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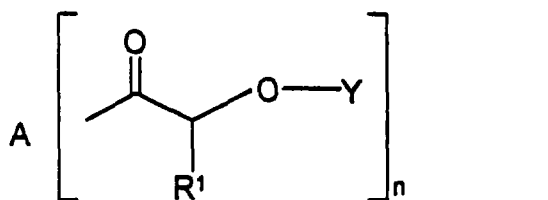


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NEW KETONES

ABSTRACT

The invention discloses ketones of formula I:



wherein,

5 Y is an optionally substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, cycloalkyloxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, amide, oximinocarbonyl, alkyl-thiocarbonyl, cycloalkylthiocarbonyl;

R¹ is hydrogen or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group that is substituted, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched;

10 A is a chromophoric aromatic or heteroaromatic ring or ring system, and carries 1 to 8 substituents selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, mercapto, amino, acyl, ester, esterified hydroxy group, cyano, nitro, substituted, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, and arylalkoxy groups, substituted aryl and heteroaryl groups, and a polymeric group;

15 n is an integer; and

with the proviso that formula I is not 2-ethoxy-1-phenyl-ethanone, hydroxy-acetic acid 2-oxo-2-phenyl-ethyl ester, acetic acid 1-methyl-2-oxo-2-phenyl-ethyl ester, or p-methoxyphenacyl acetate. These compositions are useful for the delivery of organoleptic compounds, especially of flavors, fragrances, masking agents and antimicrobial compounds.