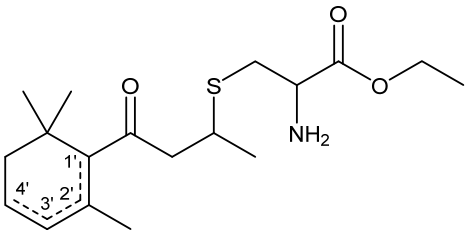
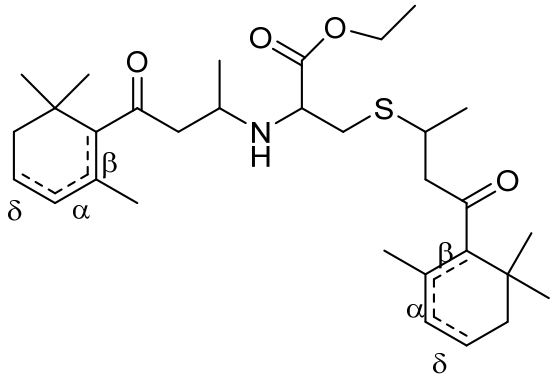
Claims

1. Detergent or fabric conditioner comprising a compound of formula (I)



(I)

in which one of the dotted lines represents together with the carbon-carbon bond a double bond and each of the other two dotted lines represent together with the carbon-carbon bond a single bond, and a compound of formula (III)



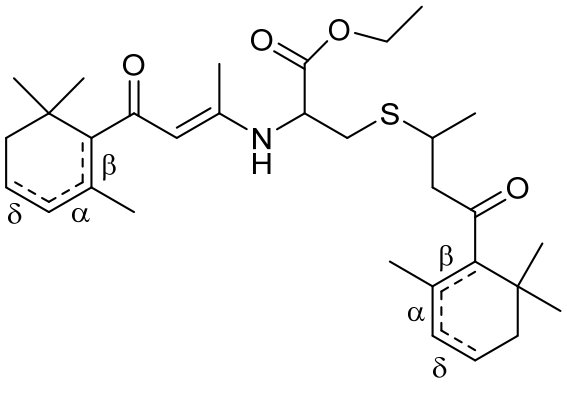
(III)

wherein the dotted lines represents a double bond located at one of the alpha-, beta- or delta-positions on each of the cyclohexene rings.

2. Detergent or fabric conditioner according to claim 1 comprises a compound of formula (I) and a compound of formula (III) in an ratio of 1 : 40 to 40 : 1.

3. Detergent of fabric conditioner according to claim 2 wherein the compound of formula (I) is ethyl S-(4-oxo-4-(2',6',6'-trimethylcyclohex-3'-en-1'-yl)butan-2-yl) cysteinate and the compound of formula (III) is ethyl *N*,*S*-bis(4-oxo-4-(2',6',6'-trimethylcyclohex-3'-en-1'-yl)butan-2-yl)cysteinate.

4. Detergent of fabric conditioner according to any of the claims 1 to 3 further comprising a compound of formula (IV)

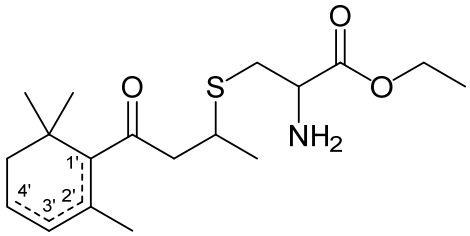


(IV)

wherein the dotted lines represent a double bond located at one of the alpha-, beta- or delta-positions on each of the cyclohexene rings.

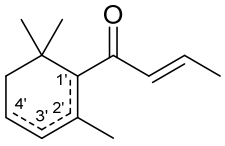
5. Detergent or fabric conditioner according to claim 4 wherein the compound of formula (IV) is ethyl *N*-(4-oxo-4-(2',6',6'-trimethylcyclohex-3'-en-1'-yl)but-2-en-2-yl)-*S*-(4-oxo-4-(2',6',6'-trimethylcyclohex-3'-en-1'-yl)butan-2-yl)cysteinate.

6. The use of a compound of formula (I)



(I)

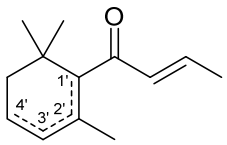
as precursor for generating, by spontaneous air oxidation, a damascone of formula (II)



(II)

wherein one of the dotted lines represents together with the carbon-carbon bond a double bond and each of the other two dotted lines represent together with the carbon-carbon bond a single bond.

7. A method of generating a compound of formula (II)



(II)

characterized in that the compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 is exposed to oxygen.