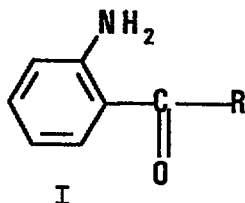


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IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CYCLOALKYL AND
HALOALKYL o-AMINOPHENYL KETONES

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

There is provided an improved method for the production of o-aminophenyl ketones of formula I wherein R is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₁-C₆haloalkyl.



There is also provided an effective method for the preparation of the formula I compound o-aminophenyl cyclopropyl ketone via the dehydrohalogenation of 1-(o-aminophenyl)-4-halo-1-butanone in the presence of a base and a phase transfer catalyst.

Compounds of formula I are key intermediates in the manufacture of sulfamoyl urea herbicides.