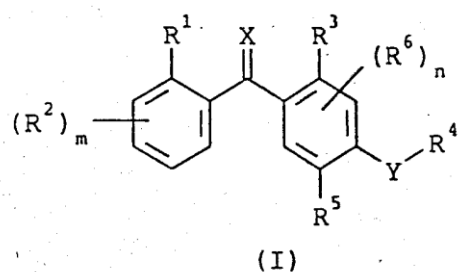


There is provided a method for the control of phytopathogenic fungi and disease caused thereby which comprises contacting said fungi with a fungicidally effective amount of a benzophenone compound of formula I



There are further provided benzophenone compounds of formula Ia which are useful as fungicidal agents and compositions useful for the protection of plants from the damaging effects of phytopathogenic fungi and fungal disease.