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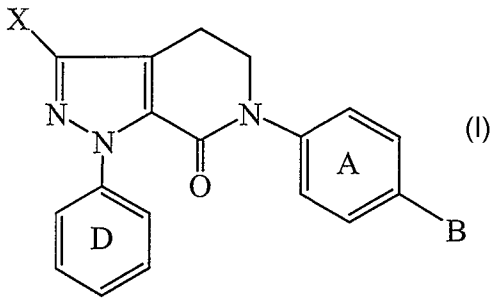
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(54) **Title:** EFFICIENT SYNTHESIS OF 4,5-DIHYDRO-PYRAZOLO[3,4-C]PYRID-2-ONES



(I)

(57) **Abstract:** A novel process and intermediates thereof for making 4,5-dihydro-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyrid-2-ones of the type shown below from appropriate phenyl hydrazines is described. Formula (I). These compounds can be useful as factor Xa inhibitors.

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