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Reactions of Aliphatic Diazo Compounds: VI.* Reactions of Diazomethane and Ethyl Diazoacetate with (*E*)-2-Arylmethylene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ones

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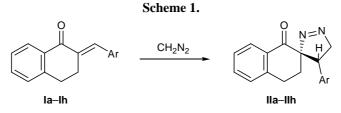
Abstract—Diazomethane and ethyl diazoacetate add to (*E*)-2-arylmethylene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1ones in a regio- and stereoselective fashion, yielding the corresponding 4'-aryl-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-ones. The products formed by addition of ethyl diazoacetate undergo isomerization into 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole derivatives.

We previously showed that 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of ethyl diazoacetate to 1,3-diaryl-2-propen-1-ones occurs with high regioselectivity to afford isomeric 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazoles [2]. Reactions of diazomethane with α , β -unsaturated cyclic ketones having an exocyclic double bond, e.g., 2-arylmethylene-3-phenyl-1-indanones, 3-arylmethyleneflavanones, etc. [3], were studied by many authors. It was found that the process is regioselective and that the products are spiro-4,5-dihydro-3*H*-pyrazoles. However, there are no published data on reactions of such compounds with diazoacetic acid esters.

We have studied reactions of diazomethane and ethyl diazoacetate with (*E*)-2-arylmethylene-1,2,3,4tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ones **Ia–Ih**. Diazomethane reacted with compounds **Ia–Ih** in diethyl ether at 0°C to afford 37–69% of the corresponding 4'-aryl-1,2,3,4,-4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1ones **IIa–IIh** (Scheme 1). The structure of products **IIa–IIh** was determined on the basis of their spectral parameters and elemental compositions. The IR spectra of **IIa–IIh** lacked NH absorption, while their ¹H NMR spectra contained signals from the 4'-H proton in the pyrazole ring as a doublet of doublets at δ 3.82– 4.31 ppm and signals from two 5'-H protons in the δ region of 5.0 ppm. According to our previous data and those reported in [4], the phenyl group in compound **IIa** is arranged *trans* with respect to the carbonyl group.

Reactions of tetralones **Ia–Id**, **If**, and **Ii** with ethyl diazoacetate in toluene at 90–95°C in 120 h afforded up to 56% of the corresponding ethyl 4'-aryl-1-oxo-1,2,3,4,-4',5'-hexahydro-1'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'-carboxylates **IIIa–IIIf** (Scheme 2).

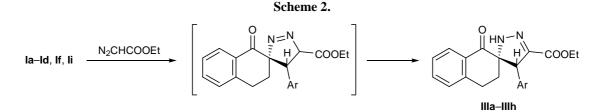
The structure of compounds **IIIa–IIIf** was derived from their elemental analyses and spectral data. The IR spectra of **IIIa–IIIf** contained an absorption band at 3370 cm⁻¹ due to NH group. In the ¹H NMR spectra we observed a singlet at δ 9.25–9.52 ppm (NH), a singlet at δ 4.57–4.92 ppm from 4'-H, and also signals from aromatic protons and protons of the ethyl and –CH₂CH₂– groups. The signal from the aromatic *ortho* protons appears as a broadened singlet at room temperature; on heating to 50°C it is converted into



 $Ar = Ph(\mathbf{a}), 4-MeC_{6}H_{4}(\mathbf{b}), 4-ClC_{6}H_{4}(\mathbf{c}), 4-BrC_{6}H_{4}(\mathbf{d}), 4-MeOC_{6}H_{4}(\mathbf{e}), 3-MO_{2}C_{6}H_{4}(\mathbf{f}), 3-MeOC_{6}H_{4}(\mathbf{g}), 2-ClC_{6}H_{4}(\mathbf{h}).$

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^{*} For communication V, see [1].



Ii, Ar = 4-NO₂C₆H₄; **III**, Ar= Ph (a), 4-MeC₆H₄ (b), 4-ClC₆H₄ (c), 4-BrC₆H₄ (d), 4-NO₂C₆H₄ (e), 3-NO₂C₆H₄ (f).

a doublet with J = 8.0 Hz. This patten may be interpreted in terms of restrictied rotation of the aryl group in molecules **IIIa–IIIf** due to spatial interaction with the $-C^{3}H_{2}C^{4}H_{2}$ – group, which is possible only when the aromatic and carbonyl groups are arranged *trans*. The ¹H–¹H NOESY spectrum of compound **IIIb** displayed interaction between the $C^{3}H_{2}$ protons, protons in the *ortho* position of the aromatic ring, and NH proton, whereas no interaction between NH and 4'-H was observed. The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **IIIa** contained signals at δ_{C} 14.9 (CH₃), 26.1 (CH₂), 29.2 (CH₂), 54.0 (CH), 60.8 (CH₂), 74.1 (C), 162.5 (CO), and 194.1 ppm (CO), as well as signals from the aromatic carbon atoms. The signal from $C^{3'}$ (where the ester group is attached) is located at δ 130–145 ppm.

Thus the reactions of diazomethane and ethyl diazoacetate with 2-arylmethylenetetrahydronaphthalen-1-ones **I** are regio- and stereoselective, and the nucleophilic carbon atom in the diazo compound adds at the unsaturated carbon atom in the β -position with respect to the carbonyl group, i.e., in keeping with the Auvers rule.

EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra were recorded on a UR-20 spectrophotometer from 2% solutions in CHCl₃. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-300 instrument at 300.13 and 75.47 MHz, respectively, from solutions in DMSO- d_6 . The reaction mixtures were analyzed, and the purity of the products was checked, by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates. Initial 2-arylmethylene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ones **Ia–Ii** were synthesized as described in [5].

4'-Aryl-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-ones IIa–IIh (general procedure). A solution of diazomethane in diethyl ether, prepared from 5 g (49 mmol) of *N*-nitrosomethylurea, was added to a cold solution of 4 mmol of the corresponding 2-arylmethylene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-one **Ia–Ih** in 10 ml of benzene, and the mixture was left overnight. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol.

4'-Phenyl-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H***-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IIa).** Yield 54%, mp 70–72°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 920, 1300, 1455, 1600 s, 1680 v.s, 2940, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.73 m (1H), 2.10 d.t (1H, *J* = 14, 5), 2.77 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 3.23 m (1H), 3.90 d.d (1H, *J* = 7, 6), 4.98 d. d (1H, *J* = 18, 7), 5.00 d. d (1H, *J* = 18, 6), 7.05 d (1H, *J* = 7), 7.19–7.33 (3H), 7.36–7.48 (2H), 7.65 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.95 d (1H, *J* = 8). Found %: C 78.04; H 5.87; N 9.87. C₁₈H₁₆N₂O. Calculated, %: C 78.24; H 5.84; N 10.14.

4'-(4-Methylphenyl)-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H***naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IIb). Yield 60%, mp 119–121°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 920, 1030, 1120, 1160, 1245, 1300, 1455, 1600 s, 1690 v.s, 2930, 3040. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), \delta, ppm (***J***, Hz): 1.93 m (1H), 2.20 d. t (1H,** *J* **= 14, 5), 2.33 s (3H), 2.88 d.t (1H,** *J* **= 17, 5), 3.52 m (1H), 3.88 d.d (1H,** *J* **= 7, 5), 5.03 d.d (1H,** *J* **= 18, 7), 5.05 d. d (1H,** *J* **= 18, 5), 6.85 d (2H,** *J* **= 8), 7.10 d (2H,** *J* **= 8), 7.30 d (1H,** *J* **= 8), 7.38 d.d (1H,** *J* **= 8, 7), 7.56 d.d (1H,** *J* **= 8, 7), 8.08 d (1H,** *J* **= 8). Found %: C 78.39; H 6.27; N 9.26. C₁₉H₁₈N₂O. Calculated, %: C 78.59; H 6.25; N 9.65.**

4'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H***-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IIc).** Yield 60%, mp 87–89°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 920 s, 1020, 1100 s, 1160, 1290, 1300, 1355, 1450, 1490 s, 1600 s, 1680 v.s, 2860, 2940, 3030. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.73 m (1H), 2.08 d. t (1H, *J* = 14, 5), 2.81 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 3.26 m (1H), 3.94 d.d (1H, *J* = 7, 6), 4.97 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 7), 5.01 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 6), 7.09 d (2H, *J* = 8), 7.35 d (2H, *J* = 8), 7.40 d (1H, *J* = 7), 7.43 d.d (1H, *J* = 8, 7), 7.65 d.d (1H, *J* = 8, 7), 7.96 d (1H, *J* = 8). Found, %: C 69.66; H 4.86; N 8.84. C₁₈H₁₅ClN₂O. Calculated, %: C 69.57; H 4.86; N 9.01.

4'-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IId). Yield

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47%, mp 124°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 920, 1020, 1080, 1120, 1160, 1245, 1290, 1300, 1450, 1490 s, 1600 s, 1690 v.s, 2940, 3040. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.89 m (1H), 2.12 d. t (1H, *J* = 14, 5), 2.90 d. t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 3.59 m (1H), 3.93 t (1H, *J* = 7), 5.04 d (2H, *J* = 7), 6.85 d (2H, *J* = 8), 7.31 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.38 d.d (1H, *J* = 8, 7), 7.58 d.d (1H, *J* = 8, 7), 8.08 d (1H, *J* = 8). Found, %: C 61.09; H 4.37; N 7.72. C₁₈H₁₅BrN₂O. Calculated, %: C 60.86; H 4.26; N 7.89.

4'-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H***-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IIe).** Yield 67%, mp 138°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 910, 1040, 1260, 1300, 1455, 1520, 1600 s, 1690 s, 2830, 2940, 3040. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.75 m (1H), 2.14 d.t (1H, *J* = 14, 5), 2.79 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 3.19 m (1H), 3.71 s (3H), 3.82 t (1H, *J* = 7), 4.92 d (1H, *J* = 7), 6.84 d (2H, *J* = 8), 6.95 d (2H, *J* = 8), 7.39 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.42 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.64 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.96 d (1H, *J* = 8). Found, %: C 74.49; H 5.88; N 8.88. C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₂. Calculated, %: C 74.49; H 5.92; N 9.14.

4'-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H***-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IIf).** Yield 69%, mp 80–82°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 915, 1020, 1090, 1160, 1300, 1350 s, 1450, 1540 s, 1600, 1690 s, 2950, 3040. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.75 m (1H), 2.05 d.t (1H, *J* = 14, 5). 2.85 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 3.30 m (1H), 4.16 d.d (1H, *J* = 8, 6), 5.05 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 8), 5.12 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 6), 7.40 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.44 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.53 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.60 t (1H, *J* = 8), 8.12 d (1H, *J* = 8). Found, %: C 67.45; H 4.69; N 12.99. C₁₈H₁₅N₃O₃. Calculated, %: C 67.28; H 4.71; N 13.08.

4'-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'H-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IIg). Yield 38%, mp 107°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 905, 1060, 1160, 1300, 1455, 1490, 1600 s, 1690 s, 2840, 2940, 3040. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.79 m (1H), 2.12 d.t (1H, *J* = 14, 5), 2.81 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 3.24 m (1H), 3.70 s (3H), 3.88 d.d (1H, *J* = 8, 6), 4.97 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 8), 5.01 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 6), 6.58 d (1H, *J* = 8), 6.64 d (1H, *J* = 3), 6.82 d. d (1H, *J* = 8, 3), 7.21 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.39 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.42 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.65 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.98 d (1H, *J* = 8). Found, %: C 74.52; H 5.91; N 9.26. C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₂. Calculated, %: C 74.49; H 5.92; N 9.14.

4'-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-3'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-3'-pyrazol-1-one (IIh). Yield

43%, mp 103°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 920, 1045, 1160, 1300 s, 1455, 1480, 1600 s, 1690 s, 2940, 3035. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.78 m (1H), 1.91 d.t (1H, *J* = 14, 5), 2.82 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 3.40 m (1H), 4.31 d.d (1H, *J* = 9, 3), 4.98 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 9), 5.24 d.d (1H, *J* = 18, 3), 7.05 d.d (1H, *J* = 8, 2), 7.32 t.d (1H, *J* = 8, 2), 7.37–7.48 (3H), 7.66 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.96 d (1H, *J* = 8). Found, %: C 69.42; H 5.04; N 8.77. C₁₈H₁₅ClN₂O. Calculated, %: C 69.57; H 4.86; N 9.01.

Ethyl 4'-aryl-1-oxo-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-1'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'-carboxylates IIIa–IIIf (general procedure). Ethyl diazoacetate, 2 g (18 mmol), was added to a solution of 3.7 mmol of the corresponding 2-arylmethylene-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-one in 30 ml of anhydrous toluene, and the mixture was heated for 120 h at 90–95°C (the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC). The solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure, and the residue was recrystallized from a 1:8 ethyl acetate–hexane mixture.

Ethyl 1-oxo-4'-phenyl-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-1'H-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'-carboxylate (IIIa). Yield 34%, mp 148- 149°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1070, 1115, 1135, 1300, 1420, 1480, 1500, 1690 s, 2940, 3040, 3370. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm (J, Hz): 1.15 t (3H, J = 7), 1.69 d.t (1H, J = 14, 5), 1.82 m (1H), 2.74 d.t (1H, J = 18, 5), 2.91 m (1H), 4.01 m (2H), 4.65 s (1H), 7.08 br.s (2H), 7.26-7.38 m (4H), 7.41 t (1H, J = 8), 7.60 t.d (1H, J = 8, 1), 7.96 d (1H, J = 8), 9.25 s (1H). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-d₆), δ, ppm: 14.9 (CH₃), 26.1 (CH₂), 29.2 (CH₂), 54.0 (CH), 60.8 (CH₂), 74.1 (C), 127.8 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 130.7 (C), 134.9 (CH), 136.9 (C), 143.6 (C), 144.5 (C), 162.5 (CO), 194.1 (CO). Found, %: C 72.31; H 5.76%; N 7.95. C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₃. Calculated, %: C 72.40; H 5.79; N 8.04.

Ethyl 4'-(4-methylphenyl)-1-oxo-1,2,3,4,4',5'hexahydro-1'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'carboxylate (IIIb). Yield 40%, mp 185–186°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1070, 1115, 1250, 1300, 1420, 1600, 1700 s, 2930, 3040, 3370. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.10 t (3H, *J* = 7), 1.75 m (2H), 2.29 s (3H), 2.76 m (1H), 2.88 m (1H), 4.02 m (2H), 4.57 s (1H), 6.97 br.s (2H), 7.15 d (2H, *J* = 8), 7.30 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.41 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.58 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.95 d (1H, *J* = 8), 9.30 s (1H). Found, %: C 72.64; H 6.05; N 7.29. C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₃. Calculated, %: C 72.91; H 6.12; N 7.73. Ethyl 4'-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2,3,4,4',5'hexahydro-1'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'carboxylate (IIIc). Yield 54%, mp 209–210°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1020, 1070, 1095, 1115, 1130, 1250, 1300, 1430, 1490, 1600, 1690 s, 3040, 3370. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.12 t (3H, *J* = 7), 1.68 d.t (1H, *J* = 14, 5), 1.81 m (1H), 2.75 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 2.92 m (1H), 4.01 m (2H), 4.68 s (1H), 7.11 br.s (2H), 7.31 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.37–7.45 (3H), 7.59 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.95 d (1H, *J* = 8), 9.37 s (1H). Found, %: C 65.84; H 5.10; N 7.22. C₂₁H₁₉ClN₂O₃. Calculated, %: C 65.88; H 5.00; N 7.32.

Ethyl 4'-(4-bromophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2,3,4,4',5'hexahydro-1'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'carboxylate (IIId). Yield 44%, mp 204°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1015, 1075, 1110, 1255, 1300, 1420, 1600, 1700 s, 3365. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.11 t (3H, *J* = 7), 1.66 d.t (1H, *J* = 13, 5), 1.82 m (1H), 2.74 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 2.94 m (1H), 4.05 m (2H), 4.67 s (1H), 7.05 br.s (2H), 7.31 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.42 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.54 d (2H, *J* = 8), 7.61 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.96 d (1H, *J* = 8), 9.36 s (1H). Found, %: C 58.91; H 4.51; N 6.31. C₂₁H₁₉BrN₂O₃. Calculated, %: C 59.03; H 4.48, N 6.56.

Ethyl 4'-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-1'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'-carboxylate (IIIe). Yield 56%, mp 203°C. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.10 t (3H, *J* = 7), 1.64 d.t (1H, *J* = 13, 5), 1.84 m (1H), 2.75 d.t (1H, *J* = 17, 5), 2.94 m (1H), 4.08 m (2H), 4.90 s (1H), 7.32 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.40 br.s (2H), 7.42 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.60 t.d (1H, *J* = 8, 1), 7.97 d (1H, J = 8), 8.23 d (2H, J = 9), 9.52 s (1H). Found, %: C 64.41; H 4.84; N 10.70. C₂₁H₁₉N₃O₅. Calculated, %: C 64.12; H 4.87; N 10.68.

Ethyl 4'-(3-nitrophenyl)-1-oxo-1,2,3,4,4',5'-hexahydro-1'*H*-naphthalene-2-spiro-5'-pyrazole-3'-carboxylate (IIIf). Yield 27%, mp 143°C. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 1070, 1110, 1240 s, 1300, 1350 s, 1470, 1535, 1600, 1700 s, 3365. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.12 t (3H, *J* = 7), 1.64 m (1H), 1.88 m (1H), 2.76 m (1H), 2.94 m (1H), 4.06 m (2H), 4.92 s (1H), 7.31 d (1H, *J* = 8), 7.41 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.59 t (1H, *J* = 7), 7.62 br.s (1H), 7.67 t (1H, *J* = 8), 7.97 d (1H, *J* = 8), 8.17 d (1H, *J* = 7), 9.52 s (1H). Found, %: C 64.06; H 5.07; N 10.52. C₂₁H₁₉N₃O₅. Calculated, %: C 64.12; H 4.87; N 10.68.

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