

**TfOH mediated intermolecular electrocyclization for the synthesis of pyrazolines and
application in alkaloid synthesis**

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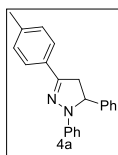
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General Procedure for the synthesis of pyrazoline

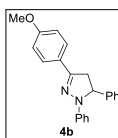
Into the reaction mixture of phenylhydrazine (1.0 mmol) and acetonitrile (10 V) were added aldehyde (1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture then was stirred for 10 min. at 30 °C followed by TfOH (1.0 mmol) and styrene (1.0 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at the same temperature till completion of the reaction which was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the crude was quenched by sat. solution of sodiumbicarbonate and extracted with ethylacetate. The organic layer was separated and dried with anhydrous sodium sulphate and then concentrated under reduced pressure to get crude compound. The pyrazoline was purified by 60-120 silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethylacetate as eluents.

1,5-diphenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4a)



M.P = 159-161 °C, ¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.66-7.64 (2H, m), 7.37-7.36 (4H, m), 7.31-7.28 (1H, m), 7.24-7.19 (4H, m), 7.11-7.09 (2H, m), 6.83-6.79 (1H, m), 5.28 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.85 (1H, dd, J = 12.4 Hz & J = 17.1 Hz), 3.16 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & 17.1 Hz), 2.41 (3H, s). The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.¹

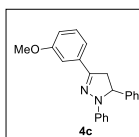
3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4b)



M.P = 148 -150 °C, ¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.71-7.67 (2H, m), 7.36-7.35 (4H, m), 7.30-7.29 (1H, m), 7.22-7.17 (2H, m), 7.09-7.06 (2H, m), 6.96-6.92 (2H, m), 6.78 (1H, tt, J = 1.08 Hz & 7.3Hz), 5.25 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.88-3.81 (4H, m), 3.14 (1H, dd, J = 7.4 Hz & J = 17.0 Hz).

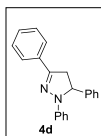
The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.²

3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4c)



M.P = 108-110 °C, ¹ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.33-7.22 (8H, m), 7.20-7.15 (2H, m), 7.08-7.06 (2H, m), 6.90-6.86 (1H, m), 6.78 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.27 (1H, dd, J = 7.2 Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.88 – 3.76 (4H, m), 3.13 (1H, dd, J = 7.2 Hz & J = 17.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm): 159.8, 146.6, 144.8, 142.6, 134.1, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 127.6, 125.9, 119.2, 118.5, 114.8, 113.4, 110.6, 64.6, 55.4, 43.7.

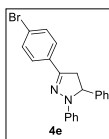
1,3,5-triphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4d)



M.P = 138 – 140 °C, ¹ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.74-7.71 (2H, m), 7.41-7.22 (8H, m), 7.20-7.15 (2H, m), 7.08-7.06 (2H, m), 6.78 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.27 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.83 (1H, dd, J = 12.4 Hz & 17.1 Hz), 3.14 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & J = 17.1 Hz).

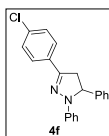
The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.¹

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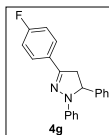
M.P = °C, ¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.61-7.59 (2H, m), 7.53-7.52 (2H, m), 7.38-7.28 (5H, m), 7.23-7.20 (2H, m), 7.11-7.09 (2H, m), 6.85-6.82 (1H, m), 5.31 (1H, dd, J = 5.4 Hz & 10.6 Hz), 3.83 (1H, dd, J = 16.8 Hz & 12.5 Hz), 3.12 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & J = 17.0 Hz). The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.²

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4f)



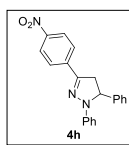
MP – 156-158 °C, ¹ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.65 -7.61 (2H, m), 7.36 - 7.25 (7H, m), 7.20-7.15 (2H, m), 7.07-7.04 (2H, m), 6.79 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.28 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.80 (1H, dd, J = 12.4 Hz & J = 17.1 Hz), 3.10 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & 17.1 Hz). The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.²

3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4g)



M.P = 138-140 °C, ¹ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.74-7.71 (2H, m), 7.37-7.34 (4H, m), 7.32-7.28 (1H, m), 7.23-7.19 (2H, m), 7.12-7.08 (4H, m), 6.83-6.80 (1H, m), 5.30 (1H, dd, J = 4 Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.84 (1H, dd, J = 12.4 Hz & 17 Hz), 3.15 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz & J = 17.0 Hz). The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.¹

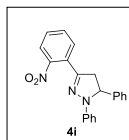
3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4h)



MP – 188-190 °C, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) 8.25 -8.22 (2H, m), 7.83-7.80 (2H, m), 7.38-7.28 (5H, m), 7.23-7.18 (2H, m), 7.12-7.09 (2H, m), 6.85 (1H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz); 5.42 (1H, dd, $J = 7.0$ Hz & 12.3 Hz), 3.87 (1H, dd, $J = 12.7$ & $J = 17.1$ Hz), 3.16 (1H, dd, $J = 7.0$ Hz & 17.1 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 42.8, 64.9, 113.8, 120.3, 124.0, 125.7, 125.8, 127.9, 129.1, 129.3, 139.0, 141.7, 143.6, 143.9, 147.0.

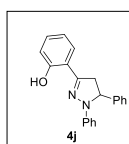
The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.[4]

3-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4i)



MP – 148-150 °C, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) 7.69-7.66 (1H, m), 7.61-7.52 (2H, m), 7.45-7.39 (1H, m), 7.37-7.24 (5H, m), 7.19-7.14 (2H, m), 7.01-6.90 (2H, m), 6.81 (1H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz); 5.32 (1H, dd, $J = 7.3$ Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.78 (1H, dd, $J = 12.4$ & $J = 17.0$ Hz), 3.05 (1H, dd, $J = 7.3$ Hz & 17.0 Hz)

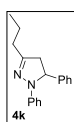
2-(1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)phenol (4j)



M.P = 178 -180 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) 10.83 (1H, S), 7.39-7.35 (4H, m), 7.34-7.28 (2H, m), 7.28-7.21 (2H, m), 7.16-7.08 (2H, m), 7.00-6.98 (2H, m), 6.93-6.85 (2H, m), 5.28-5.23 (1H, dd, $J = 12.3$ Hz & 7.5 Hz), 4.02-3.94 (1H, dd, $J = 12.3$ Hz & 17.2 Hz), 3.31-3.25 (1H, dd, 17.2 Hz & 7.56 Hz)

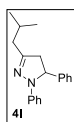
The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.¹

1,5-diphenyl-3-propyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4k)



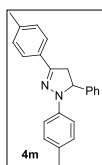
Viscous Liquid, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) 7.36 -7.25 (5H, m), 7.18 - 7.11 (2H, m), 6.94-6.91 (2H, m), 6.73 (1H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 4.99 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz & 11.9 Hz), 3.40 (1H, dd, $J = 11.9$ Hz & $J = 17.4$ Hz), 2.70 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz & 17.4 Hz), 2.37 (2H, t, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 1.68-1.56 (2H, m), 0.98 (3H, t, $J = 7.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 152.1, 146.2, 143.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.4, 125.9, 118.6, 113.2, 77.5, 77.1, 76.7, 64.5, 46.2, 32.2, 20.2, 13.9.

3-isobutyl-1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4l)



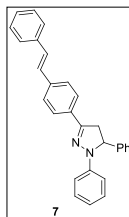
Viscous liquid, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) 7.36 -7.27 (5H, m), 7.16 - 7.11 (2H, m), 6.94-6.91 (2H, m), 6.73 (1H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 5.00 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz & 11.9 Hz), 3.39 (1H, dd, $J = 11.9$ Hz & $J = 17.5$ Hz), 2.69 (1H, dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz & 17.5 Hz), 2.28 (2H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.99-1.85 (1H, m), 0.98-0.95 (6H, m). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 151.4, 146.1, 143.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.4, 125.9, 118.6, 113.2, 64.5, 46.6, 39.2, 26.5, 22.7, 22.5.

5-phenyl-1,3-di-p-tolyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (4m)



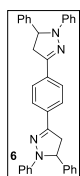
MP –162-164 °C, ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) 7.60 (2H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.33-7.32 (4H, m), 7.29-7.25 (1H, m), 7.18 (2H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 6.96-6.97 (4H, m), 5.20 (1H, dd, $J = 7.7$ Hz & 12.3 Hz), 3.80 (1H, dd, $J = 12.3$ & $J = 17.0$ Hz), 3.10 (1H, dd, $J = 7.7$ Hz & 17.0 Hz), 2.37 (3H, s), 2.22 (3H, s). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm): 143.1, 142.9, 138.5, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.2, 127.5, 126.0, 125.7, 113.5, 64.9, 43.7, 21.4, 20.5.

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^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) 7.46 -7.43 (2H, m), 7.36 - 7.32 (5H, m), 7.30-7.26 (3H, m), 7.20-7.13 (3H, m), 7.02-6.99 (2H, m), 6.81-6.76 (1H, m), 6.54 (1H, d, $J = 16.3$ Hz), 5.26 (1H, dd, $J = 6.8$ Hz & 12.4Hz), 3.72 (1H, dd, $J = 12.3$ Hz & $J = 16.8$ Hz), 3.02 (1H, dd, $J = 6.8$ Hz & 16.8 Hz)

The spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.^{3,4}

1,4-bis(1,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)benzene (6)

MP – 198-200 °C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) 7.71 (4H, s), 7.37-7.31 (10H, m), 7.21-7.16 (4H, m), 7.09-7.07 (4H, m), 6.79 (1H, t, J = 7.2 Hz); 5.29 (1H, dd, J = 7.2 Hz & 12.4 Hz), 3.86 (1H, dd, J = 12.4 & J = 17.1 Hz), 3.15 (1H, dd, J = 7.2 Hz & 17.1 Hz). HRMS [M+H]⁺ calculated 519.2549. Found 519.2526

Due to poor solubility either in DMSO-d₆ as well as in CDCl₃, we were unable to take ¹³C NMR spectra.

Table 1. Complete optimization for the pyrazoline under metal free conditions

S. No	Reagent	Solvent	Temp. (°C)/Time	Yield (%)
1	I ₂ (20 mol%)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	25
2	I ₂ (1.0 equiv.)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	34
3	I ₂ (1.0 equiv.)	Toluene	25-30 / 24	47
4	I ₂ (1.0 equiv.)	H ₂ O	25-30 / 24	35
5	I ₂ (1.0 equiv.)	Ethylacetate	25-30 / 24	Trace
6	PhI(OAc) ₂ (20 mol%)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	ND
7	TfOH (1.0 equiv.)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 7	82
8	NaI (1.0 equiv.)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	ND
9	NBS (1.0 equiv.)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	ND
10	CAN (1.0 equiv.)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	ND
11	L-Proline(30 mol%)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	ND
12	CH(OMe) ₃ (1.0 equiv.)	CH ₃ CN	25-30 / 24	ND
13	TfOH (1.0 equiv.)	H ₂ O	25-30 / 24	trace
14	TfOH (1.0 equiv.)	DCM	25-30 / 24	trace
15	TfOH (1.0 equiv.)	DMF	25-30 / 24	trace
16	TfOH (1.0 equiv.)	DMSO	25-30 / 24	trace
17	TfOH (1.0 equiv.)	Ethanol	25-30 / 24	ND
18	-	TFA	25-30 / 7	49
19	-	Acetic acid	25-30 / 24	ND

[a] Isolated Yield

Table 2. Complete optimization in DES medium

S.NO	SM 1	SM 2	Eutectic Mixture	Catalyst	Temperature	Yield%
1	PhNHNH ₂ . HCl	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Urea	-	75 – 80 °C	Trace
2	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Glycerol	-	75 – 80 °C	Trace
3	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Urea	-	RT	Trace
4	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Urea	I ₂ (0.2 equiv)	RT	Trace
5	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Urea	NBS	50 °C	ND
6	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Urea	I ₂ (2 equiv)	50 °C	Trace
7	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ethylene Glycol	TfOH	RT	Trace
8	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Ethylene Glycol	-	RT	Trace
9	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Ethylene Glycol	-	90 °C	Trace
10	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Ethylene Glycol	I ₂ (1 equiv)	RT	Trace
11	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Ethylene Glycol	TfOH(0.2 equiv)	RT	ND
12	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Ethylene Glycol	KOt(Bu) (1 equiv)	50 °C	Trace
13	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ pTsOH	-	RT	35%
14	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	CH ₃ CN+ pTsOH	-	RT	62%
15	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ pTsOH(10 V)	-	RT	45%
16	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ethanol	Ch.Chloride+ pTsOH(1 equiv)	RT	41%(1g of Silica 60-120 mesh added to the reaction)
17	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ethanol	Ch.Chloride+ pTsOH(0.2 equiv)	RT ,70 °C	Trace
18	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Urea	pTsOH	RT ,70 °C	Trace
19	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ethanol , Ch.Chloride+ pTsOH	-	RT	Trace
20	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ Urea, Ch.Chloride+ pTsOH	-	RT	ND
21	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ TfOH, CH ₃ CN(0.1 ml)	-	N ₂ atm , RT ,70 °C	54%
22	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	CH ₃ CN(1 ml)	Ch.Chloride+	N ₂ atm ,	30%

				TfOH(1 equiv)	RT	
23	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ethanol	TfOH	50 °C, 70 °C	Trace
24	PhNHNH ₂	PhCH ₃ CHO	Ch.Chloride+ pTsOH	-	RT	55%(Styrene 5 Equiv)

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