

Title: Wood treatment

5 Field of the Invention

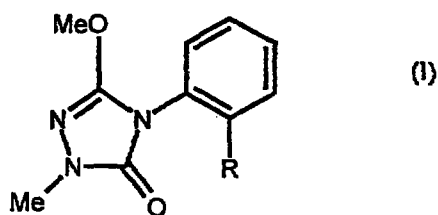
This invention relates to wood preservation.

In WO 96/36615 and 97/00612, are disclosed various cyclic ureas as fungicides for combating plants diseases.

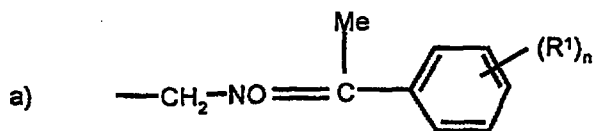
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We have now found that a specific group of compounds are very effective in controlling wood damaging fungi and particularly basidiomycete fungi, which cause rot, as well as sapstain fungi which spoil the appearance of the wood.

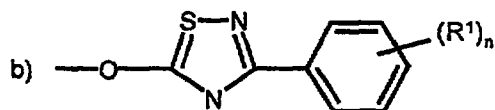
15 The invention thus provides the use for combating wood damaging fungi of compounds of formula I



where R is



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where each R¹, which may be the same or different, is C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkoxy, trifluoromethyl or halogen and n is 0 to 3.

25 Examples of fungi that can be controlled using the compounds of formula I include *Coriolus versicolor*, *Poria placenta*, *Lentinus lepideus*, *Trametes versicolor*, *Serpula lacrymans*, *Coniophora puteana* and *Gloeophyllum trabeum*.

In general the wood rotting fungi appear as a complex of two or more of these species.

We have also found that the compound of formula I is particularly effective when used
5 in combination with other wood fungicides, such as fluquinconazole, tebuconazole, dichlone, carbendazim, prochloraz, sipconazole and cyproconazole.

The compound of formula I can be applied in a suitable, usually liquid formulation usually containing surfactants and other conventional additives and usually after
10 dilution with water. The concentration may vary over a wide range, e.g. from 0.001 to 10%, preferably from 0.1 to 1%, by weight.

The invention is illustrated in the following examples.

15 Example 1

In vivo test of activity against wood destroying fungi.

10 cm feather edge boards of fresh cut pine were cut into 20 cm lengths. Each replicate consisted of 6 boards stacked alternately to form a block 6 boards high. 3 replicates were used per treatment.

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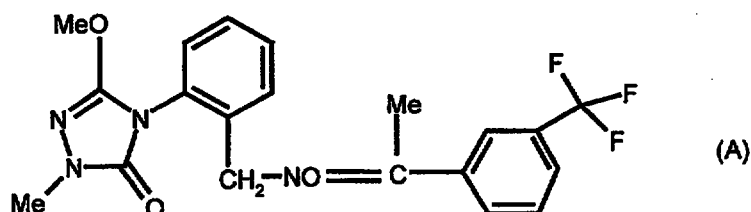
Each replicate was treated separately but with the same treatment solution of a compound to be tested. The complete bundle of 6 boards was immersed in the test solution with a 1 cm longitudinal strip being kept clear. Boards were separated slightly to allow free movement of the treatment solution between them. Treatment time was
25 approx. 10 seconds after which the boards were removed from the treatment solution, excess liquid allowed to drain off and the boards put in a polythene bag. This bag had a small hole in the underside to allow excess moisture to drain away, while allowing a high humidity to be maintained.

30 Bagged boards were kept in a glasshouse at 18°C with natural daylight. Bundles were kept as a single layer and not stacked. Bundles were turned periodically to ensure as consistent a moisture content within the bundle as possible.

Assessment was made 5 weeks after treatment. For each replicate, the adjacent faces
35 of neighbouring boards were visually assessed for % infection by sapstain, % of board

surface covered by basidiomycete colonisation, and % surface colonised by sooty moulds. As there were 6 boards in a bundle, this gave 5 readings per replicate. % control values were calculated based on infection levels on untreated boards.

- 5 The treatment consisted of 10 EC of compound A (Example 59 of WO 9636615), diluted to the desired concentration.



- 10 For comparison a commercial product Evotek (a 23% suspoemulsion of prochloraz and carbendazim) was used.

The results are as follows.

Treatment	Rate	% control of		
		Sapstain	Basidiomycetes	Sooty moulds
Compound A	2%	100	100	98
	1%	93	97	93
	0.50%	93	96	65
Evotek	2%	100	0	97
	1%	99	0	99
	0.50%	98	0	100

- 15 It will be seen that the compound gives excellent control of sapstain and sooty mould, comparable with Evotek, but it also controls Basidiomycetes unlike Evotek. It is unusual to observe such activity against the complete range of wood pathogenic fungi.

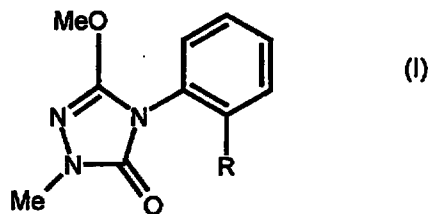
Example 2**In vitro test of activity against wood destroying fungi.**

- Compound A was incorporated into malt agar at various rates and the agar placed into Petri dishes. Into the centre of each plate was implanted a 4 mm plug of the mycelium of a wood rotting fungus. The plates were kept at 20°C in a darkened room for 7 days when the control of the fungus by Compound A was assessed. The results are shown below.

Rate ppm	% Control based on colony diameter			
	Coniophora puteana	Coriolus versicolor	Gloeophyllum trabeum	Poria placenta
100	100	100.0	100.0	100
25	100	93	92	93
10	100	76	56	70
1	100	42	38	54

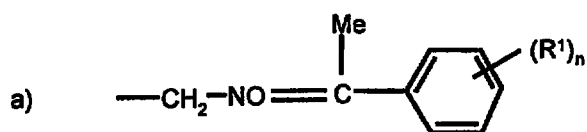
Claims

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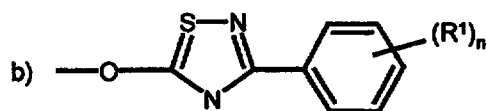


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