

Utilization of Monocyclic Aldehydes as Odoriferous Agents

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to the use of special monocyclic aldehydes obtainable by partial or complete hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes as perfumes. By "cyclooct(adi)enes" are meant both
5 cyclooctadienes and cyclooctenes, i.e. C_8 monocyclic compounds containing one or two $C=C$ double bonds. By "(di)methyl-substituted" is meant that the bicyclic system bears either one or two methyl groups as substituents.

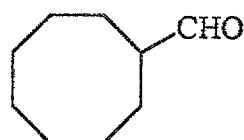
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Prior Art

The hydroformylation of cyclic dienes is known from the literature. For example, A. Spencer describes the hydroformylation of inter alia 1,3- and 1,5-cyclooctadiene in the presence of special rhodium catalysts in **Journal of Organometallic Chemistry 1997, 124, pages 85 to 91**. JP
15 **58/21638** describes a process for the production of dialdehydes in which unconjugated diolefins are reacted with hydrogen and carbon monoxide in a water-immiscible solvent in the presence of a rhodium catalyst.

Cyclooctane aldehyde (1)

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(1)

25 is disclosed in **US 3,985,769** as a raw material for the production of acetal derivatives with perfume properties, its olfactory properties being described as "intensively green".

Judging by demand, many natural perfumes are available in totally inadequate quantities. Accordingly, it is clear that there is a constant demand in the perfume industry for new perfumes with interesting perfume notes in order to extend the range of naturally available perfumes and to be
5 able to make the necessary adaptations to changing fashion trends and to satisfy the continuously increasing demand for odor enhancers for products of everyday use, such as cosmetics and cleaning products.

In addition, there is generally a constant need for synthetic perfumes which can be favorably produced in a consistent quality and which have
10 desirable olfactory properties, i.e. pleasant, near-natural and qualitatively new odor profiles of adequate intensity, and which are capable of advantageously influencing the fragrance of cosmetic and consumer products. In other words, there is a constant need for compounds which have characteristic new odor profiles coupled with high staying power,
15 intensity of odor and emanative power.

Description of the Invention

It has surprisingly been found that aldehydes obtainable by partial or complete hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes have
20 remarkable olfactory properties. Over and above their special odor characteristic, which is characterized by a broad range with complex nuances, the compounds are distinguished by high staying and emanative power. In addition, they are eminently suitable as perfume boosters. A perfume booster is understood to be a substance which is capable of
25 lastingly intensifying the olfactory impressions of the components of a multicomponent system, i.e. a mixture of two or more perfumes.

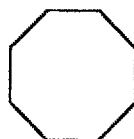
The present invention relates to the use of monocyclic aldehydes obtainable by partial or complete hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes as perfumes.

30 The present invention also relates to the use of monocyclic

aldehydes obtainable by partial or complete hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes as perfume boosters. Compounds (3a), (3b) and (3c) described in more detail hereinafter are particularly preferred for this use.

5 The aldehydes to be used in accordance with the invention are advantageously prepared by hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes which have a cyclooctane system as a common backbone. The backbone is illustrated by formula (2) below, but without any methyl groups or C=C double bonds:

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(2)

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The system (2) contains one or two methyl groups and one or two C=C double bonds. If two C=C double bonds are present, they are not immediately adjacent.

20 The hydroformylation is a reaction known to the expert which was discovered by Roelen in 1938. In this reaction, alkenes are converted into aldehydes with carbon monoxide and hydrogen. The reaction is also known as oxosynthesis.

25 If (di)methyl-substituted cyclooctadienes are used as starting materials for the purposes of the present invention, the hydroformylation may be carried out in part or completely. In the case of partial hydroformylation, one olefinic double bond remains intact per molecule of the starting compound while only the other is hydroformylated; in the case of complete hydroformylation, two CHO groups are introduced into the molecule. If, however, (di)methyl-substituted cyclooctenes are used as
30 starting materials, only complete hydroformylation is of course possible

because only one olefinic double bond is present per molecule of the starting compound.

The odor profile of the hydroformylation products according to the invention is original and novel. In perfume compositions, they enhance
5 harmony and emanation and also staying power, the particular dosage being adapted to the perfume note required taking the other constituents of the composition into account.

The fact that the hydroformylation products according to the invention have interesting perfume notes was not foreseeable and is
10 confirmation of the general experience that the olfactory properties of known perfumes are not necessarily an indication of the properties of structurally related compounds - in the present case cyclooctane aldehyde (1) for example - or mixtures thereof because neither the mechanism of odor perception nor the influence of chemical structure on odor perception
15 has been sufficiently researched, i.e. it cannot normally be predicted whether a modified structure or special mixing ratios of known perfumes lead at all to changes in the olfactory properties and whether these changes may be regarded as positive or negative.

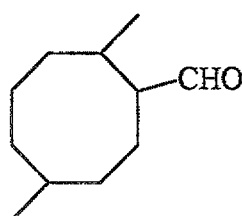
By virtue of their odor profiles, the hydroformylation products
20 according to the invention are also particularly suitable for modifying and enhancing known compositions. Particular emphasis is placed above all on their outstanding intensity of odor which contributes quite generally towards the refinement of compositions.

Also remarkable is the way in which the hydroformylation products
25 according to the invention round off and harmonize the perfume notes of a broad range of known compositions without unpleasantly dominating them in any way.

Compounds (3a), (3b) and (3c) - cf. the structural formulae shown below - are most particularly suitable for use as a perfume and/or perfume
30 booster in accordance with the invention. Accordingly, it is of particular

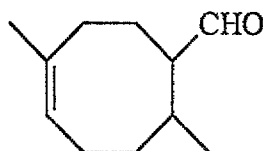
advantage to use the compounds (3a), (3b) and (3c) in air fresheners for example. In addition, it has been found that the compounds (3a), (3b) and (3c) may be used with particular advantage for enhancing citrus notes in cleaning compositions.

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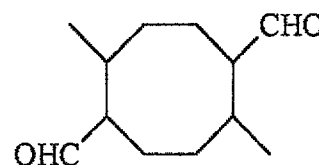


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(3a)



(3b)



(3c)

Compounds (3a), (3b) and (3c) may be prepared, for example, by hydroformylation of the corresponding (di)methyl-substituted cyclooctene or cyclooctadiene systems.

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Compound (3b) is generally obtained in the form of an (E,Z)-mixture, in other words the C=C double bond may be both E- and Z-configured, although a mixture in which the Z configuration predominates is generally present. However, it may even be desirable to use the E- or Z-configured form in pure substance.

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The quantities in which the hydroformylation products according to the invention are used in perfume compositions are between 0.001 and 70% by weight, based on the mixture as a whole. The hydroformylation products according to the invention and corresponding compositions may be used both for perfuming cosmetic preparations, such as lotions, creams, shampoos, soaps, salves, powders, aerosols, toothpastes, mouthwashes, deodorants, and in extract perfumery. They may also be used for perfuming technical products and detergents and cleaning compositions, fabric softeners, textile treatment compositions and tobacco. For perfuming these various products, the compositions are added to them in an olfactorily effective quantity, more particularly in a concentration of 0.05 to

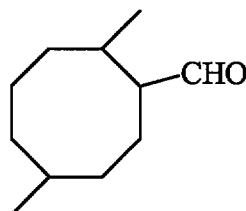
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2% by weight, based on the product as a whole. However, these values are not intended to represent limits because the experienced perfumist can still obtain effects with lower concentrations or can build up new complexes with even higher concentrations.

- 5 The following Examples are intended to illustrate the invention without limiting it in any way.

Examples

10 1. **Preparation of 2,6-dimethyl-1-formylcyclooctane (3a)**



(3a)

15 2 Moles (272.46 g) of 1,5-dimethyl-1,5-cyclooctadiene (manufacturer: Shell; gas chromatographic purity: 75%) were introduced into an autoclave together with 1.7 mmols (1.175 g) of a rhodium catalyst with the formula $\text{Rh}(\text{CO})\text{Cl}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and 19 mmols (5 g) of triphenyl phosphine and reacted with a 1:1 mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide with intensive stirring for 5 hours at 100°C under a pressure of 60 kg/cm² and in the absence of solvent. For working up, the contents of the reactor were filtered and distilled through a 20 cm Vigreux column.

25 Subsequent fractionation was carried out in a spinning band column. 82 g of monoaldehyde (3a) (boiling point: 65°C/16 mbar) were obtained together with 35.4 g of dialdehyde (boiling point: 105°C/16 mbar).

Odor description for (3a): minty, woody, cucumber-dill note.

2. Preparation of 2,6-dimethyl-5-formylcyclooct-1-ene (3b)



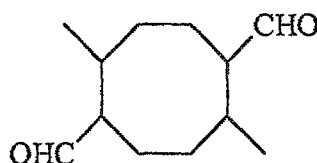
(3b)

2 Moles (272.46 g) of 1,5-dimethyl-1,5-cyclooctadiene (manufacturer: Aldrich; gas chromatographic purity: 76%) were introduced into an autoclave together with 1.7 mmols (1.175 g) of a rhodium catalyst with the formula $\text{Rh}(\text{CO})\text{Cl}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and 19 mmols (5 g) of triphenyl phosphine and reacted with a 1:1 mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide with intensive stirring for 5 hours at 100°C under a pressure of 60 kg/cm² and in the absence of solvent. For working up, the contents of the reactor were filtered and distilled through a 20 cm Vigreux column.

Subsequent fractionation into educt and monoaldehyde was carried out in a spinning band column. 132 g of product (3b) were obtained (boiling point: 58°C/16 mbar).

Odor description: technical

3. Preparation of 2,6-dimethyl-1,5-diformylcyclooctane (3c)



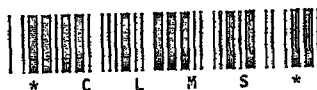
(3c)

2 Moles (272.46 g) of 1,5-dimethyl-1,5-cyclooctadiene (manufacturer: Shell; gas chromatographic purity: 98%) were introduced into an autoclave together with 1.7 mmols (1.175 g) of a rhodium catalyst

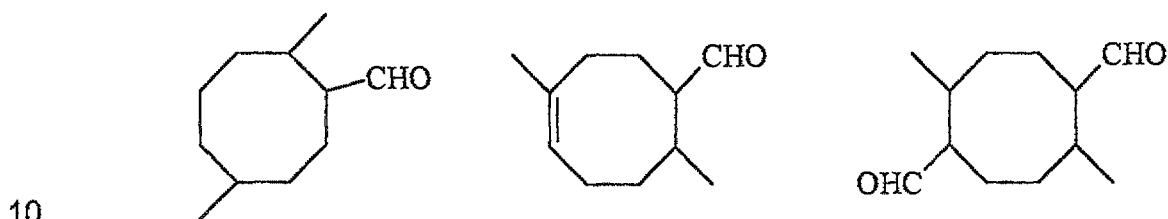
with the formula $\text{Rh}(\text{CO})\text{Cl}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and 19 mmoles (5 g) of triphenyl phosphine and reacted with a 1:1 mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide with intensive stirring for 5 hours at 100°C under a pressure of 60 kg/cm² and in the absence of solvent. For working up, the contents of
5 the reactor were filtered and distilled through a 20 cm Vigreux column.

Subsequent fractionation was carried out in a spinning band column. 29 g of a mixture of 2,6-dimethyl-1,5-diformylcyclooctane and 2,5-dimethyl-1,4-diformylcyclooctane were obtained (boiling point: 105°C/16 mbar).

Odor description: green, potato note.

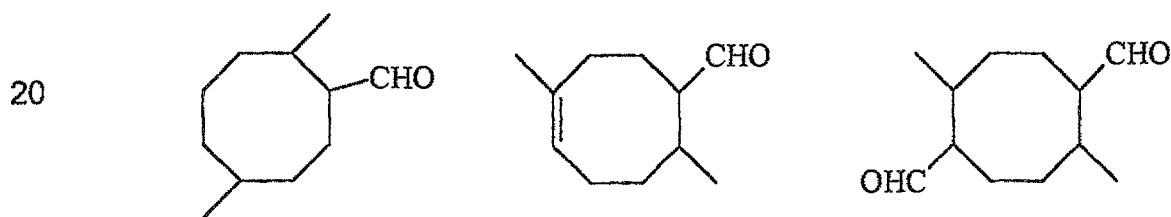
**CLAIMS**

1. The use of monocyclic aldehydes obtainable by partial or complete hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes as perfumes.
2. The use of monocyclic aldehydes with the following structural formulae:



as perfumes.

3. The use of monocyclic aldehydes obtainable by partial or complete hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes as a fragrance booster.
4. The use of monocyclic aldehydes with the following structural formulae:



as a fragrance booster.

5. The use of monocyclic aldehydes obtainable by partial or complete hydroformylation of (di)methyl-substituted cyclooct(adi)enes in cosmetic preparations, technical products or in alcohol-based perfumery.
6. The use of monocyclic aldehydes with the following structural formulae:

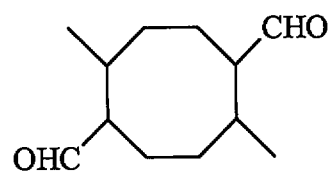
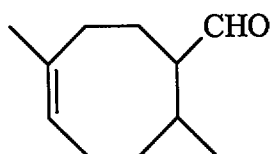
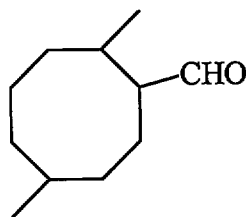


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