

CARBONYL CONTAINING COMPOUNDS FOR CONTROLLING AND REPELLING CIMICIDAE POPULATIONS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

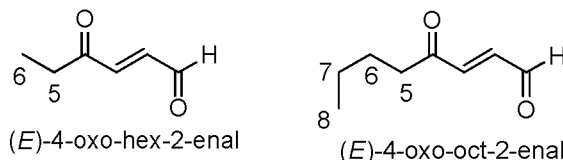
[0001] The present invention relates to the field of pest control and, in particular, to compositions and methods for controlling, detecting and/or repelling bedbugs.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Bedbugs (*Cimicidae*) are parasitic insects that feed exclusively on warm-blooded animals. The most common type is *Cimex lectarius*. Bedbugs have been
5 known human parasites for thousands of years and the insect's preferred habitat includes beds or other areas where people sleep. Bedbugs are essentially nocturnal and are capable of feeding unnoticed on their hosts. A number of health effects may occur due to bedbugs including skin rashes, psychological effects and allergic symptoms. Bedbugs were largely eradicated in the 1940s by pesticides such as DDT. However,
10 since the 1990, the prevalence of bedbugs and associated health effects have been on the rise, owing to greater foreign travel, more frequent exchange of second-hand furnishings among homes, and increasing resistance of bedbugs to pesticides.

[0003] Numerous technologies have been developed to control bedbugs. For example, pesticides exemplified by pyrethroids and organophosphates, have been used to kill
15 bedbugs. However, bedbugs can develop resistance to such pesticides and higher dosages and/or the use of other pesticides may be required for effective control. Furthermore, there is growing resistance by consumers to use pesticides in their homes. Another solution is the use of dry ice and/or liquid nitrogen, or the application of heat, to treat spaces and articles infested by bedbugs. However, these treatments cannot fully
20 infiltrate areas of harbourage in the treatment areas enabling some bedbugs to survive the treatment, and then, subsequently re-infest the spaces and articles. Other treatment methods include physical removal of bedbugs by vacuuming or the use of physical traps. Yet other treatments are exemplified by the application of desiccant dusts and the like. In many cases, however, bedbugs avoid contact with the dusts by remaining in
25 areas of harbourage for extended periods of time.

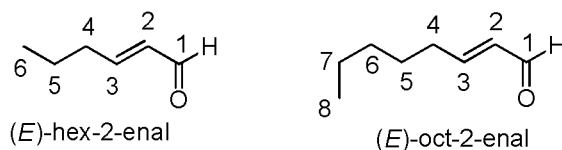
[0004] (E)-4-oxo-hex-2-enal and (E)-4-oxo-oct-2-enal have been reported as anti-aphrodisiac defense semiochemical signals, released by juvenile bedbugs. The similarity in response from the two substances suggests that the receptor binding may not be very specific for the part of molecules from carbon 5 and upward.



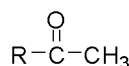
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[0005] In separate studies, (E)-hex-2-enal and (E)-oct-2-enal have been reported function as alarm and/or aggregation signals. The findings could suggest that the chemical binding from the part of molecules from carbons 5 and upward may not be as important as the unsaturated aldehyde moiety (carbons 1-4), in producing the aggregation and/or alarm signal.

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[0006] U.S. Patent No. 7,288,573 describes methods of repelling insects, specifically mosquitoes, ticks and cockroaches, using compounds having the general formula:



15 [0007] in which R is C4-C20 linear or branched alkyl, preferably linear and preferably C7-C20 alkyl.

[0008] U.S. Patent No. 7,892,528 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2011/0099886 describe methods for attracting and thereby controlling bedbugs by volatilizing synthetic pheromones and generating infrared heat and exposing bedbugs thereto. Formulations comprising the synthetic pheromones are described as including a monoterpene, a saturated aldehyde, an unsaturated aldehyde, a ketone and preferably an acetate. Most preferred are formulations comprising nonanal, decanal, (E)-2-hexanal,

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(E)-2-octenal, (E,E)-2,4-octadienal, benzaldehyde, benzyl alcohol, (+)-limonene, (-)-limonene and sulcatone.

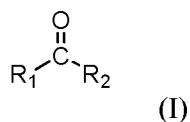
[0009] U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2011/0289824 describes compounds, methods and devices for detecting and/or treating insect infestations, including
5 bedbugs. The compounds have an oxime, hydrazone, amidine, imino or imine functional group and act as insect attractant, aggregating or arresting compounds. The compounds may be combined with an insecticide or pheromone.

[0010] International Patent Application Publication No. WO2010/126576 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2012/0046359 describe methods for controlling or
10 repelling bedbugs using formulations comprising at least one alkyl ketone or cyclic ketone compound. The alkyl ketone or cyclic ketone compound contain a total number of carbon atoms between 10 and 16 carbon atoms, and preferably between 12 and 16 or 13 and 16 carbon atoms.

[0011] This background information is provided for the purpose of making known
15 information believed by the applicant to be of possible relevance to the present invention. No admission is necessarily intended, nor should be construed, that any of the preceding information constitutes prior art against the present invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0012] An object of the present invention is to provide a control and repellant for
20 *Cimicidae* populations. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, there is provided a composition for repelling bedbugs comprising a carrier and one or more compounds of general formula (I), or a pro-form or intermediate thereof:



[0013] wherein: R₁ is selected from the group consisting of: H, hydroxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl and alkoxy, and

[0014] R₂ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₉ alkenyl; C₂-C₄ alkynyl, alkoxy, furyl and -NR₃R₄, wherein R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl and -CH₂C(OCH₃)₂, and wherein:

- 5 [0015] each C₁-C₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, carboxy and -NR₅R₆, wherein R₅ and R₆ are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl or alkoxy,

- 10 [0016] each C₂-C₉ alkenyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, carbonyl, carboxy, hydroxy and furyl,

[0017] each C₂-C₄ alkynyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy, carboxy, hydroxy and furyl, and

- 15 [0018] each alkoxy is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: carbonyl, carboxy, furyl, and tetrahydrofuryl; and wherein the one or more compounds have bedbug repellent activity.

- 20 [0019] In accordance with another aspect, there is provided a kit for repelling bedbugs comprising the composition of the invention, and instructions for use.

[0020] In accordance with another aspect, there is provided a use of a composition of the invention for repelling bedbugs.

- 25 [0021] In accordance with another aspect, there is provided a method for repelling bedbugs comprising applying to an area known or suspected of containing bedbugs a composition of the invention.

[0022] In accordance with another aspect, there is provided a method of preventing bedbug colonization comprising applying to an area prone to bedbug colonization or capable of harbouring bedbugs a composition of the invention.

[0023] In accordance with another aspect, there is provided a method for repelling bedbugs, comprising contacting the bedbugs with a composition of the invention or vapour therefrom.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0024] These and other features of the invention will become more apparent in the following detailed description in which reference is made to the appended drawing.

[0025] **Figure 1** presents (A) a bar graph showing the ability of exemplary compounds of the invention to repel bedbugs (% repellency) at a concentration of 25% w/w in hexane soaked onto a slow-release bead. Values shown are the average repellency shown over 3 time periods (1 hour, 24 hours and 48 hours), and (B) a chart showing the % repellency for each compound. STI-101-002 is 4-oxo-2-hexenal; STI-101-004 is 4-oxo-2-octenal; and STI-101-088 is the known bedbug repellent phenethyl propionate.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0026] The present invention relates to compositions having bedbug repellent activity and methods for controlling and/or repelling bedbugs. The compositions of the invention are useful, for example, for eradication of established bedbug colony infestations and/or for prophylactic application to prevent establishment of bedbug colonies. It is within the scope of the present invention to control, detect and/or repel bedbugs by combining the compositions with other treatments exemplified by infrared irradiation, production of sonic airwaves, and the like.

[0027] Accordingly, the present invention provides for compositions comprising one or more compounds having bedbug repellent activity. In certain exemplary embodiments, the compounds may be, for example, naturally occurring semiochemicals

or analogs of naturally occurring semiochemicals, wherein such analogs include structural analogs as well as functional analogs (*i.e.* compounds with only minimal structural similarity, but which exhibit one or more desirable activities of a naturally occurring semiochemical, including, but not limited to, bedbug repellent activity).

- 5 [0028] In some embodiments, the compositions comprise one or more compounds of general formula (I), as described in more detail below. The compositions can be formulated in various formats, for example, as desiccant dusts which comprise suitable particulate and/or powdered carriers, as liquids, fluids, solutions, gels or suspensions, which in certain embodiments may be mixed with or applied to suitable carriers and/or
10 matrices.

Definitions

[0029] Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs.

- 15 [0030] As used herein, the term “about” refers to an approximately +/-10% variation from a given value. It is to be understood that such a variation is always included in any given value provided herein, whether or not it is specifically referred to.

- [0031] The term “bedbug repellent activity,” as used herein with reference to a compound or composition means that the compound or composition, when tested in a
20 bioassay such as those described in the Examples provided herein, exhibits a minimal % repellency of 50% in at least one assay.

[0032] The term “C₁-C₄ acyl,” as used herein refers to the group -C(O)R, where R is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or substituted C₁-C₄ alkyl.

- [0033] The term “C₁-C₆ alkyl,” as used herein, refers to a straight chain or branched
25 hydrocarbon of one to six carbon atoms, wherein the alkyl may optionally be substituted as described herein.

[0034] The term “C₂-C₉ alkenyl,” as used herein, refers to a straight chain or branched hydrocarbon of two to seven carbon atoms having one or more carbon to carbon double bond, wherein the alkenyl may optionally be substituted as described herein.

- 5 [0035] The term “C₂-C₄ alkynyl,” as used herein, refers to a straight chain or branched hydrocarbon of two to four carbon atoms having one or more carbon to carbon triple bond, wherein the alkynyl may optionally be substituted as described herein.

- [0036] The term “alkoxy,” as used herein, refers to the group -OR, where R is C₁-C₄ alkyl, wherein the alkoxy may optionally be substituted as described herein.
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[0037] The term “carbonyl,” as used herein, refers to the group =O.

[0038] The term “carboxy,” as used herein, refers to the group -C(O)OR, where R is C₁-C₄ alkyl or substituted C₁-C₄ alkyl.

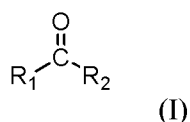
- [0039] The term “plurality” as used herein means more than one, for example, two or more, three or more, four or more, and the like.
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[0040] “Naturally occurring,” as used herein, as applied to an object, refers to the fact that an object can be found in nature. For example, a compound that can be isolated from a source in nature and which has not been intentionally modified by man in the laboratory is naturally occurring.

20 **COMPOUNDS**

[0041] The compounds for inclusion in the compositions of the invention are compounds having bedbug repellant activity. Such compounds may be, for example, naturally occurring semiochemicals, or structural and/or functional analogs of naturally occurring semiochemicals.

- 25 [0042] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I), or a pro-form or intermediate thereof:



[0043] wherein:

[0044] R₁ is selected from the group consisting of: H, hydroxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl and alkoxy, and

5 [0045] R₂ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₉ alkenyl; C₂-C₄ alkynyl, alkoxy, furyl and -NR₃R₄, wherein R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl and -CH₂C(OCH₃)₂, and wherein:

10 [0046] each C₁-C₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, carboxy and -NR₅R₆, wherein R₅ and R₆ are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl or alkoxy,

15 [0047] each C₂-C₉ alkenyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, carbonyl, carboxy, hydroxy and furyl,

[0048] each C₂-C₄ alkynyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy, carboxy, hydroxy and furyl, and

20 [0049] each alkoxy is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: carbonyl, carboxy, furyl, and tetrahydrofuryl.

25 [0050] In some embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) with the proviso that the compound is other than geranylacetone (6,10-dimethyl-5,9-undecadien-2-one), pseudoionone (6,10-dimethyl-3,5,9-undecatrien-2-one) or 3-decen-2-one.

[0051] In some embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) with the proviso that when R₂ is C₄-C₆ alkyl, R₁ is other than methyl.

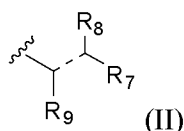
5 [0052] In some embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) with the proviso that when R₁ is C₁-C₄ alkyl and R₂ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₂-C₉ alkenyl, the longest carbon chain in the compound is less than 10 carbon atoms in length.

10 [0053] In some embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) with the proviso that when R₁ is C₁-C₄ alkyl and R₂ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₂-C₉ alkenyl, the total number of carbon atoms in the compound is less than 10.

[0054] In some embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) as described above, wherein each C₂-C₄ alkynyl is optionally substituted with one or more alkoxy groups.

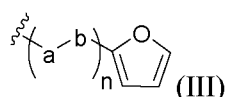
15 [0055] In some embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) in which R₂ is:

[0056] (i) a substituent of general formula (II):



20 [0057] wherein --- represents a double or triple bond, R₇ is selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₅ alkyl, C₁-C₅ acyl, carboxy, furyl and tetrahydrofuryl; R₈ is absent or R₈ is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl, and R₉ is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl, wherein the C₁-C₅ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy and hydroxy:

[0058] or (ii) a substituent of general formula (III):

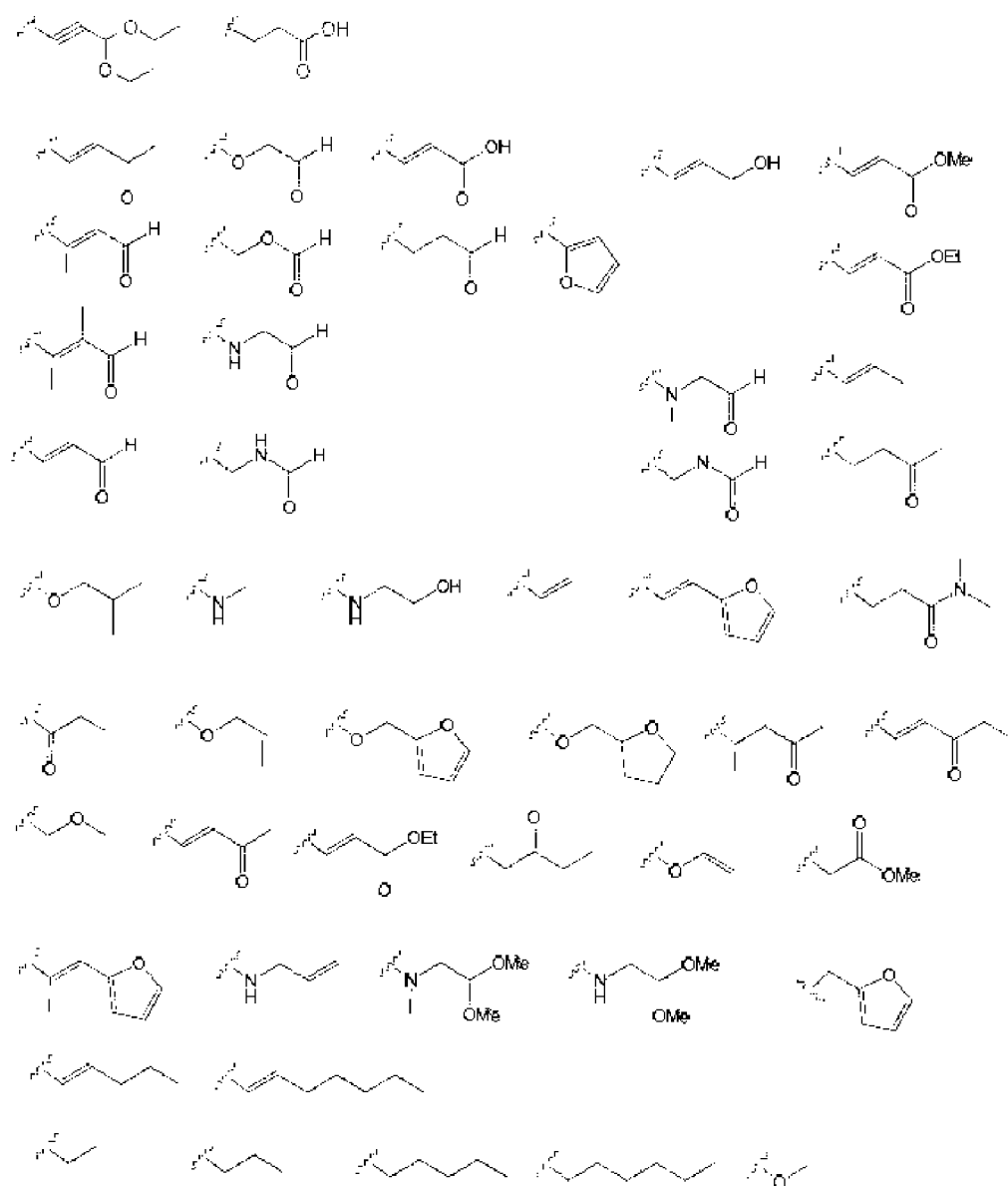


[0059] wherein a is $-O-$ and b is CH_2 , or a-b represents $-CHR'=CHR''-$, wherein R' and R'' are each independently H or C_1-C_4 alkyl, and $n = 0$ or 1;

[0060] or (iii) selected from the group consisting of: $-NR_{10}R_{11}$, C_1-C_6 alkyl and C_2-C_9 alkenyl, wherein R_{10} is H or C_1-C_4 alkyl, and R_{11} is C_1-C_4 alkyl or C_2-C_4 alkenyl,

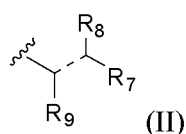
[0061] and wherein the C_1-C_6 alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, alkoxy, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 acyl, carboxy, carbonyl and $-NR_5R_6$, wherein R_5 and R_6 are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl or alkoxy; and the C_2-C_9 alkenyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 acyl, carboxy and carbonyl;

[0062] or (iv) selected from the group consisting of:



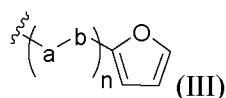
[0063] In some embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) in which R₁ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or alkoxy, and R₂ is:

5 **[0064]** (i) a substituent of general formula (II):



[0065] wherein --- represents a double or triple bond, R₇ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₅ alkyl, C₁-C₅ acyl, carboxy and furyl; R₈ is absent or R₈ is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl, and R₉ is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl, wherein the C₁-C₅ alkyl is optionally substituted
5 with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: alkoxy and hydroxy:

[0066] or (ii) a substituent of general formula (III):



[0067] wherein a is -O- and b is CH₂, or a-b represents -CHR'=CHR'', wherein R'
10 is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl and R'' is H, and n = 0 or 1;

[0068] or (iii) selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₆ alkyl and C₂-C₉ alkenyl, wherein the C₁-C₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ alkyl and carbonyl, the C₂-C₉ alkenyl is optionally substituted with one or more C₁-C₄ alkyl.

15 [0069] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I), wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₄ alkyl and alkoxy, and R₂ is a substituent of general formula (II) as described under point (i) above.

20 [0070] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I), wherein R₁ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or alkoxy, and R₂ is a substituent of general formula (III) as described under point (ii) above.

[0071] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I), wherein R₂ is a substituent of

general formula (III) as described under point (ii) above and a-b represents –CHR'¹=CHR''–, wherein R'¹ is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl and R'' is H.

[0072] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I), wherein R₁ is H or C₁-C₄ alkyl, and
5 R₂ is selected from the group consisting of: -NR₁₀R₁₁, C₁-C₆ alkyl and C₂-C₉ alkenyl, as described under point (iii) above.

[0073] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is an intermediate formed during synthesis of a compound of general formula (I) and having general formula (IV):



[0074] wherein: R₁₂ is C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₂-C₄ alkenyl, and R₁₃ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl or a protecting group, and

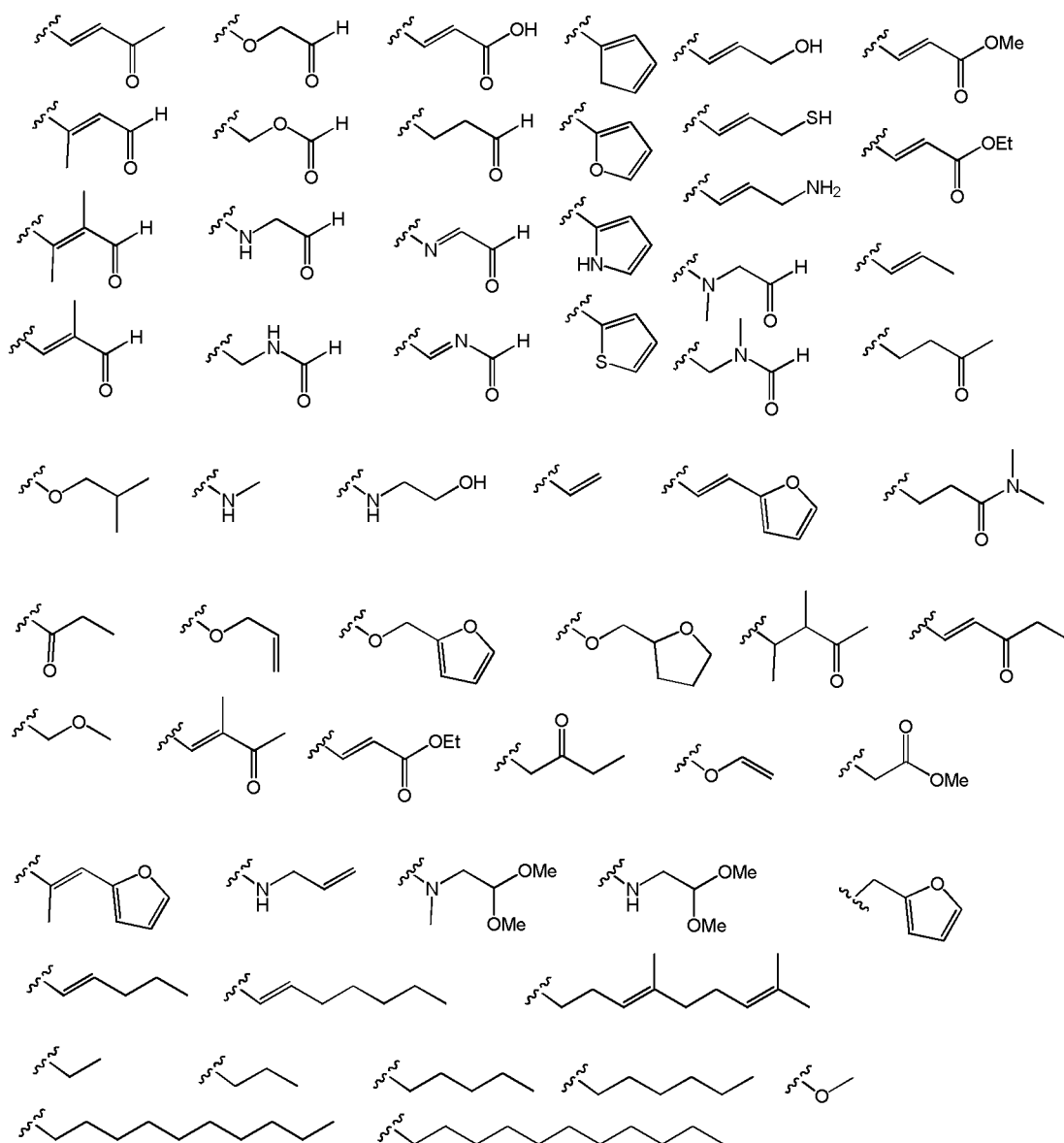
[0075] wherein each C₁-C₄ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, carboxy and NR₅R₆, wherein R₅ and R₆ are
15 independently selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₄ alkyl and alkoxy.

[0076] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is an intermediate formed during synthesis of a compound of general formula (I) and having general formula (IV), as described above, wherein R₁₃ is H or a
20 protecting group.

[0077] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is an intermediate formed during synthesis of a compound of general formula (I) and having general formula (IV), as described above, wherein each C₁-C₄ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected
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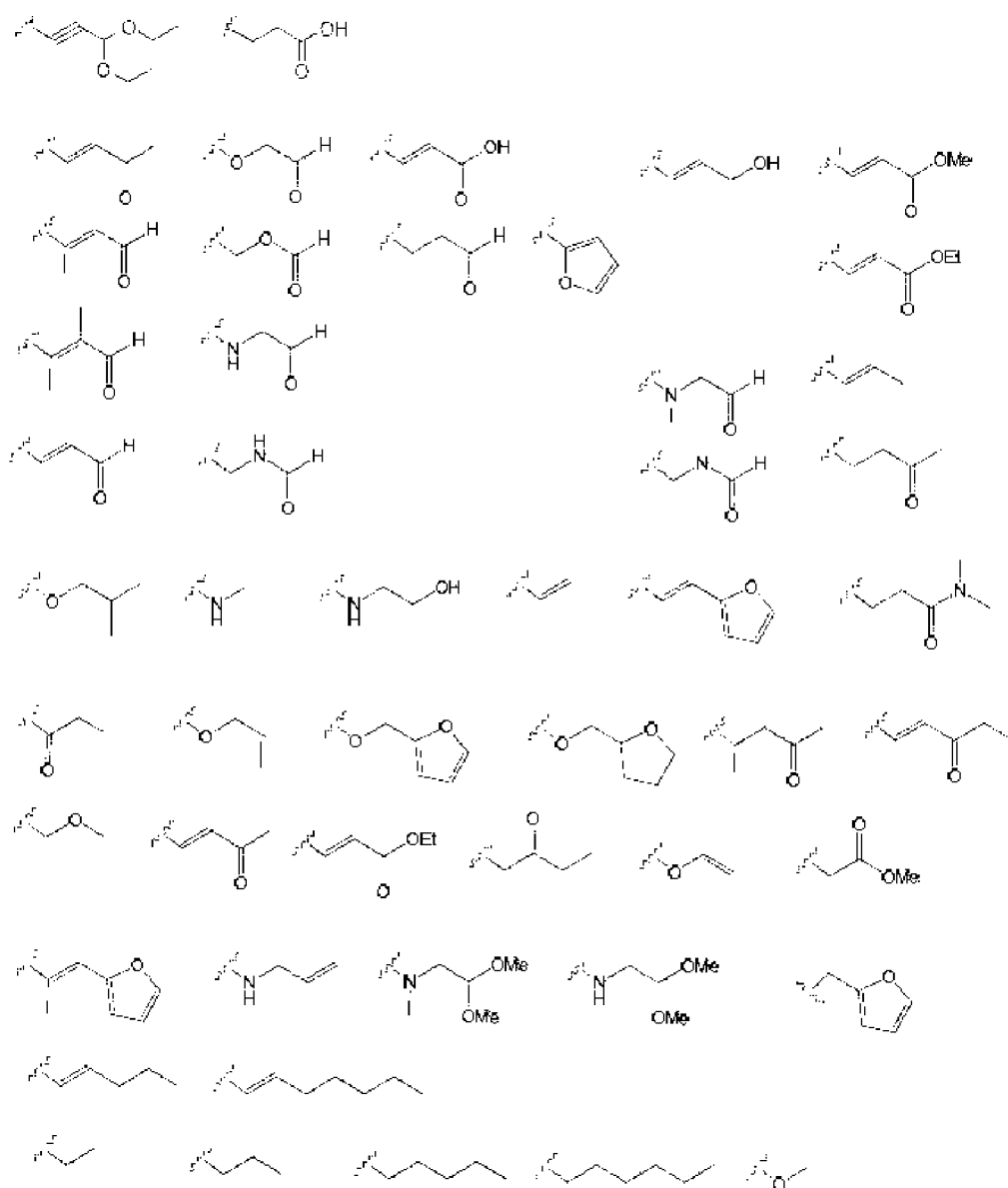
[0078] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is an intermediate formed during synthesis of a compound of general formula (I) and having general formula (IV), as described above, wherein each C₁-C₄ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more C₁-C₄ alkyl groups.

- 5 [0079] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) in which R₁ is selected from the group consisting of: H, an alkyl group such as -CH₃, -CH(CH₃)₂, -CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -CH(CH₂CH₃)₂, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, hydroxy, an alkoxy group such as -OCH₃, -OCH₂CH₃, -OCH(CH₃)₂, -OCH₂CH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -OCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -OCH(CH₂CH₃)₂, -OCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, and an amino group, such as -NH₂, -NHCH₃, -N(CH₃)₂, -NHCH₂CH₃, -NHCH(CH₃)₂, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₃, -NHCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -NHCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -NHCH(CH₂CH₃)₂, -NHCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₂CH₃, -NHCH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -NHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, and R₂ is selected from the group consisting of:
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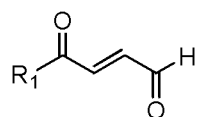


[0081] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (I) in which R₁ is selected from the group consisting of: H, an alkyl group such as -CH₃, -CH(CH₃)₂, -CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃, hydroxy, and an alkoxy group such as -OCH₃, -OCH₂CH₃, -OCH(CH₃)₂, -OCH₂CH₂CH₃, -OCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, -OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, -OCH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃,

[0082] and R₂ is selected from the group consisting of:



[0083] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (V), or a pro-form or intermediate thereof:



(V)

[0084] wherein R_1 is H or an alkyl group, for example $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$;

5 [0085] or wherein R_1 is hydroxy or an alkoxy group, for example $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$;

10 [0086] or wherein R_1 is an amino group, for example $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NHCH}_3$, $-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{NHCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

15 $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

[0087] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound of general formula (V), wherein R_1 is H; an alkyl group selected from the group consisting of: $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$; hydroxy; or an alkoxy group selected from the group consisting of: $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.

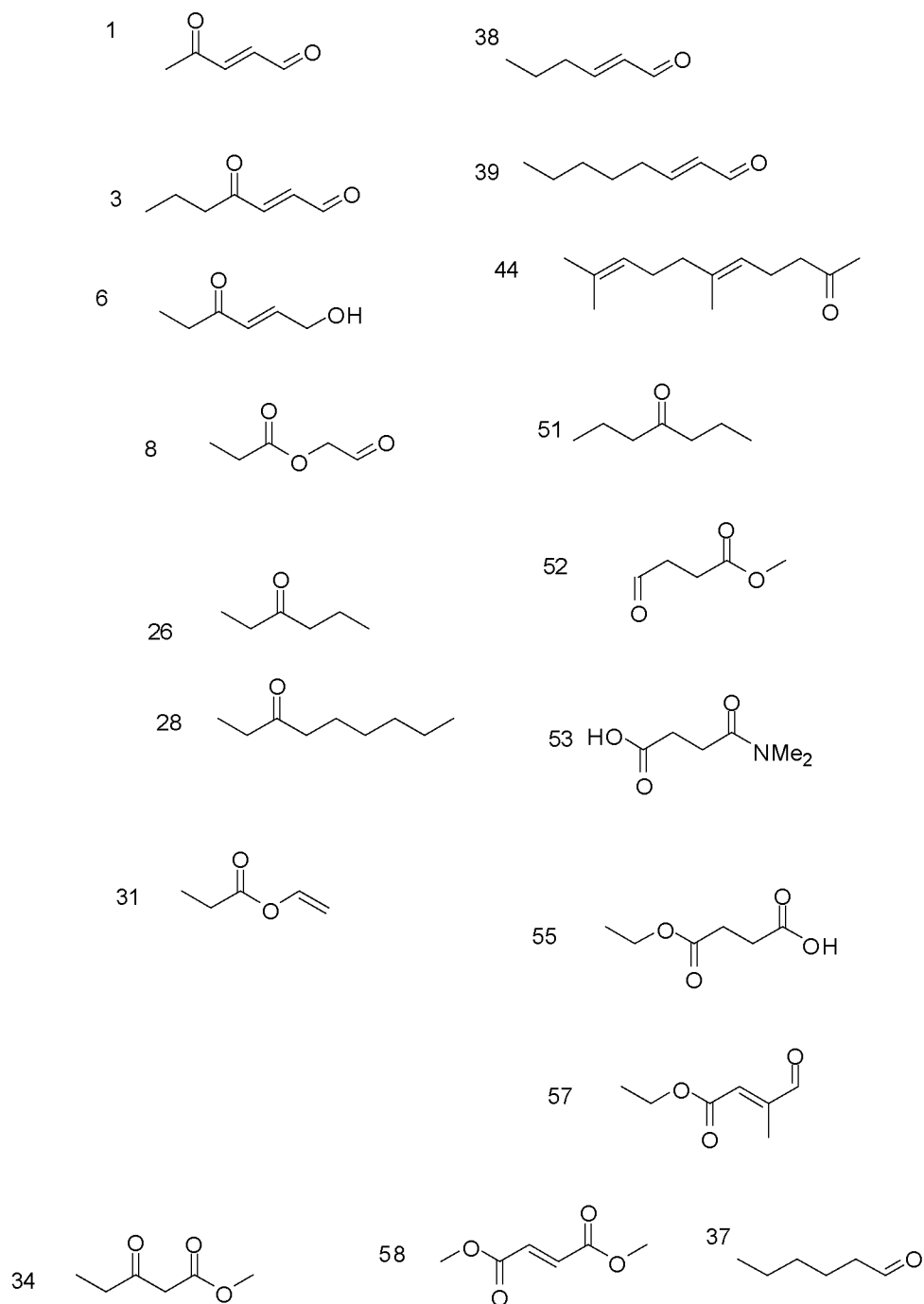
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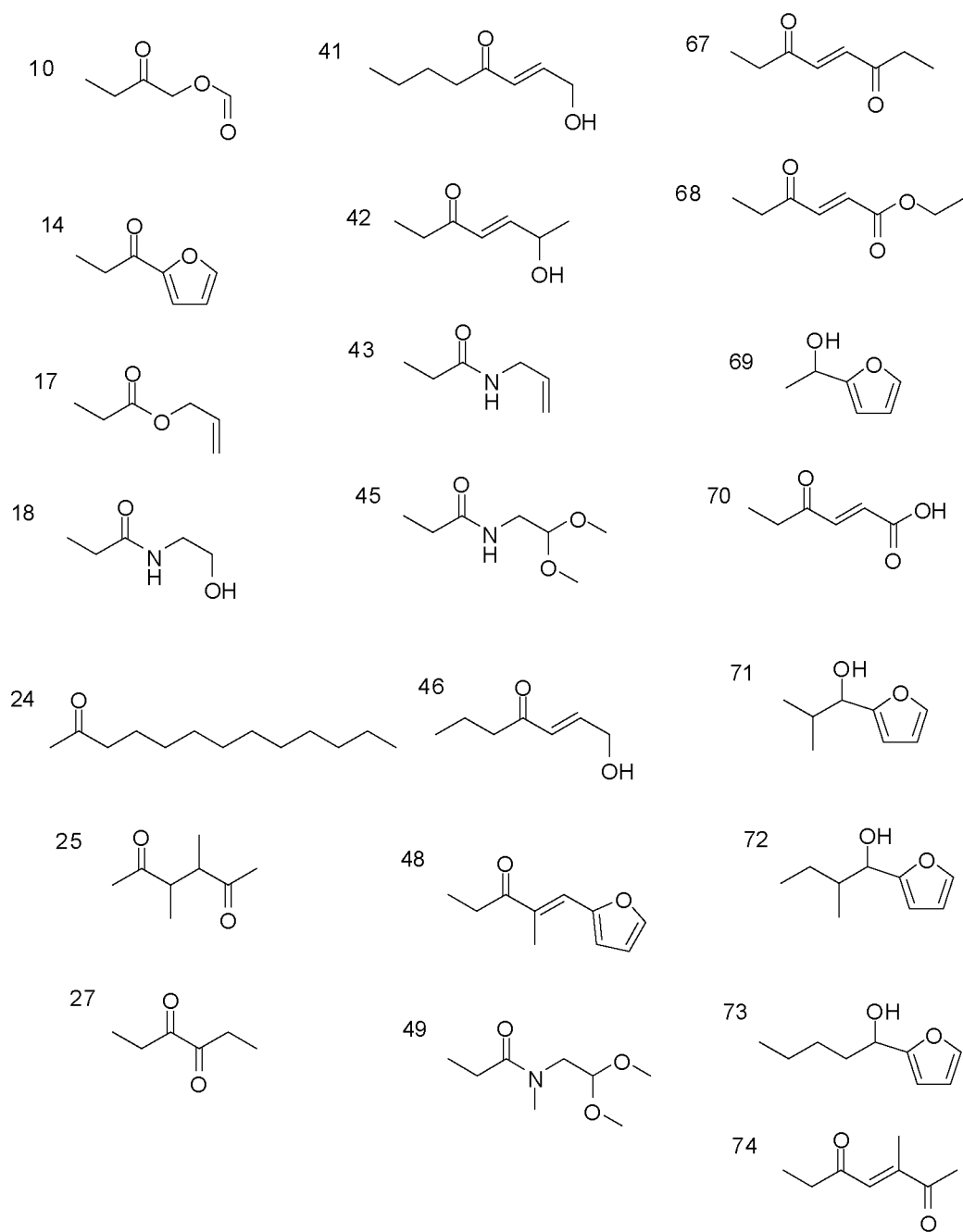
[0088] In some embodiments, the compositions comprise mixtures of two or more of (E)-4-oxo-hex-2-enal, (E)-4-oxo-oct-2-enal, (E)-hex-2-enal, and (E)-oct-2-enal. In some embodiments, the compositions may comprise mixtures provided with: (i) one of (E)-4-oxo-hex-2-enal, (E)-4-oxo-oct-2-enal, (E)-hex-2-enal or (E)-oct-2-enal, plus (ii) one or more analogs of (E)-4-oxo-hex-2-enal, (E)-4-oxo-oct-2-enal, (E)-hex-2-enal or (E)-oct-2-enal. In some embodiments, the compositions may comprise one or more analogs of (E)-4-oxo-hex-2-enal, (E)-4-oxo-oct-2-enal, (E)-hex-2-enal and (E)-oct-2-enal. In certain embodiments, such analogs of (E)-4-oxo-hex-2-enal, (E)-4-oxo-oct-2-

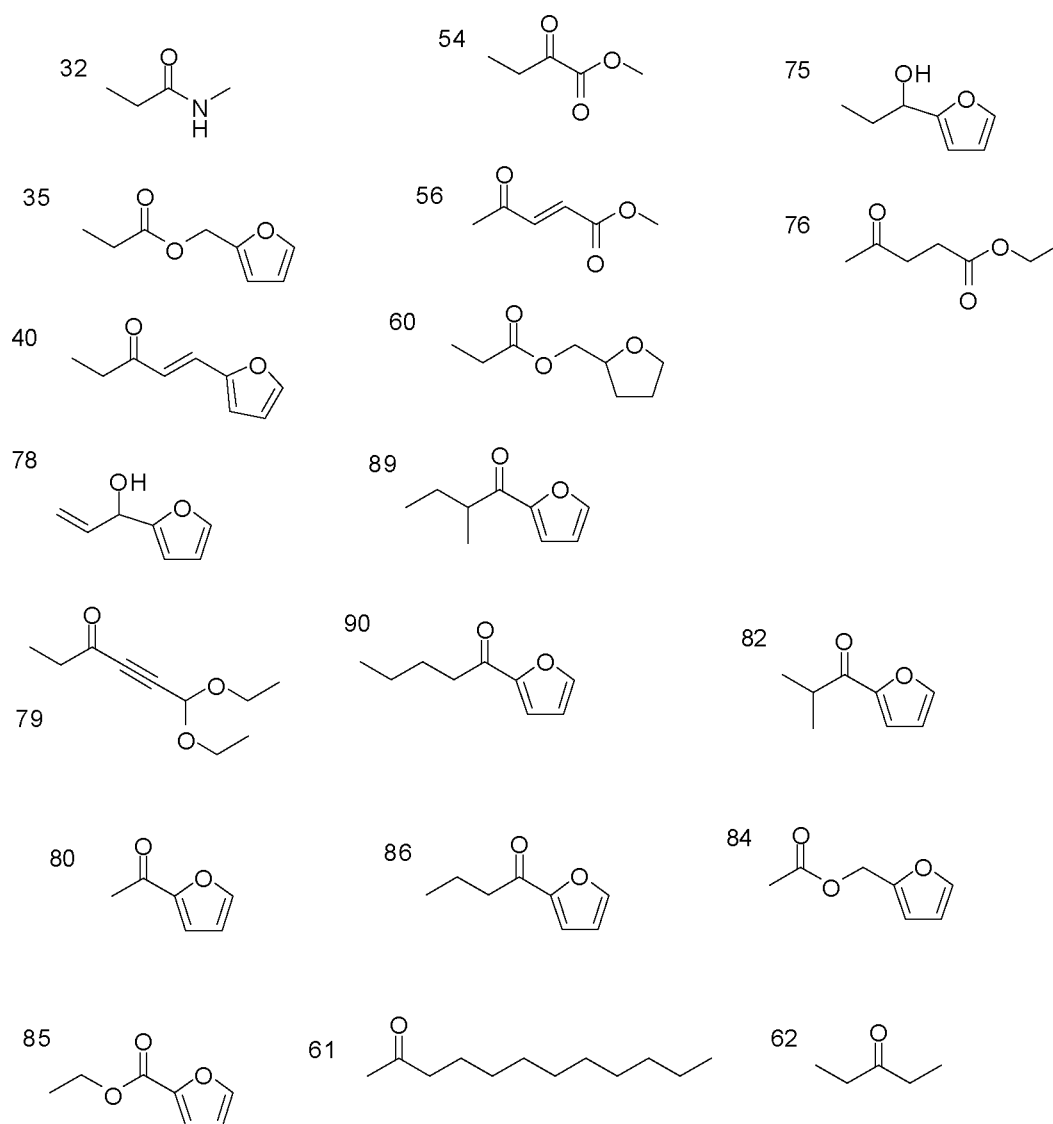
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enal, (E)-hex-2-enal and (E)-oct-2-enal fall within the scope of general formula (I) above.

[0089] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound selected from the group consisting of:

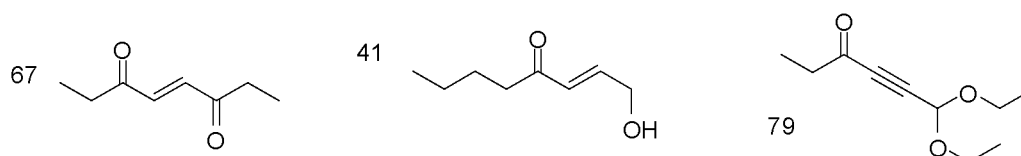


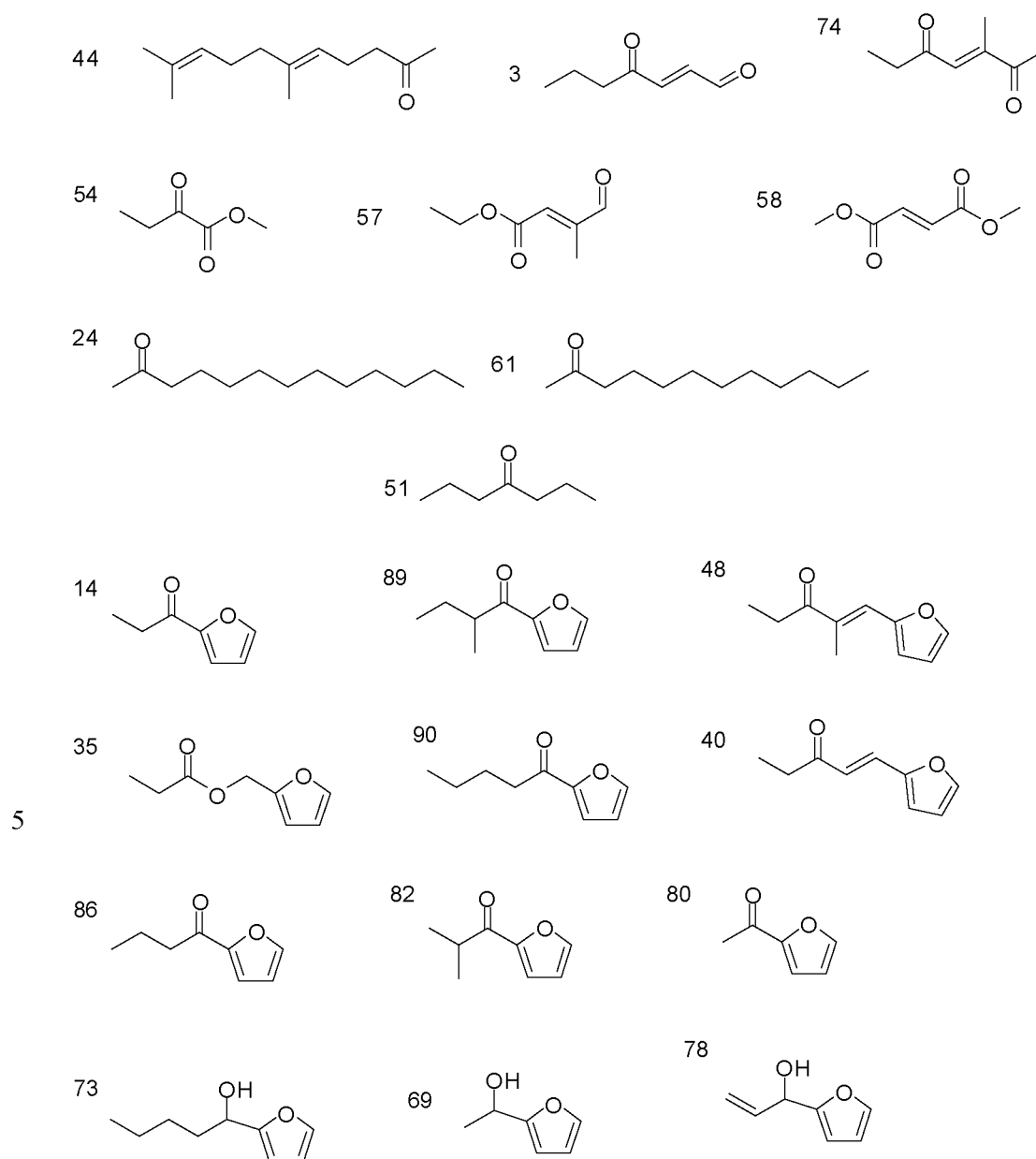




[0090] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound selected from the group of compounds shown in Table 2.

[0091] In certain embodiments, one or more of the compounds for inclusion in the compositions is a compound selected from the group consisting of:





[0092] Certain compounds of Formula (I) may have one or more asymmetric (chiral) centres and/or one or more unsaturated bonds. As a consequence, these compounds can be present as racemates, individual enantiomers, mixtures of enantiomers, individual diastereomers, mixtures of diastereomers, individual isomers and mixtures of isomers. Certain embodiments of the invention provide for the inclusion of such compounds in the compositions in an enantiomeric, diastereomeric or isomeric form, or as mixtures of enantiomers, diastereomers or isomers.

[0093] Also contemplated in certain embodiments of the invention are various salts of the compounds of Formula (I). One skilled in the art will appreciate that certain compounds of Formula (I) can possess sufficiently acidic, a sufficiently basic, or both functional groups, and accordingly react with a number of organic or inorganic bases, or organic or inorganic acids, to form salts. Generally, any salts included in the compositions would be non-toxic to humans and household animals. One skilled in the art will understand that the particular counter ion forming a part of such a salt is usually not of a critical nature, so long as the salt as a whole is acceptable in terms of toxicity and compatibility with any surfaces to which it is to be applied, and as long as the counter ion does not contribute undesired qualities to the salt as a whole.

[0094] Some embodiments of the invention provide for one or more of the compounds to be included in the compositions in a precursor or “pro-form.” As is known in the art, pro-forms of compounds generally include one or more functional groups that have been “masked” such that the compound is inactive until the masking group has been removed. Various groups suitable for masking common functional groups and conditions for their removal are known in the art. For example, carbonyl functionalities could be masked as ketals, acetals or hydrazones, that are convertible to the desired active compounds upon activation by mechanisms exemplified by exposure to heat, exposure to water, exposure to basic solutions, exposure to acidic solutions, exposure to ultraviolet light, and the like.

[0095] The compounds for inclusion in the compositions of the invention may be obtained from various commercial sources (for example, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO), or they may be readily synthesized using conventional methods for chemical synthesis with readily available starting materials. In addition, a number of commercial companies offer custom synthesis (for example, Best West Labs, Salt Lake City, UT; Oakwood Products, Inc., West Columbia, SC; and Tyger Scientific, Inc. Ewing, NJ) and could be used as a source for the compounds.

COMPOSITIONS

[0096] Exemplary compositions of the present invention comprise one or a combination of the compounds disclosed herein. The compositions typically also comprise one or more suitable carriers. Within the scope of the present invention, the term “carrier” can be used to refer to various organic or inorganic materials of natural-
5 occurring or synthetic origin that can be used to facilitate application of the compound(s) to a locus or object to be treated. In certain embodiments, one or more carriers may be selected for providing desired stability characteristics to the compositions, for example, to enhance and/or preserve their efficacy during storage
10 and/or transport and/or handling. Suitable carriers are exemplified by conventional pesticide dispersible carrier vehicles such as solutions, emulsions, suspensions, emulsifiable concentrates, spray powders, pastes, soluble powders, dusting agents, granules, foams, pastes, tablets, aerosols, microcapsules and the like.

[0097] In certain embodiments, the compounds are admixed with or dissolved in a
15 suitable liquid carrier, which may be aqueous-based or non-aqueous (*i.e.* organic solvents), or a combination thereof. Such liquid formulations may be employed, for example, as foams, gels, emulsions, suspensions, microemulsions or emulsifiable concentrates. Liquid formulations may also be used to coat, infuse or impregnate a solid matrix, such as a polymer or wax bead or pellet, plastic, metal, cloth, paper, wood
20 or other material.

[0098] Examples of liquid diluent carriers include, but are not limited to, inert organic solvents, such as aromatic hydrocarbons exemplified by benzene, toluene, xylene, alkyl naphthalenes; halogenated aromatic hydrocarbons; cycloalkanes exemplified by cyclohexane; paraffins exemplified by petroleum fractions and mineral oil fractions;
25 aliphatic hydrocarbons exemplified by pentane, hexane, heptane; chlorinated aliphatic hydrocarbons exemplified by dichloromethane, methylene chloride; chloroethylenes; alcohols exemplified by methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, isopropyl alcohol, ethylene, and propylene glycol; ethers; esters; and the like. Other examples include oils and essential oils, such as mineral oil, wintergreen oil, neem oil, citronella oil, camphor
30 oil, and the like.

[0099] Suitable carriers are also exemplified by aerosol propellants which are gaseous at normal temperatures and pressures, such as propane, butane, isobutene and carbon dioxide.

[00100] The compositions may further comprise one or more additional active or inactive substances. For example, in some embodiments, the compositions may include one or more of rheological agents, emulsifiers, surfactants, dispersants, polymers, excipients, binders and fragrances.

[00101] In some embodiments, the compositions comprise one or more stabilizer substances exemplified by ultra-violet radiation absorbers and/or radical scavengers such as 3-methyl-6-t-butylphenol, crotonaldehyde, N,N'-diphenyl-1,4-phenylenediamine, butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), and/or or alpha-tocopherol. In some embodiments, the compositions comprise one or more controlled-release matrix substances exemplified by starches and other polysaccharide or polymer based matrices. In certain embodiments, fragrance substances may be added to the compositions. Suitable fragrance substances are exemplified by methyl butyrate, ethyl butyrate, pentyl butyrate, linalor, citronellol, geraniol and limonene.

[00102] In certain embodiments, inclusion of one or more known insecticides, or bedbug repellents, in the compositions is contemplated. Examples of insecticides include, but are not limited to, phosphoric esters, such as acephate, chlorpyrifos, dichlorovos, malathion or propetamphos; carbamates, such as bendiocarb, carbaryl, or propoxur; pyrethroids, such as allethrin, bifenthrin, bioallethrin, bioresmethrin, cycloprothrin, cyfluthrin, beta-cyfluthrin, cyhalothrin, lambda-cyhalothrin, gamma-cyhalothrin, cypermethrin, alpha-cypermethrin, beta-cypermethrin, theta-cypermethrin, zeta-cypermethrin, cyphenothrin, deltamethrin, esfenvalerate, etofenprox, fenpropathrin, fenvalerate, flumethrin, tau-fluvalinate, halfenprox, imiprothrin, permethrin, phenothrin, prallethrin, pyrethrins (pyrethrum), resmethrin, silafluofen, tefluthrin, tetramethrin or transfluthrin; nitroimines and nitromethylenes, such as 1-[(6-chloro-3-pyridinyl)-methyl]-4,5-dihydro-N-nitro-1H-imidazol-2-amine (imidacloprid), N-[(6-chloro-3-pyridyl)methyl]-N²-cyano-N¹-methylacetamide (NI-25);

phenylpyrazoles, such as fipronil or ethiprole; avermectins, such as abamectin or emamectin benzoate; spinosyns, such as spinosad or spinetoram; oxadiazines, such as indoxacarb or metaflumizone; anthranilic diamides, such as flubendiamid, chlorantraniliprole or cyantraniliprole; sulfoximines, such as sulfoxaflor; insect growth
5 regulators, such as methoprene, chlorfluazuron, flufenoxuron, pyriproxyfen, triflumuron or flufenoxuron; and other insecticidally active compounds, such as azadirachtin, chlorfenapyr, hydramethylnon, petroleum oils or botanical oils. Examples of known bedbug repellents that may be included in the compositions, or used in conjunction with the compositions, include for example phenethyl propionate (PEP).

10 **[00103]** In some embodiments, it is contemplated that the compositions are formulated to be suitable for application to the skin and will comprise dermatologically acceptable ingredients as are known in the art and can be provided in conventional formulations suitable for topical application, such as lotions, creams, gels or sprays.

[00104] One skilled in the art will appreciate that the amount of the compound(s) to be
15 included in the compositions will vary greatly depending on the nature of the particular formulation, and whether it is a concentrate or to be used directly. In general, each compound will be included in the composition in an amount of at least 0.0001% by weight of the composition, but may be as high as 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% or 99% by weight of the composition. In certain embodiments, ranges between about 0.01%
20 and about 90% by weight are contemplated, for example, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 90% by weight, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 80% by weight, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 70% by weight, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 60% by weight, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 50% by weight, and between about 0.1%,
25 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 25% by weight. In some embodiments, the compositions comprise about 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6%, 7%, 8%, 9% or 10% by weight of each compound. In certain embodiments, the compositions comprise between about 15% and about 25% by weight of each compound.

[00105] As would be appreciated by the skilled worker, depending on the nature of the
30 compound(s) and the format of the composition, it may be appropriate in certain

- embodiments to measure the amount of the compound(s) to include in the composition by volume. Accordingly, in some embodiments, each compound will be included in the composition in an amount of at least 0.0001% by volume of the composition, but may be as high as 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90% or 99% by volume of the composition. In
- 5 certain embodiments, ranges between about 0.01% and about 90% by volume are contemplated, for example, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 90% by volume, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 80% by volume, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 70% by volume, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 60% by volume, between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 50% by volume, and between about 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0% or 2.0% and about 25% by volume. In some embodiments, the compositions comprise about 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6%, 7%, 8%, 9% or 10% by volume of each compound. In certain
- 10 embodiments, the compositions comprise between about 15% and about 25% by volume of each compound.
- 15 **[00106]** The present invention contemplates that the compositions may be formulated and used in various forms. For example, various embodiments provide for compositions in the form of an aerosol dispenser, capsule suspension, cold fogging concentrate, dustable powder, emulsifiable concentrate, emulsion oil in water, emulsion water in oil, encapsulated granule, fine granule, granule, macrogranule, microgranule,
- 20 oil dispersible powder, oil miscible flowable concentrate, oil miscible liquid, paste, smoke candle, smoke cartridge, smoke generator, smoke pellet, smoke rodlet, smoke tablet, smoke tin, soluble concentrate, soluble powder, suspension concentrate, oil dispersable or suspension in oil, tracking powder, ultra low volume (ulv) liquid, ultra low volume (ulv) suspension, vapour releasing product, water dispersible granules or
- 25 tablets, water dispersible powder for slurry treatment, water soluble granules or tablets, or water soluble powder for seed treatment and wettable powder or other forms of slow release/controlled release formulations.
- [00107]** In certain embodiments of the invention, the compositions are provided in the form of a solid matrix that has been coated, infused or impregnated with the
- 30 compounds. Examples of such matrices include various absorbent materials, paper, wood, cardboard, metal, plastic, cotton, fabric, polymer beads, and the like.

TESTING

[00108] Candidate compounds or compositions comprising same can be tested for their ability to repel bedbugs by standard techniques known in the art. Exemplary techniques are described in the Examples provided herein.

- 5 [00109] Generally, the assays comprise exposing bedbugs to the compound or composition within an enclosed area, for example, a beaker, petri dish, aquarium, or other suitable chamber, and observing the movement of the bedbugs over an appropriate period of time (for example, between about 1 hour and about 72 hours). Movement away from the test compound/composition is indicative of repellent activity.
- 10 Negative controls are typically solvent or other compound or composition known to have no effect on bedbugs. Positive controls may be included if desired, for example, compounds known to have bedbug repellent activity.

- [00110] In accordance with certain embodiments, compounds exhibiting a minimum repellency of 50% in such an assay are selected as repellent compounds for inclusion in
- 15 the compositions of the invention. In some embodiments, compounds exhibiting an average minimum repellency of 50% in at least three replicates of the assay are selected as repellent compounds for inclusion in the compositions of the invention.

- [00111] One skilled in the art will appreciate that, depending on the nature of the composition in which the compound is to be included, useful compounds may be
- 20 strongly repellent but with a short duration of activity, weakly repellent but with an extended duration of activity, of medium repellency with an average duration of activity, or various combinations of strength and duration. Accordingly in various embodiments, useful compounds may be those that consistently exhibit a minimum repellency of 50% over a period of 1 hour (for example, in at least three assays), those
- 25 that consistently exhibit a minimum repellency of 50% over a period of 24 hours (for example, in at least three assays) or those that consistently exhibit a minimum repellency of 50% over a period of 48 hours (for example, in at least three assays).

APPLICATIONS

[00112] The compositions according to the present invention can be used for control of, detecting and/or repelling bedbugs. In some embodiments, the compositions are used to control and/or repel bedbugs from *Cimex* sp. or other genera in the *Cimicidae* family, for example the genus *Haematosiphon*, or the genus *Oeciacus*. In certain
5 embodiments, the bedbugs are from the species *Cimex lectularius*, *Cimex hemipterus*, *Leptocimex boueti*, *Cimex pilosellus*, *Cimex pipistrella*, or *Haematosiphon inodora*. In some embodiments, the bedbugs are *Cimex lectarius*.

[00113] In certain embodiments, the compositions are placed in, or applied to, an area
10 or object suspected of containing bedbugs or prone to bedbug infestation in order to repel bedbugs therefrom.

[00114] In certain embodiments, the compositions are placed in, or applied to, an area prone to bedbug infestation or capable of harbouring bedbugs in order to prevent bedbug colonization.

[00115] Exemplary areas and objects that may be treated include, for example, beds, pillows, pillow cases, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, headboards, sheets, carpets, furniture, curtains, blinds, upholstered chairs, sofas, wood furniture, along and beneath baseboards, floor areas, under beds and/or couches, and other places bedbugs are prone to rest or hide. Areas and objects that may be treated also include objects that could act
15 to transport bedbugs from one location to another, for example, luggage, hampers, suitcases, clothing bags, linens, clothes, and the like.

[00116] Accordingly, some exemplary uses comprise application of the compositions into and/or onto furniture, mattresses and/or box springs, drapery, flooring, junctures between flooring and walls, casings, junctures of flooring and/or walls and/or ceilings
25 with fixtures exemplified by electrical fixtures, plumbing works, heating and/or cooling fixtures.

[00117] In some embodiments, the compositions are provided in the form of a solid matrix that has been coated, infused or impregnated with the compounds and the solid

matrix is placed in an area suspected of containing bedbugs or prone to bedbug infestation, for example, a mattress, hamper, suitcase, clothing bag, linen storage closet, or other enclosure. For example, the composition could be provided as a sachet containing an absorbent material onto which the composition has been absorbed, or as
5 beads, pellets or wooden articles onto or into which the composition has been coated or absorbed.

[00118] In certain embodiments, the composition is provided in a form similar to a dryer sheet which may be placed in an enclosure as described above, or in piles of clothes, including clean, dirty or soiled laundry, or which may be placed in the dryer in
10 the same manner as a conventional dryer sheet.

[00119] In some embodiments, the compositions may be incorporated into various home cleaning products for use on carpets, floors, walls, closets, furniture, and the like, or in products intended for human and animal application such as lotions, powders, sprays and shampoos.

15 [00120] Some exemplary embodiments pertain to devices and/or apparatus for deployment and/or dispersal of the compositions of the present invention. One exemplary device comprises canisters configured for controlled delivery of the compositions in aerosol sprays. The canisters can be operable by the use of propellants, or disposable cartridges or re-usable cartridges. Another exemplary device comprises
20 semi-permeable capsules containing the compositions therein. Another exemplary device comprises a tape and/or fabric having incorporated thereonto a composition of the present invention.

[00121] Certain embodiments pertain to use of the compositions for detection of bedbugs in indoor spaces whereby the bedbugs are repelled from their areas of
25 harbourage to areas where they can be detected. Detection could be performed by visual observation of bedbugs outside the area of harbourage. Visual detection can be facilitated by use of physical traps to secure bedbugs. Useful physical traps are exemplified by sticky tapes, containers provided with one-way ingress ports, containers provided with liquid pesticide solutions, and the like.

[00122] Some embodiments pertain to use of the compositions for displacement of bedbugs from their areas of harbourage. Once displaced from their harbourage areas, the bedbugs could be physically removed by vacuum suction or entrapment using attractants, traps or sticky tape, or could be killed by insecticides, desiccants, heat
5 treatments or freezing treatments, or could be allowed to find new harbourage elsewhere.

[00123] Some embodiments provide for use of the compositions for displacement of bedbugs in such ways that prevent normal reproduction cycles and colony growth. For example, the compositions could preferentially target certain members of bedbug
10 colonies, e.g., adult males, to create imbalances in colony composition thereby affecting the ability of the colony to continue proliferation. Certain embodiments provide for the use of the compositions to confuse or disorient certain members of bedbug colonies in ways that prevent normal reproduction cycles and colony growth. For example, the compositions may impede and/or deter target members of bedbug
15 colonies, e.g., adult males, from engaging in reproductive behaviour and thereby prevent colony proliferation.

[00124] Some embodiments pertain to an apparatus provided with a composition of the present invention. The apparatus may comprise physical traps exemplified by sticky tapes, barrier-type fabrics and the like. The apparatus may comprise containers for
20 retaining the compositions wherein the containers are provided with one or more one-way ingress ports for bedbugs to enter into the containers after which, their egress is blocked. The apparatus may comprise containers for holding fluid compositions into which bedbugs may fall after which, their egress is prevented. The apparatus may comprise containers for retaining therein gel compositions which provide a slow,
25 sustained release of the repellent compound(s) into the surrounding atmosphere. The apparatus may comprise containers configured for controllable discharge of the compositions as aerosols. The apparatus may comprise containers configured for controllable discharges of powdered or granular or particulate compositions.

KITS

[00125] The present invention additionally provides for kits comprising a composition of the invention for use to repel, detect and/or control bedbugs. Individual components of the kit would be packaged in separate containers and the kit may also include
5 instructions for using the compositions to repel, detect and/or control bedbugs.

[00126] The kit may comprise the composition in one of the various forms described above, for example, in the form of an aerosol dispenser, capsule suspension, cold fogging concentrate, dustable powder, emulsifiable concentrate, emulsion oil in water, emulsion water in oil, encapsulated granule, fine granule, granule, macrogranule,
10 microgranule, oil dispersible powder, oil miscible flowable concentrate, oil miscible liquid, paste, smoke candle, smoke cartridge, smoke generator, smoke pellet, smoke rodlet, smoke tablet, smoke tin, soluble concentrate, soluble powder, suspension concentrate, oil dispersible or suspension in oil, tracking powder, ultra low volume (ulv) liquid, ultra low volume (ulv) suspension, vapour releasing product, water
15 dispersible granules or tablets, water dispersible powder for slurry treatment, water soluble granules or tablets, or water soluble powder for seed treatment and wettable powder or other forms of slow release/controlled release formulations.

[00127] In certain embodiments, the container for the composition will also act as a dispenser, for example, an aerosol, spray, or pump dispenser. In some embodiments,
20 the composition may be provided in a concentrated, or solid form (for example, as a powder or granules) for reconstitution in an appropriate solvent, in which case the kit may further comprise an appropriate solvent and may also comprise one or more additional containers and/or implements to assist with mixing the components of the kit.

25 [00128] In some embodiments, the composition comprises a repellent compound in a pro-form that can be activated by exposure to a suitable solvent or activator, for example, an acidic or basic solvent, and the kit may optionally further comprise the solvent or activator for admixture with the compound prior to use.

[00129] In certain embodiments, the kit comprises an apparatus such as described above for use with a composition of the invention, for example, an apparatus that comprises a physical trap exemplified by sticky tapes, barrier-type fabrics and the like.

5 [00130] To gain a better understanding of the invention described herein, the following examples are set forth. It will be understood that these examples are intended to describe illustrative embodiments of the invention and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention in any way.

EXAMPLES

[00131] Compounds are referenced throughout the preceding description and the Examples by a designated number, which may or may not be preceded by zero(s).
10 Thus, for example, compound 006 is also referred to, and is the same as, compound 6; compound 035 is also referred to, and is the same as, compound 35, etc.

EXAMPLE 1: Repellency of Compounds of Formula (I) in Bioassays

Test subjects:

15 [00132] Per individual bioassay, 10 adult or late instar nymph bed bugs, *Cimex lectularius*, of mixed sex. Bed bugs sourced from wild, field populations and tested within 2 weeks of capture. Subjects were tested one time, only.

Test arenas:

[00133] Self-contained test arenas were of one of the following configurations:

20 [00134] (i) Petri Dish arenas consisted of a standard plastic, covered Petri Dish where test substrates were placed at opposite sides of the dish. Dimensions of the dish were 101.6mm in diameter by 25.4mm in depth.

[00135] (ii) Olfactometer consisting of a glass tube. Tube ends were plugged to prevent egress of test subjects. Test substrates were placed at opposite ends of the tube. Tube Olfactometer includes a port in the centre for introduction of test subjects.
25 Dimensions of the tube were 15.2mm in diameter by 304.8mm long.

[00136] (iii) Box arenas consisted of covered plastic “Rubbermaid” box where the cover was modified to fit a mesh screen to allow movement of air between the test arena interior and outside. Test substrates were placed at opposite ends of the box arena. Dimensions of the box were 304.8mm long by 200mm wide by 80mm in depth.

5 *Test Compounds:*

[00137] Compounds were either purchased from commercial sources or synthesized using conventional synthetic organic chemistry techniques (see, for example, Examples 5 to 7). Some compounds (014, 058 and 080) were tested in duplicate (one version from commercial sources and one synthesized) and the best performance is reported in the Tables below. Of the tested compounds reported in the Tables below, the following compounds were synthesized: 006, 010, 017, 018, 040, 041 to 043, 045, 046, 048, 049, 058, 067 to 075, 079, 080 to 082, 089 and 090.

[00138] Test compounds consisted of a control and treatment. The treatment consisted of a test compound mixed as a percentage w/w in a suitable solvent. The test compound solvent itself was used as a control. Solvents used were hexane, hexane:methanol, or dichloromethane:methanol.

Test Substrates:

[00139] Test substrates consisted of the following:

[00140] (i) Gauze cut to a standard size and folded upon itself to provide harbourage for test subjects.

[00141] (ii) Filter paper of standard size and folded as per (i).

[00142] (iii) Absorbent polymer “aroma” beads that were given sufficient time to fully absorb test compounds and control solvents.

Methods:

[00143] In the case of gauze and filter paper substrates, control solvents and test mixtures of known concentrations and volumes were dispensed directly onto substrates using a pipette. For polymer beads, beads were mixed w/w with solvent or test

compound in a small glass jar. The jars were occasionally agitated to facilitate soaking of the beads.

[00144] Immediately after the substrates were infused with test compounds and control solvents, test subjects were introduced to the centre of the selected observation arena.

- 5 Test subjects were observed at 3 or more specific time intervals, typically selected from 30 minutes, 1 hour, 3 hours, 24 hours and 48 hours after initial introduction. Only subjects that were in close contact with the treatment or control substrates were recorded. Subjects elsewhere in the arena were not included in repellency calculations. Percentage repellency was calculated based on a modification of Abbott's formula to
- 10 account for negative repellency (attraction). Specifically:

$$[00145] \text{ IF } (C \geq T, (C-T)/C * 100, (T-C)/T * -100)$$

[00146] where C is number of test subjects in contact with control substrate and T is number of test subjects in contact with treatment substrate.

[00147] Details for the testing of the individual compounds is provided in Table 1.

15 **Table 1: Experimental Details^{1,2}**

Test Compound	Test Substrate	Compound Amount	Compound Concentration	Unit of Concentration
001	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
003	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
006	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
008	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
010	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
014	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
017	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
018	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
024	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
025	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
026	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
027	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
028	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
031	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
032	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
034	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
035	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w

Test Compound	Test Substrate	Compound Amount	Compound Concentration	Unit of Concentration
037	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
038	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
039	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
040	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
041	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
042	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
043	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
044	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
045	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
046	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
048	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
049	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
051	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
052	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
053	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
054	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
055	Filter paper	100uL	1%	v/v
056	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
057	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
058	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
060	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
061	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
062	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
067	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
068	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
069	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
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071	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
072	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
073	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
074	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
075	Gauze	10uL	1%	v/v
076	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
078	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
079	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
080	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
082	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
084	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
085	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
086	Beads	20uL	25%	w/w
089	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v
090	Gauze	50uL	5%	w/v

¹ All compounds except 055 were tested using an olfactometer arena. Compound 055 was tested using a petri dish arena.

² All compounds were tested in hexane except for compounds 067, 070 and 086 (hexane: methanol (1:1)), and compound 074 (dichloromethane: methanol (1:1)).

5 **Results:**

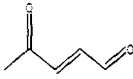
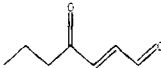
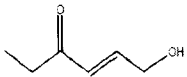
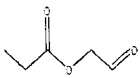
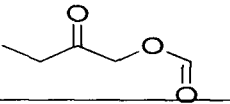
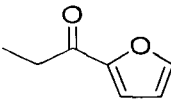
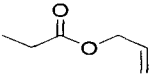
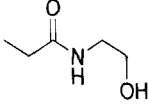
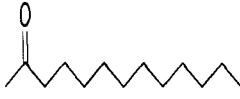
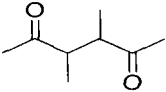
[00148] The results are presented in Tables 2 to 5, and for some exemplary compounds in Figure 1.

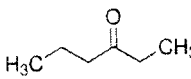
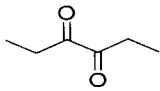
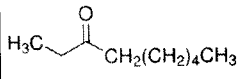
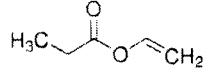
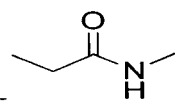
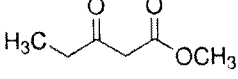
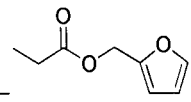
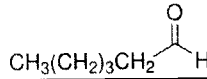
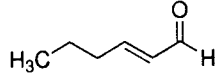
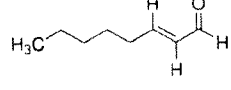
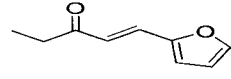
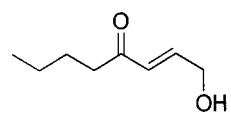
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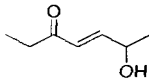
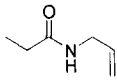
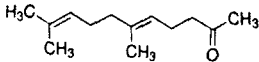
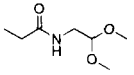
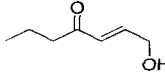
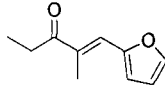
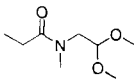
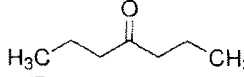
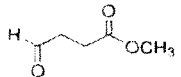
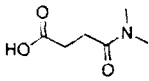
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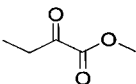
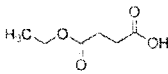
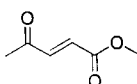
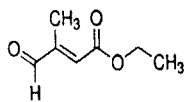
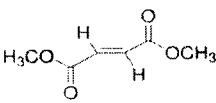
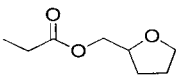
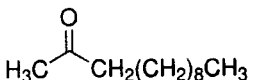
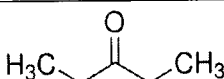
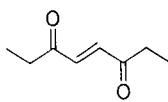
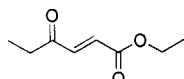
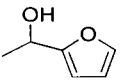
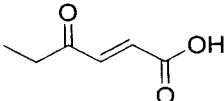
15 [00151] Compound 067; Compound 079; Compound 089; Compound 041; Compound 044; Compound 048; Compound 069; Compound 035; Compound 090; Compound 040; Compound 073; Compound 086; Compound 057; Compound 061; Compound 003; Compound 024; Compound 074; Compound 058; Compound 054; Compound 078; Compound 014; Compound 082; Compound 080 and Compound 051.

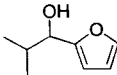
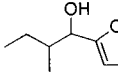
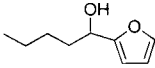
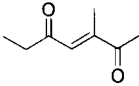
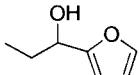
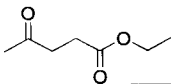
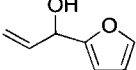
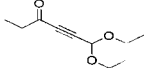
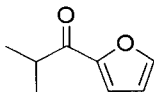
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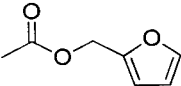
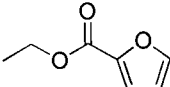
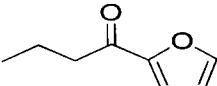
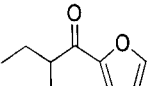
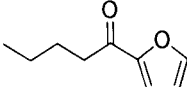
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001	4-oxo-2-pentalenal	5729-47-5		57			Hexane
003	4-oxo-2-heptenal	55764-42-6		90			Hexane
006	(E)-6-hydroxyhept-4-en-3-one	117646-30-7				57	Hexane
008	2-oxoethyl propionate	132041-24-8			53		Hexane
010	2-oxobutyl formate				85		Hexane
014	1-(furan-2-yl)propan-1-one	3194-15-8		94			Hexane
017	allyl propionate	2408-20-0				90	Hexane
018	N-(2-hydroxyethyl)propionamide	18266-55-2			69		Hexane
024	Methyl undecyl ketone (2-tridecanone)	593-08-8		90			Hexane
025	3,4-dimethyl-2,5-hexanedione	25234-79-1		77			Hexane

CHEMICAL INFORMATION				%Repellency (%R)*			
Compound # (STI-101)	Chemical Name	CAS #	Chemical structure	Overall >50 %	At least One Average >50 %	At least One Time >50 %	Solvent
026	3-Hexanone	589-38-8				100	Hexane
027	3,4-Hexanedione	4437-51-8		75			Hexane
028	3-Nonanone	925-78-0				67	Hexane
031	Vinyl propionate	105-38-4				100	Hexane
032	N-Methylpropionamide	1187-58-2				100	Hexane
034	Methyl 3-oxovalerate	30414-53-0			94		Hexane
035	Furfuryl propionate	623-19-8		94			Hexane
037	hexanal	66-25-1		79			Hexane
038	trans-2-hexen-1-al	6728-26-3		72			Hexane
039	trans-2-octenal	2548-87-0		78			Hexane
040	(E)-1-(furan-2-yl)pent-1-en-3-one	185256-75-1		94			Hexane
041	(E)-1-hydroxyoct-2-en-4-one			98			Hexane

CHEMICAL INFORMATION				%Repellency (%R)*			
Compound # (STI-101)	Chemical Name	CAS #	Chemical structure	Over all >50 %	At least One Average >50 %	At least One Time >50 %	Solvent
042	(E)-6-hydroxyhept-4-en-3-one			76			Hexane
043	N-allylpropionamide	60205-24-5		59			Hexane
044	6,10-dimethyl-5,9-undecadien-2-one	3796-70-1		98			Hexane
045	N-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)propionamide			70			Hexane
046	(E)-1-hydroxyhept-2-en-4-one			65			Hexane
048	(E)-1-(furan-2-yl)-2-methylpent-1-en-3-one	131375-70-7		96			Hexane
049	N-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-N-methylpropionamide	118346-83-1		78			Hexane
051	4-heptanone	123-19-3		81			Hexane
052	Methyl 4-oxobutanoate	13865-19-5				100	Hexane
053	4-(Dimethylamino)-4-oxobutanoic acid	2564-95-6		52			Hexane

CHEMICAL INFORMATION				%Repellency (%R)*			
Compound # (STI-101)	Chemical Name	CAS #	Chemical structure	Overall >50 %	At least One Average >50 %	At least One Time >50 %	Solvent
054	Methyl-2-oxobutanoate	3952-66-7		85			Hexane
055	Mono-ethyl succinate	1070-34-4		73§			Hexane
056	Methyl trans-4-oxo-2-pentenoate	2833-24-1		53			Hexane
057	Ethyl 3-methyl-4-oxocrotonate	62054-49-3		91			Hexane
058	dimethyl fumarate	624-49-7		86			Hexane
060	Tetrahydrofurfuryl propionate	637-65-0		78			Hexane
061	2-dodecanone	6175-49-1		90			Hexane
062	3-pentanone	96-22-0				89	Hexane
067	(E)-oct-4-ene-3,6-dione	188485-50-9		100			Hexane : Methanol (1:1)
068	(E)-ethyl 4-oxohex-2-enoate	118346-83-1			65		Hexane
069	1-(furan-2-yl)ethanol	4208-64-4		94			Hexane
070	(E)-4-oxohex-2-enoic acid	119677-86-0		74			Hexane : Methanol (1:1)

CHEMICAL INFORMATION				%Repellency (%R)*			
Compound # (STI-101)	Chemical Name	CAS #	Chemical structure	Over all >50 %	At least One Average >50 %	At least One Time >50 %	Solvent
071	1-(furan-2-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-ol	4466-23-3		57			Hexane
072	1-(furan-2-yl)-2-methylbutan-1-ol	20906-93-8		79			Hexane
073	1-(furan-2-yl)pentan-1-ol	30478-77-4		92			Hexane
074	(E)-3-methylhept-3-ene-2,5-dione			90			Dichloromethane: Methanol (1:1)
075	1-(furan-2-yl)propan-1-ol	4208-61-1		79			Hexane
076	ethyl levulinate	539-88-8		69			Hexane
078	2-Furanmethanol, α-ethenyl-	116914-87-5		84			Hexane
079	6,6-diethoxyhex-4-yn-3-one			100			Hexane
080	2-Furylmethyl ketone	1192-62-7		81			Hexane
082	1-(2-furyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one	4208-53-1		81			Hexane

CHEMICAL INFORMATION				%Repellency (%R)*			
Compound # (STI-101)	Chemical Name	CAS #	Chemical structure	Over all >50 %	At least One Average >50 %	At least One Time >50 %	Solvent
084	Furfuryl acetate	623-17-6		61			Hexane
085	Ethyl 2-furoate	614-99-3		73			Hexane
086	2-butyrylfuran	4208-57-5		92			Hexane : Methanol (1:1)
089	1-furan-2-yl-2-methylbutan-1-one	20895-17-4		100			Hexane
090	1-Pentanone, 1-(2-furanyl)-	3194-17-0		94			Hexane

* Tested by olfactometer bioassay.

§ Petri dish bioassay.

Table 3: Compounds Demonstrating an Overall Average Repellency >50%

Compound # (STI-101)	%R (Overall Av.)
001	57
003	90
014	94
024	90
025	77
027	75
035	94
037	79
038	72
039	78
040	94
041	98
042	76
043	59
044	98
045	70
046	65
048	96
049	78
051	81
053	52
054	85
055	73
056	53
057	91
058	86
060	78
061	90
067	100
069	94
070	74
071	57
072	79
073	92
074	90
075	79
076	69
078	84

Compound # (STI-101)	%R (Overall Av.)
079	100
080	81
082	81
084	61
085	73
086	92
089	100
090	94

Table 4: Compounds Demonstrating At Least One Average Repellency > 50%*

Compound # (STI-101)	% Repellency			
	T1	T2	T3	Overall Av.
008	12	53	17	27
010	85	42	8	45
018	69	69	11	50
068	30	32	65	43
034	81	94	-	27

* But overall average repellency of <50%

Table 5: Compounds Demonstrating At Least One Repellency > 50%*

Compound # (STI-101)	Repetition	% Repellency			
		T1	T2	T3	Overall Av.
006	1	-25	-60	0	-49
	2	-71	-71	57	
	3	-90	-90	-89	
	Average	-62	-74	-11	
017	1	0	90	63	4
	2	-60	-83	-75	
	3	0	33	67	
	Average	-20	13	18	
026	1	83	100	-67	15
	2	-50	-50	100	
	3	100	60	60	
	Average	44	37	-36	
028	1	0	0	-43	-10

Compound # (STI-101)	Repetition	% Repellency			
		T1	T2	T3	Overall Av.
	2	-33	-33	-43	
	3	0	0	67	
	Average	-11	-11	-6	
031	1	100	100	-60	8
	2	60	60	-80	
	3	-25	-25	-60	
	Average	45	45	-67	
032	1	75	80	100	-9
	2	-33	100	100	
	3	75	100	-75	
	Average	39	-40	-25	
052	1	33	100	100	-17
	2	0	-50	-33	
	3	0	0	100	
	Average	11	-50	-11	
062	1	71	71	89	10
	2	-83	-60	60	
	3	-20	-20	-20	
	Average	-11	-3	43	

* But average repellency (one time or overall) of <50%

EXAMPLE 2: Repellency of Combinations of Compounds of Formula (I)

[00152] To determine whether compounds could be combined in the repellent compositions, compounds 14 and 35 were each tested at a concentration of 5% (w/w), and as a combination comprising each compound at a concentration of 2.5% (w/w). The formulations were tested as described in Example 1 using the olfactometer configuration. The results are shown in Table 6 and demonstrate that combining the compounds did not adversely affect their repellent activity.

Table 6: Repellency of a Combination of Compounds 14 and 35

Compound # (STI-101)	%R (Overall Average)
Combination I (014 + 035)	94
035	95
014	71

EXAMPLE 3: Formulations of Compound 35

[00153] Compound 35 was formulated as a spray formulation in which the compound was dissolved in isopropyl alcohol (IPA) at concentrations of 1%, 2.5% and 5%.

- 5 [00154] In addition, compound 35 was tested on plastic slow-release beads. The beads were cured with either: 1) 20% (w/w) neat compound 35, or 2) 20% (w/w) of a 1:1 mixture of compound 35 and wintergreen oil (methyl salicylate).

[00155] The formulations were tested as described in Example 1 using the box configuration. The results are shown in Table 7 and demonstrate that compound 35
 10 showed excellent repellency in both formulation formats and at all concentrations tested.

Table 7: Repellency of Formulations of Compound 35

Formulation	Concentration of Compound 35 (w/w)	%R (Overall Average)
IPA spray	1%	92
	2.5%	94
	5%	100
Plastic beads	20%	100
	10% + 10% wintergreen oil	100

EXAMPLE 4: Additional Exemplary Formulations

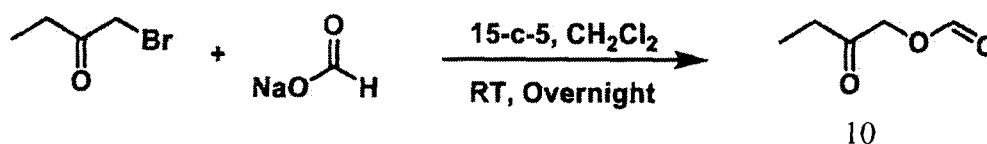
[00156] The following represent proposed formulation formats for the compositions of the invention.

- [00157] Formulation 1: Aerosol or pump-spray application of repellent substance for application to luggage and clothing. In the case of luggage, application of repellent is intended to prevent the migration of bed bugs from an infested location to non-infested infested location (e.g., infested hotel room to residence). In the case of clothing, police, paramedics, fire fighters have expressed a strong need for a suitable repellent for application to clothing before they enter premises that may house a bed bug infestation.
- 10 [00158] Formulation 2: Dryer sheet or ball application where a repellent impregnated substrate device is employed to distribute repellent substance to clothing and bedding.

- [00159] Formulation 3: Slow release polymer beads contained in breathable sachet for placement inside of luggage or for placement in room areas where protection from bed bugs is desired, e.g., near a bed. In addition to beads, slow release formulations may include wax substrates that slowly release vapours or are induced to release vapours using a small heating element (e.g., "plug-ins").
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[00160] Formulation 4: Timed release application utilizing a device that triggers release of aerosol and specific intervals or time of day (similar to devices used to dispense household fragrances at timed intervals).

20 **EXAMPLE 5: Synthesis of Compound 10**



- [00161] Compound 10 was prepared according to the scheme above. Briefly, sodium formate (0.27g, 4.0 mmol) was ground with a pestle and added to a dry 10 mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen. Dry dichloromethane (5 mL) was added followed by 15-crown-5 (0.65g, 3.0 mmol). Once fully mixed, 1-bromo-2-butanone (0.30g, 2.0 mmol)
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was added and the reaction stirred at room temperature overnight. The solids were removed by filtration, and the solution was concentrated. Flash chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate as an eluent yielded compound 10 (0.10g, 43%) as a colourless oil.

EXAMPLE 6: Synthesis of Compound 45

5 [00162] In a 250 mL round-bottom flask, 2-aminobenzaldehyde dimethyl acetal (3.4 mL, 31 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and triethylamine (5.7 mL, 41 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were dissolved in freshly distilled dichloromethane (60 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0°C. A solution of propionyl chloride (1.8 mL, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in freshly distilled dichloromethane (60 mL) was added dropwise with a syringe. The reaction mixture
10 was further stirred at 0°C for 3 hours, and allowed to warm up to room temperature. The mixture was then supported on silica gel and filtered through a silica gel plug, washing the filter cake with ethyl acetate (200 mL). The filtrate was then concentrated by rotary evaporation yielding 3.48g (quantitative yield) of compound 45 as a slightly yellow oil. NMR showed pure product.

15 EXAMPLE 7: Synthesis of Compound 46



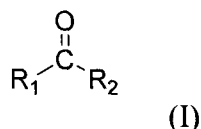
[00163] Compound 46 was prepared according to the scheme shown above using equimolar amounts of compound 3, Bu₃SnH and HMPA. Solvent was removed by
20 rotary evaporation and the residue submitted to flash chromatography (2:1 hexane:ethyl acetate). A 20% yield of compound 46 was obtained.

[00164] The disclosures of all patents, patent applications, publications and database entries referenced in this specification are hereby specifically incorporated by reference in their entirety to the same extent as if each such individual patent, patent application,
25 publication and database entry were specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

[00165] Although the invention has been described with reference to certain specific embodiments, various modifications thereof will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. All such modifications as would be apparent to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope
5 of the following claims.

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A composition for repelling bedbugs comprising a carrier and one or more compounds of general formula (I), or a pro-form or intermediate thereof:



wherein:

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of: H, hydroxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl and alkoxy, and

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₉ alkenyl; C₂-C₄ alkynyl, alkoxy, furyl and -NR₃R₄, wherein R₃ and R₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl and -CH₂C(OCH₃)₂,

and wherein:

each C₁-C₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, carboxy and -NR₅R₆, wherein R₅ and R₆ are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl or alkoxy,

each C₂-C₉ alkenyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, carbonyl, carboxy, hydroxy and furyl,

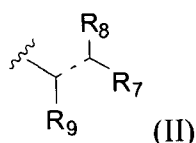
each C₂-C₄ alkynyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: C₁-C₄ acyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl, alkoxy, carboxy, hydroxy and furyl, and

each alkoxy is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: carbonyl, carboxy, furyl, and tetrahydrofuryl;

and wherein the one or more compounds have bedbug repellent activity.

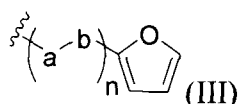
2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein R_2 is:

(i) a substituent of general formula (II):



wherein --- represents a double or triple bond, R_7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C_1 - C_5 alkyl, C_1 - C_5 acyl, carboxy, furyl and tetrahydrofuryl; R_8 is absent or R_8 is H or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and R_9 is H or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, wherein the C_1 - C_5 alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: C_1 - C_4 alkyl, alkoxy or hydroxy:

or (ii) a substituent of general formula (III):



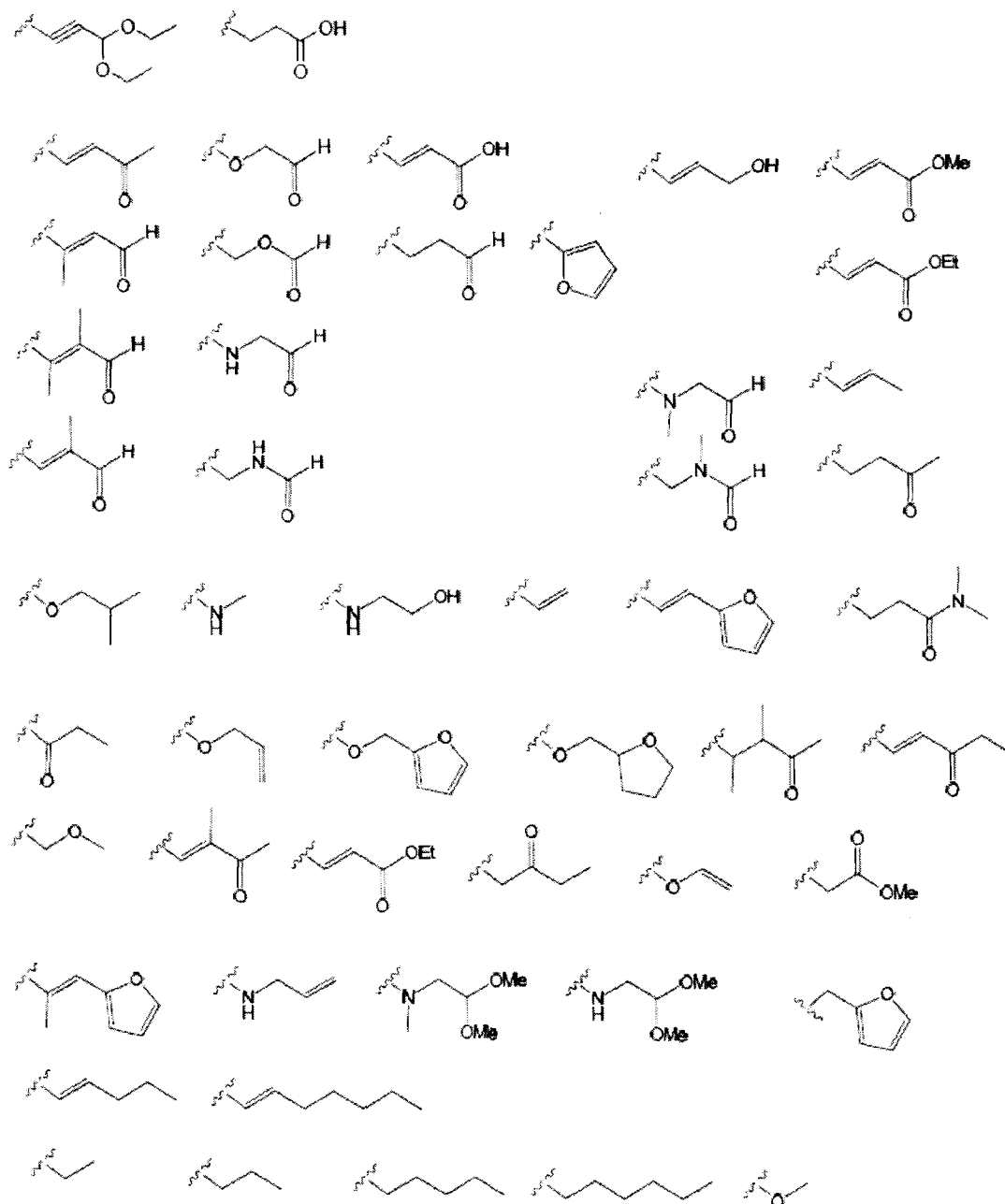
wherein a is $-O-$ and b is CH_2 , or a-b represents $-CHR'=CHR''-$, wherein R' and R'' are each independently H or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and $n = 0$ or 1;

or (iii) selected from the group consisting of: $-NR_{10}R_{11}$, C_1 - C_6 alkyl and C_2 - C_9 alkenyl, wherein R_{10} is H or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and R_{11} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_2 - C_4 alkenyl,

and wherein the C_1 - C_6 alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 acyl, carboxy, carbonyl and $-NR_5R_6$, wherein R_5 and R_6 are independently C_1 - C_4 alkyl or alkoxy; and the C_2 - C_9 alkenyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents

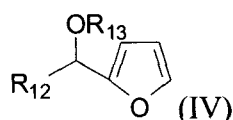
selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ acyl, carboxy and carbonyl;

or (iv) selected from the group consisting of:



3. The composition according to claim 2, wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of: H, C₁-C₄ alkyl and alkoxy, and R₂ is a substituent of general formula (II).

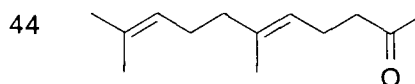
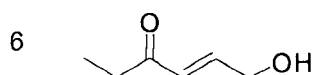
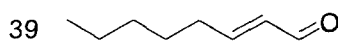
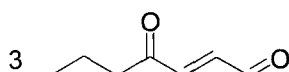
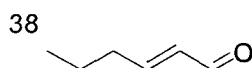
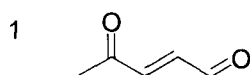
4. The composition according to claim 2, wherein R_1 is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or alkoxy, and R_2 is a substituent of general formula (III).
5. The composition according to claim 4, wherein a-b represents $-\text{CHR}'=\text{CHR}''-$, and wherein R' is H or C_1 - C_4 alkyl and R'' is H.
6. The composition according to claim 2, wherein R_1 is H or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and R_2 is selected from the group consisting of: $-\text{NR}_{10}\text{R}_{11}$, C_1 - C_6 alkyl and C_2 - C_9 alkenyl.
7. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate is a compound of general formula (IV):



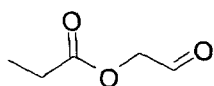
wherein: R_{12} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, and R_{13} is H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl or a protecting group, and

wherein each C_1 - C_4 alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 acyl, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, carboxy and NR_5R_6 , wherein R_5 and R_6 are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl and alkoxy.

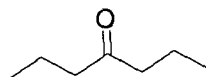
8. The composition according to claim 7, wherein R_{13} is H or a protecting group.
9. A composition for repelling bedbugs comprising a carrier and one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of:



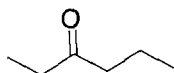
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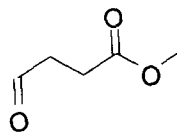
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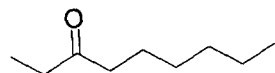
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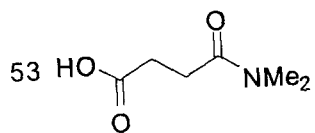
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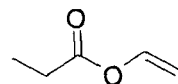
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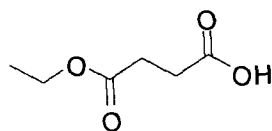
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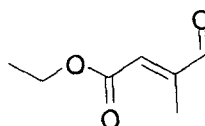
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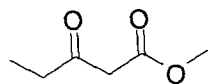
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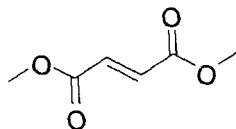
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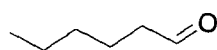
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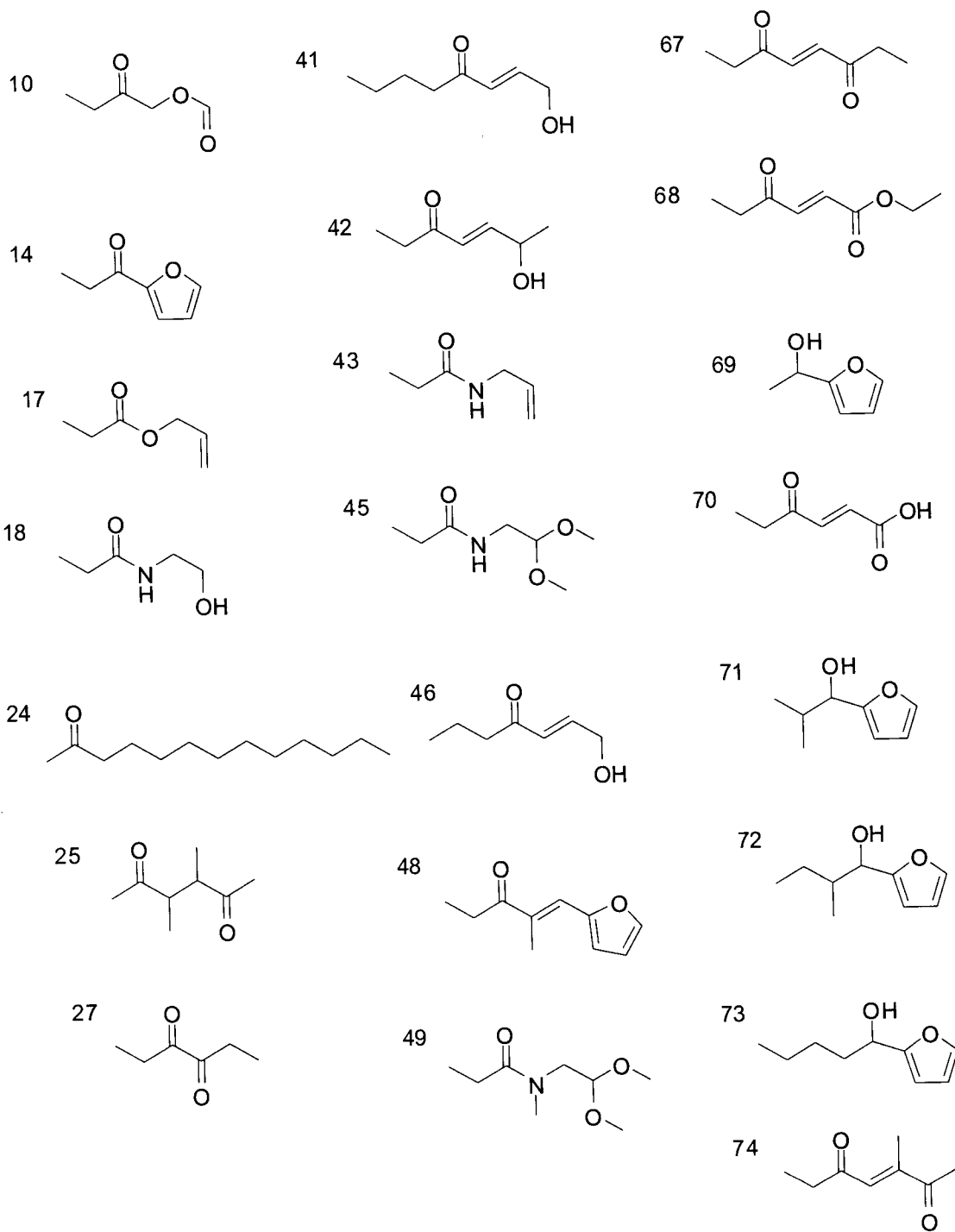


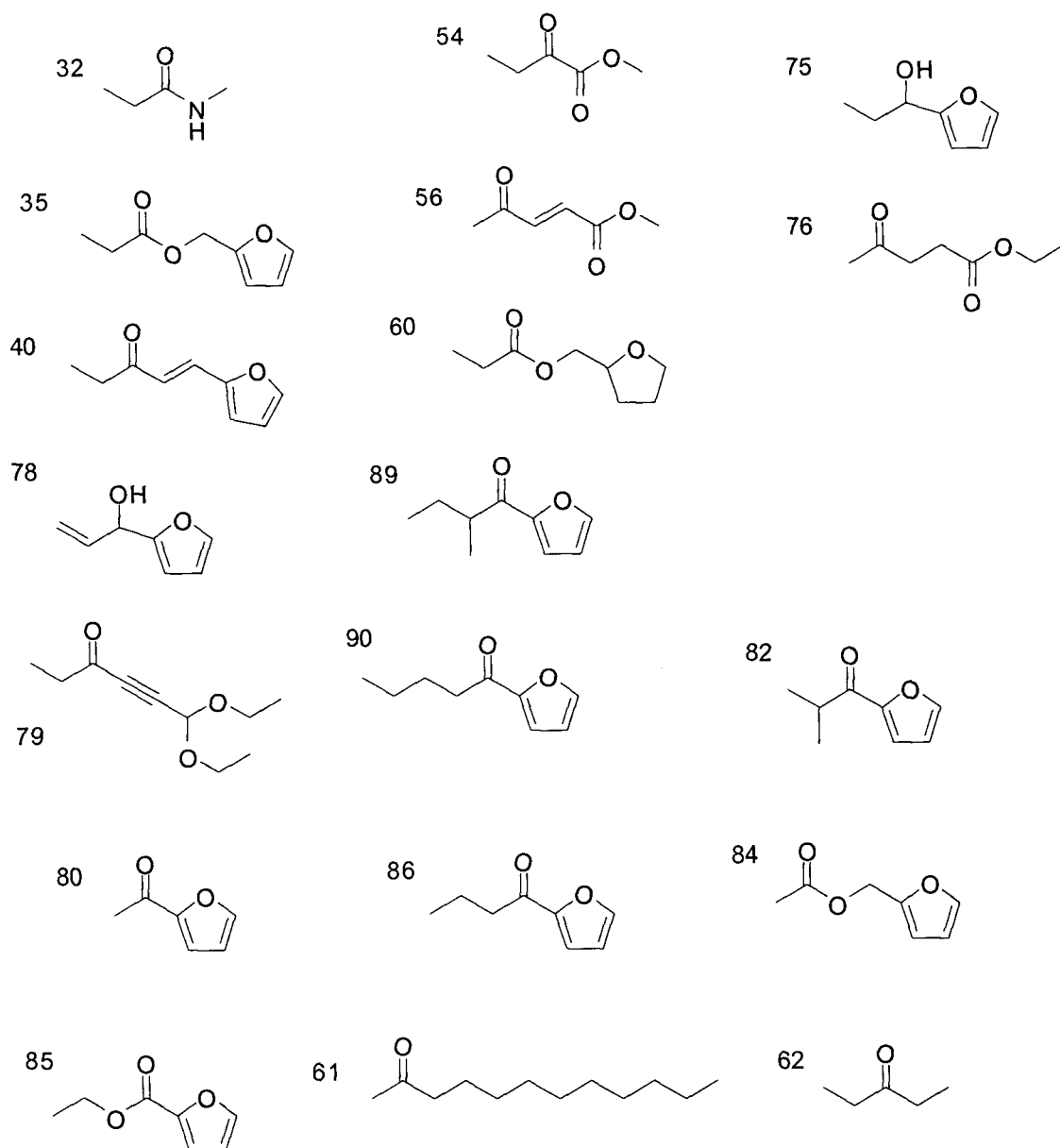
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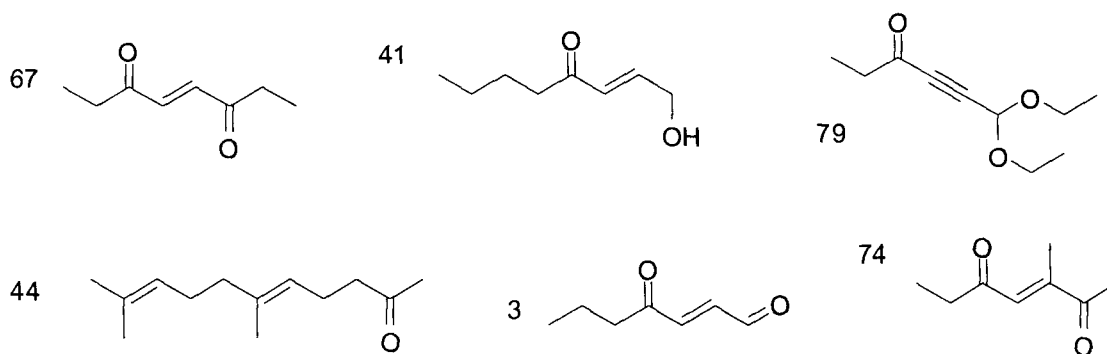
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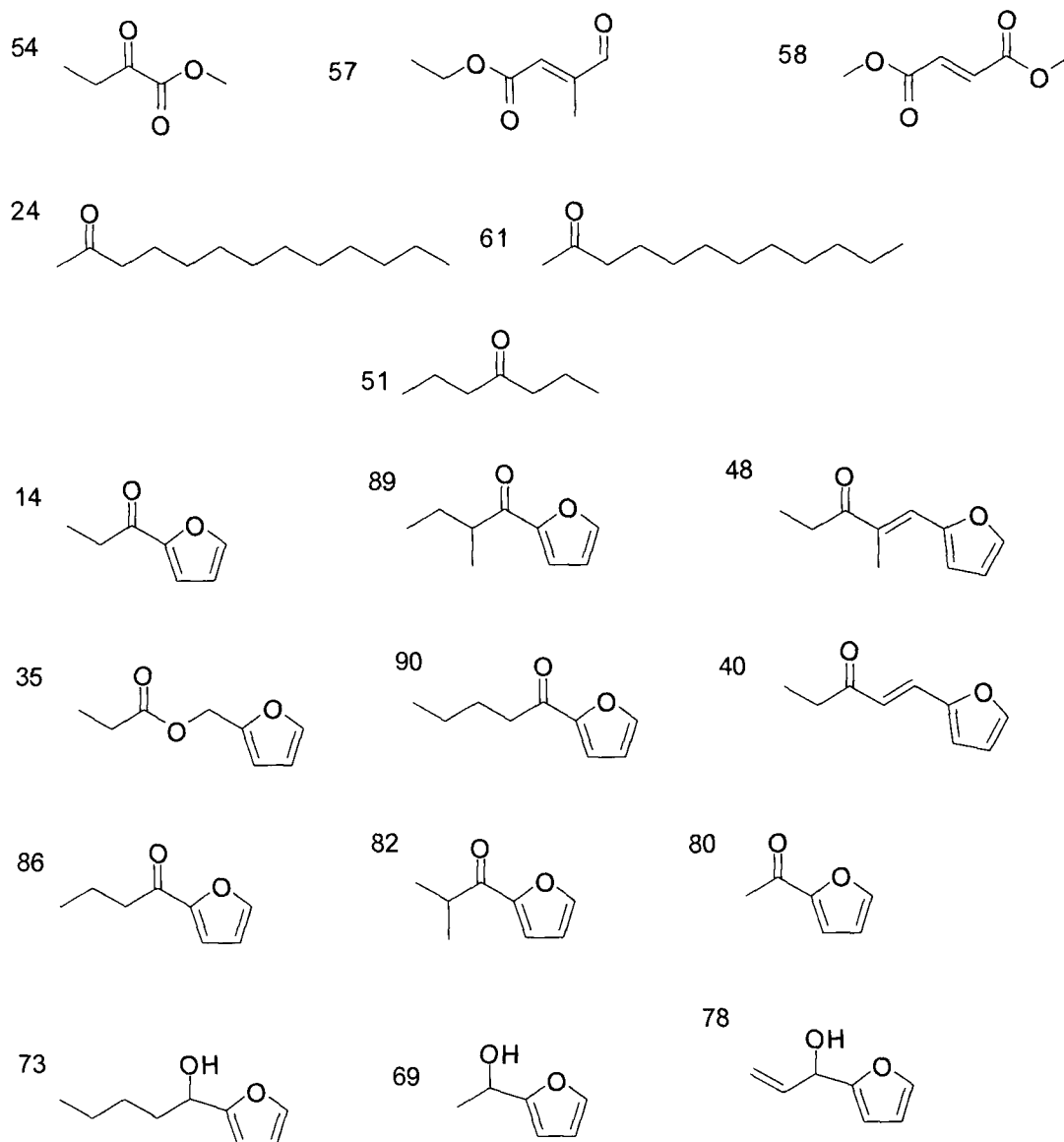






10. The composition according to claim 9, wherein the one or more compounds are selected from the group consisting of:





11. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the composition is formulated as a spray, powder, or aerosol.

12. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the composition is absorbed onto or impregnated into a solid matrix.

13. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the composition is suitable for application to the skin.

14. A kit for repelling bedbugs comprising the composition according to any one of claims 1 to 13, and instructions for use.

15. The kit according to claim 14, further comprising a dispenser for the composition.
16. Use of a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 13 for repelling bedbugs.
17. A method for repelling bedbugs comprising applying to an area known or suspected of containing bedbugs a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 13.
18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the bedbugs are *Cimex lectarius*.
19. The method according to claim 17 or 18, wherein the area known or suspected of containing bedbugs is furniture.
20. The method according to claim 17 or 18, wherein the area known or suspected of containing bedbugs is a bed, boxspring, mattress, bed linen, or a combination thereof.
21. The method according to claim 17 or 18, wherein the area known or suspected of containing bedbugs is luggage.
22. A method of preventing bedbug colonization comprising applying to an area prone to bedbug colonization or capable of harbouring bedbugs a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 13.
23. The method according to claim 22, wherein the bedbugs are *Cimex lectarius*.
24. The method according to claim 22 or 23, wherein the area prone to bedbug colonization or capable of harbouring bedbugs is furniture.
25. The method according to claim 22 or 23, wherein the area prone to bedbug colonization or capable of harbouring bedbugs is a bed, boxspring, mattress, bed linen, or a combination thereof.
26. The method according to claim 22 or 23, wherein the area prone to bedbug colonization or capable of harbouring bedbugs is luggage.

27. The method according to claim 22 or 23, wherein the area prone to bedbug colonization or capable of harbouring bedbugs is linens or clothes.
28. The method according to any one of claims 17 to 27, wherein the applying comprises spraying the area with the composition.
29. The method according to any one of claims 17 to 27, wherein the applying comprises placing into the area the composition absorbed onto or impregnated into a solid matrix.
30. A method for repelling bedbugs, comprising contacting the bedbugs with a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 13 or vapour therefrom.