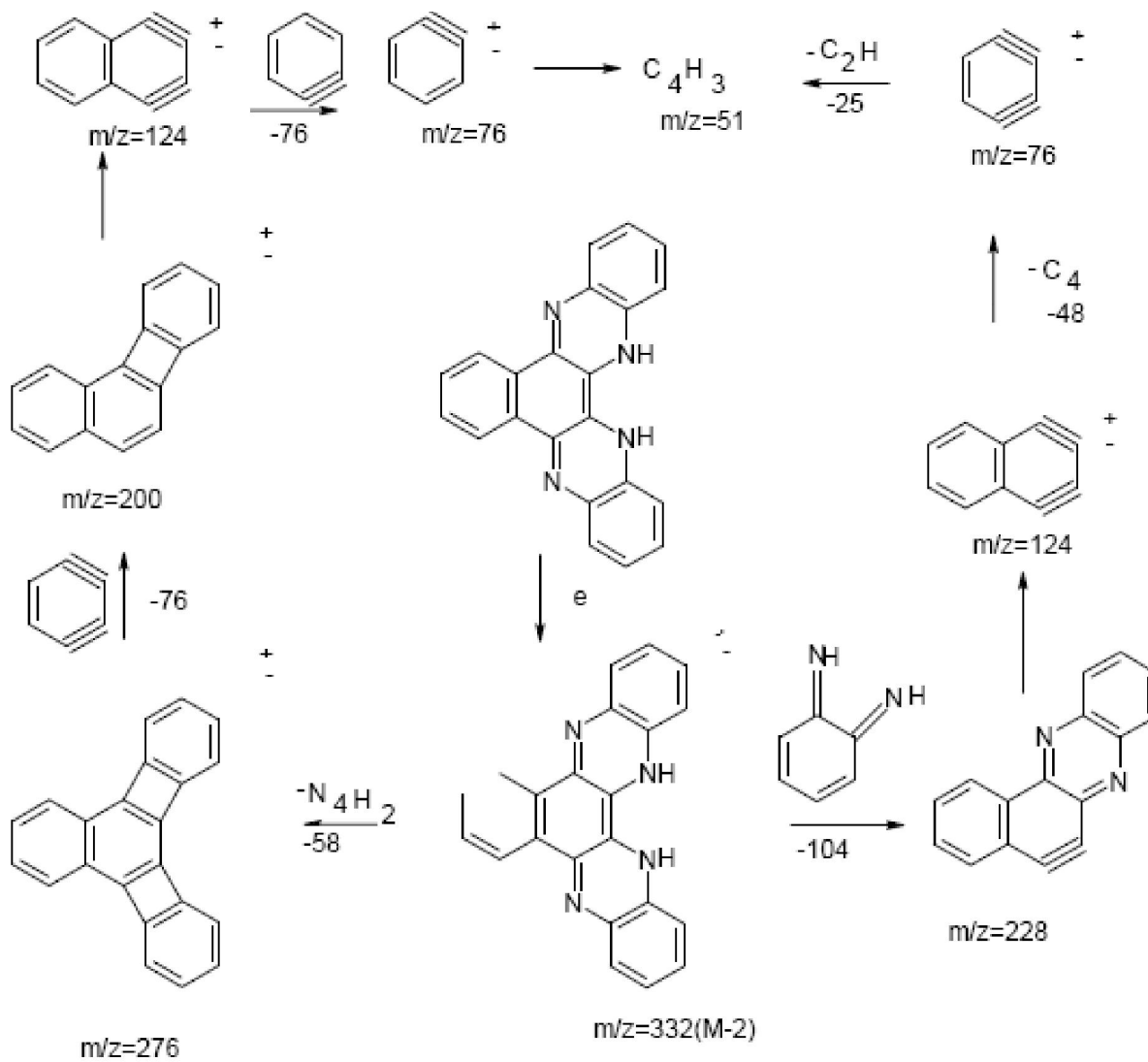
**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

1, 4-Naphthoquinone reacted with *o*, phenylenediamine to yield a large number of fused heterocyclic quinones can be conveniently prepared via a suitable nucleophilic substitution reaction of a bearing some relatively labile groups at position 2 and 3. Those reactions involving a nucleophilic attack by one group of the difunctional nucleophiles on C-2, C-3 of quinones and subsequently by intermolecular attack of the other one C-1, C-4 followed by cyclization and removal of two H<sub>2</sub>O molecules to form fused heterocycle compound 1 (equation 1).

The reactions indicate that amino-1, 4-naphthoquinones (a) are intermediates but not 1, 4-

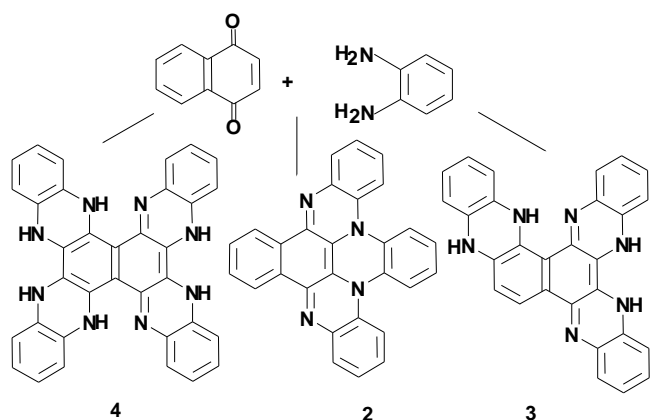


equation 1



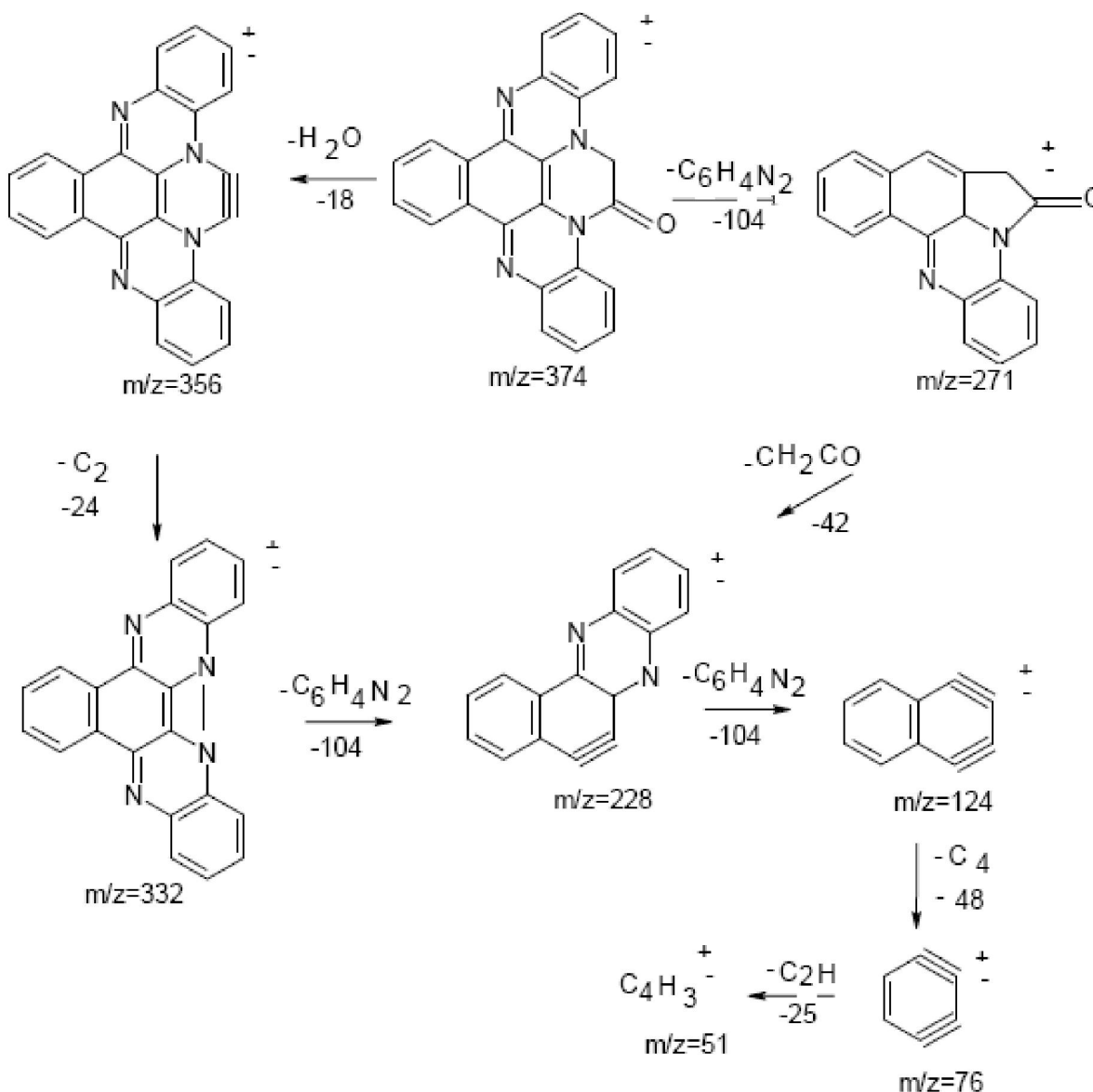
equation 2

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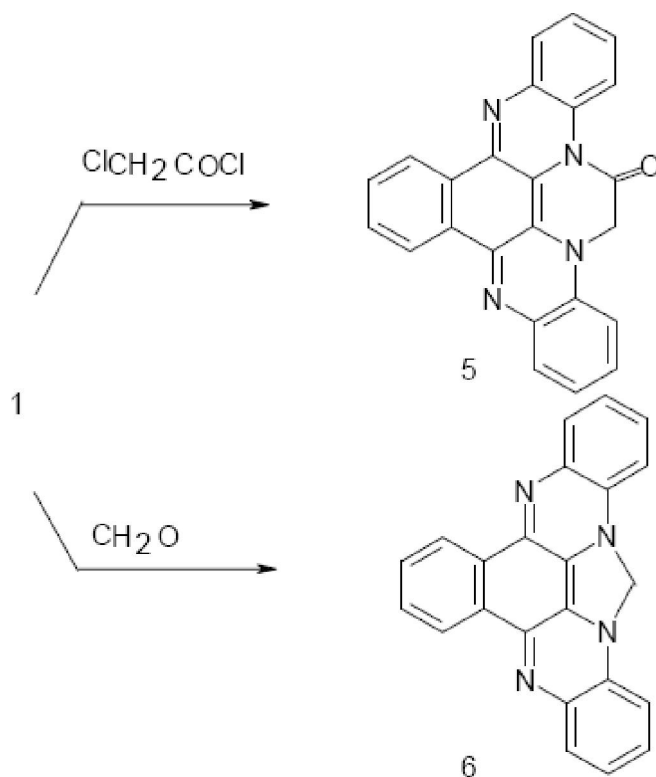


scheme 1

naphthaquinoneimines (b) (equation 1)<sup>[11]</sup>. The formation of **1** may be explained by a mechanism involving nucleophilic attack of the ethylenediamine molecule at position C-2, C-3 of the quinone with elimination of two H<sub>2</sub> molecules to give (a), followed by intermolecular cyclization through elimination of a molecule of water to give **1** (equation 1)<sup>[11]</sup>. The mass spectra of compound **1** reveals a molecular ion peak at  $m/z = 332$  (M-2) and appearance of base peak at  $m/z = 75$  (100%). The mechanistic fragmentation of mass spectra of compound **1** was suggested to proceed according to the following (equation 2).



equation 3



A series of benzo [a] phenazine derivatives 2, 3, 4 were synthesized by reaction of 1, 4-naphthoquinone with *o*, phenylenediamine (Scheme 1).

Also, compound 1 reacts with  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{COCl}$  chloroacetylchloride in presence of triethylamine to eliminate two molecules hydrochloric acid was producing compound 5. The mass spectra of compound 5 reveals a molecular ion peak at  $m/z = 374$  ( $M^+$ ) and appearance of base peak at  $m/z = 199$  (100%). The mechanistic fragmentation of mass spectra of compound 5 was suggested to proceed according to the following (equation 3).

At the same manner compound 1 reacts with formaldehyde producing compound 6 (Scheme 2)

## EXPERIMENTALS

All melting points were uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a pye unicam SP 1100 spectrophotometer using KBr disc.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra were recorded on a varian EM-390 MHz Spectrophotometer using DMSO  $d_6$  as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard Chemical shifts are expressed as ppm, units. Mass

spectra were recorded on an HP MS 6088 spectrometer. Analytical data were determined with a CE 440 Elemental Analyzer-Automatic Injector at Cairo University.

### Reaction of *o*, phenylenediamine with 1, 4-naphthoquinone

A solution of *o*, phenylene (1.08g, 0, 01 mole) and 1, 4-naphthoquinone (6.32g, 0.04 mole) in ethanol as solvent, the mixture was refluxed about 10h. The reaction mixture was filtered on hot from unreacted materials, the filtrate was concentrated to one-third of its volume and triturated with water, whereby the products were separated, filtered, washed several times with water, and crystallized from aqueous ethanol to give compounds 1, 2, 3, 4.

### Benzo [a] [1, 4] benzophenazine [3, 2-c] phenazine (1)

MP. 140-151 C, Yield 80%,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 6.97 (s, 2H, 2NH), 7.73-8.10(m, 12H, Ar- $\text{H}^+$ ). IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , KBr): 3400  $\text{Cm}^{-1}$  (NH). Mass ( $m/z$ ) 332. Elemental Analysis: found C, 79.00; H, 4.20; N, 16.80 require: C, 79.02; H, 4.22; N, 16.76.

### Benzo [a] accridino bis [2, 3-c: 2, 3-c] phenazine (2)

MP. 199-201 C, Yield 25 %,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO, 300MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.6-8.4(m, 16H, Ar- $\text{H}^+$ ). IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , KBr): 2990  $\text{Cm}^{-1}$  (CH). Mass ( $m/z$ ) 408. Elemental Analysis: found C, 82.00; H, 3.90; N, 13.70; requires: C, 82.34; H, 3.95; N, 13.72.

### Benzo [a][1, 4] benzophenazino [3, 2-c: 3,2-c][1, 4] dihydrophenazino [3, 2-c] phenazine (3)

MP. 189-191 C; Yield 15 %,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO, 300MHz,  $\delta$ ): 6.72(s, 4H, 4NH), 7.4-8.0(m, 14H, Ar- $\text{H}^+$ ). IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , KBr): 3350  $\text{Cm}^{-1}$  (NH), 2980  $\text{Cm}^{-1}$  (CH). Mass ( $m/z$ ) 438. Elemental Analysis: found C, 76.70; H, 4.12; N, 19.18; requires C, 76.71; H, 4.12; N, 19.18.

### Benzo [a][1, 4] benzophenazino [3, 2-c: 3, 2-c] bis [1, 4:1,4] dihydrophenazine (4)

MP. >250 C, Yield 35 %,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO), 300MHz,  $\delta$ ): 6.5(s, 6H, 6NH), 7.0-8.5(m, 16H, Ar- $\text{H}^+$ ). IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , KBr): 3300  $\text{Cm}^{-1}$  (NH), 2950  $\text{Cm}^{-1}$  (CH). Mass ( $m/z$ ) 542. Elemental Analysis: found C,

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75.30, H, 4.10; N, 20.70, requires C, 75.27; H, 4.0; N, 20.66.

### Reaction of benzo [a] [1, 4] benzophenazine [3, 2-c] phenazine with chloroacetyl chloride

Equimolar amounts of 1 (3.34g, 0.01 mole) and chloroacetyl chloride (1.12g, 0.01 mole) in ethanol as a solvent, few drops of triethylamine were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 10 h. The reaction mixture was filtrated from unreacted materials, the filtrated was evaporated to one-third of its volume; ice-water was added, whereby the product was separated, washed several times with water, and crystallized from methanol to give compound 5.

MP 109-111 C, Yield 15 %, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz, δ): 2.4(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.53-8.27(m, 12H, Ar-H<sup>+</sup>). IR (ν<sub>max</sub>, KBr): 1770 Cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). Mass (m/z) 374. Elemental Analysis: found C, 77.10; H, 3.70; N, 15.00, requires C, 76.99; H, 3.77; N, 14.96.

### Reaction of benzo [a] [1, 4] benzophenazine [3, 2-c] phenazine with formaldehyde

Compound 1 (3.34g, 0.01mole) and formaldehyde (0.30g, 0.01mole) in equimolar ratios were dissolved in ethanol, and few drops of piperidine as catalyst were added, the reaction mixture was refluxed from unreacted materials, it was allowed to cool at room temperature then filtrated, washed several times with ethanol, dried and collected, and crystallized from aqueous ethanol to give compound 6.

MP: 114-116 C, Yield 35 %, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz, δ): 3.4(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.50-8.30(m, 12H, AR-H<sup>+</sup>). IR (ν<sub>max</sub>, KBr): 2995 Cm<sup>-1</sup> (CH). Mass (m/z): 346. Elemental Analysis: found C, 79.80; H, 4.00; N, 16.20, requires C, 79.75; H, 4.07; N, 16.17.

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