A Novel Route to 4-Aminopyrazoles and Aminopyrazolo[4,3-*b*]pyridines

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3-Oxo-2-arylhydrazononitriles **6** are readily converted into 4-aminopyrazoles **1** *via* reaction with α-haloketones, chloroacetonitrile and ethyl chloroacetate. The aminopyrazoles are readily converted into aminopyrazolo[4,3-*b*]pyridines upon treatment with malononitrile. Compounds are readily diazotized to yield unstable diazonium salts that readily cyclized into pyrazolo[4,3-*c*]pyridazines.

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