
studies on the behaviour of some phthalazine derivatives toward some electrophiles and nucleophiles

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The present work deals with the synthesis and reactions of 4-(p-tolyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrabromo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrophthalazinone with some electrophiles e.g. ethyl bromoacetate and methyl iodide; and some nucleophiles e.g. carbon nucleophiles (Grignard reagents), and chlorine nucleophiles (POC13/PC15). The phthalazinone derivative reacts with ethyl bromoacetate in dry acetone and anhydrous potassium carbonate as a catalyst to give 1-(2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl)phthalazine derivative as a sole product. On the other hand, when the reaction was carried out in the presence of pyridine as a catalyst, 2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl derivative was obtained as a sole product (i.e. N-alkyl derivative and no O-alkyl derivative was obtained). Similarly, methyl iodide reacted with the phthalazinone derivative by using pyridine as catalyst and gave 1-methyl-4-(p-tolyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrabromophthalazinone. The latter compound having methyl group activated by heteroaromatic moiety, and its reactivity was tested by condensation with aromatic aldehydes and phthalimide. Also in this work the author planned to investigate the reactivity of the titled phthalazinone which contains two reaction sites for reaction with alkyl or aralkyl magnesium halide under Grignard reaction conditions ($C=O$ and $-C=N$), the results cited there in the text. This work also deals with preparation of the chlorophthalazine via the interaction of the titled phthalazinone with POC13/POC15 mixture, the chloro derivative having chlorine atom activated by hetero moiety, therefore nucleophilic substitution reaction by nitrogen nucleophiles took place readily with the chloro substrate. Structure of all synthesised compounds had been elucidated via chemical tools and physical tools e.g. IR spectra and 1H -NMR spectra.