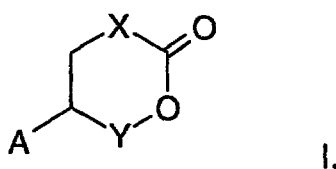


Abstract

The invention is concerned with odorant compositions which contain macrocycles,
 5 namely 15- to 17-membered compounds of the formula



wherein the dotted line signifies an optional additional bond, X and Y stand for methylene
 10 or C₂-12-polymethylene, optionally substituted with an additional methyl group, and A
 signifies hydrogen or methyl in the case of the unsaturated compound and methyl in the
 case of the saturated compounds, with the proviso that the unsaturated compounds are
 present to more than 80% in the cis form when A signifies hydrogen and are present to
 more than 50% in the cis form when A signifies methyl, with the exception of Z-
 15 oxacyclopentadec-6-en-2-one (15-membered ring), Z-oxacyclohepadec-8-en-2-one (17-
 membered ring) and Z-oxacycloheptadec-11-en-2-one (17-membered ring), a process for
 the manufacture of the compounds of formula I and the use of the compounds of formula
 I as odorants.

