1620 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.26 (3 H, t, $J = 7$ Hz), 2.70-3.02 $(2 \text{ H, m}), 2.92 \ (3 \text{ H, s}), 3.85 \ (3 \text{ H, s}), 4.18 \ (2 \text{ H, q}, J = 7 \text{ Hz}), 4.46$ (1 H, d, *J* = 8 Hz), 4.77 (1 H, s), 5.79 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8,2 Hz), 6.03 (1 H, br s), 6.64-6.99 (3 H, m), 11.81 (1 H, **s,** OH); calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}NO_5$ mol wt 355.142, found mol wt 355.144.

Ethyl **9-Methoxy-3-methyl-7-oxo-2,3,4,4a,5,6,7,7a-octahydro-1H-benzofuro[3,2-e]isoquinoline-6-carbxylate** (22b). A mixture of 5b (18.0 *mg,* 0.051 mmol) and **Pt02** (3.0 mg) in EtOH (20 mL) was hydrogenated to give 22b: 18.2 mg (100%) ; oil; MS, m/z (relative intensity) 359 (M⁺, 100), 313, 71, 70; IR (thin film) 1730, 1650, 1620 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.24 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, total intensity 3 H), 1.85-3.07 (m) and 2.47 **(8)** (total intensity 13 H), $(s, \text{ total intensity } 3 \text{ H}), 4.16 (q, J = 7 \text{ Hz}, \text{ total intensity } 2 \text{ H}),$ 4.83 and 4.99 (each s, total intensity 1 H, relative intensity 8812), 6.72-7.17 (m, total intensity 3 H); calcd for $C_{20}H_{25}NO_5$ mol wt 359.173, found mol wt 359.171.

9-Methoxy-3-methyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6-hexahydro-l H -benzo**furo[3,2-e]isoquinolin-7(7aH)-one** (24). A solution of 22b (323.4 mg, 0.901 mmol) in 6 N HCl (10.0 mL) was heated at reflux for 4 h. When cool, the reaction mixture was basified with 4 N once with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and evaporated to give 24 (175.1 mg, 68%) **as** an oil which solidified upon standing. The product is an 88:12 mixture of trans/cis ring junction stereoisomers.

The trans isomer (24a) was isolated by recrystallization from benzene/ hexane, and an analytical sample was then sublimed: mp 139.5-140.0 °C; MS, m/z (relative intensity) 287 (M⁺, 100); IR (KBr) 1720 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.49–2.99 (11 H, m), 2.43 (3 H, s), 3.89 (3 H, s), 4.42 (1 H, **s),** 6.78-7.09 (3 H, m). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃: C, 71.03; H, 7.39; N, 4.88. Found: C, 70.97; H, *7.70;* N, 4.84.

An analytical sample of the cis isomer (24b) was obtained by preparative TLC (5% MeOH/CHCl₃): MS, m/z (relative intensity) 287 (M', 100); IR (thin film) 1720,1620 cm-'; 'H NMR (CDCl,) 6 1.67-2.94 (11 H, m), 2.33 (3 H, **s),** 3.89 (3 H, s), 4.60 $(1 H, s)$, 6.62-7.00 (3 H, m); calcd for $C_{17}H_{21}NO_3$ mol wt 287.152, found mol wt 287.153.

3-Methyl-5,6-dihydro-3H-benzofuro[3,2-e Iisoquinolin-7- $(7aH)$ -one (30a). A solution of 5a (65.5 mg, 0.202 mmol) in 6 N HC1 (2.0 mL) was refluxed for 4 h. When cool, the reaction mixture was basified with 4 N NaOH and extracted with benzene. The extracts were washed once with 4 N NaOH/brine (1:1), dried $(Na₂SO₄)$, and evaporated to give 30a: 36.3 mg (71%); oil; MS, m/z (relative intensity) 253 (M⁺), 197 (100), 196, 169; IR (thin film) 1720, 1680, 1610, 1600 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.22-2.87 (4 H, m), 2.97 (3 H, s), 4.43 (1 H, **s),** 4.50 (1 H, d, *J* = 8 Hz), 5.87 $(1 H, dd, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.02 (1 H, br s), 6.82-7.17 (4 H, m); calcd$ for $C_{16}H_{16}NO_2$ mol wt 253.110, found mol wt 253.110.

9-Methoxy-3-methyl-5,6-dihydro-3H-benzofuro[3,2-e Iisoquinolin-7(7aH)-one (30b). A solution of 5b (111.2 mg, 0.313) mmol) in 6 N HCl (4.0 mL) was heated at reflux for 4 h. When cool, the solution was basified with 4 N NaOH and extracted with benzene. The extracts were washed once with 4 N NaOH/brine (1:1), dried (Na_2SO_4) , and evaporated to give 30b: 53.4 mg (60%); solid; mp 137-139 °C dec; MS, m/z (relative intensity) 283 (M⁺), 227, 226 (loo), 198; IR (KBr) 1720, 1680, 1610 cm-'; 'H NMR (CDC13) 6 2.10-2.77 (4 H, m), 2.95 (3 H, **e),** 3.89 (3 H, s), 4.42 (1 H, s), 4.45 (1 H, d, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.86 (1 H, dd, $J = 8$, 2 Hz), 5.92 $(1 H, s)$, 6.56-6.97 (3 H, m); calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}NO_3$ mol wt 283.121, found mol **wt** 283.121.

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Aryl Coupling Reactions of Pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-yl Radicals

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4-Arylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines (4) were the subjects of a synthetic investigation in order to evaluate their biological activity. Attempts to prepare 4 from 4-aminopyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines (5) via classical Gomberg-Bachmann-Hey aryl coupling conditions failed. Conversion of **5** to 4 was accomplished by diazotiazation of **5** using alkyl nitrites with an acid catalyst in aromatic solvents. Isomer distribution of the aryl-coupled products 4 was that predicted for a radical intermediate (ortho $>$ meta \simeq para); isomer structures were assigned by a detailed ¹H NMR analysis. Unusual fragmentation products 17 and 18 were isolated during the course of investigations. These oxadiazoles probably arise from collapse of intermediate pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-yl radicals 15.

Recent reports of the interesting anxiolytic properties of compounds such as $1¹ 2²$ and $3³$ led us to investigate preparation of related 4-arylpyrazolo^[3,4-d]pyrimidines (4) as potentially active pharmaceutical agents. A straight-

forward synthesis of **4** could be envisioned as a one-step Gomberg-Bachmann-Hey aryl coupling reaction³ between readily available **4-aminopyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines (5)4** and a variety of aromatic solvents. This method would allow for specific control of the site for arylation as well as for the preparation of numerous analogues from only a few common radical intermediates. A similar approach to the preparation of **6,** the purine analogue of **4,** was recently reported. $5,6$

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The difficulty of diazotization of amine derivatives of electron-deficient heterocyclic systems is well-documented,' but numerous examples of the nitrous acid hydrolysis of *5* to allopurinol derivatives exist? Hydrolysis of *5* under these conditions is presumptive of the intermediacy of a short-lived diazonium salt. In our hands, however, attempts to diazotize **5a** by using aqueous nitrous acid, nitrosylsulfuric acid, or nitrosofluoroborate led to the immediate precipitation of **7** from the reaction medium with no subsequent reaction (Scheme **I).** Attempted diazotization of 5a with tert-butyl thionitrate⁹ also failed.

Since acetamides may be nitrosated/diazotized as an alternative to amines,1° amine **5a** was converted to acetamide **8** via mild hydrolysis of an intermediate diacyl derivative (Scheme I). Although **8** did not react with nitrosyl chloride directly, lactam **lla** was formed in 80% yield when **8** was treated with sodium hydride in dimethylformamide and subsequently reacted with nitrosyl chloride (Scheme I). The intermediacy of anion **9** in this reaction was demonstrated by the addition of methyl iodide rather than nitrosyl chloride with the consequent formation of N-methylacetamide **10.** Methyl ether **12a** and chloro derivative **12b** were prepared from **lla** to confirm structural assignments. Since **1 la** probably results from

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 a ^(a) Ac₂O/pyr/ Δ , (b) NaHCO₃/H₂O/EtOH, (c) NaH/ DMF, (d) CH,I/DMF, **(e)** NOCl/DMF or PhCH,, (f) NaH/ $CH₃I/DMF$, (g) POCl₃.

decomposition of an intermediate diazonium ion, reaction of anion **9** with nitrosyl chloride was repeated in toluene in an attempt to trap the intermediate **via** the desired aryl coupling reaction to give **4.** Unfortunately, lactam **1 la** was the only isolable product under these conditions, albeit in slightly lower yield than in the previous experiment.

Aryl radicals may also be prepared from arylamines by the action of alkyl nitrites. The use of these diazotizing reagents to effect Gomberg-type arylations was reported more than 20 years ago.¹¹ More recently alkyl nitrites have been used to diazotize electron-deficient 6-aminopurines in order to prepare 6-deaminated-,^{12a} 6-halo-,^{12b} and 6-

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" **Yields are reported for compounds isolated by chromatographic separations prior to the preparation of analytical samples. NMR analysis of total isolated 4-arylation product. product combined with product which further reacted to give 4'-nitrated byproduct (see Table I1 and Experimental Section). e See ref 13.** *f* **Isomeric product mixture could not be separated or further purified. 'H NMR analysis without isolation.** Isomer structures were determined by ¹H NMR analysis (see Table II). $\,$ $\,$ Unisolated isomer observed by $\,$ $\,$ H $\,$ **Ratio of ortho product includes the expected substituted aryl Product identified by See text and ref 14.**

arylpurine5 derivatives. When amines **5** were treated with isoamyl nitrite in refluxing aromatic solvents such as benzene, toluene, chlorobenzene, and anisole, a gradual disappearance of **5** with concomitant formation of several new products was observed (Scheme 11). Because of the slow rates of reaction **as** well **as** the instability of isoamyl nitrite at these elevated reaction temperatures (85-140 "C), the reaction mixtures were periodically recharged with diazotizing reagent until amine **5** was completely consumed. While methanesulfonic and trifluoroacetic acids effectively catalyzed the reactions, p-toluenesulfonic acid produced the cleanest results and simplified product separation by dry column silica gel chromatography. The results of the diazotiazation of **5a-e** are summarized in Table I.

Some general observations concerning these results may be made. In almost all cases, lactam **11** formation was a

significant side reaction which could not be prevented by scrupulous drying of solvents and reagents, by using an inert atmosphere, or by varying the catalysts. Consequently, most of the reactions reported were performed by using commercial solvents and reagents with no additional purifications. Because lactam **11** precipitated from the reaction mixtures upon cooling, it was easily separated from the crude reaction product prior to column chromatography. In experiments 16 and 17, the more soluble lactam product was not isolated. Ether **13** probably arose via trapping of the intermediate pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-yl radical (15) by isoamyl alcohol. Deaminated

products **14** resulted from hydrogen radical abstraction by **15** in a manner analogous to the process reported for purines.lZa **As** may be seen from Table I, **13** and **14** were formed in minor amounts and could be ignored for preparative purposes.

The desired arylation products **4** were isolated in moderate yields. The highest yields of these products were obtained from amines **5b** and **5c** (experiments 6-13) with a 3-hydrogen **as** compared to the 3-methyl derivatives **5a,d, e.** (experiments 1-5, 14-17). The lower yield of arylated products **4** in the latter cases was probably due to steric hindrance to the approach of the bulky aromatic reactants by the 3-CH₃ group. The effects of the 3 -CH₃ substituent were evidenced in other ways. The total yields from reactions performed on **Sa,d,e** were significantly lower than those for **5b,c.** In several of the these cases, "dimeric" products **as** measured by mass spectrometry were isolated in small amounts; in experiments 16 and 17, for example, compound 15 was isolated.¹⁴ Lastly, in experiments 1, 2,

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dine (14d): mp 73-74 °C; mass spectrum, m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{10}N_4$
210.0905, found 210.0910. Anal. Calcd C, 68.56; H, 4.79; N, 26.65. Found: **C, 27.82; H, 4.97;** N, **26.12.**

and 14, compounds of vastly different structure were isolated (Table I, "other") which will be discussed later.

While mechanistic studies have not been attempted, several results support the radical character of this reaction. First, the yields of 4 were generally greater from substituted benzenes as compared to benzene itself (see experiments 6,7, and 9 vs. 8). Second, isomer distribution of isolated 4-arylated products 4 (ortho \geq meta \approx para) reflected the expected results for aryl radical coupling15 (Table I). Isomer structural assignments for 4 were determined by 'H **NMR** spectral properties, and selected chemical shifts are reported in Table 11.

'H **NMR** spectral features of 4 may be summarized as follows. When $R_2 = H$, the H_3 absorption appears between δ 8.00 and 8.40 when R_1 = alkyl and between δ 8.25 and 8.60 when R_1 = aryl. When R_2 = CH₃, this methyl signal occurs between δ 2.10 and 2.50 for R_1 = alkyl and between δ 2.30 and 2.50 for R_1 = aryl. The 4-aryl absorptions of 4 were difficult to analyze for several derivatives due to considerable overlap with other protons and could not be analyzed when $R_1 = \text{aryl}$ (see 4-10 o , 4-10 m , and 4-11 o). All 2'-substituted isomers had an upfield shift for H_3 or the 3-CH, **(R,)** as compared to the **3'-** or 4'-substituted derivatives (for example, see R_2 (δ) in Table III for 4-10 vs. 4-lm and 4-lp. This upfield shift also appeared for the $2'$ -CH₃ or the $2'$ -CH₃O signals for 4-10, 4-60, 4-70, 4-100, and $4-110$ as compared to the $3'$ - and $4'$ -isomers. These upfield shifts presumably result from steric compression. It is also interesting to note that when $R_2 = \overline{C}H_3$, the aromatic ring twists significantly out of planarity, with H_2 ' and H₆' shifted upfield as compared to similar compounds with $R_2 = H$ (see 4-1*p* vs. 4-6*p*). The meta and para isomers were easily identified **as** a result of obvious symmetry differences. 13C **NMR** spectral analysis of 13C-enriched products 4-2 (experiment 2) confirmed the above product assignments.

It may be concluded from this analysis that aryl coupling of in situ generated **pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-yl** radical (16) with aromatic molecules occurs in the predicted λ

manner (ortho isomer predominant) regardless of steric constraints imposed by 3-substitution of the heterocycle. **Thus,** despite lower yields of 4-arylated products **4** for the 3-methyl vis-à-vis the 3-hydrogen systems, the ortho isomer remains the major product. **This** result is in stark contrast to that recently reported for the analogous purinyl radical 17 where no ortho-substituted aryl products were obtained.⁵ The reason for these differences is obscure, but it is a **priori** difficult to believe that "steric effeds" are more severe for 17 than for 16.

We previously reported a remarkable fragmentation of 16 $(R_1 = R_2 = CH_3)$ that occurred during the attempted aryl coupling of amine 5a with toluene. (Scheme III; Table I, "other").¹⁶ Oxadiazole fragmentation products 18a and

19 represent a large portion of the isolated product (experiments 1 and $2^{\int_{0}^{16}$ These unusual products probably formed via fragmentation of radical 16 $(R_1 = R_2 = CH_3)$ to radical 20a and HCN. Reaction of 20a either by hy-

drogen radical abstraction or by aryl coupling in the reaction medium would give either 21a or 22a, respectively. Long exposure of the solvent toluene to the oxidative reaction conditions could cause the formation of benzonitrile N-oxide which would react with 21a or 22a to give 18a and 19, respectively. **A** similar fragmentation product 18b was isolated when amine 5d was diazotized in toluene (experiment 14). In this case, no analogue of 19 was found, probably as a result of the steric bulk of the N-phenyl moiety of radical **20b** which could prevent the formation of 22b. The structure of 18b, was confirmed by comparison of its 13C **NMR** spectrum with that of the previously reported16 18a (Table 111). This fragmentation presumably occurred during all the reactions in **thii** report but was only observable in the cases where the toluene solvent allowed the trapping of 21 or 22 to give easily isolable oxadiazole products. In other cases, the 4-cyanopyrazoles may either have decomposed or were lost during the workup procedures.

A number of conclusions concerning the preparation of 4 and oxadiazole fragmentation products 18 and 19 may be drawn. Clearly, 3-methyl substitution $(R_2 = CH_3)$ lowers the yield of 4 as compared to the results for 3-hydrogen substitution (see amines 5a and 5d vs. demethyl amines 5c and 5d). Presumably this is a consequence of steric hindrance to the approach of the aromatic solvent molecules to 15 by the 3-methyl moiety. Notice that formation of ether 13 and deaminated 14 is enhanced by these "hindered" radicals. Further, the unusual fragmentation products formed only from amines 5a and 5d.¹⁸ This again is presumably the consequence of steric hindrance toward reaction of radical 16 which extends the lifetime of 16 and hence allows other modes of reaction to occur.

Finally, it is important to note that the purpose of these investigations was to prepare **4-arylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyri**midines (4). In this regard we found a simple procedure to form and isolate the desired 4 (albeit as a difficultly separable mixture of isomers). Thus an easy one-step conversion of the readily available amines 5 to the 4-aryl derivatives 4 has allowed the preparation of a number of these derivatives for biological evaluation.

Experimental Section

Melting points were determined on a Mel-Temp **capillary block** apparatus and are uncorrected. All compounds are homogeneous

⁽¹⁴⁾ A small amount $(\leq 4\%)$ of 15 was collected: mp 265-266 °C; mass
spectrum, m/z 462 (M⁺); IR (KBr) 1715 cm⁻¹. Anal. Calcd for
 $C_{26}H_{22}N_8O$: C, 67.52; H, 4.79; N, 24.23. Found: C, 67.35; H, 5.02; N,

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⁽¹⁸⁾ Oxadiazole products 18 and **19 may only form if benzonitrile N-oxide is present. As a consequence, these producta may only arise when toluene (which is the precursor of benzonitrile N-oxide as shown by 13C-enriched toluene experiments") is used as the solvent.**

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Table **11.** Melting Points and Selected **'H** NMR Chemical Shifts for 4-Arylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines (4)

^a Compound numbers were derived from compound 4 and the appropriate experiment number coupled with the o , m, or p designation for the proper isomeric assignment. Compounds $4-5o$ -NO₂, $4-6o$ -NO₂, and $4-13o$ -NO₂ some of these cases the aryl absorptions are ambiguous; specific data could not be derived, and these cases are marked with an asterisk. d Exact mass spectral analysis. e Combustion analysis for C, H, and N. f Lit. 126-128 "C.

by thin-layer chromatographic analysis with Whatman K-5F or K-6F *(5* **X** 10 cm) silica gel plates or Analtech alumina (5 **X** ²⁰ cm) plates. **'H** and 13C NMR measurements were determined by a **Varian kssociates** CFT-20 spectrometer in deuteriochloroform with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. The several procedures for the preparation of and isolation of 4-aryl**pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines** (4) should be considered representative; the physical properties of compounds **4** not mentioned

a Chemical shifts are in *6* downfield from internal $Me₄Si.$ ^b See ref 16. ^c See ref 17.

specifically in these examples are summarized in Table II.
4-Aminopyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines (5). These compounds were prepared according to the procedures of Southwick et al.^{4a} Compounds 5a-c were identical with the literature materials.²⁰ **4Amino-3-methyl-l-phenylpyrazolo[3,4d]pyrimidine** *(5d)* melted at 178-179 "C after recrystallization from methanol. **Anal.** Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₅: C, 63.98; H, 4.92; N, 31.09. Found: C, 63.69; H, 5.03; N, 31.20.

4-Amino-l-benzyl-3-methylpyraolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine *(5e)* was recrystallized from ethanol; mp 182-183 "C. Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}N_5$: C, 65.25; H, 5.47; N, 29.27. Found: C, 65.32; H, 5.48; N, 29.40.

N-(**1,3-Dimethylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)acetamide** (8). **A** solution of **4-amino-l,3-dimethyl-lH-ppazolo[3,4-d]pyr**midine (5a; 15.0 g, 0.092 mol) in acetic anhydride/pyridine (2:1, 175 mL) was stirred for 18 h. The mixture was Concentrated and extracted with methylene chloride (3 **X** 100 mL) and water (50 mL), and the combined organic layer was washed with 3 N hydrochloric acid (3 **X** 25 mL) and water (25 mL). Concentration of the dried (sodium sulfate) organic layer provided N-(1,3-di**methylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)diacetamide,** 15.52 g (68%). The analytical sample was prepared from methylene chloridehexanes: mp 87-88 °C; IR (KBr) 1722, 1705 cm⁻¹; UV (EtOH) 210,264,300 nm; mass spectrum, *m/z* 247 (M+); 'H NMR 6 8.96 6 H, COCH₃). Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{13}N_5O_2$: C, 53.43; H, 5.30; N, 28.33. Found C, 53.22; H, 5.23; N, 28.71. A sample of this diacetate (7.75 g, 0.0314 mol) was dissolved in ethanol (310 mL) and treated with saturated sodium bicarbonate (78 mL). Water (200 mL) was added to redissolve inorganic precipitate, and the resultant solution was warmed to 41 "C overnight. Concentration (no heat) and extraction with methylene chloride (3 **X** 100 mL), drying of the organic layer (sodium sulfate), and evaporation gave (8, 1 H, H-6), 4.12 (9, 3 **H,** NCH3), 2.48 (9, 3 **H,** CCH3), 2.34 (9,

8 as a white solid, 3.87 g (60%). Recrystallization of the material from chloroform-hexanes gave purified product: 3.49 g (54%); mp 163-165 "C; IR (KBr) 1700 em-'; UV (EtOH) 213,232 (sh), 262,268,294 nm; mass spectrum, *m/z* 205 (M'); 'H NMR *b* 8.60 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.58 (s, 1 H, H-6), 4.04 (s, 3 H, NCH₃), 2.64 (s, 3 H, CCH₃), 2.56 (s, 3 H, COCH₃). Anal. Calcd for $\dot{C}_9H_{11}N_5O$: C, 52.67; H, 5.40; N, 34.13. Found: C, 52.47; H, 5.47; N, 34.38.

 N - $(1,3$ -Dimethylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)- N methylacetamide (10). A solution of acetamide 8 (0.41 g, 0.002 mol) in dimethylformamide (5 mL) was treated with sodium hydride (0.096 g of a 50% suspension in mineral oil, 0.002 mol, prewashed with petroleum ether to remove the residual oil), and the suspension was stirred for 0.5 h. Methyl iodide (0.21 mL, 0.003 mol) was added, and the mixture was stirred 18 h. The reaction was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with chloroform $(3 \times 25 \text{ mL})$, and the organic layers were dried. Concentration gave the product as a white solid (0.40 g, 91%) which was recrystallized from chloroform-petroleum ether to give the analytical sample of 10: 0.275 g (63%); mp 102-104 °C; IR (KBr) 1680 cm⁻¹; UV (EtOH) 215,256,271,302 (sh) nm; mass spectrum, *m/z* 219 (M'); 'H NMR 6 8.83 *(8,* 1 H, H-6), 4.10 **(s,** 3 H, NCH,), 3.45 (9, 3 H, N(Ac)CH₃), 2.56 (s, 3 H, CCH₃), 2.10 (s, 3 H, COCH₃). Anal. Calcd for $C_{10}H_{13}N_5O$: C, 54.78; H, 5.98; N, 31.95. Found: C, 54.68; H, 5.94; N, 32.00.

 $1,5$ -Dihydro-1,3-dimethyl-4H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-one (11a). Acetamide 8 $(0.82 \text{ g}, 0.004 \text{ mol})$ was dissolved in dimethylformamide (10 mL) and treated with sodium hydride (1.0 g of 50% suspension, 0.021 mol, prewashed with petroleum ether) for 0.5 h. The resulting suspension was cooled to 0° C and treated dropwise with a solution of nitrosyl chloride (1.44 g, 0.022 mol) in dimethylformamide (5 mL). After the mixture was stirred overnight, 5 N sodium hydroxide was added dropwise to pH 6-7, and the mixture was concentrated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in chloroform, dried, and crystallized by addition of petroleum ether to give 11a: 0.58 g (81%) ; mp 253-254 °C. Recrystallization of the sample from ethanol gave white crystals, mp 268-270 °C (lit.²⁰ mp 276.5 °C).

 $4-Methoxy-1,3-dimethylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine (12a).$ Compound lla (0.50 g, 0.0031 mol) in dimethylformamide (50 mL) was treated with sodium hydride (0.164 g of a 50% suspension, 0.0034 mol, prewashed with petroleum ether) and allowed to react 0.5 h. Methyl iodide (0.5 mL, excess) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. Water (0.1 mL) was added, the reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was dissolved in chloroform. Ether 12 (0.42 g, 60%) was obtained after concentration. The analytical sample was prepared from chloroform-petroleum ether: mp 152-153 °C; UV (EtOH) 213, 254, 266 nm; mass spectrum, m/z 178 (M⁺); ¹H NMR δ 7.88 (s, 1 H, H-6), 3.90 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.54 (s, 3 H, NCH₃), 2.57 (s, 3 H, CCH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₀N₄O: C, 53.92; H, 5.66; N, 31.44. Found: C, 53.96; H, 5.67; N. 31.13

4-Chloro-1,3-dimethylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine. (12b). Compound lla (1.0 g, 0.0061 mol) was treated with phosphorus oxychloride (31 mL), and the mixture was refluxed for 3 h. Excess reagent was removed by distillation and the residue was cautiously quenched with ice-water. The product was collected by filtration and air-dried. This solid was dissolved in methylene chloride, passed through magnesium silicate, and concentrated to give a white solid, 0.77 g (69%). The analytical sample of 12b was prepared from chloroform-petroleum ether: mp 105-106 °C; UV(Et0H) 217,260,291 nm; mass spectrum, *m/z* 182 (M+); 'H 3 H, CCH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₇H₄Cl: C, 46.04; H, 3.87; N, 30.68; C1, 19.42. Found: C, 45.93; H, 3.97; N, 30.50; C1, 19.40. NMR (CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (s, 1 H, H-6), 4.06 (s, 3 H, NCH₃), 2.70 (s,

Diazotiazation of **4-Amino-1,3-dimethylpyrazolo[3,4-d]** pyrimidine (5a) in Toluene (Experiment 1). The following procedure is representative of reactions in this report. Amine 5a (5.0 g, 0.031 mol) dissolved in toluene (75 mL, dried over 4-A molecular sieves) was treated with p-toluenesulfonic acid $(0.6 g,$ 0.0031 mol) and amyl nitrite (4.2 mL, 0.035 mol) and refluxed. Amyl nitrite (4.2 mL) was added every 2 h until TLC analysis revealed complete disappearance of **5a** (a total of 37.8 mL, 0.28 mol, of amyl nitrite was added).

The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and filtered to collect lactam lla (1.1 g, 22%) which was identical with that prepared above. The filtrate was concentrated to an oil $(10 g)$ which was

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chromatographed on a silica gel dry column by using **50%** ethyl acetate in hexanes containing ammonia **as** the eluant. Products isolated from this column in order of increasing polarity were **as** follows.

5-[1,3-Dimethyl-5-(methylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-3phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazole (19). Oxadiazole 19 was collected as a mixture of ortho and meta isomers **as** previously reported;l6 0.70 g (6.9%).

1,3-Dimethyl-4-(pentyloxy)-1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine (13a). Ether 13a was isolated and recrystallized from petroleum ether at -78 °C: 0.021 g (0.3%); white solid; mp 30-32 °C; UV (EtOH) 206, 245, 273 nm; mass spectrum, m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{18}N_4O$ 234.1481, found 234.1476; ¹H NMR δ 8.50 (s, 1 H, H-6), 4.57 (m, 2 H, CH20), 4.05 *(8,* 3 H, CH3N), 2.62 **(8,** 3 H, CH3C), 1.7 (m, 6 H, CH₂), 0.95 (t, 3 H, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈N₄O: C, 61.51; H, 7.74; N, 23.91. Found: C, 61.31; H, 7.29; N, 23.37.

1,3-Dimethyl-4-(met **hylphenyl)pyrazo10[3,4-d]pyrimidine** (4-1). The mixture of ortho, meta, and para isomers of (4-1) was isolated (0.65 g, 9%) and was further separated on alumina (activity grade 11) with **5%** acetone in hexanes **as** the eluant. 5-(1,3-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazole

(18). Oxadiazole 18a was collected **as** reported;l6 0.35 g (4.7%).

1,3-Dimethylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine (14a). Compound 14a was obtained as a plae yellow oil: 0.27 g (6%); UV (EtOH) 215, 254, 283 nm; 'H NMR 6 9.07 **(8,** 1 H, H-6), 9.00 *(8,* 1 H, **H-4),** 4.05 (s, 3 H,NCH3), 2.37 *(8,* 3 H, CCH3), mass spectrum, m/z calcd for $C_7H_8N_4$ 148.0750, found 148.0749.

Diazotization of 5a in ¹³C-Enriched Toluene (Experiment 2). The above procedure was performed in 18% enriched toluene-¹³C (prepared by diluting 1.15 mL of 90% toluene-methyl-¹³C (KOR Isotopes) with 4.62 mL of toluene dried over 4-A molecular sieves) by using 0.385 g (2.36 mmol) of 5a and a 1.6 mL total volume of amyl nitrite added portionwise. Lactam lla (0.074 g, 21 %) precipitated upon cooling. The filtrate was concentrated and chromatographed on 2-mm silica gel thick-layer plates with 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluant. 13 C-enriched 18 was the least polar compound: 0.0905 g (12%); mp 136-137 °C; spectral properties of the isomeric mixture were previously reported.20 13C-enriched 14-1 (isolated **as** a 2.251:1.75 mixture of ortho/meta/para isomers) was isolated **as** a white solid, 0.095 g (17%). 13C-enriched 18a was the most polar material recovered from the silica gel and weighed 0.040 g (7%).

Diazotization of 5b in Chlorobenzene (Experiment 9). Amine 5b (6.0 g, 0.040 mol), p-toluenesulfonic acid (0.77 g, 0.0040 mol), and isoamyl nitrite (5.5 mL, 0.041 mol) were refluxed in chlorobenzene (100 mL) for 24 h. Additional isoamyl nitrite (3 \times 5.5 mL) was added portionwise every 4 h until TLC analysis revealed complete consumption of 5a (total isoamyl nitrite added 0.164 mol).

Lactam llb precipitated from the reaction mixture upon cooling: 2.45 g (41%); mp 290-291 °C; UV (EtOH) 206, 250 nm; IR (KBr) 1680 cm⁻¹; mass spectrum, m/z 150 (M⁺); ¹H NMR δ 12.11 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.00 (s,2 H, **H-3,** H-6), 3.95 *(8,* 3 H, NCH,). Anal. Calcd for $C_6H_6N_4O$: C, 47.99; H, 4.03; N, 37.32. Found:

C, 47.68; H, 4.09; N, 37.29. The filtrate was concentrated to a thick oil (7.66 g) and purified by using dry column silica gel chromatography as above. Only the bands corresponding to the aryl products 4-9 were analyzed. The least polar was 4-9m: 0.67 $g(7\%)$ (recrystallized from hexanes); UV (EtOH) 216, 257, 280 nm; mass spectrum, m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_9N_4Cl$ 244.0516, found 244.0524.

The ortho and meta isomers 4-90 and 4-9m were isolated as a 3:l mixture from the silica gel (3.00 g, 30%) which was not further separated but crystallized from chloroform-hexanes: UV 213, 248, 277 nm.

Diazotization of 5c in Benzene (Experiment 12). Amine 5c (6.55 g, 0.031 mol) dissolved in benzene (75 mL) was treated **as** before with p-toluenesulfonic acid (0.6 g, 0.0031 mol) and amyl

nitrite (17 × 4.2 mL, 67.2 mL total) over a total of 3 days.
Lactam 11c precipitated upon cooling (3.17 g, 48%) and was recrystallized from glacial acetic acid; mp $301-304$ °C (lit.¹⁴ mp 299 °C). The filtrate was concentrated to an oil and purified by silica gel dry column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes containing ammonia as the eluant). The band corresponding to the desired arylation product 4-12 was extracted to give the product: 1.73 g (21%); mp 121-122 $^{\circ}$ C (recrystallized from chloroform-hexanes) (lit.¹⁹ mp 126-128 °C; UV (EtOH) 204, 250 (sh), 263, 320 nm.

Isolation of Nitration Products. In several experiments (no. 5,6, 13), the desired **4-arylpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines** 4 reacted in the nitrating reaction medium to form nitration byproducts **4-50-N02, 4-60-N02** and 4-13o-NO2 in 2.1%, 2.6% and 1.8% yields, respectively. These products were isolated by **silica** gel *dry* column chromatography **as** more polar materials than the expected **4-aryl** products.

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