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$$Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{Ar^{2}} Ar^{2} \xrightarrow{H_{2}NNH_{2}} Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{Ar^{2}} Ar^{2} \xrightarrow{MeCOOH} Ar^{2} \xrightarrow{N-N} Ph$$

$$R: Me, Et$$

1-Acetyl-, 1-propionyl- and 1-phenyl-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines have been synthesized by the reaction of the appropriate α,β -unsaturated ketones with hydrazine or phenylhydrazine in hot acetic acid or propionic acid. Structures of all new 2-pyrazolines **16-40** have been elucidated by microanalyses, 1H and ^{13}C nmr spectroscopies.

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Introduction.

Pyrazolines are important and useful five-membered heterocyclic compounds and various procedures have been worked out for their synthesis [1-5]. Several pyrazoline derivatives were found to possess important bioactivities, viz. antibacterial [6,7], antiviral [8], antifungal [9], immunosuppressive [10], central nervous system [11], molluscicidal [12,13], etc. activities. 1-Acetyl-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines have been found to inhibit the monoamine oxidases [14]. On the other hand, 1,3,5-triaryl-2-pyrazolines were utilized as scintillation solutes [15]. Recently, 3-(2-pyridyl)-2-pyrazoline derivatives have been used as novel fluorescent probes [16]. All these mentioned bioactivities and other utilities stimulated the research in this field. 2-Pyrazolines proved to be the most useful pyrazoline type compounds and various methods have been developed for their synthesis [4,5,12-38]. A generally used simple and convenient procedure is based on the reaction of α,β -unsaturated aldehydes and ketones with hydrazines. As a continuation of our studies on the synthesis of 2-pyrazolines [32,33,35,36,38] by this method, herein we describe the synthesis of new 1-substituted 3,5-diaryl-2pyrazolines bearing polycyclic aryl and/or heteroaryl moieties by the reaction of α,β -unsaturated ketones with hydrazines.

Results and Discussion.

Most of the α , β -unsaturated ketones used as starting materials for the synthesis of 2-pyrazolines belong to the substituted chalcones or exocyclic α , β -unsaturated ketones. There are only sporadic literature data on the utilization of α , β -unsaturated ketones bearing polycyclic aromatic rings [23,37], 2-furyl or 2-thienyl moieties [22,27,29]. For this reason, the aim of our present study was to investigate the influence of the space demand of the

aromatic rings of the α , β -unsturated ketones, used as starting materials, on the formation of 2-pyrazolines on their reaction with hydrazines. Electronic structures of the aromatic rings of starting materials 1-15 can also influence the electron density of the α , β -unsaturated ketone units of the molecules. Compounds 1-15 seem to be adequate examples to investigate this effect, too.

Compounds **1-15** were allowed to react with hydrazine hydrate in hot acetic acid or propionic acid to afford 1-acetyl-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines **16-28** or 3,5-diaryl-1-

Scheme 1

$$Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{\alpha} Ar^{2} \xrightarrow{H_{2}NNH_{2}} RCOOH$$
1-15
$$Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{3} \stackrel{H}{\xrightarrow{4}} 5 \xrightarrow{n} H$$

$$N-N$$
2 1
16-34

1.15 16-34 R

1, 16: $Ar^1 = \text{phenyl}, Ar^2 = 2\text{-naphthyl}, R = Me$ 2, 17: $Ar^1 = 4\text{-bromophenyl}, Ar^2 = 9\text{-anthryl}, R = Me$

3, 18: $Ar^1 = 1$ -naphthyl, $Ar^2 = 9$ -anthryl, R = Me**4, 19:** $Ar^1 = 2$ -naphthyl, $Ar^2 = 4$ -methoxyphenyl, R = Me

5, **20**: $Ar^1 = 2$ -naphthyl, $Ar^2 = 3$,4-methylenedioxyphenyl, R = Me

6, 21: Ar¹ = 2-naphthyl, Ar² = 4-chlorophenyl, R = Me

7, **22**: Ar¹ = 2-naphthyl, Ar² = 2,4-dichlorophenyl, R = Me

8, **23**: $Ar^1 = Ar^2 = 2$ -naphthyl, R = Me

9, **24**: Ar¹ = 2-naphthyl, Ar² = 9-anthryl, R = Me

10, **25**: Ar¹ = 2-phenanthryl, Ar² = phenyl, R = Me

11, **26**: Ar¹ = 9-phenanthryl, Ar² = phenyl, R = Me

12, **27**: Ar¹ = 2-furyl, Ar² = 4-bromophenyl, R = Me

13, **28**: Ar¹ = 2-furyl, Ar² = 9-anthryl, R = Me

14, **29**: Ar¹ = phenyl, Ar² = 1-naphthyl, R = Et

1, **30**: Ar¹ = phenyl, Ar² = 2-naphthyl, R = Et

15, **31**: Ar¹ = 2-naphthyl, Ar² = phenyl, R = Et

5, 32: $Ar^1 = 2$ -naphthyl, $Ar^2 = 3,4$ -methylenedioxyphenyl, R = Et

6, **33**: $Ar^{1} = 2$ -naphthyl, $Ar^{2} = 4$ -chlorophenyl, R = Et

7, 34: $Ar^1 = 2$ -naphthyl, $Ar^2 = 2$,4-dichlorophenyl, R = Et

propionyl-2-pyrazolines **29-34** in good yields (70-89%) (Scheme 1). It should be mentioned that only 1-acylated-2-pyrazolines could be detected in the crude reaction mixtures.

 α , β -Unsaturated ketones **1,4-6,8** and **15** have also been reacted with phenylhydrazine in hot acetic acid and 3,5-diaryl-1-phenyl-2-pyrazolines were obtained in high yields (74-90%) (Scheme 2). In the crude reaction mixtures no by-products were detected by chromatography.

Scheme 2

$$Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{\alpha} Ar^{2} \xrightarrow{PhNHNH_{2}} Ar^{1} \xrightarrow{H} Ar^{2} \xrightarrow{H} H Ar^{2}$$

$$1, 4-6, 8, 15$$

$$35-40$$

1, **35**: $Ar^1 = phenyl$, $Ar^2 = 2-naphthyl$

15, **36**: $Ar^1 = 2$ -naphthyl, $Ar^2 = phenyl$

4, **37**: Ar¹ = 2-naphthyl, Ar² = 4-methoxyphenyl

5, 38: $Ar^1 = 2$ -naphthyl, $Ar^2 = 3$,4-methylenedioxyphenyl

6, **39**: Ar¹ = 2-naphthyl, Ar² = 4-chlorophenyl

8, **40**: $Ar^1 = Ar^2 = 2$ -naphthyl

Our experimental results prove that this simple procedure is extremely convenient for the preparation of such kind of 1-substituted 3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines. Both the space demand and the electronic structure of the aryl groups are almost without influence on the formation of the 2-pyrazoline ring. Even such bulky groups as 1- or 2-naphthyl, 9-anthryl and 9-phenanthryl can easily be accomodated at the C-3 and C-5 atoms of a 2-pyrazoline molecule. This is corroborated by the fact that these 2-pyrazolines are very stable compounds which can be stored at room temperature for a long time without the risk of decomposition.

Structures of the synthesized 2-pyrazolines 16-40 have been elucidated by microanalyses, ¹H and ¹³C nmr spectroscopies. In the ¹H nmr spectra of compounds **16-40**, the three hydrogen atoms attached to the C-4 and C-5 carbon atoms of the 2-pyrazoline skeleton gave an ABX spin system. The 2pyrazoline structure are unequivocally proved both by the chemical shift data and by the coupling constant values (cf. Experimental). Characteristic singlet signal of the N-acetyl group of the 1-acetyl-2-pyrazolines 16-28 were detected in each ¹H nmr spectrum. Triplet and quartet signals of the ethyl part of the N-propionyl group of compounds 29-34 were observed in each case. Owing to the steric interaction between the N-1 phenyl group and the two 4-H atoms, the trans-4-H is shielded and the cis-4-H is deshielded. Signals of the aromatic protons are highly overlapped. In the ¹³C nmr spectra of compounds 16-40, chemical shift data of carbon atoms C-3 (151-154 or 146-148 ppm), C-4 (41-44 ppm) and C-5 (56-65 ppm) confirm the 2-pyrazoline structure deduced from the ¹H nmr measurements. ¹³C nmr chemical shifts of the N-acetyl and N-propionyl groups have also been detected in the ¹³C nmr spectra of compounds **16-28** and **29-34** (*cf.* Experimental).

In summary, we have synthesized a series of new 1-substituted 3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines by the reaction of α,β -unsaturated ketones with hydrazines in hot acetic acid or propionic acid solution. This simple and convenient procedure made available the preparation of 3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines even with bulky aryl groups at positions 3 and 5. All these new 2-pyrazolines are stable compounds which property makes them useful substances in the drug research.

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined with a Koffler hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. 1H and ^{13}C nmr spectra were measured on a Varian Gemini 200 spectrometer at 200/50 MHz in CDCl $_3$ (internal standard TMS, $\delta=0.0$ ppm) at room temperature. Elemental analyses were measured in-house with a Carlo Erba 1106 EA instrument. The tlc was performed on Kieselgel 60 F_{254} (Merck) layer using hexane:acetone (7:3 v/v) or toluene:ethyl acetate (4:1 v/v) as eluents. Starting materials 1-15 were synthesized according to known methods [37,39-43].

General Procedure for the Preparation of 2-Pyrazolines 16-40

A mixture of α,β -unsaturated ketone (1-15, 10.0 mmoles), hydrazine hydrate or phenylhydrazine (30.0 mmoles), acetic acid (50 ml) (in the case of 2-pyrazolines 16-28 and 35-40) or propionic acid (50 ml) (in the case of 2-pyrazolines 29-34) was refluxed for 3 hours, then poured onto crushed ice. The precipitate was separated by filtration, washed with water and crystallized from methanol to afford 2-pyrazolines (Scheme 1).

1-Acetyl-5-(2-naphthyl)-3-phenyl-2-pyrazoline (16).

This compound was obtained as white needles in 70% yield, mp 144-145°; 1H nmr (CDCl $_3$): δ 2.46 (3H, s, Me), 3.24 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 17.7 Hz, 4-H $_{\rm trans}$), 3.81 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 17.7 Hz, 4-H $_{\rm cis}$), 5.76 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 11.8 Hz, 5-H), 7.25-7.81 (m, 12 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl $_3$): δ 21.8, 42.3, 60.1, 123.6, 124.7, 126.0, 126.4, 126.7, 127.8, 128.1, 128.9, 129.2, 130.5, 131.6, 133.5, 139.3, 154.0, 168.1.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{18}N_2O$: C, 80.23; H, 5.77; N, 8.91. Found: C, 80.39; H, 5.81; N, 8.78.

1-Acetyl-5-(9-anthryl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-pyrazoline (17).

This substance was prepared as white needles in 84% yield, mp 272-273°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.36 (3H, s, Me), 3.46 (1H, dd, J = 9.8, 18.0 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.87 (1H, dd, J = 13.0, 18.0 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 6.82 (1H, dd, J = 9.8, 13.0 Hz, 5-H), 7.24-8.48 (m, 13 arom. H); 13 C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 41.5, 56.2, 122.8, 123.2, 124.7, 124.9, 125.0, 126.3, 126.8, 128.2, 128.4, 128.8, 129.6, 130.3, 130.6, 131.4, 131.6, 132.1, 132.2, 153.0, 169.9.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{19}BrN_2O$: C, 67.73; H, 4.32; N, 6.32. Found: C, 67.61; H, 4.37; N, 6.20.

1-Acetyl-5-(9-anthryl)-3-(1-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (18).

This compound was obtained as white plates in 79% yield, mp 251-252°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.39 (3H, s, Me), 3.76 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 17.8 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 4.12 (1H, dd, J = 12.7, 17.8 Hz, 4-H_{cis}),

6.92 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 12.7 Hz, 5-H), 7.12-8.37 (m, 16 arom. H); 13 C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 20.3, 44.4, 56.8, 123.0, 123.3, 124.7, 125.0, 125.5, 125.9, 126.0, 126.6, 126.8, 127.2, 127.9, 128.0, 128.4, 128.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.6, 130.3, 130.7, 131.4, 134.6, 137.2, 151.4, 172.9.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{29}H_{22}N_2O$: C, 84.03; H, 5.35; N, 6.75. Found: C, 84.17; H, 5.30; N, 6.84.

1-Acetyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (19).

This material was prepared as white needles in 81% yield, mp 151-152°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (3H, s, Me), 3.29 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.79 (3H, s, MeO), 3.81 (1H, dd, J = 11.7, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.60 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 11.7 Hz, 5-H), 6.85-8.11 (m, 11 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.9, 42.1, 55.2, 59.5, 114.2, 123.2, 126.7, 126.9, 127.1, 127.8, 128.3, 128.4, 129.0, 132.9, 134.1, 153.8, 158.9, 168.7.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{20}N_2O_2$: C, 76.72; H, 5.85; N, 8.13. Found: C, 76.84; H, 5.79; N, 8.21.

1-Acetyl-5-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (20).

This compound was prepared as white needles in 83% yield, mp 198-199°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.49 (3H, s, Me), 3.28 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 17.7 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 3.83 (1H, dd, J = 11.7, 17.7 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.57 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 11.7 Hz, 5-H), 6.72-8.10 (m, 10 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 22.0, 42.3, 59.8, 101.1, 106.0, 108.5, 119.1, 123.2, 126.7, 127.1, 127.8, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 132.9, 134.1, 135.9, 147.0, 148.1, 153.8, 168.8.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{18}N_2O_3$: C, 73.73; H, 5.06; N, 7.81. Found: 73.62; H, 5.09; N, 7.92.

1-Acetyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (21).

This substance was obtained as white needles in 89% yield, mp 152-153°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (3H, s, Me), 3.27 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.88 (1H, dd, J = 11.2, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.61 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 11.2 Hz, 5-H), 7.19-8.09 (m, 11 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.9, 42.1, 59.4, 123.2, 126.8, 127.1, 127.3, 128.3, 128.5, 129.0, 132.9, 133.4, 134.1, 140.3, 153.7, 168.8.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{17}ClN_2O$: C, 72.31; H, 4.91; N, 8.03. Found: C, 72.22; H, 4.95; N, 7.92.

1-Acetyl-5-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (22).

This compound was prepared as white plates in 79% yield, mp 183-184°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.52 (3H, s, Me), 3.18 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 17.3 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.96 (1H, dd, J = 11.9, 17.3 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.91 (1H, dd, J = 5.1, 11.9 Hz, 5-H), 7.03-8.08 (m, 10 arom. H); 13 C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.9, 41.2, 57.5, 123.1, 126.8, 127.0, 127.2, 127.4, 127.6, 127.9, 128.4, 128.6, 129.8, 132.5, 132.9, 133.9, 134.2, 137.3, 154.1, 168.9.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{16}Cl_2N_2O$: C, 65.81; H, 4.21; N, 7.30. Found: C, 65.72; H, 4.26; N, 7.21.

1-Acetyl-3,5-di(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (23).

This material was obtained as white plates in 88% yield, mp 238-239°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.49 (3H, s, Me), 3.39 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.83 (1H, dd, J = 11.7, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.81 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 11.7 Hz, 5-H), 7.26-8.12 (m, 14 arom. H); 13 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 22.0, 42.3, 60.2, 123.3, 123.4, 124.5, 125.9, 126.2, 126.7, 127.1, 127.2, 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.4, 129.0, 132.9, 133.3, 134.1, 139.1, 153.9, 168.9.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2O$: C, 82.39; H, 5.53; N, 7.68. Found: C, 82.29; H, 5.59; N, 7.79.

1-Acetyl-5-(9-anthryl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (24).

This compound was isolated as white plates in 77% yield, mp 217-218°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (3H, s, Me), 3.62 (1H, dd, J = 9.3, 18.0 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 4.02 (1H, dd, J = 13.1, 18.0 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 6.92 (1H, dd, J = 9.3, 13.1 Hz, 5-H), 7.24-8.53 (m, 16 arom. H); 13 C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 41.7, 56.1, 123.1, 123.3, 123.6, 124.7, 125.0, 126.3, 126.7, 126.9, 127.3, 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 129.2, 129.6, 130.3, 131.6, 131.7, 132.1, 133.2, 134.4, 154.2, 169.9.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{29}H_{22}N_2O$: C, 84.03; H, 5.35; N, 6.75. Found: C, 84.14; H, 5.39; N, 6.65.

1-Acetyl-3-(2-phenanthryl)-5-phenyl-2-pyrazoline (25).

This substance was prepared as white needles in 83% yield, mp 190-191°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.51 (3H, s, Me), 3.30 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.65 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 11.7 Hz, 5-H), 7.26-8.70 (m, 14 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.9, 42.3, 60.1, 122.8, 123.2, 124.0, 125.5, 126.7, 126.9, 127.2, 127.8, 128.6, 128.8, 129.4, 129.8, 131.3, 131.7, 132.4, 141.8, 153.6, 168.8.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2O$: C, 82.39; H, 5.53; N, 7.68. Found C, 82.49; H, 5.48; N, 7.59.

1-Acetyl-3-(9-phenanthryl)-5-phenyl-2-pyrazoline (26).

This compound was prepared as white plates in 76% yield, mp 204-205°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.54 (3H, s, Me), 3.47 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 17.4 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 4.06 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 17.4 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.62 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 11.8 Hz, 5-H), 7.27-9.41 (m, 14 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 22.1, 44.9, 58.8, 122.8, 123.1, 125.8, 126.8, 127.2, 127.6, 127.8, 128.4, 129.1, 129.2, 129.3, 130.5, 130.7, 131.1, 131.3, 142.1, 154.4, 169.1.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2O$: C, 82.39; H, 5.53; N, 7.68. Found: C, 82.48; H, 5.58; N, 7.76.

1-Acetyl-5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(2-furyl)-2-pyrazoline (27).

This material was isolated as white needles in 83% yield, mp 162-163°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.40 (3H, s, Me), 3.04 (1H, dd, J = 5.6, 17.4 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.70 (1H, dd, J = 11.3, 17.4 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.51 (1H, dd, J = 5.6, 11.3 Hz, 5-H), 6.51-7.57 (m, 7 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 41.8, 58.9, 111.9, 112.6, 121.3, 131.9, 140.5, 144.8, 145.4, 146.6, 168.7.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{15}H_{13}BrN_2O_2$: C, 54.07; H, 3.93; N, 8.40. Found.: C, 54.15; H, 3.98; N, 8.32.

1-Acetyl-5-(9-anthryl)-3-(2-furyl)-2-pyrazoline (28).

This compound was prepared as pale yellow needles in 81% yield, mp 242-243°; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.34 (3H, s, Me), 3.45 (1H, dd, J = 9.4, 18.1 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.86 (1H, dd, J = 13.1, 18.1 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 6.54 (1H, dd, J = 9.4, 13.1 Hz, 5-H), 6.75-8.50 (m, 12 arom. H); ¹³C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.7, 41.3, 55.6, 112.1, 112.8, 122.9, 123.1, 124.7, 124.9, 126.3, 126.7, 128.4, 128.7, 129.5, 130.3, 131.2, 131.5, 132.0, 145.0, 147.1, 153.8, 169.8.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{18}N_2O_2$: C, 77.95; H, 5.12; N, 7.90. Found: C, 77.84; H, 5.16; N, 7.98.

5-(1-Naphthyl)-3-phenyl-1-propionyl-2-pyrazoline (29).

This substance was obtained as white needles in 89% yield, mp 164-165°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.31 (3H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.98 (2H, q, J = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 3.16 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 17.7 Hz, 4-

 H_{trans}), 3.93 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 17.7 Hz, 4- H_{cis}), 6.36 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 11.8 Hz, 5-H), 7.19-8.06 (m, 12 arom. H); ¹³C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 8.9, 27.5, 41.8, 57.4, 112.4, 121.7, 123.0, 125.7, 125.8, 126.4, 126.7, 128.2, 128.8, 129.3, 130.4, 131.7, 134.5, 136.6, 154.4, 172.7. *Anal.* Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{20}N_2O$: C, 80.46; H, 6.14; N, 8.53. Found: C, 80.57; H, 6.18; N, 8.61.

5-(2-Naphthyl)-3-phenyl-1-propionyl-2-pyrazoline (**30**).

This material was isolated as white plates in 86% yield, mp 133-134°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (3H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.83 (2H, q, J = 7.4 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 3.21 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 17.8 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.80 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 17.8 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.72 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 11.8 Hz, 5-H), 7.28-7.84 (m, 12 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 8.8, 27.5, 42.0, 60.2, 123.6, 124.7, 126.0, 126.3, 126.7, 127.8, 128.1, 129.1, 130.4, 131.7, 133.1, 133.5, 139.5, 153.7, 172.6.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{20}N_2O$: C, 80.46; H, 6.14; N, 8.53. Found: C, 80.38; H, 6.09; N, 8.47.

3-(2-Naphthyl)-5-phenyl-1-propionyl-2-pyrazoline (31).

This compound was obtained as white plates in 81% yield, mp 144-145°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.29 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.90 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 3.30 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 17.0 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.84 (1H, dd, J = 11.9, 17.0 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.65 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 11.9 Hz, 5-H), 7.21-8.09 (m, 12 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 8.8, 27.5, 41.9, 60.2, 123.4, 125.7, 126.9, 127.1, 127.3, 127.7, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 129.0, 129.3, 133.2, 134.3, 142.3, 153.8, 172.6.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{20}N_2O$: C, 80.46; H, 6.14; N, 8.53. Found: C, 80.53; H, 6.18; N, 8.63.

5-(3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-1-propionyl-2-pyrazoline (**32**).

This substance was prepared as white plates in 74% yield, mp 143-144°; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.26 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.89 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 3.27 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.82 (1H, dd, J = 11.8, 17.6 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.53 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 11.8 Hz, 5-H), 5.91 (2H, s, CH₂), 6.73-8.11 (m, 10 arom. H); ¹³C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 8.7, 27.5, 41.9, 59.9, 101.1, 106.1, 108.6, 119.2, 123.4, 126.9, 127.1, 127.3, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6, 129.3, 133.1, 134.3, 136.3, 147.2, 148.3, 153.7, 172.6.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{20}N_2O_3$: C, 74.18; H, 5.41; N, 7.52. Found: C, 74.28; H, 5.46; N, 7.60.

5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-1-propionyl-2-pyrazoline (33).

This compound was prepared as white needles in 82% yield, mp 192-193°; $^1\mathrm{H}$ nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.23 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 2.89 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 3.39 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 17.7 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.90 (1H, dd, J = 11.9, 17.7 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.60 (1H, dd, J = 4.9, 11.9 Hz, 5-H), 7.19-8.10 (m, 11 arom. H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ nmr (CDCl₃): δ 8.7, 27.4, 41.8, 59.6, 123.4, 126.9, 127.2, 127.3, 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 129.1, 129.2, 133.1, 133.6, 134.6, 134.3, 140.8, 153.7, 172.6.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{19}CIN_2O$: C, 72.82; H, 5.28; N, 7.72. Found: C, 72.91, H, 5.33; N, 7.81.

5-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-1-propionyl-2-pyrazoline (34).

This substance was isolated as white needles in 71% yield, mp 195-196°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.29 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃),

2.94 (2H, q, J = 7.5 Hz, $C\underline{H}_2CH_3$), 3.18 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 17.8 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.95 (1H, dd, J = 11.9, 17.8 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.92 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 11.9 Hz, 5-H), 7.04-8.09 (m, 10 arom. H); ¹³C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 8.8, 27.4, 40.8, 57.4, 123.3, 126.9, 127.2, 127.3, 127.8, 128.0, 128.5, 128.7, 128.9, 129.0, 129.9, 133.1, 134.3, 137.7, 154.1, 172.7.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{18}Cl_{2}N_{2}O$: C, 66.51; H, 4.57; N, 7.05. Found: C, 66.60; H, 5.52; N, 7.12.

1,3-Diphenyl-5-(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (35).

This compound was prepared as pale yellow needles in 83% yield, mp 145-146°; $^{1}\mathrm{H}$ nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.22 (1H, dd, J = 7.4, 17.2 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.95 (1H, dd, J = 12.6, 17.2 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.42 (1H, dd, J = 7.4, 12.6 Hz, 5-H), 6.79-7.86 (m, 17 arom. H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ nmr (CDCl₃): δ 43.5, 64.8, 112.4, 113.6, 119.3, 123.9, 124.8, 125.9, 126.1, 126.5, 127.9, 128.0, 128.7, 128.8, 129.0, 129.5, 132.9, 133.1, 133.7, 140.2, 145.2, 147.0.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2$: C, 86.18; H, 5.78; N, 8.04. Found: C, 86.29; H, 5.84; N, 8.13.

1,5-Diphenyl-3-(2-naphthyl)-2-pyrazoline (**36**).

This substance was obtained as yellow plates in 90% yield, mp 225-226°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.23 (1H, dd, J = 7.2, 17.1 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.92 (1H, dd, J = 12.6, 17.1 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.31 (1H, dd, J = 7.2, 12.6 Hz, 5-H), 6.75-8.18 (m, 17 arom. H); 13 C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 43.5, 64.6, 113.4, 119.2, 123.5, 125.0, 126.3, 126.4, 127.6, 127.8, 128.1, 128.9, 129.2, 130.4, 133.3, 133.4, 142.6, 144.7, 146.8.

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₀N₂: C, 86.18; H, 5.78; N, 8.04. Found: C, 86.08; H, 5.71, N, 7.93.

5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-1-phenyl-2-pyrazoline (37)

This compound was prepared as yellow plates in 77% yield, mp 176-177°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.11 (1H, dd, J = 6.9, 17.1 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.69 (3H, s, MeO), 3.74 (1H, dd, J = 12.3, 17.1 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.15 (1H, dd, J = 6.9, 12.3 Hz, 5-H), 6.70-8.10 (m, 16 arom. H); 13 C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 43.4, 55.2, 64.0, 113.6, 114.6, 123.6, 124.8, 125.1, 126.1, 126.5, 127.2, 127.8, 128.2, 128.4, 129.0, 129.1, 130.2, 133.6, 134.8, 144.9, 146.9, 159.2.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{26}H_{22}N_2O$: C, 82.51; H, 5.86; N, 7.39. Found: C, 82.62; H, 5.91; N, 7.28.

5-(3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-1-phenyl-2-pyrazoline (38).

This material was prepared as yellow needles in 82% yield, mp 192-193°; $^1\mathrm{H}$ nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.24 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 17.1 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.92 (1H, dd, J = 12.7, 17.1 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.25 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 12.7 Hz, 5-H), 5.92 (2H, s, CH₂), 6.81-8.20 (m, 15 arom. H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ nmr (CDCl₃): δ 21.3, 44.2, 63.7, 116.4, 116.7, 120.5, 121.5, 123.8, 123.9, 124.4, 128.7, 134.4, 134.5, 138.7, 139.4, 140.3, 140.7, 141.7, 143.6, 144.3, 145.1, 145.7, 148.6.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{26}H_{20}N_2O_2$: C, 79.57; H, 5.14; N, 7.13. Found: C, 79.44; H, 5.18; N, 7.22.

5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-1-phenyl-2-pyrazoline (39).

This substance was obtained as pale yellow needles in 74% yield, mp 160-161°; 1H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.23 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 17.0 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 3.97 (1H, dd, J = 12.3, 17.0 Hz, 4-H_{cis}), 5.80 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 12.3 Hz, 5-H), 6.79-8.20 (m, 16 arom. H); ^{13}C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 43.4, 63.9, 113.5, 119.4, 123.4, 125.1, 125.4,

126.5, 127.3, 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.8, 129.0, 129.4, 129.9, 130.2, 133.3, 133.5, 141.0, 144.5, 146.8.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{25}H_{19}ClN_2$: C, 78.42; H, 5.01; N, 7.31. Found: C, 78.53; H, 5.06; N, 7.42.

3,5-Di(2-naphthyl)-1-phenyl-2-pyrazoline (40).

This compound was prepared as yellow plates in 81% yield, mp 205-206°; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 3.34 (1H, dd, J = 7.4, 17.1 Hz, 4-H_{trans}), 4.04 (1H, dd, J = 11.3, 17.1, 4-H_{cis}), 5.50 (1H, dd, J = 7.4, 11.3 Hz, 5-H), 6.81-8.20 (m, 19 arom. H); 13 C nmr (CDCl₃): δ 43.5, 64.9, 113.5, 119.3, 122.2, 123.5, 123.8, 124.7, 125.1, 125.9, 126.4, 126.8, 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.9, 129.4, 130.4, 132.9, 133.3, 133.4, 133.5, 140.0, 144.8, 146.9.

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₂N₂: C, 87.41; H, 5.56; N, 7.03. Found: C, 87.52; H, 5.61; N, 7.12.

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