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# Microwave Assisted Synthesis Of New Heterocyclic Compounds

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### ABSTRACT

This review delves into the contemporary use of microwave technology in various cyclization reactions, including heterocyclic ring formation, as well as in significant processes like nucleophilic substitution, hetero-Diels-Alder reactions, and 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition. A comparative analysis with traditional methods highlights the advantages of microwave-assisted approaches in the realm of synthetic heterocyclic chemistry. Microwave (MW) radiation has become a prevalent heat source in organic synthesis, offering notable advantages such as accelerated reactions, higher yields, milder conditions, and reduced environmental impact through solvent-free protocols. This study specifically explores MW-assisted synthesis of N-containing heterocyclic compounds, recognizing their significance in pharmaceuticals and addressing environmental concerns associated with traditional synthesis methods.

### INTRODUCTION

Heterocyclic compounds are organic compounds that contain at least two different elements. Typically, these elements include carbon along with elements like nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, or others. These compounds play a crucial role in the field of medicinal chemistry, as many biologically active molecules, including pharmaceuticals, are heterocyclic. The diversity in heterocyclic structures contributes to their wide range of applications, from drugs to agrochemicals. The most common heterocycles include pyridine, furan, thiophene, and pyrrole. The properties and reactivity of heterocyclic compounds vary based

on the type of heteroatom present and the overall ring structure. Understanding these compounds is essential for drug discovery, as many pharmaceuticals leverage the unique properties of heterocycles to achieve specific biological effects [1,2,3,4,5,46,47] Green chemistry, also known as sustainable chemistry, is an innovative approach that focuses on designing and implementing processes, products, to minimize environmental impact and promote sustainability. It aims to prevent pollution at the source, reduce the use of hazardous substances, and optimize resource efficiency throughout the entire life cycle of a chemical product. By prioritizing the principles of

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green chemistry, such as using renewable feedstocks, minimizing waste, and promoting safer chemical synthesis, this discipline seeks to foster a more environmentally friendly and economically viable chemical industry.[46,47] Green chemistry focuses on designing products and processes that minimize the use and generation of hazardous substances. It aims to promote sustainability, reduce environmental impact, and enhance efficiency in the production of chemicals. Key principles include using renewable resources, preventing waste, and prioritizing safer and more environmentally friendly alternatives in the development of chemical products and technologies.[47] Microwave-assisted synthesis of heterocyclic compounds involves using microwaves to accelerate chemical reactions, providing a more efficient and rapid method compared to conventional heating. The concept leverages the selective heating of reaction components, enhancing reaction rates and yielding higher product purity. This approach often reduces reaction times, increases yields, and allows for milder reaction conditions, making it a valuable technique in organic synthesis.[1,2,3,46] Microwave assisted chemistry revolutionizes synthetic chemistry by applying microwave radiation to reactions, enabling quicker and more efficient synthesis compared to conventional heating methods. This approach allows chemists to save time, test new theories, and develop processes rapidly. Solvent-related waste issues are addressed by performing reactions without solvents under microwave irradiation. The coupling of microwave irradiation with mineral-supported catalysis in solvent-free conditions enhances reaction rates, yields, selectivity, and ease of manipulation, making microwave synthesis a potential tool for green chemistry. Microwave irradiation serves as an alternative

heating method, utilizing the transformation of electromagnetic energy into heat by mobile electric charges in liquids or conducting ions in solids. Microwaves with wavelengths of 1mm to 1m and frequencies between 0.3 and 300 GHz, offer a unique range in the electromagnetic spectrum, distinct from infrared radiation and radio waves. This technology, known as microwave dielectric heating, opens up new possibilities for synthetic chemists, enabling reactions not achievable through conventional heating methods.[1,2,3,45]

### **Microwave assisted synthesis of heterocyclic compounds**

Microwave chemistry has transformed organic synthesis, especially in creating heterocyclic compounds. Conventional methods for sulfur and nitrogen-containing molecules often involve complex steps and materials. Microwave-assisted synthesis offers attractive alternatives with its fast, high-yield protocols, making purification more manageable. The literature survey you mentioned focuses on leveraging microwave technology for efficient synthesis of heterocyclic nuclei, showcasing its benefits over traditional approaches.[47,46]

### **Pyrrole**

Pyrrole is a key organic compound, featuring a five-membered ring with the formula  $C_4H_4NH$ . It holds significance in medicinal chemistry due to various activities. Researchers have devised numerous methods for synthesizing diverse substitutions in pyrroles.

### **Paal-knorr synthesis**

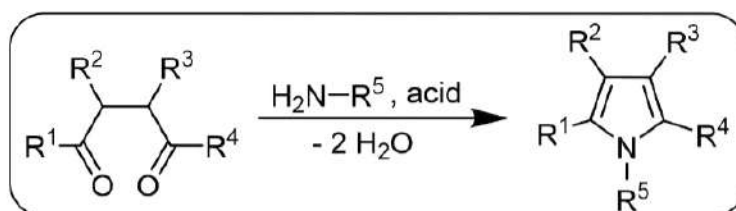
The paal-knorr synthesis is a method employed for the construction of pyrroles, which are five-membered heterocyclic rings containing one nitrogen atom. The process begins with a 1,4-diketone, a molecule featuring two ketone groups separated by three carbon atoms. This diketone reacts with ammonia or a primary amine, leading to the formation of an imine intermediate through



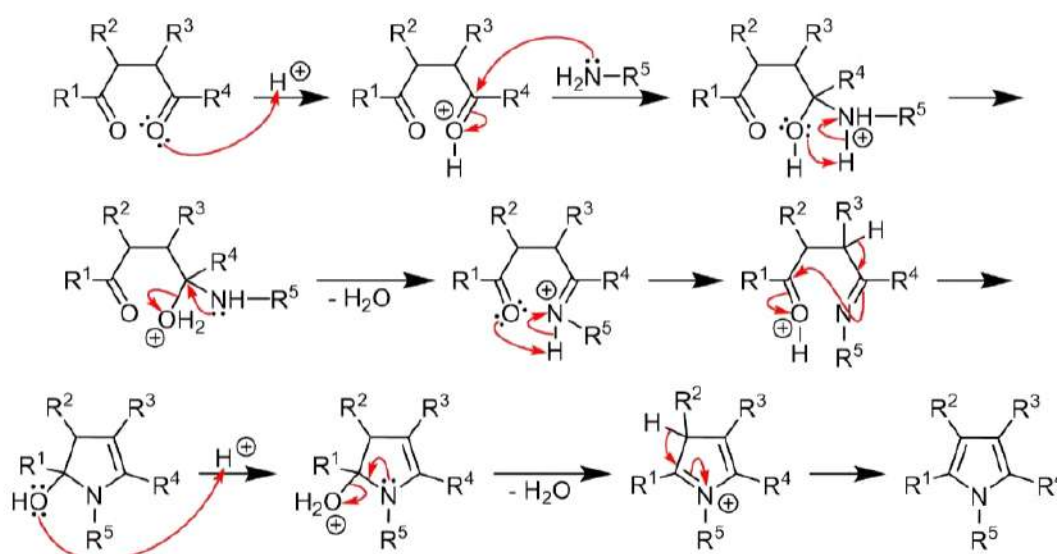
condensation. The key step involves intramolecular cyclization, where the imine intermediate through condensation. The key step involves intermolecular cyclization, where the imine undergoes rearrangement and attacks one of the carbonyl carbon atoms, resulting in the creation of a five members ring. This

rearrangement establishes a new carbon- nitrogen bond within the ring, yielding the final product an assorted pyrrole derivative. The paal knorr synthesis is widely favored for its straightforward approach in synthesizing pyrroles with good efficiency [18,19]

**Scheme 1. Synthesis Of pyrrole by paal-knorr methods**



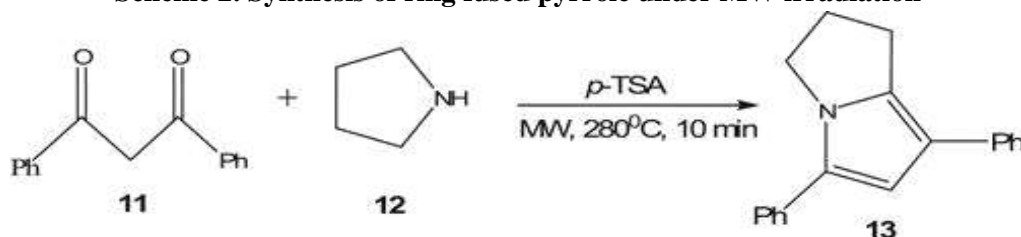
## Mechanism



Jayagobi et al.[3] achieved the synthesis of pyrano [4,5-C] pyrroles through a one pot intermolecular knoevenagel-Hetero Diels-Alder reaction. Using alkenyl aldehyde and barbituric acid, they obtained excellent yields (80%) within 2 minutes

under microwave heating in toluene. In contrast, the traditional method with refluxing toluene and ethylene diaminediacetate (EDDA) took 6 hours and provided a lower yield of 67%.

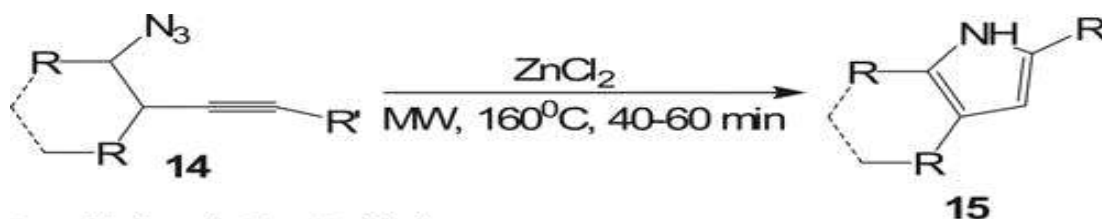
**Scheme 2. Synthesis of ring fused pyrrole under MW irradiation**



Deb et al. [4] achieved the one step synthesis of ring- fused pyrrole 143 by reacting 1,3- diketone 11 and cyclic aniline 12 under microwave irradiation at 280 C. The reaction, catalyzed by 0.5 equivalent of p- toluenesulfonic acid (p-TSA), resulting in a 53% yield within 10 minutes. Add the ligand free 5-endo- dig cyclization of

homopropargyl azide 14, facilitated by 20 mol% ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (1.0M in ether) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 105 C, led to the formation of pyrroles 15 (eight examples) with yields ranging from 91 % to 41 % in 40-60 minutes. Comparatively, conventional heating at 160 °C for 16 hours also produced the same product.

**Scheme 3. Synthesis of pyrrole by 5- endo- dig cyclization of homopropargyl azide**

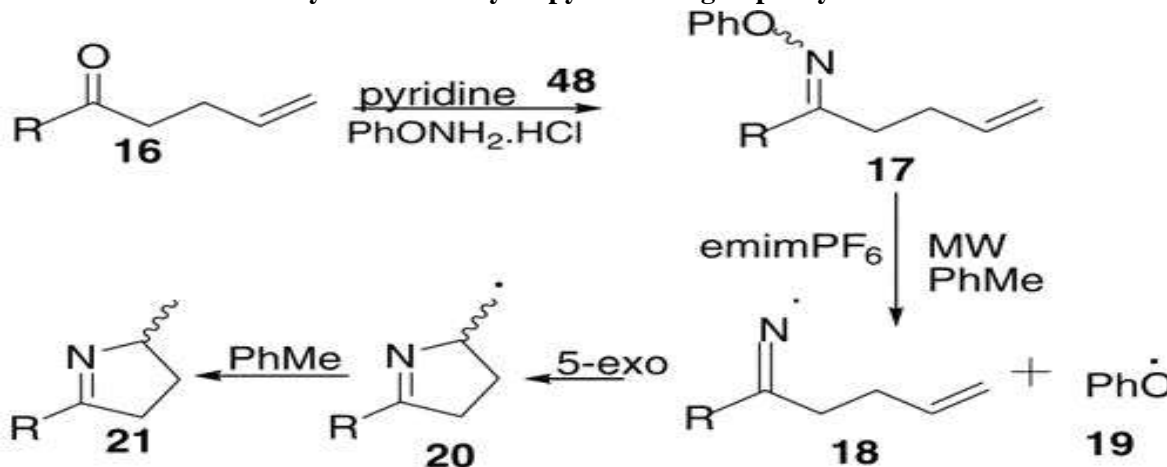


R = alkyl, aryl; R' = H, alkyl

Portela-cubillo et al. [5] explored iminyl radical generation and cyclization using functionalized O-phenyl oxime ethers 17, promoted by microwaves (MWs) to produce dihydropyrrole 21 (for examples) with yields ranging from 68% to 82%. The reaction occurred at 160 °C for 15 minutes, utilizing one equivalent of the ionic

liquid 1-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-imidazol-3-ium hexafluorophosphate (emimPF<sub>6</sub>). Notably, conventional thermolysis of O-phenyl oxime ethers was challenging due to long reaction times, unclear product formation, and disappointingly low yields.

**Scheme 4. Synthesis of dihydropyrrole using O-phenyl oxime ethers.**



R = -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Me, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Me, Ph, 2,4-diMeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>

#### Imidazole:

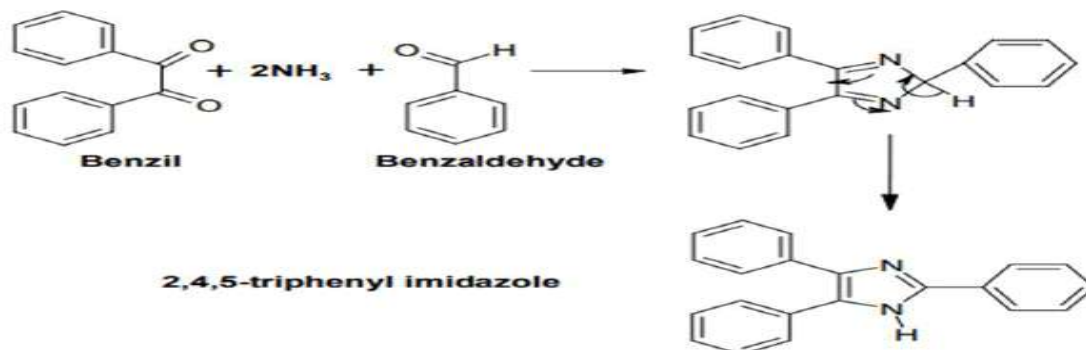
imidazole, a five membered ring compound with nitrogen atoms at positions 1&3, is pivotal molecule in various fields. its aromatic structure, featuring conjugated double bonds, underlies its biological importance as a constituent of histidine, an essential amino acid in proteins. Beyond its

role in amino acids, imidazole serves as a biological buffer, stabilizing pH in biochemical studies. Chemically, imidazole's basic properties enable its participation in diverse reactions, including coordination chemistry with metal ions. Widely utilized in organic synthesis, imidazole plays a crucial role in crafting pharmaceuticals

and other organic compounds. Its electron-rich nature allows for versatility in reactions, contributing to its applications in both medicinal and synthetic realms. Imidazole's multifaceted properties make it a cornerstone in biochemistry, organic synthesis, and coordination chemistry.[38-40] Heinrich debus, a german chemist, first reported imidazole in 1858. The

compound was formed through the condensation of glyoxal, formaldehyde, and ammonia, leading to imidazole or glyoxaline, as it was initially named. Despite its low yields, this synthesis method is still employed for producing C-substituted imidazoles. Benzil react with benzaldehyde and two molecules of ammonia reacts to yield 2,4,5-triphenylimidazole.

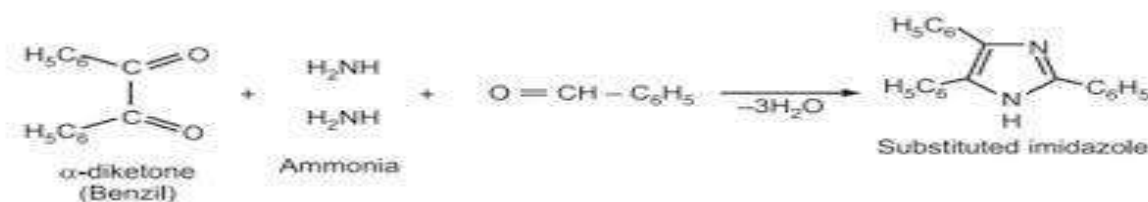
**Scheme 5. synthesis of 2,4,5-triphenylimidazole under MW irradiation**



Crouch et al. [45] Described a microwave mediated method for preparing lophine (2,4,5-triphenylimidazole) by irradiating a mixture of benzaldehyde, benzil, glacial acetic acid, and ammonia. This method achieved a 90% yield of

compound in shorter reaction time compared to traditional methods, which involve gram quantities of reagents, large solvent amounts, and reaction times exceeding 1 hour.

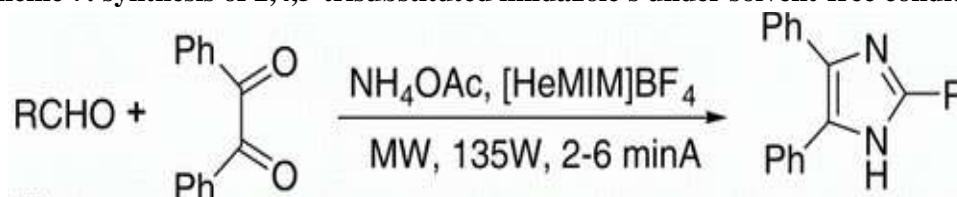
**Scheme 6: reaction under MW irradiation to produce lophine .**



In their study, Xia et al.[48] Demonstrated a microwave- assisted three-component synthesis for producing various 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazole's with good to excellent yields (74-93%). The reactions took place in an ionic liquid ([HeMIM]BF<sub>4</sub>) without the need for a solvent or

additional acid. Notably, the use of microwave irradiation significantly reduced the reaction time from several hours under conventional heating to just a few minutes.

**Scheme 7: synthesis of 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazole's under solvent-free condition.**

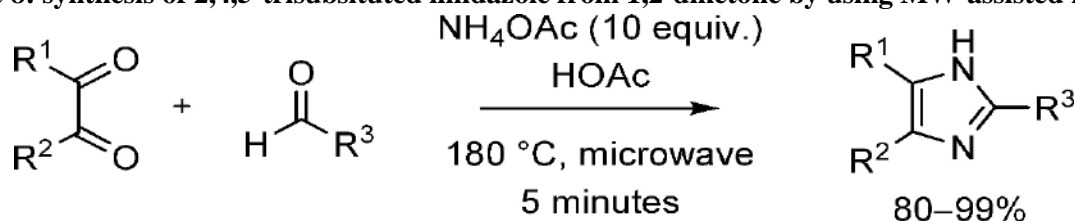


R=Ph, ClPh, 4-BrPh, 4-FPh, 4-FPh, 4-CF<sub>3</sub>Ph, 3-O<sub>2</sub>NPh etc.

Wolkenberg et al.[49] developed a more efficient synthesis method for 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazole's using 1,2-diketones and aldehydes. Their approach achieved high yields (80-90%) under mild conditions, specifically with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc and microwave (MW) irradiation at 180 C for 5 minutes. This contrasts with classical methods,

which often required harsher conditions (150-200 C, 4-6 hours) and results in lower yields (40-90%) and mixtures of products. The compounds described are valuable for synthesizing the imidazolium alkaloid lepidine B6 and the platelet aggregation inhibitor trifenagrel.

**Scheme 8: synthesis of 2,4,5-trisubstituted imidazole from 1,2-diketone by using MW-assisted reaction.**

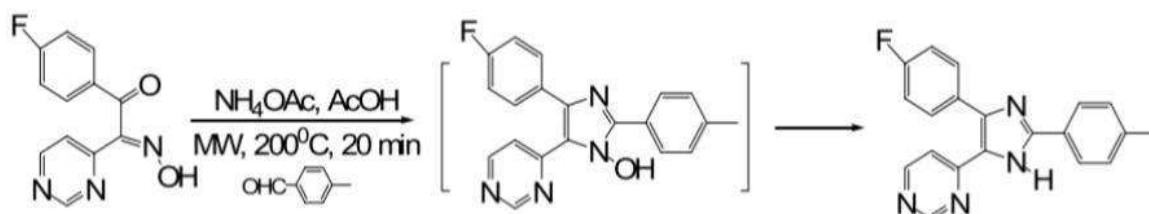


R = alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl

Sparks RB et al. [50] discovered a rapid microwave assisted method for synthesizing 2,4,5-triarylimidazoles from keto-oximes and aldehydes, achieving moderate to good yields in a one-pot, two-step process. The key N-O reductive

bond cleavage step occurs under microwave irradiation at 200 C for 20 minutes, a significant time reduction compared to traditional methods requiring 2 days.

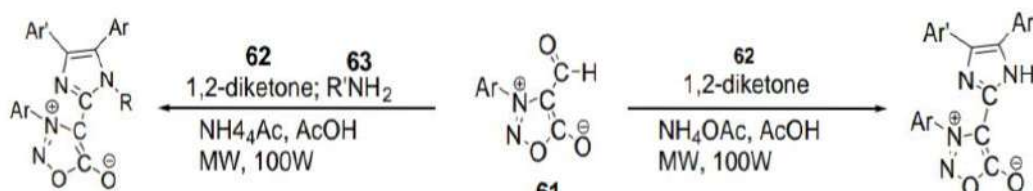
**Scheme 9 : synthesis of 2,4,5-triaryl imidazole by using MW -assisted**



Shih et al.[51] Synthesized 4,5-diaryl-2-sydnonyl-1-substituted imidazole's using a one-pot condensation method. They employed 3-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-4-formylsydnone benzil derivatives and ammonium acetate under microwave (MW) irradiation, resulting in higher

yields (52-85% in 30-90 min) compared to conventional heating at 90-110 C (46-77% yields in 1-3 days). The addition of primary amines led to the formation of (eight examples) in 2-3 hours with 45-60% yields, showcasing the efficiency of MW heating over conventional methods.

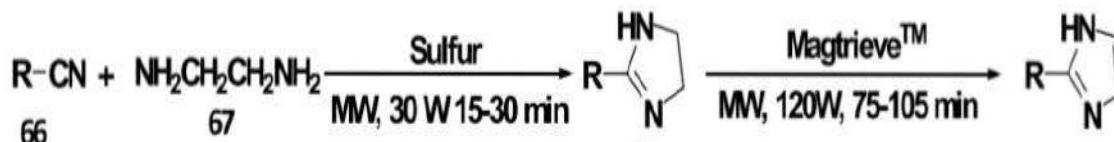
**Scheme 10 : Synthesis of 4,5-diaryl-2-sydnonyl-1-substituted imidazole by using MW-assisted**



Hoz et al.[52] Synthesized 2-imidazolines through microwave-assisted cyclization of nitriles with ethylenediamine. This reaction, conducted in toluene and magtrieve TM (oxidation),

resulted in imidazoles (five examples) in 75-105 minutes, whereas conventional heating with MnO<sub>2</sub> required longer reaction times (24-48 hours) for comparable results (76-93%)

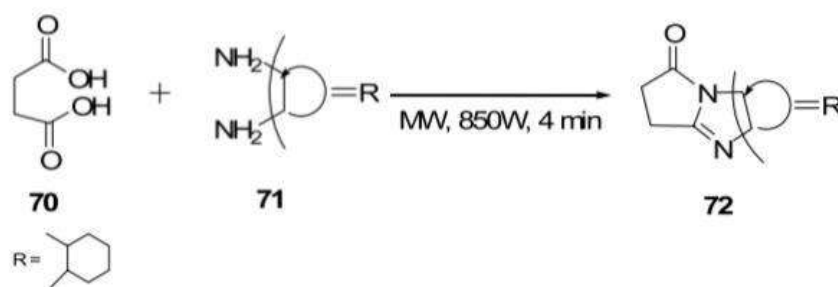
**Scheme 11: synthesis of 2-imidazole by using MW**



Succinic acid and cyclohexane-1,2-diamine, in equimolar ratio, were mixed and exposed to microwave irradiation at 850 W for 4 minutes, resulting in the quantitative yield of octahydro-1H-pyrrolo-[1,2-a]benzimidazol-1-one. This

efficient one-step process for synthesizing tricyclic heterocyclic molecules, as reported by sondhi et al.[53] exemplifies a rapid and straightforward approach.

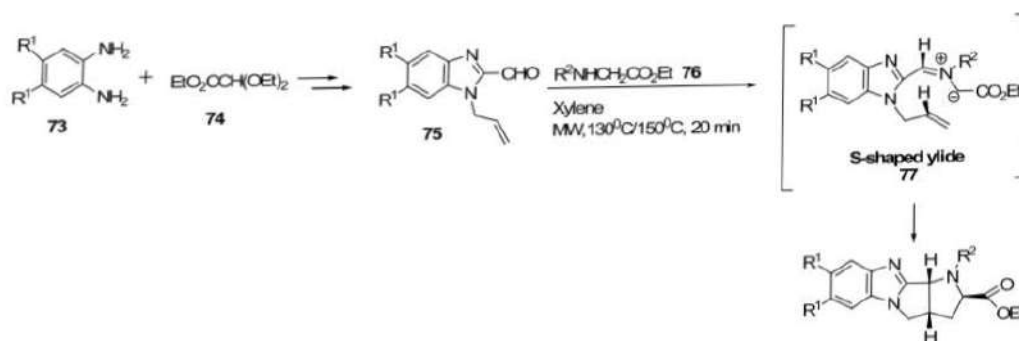
**Scheme 12: synthesis of tricyclic heterocyclic molecules by using MW-assisted**



Meng et al.[54] Synthesized parent pyrrolidino[2,3:3,4]pyrrolidino[1,2-a]benzimidazole-2-carboxylates in examples. They employed a microwave-assisted condensation of carbaldehyde with secondary amino ester followed by a 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of the S-shaped ylide the reaction,

conducted in xylene at 130 or 150 C for 20 minutes, yielded polycyclic pyrrolidine compounds in 52-93% yield. Notably, this approach exhibited higher efficiency compared to azomethine yield cycloadditions under classical reaction conditions, which typically required longer times and resulted in lower yields.

**Scheme 13: synthesis of polycyclic pyrrolidine by using MW-assisted**

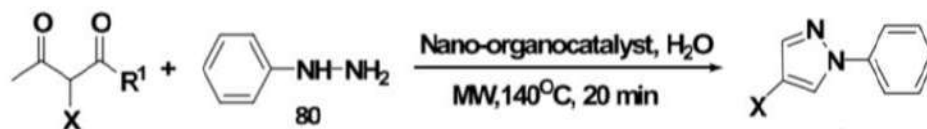


## Pyrazoles

Pyrazoles are heterocyclic compounds with a five-membered ring containing three carbon atoms and two adjacent nitrogen atoms. In the realm of research, they are often investigated for their diverse pharmacological activities, including anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer and anti-microbial properties. Researchers explore synthetic methodologies and structural modification to enhance the biological activities of pyrazole derivatives, contributing to the development of potential drug candidates. Exploring the pharmacological and biological activities of

pyrazole and its derivatives, especially pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridines, can contribute valuable insights into potential treatments for stress-related illnesses. Investigating synthesis methods such as Pechmann and Knorr pyrazole synthesis is crucial for advancing knowledge in medical chemistry and drug development.[56] In their study, Polshettiwar et al. utilized microwave assistance for the synthesis of pyrazole derivatives. They employed a nano-organocatalyst in water at 140 °C, achieving high yields (84-96%) within a short reaction time of 20 minutes.[52]

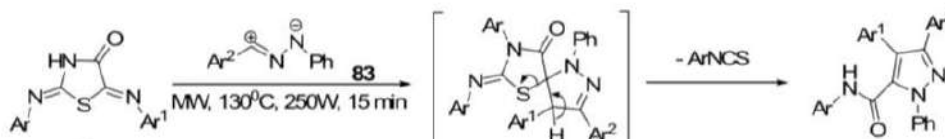
**Scheme 14: synthesis of pyrazole derivative using nano-organocataly by using MW -assisted**



Hatem et al.[57] successfully synthesized 1,3,4-triaryl-5-N-arylpyrazole-carboxamides through a 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition process. They utilized nitrilimines and 5-arylidene-2-arylimino-4-

thiazolidinones employing solvent-free and microwave-assisted conditions at 130 °C for a duration of 15 minutes.

**Scheme 15: synthesis of 1,3,4-triaryl-5-N-arylpyrazole carboxamide by using MW.**

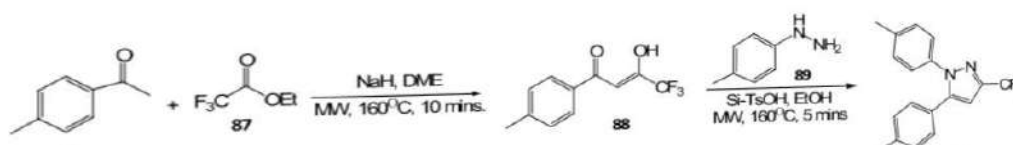


R1=H,Me,Cl,-(CH)<sub>4</sub> R2=Me,Bn,Ph

Paul and colleagues (58) conducted a reaction involving 4-methylacetophenone and ethyl trifluoroacetate, employing microwave (MW)

heating at 160 °C for 10 minutes, resulting in high yield (95%) of enol ketone 88. Non-MW conditions, taking 5 days, yielded 88%.

**Scheme 16: synthesis of 1,5-diarylpyrazoles in the presence of silica by using MW irradiation**



R=Me,Et R1=Me,Et,Pr,i-Pr R2=H

Subsequently, it reacted with 4-methylphenylhydrazine, yielding various 1,5-diarylpyrazoles 90 (nine examples) under MW irradiation at 160 °C in 5 minutes, achieving a

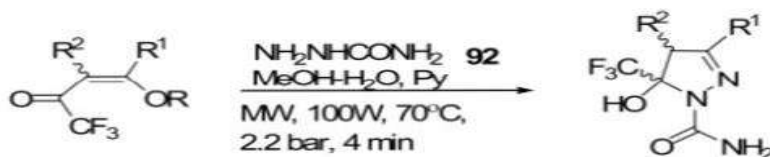
95% yield with the assistance of silica-supported toluenesulfonic acid (Si-TsOH) in ethanol. Thermal conditions (100 °C) yielded in 7 hours with an 84% yield. Sauzem and co-authors (59) synthesized 5-trifluoromethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-



pyrazoles 93 (10 examples) through a one-pot cyclocondensation reaction of 4-alkoxy-1,1,1-trifluoromethyl-3-alken-2-ones 91. They utilized microwave-assisted synthesis at 70 °C, completing the reaction in 4 minutes with high

yields ranging from 82% to 96%. Notably, some of these compounds exhibited efficacy in addressing neurogenic pain. In comparison, the conventional method resulted in moderate yields and a lengthier process.

**Scheme 17: synthesis of 5-trifluoromethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazoles by using MW**

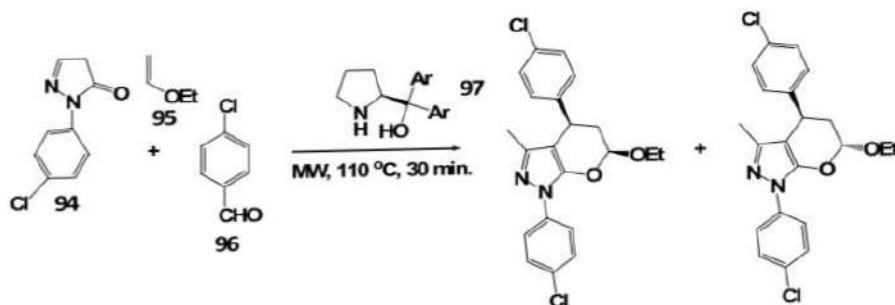


R=Me,Et R1=Me,Et,Pr,i-Pr R2= H

In their study, Radi et al. [56] employed a multi-component microwave-assisted organocatalytic domino Knoevenagel-hetero Diels-Alder reaction (DKHDA) for synthesizing 2,3-dihydropyran[2,3-c]pyrazoles 98. The reaction involved pyrazolone 94, aldehyde 96, and

ethylvinyl ether 95, irradiated at 110 °C for 30 minutes with diaryl-prolinol catalyst 97 and t-BuOH as the solvent. This yielded compounds 98a and 98b in 56% and 12% yield, respectively. The efficiency was notably improved compared to conventional heating at 80 °C for 48 hours in similar compound synthesis.

**Scheme 18: synthesis of 2,3-dihydropyran[2,3-c]pyrazoles by using MW -assisted**

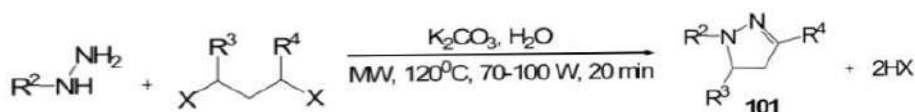


Ar=Ph,NaPh,3-OMePh

Ju et al.[60] demonstrated a novel approach involving double alkylation of unprotected hydrazines with alkyl dihalides 100 through cyclocondensation under microwave (MW) irradiation. The reactions occurred in aqueous media with a mild base, utilizing MW power

between 70–100 W at 120 °C for 20 minutes. This method yielded a set of pyrazoles with high yields ranging from 60–80%. Notably, the SN2-like sequential heterocyclization protocol was successfully realized under these unconventional reaction conditions.

**Scheme 19: synthesis of double alkylation of hydrazine by alkyl dihalides by using MW-assisted**



R2=H, alkyl, aryl, R3, RH, alkyl, X = Cl, Br, L,TsO

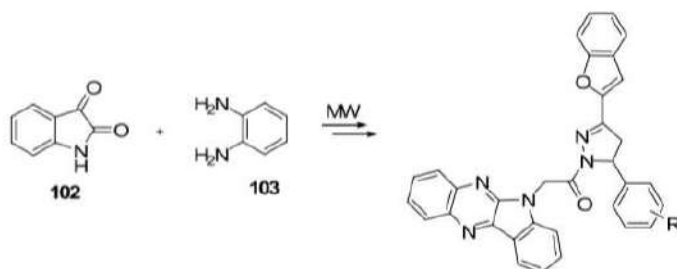
### Pyrazolines

Pyrazolines are a class of organic compounds containing a pyrazole ring, which is a five-membered ring with two adjacent nitrogen atoms

and three carbon atoms. They exhibit various biological activities and are often used in medicinal chemistry for drug development. Pyrazolines can be synthesized through different methods, such as the reaction of 1,3-diketones with hydrazine derivatives. These compounds have diverse pharmacological properties, including anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, and anti-microbial activities. Researchers continue to explore their potential in drug discovery due to their structural versatility and biological effects.

In their study, Manna et al. (61) employed a microwave-assisted route to synthesize novel derivatives labeled as 2-[1-(5,8-dihydroquinoxalino[2,3-b]indolacetyl)-3-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl (104 examples). This method yielded excellent results, achieving yields ranging from 84% to 98% within a short timeframe of 20 to 30 minutes. In comparison, the conventional reflux synthetic route yielded lower results, ranging from 28% to 72% yield, but required a longer reaction time of 8 to 9.5 hours.

**Scheme 20: synthesis of 2-[1-(5,8-dihydro quinoxalino[2,3-b]indolacetyl)-3-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl derivative by using MW**

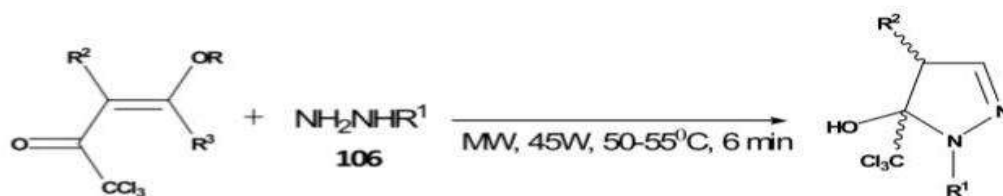


R= Oh, OMe, N(Me), COOH, NO<sub>2</sub>, Cl, furan ring, -CH=CH-Ar

Martins et al. (62) detailed the synthesis of new 4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole derivatives. This was achieved through a cyclocondensation reaction involving enones 105 and hydrazine methyl

carboxylate 106 under solvent-free conditions at 50–55 °C, completing in a swift 6 minutes with yields ranging from 70% to 98%. In contrast, the traditional heating method resulted in only moderate yields (70–79%) but required an extended time frame of 24 hours.

**Scheme 21: synthesis of 4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole under solvent-free conditions by using MW**

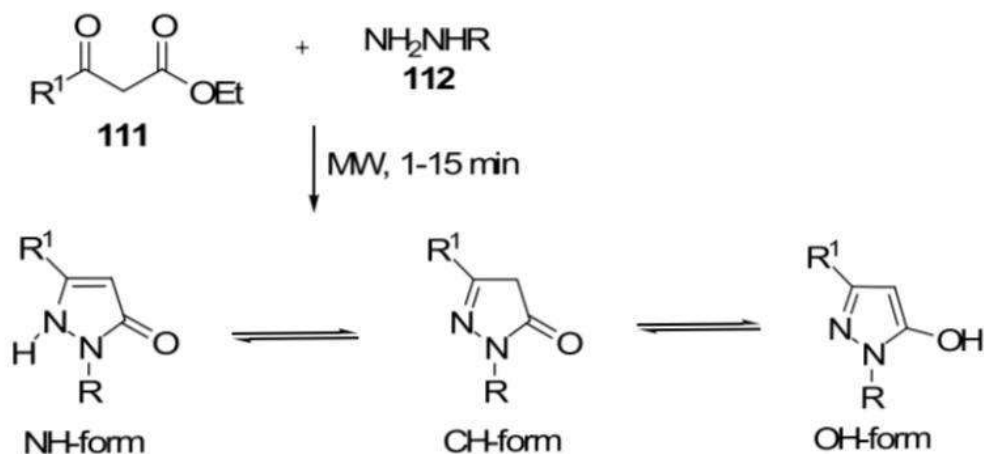


R=Me, Et; R = CO<sub>2</sub>Me; R = H, Me, R<sup>3</sup> = H, Me, Pr, i-Pr, Bu, i-Bu, t-Bu, Ph, 4-O<sub>2</sub>N-Ph

Mutairi et al. [63] employed microwave irradiation (300 W) for 1–15 minutes, under solvent-free conditions, to irradiate a mixture of hydrazine derivatives and b-keto esters. This

process yielded pyrazolones in moderate to good yields (40–91%). Additionally, these pyrazolones were also obtained under conventional conditions by stirring in ethanol at room temperature for 1–5 hours.

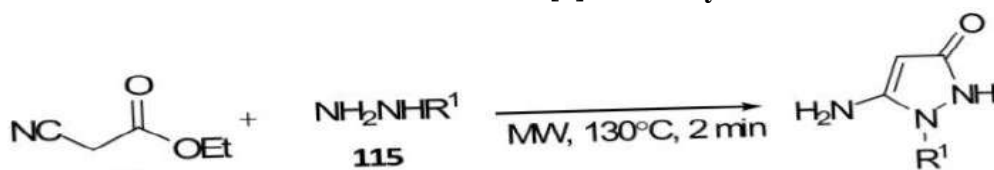
**Scheme 22: synthesis of pyrazolones Under Microwave irradiation**



R= H, Ph, 2-pyridyl, R<sup>1</sup>= Me, Et, Ph, CF<sub>3</sub>  
 Deshmukh et al. (64) demonstrated a microwave-assisted method for synthesizing 5-aminopyrazolone 116 with 88% yields under

solvent-free conditions at 130°C in just 2 minutes. This outperformed the conventional thermal heating method, which took 4 hours and yielded the product at 80%.

**Scheme 23: synthesis of 5-aminopyrazolones under solvent- free condition by using MW R = Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl**

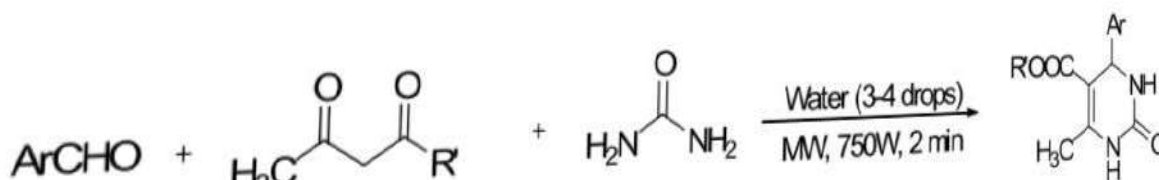


### Pyrimidinones

Pyrimidinones are a class of organic compounds containing a pyrimidine ring fused with a ketone group. Pyrimidine is a six-membered heterocyclic ring consisting of four carbon atoms and two nitrogen atoms. The ketone group adds a carbonyl functionality to the pyrimidine structure. These compounds have diverse applications in medicinal chemistry, as they are often found in pharmaceuticals and bioactive molecules. Their structural versatility makes them valuable for drug design and synthesis. Researchers explore pyrimidinones for their potential in developing

agents with various biological activities, including antiviral, anticancer, and anti-inflammatory properties. An efficient and simple microwave-assisted synthesis of 3,4-dihydropyrimidinones (example 230) with 14 instances yielded excellent results in the presence of water, without the need for additional solvent or acid catalyst. The reaction took only 2 minutes, achieving yields between 88% and 98%. This method, reported by Singhal et al.[65], outperformed conventional heating, where completion of the reaction took significantly longer, ranging from 45 to 75 minutes.

**Scheme 24: synthesis of pyrimidinones under solvent-free by using MW irradiation**

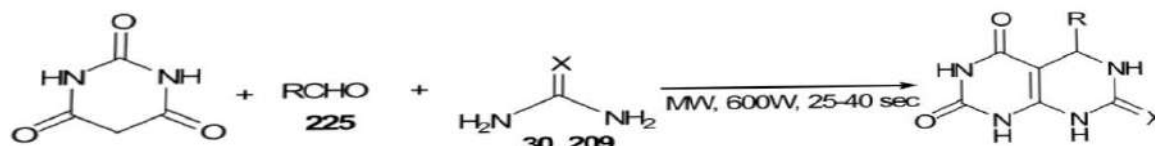


R' Me, OMe, OEt

Ar = Ph, 4-Me-Ph, 4-OMe-Ph, 4-NO<sub>2</sub>-Ph, 4-Cl-Ph, 2-Cl-Ph, 2-pyridyl, 2-Furyl, Ph-CH=CH

Shingare et al. [66] efficiently synthesized diverse pyrimido[4,5-d]pyrimidinone-2,4,7-triones through a multicomponent reaction involving aldehyde,

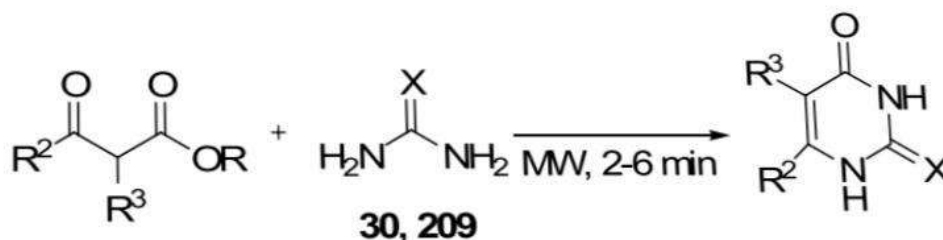
**Scheme 25: synthesis of pyrimido[4,5-d] pyrimidinones by using MW irradiation**



X= O,S R = aryl groups

Mojtahedi et al.[66] described synthesizing pyrimidinones and thiopyrimidinones using solvent-free and microwave-assisted conditions, achieving good yields (53–81%) in a short time

**Scheme 26: synthesis of pyrimidinones by using MW -assisted**

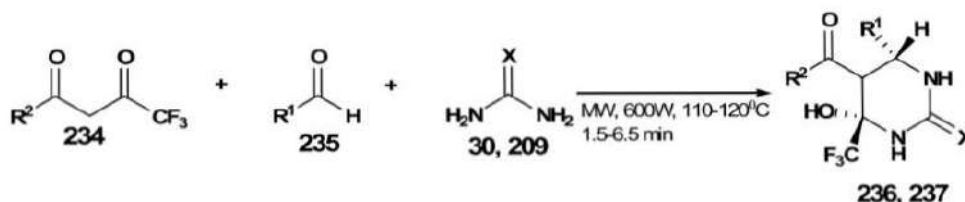


X = O (30, 232); X = S (209, 233)

R = Me, Et; R<sup>2</sup> = Et, H; R = Me, Ph, CH,Cl

Khunt et al. [67] developed a solvent-free microwave-assisted process to prepare tetrahydropyrimidinones 236 and tetrahydrothiopyrimidinones 237 using equimolar amounts of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds 234,

**Scheme 27: synthesis of tetrahydropyrimidinone and tetrahydrothiopyrimidinone by using MW heating.**



X = O (30, 236), S (209, 237)

R<sup>1</sup> = Ph, 4-MeO-Ph, 2-MeO-Ph, 3,4-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Ph, 2,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Ph, 3-O<sub>2</sub>NPh, 4-O<sub>2</sub>N-Ph, 4-Cl-Ph, 3

R<sup>2</sup> = 4-MeO-Ph

Dihydropyrimidinones were synthesized efficiently using the aqueous Biginelli protocol

urea 30/thiourea 209, barbituric acid, and alumina (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) under microwave irradiation (600 W) in just 25–40 seconds. This approach outperformed traditional methods in terms of both time and yield.

(2–6 min). In comparison, the conventional refluxing ethanol method, which includes metallic sodium, required 6–7 hours with yields ranging from 4% to 78%.

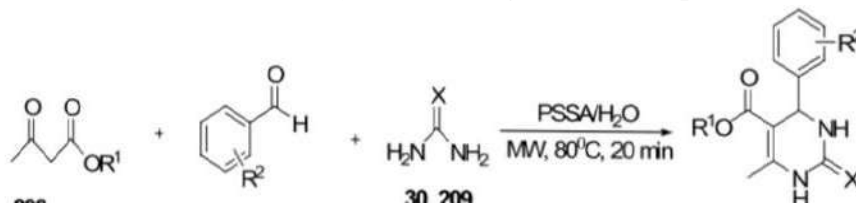
various aromatic aldehydes 235, and urea 30 (or thiourea 209) in 1.5–6.5 minutes with 78–85% yield (15 examples). In contrast, the conventional thermal heating method with THF as a solvent and InCl<sub>3</sub> as a catalyst required hours to produce the products.

with polystyrenesulfonic acid (PSSA) as a catalyst under microwave irradiation at 80 °C for

20 minutes, yielding 86–92%. Notably, this process eliminates the need for a phase-transfer

catalyst, and the conventional oil bath heating method takes 5–6 hours for completion.

**Scheme 28 : synthesis of biginelli in an aqueous medium**



R1=H, Me, Et, Pr, Bu

**CONCLUSION**

The microwave-assisted synthesis of our heterocyclic compound proved to be a promising and efficient method. The use of microwave irradiation facilitated faster reaction rates and higher yields compared to traditional methods. This research contributes valuable insights to the field, highlighting the potential of microwave-assisted synthesis for the development of novel heterocyclic compounds with improved efficiency and reproducibility. Further studies can explore the broader applicability of this technique in diverse chemical syntheses.

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