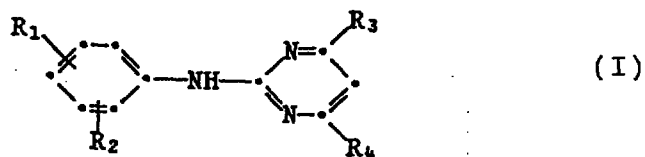


The present invention relates to novel 2-anilinopyrimidine derivatives of formula I below. It relates also to the preparation of those substances and to agrochemical compositions that comprise as active ingredient at least one of those compounds. The invention relates also to the preparation of the mentioned compositions and to the use of the active ingredients or of the compositions for controlling noxious insects and plant-destructive micro-organisms, preferably fungi.

The compounds according to the invention correspond to the general formula I



in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₃alkoxy or C₁-C₃haloalkoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁-C₃alkoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₄alkyl; or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen;

including their acid addition salts and metal salt complexes.

Depending on the number of carbon atoms indicated, alkyl by itself or as a component of another substituent, such as alkoxy or haloalkoxy, is to be understood as meaning, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl and their

isomers, such as, for example, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl or sec-butyl. Halogen, also called Hal, is fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine. Haloalkoxy denotes mono- to per-halogenated radicals bonded by way of oxygen, such as, for example, CHCl_2 , CH_2F , CCl_3 , CH_2Cl , CHF_2 , CF_3 , $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$, C_2Cl_5 , CH_2Br , CHBrCl etc., preferably CF_3 . Depending on the number of carbon atoms indicated, cycloalkyl is, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl.

N-pyrimidinylaniline compounds are already known. For example, in published European Patent Application 0 224 339 and in East German Patent Specification 151 404, compounds that have an N-2-pyrimidinyl structure are described as being effective against plant-destructive fungi. However, the known compounds have hitherto been unable fully to meet the demands made of them in practice. In addition, nitroanilinepyrimidine compounds having fungicidal activity are described in European Patent Applications EP-A-0 172 786 and EP-A-0 135 472 and nitroanilinepyrimidine compounds having insecticidal activity are described in Japanese Patent Application 54-141 647 [see Patent Abstract of Japan, Volume 5, No. 132 (C. 68) (804) 1981]. Other anilino derivatives having herbicidal activity are disclosed in European Patent Application EP-A-0 013 143. The characteristic difference between the compounds of formula I according to the invention and the known compounds is that at least one cycloalkyl radical and other substituents have been introduced into the anilinopyrimidine structure, as a result of which an unexpectedly high fungicidal activity and insecticidal action is obtained with the novel compounds.

The compounds of formula I are oils, resins or solids that are stable at room temperature and that are distin-

guished by valuable microbicidal properties. They can be used preventively and curatively in the agricultural sector or related fields for controlling plant-destructive microorganisms. The compounds of formula I according to the invention are distinguished at low rates of concentration not only by excellent insecticidal and fungicidal action but also by the fact that they are especially well tolerated by plants.

The invention relates both to the free compounds of formula I and to their addition salts with inorganic and organic acids and to their complexes with metal salts.

Salts according to the invention are especially addition salts with acceptable inorganic or organic acids, for example hydrohalic acids, for example hydrochloric, hydrobromic or hydriodic acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, phosphorous acid, nitric acid, or organic acids, such as acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, propionic acid, glycolic acid, thiocyanic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, citric acid, benzoic acid, cinnamic acid, oxalic acid, formic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, methanesulfonic acid, salicylic acid, p-aminosalicylic acid, 2-phenoxybenzoic acid, 2-acetoxybenzoic acid or 1,2-naphthalenedisulfonic acid.

Metal salt complexes of formula I consist of the organic molecule on which they are based and an inorganic or organic metal salt, for example the halides, nitrates, sulfates, phosphates, acetates, trifluoroacetates, trichloroacetates, propionates, tartrates, sulfonates, salicylates, benzoates etc. of the elements of the second main group, such as calcium and magnesium, and of the third and fourth main groups, such as aluminium, tin or lead, and of the first to eighth subgroups, such as

chromium, manganese, iron, cobalt, nickel, copper, zinc etc.. The subgroup elements of the fourth period are preferred. The metals can be in any of their various valencies. The metal complexes can be mono- or polynuclear, that is to say they can contain one or more organic molecular moieties as ligands.

An important group of phytofungicides and insecticides is formed by those of formula I in which R_1 and R_2 are hydrogen.

A special group is formed by the following compounds of formula I in which:

R_1 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy or C_1 - C_3 haloalkoxy;

R_2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy;

R_3 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted by halogen; and

R_4 is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl substituted by methyl or by halogen.

The following groups of active ingredients are preferred because of their pronounced microbicidal, especially phytofungicidal, activity:

Group 1a: Compounds of formula in which:

R_1 is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or halomethoxy;

R_2 is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or ethoxy;

R_3 is hydrogen, methyl, methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or by cyano; ethyl, ethyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or by cyano; n-propyl or sec-butyl; and

R_4 is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine.

Of the above-mentioned compounds, an especially preferred group is formed by those in which $R_1 = R_2 =$ hydrogen (= Group 1aa).

Group 1b: Compounds of formula I in which:

R_1 and R_2 independently of one another are hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or difluoromethoxy;

R_3 is hydrogen, methyl, methyl substituted by fluorine or by chlorine, ethyl or n-propyl; and

R_4 is C_3 - C_5 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_5 cycloalkyl substituted by methyl or by chlorine.

Of the above-mentioned compounds, an especially preferred group is formed by those in which $R_1 = R_2 =$ hydrogen (= Group 1bb).

Group 1c: Compounds of formula I in which:

R_1 and R_2 independently of one another are hydrogen, chlorine, methyl, methoxy, ethoxy or trifluoromethyl;

R_3 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or trifluoromethyl; and

R_4 is cyclopropyl or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl or by chlorine.

Of the above-mentioned compounds, an especially preferred group is formed by those in which $R_1 = R_2 =$ hydrogen (= Group 1cc).

Group 1d: Compounds of formula I in which:

R_1 is hydrogen;

R₂ and R₃ independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl; and

R₄ is cyclopropyl or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl.

Group 2aa: Compounds of formula I in which:

R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₄alkyl; C₁-C₂alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

Group 2bb: Compounds of formula I in which:

R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₃alkyl; C₁-C₂alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

Group 2c: Compounds of formula I in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or difluoromethoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₃alkyl; C₁-C₂alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen; and

R_4 is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_4 cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

Of the above-mentioned compounds, an especially preferred group is formed by those in which $R_1 = R_2 = \text{hydrogen}$ (= Group 2cc).

Group 2d: Compounds of formula I in which:

R_1 and R_2 are hydrogen;

R_3 is C_1 - C_3 alkyl; methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine; and

R_4 is C_3 - C_4 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_4 cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl, fluorine, chlorine and bromine.

Of the individual substances that are especially preferred there may be mentioned, for example:

2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine (comp. no. 1.1);

2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine (comp. no. 1.6);

2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.14);

2-phenylamino-4,6-bis(cyclopropyl)pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.236);

2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine (comp. no. 1.48);

2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine (comp. no. 1.59);

2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.13);

2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine

(comp. no. 1.66);

2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine

(comp. no. 1.69);

2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-difluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.84);

2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.87);

2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.94);

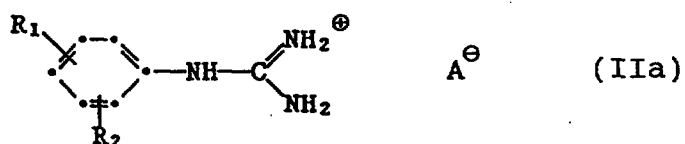
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.108);

2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine (comp. no. 1.131);

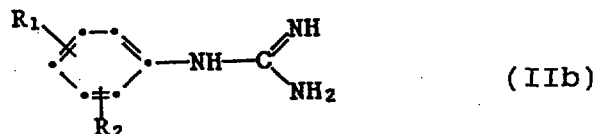
2-(p-fluorophenylamino)-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine (comp. no. 1.33).

The compounds of formula I are prepared as follows:

1. a phenylguanidine salt of formula IIa



or the guanidine base of formula IIb



is reacted with a diketone of formula III



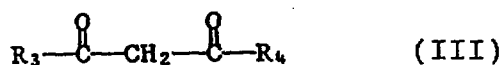
without solvents or in an aprotic solvent, preferably in a protic solvent, at temperatures of from 60°C to 160°C, preferably from 60°C to 110°C; or

2. in a multi-stage process:

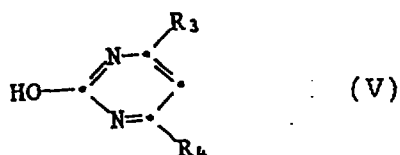
2.1 urea of formula IV



is reacted with a diketone of formula III

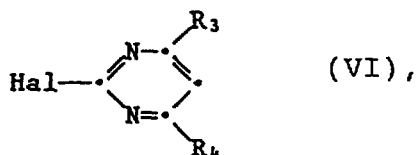


in the presence of an acid in an inert solvent at temperatures of from 20°C to 140°C, preferably from 20°C to 40°C, and is cyclised to give a pyrimidine compound of formula V



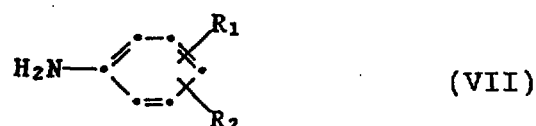
and

2.2 the OH group in the resulting compound of formula V is exchanged for halogen by further reaction with excess POHal₃, in the presence or in the absence of a solvent, at temperatures of from 50°C to 110°C, preferably at the reflux temperature of POHal₃, to yield



Hal in the above formulae being halogen, especially chlorine or bromine, and

2.3 the resulting compound of formula VI is reacted further with an aniline compound of formula VII

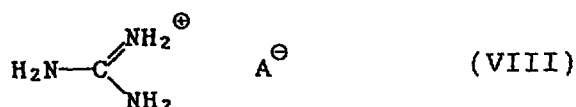


depending on the reaction conditions either

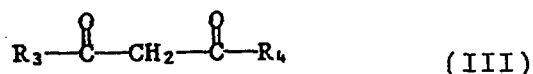
- a) in the presence of a proton acceptor, such as an excess of the aniline compound of formula VII or an inorganic base, with or without solvents, or
- b) in the presence of an acid in an inert solvent, in each case at temperatures of from 60°C to 120°C, preferably from 80°C to 100°C; or

3. in a two-stage process:

3.1 a guanidine salt of formula VIII

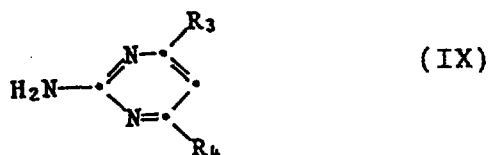


is cyclised with a diketone of formula III



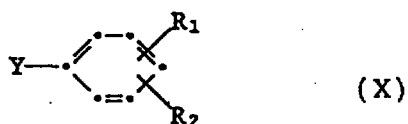
- a) without solvents at temperatures of from 100°C to 160°C, preferably from 120°C to 150°C, or
- b) in an inert solvent at temperatures of from 30°C to 140°C, preferably from 60°C to 120°C,

to give a pyrimidine compound of formula IX



and

3.2 the resulting compound of formula IX is reacted with a compound of formula X



in the presence of a proton acceptor in aprotic solvents at temperatures of from 30°C to 140°C, preferably from 60°C to 120°C, to remove HY, the substituents R₁ to R₄ in formulae II to X being as defined for formula I, A[⊖] being an acid anion and Y being halogen; or

4. in a multi-stage process:

4.1a) thiourea of formula XI



is reacted with a diketone of formula III



in the presence of an acid in an inert solvent at

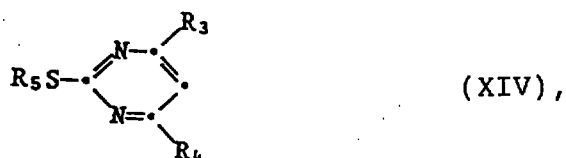
temperatures of from 20°C to 140°C, preferably from 20°C to 60°C, and cyclised to give a pyrimidine compound of formula



and the alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salt thereof is reacted with a compound of formula XIII



wherein R₅ is C₁-C₈alkyl, or benzyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen and/or by C₁-C₄alkyl and Z is halogen, to give a pyrimidine compound of formula XIV



or

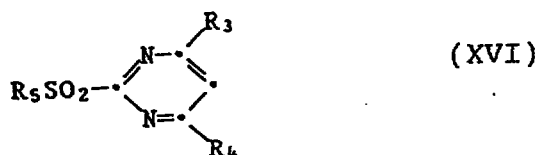
b) an isothiuronium salt of formula XV



is reacted with a diketone of formula III, preferably in a protic solvent, at temperatures of from 20°C to 140°C, preferably from 20°C to 80°C, and a pyrimidine compound of formula XIV is likewise obtained, and

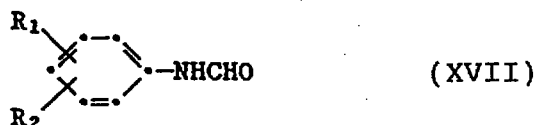
4.2 the resulting compound of formula XIV is oxidised

with an oxidising agent, for example with a peracid, to give the pyrimidine compound of formula XVI

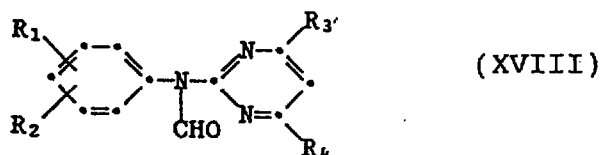


and

4.3 the resulting compound of formula XVI is reacted with a formylaniline of formula XVII



in an inert solvent in the presence of a base as proton acceptor, at temperatures of from -30°C to 120°C, to give a compound of formula XVIII

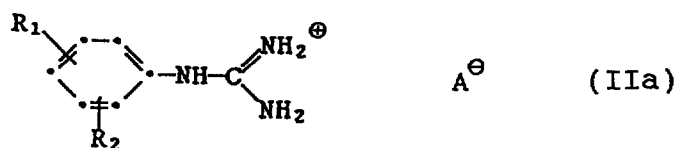


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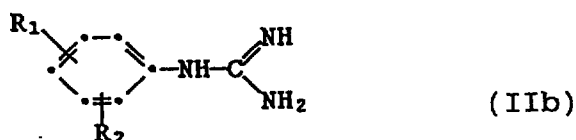
4.4 the resulting compound of formula XVIII is subjected to hydrolysis in the presence of a base, for example an alkali metal hydroxide, or of an acid, for example a hydrohalic acid or sulfuric acid, in water or aqueous solvent mixtures, such as aqueous alcohols or dimethylformamide, at temperatures of from 10°C to 110°C, preferably from 30°C to 60°C, the substituents R₁ to R₄ in formulae XI to XVIII being as defined for formula I and A[⊖] being an acid anion and Y being halogen.

Compounds of formula I in which R_3 is the CH_2OH group can be prepared by special processes, as follows:

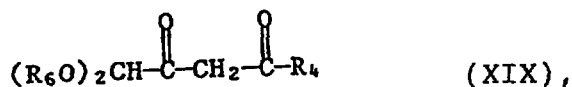
A1.1 the guanidine salt of formula IIa



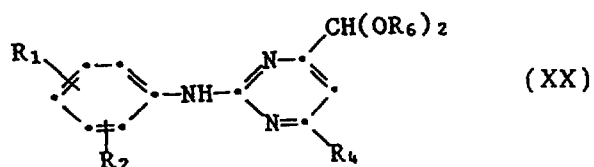
or the guanidine of formula IIb



is reacted with a ketone of formula XIX



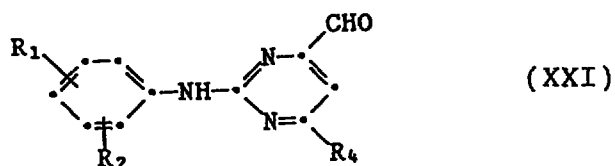
in which R_6 is $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_4$ alkyl, in a protic solvent or without solvents, at temperatures of from 40°C to 160°C , preferably from 60°C to 110°C , to give a pyrimidine compound of formula XX



and

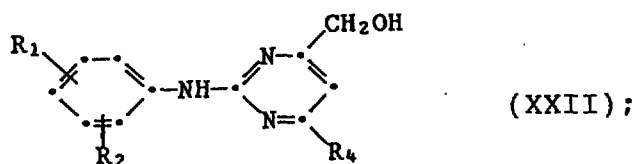
A1.2 the resulting acetal of formula XX is hydrolysed in the presence of an acid, for example a hydrohalic acid or sulfuric acid, in water or aqueous solvent mixtures, for

example with solvents such as alcohols or dimethylformamide, at temperatures of from 20°C to 100°C, preferably from 30°C to 60°C, to give the pyrimidinealdehyde of formula XXI



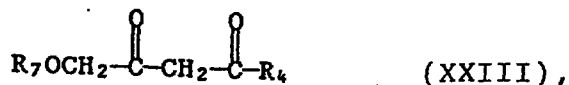
and

A1.3 the resulting compound of formula XXI is hydrogenated with elemental hydrogen using a catalyst or is reduced with a reducing agent, such as sodium borohydride, to give the corresponding alcohol XXII



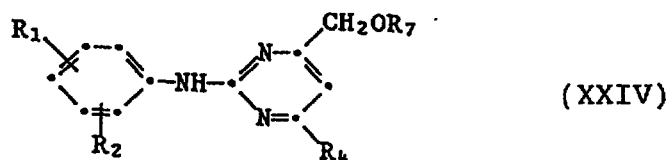
or

A2.1 the guanidine salt of formula IIa or the guanidine of formula IIb is reacted with a diketone of formula XXIII



in which R₇ is benzyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen or by C₁-C₄alkyl, in a protic solvent or without solvents, at temperatures of from 40°C to 160°C, preferably from 60°C to 110°C, to give a pyrimidine

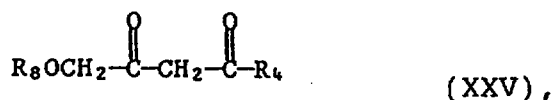
compound of formula XXIV



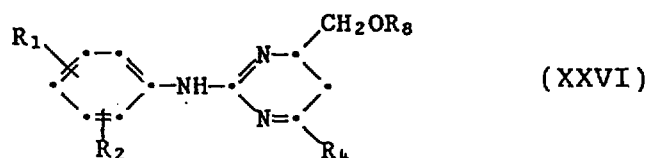
and in that compound

A2.2 the CH₂OR₇ radical is converted into a CH₂OH radical by hydrogenation in a solvent, preferably an aprotic solvent, for example dioxane or tetrahydrofuran, with a catalyst, such as palladium-on-carbon, preferably Raney nickel, at temperatures of from 20°C to 90°C, preferably from 50°C to 90°C; or

A3.1 the guanidine salt of formula IIa or the guanidine of formula IIb is reacted with a diketone of formula XXV



in which R₈ is C₁-C₆alkyl, C₃-C₆alkenyl or benzyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen or by C₁-C₄alkyl, in a protic solvent or without solvents, at temperatures of from 40°C to 160°C, preferably from 60°C to 110°C, to give a pyrimidine compound XXVI



and

A3.2 with the resulting compound of formula XXVI an ether

from 10°C to 50°C.

In the above formulae XVIII to XXVII too, R_1 , R_2 and R_4 are as defined for formula I.

In the described processes, in compounds of formulae IIa and VIII the following salt radicals, for example, are suitable for the acid anion $A^\ominus$: carbonate, hydrogen carbonate, nitrate, halide, sulfate and hydrogen sulfate.

In the processes described above, in the compound of formula XV the following salts, for example, are suitable for the acid anion $A^\ominus$: halide, sulfate and hydrogen sulfate.

Halide in each case is to be understood as meaning fluoride, chloride, bromide or iodide, preferably bromide or chloride.

The acids used are especially inorganic acids, such as, for example, hydrohalic acids, for example hydrofluoric acid, hydrochloric acid or hydrobromic acid, and also sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid or nitric acid; however, suitable organic acids may also be used, such as, inter alia, acetic acid and toluenesulfonic acid.

As proton acceptors there are used, for example, inorganic or organic bases, such as, for example, alkali metal or alkaline earth metal compounds, for example the hydroxides, oxides or carbonates of lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, strontium and barium, or also hydrides, such as, for example, sodium hydride. As organic bases there may be mentioned, for example, tertiary amines, such as triethylamine, triethylene-diamine, pyridine.

In the processes described above, for example, the following solvents may be used, dependent on the particular reaction conditions, in addition to those already mentioned:

Halogenated hydrocarbons, especially chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as tetrachloroethylene, tetrachloroethane, dichloropropane, methylene chloride, dichlorobutane, chloroform, chloronaphthalene, carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, pentachloroethane, difluorobenzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,2-cis-dichloroethylene, chlorobenzene, fluorobenzene, bromobenzene, dichlorobenzene, dibromobenzene, chlorotoluene, trichlorotoluene; ethers, such as ethyl propyl ether, methyl tert.-butyl ether, n-butyl ethyl ether, di-n-butyl ether, diisobutyl ether, diisoamyl ether, diisopropyl ether, anisole, cyclohexyl methyl ether, diethyl ether, ethylene glycol dimethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, thioanisole, dichlorodiethyl ether; nitrohydrocarbons, such as nitromethane, nitroethane, nitrobenzene, chloronitrobenzene, o-nitrotoluene; nitriles, such as acetonitrile, butyronitrile, isobutyronitrile, benzonitrile, m-chlorobenzonitrile; aliphatic or cycloaliphatic hydrocarbons, such as heptane, hexane, octane, nonane, cymol, petroleum fractions within a boiling point range of from 70°C to 190°C, cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, decalin, petroleum ether, ligroin, trimethylpentane, such as 2,3,3-trimethylpentane; esters, such as ethyl acetate, ethyl acetoacetate, isobutyl acetate; amides, for example formamide, methylformamide, dimethylformamide; ketones, such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone; alcohols, especially lower aliphatic alcohols, such as, for example, methanol, ethanol, n-propanol, isopropanol and the butanol isomers; and, where appropriate, also water. Also suitable are mixtures of the mentioned solvents and diluents.

Methods of synthesis that are analogous to the above-described preparation processes have been published in the literature.

As references there may be mentioned:

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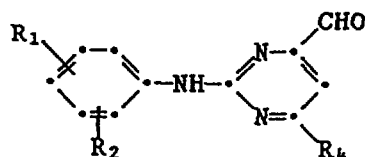
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The described preparation processes, including all partial steps, form part of the present invention.

The following compounds, which are used as intermediates in the preparation of the compounds of formula I, are novel and form part of the present invention:

Compounds of formula XXI



(XXI)

in which:

R_1 and R_2 independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy or C_1 - C_3 haloalkoxy; and R_4 is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

Surprisingly, it has been found that the compounds of formula I have, for practical purposes, a very advantageous biocidal spectrum against insects and phytopathogenic microorganisms, especially fungi. Compounds of formula I have very advantageous curative, preventive and, in particular, systemic properties, and can be used for protecting numerous cultivated plants. With the compounds of formula I it is possible to inhibit or destroy the pests which occur in plants or in parts of plants (fruit, blossoms, leaves, stems, tubers, roots) in different crops of useful plants, while at the same time the parts of plants which grow later are also protected, for example, from attack by phytopathogenic microorganisms.

The compounds of formula I are effective, for example, against the phytopathogenic fungi belonging to the following classes: Fungi imperfecti (especially Botrytis, and also Pyricularia, Helminthosporium, Fusarium, Septoria, Cercospora and Alternaria); Basidiomycetes (e.g. Rhizoctonia, Hemileia, Puccinia). They are also effective against the class of the Ascomycetes (e.g. Venturia and Erysiphe, Podosphaera, Monilinia, Uncinula) and of the Oomycetes (e.g. Phytophthora, Pythium, Plasmopara). The compounds of formula I can also be used as dressing agents for protecting seeds (fruit, tubers, grains) and plant cuttings against fungus infections as well as against phytopathogenic fungi which occur in the soil. In addition, compounds of formula I are effective

against noxious insects, for example against pests on cereals, especially pests of rice.

The invention also relates to compositions comprising as active ingredient compounds of formula I, especially plant-protecting compositions, and to their use in the agricultural sector or related fields.

The present invention further embraces the preparation of those compositions, which comprises homogeneously mixing the active ingredient with one or more compounds or groups of compounds described herein. The invention furthermore relates to a method of treating plants, which comprises applying thereto the novel compounds of formula I or the novel compositions.

Target crops for the plant-protective use disclosed herein comprise, within the scope of the present invention, e.g. the following species of plants: cereals (wheat, barley, rye, oats, rice, maize, sorghum and related crops), beet (sugar beet and fodder beet), pomes, stone fruit and soft fruit (apples, pears, plums, peaches, almonds, cherries, strawberries, raspberries and blackberries), leguminous plants (beans, lentils, peas, soybeans), oil plants (rape, mustard, poppy, olives, sunflowers, coconut, castor oil plants, cocoa beans, groundnuts), cucumber plants (cucumber, marrows, melons), fibre plants (cotton, flax, hemp, jute), citrus fruit (oranges, lemons, grapefruit, mandarins), vegetables (spinach, lettuce, asparagus, cabbages, carrots, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, paprika), lauraceae (avocados, cinnamon, camphor), or plants such as tobacco, nuts, coffee, sugar cane, tea, pepper, vines, hops, bananas and natural rubber plants, as well as ornamentals.

The compounds of formula I are normally applied in the

form of compositions and can be applied to the crop area or plant to be treated, simultaneously or in succession, with further active substances. These further active substances can be fertilisers or micronutrient donors or other preparations that influence plant growth. They can also be selective herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, bactericides, nematocides, molluscicides or mixtures of several of these preparations, if desired together with further carriers, surfactants or application-promoting adjuvants customarily employed in formulation technology.

Suitable carriers and adjuvants can be solid or liquid and correspond to the substances expediently employed in formulation technology, e.g. natural or regenerated mineral substances, solvents, dispersants, wetting agents, tackifiers, thickeners, binders or fertilisers.

A preferred method of applying a compound of formula I, or an agrochemical composition which comprises at least one of said compounds, is foliar application. The frequency of application and the rate of application depend on the risk of infestation by the corresponding pathogen. However, the compounds of formula I can also penetrate the plant through the roots via the soil (systemic action) if the locus of the plant is impregnated with a liquid formulation, or if the compounds are applied in solid form to the soil, e.g. in granular form (soil application). In paddy rice crops, such granules may be applied in metered amounts to the flooded rice field. The compounds of formula I may, however, also be applied to seeds (coating) either by impregnating the seeds with a liquid formulation comprising the active ingredient, or coating them with a solid formulation.

The compounds of formula I are used in unmodified form or, preferably, together with the adjuvants conventional-

ly employed in formulation technology, and are for this purpose advantageously formulated in known manner e.g. into emulsifiable concentrates, coatable pastes, directly sprayable or dilutable solutions, dilute emulsions, wettable powders, soluble powders, dusts, granules, and also encapsulations in e.g. polymer substances. As with the nature of the compositions, the methods of application, such as spraying, atomising, dusting, scattering, coating or pouring, are chosen in accordance with the intended objectives and the prevailing circumstances. Advantageous rates of application are normally from 50 g to 5 kg of active ingredient (a.i.) per hectare, preferably from 100 g to 2 kg a.i./ha, most preferably from 200 g to 600 g a.i./ha.

The formulations, i.e. the compositions, preparations or mixtures comprising the compound (active ingredient) of formula I and, where appropriate, a solid or liquid adjuvant, are prepared in known manner, e.g. by homogeneously mixing and/or grinding the active ingredients with extenders, e.g. solvents, solid carriers and, where appropriate, surface-active compounds (surfactants).

Suitable solvents are: aromatic hydrocarbons, preferably the fractions containing 8 to 12 carbon atoms, e.g. xylene mixtures or substituted naphthalenes, phthalates such as dibutyl phthalate or dioctyl phthalate, aliphatic hydrocarbons such as cyclohexane or paraffins, alcohols and glycols and their ethers and esters, such as ethanol, ethylene glycol, ethylene glycol monomethyl or monoethyl ether, ketones such as cyclohexanone, strongly polar solvents, such as N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, dimethyl sulfoxide or dimethylformamide, as well as vegetable oils or epoxidised vegetable oils, such as epoxidised coconut oil or soybean oil; or water.

The solid carriers used e.g. for dusts and dispersible powders are normally natural mineral fillers, such as calcite, talcum, kaolin, montmorillonite or attapulgite. In order to improve the physical properties it is also possible to add highly dispersed silicic acid or highly dispersed absorbent polymers. Suitable granulated adsorptive carriers are porous types, for example pumice, broken brick, sepiolite or bentonite; and suitable non-sorbent carriers are, for example, calcite or sand. In addition, a great number of pregranulated materials of inorganic nature can be used, e.g. especially dolomite or pulverised plant residues.

Particularly advantageous application-promoting adjuvants which are able to reduce substantially the rate of application are also natural (animal or vegetable) or synthetic phospholipids of the series of the cephalins and lecithins, which can be obtained e.g. from soybeans.

Depending on the nature of the compound of formula I to be formulated, suitable surface-active compounds are non-ionic, cationic and/or anionic surfactants having good emulsifying, dispersing and wetting properties. The term "surfactants" will also be understood as comprising mixtures of surfactants.

Both so-called water-soluble soaps and also water-soluble synthetic surface-active compounds are suitable anionic surfactants.

Suitable soaps are the alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts or unsubstituted or substituted ammonium salts of higher fatty acids (C_{10} - C_{22}), e.g. the sodium or potassium salts of oleic or stearic acid or of natural fatty acid mixtures which can be obtained e.g. from coconut oil or tallow oil. Mention may also be made of

fatty acid methylaurin salts.

More frequently, however, so-called synthetic surfactants are used, especially alkanesulfonates, fatty alcohol sulfates, sulfonated benzimidazole derivatives or alkyl-sulfonates.

The fatty alcohol sulfonates or sulfates are usually in the form of alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts or unsubstituted or substituted ammonium salts and contain a C_8 - C_{22} alkyl radical which also includes the alkyl moiety of acyl radicals, e.g. the sodium or calcium salt of lignosulfonic acid, of dodecylsulfate or of a mixture of fatty alcohol sulfates obtained from natural fatty acids. These compounds also comprise the salts of sulfated and sulfonated fatty alcohol/ethylene oxide adducts. The sulfonated benzimidazole derivatives preferably contain 2 sulfonic acid groups and one fatty acid radical containing 8 to 22 carbon atoms. Examples of alkylarylsulfonates are the sodium, calcium or triethanolamine salts of dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, dibutyl-naphthalenesulfonic acid, or of a condensate of naphthalenesulfonic acid and formaldehyde.

Also suitable are corresponding phosphates, e.g. salts of the phosphoric acid ester of an adduct of p-nonylphenol with 4 to 14 mol of ethylene oxide.

Non-ionic surfactants are preferably polyglycol ether derivatives of aliphatic or cycloaliphatic alcohols, or saturated or unsaturated fatty acids and alkylphenols, which derivatives may contain 3 to 30 glycol ether groups and 8 to 20 carbon atoms in the (aliphatic) hydrocarbon moiety and 6 to 18 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety of the alkylphenols.

Further suitable non-ionic surfactants are the water-soluble adducts of polyethylene oxide with polypropylene glycol, ethylenediaminopolypropylene glycol and alkyl-polypropylene glycol containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl chain, which adducts contain 20 to 250 ethylene glycol ether groups and 10 to 100 propylene glycol ether groups. These compounds usually contain 1 to 5 ethylene glycol units per propylene glycol unit.

Representative examples of non-ionic surfactants are nonylphenolpolyethoxyethanols, castor oil polyglycol ethers, polypropylene/polyethylene oxide adducts, tributylphenoxypolyethyleneethanol, polyethylene glycol and octylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol.

Fatty acid esters of polyoxyethylene sorbitan, e.g. polyoxyethylene sorbitan trioleate, are also suitable non-ionic surfactants.

Cationic surfactants are preferably quaternary ammonium salts which contain, as N-substituent, at least one C_8 - C_{22} alkyl radical and, as further substituents, unsubstituted or halogenated lower alkyl, benzyl or hydroxy-lower alkyl radicals. The salts are preferably in the form of halides, methylsulfates or ethylsulfates, e.g. stearyltrimethylammonium chloride or benzyldi(2-chloro-ethyl)ammonium bromide.

Further surfactants customarily employed in formulation technology are known to the person skilled in the art or can be taken from the relevant specialist literature.

The agrochemical compositions usually comprise 0.1 to 99 %, preferably 0.1 to 95 %, of a compound of formula I, 99.9 to 1 %, preferably 99.9 to 5 %, of a solid or liquid adjuvant, and 0 to 25 %, preferably 0.1 to 25 %, of a

surfactant.

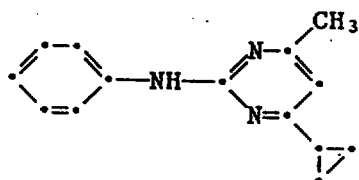
Whereas commercial products will preferably be formulated as concentrates, the end user will normally employ dilute formulations.

The compositions may also comprise further auxiliaries such as stabilisers, antifoams, viscosity regulators, binders, tackifiers as well as fertilisers or other active ingredients for obtaining special effects.

The following Examples serve to illustrate the invention in greater detail, without limiting it.

1. Preparation Examples

Example 1.1: Preparation of 2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine

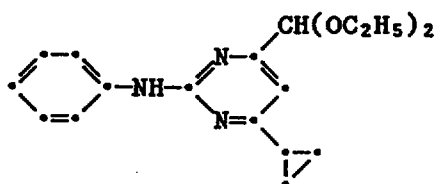


(Comp. no. 1.1)

10 g (51 mmol) of phenylguanidine hydrogen carbonate and 9.7 g (77 mmol) of 1-cyclopropyl-1,3-butanedione are heated at 110°C for 6 hours with stirring, the evolution of carbon dioxide which occurs subsiding as the reaction progresses. After the dark brown emulsion has been cooled to room temperature, 50 ml of diethyl ether are added and the mixture is washed twice with 20 ml of water each time, dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and the solvent is evaporated. The dark brown oil which remains (= 13.1 g) is purified by column chromatography over silica gel (diethyl ether/toluene: 5/3). After the eluant mixture has been evaporated off, the brown oil is

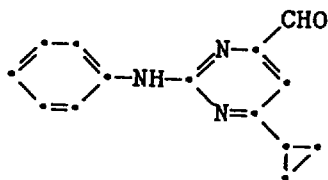
made to crystallise and recrystallised from diethyl ether/petroleum ether at 30-50°C. Light-brown crystals are obtained. Melting point: 67-69°C; yield: 8.55 g (38 mmol) (= 74.5 % of the theoretical yield).

Example 1.2: Preparation of 2-anilino-4-formyldiethyl-acetal-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine



11.7 g (59.2 mmol) of phenylguanidine hydrogen carbonate and 13.3 g (62.2 mmol) of 1-cyclopropyl-3-formyldiethyl-acetal-1,3-propanedione in 40 ml of ethanol are heated under reflux for 5 hours with stirring, the evolution of carbon dioxide subsiding as the reaction progresses. After the dark brown emulsion has been cooled to room temperature, 80 ml of diethyl ether are added and the mixture is washed twice with 30 ml of water each time, dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and the solvent is evaporated. The dark brown oil which remains (17 g) is purified by column chromatography over silica gel (toluene/ethyl acetate: 5/2). After the eluant mixture has been evaporated off, a reddish brown oil remains which has a refractive index n_D^{25} : 1.5815. Yield: 15 g (48 mmol; 81.1 % of the theoretical yield).

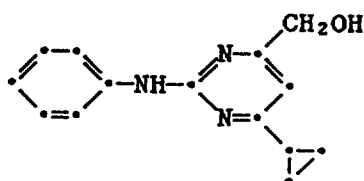
Example 1.3: Preparation of 2-anilino-4-formyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine



(Comp. no. 2.1)

12.3 g (39.3 mmol) of 2-anilino-4-formyldiethylacetal-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine, 4 g (39.3 mmol) of concentrated hydrochloric acid and 75 ml of water are heated at 50°C for 14 hours with vigorous stirring and, after the addition of 2 g (19.6 mmol) of concentrated hydrochloric acid, stirring is continued for a further 24 hours at that temperature. After the beige-coloured suspension has been cooled to room temperature, 50 ml of ethyl acetate are added thereto and the mixture is rendered neutral with 7 ml of 30 % sodium hydroxide solution. The ethyl acetate solution is then separated off, dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and the solvent is evaporated. For purification, the brownish solid is recrystallised from 20 ml of isopropanol in the presence of activated carbon. The yellowish crystals melt at 112-114°C. Yield: 7.9 g (33 mmol; 84 % of the theoretical yield).

Example 1.4: Preparation of 2-anilino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine



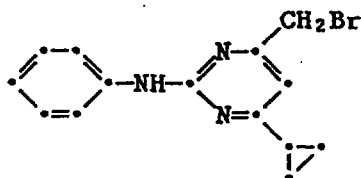
(Comp. no. 1.48)

a) 2.3 g (60 mmol) of sodium borohydride are added in portions at room temperature, within a period of 15 minutes, with stirring, to 14.1 g (59 mmol) of 2-anilino-4-formyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine in 350 of absolute methanol, whereupon the reaction mixture warms up to 28°C with evolution of hydrogen. After 4 hours the mixture is acidified by the dropwise addition of 10 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid, 120 ml of 10 % sodium hydrogen carbonate solution are added dropwise, and the mixture is then diluted with 250 ml of water. The

resulting precipitate is filtered off, dried, largely dissolved in 600 ml of diethyl ether at elevated temperature, treated with activated carbon and filtered. The clear filtrate is concentrated until it becomes turbid and is then diluted with petroleum ether, and the light-yellow crystalline powder is filtered off; m.p. 123-125°C. Yield: 10.8 g (44.8 mmol; 75.9 % of the theoretical yield).

b) 5.9 g (23 mmol) of 2-anilino-4-methoxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine, prepared from phenylguanidine and 1-cyclopropyl-4-methoxy-1,3-butanedione, are dissolved in 200 ml of dichloromethane and the solution is cooled to -68°C. 6.8 g (27 mmol) of boron tribromide are slowly added dropwise to the salmon-coloured solution within a period of half an hour, with vigorous stirring, and the cooling bath is then removed and stirring is continued for a further 2 hours at room temperature. After the addition of 150 g of ice-water, the precipitated crude product is filtered off and recrystallised from methanol using activated carbon. The light-yellow crystals melt at 124-126°C. Yield: 4.7 g (19.5 mmol; 84.7 % of the theoretical yield).

Example 1.5: Preparation of 2-phenylamino-4-bromo-
methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine

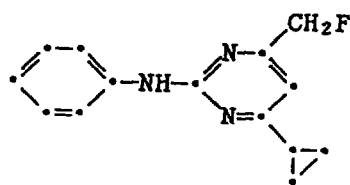


(Comp. no. 1.4)

15.6 g (75 mmol) of thionyl bromide in 50 ml of diethyl ether are added dropwise within a period of half an hour, with stirring, to 12 g (50 mmol) of 2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine and 0.4 g (50 mmol)

of pyridine in 350 ml of diethyl ether. After stirring for 2 hours at room temperature, a further 0.4 g (50 mmol) of pyridine are added and the mixture is heated under reflux for 5 hours. After cooling to room temperature, 200 ml of water are added and the pH is adjusted to 7 by the dropwise addition of 140 ml of saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate solution. The diethyl ether phase is separated off and then washed twice with 100 ml of water each time, dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and the solvent is evaporated. The brown oil which remains is purified by column chromatography over silica gel (toluene/chloroform/diethyl ether/petroleum ether (b.p. 50-70°C): 5/3/1/1). After the eluant mixture has been evaporated off, the yellow oil is diluted with diethyl ether/petroleum ether (b.p. 50-70°C) and crystallised at reduced temperature. The yellow crystalline powder melts at 77.5-79.5°C. Yield: 9.7 g (32 mmol; 64 % of the theoretical yield).

Example 1.6: Preparation of 2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine



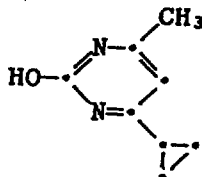
(Comp. no. 1.59)

a) 3.9 g (12.8 mmol) of 2-phenylamino-4-bromomethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine, 1.5 g (26 mmol) of spray-dried potassium fluoride and 0.3 g (1.13 mmol) of 18-crown-6-ether are heated under reflux for 40 hours in 50 ml of acetonitrile. A further 0.75 g (13 mmol) of potassium fluoride is then added and the mixture is heated for 22 hours. To complete the reaction, a further 0.75 g (13 mmol) of spray-dried potassium fluoride and 0.1 g (0.38 mmol) of 18-crown-6-ether are added and the mixture

is heated under reflux for a further 24 hours. After the suspension has been cooled to room temperature, 150 ml of diethyl ether are added and the mixture is washed three times with 20 ml of water each time, dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and the solvent is evaporated. The brown oil which remains is purified by column chromatography over silica gel (toluene/chloroform/diethyl ether/petroleum ether (b.p. 50-70°C): 5/3/1/1). After the eluant mixture has been evaporated off, the yellow oil is diluted with 10 ml of petroleum ether (b.p. 50-70°C) and crystallised at reduced temperature. The yellow crystals melt at 48-52°C; yield: 2.1 g (8.6 mmol); 67.5 % of the theoretical yield.

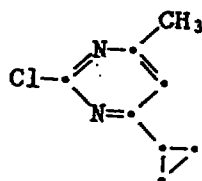
b) 6.1 g (37.8 mmol) of diethylaminosulfur trifluoride in 15 ml of dichloromethane are slowly added dropwise within a period of one hour, with stirring, to a suspension of 9.1 g (37.8 mmol) of 2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine in 80 ml of dichloromethane. After the addition of 50 ml of ice-water, 50 ml of 10 % aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution are added dropwise. When the evolution of carbon dioxide has ceased, the organic phase is separated off and the aqueous phase is extracted twice with 20 ml of dichloromethane each time. The combined dichloromethane solutions are washed with 15 ml of water, dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and the solvent is evaporated. The black oil which remains is purified by column chromatography over silica gel (toluene/chloroform/diethyl ether/petroleum ether (b.p. 50-70°C): 5/3/1/1). After the eluant mixture has been evaporated off, the yellow oil is diluted with 20 ml of petroleum ether (b.p. 50-70°C) and crystallised at reduced temperature. The yellowish crystals melt at 50-52°C. Yield: 4.9 g (20.1 mmol; 53 % of the theoretical yield).

Example 1.7: Preparation of 2-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine



15 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid are added at room temperature to 6 g (100 mmol) of urea and 12.6 g (100 mmol) of 1-cyclopropyl-1,3-butanedione in 35 ml of ethanol. After the mixture has stood for 10 days at room temperature, it is concentrated in a rotary evaporator at a bath temperature not exceeding 45°C. The residue is dissolved in 20 ml of ethanol, the hydrochloride of the reaction product precipitating after a short time. 20 ml of diethyl ether are added with stirring, and the precipitated white crystals are filtered off, washed with an ethanol/diethyl ether mixture and dried. Concentration of the filtrate and recrystallisation from an ethanol/diethyl ether mixture: 1/2 yield a further quantity of hydrochloride. The white crystals melt > 230°C. Yield: hydrochloride 12.6 g (67.5 mmol; 67.5 % of the theoretical yield).

Example 1.8: Preparation of 2-chloro-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine

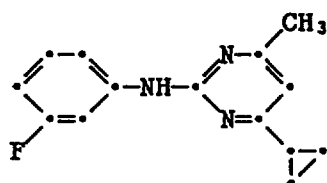


(Comp. no. 3.1)

52.8 g (0.24 mol) of 2-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine hydrochloride are introduced at room temperature, with stirring, into a mixture of 100 ml (1.1 mol) of phosphorus oxychloride and 117 g (0.79 mol) of diethylaniline, the temperature rising to 63°C. After the reaction mixture has been heated for 2 hours at 110°,

it is cooled to room temperature and transferred onto an ice-water/methylene chloride mixture, with stirring. The organic phase is separated off and washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution until neutral. Removal of the solvent by evaporation yields 116.4 g of oil, which is composed of the reaction product and diethylaniline. Separation of the diethylaniline and purification of the crude reaction product are effected by column chromatography over silica gel (hexane/diethyl acetate: 3/1). The colourless oil which crystallises after several days has a refractive index n_D^{25} : 1.5419; yield: 35.7 g (0.21 mol; 87.5 % of the theoretical yield); melting point: 33-34°C.

Example 1.9: Preparation of 2-(m-fluorophenylamino)-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine



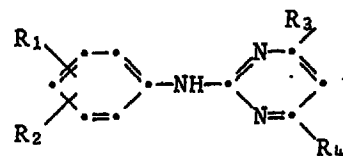
(Comp. no. 1.63)

A solution of 5.5 g (50 mmol) of 3-fluoroaniline and 9.3 g (55 mmol) of 2-chloro-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine in 100 ml of ethanol is adjusted to pH 1 with 5 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid, with stirring, and is then heated under reflux for 18 hours. After the brown emulsion has been cooled to room temperature, it is rendered alkaline with 10 ml of 30 % ammonia, poured onto 100 ml of ice-water and extracted twice with 150 ml of diethyl ether each time. The combined extracts are washed with 50 ml of water, dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and the solvent is evaporated. The yellowish crystals which remain are purified by recrystallisation from diisopropyl ether/petroleum ether (b.p. 50-70°C). The white crystals melt at 87-89°C; yield: 8.3 g

(34 mmol; 68 % of the theoretical yield).

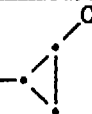
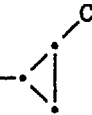
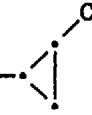
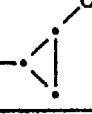
The following compounds of formula I can be prepared in this manner or by one of the methods described hereinbefore.

Table 1: Compounds of the formula

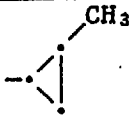
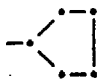
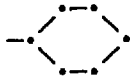
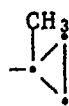


Comp.no.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Physical constant
1.1	H	H	CH ₃		m.p. 67-69°C
1.2	2-Cl	H	CH ₃		
1.3	H	H	H		m.p. 53-56°C
1.4	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		m.p. 77,5-79,5°C
1.5	3-Cl	H	CH ₃		m.p. 104-105°C
1.6	H	H	-C ₂ H ₅		m.p. 42-45°C
1.7	4-Cl	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 86-87°C
1.8	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.9	H	H	-CH ₂ Cl		m.p. 50-52°C

Continuation: Table 1

Comp.no.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Physical constant
1.10	4-CH ₃	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 53-56°C
1.11	H	H	-CF ₃		
1.12	H	H	-C ₃ H ₇ -n		m.p. 44-46°C
1.13	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		m.p. 111-113°C
1.14	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 73-74°C
1.15	4-OCH ₃	H	CH ₃		m.p. 48-50°C
1.16	H	H	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH		
1.17	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.18	H	H	-C ₄ H ₉ -n		dark brown oil n _D ²⁵ : 1.5992
1.19	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		

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1.20	4-OC ₂ H ₅	H	CH ₃		m.p. 33-36°C
1.21	H	H	H		
1.22	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.23	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.24	H	H	H		
1.25	H	H	-C ₄ H ₉ sec.		oil n _D ²⁴ : 1.6002
1.26	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
1.27	4-Br	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 94-95°C
1.28	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 97-98°C
1.29	H	H	-CF ₃		

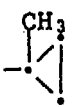
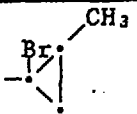
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1.32	H	H	-CF ₃		
1.33	4-F	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 89-91°C
1.34	H	H	H		
1.35	H	H	-CH ₂ Cl		m.p. 55-57°C
1.36	H	H	-CF ₃		
1.37	4-OCHF ₂	H	-CH ₃		oil n _D ²⁵ : 1.5763
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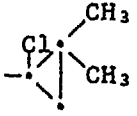
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1.42	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 63-65°C
1.43	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
1.44	3-OC ₂ H ₅	4-OC ₂ H ₅	-CH ₃		oil n _D ²⁵ : 1.5498
1.45	H	H	-CF ₃		m.p. 66-69°C
1.46	4-OCF ₃	H	-CH ₃		
1.47	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
1.48	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		m.p. 123-125°C
1.49	3-CF ₃	4-Cl	-CH ₃		m.p. 128-130°C

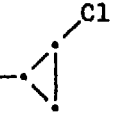
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1.51	H	H	H		
1.52	H	H	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH		
1.53	3-Cl	4-Cl	-CH ₃		m.p. 85-87°C
1.54	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 73-74°C
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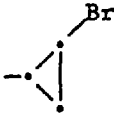
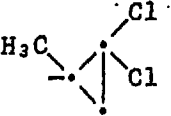
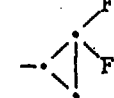
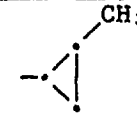
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1.59	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 48-52°C
1.60	3-Cl	4-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.61	H	H	H		
1.62	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.63	3-F	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 87-89°C
1.64	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.65	2-CH ₃	3-Cl	-CH ₃		
1.66	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 81-84°C
1.67	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 63-65°C

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1.68	2-Cl	5-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.69	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 67-69°C
1.70	2-Br	H	-CH ₃		
1.71	2-CH ₃	4-Cl	-CH ₃		
1.72	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 64-66°C
1.73	2-Cl	6-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.74	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 43-45°C
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1.76	3-Br	H	-CH ₃		
1.77	H	H			

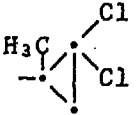
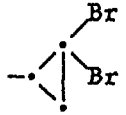
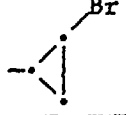
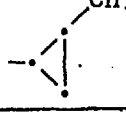
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1.79	2-Cl	4-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.80	H	H			oil n _D ²⁵ : 1.6101
1.81	H	H	-CH ₂ F		
1.82	3-Cl	4-F	-CH ₃		
1.83	H	H	-C ₃ H ₇ -1		
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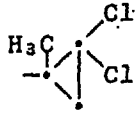
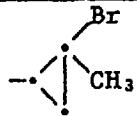
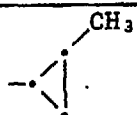
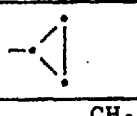
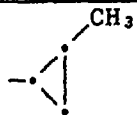
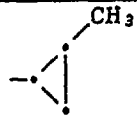
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1.87	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 63-65°C
1.88	H	H	-C ₄ H ₉ -n		
1.89	2-CH ₃	H	-CH ₃		
1.90	H	H	-C ₃ H ₇ -i		oil n _D ²⁵ : 1.6074
1.91	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 65-68°C
1.92	2-CH ₃	5-Cl	-CH ₃		
1.93	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.94	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 48-50°C

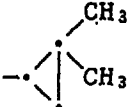
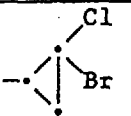
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1.97	H	H	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH		
1.98	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.99	2-Br	4-Br	-CH ₃		
1.100	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 38-41°C
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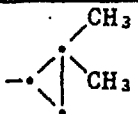
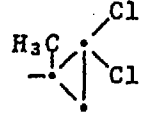
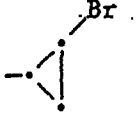
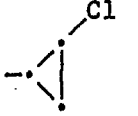
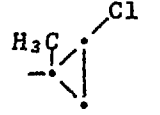
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1.104	H	H	-C ₃ H ₇ -n		
1.105	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.106	H	H	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH		
1.107	2-C ₂ H ₅	H	-CH ₃		
1.108	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 55-57°C
1.109	H	H	H		
1.110	H	H	-C ₃ H ₇ -n		

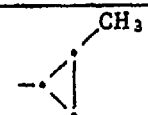
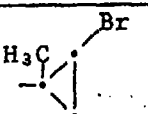
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1.112	H	H	-CH ₂ F		
1.113	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 83-85°C
1.114	2-Br	5-Br	-CH ₃		
1.115	2-CH ₃	4-Br	-CH ₃		
1.116	H	H	-C ₄ H ₉ -sec.		
1.117	2-CH ₃	5-F	-CH ₃		
1.118	4-C ₂ H ₅	H	-CH ₃		
1.119	H	H	H		

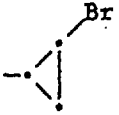
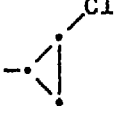
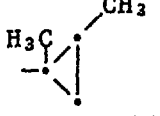
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1.121	2-Br	4-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.122	H	H	-CH ₂ F		
1.123	H	H	-CF ₃		
1.124	H	H	-CF ₃		
1.125	2-C ₃ H ₇ -1	H	-CH ₃		
1.126	H	H	-CH ₂ F		m.p. 44-47°C
1.127	H	H	-CH ₃		

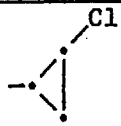
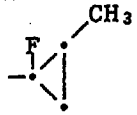
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1.130	H	H	-C ₄ H ₉ -sec.		
1.131	H	H	-C ₂ H ₅		m.p. 57-59°C
1.132	4-C ₃ H ₇ -1	H	-CH ₃		
1.133	2-OCH ₃	5-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
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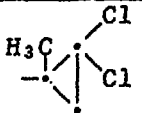
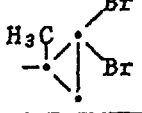
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1.139	2-CF ₃	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 56-58°C
1.140	H	H	H		
1.141	H	H	-CH ₃		
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1.143	2-Cl	3-Cl	-CH ₃		
1.144	H	H	-C ₄ H ₉ -tert.		

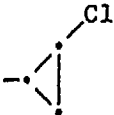
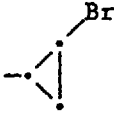
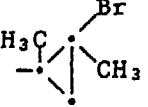
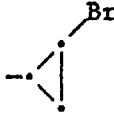
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1.146	2-CF ₃	4-Cl	-CH ₃		
1.147	2-Cl	4-Cl	-CH ₃		
1.148	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.149	H	H	-CH ₂ Cl		
1.150	3-CF ₃	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 81-83°C
1.151	H	H	-C ₄ H ₉ -tert.		
1.152	4-CF ₃	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 60-62°C
1.153	2-Cl	5-CF ₃	-CH ₃		

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1.154	H	H	-CH ₂ Cl		m.p. 63-66°C
1.155	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 99-109°C
1.156	2-Cl	5-Cl	-CH ₃		
1.157	4-OC ₃ H ₇ -i	H	-CH ₃		
1.158	H	H	-C ₂ H ₅		m.p. 58-61°C
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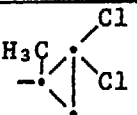
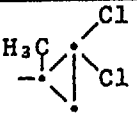
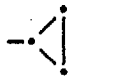
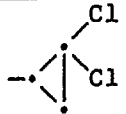
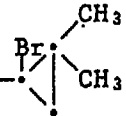
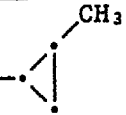
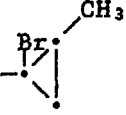
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1.163	2-OCH ₃	H	-CH ₃		
1.164	H	H	-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl		
1.165	H	H	H		
1.166	2-F	3-F	-CH ₃		
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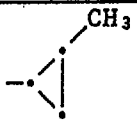
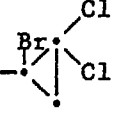
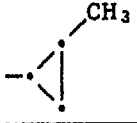
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1.171	H	H	-CH ₂ Cl		
1.172	2-CH ₃	4-OCH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.173	2-F	4-F	-CH ₃		
1.174	H	H	-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl		
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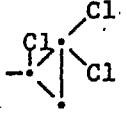
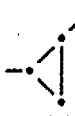
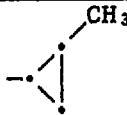
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1.180	2-F	5-F	-CH ₃		oil
1.181	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
1.182	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.183	H	H	-CHCl ₂		
1.184	4-OCF ₂ CHF ₂	H	-CH ₃		
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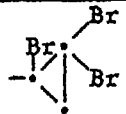
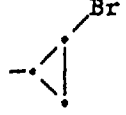
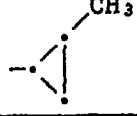
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1.187	H	H			oil
1.188	H	H			
1.189	H	H	-CH ₃		
1.190	4-OCF ₂ CHClF	H	-CH ₃		
1.191	H	H	-CH ₂ Cl		
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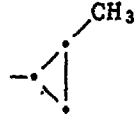
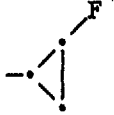
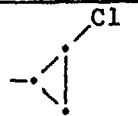
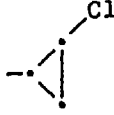
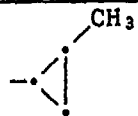
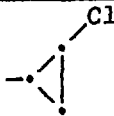
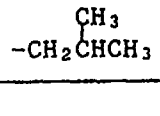
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1.197	H	H			
1.198	4-OCF ₂ CHCl ₂	H	-CH ₃		
1.199	H	H			
1.200	3-F	4-F	-CH ₃		oil
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1.202	3-OC ₂ H ₅	H	-CH ₃		

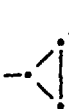
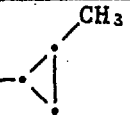
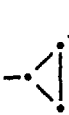
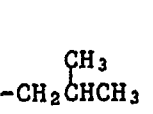
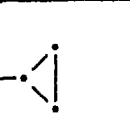
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1.205	4-OCF ₂ CFC1 ₂	H	-CH ₃		
1.206	2-OCH ₃	5-OCH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.207	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
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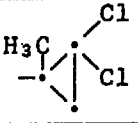
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1.212	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.213	H	H			
1.214	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
1.215	H	H			
1.216	3-OCH ₃	5-OCH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.217	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.218	H	H			m.p. 44-46°C

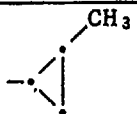
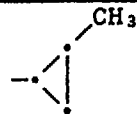
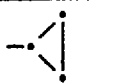
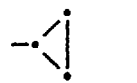
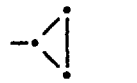
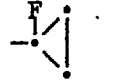
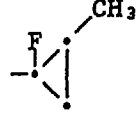
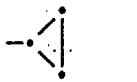
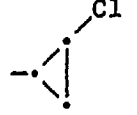
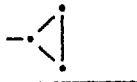
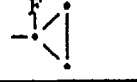
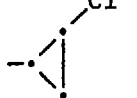
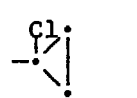
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1.220	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
1.221	H	H			
1.222	H	H			
1.223	2-CH ₃	4-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.224	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.225	H	H			
1.226	2-CH ₃	5-CH ₃	-CH ₃		

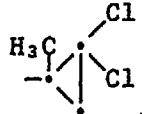
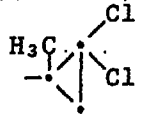
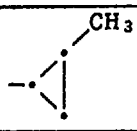
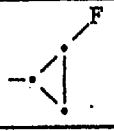
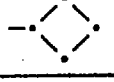
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Comp.no.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Physical constant
1.227	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
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1.229	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		
1.230	H	H			
1.231	2-CH ₃	6-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.232	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.233	H	H	-CF ₂ CF ₃		
1.234	H	H			

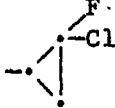
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1.235	H	H			m.p. 58-60°C
1.236	H	H			m.p. 75-77°C
1.237	3-CH ₃	4-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.238	H	H	-CH ₂ OH		oil
1.239	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.240	H	H			
1.241	H	H			
1.242	H	H			

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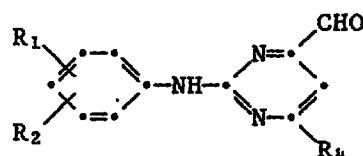
Comp.no.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Physical constant
1.243	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		
1.244	H	H			
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1.246	H	H			oil n _D ²⁵ : 1.6232
1.247	3-F	4-CH ₃	-CH ₃		
1.248	H	H			
1.249	H	H	-CH ₂ Br		

Continuation: Table 1

Comp.no.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Physical constant
1.250	2-OCHF ₂	4-CH ₃	-CH ₃		m.p. 85-87°C
1.251	3-Cl	4-OCHF ₂	-CH ₃		n _D ²⁵ 1.5898
1.252	3-OCH ₃	4-OCH ₃	-CH ₃		m.p. 74-76°C
1.253	H	H	-CH ₃		m.p. 97-99°C

In the following Tables 2, 3 and 4, intermediate products of the present invention are exemplified.

Table 2: Compounds of the formula



Comp. no.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₄	Physical constant
2.1	H	H		m.p. 112-114°C
2.2	H	H		m.p. 123-127°C
2.3	H	H		m.p. 87-90°C
2.4	4-Cl	H		
2.5	H	H		m.p. 128-132°C
2.6	3-F	H		
2.7	4-F	H		

2. Formulation Examples for liquid active ingredients of formula I (% = percentage by weight)

2.1. <u>Emulsifiable concentrates</u>	a)	b)	c)
a compound of Table 1	25 %	40 %	50 %
calcium dodecylbenzenesulfonate	5 %	8 %	6 %
castor oil polyethylene glycol ether (36 mol of ethylene oxide)	5 %	-	-
tributylphenol polyethylene glycol ether (30 mol of ethylene oxide)	-	12 %	4 %
cyclohexanone	-	15 %	20 %
xylene mixture	65 %	25 %	20 %

Emulsions of any desired concentration can be produced from such concentrates by dilution with water.

2.2. <u>Solutions</u>	a)	b)	c)	d)
a compound of Table 1	80 %	10 %	5 %	95 %
ethylene glycol monomethyl ether	20 %	-	-	-
polyethylene glycol (mol. wt. 400)	-	70 %	-	-
N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	-	20 %	-	-
epoxidised coconut oil	-	-	1 %	5 %
petroleum fraction (boiling range 160-190°C)	-	-	94 %	-

These solutions are suitable for application in the form of micro-drops.

2.3. <u>Granules</u>	a)	b)
a compound of Table 1	5 %	10 %
kaolin	94 %	-
highly dispersed silicic acid	1 %	-
attapulgate	-	90 %

The active ingredient is dissolved in methylene chloride, the solution is sprayed onto the carrier, and the solvent is subsequently evaporated off in vacuo.

2.4. Dusts

	a)	b)
a compound of Table 1	2 %	5 %
highly dispersed silicic acid	1 %	5 %
talcum	97 %	-
kaolin	-	90 %

Ready-for-use dusts are obtained by intimately mixing the carriers with the active ingredient.

Formulation Examples for solid active ingredients of formula I (% = percentage by weight)

2.5. Wettable powders

	a)	b)	c)
a compound of Table 1	25 %	50 %	75 %
sodium lignosulfonate	5 %	5 %	-
sodium laurylsulfate	3 %	-	5 %
sodium diisobutyl-naphthalene-sulfonate	-	6 %	10 %
octylphenol polyethylene glycol ether (7-8 mol of ethylene oxide)	-	2 %	-
highly dispersed silicic acid	5 %	10 %	10 %
kaolin	62 %	27 %	-

The active ingredient is thoroughly mixed with the adjuvants and the mixture is thoroughly ground in a suitable mill, affording wettable powders which can be diluted with water to give suspensions of the desired concentration.

2.6. Emulsifiable concentrate

a compound of Table 1	10 %
octylphenol polyethylene glycol	

ether (4-5 mol of ethylene oxide)	3 %
calcium dodecylbenzenesulfonate	3 %
castor oil polyglycol ether (35 mol of ethylene oxide)	4 %
cyclohexanone	34 %
xylene mixture	50 %

Emulsions of any required concentration can be obtained from this concentrate by dilution with water.

2.7. <u>Dusts</u>	a)	b)
a compound of Table 1	5 %	8 %
talcum	95 %	-
kaolin	-	92 %

Ready-for-use dusts are obtained by mixing the active ingredient with the carrier and grinding the mixture in a suitable mill.

2.8. Extruder granules

a compound of Table 1	10 %
N-lignosulfonate	2 %
carboxymethylcellulose	1 %
kaolin	87 %

The active ingredient is mixed and ground with the adjuvants, and the mixture is subsequently moistened with water. The mixture is extruded and then dried in a stream of air.

2.9. Coated granules

a compound of Table 1	3 %
polyethylene glycol (mol. wt. 200)	3 %
kaolin	94 %

The finely ground active ingredient is uniformly applied,

in a mixer, to the kaolin moistened with polyethylene glycol. Non-dusty coated granules are obtained in this manner.

2.10. Suspension concentrate

a compound of Table 1	40 %
ethylene glycol	10 %
nonylphenol polyethylene glycol	
ether (15 mol of ethylene oxide)	6 %
N-lignosulfonate	10 %
carboxymethylcellulose	1 %
37 % aqueous formaldehyde solution	0.2 %
silicone oil in the form of a 75 %	
aqueous emulsion	0.8 %
water	32 %

The finely ground active ingredient is intimately mixed with the adjuvants, giving a suspension concentrate from which suspensions of any desired concentration can be obtained by dilution with water.

3. Biological Examples

Example 3.1: Action against *Venturia inaequalis* on apple shoots

Residual protective action

Apple cuttings with 10-20 cm long fresh shoots are sprayed with a spray mixture (0.006 % active ingredient) prepared from a wettable powder formulation of the active ingredient. The treated plants are infected 24 hours later with a conidia suspension of the fungus. The plants are then incubated for 5 days at 90-100 % relative humidity and stood in a greenhouse for a further 10 days at 20-24°C. Scab infestation is evaluated 15 days after infection.

Compounds of Table 1 exhibit good activity against Venturia (less than 20 % attack). Thus e.g. compounds nos. 1.1, 1.6, 1.13, 1.14, 1.59, 1.66, 1.69, 1.84, 1.87, 1.94, 1.108, 1.126, 1.145, 1.158, 1.180, 1.200 and 1.236 reduce Venturia attack to 0 to 10 %. On the other hand, Venturia attack is 100 % in untreated and infected control plants.

Example 3.2: Action against Botrytis cinerea on apples
Residual protective action

Artificially damaged apples are treated by the dropwise¹ application to the damaged sites of a spray mixture (0.002 % active ingredient) prepared from a wettable powder formulation of the active ingredient. The treated fruits are then inoculated with a spore suspension of the fungus and incubated for one week at high humidity and about 20°C. Evaluation is made by counting the rotted damaged sites and deriving the fungicidal activity of the test compound therefrom.

Compounds of Table 1 exhibit good activity against Botrytis (less than 20 % attack). Thus e.g. compounds nos. 1.1, 1.6, 1.13, 1.14, 1.31, 1.33, 1.35, 1.48, 1.59, 1.66, 1.69, 1.84, 1.87, 1.94, 1.108, 1.126, 1.131, 1.145, 1.158, 1.180 and 1.236 reduce Botrytis attack to 0 to 10 %. On the other hand, Botrytis attack is 100 % on untreated and infected control plants.

Example 3.3: Action against Erysiphe graminis on barley
a) Residual protective action

Barley plants about 8 cm in height are sprayed with a spray mixture (0.006 % active ingredient) prepared from a

¹Translator's note: The word "aufgepropft" (grafted on) which appears here in the German should presumably read "aufgetropft" (literally "dripped on") rendered here "(treated by the) dropwise application....".

wettable powder formulation of the active ingredient. The treated plants are dusted with conidia of the fungus after 3 to 4 hours. The infected barley plants are stood in a greenhouse at about 22°C. The fungus attack is evaluated after 10 days.

Compounds of Table 1 exhibit good activity against Erysiphe (less than 20 % attack). Thus e.g. compounds nos. 1.1, 1.6, 1.13, 1.14, 1.35, 1.48, 1.59, 1.66, 1.69, 1.84, 1.87, 1.94, 1.108, 1.131, 1.158 and 1.236 reduce Erysiphe attack to 0 to 10 %. On the other hand, Erysiphe attack is 100 % on untreated and infected control plants.

Example 3.4: Action against Helminthosporium gramineum

Wheat grains are contaminated with a spore suspension of the fungus and dried. The contaminated grains are dressed with a suspension of the test compound prepared from a wettable powder (600 ppm of active ingredient, based on the weight of the seeds). Two days later the grains are placed in suitable agar dishes and the development of fungus colonies around the grains is assessed after another 4 days. The effectiveness of the test compounds is evaluated on the basis of the number and size of the fungus colonies. The compounds of the Table substantially prevent fungus attack (0 to 10 %).

Example 3.5: Action against Colletotrichum lagenarium on cucumbers

After a cultivation period of two weeks, cucumber plants are sprayed with a spray mixture (concentration 0.002 %) prepared from a wettable powder formulation of the active ingredient. After two days the plants are infected with a spore suspension (1.5×10^5 spores/ml) of the fungus and incubated for 36 hours at 23°C and high humidity. Incubation is then continued at normal

humidity and about 22-23°C. Evaluation of fungus attack is made 8 days after infection. Fungus attack is 100 % on untreated and infected control plants.

Compounds of Table 1 exhibit good activity and inhibit the spread of the disease. Fungus attack is reduced to 20 % or less.

Example 3.6: a) Contact action against *Nephotettix cincticeps* and *Nilaparvata lugens* (nymphs)

The test is carried out with growing rice plants. For this purpose 4 plants (14-20 days old) about 15 cm in height are planted into each of a number of pots (diameter 5.5 cm).

The plants are sprayed on a rotary table with 100 ml of an aqueous emulsion preparation comprising 400 ppm of the active ingredient. After the spray coating has dried, each plant is populated with 20 nymphs of the test organisms in the third stage. To prevent the plant- and leaf-hoppers from escaping, a glass cylinder which is open at both ends is slipped over each of the populated plants and covered with a gauze top. The nymphs are kept on the treated plants for 6 days until they have reached the adult stage. An evaluation is made on the basis of percentage mortality 6 days after population of the plants. The test is carried out at about 27°C and 60 % relative humidity. The plants are exposed to light for a period of 16 hours per day.

b) Systemic action against *Nilaparvata lugens* (in water)

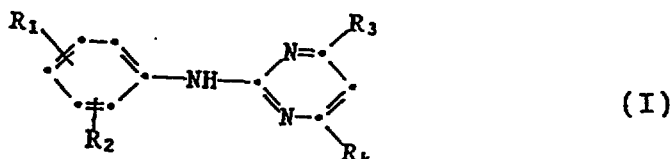
Rice plants about 10 days old (about 10 cm high) are placed in a plastics beaker which contains 150 ml of an aqueous emulsion preparation of the test compound in a concentration of 100 ppm and is closed by a perforated plastics lid. The roots of each of the rice plants are

pushed through a hole in the plastics lid into the aqueous test preparation. Then the rice plants are populated with 20 nymphs of *Nilaparvata lugens* in the N2 to N3 stage and covered with a plastics cylinder. The test is carried out at about 26°C and 60 % relative humidity, and the plants are exposed to light for a period of 16 hours per day. After five days the number of dead test organisms is assessed in comparison with untreated controls. It is thus established whether the active ingredient absorbed via the roots kills the test organisms at the upper parts of the plants.

Compounds of Table 1 exhibit a pronounced killing action on the rice pests both in test a) and in test b). The mortality rate is 80 % or above. Almost total mortality (98-100 %) is achieved with compounds nos. 1.1, 1.6, 1.14, 1.59, 1.66, 1.87, 1.94, 1.108 and 1.236.

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1. A compound of formula I including an acid addition salt or a metal salt complex thereof



in which:

- R_1 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy or C_1 - C_3 haloalkoxy;
 R_2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy;
 R_3 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_4 alkyl; or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen; and
 R_4 is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

2. A compound of formula I according to claim 1, in which R_3 and R_4 have the meanings given and R_1 and R_2 are hydrogen.

3. A compound of formula I according to claim 1, in which:

- R_1 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy or C_1 - C_3 haloalkoxy;
 R_2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy;
 R_3 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkyl substituted by halogen; and
 R_4 is C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl substituted by methyl or by halogen.

4. A compound of formula I according to claim 3, in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or halomethoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or ethoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or sec-butyl, or is methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine or by bromine; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine.

5. A compound of formula I according to claim 1, in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or difluoromethoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₃alkyl; C₁-C₂alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl or by halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

6. A compound of formula I according to claim 1, in which:

R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen;

R₃ is C₁-C₃alkyl; methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine; and

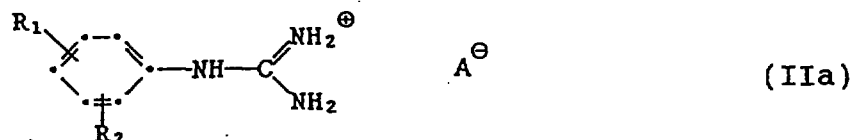
R₄ is C₃-C₄cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and fluorine, chlorine and bromine.

7. A compound according to claim 3 selected from
 2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrim-
 idine, and
 2-(p-fluorophenylamino)-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine.

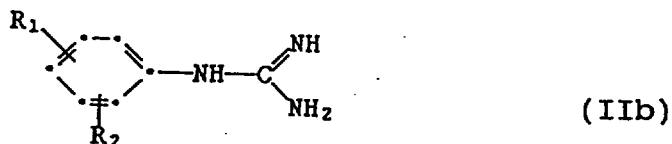
8. A compound according to claim 1, selected from
 2-phenylamino-4,6-bis(cyclopropyl)pyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-
 pyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-pyrim-
 idine,
 2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-pyrim-
 idine,
 2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-difluorocyclopropyl)-pyrim-
 idine,
 2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-
 pyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-
 pyrimidine,
 2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-
 pyrimidine and
 2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine.

9. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula
 I, which comprises

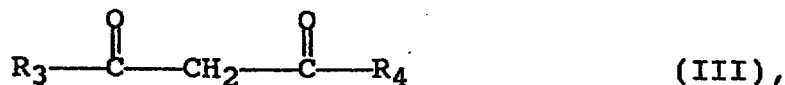
1) reacting a phenylguanidine salt of formula IIa



or the guanidine base of formula IIb



with a diketone of formula III



with or without solvents, at temperatures of from 60°C to 160°C; or

2) reacting urea with a diketone of formula III in the presence of an acid in an inert solvent at temperatures of from 20°C to 140°C, and then cyclising at reflux temperature to give a pyrimidine compound of formula V



exchanging the OH group in the resulting compound for halogen using excess POHal₃, in the presence or in the absence of a solvent, at temperatures of from 50°C to 110°C, to yield



Hal in the above formulae being halogen, and further reacting the resulting compound of formula VI with an aniline compound of formula VII



at from 60°C to 120°C, depending on the reaction condi-

tions either

- a) in the presence of a proton acceptor, with or without solvents, or
 - b) in the presence of an acid in an inert solvent; or
- 3) cyclising a guanidine salt of formula VIII



with a diketone of formula III

- a) without solvents at temperatures of from 100°C to 160°C, or
 - b) in an inert solvent at temperatures of from 30°C to 140°C,
- to give a pyrimidine compound of formula IX



and reacting the resulting compound with a compound of formula X



in the presence of a proton acceptor in aprotic solvents at temperatures of from 30°C to 140°C to remove HY, the substituents R_1 to R_4 in formulae II to X being as defined for formula I, $\text{A}^{\ominus}$ being an acid anion and Y being halogen.

10. A composition for controlling or preventing attack by noxious insects or microorganisms, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I

according to claim 1, together with a suitable carrier.

11. A composition according to claim 10, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I according to claim 2.

12. A composition according to claim 10, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I according to claim 3.

13. A composition according to claim 10, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I according to claim 4.

14. A composition according to claim 10, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I according to any one of claims 5 to 8.

15. A method of controlling or preventing an attack on cultivated plants by noxious insects or phytopathogenic microorganisms, which comprises applying as active ingredient to the plant, to parts of plants or to the locus thereof, a compound of formula I according to claim 1.

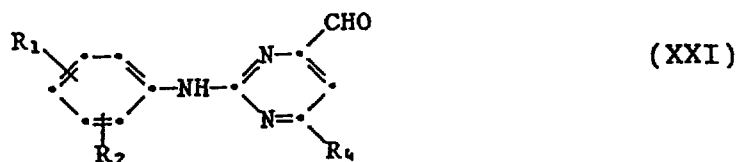
16. A method according to claim 15, which comprises applying as active ingredient a compound according to any one of claims 2 to 8.

17. A method according to claim 15, wherein phytopathogenic fungi are controlled.

18. A process for the preparation of an agrochemical composition according to claim 10, which comprises intimately mixing at least one compound of formula I according to claim 1 with suitable solid or liquid

adjuvants and/or surfactants.

19. A compound of formula XXI



in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₃alkoxy or C₁-C₃haloalkoxy;

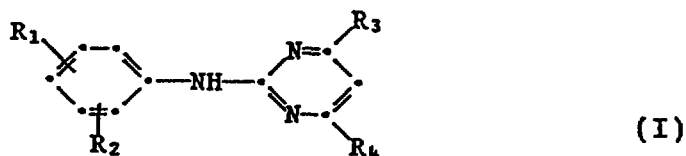
R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁-C₃alkoxy; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.



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1. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I



in which:

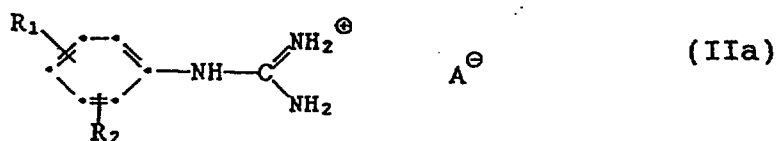
R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₃alkoxy or C₁-C₃haloalkoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁-C₃alkoxy;

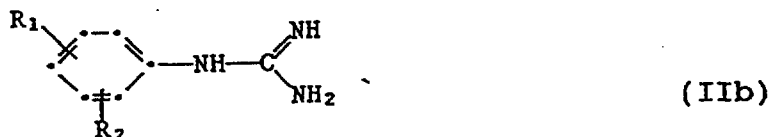
R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₄alkyl; or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen, which comprises

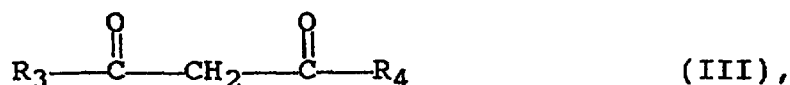
1) reacting a phenylguanidine salt of formula IIa



or the guanidine base of formula IIb



with a diketone of formula III





with or without solvents, at temperatures of from 60°C to 160°C; or

2) reacting urea with a diketone of formula III in the presence of an acid in an inert solvent at temperatures of from 20°C to 140°C, and then cyclising at reflux temperature to give a pyrimidine compound of formula V



exchanging the OH group in the resulting compound for halogen using excess POHal₃, in the presence or in the absence of a solvent, at temperatures of from 50°C to 110°C, to yield



Hal in the above formulae being halogen, and further reacting the resulting compound of formula VI with an aniline compound of formula VII



at from 60°C to 120°C, depending on the reaction conditions either

a) in the presence of a proton acceptor, with or without solvents, or

b) in the presence of an acid in an inert solvent; or

3) cyclising a guanidine salt of formula VIII





with a diketone of formula III

- a) without solvents at temperatures of from 100°C to 160°C, or
 - b) in an inert solvent at temperatures of from 30°C to 140°C,
- to give a pyrimidine compound of formula IX



and reacting the resulting compound with a compound of formula X



in the presence of a proton acceptor in aprotic solvents at temperatures of from 30°C to 140°C to remove HY, the substituents R₁ to R₄ in formulae II to X being as defined for formula I, A[⊖] being an acid anion and Y being halogen.

2. A process according to claim 1, which comprises preparing a compound in which R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen and the other substituents are as defined.

3. A process according to claim 1, which comprises preparing a compound in which:

- R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₃alkoxy or C₁-C₃haloalkoxy;
- R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁-C₃alkoxy;
- R₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted by halogen; and
- R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl substituted by



methyl or by halogen.

4. A process according to claim 1, which comprises preparing a compound in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or halomethoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or ethoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or sec-butyl, or is methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine or by bromine; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine.

5. A process according to claim 1, which comprises preparing a compound in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or difluoromethoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₃alkyl; C₁-C₂alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl or by halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

6. A process according to claim 1, which comprises preparing a compound in which:

R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen;

R₃ is C₁-C₃alkyl; methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine; and

R₄ is C₃-C₄cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents

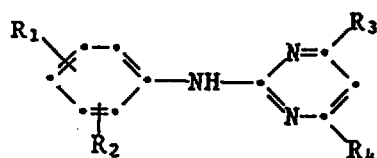


selected from methyl and fluorine, chlorine and bromine.

7. A process according to claim 1, which comprises preparing a compound selected from
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine, and
2-(p-fluorophenylamino)-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine.

8. A process according to claim 1, which comprises preparing a compound selected from
2-phenylamino-4,6-bis(cyclopropyl)pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-difluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine and
2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine.

9. A composition for controlling or preventing attack by noxious insects or microorganisms, which comprises as active ingredient, together with a suitable carrier, at least one compound of formula I



(I)

in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₃alkoxy or C₁-C₃haloalkoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁-C₃alkoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₄alkyl; or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

10. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I in which R₃ and R₄ have the meanings given and R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen.

11. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C₁-C₃alkoxy or C₁-C₃haloalkoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₃alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁-C₃alkoxy;

R₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted by halogen; and

R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl substituted by methyl or by halogen.

12. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises



as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or halomethoxy;
R₂ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or ethoxy;
R₃ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or sec-butyl, or is methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine or by bromine; and
R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₆cycloalkyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine.

13. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I in which:

R₁ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or difluoromethoxy;
R₂ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy;
R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₃alkyl; C₁-C₂alkyl substituted by halogen or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl or by halogen; and
R₄ is C₃-C₆cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents selected from methyl and halogen.

14. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I in which:

R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen;
R₃ is C₁-C₃alkyl; methyl substituted by fluorine, chlorine, bromine or by hydroxy; cyclopropyl; or cyclopropyl substituted by methyl, fluorine, chlorine or by bromine; and
R₄ is C₃-C₄cycloalkyl or C₃-C₄cycloalkyl mono- to tri-substituted by the same or different substituents



selected from methyl and fluorine, chlorine and bromine.

15. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I selected from

2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine, and
2-(p-fluorophenylamino)-4-methyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine.

16. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I selected from

2-phenylamino-4,6-bis(cyclopropyl)pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-cyclopropylpyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-hydroxymethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-methyl-6-(2-difluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-fluorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-chlorocyclopropyl)-pyrimidine,
2-phenylamino-4-fluoromethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine and
2-phenylamino-4-ethyl-6-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-pyrimidine.

17. A method of controlling or preventing an attack on cultivated plants by noxious insects or phytopathogenic microorganisms, which comprises applying as active



ingredient to the plant, to parts of plants or to the locus thereof, a compound of formula I according to claim 9.

18. A method according to claim 17, which comprises applying as active ingredient a compound according to any one of claims 10 to 16.

19. A method according to claim 17, wherein phytopathogenic fungi are controlled.

20. A process for the preparation of an agrochemical composition according to claim 9, which comprises intimately mixing at least one compound of formula I according to claim 9 with suitable solid or liquid adjuvants and/or surfactants.