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Abstract

Organic materials which possess outstanding stability to oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation comprise as stabilizers at least one compound of the benzofuran-2-one type and at least one compound of the sterically hindered amine type.

Phenol-free stabilization of polyolefin fibres

The present invention relates to compositions comprising an organic material subject to oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation, especially polyolefins, for example polyolefin fibres, and as stabilizers at least one compound of the benzofuran-2-one type and at least one compound of the sterically hindered amine type, and to the use thereof for stabilizing organic materials against oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation.

The use of compounds of the benzofuran-2-one type as stabilizers for organic polymers is known, for example, from US 4,325,863; US 4,388,244; US 5,175,312; US 5,252,643; US 5,216,052; US 5,369,159; US 5,488,117; US 5,356,966; US 5,367,008; US 5,428,162; US 5,428,177 or US 5,516,920.

Sterically hindered amines, including in particular compounds containing 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl groups, are known as "hindered amine" light stabilizers (HALS).

The known stabilizers do not satisfy in every respect the high requirements which a stabilizer is required to meet, especially with regard to shelf life, water absorption, sensitivity to hydrolysis, in-process stabilization, colour properties, volatility, migration behaviour, compatibility and improvement in protection against light. As a result there continues to be a need for effective stabilizers for organic materials, especially polyolefins, for example polyolefin fibres, that are sensitive to oxidative, thermal and/or light-induced degradation.

Polyolefin fibres have to date been stabilized with sterically hindered phenols in combination with compounds from the group of the organic phosphites or phosphonites and, in some cases, with additional use of light stabilizers. The use of such stabilizer mixtures leads in many cases to yellowing of the polyolefin fibres thus produced, especially under the action of NO_x gas, referred to in the art as gas fading. In many cases discoloration occurs even during processing, especially in the case of melt extrusion. It is also known that compounds from the group of the sterically hindered amines, which may be added as light stabilizers, show an antagonistic effect together with the sterically hindered phenols, which adversely affects the long-term thermal stability.

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It has now been found that a stabilizer mixture comprising at least one compound of the benzofuran-2-one type and at least one compound of the sterically hindered amine type is particularly suitable as a stabilizer for organic materials which are sensitive to oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation. Such phenol-free stabilization systems exhibit, in particular, excellent stabilization of polyolefins in the course of processing to polypropylene fibres, for example. These novel stabilizer systems suppress the discoloration of the organic materials during processing, have an excellent action in respect of resistance to the effect of NO_x (no gas fading) and, moreover, exhibit improved long-term thermal stability relative to stabilization systems which include phenolic antioxidants. The sterically hindered amines, which replace the phenolic long-term thermal stabilizers, additionally provide good protection against photooxidative degradation of the organic material.

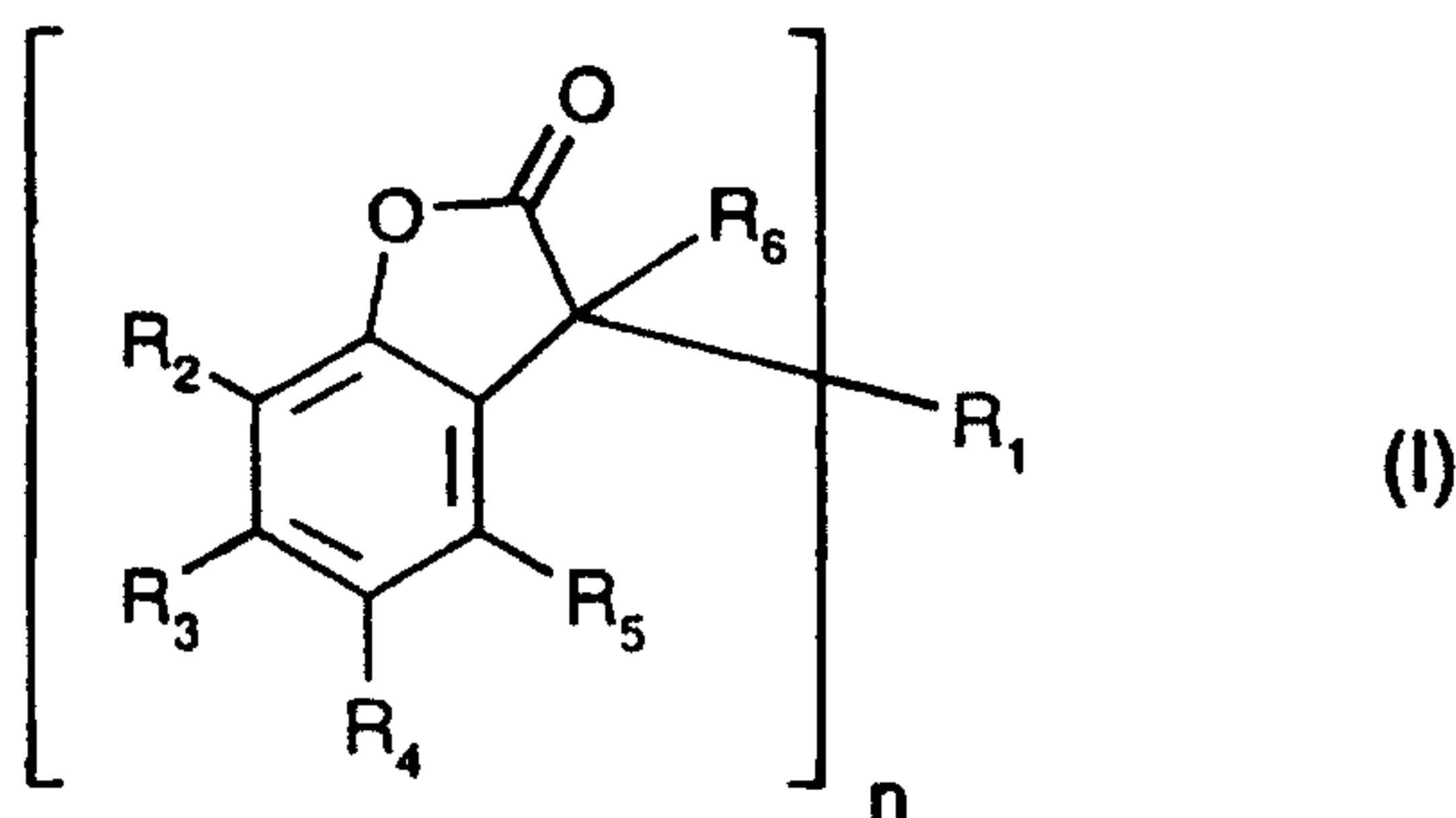
The present invention therefore provides compositions comprising

- a) an organic material which is subject to oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation,
- b) at least one compound of the benzofuran-2-one type, and
- c) at least one compound of the sterically hindered amine group.

Preferably, the organic material of component (a) is an essentially phenol-free polyolefin fibre.

The present invention also provides compositions comprising, in addition to components (a), (b) and (c), also d) at least one compound from the group of the organic phosphites or phosphonites.

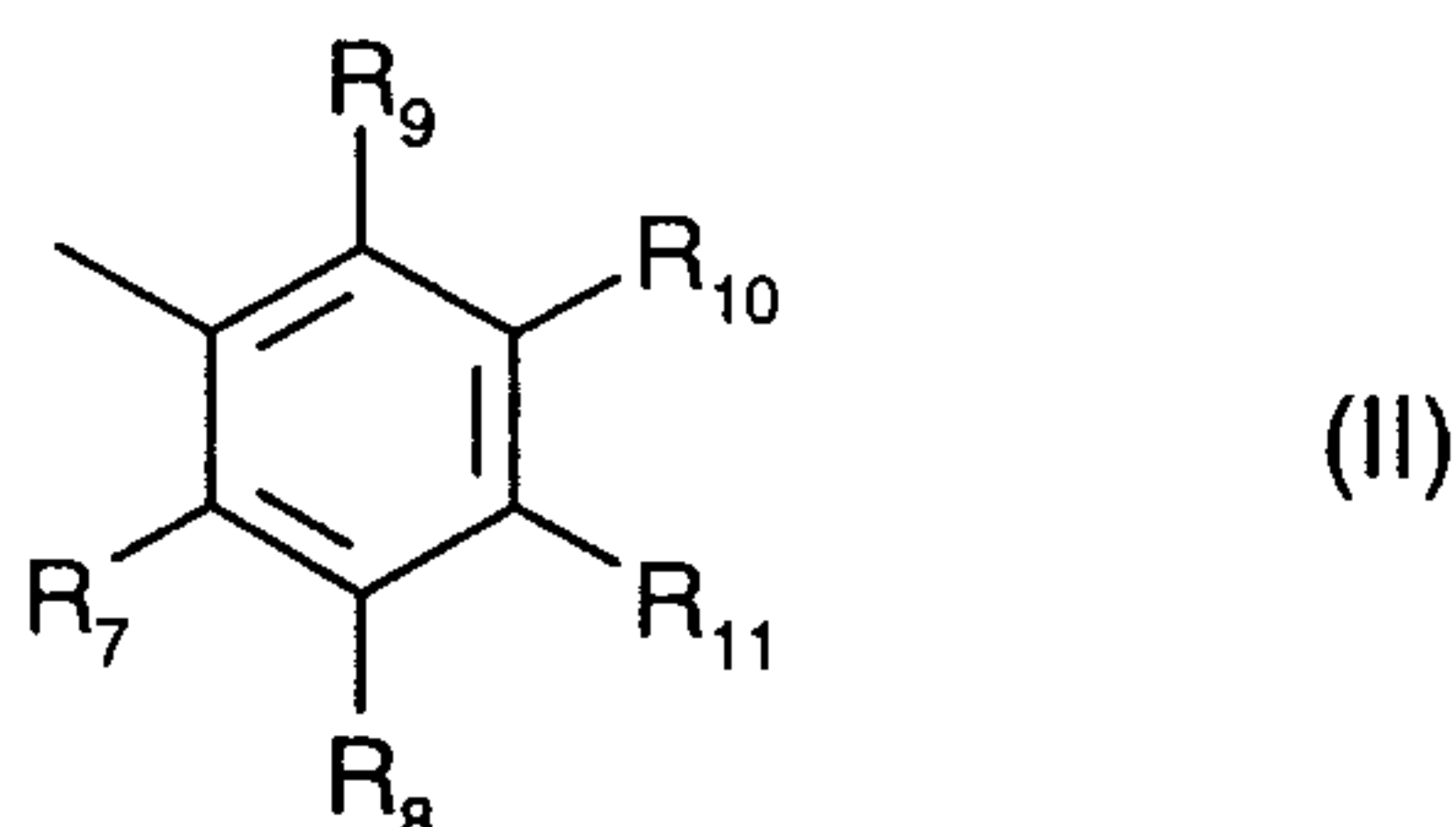
Compositions which are of interest include those comprising as component (b) a compound of the formula I



in which, if n is 1,

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R_1 is unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy-, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio-, hydroxyl-, halo-, amino-, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino-, phenylamino- or di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino-substituted naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthryl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, phenoxathiinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, indoliziny, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinoliziny, isoquinolyl, quinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, β -carbolinyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl, biphenyl, terphenyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl, or R_1 is a radical of the formula II



and

if n is 2,

R_1 is unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl- or hydroxy-substituted phenylene or naphthylene; or is $-R_{12}-X-R_{13}-$,

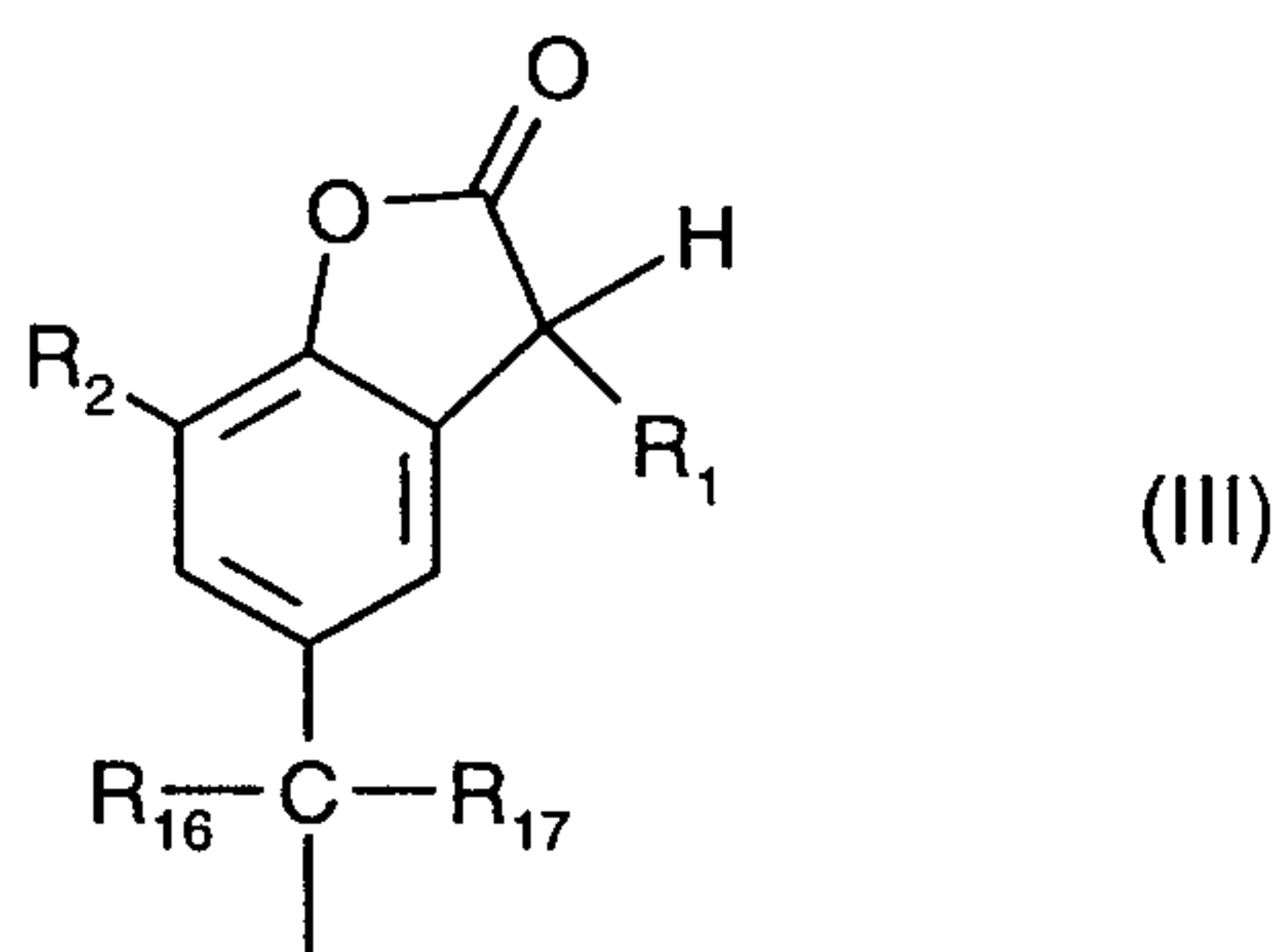
R_2 , R_3 , R_4 and R_5 independently of one another are hydrogen, chlorine, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted C_5 - C_8 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{18} alkylthio, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy, C_1 - C_{25} alkanoylamino, C_3 - C_{25} alkenoyloxy,

C_3 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy which is interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_6 - C_9 cycloalkyl-

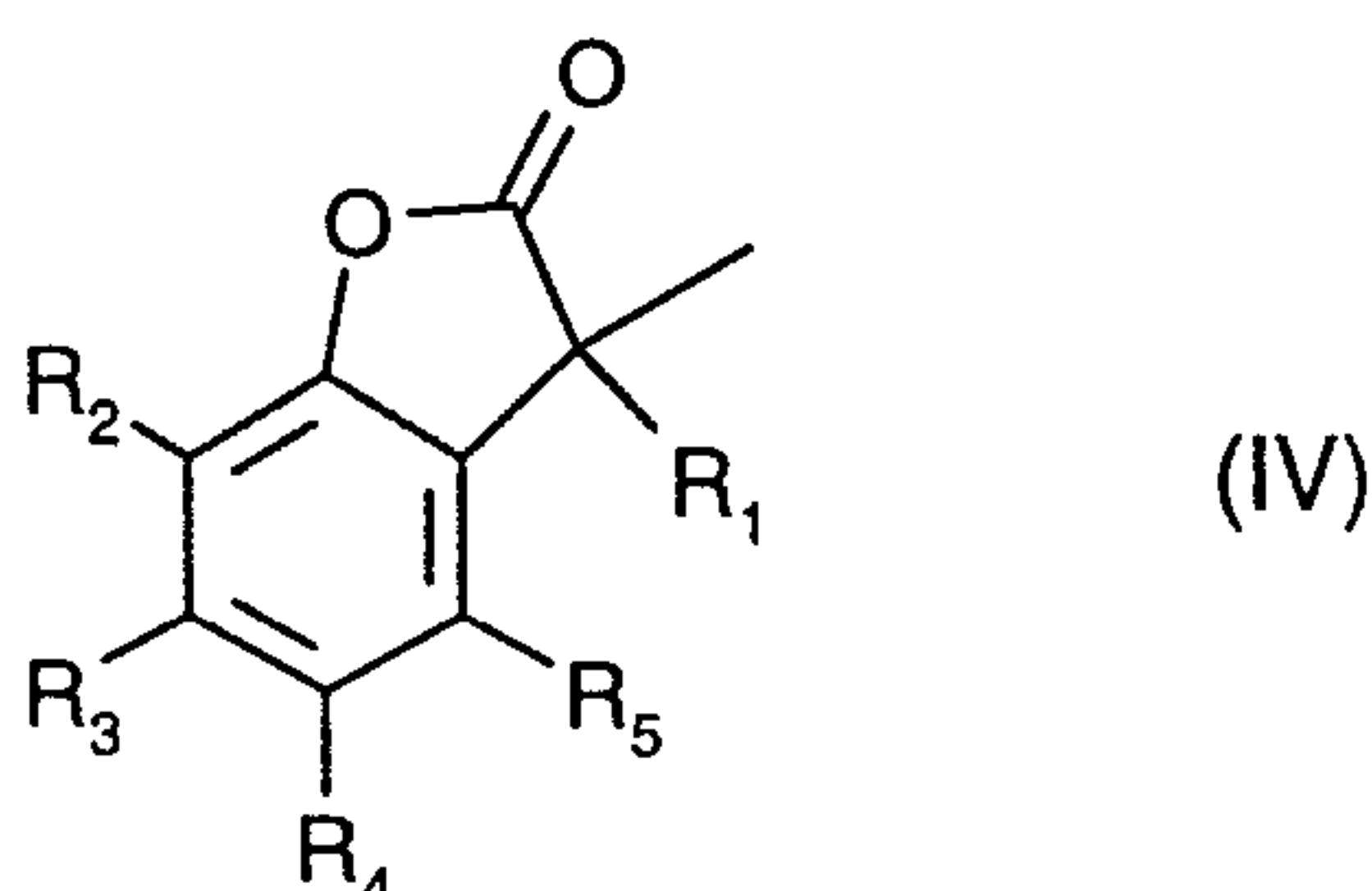
carbonyloxy, benzoyloxy or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl-substituted benzoyloxy; or else the radicals R_2 and R_3 or the radicals R_3 and R_4 or the radicals R_4 and R_5 , together with the carbon atoms to

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which they are attached, form a benzo ring, R_4 is additionally $-(CH_2)_p-COR_{15}$ or $-(CH_2)_qOH$ or, if R_3 , R_5 and R_6 are hydrogen, R_4 is additionally a radical of the formula III



in which R_1 is defined as indicated above for $n = 1$,
 R_6 is hydrogen or a radical of the formula IV



where R_4 is not a radical of the formula III and R_1 is defined as indicated above for $n = 1$,
 R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl,

C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_1 - C_{25} alkoxy,

C_2 - C_{25} alkoxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_1 - C_{25} alkylthio, C_3 - C_{25} alkenyl,

C_3 - C_{25} alkenyloxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkynyl, C_3 - C_{25} alkynyloxy, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkoxy, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenoxy; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted C_5 - C_8 cycloalkyl; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted C_5 - C_8 cycloalkoxy; C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino,

C_1 - C_{25} alkanoyl, C_3 - C_{25} alkanoyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$;

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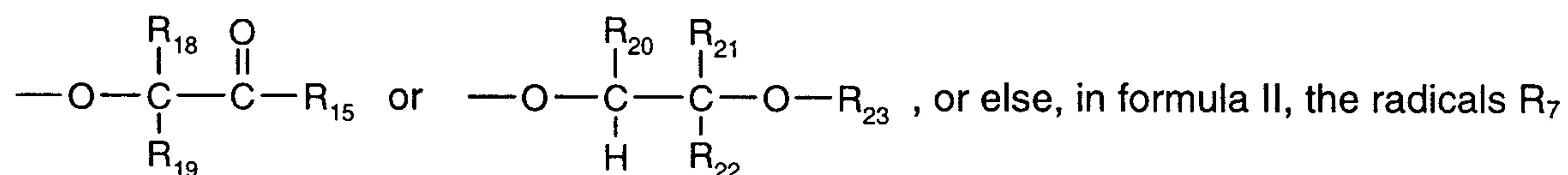
C₁-C₂₅alkanoyloxy, C₃-C₂₅alkanoyloxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} ;

C₁-C₂₅alkanoylamino, C₃-C₂₅alkenoyl, C₃-C₂₅alkenoyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or

>N-R_{14} ; C₃-C₂₅alkenoyloxy, C₃-C₂₅alkenoyloxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or

>N-R_{14} ; C₆-C₉cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₆-C₉cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyl or C₁-C₁₂alkyl-

substituted benzoyl; benzoyloxy or C₁-C₁₂alkyl-substituted benzoyloxy;



and R₈ or the radicals R₈ and R₁₁, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a benzo ring,

R₁₂ and R₁₃ independently of one another are unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenylene or naphthylene,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl,

R₁₅ is hydroxyl, $\left[\text{---O}^- \frac{1}{r} \text{M}^{r+} \right]$, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy or $\text{---N} \begin{array}{l} \text{R}_{24} \\ \text{R}_{25} \end{array}$,

R₁₆ and R₁₇ independently of one another are hydrogen, CF₃, C₁-C₁₂alkyl or phenyl, or R₁₆ and R₁₇, together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a C₅-C₈cycloalkylidene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl;

R₁₈ and R₁₉ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl or phenyl,

R₂₀ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₂₁ is hydrogen, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl; C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkyl

interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} ; C₇-C₉phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or

substituted on the phenyl radical from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl; C₇-C₂₅phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl radical from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl and

interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} , or else the radicals R₂₀ and R₂₁, together with

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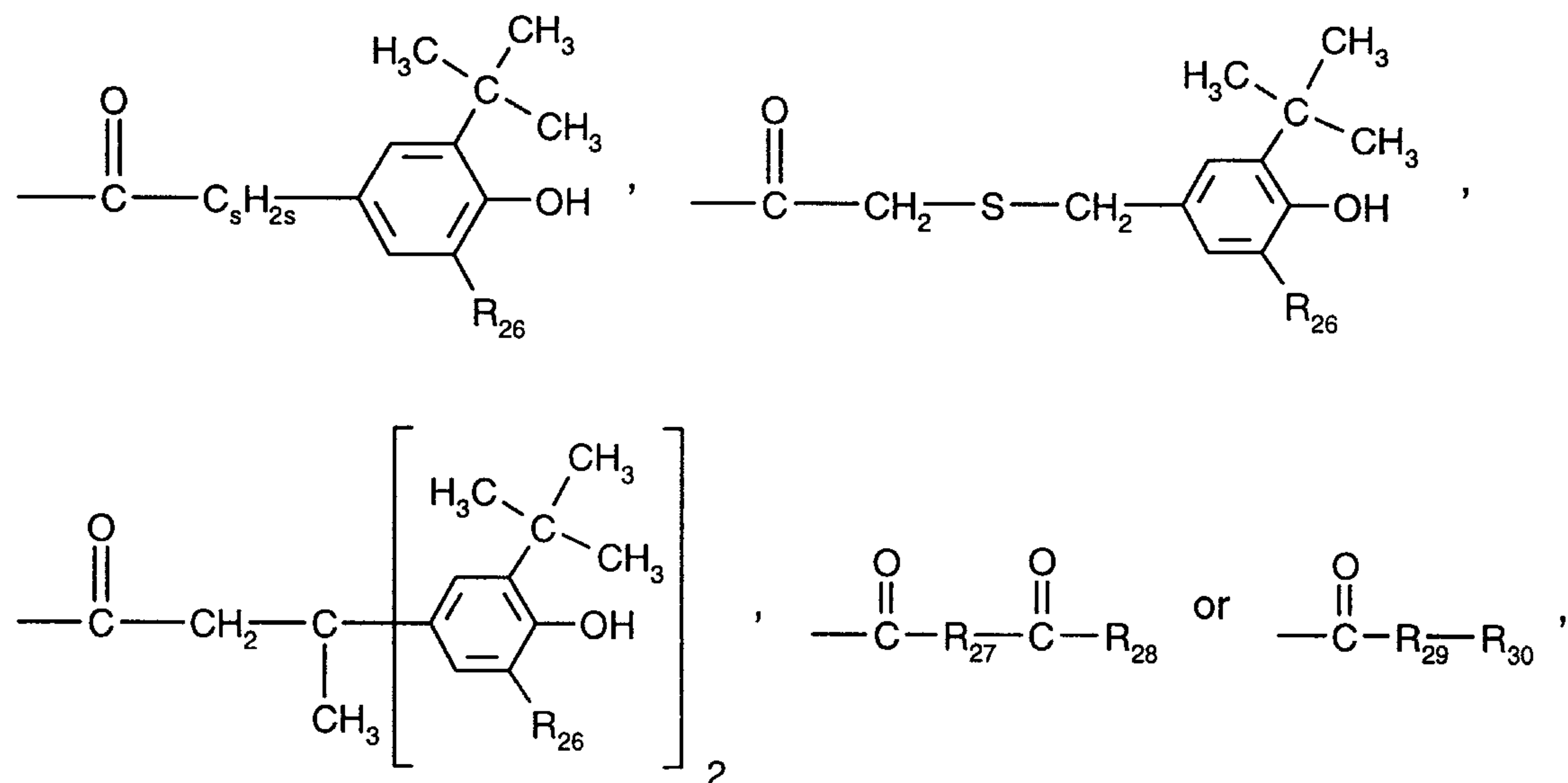
the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl;

R₂₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₂₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅alkanoyl, C₃-C₂₅alkenoyl, C₃-C₂₅alkanoyl interrupted by oxygen,

sulfur or >N-R_{14} ; C₂-C₂₅alkanoyl substituted by a di(C₁-C₆alkyl)phosphonate group;

C₆-C₉cycloalkylcarbonyl, thenoyl, furoyl, benzoyl or C₁-C₁₂alkyl-substituted benzoyl;



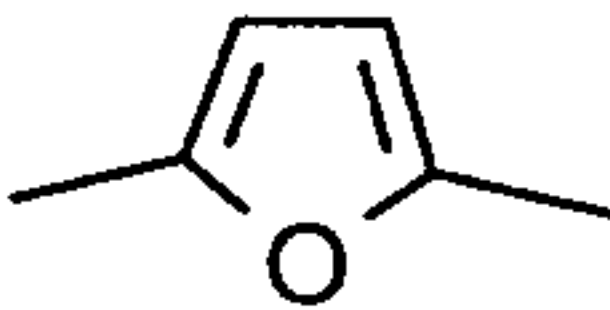
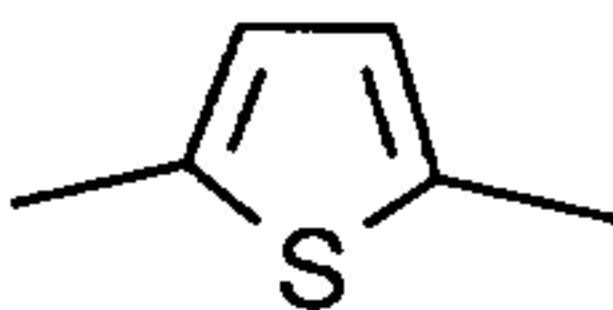
R₂₄ and R₂₅ independently of one another are hydrogen or C₁-C₁₈alkyl,

R₂₆ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl,

R₂₇ is a direct bond, C₁-C₁₈alkylene, C₂-C₁₈alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or

>N-R_{14} ; C₂-C₁₈alkenylene, C₂-C₂₀alkylidene, C₇-C₂₀phenylalkylidene,

C₅-C₈cycloalkylene, C₇-C₈bicycloalkylene, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted

phenylene, or  or  ,

R₂₈ is hydroxyl, $\left[\text{---O}^- \frac{1}{r} \text{M}^{r+} \right]$, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy or $\text{---N} \begin{array}{l} \text{R}_{24} \\ \text{R}_{25} \end{array}$,

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R_{29} is oxygen, -NH- or $\begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \text{N} \\ \diagdown \end{array} - \overset{\text{O}}{\parallel} \text{C} - \text{NH} - R_{30}$,

R_{30} is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl or phenyl,

R_{31} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl,

M is an r-valent metal cation,

X is a direct bond, oxygen, sulfur or $-\text{NR}_{31}-$,

n is 1 or 2,

p is 0, 1 or 2,

q is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6,

r is 1, 2 or 3, and

s is 0, 1 or 2.

Unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy-, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio-, hydroxyl-, halo-, amino-, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino-, phenylamino- or di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino-substituted naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthryl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, phenoxathiinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyl, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinyl, isoquinolyl, quinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, β -carbolinyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl, biphenyl, terphenyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl is, for example, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, 1-phenylamino-4-naphthyl, 1-methylnaphthyl, 2-methylnaphthyl, 1-methoxy-2-naphthyl, 2-methoxy-1-naphthyl, 1-dimethylamino-2-naphthyl, 1,2-dimethyl-4-naphthyl, 1,2-dimethyl-6-naphthyl, 1,2-dimethyl-7-naphthyl, 1,3-dimethyl-6-naphthyl, 1,4-dimethyl-6-naphthyl, 1,5-dimethyl-2-naphthyl, 1,6-dimethyl-2-naphthyl, 1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl, 2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl, 1,4-dihydroxy-2-naphthyl, 7-phenanthryl, 1-anthryl, 2-anthryl, 9-anthryl, 3-benzo[b]thienyl, 5-benzo[b]thienyl, 2-benzo[b]thienyl, 4-dibenzofuryl, 4,7-dibenzofuryl, 4-methyl-7-dibenzofuryl, 2-xanthenyl, 8-methyl-2-xanthenyl, 3-xanthenyl, 2-phenoxathiinyl, 2,7-phenoxathiinyl, 2-pyrrolyl, 3-pyrrolyl, 5-methyl-3-pyrrolyl, 2-imidazolyl, 4-imidazolyl, 5-imidazolyl, 2-methyl-4-imidazolyl, 2-ethyl-4-imidazolyl, 2-ethyl-5-imidazolyl, 3-pyrazolyl, 1-methyl-3-pyrazolyl, 1-propyl-4-pyrazolyl, 2-pyrazinyl, 5,6-dimethyl-2-pyrazinyl, 2-indolizinyl, 2-methyl-3-isoindolyl,

2-methyl-1-isoindolyl, 1-methyl-2-indolyl, 1-methyl-3-indolyl, 1,5-dimethyl-2-indolyl, 1-methyl-3-indazolyl, 2,7-dimethyl-8-purinyl, 2-methoxy-7-methyl-8-purinyl, 2-quinoliziny, 3-isoquinolyl, 6-isoquinolyl, 7-isoquinolyl, isoquinolyl, 3-methoxy-6-isoquinolyl, 2-quinolyl, 6-quinolyl, 7-quinolyl, 2-methoxy-3-quinolyl, 2-methoxy-6-quinolyl, 6-phthalazinyl, 7-phthalazinyl, 1-methoxy-6-phthalazinyl, 1,4-dimethoxy-6-phthalazinyl, 1,8-naphthyridin-2-yl, 2-quinoxaliny, 6-quinoxaliny, 2,3-dimethyl-6-quinoxaliny, 2,3-dimethoxy-6-quinoxaliny, 2-quinazoliny, 7-quinazoliny, 2-dimethylamino-6-quinazoliny, 3-cinnoliny, 6-cinnoliny, 7-cinnoliny, 3-methoxy-7-cinnoliny, 2-pteridiny, 6-pteridiny, 7-pteridiny, 6,7-dimethoxy-2-pteridiny, 2-carbazolyl, 3-carbazolyl, 9-methyl-2-carbazolyl, 9-methyl-3-carbazolyl, β -carbolin-3-yl, 1-methyl- β -carbolin-3-yl, 1-methyl- β -carbolin-6-yl, 3-phenanthridiny, 2-acridiny, 3-acridiny, 2-perimidiny, 1-methyl-5-perimidiny, 5-phenanthroliny, 6-phenanthroliny, 1-phenaziny, 2-phenaziny, 3-isothiazolyl, 4-isothiazolyl, 5-isothiazolyl, 2-phenothiaziny, 3-phenothiaziny, 10-methyl-3-phenothiaziny, 3-isoxazolyl, 4-isoxazolyl, 5-isoxazolyl, 4-methyl-3-furazany, 2-phenoxaziny or 10-methyl-2-phenoxaziny.

Particular preference is given to unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy-, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio-, hydroxyl-, phenylamino- or di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino-substituted naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthryl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, phenoxathiiny, pyrrolyl, isoindolyl, indolyl, phenothiaziny, biphenyl, terphenyl, fluorenyl or phenoxaziny such as, for example, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, 1-phenylamino-4-naphthyl, 1-methylnaphthyl, 2-methylnaphthyl, 1-methoxy-2-naphthyl, 2-methoxy-1-naphthyl, 1-dimethylamino-2-naphthyl, 1,2-dimethyl-4-naphthyl, 1,2-dimethyl-6-naphthyl, 1,2-dimethyl-7-naphthyl, 1,3-dimethyl-6-naphthyl, 1,4-dimethyl-6-naphthyl, 1,5-dimethyl-2-naphthyl, 1,6-dimethyl-2-naphthyl, 1-hydroxy-2-naphthyl, 2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl, 1,4-dihydroxy-2-naphthyl, 7-phenanthryl, 1-anthryl, 2-anthryl, 9-anthryl, 3-benzo[b]thienyl, 5-benzo[b]thienyl, 2-benzo[b]thienyl, 4-dibenzofuryl, 4,7-dibenzofuryl, 4-methyl-7-dibenzofuryl, 2-xanthenyl, 8-methyl-2-xanthenyl, 3-xanthenyl, 2-pyrrolyl, 3-pyrrolyl, 2-phenothiaziny, 3-phenothiaziny, 10-methyl-3-phenothiaziny.

Halogen (halo) is, for example, chlorine, bromine or iodine. Preference is given to chlorine.

Alkanoyl having up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butanoyl, pentanoyl, hexanoyl, heptanoyl, octanoyl, nonanoyl, decanoyl, undecanoyl, dodecanoyl, tridecanoyl, tetradecanoyl, pentadecanoyl, hexadecanoyl, heptadecanoyl, octadecanoyl, eicosanoyl or docosanoyl. Preference is given to alkanoyl having 2 to 18, especially 2 to 12, for example 2 to 6 carbon atoms. Particular preference is given to acetyl.

C₂-C₂₅alkanoyl substituted by a di(C₁-C₆alkyl)phosphonate group is, for example, (CH₃CH₂O)₂POCH₂CO-, (CH₃O)₂POCH₂CO-, (CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂O)₂POCH₂CO-, (CH₃CH₂O)₂POCH₂CH₂CO-, (CH₃O)₂POCH₂CH₂CO-, (CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂O)₂POCH₂CH₂CO-, (CH₃CH₂O)₂PO(CH₂)₄CO-, (CH₃CH₂O)₂PO(CH₂)₈CO- or (CH₃CH₂O)₂PO(CH₂)₁₇CO-.

Alkanoyloxy having up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, formyloxy, acetoxy, propionyloxy, butanoyloxy, pentanoyloxy, hexanoyloxy, heptanoyloxy, octanoyloxy, nonanoyloxy, decanoyloxy, undecanoyloxy, dodecanoyloxy, tridecanoyloxy, tetradecanoyloxy, pentadecanoyloxy, hexadecanoyloxy, heptadecanoyloxy, octadecanoyloxy, eicosanoyloxy or docosanoyloxy. Preference is given to alkanoyloxy having 2 to 18, especially 2 to 12, for example 2 to 6 carbon atoms. Particular preference is given to acetoxy.

Alkenoyl having 3 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, propenoyl, 2-butenoyl, 3-butenoyl, isobutenoyl, n-2,4-pentadienoyl, 3-methyl-2-butenoyl, n-2-octenoyl, n-2-dodecenoyl, iso-dodecenoyl, oleoyl, n-2-octadecenoyl or n-4-octadecenoyl. Preference is given to alkenoyl having 3 to 18, especially 3 to 12, for example 3 to 6, in particular 3 to 4 carbon atoms.

C₃-C₂₅alkenoyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} is, for example,

CH₃OCH₂CH₂CH=CHCO- or CH₃OCH₂CH₂OCH=CHCO-.

Alkenoyloxy having 3 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, propenoyloxy, 2-butenoyloxy, 3-butenoyloxy, isobutenoyloxy, n-2,4-pentadienoyloxy, 3-methyl-2-butenoyloxy, n-2-octenoyloxy, n-2-dodecenoyloxy, iso-dodecenoyloxy,

oleoyloxy, n-2-octadecenoyloxy or n-4-octadecenoyloxy. Preference is given to alkenoyloxy having 3 to 18, especially 3 to 12, for example 3 to 6, in particular 3 to 4 carbon atoms.

C₃-C₂₅alkenoyloxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} is, for example,

CH₃OCH₂CH₂CH=CHCOO- or CH₃OCH₂CH₂OCH=CHCOO-.

C₃-C₂₅alkanoyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} is, for example, CH₃-O-CH₂CO-,

CH₃-S-CH₂CO-, CH₃-NH-CH₂CO-, CH₃-N(CH₃)-CH₂CO-, CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CO-,
CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₂O-CH₂CO-, CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₃O-CH₂CO- or CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₄O-CH₂CO-.

C₃-C₂₅alkanoyloxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} is, for example,

CH₃-O-CH₂COO-, CH₃-S-CH₂COO-, CH₃-NH-CH₂COO-, CH₃-N(CH₃)-CH₂COO-,
CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂COO-, CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₂O-CH₂COO-, CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₃O-CH₂COO-
or CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₄O-CH₂COO-.

C₆-C₉cycloalkylcarbonyl is, for example, cyclopentylcarbonyl, cyclohexylcarbonyl, cycloheptylcarbonyl or cyclooctylcarbonyl. Cyclohexylcarbonyl is preferred.

C₆-C₉cycloalkylcarbonyloxy is, for example, cyclopentylcarbonyloxy, cyclohexylcarbonyloxy, cycloheptylcarbonyloxy or cyclooctylcarbonyloxy. Cyclohexylcarbonyloxy is preferred.

C₁-C₁₂alkyl-substituted benzoyl, which preferably carries 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2 alkyl groups, is, for example, o-, m- or p-methylbenzoyl, 2,3-dimethylbenzoyl, 2,4-dimethylbenzoyl, 2,5-dimethylbenzoyl, 2,6-dimethylbenzoyl, 3,4-dimethylbenzoyl, 3,5-dimethylbenzoyl, 2-methyl-6-ethylbenzoyl, 4-tert-butylbenzoyl, 2-ethylbenzoyl, 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl, 2,6-dimethyl-4-tert-butylbenzoyl or 3,5-di-tert-butylbenzoyl. Preferred substituents are C₁-C₈alkyl, especially C₁-C₄alkyl.

C₁-C₁₂alkyl-substituted benzoyloxy, which preferably carries 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2 alkyl groups, is, for example, o-, m- or p-methylbenzoyloxy, 2,3-dimethylbenzoyloxy,

2,4-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 2,5-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 2,6-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 3,4-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 3,5-dimethylbenzoyloxy, 2-methyl-6-ethylbenzoyloxy, 4-tert-butylbenzoyloxy, 2-ethyl-benzoyloxy, 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyloxy, 2,6-dimethyl-4-tert-butylbenzoyloxy or 3,5-di-tert-butylbenzoyloxy. Preferred substituents are C₁-C₈alkyl, especially C₁-C₄alkyl.

Alkyl having up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, 2-ethylbutyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, 1-methylpentyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, n-hexyl, 1-methylhexyl, n-heptyl, isoheptyl, 1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl, 1-methylheptyl, 3-methylheptyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, 1,1,3-trimethylhexyl, 1,1,3,3-tetramethylpentyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, 1-methylundecyl, dodecyl, 1,1,3,3,5,5-hexamethylhexyl, tridecyl, tetradecyl, pentadecyl, hexadecyl, heptadecyl, octadecyl, eicosyl or docosyl. One of the preferred meanings of R₂ and R₄ is, for example, C₁-C₁₈alkyl. A particularly preferred meaning of R₄ is C₁-C₄alkyl.

Alkenyl having 3 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, propenyl, 2-butenyl, 3-butenyl, isobutenyl, n-2,4-pentadienyl, 3-methyl-2-butenyl, n-2-octenyl, n-2-dodecenyl, iso-dodecenyl, oleyl, n-2-octadecenyl or n-4-octadecenyl. Preference is given to alkenyl having 3 to 18, especially 3 to 12, for example 3 to 6, in particular 3 to 4 carbon atoms.

Alkenyloxy having 3 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, propenyloxy, 2-butenyloxy, 3-butenyloxy, isobutenyloxy, n-2,4-pentadienyloxy, 3-methyl-2-butenyloxy, n-2-octenyloxy, n-2-dodecenyloxy, iso-dodecenyloxy, oleyloxy, n-2-octadecenyloxy or n-4-octadecenyloxy. Preference is given to alkenyloxy having 3 to 18, especially 3 to 12, for example 3 to 6, in particular 3 to 4 carbon atoms.

Alkynyl having 3 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, propynyl ($\text{—CH}_2\text{—C}\equiv\text{CH}$), 2-butylnyl, 3-butylnyl, n-2-octynyl, or n-2-dodecynyl.

Preference is given to alkynyl having 3 to 18, especially 3 to 12, for example 3 to 6, in particular 3 to 4 carbon atoms.

Alkynyloxy having 3 to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, propynyloxy ($\text{—OCH}_2\text{—C}\equiv\text{CH}$), 2-butyloxy, 3-butyloxy, n-2-octynyloxy, or n-2-dodecynyloxy. Preference is given to alkynyloxy having 3 to 18, especially 3 to 12, for example 3 to 6, in particular 3 to 4 carbon atoms.

$\text{C}_2\text{—C}_{25}$ alkyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N—R_{14} is, for example, $\text{CH}_3\text{—O—CH}_2\text{—}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{—S—CH}_2\text{—}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{—NH—CH}_2\text{—}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{—N(CH}_3\text{)—CH}_2\text{—}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{—O—CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{—O—CH}_2\text{—}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{—(O—CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{—)}_2\text{O—CH}_2\text{—}$, $\text{CH}_3\text{—(O—CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{—)}_3\text{O—CH}_2\text{—}$ or $\text{CH}_3\text{—(O—CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{—)}_4\text{O—CH}_2\text{—}$.

$\text{C}_7\text{—C}_9$ phenylalkyl is, for example, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, α,α -dimethylbenzyl or 2-phenylethyl. Benzyl and α,α -dimethylbenzyl are preferred.

$\text{C}_7\text{—C}_9$ phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl radical from 1 to 3 times by $\text{C}_1\text{—C}_4$ alkyl is, for example, benzyl, α -methylbenzyl, α,α -dimethylbenzyl, 2-phenylethyl, 2-methylbenzyl, 3-methylbenzyl, 4-methylbenzyl, 2,4-dimethylbenzyl, 2,6-dimethylbenzyl or 4-tert-butylbenzyl. Benzyl is preferred.

$\text{C}_7\text{—C}_{25}$ phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl radical from 1 to 3 times by $\text{C}_1\text{—C}_4$ alkyl and is interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N—R_{14} is a branched or

unbranched radical such as, for example, phenoxymethyl, 2-methylphenoxymethyl, 3-methylphenoxymethyl, 4-methylphenoxymethyl, 2,4-dimethylphenoxymethyl, 2,3-dimethylphenoxymethyl, phenylthiomethyl, N-methyl-N-phenylmethyl, N-ethyl-N-phenylmethyl, 4-tert-butylphenoxymethyl, 4-tert-butylphenoxyethoxymethyl, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenoxymethyl, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenoxyethoxymethyl, phenoxyethoxyethoxyethoxymethyl, benzyloxymethyl, benzyloxyethoxymethyl, N-benzyl-N-ethylmethyl or N-benzyl-N-isopropylmethyl.

$\text{C}_7\text{—C}_9$ phenylalkoxy is, for example, benzyloxy, α -methylbenzyloxy, α,α -dimethylbenzyloxy or 2-phenylethoxy. Benzyloxy is preferred.

C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl, which preferably contains 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2 alkyl groups, is, for example, o-, m- or p-methylphenyl, 2,3-dimethylphenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 2,6-dimethylphenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 3,5-dimethylphenyl, 2-methyl-6-ethylphenyl, 4-tert-butylphenyl, 2-ethylphenyl or 2,6-diethylphenyl.

C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenoxy, which preferably contains 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2 alkyl groups, is, for example, o-, m- or p-methylphenoxy, 2,3-dimethylphenoxy, 2,4-dimethylphenoxy, 2,5-dimethylphenoxy, 2,6-dimethylphenoxy, 3,4-dimethylphenoxy, 3,5-dimethylphenoxy, 2-methyl-6-ethylphenoxy, 4-tert-butylphenoxy, 2-ethylphenoxy or 2,6-diethylphenoxy.

Unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted C₅-C₈cycloalkyl is, for example, cyclopentyl, methylcyclopentyl, dimethylcyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, methylcyclohexyl, dimethylcyclohexyl, trimethylcyclohexyl, tert-butylcyclohexyl, cycloheptyl or cyclooctyl. Preference is given to cyclohexyl and tert-butylcyclohexyl.

Unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted C₅-C₈cycloalkoxy is, for example, cyclopentoxo, methylcyclopentoxo, dimethylcyclopentoxo, cyclohexoxo, methylcyclohexoxo, dimethylcyclohexoxo, trimethylcyclohexoxo, tert-butylcyclohexoxo, cycloheptoxo or cyclooctoxo. Preference is given to cyclohexoxo and tert-butylcyclohexoxo.

Alkoxy having up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy, isobutoxy, pentoxy, isopentoxy, hexoxy, heptoxy, octoxy, decyloxy, tetradecyloxy, hexadecyloxy or octadecyloxy. Preference is given to alkoxy having 1 to 12, especially 1 to 8, for example 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

C₂-C₂₅alkoxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N—R_{14} is, for example,

CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂O-, CH₃-S-CH₂CH₂O-, CH₃-NH-CH₂CH₂O-, CH₃-N(CH₃)-CH₂CH₂O-,
CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂O-, CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₂O-CH₂CH₂O-,
CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₃O-CH₂CH₂O- or CH₃-(O-CH₂CH₂-)₄O-CH₂CH₂O-.

Alkylthio having up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, isopropylthio, n-butylthio, isobutylthio, pentylthio, isopentylthio, hexylthio, heptylthio, octylthio, decylthio, tetradecylthio, hexadecylthio or octadecylthio. Preference is given to alkylthio having 1 to 12, especially 1 to 8, for example 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

Alkylamino having up to 4 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, methylamino, ethylamino, propylamino, isopropylamino, n-butylamino, isobutylamino or tert-butylamino.

Di(C₁-C₄alkyl)amino also means that the two radicals independently of one another are branched or unbranched, such as, for example, dimethylamino, methylethylamino, diethylamino, methyl-n-propylamino, methylisopropylamino, methyl-n-butylamino, methylisobutylamino, ethylisopropylamino, ethyl-n-butylamino, ethylisobutylamino, ethyl-tert-butylamino, diethylamino, diisopropylamino, isopropyl-n-butylamino, isopropylisobutylamino, di-n-butylamino or diisobutylamino.

Alkanoylamino having up to 25 carbon atoms is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, formylamino, acetylamino, propionylamino, butanoylamino, pentanoylamino, hexanoylamino, heptanoylamino, octanoylamino, nonanoylamino, decanoylamino, undecanoylamino, dodecanoylamino, tridecanoylamino, tetradecanoylamino, pentadecanoylamino, hexadecanoylamino, heptadecanoylamino, octadecanoylamino, eicosanoylamino or docosanoylamino. Preference is given to alkanoylamino having 2 to 18, especially 2 to 12, for example 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

C₁-C₁₈alkylene is a branched or unbranched radical such as, for example, methylene, ethylene, propylene, trimethylene, tetramethylene, pentamethylene, hexamethylene, heptamethylene, octamethylene, decamethylene, dodecamethylene or octadecamethylene. Preference is given to C₁-C₁₂alkylene, especially C₁-C₈alkylene.

A C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylene ring, which preferably contains 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2 branched or unbranched alkyl group radicals is, for example, cyclopentylene, methylcyclopentylene, dimethylcyclopentylene, cyclohexylene, methylcyclohexylene, dimethylcyclohexylene, trimethylcyclohexylene, tert-butylcyclohexylene, cycloheptylene,

cyclooctylene or cyclodecylene. Preference is given to cyclohexylene and tert-butylcyclohexylene.

C₂-C₁₈alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or >N-R_{14} is, for example, -CH₂-O-CH₂-, -CH₂-S-CH₂-, -CH₂-NH-CH₂-, -CH₂-N(CH₃)-CH₂-, -CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂-, -CH₂-(O-CH₂CH₂)₂O-CH₂-, -CH₂-(O-CH₂CH₂)₃O-CH₂-, -CH₂-(O-CH₂CH₂)₄O-CH₂- or -CH₂CH₂-S-CH₂CH₂-.

C₂-C₁₈alkenylene is, for example, vinylene, methylvinylene, octenylethylene or dodecenylethylene. Preference is given to C₂-C₈alkenylene.

Alkylidene having 2 to 20 carbon atoms is, for example, ethylidene, propylidene, butylidene, pentylidene, 4-methylpentylidene, heptylidene, nonylidene, tridecylidene, nonadecylidene, 1-methylethylidene, 1-ethylpropylidene or 1-ethylpentylidene. Preference is given to C₂-C₈alkylidene.

Phenylalkylidene having 7 to 20 carbon atoms is, for example, benzylidene, 2-phenylethylidene or 1-phenyl-2-hexylidene. Preference is given to C₇-C₉-phenylalkylidene.

C₅-C₈cycloalkylene is a saturated hydrocarbon group having two free valencies and at least one ring unit and is, for example, cyclopentylene, cyclohexylene, cycloheptylene or cyclooctylene. Preference is given to cyclohexylene.

C₇-C₈bicycloalkylene is, for example, bicycloheptylene or bicyclooctylene.

Unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenylene or naphthylene is, for example, 1,2-, 1,3-, 1,4-phenylene, 1,2-, 1,3-, 1,4-, 1,6-, 1,7-, 2,6- or 2,7-naphthylene. 1,4-Phenylene is preferred.

A C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted C₅-C₈cycloalkylidene ring, which preferably contains 1 to 3, especially 1 or 2 branched or unbranched alkyl group radicals is, for example, cyclopentylidene, methylcyclopentylidene, dimethylcyclopentylidene, cyclohexylidene,

methylcyclohexylidene, dimethylcyclohexylidene, trimethylcyclohexylidene, tert-butylcyclohexylidene, cycloheptylidene or cyclooctylidene. Preference is given to cyclohexylidene and tert-butylcyclohexylidene.

A mono-, di- or trivalent metal cation is preferably an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal or aluminium cation, for example, Na^+ , K^+ , Mg^{++} , Ca^{++} or Al^{+++} .

Preference is given to compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which, if n is 2,

R_1 is $-\text{R}_{12}-\text{X}-\text{R}_{13}-$,

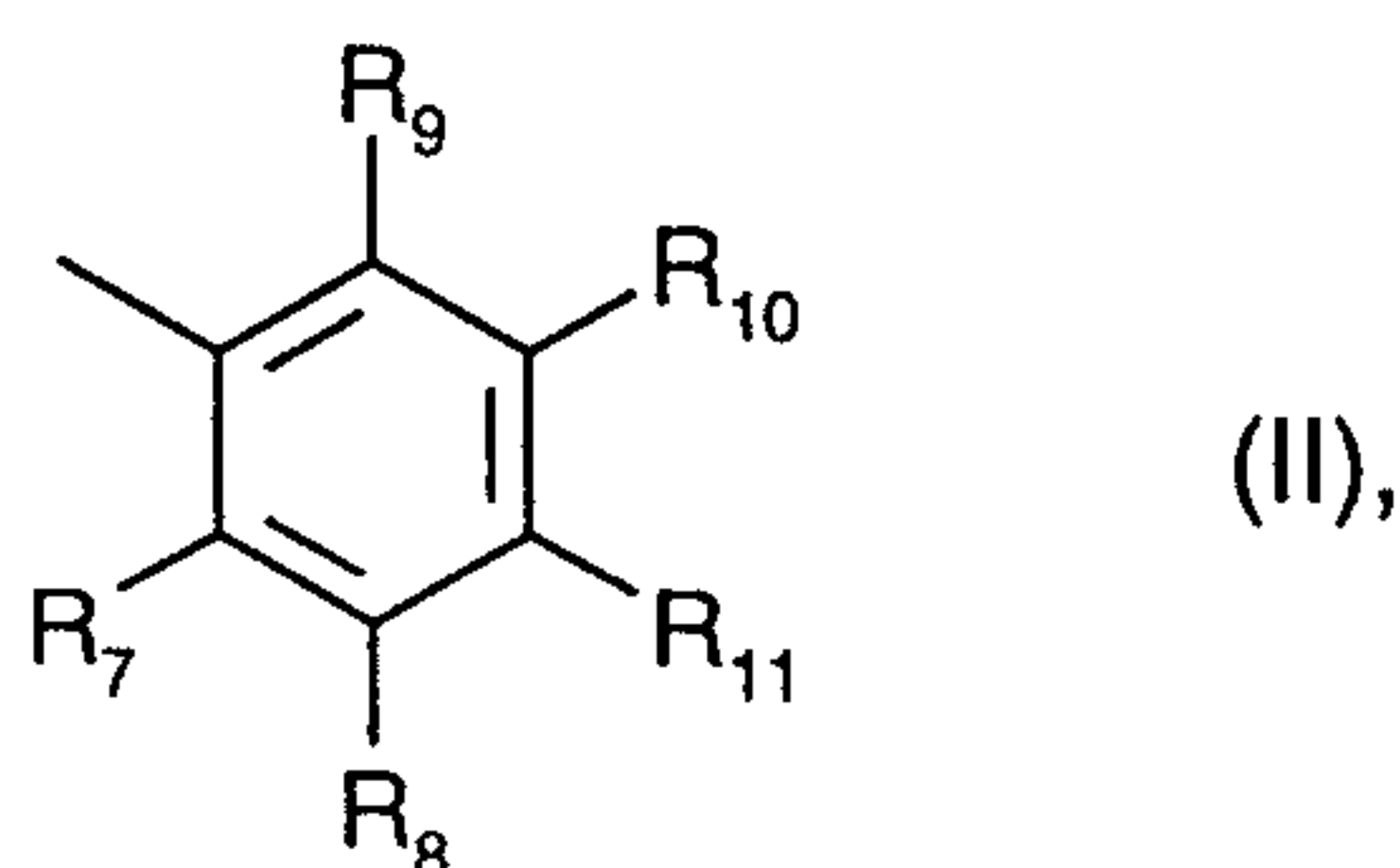
R_{12} and R_{13} are phenylene,

X is oxygen or $-\text{NR}_{31}-$, and

R_{31} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

Preference is also given to compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which, if n is 1,

R_1 is unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy-, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio-, hydroxyl-, halo-, amino-, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino- or di(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)amino-substituted naphthyl, phenanthryl, thienyl, dibenzofuryl, carbazolyl, fluorenyl or a radical of the formula II



R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} independently of one another are hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_2 - C_{18} alkyl interrupted by oxygen or sulfur; C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy, C_2 - C_{18} alkoxy interrupted by oxygen or sulfur; C_1 - C_{18} alkylthio, C_3 - C_{12} alkenyloxy, C_3 - C_{12} alkynyloxy, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkoxy, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl; phenoxy, cyclohexyl, C_5 - C_8 cycloalkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_{12} alkanoyl, C_3 - C_{12} alkanoyl interrupted by oxygen or sulfur; C_1 - C_{12} alkanoyloxy, C_3 - C_{12} alkanoyloxy interrupted by oxygen or sulfur; C_1 - C_{12} alkanoylamino, C_3 - C_{12} alkenoyl, C_3 - C_{12} alkenoyloxy, cyclohexylcarbonyl, cyclohexylcarbonyloxy, benzoyl or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-

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substituted benzoyl; benzoyloxy or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted benzoyloxy; $\text{---O---}\overset{\overset{\text{R}_{18}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\text{R}_{19}}{|}}{\text{C}}}\text{---}\overset{\overset{\text{O}}{||}}{\text{C}}\text{---R}_{15}$

or $\text{---O---}\overset{\overset{\text{R}_{20}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\text{H}}{|}}{\text{C}}}\text{---}\overset{\overset{\text{R}_{21}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\text{R}_{22}}{|}}{\text{C}}}\text{---O---R}_{23}$ or else in formula II the radicals R₇ and R₈ or the radicals R₈

and R₁₁, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a benzo ring,

R₁₅ is hydroxyl, C₁-C₁₂alkoxy or $\text{---N}\overset{\overset{\text{R}_{24}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\text{R}_{25}}{|}}{|}}\text{,}$

R₁₈ and R₁₉ independently of one another are hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

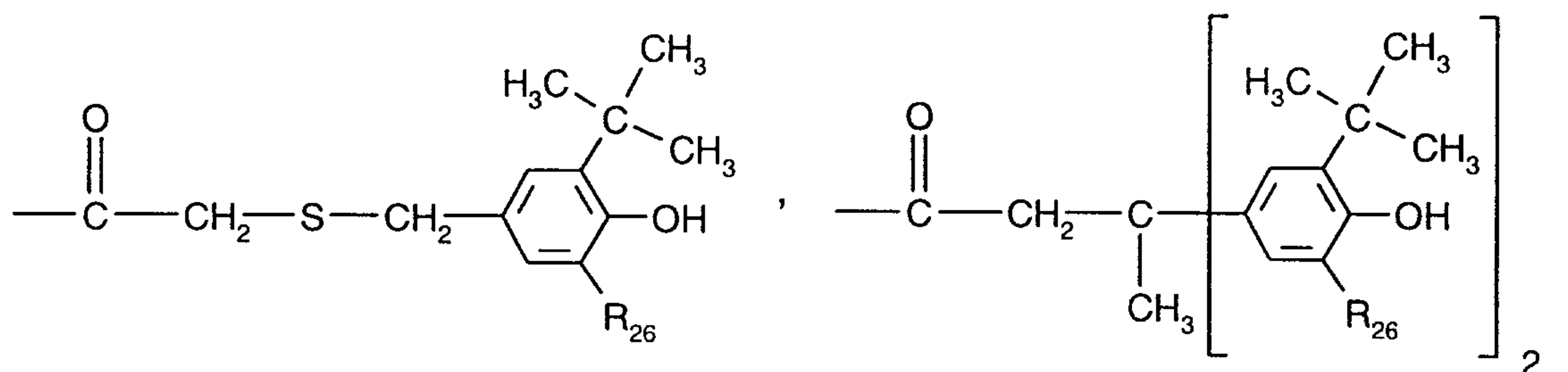
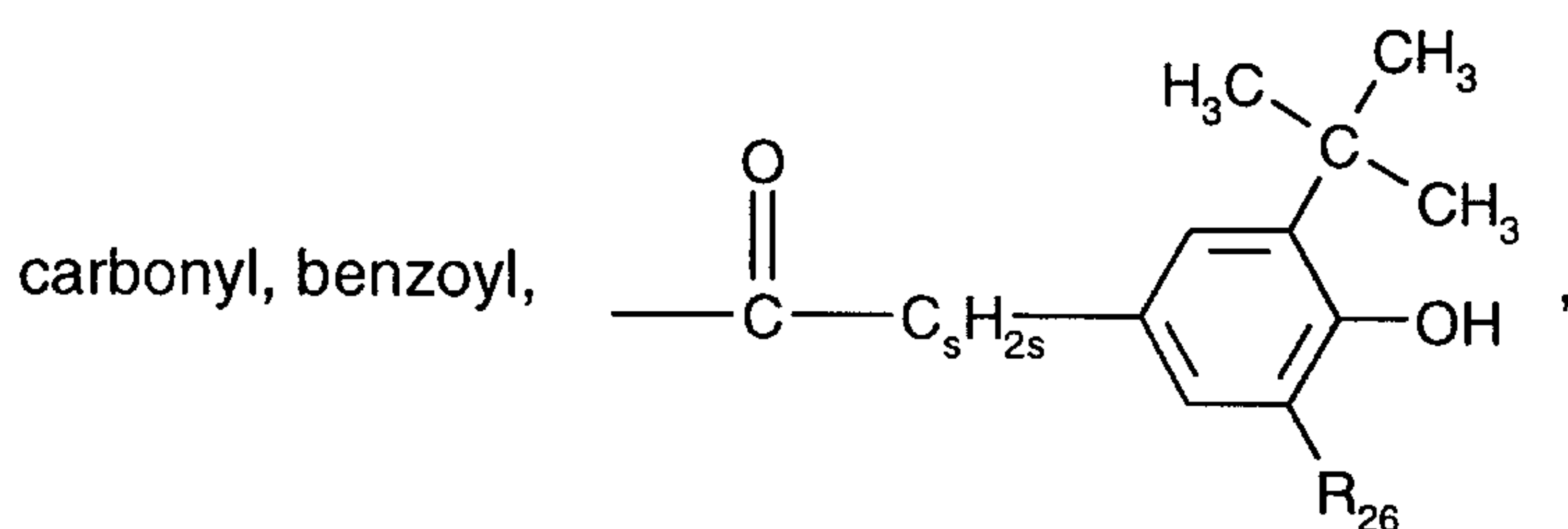
R₂₀ is hydrogen,

R₂₁ is hydrogen, phenyl, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen or sulfur;

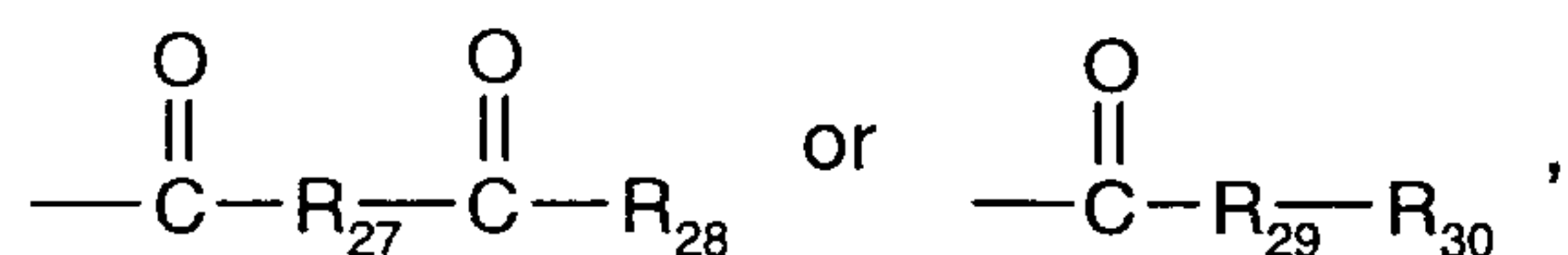
C₇-C₉phenylalkyl, C₇-C₁₈-phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl radical from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl and is interrupted by oxygen or sulfur, or else the radicals R₂₀ and R₂₁, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a cyclohexylene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₂₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₂₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkanoyl, C₃-C₁₈alkenoyl, C₃-C₁₂alkanoyl interrupted by oxygen or sulfur; C₂-C₁₂alkanoyl substituted by a di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)phosphonate group; C₆-C₉cycloalkyl-



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R_{24} and R_{25} independently of one another are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl,

R_{26} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

R_{27} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, C_2 - C_8 alkenylene, C_2 - C_8 alkylidene, C_7 - C_{12} phenylalkylidene, C_5 - C_8 cycloalkylene or phenylene,

R_{28} is hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy or $\text{---N} \begin{array}{l} \nearrow R_{24} \\ \searrow R_{25} \end{array}$,

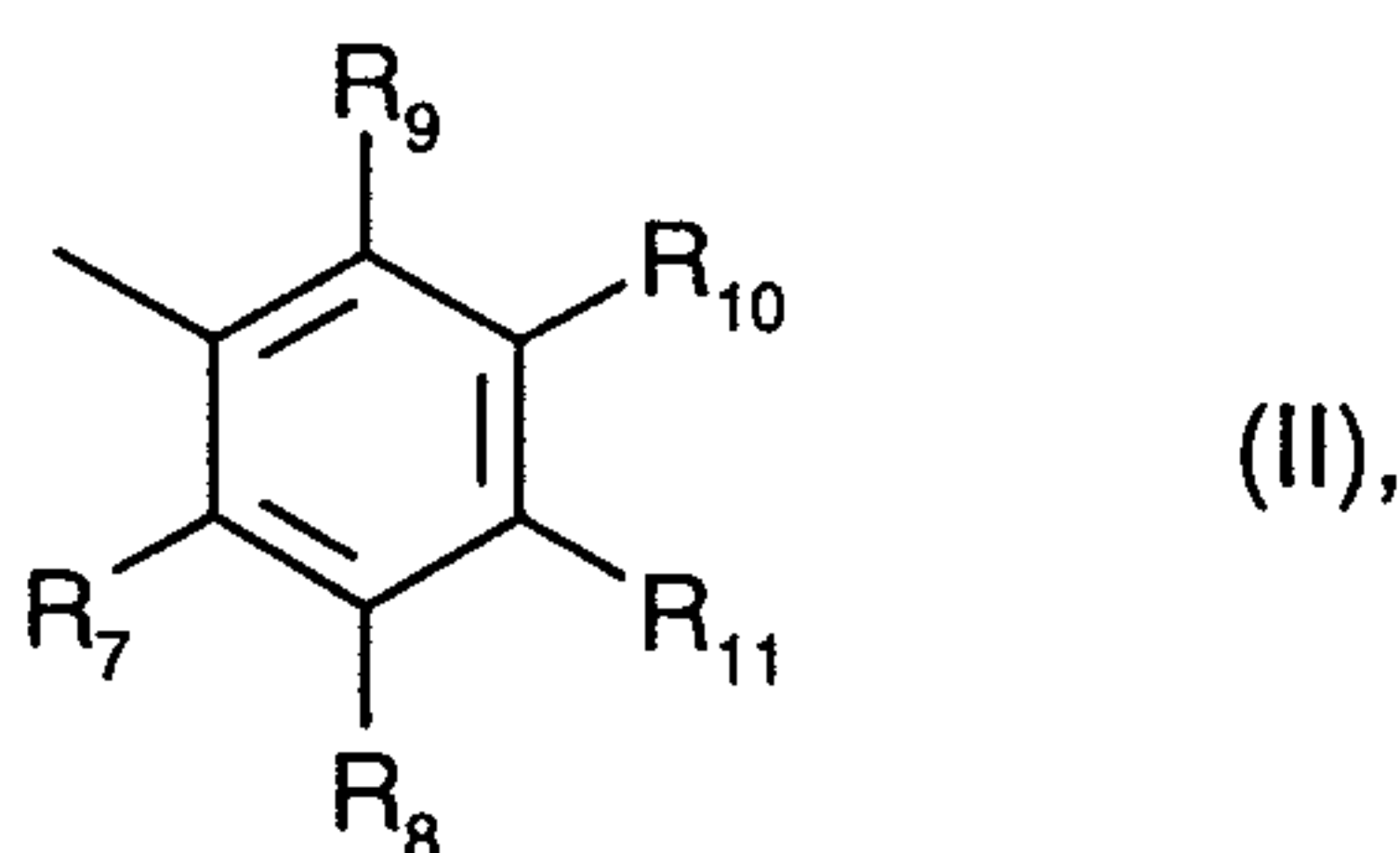
R_{29} is oxygen or -NH-,

R_{30} is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl or phenyl, and

s is 1 or 2.

Preference is likewise given to compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which, if n is 1,

R_1 is phenanthryl, thienyl, dibenzofuryl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted carbazolyl; or is fluorenyl; or R_1 is a radical of the formula II



R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} independently of one another are hydrogen, chlorine, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{18} alkylthio, C_3 - C_4 alkenyloxy, C_3 - C_4 alkynyloxy,

C_2 - C_{18} alkanoyloxy, phenyl, benzoyl, benzoyloxy or $\text{---O---} \begin{array}{c} R_{20} & R_{21} \\ | & | \\ \text{---C---} & \text{C---} \\ | & | \\ \text{H} & R_{22} \end{array} \text{---O---R}_{23}$,

R_{20} is hydrogen,

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R_{21} is hydrogen, phenyl or C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, or else the radicals R_{20} and R_{21} , together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a cyclohexylene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted from 1 to 3 times by C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

R_{22} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and

R_{23} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkanoyl or benzoyl.

Particular preference is given to compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which, if n is 1,

R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl,

C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio, C_2 - C_{12} alkanoyloxy, $\text{---O---}\overset{\overset{R_{20}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{H}{|}}{C}}\text{---}\overset{\overset{R_{21}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{R_{22}}{|}}{C}}\text{---O---}R_{23}$ or phenyl,

R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} are hydrogen, and

R_{23} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkanoyl.

Of particular interest are compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which

R_2 , R_3 , R_4 and R_5 independently of one another are hydrogen, chlorine, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, benzyl, phenyl, C_5 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{18} alkylthio, C_1 - C_{18} alkanoyloxy, C_1 - C_{18} alkanoyl-amino, C_3 - C_{18} alkenoyloxy or benzoyloxy; or else the radicals R_2 and R_3 or the radicals R_3 and R_4 or the radicals R_4 and R_5 , together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a benzo ring, R_4 is additionally $-(CH_2)_p\text{---}COR_{15}$ or $-(CH_2)_qOH$, or, if R_3 , R_5 and R_6 are hydrogen, R_4 is additionally a radical of the formula III,

R_{15} is hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy or $\text{---N}\begin{matrix} \nearrow R_{24} \\ \searrow R_{25} \end{matrix}$,

R_{16} and R_{17} are methyl groups or, together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a C_5 - C_8 cycloalkylidene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted from 1 to 3 times by C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

R_{24} and R_{25} independently of one another are hydrogen or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl,

p is 1 or 2, and

q is 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Also of particular interest are compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which at least two of the radicals R_2 , R_3 , R_4 and R_5 are hydrogen.

Of special interest are compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which R_3 and R_5 are hydrogen.

Of very special interest are compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula I in which

R_2 is C_1 - C_4 alkyl,

R_3 is hydrogen,

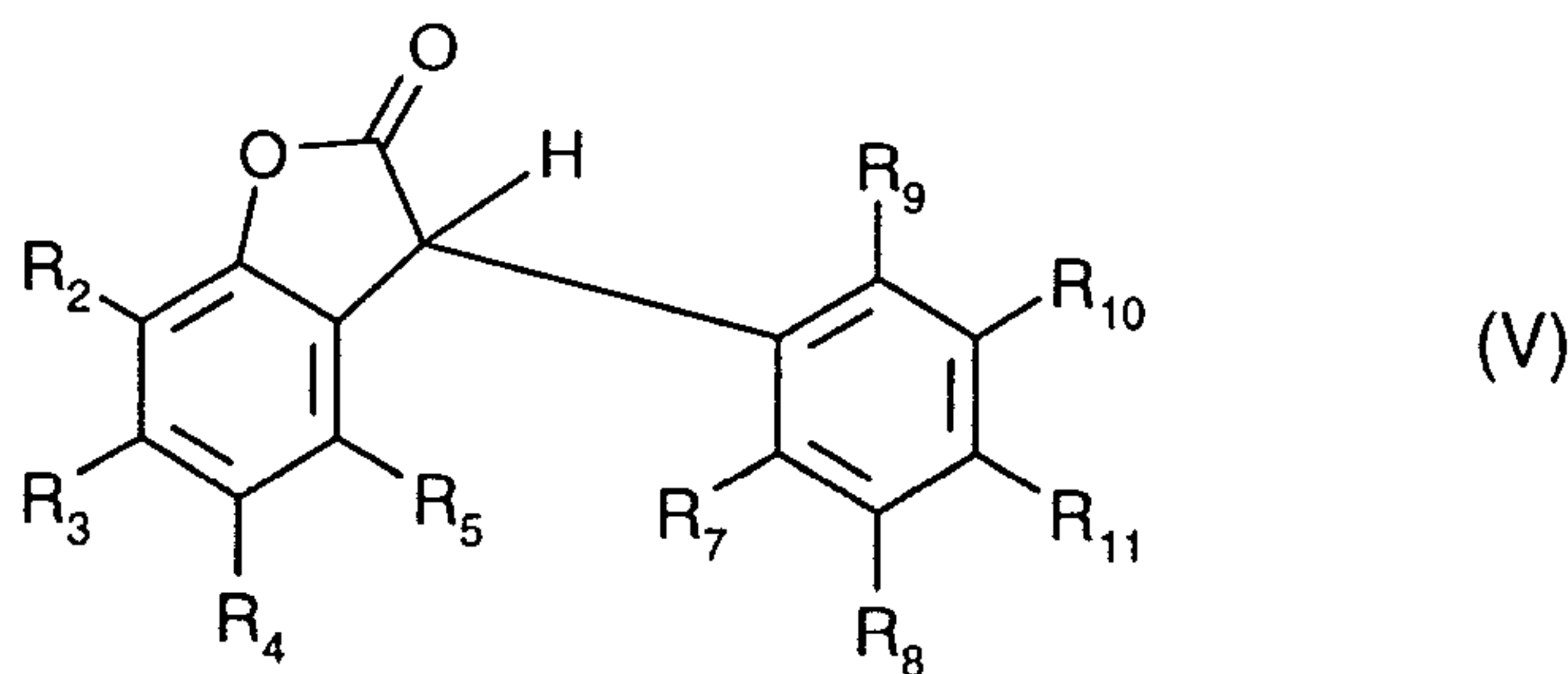
R_4 is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or, if R_6 is hydrogen, R_4 is additionally a radical of the formula III,

R_5 is hydrogen, and

R_{16} and R_{17} , together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a cyclohexylidene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

The following compounds are examples of the benzofuran-2-one type which are particularly suitable as component (b) in the novel composition: 3-[4-(2-acetoxyethoxy)phenyl]-5,7-di-tert-butyl-benzofuran-2-one; 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-[4-(2-stearoyloxyethoxy)phenyl]benzofuran-2-one; 3,3'-bis[5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(4-[2-hydroxyethoxy]phenyl)benzofuran-2-one]; 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(4-ethoxyphenyl)benzofuran-2-one; 3-(4-acetoxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5,7-di-tert-butylbenzofuran-2-one; 3-(3,5-dimethyl-4-pivaloyloxy-phenyl)-5,7-di-tert-butyl-benzofuran-2-one; 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-phenylbenzofuran-2-one; 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-benzofuran-2-one; 5,7-di-tert-butyl-3-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)benzofuran-2-one.

Also of special interest are compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula V

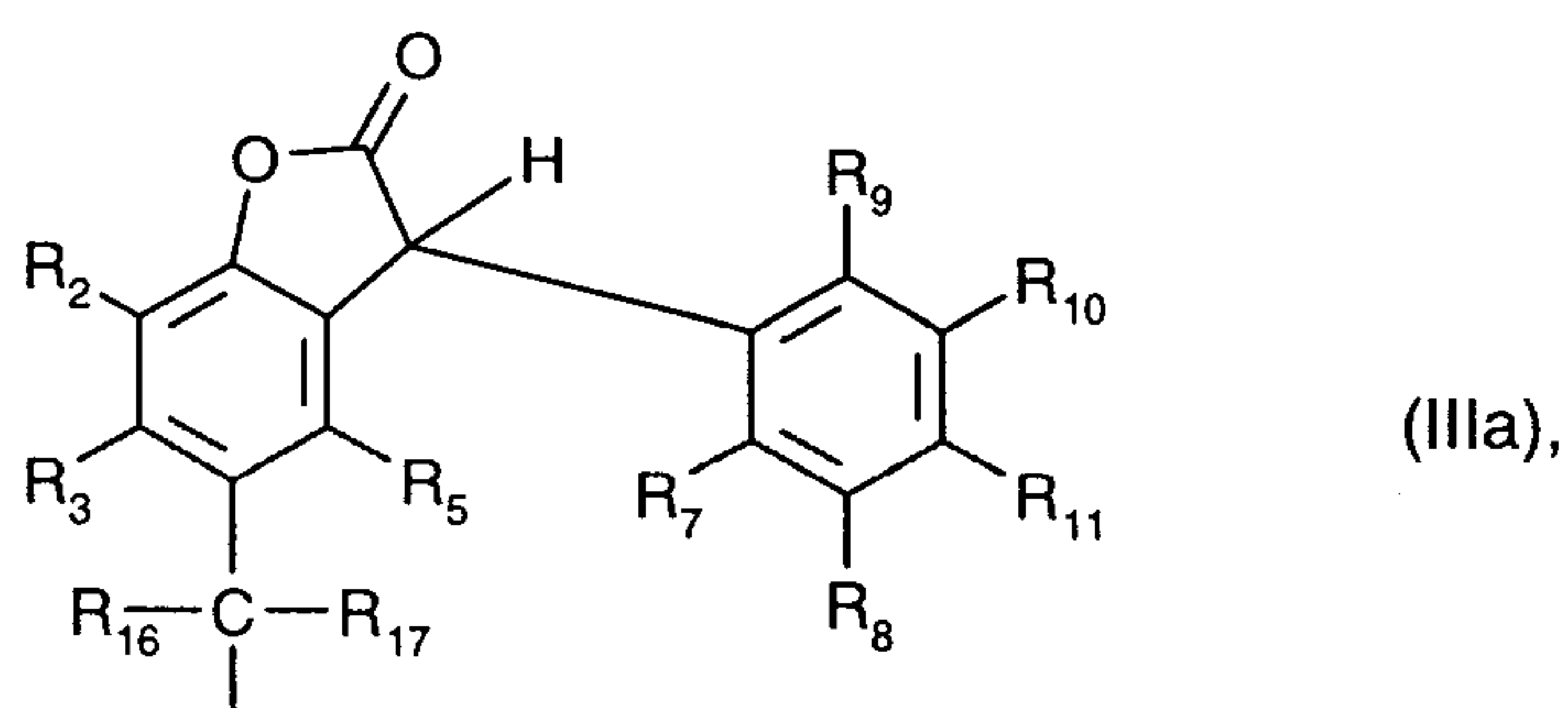


in which

R_2 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

R_3 is hydrogen,

R_4 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl or a radical of the formula IIIa



R_5 is hydrogen,

R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy,

C_2 - C_6 alkanoyloxy or $\text{—O—}\overset{\overset{R_{20}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{H}{|}}{C}}\text{—}\overset{\overset{R_{21}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{R_{22}}{|}}{C}}\text{—O—}R_{23}$, with the proviso that at least two of the

radicals R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} or R_{11} are hydrogen,

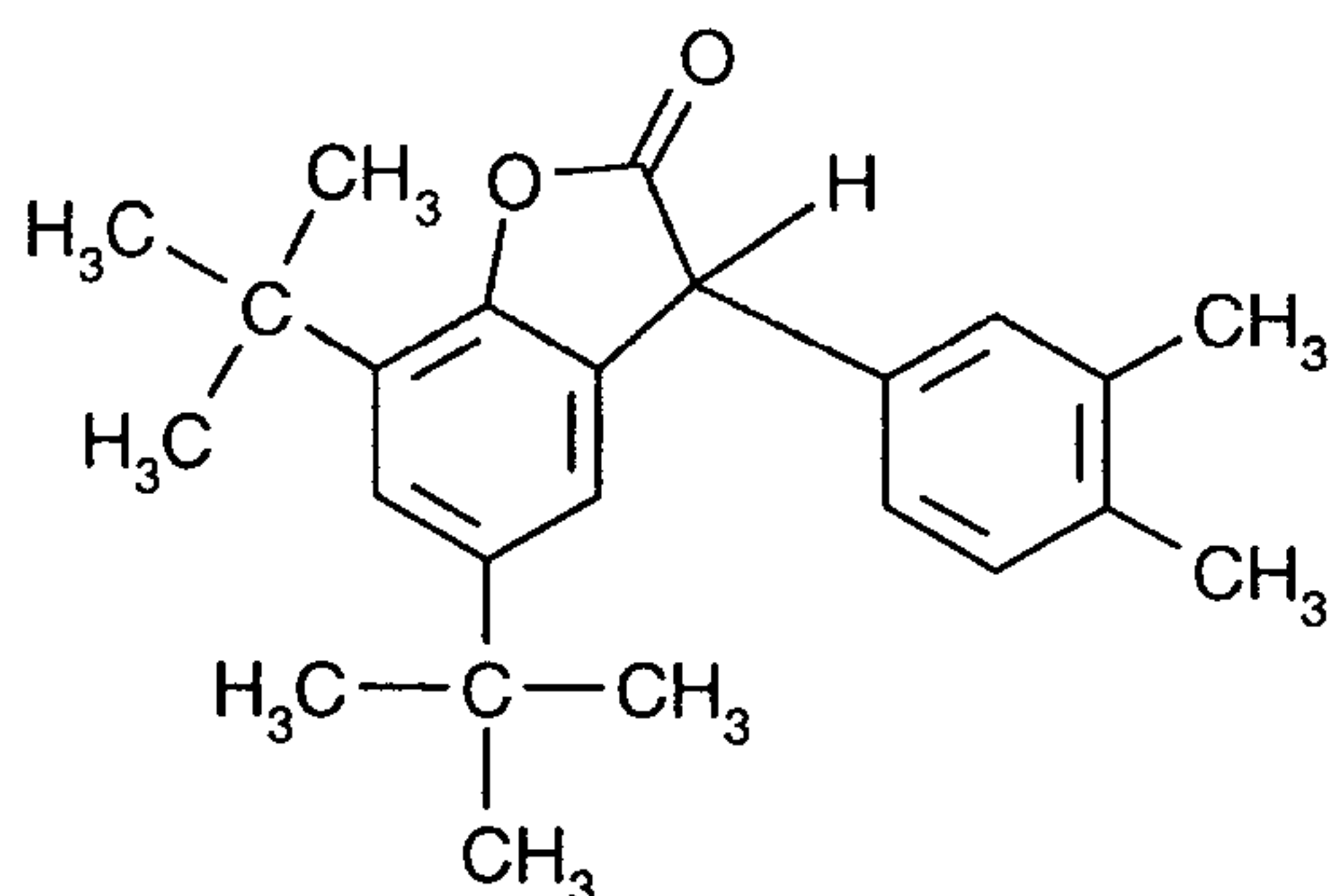
R_{16} and R_{17} , together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a cyclohexylidene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} are hydrogen, and

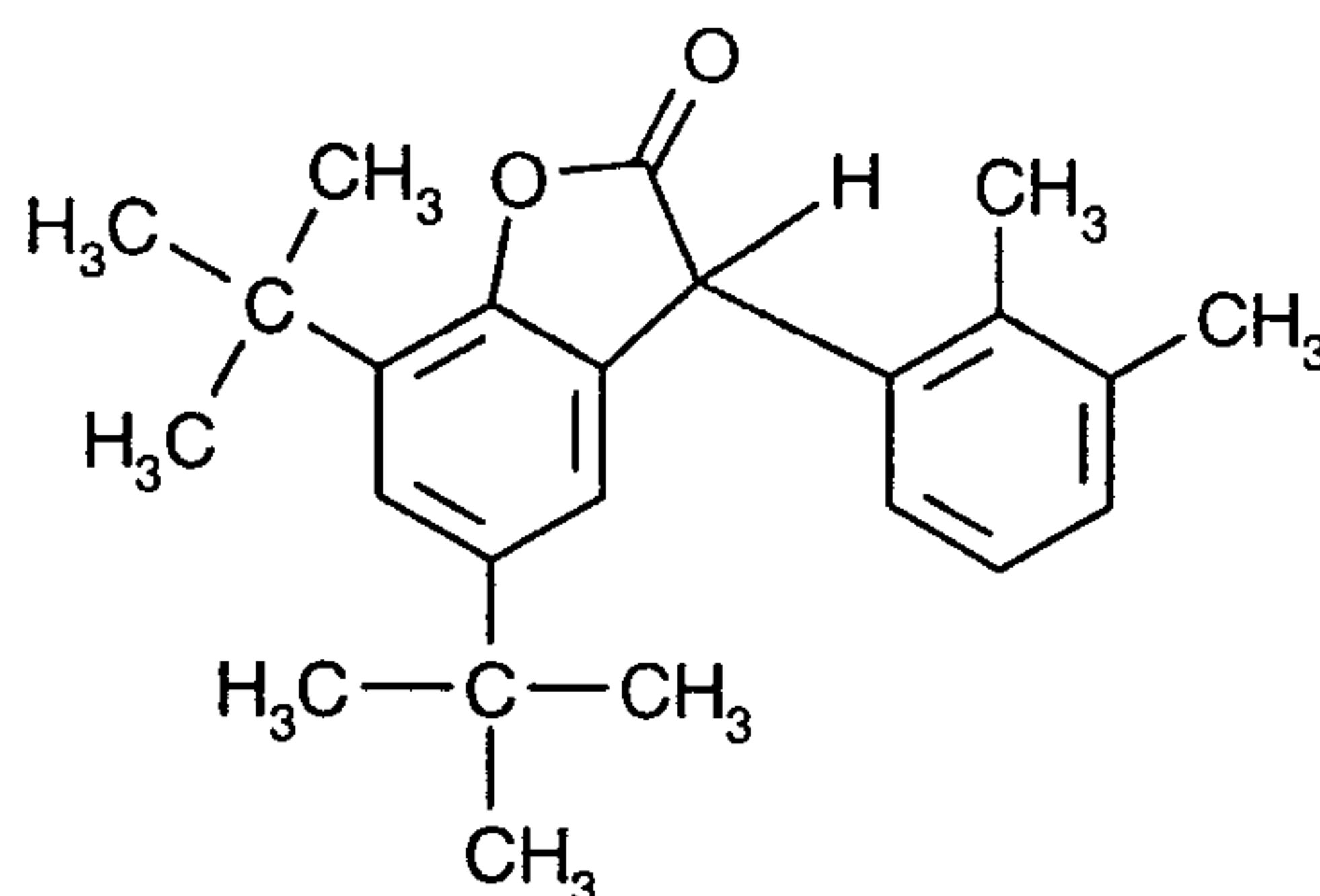
R_{23} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkanoyl.

Very particular preference is given to compositions comprising as component (b) at least one compound of the formula Va or Vb

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(Va)

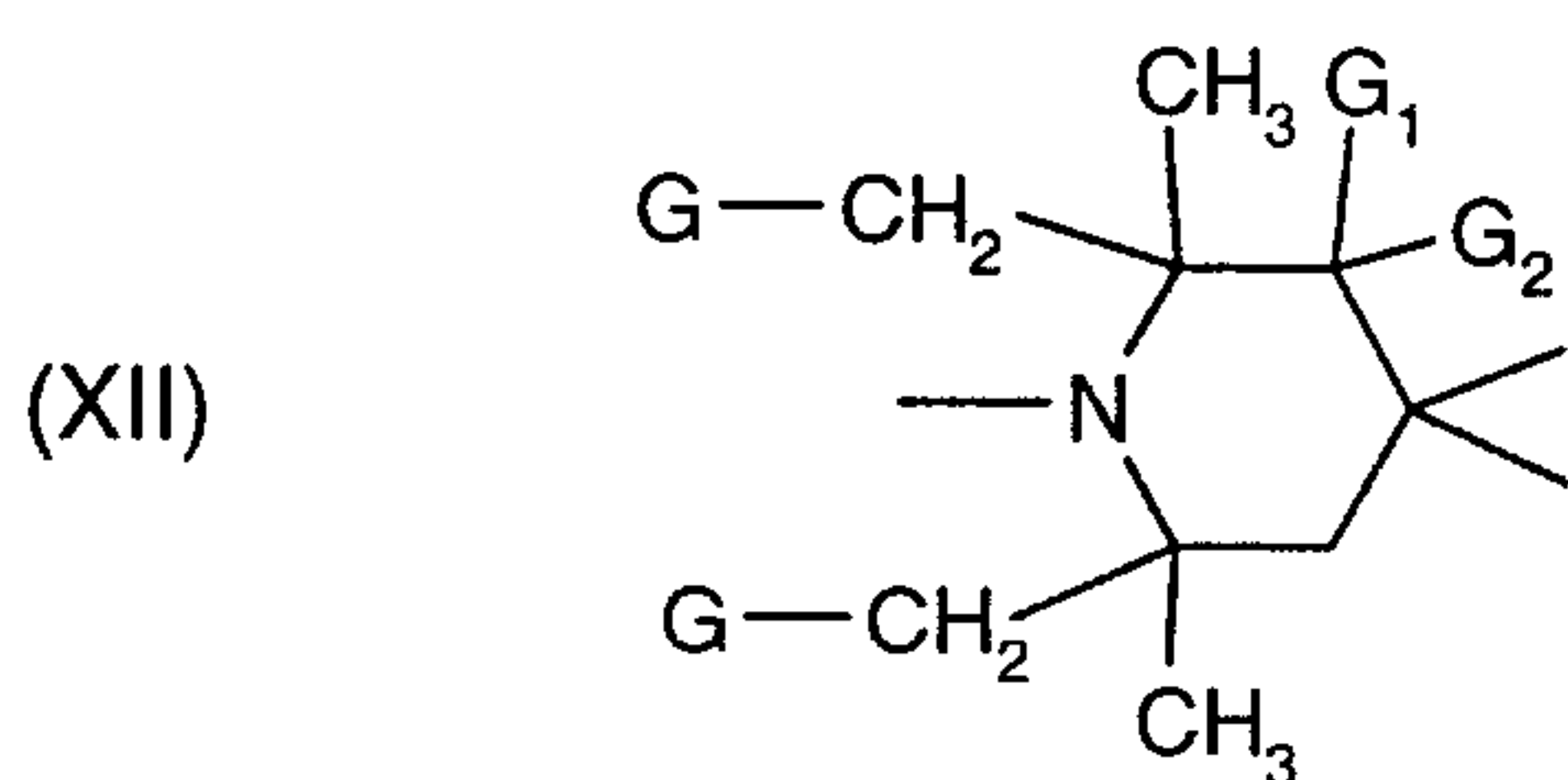


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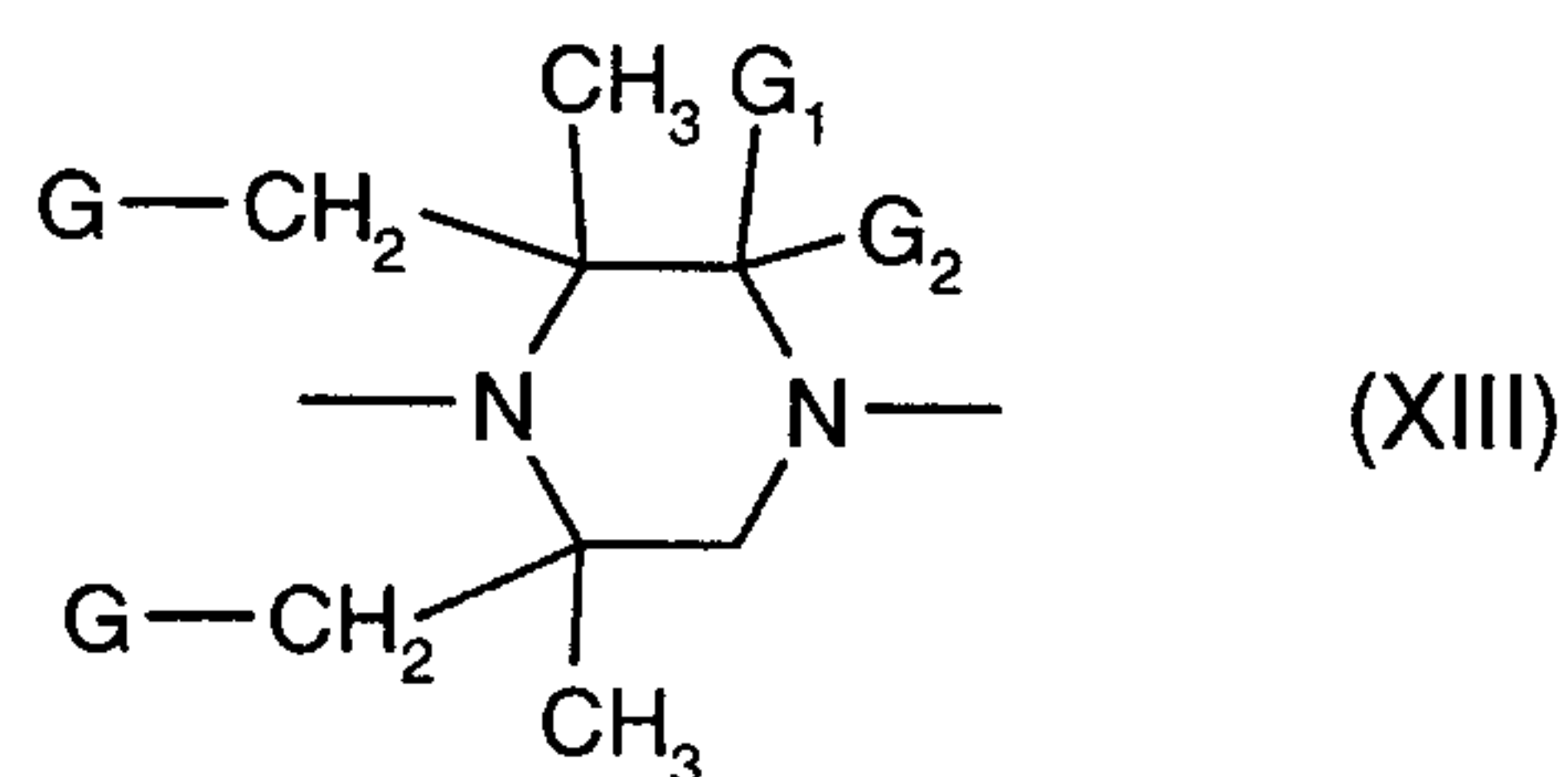
or a mixture of the two compounds of the formula Va and Vb.

The compounds of the benzofuran-2-one type as component (b) in the novel composition are known in the literature and their preparation is described, for example, in the following U.S. patents: US 4,325,863; US 4,388,244; US 5,175,312; US 5,252,643; US 5,216,052; US 5,369,159; US 5,488,117; US 5,356,966; US 5,367,008; US 5,428,162; US 5,428,177 or US 5,516,920.

Compositions of interest include those comprising as component (c) at least one radical of the formula XII or XIII



(XII)



(XIII)

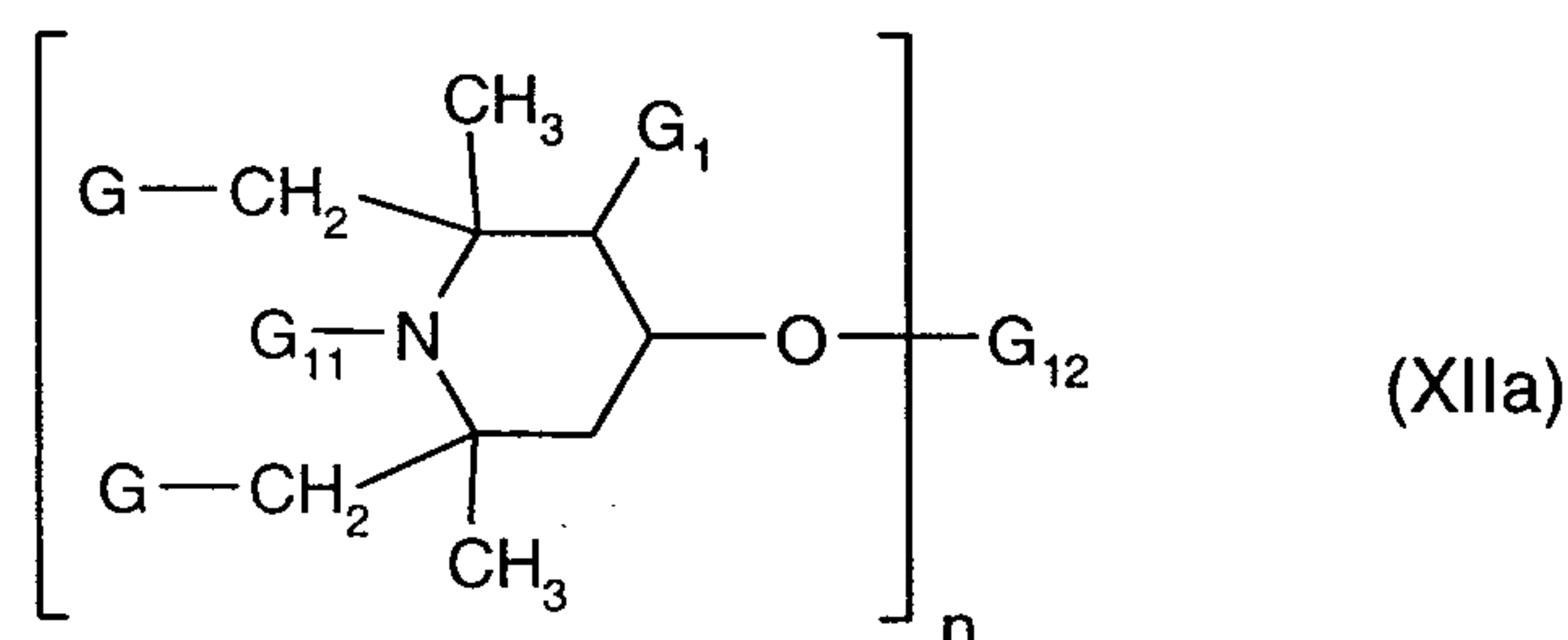
in which

G is hydrogen or methyl, and

G₁ and G₂ are hydrogen, methyl or together are oxygen.

Of particular interest are compositions comprising as component (c) at least one compound from the group of the sterically hindered amines of the class of compounds described under (a') to (g'), which comprise at least one radical of the formula XII or XIII.

(a') Compounds of the formula XIIa



in which n is a number from 1 to 4,

G and G₁ independently of one another are hydrogen or methyl,

G₁₁ is hydrogen, O^{*}, hydroxyl, NO, -CH₂CN, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₃-C₈alkenyl, C₃-C₈alkynyl, C₇-C₁₂aralkyl, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy, C₅-C₈cycloalkoxy, C₇-C₉phenylalkoxy, C₁-C₈alkanoyl, C₃-C₅alkenoyl, C₁-C₁₈alkanoyloxy, benzyloxy, glycidyl or a group -CH₂CH(OH)-Z, where G₁₁ is preferably hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, allyl, benzyl, acetyl or acryloyl,

Z is hydrogen, methyl or phenyl, and,

if n is 1,

G₁₂ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, which is uninterrupted or interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms, or is cyanoethyl, benzyl, glycidyl, a monovalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, araliphatic, unsaturated or aromatic carboxylic acid, carbamic acid or phosphorus-containing acid or a monovalent silyl radical, preferably a radical of an aliphatic carboxylic acid having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, of a cycloaliphatic carboxylic acid having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, of an α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acid having 3 to 5 carbon atoms or of an aromatic carboxylic acid having 7 to 15 carbon atoms, it being possible for the carboxylic acid to be substituted in each case in the aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic moiety from 1 to 3 times by -COOZ₁₂,

Z₁₂ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀alkyl, C₃-C₁₂alkenyl, C₅-C₇cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, and,

if n is 2,

G₁₂ is C₂-C₁₂alkylene, C₄-C₁₂alkenylene, xylylene, a divalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, araliphatic or aromatic dicarboxylic acid, dicarbamic acid or phosphorus-containing acid or a divalent silyl radical, preferably a radical of an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid having 2 to 36 carbon atoms, of a cycloaliphatic or aromatic dicarboxylic acid having 8 to

14 carbon atoms or of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic dicarbamic acid having 8 to 14 carbon atoms, it being possible for the dicarboxylic acid to be substituted in each case in the aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic moiety by 1 or 2 groups of $-\text{COOZ}_{12}$, and, if n is 3,

G_{12} is a trivalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic tricarboxylic acid, which can be substituted in the aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic moiety by $-\text{COOZ}_{12}$, of an aromatic tricarbamic acid or of a phosphorus-containing acid, or is a trivalent silyl radical, and,

if n is 4,

G_{12} is a tetravalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic tetracarboxylic acid.

The carboxylic acid radicals indicated include in each case radicals of the formula $(-\text{CO})_n\text{R}$, in which the meaning of n is indicated above and the meaning of R is evident from the definition stated.

Any $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{12}$ alkyl substituents are, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-hexyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, n-nonyl, n-decyl, n-undecyl or n-dodecyl.

As $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl G_{11} or G_{12} can be, for example, the groups indicated above and also, for example, n-tridecyl, n-tetradecyl, n-hexadecyl or n-octadecyl.

If G_{11} is $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ alkenyl it can, for example, be 1-propenyl, allyl, methallyl, 2-butenyl, 2-pentenyl, 2-hexenyl, 2-octenyl or 4-tert-butyl-2-butenyl.

G_{11} as $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$ alkynyl is preferably propargyl.

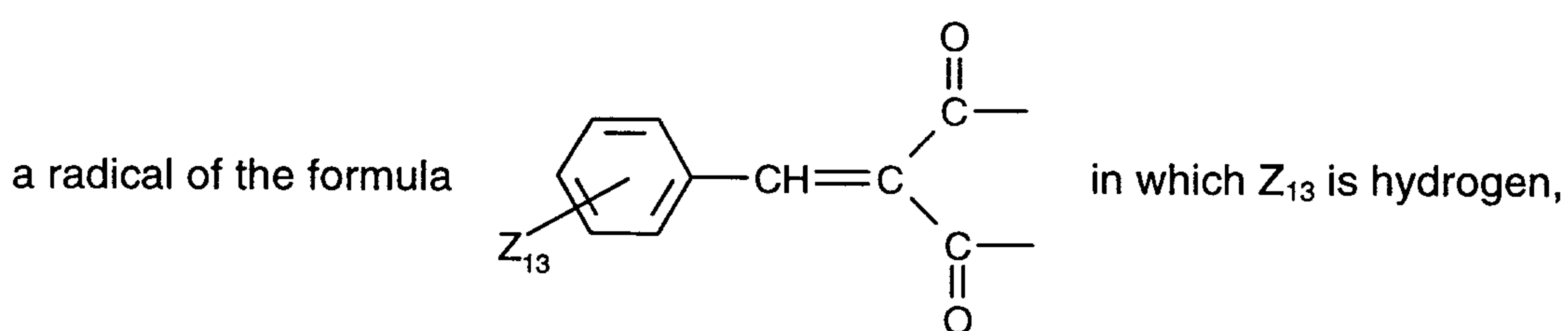
G_{11} as $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{12}$ aralkyl is especially phenethyl and in particular benzyl.

G_{11} as $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ alkanoyl is, for example, formyl, propionyl, butyryl, octanoyl, but preferably acetyl and as $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_5$ alkenoyl is especially acryloyl.

G_{12} as a monovalent radical of a carboxylic acid is, for example, an acetic, caproic, stearic, acrylic, methacrylic, benzoic or β -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid radical.

If G_{12} is a monovalent silyl radical then it is, for example, a radical of the formula $-(C_jH_{2j})-Si(Z')_2Z''$ in which j is an integer from the range from 2 to 5 and Z' and Z'' independently of one another are C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy.

If G_{12} is a divalent radical of a dicarboxylic acid then it is, for example, a malonic, succinic, glutaric, adipic, suberic, sebacic, maleic, itaconic, phthalic, dibutylmalonic, dibenzylmalonic, butyl(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonic or bicycloheptenedicarboxylic acid radical or



C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy. A particularly preferred meaning of Z_{13} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, especially para- C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, for example p-methoxy.

If G_{12} is a trivalent radical of a tricarboxylic acid then it is, for example, a trimellitic, citric or nitrilotriacetic acid radical.

If G_{12} is a tetravalent radical of a tetracarboxylic acid then it is, for example, the tetravalent radical of butane-1,2,3,4-tetracarboxylic acid or of pyromellitic acid.

If G_{12} is a divalent radical of a dicarbamic acid then it is, for example, a hexamethylenedicarbamic or a 2,4-tolylenedicarbamic acid radical.

Preference is given to compounds of the formula XIIa in which G is hydrogen, G_{11} is hydrogen or methyl, n is 2 and G_{12} is the diacyl radical of an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid having 4 to 12 carbon atoms.

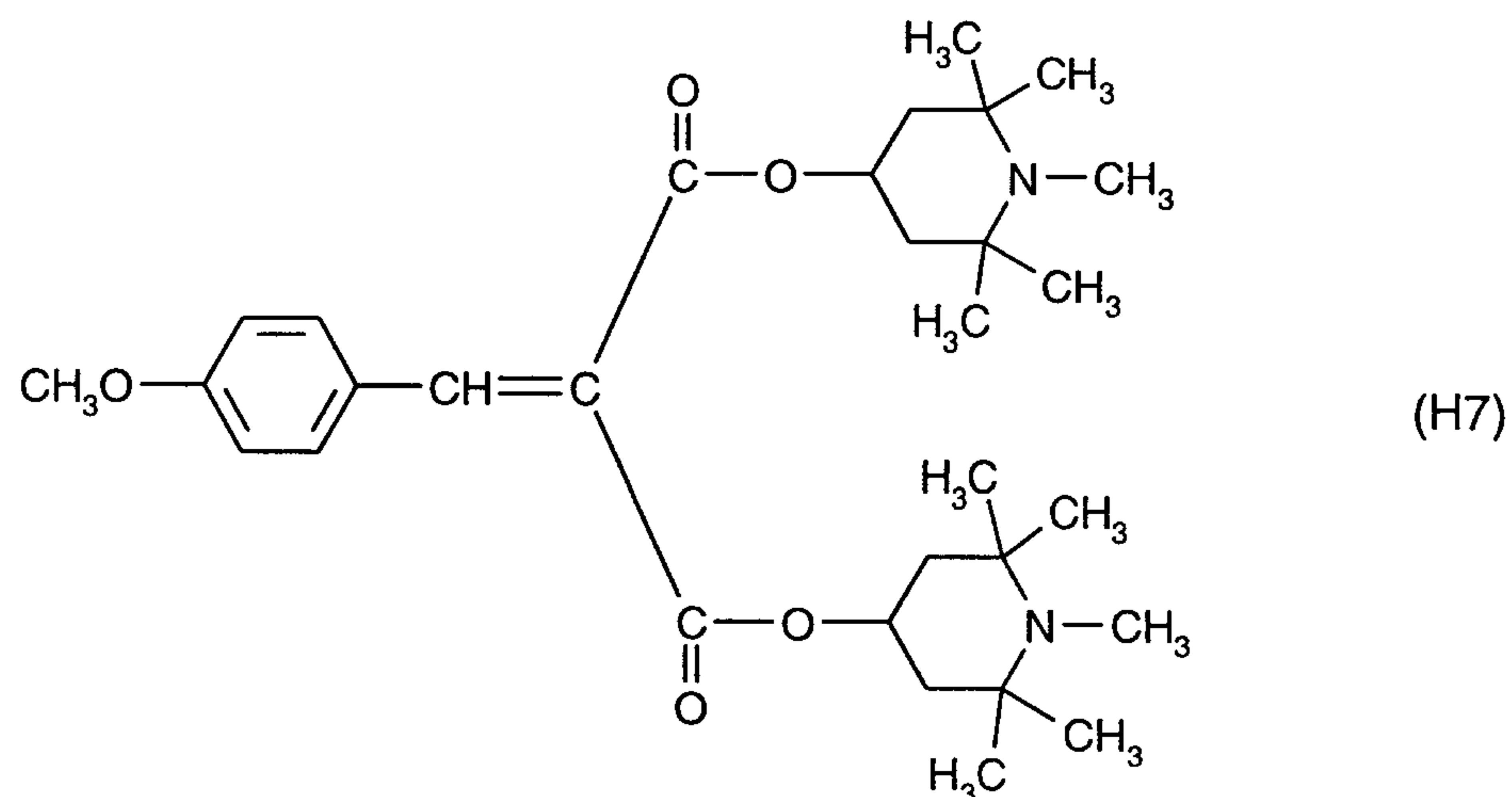
Examples of polyalkylpiperidine compounds of this class are the following compounds:

- 1) 4-Hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 2) 1-Allyl-4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine

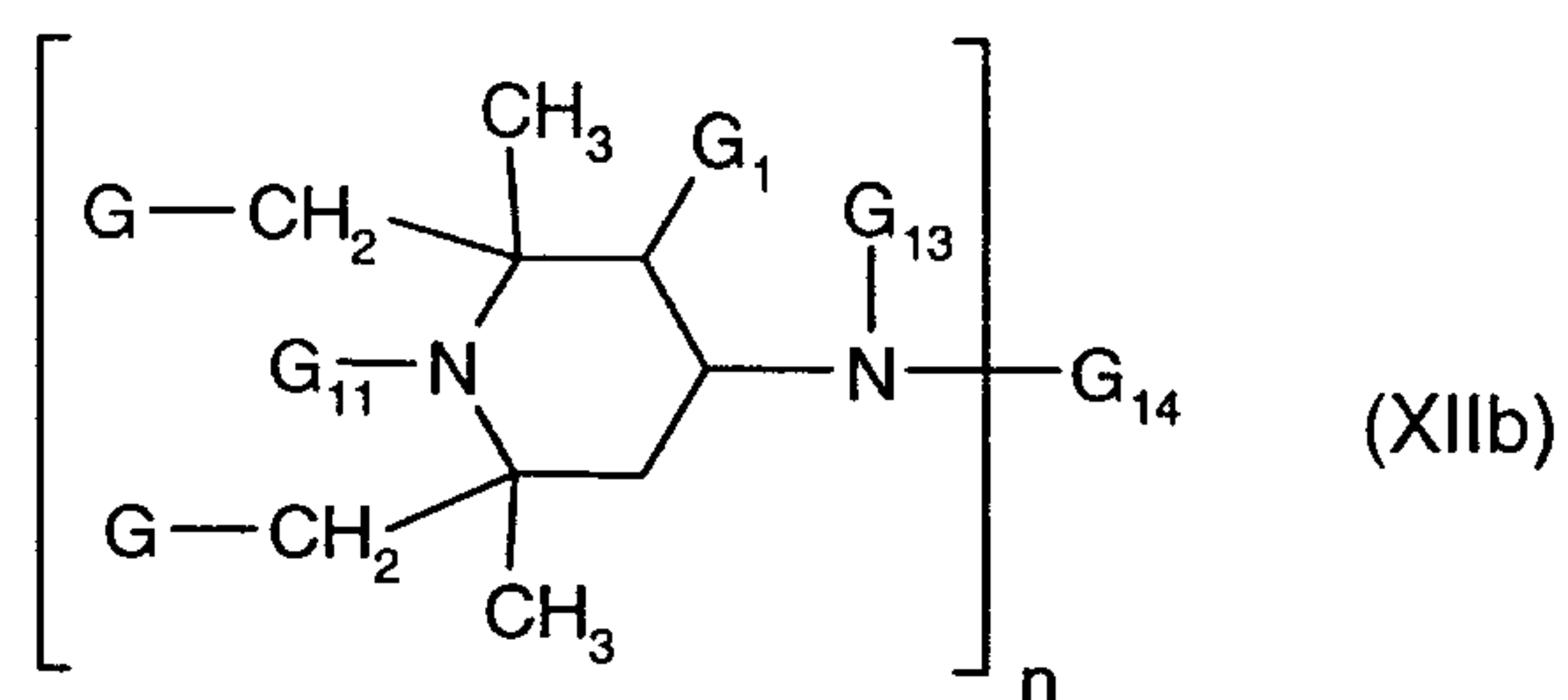
- 3) 1-Benzyl-4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 4) 1-(4-tert-Butyl-2-butenyl)-4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 5) 4-Stearoyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 6) 1-Ethyl-4-salicyloyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 7) 4-Methacryloyloxy-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine
- 8) 1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl β -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate
- 9) Di(1-benzyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) maleate
- 10) Di(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) succinate
- 11) Di(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) glutarate
- 12) Di(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) adipate
- 13) Di(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate
- 14) Di(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate
- 15) Di(1,2,3,6-tetramethyl-2,6-diethyl-piperidin-4-yl) sebacate
- 16) Di(1-allyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) phthalate
- 17) 1-Hydroxy-4- β -cyanoethyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 18) 1-Acetyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl acetate
- 19) Tri(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) trimellitate
- 20) 1-Acryloyl-4-benzyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 21) Di(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) diethylmalonate
- 22) Di(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl) dibutylmalonate
- 23) Di(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl) butyl(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate
- 24) Di(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate
- 25) Di(1-cyclohexyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate
- 26) Hexane-1',6'-bis(4-carbamoyloxy-1-n-butyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine)
- 27) Toluene-2',4'-bis(4-carbamoyloxy-1-n-propyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine)
- 28) Dimethylbis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-oxy)silane
- 29) Phenyltris(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-oxy)silane
- 30) Tris(1-propyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) phosphite
- 31) Tris(1-propyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) phosphate
- 32) Phenyl [bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl)]phosphonate
- 33) 4-Hydroxy-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine
- 34) 4-Hydroxy-N-hydroxyethyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 35) 4-Hydroxy-N-(2-hydroxypropyl)-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 36) 1-Glycidyl-4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine.

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A particularly preferred compound of the formula XIIa is the compound of the formula H7.



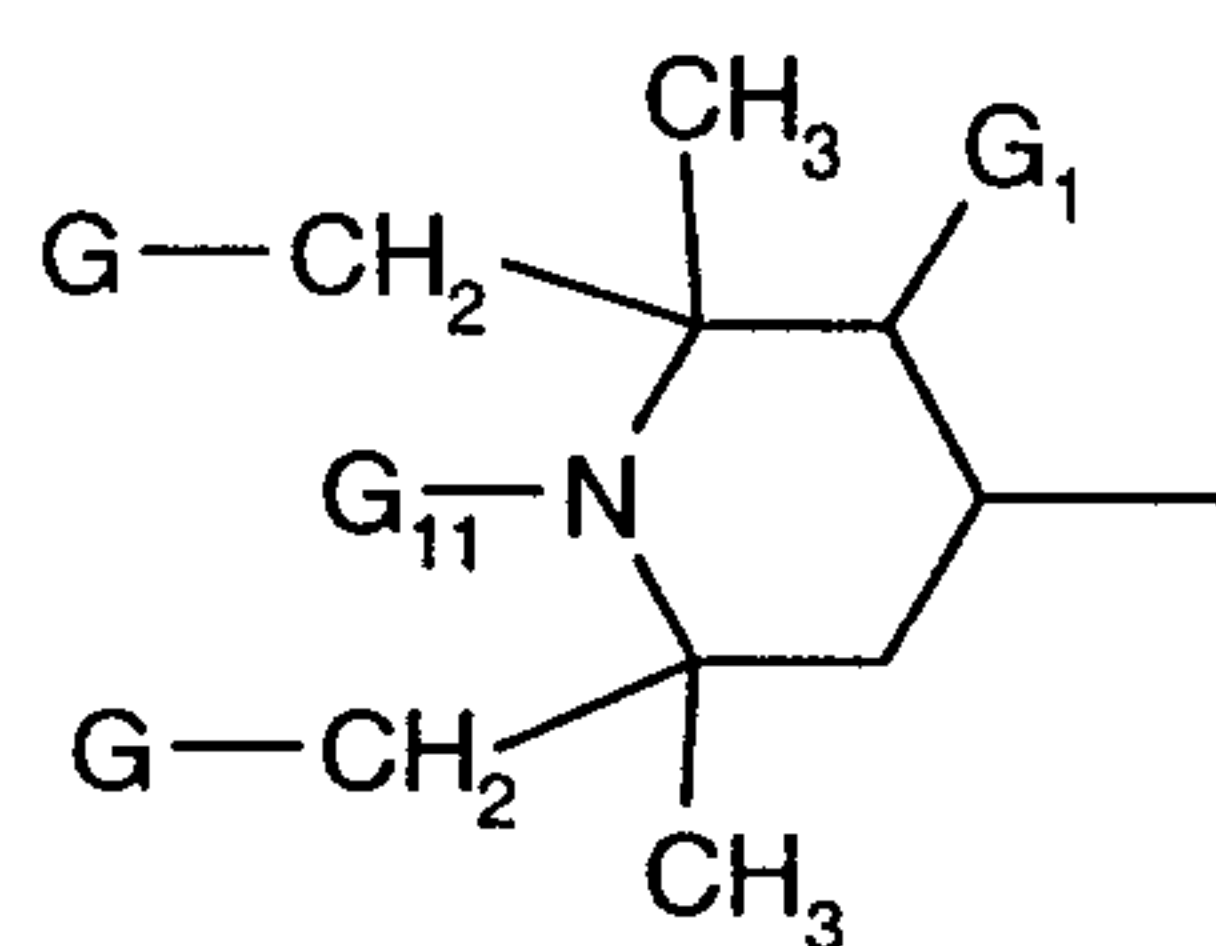
(b') Compounds of the formula XIIb



in which n is the number 1 or 2,

G, G₁ and G₁₁ are as defined under (a'),

G₁₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₅hydroxyalkyl, C₅-C₇cycloalkyl, C₇-C₈aralkyl, C₂-C₁₈alkanoyl, C₃-C₅alkenoyl, benzoyl or a group of the formula



and,

if n is 1,

G₁₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₃-C₈alkenyl, C₅-C₇cycloalkyl, or C₁-C₄alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl, cyano, alkoxycarbonyl or carbamide group; glycidyl, a group of the formula -CH₂-CH(OH)-Z or of the formula -CONH-Z, in which Z is hydrogen, methyl or phenyl, and

if n is 2,

G₁₄ is C₂-C₁₂alkylene, C₆-C₁₂arylene, xylylene, a -CH₂-CH(OH)-CH₂- group or a group -CH₂-CH(OH)-CH₂-O-D-O- in which D is C₂-C₁₀alkylene, C₆-C₁₅arylene, C₆-C₁₂cycloalkylene, or, provided that G₁₃ is not alkanoyl, alkenoyl or benzoyl, G₁₄ can alternatively be 1-oxo-C₂-C₁₂alkylene, a divalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic dicarboxylic acid or dicarbamic acid or else can be the group -CO-, or,

if n is 1,

G₁₃ and G₁₄ together can be the divalent radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic 1,2- or 1,3-dicarboxylic acid.

Any C₁-C₁₂- or C₁-C₁₈alkyl substituents are as already defined under (a').

Any C₅-C₇cycloalkyl substituents are, in particular, cyclohexyl.

G₁₃ as C₇-C₈aralkyl is in particular phenylethyl or especially benzyl. As C₂-C₅hydroxyalkyl G₁₃ is, in particular, 2-hydroxyethyl or 2-hydroxypropyl.

G₁₃ as C₂-C₁₈alkanoyl is, for example, propionyl, butyryl, octanoyl, dodecanoyl, hexadecanoyl, octadecanoyl, but preferably acetyl, and as C₃-C₅alkenoyl is especially acryloyl.

If G₁₄ is C₂-C₈alkenyl it is, for example, allyl, methallyl, 2-butenyl, 2-pentenyl, 2-hexenyl or 2-octenyl.

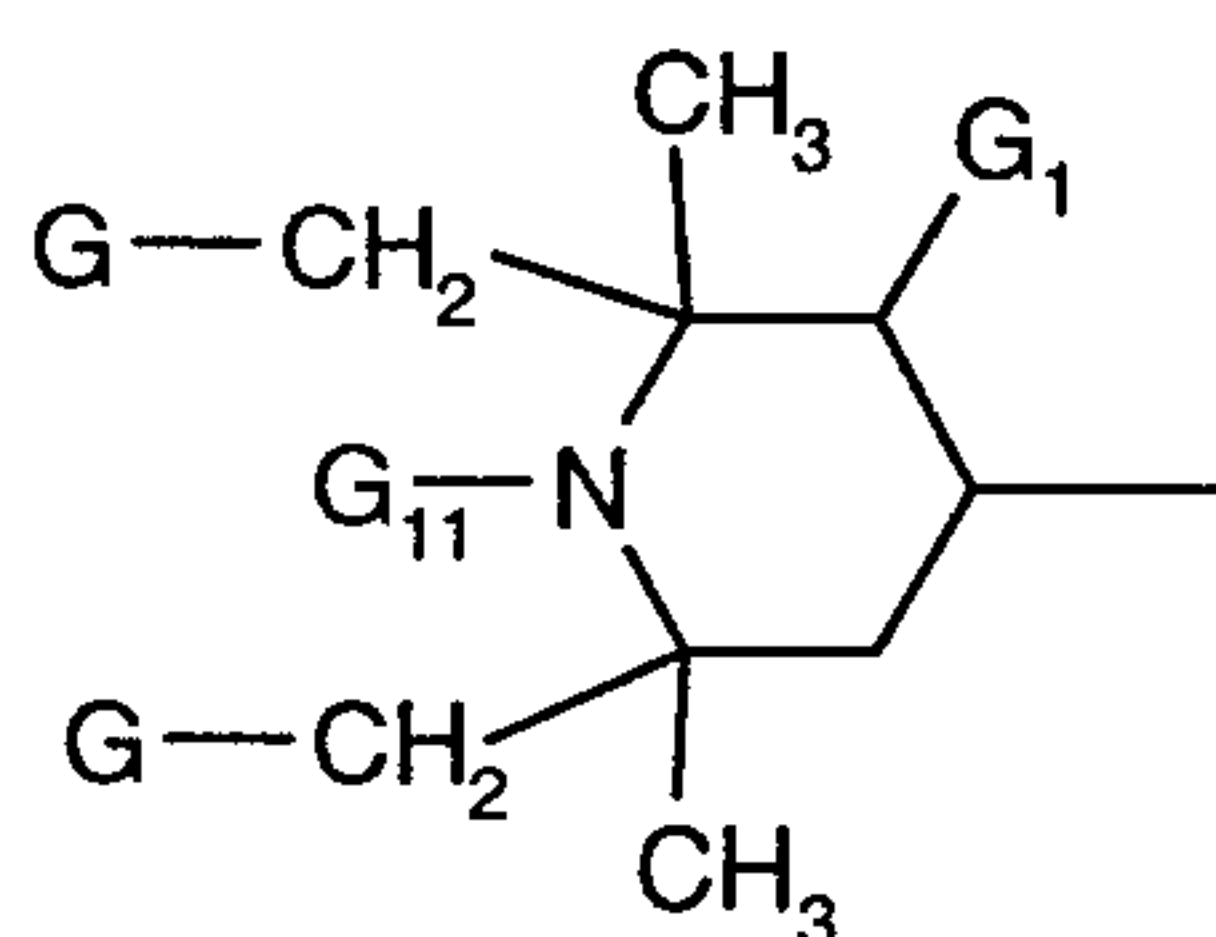
G₁₄ as C₁-C₄alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl, cyano, alkoxycarbonyl or carbamide group can, for example, be 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 2-cyanoethyl, methoxycarbonylmethyl, 2-ethoxycarbonylethyl, 2-aminocarbonylpropyl or 2-(dimethylaminocarbonyl)ethyl.

Any C₂-C₁₂alkylene substituents are, for example, ethylene, propylene, 2,2-dimethylpropylene, tetramethylene, hexamethylene, octamethylene, decamethylene or dodecamethylene.

Any C₆-C₁₅arylene substituents are, for example, o-, m- or p-phenylene, 1,4-naphthylene or 4,4'-diphenylene.

As C₆-C₁₂cycloalkylene particular mention may be made of cyclohexylene.

Preference is given to compounds of the formula XIIb in which n is 1 or 2, G is hydrogen, G₁₁ is hydrogen or methyl, G₁₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂alkyl or a group of the formula



and G₁₄, if n=1, is hydrogen or C₁-C₁₂alkyl and, if n=2, is C₂-C₈alkylene or 1-oxo-C₂-C₈alkylene.

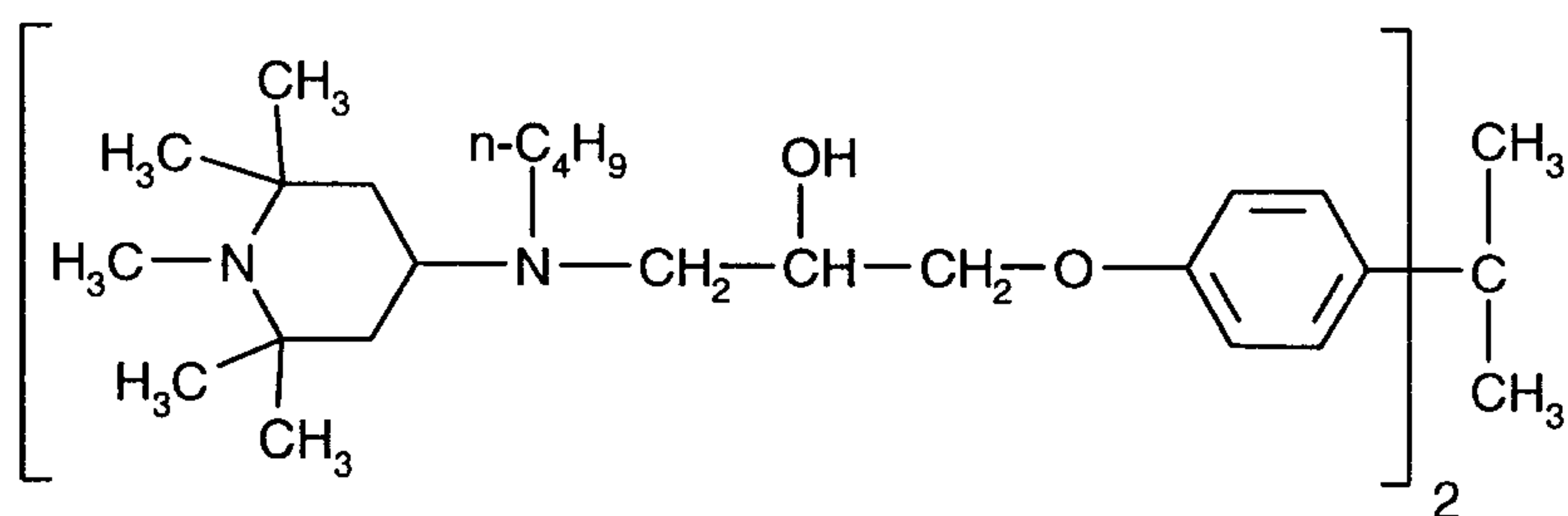
Examples of polyalkylpiperidine compounds of this class are the following compounds:

- 37) N,N'-Bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)hexamethylene-1,6-diamine
- 38) N,N'-Bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)hexamethylene-1,6-diacetamide
- 39) Bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)amine
- 40) 4-Benzoylamino-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
- 41) N,N'-Bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N,N'-dibutyladipamide
- 42) N,N'-Bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N,N'-dicyclohexyl-2-hydroxypropylene-1,3-diamine
- 43) N,N'-Bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)-p-xylylenediamine
- 44) N,N'-Bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)succinamide

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45) Di(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) N-(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)-β-amino-dipropionate

46) The compound of the formula

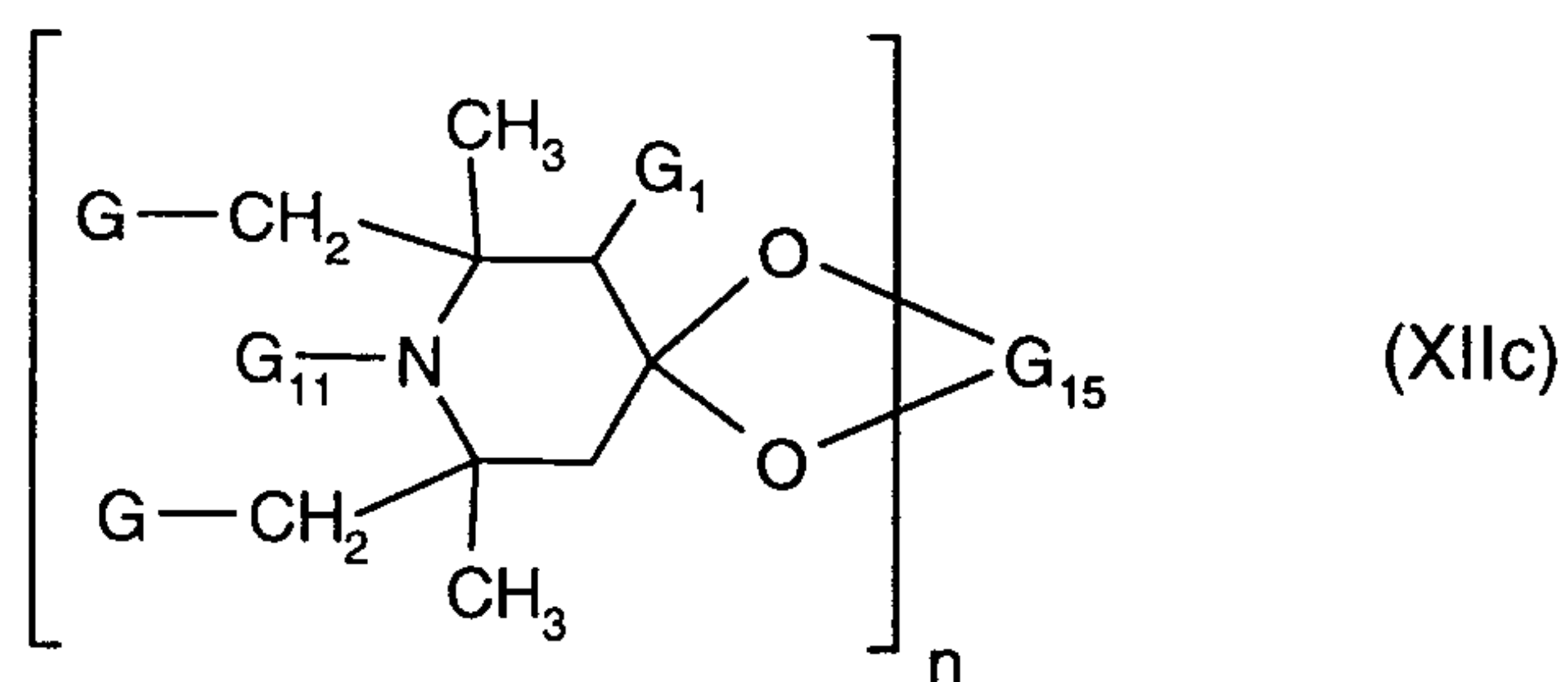


47) 4-(Bis-2-hydroxyethylamino)-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine

48) 4-(3-Methyl-4-hydroxy-5-tert-butylbenzamido)-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine

49) 4-Methacrylamido-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine

(c') Compounds of the formula XIIc



in which n is the number 1 or 2, G, G₁ and G₁₁ are as defined under (a'), and

if n is 1,

G₁₅ is C₂-C₈alkylene or C₂-C₈hydroxyalkylene or C₄-C₂₂acyloxyalkylene, and,

if n is 2,

G₁₅ is the group (-CH₂)₂C(CH₂-)₂.

If G₁₅ is C₂-C₈alkylene or C₂-C₈hydroxyalkylene then it is, for example, ethylene, 1-methyl-ethylene, propylene, 2-ethylpropylene or 2-ethyl-2-hydroxymethylpropylene.

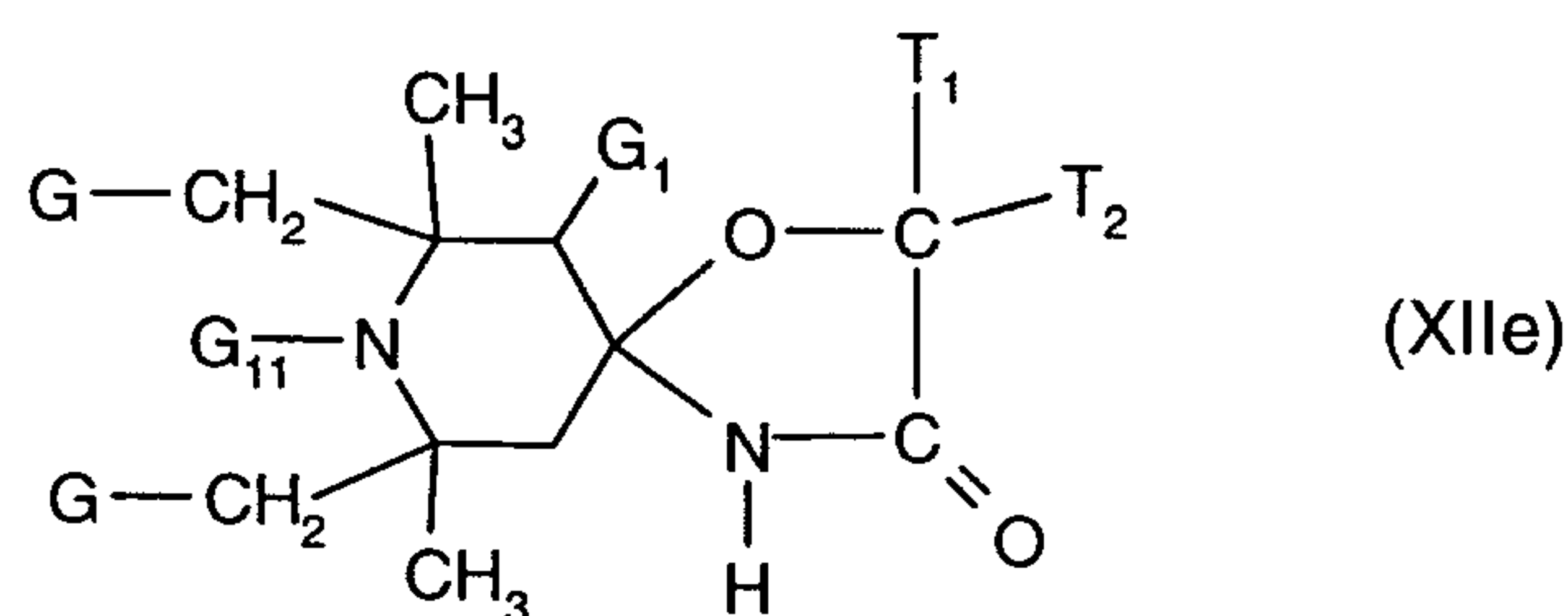
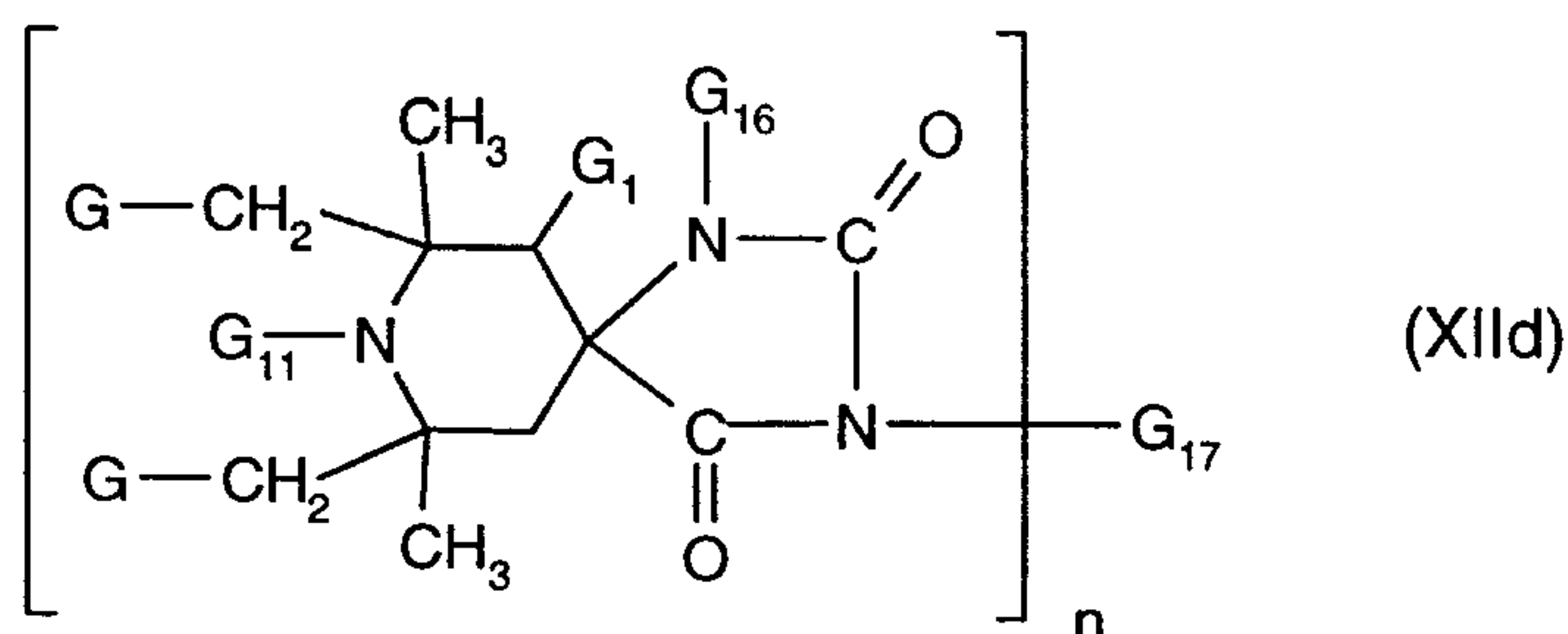
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G₁₅ as C₄-C₂₂acyloxyalkylene is, for example, 2-ethyl-2-acetoxymethylpropylene.

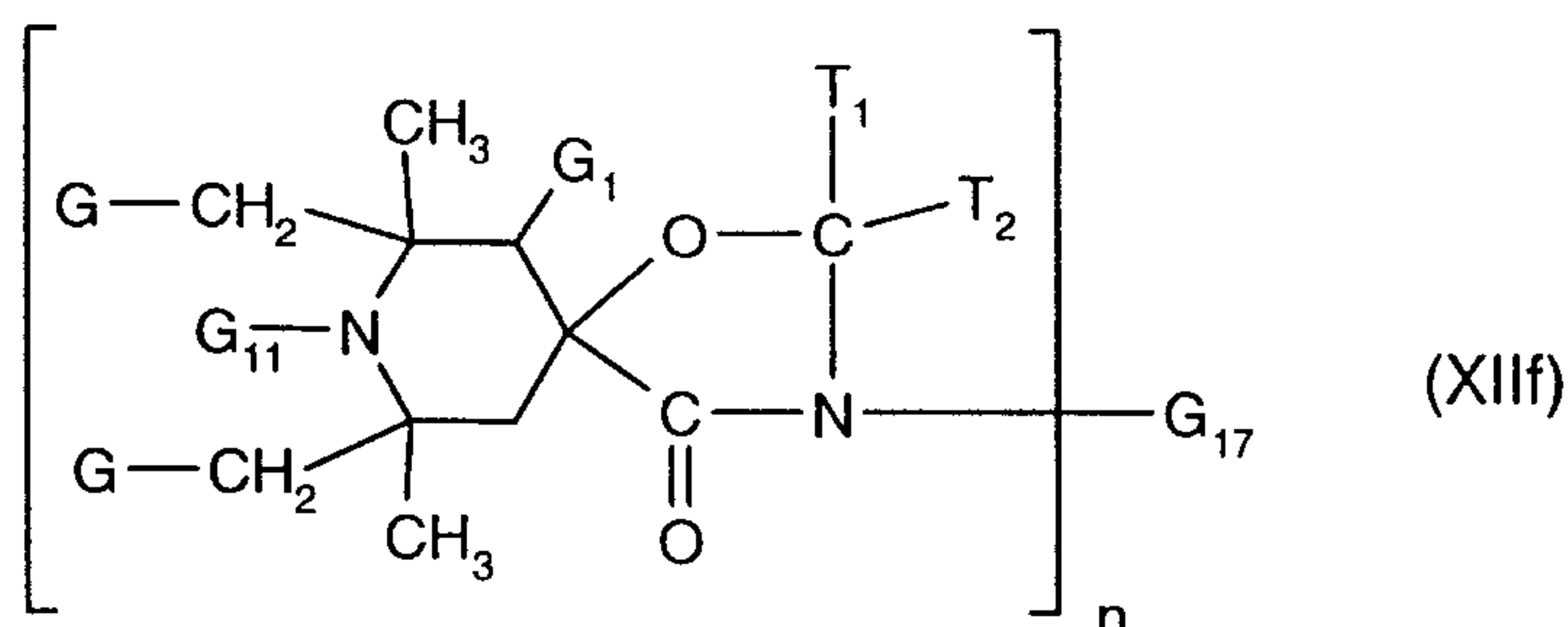
Examples of polyalkylpiperidine compounds of this class are the following compounds:

- 50) 9-Aza-8,8,10,10-tetramethyl-1,5-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane
- 51) 9-Aza-8,8,10,10-tetramethyl-3-ethyl-1,5-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane
- 52) 8-Aza-2,7,7,8,9,9-hexamethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane
- 53) 9-Aza-3-hydroxymethyl-3-ethyl-8,8,9,10,10-pentamethyl-1,5-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane
- 54) 9-Aza-3-ethyl-3-acetoxymethyl-9-acetyl-8,8,10,10-tetramethyl-1,5-dioxaspiro[5.5]-undecane
- 55) 2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine-4-spiro-2'-(1',3'-dioxane)-5'-spiro-5''-(1'',3''-dioxane)-2''-spiro-4'''-(2''',2''',6''',6'''-tetramethylpiperidine).

(d') Compounds of the formulae XIId, XIle and XIIf, with compounds of the formula XIIf being preferred



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in which n is the number 1 or 2, G , G_1 and G_{11} are as defined under (a'),

G_{16} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, allyl, benzyl, glycidyl or C_2 - C_6 alkoxyalkyl, and

if n is 1,

G_{17} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, C_3 - C_5 alkenyl, C_7 - C_9 aralkyl, C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_4 hydroxyalkyl,

C_2 - C_6 alkoxyalkyl, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, glycidyl or a group of the formula

$-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-COO-Q}$ or of the formula $-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-O-CO-Q}$ in which p is 1 or 2 and Q is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or phenyl, and

if n is 2,

G_{17} is C_2 - C_{12} alkylene, C_4 - C_{12} alkenylene, C_6 - C_{12} arylene, a group

$-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH(OH)-CH}_2\text{-O-D-O-CH}_2\text{-CH(OH)-CH}_2\text{-}$ in which D is C_2 - C_{10} alkylene, C_6 - C_{15} arylene,

C_6 - C_{12} cycloalkylene, or a group $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH(OZ')CH}_2\text{-(OCH}_2\text{-CH(OZ')CH}_2\text{)}_2\text{-}$ in which Z' is

hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, allyl, benzyl, C_2 - C_{12} alkanoyl or benzoyl,

T_1 and T_2 independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl or unsubstituted or halo- or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted C_6 - C_{10} aryl or C_7 - C_9 aralkyl or T_1 and T_2 , together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a C_5 - C_{14} cycloalkane ring.

Any C_1 - C_{12} alkyl substituents are, for example, methyl, ethyl, n -propyl, n -butyl, sec -butyl, $tert$ -butyl, n -hexyl, n -octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, n -nonyl, n -decyl, n -undecyl or n -dodecyl.

Any substituents in the meaning of C_1 - C_{18} alkyl can, for example, be the groups listed above and also, for example, n -tridecyl, n -tetradecyl, n -hexadecyl or n -octadecyl.

Any C_2 - C_6 alkoxyalkyl substituents are, for example, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, propoxymethyl, $tert$ -butoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, ethoxypropyl, n -butoxyethyl, $tert$ -butoxyethyl, isopropoxyethyl or propoxypropyl.

If G_{17} is C_3 - C_5 alkenyl then it is, for example, 1-propenyl, allyl, methallyl, 2-butenyl or 2-pentenyl.

G_{17} , T_1 and T_2 as C_7 - C_9 aralkyl are, in particular, phenethyl or especially benzyl. If T_1 and T_2 together with the carbon atom form a cycloalkane ring then this can, for example, be a cyclopentane, cyclohexane, cyclooctane or cyclododecane ring.

If G_{17} is C_2 - C_4 hydroxyalkyl then it is, for example, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 2-hydroxybutyl or 4-hydroxybutyl.

G_{17} , T_1 and T_2 as C_6 - C_{10} aryl are, in particular, phenyl, α - or β -naphthyl which are unsubstituted or substituted by halogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

If G_{17} is C_2 - C_{12} alkylene then it is, for example, ethylene, propylene, 2,2-dimethylpropylene, tetramethylene, hexamethylene, octamethylene, decamethylene or dodecamethylene.

G_{17} as C_4 - C_{12} alkenylene is, in particular, 2-butenylene, 2-pentenylene or 3-hexenylene.

If G_{17} is C_6 - C_{12} arylene then it is, for example, o-, m- or p-phenylene, 1,4-naphthylene or 4,4'-diphenylene.

If Z' is C_2 - C_{12} alkanoyl then it is, for example, propionyl, butyryl, octanoyl, dodecanoyl, but preferably acetyl.

D as C_2 - C_{10} alkylene, C_6 - C_{15} arylene or C_6 - C_{12} cycloalkylene is as defined under (b').

Examples of polyalkylpiperidine compounds of this class are the following compounds:

56) 3-Benzyl-1,3,8-triaza-7,7,9,9-tetramethylspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione

57) 3-n-Octyl-1,3,8-triaza-7,7,9,9-tetramethylspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione

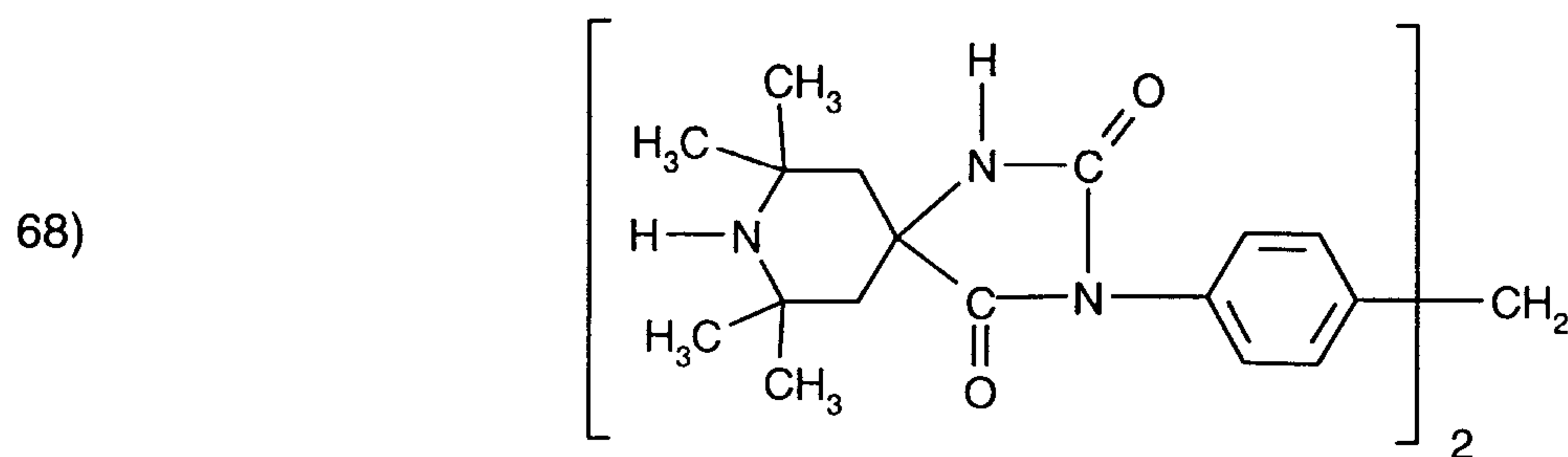
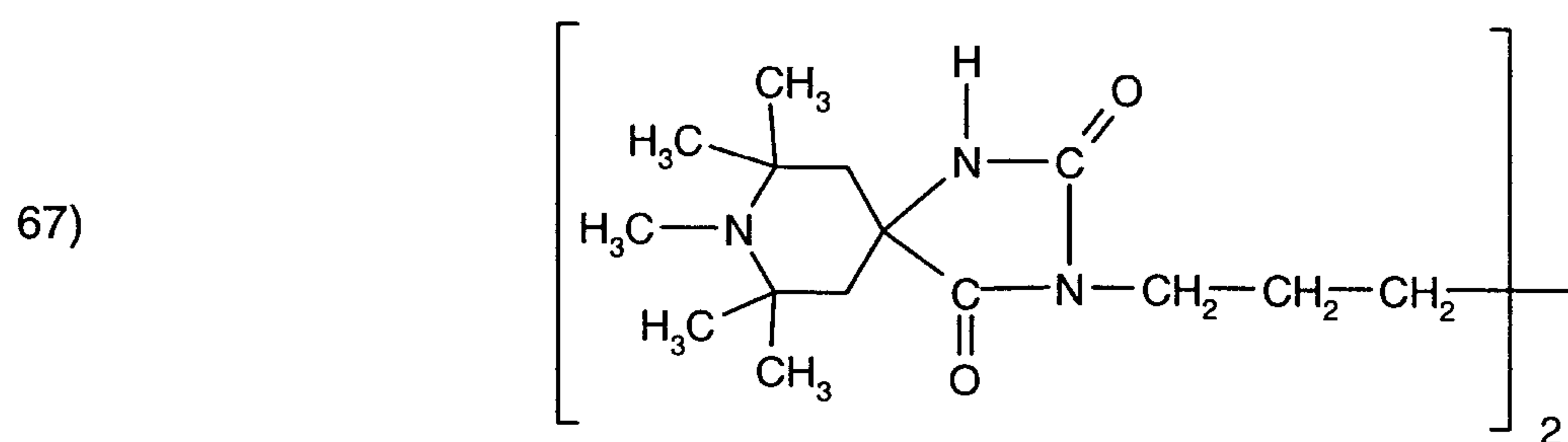
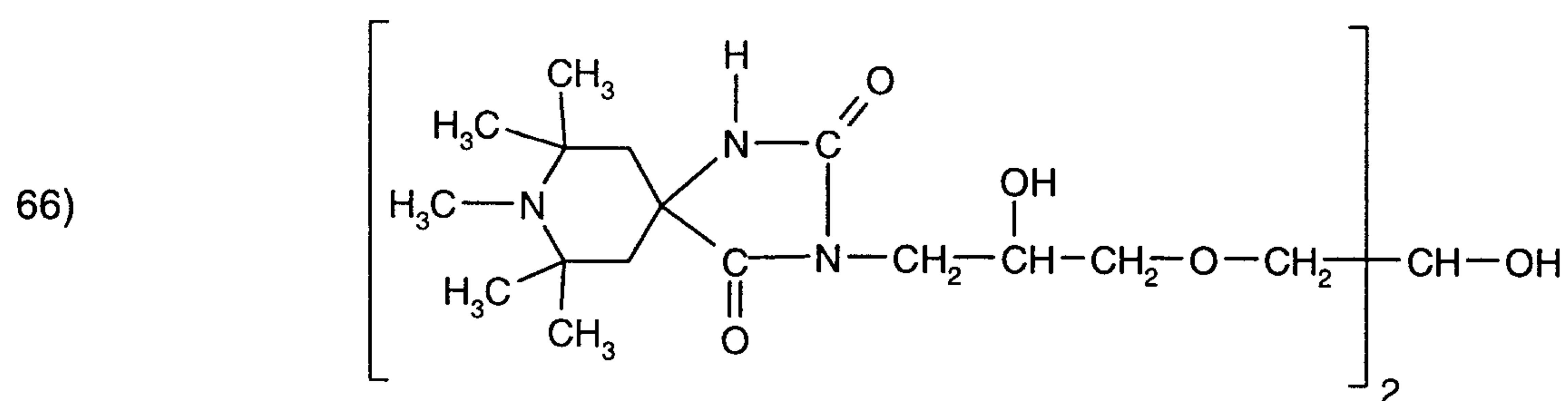
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59) 3-Glycidyl-1,3,8-triaza-7,7,8,9,9-pentamethylspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione

60) 1,3,7,7,8,9,9-Heptamethyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione

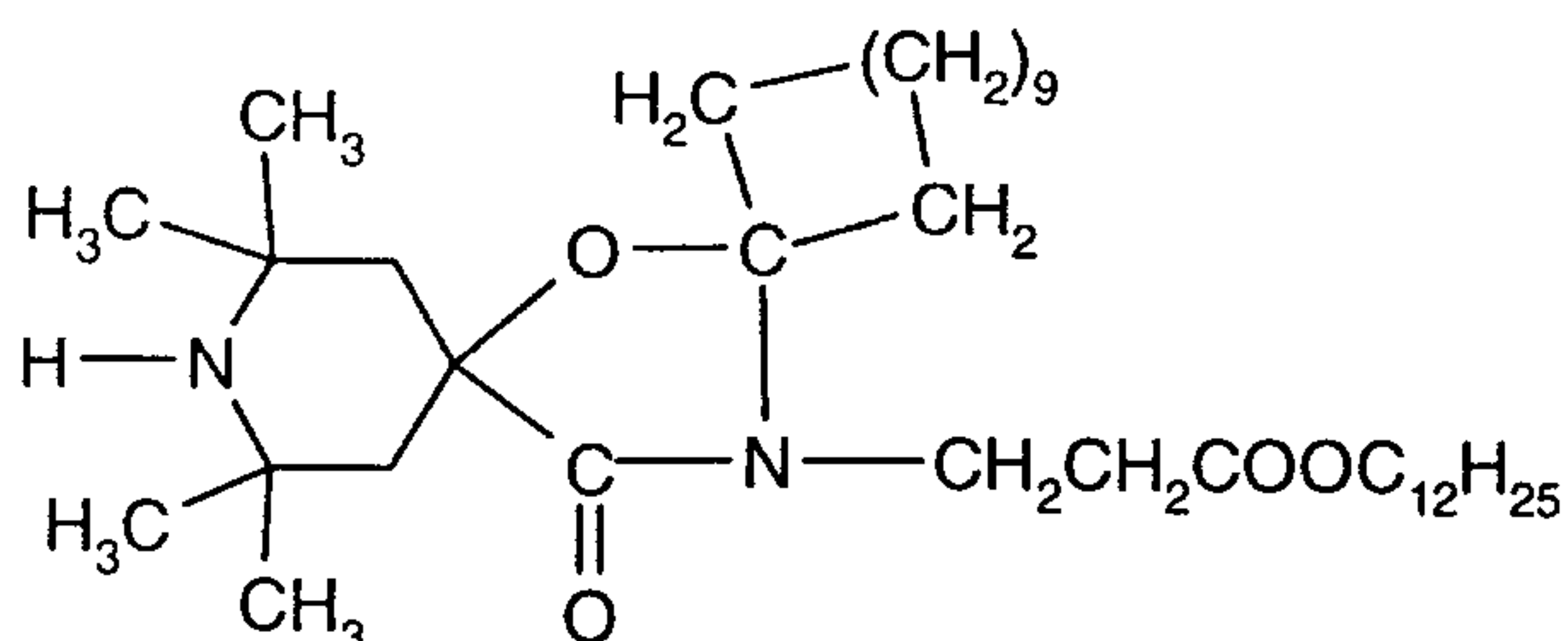
- 61) 2-Isopropyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxospiro[4.5]decane
- 62) 2,2-Dibutyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxospiro[4.5]decane
- 63) 2,2,4,4-Tetramethyl-7-oxa-3,20-diaza-21-oxodispiro[5.1.11.2]heneicosane
- 64) 2-Butyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1-oxa-4,8-diaza-3-oxospiro[4.5]decane and preferably:
- 65) 8-Acetyl-3-dodecyl-1,3,8-triaza-7,7,9,9-tetramethylspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione

or the compounds of the following formulae:

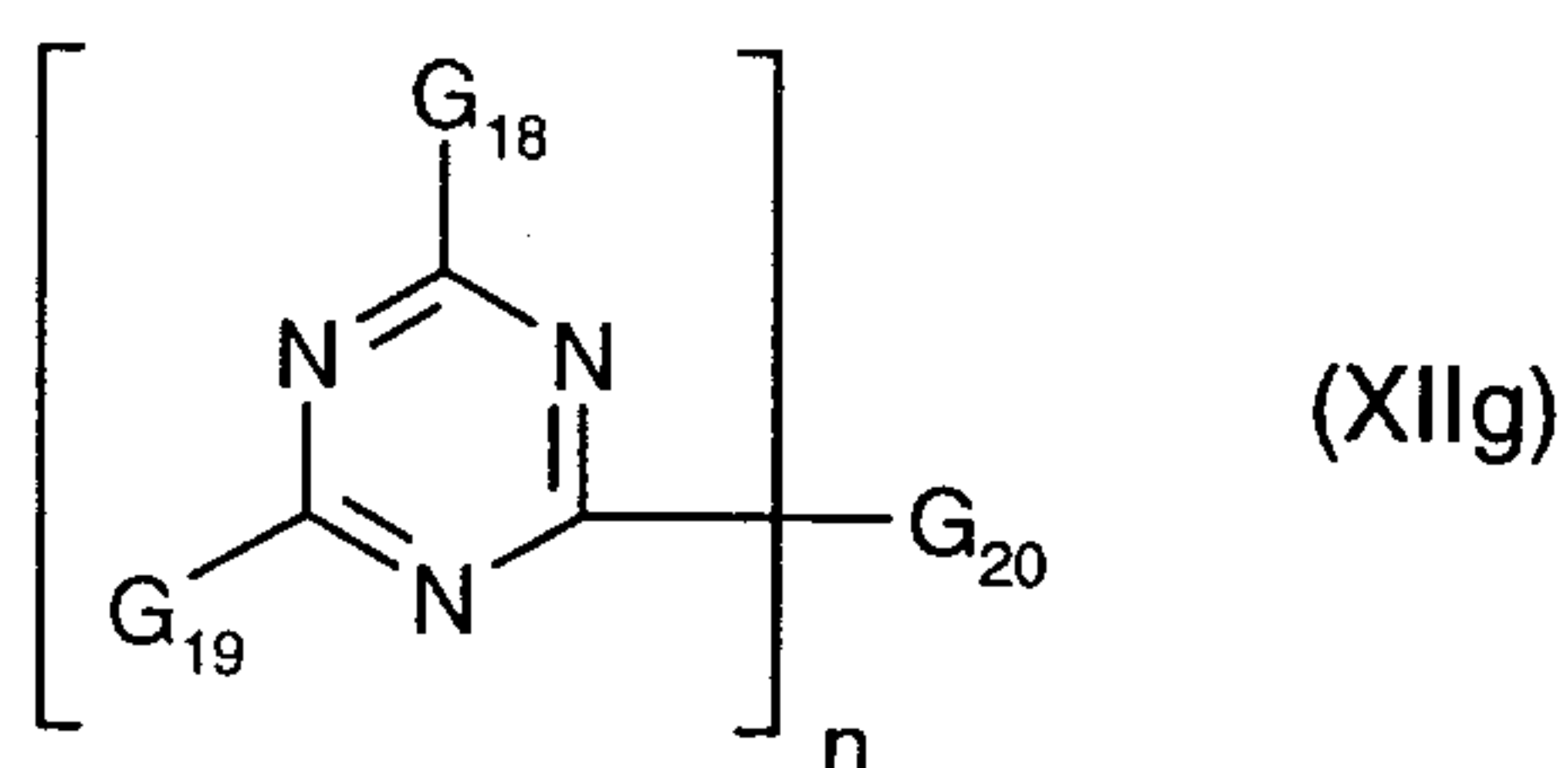
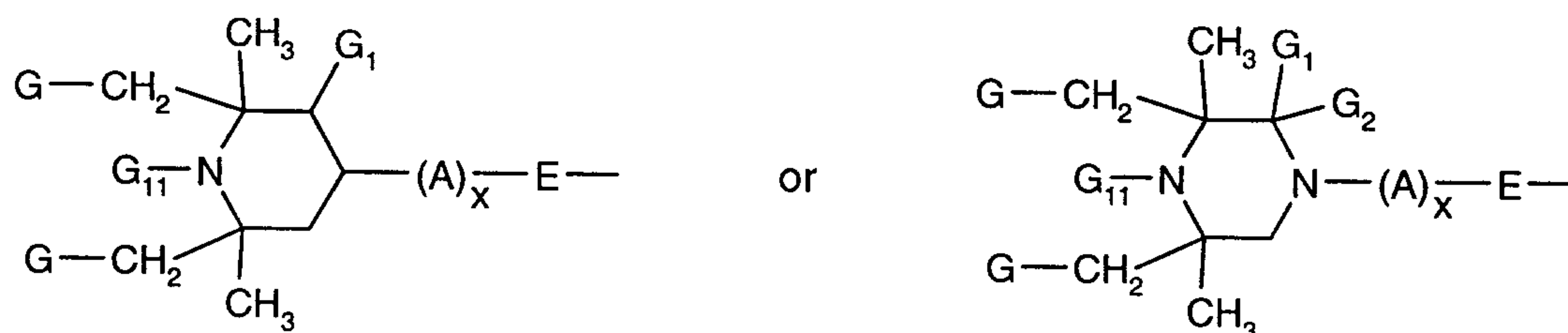


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(e') Compounds of the formula XIIg, which in turn are preferred

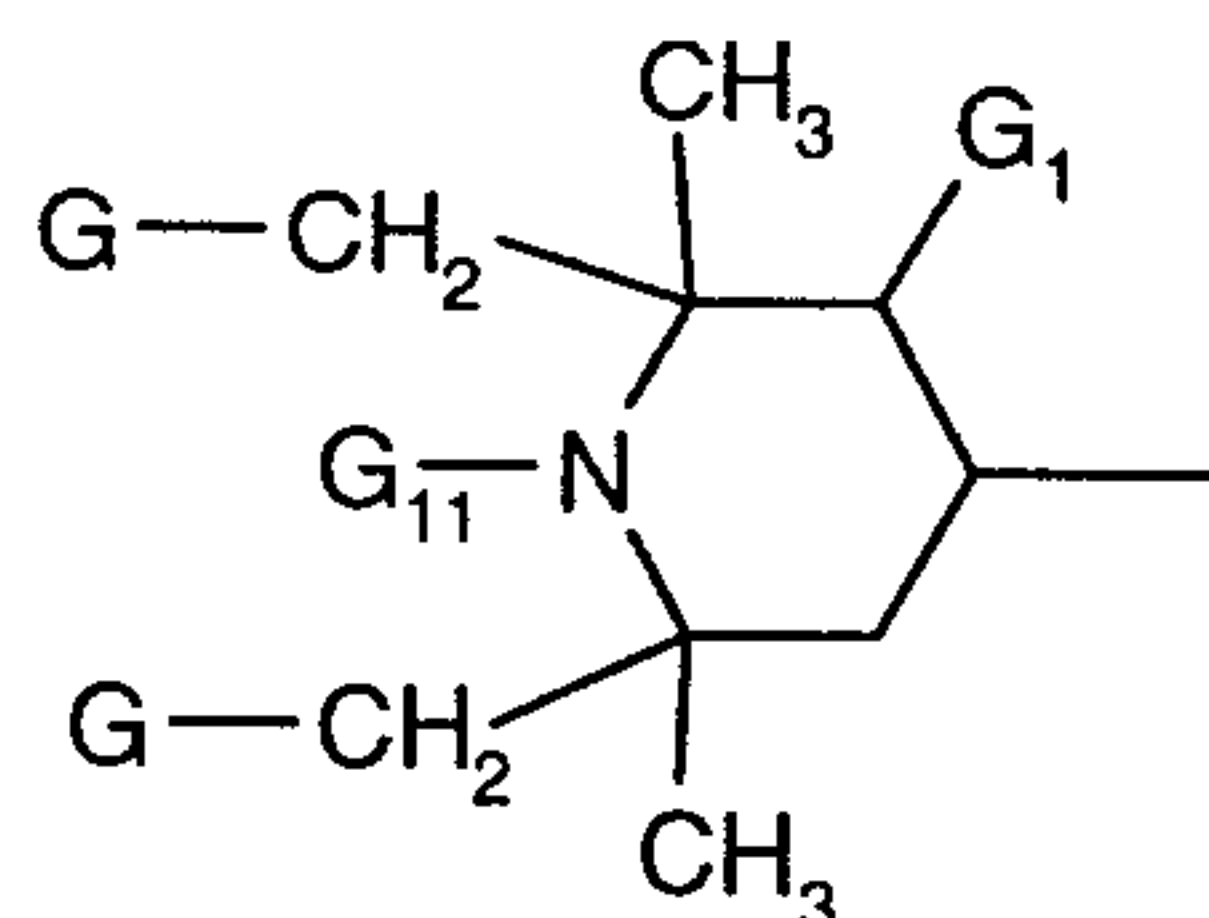
in which n is the number 1 or 2 and G₁₈ is a group of one of the formulaein which G and G₁₁ are as defined under (a'),G₁ and G₂ are hydrogen, methyl or together are a substituent =O,E is -O- or -NG₁₃-,A is C₂-C₆alkylene or -(CH₂)₃-O-,

x is the number 0 or 1,

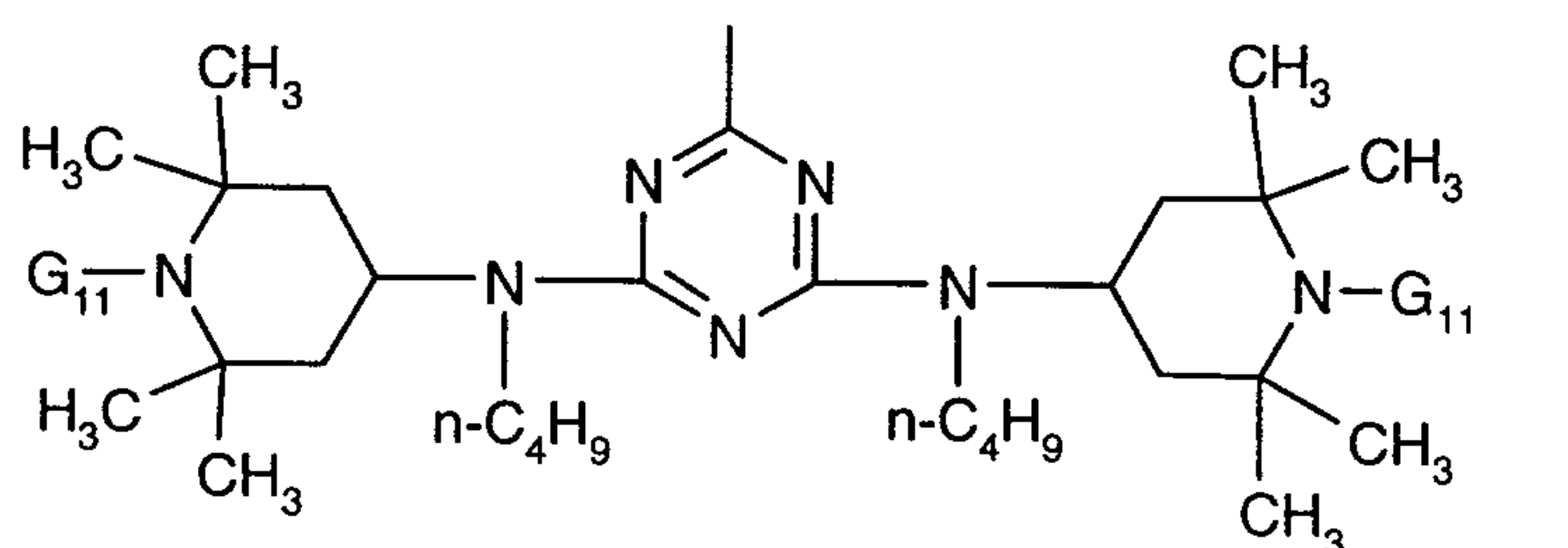
G₁₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂alkyl, C₂-C₅hydroxyalkyl or C₅-C₇cycloalkyl,G₁₉ is the same as G₁₈ or is one of the group -NG₂₁G₂₂, -OG₂₃, -NHCH₂OG₂₃ or -N(CH₂OG₂₃)₂,G₂₀, if n = 1, is the same as G₁₈ or G₁₉ and, if n = 2, G₂₀ is a group -E-B-E-, in which B is C₂-C₈alkylene or C₂-C₈alkylene which is interrupted by 1 or 2 groups -N(G₂₁)-,

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G_{21} is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, cyclohexyl, benzyl or C_1 - C_4 hydroxyalkyl or a group of the formula



or a group of the formula



G_{22} is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, cyclohexyl, benzyl or C_1 - C_4 hydroxyalkyl, or G_{21} and G_{22} together are C_4 - C_5 alkylene or C_4 - C_5 oxaalkylene such as, for example, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ or a group of the formula $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{G}_{11})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, and

G_{23} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or phenyl.

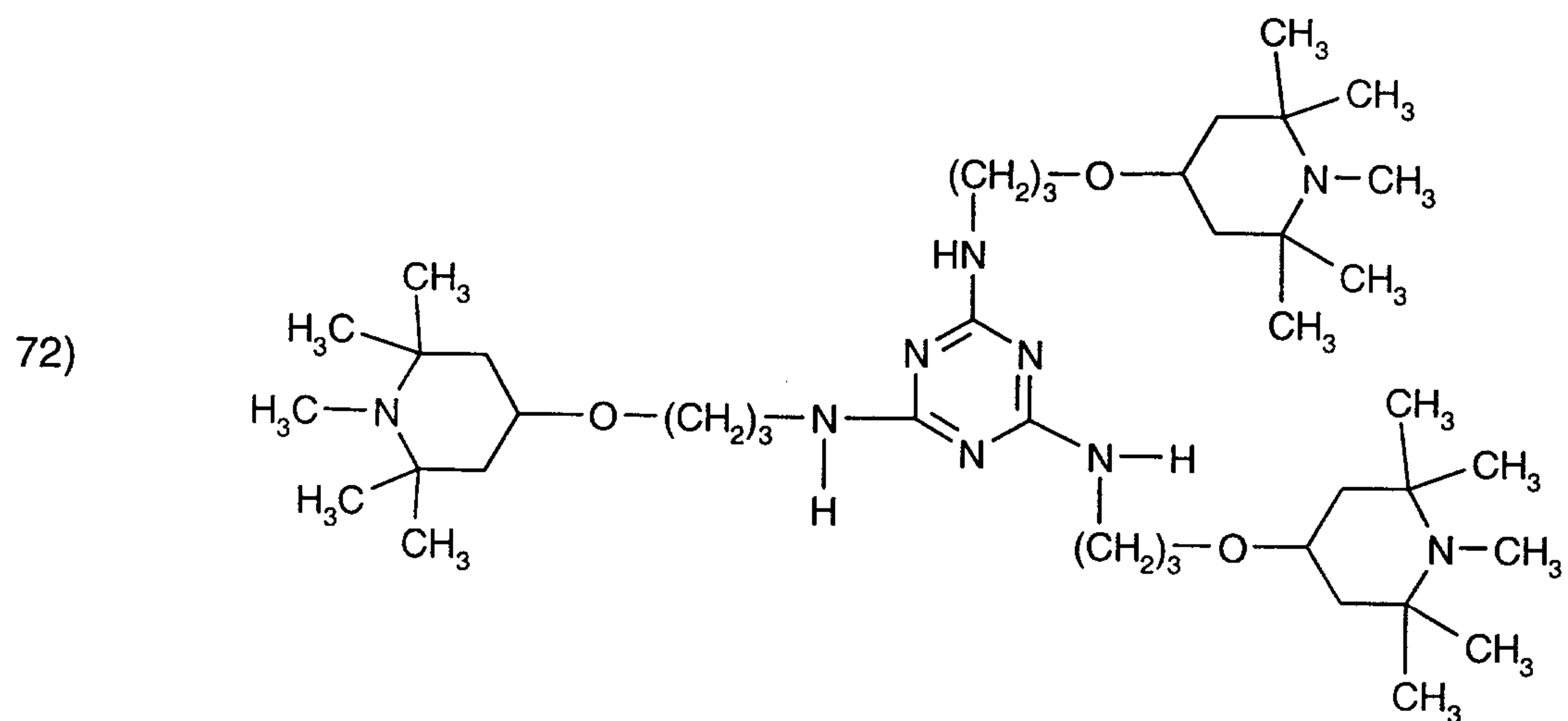
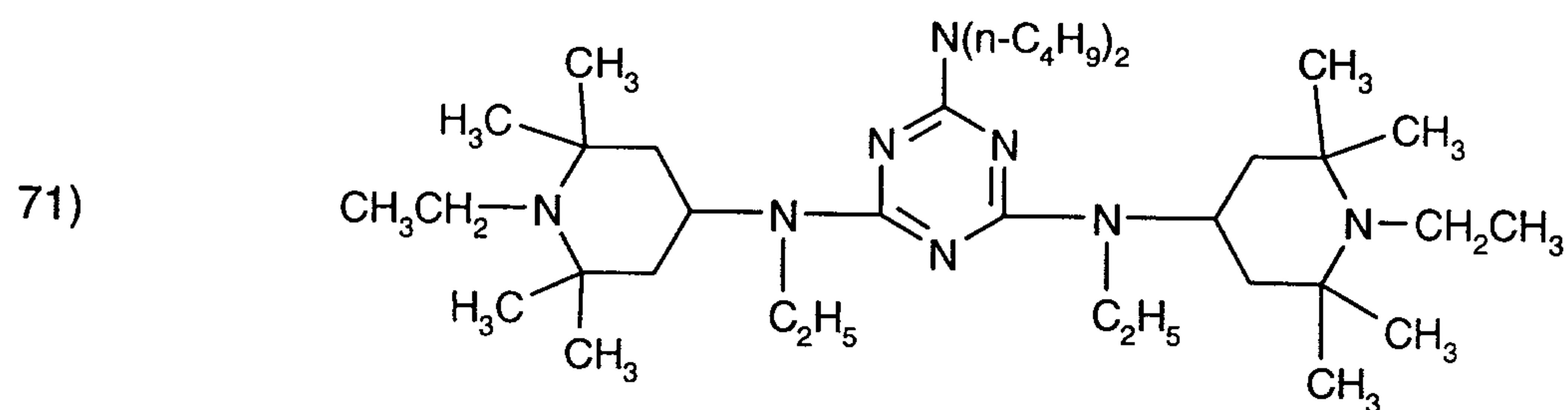
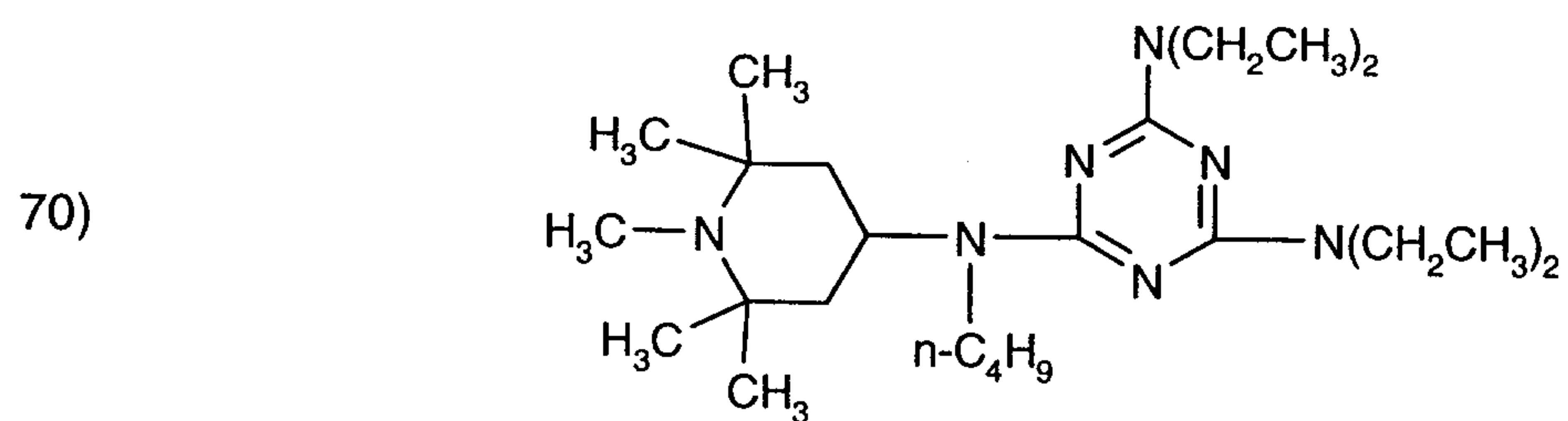
Any C_1 - C_{12} alkyl substituents are, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-hexyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, n-nonyl, n-decyl, n-undecyl or n-dodecyl.

Any C_2 - C_5 hydroxyalkyl substituents are, for example, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 2-hydroxybutyl or 4-hydroxybutyl.

If A is C_2 - C_6 alkylene then it is, for example, ethylene, propylene, 2,2-dimethylpropylene, tetramethylene or hexamethylene.

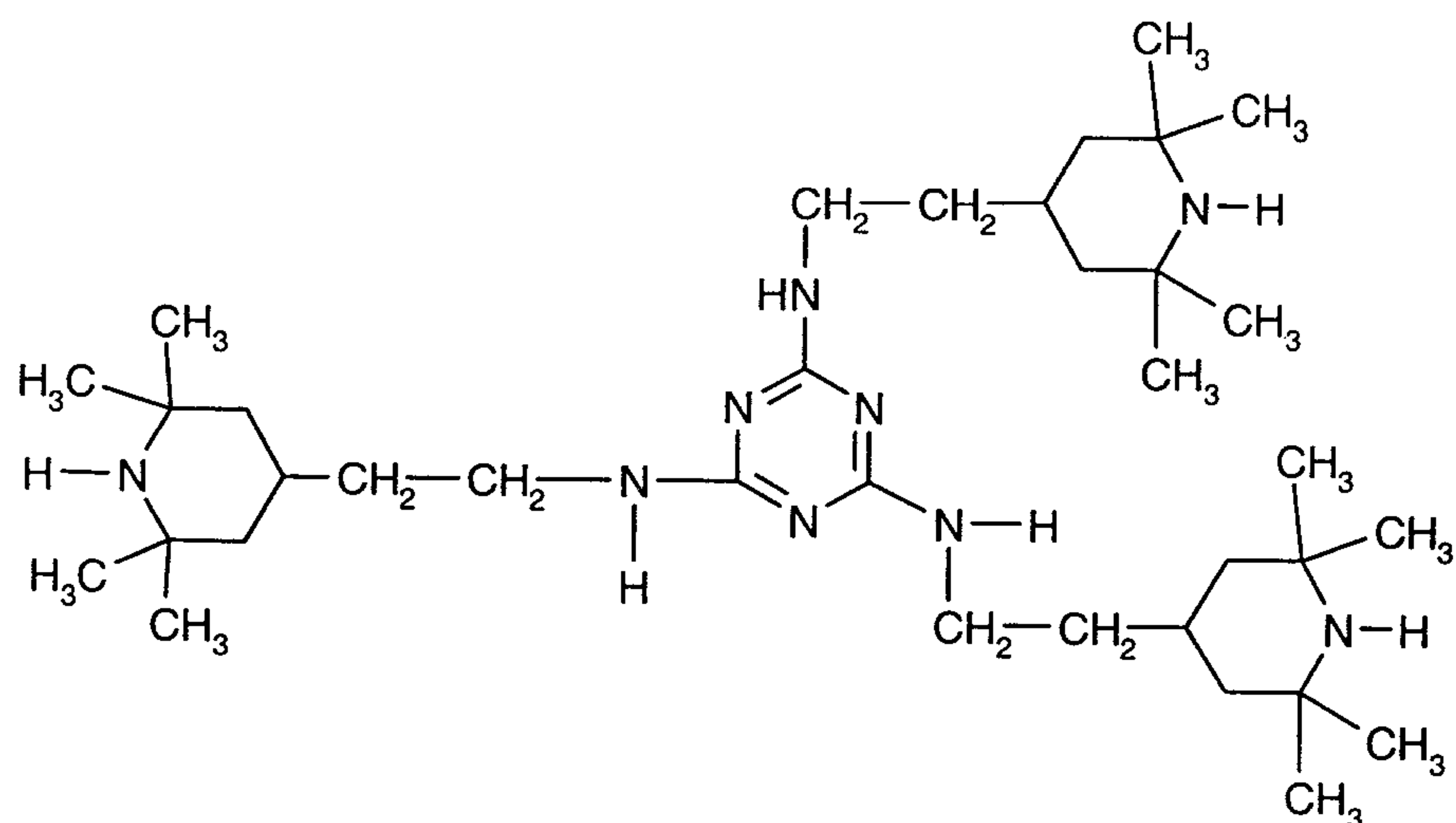
If G_{21} and G_{22} together are C_4 - C_5 alkylene or oxaalkylene then this is, for example, tetramethylene, pentamethylene or 3-oxapentamethylene.

Examples of polyalkylpiperidine compounds of this class are the compounds of the following formulae:

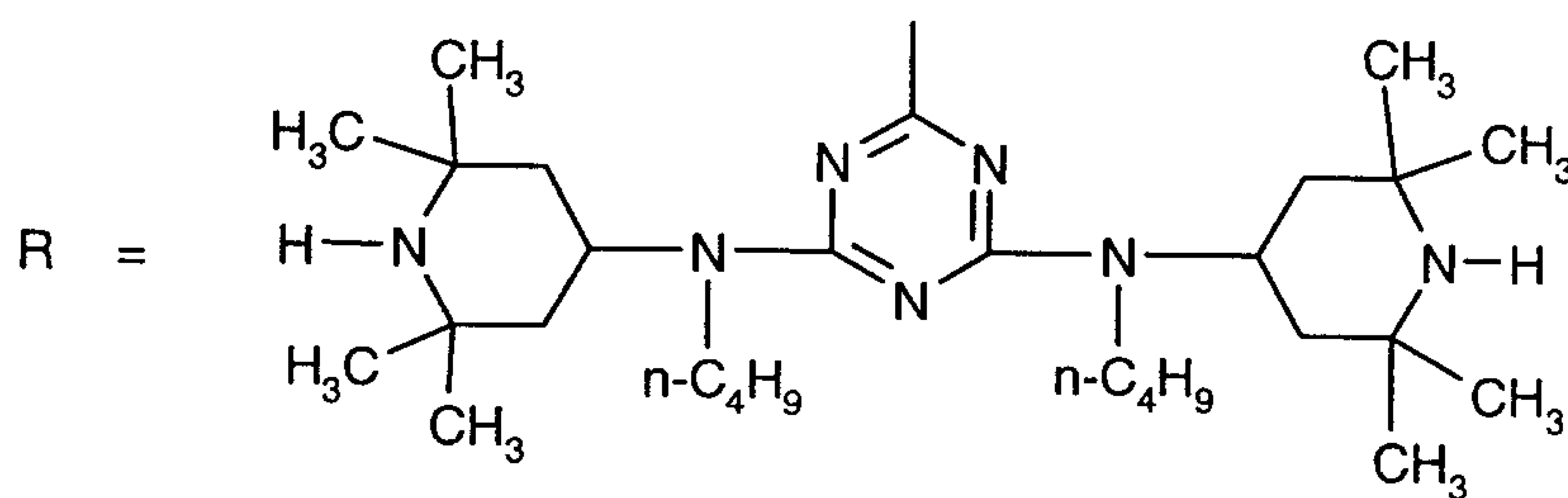
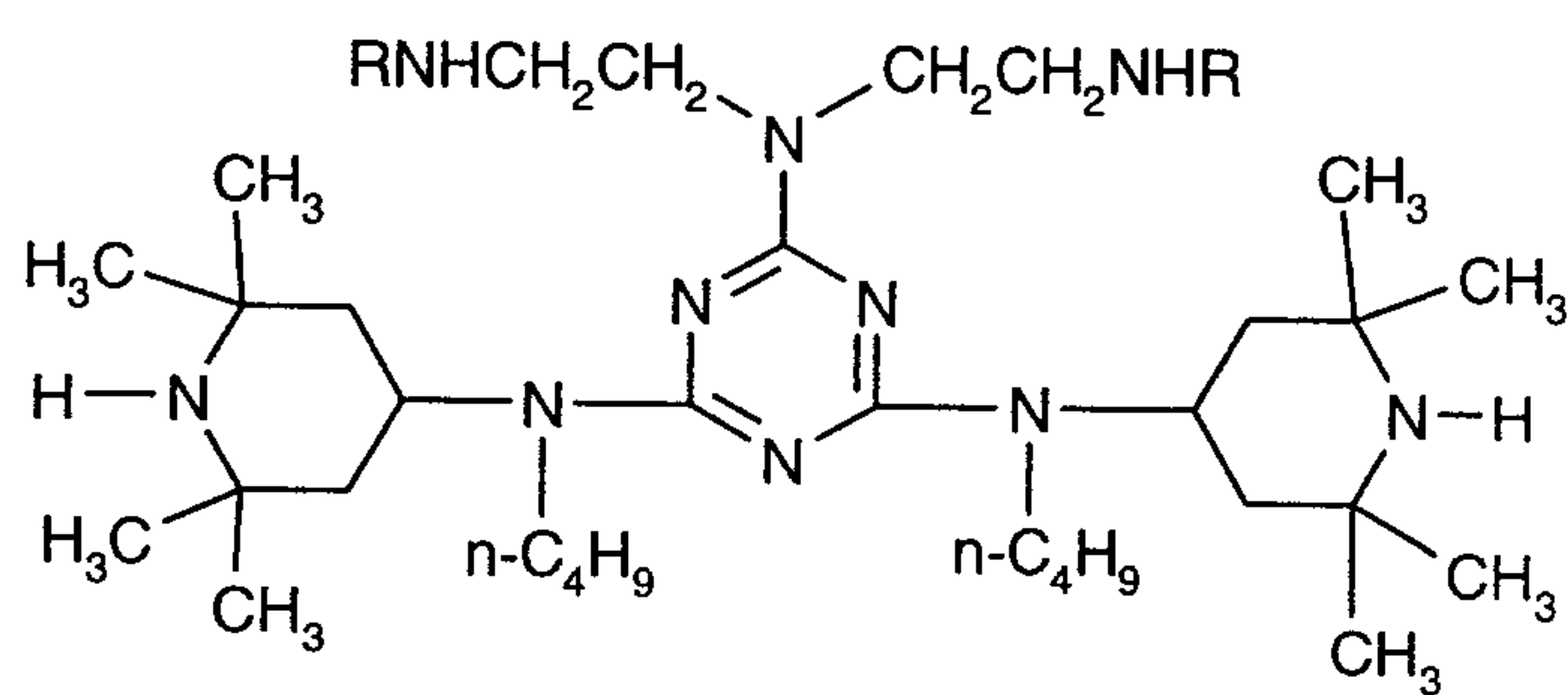


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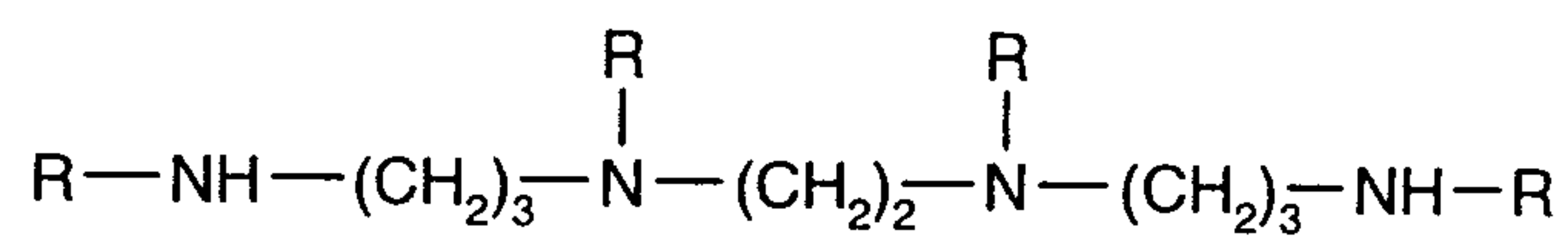
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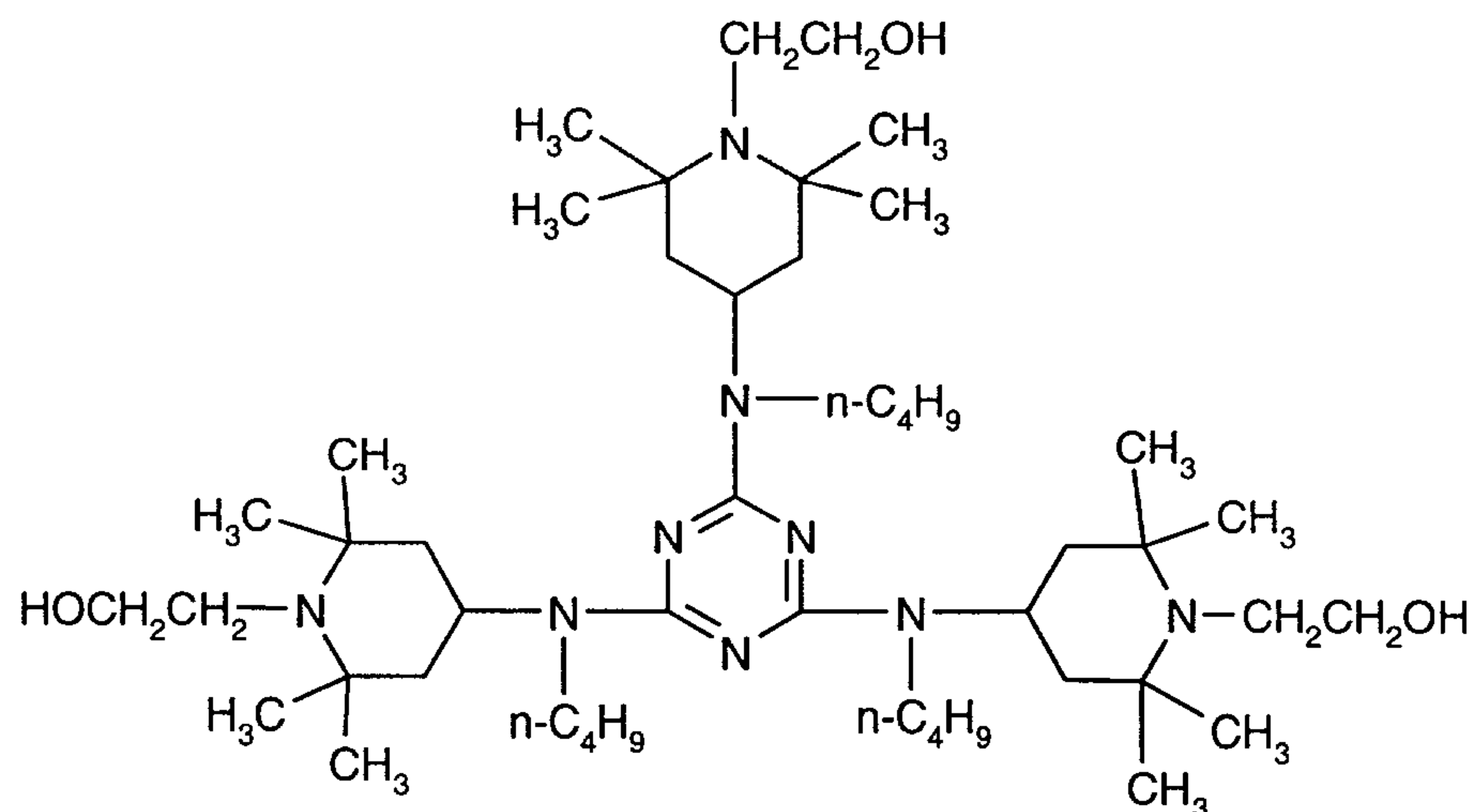
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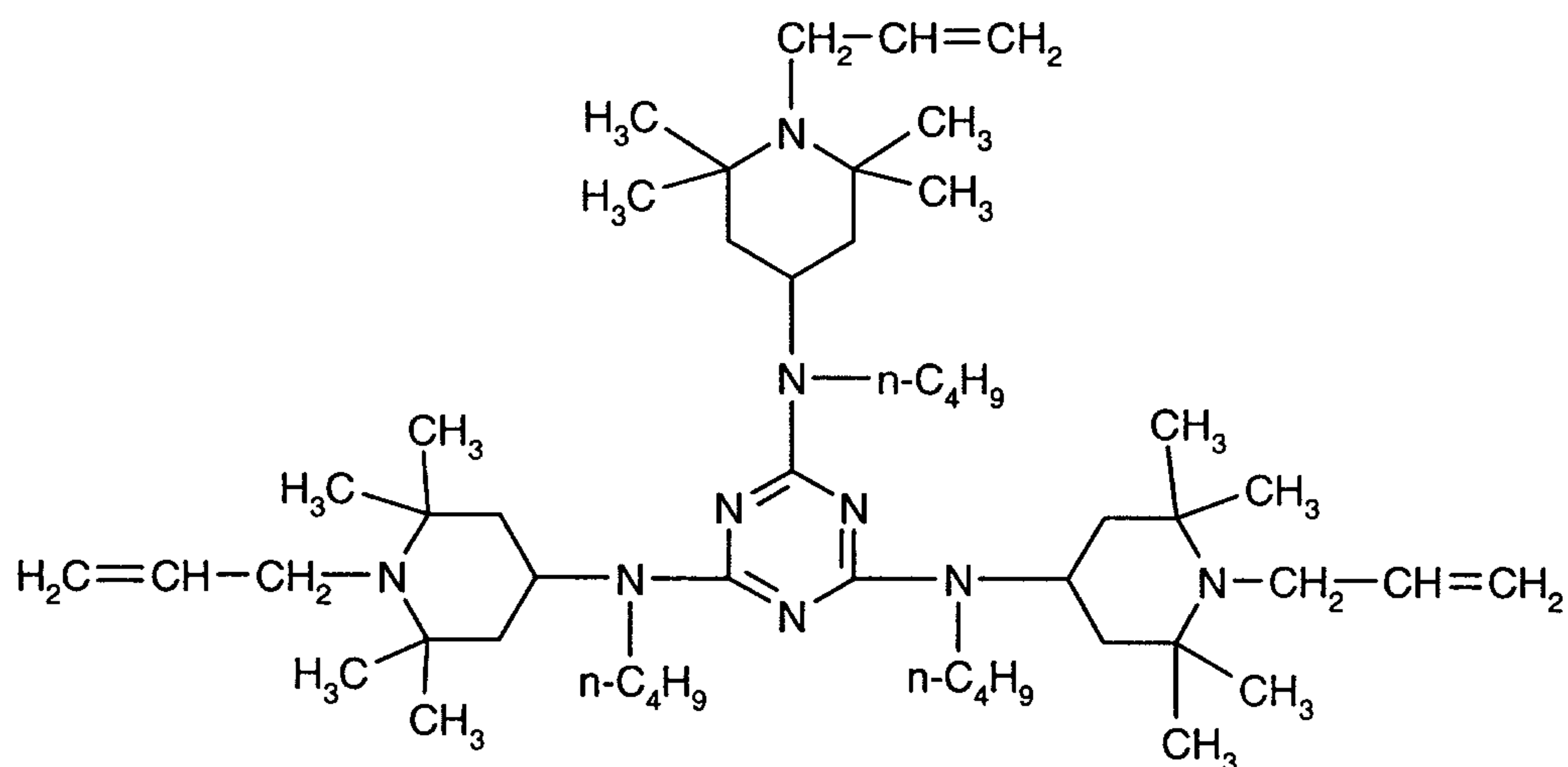
R has the same meaning as in compound 74.

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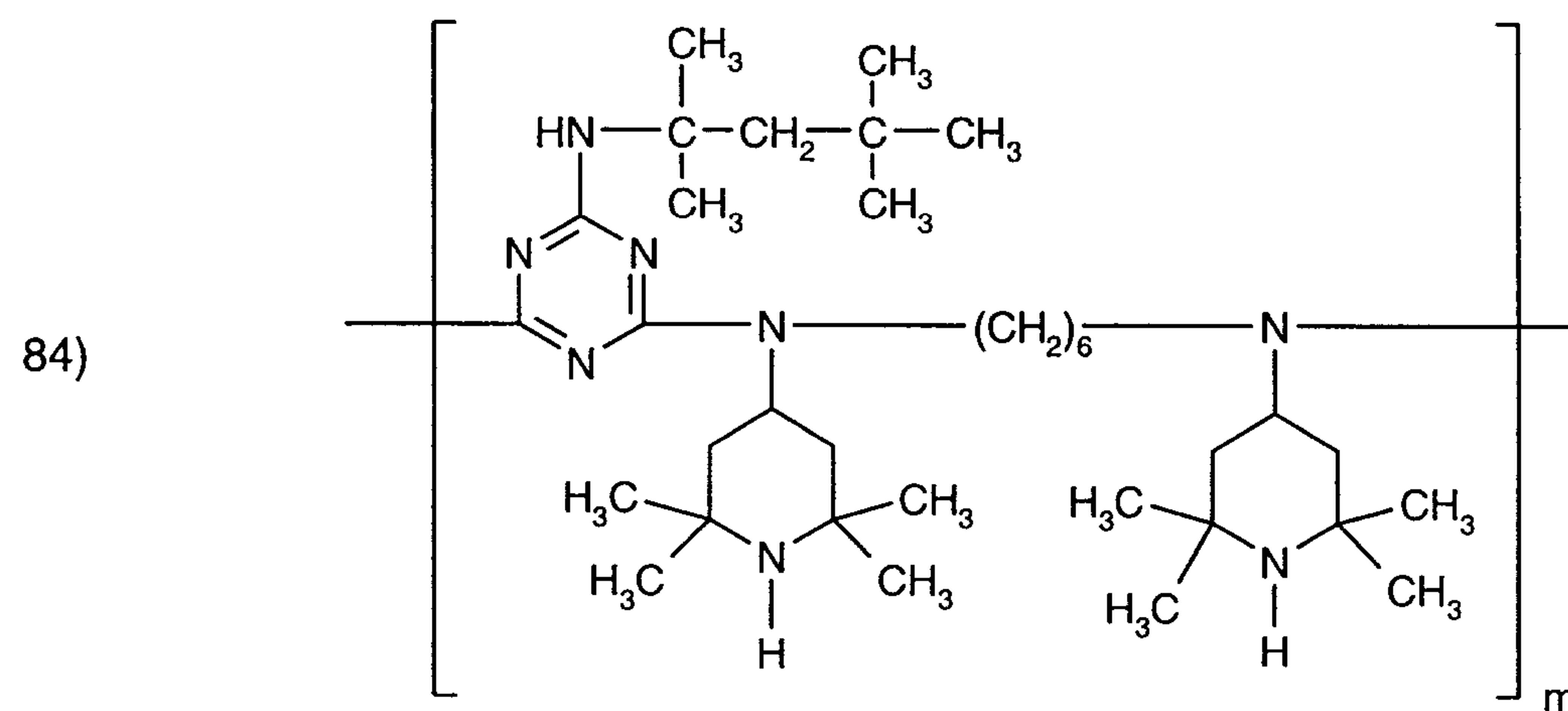
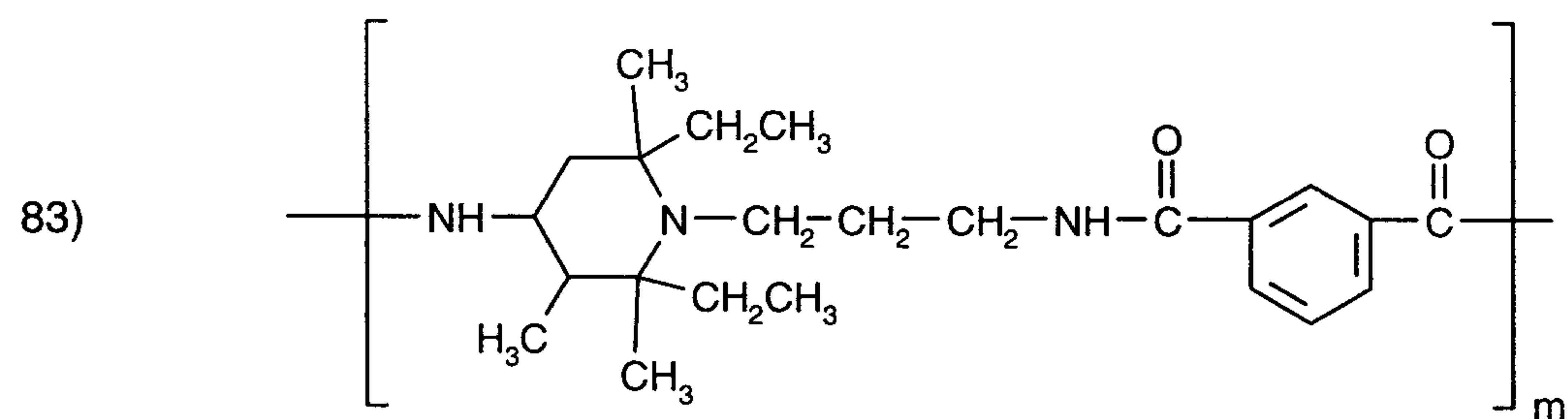
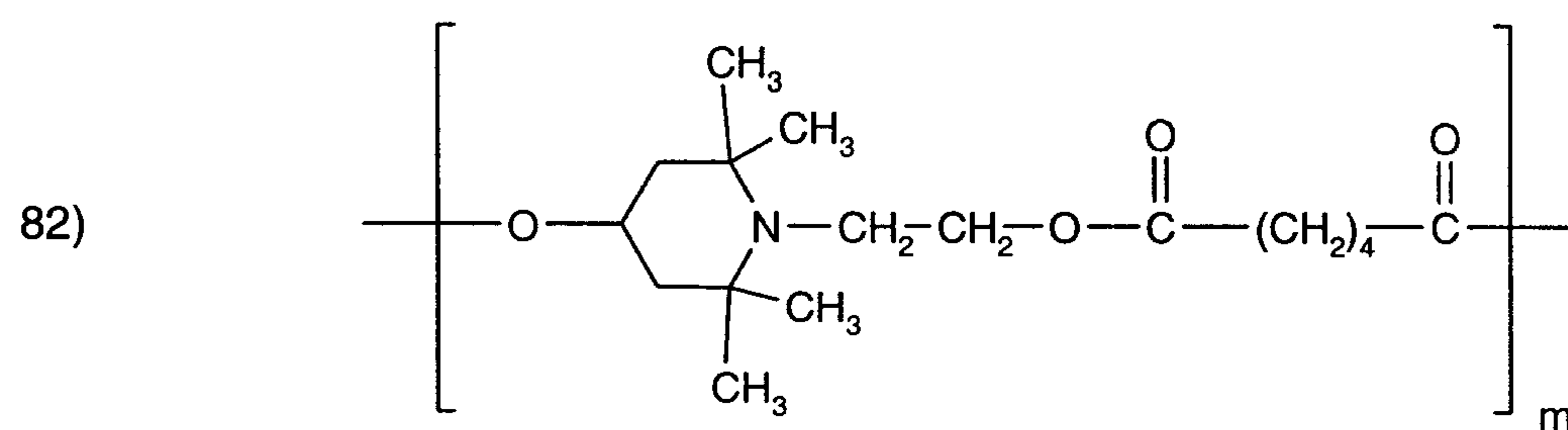
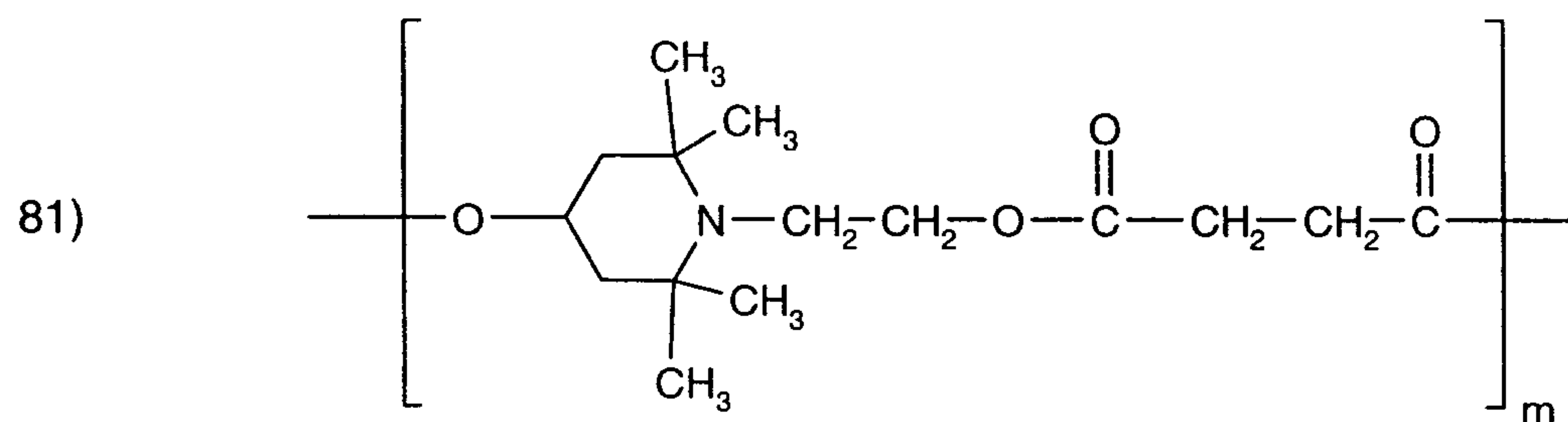
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(f') Oligomeric or polymeric compounds whose structural repeating unit contains a 2,2,6,6-tetraalkylpiperidine radical, especially polyesters, polyethers, polyamides, polyamines, polyurethanes, polyureas, polyaminotriazines, poly(meth)acrylates, poly(meth)acrylamides and copolymers thereof which include such radicals.

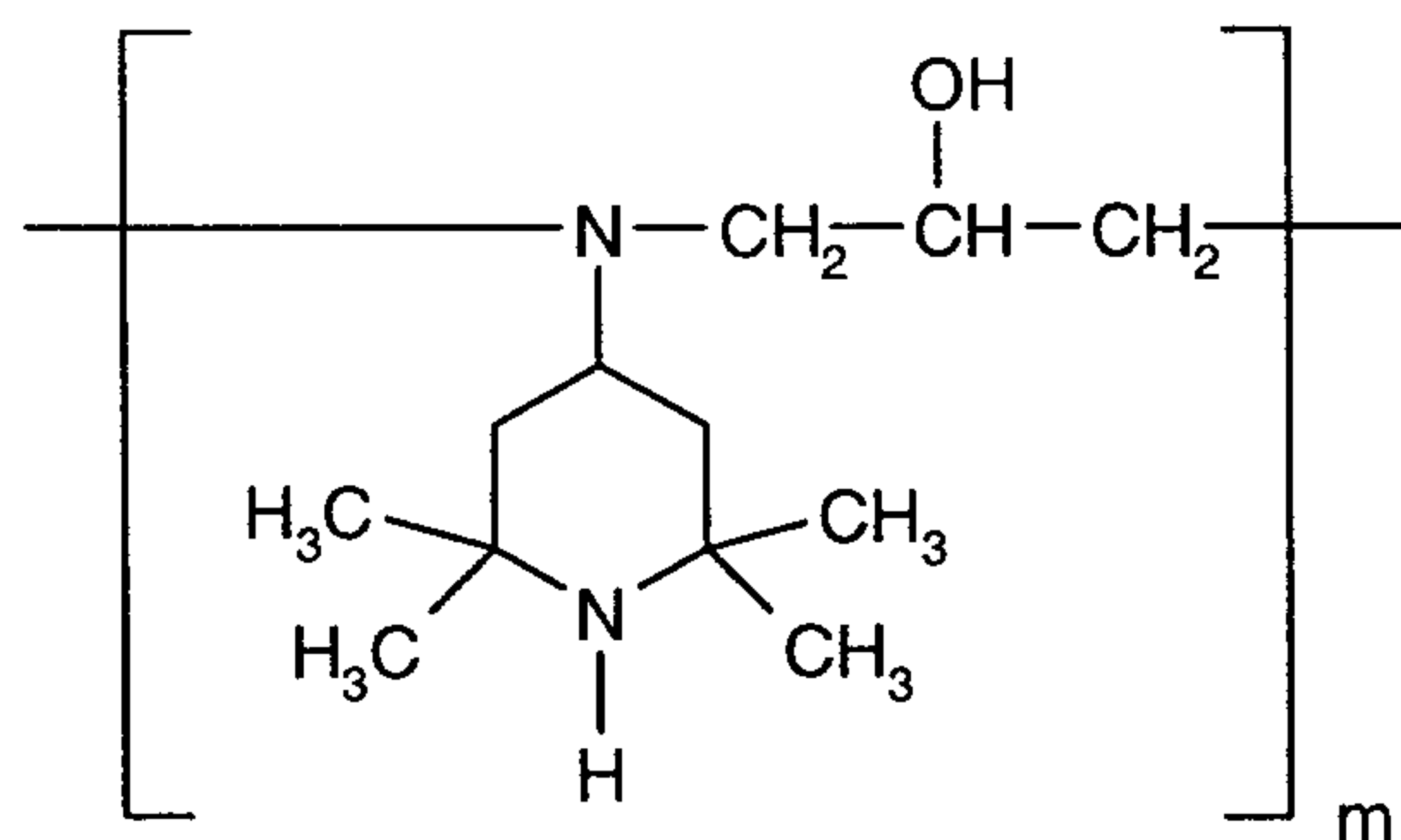
Examples of 2,2,6,6-polyalkylpiperidine compounds of this class are the compounds of the following formulae, in which m is a number from 2 to about 200.

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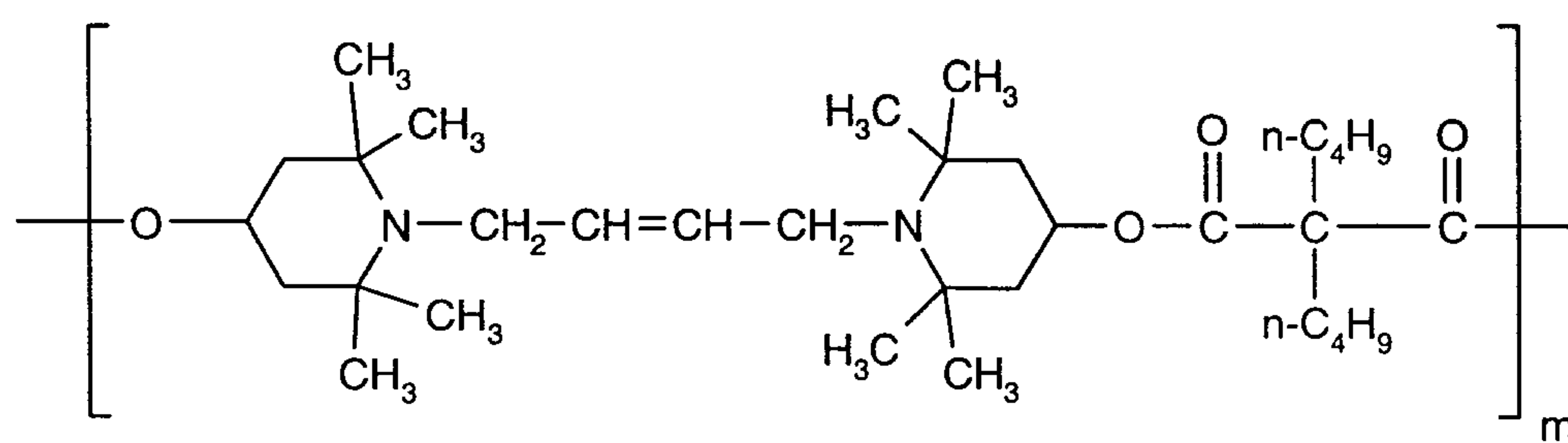


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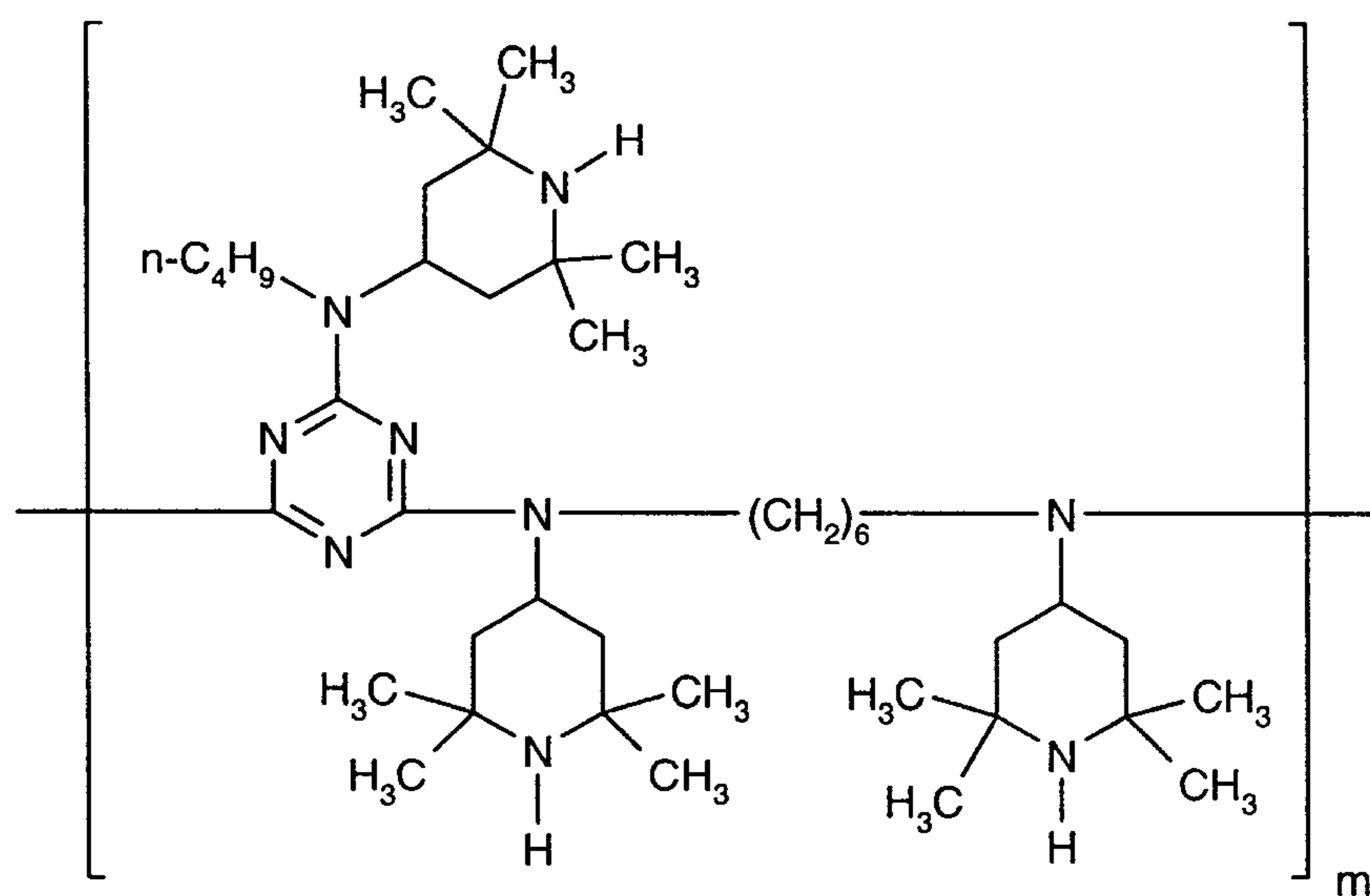
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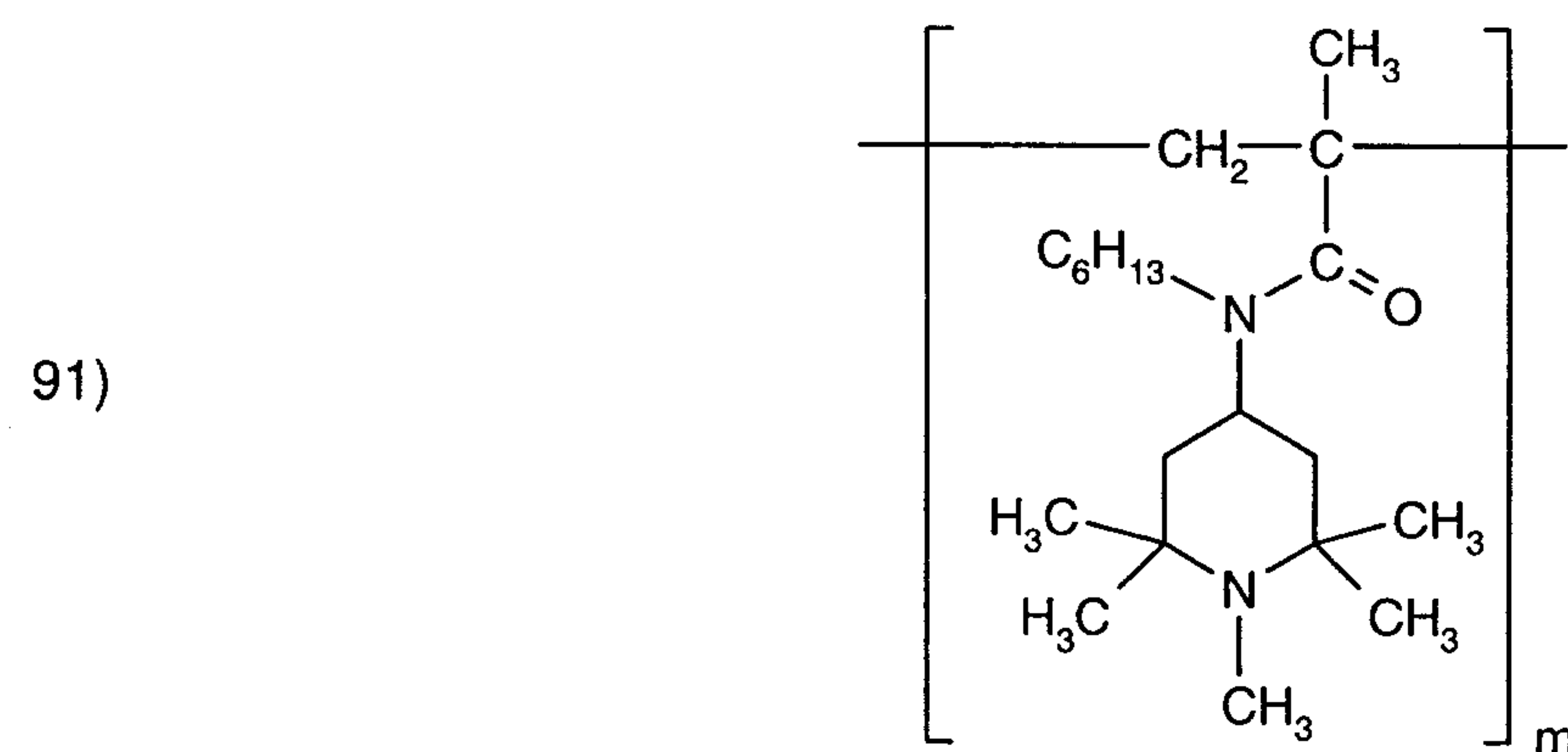
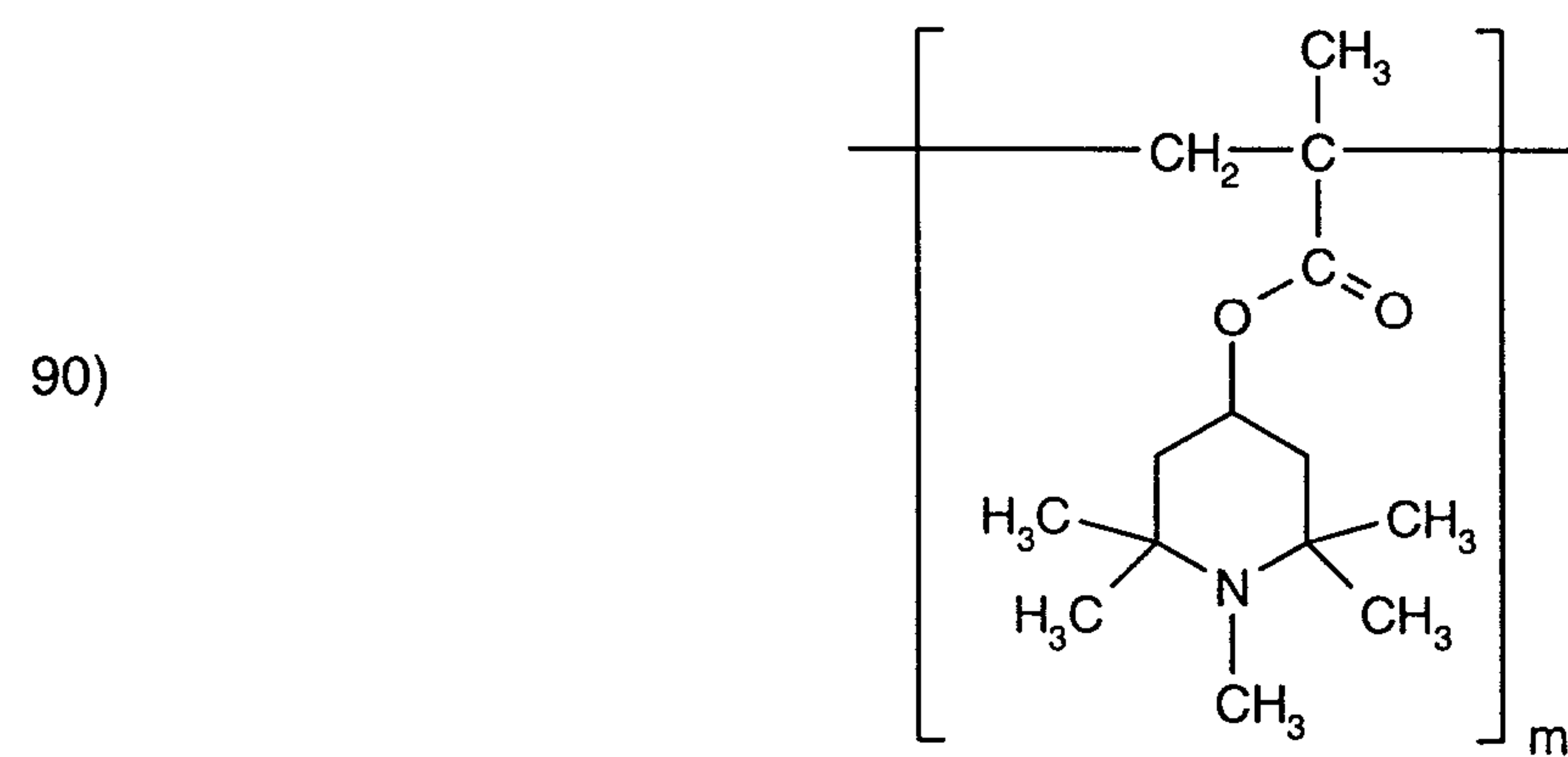
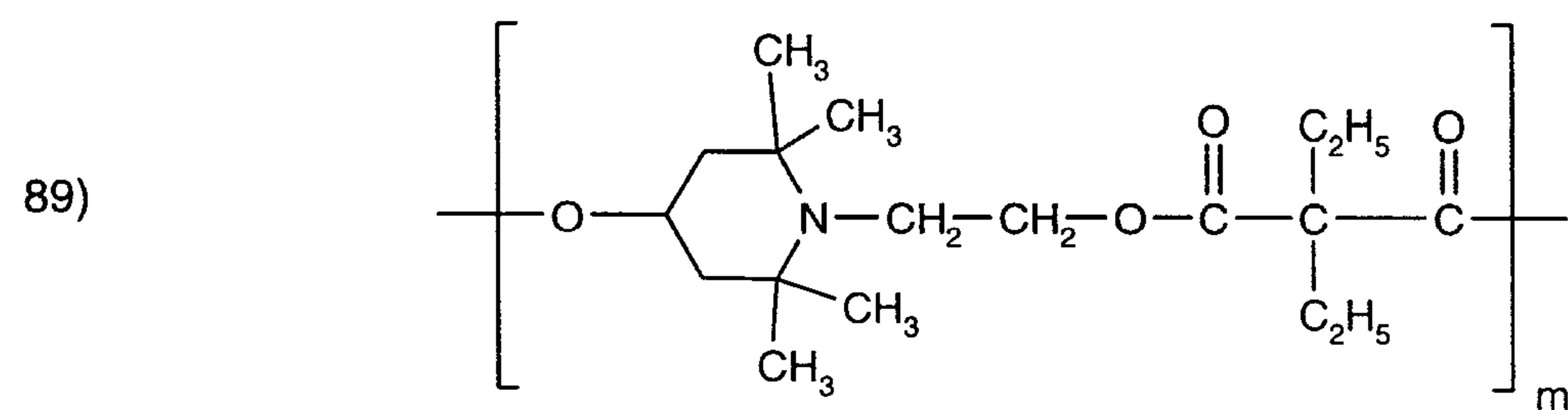
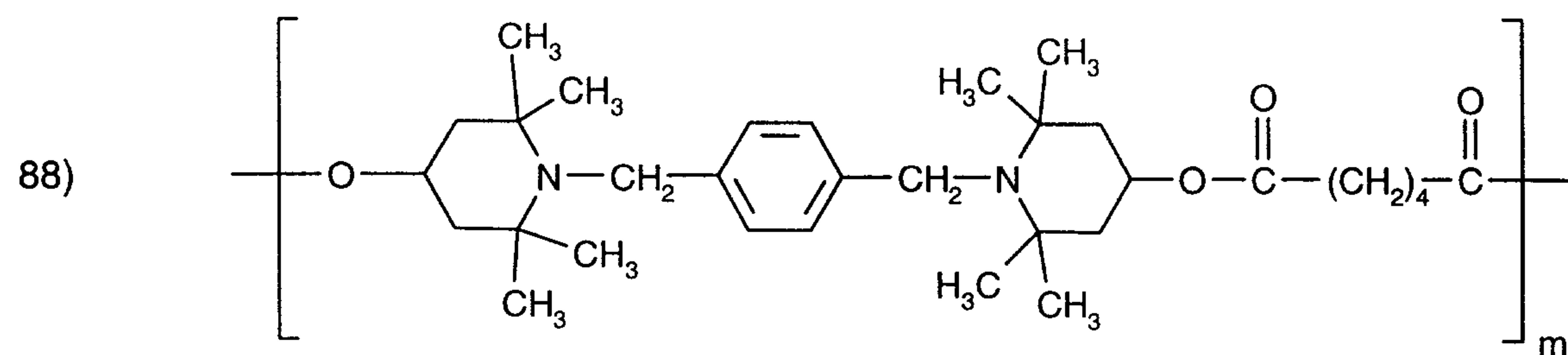
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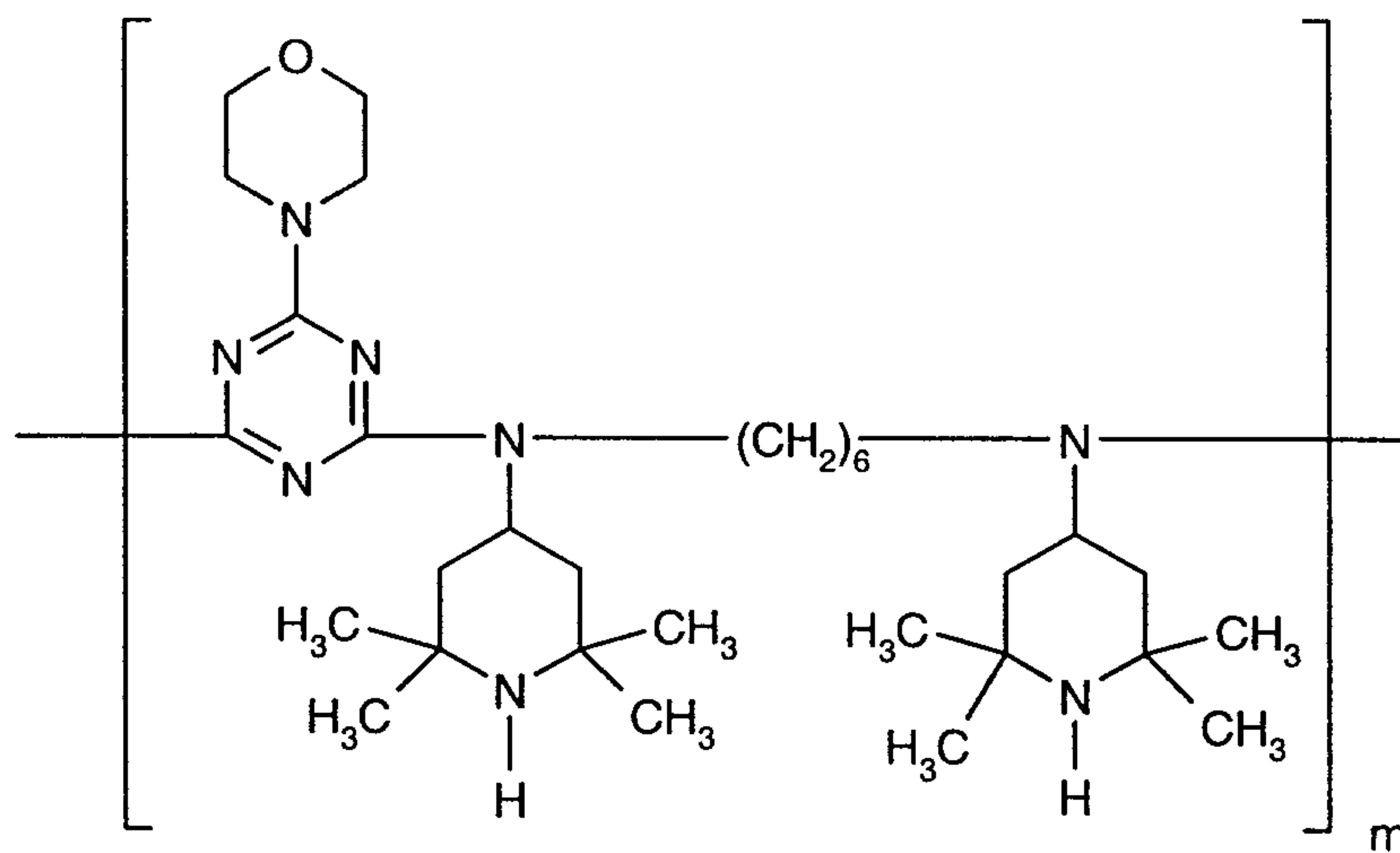


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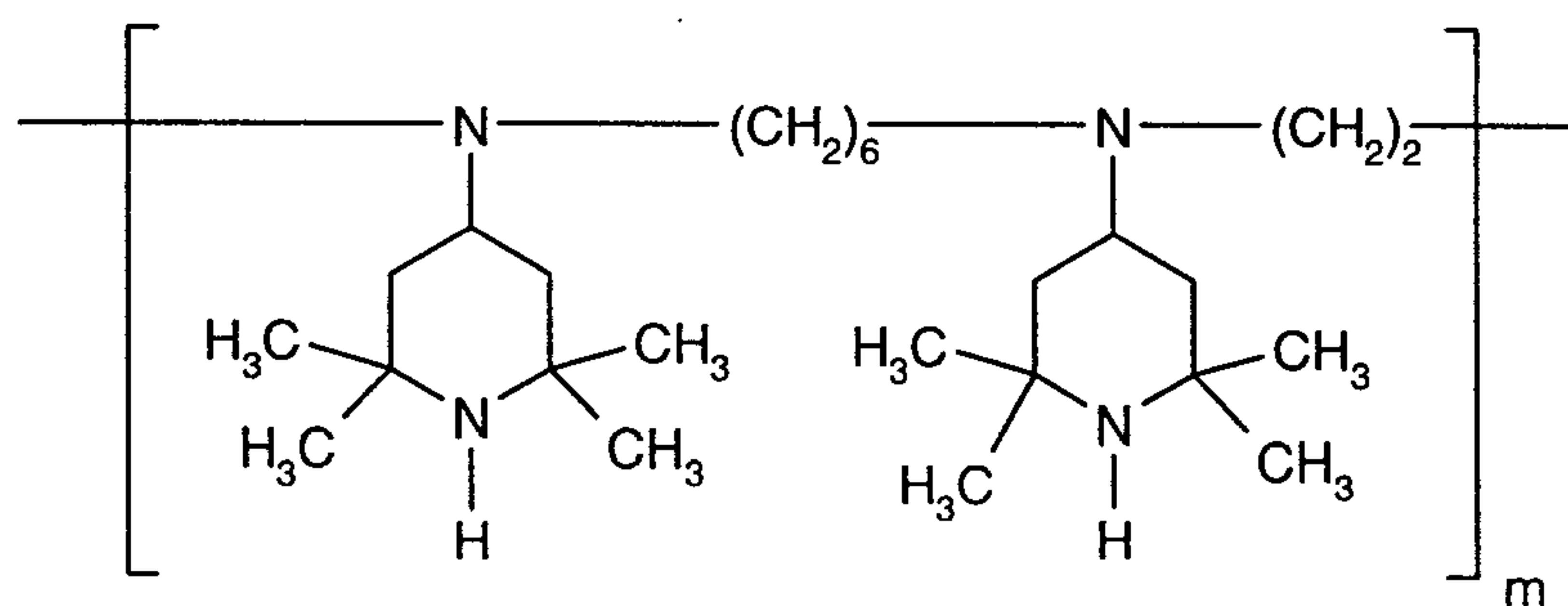


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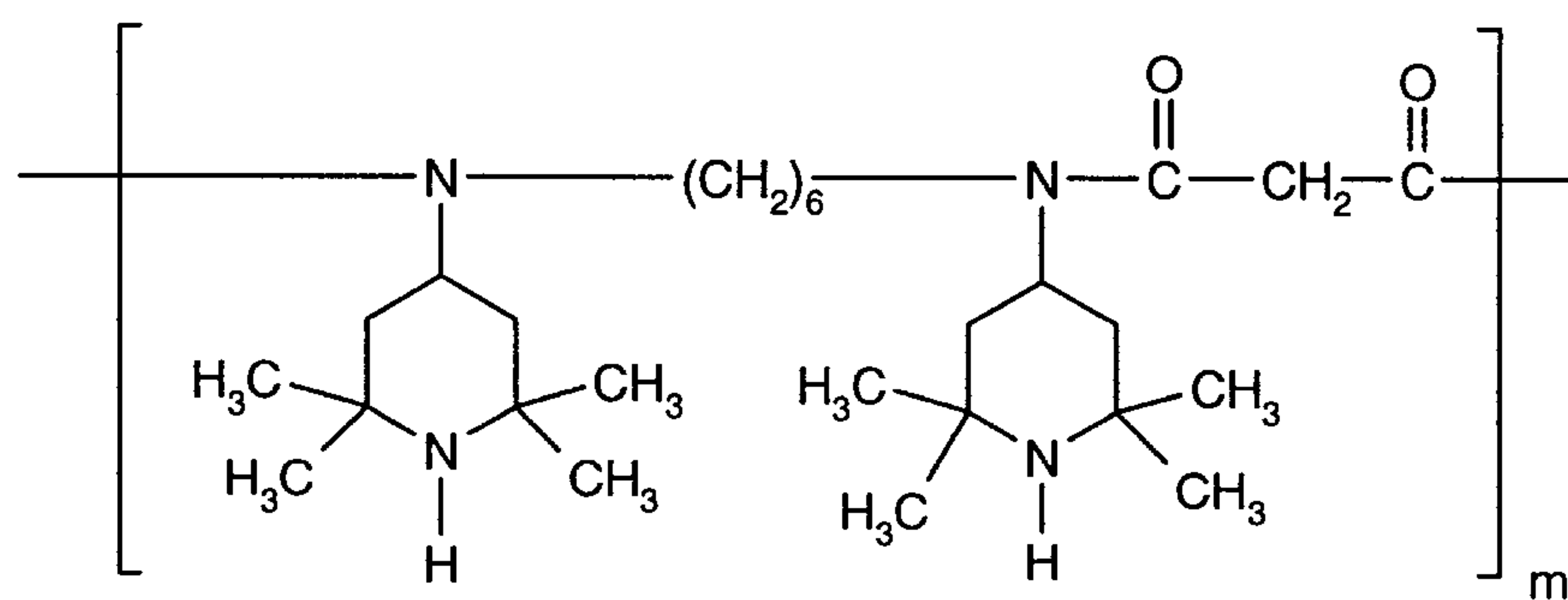
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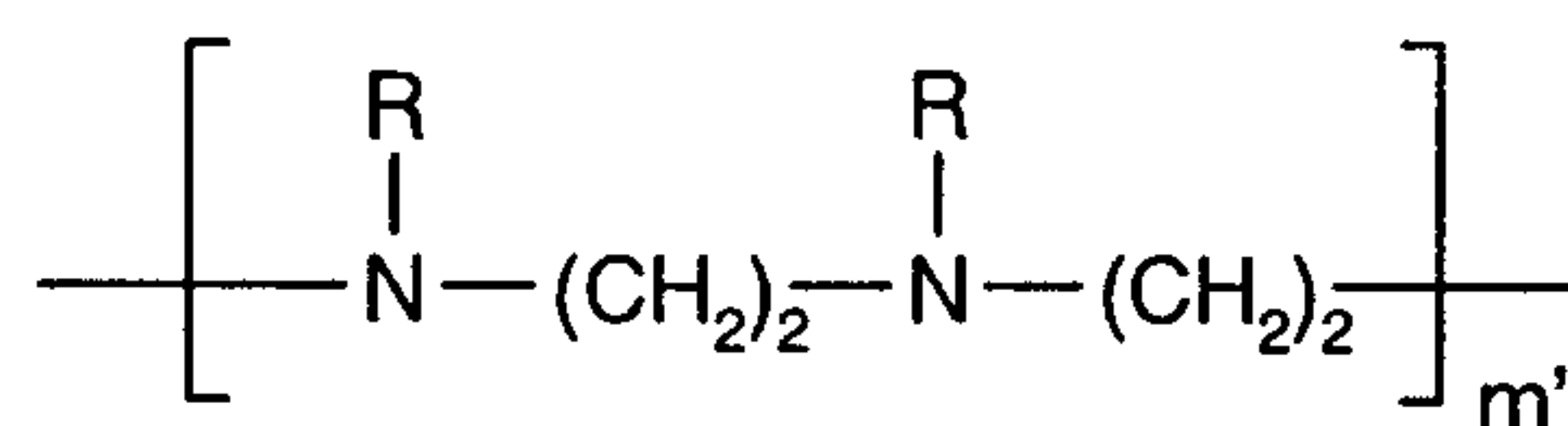
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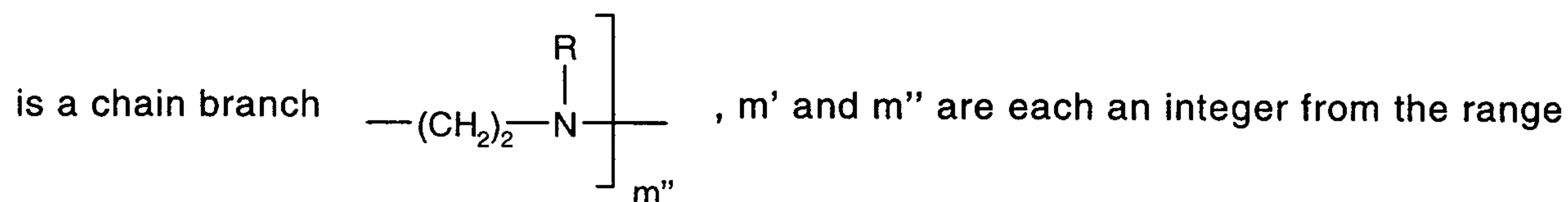
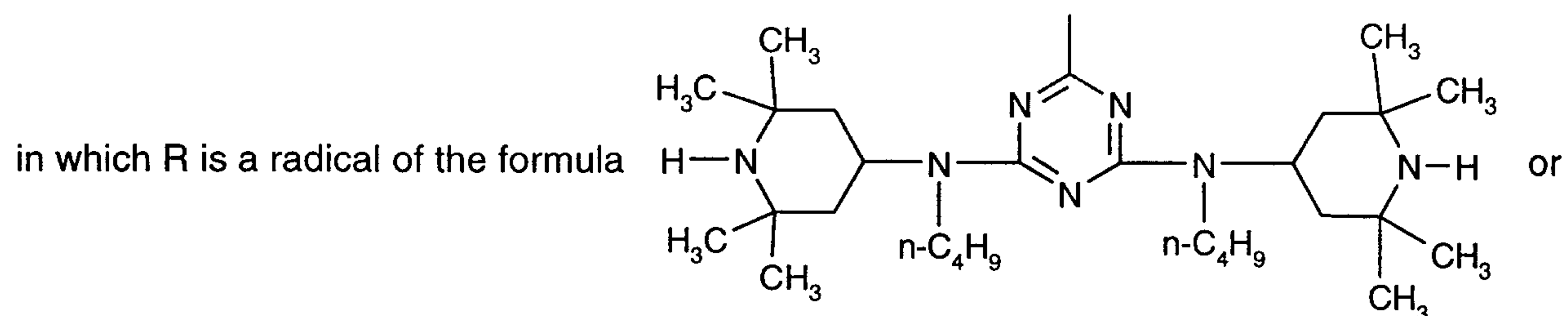
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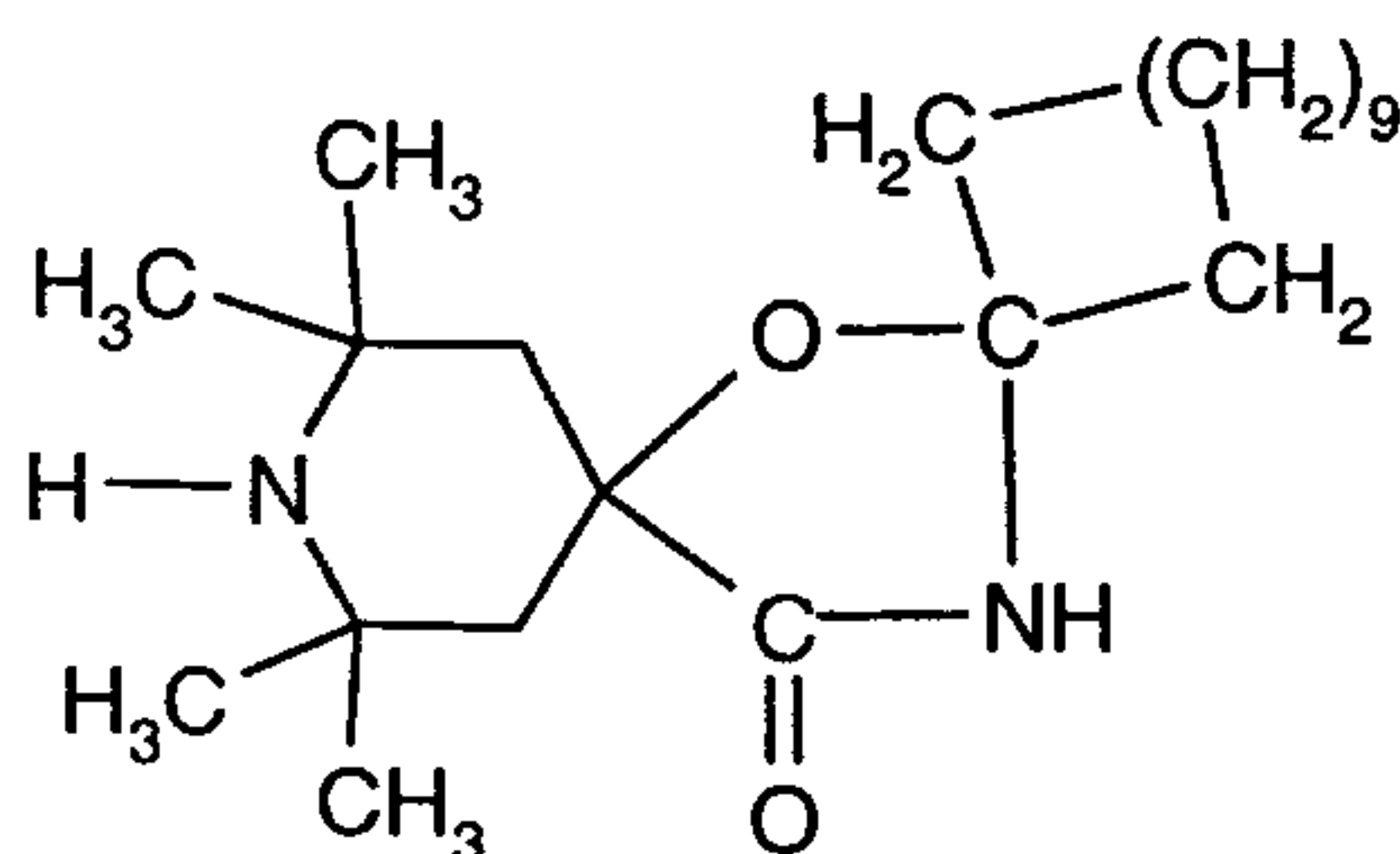


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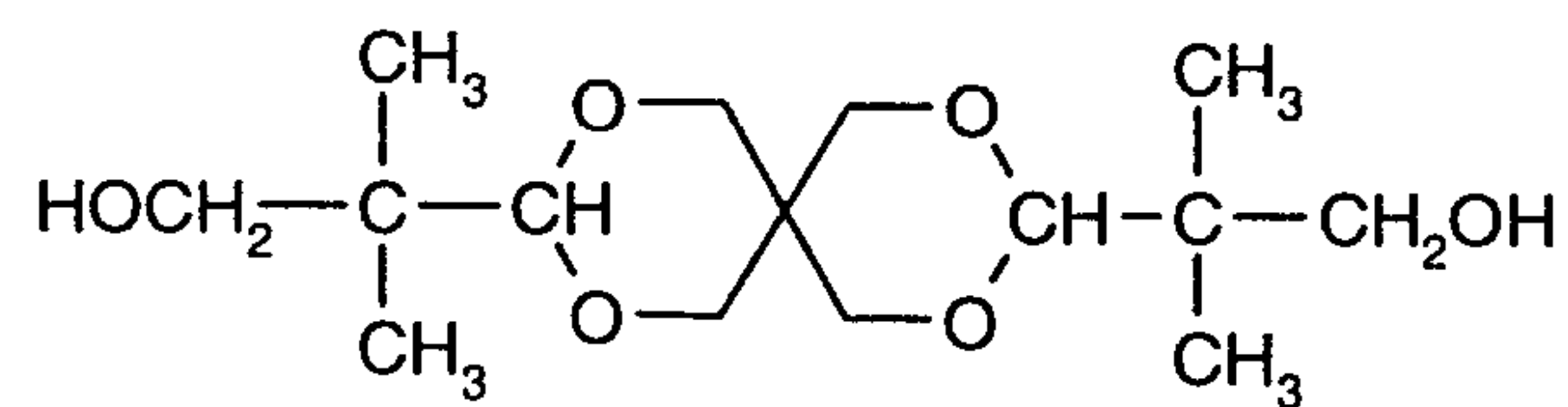


from 0 to 200, with the proviso that $m' + m'' = m$.

Further examples of polymeric compounds are reaction products of compounds of the formula

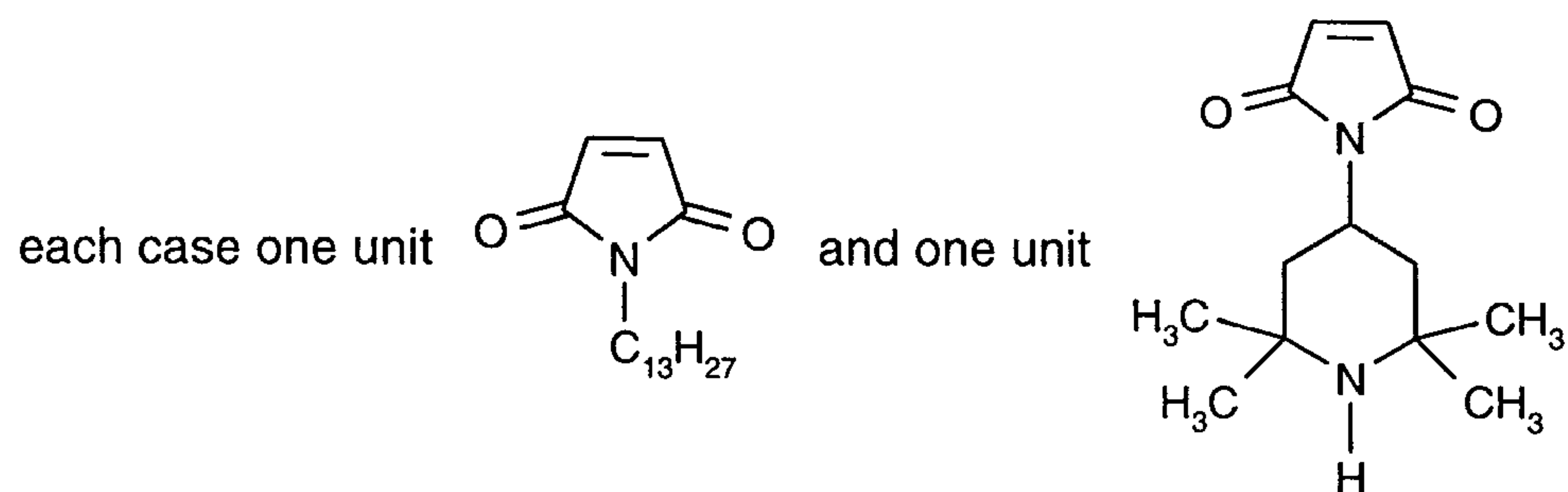
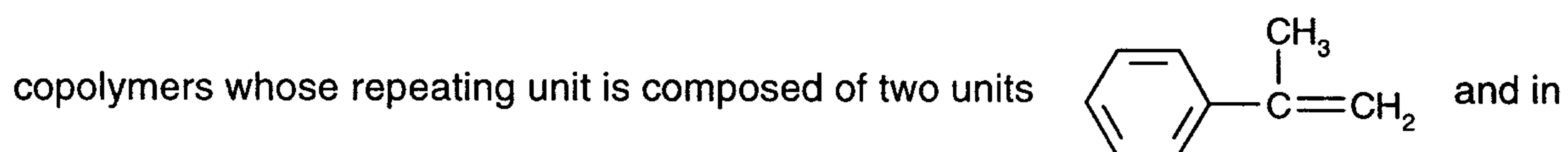
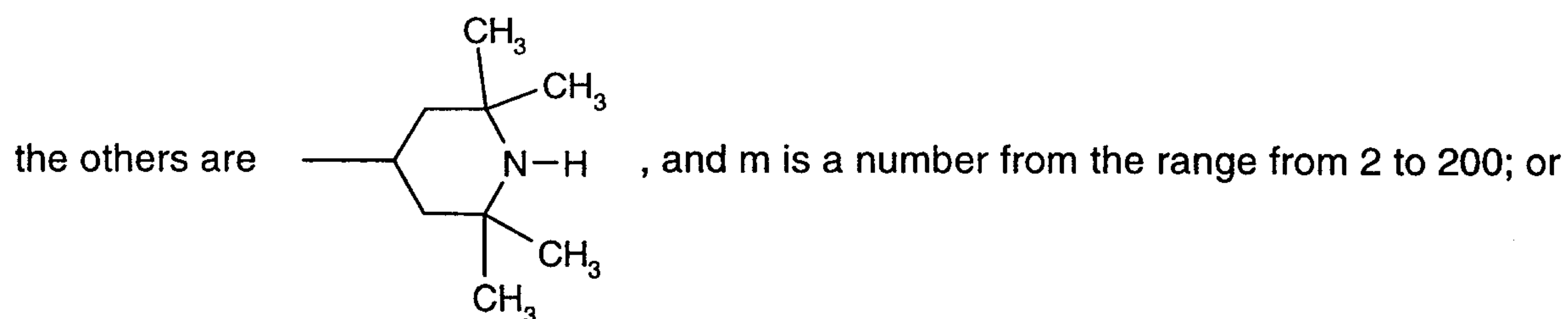
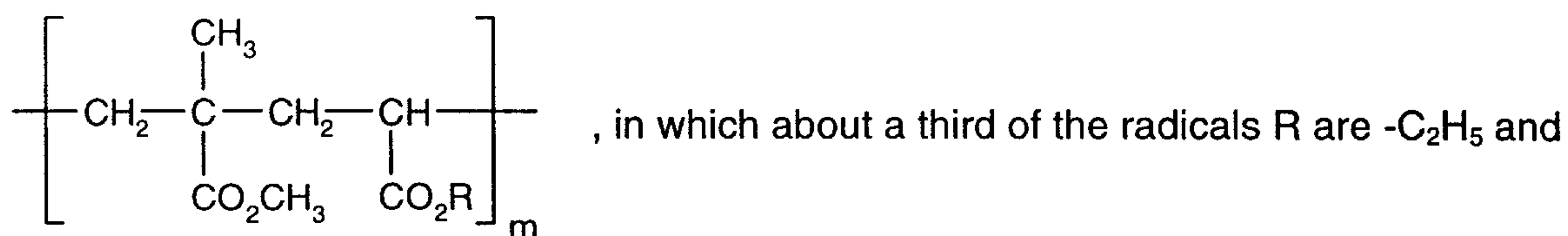


with epichlorohydrin; polyesters of butane-1,2,3,4-tetracarboxylic acid with a bifunctional alcohol of the formula

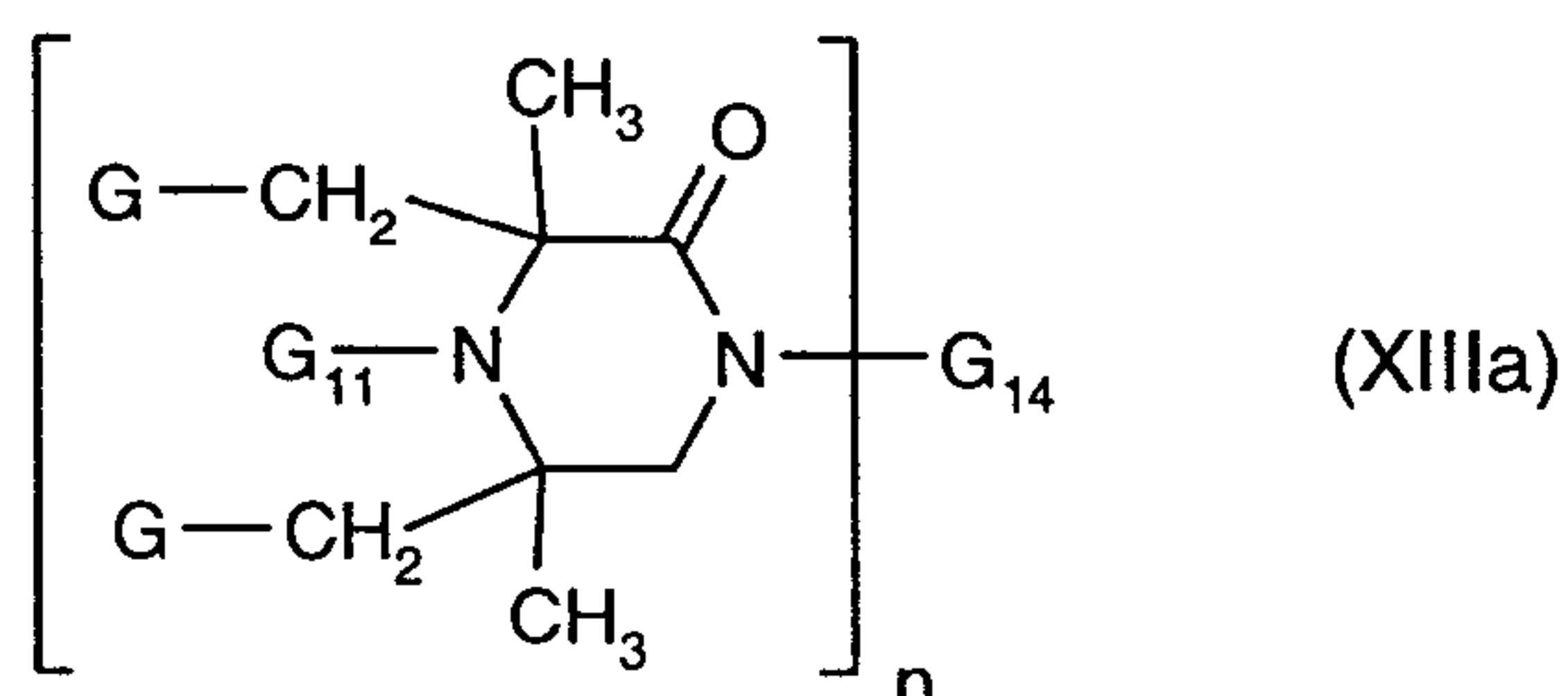


whose carboxyl side chains originating from the tetracarboxylic acid are esterified with 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine; compounds of the formula

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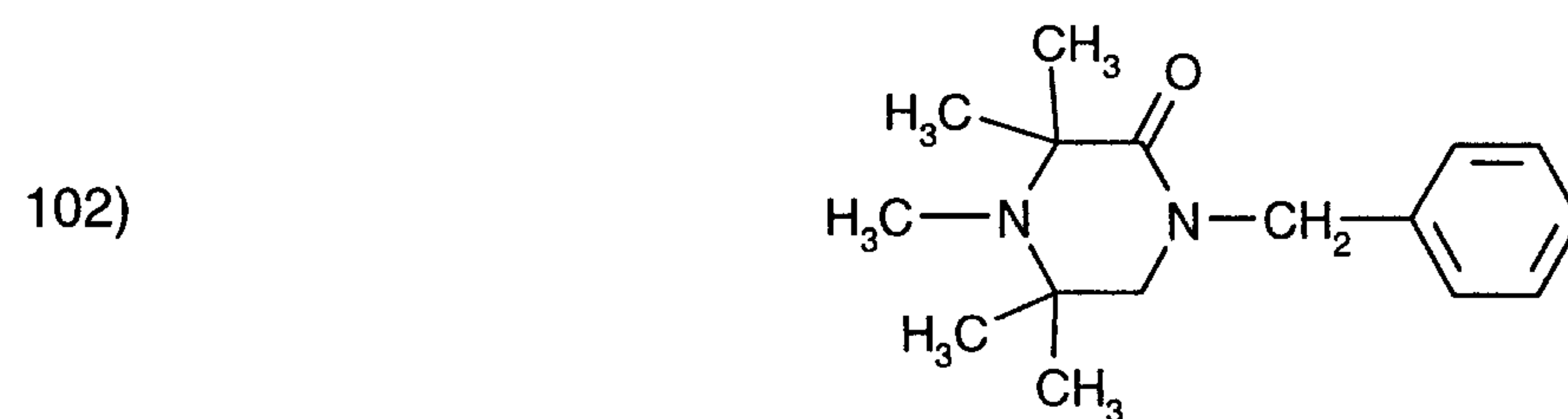
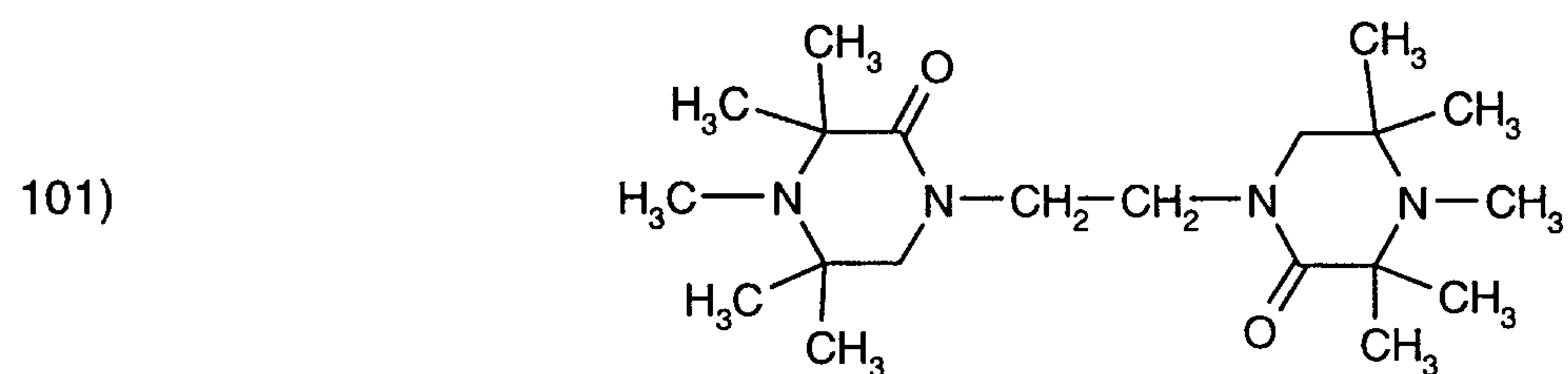
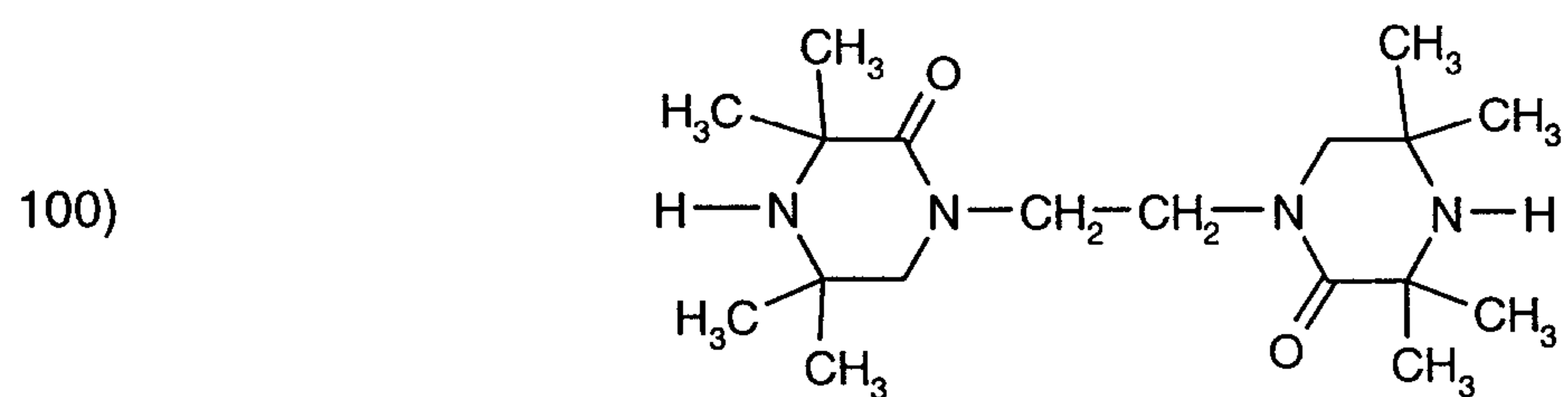
(g') Compounds of the formula XIIIa



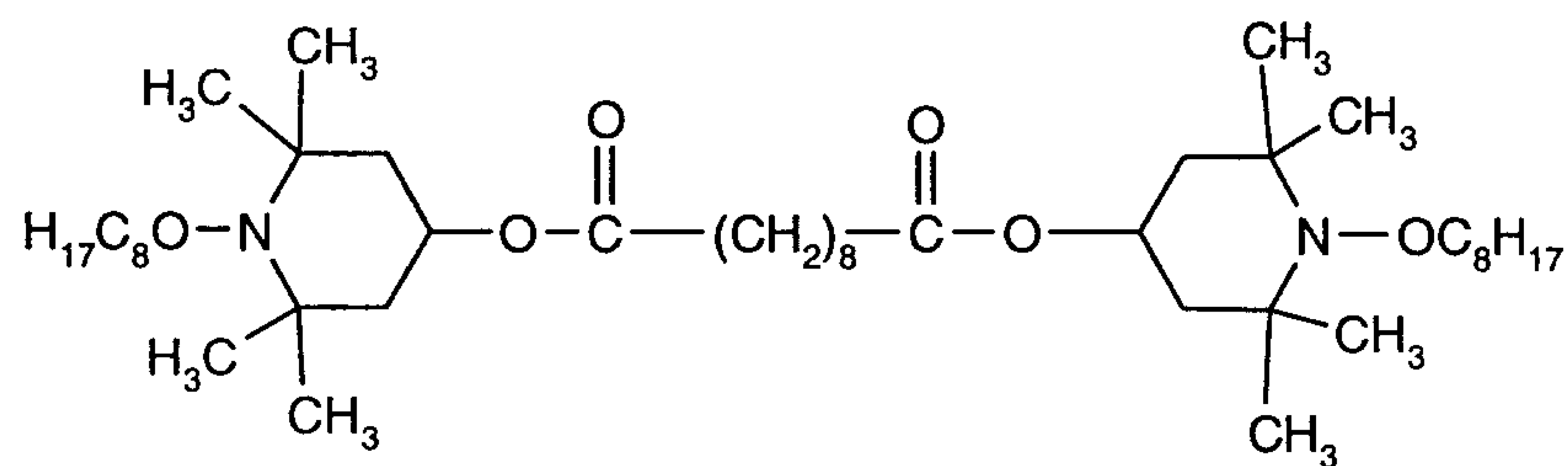
in which n is a number 1 or 2 and in which G and G^{11} are as defined under (a') and G_{14} is as defined under (b'), the meanings $-\text{CONH-Z}$ and $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{CH}_2-\text{O-D-O}-$ being excluded for G_{14} .

Examples of such compounds are:

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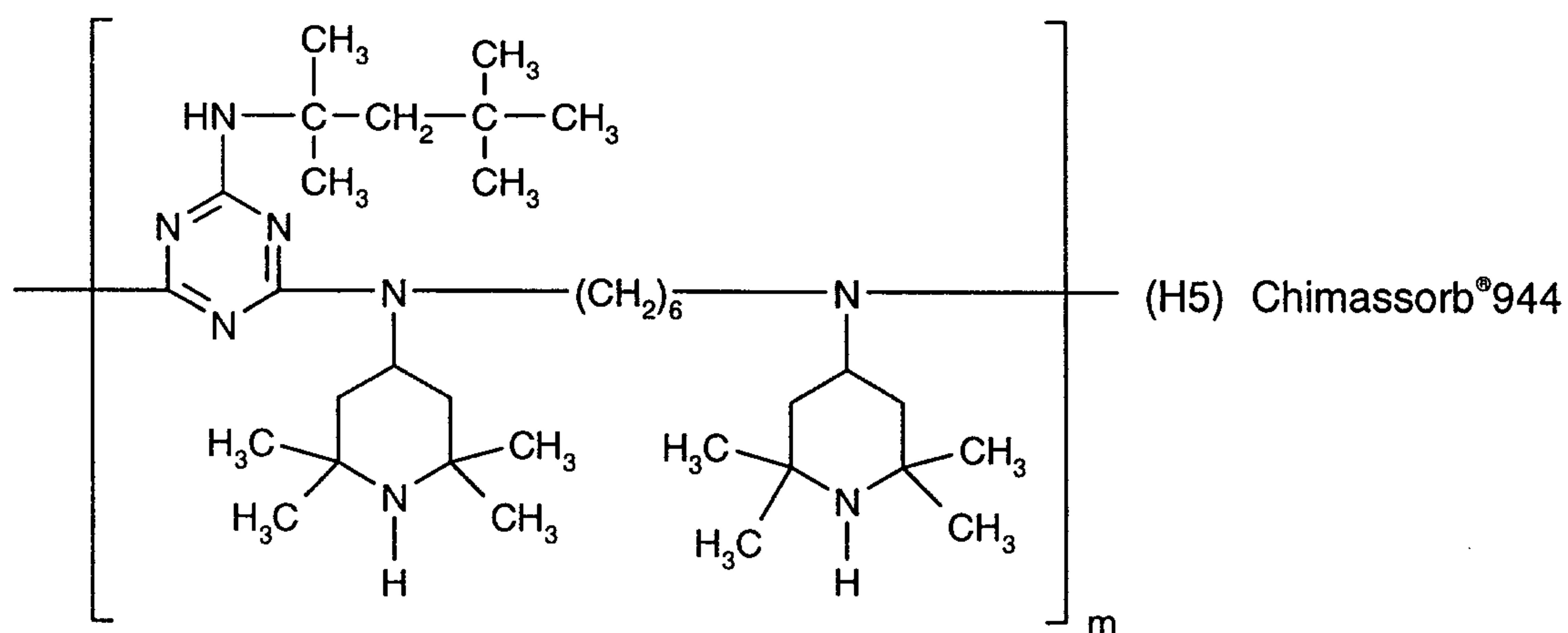
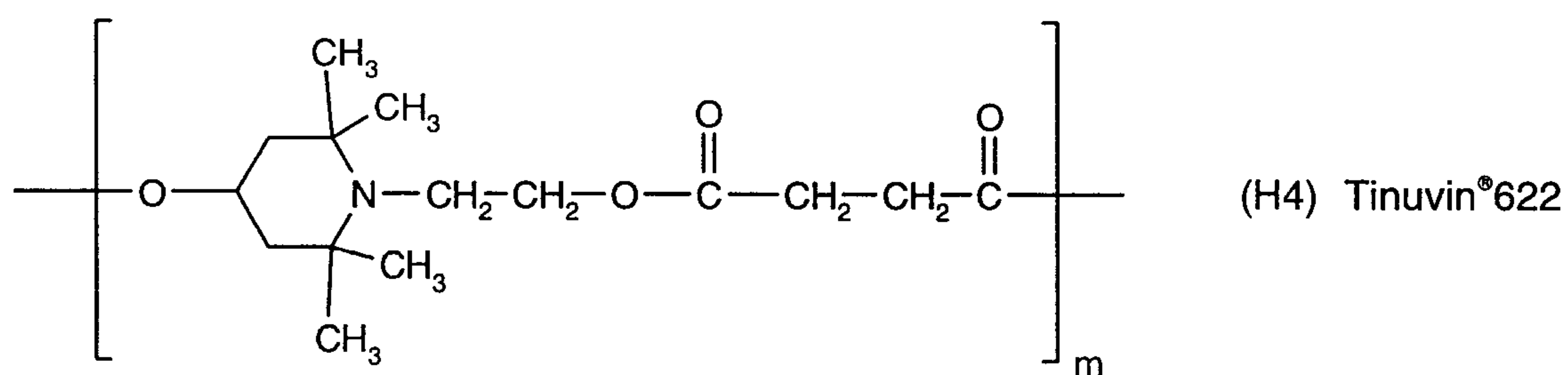
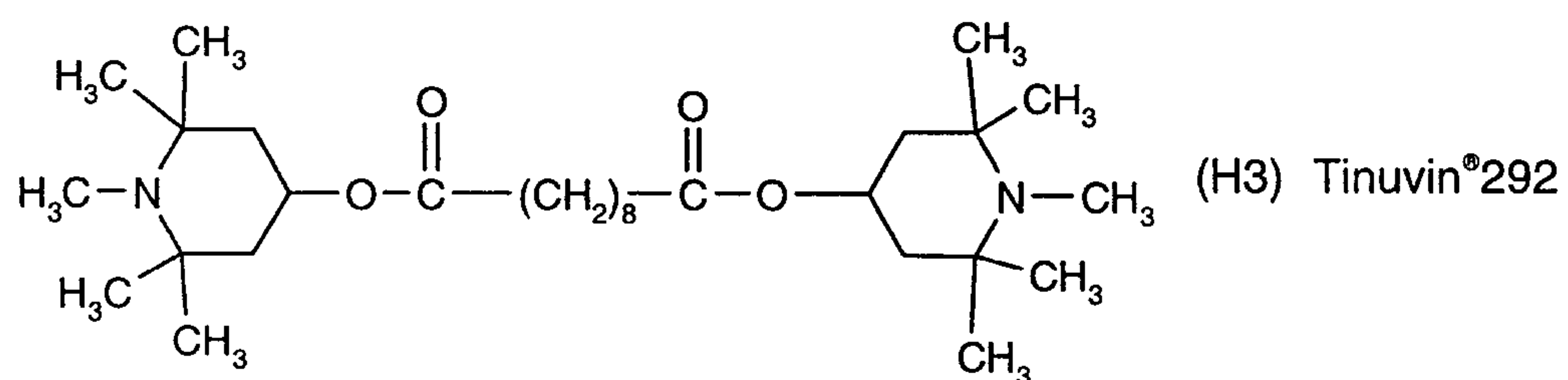
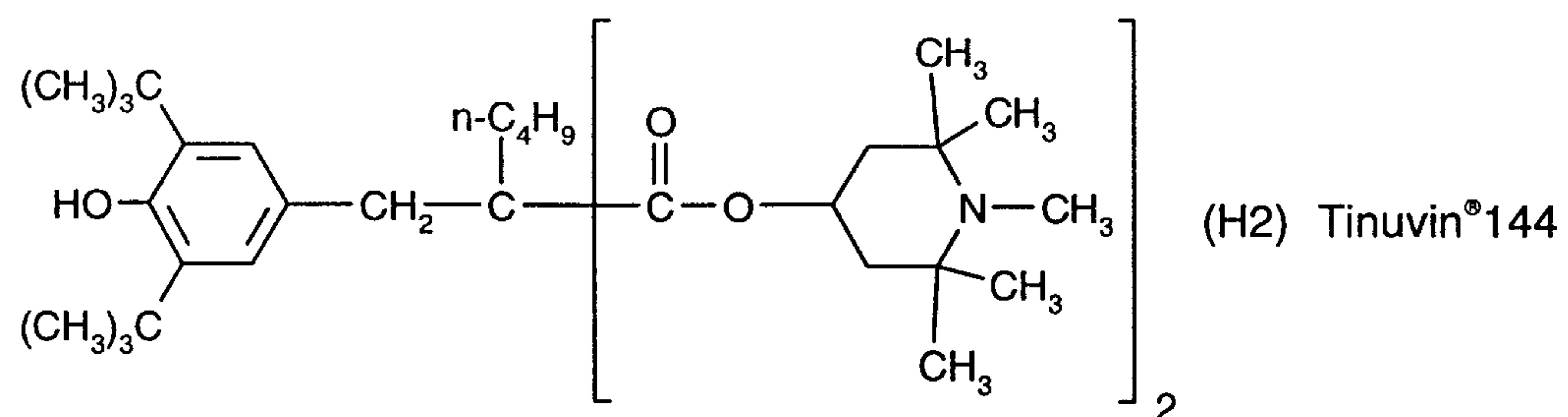


Of particular interest are compositions comprising as component (c) at least one compound of the formula H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8 or H9

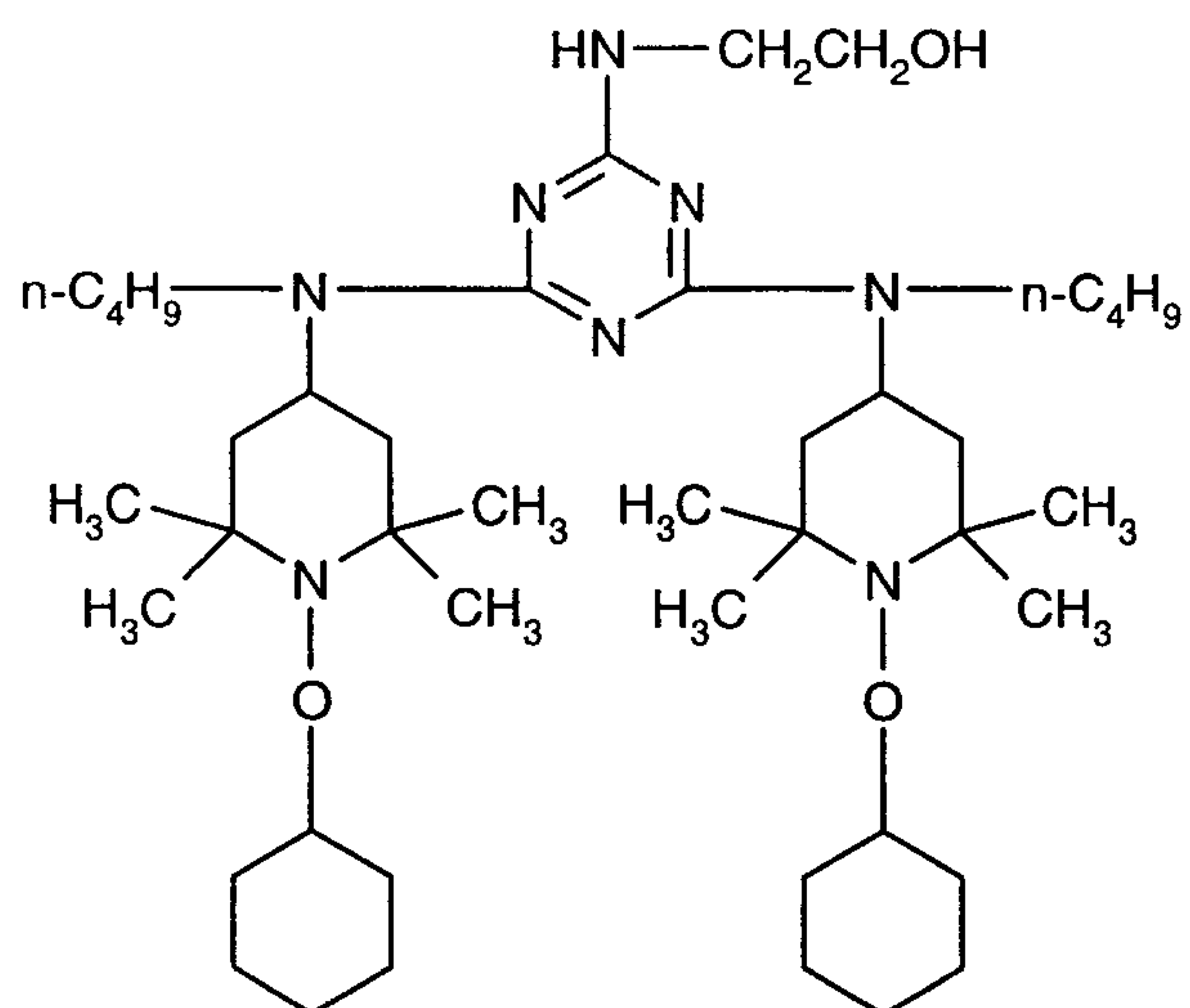


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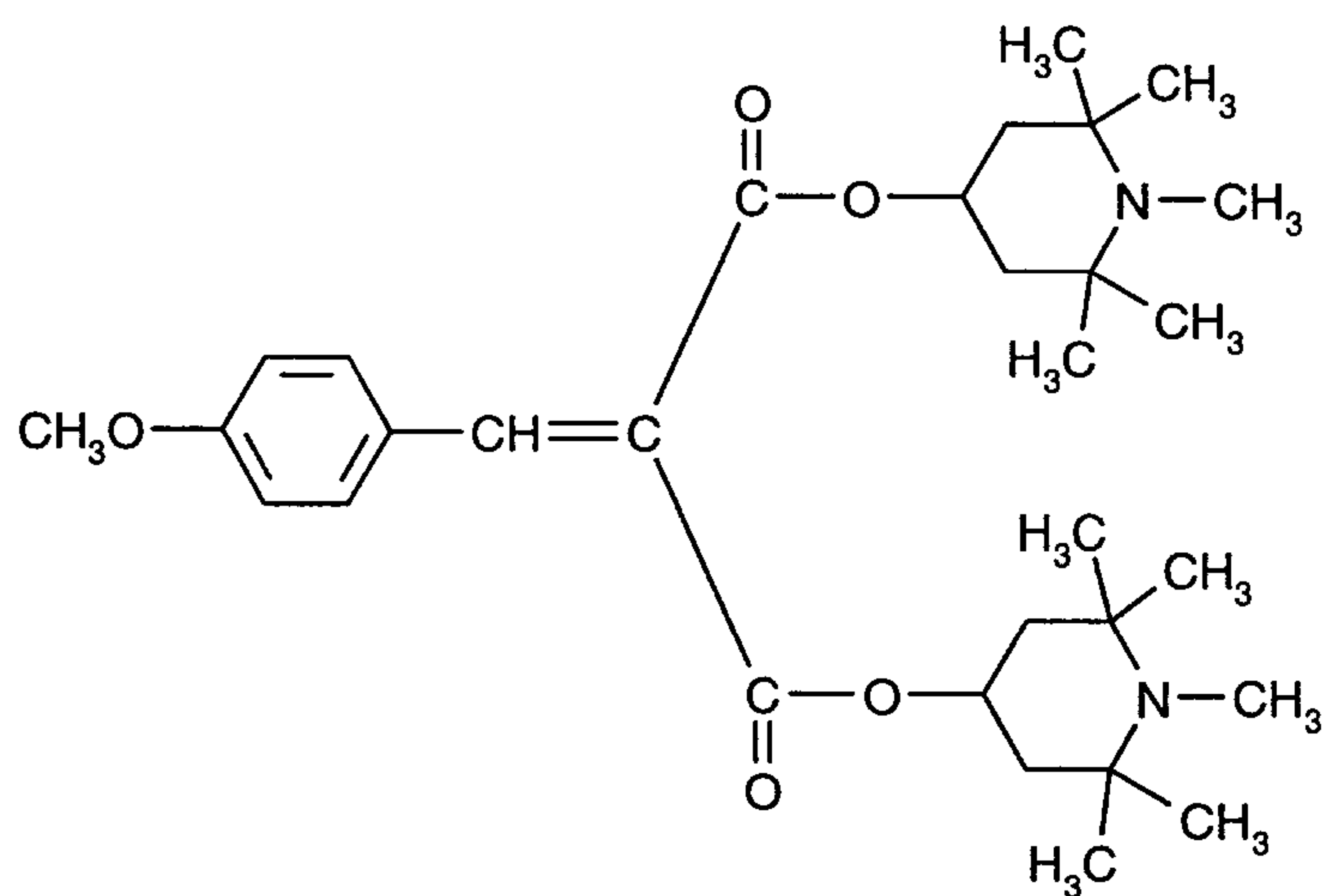
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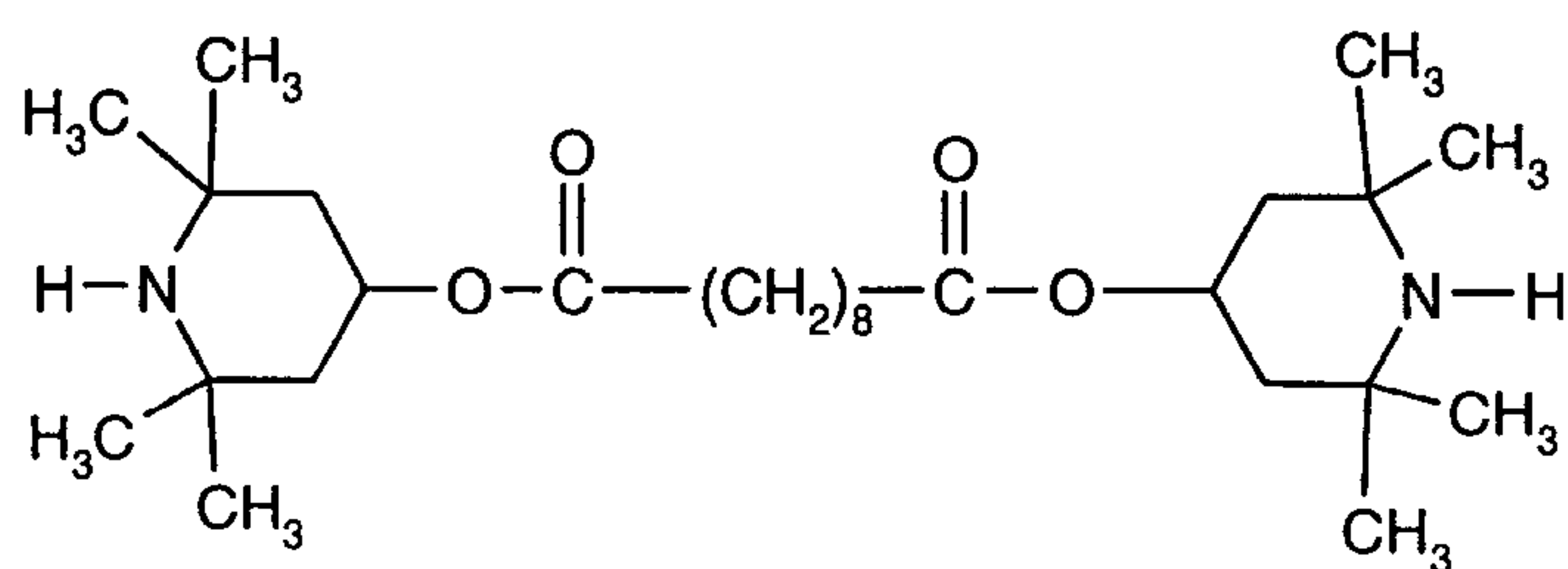
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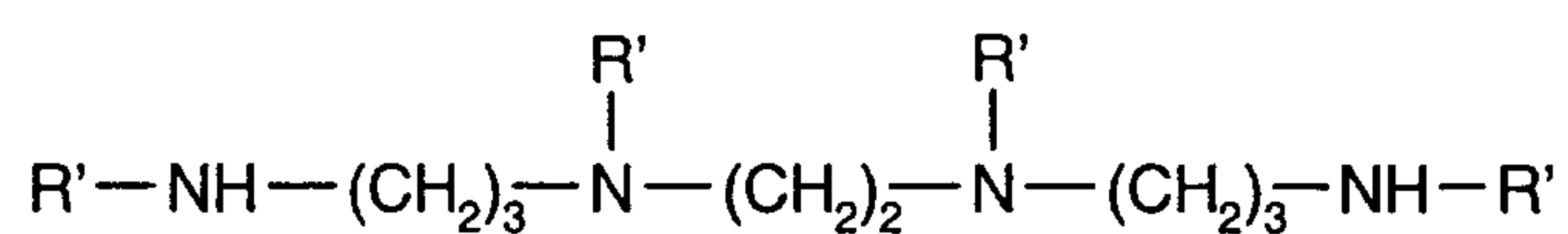
(H6)



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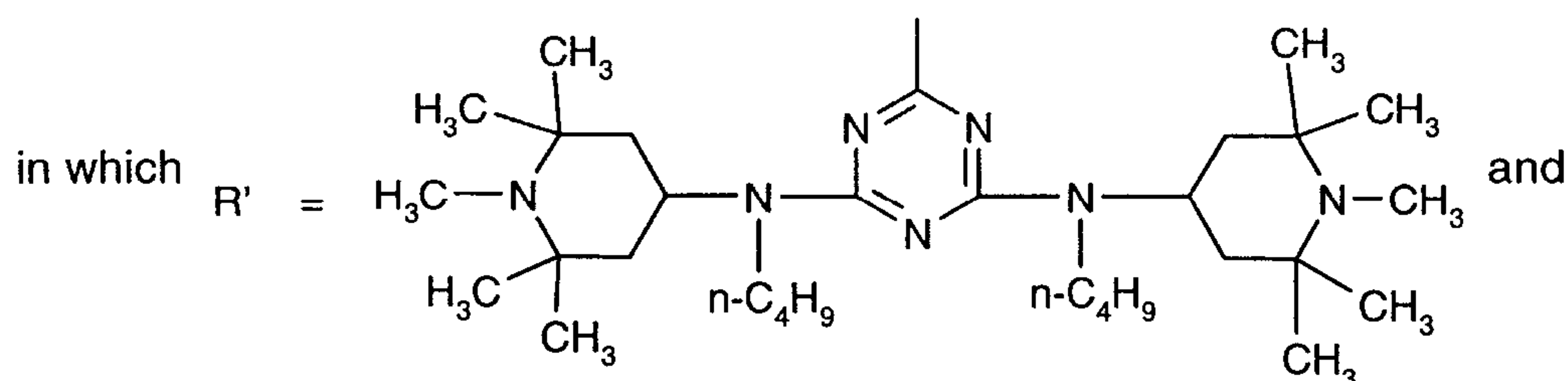


(H8) Tinuvin®770



(H9) Chimassorb®119,

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m is a number from the range from 2 to 200.

Component (c) of the novel composition, and the compounds of the sterically hindered amine type, are known and some are commercially available.

Tinuvin®123, Tinuvin®144, Tinuvin®292, Tinuvin®622, Tinuvin®770, Chimassorb®944 and Chimassorb®119 are protected trade names of Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG. Sanduvor®PR-31 is a protected trade name of Clariant.

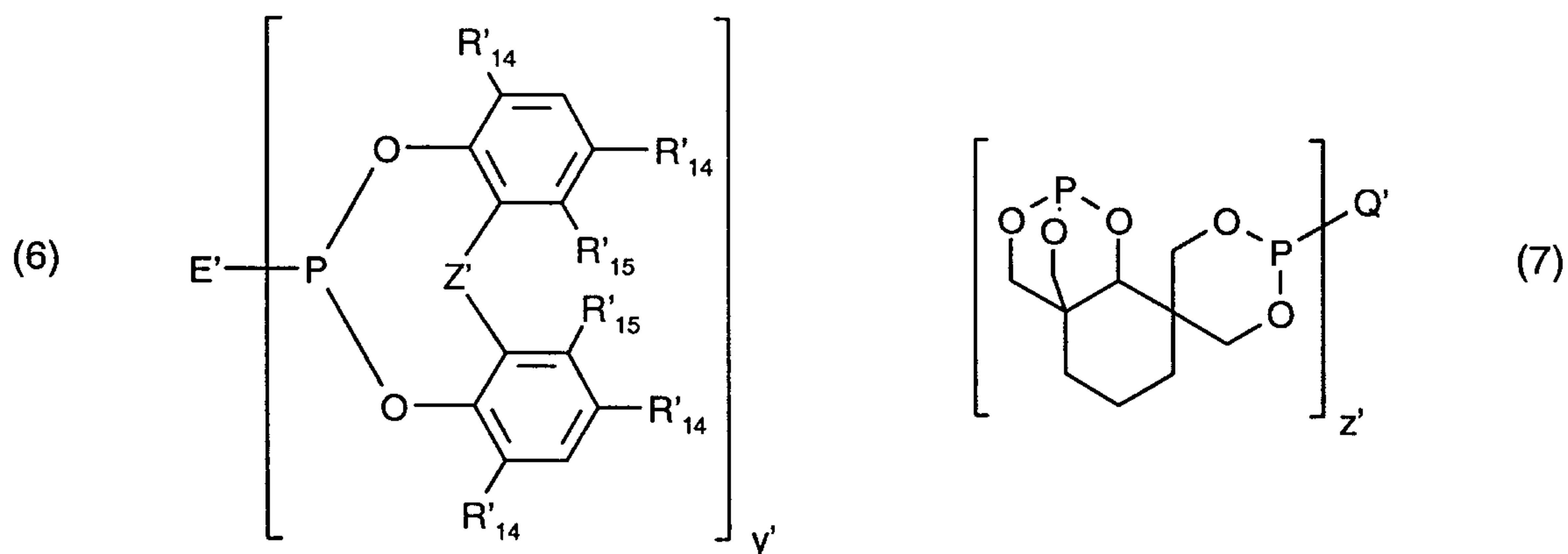
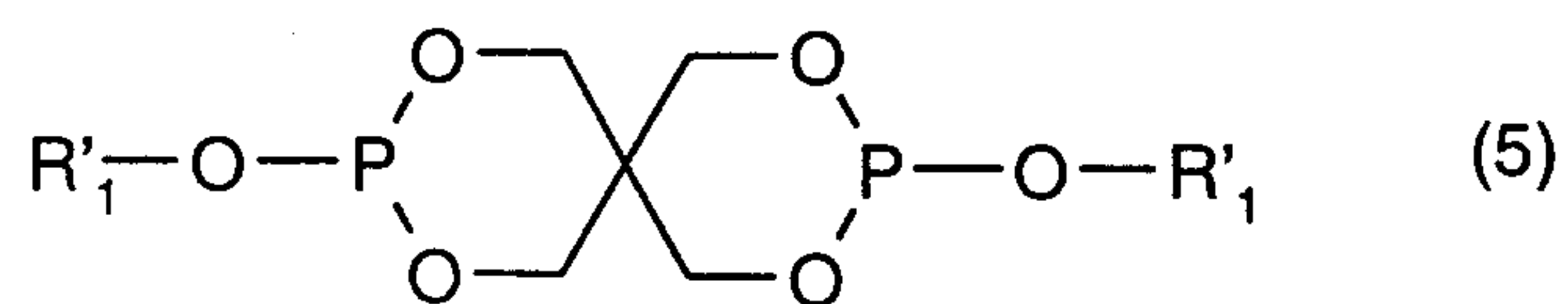
Also of particular interest as component (c) in the novel composition is Chimassorb®119 (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG). Chimassorb®119 denotes a condensation product prepared from 2-chloro-4,6-di(4-n-butylamino-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane.

As component (c) of the novel composition particular preference is given to the addition of those sterically hindered amines whose molecular weight or average molecular weight M_n is in the range from 500 to 10 000, in particular in the range from 1000 to 10 000. Of these, particular emphasis should again be placed on those sterically hindered amines whose molecular weight or average molecular weight M_n is in the range from 1500 to 10 000, for example in the range from 2000 to 7500.

Particular emphasis should be given to those novel compositions which as component (c) comprise two or more compounds of the sterically hindered amine type.

Of particular interest are compositions comprising as component (d) at least one compound from the group of the organic phosphites or phosphonites of the formulae 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7

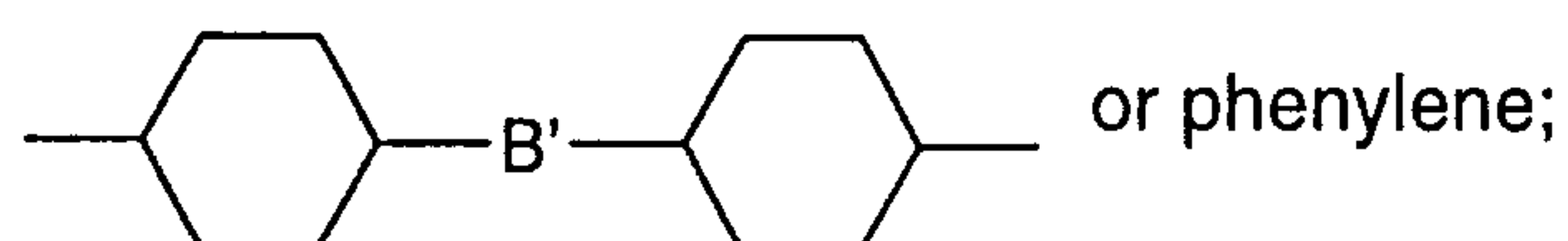
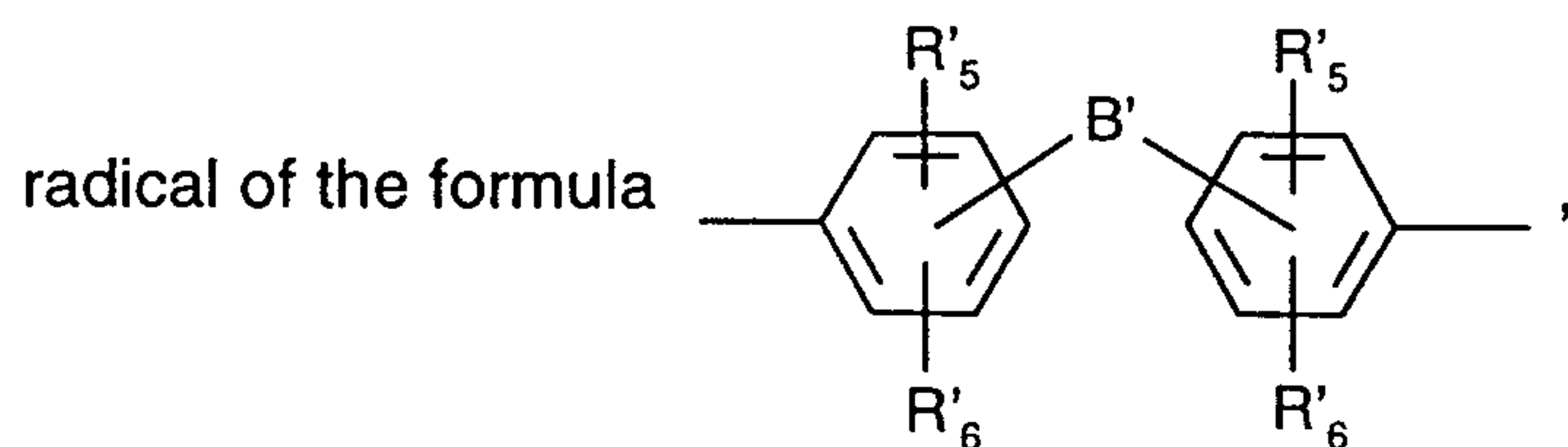
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in which the indices are integral and

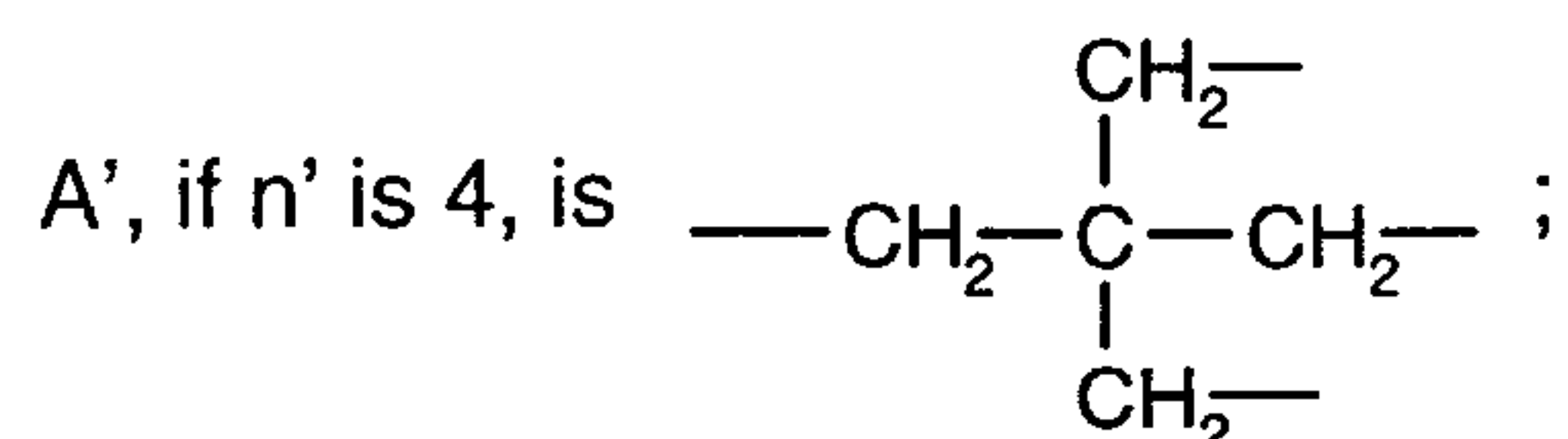
n' is 2, 3 or 4; p' is 1 or 2; q' is 2 or 3; r' is 4 to 12; y' is 1, 2 or 3; and z' is 1 to 6;

A' , if n' is 2, is C_2 - C_{18} alkylene; C_2 - C_{12} alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $-NR'_4$ -; a



A' , if n' is 3, is a radical of the formula $-C_rH_{2r-1}-$;

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A" is as defined for A' if n' is 2;

B' is a direct bond, -CH₂-, -CHR'₄-, -CR'₁R'₄-, sulfur, C₅-C₇cycloalkylidene, or cyclohexylidene which is substituted by from 1 to 4 C₁-C₄alkyl radicals in position 3, 4 and/or 5;

D', if p' is 1, is C₁-C₄alkyl and, if p' is 2, is -CH₂OCH₂-;

D'', if p' is 1, is C₁-C₄alkyl;

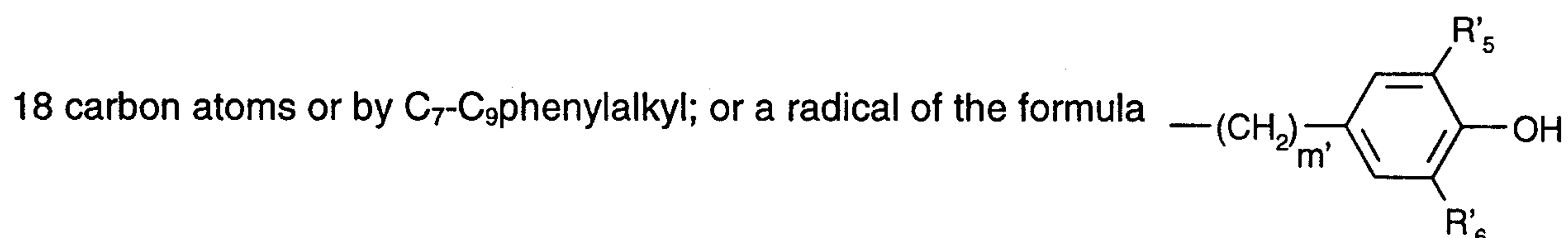
E', if y' is 1, is C₁-C₁₈alkyl, -OR'₁ or halogen;

E', if y is 2, is -O-A"-O-,

E', if y is 3, is a radical of the formula R'₄C(CH₂O-)₃ or N(CH₂CH₂O-)₃;

Q' is the radical of an at least z'-valent alcohol or phenol, this radical being attached via the oxygen atom to the phosphorus atom;

R'₁, R'₂ and R'₃ independently of one another are C₁-C₁₈alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, -COOR'₄, -CN or -CONR'₄R'₄; C₂-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or -NR'₄-; C₇-C₉phenylalkyl; C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl, phenyl or naphthyl; naphthyl or phenyl substituted by halogen, 1 to 3 alkyl radicals or alkoxy radicals having a total of 1 to



in which m' is an integer from the range 3 to 6;

R'₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₅-C₁₂cycloalkyl or C₇-C₉phenylalkyl,

R'₅ and R'₆ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₈alkyl or C₅-C₆cycloalkyl,

R'₇ and R'₈, if q' is 2, independently of one another are C₁-C₄alkyl or together are a 2,3-dehydropentamethylene radical; and

R'₇ and R'₈, if q' is 3, are methyl;

R'₁₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₉alkyl or cyclohexyl,

R'₁₅ is hydrogen or methyl and, if two or more radicals R'₁₄ and R'₁₅ are present, these radicals are identical or different,

X' and Y' are each a direct bond or oxygen,

Z' is a direct bond, methylene, -C(R'₁₆)₂- or sulfur, and

R'₁₆ is C₁-C₈alkyl.

Of particular interest are compositions comprising as component (d) a phosphite or phosphonite of the formula 1, 2, 5 or 6, in which

n' is the number 2 and y' is the number 1, 2 or 3;

A' is C_2 - C_{18} alkylene, p-phenylene or p-biphenylene,

E' , if y' is 1, is C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, $-OR'_1$ or fluorine;

E' , if y' is 2, is p-biphenylene,

E' , if y' is 3, is $N(CH_2CH_2O-)_3$,

R'_1 , R'_2 and R'_3 independently of one another are C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, cyclohexyl, phenyl, or phenyl substituted by 1 to 3 alkyl radicals having a total of 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

R'_{14} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_9 alkyl,

R'_{15} is hydrogen or methyl;

X' is a direct bond,

Y' is oxygen,

Z' is a direct bond or $-CH(R'_{16})-$, and

R'_{16} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl.

Likewise of interest are compositions comprising as component (d) a phosphite or phosphonite of the formula 1, 2, 5 or 6, in which

n' is the number 2 and y' is the number 1 or 3;

A' is p-biphenylene,

E' , if y' is 1, is C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy or fluorine,

E' , if y' is 3, is $N(CH_2CH_2O-)_3$,

R'_1 , R'_2 and R'_3 independently of one another are C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, or phenyl substituted by 2 or 3 alkyl radicals having a total of 2 to 12 carbon atoms;

R'_{14} is methyl or tert-butyl;

R'_{15} is hydrogen;

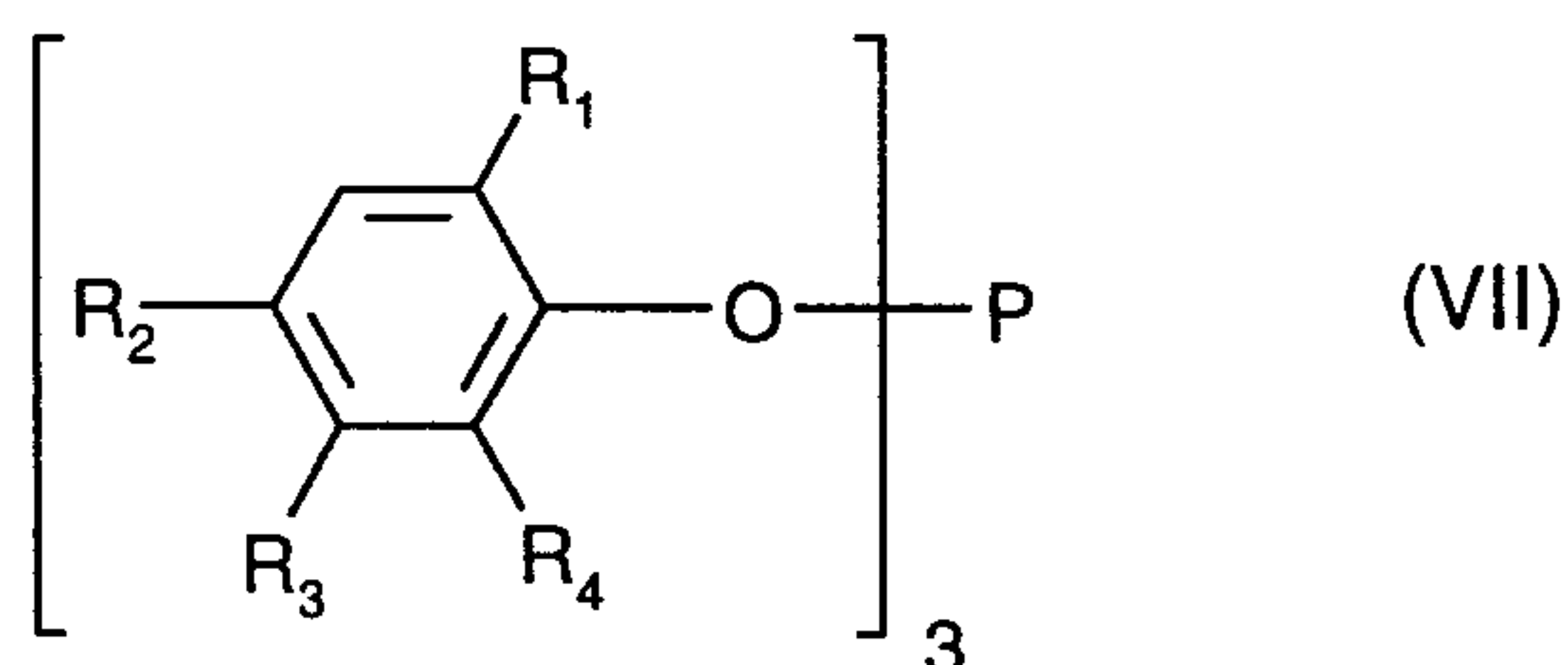
X' is a direct bond;

Y' is oxygen; and

Z' is a direct bond, methylene or $-CH(CH_3)-$.

Particular preference is given to compositions comprising as component (d) a phosphite or phosphonite of the formula 1, 2 or 6.

Special preference is given to compositions comprising as component (d) at least one compound of the formula VII



in which

R₁ and R₂ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₈alkyl, cyclohexyl or phenyl, and R₃ and R₄ independently of one another are hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl.

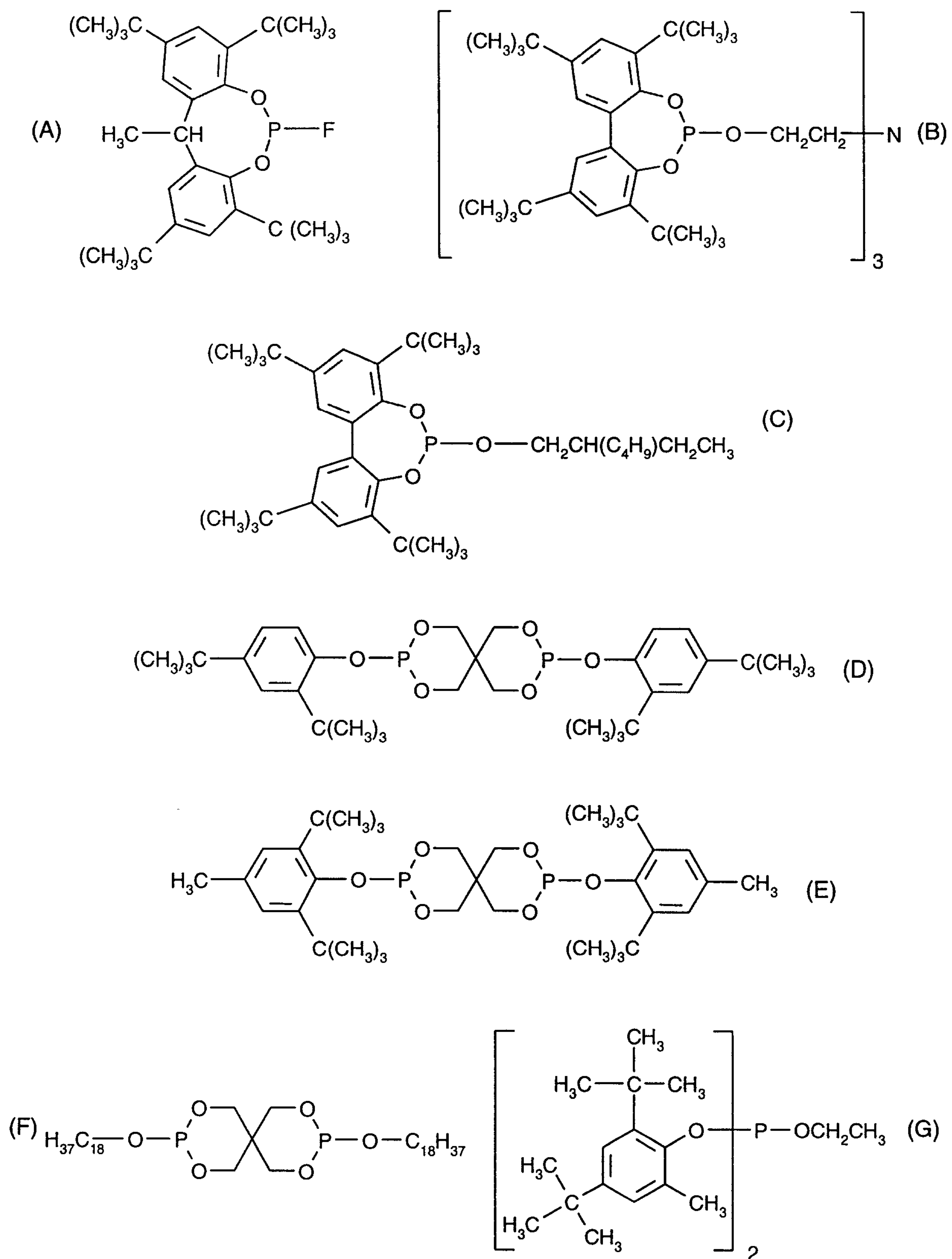
The following compounds are examples of organic phosphites and phosphonites which are particularly suitable as component (d) in the novel compositions.

Triphenyl phosphite, diphenyl alkyl phosphites, phenyl dialkyl phosphites, tris(nonylphenyl) phosphite, trilauryl phosphite, trioctadecyl phosphite, distearyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite (Irgafos® 168, Ciba-Geigy), diisodecyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite (formula D), bis(2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite (formula E), bisisodecyloxy-pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4,6-tri-tert-butylphenyl) pentaerythritol diphosphite, tristearyl sorbitol triphosphite, tetrakis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) 4,4'-biphenylene-diphosphonite (Irgafos®P-EPQ, Ciba-Geigy, formula H), 6-isooctyloxy-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12H-dibenzo[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin (formula C), 6-fluoro-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12-methyl-dibenzo[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin (formula A), bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) methyl phosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) ethyl phosphite (formula G).

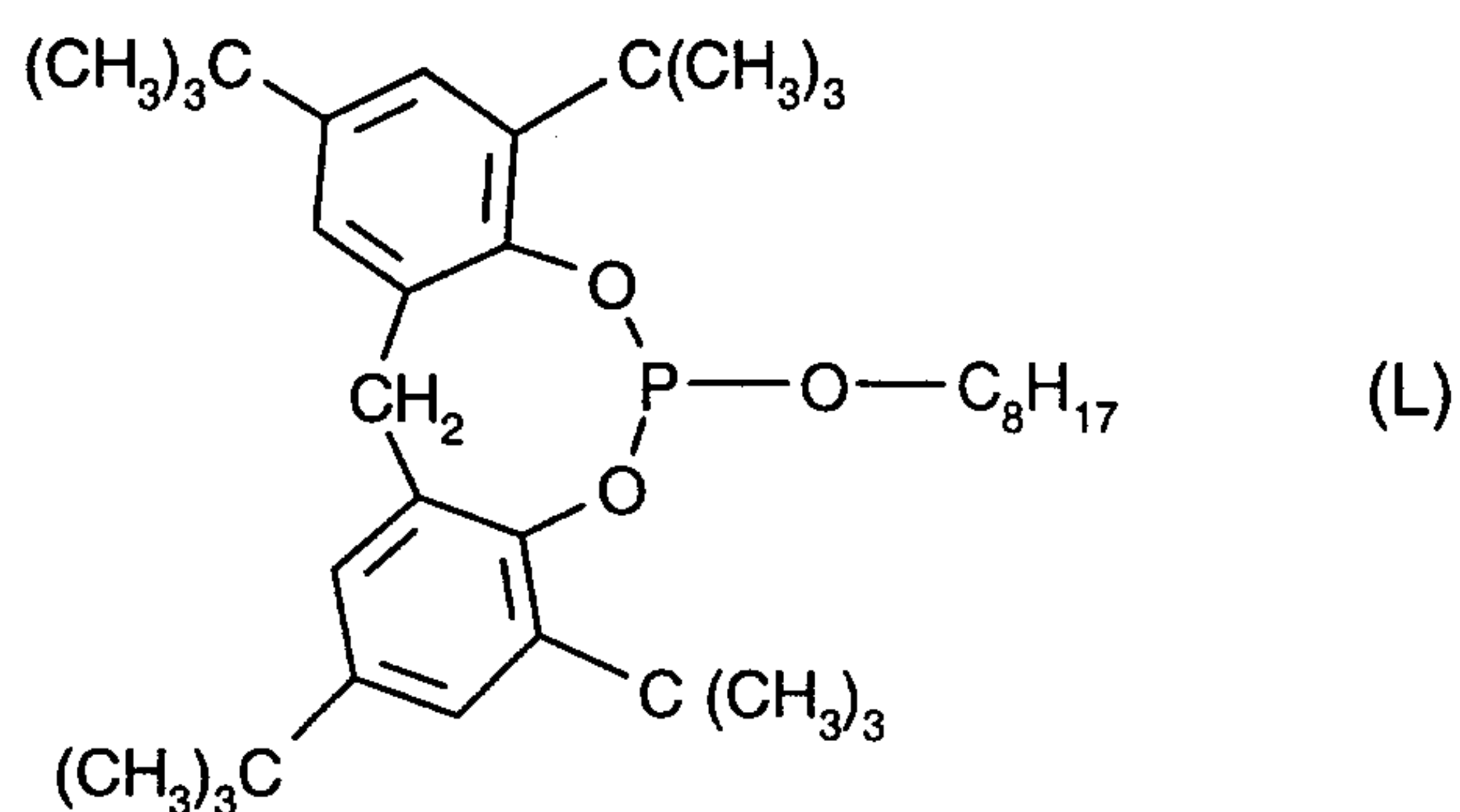
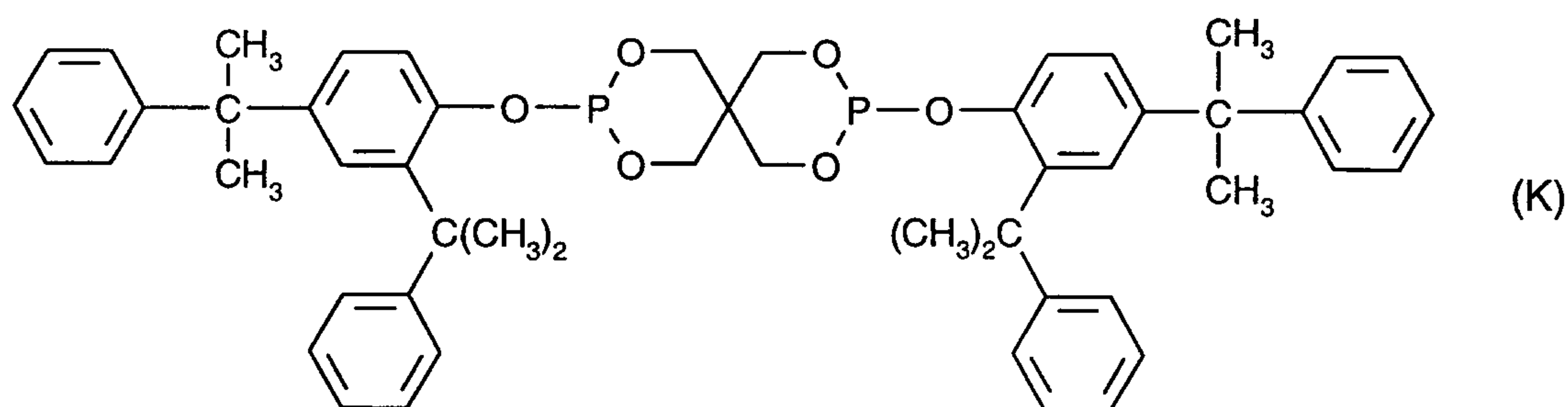
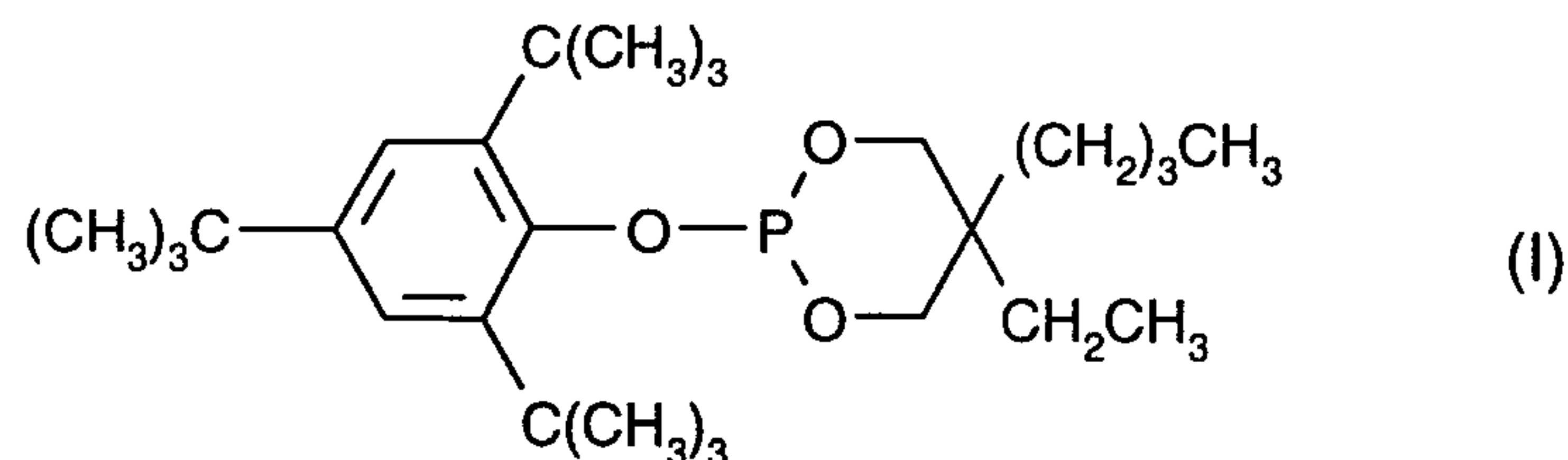
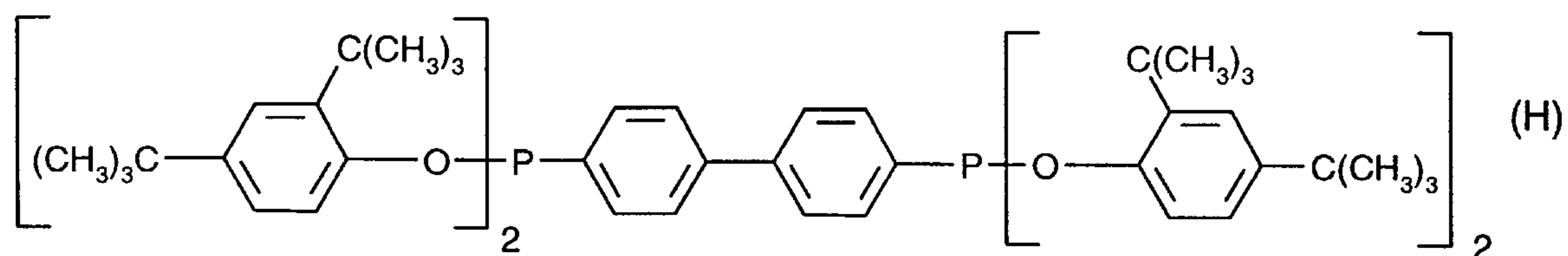
With particular preference the following phosphites and phosphonites are used:

tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite (Irgafos®168, Ciba-Geigy), tris(nonylphenyl) phosphite,

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Very particular preference is given to tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite [Irgafos®168, Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG], bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) ethyl phosphite [Irgafos®38, Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG, formula (G)], Ultrinox®626 [GE Chemicals, formula (D)], tetrakis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) 4,4'-biphenylene-diphosphonite [Irgafos®P-EPQ, Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG, formula (H)], Ultrinox®641 [GE Chemicals, formula (I)], Doverphos®S9228 [Dover Chemicals, formula (K)] or Mark®HP10 [Adeka Argus, formula (L)].

These organic phosphites and phosphonites are known compounds; many of them are commercially available.

The mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) is suitable for stabilizing organic materials against oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation.

Examples of such materials are:

1. Polymers of monoolefins and diolefins, for example polypropylene, polyisobutylene, polybut-1-ene, poly-4-methylpent-1-ene, polyisoprene or polybutadiene, as well as polymers of cycloolefins, for example of cyclopentene or norbornene; furthermore polyethylene (which optionally can be crosslinked), for example high-density polyethylene (HDPE), high-density and high molecular weight polyethylene (HDPE-HMW), high-density and ultrahigh molecular weight polyethylene (HDPE-UHMW), medium-density polyethylene (MDPE), low-density polyethylene (LDPE), linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE), (VLDPE) and (ULDPE).

Polyolefins, i.e. polymers of monoolefins exemplified in the preceding paragraph, in particular polyethylene and polypropylene, can be prepared by different, and especially by the following, methods:

- a) radical polymerization (normally under high pressure and high temperature)
- b) catalytic polymerization using a catalyst that normally contains one or more metals of group IVb, Vb, VIb or VIII. These metals usually have one or more ligands, such as oxides, halides, alcoholates, esters, ethers, amines, alkyls, alkenyls and/or aryls that may be either π - or σ -coordinated. These metal complexes may be in the free form or fixed on carriers, for example on activated magnesium chloride, titanium(III) chloride, alumina or silicon oxide. These catalysts may be soluble or insoluble in the polymerization medium. The catalysts can be active as such in the polymerization or further activators may be used, for example metal alkyls, metal hydrides, metal alkyl halides, metal alkyl oxides or metal alkyloxanes, the metals being elements of groups Ia, IIa and/or IIIa. The activators may be modified, for example, with further ester, ether, amine or silyl ether groups. These catalyst

systems are usually termed Phillips, Standard Oil Indiana, Ziegler (-Natta), TNZ (DuPont), metallocene or single site catalysts (SSC).

2. Mixtures of the polymers mentioned under 1), for example mixtures of polypropylene with polyisobutylene, polypropylene with polyethylene (for example PP/HDPE, PP/LDPE) and mixtures of different types of polyethylene (for example LDPE/HDPE).

3. Copolymers of monoolefins and diolefins with each other or with other vinyl monomers, for example ethylene-propylene copolymers, linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) and mixtures thereof with low density polyethylene (LDPE), propylene-but-1-ene copolymers, propylene-isobutylene copolymers, ethylene-but-1-ene copolymers, ethylene-hexene copolymers, ethylene-methylpentene copolymers, ethylene-heptene copolymers, ethylene-octene copolymers, propylene-butadiene copolymers, isobutylene-isoprene copolymers, ethylene-alkyl acrylate copolymers, ethylene-alkyl methacrylate copolymers, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers and their copolymers with carbon monoxide or ethylene-acrylic acid copolymers and their salts (ionomers) as well as terpolymers of ethylene with propylene and a diene such as hexadiene, dicyclopentadiene or ethylidene-norbornene; and also mixtures of such copolymers with one another and with polymers mentioned under 1), for example polypropylene-ethylene-propylene copolymers, LDPE-ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers, LDPE-ethylene-acrylic acid copolymers, LLDPE-ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers, LLDPE-ethylene-acrylic acid copolymers and alternating or random polyalkylene-carbon monoxide copolymers and mixtures thereof with other polymers, for example polyamides.

4. Hydrocarbon resins (for example C₅-C₉) including hydrogenated modifications thereof (e.g. tackifier resins) and mixtures of polyalkylenes and starch.

5. Polystyrene, poly(p-methylstyrene), poly(α -methylstyrene).

6. Copolymers of styrene or α -methylstyrene with dienes or acrylic derivatives, for example styrene-butadiene, styrene-acrylonitrile, styrene-alkyl methacrylate, styrene-butadiene-alkyl acrylate, styrene-butadiene-alkyl methacrylate, styrene-maleic anhydride, styrene-acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate; mixtures of high impact strength of styrene copolymers and another polymer, for example a polyacrylate, a diene polymer or an ethylene-propylene-

diene terpolymer, and block copolymers of styrene such as styrene-butadiene-styrene, styrene-isoprene-styrene, styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene or styrene-ethylene-propylene-styrene.

7. Graft copolymers of styrene or α -methylstyrene, for example styrene on polybutadiene, styrene on polybutadiene-styrene or polybutadiene-acrylonitrile copolymers, styrene and acrylonitrile (or methacrylonitrile) on polybutadiene; styrene, acrylonitrile and methyl methacrylate on polybutadiene; styrene and maleic anhydride on polybutadiene; styrene, acrylonitrile and maleic anhydride or maleimide on polybutadiene; styrene and maleimide on polybutadiene, styrene and alkyl acrylates or alkyl methacrylates on polybutadiene, styrene and acrylonitrile on ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymers, styrene and acrylonitrile on polyalkyl acrylates or polyalkyl methacrylates, styrene and acrylonitrile on acrylate-butadiene copolymers, as well as mixtures thereof with the copolymers mentioned under 6), for example the copolymer mixtures known as ABS, MBS, ASA or AES polymers.

8. Halogen-containing polymers such as polychloroprene, chlorinated rubber, chlorinated and brominated copolymer of isobutylene-isoprene (halobutyl rubber), chlorinated or sulfochlorinated polyethylene, copolymers of ethylene and chlorinated ethylene, epichlorohydrin homo- and copolymers, especially polymers of halogen-containing vinyl compounds, for example polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyvinyl fluoride, polyvinylidene fluoride; as well as copolymers thereof such as vinyl chloride-vinylidene chloride, vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate or vinylidene chloride-vinyl acetate.

9. Polymers derived from α,β -unsaturated acids and derivatives thereof such as polyacrylates and polymethacrylates, polymethyl methacrylates, impact-modified with butyl acrylate, polyacrylamides and polyacrylonitriles.

10. Copolymers of the monomers mentioned under 9) with each other or with other unsaturated monomers, for example acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymers, acrylonitrile-alkyl acrylate copolymers, acrylonitrile-alkoxyalkyl acrylate copolymers, acrylonitrile-vinyl halide copolymers or acrylonitrile-alkyl methacrylate-butadiene terpolymers.

11. Polymers derived from unsaturated alcohols and amines or the acyl derivatives or acetals thereof, such as polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl stearate, polyvinyl benzoate, polyvinyl maleate, polyvinyl butyral, polyallyl phthalate or polyallyl melamine; as well as their copolymers with olefins mentioned in section 1.

12. Homopolymers and copolymers of cyclic ethers such as polyalkylene glycols, polyethylene oxide, polypropylene oxide or copolymers thereof with bisglycidyl ethers.

13. Polyacetals such as polyoxymethylene and those polyoxymethylenes which contain comonomers, for example ethylene oxide; polyacetals modified with thermoplastic polyurethanes, acrylates or MBS.

14. Polyphenylene oxides and sulfides, and mixtures thereof with styrene polymers or polyamides.

15. Polyurethanes derived from hydroxyl-terminated polyethers, polyesters and polybutadienes on the one hand and aliphatic or aromatic polyisocyanates on the other, as well as precursors thereof.

16. Polyamides and copolyamides derived from diamines and dicarboxylic acids and/or from aminocarboxylic acids or the corresponding lactams, such as polyamide 4, 6, 6/6, 6/10, 6/9, 6/12, 4/6, 12/12, 11 and 12, aromatic polyamides starting from m-xylene, diamine and adipic acid; polyamides prepared from hexamethylenediamine and isophthalic and/or terephthalic acid and with or without an elastomer as modifier, for example poly-2,4,4-trimethylhexamethylene terephthalamide or poly-m-phenylene isophthalamide. Block copolymers of the aforementioned polyamides with polyolefins, olefin copolymers, ionomers or chemically bonded or grafted elastomers; or with polyethers, e.g. with polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol or polytetramethylene glycol. Also, polyamides or copolyamides modified with EPDM or ABS; and polyamides condensed during processing (RIM polyamide systems).

17. Polyureas, polyimides, polyamide-imides, polyether imides, polyester imides, polyhydantoins and polybenzimidazoles.

18. Polyesters derived from dicarboxylic acids and dialcohols and/or from hydroxycarboxylic acids or the corresponding lactones, such as polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, poly-1,4-dimethylolcyclohexane terephthalate, polyhydroxybenzoates, as well as block polyether esters derived from hydroxyl-terminated polyethers; and also polyesters modified with polycarbonates or MBS.

19. Polycarbonates and polyester carbonates.

20. Polysulfones, polyether sulfones and polyether ketones.

21. Crosslinked polymers derived from aldehydes on the one hand and phenols, urea or melamine on the other hand, such as phenol-formaldehyde resins, urea-formaldehyde resins and melamine-formaldehyde resins.

22. Drying and nondrying alkyd resins.

23. Unsaturated polyester resins derived from copolyesters of saturated and unsaturated dicarboxylic acids with polyhydric alcohols and also vinyl compounds as crosslinking agents, and also halogen-containing modifications thereof of low flammability.

24. Crosslinkable acrylic resins derived from substituted acrylates, for example from epoxy acrylates, urethane acrylates or polyester acrylates.

25. Alkyd resins, polyester resins and acrylate resins crosslinked with melamine resins, urea resins, isocyanates, isocyanurates, polyisocyanates or epoxy resins.

26. Crosslinked epoxy resins derived from aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, heterocyclic or aromatic glycidyl compounds, for example products of bisphenol A diglycidyl ethers, bisphenol F diglycidyl ethers, which are crosslinked by means of customary curing agents such as anhydrides or amines, with or without accelerators.

27. Natural polymers such as cellulose, natural rubber, gelatin and derivatives thereof which have been chemically modified in a polymer-homologous manner, for example cellulose

acetates, cellulose propionates and cellulose butyrates, or the cellulose ethers such as methyl cellulose; as well as rosins and derivatives.

28. Blends (polyblends) of the aforementioned polymers, for example PP/EPDM, polyamide/EPDM or ABS, PVC/EVA, PVC/ABS, PVC/MBS, PC/ABS, PBTP/ABS, PC/ASA, PC/PBT, PVC/CPE, PVC/acrylates, POM/thermoplastic PU, PC/thermoplastic PU, POM/acrylate, POM/MBS, PPO/HIPS, PPO/PA 6.6 and copolymers, PA/HDPE, PA/PP, PA/PPO, PBT/PC/ABS or PBT/PET/PC.

29. Natural and synthetic organic substances which constitute pure monomeric compounds or mixtures thereof, for example mineral oils, animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes, or oils, waxes and fats based on synthetic esters (e.g. phthalates, adipates, phosphates or trimellitates), and also blends of synthetic esters with mineral oils in arbitrary weight ratios, as are used, for example, as spinning preparations, and aqueous emulsions thereof.

30. Aqueous emulsions of natural or synthetic rubbers, for example natural rubber latex or latices of carboxylated styrene-butadiene copolymers.

The mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) is likewise used for polyurethane production, especially for preparing flexible polyurethane foams. In this context the novel compositions and the products produced therefrom are effectively protected against degradation. In particular, scorching during foam production is avoided.

The polyurethanes are obtained, for example, by reacting polyethers, polyesters and polybutadienes which contain terminal hydroxyl groups with aliphatic or aromatic polyisocyanates.

Polyethers having terminal hydroxyl groups are known and are prepared, for example, by polymerizing epoxides such as ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, butylene oxide, tetrahydrofuran, styrene oxide or epichlorohydrin with themselves, for example in the presence of BF_3 , or by addition reaction of these epoxides, alone or as a mixture or in succession, with starting components containing reactive hydrogen atoms, such as water, alcohols, ammonia or amines, for example ethylene glycol, propylene 1,3- and 1,2-glycol, trimethylolpropane, 4,4'-dihydroxydiphenylpropane, aniline, ethanolamine or

ethylenediamine. Sucrose polyethers are also suitable in accordance with the invention. In many cases preference is given to those polyethers which predominantly (up to 90 % by weight, based on all the OH groups present in the polyether) contain primary OH groups. Furthermore, polyethers modified by vinyl polymers, as are formed, for example, by polymerizing styrene and acrylonitrile in the presence of polyethers, are suitable, as are polybutadienes containing OH groups.

These compounds generally have molecular weights of 40 and are polyhydroxy compounds, especially compounds containing from two to eight hydroxyl groups, especially those of molecular weight from 800 to 10 000, preferably from 1000 to 6000, for example polyethers containing at least 2, generally 2 to 8, but preferably 2 to 4, hydroxyl groups, as are known for the preparation of homogeneous polyurethanes and cellular polyurethanes.

It is of course possible to employ mixtures of the above compounds containing at least two isocyanate-reactive hydrogen atoms, in particular with a molecular weight of 400 - 10 000.

Suitable polyisocyanates are aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, araliphatic, aromatic and heterocyclic polyisocyanates, for example ethylene diisocyanate, 1,4-tetramethylene diisocyanate, 1,6-hexamethylene diisocyanate, 1,12-dodecane diisocyanate, cyclobutane 1,3-diisocyanate, cyclohexane 1,3- and -1,4-diisocyanate and also any desired mixtures of these isomers, 1-isocyanato-3,3,5-trimethyl-5-isocyanatomethylcyclohexane, 2,4- and 2,6-hexahydrotolylene diisocyanate and also any desired mixtures of these isomers, hexahydro-1,3- and/or -1,4-phenylene diisocyanate, perhydro-2,4'- and/or -4,4'-diphenylmethane-diisocyanate, 1,3- and 1,4-phenylene diisocyanate, 2,4- and 2,6-tolylene diisocyanate, and also any desired mixtures of these isomers, diphenylmethane 2,4'- and/or -4,4'-diisocyanate, naphthylene 1,5-diisocyanate, triphenylmethane 4,4',4"-triisocyanate, polyphenyl-polymethylene polyisocyanates as are obtained by aniline-formaldehyde condensation followed by phosgenization, m- and p-isocyanatophenylsulfonyl isocyanates, perchlorinated aryl polyisocyanates, polyisocyanates containing carbodiimide groups, polyisocyanates containing allophanate groups, polyisocyanates containing isocyanurate groups, polyisocyanates containing urethane groups, polyisocyanates containing acylated urea groups, polyisocyanates containing biuret groups, polyisocyanates containing ester groups, reaction products of the abovementioned isocyanates with acetals, and polyisocyanates containing polymeric fatty acid radicals.

It is also possible to employ the isocyanate group-containing distillation residues, as they are or dissolved in one or more of the abovementioned polyisocyanates, which are obtained in the course of the industrial preparation of isocyanates. It is additionally possible to use any desired mixtures of the abovementioned polyisocyanates.

Particular preference is given in general to the polyisocyanates which are readily obtainable industrially, for example 2,4- and 2,6-tolylene diisocyanate and any desired mixtures of these isomers ("TDI"), polyphenyl-polymethylene-polyisocyanates as prepared by aniline-formaldehyde condensation followed by phosgenization ("crude MDI"), and polyisocyanates containing carbodiimide, urethane, allophanate, isocyanurate, urea or biuret groups ("modified polyisocyanates").

The organic materials to be protected are preferably natural, semisynthetic or preferably synthetic polymers. Particular preference is given to thermoplastic polymers, especially polyolefins, in particular polyethylene and polypropylene or copolymers thereof with mono- and diolefins. Particular preference is given to a polyolefin fibre, especially an essentially phenol-free polyolefin fibre.

The term essentially phenol-free polyolefin fibre denotes that the amount of phenolic antioxidants is less than 0.02 % based on the weight of the polyolefin fibre to be stabilized. These small amounts of phenolic antioxidants are added by the polyolefin manufacturers during preparation in order to provide initial stabilization of the polyolefins.

Particular emphasis is to be placed on the action of the novel components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) against thermal and oxidative degradation, especially under thermal stress as occurs during the processing of thermoplastics. The novel components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) are therefore outstandingly suitable for use as in-process stabilizers.

The mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) is also suitable for stabilizing polyolefins which are in long-term contact with extracting media.

Component (b) is preferably added to the organic material to be stabilized in an amount of from 0.0005 to 5 %, in particular from 0.001 to 2 %, for example from 0.01 to 2 %, based on the weight of the organic material to be stabilized.

Components (c) and (d) are judiciously added to the organic material to be stabilized in an amount of from 0.01 to 10 %, for example from 0.01 to 5 %, preferably from 0.025 to 3 % and, in particular, from 0.025 to 1 %, based on the weight of the organic material to be stabilized.

In addition to components (a), (b), (c) and (d) the novel compositions may comprise further costabilizers (additives) such as, for example, the following:

1. Antioxidants

1.1. Alkylated monophenols, for example 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol, 2-butyl-4,6-dimethylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-ethylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-n-butylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-isobutylphenol, 2,6-dicyclopentyl-4-methylphenol, 2-(α -methylcyclohexyl)-4,6-dimethylphenol, 2,6-dioctadecyl-4-methylphenol, 2,4,6-tricyclohexylphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxymethylphenol, linear or sidechain-branched nonylphenols such as 2,6-di-nonyl-4-methylphenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methylundec-1'-yl)-phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methylheptadec-1'-yl)-phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-6-(1'-methyl-tridec-1'-yl)phenol and mixtures thereof.

1.2. Alkylthiomethylphenols, for example 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-tert-butylphenol, 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-methylphenol, 2,4-dioctylthiomethyl-6-ethylphenol, 2,6-didodecylthiomethyl-4-nonylphenol.

1.3. Hydroquinones and alkylated hydroquinones, for example 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxyphenol, 2,5-di-tert-butylhydroquinone, 2,5-di-tert-amylhydroquinone, 2,6-diphenyl-4-octadecyloxyphenol, 2,6-di-tert-butylhydroquinone, 2,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanisole, 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanisole, 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl stearate, bis (3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) adipate.

1.4 Tocopherols, for example α -tocopherol, β -tocopherol, γ -tocopherol, δ -tocopherol and mixtures thereof (vitamin E).

1.5. Hydroxylated thiodiphenyl ethers, for example 2,2'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-thiobis(4-octylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-3-methylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(6-tert-butyl-2-methylphenol), 4,4'-thiobis(3,6-di-sec-amylphenol), 4,4'-bis(2,6-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)disulfide.

1.6. Alkylidenebisphenols, for example 2,2'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-ethylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis[4-methyl-6-(α -methylcyclohexyl)phenol], 2,2'-methylenebis(4-methyl-6-cyclohexylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(6-nonyl-4-methylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 2,2'-ethylidenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 2,2'-ethylidenebis(6-tert-butyl-4-isobutylphenol), 2,2'-methylenebis[6-(α -methylbenzyl)-4-nonylphenol], 2,2'-methylenebis[6-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-4-nonylphenol], 4,4'-methylenebis(2,6-di-tert-butylphenol), 4,4'-methylenebis(6-tert-butyl-2-methylphenol), 1,1-bis(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)butane, 2,6-bis(3-tert-butyl-5-methyl-2-hydroxybenzyl)-4-methylphenol, 1,1,3-tris(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)butane, 1,1-bis(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-3-n-dodecylmercaptobutane, ethylene glycol bis[3,3-bis(3'-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxyphenyl)butyrate], bis(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)dicyclopentadiene, bis[2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylbenzyl)-6-tert-butyl-4-methylphenyl] terephthalate, 1,1-bis(3,5-dimethyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)butane, 2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)-4-n-dodecylmercaptobutane, 1,1,5,5-tetra-(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)pentane.

1.7. O-, N- and S-benzyl compounds, for example 3,5,3',5'-tetra-tert-butyl-4,4'-dihydroxydibenzyl ether, octadecyl 4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylbenzylmercaptoacetate, tridecyl 4-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzylmercaptoacetate, tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-amine, bis(4-tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl) dithioterephthalate, bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl) sulfide, isooctyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylmercaptoacetate.

1.8. Hydroxybenzylated malonates, for example dioctadecyl 2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-2-hydroxybenzyl)malonate, dioctadecyl 2-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylbenzyl)malonate,

didodecyl mercaptoethyl-2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate, di-[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl] 2,2-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)malonate.

1.9. Aromatic hydroxybenzyl compounds, for example 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene, 1,4-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbenzene, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)phenol.

1.10. Triazine compounds, for example 2,4-bis(octylmercapto-6-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanilino)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-octylmercapto-4,6-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyanilino)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-octylmercapto-4,6-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenoxy)-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenoxy)-1,2,3-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl) isocyanurate, 1,3,5-tris(4-tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl) isocyanurate, 2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylethyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hexahydro-1,3,5-triazine, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-dicyclohexyl-4-hydroxybenzyl) isocyanurate.

1.11. Benzylphosphonates, for example dimethyl 2,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, diethyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, dioctadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonate, dioctadecyl 5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-3-methylbenzylphosphonate, the calcium salt of the monoethyl ester of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylphosphonic acid.

1.12. Acylaminophenols, for example 4-hydroxylauranilide, 4-hydroxystearanilide, octyl N-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)carbamate.

1.13. Esters of β -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, n-octanol, i-octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl) isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxalamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.14. Esters of β -(5-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, n-octanol, i-octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl) isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)oxalamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.15. Esters of β -(3,5-dicyclohexyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl) isocyanurate, N,N'-bis(hydroxyethyl)-oxalamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.16. Esters of 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl acetic acid with mono- or polyhydric alcohols, e.g. with methanol, ethanol, octanol, octadecanol, 1,6-hexanediol, 1,9-nonanediol, ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, neopentyl glycol, thiodiethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, pentaerythritol, tris(hydroxyethyl) isocyanurate, N,N'-bis-(hydroxyethyl)-oxalamide, 3-thiaundecanol, 3-thiapentadecanol, trimethylhexanediol, trimethylolpropane, 4-hydroxymethyl-1-phospha-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane.

1.17. Amides of β -(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid e.g. N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hexamethylenediamide, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)trimethylenediamide, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionyl)hydrazide, N,N'-bis[2-(3-[3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl]propionyloxy)ethyl]-oxamide (Naugard® XL-1 from Uniroyal).

1.18. Ascorbic acid (vitamin C)

1.19. Aminic antioxidants, for example N,N'-diisopropyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-di-sec-butyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1,4-dimethyl-pentyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1-ethyl-3-methyl-pentyl)-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-bis(1-methyl-heptyl)-p-phenylenediamine,

N,N'-dicyclohexyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-diphenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N,N'-di-(naphthyl-2)-p-phenylenediamine, N-isopropyl-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-(1,3-dimethyl-butyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-(1-methyl-heptyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, N-cyclohexyl-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine, 4-(p-toluenesulfonamido)-diphenylamine, N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-di-sec-butyl-p-phenylenediamine, diphenylamine, N-allyldiphenylamine, 4-isopropoxydiphenylamine, N-phenyl-1-naphthylamine, N-(4-tert-octylphenyl)-1-naphthylamine, N-phenyl-2-naphthylamine, octylated diphenylamine, for example p,p'-di-tert-octyldiphenylamine, 4-n-butylaminophenol, 4-butyrylaminophenol, 4-nonanoylaminophenol, 4-dodecanoylaminophenol, 4-octadecanoylaminophenol, di-(4-methoxyphenyl)amine, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-dimethylaminomethylphenol, 2,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, 4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethane, N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-4,4'-diamino-diphenylmethane, 1,2-di[(2-methyl-phenyl)amino]ethane, 1,2-di(phenylamino)-propane, (o-tolyl)biguanide, di-[4-(1',3'-dimethylbutyl)phenyl]amine, tert-octylated N-phenyl-1-naphthylamine, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-butyl/tert-octyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated nonyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated dodecyldiphenylamines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated isopropyl/isoheptyldiphenylamines, mixtures of mono- and dialkylated tert-butyldiphenylamines, 2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-4H-1,4-benzothiazine, phenothiazine, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-butyl/tert-octyl-phenothiazines, a mixture of mono- and dialkylated tert-octyl-phenothiazines, N-allylphenothiazine, N,N,N',N'-tetraphenyl-1,4-diaminobut-2-ene, N,N-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)hexamethylenediamine, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl)sebacate, 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-one and 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-ol.

2. UV-absorbers and light stabilizers

2.1. 2-(2'-Hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazoles, for example 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl)-benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-sec-butyl-5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(2'-hydroxy-4'-octoxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3',5'-bis(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonyl]ethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-

5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-dodecyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole, 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-isooctyloxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole, 2,2'-methylenebis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-6-benzotriazol-2-ylphenol]; the transesterification product of 2-[3'-tert-butyl-5'-(2-methoxy-carbonylethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl]benzotriazole with polyethylene glycol

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benzotriazol-2-ylphenyl; 2-[2'-hydroxy-3'-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl]benzotriazole; 2-[2'-hydroxy-3'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-5'-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)phenyl]benzotriazole.

2.2. 2-Hydroxybenzophenones, for example the 4-hydroxy, 4-methoxy, 4-octoxy, 4-decyloxy, 4-dodecyloxy, 4-benzyloxy, 4,2',4'-trihydroxy and 2'-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy derivative.

2.3. Esters of substituted or unsubstituted benzoic acids, for example 4-tert-butyl-phenyl salicylate, phenyl salicylate, octylphenyl salicylate, dibenzoylresorcinol, bis(4-tert-butylbenzoyl)resorcinol, benzoylresorcinol, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, hexadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, octadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate, 2-methyl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate.

2.4. Acrylates, for example ethyl α -cyano- β,β -diphenylacrylate or isooctyl α -cyano- β,β -diphenylacrylate, methyl α -carbomethoxycinnamate, methyl α -cyano- β -methyl-p-methoxycinnamate or butyl α -cyano- β -methyl-p-methoxycinnamate, methyl α -carbomethoxy-p-methoxycinnamate and N-(β -carbomethoxy- β -cyanovinyl)-2-methylindoline.

2.5. Nickel compounds, for example nickel complexes of 2,2'-thiobis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol], such as the 1:1 or 1:2 complex, with or without additional ligands such as n-butylamine, triethanolamine or N-cyclohexyldiethanolamine, nickel dibutyldithiocarbamate, nickel salts of monoalkyl esters, such as of the methyl or ethyl ester,

of 4-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzylphosphonic acid, nickel complexes of ketoximes, e.g. of 2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl undecyl ketoxime, nickel complexes of 1-phenyl-4-lauroyl-5-hydroxypyrazole, with or without additional ligands.

2.6. Sterically hindered amines, for example bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) succinate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl) n-butyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylmalonate, the condensate of 1-hydroxyethyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine and succinic acid, the linear or cyclic condensates of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-tert-octylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-s-triazine, tris(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl) nitrilotriacetate, tetrakis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl) 1,2,3,4-butanetetraoate, 1,1'-(1,2-ethanediyl)bis(3,3,5,5-tetramethylpiperazinone), 4-benzoyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, 4-stearyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-2-n-butyl-2-(2-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzyl) malonate, 3-n-octyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl) sebacate, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl) succinate, the linear or cyclic condensates of N,N'-bis-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-morpholino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, the condensate of 2-chloro-4,6-di(4-n-butylamino-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane, the condensate of 2-chloro-4,6-di-(4-n-butylamino-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis-(3-aminopropylamino)ethane, 8-acetyl-3-dodecyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione, 3-dodecyl-1-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione, 3-dodecyl-1-(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione, a mixture of 4-hexadecyloxy- and 4-stearyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, the condensate of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-hexamethylenediamine and 4-cyclohexylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, the condensate of 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane and 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine and also 4-butylamino-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (CAS Reg. No. [136504-96-6]); N-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-n-dodecylsuccinimide, N-(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)-n-dodecylsuccinimide, 2-undecyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxospiro[4.5]decane, the reaction product of 7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-2-cycloundecyl-1-oxa-3,8-diaza-4-oxospiro[4.5]decane and epichlorohydrin, 1,1-bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyloxycarbonyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethene, N,N'-bisformyl-N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-hexamethylenediamine, the diester of 4-methoxymethylenemalonic

acid with 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine, poly[methylpropyl-3-oxy-4-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)]siloxane, the reaction product of maleic anhydride- α -olefin copolymer and 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-aminopiperidine or 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-aminopiperidine.

2.7. Oxaldiamides, for example 4,4'-dioctyloxyoxanilide, 2,2'-diethoxy-oxanilide, 2,2'-dioctyloxy-5,5'-di-tert-butoxanilide, 2,2'-didodecyloxy-5,5'-di-tert-butyloxanilide, 2-ethoxy-2'-ethyloxanilide, N,N'-bis(3-dimethylaminopropyl)oxalamide, 2-ethoxy-5-tert-butyl-2'-ethyloxanilide and its mixture with 2-ethoxy-2'-ethyl-5,4'-di-tert-butoxanilide and mixtures of o- and p-methoxy and of o- and p-ethoxy-disubstituted oxanilides.

2.8. 2-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazines, for example 2,4,6-tris(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4-bis(2-hydroxy-4-propyloxyphenyl)-6-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(4-methylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-dodecyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-tridecyloxyphenyl)-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-butyloxypropyloxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-octyloxypropyloxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[4-(dodecyloxy/tridecyloxy-2-hydroxypropoxy)-2-hydroxyphenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-[2-hydroxy-4-(2-hydroxy-3-dodecyloxy-propoxy)phenyl]-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-hexyloxy)phenyl-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2,4,6-tris[2-hydroxy-4-(3-butoxy-2-hydroxy-propoxy)phenyl]-1,3,5-triazine, 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine, 2-{2-hydroxy-4-[3-(2-ethylhexyl-1-oxy)-2-hydroxypropyloxy]phenyl}-4,6-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3,5-triazine.

3. Metal deactivators, for example, N,N'-diphenyloxalamide, N-salicylal-N'-salicyloyl hydrazine, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)hydrazine, N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl-propionyl)hydrazine, 3-salicyloylamino-1,2,4-triazole, bis(benzylidene)oxalyl dihydrazide, oxanilide, isophthaloyl dihydrazide, sebacoyl bisphenylhydrazide, N,N'-diacetyladi-poyl dihydrazide, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)oxalyl dihydrazide, N,N'-bis(salicyloyl)thiopropionyl dihydrazide.

4. Phosphites and phosphonites, for example triphenyl phosphite, diphenyl alkyl phosphites, phenyl dialkyl phosphites, tris(nonylphenyl) phosphite, trilauryl phosphite, trioctadecyl phosphite, distearyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite, diisodecyl pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite, bisisodecyloxypentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite, bis(2,4,6-tri-tert-butylphenyl)pentaerythritol diphosphite, tristearyl sorbitol triphosphite, tetrakis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) 4,4'-biphenylene diphosphonite, 6-isooctyloxy-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12H-dibenzo[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin, 6-fluoro-2,4,8,10-tetra-tert-butyl-12-methyl-dibenzo[d,g]-1,3,2-dioxaphosphocin, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) methyl phosphite, bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl) ethyl phosphite, 2,2',2''-nitrilo[triethyl-tris-(3,3',5,5''tetra-tert-butyl-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phosphite], 2-ethylhexyl-(3,3',5,5'-tetra-tert-butyl-1,1'-biphenyl-2,2'-diyl)phosphite.

5. Hydroxylamines, for example N,N-dibenzylhydroxylamine, N,N-diethylhydroxylamine, N,N-dioctylhydroxylamine, N,N-dilaurylhydroxylamine, N,N-ditetradecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dihexadecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dioctadecylhydroxylamine, N-hexadecyl-N-octadecylhydroxylamine, N-heptadecyl-N-octadecylhydroxylamine, N,N-dialkylhydroxylamine from hydrogenated tallow fatty amines.

6. Nitrones, for example N-benzyl alpha-phenyl nitrone, N-ethyl alpha-methyl nitrone, N-octyl alpha-heptyl nitrone, N-lauryl alpha-undecyl nitrone, N-tetradecyl alpha-tridecyl nitrone, N-hexadecyl alpha-pentadecyl nitrone, N-octadecyl alpha-heptadecyl nitrone, N-hexadecyl alpha-heptadecyl nitrone, N-octadecyl alpha-pentadecyl nitrone, N-heptadecyl alpha-heptadecyl nitrone, N-octadecyl alpha-hexadecyl-nitrone, and nitrones derived from N,N-dialkylhydroxylamines prepared from hydrogenated tallow fatty amines.

7. Thiosynergists, for example dilauryl thiodipropionate or distearyl thiodipropionate.

8. Peroxide scavengers, for example esters of β -thiodipropionic acid, for example the lauryl, stearyl, myristyl or tridecyl esters, mercaptobenzimidazole, the zinc salt of

2-mercaptobenzimidazole, zinc dibutyldithiocarbamate, dioctadecyl disulfide, pentaerythritol tetrakis(β -dodecylmercapto)propionate.

9. Polyamide stabilizers, for example copper salts in combination with iodides and/or phosphorus compounds and salts of divalent manganese.

10. Basic co-stabilizers, for example melamine, polyvinylpyrrolidone, dicyandiamide, triallyl cyanurate, urea derivatives, hydrazine derivatives, amines, polyamides, polyurethanes, alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of higher fatty acids, for example calcium stearate, zinc stearate, magnesium behenate, magnesium stearate, sodium ricinoleate, potassium palmitate, antimony pyrocatecholate or zinc pyrocatecholate.

11. Nucleating agents, for example inorganic substances, such as talc, metal oxides such as titanium dioxide or magnesium oxide, phosphates, carbonates or sulfates of, preferably, alkaline earth metals; organic compounds such as mono- or polycarboxylic acids and their salts, such as 4-tert-butylbenzoic acid, adipic acid, diphenyl acetic acid, sodium succinate or sodium benzoate; and polymeric compounds, for example ionic copolymers (ionomers).

12. Fillers and reinforcing agents, for example calcium carbonate, silicates, glass fibres, glass beads, talc, kaolin, mica, barium sulfate, metal oxides and hydroxides, carbon black, graphite, wood flour and flours or fibres of other natural products, and synthetic fibres.

13. Other additives, for example plasticizers, lubricants, emulsifiers, pigments, rheological additives, catalysts, levelling assistants, optical brighteners, flameproofing agents, antistatic agents, blowing agents.

The costabilizers are added, for example, in concentrations of from 0.01 to 10 %, based on the overall weight of the organic material to be stabilized.

The fillers and reinforcing agents (item 12 in the list), for example talc, calcium carbonate, mica or kaolin, are added to the polyolefins in concentrations, for example, of from 0.01 to 40 %, based on the overall weight of the polyolefins to be stabilized.

The fillers and reinforcing agents (item 12 in the list), for example metal hydroxides, especially aluminium hydroxide or magnesium hydroxide, are added to the polyolefins in

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concentrations, for example, of from 0.01 to 60 %, based on the overall weight of the polyolefins to be stabilized.

Carbon black as filler is added to the polyolefins in concentrations, judiciously, of from 0.01 to 5 %, based on the overall weight of the polyolefins to be stabilized.

Glass fibers as reinforcing agents are added to the polyolefins in concentrations, judiciously, of from 0.01 to 20 %, based on the overall weight of the polyolefins to be stabilized.

Further preferred compositions comprise in addition to components (a) to (d) further additives as well, especially alkaline earth metal salts of higher fatty acids, for example calcium stearate.

As a conventional stabilizer combination for processing polymeric organic materials, for example polyolefins, to form corresponding mouldings, the combination of a phenolic antioxidant with a secondary antioxidant based on an organic phosphite or phosphonite is recommended. Depending on the particular substrate and process, however, many polyolefin processors are forced to operate processes in the high-temperature region above about 280°C. By virtue of the incorporation of a novel processing stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d), which is specially suitable for high-temperature applications, in particular in the temperature range above 300°C, industrial materials and mouldings, based for instance on high-density polyethylene, for example pipes and their technical variants (fittings), can be produced at a greater rate and with fewer rejects. Another advantage of this stabilizer mixture is that it can be employed in very small amounts. This leads to a reduction in the overall concentration of antioxidant relative to conventional stabilizer mixtures. Thus the use of a low concentration of a stabilizer of the benzofuran-2-one type [component (b)] allows a reduction in the overall concentration of stabilizer by about a third in polyolefins, for example, which simultaneously represent an economic advantage.

The incorporation of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d), and further additives if desired, into the polymeric, organic material is carried out by known methods, for example prior to or during shaping or else by applying the dissolved or dispersed stabilizer mixture to

the polymeric organic material, with or without subsequent evaporation of the solvent. The stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) with or without further additives, can also be added in the form of a master batch, which contains these components in a concentration, for example, of from 2.5 to 25 % by weight, to the materials that are to be stabilized.

The stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d), with or without further additives, can also be added before or during polymerization or prior to crosslinking.

The stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d), with or without further additives, can be incorporated in pure form or encapsulated in waxes, oils or polymers into the organic material that is to be stabilized.

The stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d), with or without further additives, can also be sprayed onto the polymer that is to be stabilized. It is able to dilute other additives (for example the conventional additives indicated above) or their melts so that they too can be sprayed together with these additives onto the polymer that is to be stabilized. Addition by spraying on during the deactivation of the polymerization catalysts is particularly advantageous, it being possible to carry out spraying using, for example, the steam used for deactivation.

In the case of spherically polymerized polyolefins it may, for example, be advantageous to apply the stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d), with or without other additives, by spraying.

The materials stabilized in this way can be employed in a wide variety of forms, for example as films, fibres, tapes, moulding compositions, as profiles or as binders for coating materials, especially powder coatings, adhesives or putties.

The polyolefins stabilized in this way can likewise be employed in a wide variety of forms, especially as thick-layer polyolefin mouldings which are in long-term contact with extractive media, such as, for example, pipes for liquids or gases, films, fibres, geomembranes, tapes, profiles or tanks.

The preferred thick-layer polyolefin mouldings have a layer thickness of from 1 to 50 mm, in particular from 1 to 30 mm, for example from 2 to 10 mm.

As already mentioned, the organic materials to be protected are preferably organic, especially synthetic, polymers. In this context, thermoplastic materials are protected with particular advantage. Attention should be drawn above all in this context to the outstanding activity of the novel stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) as in-process stabilizers (heat stabilizers). For this purpose they are advantageously added to the polymer prior to or during its processing. However, other polymers too (for example elastomers) or lubricants or hydraulic fluids can be stabilized against degradation, for example light-induced or thermooxidative degradation. Elastomers can be taken from the above listing of possible organic materials.

The lubricants and hydraulic fluids in question are based, for example, on mineral oils or synthetic oils or on mixtures thereof. The lubricants are familiar to the skilled worker and are described in the relevant technical literature, for example in Dieter Klamann, "Schmierstoffe und verwandte Produkte" (Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, 1982), in Schewe-Kobek, "Das Schmiermittel-Taschenbuch" (Dr. Alfred Hüthig-Verlag, Heidelberg, 1974) and in "Ullmanns Enzyklopädie der technischen Chemie", Vol.13, pages 85-94 (Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, 1977).

A preferred embodiment of the present invention is therefore the use of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) as stabilizers, especially in-process stabilizers (thermal stabilizers), for organic materials, especially thermoplastic polymers, against oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation.

The present invention also relates to a stabilizer mixture comprising (i) at least one compound of the benzofuran-2-one type and (ii) at least one compound from the group of the sterically hindered amines.

The present invention likewise relates to a stabilizer mixture comprising (i) at least one compound of the benzofuran-2-one type, (ii) at least one compound from the group of the

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sterically hindered amines, and (iii) at least one compound from the group of the organic phosphites or phosphonites.

Preference is also given to stabilizer mixtures in which the weight ratio of the components (i) : (ii) is from 100 : 1 to 0.01 : 100, in particular from 5 : 1 to 0.01 : 10.

Preference is likewise given to stabilizer mixtures in which the weight ratio of the components (i) : (ii) : (iii) is from 100 : 1 : 0.01 to 0.01 : 1 : 100, in particular from 5 : 1 : 0.1 to 0.01 : 1 : 10.

The novel stabilizer mixtures of components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) feature excellent stability to hydrolysis and advantageous colour behaviour, i.e. little discoloration of the organic materials during processing.

Organic materials which are stabilized with the components of the present invention are particularly well protected against light-induced degradation.

The present invention also relates to a process for stabilizing an organic material against oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation, which comprises incorporating in or applying to said material at least one each of components (b) and (c) or of components (b), (c) and (d).

Preference is given to a process for stabilizing polyolefins that are in long-term contact with extractive media, where the polyolefins are thick-layer polyolefin mouldings and have a layer thickness of from 1 to 50 mm, in particular from 1 to 30 mm, for example from 2 to 10 mm, which comprises incorporating in or applying to said polyolefins at least one each of components (b) and (c) or of (b), (c) and (d).

Also of particular interest is a process for stabilizing thick-layer polyolefin mouldings that are in long-term contact with extractive media, wherein the thick-layer polyolefin mouldings are pipes or geomembranes, which comprises incorporating in or applying to said mouldings at least one each of components (b) and (c) or of (b), (c) and (d).

The term geomembranes refers to films which are employed, for example, in landfill sites and are required to have a service life of up to 300 years.

Extractive media are, for example, liquid or gaseous inorganic or organic materials.

Examples of gaseous inorganic materials are oxygen; nitrogen; oxides of nitrogen; for example NO, laughing gas or NO₂; oxides of sulfur, for example sulfur dioxide; halogens, for example fluorine or chlorine; Brönstedt acids, for example hydrofluoric acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, hydroiodic acid or hydrocyanic acid; or bases, for example ammonia.

Examples of gaseous organic materials are C₁-C₄alkanes, for example methane, ethane, propane or butane; carbon monoxide; carbon dioxide; or phosgene.

Examples of liquid inorganic materials are water, chlorinated drinking water or aqueous salt solutions, for example sodium chloride solution (brine) or sodium sulfate solution; bromine; acid halides, e.g. titanium tetrachloride, thionyl chloride, nitrosyl chloride or trimethylsilyl chloride; alkalis, for example aqueous sodium hydroxide (NaOH), aqueous potassium hydroxide (KOH), aqueous ammonia solution, aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution or aqueous sodium carbonate solution.

Examples of liquid organic materials are organic solvents or liquid organic reagents.

Examples of organic solvents are aliphatic hydrocarbons, for example pentane, hexane, heptane, octane, petroleum spirit, nonane or decane; alcohols, for example methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, butanol, pentanol, amyl alcohol, cyclohexanol, pentaerythritol, ethylene glycol, ethylene diglycol, methylcellosolve, polyethylene glycol or glycerol; ketones, for example acetone, diethyl ketone, methyl ethyl ketone, diphenyl ketone or cyclohexanone; ethers, for example diethyl ether, dibutyl ether, tetrahydrofuran or dioxane; aromatic hydrocarbons, for example benzene, toluene or xylene; heterocyclic solvents, for example furan, pyridine, 2,6-lutidine or thiophene; dipolar aprotic solvents, for example dimethylformamide, diethylacetamide or acetonitrile; or surfactants.

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For the purposes of the present invention, extractive media are also mixtures and solutions, especially aqueous mixtures, emulsions or solutions, of liquid or gaseous inorganic and organic materials as listed above.

Of particular interest are those extractive media which are important in the chemical industry or in landfill sites.

A preferred embodiment of the present invention is therefore also the use of a stabilizer mixture of components (b) and (c) or of (b), (c) and (d), with or without further additives, for improving the stability of polyolefins that are in long-term contact with extractive media.

The preferred components (b) and (c) or (b), (c) and (d) for use as stabilizers, the process for stabilizing and the stabilizer mixture, are the same as those described for the compositions with an organic material.

The examples which follow illustrate the invention in more detail. Parts and percentages are by weight.

Example 1: Stabilizing polypropylene fibres processed at 250°C.

2.0 kg of polypropylene powder (B 10 FB[®] from Polychim S.A., France), which has a melt index of 12.0 g/dmin measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C and 2.16 kg, is homogenized with 0.05 % of calcium stearate and with the stabilizers indicated in Tables 1 and 2 for 2 minutes in a high-speed mixer. This mixture is extruded at 60 revolutions per minute in an extruder having a barrel diameter of 20 mm and a length of 400 mm, the three heating zones being set at the following temperatures: 200, 220 and 220°C. The extrudate is passed through a water bath for cooling and then granulated. These granules are processed to give a multifilament fibre. This is done using a single-screw extruder with a melt pump and a 37-hole spinning head. The maximum processing temperature is 250°C.

A portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is pressed for 6 minutes at 230°C to form a sheet with a thickness of 2 mm. The melt index (MFI, melt flow index) of this sheet is measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C and 2.16 kg. A large increase in the melt

index denotes severe chain degradation and thus poor stabilization. The results are compiled in Table 1.

Another portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is treated with a lubricant (Limanol®P 25, Schill und Seilacher, Böblingen, Germany) and subjected to preliminary drawing. This preliminary drawing leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 416 g/90 m. This means that a fibre strand 90 m in length has a weight of 416 g. In a further operation, this fibre strand is again drawn at 120°C by a factor of 3.2 using a drawing apparatus. This leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 130 g/90 m.

A portion of this fibre strand is used to produce a knitted tube. The yellowness index (YI_1) of this knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_1 values denote little discoloration, high YI_1 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Table 1. This knitted tube is exposed in the presence of from 4 to 6 ppm nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) at 40°C and 87 % relative atmospheric humidity for 48 hours in accordance with AATCC 164. The yellowness index (YI_2) of this exposed knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_2 values denote little discoloration, high YI_2 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Table 1.

Another portion of the fibre strand is used to carry out an oven ageing test at 100°C. In this test, a measurement is made, in days, of the time taken for the fibre strand to tear under the test conditions. The longer the period before tearing of the fibre strand, the better the stabilization. The results are compiled in Table 2.

Another portion of the unstretched fibre is pressed for 6 minutes at 230°C to form a thin film with a thickness of 0.10 mm. This film is subjected to a Xenon test in accordance with DIN 53387. In this test, the film is exposed in a Xenon 1200 weathering apparatus until a carbonyl index of 0.25 is observed in the wavelength range from 1760 to 1680 cm^{-1} . The larger the number, the better the stabilization. The results are compiled in Table 2.

Table 1:

Example	Stabilizers	YI ₁ after spinning	YI ₂ after NO ₂ exposure	MFI after spinning
1a ^{a)}	—	-0.5	0.8	73.0
1b ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)}	-0.6	2.7	18.7
1c ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)}	-0.2	4.2	17.7
1d ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	-0.7	3.4	19.6
1e ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.05 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	-0.9	1.0	15.9
1f ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.05 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	-0.5	1.3	15.6
1g ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.05 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	-0.2	2.0	15.2
1h ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.05 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	-0.5	2.4	15.5
1i ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.05 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	-0.6	2.4	15.7
1j ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.05 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	-0.2	2.5	16.2
1k ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.05 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	-0.4	1.8	15.5
1l ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.05 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	-0.4	1.4	16.3

Footnotes a) to i) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Table 2:

Example	Stabilizers	Oven ageing (days)	Xenon test (hours)
1a ^{a)}	—	1	230
1b ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)}	11	1580
1c ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)}	12	1275
1d ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	12	1630
1e ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.05 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	10	1460
1f ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.05 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	10	1090
1g ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.05 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	11	1560
1h ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.05 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	12	1210
1i ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.05 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	14	1260
1j ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.05 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	13	1830
1k ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.05 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	12	1430
1l ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.05 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.05 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	13	1760

Footnotes a) to i) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Example 2: Stabilizing polypropylene fibres processed at 300°C.

2.0 kg of polypropylene powder (B 10 FB® from Polychim S.A., France), which has a melt index of 12.0 g/dmin measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C under 2.16 kg, is homogenized with 0.05 % of calcium stearate and with the stabilizers indicated in Tables 3 and 4 for 2 minutes in a high-speed mixer. This mixture is extruded at 60 revolutions per minute in an extruder having a barrel diameter of 20 mm and a length of 400 mm, the three heating zones being set at the following temperatures: 200, 220 and 220°C. The extrudate is passed through a water bath for cooling and then granulated. These granules are processed to give a multifilament fibre. This is done using a single-screw extruder with a melt pump and a 37-hole spinning head. The maximum processing temperature is 300°C.

A portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is pressed for 6 minutes at 230°C to form a sheet with a thickness of 2 mm. The melt index (MFI, melt flow index) of this sheet is measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C and 2.16 kg. A large increase in the melt index denotes severe chain degradation and thus poor stabilization. The results are compiled in Table 3.

Another portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is treated with a lubricant (Limanol®P 25, Schill und Seilacher, Böblingen, Germany) and subjected to preliminary drawing. This preliminary drawing leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 416 g/90 m. This means that a fibre strand 90 m in length has a weight of 416 g. In a further operation, this fibre strand is again drawn at 120°C by a factor of 3.2 using a drawing apparatus. This leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 130 g/90 m.

A portion of this fibre strand is used to produce a knitted tube. The yellowness index (YI_1) of this knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_1 values denote little discoloration, high YI_1 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Table 3. This knitted tube is exposed in the presence of from 4 to 6 ppm nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) at 40°C and 87 % relative atmospheric humidity for 48 hours in accordance with AATCC 164. The yellowness index (YI_2) of this exposed knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_2 values denote little discoloration, high YI_2 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Table 3.

Another portion of the fibre strand is used to carry out an oven ageing test at 100°C. In this test, a measurement is made, in days, of the time taken for the fibre strand to tear under the test conditions. The longer the period before tearing of the fibre strand, the better the stabilization. The results are compiled in Table 4.

Another portion of the unstretched fibre is pressed for 6 minutes at 230°C to form a thin film with a thickness of 0.10 mm. This film is subjected to a Xenon test in accordance with DIN 53387. In this test, the film is exposed in a Xenon 1200 weathering apparatus until a carbonyl index of 0.25 is observed in the wavelength range from 1760 to 1680 cm^{-1} . The larger the number, the better the stabilization. The results are compiled in Table 4.

Table 3:

Example	Stabilizers	YI ₁ after spinning	YI ₂ after NO ₂ exposure	MFI after spinning
2a ^{a)}	—	0.2	1.2	112.0
2b ^{b)}	0.100 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)}	1.2	4.6	34.7
2c ^{b)}	0.100 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)}	1.6	5.4	31.7
2d ^{b)}	0.100 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	0.5	4.1	31.9
2e ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.075 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	0.7	4.7	34.3
2f ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.075 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	1.1	4.8	32.9
2g ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Tinuvin®622 ^{d)} 0.075 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	1.4	4.1	29.6
2h ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.075 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	1.5	6.6	38.5
2i ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.075 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	1.4	4.9	32.1
2j ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.075 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	1.7	4.4	31.6
2k ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.075 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	1.4	4.6	33.9
2l ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.075 % Irgafos®12 ^{h)}	1.3	4.8	29.5
2m ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.075 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	0.9	4.9	28.5

Footnotes a) to i) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Table 4:

Example	Stabilizers	Oven ageing (days)	Xenon test (hours)
2a ^{a)}	—	1	190
2c ^{b)}	0.100 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)}	39	1330
2d ^{b)}	0.100 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	37	1590
2h ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.075 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	39	1300
2j ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)} 0.075 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	39	1230
2k ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.075 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	37	1650
2m ^{b)}	0.075 % Compound (101) ^{c)} 0.050 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.075 % Irgafos®38 ⁱ⁾	37	1720

Footnotes a) to i) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Example 3: Stabilizing polypropylene fibres processed at 300°C.

2.0 kg of polypropylene powder (Moplen® FL F 20 from Himont, Italy), which has a melt index of 10.4 g/dmin measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C under 2.16 kg, is homogenized with 0.05 % of calcium stearate, 0.03 % of DHT 4 A® (Kyowa Chemical Industry Co. Ltd., $[\text{Mg}_{4.5}\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_{13}\text{CO}_3 \cdot 3.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}]$) and with the stabilizers indicated in Tables 5 and 6 for 2 minutes in a high-speed mixer. This mixture is extruded at 60 revolutions per minute in an extruder having a barrel diameter of 20 mm and a length of 400 mm, the three heating zones being set at the following temperatures: 200, 220 and 220°C. The extrudate is passed through a water bath for cooling and then granulated. These granules are processed to give a multifilament fibre. This is done using a single-screw extruder with a melt pump and a 37-hole spinning head. The maximum processing temperature is 300°C.

A portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is pressed for 6 minutes at 230°C to form a sheet with a thickness of 2 mm. The melt index (MFI, melt flow index) of this sheet is measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C and 2.16 kg. A large increase in the melt index denotes severe chain degradation and thus poor stabilization. The results are compiled in Tables 5 and 6.

Another portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is treated with a lubricant (Limanol®P 25, Schill und Seilacher, Böblingen, Germany) and subjected to preliminary drawing. This preliminary drawing leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 416 g/90 m. This means that a fibre strand 90 m in length has a weight of 416 g. In a further operation, this fibre strand is again drawn at 120°C by a factor of 3.2 using a drawing apparatus. This leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 130 g/90 m. This fibre strand is used to produce a knitted tube. The yellowness index (YI_1) of this knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_1 values denote little discoloration, high YI_1 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Tables 5 and 6. This knitted tube is exposed in the presence of from 4 to 6 ppm nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) at 40°C and 87 % relative atmospheric humidity for 48 hours in accordance with AATCC 164. The yellowness index (YI_2) of this exposed knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_2 values denote little discoloration, high YI_2 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Tables 5 and 6.

Table 5:

Example	Stabilizers	YI_1 after spinning	YI_2 after NO_2 exposure	MFI after spinning
3a ^{a)}	—	1.8	3.2	118.0
3b ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.20 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)}	5.6	12.4	24.9
3c ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (103) ^{l)} 0.20 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)}	11.6	13.3	22.4
3d ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (104) ^{m)} 0.20 % Chimassorb®944 ^{e)}	6.6	13.2	34.6

Footnotes a) to m) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Table 6:

Example	Stabilizers	YI ₁ after spinning	YI ₂ after NO ₂ exposure	MFI after spinning
3a ^{a)}	—	1.2	3.0	113.0
3e ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.20 % Chimassorb®119 ^{l)}	4.6	9.8	23.9
3f ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (103) ^{l)} 0.20 % Chimassorb®119 ^{l)}	5.1	6.5	22.1
3g ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (104) ^{m)} 0.20 % Chimassorb®119 ^{l)}	4.2	9.1	31.5

Footnotes a) to m) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Example 4: Stabilizing polypropylene fibres processed at 290°C.

2.0 kg of polypropylene powder (Moplen® FL F 20 from Himont, Italy), which has a melt index of 10.4 g/dmin measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C under 2.16 kg, is homogenized with 0.05 % of calcium stearate and with the stabilizers indicated in Tables 7 and 8 for 2 minutes in a high-speed mixer. This mixture is extruded at 60 revolutions per minute in an extruder having a barrel diameter of 20 mm and a length of 400 mm, the three heating zones being set at the following temperatures: 200, 220 and 220°C. The extrudate is passed through a water bath for cooling and then granulated. These granules are processed to give a multifilament fibre. This is done using a single-screw extruder with a melt pump and a 37-hole spinning head. The maximum processing temperature is 290°C.

A portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is pressed for 6 minutes at 230°C to form a sheet with a thickness of 2 mm. The melt index (MFI, melt flow index) of this sheet is measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C and 2.16 kg. A large increase in the melt index denotes severe chain degradation and thus poor stabilization. The results are compiled in Tables 7 and 8.

Another portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is treated with a lubricant (Limanol®P 25, Schill und Seilacher, Böblingen, Germany) and subjected to preliminary drawing. This

preliminary drawing leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 416 g/90 m. This means that a fibre strand 90 m in length has a weight of 416 g. In a further operation, this fibre strand is again drawn at 120°C by a factor of 3.2 using a drawing apparatus. This leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 130 g/90 m. This fibre strand is used to produce a knitted tube. The yellowness index (YI_1) of this knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_1 values denote little discoloration, high YI_1 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Tables 7 and 8. This knitted tube is exposed in the presence of from 4 to 6 ppm nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) at 40°C and 87 % relative atmospheric humidity for 48 hours in accordance with AATCC 164. The yellowness index (YI_2) of this exposed knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_2 values denote little discoloration, high YI_2 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Tables 7 and 8.

Table 7:

Example	Stabilizers	YI_1 after spinning	YI_2 after NO_2 exposure	MFI after spinning
4a ^{a)}	—	1.7	2.8	123.0
4b ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	6.8	7.3	48.9
4c ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (106) ^{o)} 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	4.8	8.9	50.1
4d ^{b)}	0.015 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	3.7	8.2	51.7
4e ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	5.2	8.9	44.2
4f ^{b)}	0.100 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	5.9	10.5	38.8
4g ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (107) ^{p)} 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	4.9	9.9	45.8
4h ^{b)}	0.015 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)} 0.085 % Irgafos [®] 168 ^{g)}	4.5	7.2	51.3
4i ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)} 0.050 % Irgafos [®] 168 ^{g)}	5.7	8.7	45.8

Footnotes a) to p) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Table 8:

Example	Stabilizers	YI ₁ after spinning	YI ₂ after NO ₂ exposure	MFI after spinning
4a ^{a)}	—	1.8	3.1	119.0
4j ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	3.4	6.3	43.3
4k ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (106) ^{o)} 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	3.0	6.6	44.8
4l ^{b)}	0.015 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	3.5	6.6	53.8
4m ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	2.9	7.3	47.0
4n ^{b)}	0.100 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	4.2	8.8	31.6
4o ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (107) ^{p)} 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)}	3.0	7.0	42.0
4p ^{b)}	0.015 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.085 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	2.9	6.8	46.0
4q ^{b)}	0.050 % Compound (102) ^{k)} 0.300 % Chimassorb®119 ^{f)} 0.050 % Irgafos®168 ^{g)}	3.1	7.7	44.9

Footnotes a) to p) are given after Table 9 (Example 5).

Example 5: Stabilizing polypropylene fibres processed at 270°C.

2.0 kg of polypropylene powder (Profax® 6301 from Himont, Canada), which has a melt index of 10.4 g/dmin measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C under 2.16 kg, is homogenized with 0.05 % of calcium stearate, 0.03 % of DHT 4A® (Kyowa Chemical Industry Co. Ltd., [Mg_{4.5}Al₂(OH)₁₃CO₃ • 3.5 H₂O]) and with the stabilizers indicated in Table 9 for 2 minutes in a high-speed mixer. This mixture is extruded at 60 revolutions per minute in an extruder having a barrel diameter of 20 mm and a length of 400 mm, the three heating zones being set at the following temperatures: 200, 220 and 220°C. The extrudate is passed through a water bath for cooling and then granulated. These granules are processed to give a multifilament fibre. This is done using a single-screw extruder with a melt pump and a 37-hole spinning head. The maximum processing temperature is 270°C.

A portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is pressed for 6 minutes at 230°C to form a sheet with a thickness of 2 mm. The melt index (MFI, melt flow index) of this sheet is measured in accordance with DIN 53735 at 230°C and 2.16 kg. A large increase in the melt index denotes severe chain degradation and thus poor stabilization. The results are compiled in Table 9.

Another portion of the unstretched fibre thus obtained is treated with a lubricant (Limanol®P 25, Schill und Seilacher, Böblingen, Germany) and subjected to preliminary drawing. This preliminary drawing leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 416 g/90 m. This means that a fibre strand 90 m in length has a weight of 416 g. In a further operation, this fibre strand is again drawn at 120°C by a factor of 3.2 using a drawing apparatus. This leads to a fibre strand having a linear density of 130 g/90 m. This fibre strand is used to produce a knitted tube. The yellowness index (YI_1) of this knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_1 values denote little discoloration, high YI_1 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Table 9. This knitted tube is exposed in the presence of from 4 to 6 ppm nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) at 40°C and 87 % relative atmospheric humidity for 48 hours in accordance with AATCC 164. The yellowness index (YI_2) of this exposed knitted tube is determined in accordance with ASTM D 1925-77. Low YI_2 values denote little discoloration, high YI_2 values severe discoloration of the samples. The results are compiled in Table 9.

Tabelle 9:

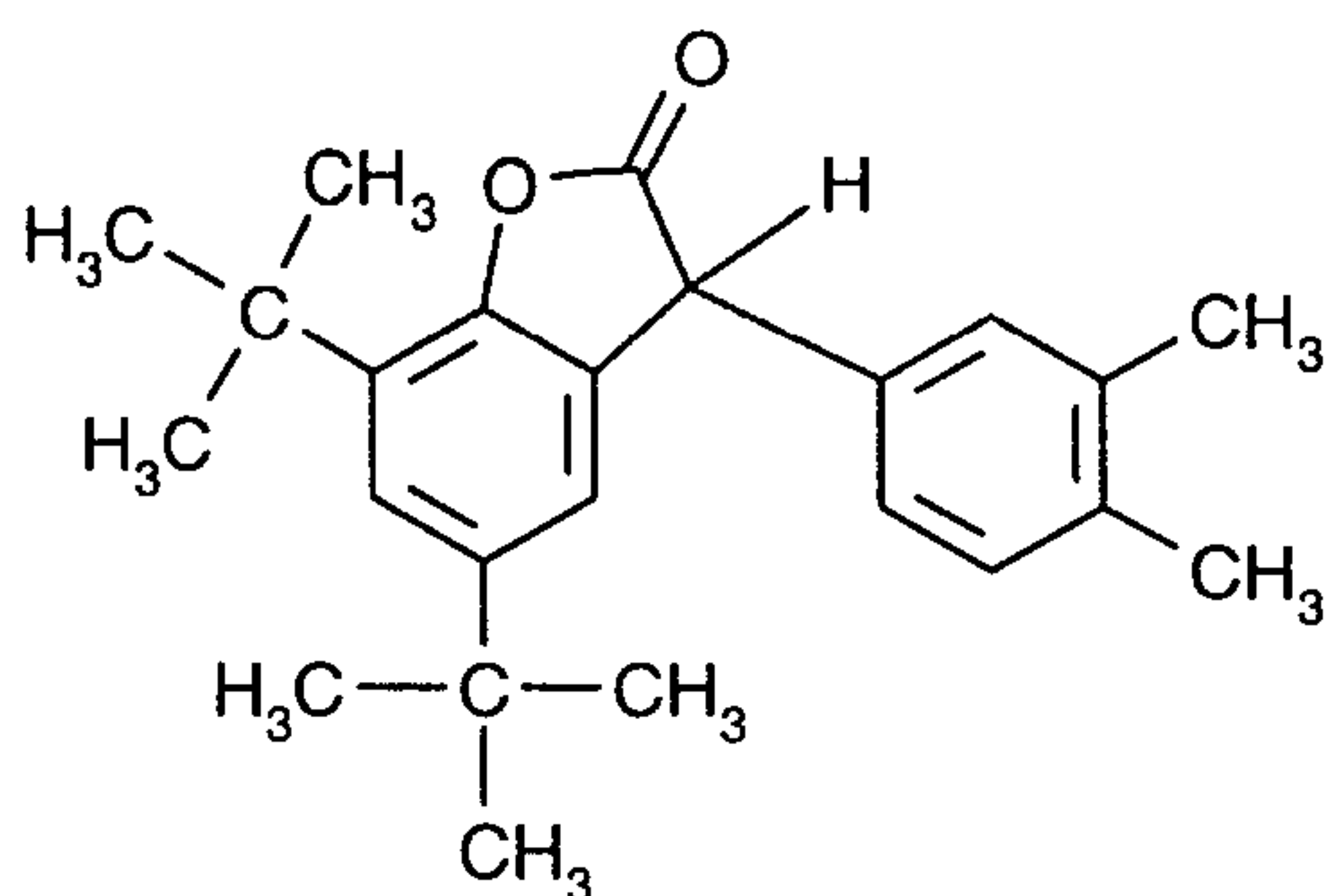
Example	Stabilizers	YI ₁ after spinning	YI ₂ after NO ₂ exposure	MFI after spinning
5a ^{a)}	—	1.3	2.9	71.0
5b ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	2.9	9.6	25.6
5c ^{b)}	0.20 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)}	4.4	13.0	22.6
5d ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (108) ^{q)} 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 119 ^{f)}	4.4	10.7	27.7
5e ^{b)}	0.20 % Compound (108) ^{q)} 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 119 ^{f)}	4.5	12.0	20.6
5f ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)} 0.05 % Irgafos [®] 168 ^{g)}	4.4	11.5	33.0
5g ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)} 0.10 % Irgafos [®] 168 ^{g)}	4.3	12.0	22.1
5h ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)} 0.05 % Irgafos [®] P-EPQ ^{r)}	4.3	11.5	31.3
5i ^{b)}	0.10 % Compound (105) ⁿ⁾ 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 944 ^{e)} 0.10 % Irgafos [®] P-EPQ ^{r)}	4.7	14.6	21.2
5j ^{b)}	0.05 % Compound (108) ⁿ⁾ 0.30 % Chimassorb [®] 119 ^{f)} 0.05 % Irgafos [®] 168 ^{g)}	3.3	9.1	37.6

a) Comparison examples.

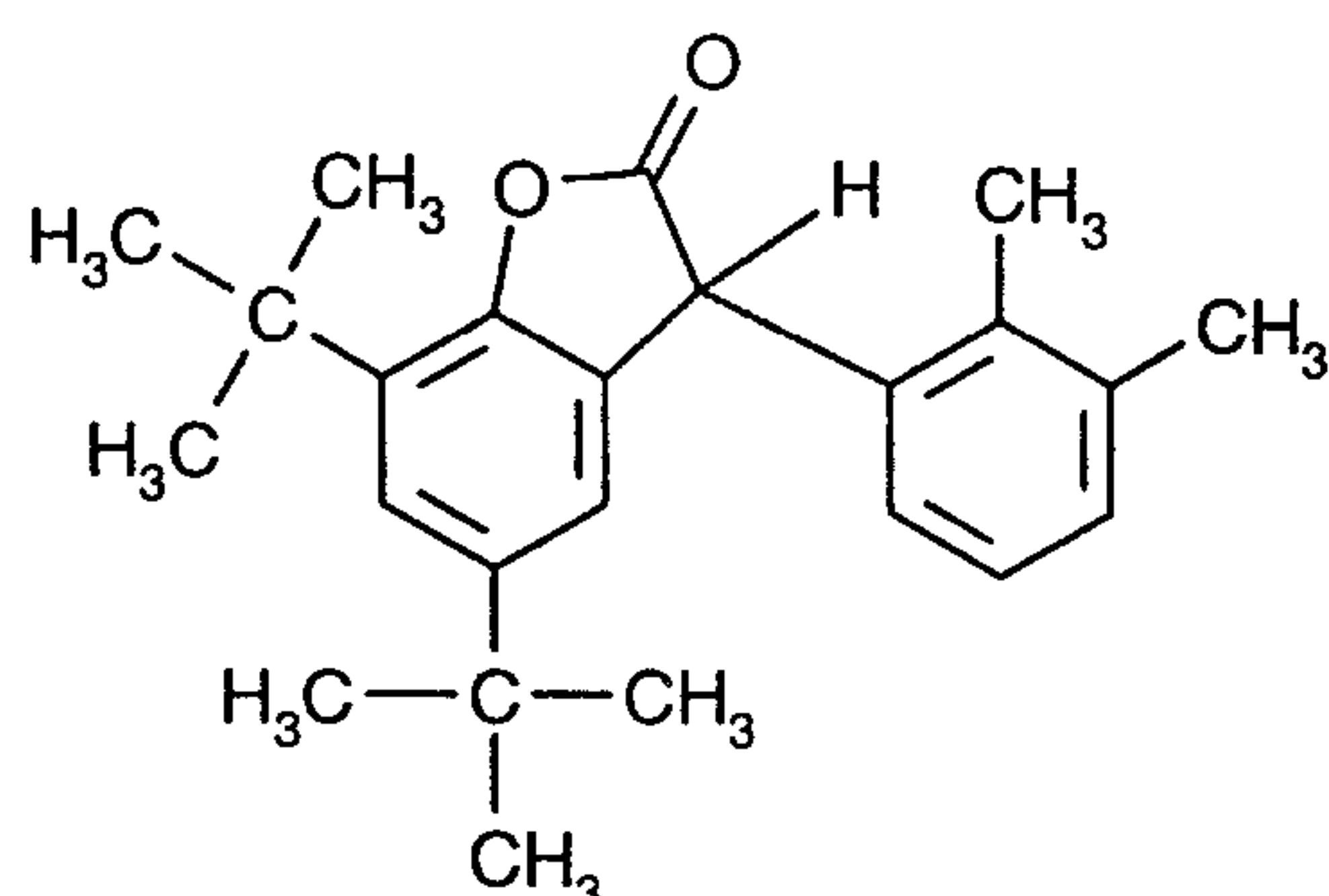
b) Examples according to the invention.

c) Compound (101) is a mixture of about 85 parts by weight of the compound of the formula Va and about 15 parts by weight of the compound of the formula Vb.

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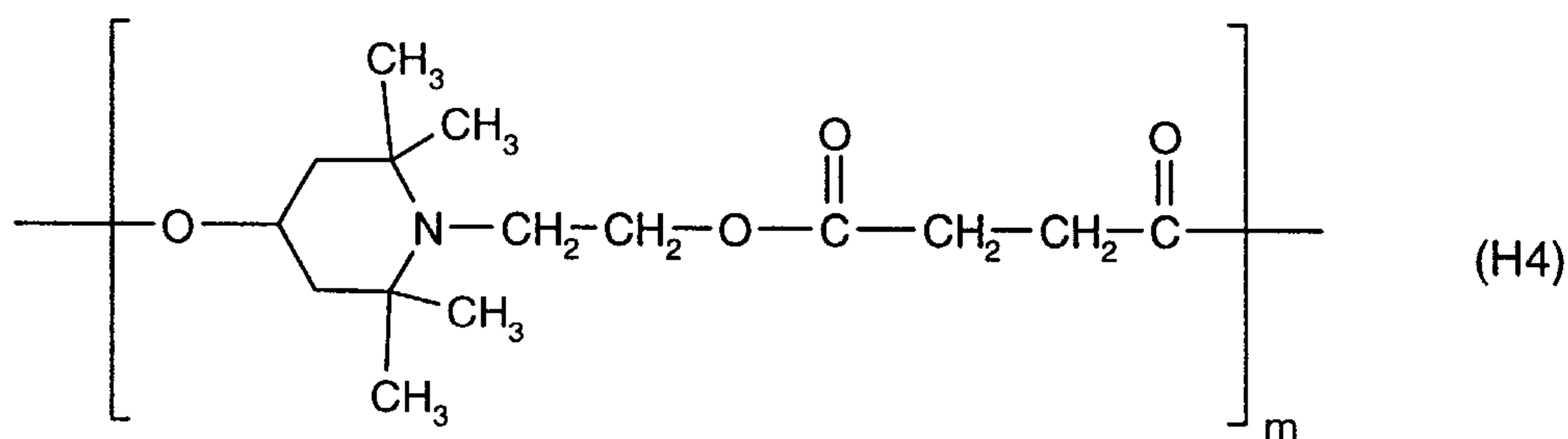


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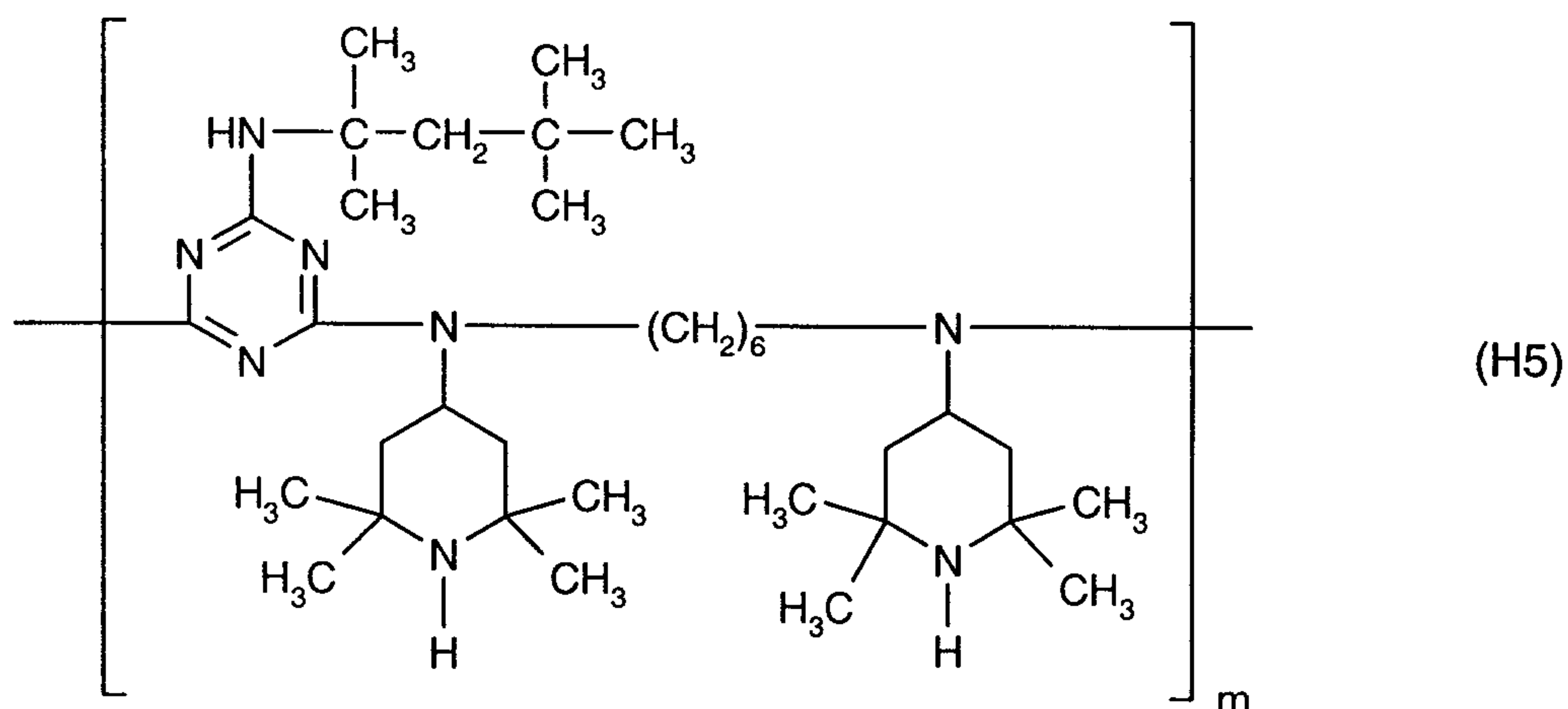
(Vb)

d) Tinuvin®622 (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG) is a compound of the formula H4 in which the average molecular weight is about 3000.

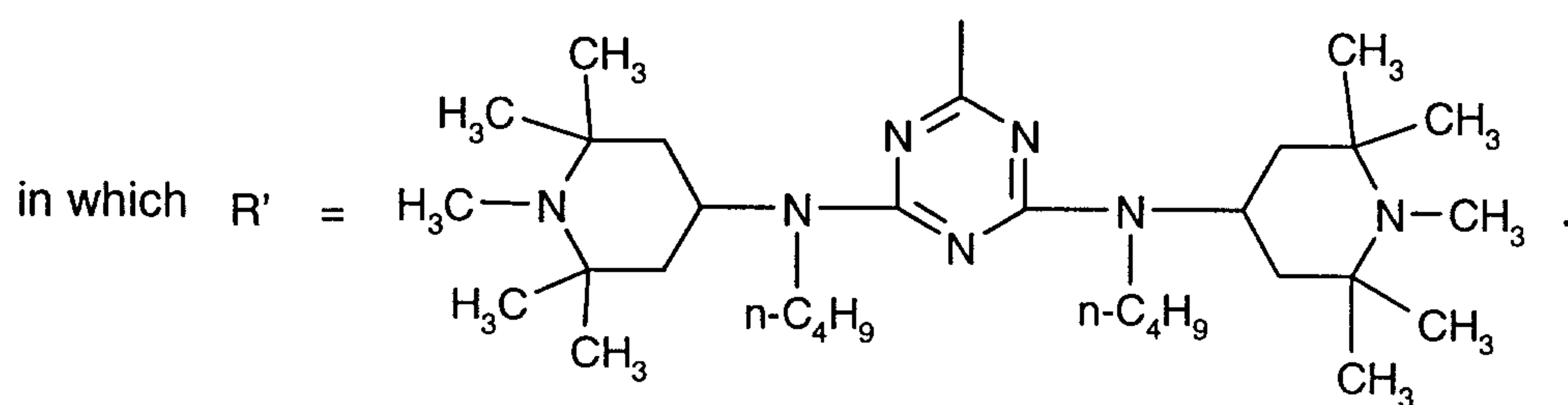
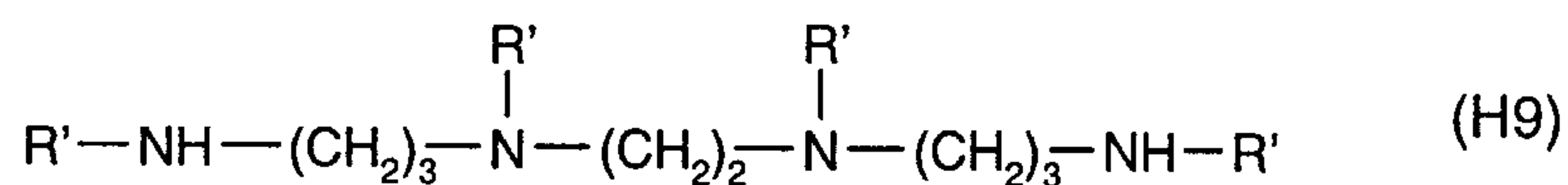


e) Chimassorb®944 (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG) denotes linear or cyclic condensation products prepared from N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-tert-octylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine and is a compound of the formula H5 in which the average molecular weight is about 2500.

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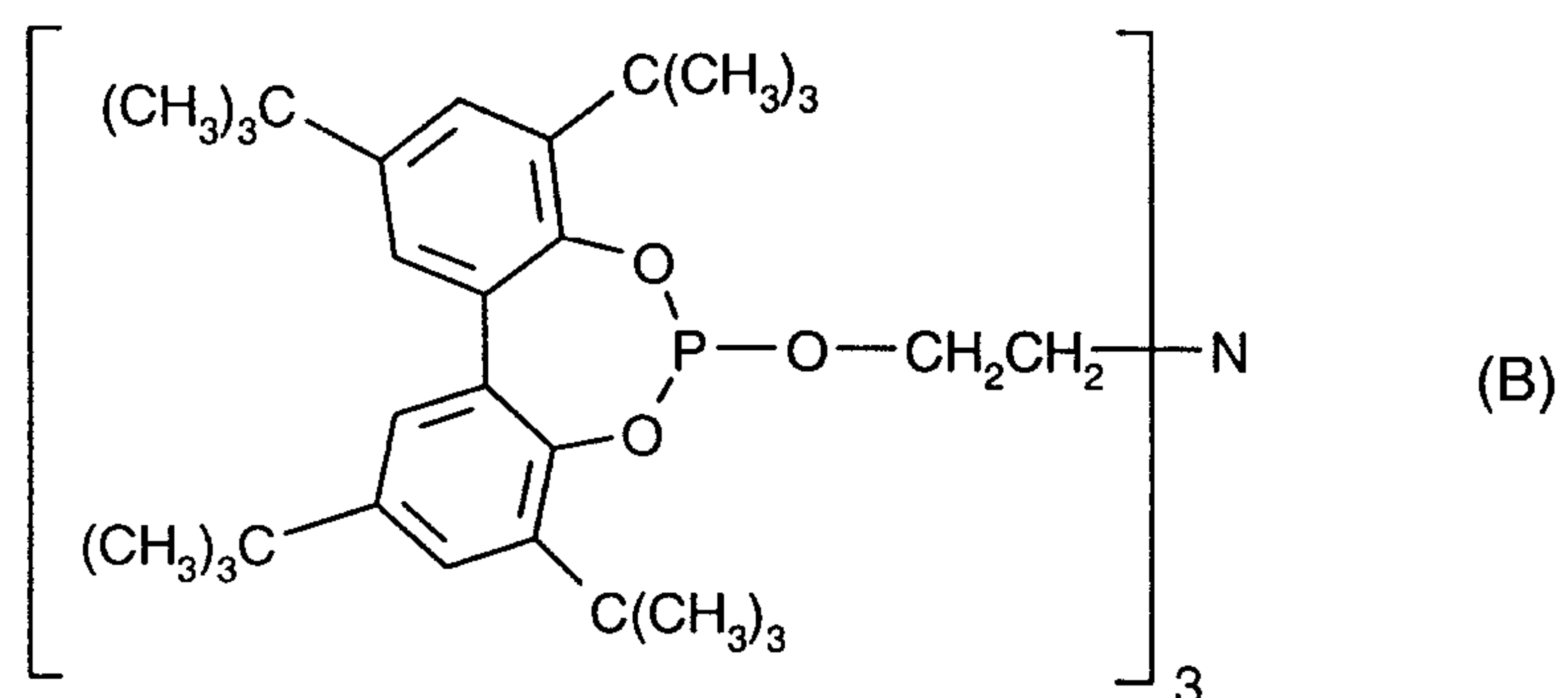


- f) Chimassorb[®]119 (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG) denotes condensation products prepared from 2-chloro-4,6-di(4-n-butylamino-1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-1,3,5-triazine and 1,2-bis(3-aminopropylamino)ethane and is a compound of the formula H9

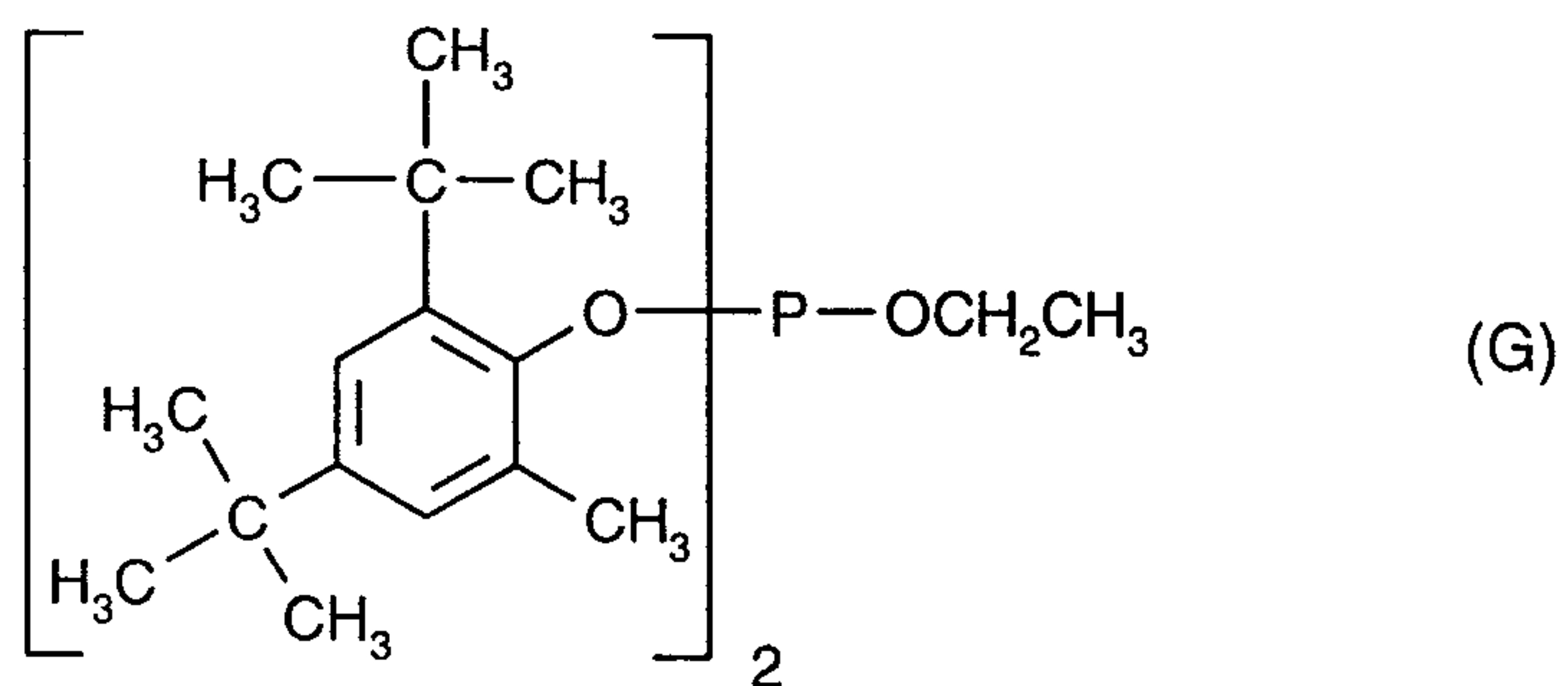


- g) Irgafos[®]168 (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG) is tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl)phosphite.
 h) Irgafos[®]12 (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG) is a compound of the formula B.

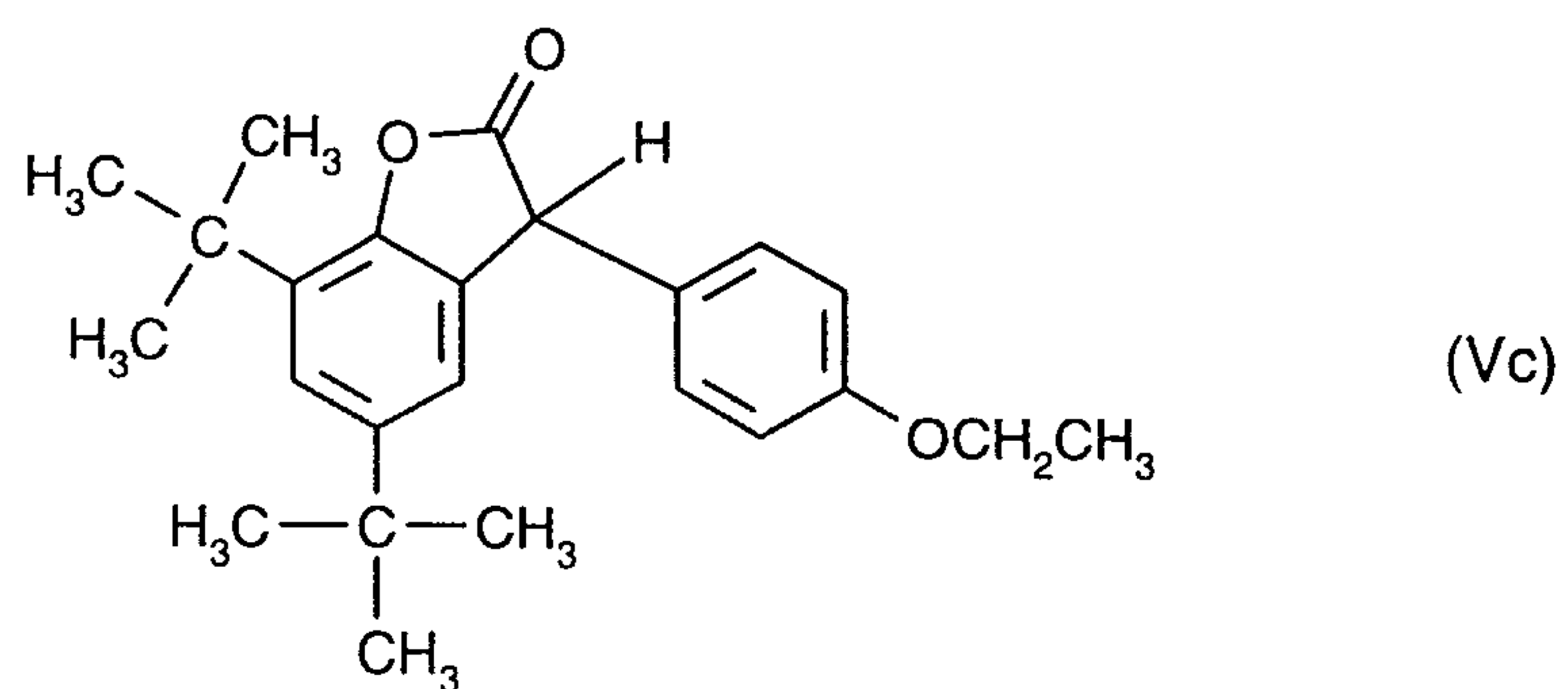
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i) Irgafos®38 (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG) is a compound of the formula G.

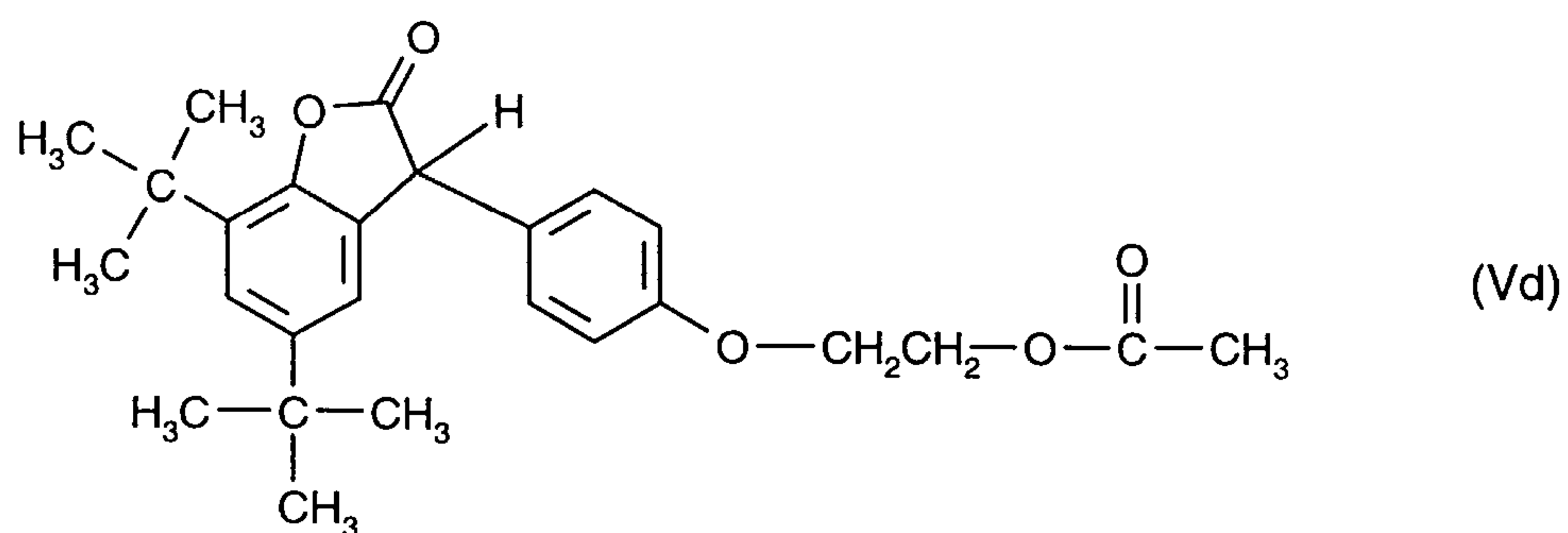


k) Compound (102) is a compound of the formula Vc.

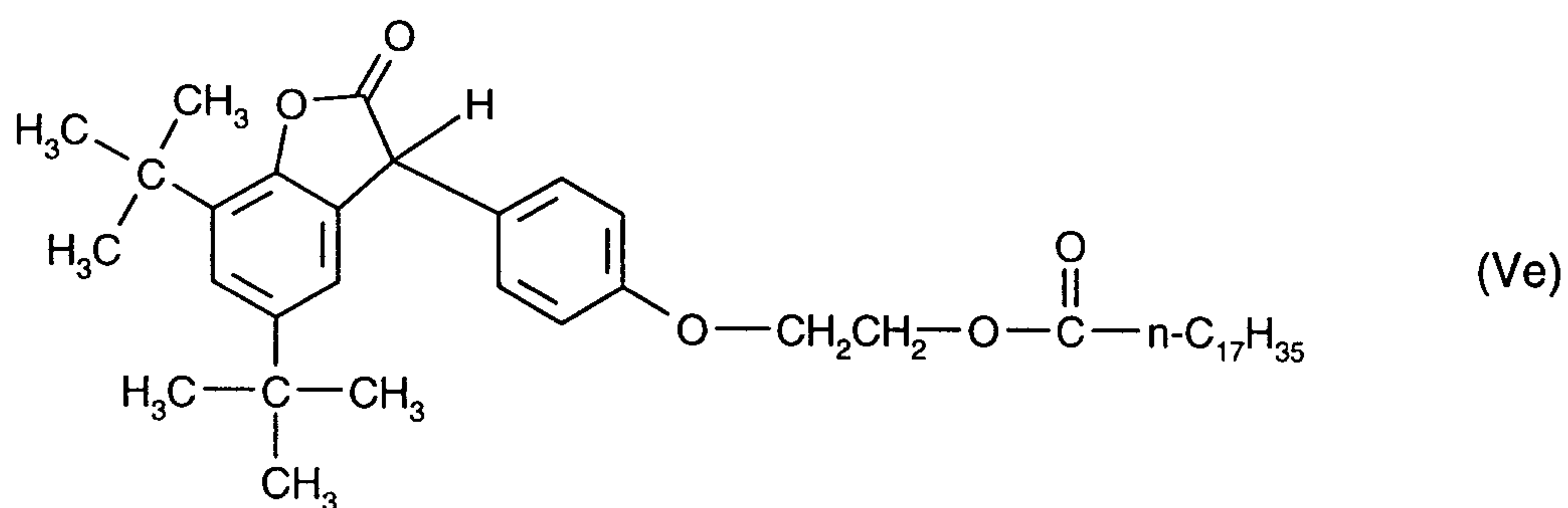


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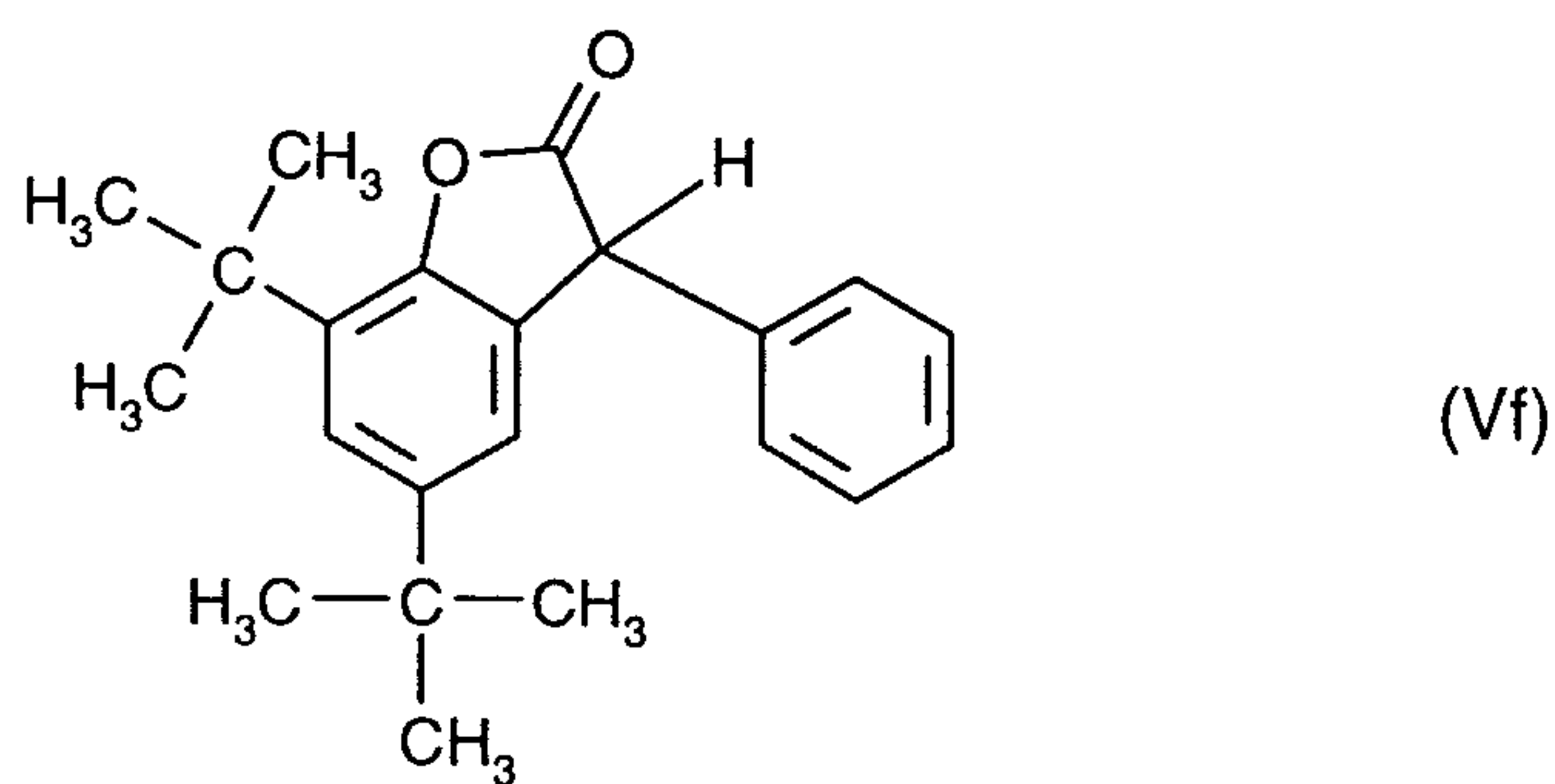
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m) Compound (104) is a compound of the formula Ve.

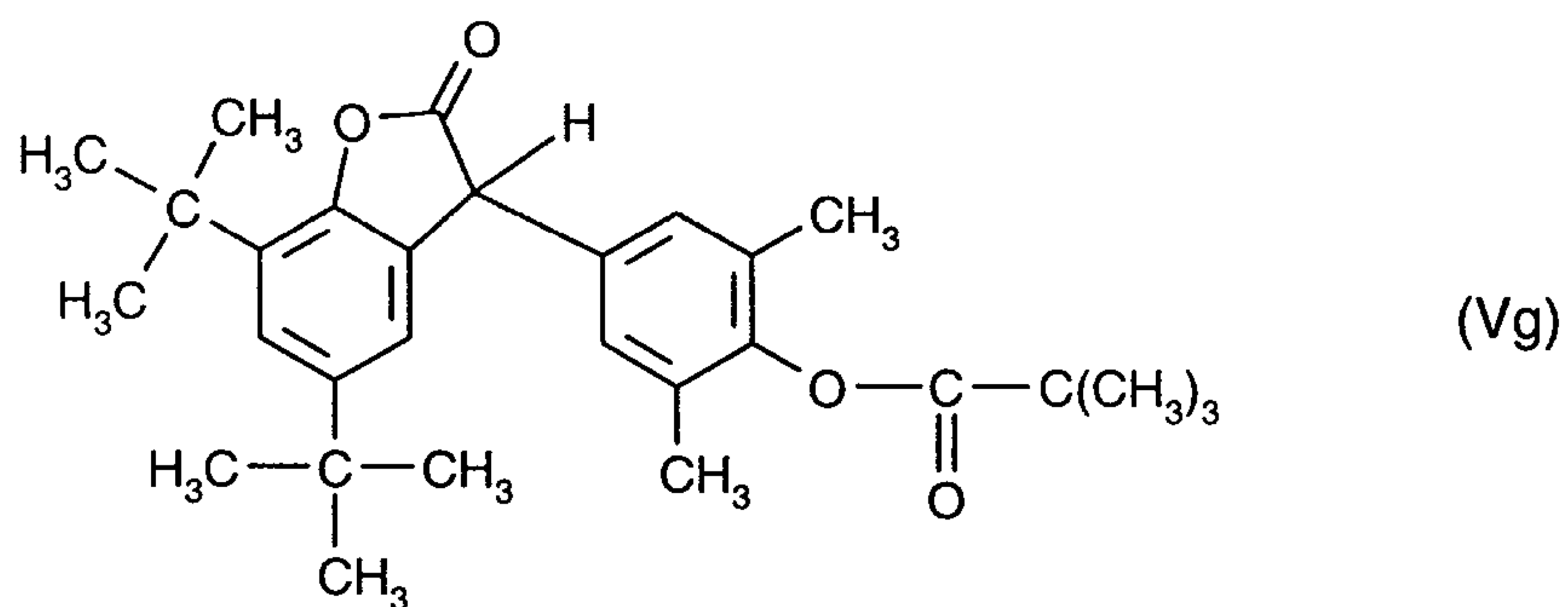


n) Compound (105) is a compound of the formula Vf.

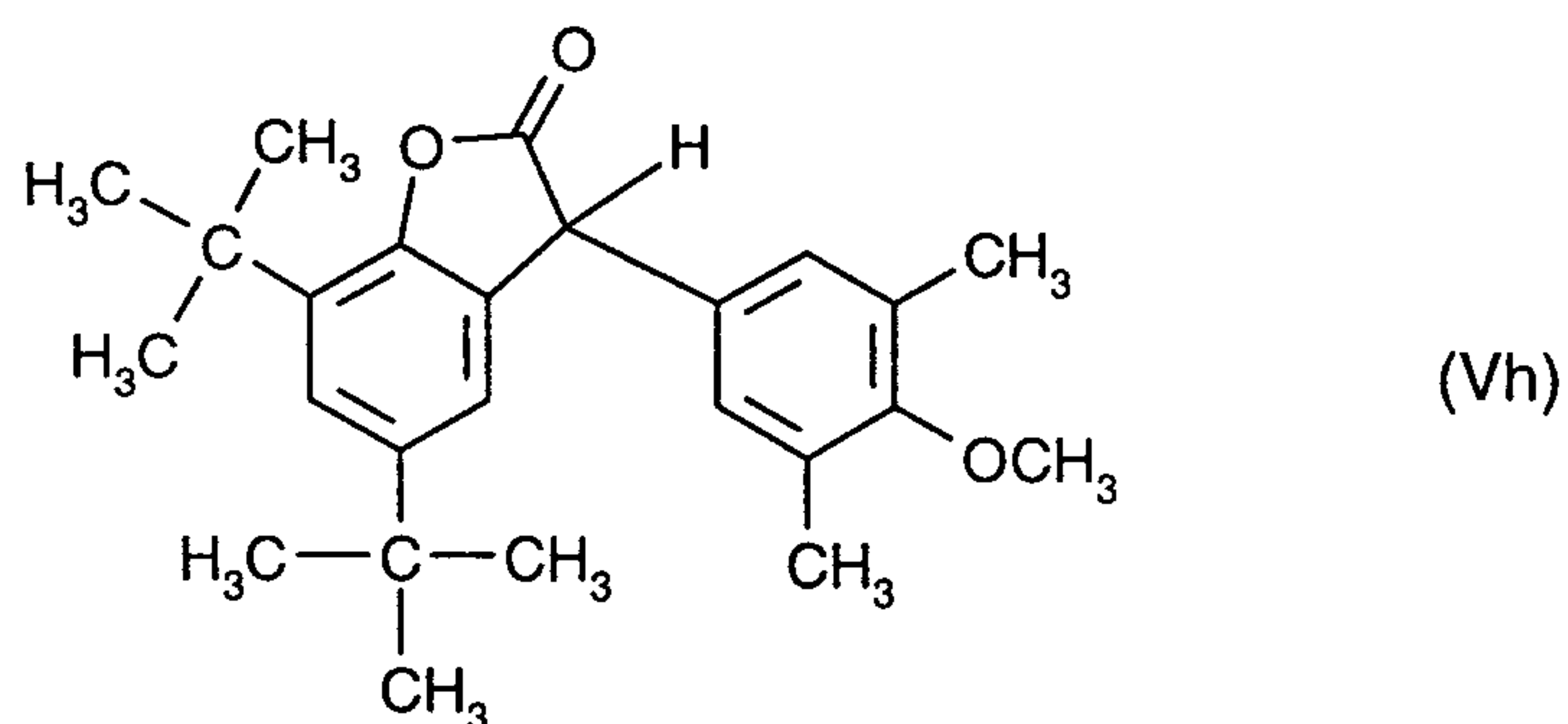


o) Compound (106) is a compound of the formula Vg.

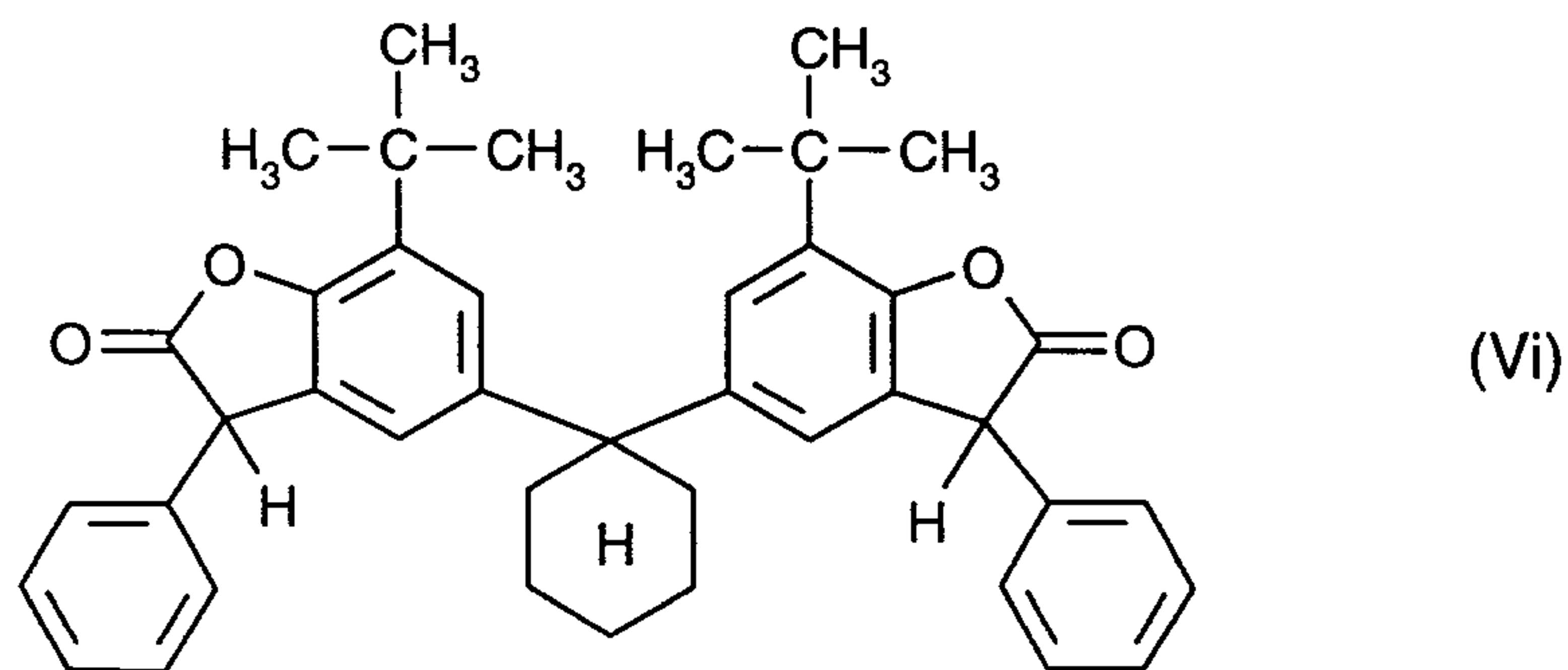
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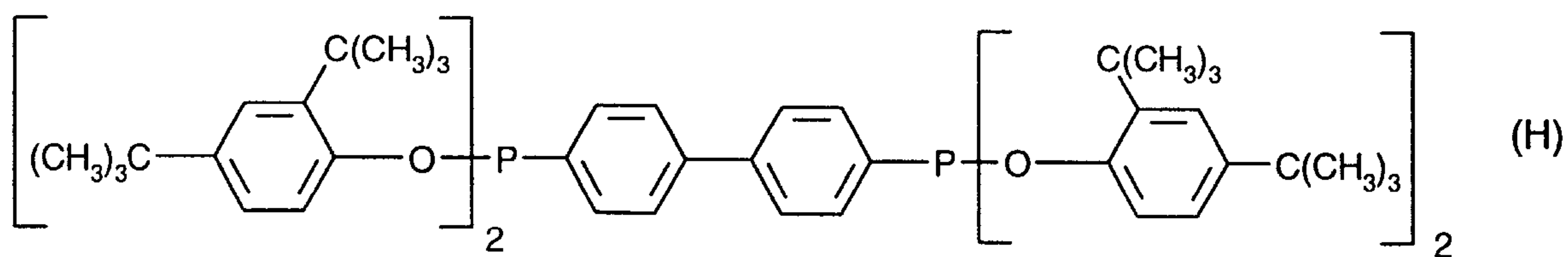
p) Compound (107) is a compound of the formula Vh.



q) Compound (108) is a compound of the formula Vi.



r) Irgafos®P-EPQ (Ciba Spezialitätenchemie AG) is a compound of the formula H.



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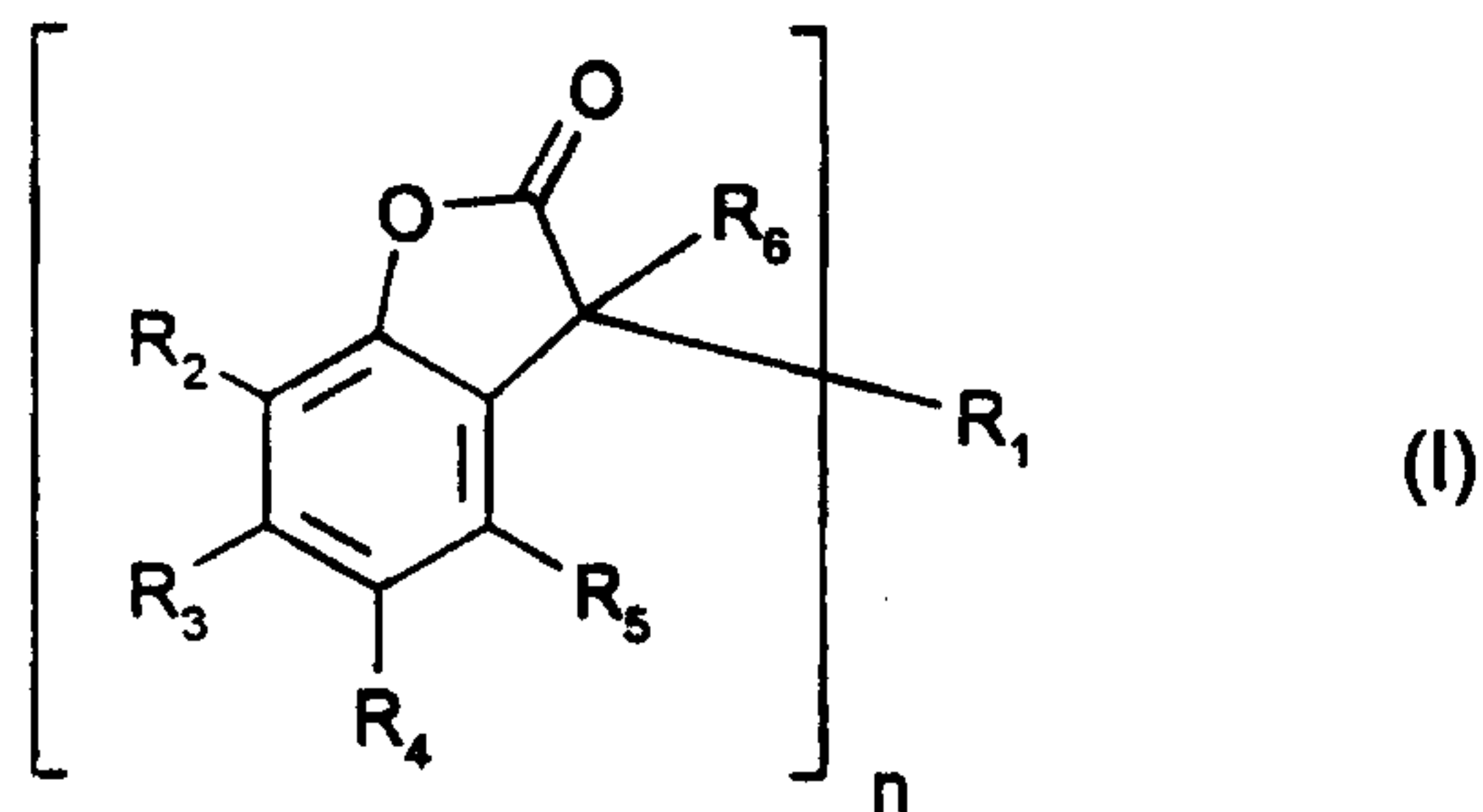
CLAIMS:

1. A composition comprising

- a) an essentially phenol-free polyolefin fibre which is subject to oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation,
- b) at least one compound of the benzofuran-2-one type, and
- c) at least one compound from the group of the sterically hindered amines.

2. A composition according to claim 1, additionally comprising d) at least one compound from the group of the organic phosphites or phosphonites.

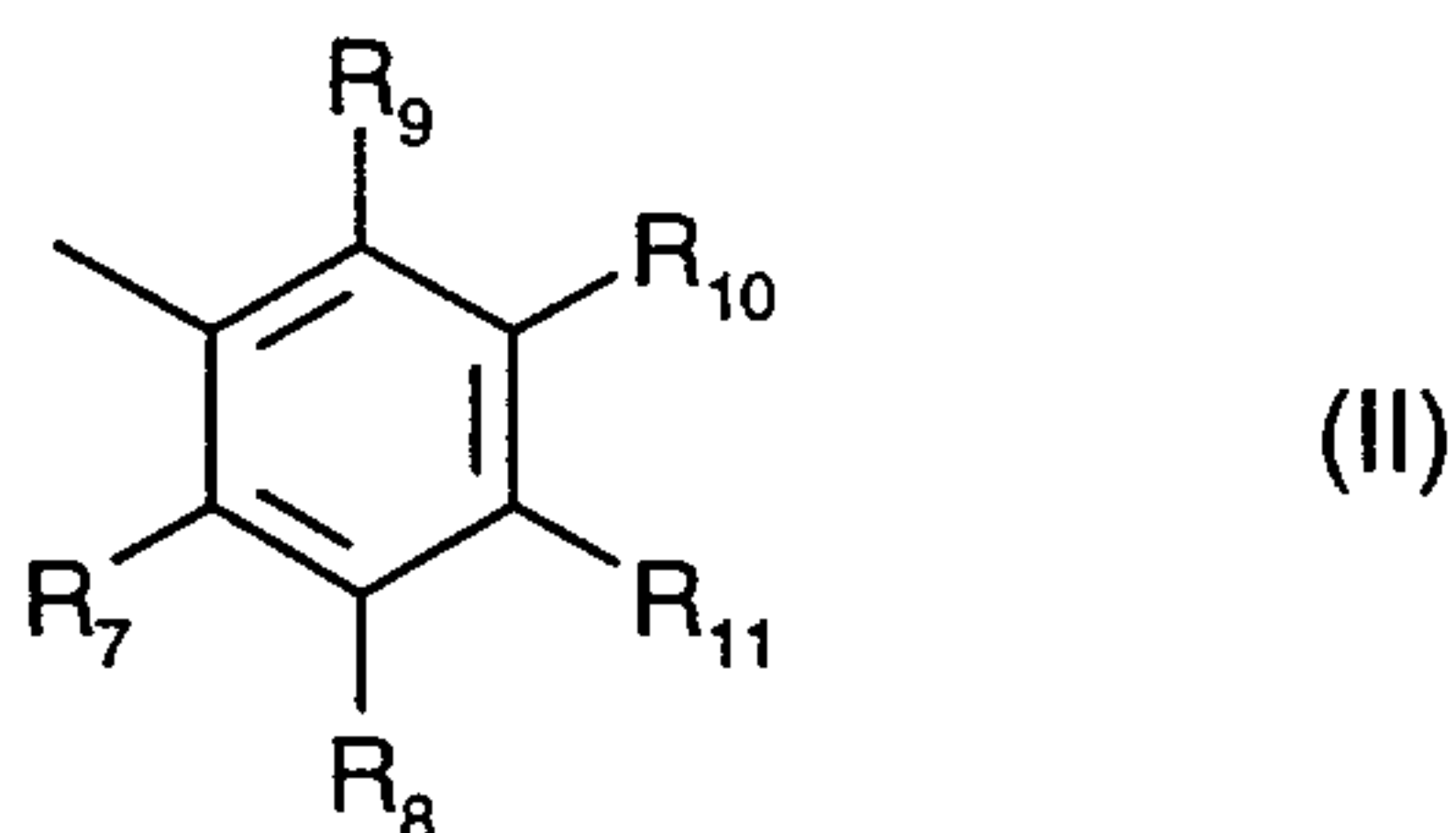
3. A composition according to claim 1, comprising as component (b) a compound of the formula I



in which, if n is 1,

R_1 is unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy-, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio-, hydroxyl-, halo-, amino-, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino-, phenylamino- or di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino-substituted naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthryl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, phenoxathiinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyll, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinyll, isoquinolyl, quinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, β -carbolinyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl, biphenyl, terphenyl, fluorenyl or phenoxazinyl, or R_1 is a radical of the formula II

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and

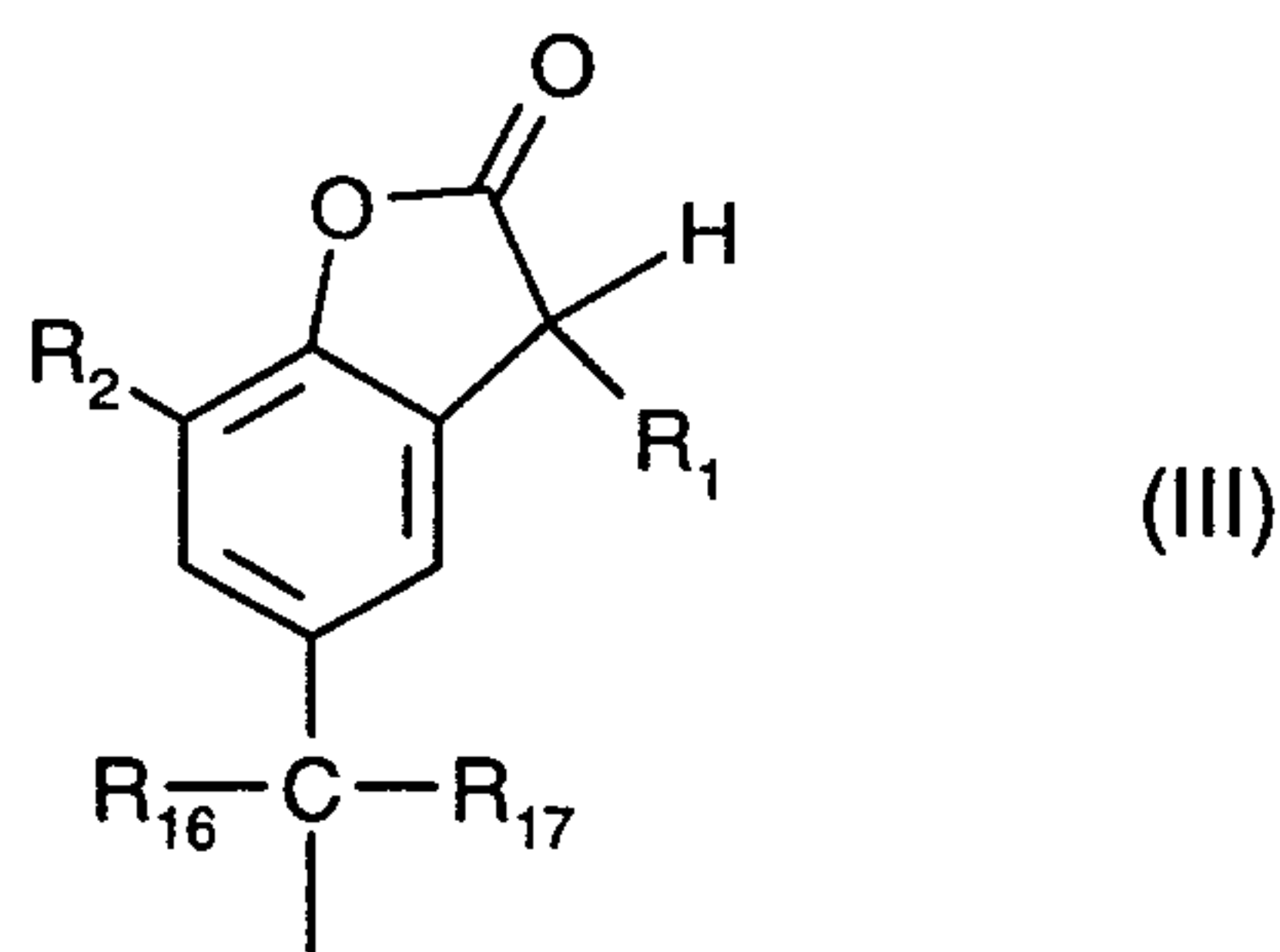
if n is 2,

R_1 is unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl- or hydroxy-substituted phenylene or naphthylene; or is $-R_{12}-X-R_{13}-$,

R_2 , R_3 , R_4 and R_5 independently of one another are hydrogen, chlorine, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted C_5 - C_8 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{18} alkylthio, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy, C_1 - C_{25} alkanoylamino, C_3 - C_{25} alkenoyloxy,

C_3 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy which is interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_6 - C_9 cycloalkyl-

carbonyloxy, benzoyloxy or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl-substituted benzoyloxy; or else the radicals R_2 and R_3 or the radicals R_3 and R_4 or the radicals R_4 and R_5 , together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a benzo ring, R_4 is additionally $-(CH_2)_p-COR_{15}$ or $-(CH_2)_qOH$ or, if R_3 , R_5 and R_6 are hydrogen, R_4 is additionally a radical of the formula III

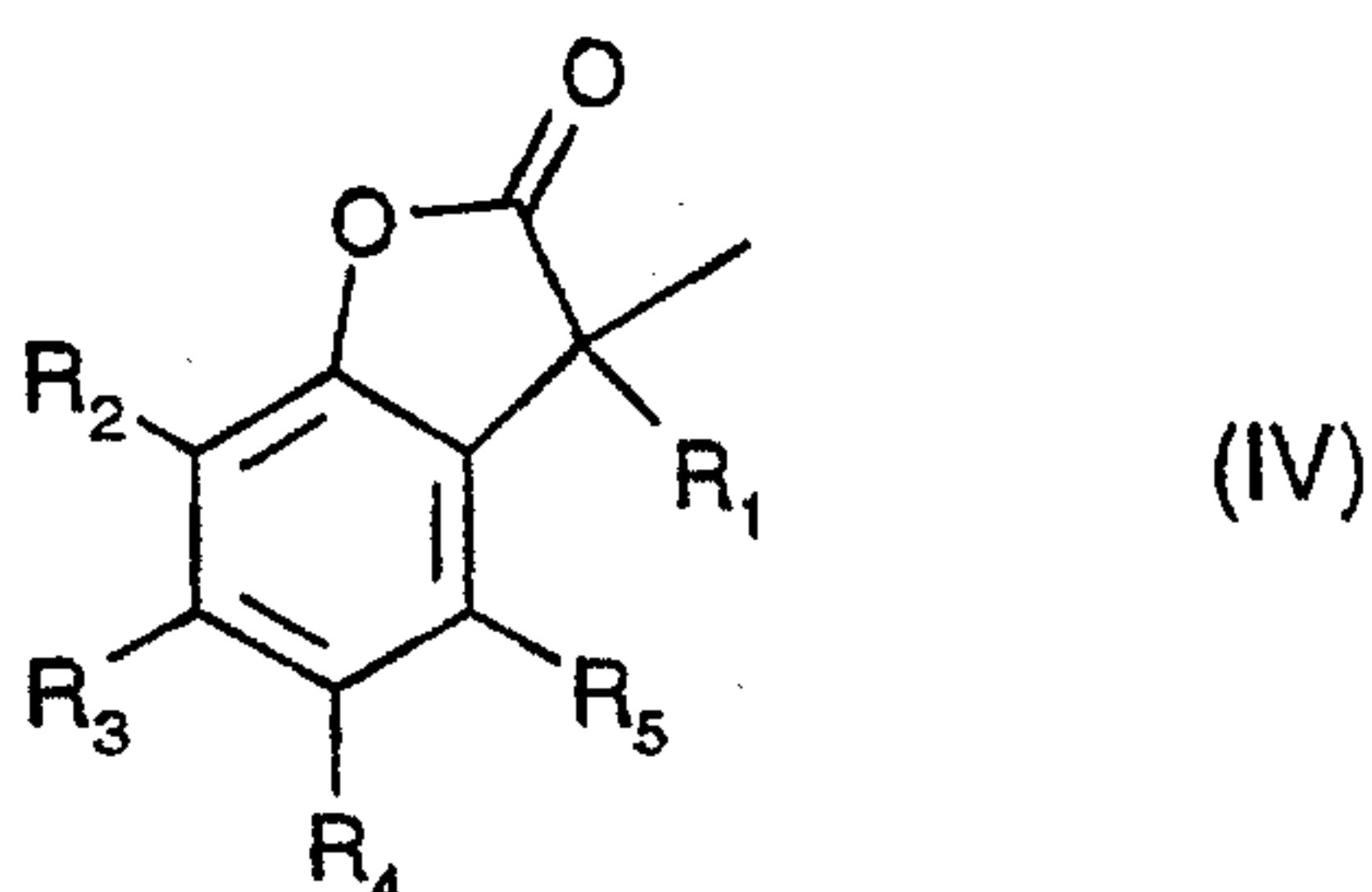


in which R_1 is defined as indicated above for $n = 1$,

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R_6 is hydrogen or a radical of the formula IV



where R_4 is not a radical of the formula III and R_1 is defined as indicated above for $n=1$, R_2 , R_3 and R_5 are as defined for formula I;

R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} and R_{11} independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_2 - C_{25} alkyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_1 - C_{25} alkoxy,

C_2 - C_{25} alkoxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_1 - C_{25} alkylthio, C_3 - C_{25} alkenyl,

C_3 - C_{25} alkenyloxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkynyl, C_3 - C_{25} alkynyloxy, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl, C_7 - C_9 phenylalkoxy, unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenyl; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted phenoxy; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted C_5 - C_8 cycloalkyl; unsubstituted or C_1 - C_4 alkyl-substituted C_5 - C_8 cycloalkoxy; C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4 alkyl)amino,

C_1 - C_{25} alkanoyl, C_3 - C_{25} alkanoyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$;

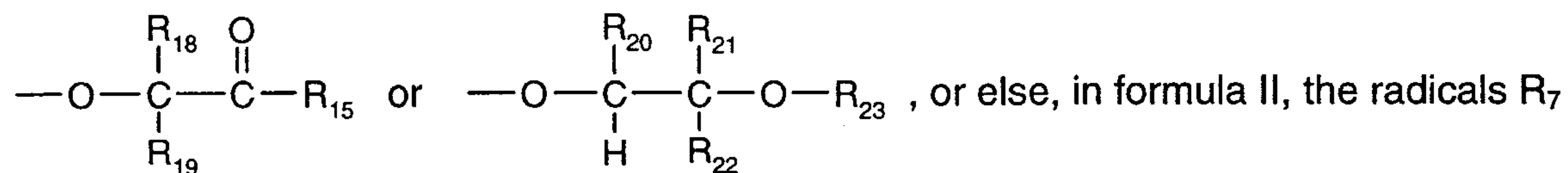
C_1 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkanoyloxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$;

C_1 - C_{25} alkanoylamino, C_3 - C_{25} alkenoyl, C_3 - C_{25} alkenoyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_3 - C_{25} alkenoyloxy, C_3 - C_{25} alkenoyloxy interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or

$\text{>N}-R_{14}$; C_6 - C_9 cycloalkylcarbonyl, C_6 - C_9 cycloalkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyl or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl-

substituted benzoyl; benzoyloxy or C_1 - C_{12} alkyl-substituted benzoyloxy;

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and R₈ or the radicals R₈ and R₁₁, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a benzo ring,

R₁₂ and R₁₃ independently of one another are unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenylene or naphthylene,

R₁₄ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈alkyl,

R₁₅ is hydroxyl, $\left[\text{---O}^- \frac{1}{r} \text{M}^{r+} \right]$, C₁-C₁₈alkoxy or $\text{---N} \begin{array}{l} \text{R}_{24} \\ \text{R}_{25} \end{array}$,

R₁₆ and R₁₇ independently of one another are hydrogen, CF₃, C₁-C₁₂alkyl or phenyl, or R₁₆ and R₁₇, together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a C₅-C₈cycloalkylidene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl;

R₁₈ and R₁₉ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl or phenyl,

R₂₀ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

R₂₁ is hydrogen, unsubstituted or C₁-C₄alkyl-substituted phenyl; C₁-C₂₅alkyl, C₂-C₂₅alkyl

interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or ---N---R_{14} ; C₇-C₉phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or

substituted on the phenyl radical from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl; C₇-C₂₅phenylalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl radical from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl and

interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or ---N---R_{14} , or else the radicals R₂₀ and R₂₁, together with

the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a C₅-C₁₂cycloalkylene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted from 1 to 3 times by C₁-C₄alkyl;

R₂₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl,

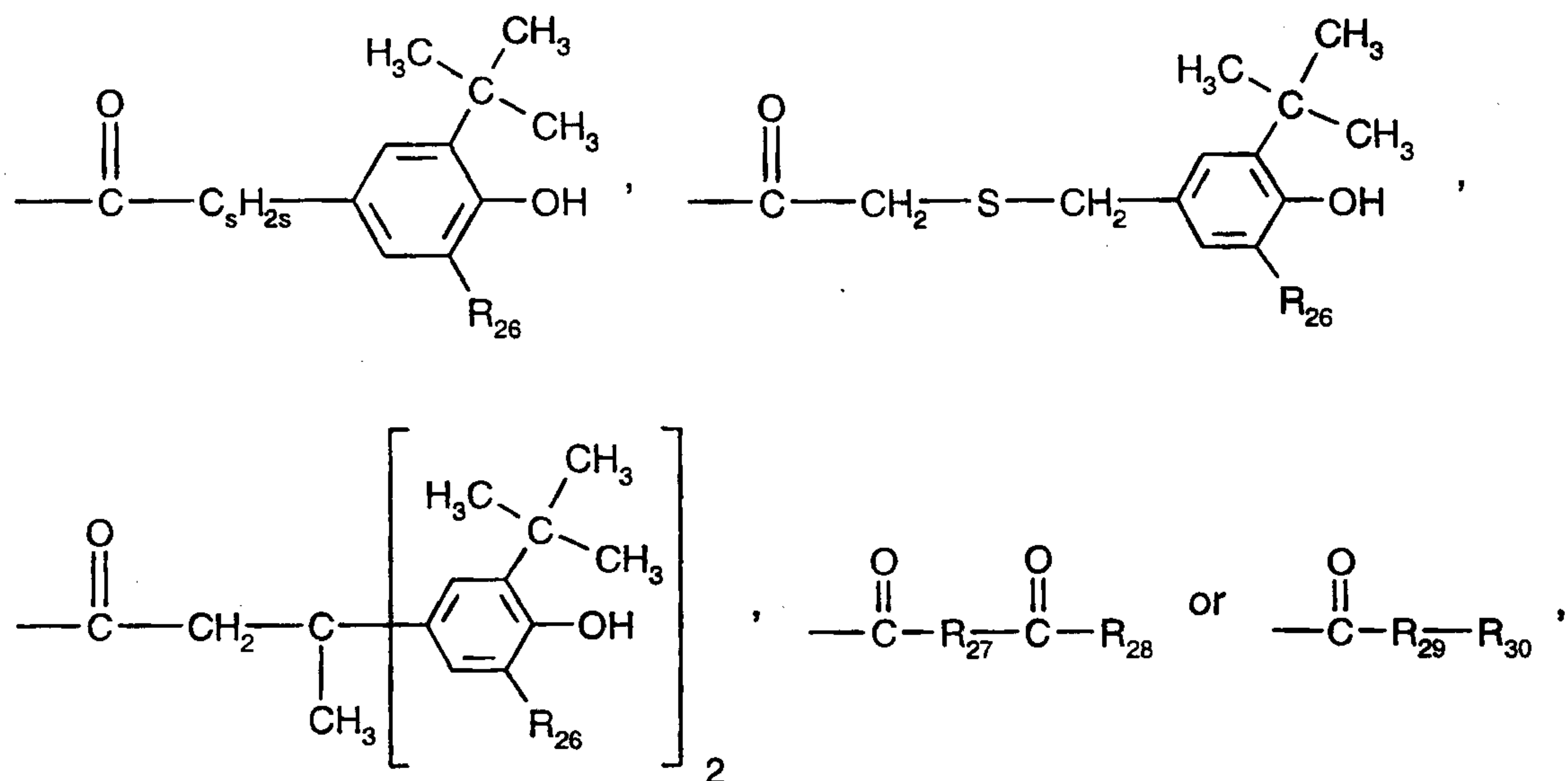
R₂₃ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₅alkanoyl, C₃-C₂₅alkenoyl, C₃-C₂₅alkanoyl interrupted by oxygen,

sulfur or ---N---R_{14} ; C₂-C₂₅alkanoyl substituted by a di(C₁-C₆alkyl)phosphonate group;

C₆-C₉cycloalkylcarbonyl, thenoyl, furoyl, benzoyl or C₁-C₁₂alkyl-substituted benzoyl;

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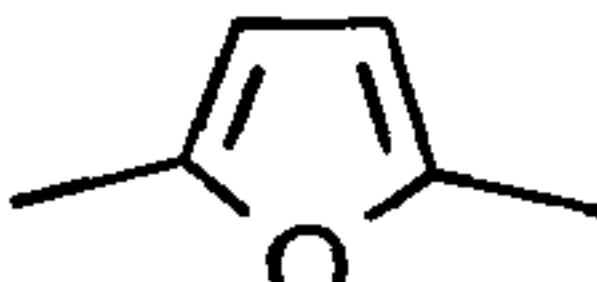
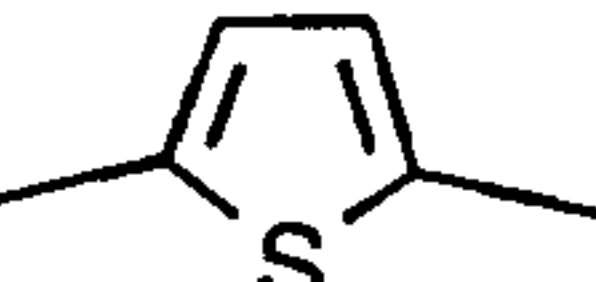
R_{24} and R_{25} independently of one another are hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl,

R_{26} is hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ alkyl,

R_{27} is a direct bond, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkylene, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{18}$ alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or

N-R_{14} ; $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{18}$ alkenylene, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{20}$ alkylidene, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_{20}$ phenylalkylidene,

$\text{C}_5\text{-C}_8$ cycloalkylene, $\text{C}_7\text{-C}_8$ bicycloalkylene, unsubstituted or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ alkyl-substituted

phenylene,  or  ,

R_{28} is hydroxyl, $\left[\text{---O}^- \frac{1}{r} \text{M}^{r+} \right]$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkoxy or $\text{---N} \begin{array}{l} \text{R}_{24} \\ \text{R}_{25} \end{array}$,

R_{29} is oxygen, ---NH--- or $\text{---N} \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{---C---NH---R}_{30} \end{array}$,

R_{30} is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl or phenyl,

M is an r -valent metal cation,

X is a direct bond, oxygen, sulfur or $\text{---NR}_{31}\text{---}$,

R_{31} is hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{18}$ alkyl,

n is 1 or 2,

p is 0, 1 or 2,

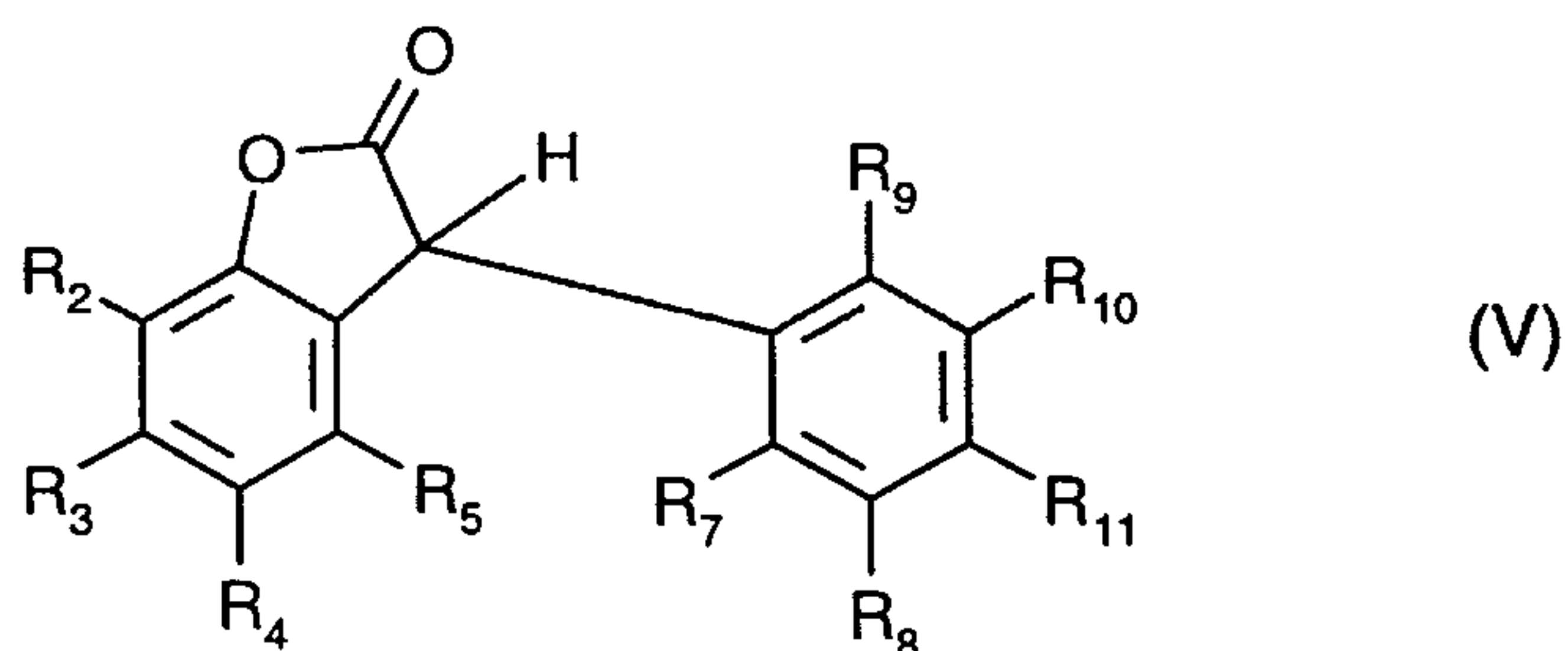
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q is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6,

r is 1, 2 or 3, and

s is 0, 1 or 2.

4. A composition according to claim 1, comprising as component (b) a compound of the formula V

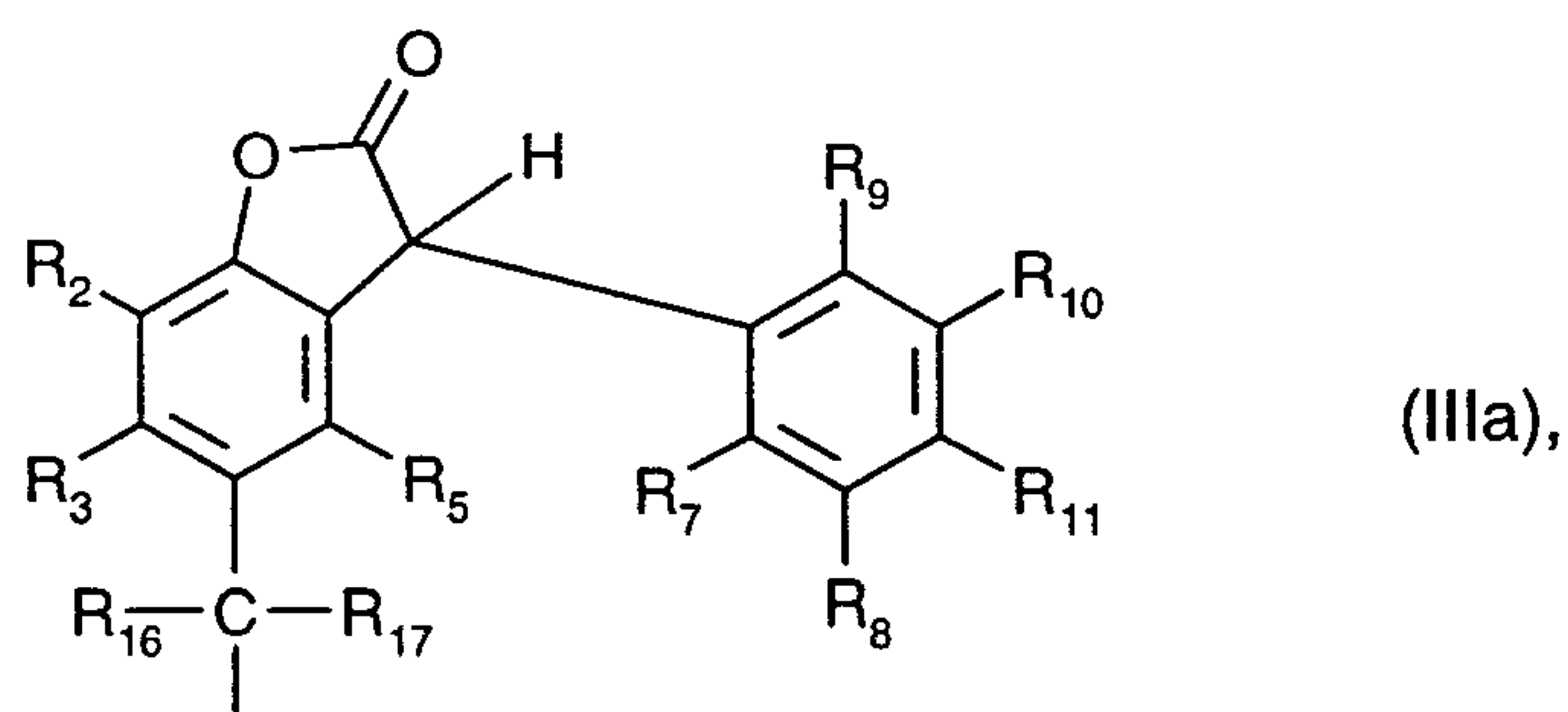


in which

R₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆alkyl,

R₃ is hydrogen,

R₄ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl or a radical of the formula IIIa



R₅ is hydrogen,

R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ independently of one another are hydrogen, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₁-C₄alkoxy,

C₂-C₆alkanoyloxy or $\text{—O—}\overset{\overset{\text{R}_{20}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\text{H}}{|}}{\text{C}}}\text{—}\overset{\overset{\text{R}_{21}}{|}}{\underset{\underset{\text{R}_{22}}{|}}{\text{C}}}\text{—O—R}_{23}$, with the proviso that at least two of the

radicals R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀ or R₁₁ are hydrogen,

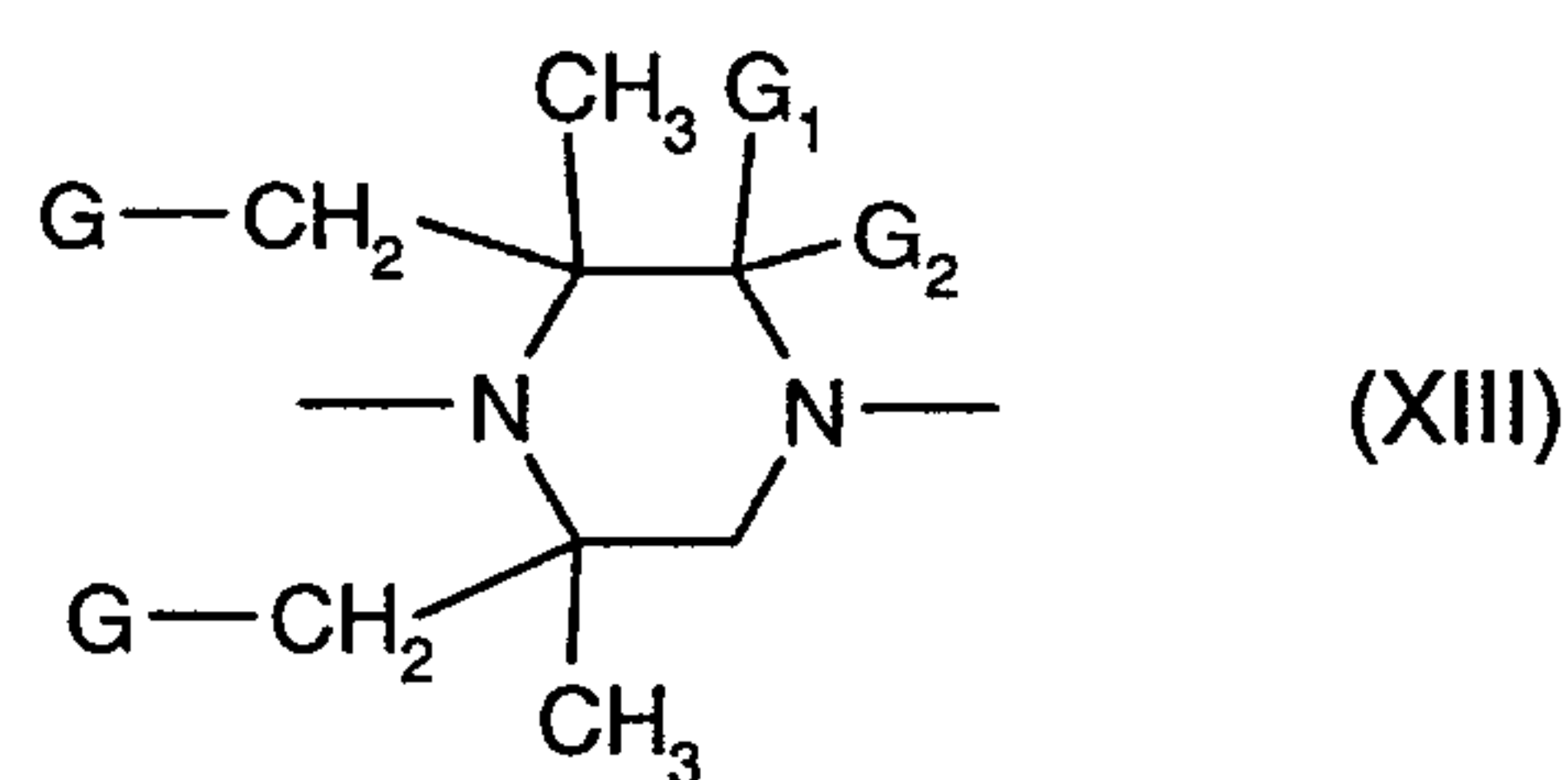
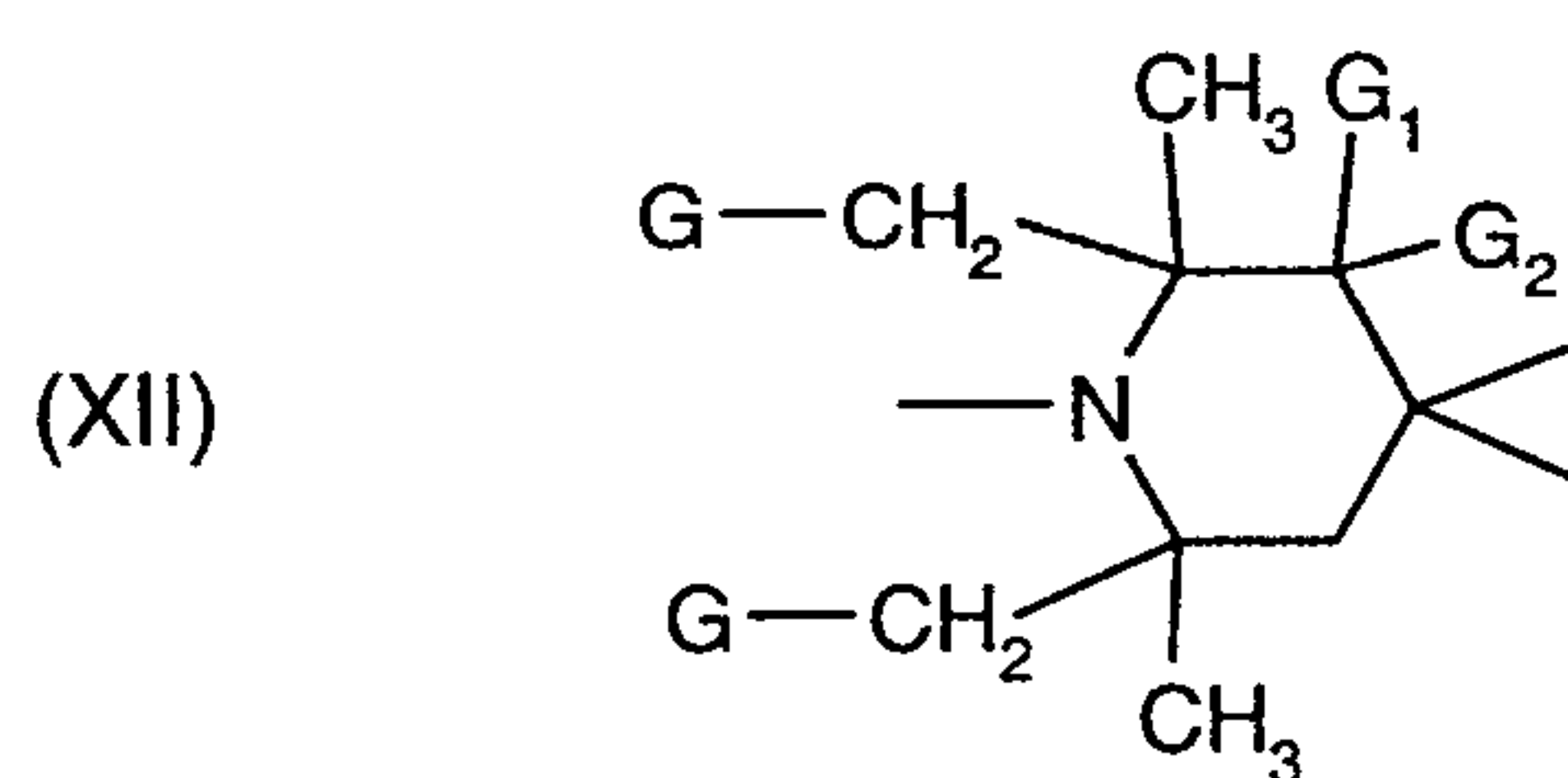
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R_{16} and R_{17} , together with the C atom to which they are attached, form a cyclohexylidene ring which is unsubstituted or substituted by C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} are hydrogen, and

R_{23} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_{18} alkanoyl.

5. A composition according to claim 1, in which component (c) comprises at least one radical of the formula XII or XIII

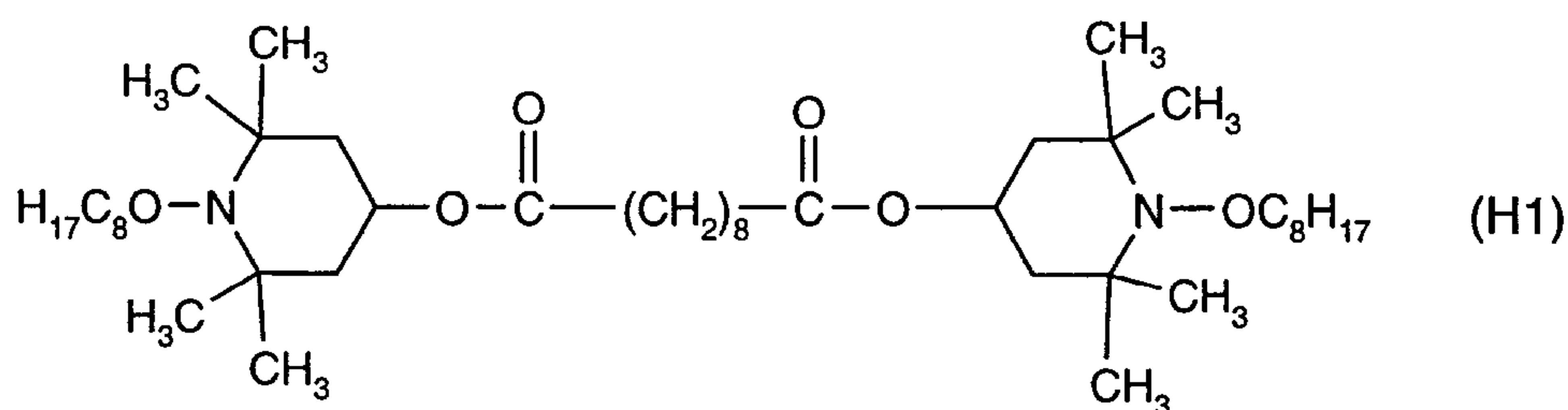


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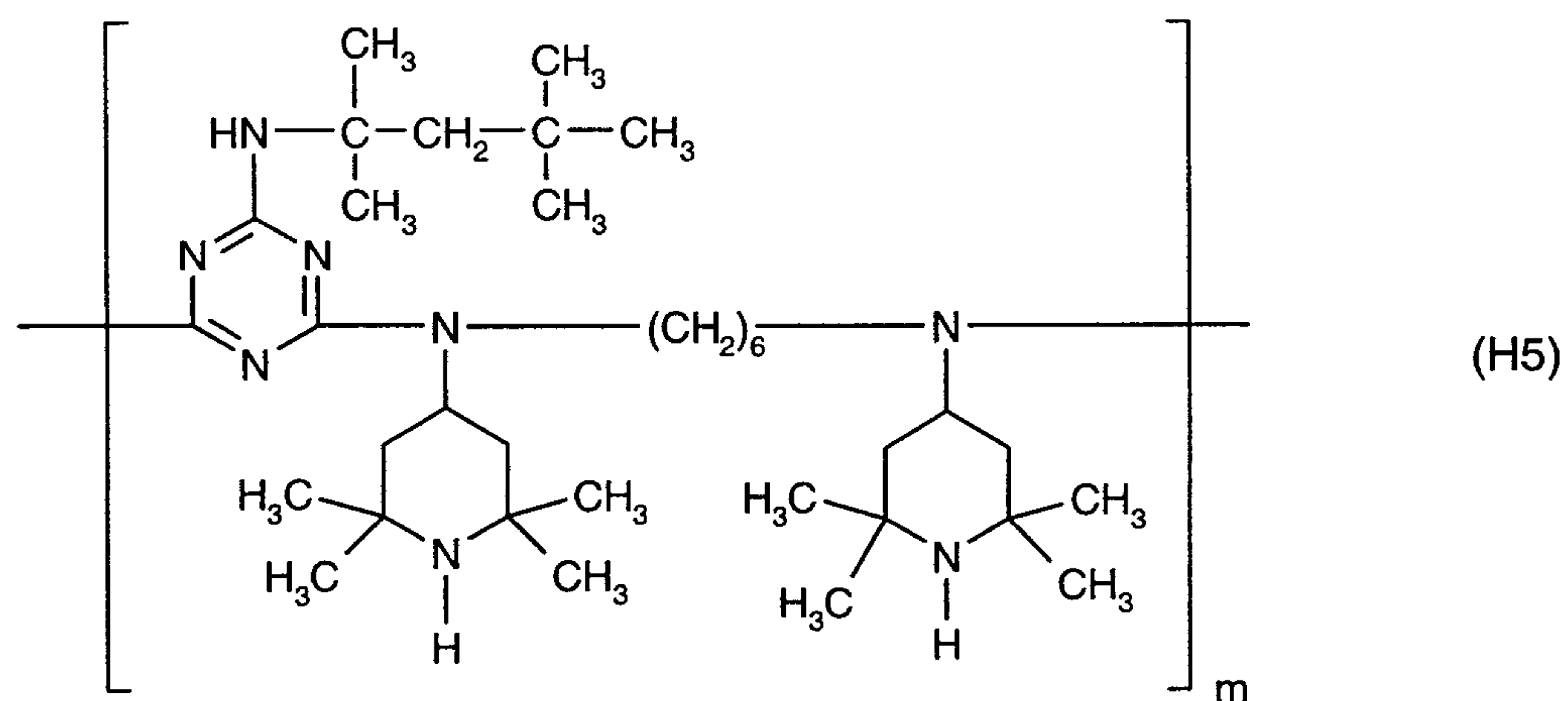
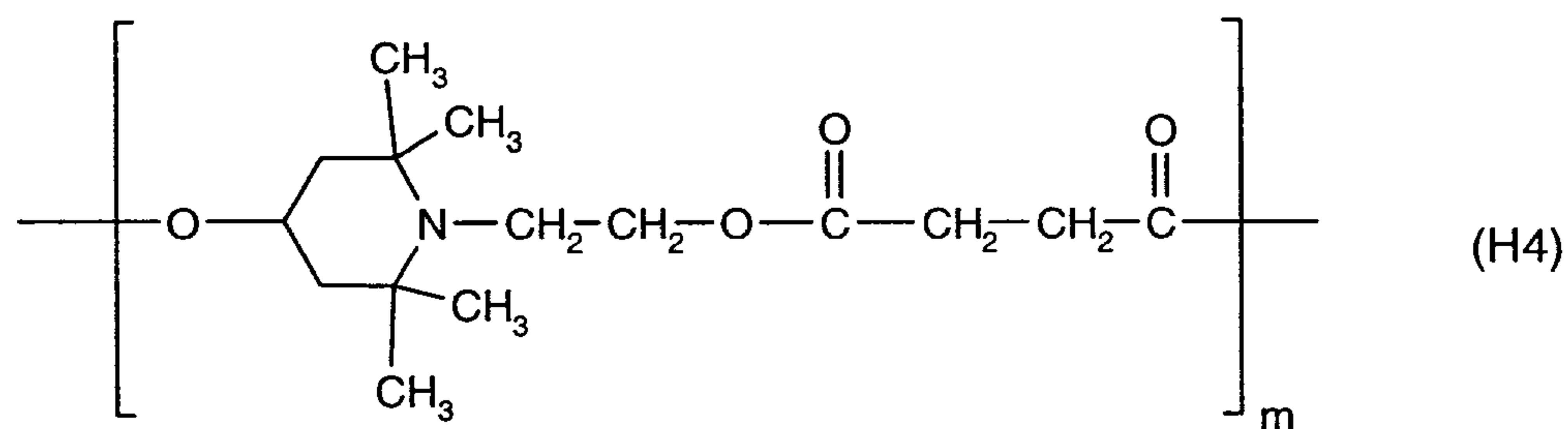
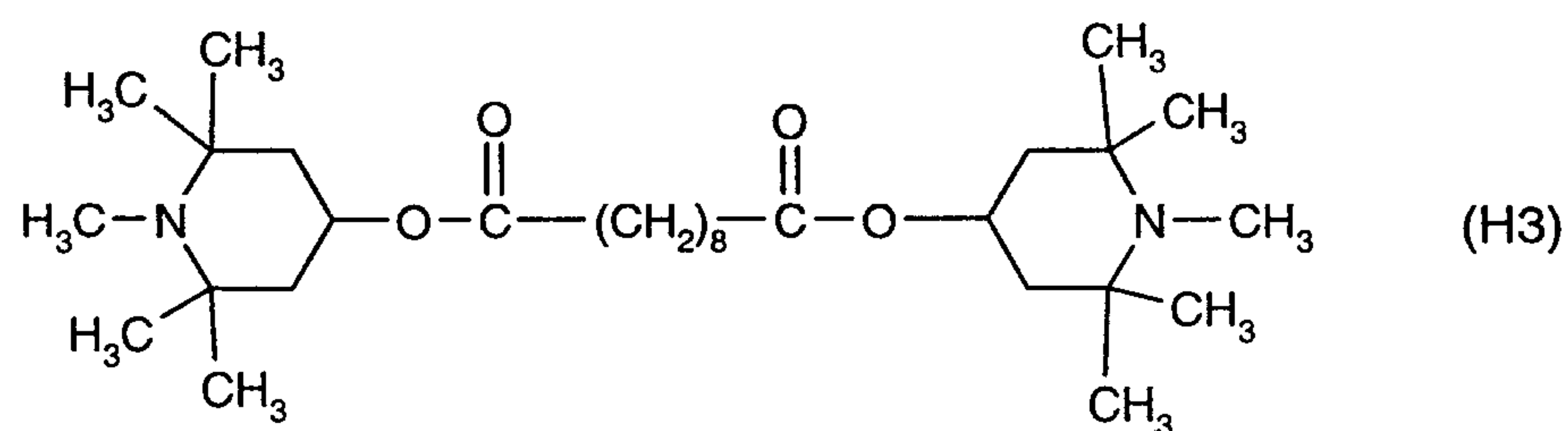
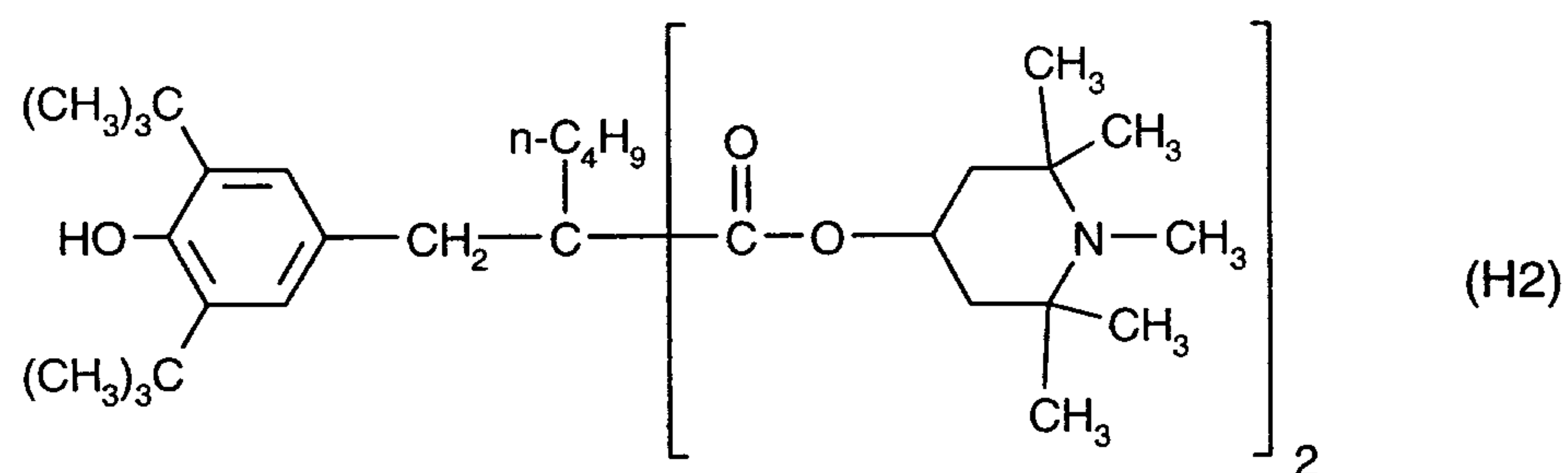
G is hydrogen or methyl, and

G_1 and G_2 are hydrogen, methyl or together are oxygen.

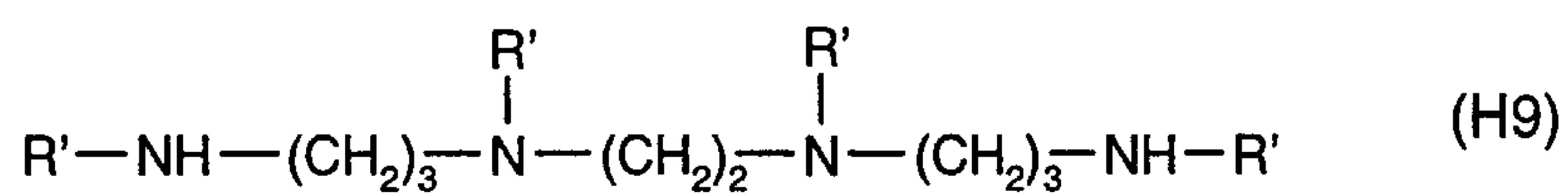
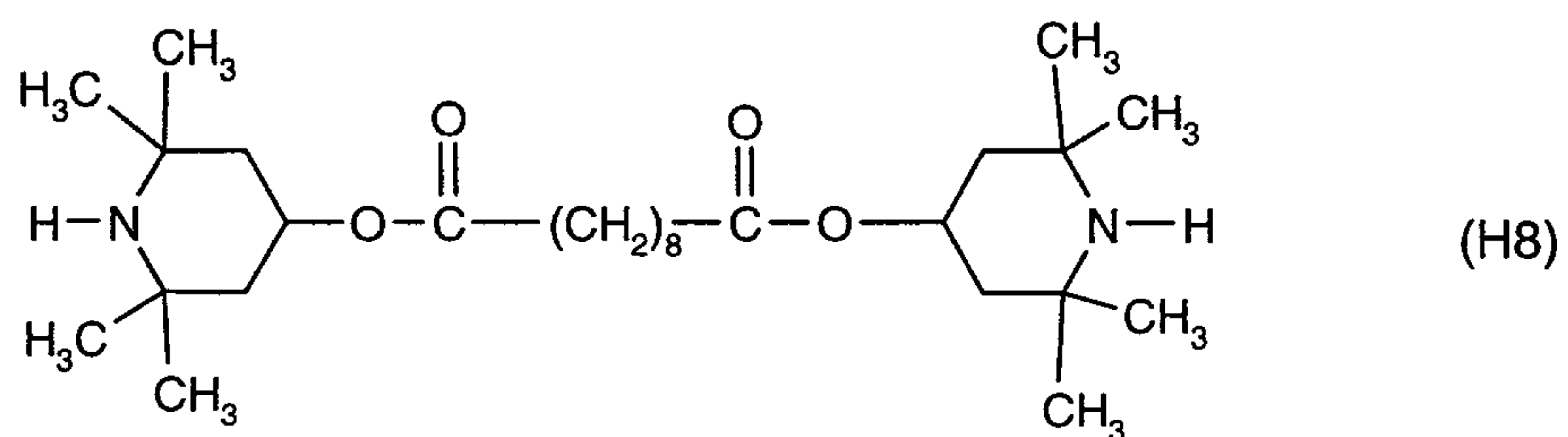
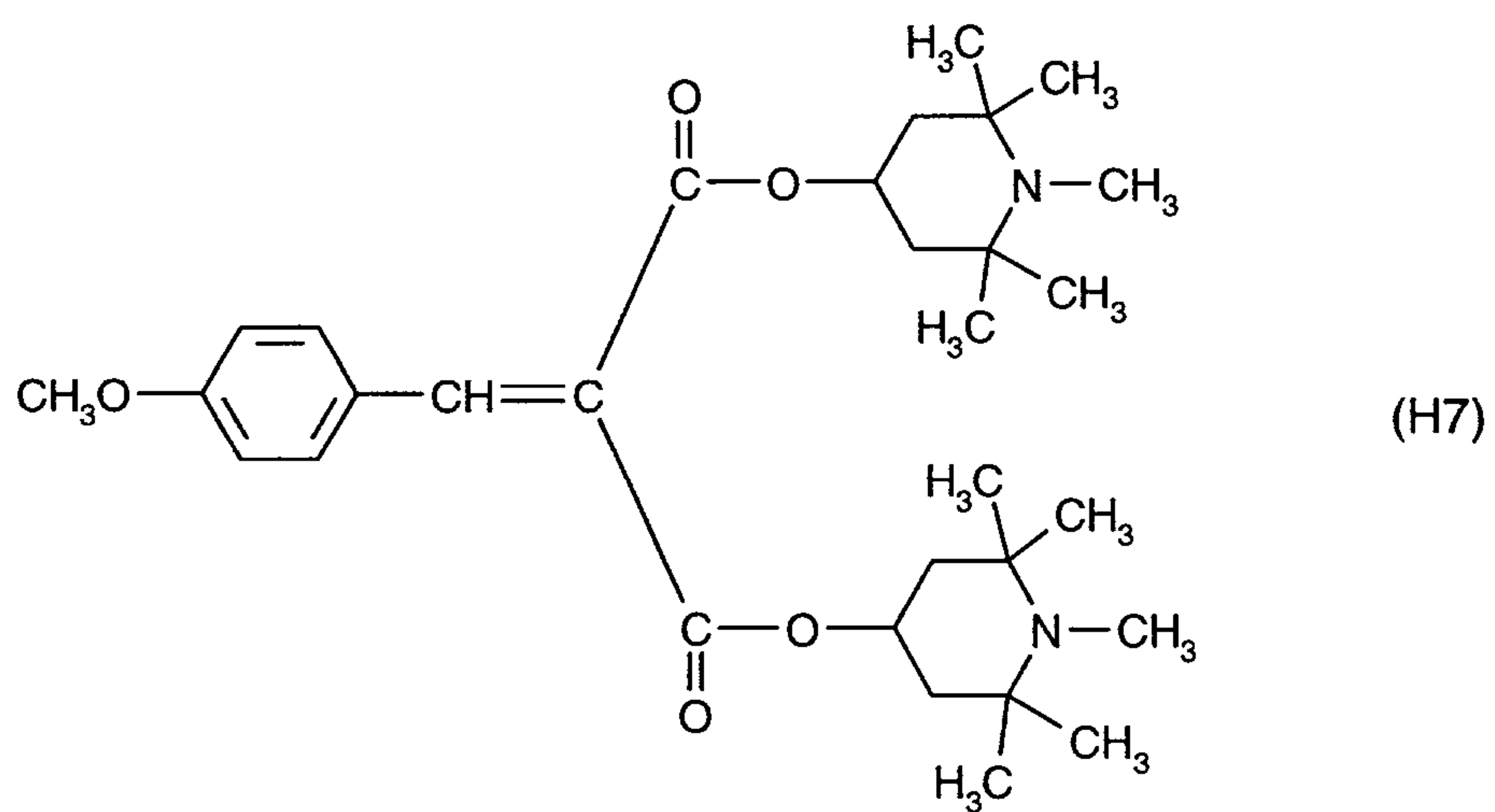
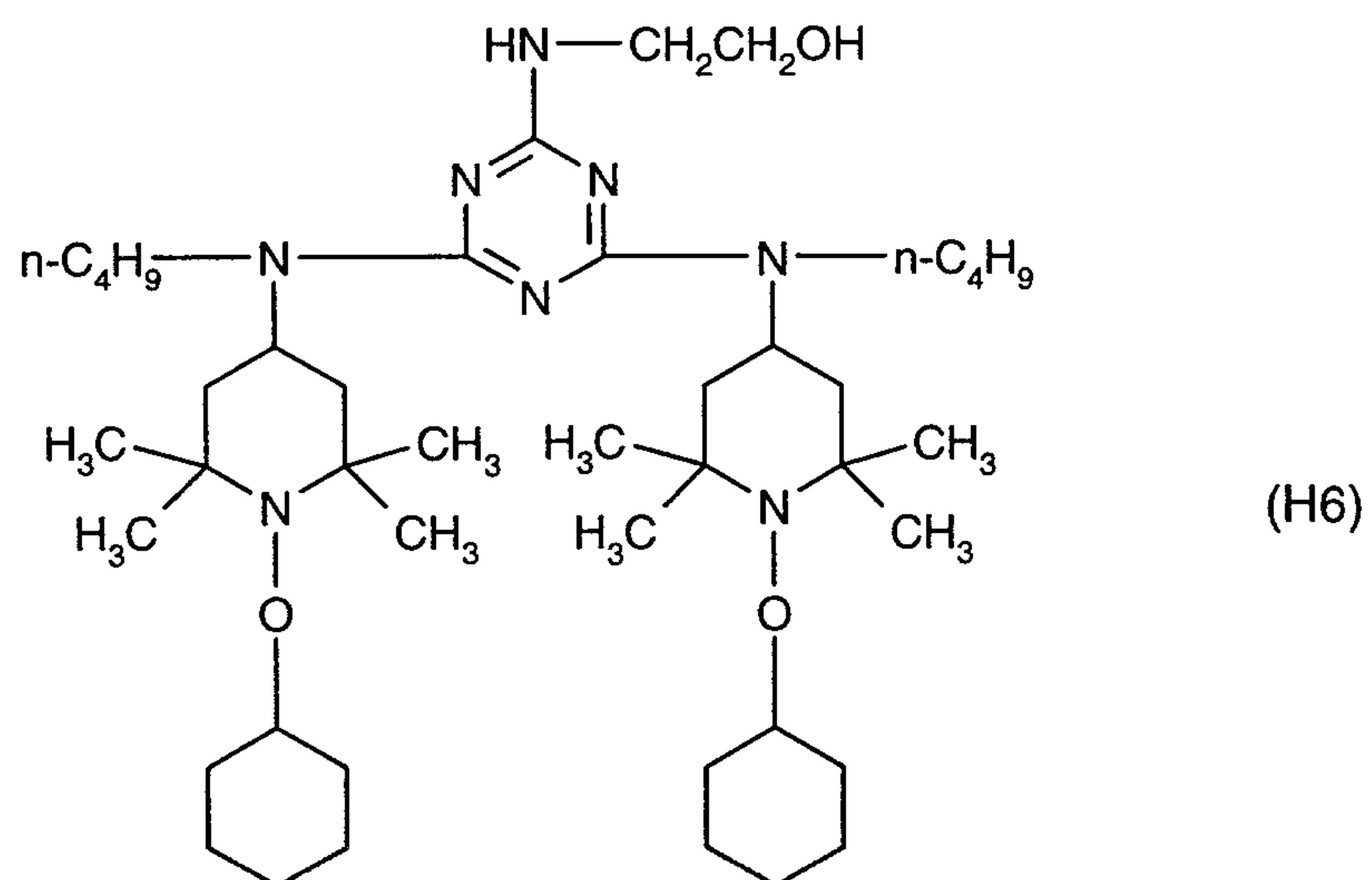
6. A composition according to claim 1, in which component (c) is a compound of the formula H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8 or H9



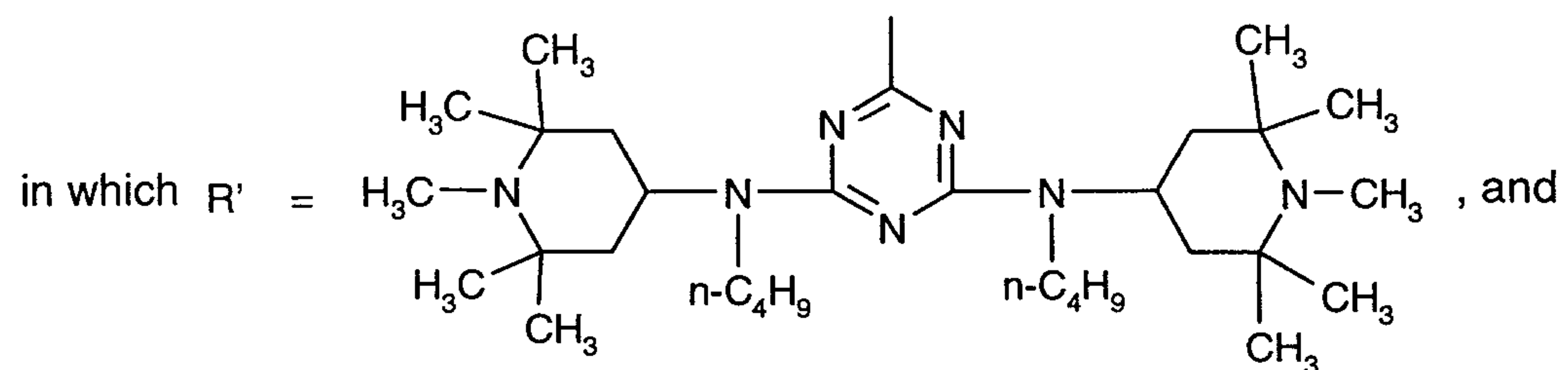
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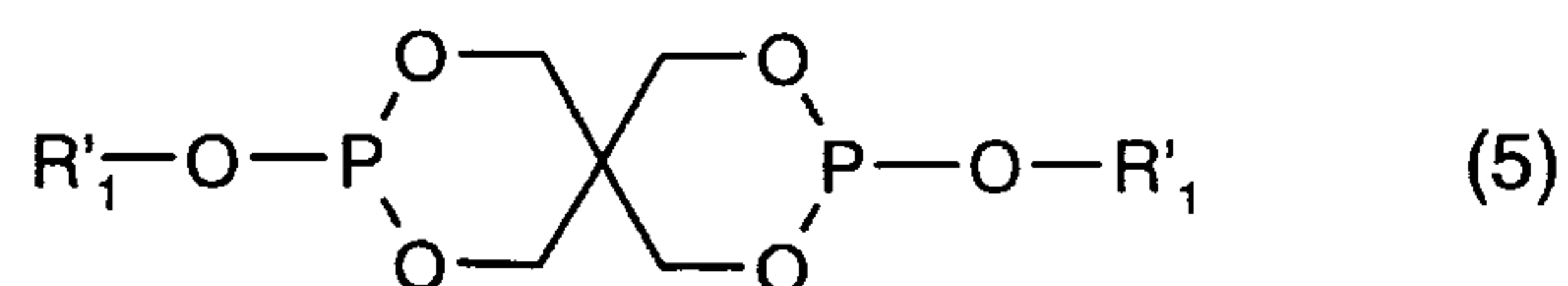
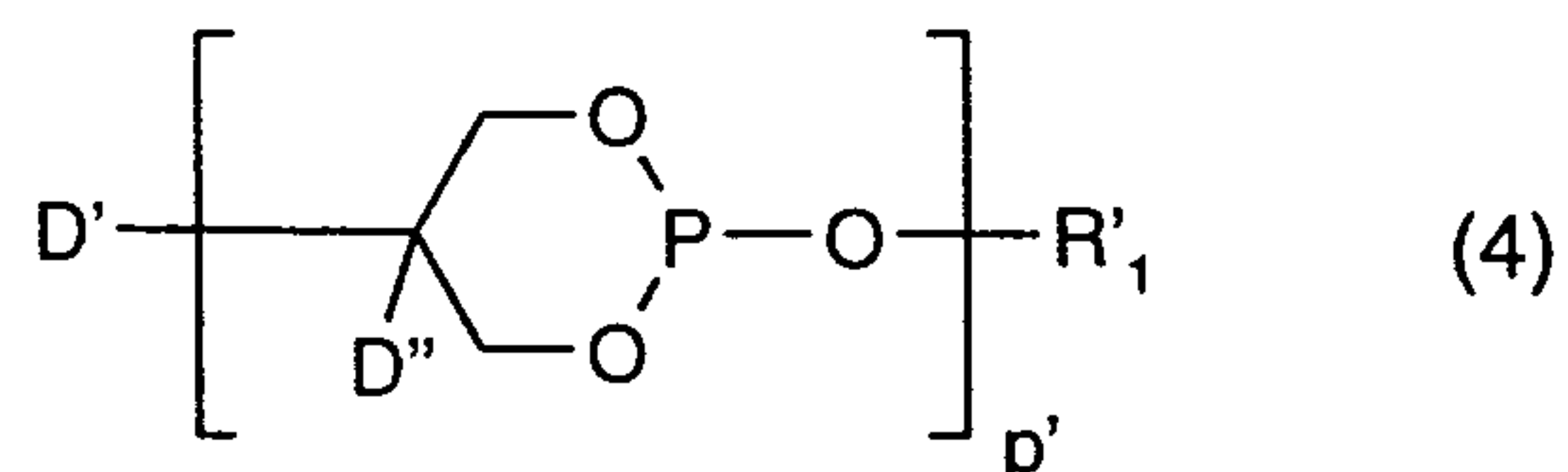
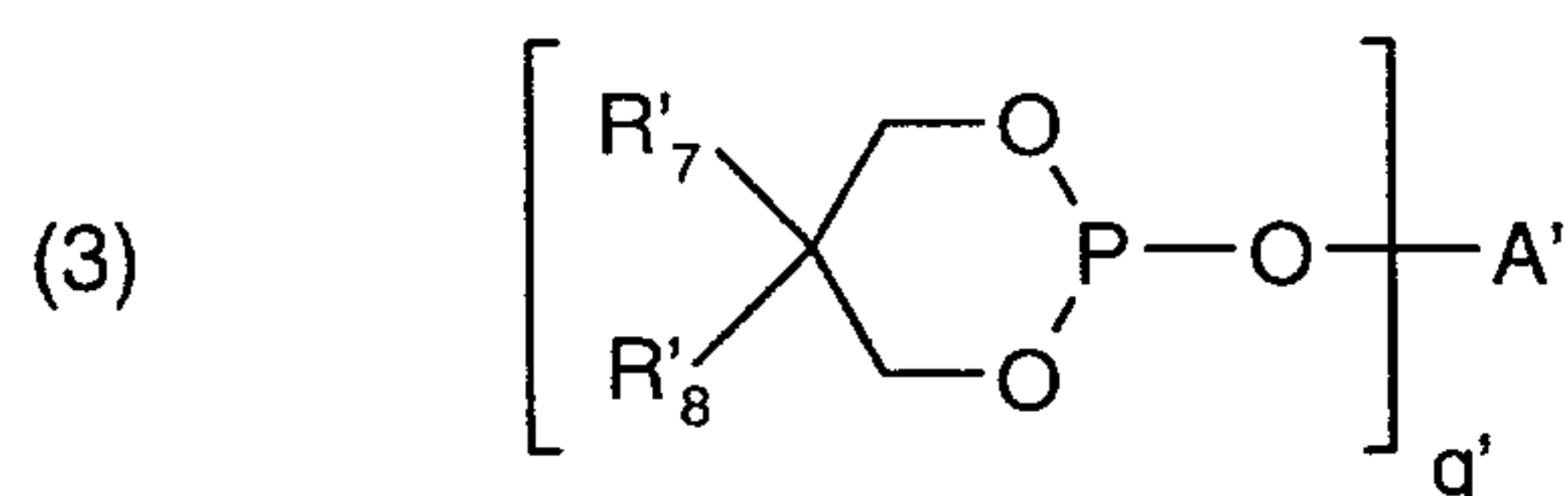
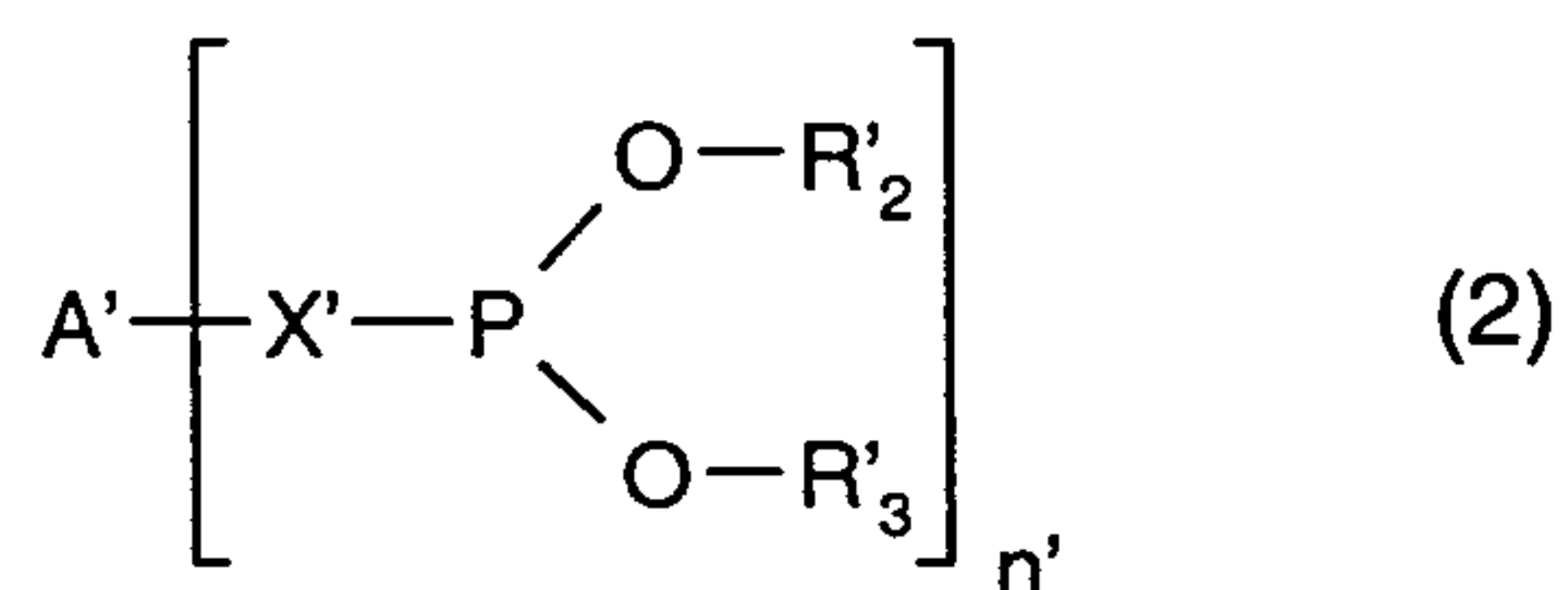
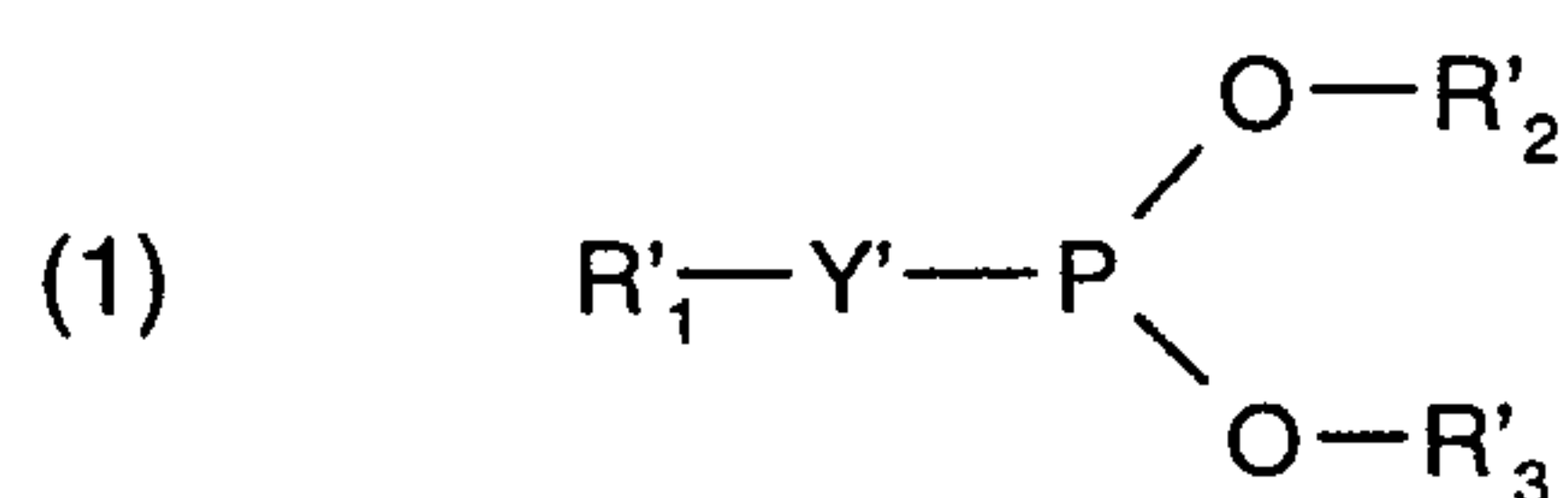


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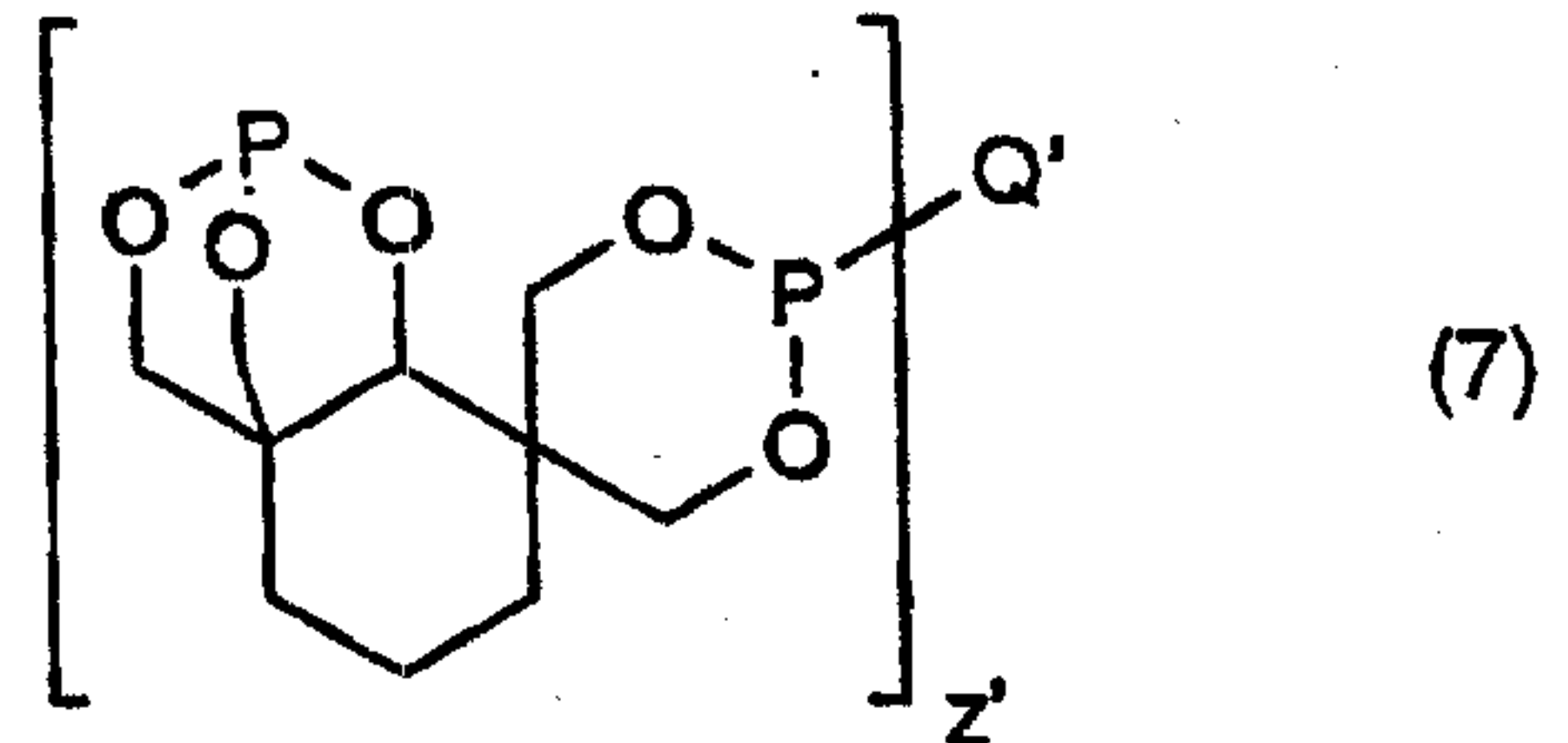
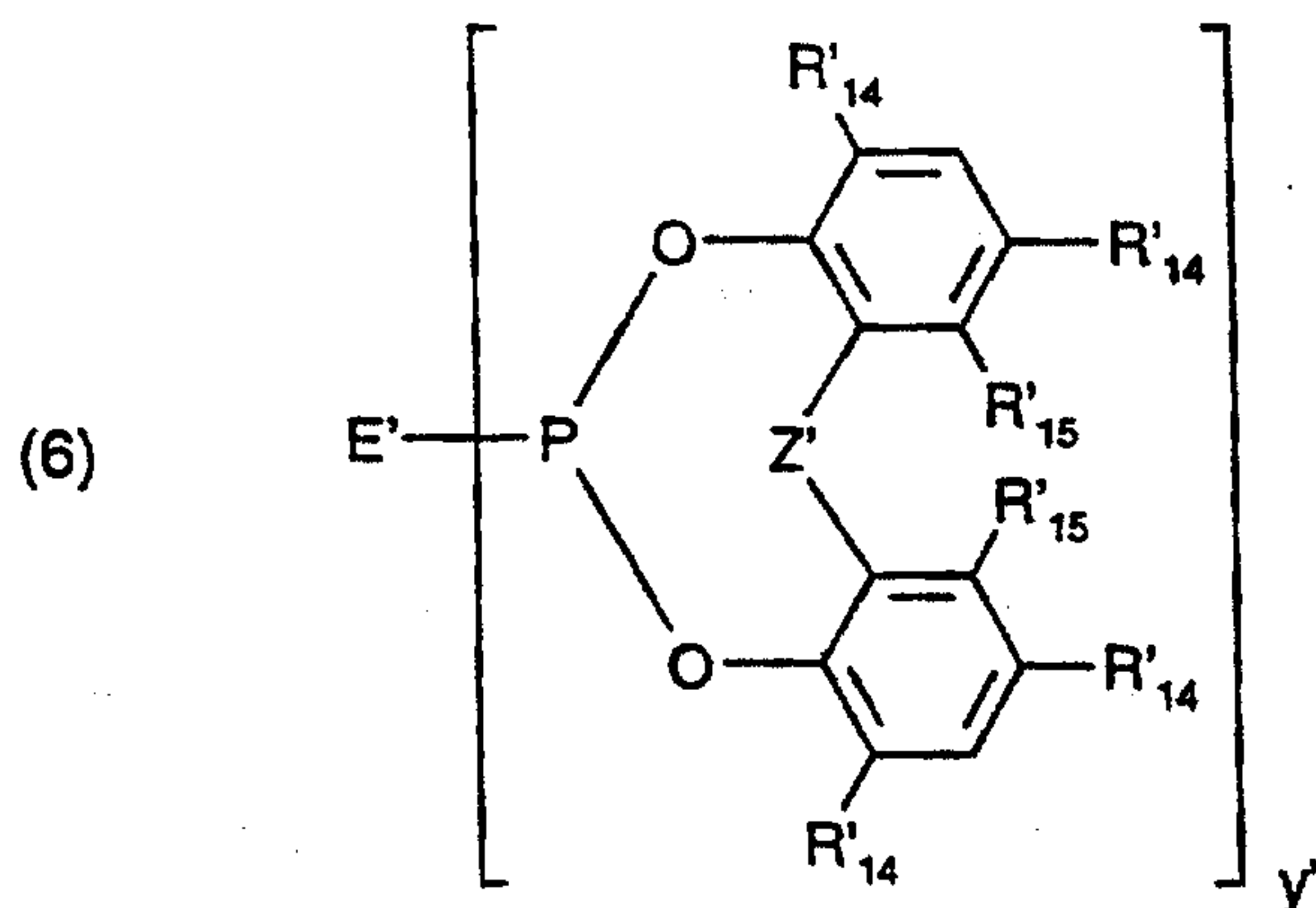
m is a number from the range from 2 to 200.

7. A composition according to claim 2, comprising as component (d) a compound of the formula 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7



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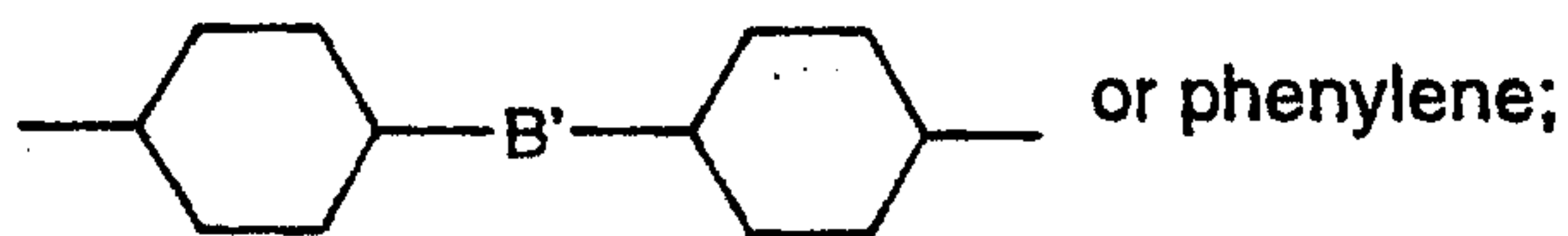
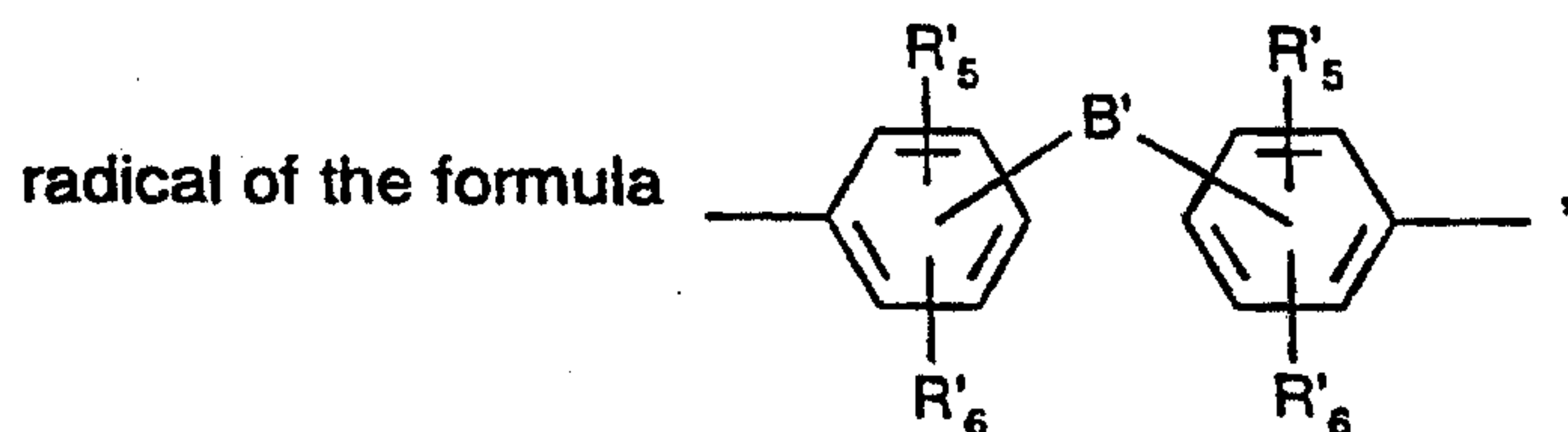
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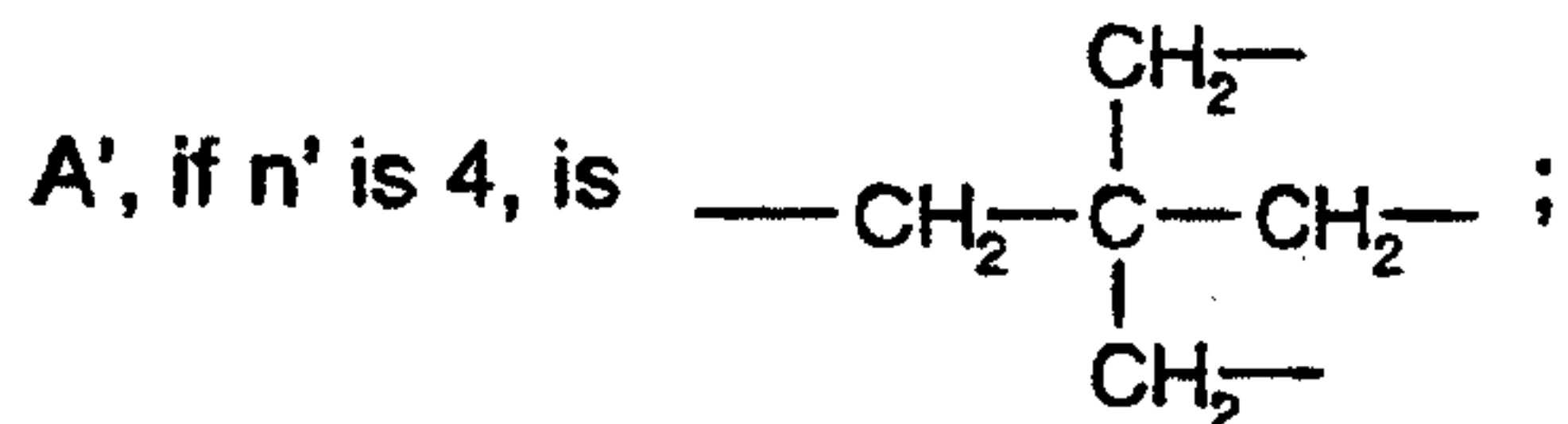
in which the indices are integral and

n' is 2, 3 or 4; p' is 1 or 2; q' is 2 or 3; y' is 1, 2 or 3; and z' is 1 to 6;

A' , if n' is 2, is C_2-C_{18} alkylene; C_2-C_{12} alkylene interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $-NR'_4-$; a



A' , if n' is 3, is a radical of the formula $-C_rH_{2r-1}-$; wherein r is 4 to 12;



B' is a direct bond, $-CH_2-$, $-CHR'_4-$, $-CR'_1R'_4-$, sulfur, C_5-C_7 cycloalkylidene, or cyclohexylidene which is substituted by from 1 to 4 C_1-C_4 alkyl radicals in position 3, 4 and/or 5;

D' , if p' is 1, is C_1-C_4 alkyl and, if p' is 2, is $-CH_2OCH_2-$;

D'' , if p' is 1, is C_1-C_4 alkyl;

E' , if y' is 1, is C_1-C_{18} alkyl, $-OR'_1$ or halogen;

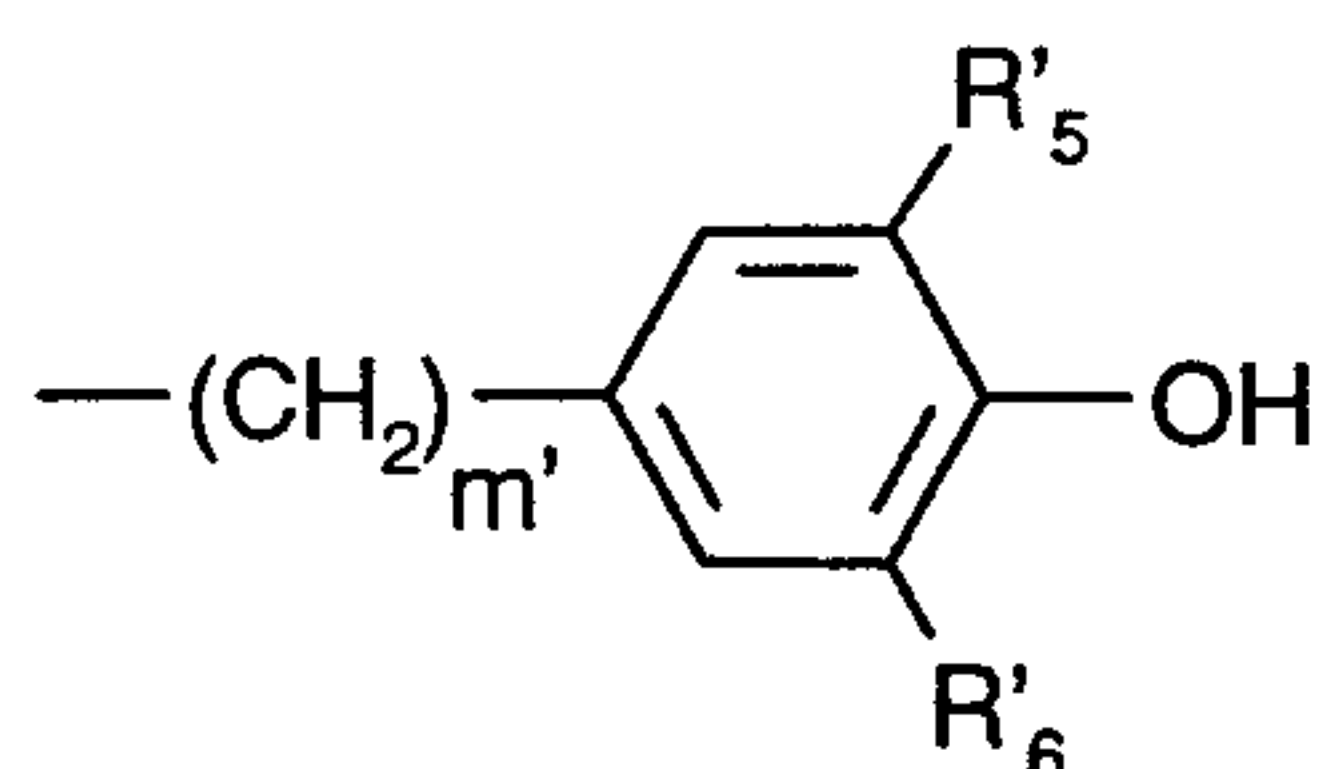
E' , if y' is 2, is $-O-A''-O-$, wherein A'' is as defined for A' , when n' is 2;

E' , if y' is 3, is a radical of the formula $R'_4C(CH_2O-)_3$ or $N(CH_2CH_2O-)_3$;

Q' is the radical of an at least z' -valent alcohol or phenol, this radical being attached via the oxygen atom to the phosphorus atom;

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R'_1 , R'_2 and R'_3 independently of one another are C_1 - C_{18} alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, $-\text{COOR}'_4$, $-\text{CN}$ or $-\text{CONR}'_4R'_4$; C_2 - C_{18} alkyl interrupted by oxygen, sulfur or $-\text{NR}'_4$; C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl; C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, phenyl or naphthyl; naphthyl or phenyl substituted by halogen, 1 to 3 alkyl radicals or alkoxy radicals having a total of 1 to

18 carbon atoms or by C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl; or a radical of the formula 

in which m' is an integer from the range 3 to 6;

R'_4 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl or C_7 - C_9 phenylalkyl,

R'_5 and R'_6 independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_5 - C_6 cycloalkyl,

R'_7 and R'_8 , if q' is 2, independently of one another are C_1 - C_4 alkyl or together are a 2,3-dehydropentamethylene radical; and

R'_7 and R'_8 , if q' is 3, are methyl;

R'_{14} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_9 alkyl or cyclohexyl,

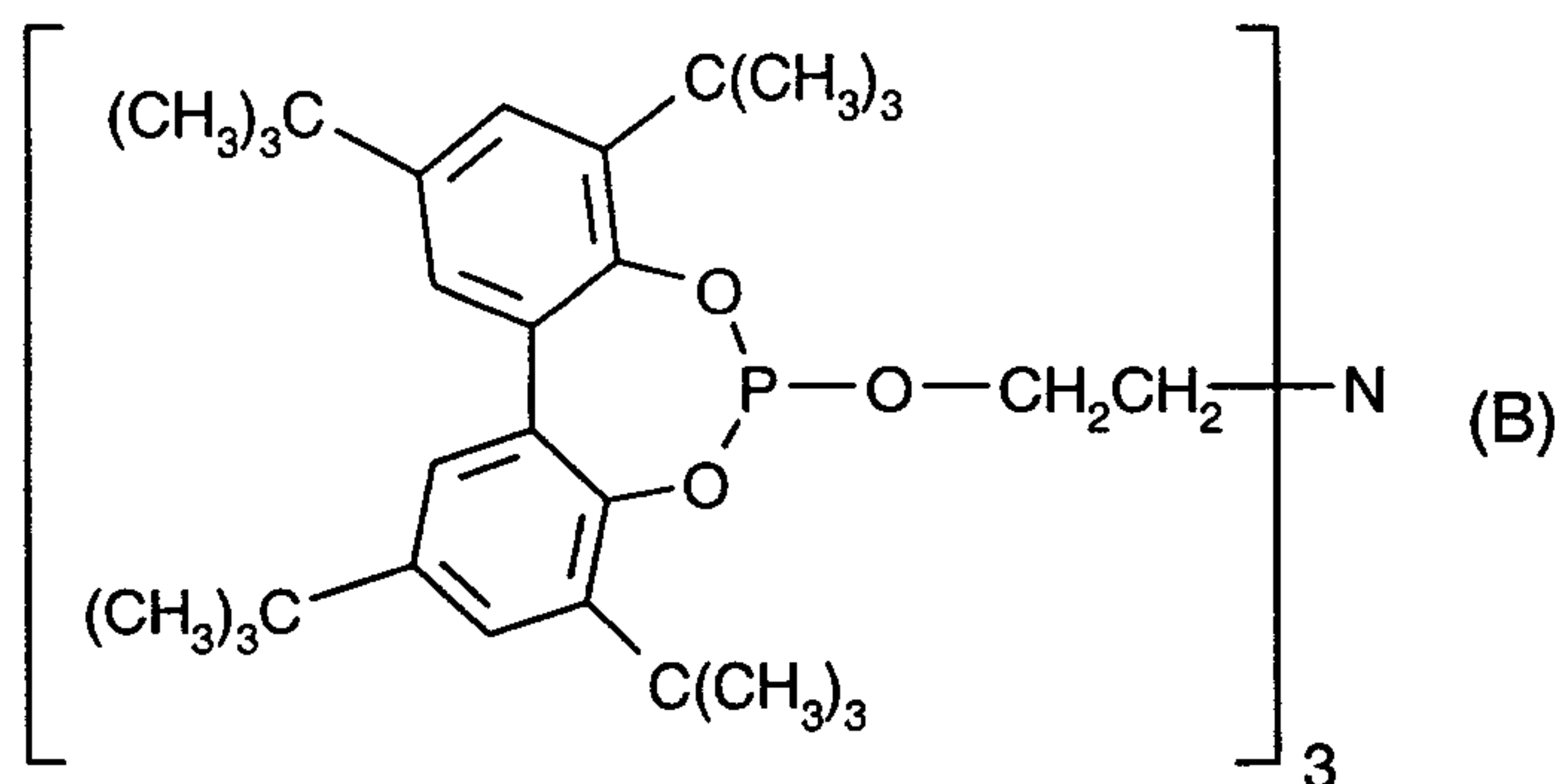
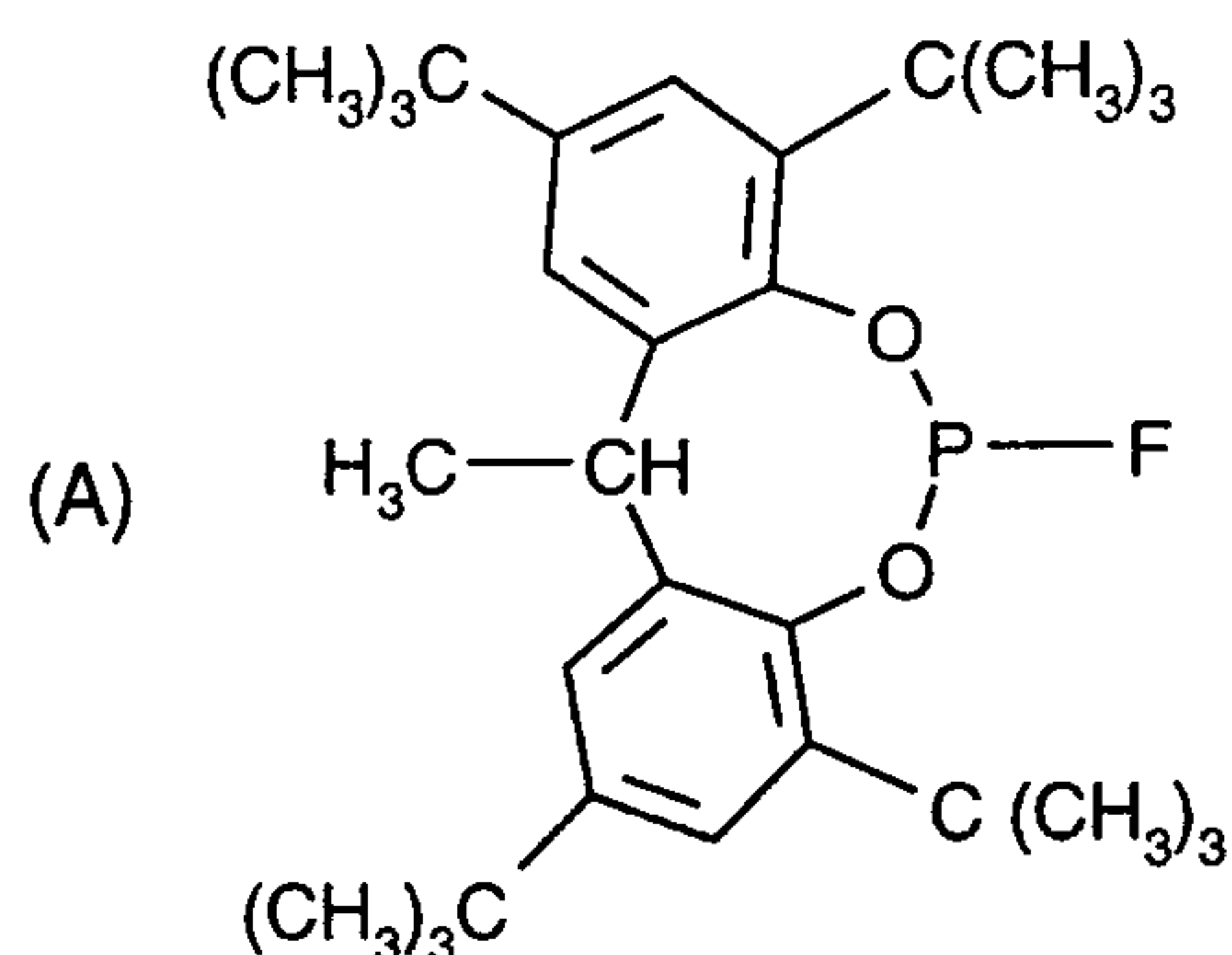
R'_{15} is hydrogen or methyl and, if two or more radicals R'_{14} and R'_{15} are present, these radicals are identical or different,

X' and Y' are each a direct bond or oxygen,

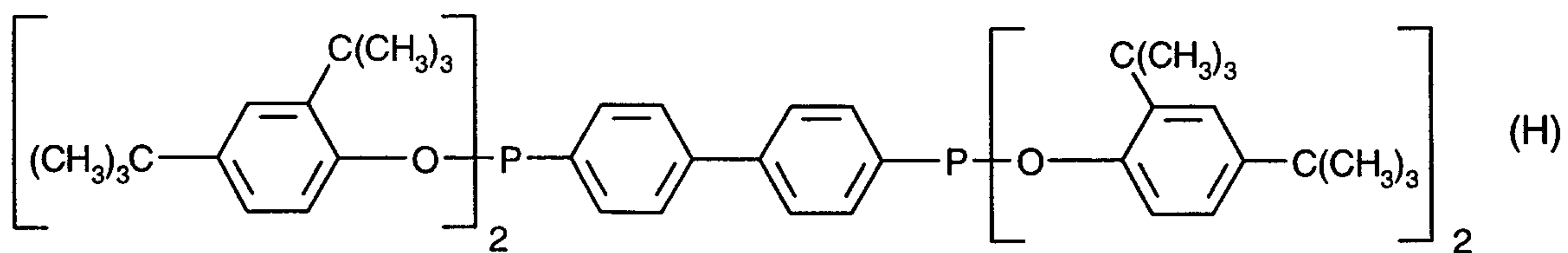
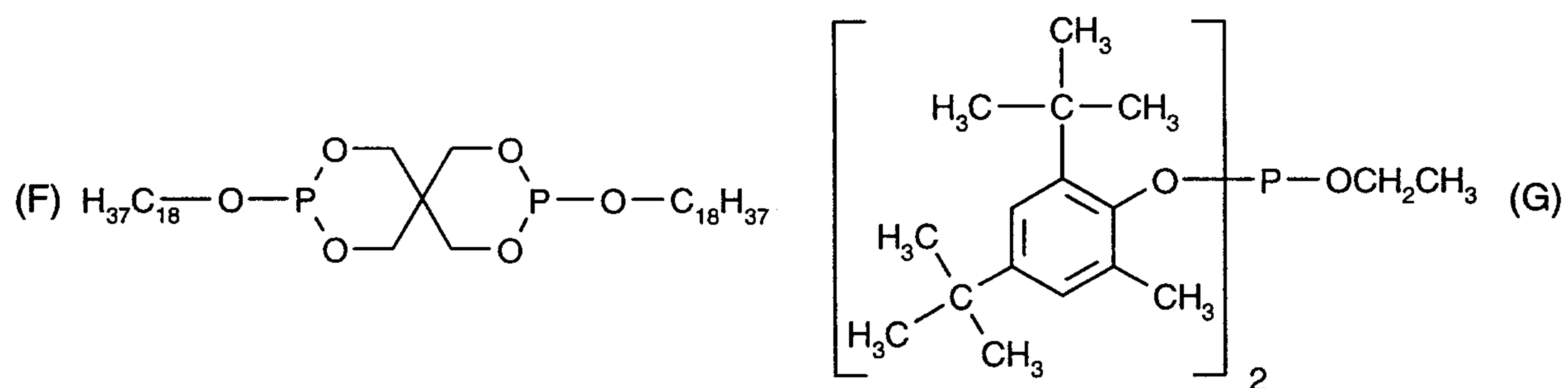
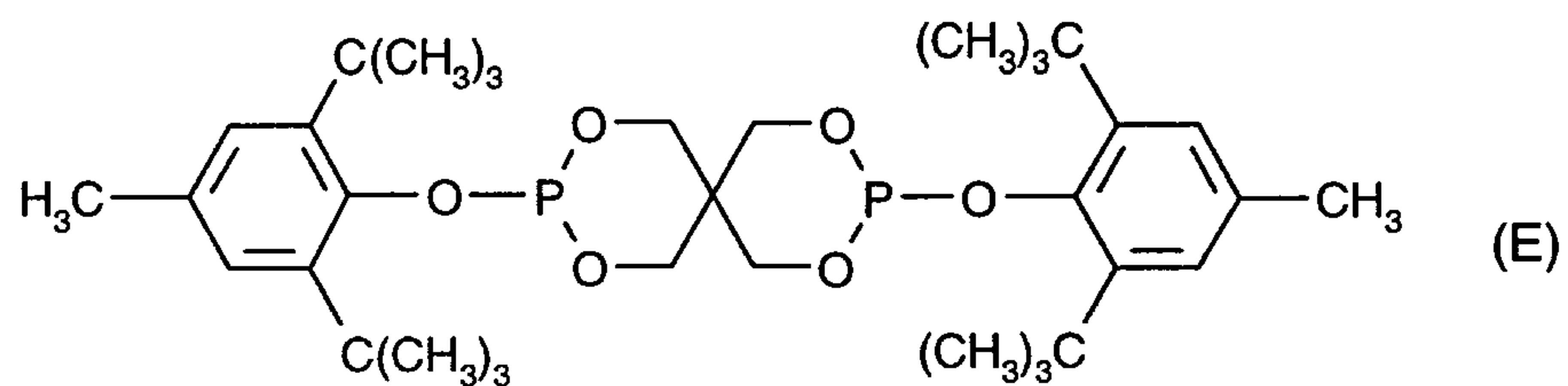
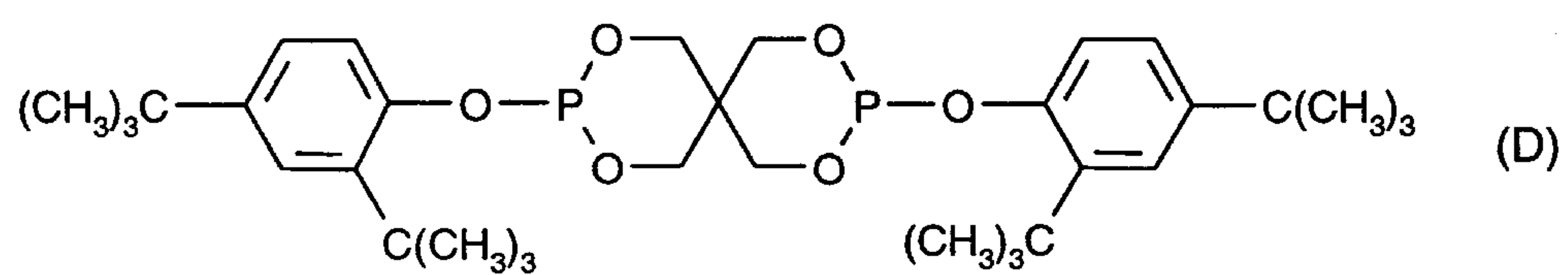
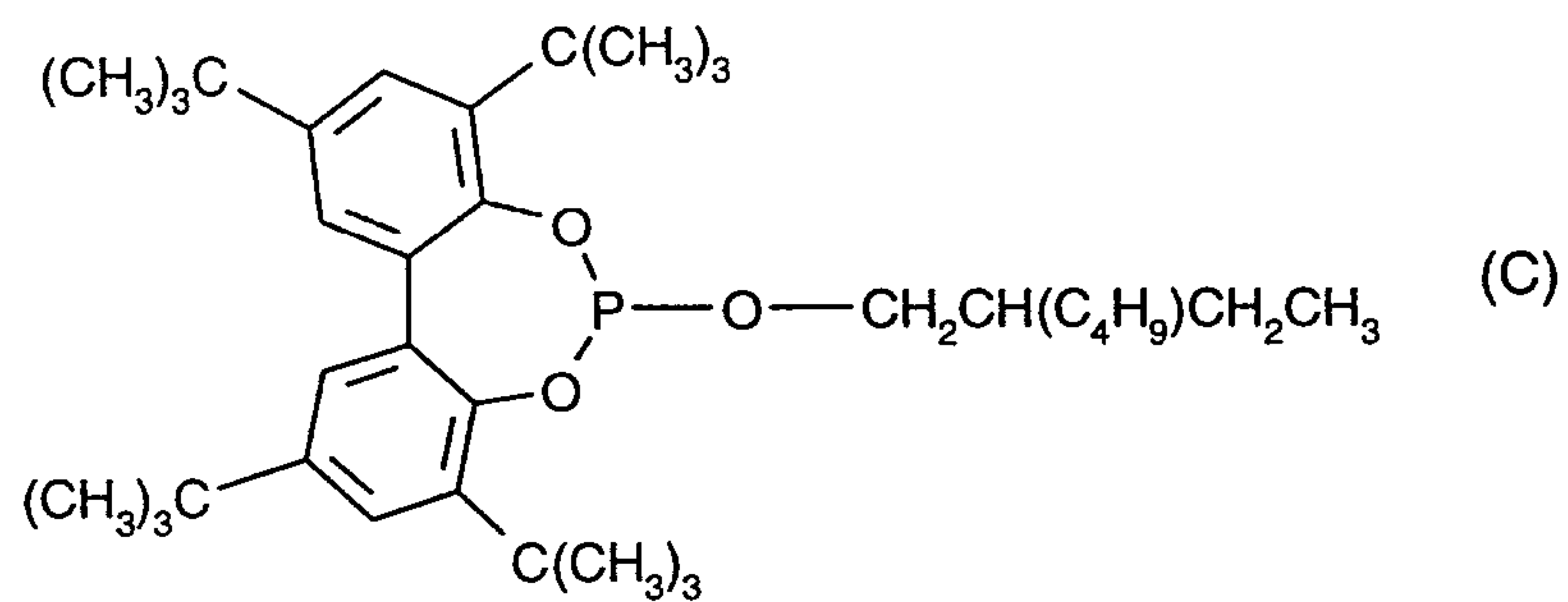
Z' is a direct bond, methylene, $-\text{C}(R'_{16})_2-$ or sulfur, and

R'_{16} is C_1 - C_8 alkyl.

8. A composition according to claim 2, in which component (d) is tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite, tris(nonylphenyl) phosphite or a compound of the formula A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K or L

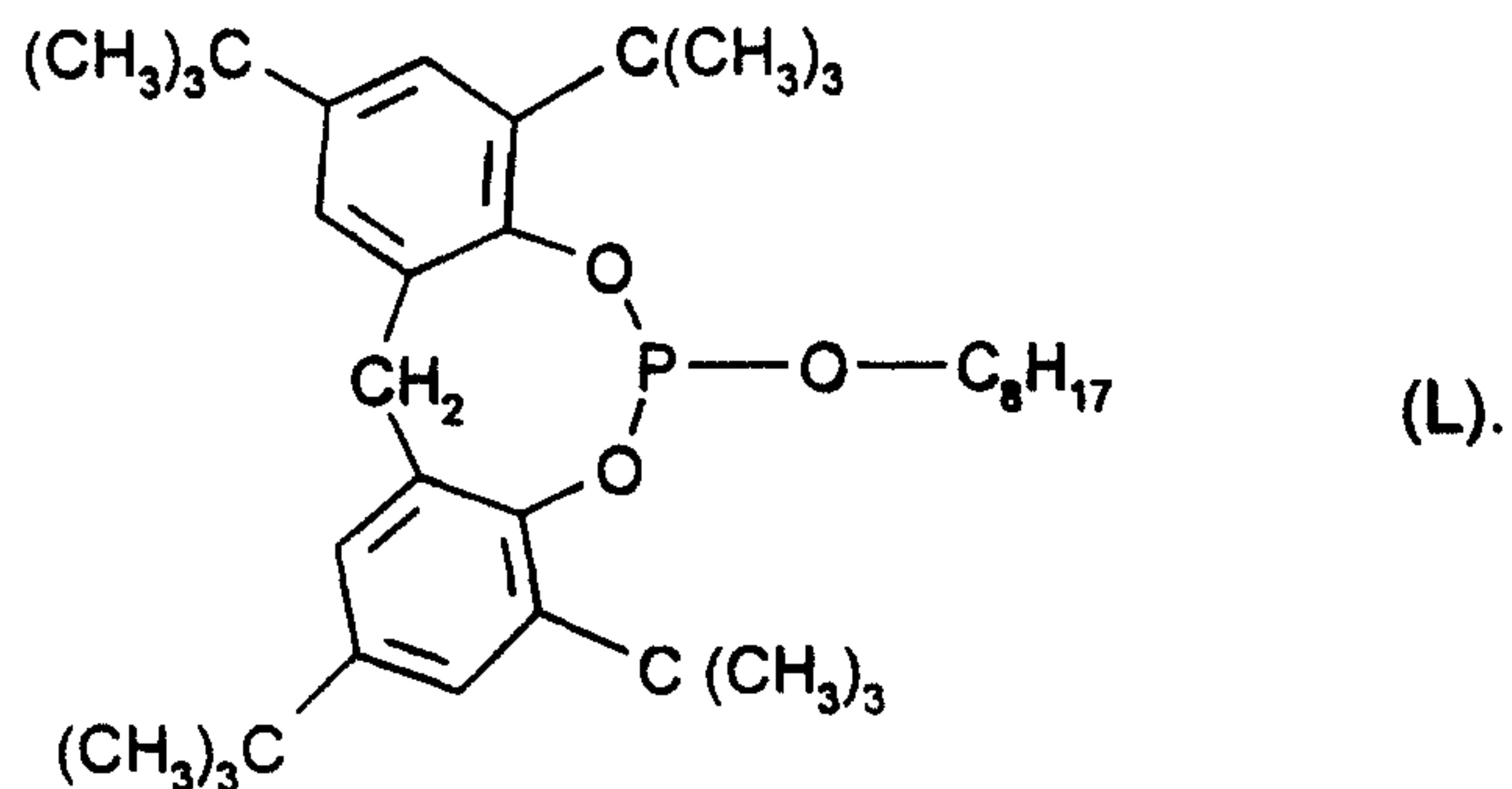
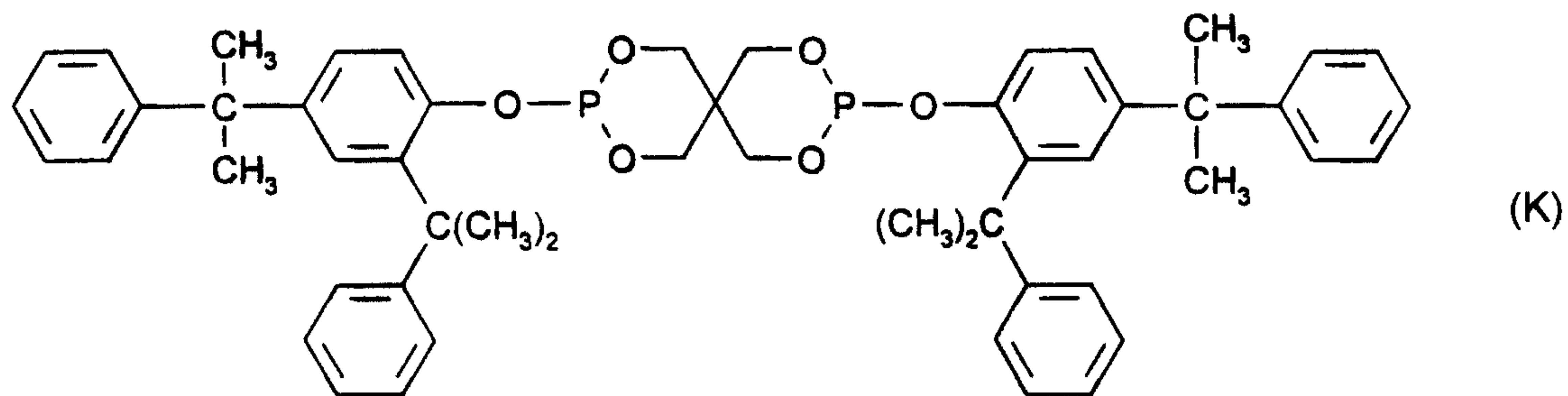
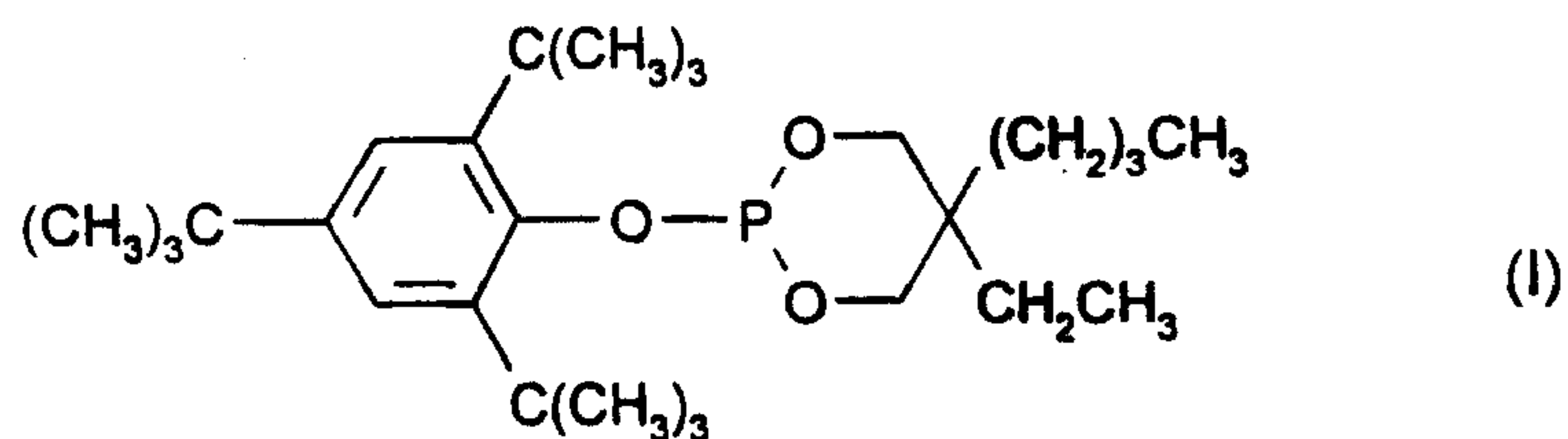


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9. A composition according to claim 1, in which component (b) is present in an amount of from 0.0005 to 5 % based on the weight of component (a).

10. A composition according to claim 1, in which component (c) is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 10 % based on the weight of component (a).

11. A composition according to claim 2, in which component (d) is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 10 % based on the weight of component (a).

12. A composition according to claim 1, comprising in addition to components (a), (b) and (c) further additives in addition.

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13. A process for stabilizing an essentially phenol-free polyolefin fibre against oxidative, thermal or light-induced degradation, which comprises incorporating in or applying to said material at least one each of components
5 (b) and (c), wherein component (b) is as defined in any one of claims 1, 3 and 4 and wherein component (c) is as defined in any one of claims 1, 5 and 6.

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