

1 *Short Note*

2 **3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbal** 3 **dehyde**

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13 **Abstract:** Vilsmeier–Haack reaction of (*E*)-1-(1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)ethylidene)-2-phenylhydrazine
14 (**1**) using dimethyl formamide in excess of phosphorous oxychloride by conventional method,
15 resulted in the synthesis of title compound 3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-
16 carbaldehyde (**2**) in good yield and high purity. Structure characterization of the novel title
17 compound was done by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectral analysis.

18 **Keywords:** Vilsmeier–Haack; pyrazole; carbaldehyde

19 **1. Introduction**

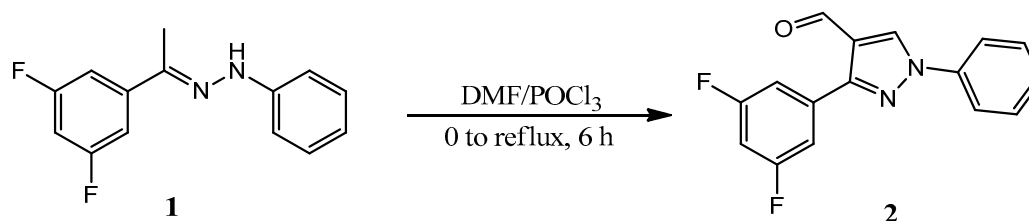
20 Pyrazoles are very promising motif for medicinal chemists due to their vast pharmacological
21 applications. Several naturally available pyrazole ring containing compounds such as Pyrazomycin,
22 Celecoxib and Derecoxibare found to possess good antitumor activity [1]. Known drugs with
23 pyrazole scaffold such as Antipyrine, Phenylbutazone and Difenamizoleare marketed as analgesic,
24 antipyretic and anti-inflammatory drugs respectively. One of the best methods for the synthesis of
25 pyrazole ring is by cyclization of Schiff's base with suitable reagents [2]. Schiff's bases are known
26 precursor for synthetic modifications and also form a major constituent of the natural products [3].
27 Pyrazole ring in combination with carbonyl functional group are known to have selective
28 anti-inflammatory, antiviral and antimicrobial activities [4-6]. Presence of double bond in
29 conjugation with carbonyl functionality is reported to be responsible for the biological activities of
30 pyrazole derivatives. Removal of this functionality makes them pharmacologically inactive [7]. A
31 number of synthetic routes have been reported for synthesis of pyrazole derivatives [8-9]. Synthesis
32 of 4-formyl pyrazoles using formylation reaction condition (Vilsmeier–Haack reaction) is a most
33 productive and convenient path for the synthesis of heterocycle aldehydes [2]. Considering these
34 aspects we have synthesized and characterized 3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole
35 -4-carbaldehyde (**2**) as shown in the **Scheme 1**.

36 **2. Experimental**

37 *2.1. Materials and Methods*

38 All the chemicals used were acquired from commercial sources and were of analytical grade.
39 Melting point (m.p) was determined using open capillary tube. IR absorption spectra were obtained
40 in the range 4000–400 cm⁻¹ on Shimadzu IR Affinity-1. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded
41 on Bruker Avance III at 400 and 100 MHz with internal standard tetramethylsilane and chemical
42 shifts were expressed in parts per million (ppm), respectively. Mass was recorded on Water, synapt

43 G2 high detection mass spectrometry. Reaction completion was monitored by Thin Layer
44 Chromatography using precoated silica 60 F254 aluminum plates and purifications were done by
45 recrystallization.



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Scheme 1

48 2.2. Synthesis of 3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (2)

49 The title compound 3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (2) was
50 synthesised according to the reported procedure [2]. One equivalent of (E)-1-(1-(3,5-difluorophenyl)
51 ethylidene)-2-phenylhydrazine (2) was dissolved in five equivalence of dimethyl formamide (DMF)
52 and the mixture was cooled bellow 0 °C under stirring. To this cold reaction mixture ten equivalence
53 of phosphorous oxychloride (POCl₃) was added drop wise for period of half an hour. Reaction
54 mixture was allowed to attain room temperature and was further refluxed of 6 hours. After
55 completion of the reaction which was confirmed by Thin Layer Chromatograpy, reaction mixture
56 was poured on to ice pices with vigrous stirring and allowed to stand overnight. Crude compound
57 obtained was filtered, washed with excess of cold water and dried. Pure compound
58 3-(3,5diflouorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (2) was obtined after recrystaliztion
59 using aqueous ethanol.

60 3. Result and Discussion

61 Molecular Formula C₁₆H₁₀F₂N₂O; Yield: 90 %; Melting Point: 142-145 °C; Mass m/z (%) Obtained
62 (Calculated) 285.08 (M⁺) (284.26); FT-IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, 3119.3 (aromatic stretching), 2990.7
63 (C-H stretching), 1682.0 (C=O stretching), 1626.1 (C=N stretching), 1527.9 (C=C stretching), 1116.3
64 (C-F stretching); ¹H NMR (δ, ppm, 400 MHz, DMSO) 7.41-7.37 (1H, J = 9.2, t, ArH), 7.48-7.44
65 (1H, J = 7.2, t, ArH), 7.61-7.57 (2H, J = 7.8, t, ArH), 7.80-7.78 (2H, J = 7.2, d, ArH), 7.8-8.0 (2H, J = 8.0 Hz,
66 d, ArH), 9.43 (1H, s, pyrazole,), 9.99 (1H, s, -CHO); ¹³C NMR (δ, ppm, 100 MHz, DMSO) 183, 164, 163,
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