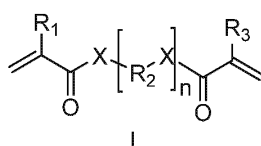
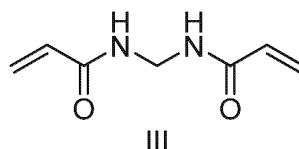
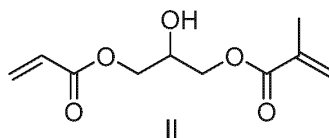


Claims:

1. A method of covalently bonding a modifier to a polymeric microcapsule wall, which wall comprises entities capable of reaction with acrylic moieties, comprising the provision on the wall of a linking compound to which the modifier is subsequently attached, the linking compound having the Formula I



- in which
 $n = 1$ to 30 ; R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are independently selected from the following moieties:
 R_1 and R_3 are H and Me; and
 X is selected from O and NH; and
 R_2 is selected from CH_2 , $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2$, and CH_2CH_2 .
2. A method according to claim 1, in which n is selected from 1-23, 1-20, 1-15, 1-10, and 1-5.
3. A method according to claim 1, in which the linking compound is a compound with an acrylate moiety ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}.\text{COO}-$) at one end and a methacrylate entity ($\text{CH}_2=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3).\text{COO}-$) at the other.
4. A method according to claim 1, in which R_1 and R_3 are both H or both CH_3 and X is O.
5. A method according to claim 1, in which the linking compound is a compound selected from compounds of Formula II and Formula III:



6. A method according to claim 5, in which the linking compound is 3-(acryloyloxy)-2-hydroxypropyl methacrylate.

7. A method according to claim 1, in which the polymeric microcapsule wall comprises amine groups.
- 5 8. A method according to claim 7, in which the polymeric material of the microcapsule wall is selected from aminoplasts, such as urea- and melamine-formaldehyde resins, and polyurea.
- 10 9. A method according to claim 1, in which the modifier is selected from at least one polysaccharide.
- 10 10. A method according to claim 9, in which the polysaccharide is selected from mannan, glucan, glucomannan, xyloglucan, hydroxyalkyl cellulose, dextran, galactomannan, and mixtures thereof.
- 15 11. A method according to claim 1, in which the microcapsules contain fragrance.
12. Microcapsules prepared by a method according to claim 1.
- 20 13. A treatment preparation, particularly a laundry preparation, comprising microcapsules according to claim 12.
- 25 14. A method of enhancing the substantivity to a substrate of microcapsules applied to the substrate as part of a treatment preparation, the microcapsules being prepared according to the method according to claim 1.
15. A method according to claim 14, in which the treatment preparation is a laundry product and the microcapsules contain fragrance.