

Copper-Catalyzed Aerobic Cascade Cycloamination and Acyloxylation: A Direct Approach to **4-Acyloxy-1*H*-pyrazoles**

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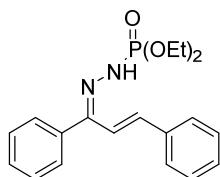
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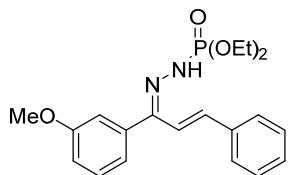
1. General Information

All reagents and metal catalysts were obtained from commercial sources without further purification, and commercially available solvents were purified before use. All new compounds were fully characterized. All melting points were taken on a WRS-1A or a WRS-1B Digital Melting Point Apparatus without correction. Infrared spectra were obtained using an AVATAR 370 FT-IR spectrometer. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer operating at 500, 125 and 470 MHz, respectively, with chemical shift values being reported in ppm relative to chloroform ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm), dimethyl sulfoxide ($\delta = 2.50$ ppm) or TMS ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm) for ^1H NMR, and chloroform ($\delta = 77.16$ ppm) or dimethyl sulfoxide ($\delta = 39.52$ ppm) for ^{13}C NMR. Mass spectra and high resolution mass spectra were recorded with an Agilent 5975N using an Electron impact (EI) or Electrospray ionization (ESI) techniques. Silica gel plate GF254 were used for thin layer chromatography (TLC) and silica gel H or 300-400 mesh were used for flash column chromatography. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds, unless otherwise indicated.

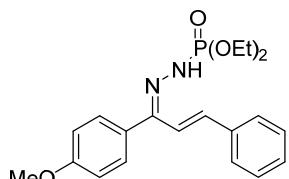
2. Synthesis and Characterization for Hydrazones



Diethyl (2-(1,3-diphenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1a): A mixture of chalcone (1.04 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL) was stirred overnight at 78 °C. The reaction was cooled to room temperature after complete consumption of chalcone as monitored by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was evaporated to dry under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1a** (1.52 g, 85%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 176-178 °C. IR (KBr): 3151, 2978, 2870, 1617, 1544, 1442, 1326, 1235, 1110, 1036, 972, 762 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.35 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 26.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.01 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 149.7 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 18.8 Hz), 137.9, 137.5, 136.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 117.9, 62.3 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz), 16.1 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 358 (6) [M⁺], 206 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 359.1519, found: 359.1521.

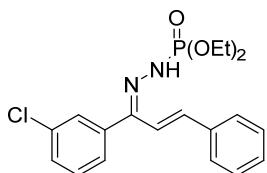


Diethyl (2-(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1b): Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.19 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1) to yield **1b** (1.44 g, 74%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 136-138 °C. IR (KBr): 3446, 3166, 2983, 1600, 1464, 1437, 1236, 1030, 978, 888, 767 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.35 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 26.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.02 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 159.0, 149.4 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 17.6 Hz), 138.9, 137.9, 136.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 127.7, 121.1, 117.8, 114.2, 114.0, 62.4 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 5.5 Hz), 55.0, 16.1 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 388 (12) [M⁺], 236 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₄P [M+H]⁺: 389.1625, found: 389.1628.



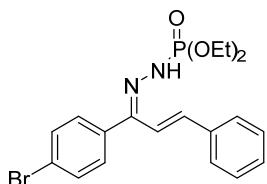
Diethyl (2-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1c):

Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.19 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1) to yield **1c** (1.49 g, 77%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 140-142 °C. IR (KBr): 3445, 3145, 2976, 1607, 1512, 1442, 1302, 1252, 1031, 977, 813, 764 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.22 (d, ²J_{P-H} = 26.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.01 (m, 4H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 159.5, 149.5 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 17.5 Hz), 137.9, 136.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 118.2, 113.6, 62.3 (d, ²J_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz), 55.2, 16.1 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 388 (19) [M⁺], 235 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₄P [M+H]⁺: 389.1625, found: 389.1619.



Diethyl (2-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1d):

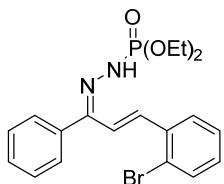
Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.21 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1d** (1.37 g, 70%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 121-123 °C. IR (KBr): 3442, 3181, 2982, 1443, 1329, 1243, 1127, 1034, 977, 754 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.44 (d, ²J_{P-H} = 27.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.34 (m, 7H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.01 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 148.2 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 17.5 Hz), 139.7, 138.0, 135.9, 133.0, 130.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 117.6, 62.4 (d, ²J_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz), 16.0 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 394 (2) [M⁺ (³⁷Cl)], 392 (7) [M⁺ (³⁵Cl)], 240 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃ClN₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 393.1129, found: 393.1133.



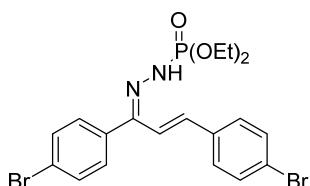
Diethyl (2-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1e):

Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.44 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1e** (1.55 g, 71%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 140-142 °C. IR (KBr): 3119, 2979, 2873, 1442, 1251, 1070, 1036, 979, 792 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.40 (d, ²J_{P-H} = 24.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H),

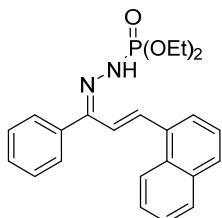
4.10-4.01 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz): δ = 148.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 17.5 Hz), 138.0, 136.7, 135.9, 131.2, 130.7, 129.1, 128.6, 127.7, 121.8, 117.6, 62.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 6.3 Hz), 16.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 438 (5) [M^+ (^{81}Br)], 436 (6) [M^+ (^{79}Br)], 284 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 437.0624, found: 437.0624.



Diethyl (2-(3-(2-bromophenyl)-1-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1f): Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 3-(2-bromophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.44 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1f** (1.75 g, 80%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 192-194 °C. IR (KBr): 3157, 2981, 2863, 1469, 1437, 1234, 1163, 1110, 1039, 973, 766 cm⁻¹; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz): δ = 9.45 (d, $^2J_{\text{P-H}}$ = 27.0 Hz, 1H), 8.16-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.27 (m, 9H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.02 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz): δ = 149.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 18.8 Hz), 137.2, 135.8, 135.4, 132.9, 130.7, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 124.0, 120.7, 62.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 5.0 Hz), 16.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 438 (5) [M^+ (^{81}Br)], 436 (6) [M^+ (^{79}Br)], 286 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 437.0624, found: 437.0619.

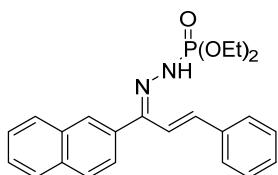


Diethyl (2-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1g): Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (1.83 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1g** (1.88 g, 73%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 167-169 °C. IR (KBr): 3128, 2976, 2900, 1587, 1486, 1436, 1391, 1245, 1072, 1034, 1007, 977, 815, 788 cm⁻¹; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz): δ = 9.42 (d, $^2J_{\text{P-H}}$ = 26.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.57 (m, 7H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.09-4.01 (m, 4H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz): δ = 148.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 17.5 Hz), 136.6, 136.5, 135.3, 131.5, 131.2, 130.7, 129.6, 122.2, 121.9, 118.3, 62.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 5.0 Hz), 16.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-C}}$ = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 518 (1) [M^+ (^{81}Br , ^{79}Br)], 516 (2) [M^+ ($2 \times ^{79}\text{Br}$)], 408 (54), 406 (100), 404 (53); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 514.9729, found: 514.9709.



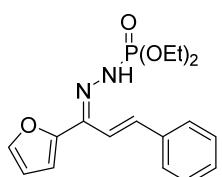
Diethyl (2-(3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1h):

Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.29 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1h** (1.55 g, 76%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 173-175 °C. IR (KBr): 3444, 3143, 2980, 1444, 1390, 1229, 1168, 1115, 1038, 966, 773 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.43 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 26.5 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.47 (m, 9H), 4.12-4.03 (m, 4H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 150.1 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 17.5 Hz), 137.7, 134.3, 133.3, 132.7, 130.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 126.8, 126.0, 125.6, 124.7, 122.6, 120.5, 62.4 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz), 16.1 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 408 (6) [M⁺], 256 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₃H₂₆N₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 409.1676, found: 409.1673.



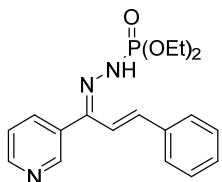
Diethyl (2-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1i):

Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1.29 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1i** (1.72 g, 84%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 144-146 °C. IR (KBr): 3142, 2978, 2866, 1624, 1545, 1438, 1236, 1100, 1037, 974, 815, 764 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.41 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 26.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.94 (m, 4H), 7.75-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.05 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 149.6 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 18.8 Hz), 138.2, 136.1, 135.0, 132.9, 132.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 118.1, 62.4 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz), 16.1 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz). MS (EI) m/z: 408 (7) [M⁺], 271 (14), 255 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₃H₂₆N₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 409.1676, found: 409.1673.



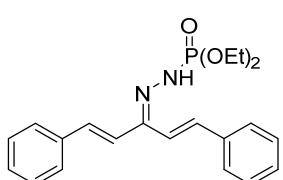
Diethyl (2-(1-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1j):

Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (0.99 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1) to yield **1j** (1.36 g, 78%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 137-139 °C. IR (KBr): 3160, 2985, 1621, 1540, 1495, 1436, 1394, 1318, 1235, 1037, 972, 763 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.35 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 26.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.58 (m, 1H), 4.11-4.01 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 150.6, 143.4, 140.5 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 18.8 Hz), 137.4, 136.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.7, 116.6, 111.3, 110.4, 62.5 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz), 16.0 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 348 (8) [M⁺], 196 (100), 195 (90), 152 (30); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₂O₄P [M+H]⁺: 349.1312, found: 349.1313.



Diethyl (2-(3-phenyl-1-(pyridin-3-yl)allylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1k):

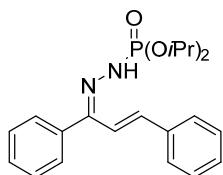
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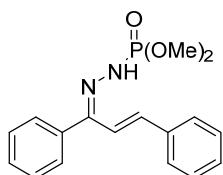
Diethyl (2-(1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-ylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1l):

Following the same procedure used for **1a** with 1,5-diphenylpenta-1,4-dien-3-one (1.17 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diethyl ester (1.26 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1l** (1.65 g, 86%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 112-114 °C. IR (KBr): 3166, 3022, 2979, 1625, 1540, 1492, 1440, 1333, 1236, 1093,

1032, 980, 801, 754 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.20 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 27.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12-4.02 (m, 4H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 147.0 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 18.8 Hz), 136.5, 136.3, 132.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 125.1, 117.5, 62.4 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz), 16.1 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 384 (5) [M⁺], 233 (33), 230 (100), 103 (25), 91 (20); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 385.1676, found: 385.1672.

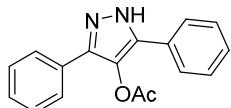


Diisopropyl (2-(1,3-diphenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1a'): Following the same procedure used for **1a** with chalcone (1.04 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid diisopropyl ester (1.47 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1a'** (1.58 g, 82%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 172-174 °C. IR (KBr): 3176, 2979, 1617, 1443, 1380, 1236, 1113, 1011, 763 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.27 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 26.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 8H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.53 (m, 2H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 149.3 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 18.8 Hz), 137.8, 137.7, 136.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 118.0, 70.6 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz), 23.6 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz), 23.4 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 386 (7) [M⁺], 206 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₈N₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 387.1832, found: 387.1830.

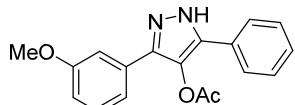


Dimethyl (2-(1,3-diphenylallylidene)hydrazinyl)phosphonate (1a''): Following the same procedure used for **1a** with chalcone (1.04 g, 5.0 mmol) and phosphorohydrazidic acid dimethyl ester (1.05 g, 7.5 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **1a''** (1.42 g, 86%) as a colorless solid. M.p. 175-177 °C. IR (KBr): 3154, 3016, 1621, 1442, 1328, 1245, 1039, 970, 847, 795 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 9.41 (d, ²*J*_{P-H} = 26.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, ³*J*_{P-H} = 11.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 150.2 (d, ³*J*_{P-C} = 17.5 Hz), 138.1, 137.4, 136.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 117.9, 53.3 (d, ²*J*_{P-C} = 5.0 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 330 (15) [M⁺], 206 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O₃P [M+H]⁺: 331.1206, found: 331.1198.

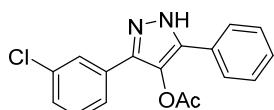
3. Synthesis and Characterization for Pyrazoles



3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3aa)^[1]: A mixture of compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 5 h under oxygen atmosphere. The reaction was cooled to room temperature after complete consumption of **1a** as monitored by TLC analysis. Upon completion, the reaction was diluted by EtOAc (10 mL) and H₂O (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, then filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The given residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to give **3aa** (57.6 mg, 69%) as a white solid. M.p. 188-190 °C. IR (KBr): 3422, 3227, 1761, 1492, 1448, 1370, 1197, 1145, 955, 760, 693 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 9.19 (br, NH), 7.60-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 6H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 169.2, 139.6, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 126.4, 20.9; MS (EI) m/z: 278 (10) [M⁺], 237 (18), 236 (100).



3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ba): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1b** (116.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 6 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield **3ba** (64.6 mg, 70%) as a yellow oil. IR (KBr): 3321, 2933, 1762, 1709, 1594, 1465, 1368, 1270, 1195, 1036, 971 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.26 (m, 4H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 169.2, 159.6, 141.6, 130.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 125.5, 125.1, 117.8, 113.9, 110.8, 110.5, 55.1, 20.6; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 309 (100) [M⁺H]; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 309.1234, found: 309.1234.

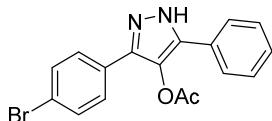


3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ca): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1c** (117.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3da** (62.8 mg, 67%) as a white solid.

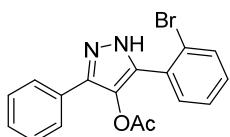
M.p. 163-165 °C. IR (KBr): 3240, 3079, 2924, 1760, 1590, 1371, 1204, 1150, 1006, 961, 890, 764, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 11.00 (br, NH), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 168.9, 139.9, 138.4, 134.8, 131.9, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 126.5, 126.3, 124.5, 20.9; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 315 (33) [M⁺H (³⁷Cl)], 313 (100) [M⁺H (³⁵Cl)]; HRMS (ESI) m/z: (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₂Cl [M+H]⁺: 313.0738, found: 313.0738.



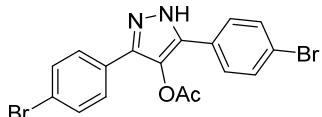
3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3da): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1d** (116.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield **3da** (55.5 mg, 60%) as a white solid. M.p. 174-176 °C. IR (KBr): 3228, 2861, 1759, 1615, 1537, 1511, 1368, 1251, 1030, 958, 834, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 11.11 (br, NH), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 169.2, 159.9, 139.8, 139.2, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.5, 121.9, 114.4, 55.4, 20.9; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 309 [M⁺H]; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₃[M+H]⁺: 309.1234, found: 309.1234.



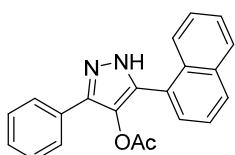
3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ea): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1e** (131.2 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 5 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3da** (70.7 mg, 66%) as a white solid. M.p. 239-241 °C. IR (KBr): 3220, 1775, 1753, 1491, 1450, 1369, 1193, 1149, 958, 884, 824, 760, 683 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.59-13.57 (m, NH), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1.5H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.3H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 0.8H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.3H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.8H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 0.6H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.4H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 125 MHz): δ = 169.1, 142.4, 141.3, 133.5, 132.3, 132.2, 131.8, 131.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 125.4, 121.6, 120.9, 20.6; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 359 (98) [M⁺H (⁸¹Br)], 357 (100) [M⁺H (⁷⁹Br)]; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₂Br [M+H]⁺: 357.0233, found: 357.0233.



5-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3fa): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1f** (131.2 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 8 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3fa** (65.6 mg, 61%) as a yellow oil. IR (KBr): 3219, 3070, 2927, 1767, 1607, 1442, 1367, 1251, 1190, 1145, 1019, 883, 760 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.59-13.34 (m, NH), 7.74-7.37 (m, 9H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 168.6, 143.5, 133.0, 132.3, 131.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 125.5, 122.6, 20.4; MS (EI) m/z: 358 (4) [M⁺ (⁸¹Br)], 356 (5) [M⁺ (⁷⁹Br)], 104 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₂Br [M+H]⁺: 357.0233, found: 357.0223.

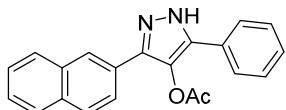


3,5-bis(4-Bromophenyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ga): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1g** (154.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ga** (61.5 mg, 47%) as a white solid. M.p. 245-247 °C. IR (KBr): 3220, 1776, 1759, 1702, 1486, 1372, 1197, 1147, 1010, 956, 825, 746 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.66 (br, NH), 7.72-7.59 (m, 8H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 169.0, 141.4, 132.2, 131.8, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 20.6; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 439 (50) [M⁺H (2×⁸¹Br)], 437 (100) [M⁺H (⁸¹Br, ⁷⁹Br)], 435 (50) [M⁺H (2×⁷⁹Br)]; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₂O₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 434.9338, found: 434.9338.

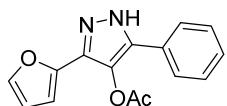


5-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ha): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1h** (122.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ha** (62.2 mg, 63%) as a colorless oil. IR (KBr): 3241, 2919, 1764, 1709, 1446, 1367, 1199, 1100, 1010, 988, 776 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.75-13.35 (m, NH), 8.32-7.71 (m, 5H), 7.64-7.37 (m, 7H), 2.14-2.01 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 168.8, 133.3, 132.6, 132.2, 131.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 126.9, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 125.7, 125.4, 125.1, 20.3; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 329 (100)

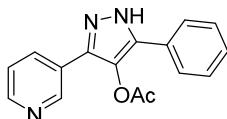
[M⁺H], 287 (44); HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 329.1285, found: 329.1285.



3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ia): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1i** (122.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ia** (63.9 mg, 65%) as a white solid. M.p. 206-208 °C. IR (KBr): 3430, 3244, 3056, 1766, 1636, 1447, 1364, 1192, 1135, 754 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.65-13.59 (m, NH), 8.22-7.69 (m, 7H), 7.57-7.36 (m, 5H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 125 MHz): δ = 169.3, 142.4, 142.2, 133.5, 133.4, 133.1, 132.4, 132.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 126.2, 125.6, 125.4, 124.3, 124.1, 123.9, 123.1, 20.6; MS (EI) m/z: 328 (13) [M⁺], 286 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 329.1285, found: 329.1274.

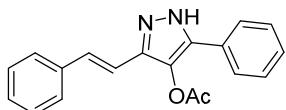


3-(Furan-2-yl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ja): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1j** (104.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 6 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ja** (44.4 mg, 55%) as a gray solid. M.p. 152-155 °C. IR (KBr): 3221, 2928, 1764, 1710, 1631, 1452, 1368, 1195, 1008, 892, 737 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 500 MHz): δ = 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 125 MHz): δ = 169.2, 142.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.3, 125.5, 111.6, 106.9, 20.5; MS (EI) m/z: 268 (8) [M⁺], 105 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 269.0921, found: 269.0909.

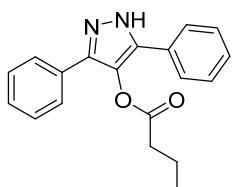


5-Phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl acetate (3ka): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1k** (107.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 6 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield **3ka** (43.5 mg, 52%) as a white solid. M.p. 153-155 °C. IR (KBr): 3433, 3038, 2817, 1752, 1644, 1380, 1209, 1021, 947, 701 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.69 (br, NH), 8.91-7.39 (m, 9H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 125 MHz): δ = 169.2, 149.0, 146.4, 132.9, 129.2, 128.7, 125.6, 125.2, 124.9, 124.1, 20.6; MS (EI) m/z: 279 (27) [M⁺], 105 (100);

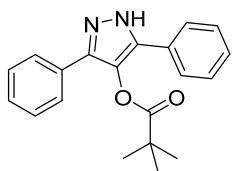
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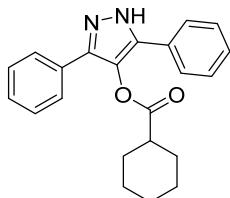


3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl butyrate (3ab): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), *n*-butyric acid (31.7 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ab** (60.7 mg, 66%) as a pale yellow solid. M.p. 110-113 °C. IR (KBr): 3234, 2961, 1765, 1589, 1459, 1439, 1262, 1148, 957, 767 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 171.6, 140.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 125.6, 125.1, 35.2, 17.8, 13.4; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 307 (100) [M⁺H]; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}N_2O_2$ [M+H]⁺: 307.1441, found: 307.1441.

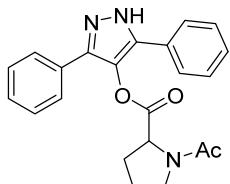


3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl pivalate (3ac): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), pivalic acid (36.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 10 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ac** (54.8 mg, 57%) as a white solid. M.p.

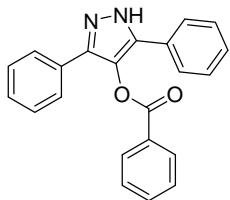
213-215 °C; IR (KBr): 3371, 2969, 1753, 1589, 1477, 1256, 1110, 958, 771, 707, 693 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 10.81-10.37 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 7.37-7.31 (m, 6H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 176.2, 139.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 39.0, 27.3; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 321 (100) [M⁺H]; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 321.1598, found: 321.1598.



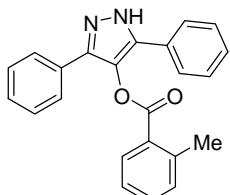
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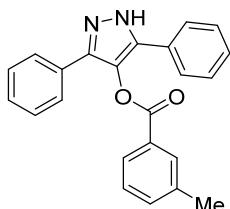
3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl acetylprolinate (3ae): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), acetylproline (56.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 5 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to yield **3ae** (67.5 mg, 60%) as a yellow oil. IR (KBr): 3395, 3036, 2926, 1771, 1623, 1448, 1363, 1248, 1140, 1027, 767 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 500 MHz): δ = 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57-3.52 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.84 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 125 MHz): δ = 170.8, 168.7, 140.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 126.1, 58.0, 47.3, 28.9, 24.5, 22.0; MS (ESI) m/z: 376 (100) [M⁺H]; HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺: 376.1656, found: 376.1652.



3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl benzoate (3af)^[1]: Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), benzoic acid (44.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 µL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 5 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3af** (56.2 mg, 55%) as a white solid. M.p. 233-235 °C. IR (KBr): 3434, 3220, 3057, 1743, 1593, 1492, 1449, 1246, 1148, 1060, 957, 765, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.63 (br, NH), 8.22-8.20 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.66 (m, 5H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.28 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 164.4, 142.5, 134.6, 133.7, 132.0, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 125.6, 125.4; MS (EI) m/z: 340 (18) [M⁺], 105 (100).

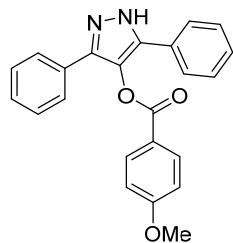


3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl 2-methylbenzoate (3ag): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), 2-methylbenzoic acid (49.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 µL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 3 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ag** (62.7 mg, 59%) as a white solid. M.p. 288-290 °C; IR (KBr): 3212, 1744, 1607, 1589, 1485, 1256, 1182, 1150, 1082, 960, 769, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.64-13.56 (br, 1H), 8.03-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 164.5, 142.5, 138.9, 135.2, 133.6, 131.9, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.1, 125.6, 125.4, 20.7; MS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: 355 (100) [M⁺H]; HRMS (MALDI/DHB) m/z: Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 355.1441, found: 355.1441.

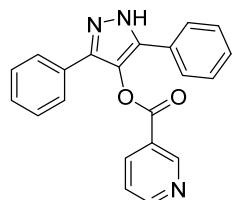


3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl 3-methylbenzoate (3ah): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), 3-methylbenzoic acid (49.0 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol)

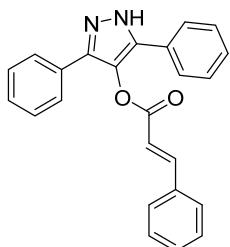
and H₂O (50 µL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ah** (59.5 mg, 56%) as a white solid. M.p. 206-209 °C. IR (KBr): 3225, 3037, 2927, 1740, 1595, 1487, 1447, 1229, 1143, 1033, 953, 730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 164.8, 140.5, 133.4, 132.1, 130.7, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.7, 125.6, 125.5, 125.1, 21.1; MS (EI) m/z: 354 (6) [M⁺], 119 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 355.1441, found: 355.1434.



3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl 4-methoxybenzoate (3ai): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), 4-methoxybenzoic acid (54.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 µL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 4 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to yield **3ai** (53.3 mg, 48%) as a white solid. M.p. 226-228 °C. IR (KBr): 3223, 1739, 1604, 1509, 1243, 1168, 1058, 1021, 957, 763 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 9.66 (br, NH), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 164.4, 164.3, 139.8, 132.7, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 126.4, 121.2, 114.2, 55.7; MS (ESI) m/z: 371 (100) [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 371.1390, found: 371.1390.

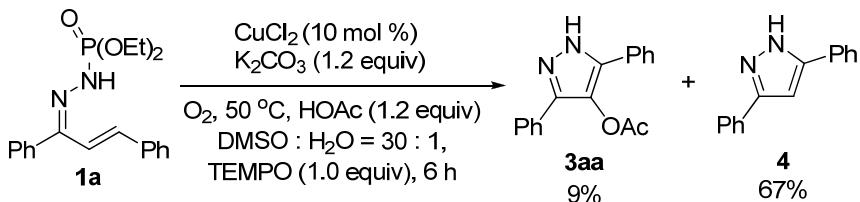


3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl nicotinate (3aj): Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), nicotinic acid (44.3 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 µL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 27 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to yield **3aj** (45.1 mg, 44%) as a white solid. M.p. 173-175 °C. IR (KBr): 3442, 2922, 2855, 1744, 1594, 1456, 1264, 1154, 1082, 1029, 948, 695 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.65 (br, NH), 9.37 (s, 1H), 8.95-8.56 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.34 (m, 11H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 170.3, 163.5, 154.8, 150.7, 137.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 125.6, 124.4, 124.2; MS (EI) m/z: 341 (48) [M⁺], 106 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺: 342.1237, found: 342.1227.

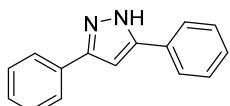


3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl cinnamate (3ak)^[1]: Following the same procedure used for **3aa** with compound **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), cinnamic acid (53.4 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 µL) in DMSO (1.5 mL). After 8 h at 50 °C, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 7/1) to yield **3ak** (55.2 mg, 50%) as a white solid. M.p. 210-213 °C. IR (KBr): 3434, 3227, 2922, 1730, 1631, 1446, 1314, 1228, 1189, 1122, 954, 764, 688 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 13.55 (br, NH), 7.95 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.33 (m, 15H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 164.9, 147.6, 133.7, 131.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.8, 125.6, 125.4, 116.3; MS (EI) m/z: 366 (2) [M⁺], 220 (100).

4. Mechanistic Studies

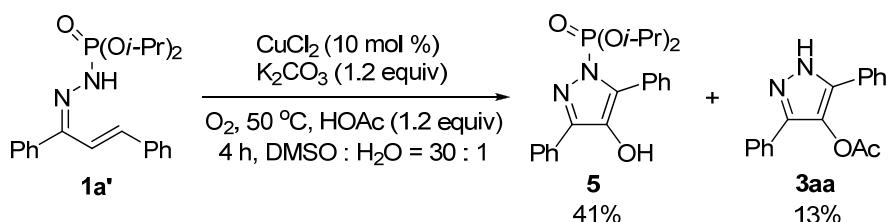


A mixture of **1a** (107.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), AcOH (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol), TEMPO (46.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) and H₂O (50 µL) in DMSO (1.5 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 6 h under O₂. The reaction was cooled to room temperature after complete consumption of **1a** as monitored by TLC analysis, diluted by EtOAc (10 mL) and H₂O (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 7:1) to give **3aa** (7.5 mg, 9%) and **4** (44.3 mg, 67%).

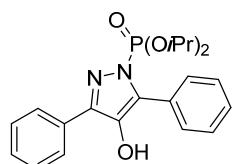


3,5-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazole (4)^[2]: White solid. M.p. 202-204 °C. IR (KBr): 3425, 3096, 3001, 2856, 1606, 1570, 1495, 1461, 1294, 1272, 1180, 1074, 1056, 975, 915, 752, 686 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 8.24 (br, NH), 7.74-7.72 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 6H), 6.84 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ = 148.8, 131.2,

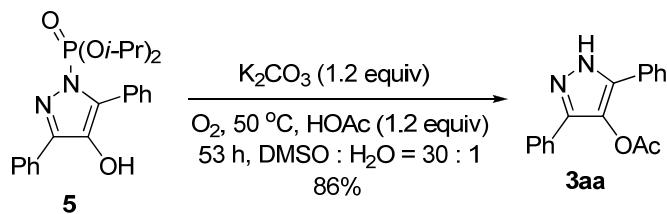
128.9, 128.4, 125.8, 100.2; MS (EI) m/z: 220 (100) [M⁺], 191 (21), 77 (26).



A mixture of **1a'** (115.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), CuCl₂ (4.0 mg, 0.03 mmol), HOAc (21.6 mg, 0.36 mmol), K₂CO₃ (49.8 mg, 0.36 mmol) and H₂O (50 μL) in DMSO (1.5 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h under O₂. The reaction was cooled to room temperature after complete consumption of **1a'** as monitored by TLC analysis. Upon completion, the reaction was diluted by EtOAc (10 mL) and H₂O (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL) and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, then filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to give **5** (49.3 mg, 41%) and **3aa** (10.8 mg, 13%).



Diisopropyl (4-hydroxy-3,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phosphonate (5): A pale yellow solid. M.p. 118–121 °C. IR (KBr): 3125, 2979, 1456, 1237, 1140, 1007, 803, 690 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 500 MHz): δ = 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.03–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.64–4.57 (m, 2H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 125 MHz): δ = 145.0 (d, ²J_{P-C} = 11.3 Hz), 138.3 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 8.8 Hz), 135.3 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 11.3 Hz), 131.8, 130.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 126.4, 73.9 (d, ²J_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz), 23.3 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 3.8 Hz), 22.8 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 6.3 Hz); MS (EI) m/z: 400 (10) [M⁺], 236 (100). HRMS (ESI) m/z: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₆N₂O₄P [M+H]⁺: 401.1625, found: 401.1622.

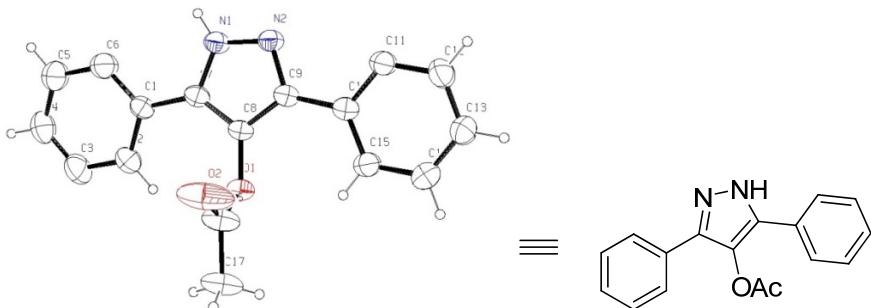


A mixture of **5** (40.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), AcOH (7.2 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (16.6 mg, 0.12 mmol), and H₂O (17 μL) in DMSO (0.5 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 53 h under O₂. The reaction was cooled to room temperature after complete consumption of **5** as monitored by TLC analysis, diluted by EtOAc (10 mL) and H₂O (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL) and the combined organic layer

was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 7:1) to give **3aa** (23.8 mg, 86%).

5. X-Ray Crystal Structure for Compound **3aa**

Crystallographic data for **3aa**: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, $M = 278.30$, triclinic, $P-1$ (No. 2), $a = 5.834$ (16) \AA , $b = 12.53$ (4) \AA , $c = 19.70$ (5) \AA , $\alpha = 87.16$ (4) $^\circ$, $\beta = 86.36$ (4) $^\circ$, $\gamma = 88.79$ (4) $^\circ$, $V = 1436$ (7) \AA^3 , $Z = 4$, Crystal size: $0.10 \times 0.06 \times 0.03$ mm, $T = 295$ K, $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.287$ $\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$, $R_1 = 0.0849$ ($I > 4\sigma(I)$), $wR_2 = 0.3048$ (all data), GOF = 1.088, reflections collected/unique: 4973 / 2892 (Rint = 0.0213, Data: 4973, restraints: 0, parameters: 370. CCDC 1032969 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. The data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.



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7. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra for All Compounds

