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## A New and Convenient Synthesis of 3-Aryl-3-hydroxyisoindol-1-ones and Their Aza Analogs

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A simple and convenient synthesis of 3-aryl-3-hydroxyisoindol-1-ones and their aza analogs is described. The utility of this synthesis is demonstrated by the preparation of 4-arylpthalazinones and their aza analogs.

