



## One-Pot Synthesis of Substituted N-Phenyl Pyrazoles Using Ionic Liquid

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### ABSTRACT

A one-pot cyclocondensation of 1,3-dicarbonyl with phenyl hydrazines catalyzed by 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride (Ionic Liquid, ILs) have been carried out to obtain substituted N-phenyl pyrazoles. The reaction has been carried out at room temperature and the products obtained in good to moderate yields with simple work up procedure.

**Keywords:** Ionic liquid; N-phenyl pyrazoles

### INTRODUCTION

Pyrazole containing natural products are very rare and such heterocycles are frequently encountered in agrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, materials science, and synthetic chemistry [1-14]. Compounds bearing the pyrazole nucleus, in particular, have exhibited a wide spectrum of therapeutic application and a plethora of drugs have progressed to the market, [15-25] such as lonazolac, fipronil, Viagra, celecoxib, and many others. Pyrazoles also constantly act as essential building blocks of ligands for transition metals, supermolecules, and liquid crystals [26-28]. Owing to their multifarious and prominent properties, the discovery of environmentally benign, efficient and practical approaches for the construction and functionalization of pyrazole cores, especially in a regioselective manner, has always been an active field of research of high impact in synthetic chemistry [29-38].

In recent years design of environmentally benign reactions is an important goal in organic synthesis. The use of organic solvents is often a significant source of such hazardous waste due to its volatile nature, hence making it detrimental to the environment. This brings us ultimately to the search of non-volatile (green) solvents. Room temperature ionic liquids are an excellent substitute for traditional solvents [39]. Room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) are basically salts which have melting points below room temperature and are claimed to be green solvents because of their low vapour pressure even at high temperatures [40]. Over the past decade ILs have become of interest in many fields (chemistry, biochemistry and materials engineering to name a few) because of their unique properties, such as: non-flammability, non-volatility, increased thermal stability, high electrochemical window and high ionic conductivity [41-44]. Thus, there is ample scope to develop an efficient and convenient method to construct these scaffolds.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### General considerations

All reagents and catalyst purchased from commercial sources were used as received. The solvents ionic liquids was prepared by reported procedure and used. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware and were magnetically stirred. FTIR spectra were taken on F.T.Infra-Red Spectrophotometer Model RZX (Perkin Elmer) and  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra were taken on bruker AVANCE II 400 MHz spectrometer with TMS as internal standard  $\text{CDCl}_3$  / DMSO as solvent. ESI-Mass spectral data were recorded on Q-TOF Micro Waters (ESI-MS) Spectrometer.

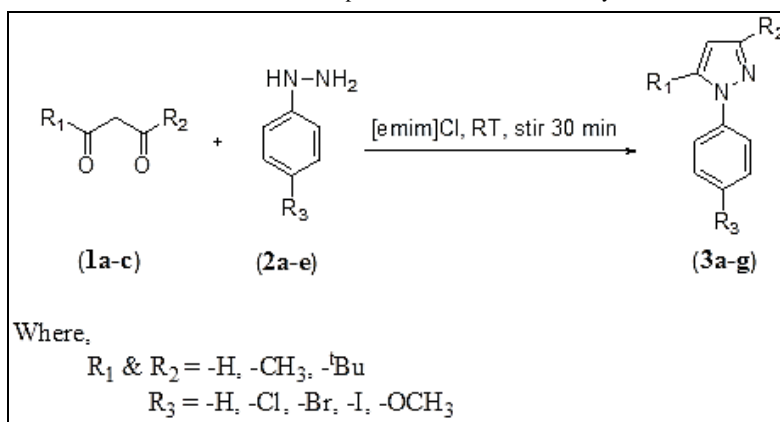
### General procedure for the screening of ionic liquids

A mixture of propan-1, 3-dial (1) (13.8 mmol) and phenyl hydrazine (2) (13.8 mmol) was dissolved separately in five different imidazolium-based ionic liquids (5 ml) and stirred at room temperature for 20 min. After stirring the reaction mixtures for 20 min., the reaction mixtures were poured on crushed ice. The obtained solids were filtered, washed with water and dried. The crude compounds were crystallized using DMF-Ethanol. After screening the imidazolium-based ionic liquids; it was found 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride was a suitable and novel medium for carrying the cyclocondensation leading to title products with excellent yields (Table 1, entry 2). The advantage of 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride is that, it is stable, easily synthesized, cost effective, and recyclable (Scheme 1).

**Table 1:** Screening of ionic liquids to search a suitable medium for one pot synthesis of substituted N-phenyl pyrazoles (2)<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ionic liquids	Time (min.)	Yield <sup>b</sup> %
1	1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroaluminate	20	75
2	1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride	20	95
3	1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride	20	60
4	1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	20	65
5	1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	20	56

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: A mixture of propan-1,3-dial(1) (13.8 mmol) and phenyl hydrazine (2) (13.8 mmol) was dissolved in ionic liquids (5 ml) and stirred at room temperature for 20 min; <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields



**Scheme 1:** One pot synthesis of substituted N-phenyl pyrazoles (3a-g) using 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride

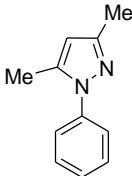
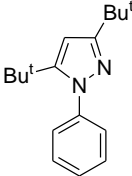
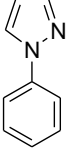
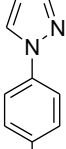
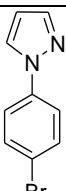
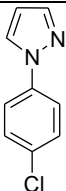
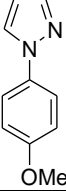
### General procedure for the synthesis of substituted N- phenyl pyrazoles (3a-g)

A mixture of 1,3-dicarbonyl (1) (13.8 mmol) and phenyl hydrazine (2) (13.8 mmol) was dissolved in ionic liquid, 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride (5 ml) and stirred at room temperature for 20 min. After stirring the reaction mixture for 20 min., the reaction mass was poured on crushed ice. The obtained solid was filtered, washed with water and dried. The crude compound was crystallized using DMF-Ethanol. In some cases after pouring the reaction mass on crushed ice, oily drops were obtained (Table 2, entry 3a, 3c and 3g) then the liquid products were extracted by using ethyl acetate and sodium chloride. The obtained organic layers were dried by dehydrating agent, sodium sulfate and distilled out to obtain the products. Compound 3c: Yield 94%; light yellow liquid; bp 141-142 °C. FTIR Model RZX (Perkin Elmer)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 1518 (C=N str., Pyrazolyl); 1199 (C-N str.);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.13 (t, 1H, Pyrazolyl), 7.67 (d, 1H, Pyrazolyl), 7.76 (d, 1H, Pyrazolyl), 7.59-7.62 (m, 5H, Ar-H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  141.03, 140.12, 129.40, 126.81, 126.35, 119.02, 107.66 ppm; MS (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2$  (M +  $\text{H}^+$ ) 144.0687; found: 145.1508.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The titled compounds have been synthesized by one pot synthesis by using readily available starting materials, such as different 1,3-dicarbonyls (1a-g) and phenyl hydrazines (2). The ionic liquid, 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride was prepared and used immediately. The reactions were carried out at room temperature for 20 min. and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Various 1,3-dicarbonyls (1a-g) could give target pyrazoles (3a-g) through the same action with excellent yields.

**Table 2: One pot synthesis of substituted N-phenyl pyrazoles (3a-g), carried in 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride**

Compound	R'	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	Product	Yield	M. P./B.P (C)
3a	H	Me	Me		90	b.p;144-145
3b	H	Bu <sup>t</sup>	Bu <sup>t</sup>		93	m.p;106-108
3c	H	H	H		93	b.p;141-142
3d	p-I	H	H		90	m.p.;90-91
3e	p-Br	H	H		90	m.p;69-76
3f	p-Cl	H	H		87	m.p;88-91
3g	p-OMe	H	H		62	b.p;280

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have developed a simple, highly efficient, and environmentally friendly method for the synthesis of substituted N-phenyl pyrazoles in ionic liquid, 1-Ethyl-3-methylimidazolium Chloride. It was found that the ionic liquid worked well and the conversion found to take place rapidly giving excellent yields. Further studies on the biological activities of the products and application of this methodology to other interesting pyrazole derivatives are underway in our laboratory.

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