# A Simple and Efficient Synthesis of Ethyl 1-Aryl-4-formyl-1*H*pyrazole-3-carboxylates

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A new simple and convenient method of synthesis of ethyl 1-aryl-4-formyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylates from aromatic amines *via* diazonium salts has been developed. Hydrolysis and hydrazinolyization of these compounds has been investigated.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Pyrazoles are widely explored heterocyclic compounds [1]. A lot of these compounds display different types of physiological activity [2] and therefore are of interest for biological screening [3]. For example, this class of compounds has been previously reported to be selective cycloxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors [4], CB<sub>1</sub> receptor antagonists [5], anticancer [6], antibacterial [7], antimalarial agents [8]. For biological screening, the possibility of modification of the lead molecule is very desirable. The introduction of reactive functional groups into the pharmacophore-containing scaffold is the simplest way for such modification [9].

There are a lot of methods for preparing of pyrazole ring. As rule the compound possesses N-N single, double, or triple bonds are using. In such way, pyrazoles can be obtained by cyclization reactions of unsaturated carbonyl- or 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds with hydrazine derivatives [10,11], cyclization of hydrazones, and semicarbazones of methyl ketones in Vilsmeier–Haack reaction [12]. Other examples of synthesis of pyrazole derivatives are using aliphatic diazocompounds in cycloaddition reaction [13]. In the most cases, starting hydrazine derivatives are noncommercial product and must be prepared. A lot them are toxic, explosive, and unstable at room temperature. So, development of new methods for preparation of pyrazole ring is actual task.

Here, we present a simple and convenient method for the synthesis of ethyl 3-formyl-1-aryl-1*H*-pyrazole-4carboxylates from aromatic amines *via* diazonium salts. Aromatic amines are commercial available product and easy can be transformed into diazonium salts and used without isolation. Azocoupling of diazonium salts 1 with ethyl 2methyl-3-oxobutanoate 2 in the presence of AcONa afforded the corresponding arylhydrazones 3 in a moderate yield. nonfunctional pyrazolecarbaldehydes were prepared except [12f,g]. Treatment **3a–m** with three equivalents of Vilsmeier–Haack complex affords pyrazoles (Scheme 1). Reaction proceeded at 70°C. After completion of the reactions, the resulting mixtures were poured into water, extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were washed with water, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated to give crude products. The pure compounds **4** were obtained by recrystallization.

Both electron-donating and electron-withdrawing substituents are tolerated; giving the corresponding products that can be isolated in pure state in yields 55–96%.

In the case of compound **3f,i** possessing functional groups in ortho-position compounds **4** are not formed. It can be explained by formation of hydrogen bond that deactivated NH-group (Scheme 2). Methyl group do not form hydrogen bond and compound **3a** undergo formylation and cyclization normally.

Aromatic or heteroaromatic compounds possessing two carbonyl groups in the ortho-positions are versatile building blocks for the synthesis of condensed heterocycles such as fused [c]furans [14], [c]thiophenes [15], [c]pyrroles [16], and [d]oxazines [17]. We have also studied some properties of the compounds **4**. It was established, that in 0.2M potassium hydroxide solution, EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1.5) pyrazoles **4** are converted to the corresponding acids **5a–c** (Scheme 3). Hydrazinolyzation of this compounds leads to the anelation pyridazine ring (compounds **6a–d**).

In conclusion, we have described a simple and highly efficient method for the synthesis of 1-aryl-4-formyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylates from various aromatic amines. The mild conditions, the simple experimental protocol, and high yields are the major advantages of this procedure.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Cyclization of hydrazones of methyl ketones is widely reported in literature [12]. However, in all cases,

### EXPERIMENTAL

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H) or Varian Gemini (200 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 50 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C). The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts are reported



1, 3, 4: R = 2-Me (a), 4-Me (b), 4-MeO (c), 3,4-Me<sub>2</sub> (d), 4-F (e), 2-Cl (f), 3-Cl (g), 4-Br (h), 2-NO<sub>2</sub> (i), 3-NO<sub>2</sub> (j), 4-NO<sub>2</sub> (k), 3,4-Cl<sub>2</sub> (l), 3,5-Cl<sub>2</sub> (m)





in parts per million (ppm) relative to deuterated solvent as an internal reference.

General procedure for the synthesis of ethyl 2-(2arylhydrazinylidene)propanoates (3a–m). A solution of the ethyl 2-methyl-3-oxo-butyrate 2 (1.44 g, 10 mmol) and sodium acetate trihydrate (2.04 g, 15 mmol) in ethanol (30 mL) was cooled in an ice bath to  $0-5^{\circ}$ C. To the solution, while being stirred, arenediazonium tetrafluoroborate 1 (10 mmol) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at 0°C. The ethanol was evaporated to half-volume, and mixture was poured into 50 g of ice-water mixture. The precipitated solid was collected and recrystallized from ethanol.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(2-methylphenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3a). Yield: 1.50 g (68%); mp 75°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.32 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.90 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.53 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.1, 14.3, 16.8, 61.2, 114.0, 121.4, 121.7, 127.4, 130.4, 133.2, 143.1, 165.2. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 65.43; H, 7.32; N, 12.72. Found: C, 65.26; H, 7.18; N, 12.57.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(4-methylphenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3b). Yield: 1.48 g (67%); mp 87°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.31 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10 (br s, 4H, Ar-H), 7.71 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.2, 14.3, 20.7, 61.1, 113.9 (2C), 122.5, 129.7 (2C), 131.7, 140.9, 165.3. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 65.43; H, 7.32; N, 12.72. Found: C, 65.58; H, 7.23; N, 12.85.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3c). Yield: 1.56 g (66%); mp 71°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.08 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.69 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.2, 14.3, 55.5, 61.1, 114.6 (2C), 115.2 (2C), 131.3, 137.2, 155.0, 165.3. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 61.00; H, 6.83; N, 11.86. Found: C, 61.16; H, 6.68; N, 11.98.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3d). Yield: 1.48 g (63%); mp 67°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.72 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.2, 14.3, 20.5, 21.2, 61.0, 112.1, 118.6, 123.8, 129.2, 132.0, 139.8, 144.4, 165.3. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.64; H, 7.74; N, 11.96. Found: C, 66.42; H, 7.63; N, 11.85.

*Ethyl 2-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3e).* Yield: 1.79 g (80%); mp 81°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.99 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.76 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.3, 14.3, 61.2, 115.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} =$ 8.0 Hz, 2C), 115.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 23.0$  Hz, 2C), 132.5, 139.5, 158.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 238.6$  Hz, 1C), 165.2. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 58.92; H, 5.84; N, 12.49. Found: C, 58.69; H, 5.68; N, 12.58.

*Ethyl 2-[2-(2-chlorophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3f).* Yield: 2.12 g (88%); mp 100°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.33 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.89 (dt, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22–7.31(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.09 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.4, 14.3, 61.3, 115.2, 118.4, 121.9, 128.0, 129.0, 135.1, 139.1, 164.9. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.89; H, 5.44; N, 11.64. Found: C, 54.69; H, 5.62; N, 11.58.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(3-chlorophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3g). Yield: 1.95 g (81%); mp 59°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.32 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.25 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.4, 14.3, 61.4, 112.1, 114.1, 121.9, 130.3, 133.7, 135.1, 144.4, 165.0. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.89; H, 5.44; N, 11.64. Found: C, 54.73; H, 5.33; N, 11.69. *Ethyl* 2-[2-(4-bromophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3h). Yield: 2.22 g (78%); mp 154°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.31 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.08 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.76 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.4, 14.3, 61.3, 115.6 (2C), 126.2, 132.1 (2C), 133.3, 142.3, 165.0. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 46.33; H, 4.60; N, 9.82. Found: C, 46.54; H, 4.51; N, 9.96.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(2-nitrophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3i). Yield: 1.68 g (67%); mp 110°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.94–7.01 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.54–7.62 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.98–8.04 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 10.95 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 11.7, 14.3, 61.7, 116.8, 120.3, 125.8, 132.7, 136.3, 139.2, 140.6, 162.5. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 52.59; H, 5.22; N, 16.72. Found: C, 52.27; H, 5.29; N, 16.58.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(3-nitrophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3j). Yield: 1.63 g (65%); mp 143°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.17 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.34 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.43 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.77 (ddd, J = 8.0Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.01 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.13 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.7, 14.3, 61.6, 108.7, 116.2, 119.7, 130.1, 135.2, 144.5, 149.0, 164.8. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 52.59; H, 5.22; N, 16.72. Found: C, 52.70; H, 5.31; N, 16.83.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3k). Yield: 1.81 g (72%); mp 171°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.40 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.18 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.35 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.27 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.06 (br s, 1H, NH), 8.21 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.8, 14.3, 61.7, 112.7, 113.4 (2C), 125.9 (2C), 136.9, 148.3, 164.5. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 52.59; H, 5.22; N, 16.72. Found: C, 52.74; H, 5.34; N, 16.55.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3l). Yield: 1.68 g (61%); mp 125°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.32 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.01 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.34 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.75 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.5, 14.3, 61.5, 113.4, 115.6, 124.7, 130.8, 133.2, 134.3, 142.8, 164.8. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.02; H, 4.40; N, 10.18. Found: C, 47.87; H, 4.29; N, 10.08.

*Ethyl* 2-[2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)hydrazinylidene]propanoate (3m). Yield: 1.84 g (67%); mp 115°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.93 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.10(s, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73 (br s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 10.6, 14.3, 61.6, 111.8, 112.5 (2C), 121.7 (2C), 135.7, 145.0, 164.7. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.02; H, 4.40; N, 10.18. Found: C, 48.23; H, 4.27; N, 10.30.

General procedure for the synthesis of ethyl 1-aryl-4formyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylates (4a–m). The Vilsmeier– Haack reagent was prepared by adding of 1.4 mL (15 mmol) POCl<sub>3</sub> to 1.5 mL DMF at 0°C in a round-bottomed flask in an ice-cold condition (0–5°C) under constant stirring. Appropriate ethyl 2-(2-arylhydrazinylidene)propanoates **3a–m** (5 mmol) in 5 mL DMF were added to the Vilsmeier–Haack reagent and stirred for further an hour, and the reaction mixture was kept on a water bath at 70°C for 4 h. After the reaction, the mixture was poured into 20 g of crushed ice under constant manual stirring. After neutralization with  $K_2CO_3$  solution, ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase extracted with AcOEt (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic solutions were washed with water (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried, and concentrated. The product was isolated by recrystallization from ethanol.

*Ethyl 4-formyl-1-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4a*). Yield: 0.94 g (73%); mp 99°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.45 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.51 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.30–7.42 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.18 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.50 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 17.7, 61.8, 124.9, 126.1, 126.8, 129.9, 131.4, 133.6, 133.9, 138.4, 143.9, 161.4, 186.6. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 65.11; H, 5.46; N, 10.85. Found: C, 64.93; H, 5.54; N, 10.67.

*Ethyl 4-formyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4b*). Yield: 1.05 g (81%); mp 112°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.41 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.52 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.46 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.46 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 21.0, 61.8, 120.2 (2C), 125.5, 129.9, 130.1 (2C), 136.3, 138.8, 144.1, 161.3, 186.5. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 65.11; H, 5.46; N, 10.85. Found: C, 65.01; H, 5.32; N, 10.70.

*Ethyl 4-formyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4c*). Yield: 0.88 g (64%); mp 94°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.52 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.00 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.65 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.40 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.46 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 55.6, 61.8, 114.7 (2C), 121.9 (2C), 125.4, 129.9, 132.1, 144.0, 159.8, 161.4, 186.5. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 61.31; H, 5.14; N, 10.21. Found: C, 61.08; H, 5.31; N, 10.36.

*Ethyl 1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-4-formyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4d*). Yield: 1.20 g (88%); mp 97°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.52 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.55 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.44 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.45 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 19.4, 19.8, 61.8, 117.5, 121.4, 125.4, 129.9, 130.5, 136.5, 137.5, 138.3, 144.0, 161.4, 186.5. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 66.16; H, 5.92; N, 10.29. Found: C, 66.38; H, 5.75; N, 10.36.

*Ethyl 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-formyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4e*). Yield: 0.90 g (69%); mp 84°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.04 (dd, *J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.8 Hz, *J*<sub>HF</sub> = 4.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.19 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.31 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 62.0, 116.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.0 Hz, 2C), 122.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.7 Hz, 2C), 125.7, 130.2, 136.7, 144.4, 161.2, 162.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 248.4 Hz, 1C) 186.4. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 59.54; H, 4.23; N, 10.68. Found: C, 59.79; H, 4.41; N, 10.47.

*Ethyl 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4g*). Yield: 0.82 g (59%); mp 94°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H, Ar-H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 8.4, 1H, Ar-H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H, Ar-H), 8.10 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 9.30 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.31 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 62.1, 118.1, 120.8, 125.8, 128.8, 130.1, 130.7, 135.7, 139.4, 144.6, 161.2, 186.3. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 56.03; H, 3.98; N, 10.05. Found: C, 55.87; H, 4.09; N, 10.23.

*Ethyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-formyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4h*). Yield: 1.37 g (85%); mp 148°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.52 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.65 (s, 4H, Ar-H), 8.50 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.49 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 14.3, 62.0, 121.7 (2C), 122.4, 125.8, 129.9, 132.8 (2C), 137.5, 144.5, 161.1, 186.3. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 48.32; H, 3.43; N, 8.67. Found: C, 48.09; H, 3.35; N, 8.89.

*Ethyl* 4-formyl-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (4j). Yield:1.20 g (83%); mp 165°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 200 MHz): δ = 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.41 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.81 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.24 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.39 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.68 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 9.40 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.25 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 50 MHz): δ = 14.1, 61.6, 114.5, 122.7, 125.3, 125.6, 131.3, 132.4, 138.9, 144.2, 148.4, 160.6, 185.8. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 53.98; H, 3.83; N, 14.53. Found: C, 53.80; H, 3.72; N, 14.71.

*Ethyl* 4-formyl-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (4k). Yield: 1.07 g (74%); mp 146°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz): δ = 1.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.45 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 8.32 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.38 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.45 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.32 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 50 MHz): δ = 14.1, 61.7, 120.3 (2C), 125.3 (2C), 125.5, 132.5, 142.5, 144.7, 146.4, 160.6, 185.9. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 53.98; H, 3.83; N, 14.53. Found: C, 54.16; H, 3.76; N, 14.39.

*Ethyl 1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (41). Yield: 0.86 g (55%); mp 174°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  1.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.44 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.03 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.30 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 9.34 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.31 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.3, 62.1, 119.0, 122.2, 126.0, 130.0, 131.3, 132.9, 134.1, 137.6, 144.7, 161.0, 186.2. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 49.86; H, 3.22; N, 8.95. Found: C, 49.65; H, 3.08; N, 8.79.

*Ethyl 1-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate* (*4m*). Yield: 1.50 g (96%); mp 233°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  = 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.51 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.03 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 9.41 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.30 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50 MHz):  $\delta$  = 14.3, 62.2, 118.8 (2C), 126.1, 128.7 (2C), 130.2, 136.3, 139.9, 144.8, 161.0, 186.1. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 49.86; H, 3.22; N, 8.95. Found: C, 50.03; H, 3.12; N, 8.83.

General procedure for the synthesis of 1-aryl-4-formyl-1*H*pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (5a–c). To a solution of ethyl 1-aryl-4-formyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (4b,c or 4l) (1 mmol) in 6 mL ethanol was added a solution of 112 mg (2 mmol) KOH in 4 mL water and refluxed for 30 min. After cooling in ice, the reaction mixture was acidified with aqueous HCl (10%). The resulting precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol.

*4-Formyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1H -pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid* (*5a*). Yield: 200 mg (87%); mp 230°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.12 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.31 (s, 1H, CHO), 13.69 (br s, 1H, CO<sub>2</sub>H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 20.6, 119.6 (2C), 124.9, 130.1 (2C), 131.0, 136.2, 138.0, 144.7, 162.5, 186.4. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 62.60; H, 4.38; N, 12.17. Found: C, 62.39; H, 4.49; N, 12.02.

4-Formyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H -pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (5b). Yield: 202 mg (82%); mp 168°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 3.80 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.05 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.30 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 55.6, 114.7 (2C), 121.4 (2C), 124.9, 130.9, 131.9, 144.6, 159.1, 162.6, 186.4. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 58.54; H, 4.09; N, 11.38. Found: C, 58.38; H, 4.21; N, 11.12.

*1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid* (*5c*). Yield: 231 mg (81%); mp 225°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.28 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 9.25 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.34 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 119.7, 121.4, 125.1, 130.4, 131.6, 131.6, 132.2, 138.1, 146.9, 162.6, 186.8. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 46.34; H, 2.12; N, 9.83. Found: C, 46.11; H, 2.08; N, 10.00.

**General procedure for the synthesis of 2-aryl-2,6-dihydro-7***H***-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7-ones (6a–d).** Ethyl 1-aryl-4-formyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (**4b**,**g**,**h**, or **I**) (1 mmol) and hydrazine monohydrate 100 mg (2 mmol) in ethanol (3 mL) refluxed for 4 h. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with water (5 mL). The precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized from DMF-ethanol.

**2-(4-Methylphenyl)-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[3,4-d] pyridazin-7-one (6a)..** Yield: 172 mg (76%); mp > 300°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.35 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyridazine</sub>), 9.13 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyrazole</sub>), 12.40 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 20.6, 119.5, 120.4 (2C), 125.2, 130.2 (2C), 133.1, 136.8, 138.5, 142.7, 156.5. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 63.71; H, 4.46; N, 24.76. Found: C, 63.56; H, 4.53; N, 24.63.

**2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7-one (6b).** Yield: 170 mg (69%); mp > 300°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.16 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.26 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyridazine</sub>), 9.21 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyrazole</sub>), 12.27 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 119.2, 119.6, 120.4, 126.0, 128.6, 131.6, 133.1, 134.2, 140.1, 143.1, 156.4. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O: C, 53.56; H, 2.86; N, 22.71. Found: C, 53.34; H, 2.67; N, 22.56.

**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7-one (6c).** Yield: 227 mg (78%); mp > 300°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.36 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyridazine</sub>), 9.21 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyrazole</sub>), 12.42 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 119.6, 121.6, 122.5 (2C), 125.7, 132.7 (2C), 133.1, 138.2, 143.1, 156.4. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O: C, 45.39; H, 2.42; N, 19.25. Found: C, 45.62; H, 2.25; N, 19.43.

**2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7-one (6d).** Yield: 202 mg (72%); mp > 300°C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO*d*<sub>6</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.37 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyridazine</sub>), 9.27 (s, 1H, CH<sub>pyrazole</sub>), 12.45 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 50 MHz)  $\delta$ : 119.6, 120.6, 122.2, 126.1, 131.2, 131.7, 132.3, 133.1, 138.5, 143.2, 156.3. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 47.00; H, 2.15; N, 19.93. Found: C, 47.16; H, 2.31; N, 19.79.

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