

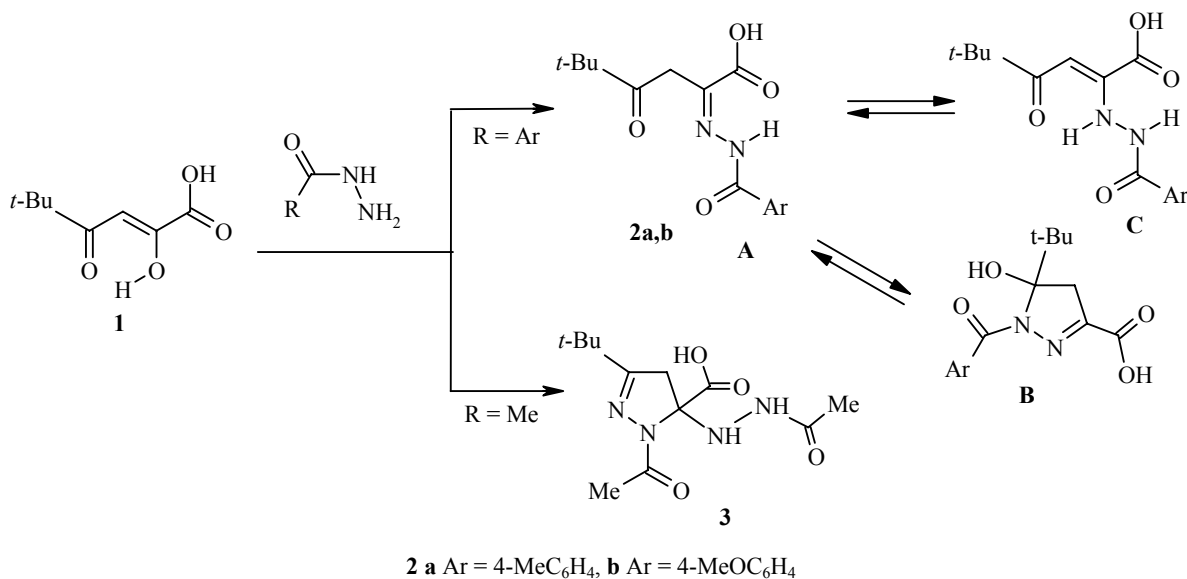
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REACTIONS OF PIVALOYLPYROTARTARIC ACIDS WITH ACYLHYDRAZINES IN THE SYNTHESIS OF PYRAZOLINCARBOXYLIC ACIDS

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It is known that (het)arylpyrotartaric acids, their esters and amides react with hydrazines to give derivatives of 5-(het)aryl-1H-pyrazol-3-carboxylic acid [1,2]. As the result of the reaction of pivaloylpyrotartaric acid **1** (2-hydroxy-5,5-dimethyl-4-oxo-2-hexenoic acid) the hydrazides of aromatic carboxylic acids under mild conditions we have obtained 2-arylhydrazono-5,5-dimethyl-4-oxohexanoic acids (**2a,b**, hydrazone form **A**) in preparative yields, together with in solution the minor pyrazoline tautomer – 1-aryl-5-*tert*-butyl-5-hydroxy-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-carboxylic acids (form **B**). The structures of the latter are in excellent agreement with those of 5-aryl-5-hydroxy-2-pyrazolin-3-carboxamides obtained previously [3].



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Apart from the equilibrium structures **A** and **B**, a small amount (up to 7%) of the cyclic enhydrazino-forms of 2-(2-arylhydrazino)-5,5-dimethyl-4-oxohexenoic acids (**C**) was observed in solutions of compounds **2a,b**. We note that only the NH-chelated form **C**, stabilised by intramolecular hydrogen bonds of the type $>N-H\cdots O=C<$, occurred in crystals of compounds **2a,b** (absorption bands of pivaloyl and carboxyl carbonyl groups are found in the low frequency region – not above 1698 cm^{-1} – of their IR spectra).

From the reaction of acetylhydrazine with acid **1** we unexpectedly isolated the previously unknown stable cyclic product of the addition of two molecules of the reagent to the α - and γ -carbonyl groups of the substrate **1** – 1-acetyl-5-(2-acetylhydrazino)-3-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-carboxylic acid (**3**).

^1H NMR spectra of DMSO- d_6 solutions with TMS as internal standard were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 (300 MHz) instrument, IR spectra of nujol films were recorded with Specord M-80 spectrometer, and mass spectra were obtained with Finnigan MAT INCOS 50 machine.

Reaction of Pivaloylpyrotartaric Acid (1) with Carboxylic Acid Hydrazides. A solution of the hydrazide of *p*-toluic acid (0.75 g, 5 mmol) or the hydrazide of anisic acid (0.83 g, 5 mmol) or of acetic acid hydrazide (0.37 g, 5 mmol) in ethanol (10-15 ml) was added to a solution of pivaloylpyrotartaric acid (**1**) [4] (0.86 g, 5 mmol) in ethanol (10 ml) and the mixture was boiled for 5 min. The precipitate of acids **2a,b** or **3** was filtered off and recrystallized from ethyl acetate or benzene.

2-(4-Methylbenzoyl)hydrazono-5,5-dimethyl-4-oxohexanoic Acid (2a). Yield 1.20 g (79%); mp $182\text{--}183^\circ\text{C}$ (benzene). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3187 (NH_{amide}), 1698 (CO_{amide} , $\text{CO}_{\text{carboxyl}}$), 1638, 1605 ($\text{NH}_{\text{chelate}}$). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (J , Hz): 1.06 (9H, s, 3 CH_3 in *t*-Bu, pyrazoline form **B**); 1.15 (9H, s, 3 CH_3 in *t*-Bu in ring tautomers **A** and **C**); 2.23 (3H, s, CH_3 , form **B**); 2.26 (3H, s, CH_3 , forms **A** and **C**); 3.02, 3.38 (2H, two d, $J = 15.0$, C_4H_2 , form **B**, 15%); 4.08 (2H, s, C_3H_2 , form **A**, 78%); 5.74 (1H, s, C_3H , form **C**, 7%); 7.10-7.22, 7.70-7.95 (4H, m, C_6H_4 , forms **A**, **B**, and **C**); 11.15 (1H, s, NH, form **A**); 13.35 (1H, br. s, OH in COOH, form **A**). Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel} %): 305 (2) $[\text{M} + 1]^+$, 304 (10) $[\text{M}]^+$, 286 (2) $[\text{M} - \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$, 260 (6), 259 (37) $[\text{M} - \text{CO}_2 - \text{H}]^+$, 247 (8), $[\text{M} - (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}]^+$, 220 (4), 202 (2), 175 (5) $[\text{M} - \text{CO}_2 - (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C} - \text{CO}]^+$, 153 (2), 129 (10), 120 (9), 119 (100) $[\text{4-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-C}\equiv\text{O}]^+$, 102 (3), 92 (3), 91 (36) $[\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4]^+$, 65 (4), 57 (30) $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}]^+$, 41 (9). Found, %: C 63.31; H 6.49; N 9.02. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$. Calculated, %: C 63.14; H 6.62; N 9.20.

5,5-Dimethyl-2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)hydrazono-4-oxohexanoic Acid (2b). Yield 1.40 g (87%); mp $159\text{--}160^\circ\text{C}$ (ethyl acetate). IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3195 (NH_{amide}), 1692 (CO_{amide} , $\text{CO}_{\text{carboxyl}}$), 1623, 1604 ($\text{NH}_{\text{chelate}}$). ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (J , Hz): 1.08 (9H, s, 3 CH_3 in *t*-Bu, pyrazoline form **B**); 1.17 (9H, s, 3 CH_3 in *t*-Bu in forms **A** and **C**); 2.91, 3.42 (2H, two d, $J = 15.2$, C_4H_2 , form **B**, 9% (for comparison, in the spectrum of the *p*-methoxyphenylamide of 5-hydroxy-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazolo-3-carboxylic acid, these signals are found at 3.12 and 3.60, $J = 15.0$ [3]); 3.82 (3H, s OCH_3 , form **B**); 3.84 (3H, s, OCH_3 , forms **A** and **C**); 4.11 (2H, s, C_3H_2 , form **A**, 88%); 5.69 (1H, s, C_3H , form **C**, 3%); 7.06-7.12, 7.66-7.87 (4H, m, C_6H_4 , forms **A**, **B**, and **C**); 11.03 (1H, s, NH, form **A**); 13.50 (1H, br. s, OH in COOH, form **A**). Found, %: C 60.35; H 6.48; N 8.57. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$. Calculated, %: C 59.99; H 6.29; N 8.74.

1-Acetyl-5-(2-acetylhydrazino)-3-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-carboxylic Acid (3). Yield 0.45 g (63%); mp $154\text{--}155^\circ\text{C}$ (ethyl acetate). IR spectrum (nujol mull, Specord M-80), ν , cm^{-1} : 3185 (NH_{amide}), 1680 (CO_{amide} , $\text{CO}_{\text{carboxyl}}$), 1615 (NH_{chel}). ^1H NMR spectrum (Bruker AM-300, 300 MHz, TMS, DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm : 1.16 (9H, s, 3 CH_3 in *t*-Bu); 1.72 (3H, s, CH_3 in $\text{N}_{(2)}\text{HCOCH}_3$); 2.11 (3H, s, CH_3 in $\text{N}_{(1)}\text{COCH}_3$); 3.10 (2H, s, C_4H_2); 8.99 (1H, s, $\text{N}_{(2)}\text{H}$). Mass spectrum (Finnigan MAT INCOS 50), m/z , (I_{rel} %): 239 $[\text{M} - \text{CO}_2 - \text{H}]^+$ (9), 238 (3), 227 $[\text{M} - (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}]^+$ (1), 212 (4), 211 $[\text{M} - \text{CH}_3\text{CONH-NH}]^+$ (32), 197 $[\text{M} - \text{CO}_2 - \text{CH}_3\text{CO}]^+$ (2), 181 $[\text{M} - \text{CO}_2 - \text{H} - \text{CH}_3\text{CONH}]^+$ (2) or $[\text{M} - (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C} - \text{CO}_2 - 2\text{H}]^+$, 170 (3), 169 $[\text{M} - \text{CH}_3\text{CONH-NH-CH}_2\text{CO}]^+$ (36), 153 (4), 151 $[\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}]^+$ (17), 140 (4), 139 $[\text{M} - (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C} - \text{CO}_2 - \text{H} - \text{CH}_3\text{CO}]^+$ (9) or $[\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}]^+$, 125 (3), 124 $[\text{M} - \text{CH}_3\text{CONH-NH-CH}_2\text{CO} - \text{CO}_2 - \text{H}]^+$ (7) or $[\text{3-}t\text{-butylpyrazole} = \text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2]^+$, 113 $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_2]^+$ (21), 95 $[\text{M} - (\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C} - \text{CO}_2 - 2\text{H} - 2\text{CH}_3\text{CO}]^+$ (12), or $[\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}]^+$, 77 (6), 67 $[\text{3-pyrazolyl} = \text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{N}_2]^+$ (7), 57 $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}]^+$ (68), 55 (6), 53 (5), 45 (7), 43 $[\text{CH}_3\text{CO}]^+$ (100). Found, %: C 50.38; H 6.89; N 19.60. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$. Calculated, %: C 50.69; H 7.09; N 19.71.

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