

SYNTHESIS OF 1H-3-PYRAZOLINES

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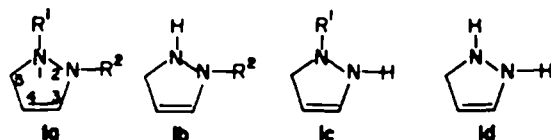
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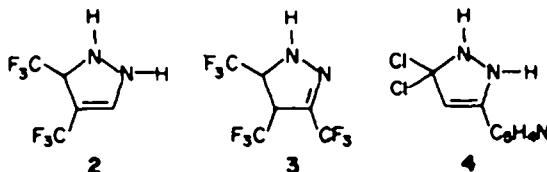
Abstract—Two syntheses of the 1H-3-pyrazoline system 17 are described. The syntheses make use of the ability of the azine system to act as 1,3-dipolar species in [3+2] cycloaddition reactions. The spectra data of the new compounds are discussed (IR, ¹H NMR and ¹⁹F NMR).

Zusammenfassung—Zwei Synthesen für 1H-3-Pyrazoline werden beschrieben. Die Synthesen basieren auf der Fähigkeit des Azinsystems in [3+2]-Cycloadditionsreaktionen als 1,3-dipolare Spezies zu fungieren. Die spektralen Daten der neuen Verbindungen werden diskutiert (IR, ¹H NMR und ¹⁹F NMR).

The majority of the papers on 3-pyrazolines deal with the 1,2-disubstituted system 1a.¹ Examples of 1-unsubstituted-1b, 2-unsubstituted-1c, and 1,2-unsubstituted-3-pyrazolines (1d) are very rare

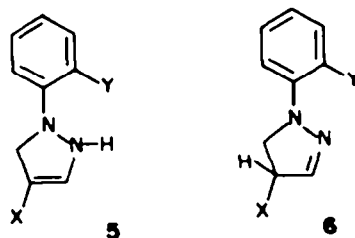


The only 3-pyrazoline known, unsubstituted on both the N atoms (1d) was obtained from the reaction of diazomethane with 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene;² but when the same olefin was reacted with trifluoro-diazomethane a compound was isolated, which was assigned a 2-pyrazoline structure 3.³ Magidson⁴ describes a product having structure 4, but without structural proofs.



Examples for 2H-3-pyrazolines also are uncommon;⁵ in fact only Takamizawa and Hayashi^{6,7} have synthesized compounds of type 5, where X = CN or CO₂Et and Y = NO₂ or SO₂Me. If Y = H, the product exists in the 2-pyrazoline form 6.

1H-3-Pyrazolines 1b have been proposed as reactive, not isolated, intermediates.⁸⁻¹³ Two 1H-3-pyrazolines of



type 7^{14a} and 8¹⁵ have been described, but in both cases it has been shown that the compounds are in fact 2-pyrazolines 9^{12,14b} and 10.¹⁴

During the course of this study¹⁷⁻²⁰ Armstrong and Tipping reported²¹ a simple access to the 1H-3-pyrazoline system 1b starting from hexafluoroacetone azine without giving experimental and spectral data.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The mechanism of the "criss-cross" cycloaddition²²⁻²⁴ was uncertain until recently.²⁵ Different mechanistic possibilities like a trimolecular one-step process as well as a bimolecular two-step process, involving the formation and further reaction of a diradical species have been discussed by Forshaw and Tipping.²⁶ The same authors previously proposed a Diels Alder adduct being the 1:1 intermediate of the "criss-cross" cycloaddition.²¹

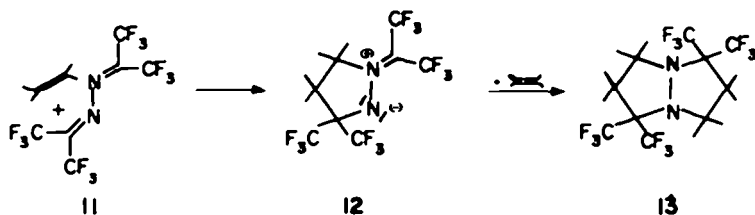
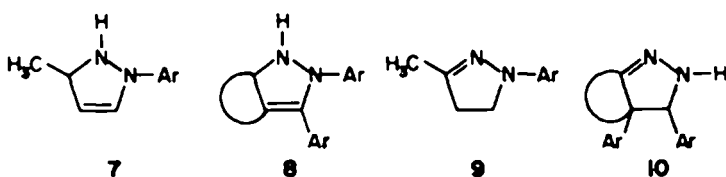
We have shown unequivocally by chemical reactions^{17-20, 27-31} and X-ray structure analysis³² that the intermediate of the "criss-cross" cycloaddition reaction is a 1,3-dipolar species, namely an azomethine imine.³³ The reaction therefore being a sequence of two [3+2] cycloaddition steps (11 → 12 → 13).^{17-19,b}

These results for the first time open the way to the mixed "criss-cross" cycloaddition^{18,19,33-37} and to a simple general synthetic route to 1H-3-pyrazolines^{17-21,34}

Treating hexafluoroacetone azine (11)^{20,39} with olefins of type R'CH=CHR² 14 the 2-[3,3-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1-pyrazolin-1-yl]-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanides (15) initially formed^{17-20,32} can be precursors of 1,5-diazabicyclo[3.3.0]octanes (16) and/or 1H-3-pyrazol-

*Except of course, when in position 5 there is a CO group: NH-tautomers of pyrazolones.³ Twice in Chemical Abstracts 2-pyrazolines were classified as 3-pyrazolines 1c: 1-(phenylsulfonyl)-3-pyrazoline⁸ and (1-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-3-aryl-4-methyl-3-pyrazoline.⁷

^aA. E. Tipping *et al.* declined their mechanistical interpretations^{21,28} of the "criss-cross" cycloaddition and now fully agree with our interpretation of this cycloaddition process, see³⁴ lit. 6.



ines (17) depending on the substitution pattern (R^1, R^2) chosen for the olefins 14 used.^{17-20, 34}

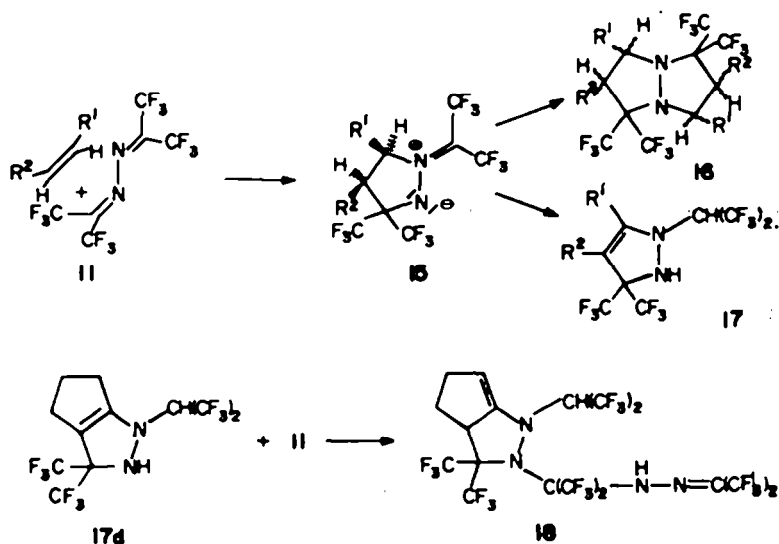
Especially in the case of terminal olefins with bulky groups present [$R^1 = \text{Me}_2\text{C}-$, $\text{Me}_2\text{CH}-$, $\text{Me}_2\text{CHCH}_2-$; $R^2 = \text{H}$] the yields of 1H-3-pyrazolines (17) are good because of the competing [3+2] cycloaddition process (15→16) is slowed down considerably by steric hindrance.^{18,20,21,34} While 17a was found to be the exclusive product under the reaction conditions used, 17b was accompanied by 5–20% of the "criss-cross" cycloadduct 16b, particularly when higher reaction temperatures were used. With decreasing size of the substituent R^1 the reaction rate of the concerted process (15→16) increased.⁴⁰ In the case of ethylene, propene and 1-butene no 1H-3-pyrazoline was detected.^{20,34} The low yields of 17e could be caused by side reactions, probably of radical nature.⁴¹ In the cycloalkene series (cyclopentene, cyclohexene, cycloheptene) provided the lowest yields for cyclohexene. The crude material 17d was contaminated by a second product, which proved to be a 2:1 adduct of hexafluoroacetone azine and cyclopentene, obtainable in good yields directly from 17d and 11 in a sealed tube reaction. The spectroscopic data are consistent with structure 18.

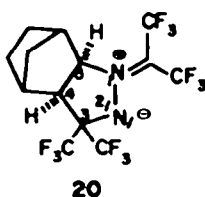
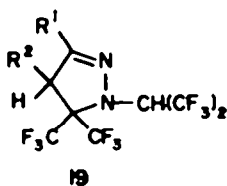
Using indene and acenaphthylene as olefinic compounds the 1H-3-pyrazolines (17g and 17h) could be isolated in high yields. Some electron rich olefins (enol

ethers and enamines) also formed 1H-3-pyrazolines (17) on reaction with 11, although sometimes in very low yields.⁴²

The structural assignment was based on the spectroscopic data. The spectra indicated the presence of a NH function ($3360\text{--}3340\text{ cm}^{-1}$) and of a carbon double bond ($1705\text{--}1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$). ^{19}F NMR spectra show two pairs of magnetically equivalent trifluoromethyl groups. The trifluoromethyl groups fixed to C-5 of the pyrazoline ring resonate at -2.0 to -4.7 ppm splitted by a long range coupling $^3J_{\text{FF}} = 1.3\text{--}1.85$ Hz. The 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropyl group gives rise to a doublet with fine structure at -11.1 to -11.6 ppm ($^3J_{\text{HF}} = 6.9\text{--}7.8$ Hz). In the ^1H NMR spectra a broad signal for a NH proton ($\delta = 4.78\text{--}6.07$ ppm, exchangeable with $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$), a septet for the proton of a $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CH}$ -group ($\delta = 4.0\text{--}4.7$ ppm, $^3J_{\text{HF}} = 6.9\text{--}7.8$ Hz) as well as the substituents R^1 and R^2 , placed at a double bond, are observed (Table 1). Mass spectrometry shows the presence of a hexafluoroisopropyl group by intense peaks at $[\text{M}-(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CH}]^+$ and $m/e = 151$ $[(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{CH}]^+$ in the degradation pattern of compounds 17.⁴³ Other likely candidates as 19 therefore can be ruled out.

An azomethine imine (20) with H atoms present both at C-4 and C-5 of the heterocyclic system could be isolated as the stable product of the reaction of 11 with norbornene,³⁹ likewise 11 and cyclopentadiene yielded





an azomethine imine at low temperatures.⁴⁴ In other cases the intermediacy of 15 was proved by NMR spectroscopy.

The first step of the reaction $11 + 14 \rightarrow 15$ therefore is clearly established. For the second part of the reaction—the rearrangement $15 \rightarrow 17$ —two alternative routes must be taken into consideration. We could not decide up to now, whether the rearrangement involves the step of an azomethine ylide or an azomethine imine represented by formula 21 and 22, respectively.^{17,18}

The synthesis of 1,5-diazabicyclo[3.3.0]octa-2,6-dienes from azines and acetylenes⁴⁵⁻⁵⁰ also passes through an azomethine imine intermediate.^{31,50} The 1,3-dipoles 23 having a double bond in the heterocyclic ring system turned out to be considerably more reactive than their saturated analogues and therefore readily undergo

¹⁹F NMR spectra of the crude compounds 17b-f and h show that small amounts (3-5%) of the corresponding pyrazoles 24 are present when prepared at 80°.

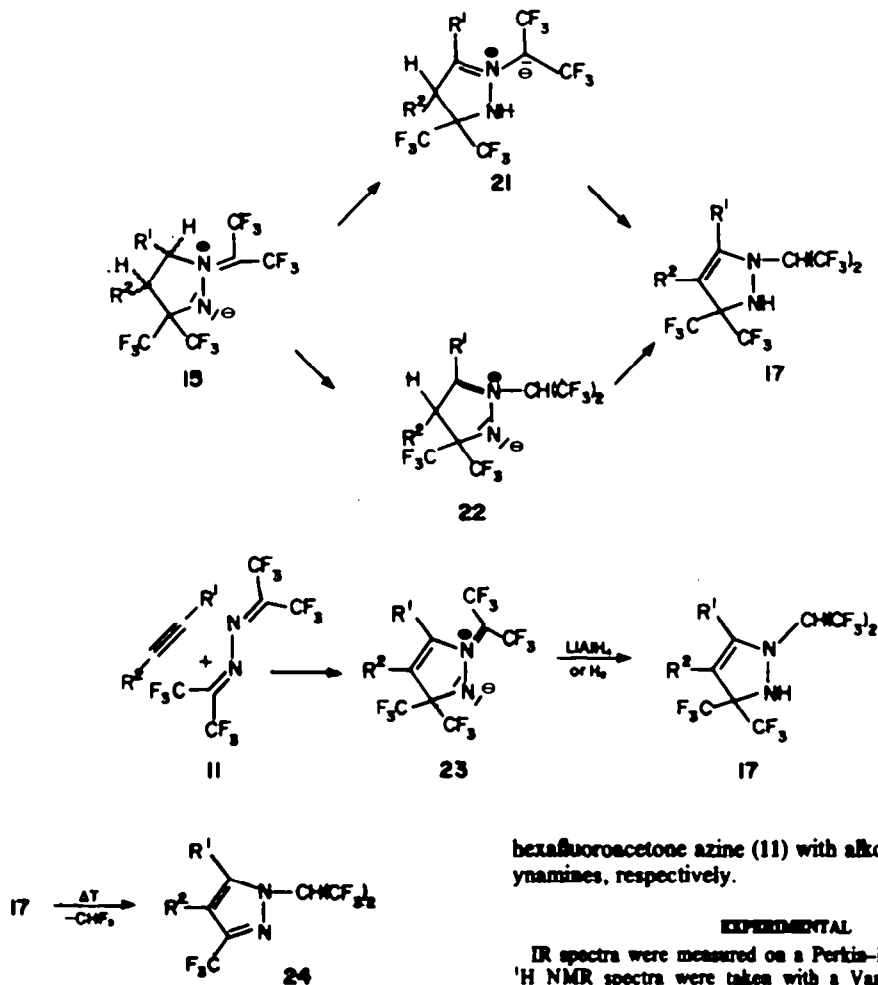
rearrangements, but at -20 to +20° they are stable enough to be trapped by dipolarophiles and nucleophiles.^{31, 37, 50} The knowledge of the susceptibility of the azomethine imine skeleton to hydrogenation³¹⁻³⁴ consequently offers a further access to the 1H-3-pyrazoline system 17. The new synthetic route is an additional convincing proof for the structural assignment of 17.

5,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1H-3-pyrazolines 17 were transformed into pyrazoles 24 on flow pyrolysis at 450°.^{21,34} We found that this elimination process already occurs below 200°.⁵ The temperature required for this aromatization process strongly depends on the nature of the substituents R¹ and R². These findings parallel earlier results, namely the pyrazole formation from 3-hydroxy-pyrazolines by loss of water and methane.¹²

Further work on the reaction behaviour of 17 is under present investigation.

CONCLUSION

We have demonstrated that the reaction of hexafluoroacetone azine with olefins of type R¹CH=CHR² is a general route to 1H-3-pyrazolines. 2-[3,3-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-1-pyrazolin-1-yl]-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanones are the intermediates of this reaction. Furthermore we have developed a second simple synthetic route to the 1H-3-pyrazoline system by LAH-reduction or hydrogenation of azomethine imines obtained from the reaction of



hexafluoroacetone azine (11) with alkoxy acetylenes and ynamines, respectively.

EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 237 apparatus. ¹H NMR spectra were taken with a Varian A 60, ¹⁹F NMR

Table 1. ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR data of 5,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-2-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl-ethyl)-1H-3-pyrazolines 17a-j]

17	R^1, R^2	$(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}-\text{H}$	$\text{N}-\text{H}$ ^{a)}	$\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ ^{b)}	$-\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$ ^{b)}
a	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$, H ³⁴ 1.27 (s) 9H 4.72 (s) 1H	4.63 (h, $J = 6.9$)	5.15 (broad)	-2.0 6F	-11.5 (d, $J = 6.9$) 6F
b	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2$, H 0.99 (d, $J = 6.0$) 6H 1.50 - 2.25 (m) 3H 4.72 (s) 1H	4.20 (h, $J = 7.0$)	5.12 (broad)	-2.0 6F	-11.1 (d, $J = 7.0$) 6F
c	CH_3 , CH_3 1.80 (s, broad) 6H	4.17 (h, $J = 7.0$)	4.96 (broad)	-4.7 6F	-11.5 (d, $J = 7.0$) 6F
d	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3-$ 2.15 - 2.65 (m) 6H	4.02 (h, $J = 7.0$)	5.60 (broad)	-4.2 6F	-11.5 (d, $J = 7.0$) 6F
e	$-(\text{CH}_2)_4-$ 1.50 - 2.40 (m) 8H	4.12 (h, $J = 7.0$)	5.02 (broad)	-4.5 6F	-11.3 (d, $J = 7.0$) 6F
f	$-(\text{CH}_2)_6-$ 1.28 - 1.92 (m) 8H 2.05 - 2.55 (m) 4H	4.22 (h, $J = 7.1$)	4.99 (broad)	-4.7 6F	-11.5 (d, $J = 7.1$) 6F
g	$-\text{C}_7\text{H}_6-$ 3.48 (broad) 2H 7.13 - 7.72 (m) 4H	4.67 (h, $J = 6.9$)	5.86 (broad)	-4.3 6F	-11.2 (d, $J = 6.9$) 6F
h	$-\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_6-$ 7.36 - 8.08 (m) 6H	4.71 (h, $J = 6.9$)	6.07 (broad)	-4.7 6F	-11.6 (d, $J = 6.9$) 6F
i	OC_2H_5 , CH_3 1.34 (t, $J = 7.1$) 3H 4.11 (q, $J = 7.1$) 2H 1.78 (broad) 3H	4.36 (h, $J = 7.5$)	4.86 (broad)	-4.0 6F	-11.2 (d, $J = 7.5$) 6F
j	$\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2$, CH_3 1.07 (t, $J = 7.0$) 6H 3.04 (q, $J = 7.0$) 4H 1.78 (broad) 3H	4.65 (h, $J = 7.8$)	4.78 (broad)	-4.2 6F	-11.3 (d, $J = 7.8$) 6F

¹H NMR spectra recorded in CDCl_3 with TMS as internal standard;

¹⁹F NMR spectra recorded in CHCl_3 with $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ as external standard;

chemical shifts in δ -values, coupling constants in Hz;

a) exchangeable with $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$;

b) signals show additional long-range coupling $^7J_{\text{FF}} = 1.30 - 1.85$ Hz.

spectra with a Jool C 60 HL instrument. TMS was used as internal, trifluoro-acetic acid as external standard, respectively. Mass spectra were obtained on a AEI MS 9 spectrometer at 70 eV. M.p.s were determined in a Büchi capillary m.p. apparatus and are uncorrected.

5,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-2-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(trifluoromethyl-ethyl)-1H-3-pyrazolines 17a-h from hexafluoroacetone azine 11 and olefins 14

General procedure. Equimolar amounts of 11 and of the corresponding olefin 14 were heated with or without a solvent (Table 2) in a sealed glass tube or stirred at room temp. in a glass vessel. After removal of the solvent, resulting liquids were purified by distillation, solids by recrystallization from n-hexane. In some cases (indicated in Table 3) an additional column chromatography was necessary to get analytically pure samples.

2,6-Diisobutyl-4,4,8,8-tetrakis(trifluoromethyl)-1,5-diazabicyclo[3.3.0]octane (16a)

4-Methyl-1-pentene (1.68 g; 20 mmol) and 11 (9.84 g; 30 mmol) were heated to 80-90° in a sealed glass tube for 3 days. The excess of 11 and compound 17b formed during the reaction were distilled off in vacuum. The remaining solid consisted of a 90:10 mixture of two compounds. Column chromatography (silica gel, n-hexane) and recrystallization from n-hexane yielded 0.75 g (15%) 16b (with the two i-Bu groups most probably *trans* in respect to the bicyclic ring system^{23,24}); m.p. 98°. ¹H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.75-1.10$ m (12H), 1.10-1.87 m (6H), 2.10-3.08 m (4H), 3.32-4.00 m (2H). ¹⁹F NMR (CHCl_3): $\delta = -5.5$ q, $J = 10$ Hz (6F), -11.6 q, $J = 10$ Hz (6F). (Found: C, 43.60; H, 4.89; N, 5.79. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_{12}\text{N}_2$ requires: C, 43.55; H, 4.87; N, 5.64%). Mass spectrum: $M^+ = 496$.

2-[2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-trifluoromethyl-ethyl]-3-[5,5,5-trifluoro-1,1,4-tris(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-diaza-pent-3-enyl]-4,4-bis(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-diazabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-8-ene (18)

Compound 17d (3.96 g; 10 mmol) and 11 (3.28 g; 10 mmol) were heated to 120° in a sealed tube for 12 hr, yield 1.73 g (24%); m.p.

Table 2. 5,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-2-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-trifluoromethyl-ethyl]-1H-3-pyrazolines 17a-h

<u>17</u>	R ¹ , R ²	reaction temperature	reaction time	solvent	yield	b.p./torr m.p.	IR (cm ⁻¹)
<u>17a</u>	(CH ₃) ₃ C, H ³⁴	80 °C	9 d	hexane	79	53 °C	3345, 1640 ^a
<u>17b</u>	(CH ₃) ₂ CHCH ₂ , H	80 - 90 °C	3 d	<u>11</u>	57	20 °C/0.01	3342, 1655 ^b
<u>17c</u>	CH ₃ , CH ₃	80 - 90 °C	21 d	hexane	20	52 °C/12	3348, 1690 ^b
<u>17d</u>	-(CH ₂) ₃ -	30 °C	14 d	hexane	51	73 °C/12 35-36 °C	3355, 1705 ^b
<u>17e</u>	-(CH ₂) ₄ -	80 °C	5 d	hexane	32	45 °C/0.2	3350, 1695 ^b
<u>17f</u>	-(CH ₂) ₆ -	80 - 90 °C	10 d	hexane	65	41 °C/0.01 35 °C	3350, 1675 ^b
<u>17g</u>	-C ₇ H ₆ -*	80 °C	4 d	hexane	93.5	75 °C	3350, 1645 ^a
<u>17h</u>	-C ₁₂ H ₆ **	80 °C	10 d	benzene	80	121 °C	3355, 1605, 1565 ^a

Recorded in KBr^a, as film^b;

* from indene, ** from acenaphthylene.

Table 3. Analytical data of compounds 17a-j

comp.	formula	Mwt		C	H	N
<u>17a</u>	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ F ₁₂ N ₂ ³⁴	412.2	Found:	34.84	3.01	7.26
			required:	34.96	2.93	6.80
<u>17b</u>	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ F ₁₂ N ₂	412.2	Found:	34.98	2.95	6.86
			required:	34.96	2.93	6.80
<u>17c</u>	C ₁₀ H ₈ F ₁₂ N ₂	384.2	Found:	31.18	2.19	6.90*
			required:	31.26	2.10	7.29
<u>17d</u>	C ₁₁ H ₈ F ₁₂ N ₂	396.2	Found:	33.24	2.05	7.33
			required:	33.35	2.05	7.07
<u>17e</u>	C ₁₂ H ₁₀ F ₁₂ N ₂	410.2	Found:	35.25	2.65	6.87*
			required:	35.14	2.46	6.83
<u>17f</u>	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ F ₁₂ N ₂	438.3	Found:	38.61	3.45	6.40
			required:	38.37	3.22	6.39
<u>17g</u>	C ₁₅ H ₈ F ₁₂ N ₂	444.2	Found:	40.72	1.91	6.11*
			required:	40.56	1.82	6.31
<u>17h</u>	C ₁₈ H ₈ F ₁₂ N ₂	480.3	Found:	45.43	1.73	5.80*
			required:	45.02	1.68	5.83
<u>17i</u> †						
<u>17j</u>	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ F ₁₂ N ₃	441.3	Found:	35.25	3.46	9.44
			required:	35.39	3.43	9.52

* Column chromatography on silica gel / chloroform - carbon tetrachloride (1:1) was necessary to get analytically pure samples.

† Experiments to purify 17i by distillation failed. Column chromatography caused decomposition; 17i therefore was characterized analytically after transformation into 24b.

94° (from *n*-hexane). IR (KBr): 3350 (ν NH), 1700 (ν C=C), 1630 cm^{-1} (ν C=N). ^1H NMR ($\text{D}_2\text{-acetone}$): δ = 2.30–3.10 m (4H), 3.83–4.40 broad (1H), 4.70 h, J = 6.9 Hz (1H), 6.97 s (1H), 9.05 broad (1H). ^{19}F NMR ($\text{D}_2\text{-acetone}$): δ = -4.3 m (3F), -7.3 m (3F), -8.2 q, J = 8.5 Hz (3F), -10.8 m (6F), -12.7 m (3F), -13.5 q, J = 8.5 Hz (3F). (Found: C, 27.74; H, 1.47; N, 7.95. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{N}_2$ requires: C, 28.19; H, 1.11; N, 7.73%). Mass spectrum: M^+ = 724.

Reaction of 11 with norbornene. A mixture of 11 (6.56 g; 20 mmol) and norbornene (1.88 g; 20 mmol) was kept in 50 ml *n*-hexane at room temp. for 2 days, yield 7.1 g (85%); m.p. 67°

(from *n*-hexane). IR (KBr): 1530 cm^{-1} ($-\text{N}^{\oplus}-\text{N}^{\ominus}-\text{C}^{\ominus}$). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 0.88–1.98 m (6H), 2.40–2.98 m (3H), 5.07 d, J = 6.5 Hz (1H). ^{19}F NMR (CHCl_3): δ = -4.1 q, J = 11.2 Hz (3F), -11.65 q, J = 11.2 Hz (3F), -12.5 q, J = 7.1 Hz (3F), -25.2 q, broad (3F). (Found: C, 37.39; H, 2.84; N, 6.36. $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2$ requires: C, 36.98; H, 2.39; N, 6.63%). Mass spectrum: M^+ = 422.

3-Diethylamino-4-methyl-5,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-2-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-trifluoromethyl-ethyl]-1H-3-pyrazoline (17)

To a stirred soln of 11 (3.28 g; 10 mmol) in 10 ml abs. hexane at -30° a soln of 1-diethylamino-propyne (1.11 g; 10 mmol), in 10 ml hexane was added dropwise under N_2 . After 2 hr at -30°, LAH (0.4 g; 10.5 mmol), in 10 ml ether was added. The mixture was allowed to warm up slowly to 0° (2–3 hr). On hydrolytic work-up the 1H-3-pyrazoline 17 was isolated from a mixture of products as a crystalline solid, yield: 0.64 g (14.5%); m.p. 60.5–61° (hexane). IR (KBr): 3350 (ν NH), 1675 cm^{-1} (ν C=C). ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR: Table 1; analytical data: Table 3. Mass spectrum: M^+ = 441.

Thermolysis of 17a. Compound 17a (2.4 g; 5 mmol) was heated to 190–195°, the course of the reaction was followed by ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy. The crystalline material obtained was purified by column chromatography (silica gel/ CCl_4), yield: 1.2 g (58.5%) 24a; m.p. 111° (hexane/chloroform). IR (KBr): 1554 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 5.80 h, J = 7 Hz (1H), 7.40–8.15 m (6H). ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = -10.5 d, J = 7 Hz (6F), -16.3 s (3F). (Found: C, 49.65; H, 1.73; N, 6.71. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_7\text{F}_9\text{N}_2$ requires: C, 49.77; H, 1.72; N, 6.83%). Mass spectrum: M^+ = 410.

5-Ethoxy-4-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-trifluoromethyl-ethyl]-pyrazol (24b)

To a stirred soln of 11 (6.56 g; 20 mmol) in 20 ml abs. hexane at -10° a soln of 1-ethoxy-propyne (3.36 g; 40 mmol) in 10 ml hexane, was added dropwise under N_2 . The mixture was kept 3 days at 0–5° and 2 days at room temp. before being treated with 0.5 g (13 mmol) LAH, in 10 ml ether, for 4 hr at 0°. On hydrolytic work-up the crude 171 was obtained (NMR data: Table 1).

For pyrazol formation 171 was heated to 150–160° for 18 hr. 24b was purified by column chromatography (silica gel/carbon tetrachloride—under water free conditions) and distillation i. vac, yield: 1.75 g (26%); b.p. 67/12 torr., IR (film): 1605 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 1.43t, J = 7.2 Hz (3H), 2.14 (broad) (3H), 4.33 q, J = 7.2 Hz (2H), 5.36 h, J = 6.8 Hz (1H). ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = -9.65 d, J = 6.8 Hz (6F), -14.9 s (3F). (Found: C, 35.03; H, 2.51; N, 8.04. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}$ requires: C, 34.90; H, 2.64; N, 8.14%). Mass spectrum: M^+ = 344.

Thermolysis of 17j. Compound 17j (0.88 g; 2 mmol) was heated to 150° for 5 hr. The resulting liquid was purified by column chromatography and subsequent distillation, yield: 0.74 g (100%) 24c; b.p. 102°/17 torr. IR (film): 1585 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 1.05 t, J = 7.2 Hz (6H), 2.17 (broad) (3H), 3.10 q, J = 7.2 Hz (4H), 5.87 h, J = 6.75 Hz (1H). ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = -10.0 d, J = 6.75 Hz (6F), -15.3 s (3F). (Found: C, 38.95; H, 3.91; N, 11.18. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_9\text{N}_2$ requires: C, 38.82; H, 3.80; N, 11.32%). Mass spectrum: M^+ = 371.

⁴The minor compound gives rise to signals at -6.0 q, J = 9 Hz (6F) and -11.1 q, J = 9 Hz (6F) in the ^{19}F NMR spectrum and probably is the "criss-cross" cycloadduct with both the isobutyl groups placed *cis* in respect to the bicyclic ring system

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