

Supporting Information

Sulphur Promoted C(sp³)-C(sp²) Cross Dehydrogenative Cyclisation of Acetophenone Hydrazones with Aldehydes: An Efficient Synthesis of 3, 4, 5-Trisubstituted 1H-Pyrazoles

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1. General Information:

All the reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Corporation, Merck, Alfa Aesar, and Sd-Fine (India) and were used as received. The solvents employed in the reactions were distilled and dried prior to use. All the reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) and visualized using UV light; products purification was done using silica gel column chromatography. ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL FT-NMR spectrometer at 300 and 75.45 MHz respectively using CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ solution. Chemical shifts are given in ppm and are measured relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard

2. Procedure¹ for Preparation of Hydrazones:

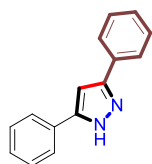
A 250 mL three necked flask was charged with acetophenone (10 mmol), and hydrazine monohydrate (80 mmol). The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 4 h. After cooling down to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM (50 mL x 5). The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated under vacuum and the isolated product was used directly without further purification.

3. General Experimental Procedure:

To a solution of hydrazone **1** (0.5 mmol) and aldehydes **2** (1 mmol) in 1, 4-dioxane (0.75 mL) was added sulfur powder (1 mmol, mol. wt. 32). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 120 °C in an oil bath. After the completion of reaction; contents of the flask were cooled to room temperature. To this was added excess of water and then extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product which was finally purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate-n-hexane (10-15%) as eluent.

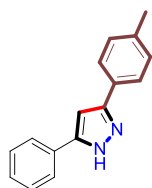
4. Characterisation Data of the Products (NMR & HRMS):

1. 3,5-Diphenyl-1H-pyrazole (**3aa**)²



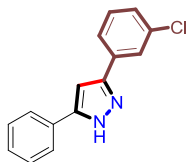
Yellow solid; ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.06 (m, 9H), 6.74 (s, 1H); ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.0, 131.5, 129.1, 128.5, 125.9, 100.3.

2. 5-Phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (**3ab**)²



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 8.80 (bs, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.13 (m, 5H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): 149.4, 148.6, 138.4, 131.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 125.9, 125.8, 100.0, 21.4.

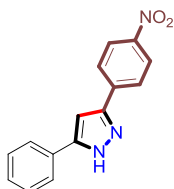
3. 3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3ac)



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO , 300 MHz): δ 13.44 (bs, 1H), 7.88-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.69-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.26 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (DMSO , 75 MHz): δ 144.5, 130.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.0, 127.6, 127.0, 126.0, 125.2, 124.8, 124.4, 123.8, 100.3.

HRMS (ESI +): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2$: 255.0689; Found: 255.0681.

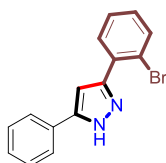
4. 3-(4-Nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3ad)



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO , 300 MHz): δ 8.28-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.64 (bs, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (DMSO , 75 MHz): δ 150.4, 146.6, 144.6, 135.6, 132.2, 129.3, 128.5, 127.6, 125.0, 123.8, 123.5, 105.0.

HRMS (ESI -): $(\text{M}-\text{H})^+$ calcd. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$: 264.0773; Found: 264.0775.

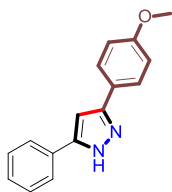
5. 3-(2-Bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3ae)



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 9.85 (bs, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.12 (m, 6H), 6.94 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 148.2, 146.6, 133.6, 132.1, 131.3, 130.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.1, 127.5, 125.6, 121.7, 103.6.

HRMS (ESI +): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd. For $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2$: 299.0184, 301.0163; Found: 299.0178, 301.0154.

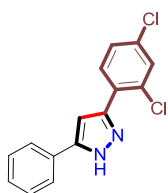
6. 3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3af)



Yellow solid; **¹H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz):** δ 13.31 (bs, 1H), 7.88-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.00 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H); **¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz):** δ ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ 159.2, 129.3, 128.9, 127.8, 126.7, 125.3, 122.3, 114.4, 98.9, 55.2.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅N₂O: 251.1184; Found: 251.1177.

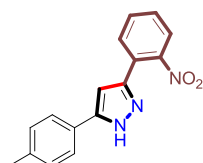
7. 3-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3ag)



Yellow solid; **¹H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz):** δ 13.56 (bs, 1H), 7.80-7.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.11 (s, 1H); **¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz):** δ 133.2, 133.1, 132.0, 131.6, 130.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 125.3, 103.3.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₅H₁₁Cl₂N₂: 289.0299; Found: 289.0299.

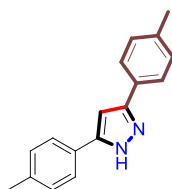
8. 3-(2-Nitrophenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3ah)



Yellow solid; **¹H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz):** δ 13.50 (bs, 1H), 7.76-7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); **¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz):** δ 148.8, 140.5, 138.0, 134.6, 132.1, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 126.9, 125.2, 123.6, 101.1, 20.8.

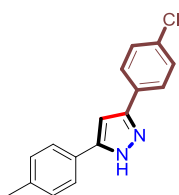
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9. 3, 5-Di-p-tolyl-1H-pyrazole (3ai)²



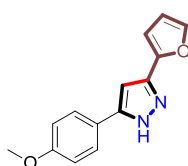
Yellow solid; **¹H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz):** δ 13.17 (bs, 1H), 7.70-7.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.23-7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4), 7.04 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H); **¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz):** δ 145.1, 137.5, 129.9, 129.7, 125.4, 99.3, 21.1.

10. 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3aj)²



Yellow solid; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 13.30 (bs, 1H), 7.79-7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 137.6, 137.5, 137.4, 132.2, 129.56, 128.9, 126.9, 126.9, 125.2, 125.1, 99.6, 20.8.

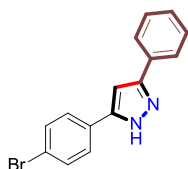
11. 3-(Furan-2-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazole (3ak)



Yellow solid; ¹H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz): δ 13.17 (bs, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.49 (m, 5H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz): δ 159.1, 142.2, 126.5, 114.1, 111.4, 105.8, 105.7, 105.7, 105.6, 98.2, 98.2, 54.9.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. C₁₄H₁₃N₂O₂: 241.0977; Found: 241.0973.

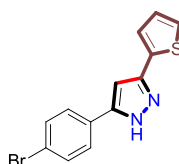
12. 5-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3al)



Yellow solid; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃+DMSO, 300 MHz): δ 7.79-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.31 (7H), 6.90 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz): δ 147.4, 146.7, 131.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 125.0, 120.8, 99.0.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. C₁₅H₁₂BrN₂: 299.0184, 301.0163; Found: 299.0181, 301.0163.

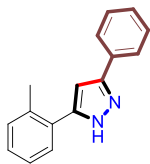
13. 5-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (3am)



Yellow solid; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃ + DMSO, 300 MHz): δ 13.27 (bs, 1H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃ + DMSO, 75 MHz): δ 133.8, 130.4, 128.7, 127.8, 126.3, 126.1, 125.8, 123.4, 122.5, 120.0, 98.3.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₃H₉BrN₂S: 304.9748, 306.9728; found: 304.9748, 306.9730.

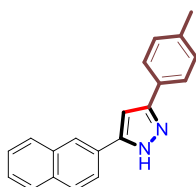
14. 3-Phenyl-5-(o-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3an)



Yellow solid; **¹H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz):** δ 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H) (-NH is missing); **¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz):** δ 147.6, 146.6, 135.6, 131.4, 131.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 126.1, 125.4, 102.6, 20.9.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅N₂: 235.1235; Found: 235.1230.

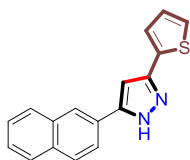
15. 5-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3ao)



Yellow solid; **¹H-NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz):** δ 13.34 (bs, 1H), 8.35-8.33 (m, 1H), 7.99-7.92 (m, 3H), 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); **¹³C-NMR (DMSO, 75 MHz):** δ 137.3, 137.3, 133.3, 132.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 126.1, 125.1, 123.8, 123.5, 99.7, 20.73.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₂₀H₁₆N₂: 285.1392; Found: 285.1384.

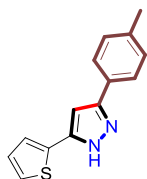
16. 5-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (3ap)



Yellow solid; **¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz):** δ 13.44 (bs, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.94-7.89 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H); **¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz):** δ 133.2, 132.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 126.9, 126.8, 126.5, 126.5, 126.4, 126.4, 124.0, 123.8, 123.7, 100.1.

HRMS (ESI +): (M+H)⁺ calcd. For C₁₇H₁₂N₂S: 277.0799; Found: 277.0792.

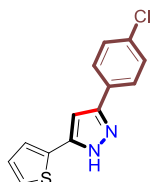
17. 5-(Thiophen-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3aq)



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 13.21 (bs, 1H), 7.77-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 140.9, 137.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 127.8, 125.6, 125.2, 123.9, 99.2, 20.8.

HRMS (ESI +): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd. For $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 241.0799; Found: 241.0790.

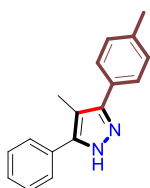
18. 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (3ar)



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO , 300 MHz): δ 13.36 (bs, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.46 (bs, 3H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (DMSO , 75 MHz): δ 130.8, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 100.0.

HRMS (ESI +): $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}$: 261.0253; Found: 261.0259.

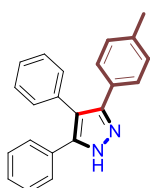
19. 4-Methyl-5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3as)



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO , 300 MHz): δ 12.96 (bs, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (DMSO , 75 MHz): δ 141.3, 136.9, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 127.3, 109.3, 20.7, 10.0.

HRMS (ESI +): $(\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$ calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$: 249.1392; Found: 249.1390.

20. 4,5-Diphenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3at)



Yellow solid; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO , 300 MHz): δ 12.68 (s, 1H), 8.47-8.42 (m, 1H), 8.06-7.05 (m, 13H), 2.32 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (DMSO , 75 MHz): δ 161.8, 155.2, 136.0, 134.2, 131.5, 130.7, 130.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.3, 126.0, 116.7, 20.7.

HRMS (ESI +): $(\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$ calcd. For $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$: 311.1548; Found: 311.1539.

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6. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

