## Synthesis of 2-arylhydrazones of aliphatic fluorine-containing 1,2,3-tricarbonyl compounds and their reactions with dinucleophiles

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New fluorinated 2-arylhydrazones of 1,2,3-tricarbonyl compounds were obtained by coupling fluorine-containing 3-oxo esters, 1,3-diketones, and their copper chelates with aryldiazonium chlorides. Reactions of these arylhydrazones with hydrazine hydrate, phenyl-hydrazine, thiosemicarbazide, and hydroxylamine gave the corresponding pyrazole and isoxazole derivatives.

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Coupling of aryldiazonium salts with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds at the reactive methylene group is a classical reaction in organic chemistry.<sup>1</sup> The diversity of products (including those with biological activity) obtained from 2-arylhydrazones of aliphatic 2,3-dioxo esters and 1,2,3-triketones makes it worthwhile to synthesize fluorine-containing tricarbonyl compounds and to create various heterocyclic systems based on them.

Esters of 2-phenylhydrazonotrifluoroacetoacetic<sup>2</sup> and -pentafluorobenzoylacetic<sup>3</sup> acids are the only known representatives of 2-arylhydrazones of 2,3-dioxo esters. There are no data on the involvement of these compounds in heterocyclization reactions. The series of 2-arylhydrazono derivatives of fluorinated 1,3-diketones is wider,<sup>2,4</sup> and substituted pyrazoles and isoxazoles have been obtained based on them.<sup>4</sup> However, a systematic study in this field is still lacking.

In the present work, we synthesized new 2-arylhydrazones of fluorine-containing 1,2,3-tricarbonyl compounds and studied their reactions with dinucleophiles.

We showed that fluorine-containing 3-oxo esters (1a,b), 1,3-diketones (2a,b), and copper chelates (3a,b), 4a) react with aryldiazonium chlorides in a water-alcohol medium in the presence of sodium acetate to give 2-arylhydrazones of 2,3-dioxo esters (5a-e) and 1,2,3-triketones (6a-d) (Table 1, Scheme 1).

It should be noted that trifluoroacetoacetate 1a and trifluoroacetylacetone 2a undergo partial acid cleavage to give the corresponding formazans (7a,b) as side products. On the other hand, a 3-oxo ester and a 1,3-diketone with bulky substituents (perfluorobutyl in 1b or tetrafluoroethyl in 2b), which probably hinder the attack by a second diazonium salt molecule and thus prevent the decomposition of the hydrazone, give only arylhydrazones in the reactions studied.

Scheme 1  $R_{F} \xrightarrow{I}_{O_{Y}} R \xrightarrow{X} \xrightarrow{I}_{N=N-CI}^{I}$ 1a,b, 2a,b, 3a,b, 4a  $H \xrightarrow{I}_{V} X + O \xrightarrow{N-N_{H}} OMe$   $R_{F} \xrightarrow{H}_{O} R$ 5a-e 6a-d 7a,b OMe

 $\begin{array}{l} Y = H, \ R = \ OEt, \ R_F = \ CF_3, \ X = \ OMe \ (\textbf{1a, 5a, 7a}), \\ R_F = \ C_4 F_9, \ X = \ OMe \ (\textbf{1b, 5b}), \ Me \ (\textbf{5c}); \\ R = \ Me, \ R_F = \ CF_3, \ X = \ OMe \ (\textbf{2a, 6a, 7b}); \\ R_F = \ H(CF_2)_2, \ X = \ OMe \ (\textbf{2b, 6b}), \ Me \ (\textbf{6c}), \ H \ (\textbf{6d}); \\ Y = \ Cu_{2_1}, \ R = \ OMe, \ R_F = \ CF_3, \ X = \ OMe \ (\textbf{3a, 5d}), \\ R_F = \ C_4 F_9, \ X = \ OMe \ (\textbf{3b, 5e}); \\ R = \ Me, \ R_F = \ CF_3, \ X = \ OMe \ (\textbf{4a, 6a}) \end{array}$ 

The reactions under consideration are also considerably affected by the nature of the aryldiazonium component. For example, the tendency of arylhydrazones to acid cleavage in the reaction of fluorinated dicarbonyl compounds with diazotized anilines increases and their yield decreases in the series: *p*-anisidine, *p*-toluidine, aniline.

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Com- po-	Yield (%)	M.p./°C	Found Calculated (%)				Molecular formula	IR, v/cm <sup>-1</sup>	NMR spectrum, δ, J/Hz	
und			C	H	F	N			μ	<sup>19</sup> F
5a	73	135—136	<u>49.05</u> 49.06	<u>4.06</u> 4.12	<u>17.97</u> 17.91	<u>8.83</u> 8.80	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	3070, 1600 (NH); 1690 (COOEt); 1650 (C=O); 1580, 1520, 1510 (C=N, C=C)	1.36 (t, 3 H, $OCH_2Me, J = 7.1$ ); 3.86 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.37 (q, 2 H, $OCH_2Me, J = 7.1$ ); 7.30 (m, 4 H, $C_4H_4$ ); 9.00 (br s 1 H NH)	93.72 (s, CF <sub>3</sub> )
50	81	77—78	<u>40.97</u> 41.04	<u>3.13</u> 2.80	<u>36.81</u> 36.51	<u>5.95</u> 5.98	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> F <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	3090, 1615 (NH); 1685 (COOEt); 1660 (C=O); 1600, 15201500 (C=N, C=C)	1.36 (t, 3 H, $OCH_2Me, J = 7.0$ ); 3.86 (s, 3 H, OMe); 4.38 (q, 2 H, $OCH_2Me, J = 7.0$ ); 7.30 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 13.43 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	
5c	75	4345	<u>42.59</u> 42.49	<u>3.29</u> 2.90	<u>37.57</u> 37.81	<u>6.16</u> 6.19	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> F <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3100, 1600 (NH); 1690 (COOEt); 1660 (C=O); 1590, 1520, 1510 (C=N, C=C)	1.40 (t, 3 H, $OCH_2Me$ , $J = 7.1$ ); 2.35 (s, 3 H, Me); 4.38 (q, 2 H, $OCH_2Me$ , $J = 7.1$ ); 7.24 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 13.50 (br.s. 1 H, NH)	36.84 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 41.26 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 50.44 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 81.10 (m, 3 F, CF <sub>3</sub> )
5d	72	142—144	<u>47.31</u> 47.38	<u>3.69</u> 3.64	<u>18.62</u> 18.73	<u>9.23</u> 9.21	$C_{12}H_{11}F_3N_2O_4$	3080, 1605 (NH); 1700 (COOMe); 1650 (C=O); 1590, 1520-1500 (C=N, C=C)	3.86 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.94 (s, 3 H, OMe); 7.08 (m, 4 H, $C_6H_4$ ); 14.40 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	96.72 (s, CF <sub>3</sub> )
5e	78	81—82	<u>41.49</u> 41.60	<u>2.79</u> 2.74	<u>32.80</u> 37.90	<u>6.76</u> 6.93	$C_{15}H_{11}F_{9}N_{2}O_{4}$	2730, 1615 (NH); 1685 (COOMe); 1660 (C=O); 1600, 15201500 (C=N, C=C)	3.83 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.92 (s, 3 H, OMe); 7.13 (m, 4 H, $C_6H_4$ ); 13.60 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	38.72 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 51.22 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 83.78 (m, 3 F, CF <sub>3</sub> )
6a	70	116117	<u>50.07</u> 50.01	<u>3.84</u> 3.85	<u>19.83</u> 19.77	<u>9.68</u> 9.72	$C_{12}H_{11}F_3N_2O_3$	2710, 1615 (NH); 1685 (C=O); 1590, 1500 (C=N, C=C)	2.61 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.84 (s, 3 H, OMe); 7.20 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 15.40 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	91.66 (s, CF <sub>3</sub> )
60	85	130—131	<u>48.53</u> 48.76	<u>3.83</u> 3.78	<u>24.09</u> 23.73	<u>8.51</u> 8.75	$C_{13}H_{12}F_4N_2O_3$	2720, 1615 (NH); 1670 (C=O); 1590, 1580, 1500 (C=N, C=C)	2.56 (s, 3 H, OMe); 3.87 (s, 3 H, OMe); 6.71 (t.t, 1 H, $H(CH_2)_2, J_{CF_2,H} =$ 52.8, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 7.3); 7.30 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 13.30 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	26.65 (d.t, 2 F, HCF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{H,CF_2} = 52.8$ , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 7.3$ ); 44.02 (d.t, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 7.3$ )
6с	80	90—91	<u>51.42</u> 51.32	<u>3.93</u> 3.98	<u>24.77</u> 24.98	<u>9.29</u> 9.21	$C_{13}H_{12}F_4N_2O_3$	3370, 1600 (NH); 1680 (C=O); 1580, 1510—1500 (C=N, C=C)	2.39 (s, 3 H, Me); 2.61 (s, 3 H, Me); 6.35 (t.t, 1 H, H(CF <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,H} =$ 53.3, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 6.7); 7.30 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 15.25 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	25.06 (d.t, 2 F, HCF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{H,CF_2} = 53.3$ , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 6.7$ ); 44.26 (d.t, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 6.7$ )
6d	74	125—126	<u>49.88</u> 49.66	<u>3.27</u> 3.47	25.70 26.18	<u>9.64</u> 9.65	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>10</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	3380, 1610 sh; (NH) 1680 (C=O); 1580, 1500 (C=N, C=C)	2.62 (s, 3 H, Me); 6.35 (t.t, 1 H, H(CF <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,H} =$ 53.2, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 6.6); 7.44 (m, 5 H,Ph); 15.20 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	24.96 (d.t, 2 F, HCF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{H,CF_2} = 53.2$ , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 6.6$ ): 44.26 (d.t, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 6.6$ )

Table 1. Main characteristics of compounds 5-13

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Com-	Yield (%)	M.p./°C	Found Calculated (%)				Molecular formula	IR, v/cm <sup>-1</sup>	NMR spectrum, δ, J/Hz	
und	~ ,		C	Н	F	N		,	Η	<sup>19</sup> F
72	20	131–132, cf. Ref. 8	<u>60.35</u> 60.67	<u>5.80</u> 5.62		<u>15.87</u> 15.73	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	3040, 1650 (NH); 1710, 1680 (COOEt); 1585, 1490 (C=C, C=N, N=N)	1.39 (t, 3 H, $OCH_2Me, J = 7.1$ ); 3.87 (s, 6 H, 2 OMe); 4.36 (q, 2 H, $OCH_2Me, J = 7.1$ ); 7.4 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 12 83 (br c, 1 H, NH)	
7b	24	150—151, <i>cf.</i> Ref. 8	<u>62.70</u> 62.57	<u>5.47</u> 5.56		<u>16.82</u> 17.17	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2730, 1650 (NH); 1670 (C=O); 1590, 1490 (C=N, C=C, N=N)	2.63 (b1.3, 1 H, NH) 2.61 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.85 (s, 6 H, 2 OMe); 7.23 (m, 4 H, $C_6H_4$ ); 15.97 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	
8	79	157—158	<u>38.40</u> 38.55	<u>2.09</u> 2.08	<u>39.02</u> 39.20	<u>12.76</u> 12.84	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>9</sub> F <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	3260, 1600 (NH); 1660 (C=O); 1590, 1540, 1500 (C=N, C=C)	3.85 (s, 3 H, OMe); 7.28 (m, 4 H, $C_6H_4$ ); 9.70, 15.3 (br.s, 2 H, 2 NH)	36.52 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 38.92 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 49.66 (m, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> ); 80.92 (m, 3 F, CF <sub>3</sub> )
9	80	140—141	<u>46.29</u> 46.00	<u>2.79</u> 2.81	<u>19.73</u> 19.84	<u>14.68</u> 14.63	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>8</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3170, 1590 (NH); 1730, 1720 (C=O); 1550, 1530, 1500 (C=N, C=C)	3.87 (s, 3 H, OMe); 7.28 (m, 4 H, $C_6H_4$ ); 13.00 (br.s, 2 H, NH)	96.52 (s, CF <sub>3</sub> )
102	83	182—183	<u>49.42</u> 49.41	<u>3.77</u> 3.82	<u>24.17</u> 24.03	<u>17.74</u> 17.71	$C_{13}H_{12}F_4N_4O$	3160, 3080, 1590 (NH); 1580, 1500, 1490 (C=N, C=C)	2.64 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.88 (s, 3 H, OMe); 6.56 (t.t, 1 H, $H(CF_2)_2, J_{CF_2H} =$ 53.7, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 6.6); 7.44 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 12.20 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	24.40 (d.t, 2 F, HCF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{H,CF_2} = 53.7$ , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 6.6$ ); 44.25 (d.t, 2 F, CF <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,CF_2} = 6.6$ )
10b	81	180—181	<u>50.20</u> 50.36	<u>3.33</u> 3.52	<u>26.40</u> 26.55	<u>19.43</u> 19.57	$C_{12}H_{10}F_4N_4$	3140, 3080, 1570 (NH); 1500 sh, 1490 (C=N, (C=C)	2.65 (s, 3 H, Me); 6.54 (t.t, 1 H, H(CF <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,H} =$ 53.6, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 5.5); 7.30 (m, 5 H, Ph); 12.30 (br.s, 1 H, NH)	
11	82	115—116	<u>58.14</u> 58.16	<u>4.17</u> 4.11	<u>19.23</u> 19.37	<u>14.22</u> 14.28	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>16</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O	1590, 1570, 1490 (C=N, N=N, C=C)	2.63 (s, 3 H, Me); 3.88 (s, 3 H, OMe); 6.58 (t.t, 1 H, $H(CF_2)_2, J_{CF_2,H} =$ 53.5, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 5.4); 7.46 (m, 9 H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	
12	84	125—126	<u>42.56</u> 42.75	<u>3.91</u> 3.84	<u>19.58</u> 19.31	<u>17.54</u> 17.88	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>15</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	3420, 3300, 1600 (NH); 3150 (OH); 1570, 1515, 1500 (N=N, C=N)	2.22 (s, 3 H. Me); 3.79 (s, 3 H, OMe); 6.69 (t.t, 1 H, $H(CF_2)_2, J_{CF_2,H} =$ 51.7, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 6.7); 7.06 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 7.9, 8.6, 9.7 (br.s, 4 H, NH <sub>2</sub> , NH, OH)	
13	79	85—86	<u>48.63</u> 48.91	<u>4.33</u> 4.10	<u>23.65</u> 23.80	<u>12.88</u> 13.16	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	3350, 3120, 1600 (NH, OH); 1570 1520, 1500 (N=N, C=C)	2.09 (s, 3 H, Me); 2.31 (s, 3 H, Me); 6.04 (t.t, 1 H, H(CF <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , $J_{CF_2,H} =$ 52.7, $J_{CF_2,HCF_2} =$ 6.2); 7.07 (m, 4 H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ); 9.06 (br.s, 2 H, NH, OH)	

The azo-hydrazone rearrangement<sup>1</sup> is a characteristic feature of azo-coupling products. Non-fluorinated tricarbonyl compounds exist as hydrazones, but the presence of fluorinated substituents is known to increase the degree of enolization of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.<sup>5</sup> In view of this, it might be assumed that products 5a-e and 6a-d would tend to both the azo-hydrazone  $(A(A') \longrightarrow B)$  and the keto-enol  $(B \longrightarrow C)$  tautomerism.



The existence of only one set of signals in the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of compounds **5a**—e and **6a**—d suggests unambiguously that one tautomeric form is present in each case. The absence of the methine proton signal in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of these products rules out the existence of the azoketone form **B**. The intense absorption bands at 1695–1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> observed in the IR spectra of compounds **5a**—e, **6a**—d can be explained by the presence of oxo groups in these compounds, which is possible only in the case of the hydrazono-keto forms **A** or **A**'.

The somewhat decreased stretching vibration frequencies of carbonyl groups (in comparison with those reported in the literature<sup>6</sup>) are caused, on the one hand, by their conjugation with the C=N bond, and on the other hand, by the participation of the arylhydrazone fragment in a hydrogen bond with the amino group. This kind of interaction also follows from the presence of a broadened singlet low-field signal of the amino group proton in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds 5a-e, **6a-d** and by the weak absorption at  $2730-2710 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the IR spectra of these compounds. This hydrogen bond can involve either the carbonyl at the fluorinated group (A'), or the ester group in the case of 3-oxo esters, or the acyl group (A) in the case of 1,3-diketones. In our opinion, one cannot choose between the tautomers based on the available spectral data, although the A' form was preferred in an earlier study.<sup>2</sup>

We were the first to use copper(II) 3-oxo esterates and 1,3-diketonate **3a,b** and **4a** in azo-coupling. The use of copper chelates makes it possible to obtain 2-arylhydrazono-substituted products in high yields, bypassing the step of chelate decomposition in the synthesis of free ligands. In addition, the use of copper chelates decreases the probability of decomposition of hydrazones to give formazans.

Some of the arylhydrazones were used in the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds. For example, reactions of 2-arylhydrazones of 2,3-dioxo esters 5a,b with hydrazine hydrate and hydroxylamine gave pyrazolinone 8 and isoxazolinone 9, respectively (see Table 1 and Scheme 2).



Heterocycles 8 and 9 can exist both in azo- and hydrazono-forms. Pyrazole 8 is also characterized by amido-hydroxyimine tautomerism. However, NMR spectroscopic data (see Table 1) indicate that only one of the possible tautomers is present in each case. In our opinion, the amide form is most probable for product 8, since its IR spectrum contains an intense absorption band at 1660 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The downfield shift of absorption bands of the amide (in the case of compound 8) and ester (in the case of 9) carbonyl groups is caused by their involvement in a hydrogen bond with the amino group, which can exist only in the hydrazo-form.

We showed that 2-arylhydrazones of 1,2,3-triketones **6b-d** react with hydrazine hydrate, phenylhydrazine, thiosemicarbazide, and hydroxylamine to give pyrazole derivatives (10a,b, 11, 12) and isoxazole (13) (see Table 1 and Scheme 3).

It seems impossible to decide, based on the available spectroscopic data, in which (azo or hydrazono) form pyrazoles 10a,b are present, whereas compounds 11-13 can exist only in the azo-form. It may be assumed that, unlike heterocycles 8 and 9, whose hydrazono-form is possibly stabilized by a hydrogen bond, the azo-form is preferable for compounds 10a,b.

Products 12 and 13 are stable against dehydration and do not eliminate water upon prolonged heating *in vacuo* or upon refluxing in toluene. The trend to the



formation of stable hydrated heterocycles was also observed for other 2-substituted fluorine-containing 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.<sup>7</sup>

Thus, we have demonstrated that the 2-arylhydrazones of 2,3-dioxo esters and 1,2,3-triketones obtained have a reactivity similar to that of 2-substituted fluorine-containing 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds and can serve as promising synthons for the construction of heterocyclic systems.

## Experimental

IR spectra were recorded on a Specord 75 IR spectrophotometer at 400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> (suspensions in Vaseline oil). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a Tesla BS-567 A spectrometer (100 MHz) relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub>. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were obtained on a Tesla BS-587 A spectrometer (75 MHz) relative to C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>.

Ethyl 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazono-3oxobutyrate (5a). A solution of a diazonium salt prepared from *p*-anisidine (0.14 g, 1.1 mmol), concentrated HCl (2 mL), and NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol) in water (10 mL) was added at 10 °C in portions with stirring to oxo ester 1a (0.18 g, 1 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL). Concentrated aqueous AcONa was then added slowly until the solution became turbid. The precipitate that formed was filtered off. Column chromatography (with CHCl<sub>3</sub> as the eluent) followed by recrystallization from MeOH gave 0.23 g of product 5a and 0.07 g (20%) of compound 7a (see Table 1).

Ethyl 4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-uonafluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazono-3-oxoheptanoate (5b). A similar procedure starting from p-anisidine (0.14 g, 1.1 mmol),  $NaNO_2$  (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and oxo ester 1b (0.33 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.38 g of product 5b (see Table 1).

Ethyl 4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,7-Bonafluoro-2-(4-methylphenyl)hydrazono-3-oxoheptanoate (5c). A similar procedure starting from *p*-toluidine (0.12 g, 1.1 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and oxo ester 1b (0.33 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.34 g of compound 5c (see Table 1).

Methyl 4,4,4-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazono-3oxobutyrate (5d). A similar procedure starting from *p*-anisidine (0.14 g, 1.1 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and chelate 3a (0.20 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.22 g of compound 5d (see Table 1).

Methyl 4,4,5,5,6,6,6-heptafluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazono-3-oxoheptanoate (5e). A similar procedure starting from *p*-anisidine (0.14 g, 1.1 mmol),  $NaNO_2$  (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and chelate 3b (0.30 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.32 g of product 5e (see Table 1).

1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazonopentane-2,4dione (6a). A. A similar procedure starting from p-anisidine (0.14 g, 1.1 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and diketone 2a (0.15 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.20 g of product 6 and 0.08 g of compound 7b (see Table 1).

**B.** A similar procedure starting from *p*-anisidine (0.14 g, 1.1 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and chelate **4a** (0.18 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.14 g (50%) of product **6a**.

5,5,6,6-Tetrafluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)bydrazonohexane-2,4-dione (6b). A similar procedure starting from p-anisidine (0.14 g, 1.1 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and diketone 2b (0.19 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.27 g of product 6b (see Table 1).

5,5,6,6-Tetrafluoro-3-(4-methylphenyl)hydrazonohexane-2,4-dione (6c). A similar procedure starting from *p*-toluidine (0.12 g, 1.1 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and diketone 2b (0.19 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.24 g of compound 6c (see Table 1).

5,5,6,6-Tetrafluoro-3-phenylhydrazonohexane-2,4-dione (6d). A similar procedure starting from aniline (0.1 g, 1.1 mmol), NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 1.1 mmol), and diketone 2b (0.19 g, 1 mmol) gave 0.22 g of product 6d (see Table 1).

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)hydrazono-3-nonafluorobutyl-1Hpyrazolin-5-one (8). Solutions of arylhydrazone 5b (0.47 g, 1 mmol) and NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (0.4 g, 8 mmol) in diethyl ether were mixed, and the reaction mixture was kept for 10 min at ~20 °C. The ether was evaporated. The precipitate was recrystallized from hexane and dried *in vacuo* to give 0.35 g of compound 8 (see Table 1).

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)hydrazono-3-trifluoromethylisoxazolin-5-one (9). A mixture of arylhydrazone 5a (0.32 g, 1 mmol),  $NH_2OH \cdot H_2O$  (0.28 g, 4 mmol), and AcONa (0.2 g, 2.5 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was refluxed for 3 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (50 mL). The precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with water, recrystallized from benzene, and dried *in vacuo* to give 0.28 g of product 9 (see Table 1).

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)azo-5-methyl-3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)pyrazole (10a). A mixture of arylhydrazone 6b (0.32 g, 1 mmol) and  $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$  (0.2 g, 0.4 mmol) in 10 mL of glacial AcOH was refluxed for 2.5 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and diluted with 50 mL of water. The precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with water, recrystallized from benzene, and dried *in vacuo* to give 0.26 g of product 10a (see Table 1). 5-Methyl-4-phenylazo-3-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl)pyrazole (10b). Similar procedure starting from arylhydrazone 6d (0.3 g, 1 mmol) and NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 g, 4 mmol) gave 0.23 g of compound 10b (see Table 1).

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)azo-5-methyl-1-phenyl-3-(1,1,2,2tetrafluoroethyl)pyrazole (11). A mixture of arylhydrazone 6b (0.32 g, 1 mmol), PhNHNH<sub>2</sub>·HCl (0.58 g, 4 mmol), and NaOAc (0.21 g, 2.5 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was refluxed for 2 h, cooled, and diluted with water (50 mL). The precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with water, recrystallized from acetic acid, and dried *in vacuo* to give 0.32 g of product 11 (see Table 1).

3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)azo-5-methyl-3-(1,1,2,2tetrafluoroethyl)-1-thiocarbamoylpyrazoline (12). A mixture of arylhydrazone **6b** (0.32 g, 1 mmol) and thiosemicarbazide (0.36 g, 4 mmol) was refluxed for 50 h in a benzene—DMSO mixture (3:1). The benzene was evaporated. The product was precipitated from the DMSO by adding distilled water. The precipitate was filtered off, recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and dried *in vacuo* to give 0.33 g of compound **12** (see Table 1).

3-Hydroxy-5-methyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)azo-3-(1,1,2,2tetrafluoroethyl)isoxazoline (13). A similar procedure starting from arylhydrazone 6c (0.3 g, 1 mmol), NH<sub>2</sub>OH  $\cdot$  HCl (0.28 g, 4 mmol), and NaOAc (0.2 g, 2.5 mmol) gave 0.25 g of compound 13 (see Table 1).

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