



(22) Date de dépôt/Filing Date: 1992/12/29

(41) Mise à la disp. pub./Open to Public Insp.: 1993/07/01

(45) Date de délivrance/Issue Date: 2003/06/10

(30) Priorité/Priority: 1991/12/30 (91122422.8) EP

(51) Cl.Int.⁵/Int.Cl.⁵ C07D 487/04, A01N 43/90

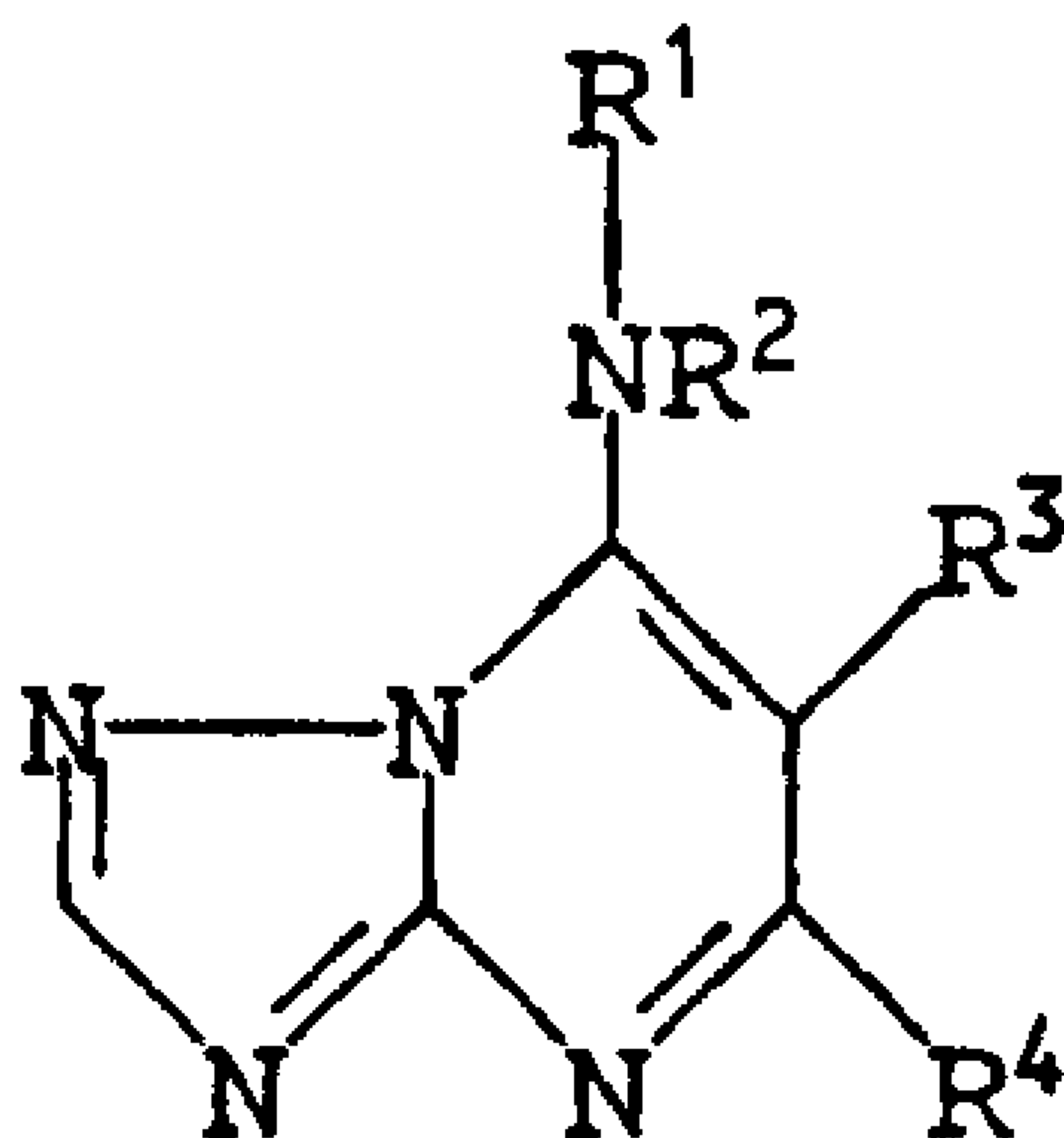
(72) Inventeurs/Inventors:
PEES, KLAUS-JURGEN, DE;
ALBERT, GUIDO, DE

(73) Propriétaire/Owner:
SHELL INTERNATIONALE RESEARCH
MAATSCHAPPIJ B.V., NL

(74) Agent: OGILVY RENAULT

(54) Titre : DERIVES TRIAZOLOPYRIMIDINE

(54) Title: TRIAZOLOPYRIMIDINE DERIVATIVES



(I)

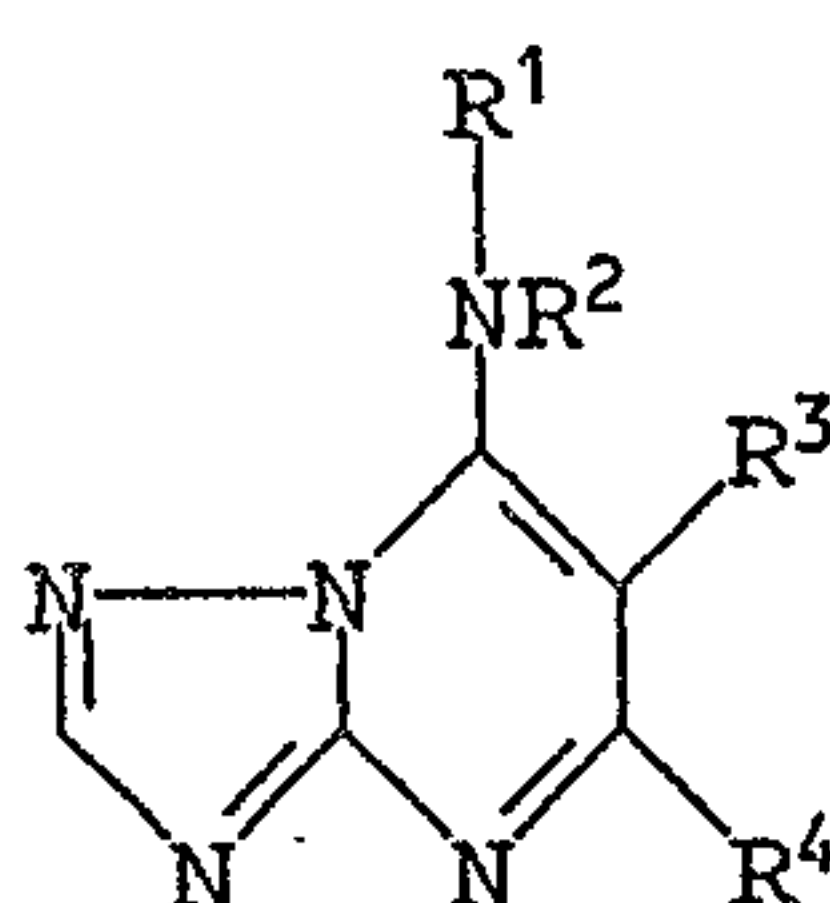
(57) Abrégé/Abstract:

This invention relates to certain triazolopyrimidine derivatives of the general formula (see formula I) in which R¹ represents an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkadienyl, cycloalkyl, bicycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group; R² represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; or R¹ and R² together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; R³ represents an optionally substituted aryl group; and R⁴ represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group -NR⁵R⁶ where R⁵ represents a hydrogen atom or an amino, alkyl, cycloalkyl or bicycloalkyl group and R⁶ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; processes for their preparation; compositions containing such compounds and their use as fungicides.



ABSTRACTTRIAZOLOPYRIMIDINE DERIVATIVES

This invention relates to certain triazolopyrimidine derivatives of the general formula



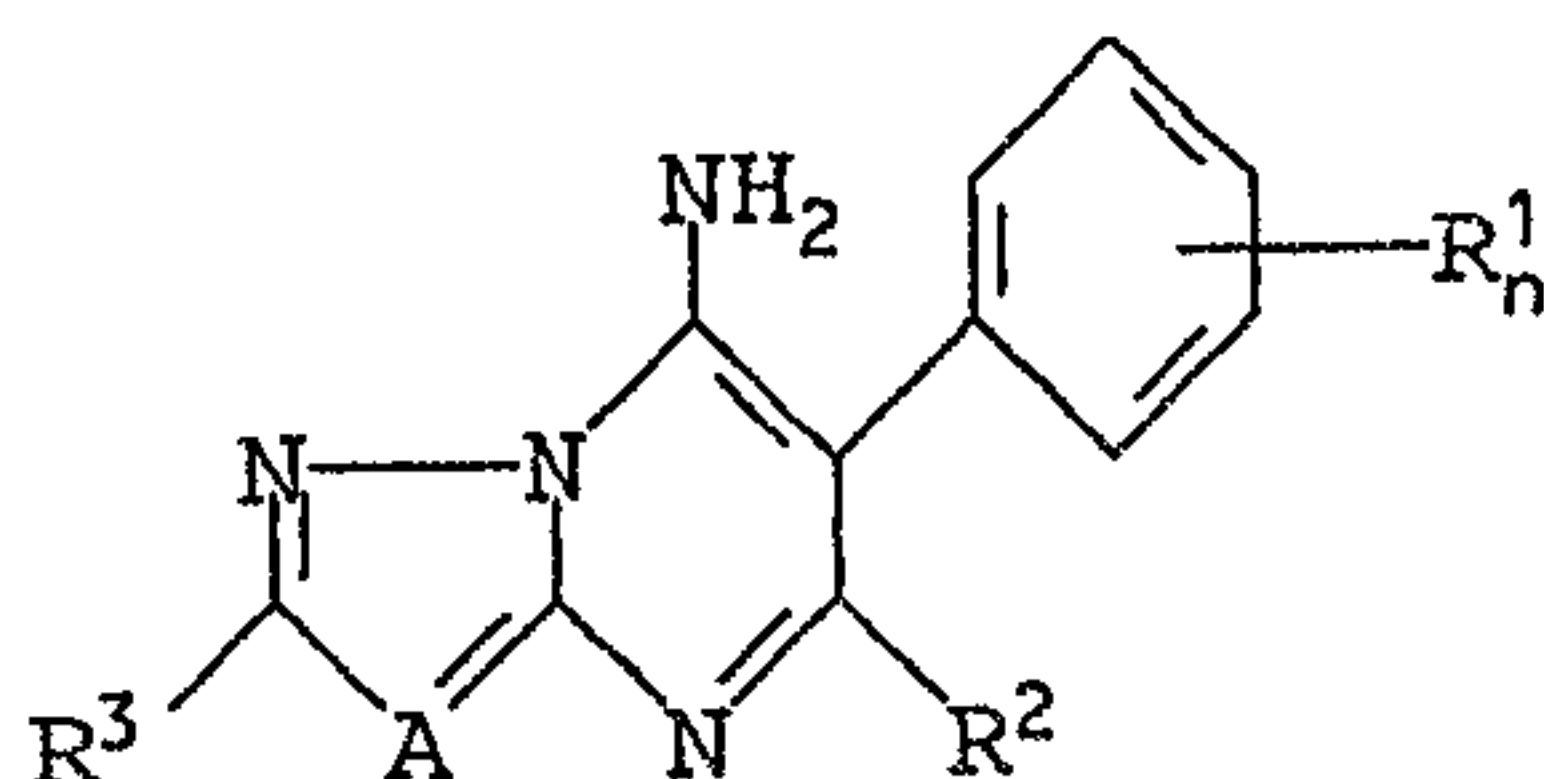
in which R^1 represents an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkadienyl, cycloalkyl, bicycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group; R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; R^3 represents an optionally substituted aryl group; and R^4 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group $-NR^5R^6$ where R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or an amino, alkyl, cycloalkyl or bicycloalkyl group and R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; processes for their preparation; compositions containing such compounds and their use as fungicides.

TRIAZOLOPYRIMIDINE DERIVATIVES

This invention relates to certain triazolopyrimidine derivatives, a process for their preparation, compositions containing such compounds and their use as fungicides.

EP-A-0071792 discloses compounds of the general formula

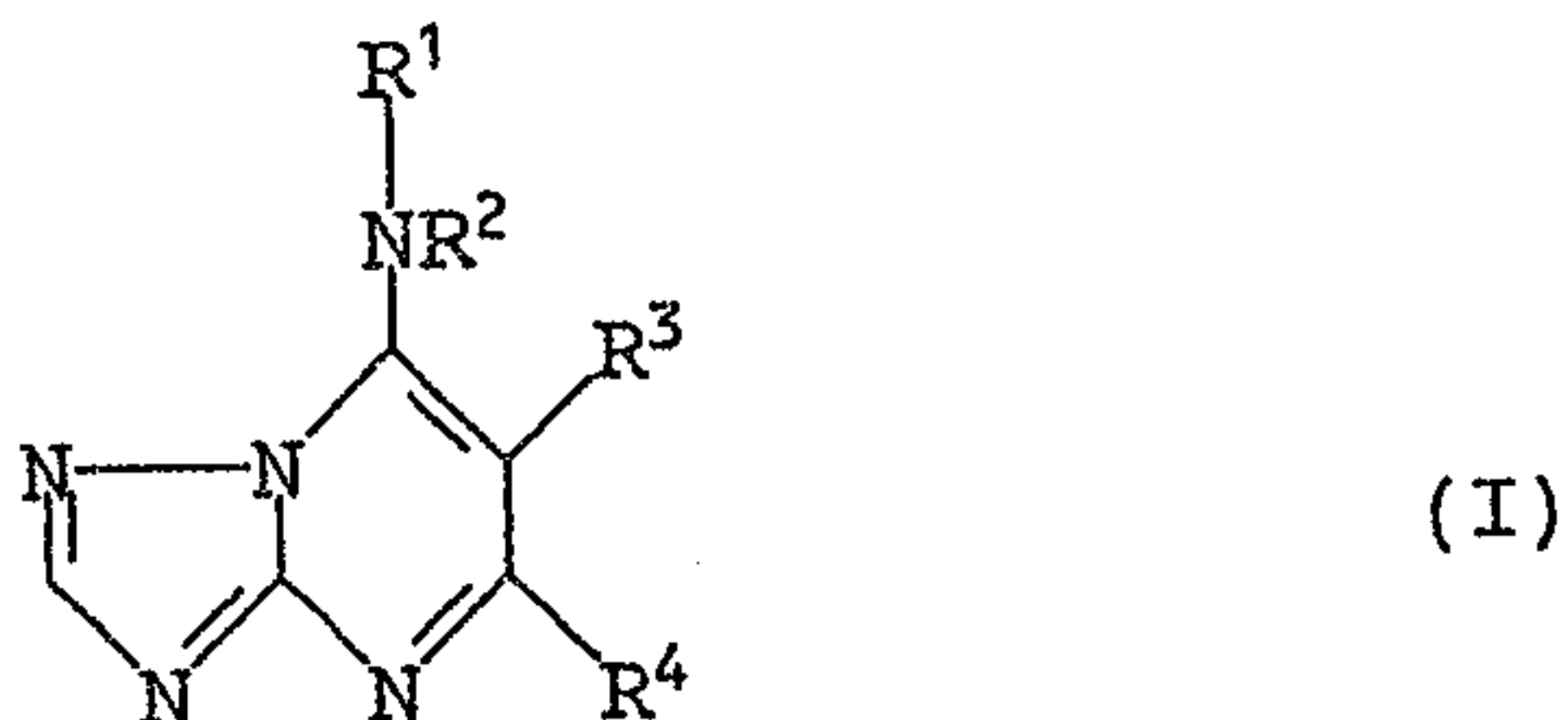
5



in which R¹ represents alkyl, halogen, alkoxy, cyano, cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, arylalkyl, arylalkyloxy or arylalkylthio each optionally substituted by halogen or alkoxy, or R¹_n represents a benzene, indane or tetrahydronaphthalene ring fused with the phenyl ring, aromatic moieties in the above groups being optionally substituted by alkyl, alkoxy, halogen or cyano; n is 1 or 2; R² and R³ are each hydrogen, alkyl or aryl, A represents a nitrogen atom or a CR⁴ group; and R⁴ is as R² but can also be halogen, cyano or alkoxycarbonyl or together with R³ can form an alkylene chain containing up to 2 double bonds. The compounds are said to be active against various phytopathogenic fungi, especially those of the phycomycete class. However, evidence of fungicidal activity is only provided for 17 of the 80 disclosed compounds against Plasmopara viticola, a member of the phycomycete class of fungi.

20 A new class of triazolopyrimidine derivatives has now been discovered which exhibits a different spectrum of fungicidal activity, the new compounds being especially active against fungi which are members of the ascomycete class such as Venturia inaequalis, Botrytis cinerea and Alternaria solani.

According to the invention there is therefore provided a compound of the general formula



10

in which R^1 represents an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkadienyl, cycloalkyl, bicycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group; R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring; R^3 represents an optionally substituted aryl group; and R^4 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group $-NR^5R^6$ where R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or an amino, alkyl, cycloalkyl or bicycloalkyl group and R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group.

20

When the compounds of this invention contain an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or alkadienyl substituent group, this may be linear or branched and may contain up to 12, preferably up to 6 and especially up to 4, carbon atoms. A cycloalkyl group may contain from 3 to 8, preferably 3 to 6, carbon atoms. A bicycloalkyl group may contain from 4 to 12, preferably 4 to 8, carbon atoms. An aryl group may be any aromatic hydrocarbon group, especially a phenyl or naphthyl group. A heterocyclic ring may be any saturated or unsaturated ring system containing at least one heteroatom, 3- to 6-membered rings being preferred and 5- and 6-membered rings being especially preferred. Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic rings, such as aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morphinyl and thiazolyl, are particularly preferred.

30

When any of the foregoing substituents are designated as being optionally substituted, the substituent groups which are optionally present may be any one or more of those customarily employed in the

35

development of pesticidal compounds and/or the modification of such compounds to influence their structure/activity, persistence, penetration or other property. Specific examples of such substituents include, for example, halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, thiocyanato, cyanato, hydroxyl, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, formyl, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, alkanoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, alkylamido, phenyl, phenoxy, benzyl, benzyloxy, heterocyclyl, especially furyl, and cycloalkyl, especially cyclopropyl, groups. Typically, 0-3 substituents may be present. When any of the foregoing substituents represents or contains an alkyl substituent group, this may be linear or branched and may contain up to 12, preferably up to 6, and especially up to 4, carbon atoms. When any of the foregoing substituents represents or contains an aryl or cycloalkyl moiety, the aryl or cycloalkyl moiety may itself be substituted by one or more halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or haloalkoxy groups. In the case of cycloalkyl and heterocyclyl groups, optional substituents also include groups which together with two adjacent carbon atoms of the cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group form a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl ring. In other words, a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl ring may be optionally fused with the cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl group.

It is preferred that R^1 represents a C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{4-12} alkadienyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl or C_{4-8} bicycloalkyl group or a 3- to 6-membered heterocyclic ring, each group or ring being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4} haloalkoxy, amino, C_{1-4} alkylamino, di- C_{1-4} alkylamino, formyl, C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, phenyl, C_{1-4} haloalkylphenyl, di- C_{1-4} alkoxyphenyl, furyl and dihalo- C_{3-6} cycloalkyl groups or, in the case where R^1 represents a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group or a 3- to 6-membered heterocyclic ring, optionally ortho-fused with a benzene ring.

More preferably, R^1 represents a C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-4} alkynyl, C_{4-8} alkadienyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{4-8} bicycloalkyl group or a 3- to 6-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring, each group or ring being optionally substituted by up to three
 5 substituents selected from halogen, especially chlorine, atoms, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, especially methyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, especially trifluoromethyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, especially methoxy, C_{1-4} haloalkoxy, especially trifluoromethoxy, phenyl, C_{1-4} haloalkylphenyl, di- C_{1-4} alkoxyphenyl, furyl and dihalo- C_{3-6} cycloalkyl groups or, in
 10 the case where R^1 represents a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group or a 3- to 6-membered heterocyclic ring, optionally ortho-fused with a benzene ring.

Preferably, R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group.

15 It is also preferred that R^3 represents a phenyl or naphthyl group, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{1-12} haloalkyl, C_{1-12} alkoxy, C_{1-12} haloalkoxy, amino, C_{1-4} alkylamino, di- C_{1-4} alkylamino, formyl, C_{1-4}
 20 alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, phenyl, phenoxy and benzyloxy groups.

More preferably, R^3 represents a phenyl group optionally substituted by up to three substituents selected from halogen atoms, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4} haloalkoxy, phenyl, phenoxy and benzyloxy groups, or a naphthyl group.

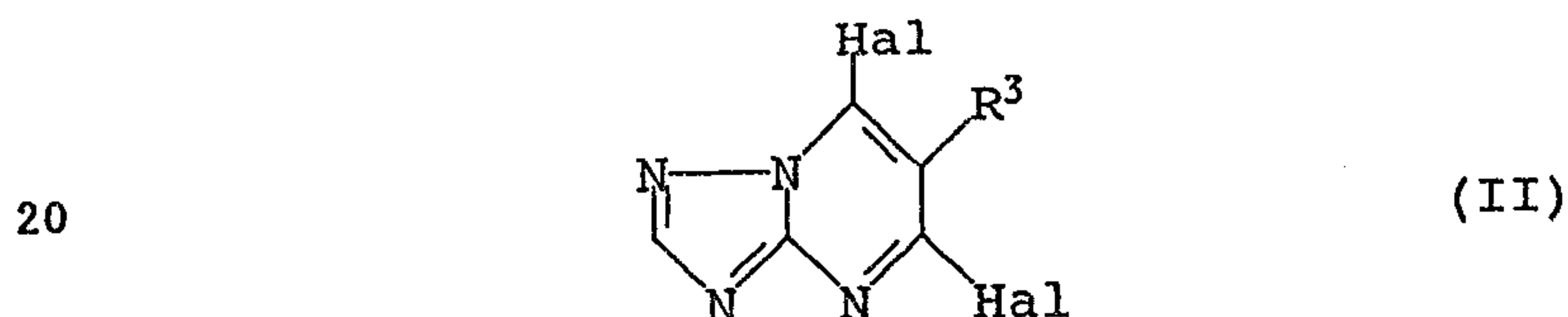
25 Preferably, R^4 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group $-NR^5R^6$ where R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or an amino, C_{1-4} alkyl, especially methyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or C_{4-8} bicycloalkyl group and R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl, especially methyl, group.

30 A particularly preferred sub-group of compounds of formula I is that in which R^1 represents a methyl, ethyl, propyl, heptyl, dodecyl, benzyl, dichlorocyclopropylmethyl, furylmethyl, trifluoromethylphenethyl, dimethoxyphenethyl, pentenyl, propynyl, dimethyloctadienyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, hydroxycyclopentyl,
 35 trimethylcyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, trimethylcyclohexyl, cyclooctyl,

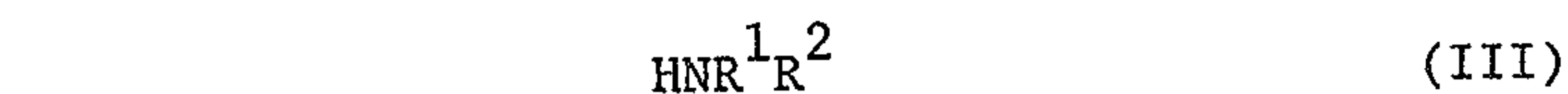
indanyl, bicycloheptyl, dichloroaziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl,
morpholinyl or benzothiazolyl group; R^2 represents a hydrogen atom,
methyl or ethyl group; or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent
nitrogen atom represent a phenylpiperidyl group; R^3 represents a
5 phenyl, fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl, bromophenyl,
chloro-fluorophenyl, methylphenyl, propylphenyl,
trifluoromethylphenyl, methoxyphenyl, ethoxyphenyl,
dimethoxyphenyl, trimethoxyphenyl, trifluoromethoxyphenyl,
biphenyl, phenoxyphenyl, benzyloxyphenyl or naphthyl group; and
10 R^4 represents a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine
atom or an amino, methylamino, dimethylamino, hydrazino,
cyclopentylamino or bicycloheptylamino group.

The present invention also provides a process for the
preparation of a compound of formula I as defined above which
15 comprises

(a) reacting a compound of the general formula



in which R^3 is as defined above and Hal represents a chlorine or
bromine atom with a compound of the general formula



in which R^1 and R^2 are as defined above, to produce a compound of
formula I in which R^4 represents a chlorine or bromine atom;

30 (b) if desired, reacting the compound of formula I formed in (a)
with a fluorinating agent to produce a compound of formula I in
which R^4 represents a fluorine atom;

(c) if desired, reacting the compound of formula I formed in (a)
with a reducing agent to produce a compound of formula I in which
 R^4 represents a hydrogen atom;

35 (d) if desired, reacting the compound of formula I formed in (a)

with a compound of the general formula



- 5 in which R^5 and R^6 are as defined above, to produce a compound of formula I in which R^4 represents a group $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^6$; and
 (e) if desired, reacting a compound of formula I formed in (d) in which R^5 and R^6 both represent a hydrogen atom with diiodomethane in the presence of a diazotising agent to produce a compound of
 10 formula I in which R^4 represents an iodine atom.

- The process of step (a) is conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable solvents include ethers, such as dioxane, diethyl ether and, especially, tetrahydrofuran, halogenated hydrocarbons, such as dichloromethane, and toluene.
 15 The reaction is suitably carried out at a temperature in the range from 0°C to 70°C , the preferred reaction temperature being from 10°C to 35°C . It is also preferred that the reaction is carried out in the presence of a base. Suitable bases include tertiary amines, such as triethylamine, and inorganic bases, such as
 20 potassium carbonate or sodium carbonate. Alternatively, an excess of the compound of formula III may serve as a base.

- The process of step (b) is conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable solvents include sulpholane, dimethylformamide or a mixture of acetonitrile and a crown ether.
 25 If sulpholane or dimethylformamide is used as solvent, it is advantageous to use toluene as a co-solvent to aid dehydration of the fluorinating agent. The reaction is suitably carried out at a temperature in the range from room temperature (about 15°C) to the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture, the preferred reaction
 30 temperature being from 40°C to the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture. Suitable fluorinating agents include alkali metal fluorides, especially potassium fluoride, and antimony fluoride.

- The reducing agent utilised in step (c) is conveniently a
 35 catalytic hydrogenating agent, that is, hydrogen gas used under

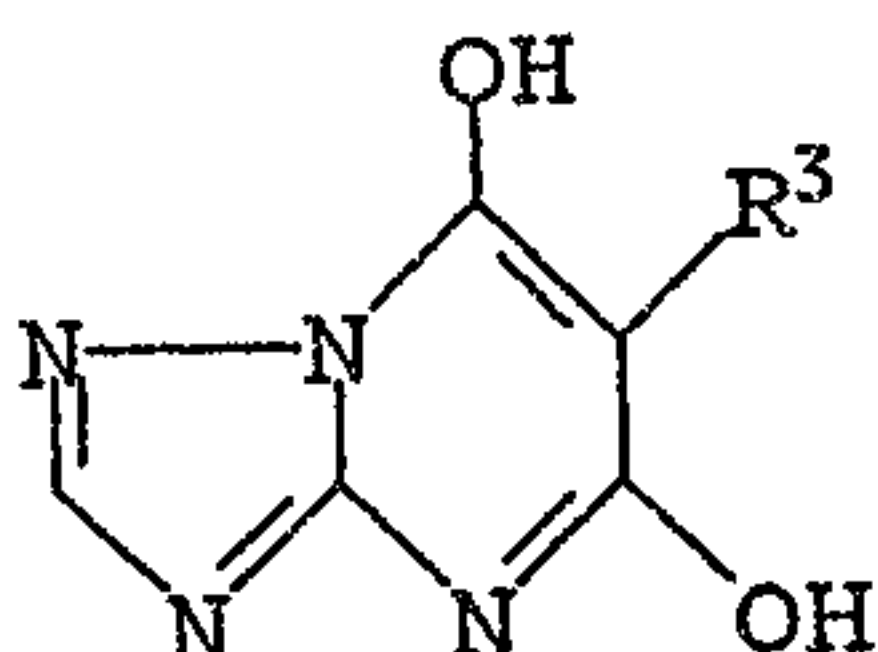
elevated pressure in the presence of a catalyst. Preferably, the catalyst is palladium on charcoal. It is also preferred that this step is carried out in the presence of a base. Suitable bases include tertiary amines, such as triethylamine, and inorganic bases, such as sodium carbonate or, especially, sodium hydroxide. This step may also be conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable solvents include alcohols, such as methanol. The reaction is suitably carried out at a temperature in the range from 0°C to 70°C, the preferred reaction temperature being from 10°C to 35°C.

The process of step (d) is conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable solvents include ethers, such as dioxane, diethyl ether and tetrahydrofuran, halogenated hydrocarbons, such as dichloromethane, and, especially, toluene. The reaction is suitably carried out at a temperature in the range from 20°C to the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture, the preferred reaction temperature being from 40°C to the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture. It is also preferred that the reaction is carried out in the presence of a base. Suitable bases include tertiary amines, such as triethylamine, and inorganic bases, such as potassium carbonate or sodium carbonate. Alternatively, an excess of the compound of formula IV may serve as a base.

When R^1 represents the same substituent as R^5 and R^2 represents the same substituent as R^6 in the resultant compound of formula I, the compound of formula III will be the same as the compound of formula IV and steps (a) and (d) may therefore be performed as one step by using double the quantity of amine of formula III/IV.

The diazotising agent used in step (e) may be any alkyl ester of nitrous acid, isopentyl nitrite being especially preferred. If an alkyl ester of nitrous acid is used, this may also serve as a co-solvent with the diiodomethane. The reaction is suitably carried out at a temperature from 60°C to 120°C, the preferred reaction temperature being from 70°C to 110°C.

Compounds of formula II may be prepared by reacting a compound of the general formula



in which R^3 is as defined above, with a chlorinating or brominating agent, such as phosphorus oxychloride or phosphorus oxybromide.

Compounds of formula V can be prepared by reacting 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole with an appropriate malonic acid ester under alkaline conditions according to the method of Y. Makisumi, Chem. Pharm. Bull., 9, 801, (1961).

Compounds of formula III and IV are known compounds or can be prepared by processes analogous to known processes.

The compounds of general formula I have been found to have fungicidal activity. Accordingly, the invention further provides a fungicidal composition which comprises a carrier and, as active ingredient, a compound of formula I as defined above. A method of making such a composition is also provided which comprises bringing a compound of formula I as defined above into association with at least one carrier. Such a composition may contain a single compound or a mixture of several compounds of the present invention. It is also envisaged that different isomers or mixtures of isomers may have different levels or spectra of activity and thus compositions may comprise individual isomers or mixtures of isomers.

A composition according to the invention preferably contains from 0.5 to 95% by weight of active ingredient.

A carrier in a composition according to the invention is any material with which the active ingredient is formulated to facilitate application to the locus to be treated, which may for example be a plant, seed or soil, or to facilitate storage, transport or handling. A carrier may be a solid or a liquid,

including a material which is normally gaseous but which has been compressed to form a liquid, and any of the carriers normally used in formulating fungicidal compositions may be used.

5 Suitable solid carriers include natural and synthetic clays
and silicates, for example natural silicas such as diatomaceous
earths; magnesium silicates, for example talcs; magnesium aluminium
silicates, for example attapulgites and vermiculites; aluminium
silicates, for example kaolinites, montmorillonites and micas;
calcium carbonate; calcium sulphate; ammonium sulphate; synthetic
10 hydrated silicon oxides and synthetic calcium or aluminium
silicates; elements, for example carbon and sulphur; natural and
synthetic resins, for example coumarone resins, polyvinyl chloride,
and styrene polymers and copolymers; solid polychlorophenols;
bitumen; waxes, for example beeswax, paraffin wax, and chlorinated
15 mineral waxes; and solid fertilisers, for example superphosphates.

 Suitable liquid carriers include water; alcohols, for example
isopropanol and glycols; ketones, for example acetone, methyl ethyl
ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone and cyclohexanone; ethers; aromatic
or araliphatic hydrocarbons, for example benzene, toluene and
20 xylene; petroleum fractions, for example, kerosine and light
mineral oils; chlorinated hydrocarbons, for example carbon
tetrachloride, perchloroethylene and trichloroethane. Mixtures of
different liquids are often suitable.

 Fungicidal compositions are often formulated and transported
25 in a concentrated form which is subsequently diluted by the user
before application. The presence of small amounts of a carrier
which is a surface-active agent facilitates this process of
dilution. Thus preferably at least one carrier in a composition
according to the invention is a surface-active agent. For example
30 the composition may contain at least two carriers, at least one of
which is a surface-active agent.

 A surface-active agent may be an emulsifying agent, a
dispersing agent or a wetting agent; it may be nonionic or ionic.
Examples of suitable surface-active agents include the sodium or
35 calcium salts of polyacrylic acids and lignin sulphonic acids; the

condensation products of fatty acids or aliphatic amines or amides containing at least 12 carbon atoms in the molecule with ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide; fatty acid esters of glycerol, sorbitol, sucrose or pentaerythritol; condensates of these with
5 ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide; condensation products of fatty alcohol or alkyl phenols, for example p-octylphenol or p-octylcresol, with ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide; sulphates or sulphonates of these condensation products; alkali or alkaline earth metal salts, preferably sodium salts, of sulphuric
10 or sulphonic acid esters containing at least 10 carbon atoms in the molecule, for example sodium lauryl sulphate, sodium secondary alkyl sulphates, sodium salts of sulphonated castor oil, and sodium alkylaryl sulphonates such as dodecylbenzene sulphonate; and polymers of ethylene oxide and copolymers of ethylene oxide and
15 propylene oxide.

The compositions of the invention may for example be formulated as wettable powders, dusts, granules, solutions, emulsifiable concentrates, emulsions, suspension concentrates and aerosols. Wettable powders usually contain 25, 50 or 75% w of
20 active ingredient and usually contain in addition to solid inert carrier, 3-10% w of a dispersing agent and, where necessary, 0-10% w of stabiliser(s) and/or other additives such as penetrants or stickers. Dusts are usually formulated as a dust concentrate having a similar composition to that of a wettable powder but
25 without a dispersant, and may be diluted in the field with further solid carrier to give a composition usually containing $\frac{1}{2}$ -10% w of active ingredient. Granules are usually prepared to have a size between 10 and 100 BS mesh (1.676 - 0.152 mm), and may be manufactured by agglomeration or impregnation techniques.
30 Generally, granules will contain $\frac{1}{2}$ -75% w active ingredient and 0-10% w of additives such as stabilisers, surfactants, slow release modifiers and binding agents. The so-called "dry flowable powders" consist of relatively small granules having a relatively high concentration of active ingredient. Emulsifiable concentrates
35 usually contain, in addition to a solvent and, when necessary,

co-solvent, 1-50% w/v active ingredient, 2-20% w/v emulsifiers and 0-20% w/v of other additives such as stabilisers, penetrants and corrosion inhibitors. Suspension concentrates are usually compounded so as to obtain a stable, non-sedimenting flowable product and usually contain 10-75% w active ingredient, 0.5-15% w of dispersing agents, 0.1-10% w of suspending agents such as protective colloids and thixotropic agents, 0-10% w of other additives such as defoamers, corrosion inhibitors, stabilisers, penetrants and stickers, and water or an organic liquid in which the active ingredient is substantially insoluble; certain organic solids or inorganic salts may be present dissolved in the formulation to assist in preventing sedimentation or as anti-freeze agents for water.

Aqueous dispersions and emulsions, for example compositions obtained by diluting a wettable powder or a concentrate according to the invention with water, also lie within the scope of the invention. The said emulsions may be of the water-in-oil or of the oil-in-water type, and may have a thick 'mayonnaise' like consistency.

The composition of the invention may also contain other ingredients, for example other compounds possessing herbicidal, insecticidal or fungicidal properties.

Of particular interest in enhancing the duration of the protective activity of the compounds of this invention is the use of a carrier which will provide a slow release of the fungicidal compounds into the environment of the plant which is to be protected. Such slow-release formulations could, for example, be inserted in the soil adjacent to the roots of a vine plant, or could include an adhesive component enabling them to be applied directly to the stem of a vine plant.

The invention still further provides the use as a fungicide of a compound of the general formula I as defined above or a composition as defined above, and a method for combating fungus at a locus, which comprises treating the locus, which may be for example plants subject to or subjected to fungal attack, seeds of

such plants or the medium in which such plants are growing or are to be grown, with such a compound or composition.

The present invention is of wide applicability in the protection of crop plants against fungal attack. Typical crops which may be protected include vines, grain crops such as wheat and barley, apples and tomatoes. The duration of protection is normally dependent on the individual compound selected, and also a variety of external factors, such as climate, whose impact is normally mitigated by the use of a suitable formulation.

The invention is further illustrated by the following examples.

Example 1

Preparation of 5-chloro-6-(4-methylphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine
(R¹=cyclopentyl; R²=H; R³=4-methylphenyl; R⁴=Cl)

5,7-Dichloro-6-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazolo-[1,5-a]-pyrimidine (1.8g, 6mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran. A solution of cyclopentylamine (0.51g, 6mmol) and triethylamine (0.61g, 6mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2ml) was then added with stirring and the stirring continued for a further 3 hours at ambient temperature (20°C). The reaction mixture was then evaporated in vacuo and the residue extracted with dichloromethane and water (100ml each). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The residue was crystallised from ethyl acetate to give 1.7g 5-chloro-6-(4-methylphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine as yellowish crystals; m.pt. 158°C. Yield: 87% of theoretical
¹H-NMR: δ = 1.3-1.75 (2m, 8H); 2.43(s, 1H); 3.73(m, 1H); 5.97(d, 1H); 7.25(m, 4H); 8.25(s, 1H) ppm

Example 2

Preparation of 5-bromo-6-phenyl-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo-[1,5-a]pyrimidine
(R¹=cyclopentyl; R²=H; R³=phenyl; R⁴=Br)

5,7-Dibromo-6-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]-pyrimidine (2g, 5.7mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (40ml). A solution of triethylamine (0.61g, 6mmol) and cyclopentylamine (0.51g, 6mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (5ml) was then added whilst stirring and the stirring continued for a further 2 hours at ambient temperature (20°C). The reaction mixture was then evaporated in vacuo and the residue extracted with ethyl acetate and water (100ml each). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. Column chromatography of the residue on a silica gel column (3.5 x 15cm) using 3:7 ethyl acetate: petroleum ether as eluant gave 0.6g 5-bromo-6-phenyl-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo-[1,5-a]pyrimidine as a yellowish oil. Yield: 28% of theoretical.
¹H-NMR: δ = 1.3-1.7(2m, 8H); 3.64(m, 1H); 6.05(d, 1H); 7.34(m, 2H); 7.50(m, 3H); 8.26(s, 1H) ppm

Example 3

Preparation of 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine

(R¹=cyclopentyl; R²=H; R³=4-methoxyphenyl; R⁴=H)

5-Chloro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (5.1g, 14.8mmol), prepared by a method analogous to Example 1, was dissolved in a mixture of methanol (100ml) and aqueous sodium hydroxide (1N, 15ml), palladium (0.5g; on charcoal, 5%E 10 N) was added and the reaction mixture stirred for 3 hours under hydrogen (5 bar). The catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate evaporated in vacuo. Column chromatography of the residue on a silica gel column (3.5 x 15cm) using 4:1 ethyl acetate: petroleum ether as eluant and evaporation of the solvent in vacuo gave 2.6g 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo-[1,5-a]pyrimidine as colourless crystals, m.pt. 127°C. Yield: 57% of theoretical
¹H-NMR: δ = 1.35-1.75(2m, 8H); 3.88(s, 3H); 6.16(d, 1H); 7.00(dd, 2H); 7.34(m, 2H); 8.32(s, 1H); 8.34(s, 1H) ppm

Example 4

Preparation of 5-methylamino-6-phenyl-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine
(R^1 =cyclopentyl; R^2 =H; R^3 =phenyl; R^4 =-NR⁵R⁶; R^5 =CH₃; R^6 =H)

- 5 A mixture of 5-chloro-6-phenyl-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (3.1g, 10mmol) prepared by a method analogous to Example 2, methylamine (5ml), triethylamine (5ml) and toluene (50ml) was refluxed for 10 hours. After cooling, the reaction mixture was washed with water (50ml) and the organic layer
- 10 separated, dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated. Recrystallisation of the solid residue from diisopropyl ether gave 2.3g 5-methylamino-6-phenyl-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine as colourless crystals, m.pt. 158-160°C. Yield: 75% of theoretical
- 15 ¹H-NMR: δ = 1.25-1.7 (mm, 8H); 2.95 (d, 3H); 3.42 (m, 1H); 4.48 (m, 1H); 5.55 (d, 1H); 7.3-7.5 (m, 5H); 8.03 (s, 1H)

Example 5

- 20 Preparation of 5-fluoro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine
(R^1 =cyclopentyl; R^2 =H; R^3 =4-methoxyphenyl; R^4 =F)

- Potassium fluoride (3.1g, 0.05mol) was suspended in a mixture of dry sulpholane (60ml) and toluene (20ml) and the mixture was then refluxed for 6 hours over a water separator.
- 25 5-Chloro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (8.5g, 0.025mol), obtained by a method analogous to that of Example 1 above, was added at room temperature and an azeotrope of sulpholane and toluene distilled off until the reaction temperature reached 200°C. The reaction mixture was then
- 30 kept at this temperature for 3 days before cooling to room temperature and then pouring into water (600ml). The mixture was then filtered and the precipitate washed with water. The precipitate was then dissolved in dichloromethane, extracted twice with water, dried with sodium sulphate and the solvent was
- 35 distilled off in vacuo. The residue was then washed twice with

warm diethyl ether, the ether fraction was decanted off and then dried in vacuo. Flash column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl ethanoate as eluant yielded 4.5g 5-fluoro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo
5 [1,5-a]pyrimidine as a colourless crystalline solid, m.pt. 124°C. Yield: 55% of theoretical.

Example 6

Preparation of 5-iodo-6-(2-chlorophenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino
10 -1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine
(R¹=cyclopentyl; R²=H; R³=2-chlorophenyl; R⁴=I)

5-Amino-6-(2-chlorophenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino

1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (3.3g, 10mmol), obtained by a method analogous to that of Example 4 above, and diiodomethane
15 (50ml) were mixed together. Isopentyl nitrite (20ml) was added under nitrogen and the reaction mixture heated for 3 hours at 90°C. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and filtered. The solvent was distilled off in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using 7:3
20 petroleum ether:ethyl ethanoate as eluant to yield 1.33g 5-iodo-6-(2-chlorophenyl)-7-cyclopentylamino-1,2,4-triazolo-
[1,5-a]pyrimidine as colourless crystals, m.pt. 150°C. Yield: 30.3% of theoretical.

Examples 7 to 117

By processes similar to those described in Examples 1 to 6 above, further compounds according to the invention were prepared as detailed in Table I below. In this table the compounds are identified by reference to formula I. Melting point, NMR and C,H,N
30 analysis data for the compounds of Examples 7 to 117 are given in Table IA below.

TABLE I

Ex. No.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴
7	cyclopentyl	H	2-OCH ₃ phenyl	Cl
8	"	"	3-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
9	"	"	4-OC ₂ H ₅ phenyl	"
10	2-OH cyclopentyl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
11	2,4,4-(CH ₃) ₃ cyclopentyl	"	phenyl	"
12	cyclooctyl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
13	4-phenylpiperidyl		phenyl	"
14	2,4-(CH ₃) ₂ pent-3-yl		"	"
15	cyclopentyl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	cyclo- pentyl amino -NHCH ₃
16	"	"	"	-NHCH ₃
17	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	4-OC ₂ H ₅ phenyl	Cl
18	2,2,5-(CH ₃) ₃ cyclohexyl cyclohexyl	"	phenyl	"
19	indan-2-yl	"	phenyl	"
20	-CH ₃	-CH ₃	3-Cl phenyl	"
21	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	4-CH ₃ phenyl	"
22	cyclopentyl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
23	cyclohexyl	"	phenyl	"
24	C ₁₂ H ₂₅	"	"	"
25	cyclopentyl	"	phenyl	"
26	cyclopropyl	"	"	"
27	cyclopentyl	"	3-CF ₃ phenyl	"
28	"	"	4- ⁱ C ₃ H ₇ phenyl	"
29	"	"	4-OCF ₃ phenyl	"
30	"	"	naphth-2-yl	"
31	"	"	3,4-(OCH ₃) ₂ phenyl	"

TABLE I (continued)

Ex. No.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴
32	cyclopentyl	H	2-Cl phenyl	Cl
33	"	"	4-F phenyl	"
34	"	"	4-biphenylyl	"
35	-CH ₂ C H	"	phenyl	"
36	benzyl	"	"	"
37	cyclopentyl	"	2-Br phenyl	"
38	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
39	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	"	"
40	cyclopentyl	"	2-F phenyl	"
41	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
42	"	"	naphth-2-yl	"
43	"	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
44	"	"	4-F phenyl	"
45	-CH ₂ CH=C(CH ₃) ₂	"	phenyl	"
46	-CH ₃	-CH ₃	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
47	-CH ₂ CH=C(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₂ CH=C(CH ₃) ₂	-H	4-CH ₃ phenyl	"
48	"	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
49	-CH ₃	-CH ₃	"	-N(CH ₃) ₂
50	fur-2-ylmethyl	-H	phenyl	-Cl
51	benzothiazol-2-yl	"	"	"
52	morpholin-4-yl	"	"	"
53	2-OH cyclopentyl	"	"	"
54	cyclopentyl	"	4-OC ₆ H ₅ phenyl	"
55	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	3-CF ₃ phenyl	"
56	"	"	4- ⁱ C ₃ H ₇ phenyl	"
57	"	"	4-CF ₃ O phenyl	"
58	"	"	4-OC ₆ H ₅ phenyl	"
59	"	"	4-biphenylyl	"
60	"	"	3,4-(OCH ₃) ₂ phenyl	"
61	cyclopentyl	"	4-OCH ₂ C ₆ H ₅ phenyl	"

TABLE I (continued)

Ex. No.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴
62	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	-H	4-OCH ₂ C ₆ H ₅ phenyl	-Cl
63	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
64	"	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
65	cyclopentyl	"	4-Br phenyl	"
66	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
67	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	"	"
68	"	"	3-Br phenyl	"
69	cyclopentyl	"	"	"
70	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	2-F phenyl	"
71	cyclopentyl	"	3-F phenyl	"
72	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
73	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	"	"
74	cyclopentyl	"	2-OCH ₂ C ₆ H ₅ phenyl	"
75	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
76	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	"	"
77	cyclopentyl	"	2,3-(OCH ₃) ₂ phenyl	"
78	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
79	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	"	"
80	-CH ₂ CH ₂ -(3-CF ₃ phenyl)	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
81	"	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
82	2,2-dichloroaziridin-1-yl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
83	"	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
84	pyrrolidin-1-yl	"	"	"
85	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	-NH- bicyclo- [2.2.1]- hept- 2-yl
86	"	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
87	"	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	H

TABLE I (continued)

Ex. No.	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴
88	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	-H	2-Cl phenyl	H
89	cyclopentyl	"	"	-NH-NH ₂
90	cyclopentyl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	-
91	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
92	2,2-dichlorocycloprop-1-yl	"	3,4,5-(OCH ₃) ₃ phenyl	-Cl
93	cyclopentyl	"	2-F phenyl	-NH-NH ₂
94	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	phenyl	-Br
95	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
96	2,2-dichlorocycloprop-1-yl	"	"	"
97	-CH ₃	"	2-Cl phenyl	-Cl
98	"	-CH ₃	"	"
99	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	"	"
100	-CH ₃	"	2-F phenyl	"
101	"	-CH ₃	"	"
102	-C ₂ H ₅	-H	"	"
103	cyclopentyl	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	-NH ₂
104	"	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
105	"	"	2-Cl,6-F phenyl	-Cl
106	-CH(CH ₃) ₂	"	"	"
107	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	2-Cl,6-F phenyl	"
108	-CH ₂ CH ₂ -(3,4-(OCH ₃) ₂ phenyl)	"	"	"
109	-CH ₃	-CH ₃	"	"
110	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	-H	2-Cl phenyl	-NH ₂
111	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	2-Cl,6-F phenyl	-Cl
112	"	"	2-F phenyl	"
113	"	"	2-Br phenyl	"
114	"	"	2-Cl phenyl	"
115	"	"	4-OCH ₃ phenyl	"
116	cyclopentyl	-H	"	I
117	bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl	"	2-Cl phenyl	"

TABLE IA

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
7	1.3-1.7(m,8H), 3.7 (m,1H), 3.75(s,3H), 6.1(d,1H), 7.0 (m,2H), 7.25(m,1H), 7.48(dt,1H), 8.25 (s,1H)	121				
8	1.35-1.78(m,8H), 3.75(m,1H), 3.85 (s,3H), 6.05(d,1H), 6.95(m,3H), 7.88 (dt,1H), 8.27(s,1H)	110				
9	1.3-1.8(2m,8H), 1.45(t,3H), 3.78 (m,1H), 4.08(q,2H), 6.05(d,1H), 7.00 (m,2H), 7.25(m,2H), 8.25(s,1H)	118				
10	1.3-2.03(3m,6H), 3.25(m,1H), 3.86 (s,3H), 5.75(d,1H), 7.02(m,2H), 7.27 (dd,1H), 7.44(dd,1H), 8.20(s,1H)	148				
11	0.5-1.8(mm,13H), 6.06(d,1H), 7.83 (m,2H), 7.45(m,3H), 8.28(s,1H)	124- 130				

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
12	1.1-1.75(m,14H), 3.55(m,1H), 3.9 (s,3H), 6.05(d,1H), 7.05(dd,2H), 7.25 (dd,2H)	118				
13	1.7-1.9(m,4H), 2.6 (m,1H), 2.75(m,2H), 4.84(m,2H), 7.1-7.5 (mm,10H), 8.4(s,1H)	168				
14	0.5-2.7(mm,15H), 6.45(m,1H), 7.2-7.6 (mm,5H), 8.32(s,1H)	oil				
15	1.07-2.05(mm,16H), 3.37(m,1H), 3.86 (s,3H), 4.30(d,1H), 4.45(m,1H), 4.97 (d,1H), 7.0(dd,2H), 7.28(dd,2H), 8.0 (s,1H)	oil				
16	1.3-1.9(mm,8H), 2.95(d,3H), 3.87 (s,3H), 4.40(d,1H), 5.50(d,1H), 7.00 m,2H), 7.24(m,2H), 8.03(s,1H)	180				
17	1.03(2s,6H), 1.46 (t,3H), 3.67(m,1H), 4.06(q,2H), 5.85 (d,1H), 7.0(d,2H), 7.23(d,2H), 8.26 (s,1H)	122				

2086404

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR (ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis					
			C		H		N	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
18	0.5-1.7(mm, 17H), 3.25(m, 1H), 5.95 (d, 1H), 7.34(m, 2H), 7.47(m, 3H), 8.28 (s, 1H)	130						
19	1.2-1.9(m, 1H), 2.1- 2.25(m, 1H), 2.55- 2.7(m, 1H), 2.86-2.96 (m, 1H), 5.05(s, 1H), 6.29(d, 1H), 7.12-7.57 (2m, 4H)	oil						
20		177- 179	50.66	50.60	3.59	3.83	22.72	22.66
21		113	59.69	59.59	5.34	5.33	23.20	23.33
22	1.3-1.8(2m, 8H), 3.8(m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.03(d, 1H), 6.98(dd, 2H), 7.28 (dd, 2H), 8.27(s, 1H)	140	59.38	59.42	5.27	5.39	20.37	20.39
23		130- 132	62.28	62.26	5.58	5.48	21.36	21.31
24		92-94	66.76	66.74	7.79	7.78	16.91	16.79
25	1.3-1.8(2m, 8H), 3.63(m, 1H), 6.08 (d, 1H), 7.35(m, 2H), 7.56(m, 3H), 8.30 (s, 1H)	125	61.23	61.15	5.13	5.16	22.32	22.33
26		175	58.84	58.69	4.23	4.22	24.51	24.47

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
27	1.05-1.86(m, 8H), 2.6(s, 1H), 3.4-3.7 (2m, 2H), 7.60-8.0 (m, 4H), 8.6(s, 1H)	165				
28	1.05-1.7(mm, 14H), 2.6(s, 2H), 3.05 (m, 1H), 3.46(m, 1H), 7.38-7.44(2m, 4H), 8.68(s, 1H)	112				
29	1.05-1.7(mm, 8H), 2.6(s, 1H), 3.6 (m, 1H), 7.60(dd, 2H), 7.68(dd, 2H), 8.62 s, 1H)	oil				
30	1.0-1.7(mm, 8H), 2.6(m, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 7.68(m, 3H), 8.1(m, 4H), 8.70 (s, 1H)	107				
31	1.1-1.8(mm, 8H), 3.48(s, 1H), 3.84 (d, 3H), 3.94(d, 3H), 6.9-7.35(m, 3H), 8.63(s, 1H)	oil				
32	1.34-1.8(m, 8H), 3.55(m, 1H), 6.22 (d, 1H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 4H), 8.32(s, 1H)	145				

TABLE IA (continued)

2086404

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR (ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis					
			C		H		N	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
33	1.23-1.75(m, 8H), 3.46(s, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 7.45(m, 2H), 7.65(m, 2H), 8.65 (s, 1H)	oil						
34	1.05-1.8(m, 8H), 3.48(s, 1H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 7.48-8.0 (m, 9H), 8.68(s, 1H)	65						
35		126	59.26	59.48	3.55	3.78	24.68	24.68
36		105	64.37	65.69	4.20	4.36	20.85	19.50
37		160						
38		60						
39		140						
40		97						
41		142						
42		150						
43		128						
44		99						
45		95						

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis					
			C		H		N	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
46		134	56.68	56.62	5.07	5.08	22.04	22.03
47	(CDCl ₃): 1.4(s, 3H); 1.55(s, 3H); 1.7(s, 3H); 1.9(m, 2H); 2.4(s, 3H); 3.5(m, 2H); 5.0(m, 1H); 5.1(m, 1H); 6.0(m, 1H); 7.25(m, 4H); 8.3(s, 1H)							
48	(CDCl ₃): 1.4(s, 3H); 1.5(s, 3H); 1.6(s, 3H); 1.9(m, 2H); 3.5(m, 2H); 3.8(s, 3H); 5.0(m, 1H); 5.1(m, 1H); 5.9(t, 1H); 6.9(d, 2H); 7.2(d, 2H); 8.2(s, 1H)							
49		194						
50		100						
51		198						
52	(CDCl ₃): 2.3(m, 2H); 2.6(m, 4H); 3.5(m, 2H); 7.2(s, 1H); 7.25(m, 2H); 7.4(m, 3H); 8.4(s, 1H)							
53		162 (decomp)						

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
54	(dmso-d ₆): 1.2-1.4(m, 2H); 1.6-1.8(m, 6H); 3.7(m, 1H); 7.1-7.3 (m, 5H); 7.5-7.6 (m, 4H); 7.7(d, 1H); 8.6(s, 1H)					
55		138				
56		100				
57		108				
58		145				
59		65-70				
60		150				
61		138				
62	(dmso-d ₆): 1.1(d, 6H); 3.6(m, 1H); 5.3(s, 2H); 7.2(d, 1H); 7.4-7.6(m, 7H); 8.6(s, 1H)					
63	(acetone-d ₆): 0.5(m, 1H); 0.9 (m, 1H); 1.1(d, 1H); 1.2-1.6(m, 6H); 1.80(m, 1H); 2.2(m, 2H); 3.3(m, 1H); 3.9(s, 3H); 6.3(d, 1H); 7.1(m, 2H); 7.4-7.5(m, 2H); 8.4(s, 1H)					

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	'H-NMR (ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
64	(acetone-d ₆): ppm: 0.2-0.4(m,1H); 0.9(m,1H); 1.1(m,1H); 1.2-1.6(m,5H); 2.20 (m,2H); 3.2(m,1H); 6.6(t,1H); 7.5-7.8 (m,4H); 8.4(s,1H)					
65		167				
66		80				
67		180				
68		140				
69		150				
70		174				
71		130				
72		130				
73		170				
74	(dmso-d ₆): 1.3-1.5(m,4H); 1.5-1.7(m,4H); 3.7 (m,1H); 5.1(s,2H); 6.1(d,1H); 7.05 (m,2H); 7.3(m,6H); 7.4(t,1H); 8.3(s,1H)					
75	(CDCl ₃): 1.1(m,6H); 3.6(m,1H); 5.1(s,1H); 5.95(d,1H); 7.3-7.3(m,6H); 7.4 (t,1H); 8.3(s,1H)					

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C	H	N	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
76	(CDCl ₃): 0.1(m,1H); 0.7 (m,1H); 0.8-1.3(m,7H); 2.0 (m,1H); 3.0(m,1H); 4.9(s,1H); 5.9(m,1H); 6.8-6.9(m,2H); 7.0-7.15(m,6H); 7.25(m,1H); 8.05(s,1H)					
77		162				
78		141				
79		73 (amorph.)				
80		140				
81		112				
82	(CDCl ₃): 1.2(t,1H); 1.6 (t,1H); 1.8(m,1H); 3.1(m,1H); 3.8(m,1H); 3.9(s,3H); 6.25(t,1H); 7.0(d,2H); 7.3(d,2H); 8.3(s,1H)					
83		68-78 (amorph)				
84		240				
85		258				
86		170				

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
87	(CDCl ₃): 0.3(m,1H); 0.9(m,1H); 1.1(d,1H); 1.2-1.6 (m,5H); 1.7(m,1H); 2.2(m,1H); 3.4(m,1H); 3.9(s,3H); 7.0 (d,1H); 7.2(d,2H); 7.5(d,2H); 8.3 (s,1H); 8.6(s,1H)					
88	(dmso-d ₆): 0.0(m,1H); 0.7(m,1H); 0.8-1.7(m,7H); 3.1(m,1H); 6.9(d,1H); 7.4(m,2H); 7.6(m,2H); 8.2(s,1H); 8.5(s,1H)	122				
89	(dmso-d ₆): 1.2-1.4(m,2H); 1.4-1.7(m,6H); 3.4(m,1H); 4.4(m,2H); 5.8(m,1H); 6.5(d,1H); 6.9(m,1H); 7.6(m,3H); 7.8(d,1H); 8.3(s,1H)					
90		121				
91	(dmso-d ₆): 0-0.2(m,1H); 0.8(m,1H); 1.0-1.6 (m,6H); 2.0(m,1H); 2.2(m,1H); 2.7(m,1H); 6.1(d,1H); 7.5(m,3H); 7.6((d,1H); 8.2(s,1H)					

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
92		205				
93	(dmsO-d ₆): 1.1-1.3(m, 2H); 1.4-1.7(m, 6H); 3.4(m, 1H); 4.0-4.6 (broad, 2H); 6.4 (d, 1H); 7.0(broad, 1H); 7.2(m, 1H); 7.3-7.5(m, 2H); 7.6(m, 1H); 8.2(s, 1H)					
94	(dmsO-d ₆): 0.1(m, 1H); 0.7 (m, 1H); 1(m, 1H); 1.1-1.6(m, 5H); 2.0(m, 1H); 2.1 (m, 1H); 3.0(m, 1H); 6.9(d, 1H); 7.4- 7.6(m, 5H); 8.6 (s, 1H)					
95		148				
96		116				
97		112				
98		150				
99		154				
100		210				
101		163				
102		160				
103		213				
104		230				

TABLE IA (continued)

Ex. No.	¹ H-NMR(ppm)	M.pt. (°C)	Elemental Analysis			
			C		H	
			Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
5	105	102				
	106	140				
	107	185				
	108	143				
	109	138				
10	110	275				
	111	163				
	112	150				
	113	(dmso-d ₆):				
15		1.0(t,6H); 3.2(m,2H);				
		3.5(m,2H); 7.6(m,2H);				
		7.9(d,1H); 8.6(s,1H)				
20	114	(dmso-d ₆):				
		1.0(t,6H); 3.2(q,4H);				
		7.3(m,2H); 7.5(m,2H);				
		8.6(s,1H)				
25	115	(dmso-d ₆):				
		1.0(t,6H); 3.2(q,4H);				
		3.8(s,1H); 7.1(d,2H);				
		7.4(d,2H); 8.6(s,1H)				
	116	200				
	117	84				
		(amorph.)				

30

Example 118Fungicidal activity against Venturia inaequalis on Malus sp.

35

Apple cuttings of the variety Morgenduft, which are about 6 weeks old, were treated with a solution of the test compound (400 ppm) in water/acetone/Triton X or water/methanol/Triton X. After

24 hours, the plants were infected with a conidia suspension of Venturia inaequalis (about 50,000 conidia/ml), incubated in a dark climatic chamber at a relative humidity of 100% for 48 hours and then kept at a relative humidity of 95-99% and temperature of 18-20°C during the day and 13°C during the night for about 14 days. The extent of infection was assessed according to the following scheme:-

	0	=	no infection
	1	=	1-10% infection
10	2	=	11-40% infection
	3	=	41-100% infection

The results of these tests are set out in Table II below:-

TABLE II

15	Example No.	Activity
	1	1
	2	0
20	3	2.5
	4	2.3
	7	1.8
	8	1
	9	1
25	11	2.8
	12	1.3
	13	2.3
	14	2
	15	2.7
30	16	2.7
	17	0
	19	2.4
	20	3.
	21	1 .4
35	22	0

TABLE II (continued)

Example No.	Activity
23	2.5
24	3
25	1
27	2.5
28	2.3
29	1.8
30	1.3
31	2.3
32	0
33	0
34	1.5
37	1.3
38	0
39	1.0
40	0
41	0
43	0
46	1.0
47	2.8
48	2.9
49	2.9
50	2.9
51	2.5
52	2.8
55	2.5*
56	1.5*
57	1.5*
58	2.3*

* signifies concentration of test compound = 200 ppm.

TABLE II (continued)

Example No.		Activity
5	59	1.8*
	60	1.5*
	61	0
	62	0
	63	0
10	64	0
	70	0
	71	1.3
	73	2.8
	80	0.8
15	81	2.3
	82	2.3
	83	1.6
	86	1.3
	87	0
20	88	0
	91	2.0
	105	0
	106	0
25	107	0

* signifies concentration of test compound = 200 ppm.

Example 119

Determination of MIC-Values of compounds against various phytopathogenic fungi

The MIC (Minimum Inhibition Concentration)-values were determined by serial dilution tests using 48-well microtitre plates. The dilution of the test compounds in the nutrient solution and the distribution to the wells were carried out by a
TECAN RSP 5000 robotic sample processor.

The compounds were diluted to the following concentrations:
100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.13, 1.56, 0.78, 0.39, 0.20, 0.10 and 0.05
µg/ml.

For preparation of the nutrient solution, V8 juice (Trade
5 Mark) was neutralised with calcium carbonate and centrifuged. The
supernatant was diluted with distilled water (1:5) to the final
concentration.

The fungi (Alternaria solani, Botrytis cinerea, Septoria
nodorum) were added into the wells as a droplet of spore
10 suspension. The microtitre plates were then incubated at 20°C for
6-8 days. The MIC-value was determined by visual inspection of the
plates. In the case of Alternaria solani and Botrytis cinerea, the
lowest concentration in the dilution series without mycelial growth
was defined to be the MIC-value. For Septoria nodorum, no
15 MIC-value but only a strong inhibition of growth was regularly
observed.

The results of these test are set out in Table III below:-

TABLE III

Example No.	MIC-value (ppm)		
	Botrytis cinerea	Alternaria solani	Septoria nodorum
25	1	12.5	1.56
	6	6.25	3.13
	7	25.0	
	8	6.25	
	9	3.13	
30	10	12.5	
	18	>100.0	
	19	50.0	>100.0
	20	100.0	100.0

TABLE III (continued)

Example No.	MIC-value (ppm)		
	Botrytis cinerea	Alternaria solani	Septoria nodorum
21	12.5	25.0	
22	1.56	0.39	> 12.5
24	>100.0		
25	6.25	0.78	> 3.13
26	50.0		
28			> 12.5
29			> 3.13
32	0.78	0.39	> 0.39
33	6.25	1.56	> 3.13
35	50.0		
36	>100.0		
37		0.78	
38	12.50	25.00	
39	25.00	0.39	
40	3.13	0.78	
41	25.00	12.50	
43	6.25	12.50	
46	12.50	12.50	
63	6.25	0.05	
64	3.13	0.05	
65		3.13	
70	3.13	0.20	
71		3.13	
73		1.56	
82	12.50	3.13	
83	6.25	1.56	
85		6.25	

TABLE III (continued)

5	Example No.	MIC-value (ppm)		
		Botrytis cinerea	Alternaria solani	Septoria nodorum
	86	25.00	1.56	
	87		12.50	
	88		12.50	
10	91		12.50	
	94		1.56	
	98	25.00		
	99	12.50		
	103		25.00	
15	104		25.00	
	105	1.56	0.39	
	106	3.13	3.13	
	107	3.13	0.39	
	110	25.00	12.50	
20	111	0.39	3.13	
	112	3.13		
	113	3.13		
	114	1.56	12.50	
	115	12.50	12.50	
25	116	25.00	3.13	
	117	6.25	3.13	

30 Example 120

The fungicidal activity of compounds of the invention was investigated by means of the following tests.

(a) Direct protectant activity against tomato late blight
(Phytophthora infestans: PIP)

35 The test is a direct protectant one using a foliar spray. The

upper leaf surfaces of tomato plants with two expanded leaves (cv. First in the field) are sprayed with a solution of active material in 1:1 water/acetone containing 0.04% "TWEEN 20" (Trade Mark; a polyoxyethylene sorbitan ester surfactant).

Plants are treated using an automated sprayline with an atomising nozzle. The concentration of the compound is 1000 ppm, and the spray volume is 700 l/ha. After a subsequent period of 24 hours under normal glasshouse conditions, the upper surfaces of the leaves are inoculated by spraying with an aqueous suspension containing 2×10^5 zoospores/ml. The inoculated plants are kept for 24 hours in a high humidity cabinet and 5 days under growth chamber conditions. The assessment is based on the percentage of diseased leaf area compared with that on control leaves.

(b) Direct protectant activity against vine downy mildew
(Plasmopara viticola: PVP)

The test is a direct protectant one using a foliar spray. The lower surface of leaves of whole vine plants (cv Cabernet Sauvignon) are sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 1000 ppm using an automated sprayline as described under (a), and after a subsequent period of 24 hours under normal glasshouse conditions the lower surfaces of the leaves are inoculated by spraying with an aqueous suspension containing 2.5×10^4 zoosporangia/ml. The inoculated plants are kept for 24 hours in a high humidity cabinet, 5 days under normal glasshouse conditions and then returned for a further 24 hours to high humidity. Assessment is based on the percentage of leaf area covered by sporulation compared with that on control leaves.

(c) Activity against tomato early blight (*Alternaria solani*; AS)

This test measures the contact prophylactic activity of test compounds applied as a foliar spray. Tomato seedlings (cv Outdoor Girl) are grown to the stage at which the second true leaf is expanded. The plants are treated using an automated sprayline as described under (a). Test compounds are applied

as solutions or suspensions in a mixture of acetone and water (50:50 v/v) containing 0.04% surfactant ("TWEEN 20" - Trade Mark). One day after treatment the seedlings are inoculated by spraying the leaf upper surfaces with a suspension of A. solani conidia containing 10^4 spores/ml. For 4 days after inoculation plants are kept moist in a humidity compartment at 21°C . Disease is assessed 4 days after inoculation, based on the percentage of leaf surface area covered by lesions.

(d) Direct protectant activity against broad bean grey mould
(Botrytis cinerea; BCB)

The test is a direct protectant one using a foliar spray. The upper surfaces of leaves of broad bean plants (cv The Sutton) are sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 1000 ppm using an automated sprayline as described under (a). 24 hours after spraying the leaves are inoculated with an aqueous suspension containing 10^5 conidia/ml. For 4 days after inoculation plants are kept moist in a humidity compartment at 21°C . Disease is assessed 4 days after inoculation, based on the percentage of leaf surface area covered by lesions.

(e) Activity against wheat leafspot (*Leptosphaeria nodorum*; LN.)

The test is a direct therapeutic one, using a foliar spray. Leaves of wheat plants (cv Norman), at the single leaf stage, are inoculated by spraying with an aqueous suspension containing 1×10^6 spores/ml. The inoculated plants are kept for 24 hours in a high humidity compartment prior to treatment. The plants are sprayed with a solution of the test compound at a dosage of 1000 ppm using an automated sprayline as described under (a). After drying, the plants are kept for 6-8 days at 22°C and moderate humidity, followed by assessment. Assessment is based on the density of lesions per leaf compared with that on leaves of control plants.

(f) Activity against wheat brown rust (*Puccinia recondita*; PR)

The test is a direct protectant one using a foliar spray. Wheat seedlings (cv Avalon) are grown to the 1-1½ leaf stage. The plants are then sprayed with the test compound at a dosage

of 1000 ppm using an automated sprayline as described under (a). Test compounds are applied as solutions or suspensions in a mixture of acetone and water (50:50 v/v) containing 0.04% surfactant ("TWEEN 20" - Trade Mark). 18-24 hours after treatment, the seedlings are inoculated by spraying the plants from all sides with an aqueous spore suspension containing about 10^5 spores/ml. For 18 hours after inoculation, the plants are kept in high humidity conditions at a temperature of 20-22°C. Thereafter, the plants are kept in ambient glasshouse conditions, that is, in moderate relative humidity and at a temperature of 20°C. The disease is assessed 10 days after inoculation on the basis of the percentage of the plant covered by sporulating pustules compared with that on the control plants.

15 (g) Activity against barley powdery mildew (Erysiphe graminis f.sp. hordei; EG)

The test is a direct therapeutic one, using a foliar spray. Leaves of barley seedlings, (cv. Golden Promise) are inoculated by dusting with mildew conidia one day prior to treatment with the test compound. The inoculated plants are kept overnight at glasshouse ambient temperature and humidity prior to treatment. The plants are sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 1000 ppm using an automated sprayline as described under (a). After drying, plants are returned to a compartment at 20-25°C and moderate humidity for up to 7 days, followed by assessment. Assessment is based on the percentage of leaf area covered by sporulation compared with that on leaves of control plants.

30 (h) Activity against rice leaf blast (Pyricularia oryzae; PO)

The test is a direct therapeutic one using a foliar spray. The leaves of rice seedlings (cv Aichiaishi - about 30 seedlings per pot) are sprayed with an aqueous suspension containing 10^5 spores/ml 20-24 hours prior to treatment with the test compound. The inoculated plants are kept overnight in high humidity and then allowed to dry before spraying with

the test compound at a dosage of 1000 ppm using an automated sprayline as described under (a). After treatment the plants are kept in a rice compartment at 25-30°C and high humidity. Assessments are made 4-5 days after treatment and are based on the density of necrotic lesions per leaf when compared with control plants.

(i) Activity against wheat eyespot in-vitro
(Pseudocercospora herpotrichoides; PHI)

This test measures the in vitro activity of compounds against the fungus causing wheat eyespot. The test compound is dissolved or suspended in acetone and is added into 4 ml aliquots of half strength Potato Dextrose Broth dispensed in 25-compartment petri dishes to give a final concentration of 50 ppm compound and 2.5% acetone.

Each compartment is inoculated with a 6 mm diameter plug of agar/mycelium taken from a 14 day old culture of P. herpotrichoides.

Plates are incubated at 20°C for 12 days until the assessment of mycelial growth.

(j) Activity against Fusarium in-vitro (Fusarium culmorum; FSI)

This test measures the in vitro activity of compounds against a species of Fusarium that causes stem and root rots. The test compound is dissolved or suspended in acetone and added to molten half strength Potato Dextrose Agar to give a final concentration of 50ppm compound and 2.5% acetone. After agar has set, plates are inoculated with 6mm diameter plugs of agar and mycelium taken from a 7 day old culture of Fusarium sp.. Plates are incubated at 20°C for 5 days and radial growth from the plug is measured.

(k) Activity against Rhizoctonia in-vitro (Rhizoctonia solani: RSI)

This test measures the in-vitro of compounds against Rhizoctonia solani that causes stem and root rots. The test compound is dissolved or suspended in acetone and added into aliquots of 4 ml half strength Potato Dextrose Broth dispensed

in 25-compartment petri dishes to give a final concentration of 50 ppm compound and 2.5% acetone.

The fungal inoculum consists of mycelial fragments of R. solani grown in shaken culture flasks and added to the broth to provide 2×10^3 fragments/ml broth.

Plates are incubated at 20°C for 10 days until the assessment of mycelial growth.

The extent of disease control in all the above tests is expressed as a rating compared with either an untreated control or a diluent-sprayed-control, according to the criteria:-

0 = less than 50% disease control

1 = about 50-80% disease control

2 = greater than 80% disease control

The results of these tests are set out in Table IV below:-

TABLE IV

Ex. No.	Fungicidal Activity										
	PIP	PVP	AS	BCB	LN	PR	EG	PO	PHI	FSI	RSI
10		1	2	1			1				
34				2							
25			2			2	1			1	
38	1			2		2	2			1	
39	1		2	2							
40			2	2			2		1		2
41			2	2	2		2	2	1		2
30				2		1				1	
43			2	2		1	2	2	1		
44				2		1			1		
53		1	2	1							
54			1								

TABLE IV (continued)

Ex. No.	Fungicidal Activity										
	PIP	PVP	AS	BCB	LN	PR	EG	PO	PHI	FSI	RSI
5											
	65		2	1		1					
	66			2		1	1		1	1	
	67		2						2		
	68		2			2					
10	69						1				
	70		2	2		1			2	1	
	71		2	1		2	1		2		
	72					2					
	73		2								
15	74					1					
	75					1					
	76					1					
	77		2	1		1					
	78		2	2		1					
20	79		1	1							
	82		2	2					2		2
	84										1
	85		2	1					1		
	86		1						1		
25											

Example 121

The fungicidal activity of compounds of the invention was investigated by means of the following tests.

30 (a) Antisporulant activity against vine downy mildew
(Plasmopara viticola; PVA)

The test is a direct antisporulant one using a foliar spray. The lower surface of leaves of vine plants (cv. Cabernet Sauvignon), approximately 8cm high, are inoculated with an aqueous suspension containing 5×10^4 zoospores/ml. The

35

inoculated plants are kept for 24 hours at 21°C in a high humidity cabinet, then for 24 hours in a glasshouse at 20°C and 40% relative humidity. Infected leaves are sprayed on their lower surfaces with a solution of the test compound in 1:1 water/acetone containing 0.04% "TWEEN 20" (Trade Mark; a polyoxyethylene sorbitan ester surfactant). Plants are sprayed using a track sprayer equipped with 2 air-atomising nozzles. The concentration of the compound is 600 ppm and the spray volume is 750 l/ha. After drying, the plants are returned to the glasshouse at 20°C and 40% relative humidity for 96 hours and are then transferred to the high humidity cabinet for 24 hours to induce sporulation. Assessment is based on the percentage of the leaf area covered by sporulation compared with that on control leaves.

(b) Direct protectant activity against tomato late blight
(Phytophthora infestans; PIP)

The test is a direct protectant one using a foliar spray. Tomato plants with two expanded leaves (cv. First in the Field) are sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 600 ppm as described under (a). After drying, the plants are kept for 24 hours in a glasshouse at 20°C and 40% relative humidity. The upper surfaces of the leaves are then inoculated with an aqueous suspension containing 2×10^5 zoosporangia/ml. The inoculated plants are kept for 24 hours at 18°C in a high humidity cabinet and then for 5 days in a growth chamber at 15°C and 80% relative humidity with 14 hours light/day. The assessment is based on the percentage of diseased leaf area compared with that on control leaves.

(c) Activity against tomato early blight (Alternaria solani; AS)

The test is a direct prophylactic one using a foliar spray. Tomato seedlings (cv Outdoor Girl), at the stage at which the second leaf is expanded, are sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 600ppm as described under (a). After drying, the plants are kept for 24 hours in a glasshouse at 20°C and 40% relative humidity followed by inoculation of the leaf upper

surfaces with an aqueous suspension of A. solani conidia containing 1×10^4 conidia/ml. After 4 days in a high humidity cabinet at 21°C, disease is assessed based on the percentage of leaf surface area covered by lesions when compared with control plants.

(d) Direct protectant activity against broad bean grey mould (Botrytis cinerea; BCB)

The test is a direct protectant one using a foliar spray. Broad bean plants (cv The Sutton) with two leaf pairs are sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 600 ppm as described under (a). After drying, the plants are kept for 24 hours in a glasshouse at 20°C and 40% relative humidity. The upper surface of the leaves are then inoculated with an aqueous suspension containing 1×10^6 conidia/ml. Plants are kept for 4 days at 22°C in a high humidity cabinet. The assessment is based on the percentage of diseased leaf area compared with that on control leaves.

(e) Activity against barley powdery mildew (Erysiphe graminis f.sp. hordei: EG)

The test is a direct therapeutic one using a foliar spray. Leaves of barley seedlings (cv Golden Promise) at the single leaf stage are inoculated by dusting with mildew conidia and kept in the glasshouse at 18°C and 40% relative humidity for 24 hours. Plants are then sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 600 ppm as described under (a). After drying, plants are returned to the glasshouse at 18°C and 40% relative humidity for up to 7 days. Assessment is based on the percentage of leaf area covered by sporulation compared with that on leaves of control plants.

(f) Activity against rice leaf blast (Pyricularia oryzae; PO)

The test is a direct therapeutic one using a foliar spray. The leaves of rice seedlings at the stage of the second leaf beginning to bend (cv Aichiaishi) are inoculated with an aqueous suspension containing 10^5 spores/ml. The inoculated plants are kept for 24 hours at 18°C in a high humidity

cabinet and then sprayed with the test compound at a dosage of 600 ppm as described under (a). Treated plants are kept for 8-9 days in the glasshouse at 22°C and 90% relative humidity. Assessment is based on the density of necrotic lesions when compared with control plants.

(g) Activity against wheat eyespot in-vitro
(Pseudocercospora herpotrichoides; PHI)

This test measures the in vitro activity of compounds against the fungus causing wheat eyespot. The test compound is dissolved or suspended in acetone and is added into 4 ml aliquots of half strength Potato Dextrose Broth dispensed in 25-compartment petri dishes to give a final concentration of 10 ppm test compound and 0.825% acetone. The fungal inoculum consists of mycelial fragments of P. herpotrichoides grown in half strength Potato Dextrose Broth in shaken flasks and added to the broth to provide 5×10^4 mycelial fragments/ml broth. Petri dishes are incubated at 20°C for 10 days until the assessment of mycelial growth.

(h) Activity against Rhizoctonia in-vitro (Rhizoctonia solani: RSI)

The test measures the in-vitro activity of compounds against Rhizoctonia solani that causes stem and root rots. The test compound is dissolved or suspended in acetone and added into 4ml aliquots of half strength Potato Dextrose Broth dispensed in 25-compartment petri dishes to give a final concentration of 10 ppm compound and 0.825% acetone. The fungal inoculum consists of mycelial fragments of R. solani grown in half strength Potato Dextrose Broth in shaken culture flasks and added to the broth to provide 5×10^4 fragments/ml broth. Petri dishes are incubated at 20°C for 10 days until the assessment of mycelial growth.

(i) Activity against apple scab in-vitro (Venturia inaequalis; VII)

This test measures the in-vitro activity of compounds against Venturia inaequalis that causes apple scab. The test compound

is dissolved or suspended in acetone and added into 4ml aliquots of half strength Potato Dextrose Broth dispensed in 25-compartment petri dishes to give a final concentration of 10ppm compound and 0.825% acetone. The fungal inoculum consists of mycelial fragments and spores of V. inaequalis grown on malt agar and added to the broth to provide 5×10^4 propagules/ml broth. Petri dishes are incubated at 20°C for 10 days until the assessment of mycelial growth.

The extent of disease control in all the above tests is expressed as a rating compared with either an untreated control or a diluent-sprayed-control, according to the criteria:-

0 = less than 50% disease control

1 = 50-80% disease control

2 = greater than 80% disease control

The results of these tests are set out in Table V below:-

TABLE V

Example No.	Fungicidal Activity								
	PVA	PIP	AS	BCB	EG	PO	PHI	RSI	VII
45									2**
89			1	1					1*
90		1	2						1*
92	1					1			
93		2							
94			2					1	2
95			2					1	2
96			2						2
97		2							
98		2	2	1				1	1
99		2	2	2	1			2	2

2086404

- 48 -

TABLE V (continued)

Example No.	Fungicidal Activity								
	PVA	PIP	AS	BCB	EG	PO	PHI	RSI	VII
100		2							
101			2					1	
102		2	2		1			1	2
106		2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1
107		2	2	2	2		1	2	1
108		2							
109		2	2	2	1			2	

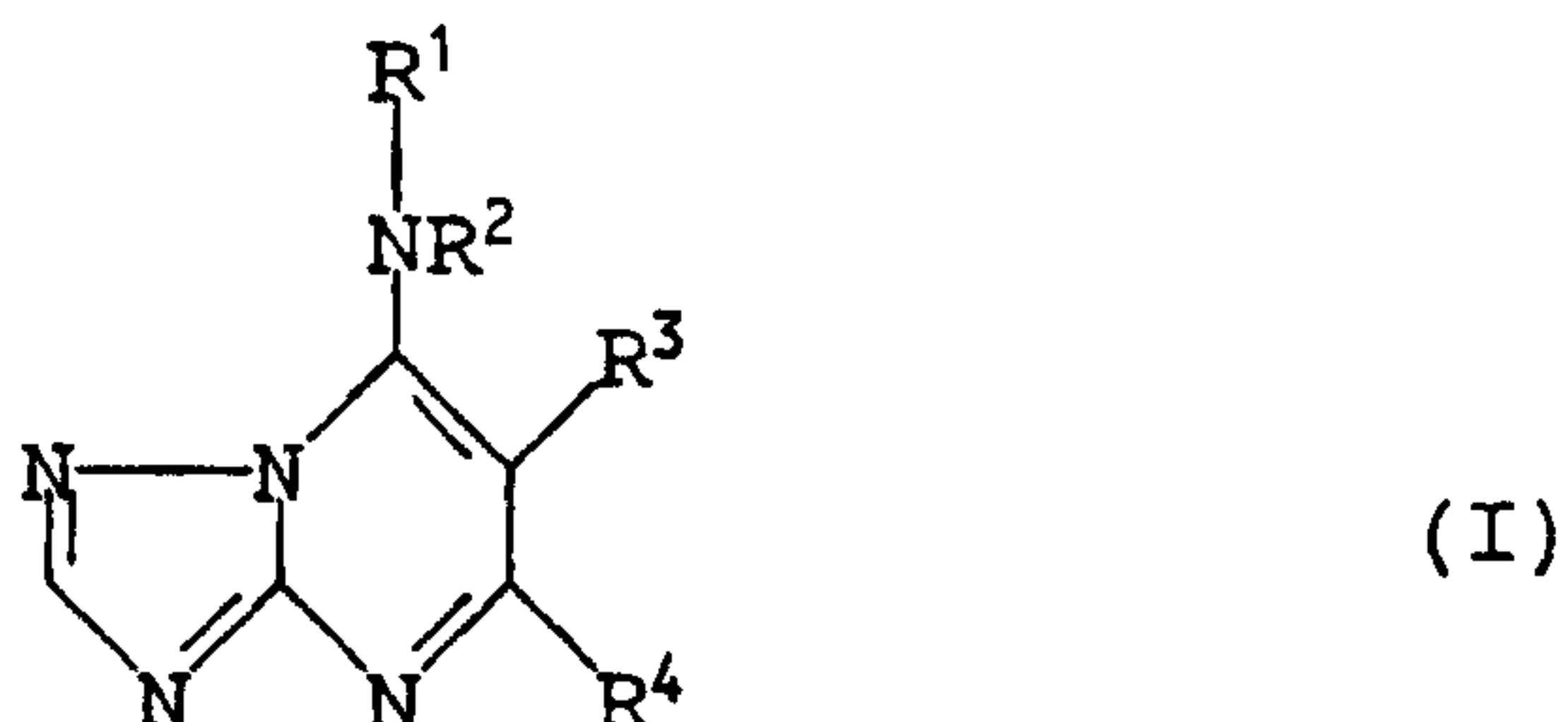
* signifies dosage of test compound = 30 ppm

** " " " " " = 3 ppm

T 951 FF

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A compound of the general formula



in which

R^1 represents an optionally substituted alkyl of up to 12 carbon atoms, alkenyl of up to 12 carbon atoms, alkynyl of up to 12 carbon atoms, alkadienyl of up to 12 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms, bicycloalkyl of 4 to 12 carbon atoms or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclyl group of 3 to 6 ring atoms containing at least one heteroatom, ;

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of up to 12 carbon atoms; or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent an optionally substituted, saturated or unsaturated heterocyclyl group of 3 to 6 ring atoms containing at least one heteroatom;

R^3 represents an optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl group; and R^4 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group $-NR^5R^6$ where R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or an amino, alkyl of up to 12 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms or bicycloalkyl group of 4 to 12 carbon atoms and R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of up to 12 carbon atoms.

2. A compound according to claim 1 in which R^1 represents a C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{4-12} alkadienyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl or C_{4-8} bicycloalkyl group or a 3- to 6-membered heterocyclic ring, each group or ring being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4} haloalkoxy, amino, C_{1-4} alkylamino, di- C_{1-4} alkylamino, formyl, C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, phenyl, C_{1-4} haloalkylphenyl, di-

represents a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group or a 3- to 6-membered heterocyclic ring, optionally ortho-fused with a benzene ring.

3. A compound according to claim 1 or 2 in which R² represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group.

4. A compound according to claim 1, 2 or 3 in which R³ represents a phenyl or naphthyl group, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁₋₁₂ alkyl, C₁₋₁₂ haloalkyl, C₁₋₁₂ alkoxy, C₁₋₁₂ haloalkoxy, amino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, di-C₁₋₄ alkylamino, formyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, phenyl, phenoxy and benzyloxy groups.

5. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4 in which R⁴ represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or a group -NR⁵R⁶ where R⁵ represents a hydrogen atom or an amino, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl or C₄₋₈ bicycloalkyl group and R⁶ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group.

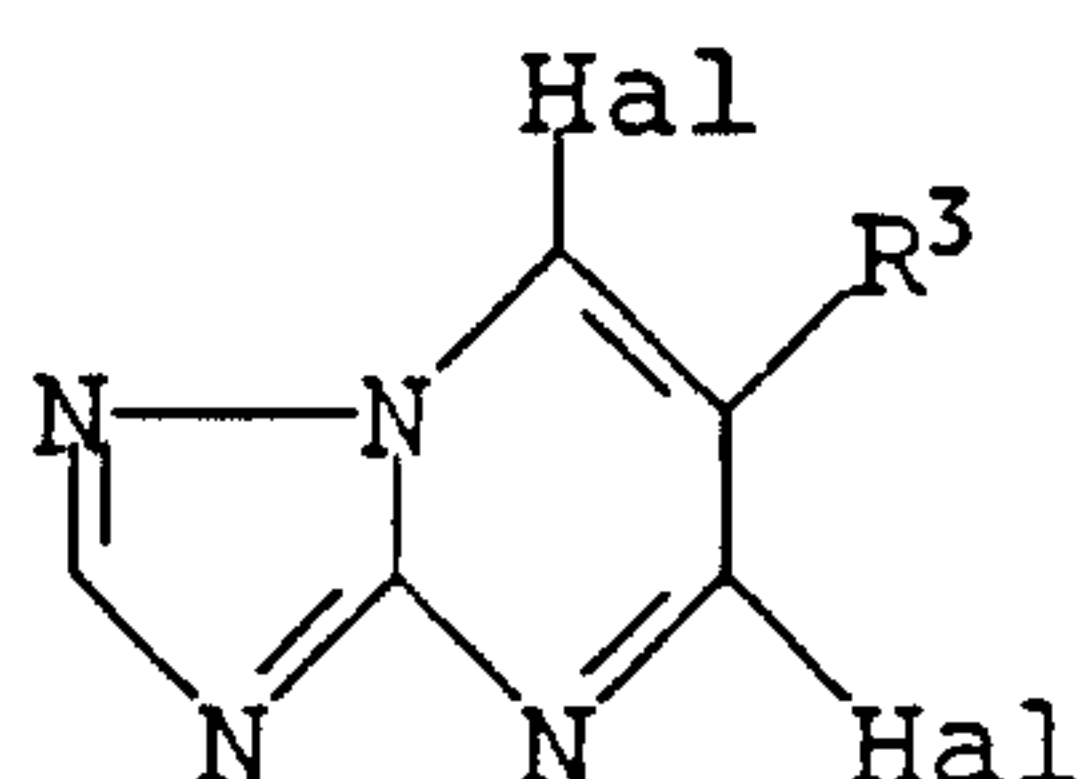
6. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5 in which R¹ represents a methyl, ethyl, propyl, heptyl, dodecyl, benzyl, dichlorocyclopropylmethyl, furylmethyl, trifluoromethylphenethyl, dimethoxyphenethyl, pentenyl, propynyl, dimethyloctadienyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, hydroxycyclopentyl, trimethylcyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, trimethylcyclohexyl, cyclooctyl, indanyl, bicycloheptyl, dichloroaziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl or benzothiazolyl group; R² represents a hydrogen atom, methyl or ethyl group; or R¹ and R² together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a phenylpiperidyl group; R³ represents a phenyl, fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl, bromophenyl, chloro-fluorophenyl, methylphenyl, propylphenyl, trifluoromethylphenyl, methoxyphenyl, ethoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, trimethoxyphenyl, trifluoromethoxyphenyl, biphenyl, phenoxyphenyl, benzyloxyphenyl or naphthyl group; and R⁴ represents a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atom or an amino, methylamino, dimethylamino, hydrazino, cyclopentylamino or bicycloheptylamino group.

- 51 -

7. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6, which comprises

(a) reacting a compound of the general formula

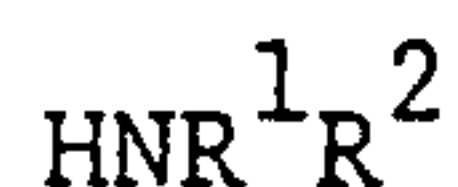
5



(II)

10

in which R^3 is as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6, and Hal represents a chlorine or bromine atom, with a compound of the general formula



(III)

15

in which R^1 and R^2 are as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6, to produce a compound of formula I in which R^4 represents a chlorine or bromine atom;

20

(b) if desired, reacting the compound of formula I formed in (a) with a fluorinating agent to produce a compound of formula I in which R^4 represents a fluorine atom;

(c) if desired, reacting the compound of formula I formed in (a) with a reducing agent to produce a compound of formula I in which R^4 represents a hydrogen atom;

25

(d) if desired, reacting the compound of formula I formed in (a) with a compound of the general formula



in which R^5 and R^6 are as defined in any one of claims

30

1 to 6, to produce a compound of formula I in which R^4 represents a group $-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^6$; and

(e) if desired, reacting a compound of formula I formed in (d) in which R^5 and R^6 both represent a hydrogen atom with diiodomethane in the presence of a diazotising agent to produce a compound of formula I in which R^4 represents an iodine atom.

35

8. A fungicidal composition which comprises a carrier and, as active ingredient, a compound of formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6.

9. A method of combating fungus at a locus which comprises
5 treating the locus with a compound of formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 or with a composition as defined in claim 8.

10. The use as a fungicide of a compound of formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 or a composition as defined in claim 8.

10

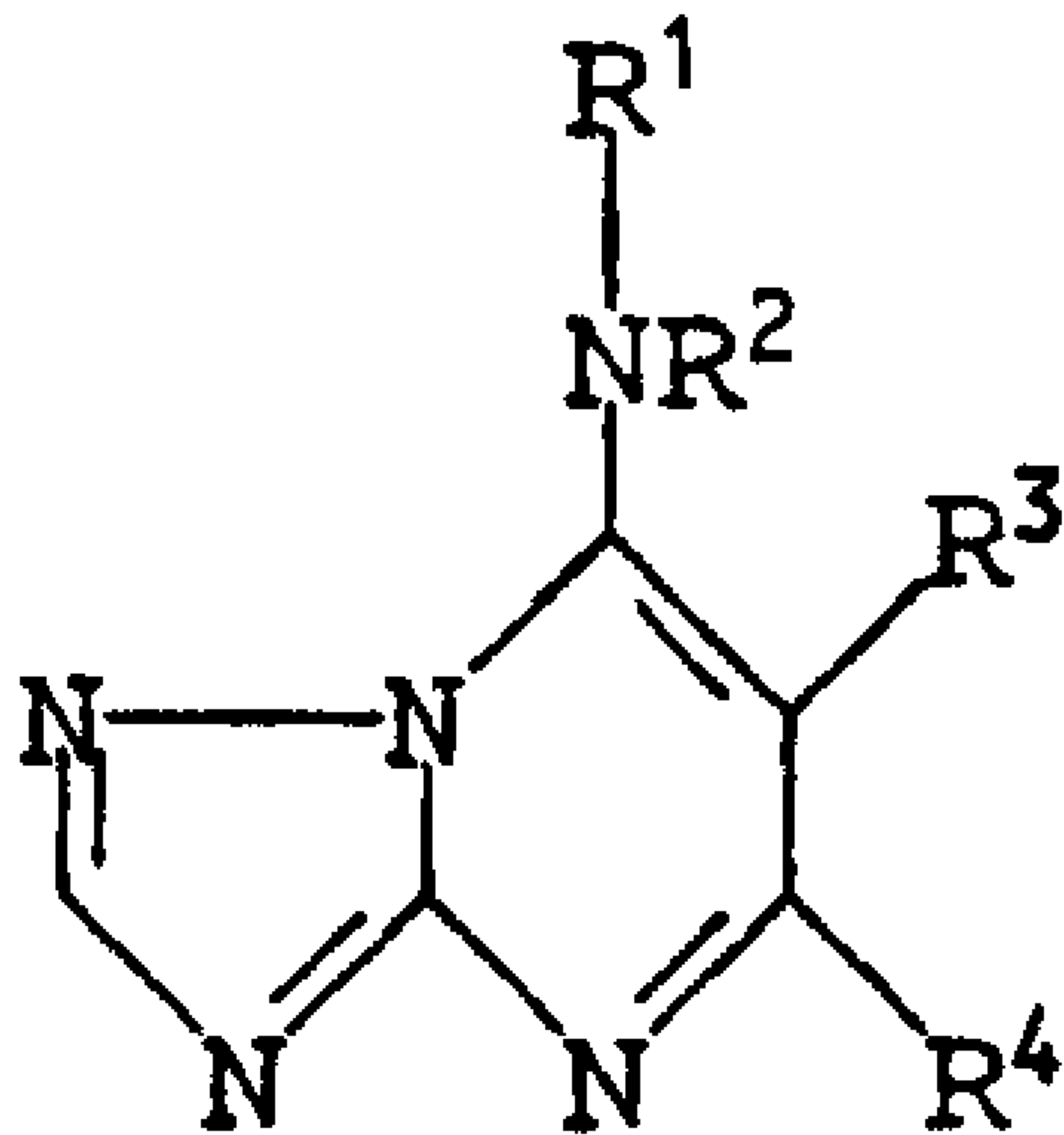
15

20

25

30

35 PS27/T951FF



(I)