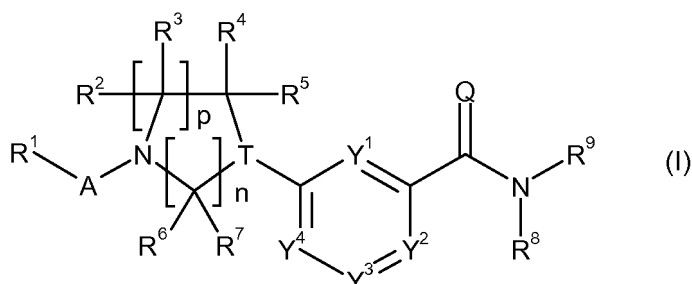


Microbiocidal Heterocycles

The present invention relates to heterocycles, e.g. as active ingredients, which have microbiocidal activity, in particular fungicidal activity. The invention also relates to preparation of these heterocycles, to heterocyclic derivatives used as intermediates in the preparation of these heterocycles, to preparation of these intermediates, to agrochemical compositions which comprise at least one of the heterocycles, to preparation of these compositions and to use of the heterocycles or compositions in agriculture or horticulture for controlling or preventing infestation of plants, harvested food crops, seeds or non-living materials by phytopathogenic microorganisms, preferably fungi.

Because the ecological and economical requirements of modern crop protection agents are steadily changing, there is a continuing need for the discovery and development of novel fungicides with advanced properties compared to the known products. Surprisingly, it has now been found that the described bis(difluoromethyl)pyrazol derivatives have, for practical purposes, a very advantageous level of biological activity for protecting plants against diseases that are caused by fungi.

The present invention provides compounds of formula I:



wherein

A is $x\text{-C(R}^{10}\text{R}^{11}\text{)-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-C(R}^{12}\text{R}^{13}\text{)-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-N(R}^{14}\text{)-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-N(R}^{15}\text{)-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-C(R}^{16}\text{R}^{17}\text{)-SO}_2\text{-}$ or $x\text{-N=C(R}^{30}\text{)-}$ in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R¹;

T is CR¹⁸ or N;

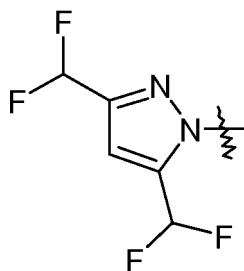
Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ are independently CR¹⁹ or N;

Q is O or S;

n is 1 or 2;

p is 1 or 2, providing that when n is 2, p is 1.

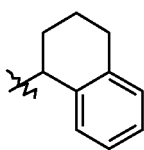
R¹ is



R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , R^{19} and R^{30} each independently are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl;

R^8 , R^{14} and R^{15} each independently are hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and

5 R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, halogen, cyano,

10 hydroxy and amino;

or a salt or a N-oxide thereof.

Where substituents are indicated as being optionally substituted, this means that they may or may not carry one or more identical or different substituents. Normally not more than three such optional substituents are present at the same time.

15 The term "halogen" stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine.

The term "amino" stands for $-NH_2$.

Alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl substituents may be straight-chained or branched. Alkyl on its own or as part of another substituent is, depending upon the number of carbon atoms mentioned, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl and the isomers thereof, for example, iso-propyl, iso-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, iso-amyl or pivaloyl.

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A haloalkyl group may contain one or more identical or different halogen atoms and, for example, may stand for CH_2Cl , $CHCl_2$, CCl_3 , CH_2F , CHF_2 , CF_3 , CF_3CH_2 , CH_3CF_2 , CF_3CF_2 or CCl_3CCl_2 .

The presence of one or more possible asymmetric carbon atoms in a compound of
25 formula I means that the compounds may occur in optically isomeric forms, i.e. enantiomeric or diastereomeric forms. As a result of the presence of a possible aliphatic $C=C$ double bond, geometric isomerism may occur, i.e. cis-trans or (*E*)-(*Z*) isomerism. Also atropisomers may occur as a result of restricted rotation about a single bond. Formula I is intended to include all those possible isomeric forms and mixtures thereof. The present

invention includes all those possible isomeric forms and mixtures thereof for a compound of formula I. Likewise, formula I is intended to include all possible tautomers. The present invention includes all possible tautomeric forms for a compound of formula I.

In each case, the compounds of formula I according to the invention are in free form,
5 in oxidized form as a N-oxide or in salt form, e.g. an agronomically usable salt form.

N-oxides are oxidized forms of tertiary amines or oxidized forms of nitrogen containing heteroaromatic compounds. They are described for instance in the book "Heterocyclic N-oxides" by A. Albini and S. Pietra, CRC Press, Boca Raton 1991.

Suitable salts of the compounds of formula I include those resulting after addition of
10 acid such as those with an inorganic mineral acid e.g. hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulphuric, nitric or phosphoric acid, or an organic carboxylic acid e.g. oxalic, tartaric, lactic, butyric, toluic, hexanoic or phthalic acid, or a sulfonic acid e.g. methane, benzene or toluene sulfonic acid.

Preferably the compound of formula I is a compound wherein:

15 A is $x-C(R^{10}R^{11})-C(=O)-$, $x-C(R^{12}R^{13})-C(=S)-$, $x-O-C(=O)-$, $x-O-C(=S)-$, $x-N(R^{14})-C(=O)-$, $x-N(R^{15})-C(=S)-$ or $x-C(R^{16}R^{17})-SO_2-$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 ;

T is CR^{18} or N;

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CR^{19} or N;

20 Q is O or S;

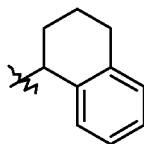
n is 1 or 2;

p is 1 or 2, providing that when n is 2, p is 1.

R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} and R^{19} each independently are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl;

25 R^8 , R^{14} and R^{15} each independently are hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and

R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3
30 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, halogen, cyano, hydroxy and amino;
or a salt or a N-oxide thereof.

Preferably the compound of formula I is a compound wherein:

A is $x-C(R^{10}R^{11})-C(=O)-$, $x-C(R^{12}R^{13})-C(=S)-$, $x-O-C(=O)-$, $x-O-C(=S)-$, or $x-C(R^{16}R^{17})-SO_2-$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 ;

T is CR^{18} or N;

- 5 Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CR^{19} or N providing that at least 2 of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are CR^{19} ;

Q is O or S;

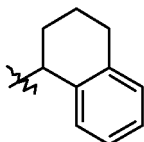
n is 1 or 2;

p is 1;

- 10 R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , and R^{19} each independently are hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl;

R^8 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and

R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



- 15 (a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, halogen, cyano, hydroxy and amino.

Preferably the compound of formula I is a compound wherein:

- 20 A is $x-CR^{10}R^{11}-C(=O)-$, $x-O-C(=O)-$, or $x-CR^{16}R^{17}-SO_2-$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 ;

T is CR^{18} ;

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CR^{19} or N providing that at least 2 of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are CR^{19} and providing that there are no N-N bonds in the ring containing Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 ;

- 25 Q is O or S;

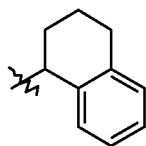
n is 1 or 2;

p is 1;

R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , and R^{19} each independently are hydrogen, fluoro, or methyl;

- 30 R^8 is hydrogen or methyl; and

R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a)



(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, hydroxy and halogen.

5 Preferably the compound of formula I is a compound wherein:

A is x-CH₂-C(=O)-, x-O-C(=O)- or x-CH₂-SO₂-, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R¹;

T is CH;

Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ are independently CH or N providing that at least 2 of Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴

10 are CH and providing that there are no N-N bonds in the ring containing Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴;

Q is O;

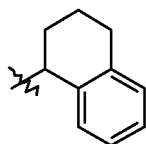
n is 1 or 2;

p is 1;

R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are each hydrogen;

15 R⁸ is hydrogen or methyl; and

R⁹ is phenyl, benzyl or group (a)



(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3

20 substituents independently selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, hydroxy and halogen.

Preferably the compound of formula I is a compound wherein:

A is x-CH₂-C(=O)-, wherein x indicates the bond that is connected to R¹;

T is CH;

Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ are independently CH;

25 Q is O;

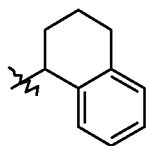
n is 2;

p is 1;

R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are each hydrogen;

R⁸ is hydrogen or methyl; and

30 R⁹ is phenyl, benzyl or group (a)



(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from methyl, halomethyl, and halogen.

5 The invention also relates to compounds of formula I wherein

A is $x\text{-CH}_2\text{-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-CH}_2\text{C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-OC(=O)-}$, $x\text{-CH}_2\text{SO}_2\text{-}$, in each case x being the bond to R^1 ;

T is CH or N;

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CH or N, providing that at least 2 of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4

10 are CH and providing that there are no N-N bonds in the ring containing Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 ;

Q is O or S;

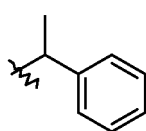
n is 1 or 2;

p is 1 or 2, providing that when n is 2, p is 1;

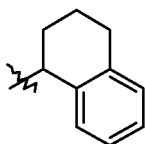
R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen;

15 R^8 is hydrogen or methyl;

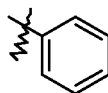
R^9 is group (i), (j), or (k):



(i)



(j)



(k)

The following list provides definitions, including preferred definitions, for substituents

20 A, T, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , Q, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{22} , R^{23} , R^{24} , R^{25} and R^{30} with reference to compounds of formula I. For any

one of these substituents, any of the definitions given below may be combined with any definition of any other substituent given below. The invention includes compounds of formula having all possible combinations of substituent definitions given below or elsewhere

25 in this document. Generally, in this document any substituent definition may be combined with any other substituent definition.

A is $x\text{-C(R}^{10}\text{R}^{11})\text{-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-C(R}^{12}\text{R}^{13})\text{-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-N(R}^{14})\text{-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-N(R}^{15})\text{-C(=S)-}$ or $x\text{-C(R}^{16}\text{R}^{17})\text{-SO}_2\text{-}$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 . Preferably, A is $x\text{-C(R}^{10}\text{R}^{11})\text{-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-C(R}^{12}\text{R}^{13})\text{-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-O-}$

30 C(=S)- , or $x\text{-C(R}^{16}\text{R}^{17})\text{-SO}_2\text{-}$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 .

More preferably, A is $x\text{-CR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}\text{-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=O)-}$, or $x\text{-CR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}\text{-SO}_2\text{-}$, in each case x

indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 . Even more preferably, A is $x-CH_2-C(=O)-$, $x-CH_2C(=S)-$, $x-OC(=O)-$, $x-CH_2SO_2-$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 . Yet more preferably, A is $x-CH_2-C(=O)-$, $x-O-C(=O)-$ or $x-CH_2-SO_2-$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 . Most preferably, A is $x-CH_2-C(=O)-$, wherein x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 .

T is CR^{18} or N. Preferably, T is CH or N. Most preferably, T is CH.

n is 1 or 2. Preferably, n is 2.

p is 1 or 2, providing that when n is 2, p is 1. Preferably, p is 1.

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CR^{19} or N, e.g. Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 may be

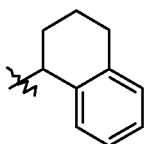
- 10 independently CH or N. More preferably, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CR^{19} or N providing that at least 2 of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are CR^{19} . Even more preferably, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CR^{19} or N providing that at least 2 of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are CR^{19} and providing that there are no N-N bonds in the ring containing Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 . Yet more preferably, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CH or N providing that at least 2 of
- 15 Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are CH and providing that there are no N-N bonds in the ring containing Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 .

Q is O or S. Preferably, Q is O.

- R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} and R^{19} each independently are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl. More preferably, R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 ,
- 20 R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , and R^{19} each independently are hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl. Even more preferably, R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , and R^{19} each independently are hydrogen, fluoro, or methyl. Yet more preferably, R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , and R^{19} each are hydrogen.

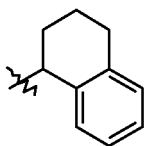
- R^8 , R^{14} and R^{15} each independently are hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl. Preferably, R^8 , R^{14}
- 25 and R^{15} each independently are hydrogen or methyl. Preferably, R^8 , R^{14} and R^{15} each are hydrogen.

R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



(a)

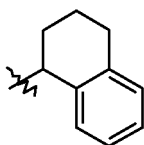
- 30 wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, halogen, cyano, hydroxy and amino. Preferably, R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, hydroxy and halogen.

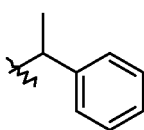
5 More preferably, R⁹ is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



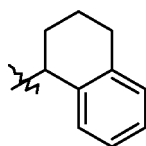
(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from methyl, halomethyl, and halogen.

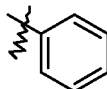
10 In one group of compounds R⁹ is (i), (j), or (k):



(i)



(j)



(k)

R³⁰ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₄alkyl, or C₁-C₄haloalkyl. Preferably, R³⁰ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, or C₁-C₄haloalkyl. Preferably, R³⁰ is hydrogen, fluoro, or

15 methyl. More preferably, R³⁰ is hydrogen.

In one group of compounds at least two of Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ are CH and the others of Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ are CH or N.

In one group of compounds at least three of Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ are CH and the other of Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ is CH or N.

20 In one group of compounds Y¹ and Y⁴ are CH, one of Y² and Y³ is CH and the other of Y² and Y³ is CH or N.

In one group of compounds Y¹, Y² and Y⁴ are CH, and Y³ is N.

In one group of compounds Y¹, Y³ and Y⁴ are CH, and Y² is N.

In one group of compounds Y¹, Y², Y³ and Y⁴ are CH.

25 In one group of compounds Y² is N.

In one group of compounds Y³ is N.

In one group of compounds p is 1 and n is 2.

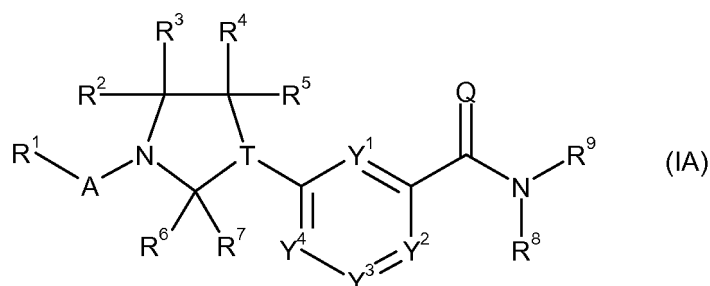
In one group of compounds R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are H.

In one group of compounds Q is O.

In one group of compounds A is $x\text{-CH}_2\text{-C(=O)-}$, in which x represents the bond that is connected to R^1 .

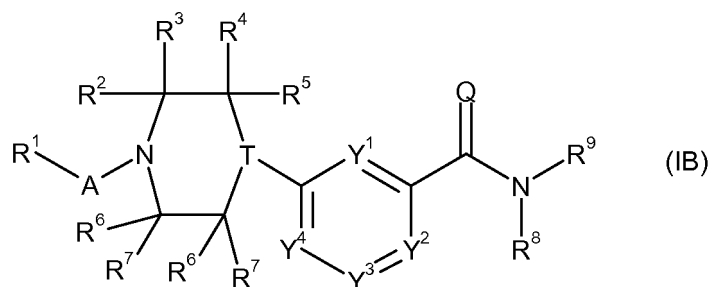
In one group of compounds R^8 is hydrogen.

- 5 For the avoidance of doubt, when n is 1 and p is 1 compounds of formula I have the formula according to formula IA:



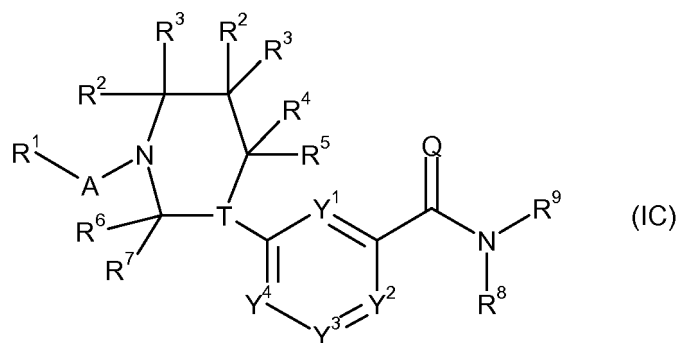
in which A, T, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , Q, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , and R^9 have the definitions as described for formula I.

- 10 When n is 2 and p is 1, compounds of formula I have the formula according to formula IB:



in which A, T, G, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , Q, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , and R^9 have the definitions as described for formula I.

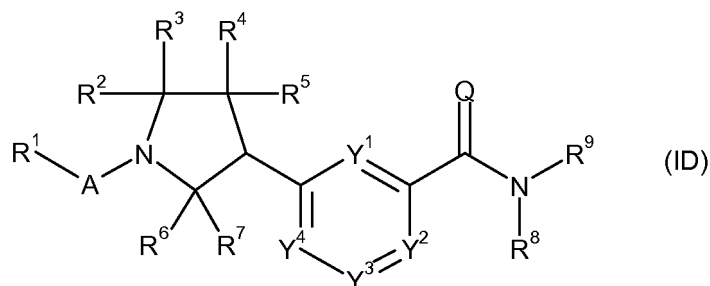
- 15 When n is 1 and p is 2, compounds of formula I have the formula according to formula IC:



in which A, T, G, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , Q, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , and R^9 have the definitions as described for formula I.

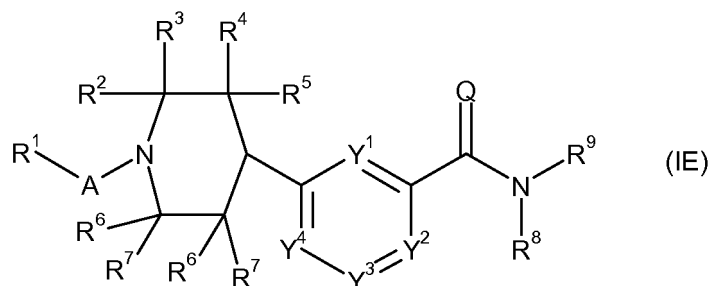
The invention also relates to compounds of formula IA, formula IB, and formula IC as shown above.

The invention also relates to compounds of formula ID:



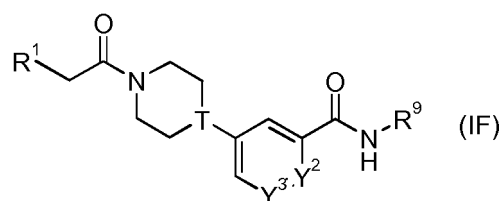
- 5 wherein Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, A, Q, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ have the definitions as described for formula I as defined above. Preferred definitions of Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, A, Q, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ are as defined above.

The invention also relates to compounds of formula IE:



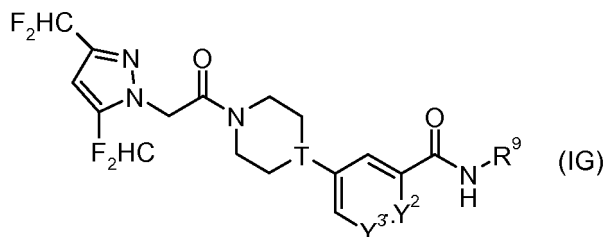
- 10 wherein Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, A, Q, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ have the definitions as described for formula I as defined above. Preferred definitions of Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, A, Q, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁹ are as defined above.

The invention also relates to a compound of formula IF:



- 15 wherein T is N or CH;
Y² and Y³ are both CH, or one of Y³ and Y² is N and the other is CH; and
R¹ and R⁹ are as described for a compound of formula I as defined above. Preferred definitions of R¹ and R⁹ are as as defined above

The invention also relates to a compound of formula IG:



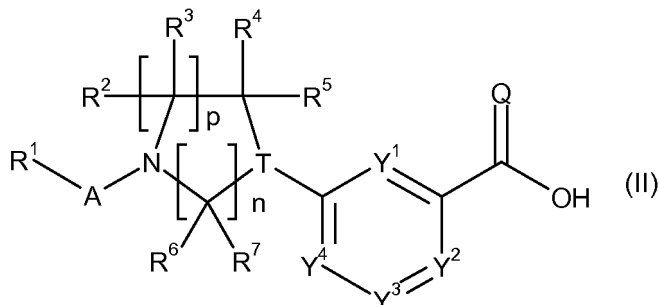
wherein T is N or CH;

Y^2 and Y^3 are both CH, or one of Y^3 and Y^2 is N and the other is CH; and

R^9 is as described for a compound of formula I as defined above. Preferred definitions of R^9

5 are as defined above.

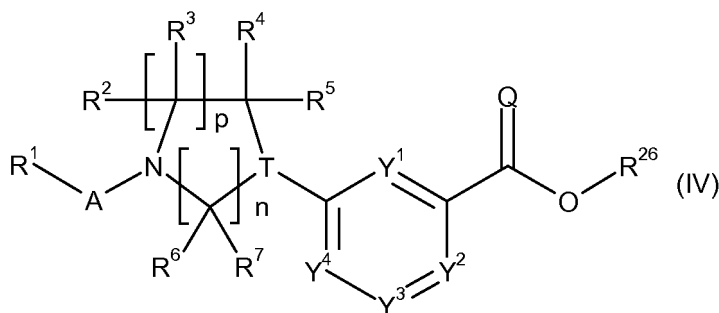
The invention also relates to other intermediates useful in the preparation of compounds of formula I. Accordingly, the invention relates to a compound of formula II:



wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, T, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 have the definitions as

10 described for formula I as defined above. Preferred definitions of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, T, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined above.

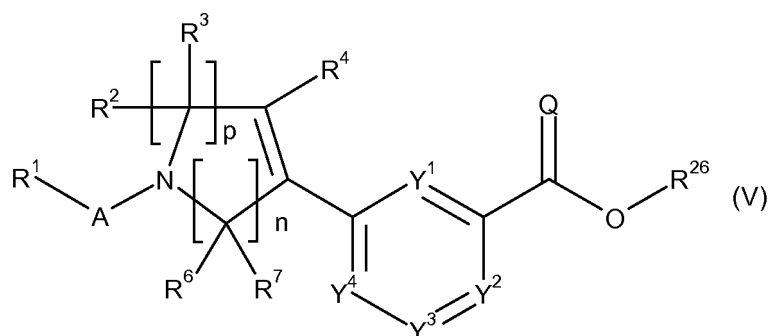
The invention relates to a compound of formula IV:



wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, T, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 have the definitions as

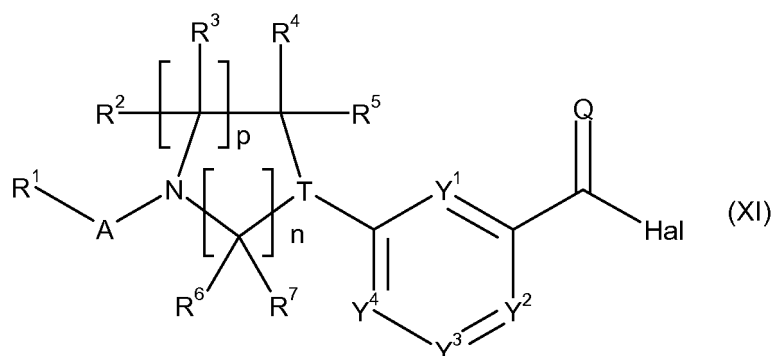
15 described for formula I as defined above, and preferred definitions of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, T, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined above; and R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or optionally substituted aryl. Preferably, R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano and halogen.

The invention relates to a compound of formula V:



wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 , have the definitions as described for formula I as defined above, and preferred definitions of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined above; and R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or optionally substituted aryl. Preferably, R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano and halogen.

The invention relates to a compound of formula XI:



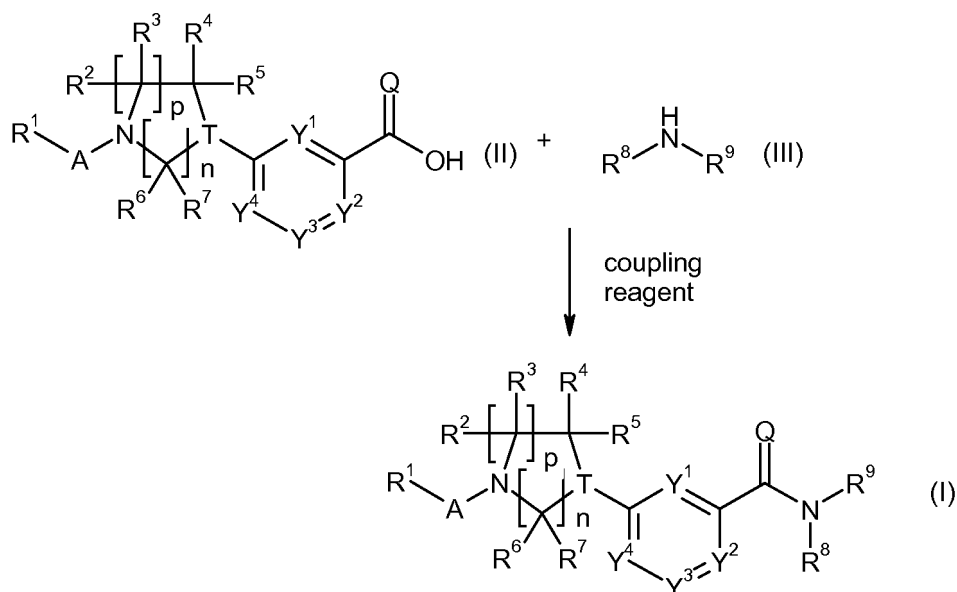
wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 , have the definitions as described for formula I as defined above, and preferred definitions of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are as defined above; Hal stands for halogen.

Compounds of formula (I) can be made in an analogous way to those described in

WO2011/018401 and as shown in the following schemes.

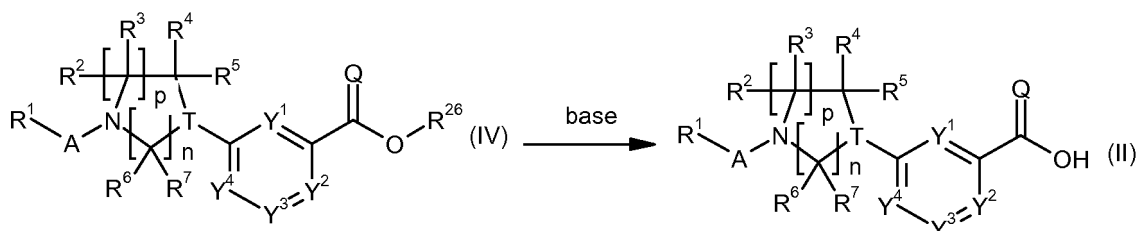
The compounds of formula I, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , A, T, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 , n, p and Q are as defined for formula I, can be obtained by transformation of a compound of formula II, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , A, T, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 , n, p and Q are as defined for formula I, with a compound of formula III, wherein R^8 and R^9 are as defined for formula I, and a peptide coupling reagent, such as BOP, PyBOP, HATU. This is shown in Scheme 1.

Scheme 1



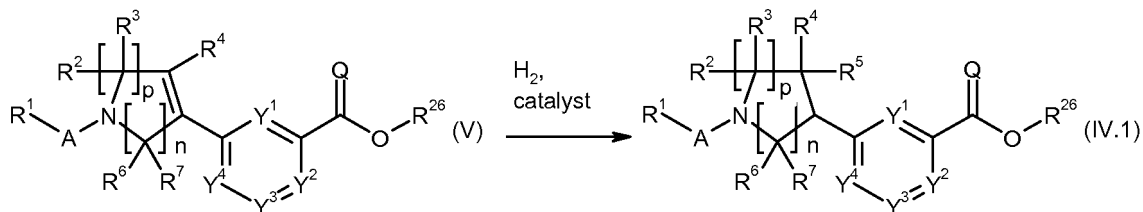
The compounds of formula II, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, A, T, Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I can be obtained by saponification of a compound of formula IV, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, A, T, Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and R²⁶ is C₁-C₆alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, with a base, such as potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, lithium hydroxide, potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate, etc.. This is shown in Scheme 2.

Scheme 2



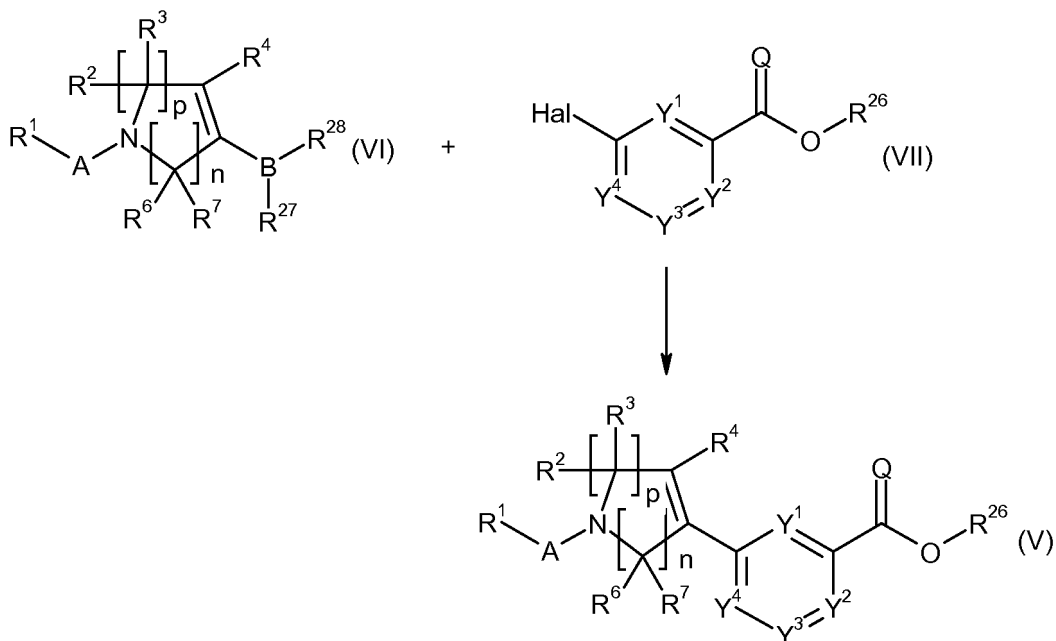
The compounds of formula IV.1, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, A, Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and R²⁶ is C₁-C₆alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, can be obtained by reduction of a compound of formula V, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁶, R⁷, A, Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and R²⁶ is C₁-C₆alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, and hydrogen with a catalyst, such as palladium on charcoal, raney-nickel, etc, or with lithium aluminum hydride. This is shown in Scheme 3.

Scheme 3



The compounds of formula V, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁶, R⁷, A, Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and R²⁶ is C₁-C₆alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, can be obtained by transformation of a compound of formula VI, wherein R², R³, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, n, p and A are as defined for formula I and R²⁷ and R²⁸ are each independently hydroxy or C₁-C₆alkyl or together with the interjacent boron atom form a five- or six-membered saturated heterocyclic ring, with a compound of formula VII, wherein Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ and Q are as defined for formula I, R²⁶ is C₁-C₆alkyl or optionally substituted aryl and Hal is halogen, preferably iodo, bromo or chloro, and a catalyst. This is shown in Scheme 4.

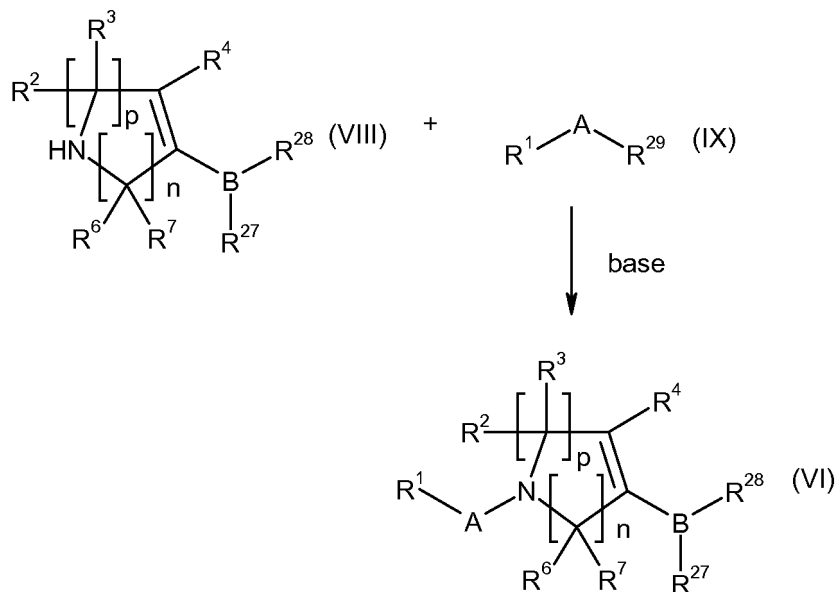
Scheme 4



The compounds of formula VI, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁶, R⁷, n, p and A are as defined for formula I and R²⁷ and R²⁸ are each independently hydroxy or C₁-C₆alkyl or together with the interjacent boron atom form a five- or six-membered saturated heterocyclic ring, can be obtained by transformation of a compound of formula VIII, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁶, R⁷, n and p are as defined for formula I and R²⁷ and R²⁸ are each independently hydroxy or C₁-C₆alkyl or together with the interjacent boron atom form a five- or six-membered saturated heterocyclic ring, with a compound of formula IX, wherein R¹

and A are as defined for formula I and R²⁹ is hydroxy or halogen, preferably, fluoro, chloro or bromo, and a peptide coupling reagent or a base, such as pyridine, triethylamine, ethyl diisopropylamine etc.. This is shown in Scheme 5.

Scheme 5

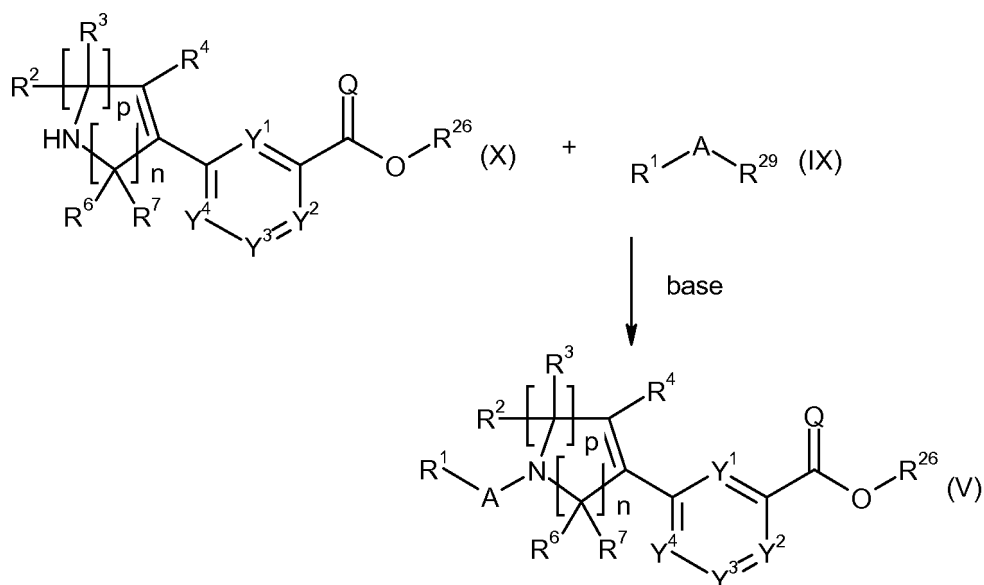


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Alternatively, the compounds of formula V, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁶, R⁷, A, Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and R²⁶ is C₁-C₆alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, can be obtained by transformation of a compound of formula X, wherein R², R³, R⁴, R⁶, R⁷, A, Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and R²⁶ is C₁-C₆alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, with a compound of formula IX, wherein R¹ and A are as defined for formula I and R²⁹ is hydroxy or halogen, preferably, fluoro, chloro or bromo, and a peptide coupling reagent or a base, such as pyridine, triethylamine, ethyl diisopropylamine etc.. This is shown in Scheme 6.

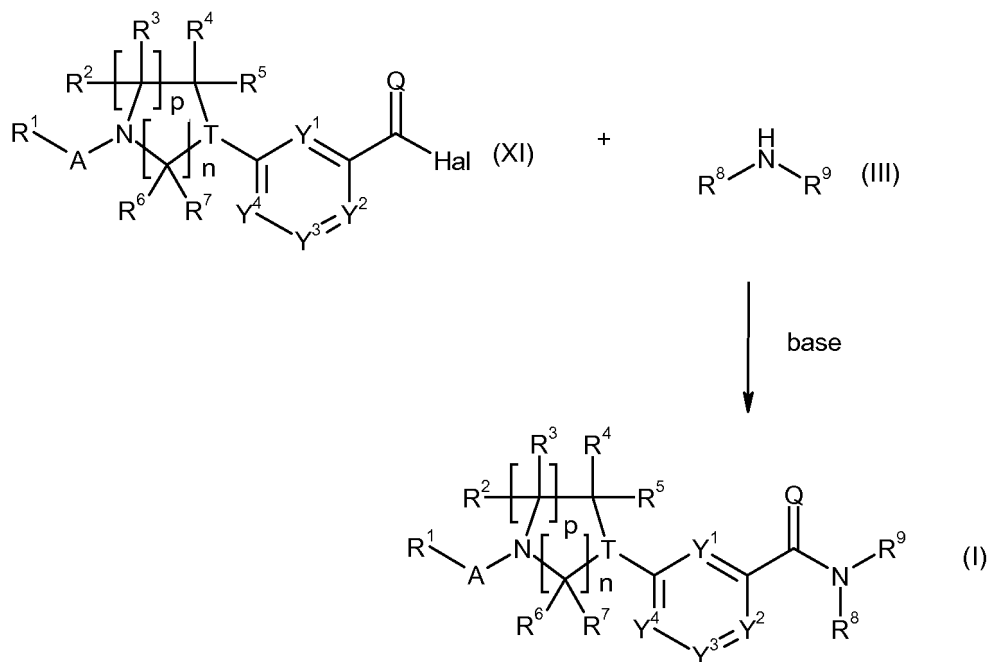
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Scheme 6



Alternatively, the compounds of formula I, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, A, T, Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I can be obtained by transformation 5 of a compound of formula XI, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, A, T, Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and Hal is halogen, preferably fluoro, chloro or bromo, with a compound of formula III, wherein R⁸ and R⁹ are as defined for formula I, with a base, such as pyridine, triethylamine, ethyl diisopropylamine etc.. This is shown in Scheme 7.

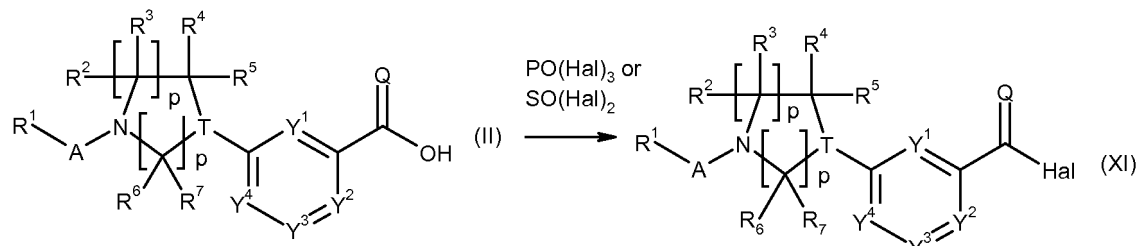
Scheme 7



The compounds of formula XI, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, A, T, Y¹, Y², Y³, Y⁴, n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and Hal is halogen, preferably fluoro, chloro or bromo, can be obtained by transformation of a compound of formula II, wherein R¹, R², R³,

R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , A, T, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , n, p and Q are as defined for formula I, with a phosphoryl halide, such as phosphoryl chloride or phosphoryl bromide, or a thionyl halide, such as thionyl chloride or thionyl bromide. This is shown in Scheme 8.

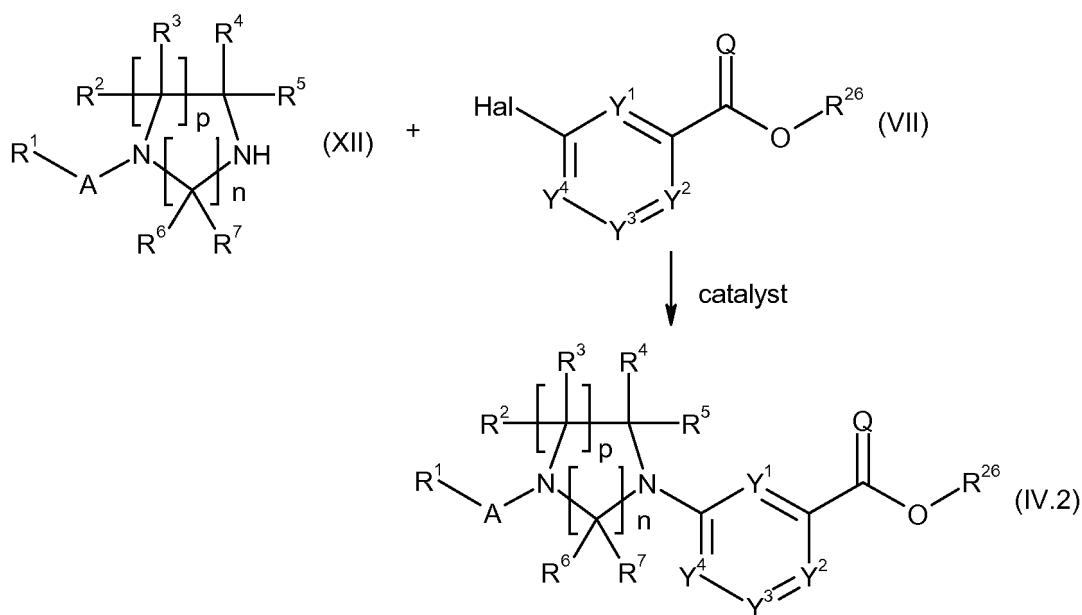
Scheme 8



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The compounds of formula IV.2, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , A, Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , n, p and Q are as defined for formula I and R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, can be obtained by transformation of a compound of formula XII, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 , R^7 , n, p and A are as defined for formula I, with a compound of formula VII, wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 and Q are as defined for formula I, R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or optionally substituted aryl and Hal is halogen, preferably iodo, bromo or chloro. This is shown in Scheme 9.

Scheme 9



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Surprisingly, it has now been found that the novel compounds of formula I have, for practical purposes, a very advantageous level of biological activity for protecting plants against diseases that are caused by fungi.

The compounds of formula I can be used in the agricultural sector and related fields of use e.g. as active ingredients for controlling plant pests or on non-living materials for

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control of spoilage microorganisms or organisms potentially harmful to man. The novel compounds are distinguished by excellent activity at low rates of application, by being well tolerated by plants and by being environmentally safe. They have very useful curative, preventive and systemic properties and may be used for protecting numerous cultivated plants. The compounds of formula I can be used to inhibit or destroy the pests that occur on plants or parts of plants (fruit, blossoms, leaves, stems, tubers, roots) of different crops of useful plants, while at the same time protecting also those parts of the plants that grow later e.g. from phytopathogenic microorganisms.

It is also possible to use compounds of formula I as dressing agents for the treatment of plant propagation material, e.g., seed, such as fruits, tubers or grains, or plant cuttings (for example rice), for the protection against fungal infections as well as against phytopathogenic fungi occurring in the soil. The propagation material can be treated with a composition comprising a compound of formula I before planting: seed, for example, can be dressed before being sown. The active ingredients according to the invention can also be applied to grains (coating), either by impregnating the seeds in a liquid formulation or by coating them with a solid formulation. The composition can also be applied to the planting site when the propagation material is being planted, for example, to the seed furrow during sowing. The invention relates also to such methods of treating plant propagation material and to the plant propagation material so treated.

Furthermore the compounds according to present invention can be used for controlling fungi in related areas, for example in the protection of technical materials, including wood and wood related technical products, in food storage, in hygiene management.

In addition, the invention could be used to protect non-living materials from fungal attack, e.g. lumber, wall boards and paint.

The compounds of formula I are, for example, effective against the phytopathogenic fungi of the following classes: Fungi imperfecti (e.g. *Alternaria* spp.), Basidiomycetes (e.g. *Corticium* spp., *Ceratobasidium* spp., *Waitea* spp., *Thanatephorus* spp., *Rhizoctonia* spp., *Hemileia* spp., *Puccinia* spp., *Phakopsora* spp., *Ustilago* spp., *Tilletia* spp.), Ascomycetes (e.g. *Venturia* spp., *Blumeria* spp., *Erysiphe* spp., *Podosphaera* spp., *Uncinula* spp., *Monilinia* spp., *Sclerotinia* spp., *Colletotrichum* spp., *Glomerella* spp., *Fusarium* spp., *Gibberella* spp., *Monographella* spp., *Phaeosphaeria* spp., *Mycosphaerella* spp., *Cercospora* spp., *Pyrenophora* spp., *Rhynchosporium* spp., *Magnaporthe* spp., *Gaeumannomyces* spp., *Oculimacula* spp., *Ramularia* spp., *Botryotinia* spp.) and Oomycetes (e.g. *Phytophthora* spp., *Pythium* spp., *Plasmopara* spp., *Peronospora* spp., *Pseudoperonospora* spp. *Bremia* spp.). Outstanding activity is observed against downy

mildew (e.g. *Plasmopara viticola*) and late blight (e.g. *Phytophthora infestans*).

Furthermore, the novel compounds of formula I are effective against phytopathogenic gram negative and gram positive bacteria (e.g. *Xanthomonas* spp, *Pseudomonas* spp, *Erwinia amylovora*, *Ralstonia* spp.) and viruses (e.g. tobacco mosaic virus).

- 5 Within the scope of present invention, target crops and/or useful plants to be protected typically comprise the following species of plants: cereal (wheat, barley, rye, oat, rice, maize, sorghum and related species); beet (sugar beet and fodder beet); pomes, drupes and soft fruit (apples, pears, plums, peaches, almonds, cherries, strawberries, raspberries and blackberries); leguminous plants (beans, lentils, peas, soybeans); oil plants
- 10 (rape, mustard, poppy, olives, sunflowers, coconut, castor oil plants, cocoa beans, groundnuts); cucumber plants (pumpkins, cucumbers, melons); fibre plants (cotton, flax, hemp, jute); citrus fruit (oranges, lemons, grapefruit, mandarins); vegetables (spinach, lettuce, asparagus, cabbages, carrots, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, paprika); lauraceae (avocado, cinnamomum, camphor) or plants such as tobacco, nuts, coffee, eggplants,
- 15 sugar cane, tea, pepper, vines, hops, bananas and natural rubber plants, as well as turf and ornamentals.

The useful plants and / or target crops in accordance with the invention include conventional as well as genetically enhanced or engineered varieties such as, for example, insect resistant (e.g. Bt. and VIP varieties) as well as disease resistant, herbicide tolerant

20 (e.g. glyphosate- and glufosinate-resistant maize varieties commercially available under the trade names RoundupReady® and LibertyLink®) and nematode tolerant varieties. By way of example, suitable genetically enhanced or engineered crop varieties include the Stoneville 5599BR cotton and Stoneville 4892BR cotton varieties.

The term "useful plants" and/or "target crops" is to be understood as including also

25 useful plants that have been rendered tolerant to herbicides like bromoxynil or classes of herbicides (such as, for example, HPPD inhibitors, ALS inhibitors, for example primisulfuron, prosulfuron and trifloxysulfuron, EPSPS (5-enol-pyrovyl-shikimate-3-phosphate-synthase) inhibitors, GS (glutamine synthetase) inhibitors or PPO (protoporphyrinogen-oxidase) inhibitors) as a result of conventional methods of breeding or

30 genetic engineering. An example of a crop that has been rendered tolerant to imidazolinones, e.g. imazamox, by conventional methods of breeding (mutagenesis) is Clearfield® summer rape (Canola). Examples of crops that have been rendered tolerant to herbicides or classes of herbicides by genetic engineering methods include glyphosate- and glufosinate-resistant maize varieties commercially available under the trade names

35 RoundupReady® , Herculex I® and LibertyLink®.

The term "useful plants" and/or "target crops" is to be understood as including also useful plants which have been so transformed by the use of recombinant DNA techniques that they are capable of synthesising one or more selectively acting toxins, such as are known, for example, from toxin-producing bacteria, especially those of the genus *Bacillus*.

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10 synthesising such antipathogenic substances are known, for example, from EP-A-0 392 225, WO 95/33818, and EP-A-0 353 191. The methods of producing such transgenic plants are generally known to the person skilled in the art and are described, for example, in the publications mentioned above.

The term "locus" of a plant as used herein is intended to embrace the place on which
15 the plants are growing, where the plant propagation materials of the plants are sown or where the plant propagation materials of the plants will be placed into the soil. An example for such a locus is a field, on which crop plants are growing.

The term "plant propagation material" is understood to denote generative parts of the plant, such as seeds, which can be used for the multiplication of the latter, and vegetative
20 material, such as cuttings or tubers, for example potatoes. There may be mentioned for example seeds (in the strict sense), roots, fruits, tubers, bulbs, rhizomes and parts of plants. Germinated plants and young plants which are to be transplanted after germination or after emergence from the soil, may also be mentioned. These young plants may be protected before transplantation by a total or partial treatment by immersion. Preferably
25 "plant propagation material" is understood to denote seeds.

The compounds of formula I may be used in unmodified form or, preferably, together with the adjuvants conventionally employed in the art of formulation. To this end they may be conveniently formulated in known manner to emulsifiable concentrates, coatable pastes, directly sprayable or dilutable solutions or suspensions, dilute emulsions, wettable powders,
30 soluble powders, dusts, granulates, and also encapsulations e.g. in polymeric substances. As with the type of the compositions, the methods of application, such as spraying, atomising, dusting, scattering, coating or pouring, are chosen in accordance with the intended objectives and the prevailing circumstances. The compositions may also contain further adjuvants such as stabilizers, antifoams, viscosity regulators, binders or tackifiers as
35 well as fertilizers, micronutrient donors or other formulations for obtaining special effects.

Suitable carriers and adjuvants, e.g. for agricultural use, can be solid or liquid and are substances useful in formulation technology, e.g. natural or regenerated mineral substances, solvents, dispersants, wetting agents, tackifiers, thickeners, binders or fertilizers. Such carriers are for example described in WO 97/33890.

- 5 The compounds of formula I may be used in the form of compositions and can be applied to the crop area or plant to be treated, simultaneously or in succession with further compounds. These further compounds can be e.g. fertilizers or micronutrient donors or other preparations, which influence the growth of plants. They can also be selective herbicides or non-selective herbicides as well as insecticides, fungicides, bactericides,
- 10 nematicides, molluscicides or mixtures of several of these preparations, if desired together with further carriers, surfactants or application promoting adjuvants customarily employed in the art of formulation.

The compounds of formula I are normally used in the form of fungicidal compositions for controlling or protecting against phytopathogenic microorganisms, comprising as active

15 ingredient at least one compound of formula I or of at least one preferred individual compound as above-defined, in free form or in agrochemically usable salt form, and at least one of the above-mentioned adjuvants

The invention provides a fungicidal composition comprising at least one compound formula I, an agriculturally acceptable carrier and optionally an adjuvant. An agricultural

20 acceptable carrier is for example a carrier that is suitable for agricultural use. Agricultural carriers are well known in the art. Preferably said fungicidal compositions may comprise an additional fungicidal active ingredient in addition to the compound of formula I.

The compound of formula (I) may be the sole active ingredient of a composition or it may be admixed with one or more additional active ingredients such as an insecticide,

25 fungicide, synergist, herbicide or plant growth regulator where appropriate. An additional active ingredient may, in some cases, result in unexpected synergistic activities. Examples of suitable additional active ingredients include the following: Azoxystrobin (131860-33-8), Dimoxystrobin (149961-52-4), Enestrobin (238410-11-2), Fluoxastrobin (193740-76-0), Kresoxim-methyl (143390-89-0), Metominostrobin (133408-50-1), Orysastrobin (248593-16-

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- 20 Trifloxystrobin (141517-21-7), Sulfur (7704-34-9), Copper ammoniumcarbonate (CAS 33113-08-5); Copper oleate (CAS 1120-44-1); Folpet (133-07-3), Quinoxifen (124495-18-7), Captan (133-06-2), Fenhexamid (126833-17-8), Glufosinate and its salts (51276-47-2, 35597-44-5 (S-isomer)), Glyphosate (1071-83-6) and its salts (69254-40-6 (Diammonium), 34494-04-7 (Dimethylammonium), 38641-94-0 (Isopropylammonium), 40465-66-5
- 25 (Monoammonium), 70901-20-1 (Potassium), 70393-85-0 (Sesquisodium), 81591-81-3 (Trimesium)), 1-methyl-3-difluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (2-dichloromethylene-3-ethyl-1-methyl-indan-4-yl)-amide, 1-methyl-3-difluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4'-methylsulfanyl-biphenyl-2-yl)-amide, 1-methyl-3-difluoromethyl-4H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid [2-(2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-2-methoxy-1-methyl-ethyl]-amide, (5-Chloro-2,4-dimethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-(2,3,4-trimethoxy-6-methyl-phenyl)-methanone, (5-Bromo-4-chloro-2-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-(2,3,4-trimethoxy-6-methyl-phenyl)-methanone, 2-{2-[(E)-3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-methyl-prop-2-en-(E)-ylideneaminoxymethyl]-phenyl}-2-[(Z)-methoxyimino]-N-methyl-acetamide, 3-[5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2,3-dimethyl-isoxazolidin-3-yl]-pyridine.
- 35 Another aspect of invention is related to the use of a compound of formula I or of a preferred individual compound as above-defined, of a composition comprising at least one

compound of formula I or at least one preferred individual compound as above-defined, or of a fungicidal mixture comprising at least one compound of formula I or at least one preferred individual compound as above-defined, in admixture with other fungicides, as described above, for controlling or preventing infestation of plants, e.g. useful plants such as crop plants, propagation material thereof, e.g. seeds, harvested crops, e.g. harvested food crops, or non-living materials by phytopathogenic microorganisms, preferably fungal organisms.

A further aspect of invention is related to a method of controlling or preventing an infestation of plants, e.g. useful plants such as crop plants, propagation material thereof, e.g. seeds, harvested crops, e.g. harvested food crops, or of non-living materials by phytopathogenic or spoilage microorganisms or organisms potentially harmful to man, especially fungal organisms, which comprises the application of a compound of formula I or of a preferred individual compound as above-defined as active ingredient to the plants, to parts of the plants or to the locus thereof, to the propagation material thereof, or to any part of the non-living materials.

Controlling or preventing means reducing infestation by phytopathogenic or spoilage microorganisms or organisms potentially harmful to man, especially fungal organisms, to such a level that an improvement is demonstrated.

A preferred method of controlling or preventing an infestation of crop plants by phytopathogenic microorganisms, especially fungal organisms, which comprises the application of a compound of formula I, or an agrochemical composition which contains at least one of said compounds, is foliar application. The frequency of application and the rate of application will depend on the risk of infestation by the corresponding pathogen. However, the compounds of formula I can also penetrate the plant through the roots via the soil (systemic action) by drenching the locus of the plant with a liquid formulation, or by applying the compounds in solid form to the soil, e.g. in granular form (soil application). In crops of water rice such granulates can be applied to the flooded rice field. The compounds of formula I may also be applied to seeds (coating) by impregnating the seeds or tubers either with a liquid formulation of the fungicide or coating them with a solid formulation.

A formulation, e.g. a composition containing the compound of formula I, and, if desired, a solid or liquid adjuvant or monomers for encapsulating the compound of formula I, may be prepared in a known manner, typically by intimately mixing and/or grinding the compound with extenders, for example solvents, solid carriers and, optionally, surface active compounds (surfactants).

The agrochemical formulations and/or compositions will usually contain from 0.1 to 99% by weight, preferably from 0.1 to 95% by weight, of the compound of formula I, 99.9 to

1% by weight, preferably 99.8 to 5% by weight, of a solid or liquid adjuvant, and from 0 to 25% by weight, preferably from 0.1 to 25% by weight, of a surfactant.

Advantageous rates of application are normally from 5g to 2kg of active ingredient (a.i.) per hectare (ha), preferably from 10g to 1kg a.i./ha, most preferably from 20g to 5 600g a.i./ha. When used as seed drenching agent, convenient dosages are from 10mg to 1g of active substance per kg of seeds.

Whereas it is preferred to formulate commercial products as concentrates, the end user will normally use dilute formulations.

The following non-limiting example illustrates the above-described invention in more 10 detail.

Example 1: This example illustrates the preparation of 3-{4-[2-(3,5-bis-difluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-N-(R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl-benzamide (Compound No. I.z.001)

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a) Preparation of 4-{3-[(R)-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)carbamoyl]-phenyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester

HATU (6.6 g, 14.4 mmol) and ethyldiisopropylamine (4.1 g, 26 mmol) were added consecutively to a suspension of 4-(3-carboxy-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert- 20 butyl ester (4.0 g, 13 mmol) in 30 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide. This mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature, then a solution of R-(-)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthylamine (1.9 g, 13 mmol) in 20 ml of N,N-dimethylformamide was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. Subsequently the solvent was removed in vacuo, the remaining oil dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with a saturated aqueous sodium 25 bicarbonate solution, 0.5 N hydrochloric acid and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethylacetate/cyclohexane 3:7) to give 4-{3-[(R)-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)carbamoyl]-phenyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.86 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.82 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 3.20 30 (t, 4H), 3.61 (t, 4H), 5.37 (t, 1H). 7.12 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.26 (q, 1H), 7.37 (t, 2H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 8.69 (bs, 1H). MS: m/z = 436 (M+1).

b) Preparation of 3-piperazin-1-yl-N-(R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl-benzamide

To a solution of 4-{3-[(R)-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)carbamoyl]-phenyl}- 35 piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (5.7 g, 13 mmol) in 150 ml of dioxane was added 33 ml of 4 N hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at room

temperature. Subsequently the solvent was removed in vacuo, the residue dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with a saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer was dried over potassium carbonate and evaporated, delivering 3-piperazin-1-yl-N-(R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl-benzamide, which was pure enough to be transformed in the next step without further purification. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, MeOD): δ = 1.83 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 2.02 (q, 1H), 2.13 (q, 1H), 2.83 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 3.00 (t, 4H), 3.21 (t, 4H), 5.34 (t, 1H), 7.11 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.27 (q, 1H), 7.34 (d, 2H), 7.48 (d, 1H). MS: m/z = 336 (M+1).

10 c) Preparation of 3-{4-[2-(3,5-bis-difluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-N-(R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl-benzamide (Compound No. I.z.001)

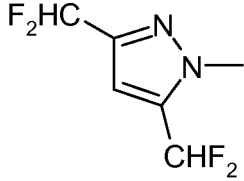
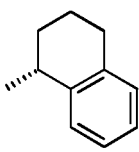
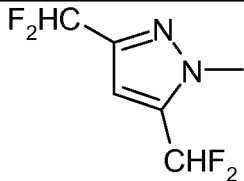
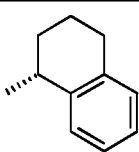
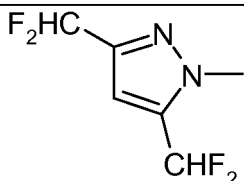
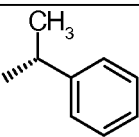
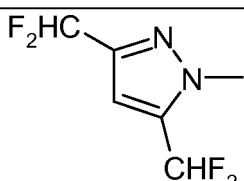
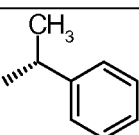
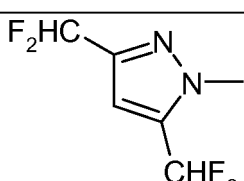
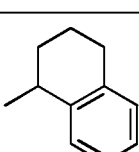
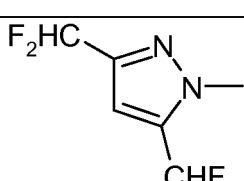
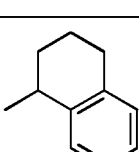
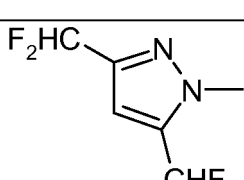
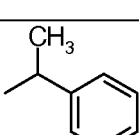
To solution of 2-[3,5-bis(difluoromethyl)pyrazol-1-yl]acetic acid (0.1 g, 0.5 mmol) in 5 ml of dichloromethane was added at room temperature one drop of N,N-dimethylformamide, then oxalyl chloride (0.07 g, 0.6 mmol). This mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature

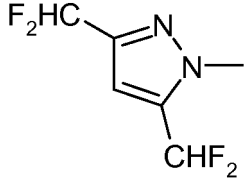
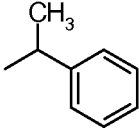
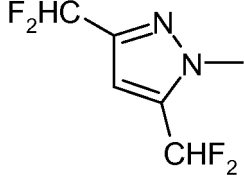
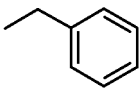
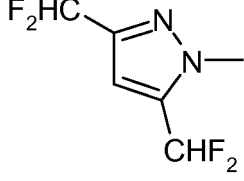
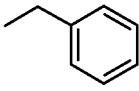
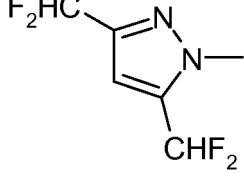
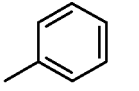
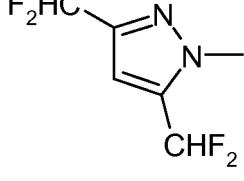
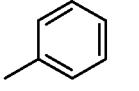
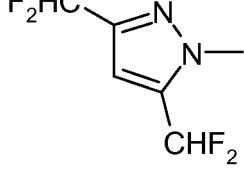
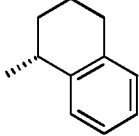
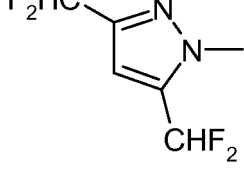
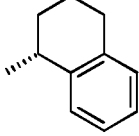
15 and then evaporated. The residue was redissolved in 5 ml of dichloromethane and slowly added at 0 °C to a solution of 3-piperazin-1-yl-N-(R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl-benzamide (0.2 g, 0.5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.3 g, 2.7 mmol) in 5 ml of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, then diluted with water and dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with water 1 N hydrochloric acid and brine, dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated. The remainder was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethylacetate/cyclohexane 3:7) to give 3-{4-[2-(3,5-bis-difluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-N-(R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl-benzamide (Compound No. I.z.001). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.62 (t, 1H), 1.79 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 2.07 (q, 1H), 2.75 (q, 2H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 3.24 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.31 (q, 1H), 6.26 (d, 1H), 6.69 (d, 1H), 6.97 (q, 1H), 7.04 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.22 (t, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H). MS: m/z = 544 (M+1).

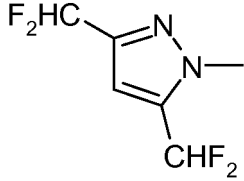
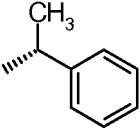
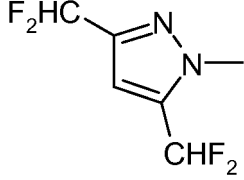
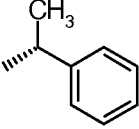
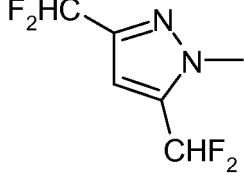
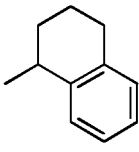
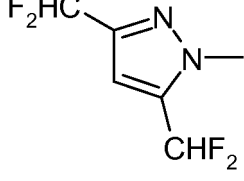
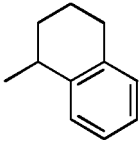
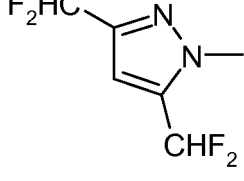
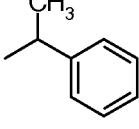
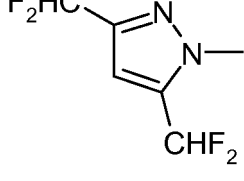
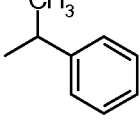
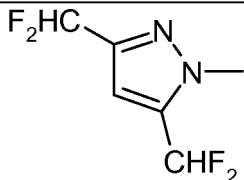
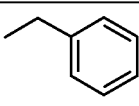
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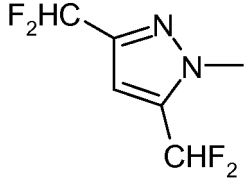
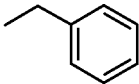
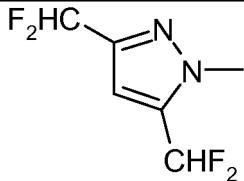
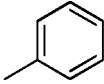
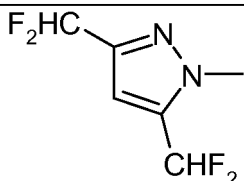
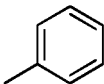
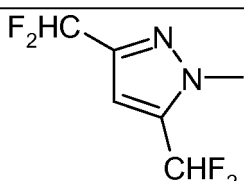
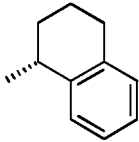
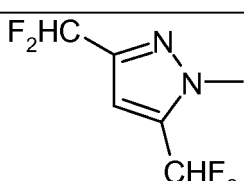
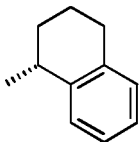
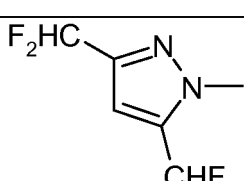
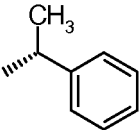
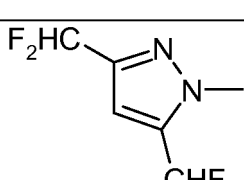
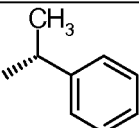
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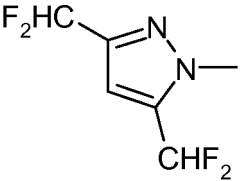
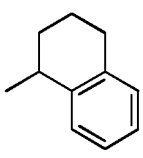
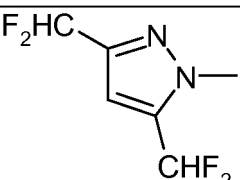
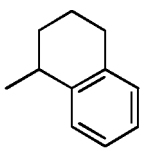
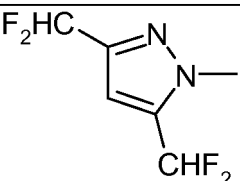
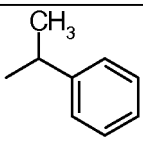
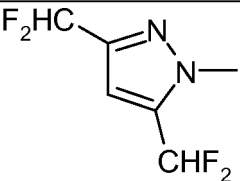
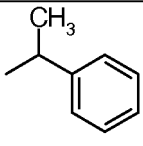
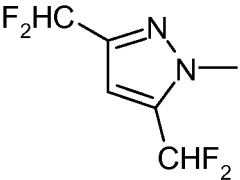
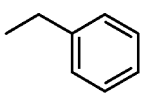
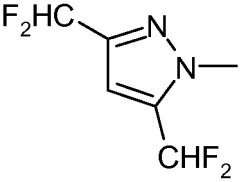
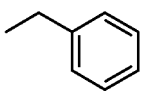
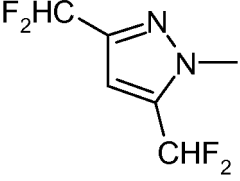
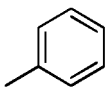
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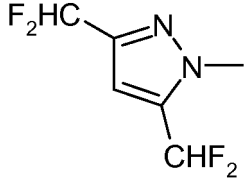
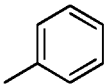
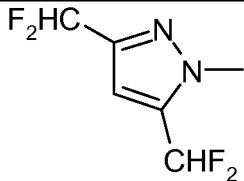
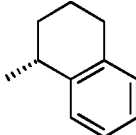
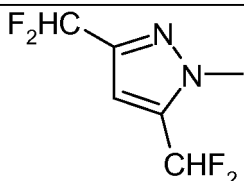
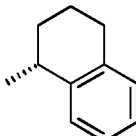
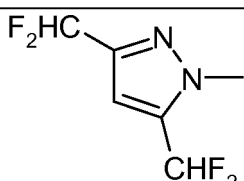
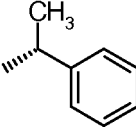
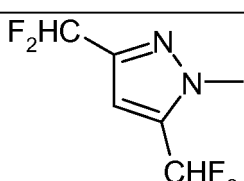
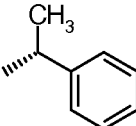
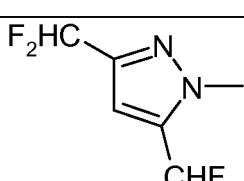
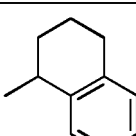
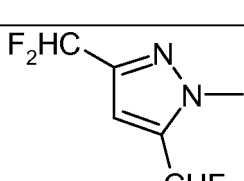
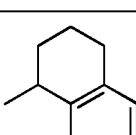
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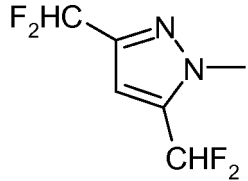
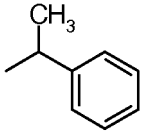
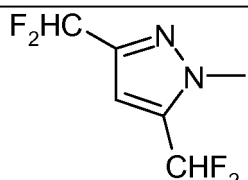
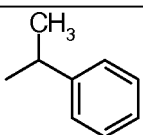
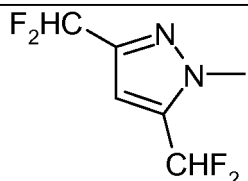
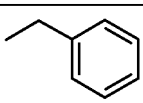
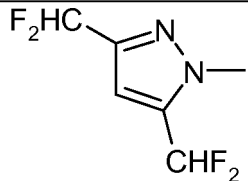
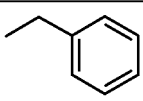
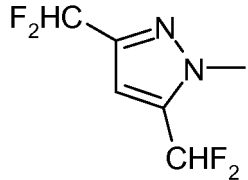
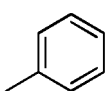
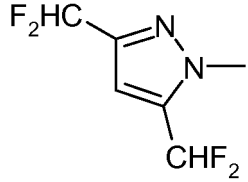
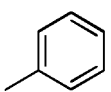
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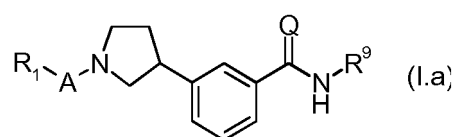
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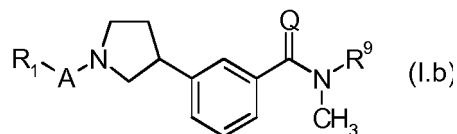
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a) 48 compounds of formula (I.a):



5 wherein A, Q, R¹ and R⁹ are as defined in Table 1.

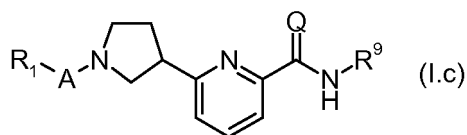
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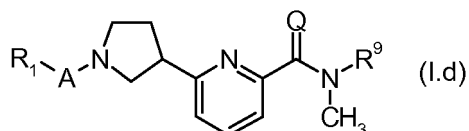
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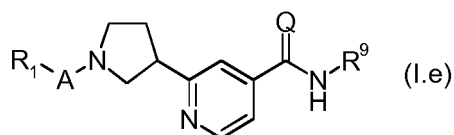
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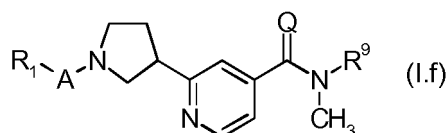
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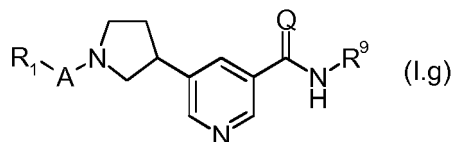
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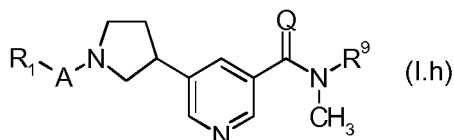
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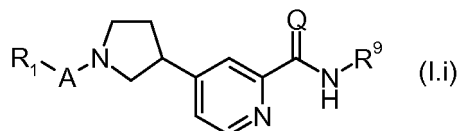
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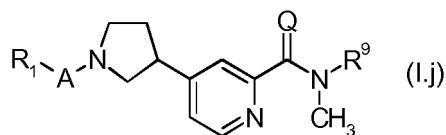
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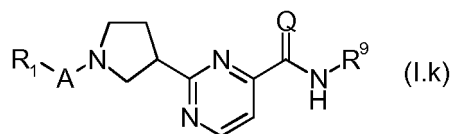
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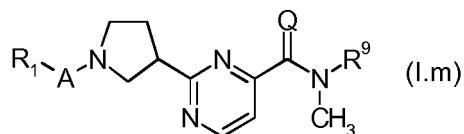
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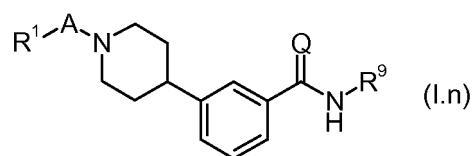
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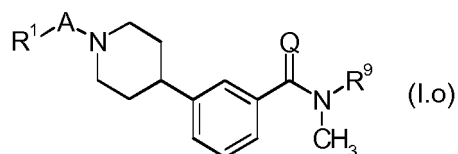
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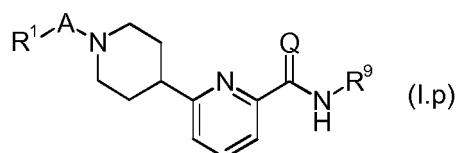
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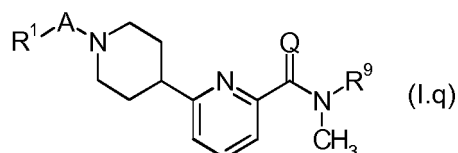
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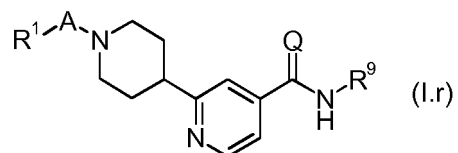
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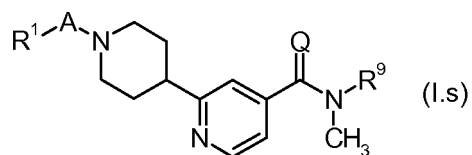
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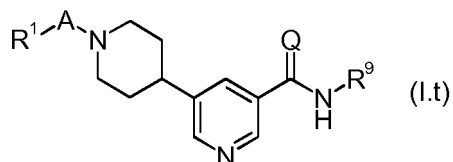
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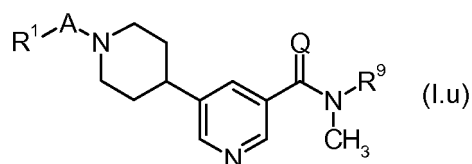
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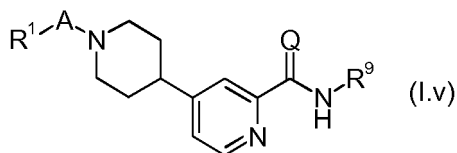
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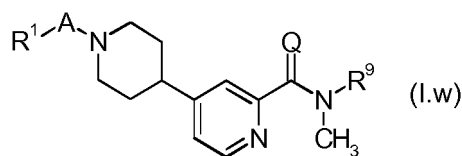
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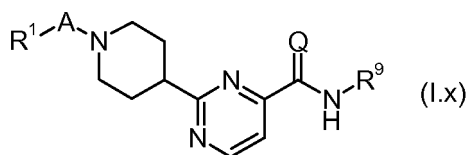
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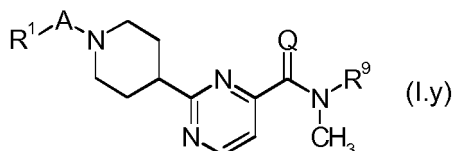
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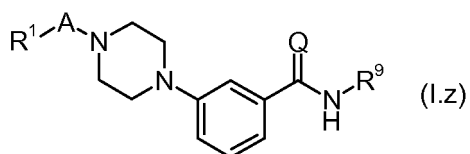
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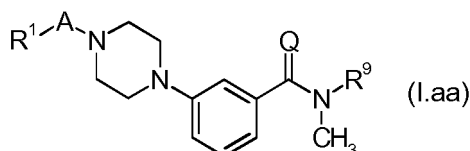
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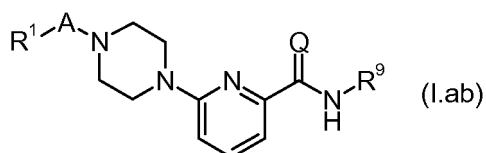
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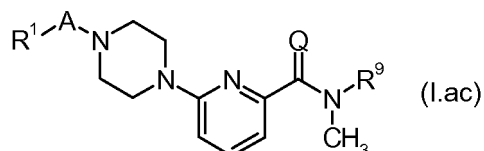
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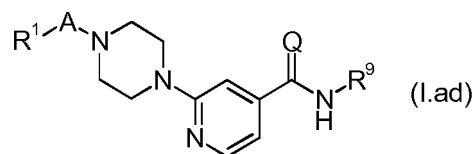
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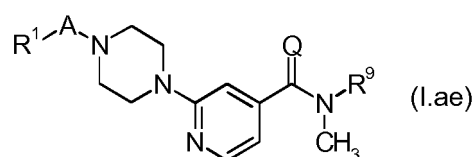
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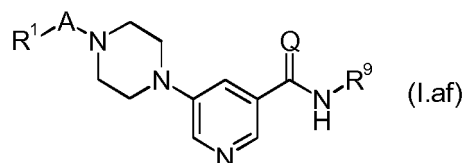
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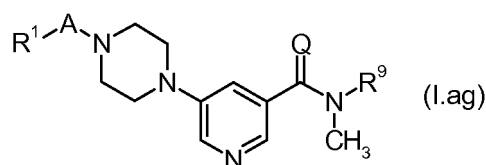
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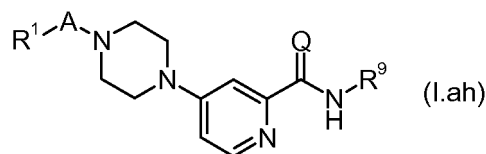
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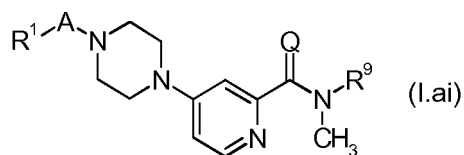
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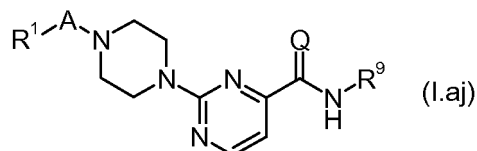
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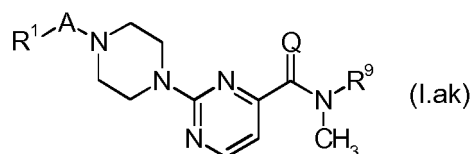
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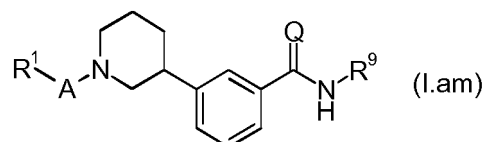
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ak) 48 compounds of formula (I.ak):



10 wherein A, Q, R¹ and R⁹ are as defined in Table 1.

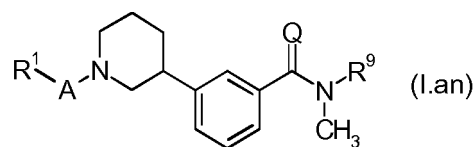
am) 48 compounds of formula (I.am):



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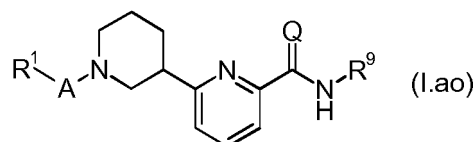
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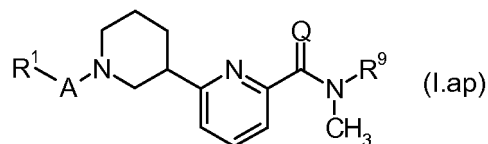
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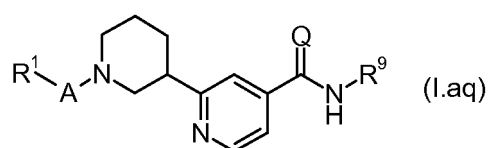
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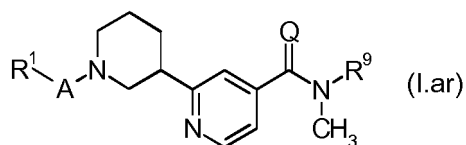
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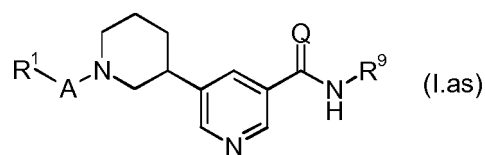
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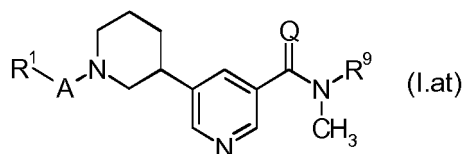
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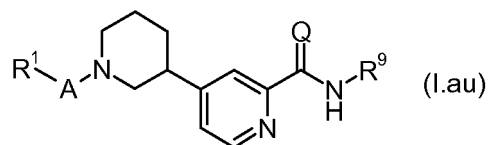
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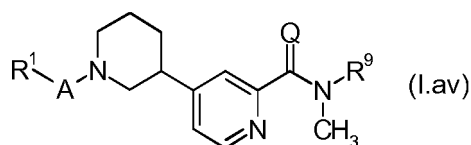
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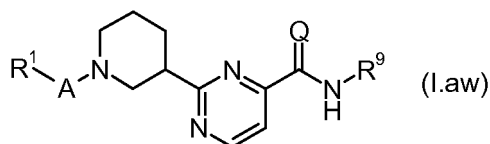
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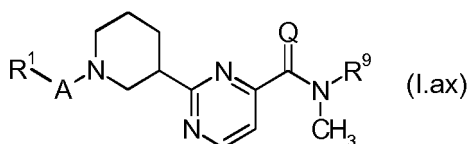
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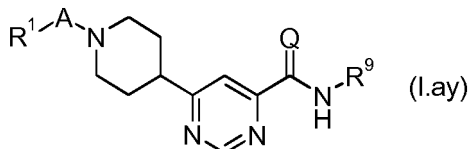
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15 wherein A, Q, R¹ and R⁹ are as defined in Table 1.

ay) 48 compounds of formula (I.ay):



wherein A, Q, R¹ and R⁹ are as defined in Table 1.

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Throughout this description, temperatures are given in degrees Celsius and "m.p." means melting point. LC/MS means Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy and the description of the apparatus and the method is: (ACQUITY

UPLC from Waters, Phenomenex Gemini C18, 3 μ m particle size, 110 Angström, 30 x 3 mm column, 1.7mL/min., 60 °C, H₂O + 0.05% HCOOH (95%) / CH₃CN/MeOH 4:1 + 0.04% HCOOH (5%) – 2 min. – CH₃CN/MeOH 4:1 + 0.04% HCOOH (5%) – 0.8 min., ACQUITY SQD Mass Spectrometer from Waters, ionization method: electrospray (ESI), Polarity: positive ions, Capillary (kV) 3.00, Cone (V) 20.00, Extractor (V) 3.00, Source Temperature (°C) 150, Desolvation Temperature (°C) 400, Cone Gas Flow (L/Hr) 60, Desolvation Gas Flow (L/Hr) 700).

Table 2: Melting point and LC/MS data for compounds of Table 1

Compound No.	Melting point (°C)	LC/MS
I.v.001		Rt=1.10 min; MS: m/z=544 (M+1)
I.z.001		Rt=1.88 min; MS: m/z=544 (M+1)
I.ah.001		Rt=1.25 min; MS: m/z=545 (M+1)

Biological examples

Phytophthora infestans / tomato / leaf disc preventative (tomato late blight)

Tomato leaf disks are placed on water agar in multiwell plates (24-well format) and sprayed with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The leaf disks are inoculated with a spore suspension of the fungus 1 day after application. The inoculated leaf disks are incubated at 16°C and 75% rh under a light regime of 24 h darkness followed by 12 h light / 12 h darkness in a climate cabinet and the activity of a compound is assessed as percent disease control compared to untreated when an appropriate level of disease damage appears in untreated check leaf disks (5 – 7 days after application).

Compound I.v.001, I.z.001 and I.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control in this test when compared to untreated control leaf discs under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

Phytophthora infestans / potato / preventative (potato late blight)

2-week old potato plants cv. Bintje are sprayed in a spray chamber with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The test plants are inoculated by spraying them with a sporangia suspension 2 days after application. The inoculated test plants are incubated

at 18° C with 14 h light/day and 100 % rh in a growth chamber and the percentage leaf area covered by disease is assessed when an appropriate level of disease appears on untreated check plants (5 – 7 days after application).

- 5 Compound I.v.001, I.z.001 and I.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control in this test when compared to untreated control plants under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

Phytophthora infestans / potato / long lasting preventative (potato late blight)

- 10 2-week old potato plants cv. Bintje are sprayed in a spray chamber with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The test plants are inoculated by spraying them with a sporangia suspension 6 days after application. The inoculated test plants are incubated at 18° C with 14 h light/day and 100 % rh in a growth chamber and the percentage leaf area covered by disease is assessed when an appropriate level of disease appears on
15 untreated check plants (9 – 11 days after application).

Compound I.v.001, I.z.001 and I.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control in this test when compared to untreated control plants under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

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Phytophthora infestans / potato / curative (potato late blight)

- 2-week old potato plants cv. Bintje are inoculated by spraying them with a sporangia suspension one day before application. The inoculated plants are sprayed in a spray chamber with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The inoculated test plants
25 are incubated at 18° C with 14 h light/day and 100 % rh in a growth chamber and the percentage leaf area covered by disease is assessed when an appropriate level of disease appears on untreated check plants (3 – 4 days after application).

- Compound I.v.001, I.z.001 and I.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control
30 in this test when compared to untreated control plants under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

Plasmopara viticola / grape / leaf disc preventative (grape downy mildew)

- Grape vine leaf disks are placed on water agar in multiwell plates (24-well format) and
35 sprayed with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The leaf disks are inoculated with a spore suspension of the fungus 1 day after application. The

inoculated leaf disks are incubated at 19°C and 80% rh under a light regime of 12 h light / 12 h darkness in a climate cabinet and the activity of a compound is assessed as percent disease control compared to untreated when an appropriate level of disease damage appears in untreated check leaf disks (6 – 8 days after application).

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Compound I.v.001, I.z.001 and I.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control in this test when compared to untreated control leaf discs under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

10 Plasmopara viticola / grape / preventative (grape downy mildew)

5-week old grape seedlings cv. Gutedel are sprayed in a spray chamber with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The test plants are inoculated by spraying a sporangia suspension on their lower leaf surface one day after application. The inoculated test plants are incubated at 22° C and 100% rh in a greenhouse and the percentage leaf area covered by disease is assessed when an appropriate level of disease appears on untreated check plants (6 – 8 days after application).

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Compound I.v.001, I.z.001 and I.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control in this test when compared to untreated control plants under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

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Plasmopara viticola / grape / long lasting preventative (grape downy mildew)

5-week old grape seedlings cv. Gutedel are sprayed in a spray chamber with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The test plants are inoculated by spraying a sporangia suspension on their lower leaf surface 6 days after application. The inoculated test plants are incubated at 22° C and 100% rh in a greenhouse and the percentage leaf area covered by disease is assessed when an appropriate level of disease appears on untreated check plants (11 – 13 days after application).

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Compound I.v.001, I.z.001 and I.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control in this test when compared to untreated control plants under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

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Plasmopara viticola / grape / curative (grape downy mildew)

5-week-old grape seedlings cv. Gutedel are inoculated by spraying a sporangia suspension on their lower leaf surface one day before application. The inoculated

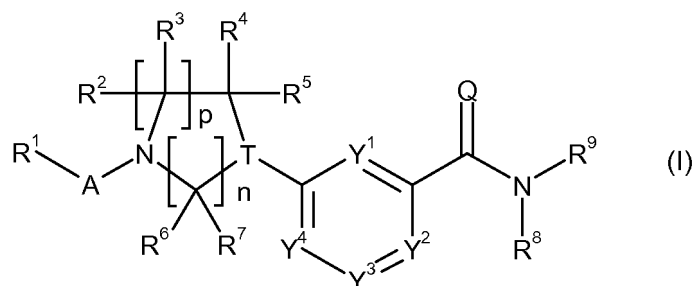
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grape plants are sprayed in a spray chamber with the formulated test compound diluted in water. The inoculated test plants are incubated at 22° C and 100% rh in a greenhouse and the percentage leaf area covered by disease is assessed when an appropriate level of disease appears on untreated check plants (4 – 6 days after application).

Compound l.v.001, l.z.001 and l.ah.001 at 200 ppm give at least 80% disease control in this test when compared to untreated control plants under the same conditions, which show extensive disease development.

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula I:



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wherein

A is $x\text{-C(R}^{10}\text{R}^{11}\text{)-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-C(R}^{12}\text{R}^{13}\text{)-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-O-C(=S)-}$, $x\text{-N(R}^{14}\text{)-C(=O)-}$, $x\text{-N(R}^{15}\text{)-C(=S)-}$ or $x\text{-C(R}^{16}\text{R}^{17}\text{)-SO}_2\text{-}$, $x\text{-N=C(R}^{30}\text{)-}$, in each case x indicates the bond

10 that is connected to R¹;

T is CR¹⁸ or N;

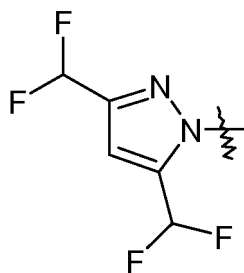
Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ are independently CR¹⁹ or N;

Q is O or S;

n is 1 or 2;

15 p is 1 or 2, providing that when n is 2, p is 1.

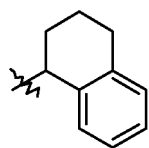
R¹ is



R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹ and R³⁰ each independently are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₄alkyl, or C₁-C₄haloalkyl;

20 R⁸, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently are hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R⁹ is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, halogen, cyano, hydroxy and amino;
or a salt or a N-oxide thereof.

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2. The compound according to claim 1, wherein

A is x-C(R¹⁰R¹¹)-C(=O)-, x-C(R¹²R¹³)-C(=S)-, x-O-C(=O)-, x-O-C(=S)-, or x-C(R¹⁶R¹⁷)-SO₂-, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R¹;

T is CR¹⁸ or N;

10 Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ are independently CR¹⁹ or N providing that at least 2 of Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ are CR¹⁹;

Q is O or S;

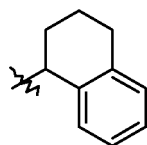
n is 1 or 2;

p is 1;

15 R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, and R¹⁹ each independently are hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄haloalkyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl; and

R⁹ is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



20 (a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, halogen, cyano, hydroxy and amino.

25 3. The compound according to claim 1, wherein

A is x-CR¹⁰R¹¹-C(=O)-, x-O-C(=O)-, or x-CR¹⁶R¹⁷-SO₂-, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R¹;

T is CR¹⁸;

Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴ are independently CR¹⁹ or N providing that at least 2 of Y¹, Y², Y³,

30 and Y⁴ are CR¹⁹ and providing that there are no N-N bonds in the ring containing Y¹, Y², Y³, and Y⁴;

Q is O or S;

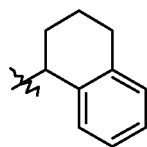
n is 1 or 2;

p is 1;

R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} , and R^{19} each independently are hydrogen, fluoro, or methyl;

R^8 is hydrogen or methyl; and

R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



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(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, hydroxy and halogen.

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4. The compound according to claim 1, wherein

A is $x-CH_2-C(=O)-$, $x-O-C(=O)-$ or $x-CH_2-SO_2-$, in each case x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 ;

T is CH;

15 Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CH or N providing that at least 2 of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are CH and providing that there are no N-N bonds in the ring containing Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 ;

Q is O;

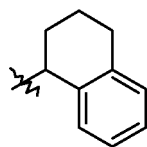
n is 1 or 2;

20 p is 1;

R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are each hydrogen;

R^8 is hydrogen or methyl; and

R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



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(a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, hydroxy and halogen.

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5. The compound according to claim 1, wherein

A is $x-CH_2-C(=O)-$, wherein x indicates the bond that is connected to R^1 ;

T is CH;

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , and Y^4 are independently CH;

Q is O;

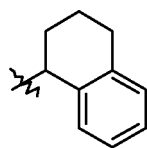
n is 2;

5 p is 1;

R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are each hydrogen;

R^8 is hydrogen or methyl; and

R^9 is phenyl, benzyl or group (a):



10 (a)

wherein the phenyl, benzyl and group (a) are each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from methyl, halomethyl, and halogen.

6. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein at least three of Y^1 ,
15 Y^2 , Y^3 and Y^4 are CH and the other of Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 and Y^4 is CH or N.

7. The compound according to any one claims 1 to 6, wherein Y^2 is N.

8. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein p is 1 and n is 2.

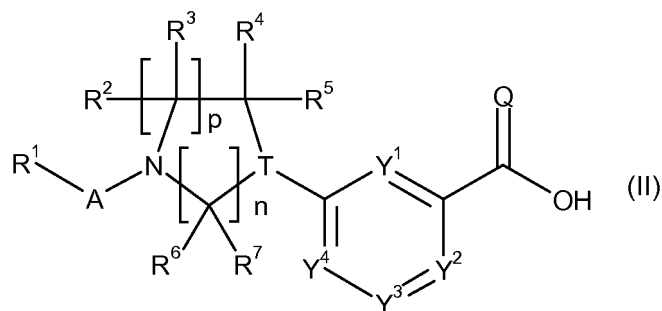
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9. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are H.

10. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein Q is O.

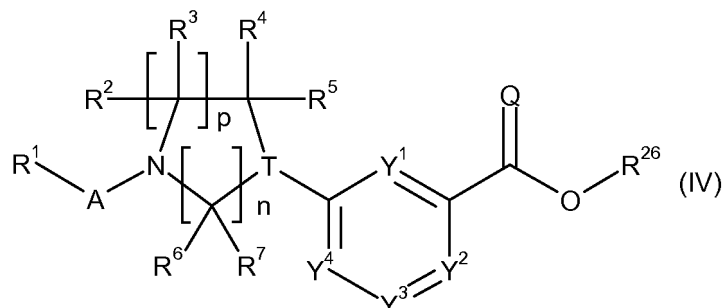
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11. A compound of formula II:



wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, T, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 have the definitions as described for formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10;

or a compound of formula IV:

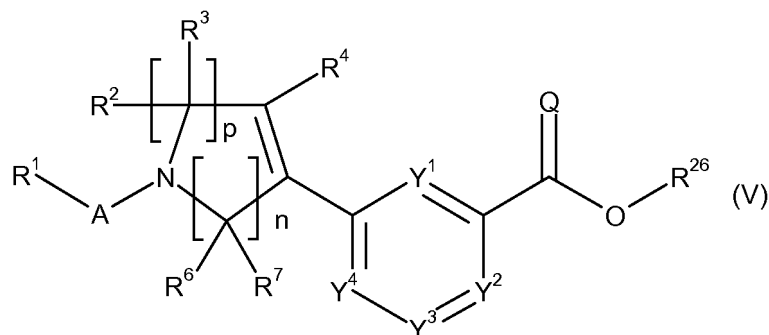


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wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, T, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 have the definitions as described for formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10; and

R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or optionally substituted aryl;

10 or a compound of formula V:

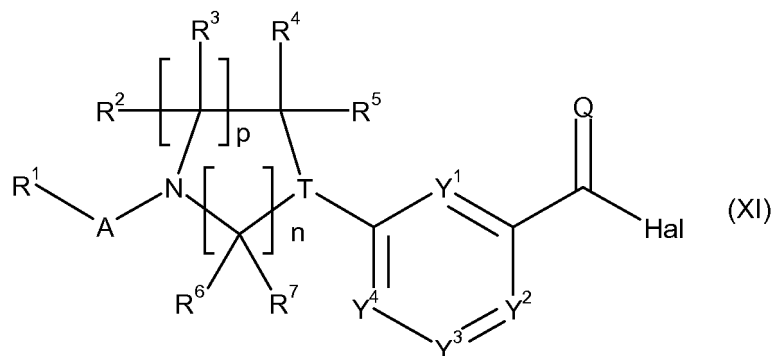


wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^6 and R^7 , have the definitions as described for formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10; and

R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or optionally substituted aryl;

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or a compound of formula XI:



wherein Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , A, Q, n, p, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 , have the definitions as described for formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10; and Hal stands for halogen.

- 5 12. A compound according to claim 11, wherein R^{26} is C_1 - C_6 alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, hydroxyl, amino, cyano and halogen.
- 10 13. A fungicidal composition comprising at least one compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10 and an agriculturally acceptable carrer, optionally comprising an adjuvant, and optionally comprising at least one additional fungicidally active compound.
- 15 14. A method of controlling or preventing an infestation of plants, propagation material thereof, harvested crops or non-living materials by phytopathogenic or spoilage microorganisms or organisms potentially harmful to man, which comprises the application of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10 to the plant, to parts of the plant or to the locus thereof, or to the propagation material thereof, or to any part of the non-living materials.
- 20 15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the phytopathogenic microorganisms are fungal organisms.