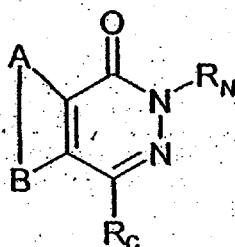


## PHTHALAZINONE DERIVATIVES

## ABSTRACT

The use of a compound of the formula:



and isomers, salts, solvates, chemically protected forms, and prodrugs thereof, in the preparation of a medicament for inhibiting the activity of PARP, wherein:

A and B together represent an optionally substituted, fused aromatic ring;

R<sub>C</sub> is represented by -L-R<sub>L</sub>, where L is of formula:



wherein n<sub>1</sub>, n<sub>2</sub> and n<sub>3</sub> are each selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3, the sum of n<sub>1</sub>, n<sub>2</sub> and n<sub>3</sub> is 1, 2 or 3 and Q is selected from O, S, NH or C(=O); and R<sub>L</sub> is an optionally substituted C<sub>5-20</sub> aryl group; and

R<sub>N</sub> is selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted C<sub>1-7</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub> heterocyclyl, and C<sub>5-20</sub> aryl, hydroxy, ether, nitro, amino, amido, thiol, thioether, sulfoxide and sulfone. Novel compounds, and their use as pharmaceuticals, are also disclosed.



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