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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING GOUGEROTIN AND A BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENT

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a composition comprising a) isolated gougerotin b) at least one biological control agent selected from specific microorganisms and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phyto-pathogens in a synergistically effective amount. Furthermore, the present invention relates to the use of this composition as well as a method for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts.



**Compositions comprising gougerotin and a biological control agent**

The present invention relates to a composition comprising gougerotin and at least one biological control agent selected from specific microorganisms and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens in a synergistically effective amount. Furthermore, the present invention relates to the use of this composition as well as a method for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts.

Synthetic insecticides or fungicides often are non-specific and therefore can act on organisms other than the target organisms, including other naturally occurring beneficial organisms. Because of their chemical nature, they may be also toxic and non-biodegradable. Consumers worldwide are increasingly conscious of the potential environmental and health problems associated with the residuals of chemicals, particularly in food products. This has resulted in growing consumer pressure to reduce the use or at least the quantity of chemical (i. e. synthetic) pesticides. Thus, there is a need to manage food chain requirements while still allowing effective pest control.

A further problem arising with the use of synthetic insecticides or fungicides is that the repeated and exclusive application of an insecticide or fungicides often leads to selection of resistant animal pests or microorganisms. Normally, such strains are also cross-resistant against other active ingredients having the same mode of action. An effective control of the pathogens with said active compounds is then not possible any longer. However, active ingredients having new mechanisms of action are difficult and expensive to develop.

The risk of resistance development in pathogen populations as well as environmental and human health concerns have fostered interest in identifying alternatives to synthetic insecticides and fungicides for managing plant pests and diseases.

Natural insecticides are one approach for solving the above-mentioned problems. However, they are still not entirely satisfactory.

The use of biological control agents (BCAs) is another alternative. In some cases, the effectiveness of BCAs is not at the same level as for conventional insecticides and fungicides, especially in case of severe infection pressure. Consequently, in some circumstances, biological control agents, their mutants and metabolites produced by them are, in particular in low application rates, not entirely satisfactory.

Thus, there is a constant need for developing new, alternative plant protection agents which in some areas at least help to fulfill the above-mentioned requirements.

As described in WO 00/58442 A1 *Bacillus pumilus* QST2808 (NRRL Accession No. B-30087) is able to inhibit a broad range of fungal plant diseases in vivo.

*Bacillus thuringiensis* BD#32 (NRRL Accession No. B-21530) exhibits insecticidal activity (US 5,645,831 A). It produces a non-exotoxin, solvent-extractable, non-proteinaceous metabolite that is 100% effective in killing corn rootworm. The biopesticide produced by this bacterial strain is active against corn rootworm but inactive against flies.

5 In view of this, it was in particular an object of the present invention to provide compositions which exhibit activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens. Moreover, it was a further particular object of the present invention, to reduce the application rates and broaden the activity spectrum of the biological control agents or the insecticides, and thereby to provide a composition which, preferably at a reduced total amount of active compounds applied, has improved activity against  
10 insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens. In particular, it was a further object of the present invention to provide a composition which, when applied to a crop, results in a decreased amount of residues in the crop, thereby reducing the risk of resistance formation and nevertheless provides efficient pest and/or disease control.

Accordingly, it was found that these objectives are at least partly solved by the compositions according  
15 to the invention as defined in the following. The composition according to the present invention preferably fulfills the above-described needs. It has been discovered surprisingly that the application of the compositions according to the present invention in a simultaneous or sequential way to plants, plant parts, harvested fruits, vegetables and/or plant's locus of growth preferably allows better control of insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens than it is possible with the individual strains, their  
20 mutants and/or at least one metabolite produced by the strains on the other hand, alone (synergistic mixtures). By applying isolated gougerotin and at least one biological control agents (for example, a microorganism or a strain) the activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens is preferably increased in a super additive manner. Preferably, the application of the composition according to the invention induces an increase in the activity against phytopathogens in a superadditive  
25 manner.

As a consequence, the compositions according to the present invention preferably allow reduced total amounts of both isolated gougerotin and the biological control agent to be used. Further, the risk of resistance formation of animal pests is reduced.

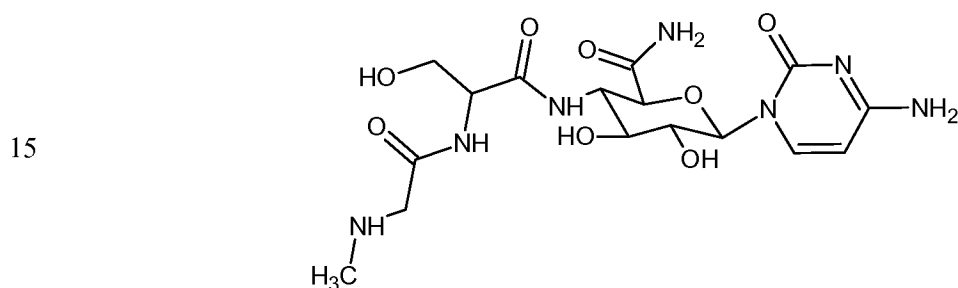
The present invention is directed to a composition comprising isolated gougerotin and at least one  
30 biological control agent and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain of the biological control agent, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens in synergistically effective amounts.

Furthermore, the present invention relates to a kit of parts comprising (a) isolated gougerotin and (b) at  
35 least one biological control agent and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the

respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens. The present invention is further directed to the use of said composition as an insecticide, and/or miticide, and/or nematicide and/or fungicide. Moreover, it is directed to the use of said composition for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts as well as losses in harvested fruits or vegetables caused by insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens.

Additionally, the present invention provides a method for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts as well as losses in harvested fruits or vegetables caused by insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens.

10 In the present invention, "isolated gougerotin" refers to the compound 1-(4-Amino-2-oxo-1(2H)-pyrimidinyl)-1,4-dideoxy-4-[[N-(N-methylglycyl)-D-seryl]amino]-b-D-glucopyranuronamide, also known by its trivial name gougerotin. The chemical structure of gougerotin is depicted in the following.



Gougerotin was first isolated as a water soluble, basic antibiotic from culture filtrates of the fermentation broth of *Streptomyces gougerotii*, No. 21544 (Toshiko Kanzaki et al., *Journal of Antibiotics*, Ser. A, Vol. 15, No.2, Jun. 1961, cf, also U.S. Patent No. 3,849,398) but has later also been obtained by total synthesis (Fox & Watanabe, *Pure Appl. Chem.* 1971, Vol. 28, page 475; Lichtenthaler, et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1975, page 3527). More recently, Migawa et al, *ORGANIC LETTERS* 2005 Vol. 7, No. 16, pages 3429-3432 have described an efficient synthesis of gougerotin using solid- and solution-phase methodology. Gougerotin is known for its parasiticidal activity (for example, for its inhibitory effect on the ovulation of pin worms, see U.S. Patent No. 3,849,398) and its acaricidal (miticidal) effect (see Japanese Patent Application No. JP 53109998 (A)). The gougerotin used in the present invention can be from any known source, for example, produced by fermentation and subsequent isolation from the culture broth, or made by chemical synthesis as described above.

In accordance with the above, "isolated gougerotin" as used herein refers to the purified chemical molecule that in case of fermentation has been isolated from the fermentation broth or in case of chemical synthesis has been obtained as the end result of this chemical synthesis and is available in essentially pure form. "Essentially pure" means that gougerotin in the main product that has been freed

from impurities and side products. The gougerotin used in compositions of the invention may thus be at least 80% pure, at least 90 % pure, at least 95 % pure, at least 98 % pure or even purer.

In general “pesticidal” means the ability of a substance to increase mortality or inhibit the growth rate of plant pests. The term is used herein, to describe the property of a substance to exhibit activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens. In the sense of the present invention the term “pests” include insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens.

As used herein, “biological control” is defined as control of a pathogen and/or insect and/or an acarid and/or a nematode by the use of a second organism. Known mechanisms of biological control include bacteria that control root rot by out-competing fungi for space or nutrients on the surface of the root. Bacterial toxins, such as antibiotics, have been used to control pathogens. The toxin can be isolated and applied directly to the plant or the bacterial species may be administered so it produces the toxin in situ. Other means of exerting biological control include the application of certain fungi producing ingredients active against a target phytopathogen, insect, mite or nematode, or attacking the target pest/pathogen. “biological control” as used in connection with the present invention may also encompass microorganisms having a beneficial effect on plant health, growth, vigor, stress response or yield. Application routes include spray application soil application and seed treatment.

The term “metabolite” refers to any compound, substance or byproduct of a fermentation of a said microorganism that has pesticidal, fungicidal or nematicidal activity. One such metabolite produced e.g. by strain NRRL B-50550 and its mutants (such as *Streptomyces microflavus* strain M) is gougerotin that may be isolated for use in compositions of this invention. Said metabolite may also be contained in and isolated from a fermentation broth such as fermentation broth containing said metabolite, e. g. gougerotin, at concentrations of at least about 1 g/L, at least about 2 g/L, at least about 3 g/L, at least about 4 g/L, at least about 5 g/L at least about 6 g/L, at least about 7 g/L or at least about 8 g/L. In other embodiments the fermentation broth contains gougerotin in a concentration ranging from about 2 g/L to about 15 g/L, including in a concentration of about 3g/L, of about 4 g/L, of about of about 5g/L, of about 6 g/L, of about 7 g/L, of about 8 g/L, of about 9 g/L, of about of 10 g/L, of about 11 g/L, of about 12 g/L, of about 13 g/L, and of about 14 g/L.

The term “mutant” refers to a variant of the parental strain as well as methods for obtaining a mutant or variant in which the pesticidal activity of its metabolites is greater than that expressed by the parental strain. The "parent strain" is defined herein as the original strain before mutagenesis or the deposited strain. To obtain such mutants the parental strain may be treated with a chemical such as N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine, ethylmethanesulfone, or by irradiation using gamma, x-ray, or UV-irradiation, or by other means well known to those skilled in the art. In one embodiment, a phytophagous-mitocidal mutant strain of the *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550 is used. The term “mutant” refers to a genetic variant derived from *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550. In one embodiment, the mutant has one or more or all the identifying (functional) characteristics of *Streptomyces microflavus*

strain NRRL B-50550. In a particular instance, the mutant or a fermentation product thereof controls (as an identifying functional characteristic) mites at least as well as the gougerotin containing fermentation product of the parent *Streptomyces microflavus* NRRL B-50550 strain. In addition, the mutant or a fermentation product thereof may have one, two, three, four or all five of the following characteristics:

5 translaminal activity in relation to the miticidal activity, residual activity in relation to the miticidal activity, ovicidal activity, insecticide activity, in particular against diabrotica, or activity against fungal phytopathogens, in particular against mildew and rust disease. Such mutants may be genetic variants having a genomic sequence that has greater than about 85%, greater than about 90%, greater than about 95%, greater than about 98%, or greater than about 99% sequence identity to *Streptomyces microflavus*

10 strain NRRL B-50550. Mutants may be obtained by treating *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550 cells with chemicals or irradiation or by selecting spontaneous mutants from a population of NRRL B-50550 cells (such as phage resistant or antibiotic resistant mutants) or by other means well known to those practiced in the art.

Suitable chemicals for mutagenesis of *Streptomyces microflavus* include hydroxylamine hydrochloride,

15 methyl methanesulfonate (MMS), ethyl methanesulfonate (EMS), 4-nitroquinoline 1-oxide (NQO), mitomycin C or N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine (NTG), to mention only a few (*cf.*, for example, Stonesifer & Baltz, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 82, pp. 1180-1183, February 1985). The mutagenesis of *Streptomyces* strains by, for example, NTG, using spore solutions of the respective *Streptomyces* strain is well known to the person skilled in the art. *See*, for example Delic et al, Mutation

20 Research/Fundamental and Molecular Mechanisms of Mutagenesis, Volume 9, Issue 2, February 1970, pages 167-182, or Chen et al., J Antibiot (Tokyo), 2001 Nov; 54(11), pages 967-972.). In more detail, *Streptomyces microflavus* can be subjected to mutation by NTG using the protocol described in Kieser, T., et al., 2000, *supra*. Practical *Streptomyces* Genetics, Ch. 5 John Innes Centre, Norwich Research Park, England (2000), pp. 99-107. Mutagenesis of spores of *Streptomyces microflavus* by ultraviolet

25 light (UV) can be carried out using standard protocols. For example, a spore suspension of the *Streptomyces* strain (freshly prepared or frozen in 20% glycerol) can be suspended in a medium that does not absorb UV light at a wave length of 254 nm (for example, water or 20% glycerol are suitable). The spore suspension is then placed in a glass Petri dish and irradiated with a low pressure mercury vapour lamp that emits most of its energy at 254 nm with constant agitation for an appropriate time at 30

30 °C (the most appropriate time of irradiation can be determined by first plotting a dose-survival curve). Slants or plates of non-selective medium can, for example, then be inoculated with the dense irradiated spore suspension and the so obtained mutant strains can be assessed for their properties as explained in the following. *See* Kieser, T., *et al.*, 2000, *supra*.

The mutant strain used in the present invention can be any mutant strain that has one or more or all the

35 identifying characteristics of *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550 and in particular miticidal activity of its fermentation product that is comparable or better than that of *Streptomyces microflavus* NRRL B-50550, such as *Streptomyces microflavus* strain M. The miticidal activity of the fermentation

product can, for example, be determined against two-spotted spider mites (“TSSM”) as explained in Example 2 herein, meaning culture stocks of the mutant strain of *Streptomyces microflavus* NRRL B-50550 can be grown in 1 L shake flasks in Media 1 or Media 2 of Example 2 at 20-30 °C for 3-5 days, and the diluted fermentation product can then be applied on top and bottom of lima bean leaves of two plants, after which treatment, plants can be infested on the same day with 50-100 TSSM and left in the greenhouse for five days.

A “variant” is a strain having all the identifying characteristics of the NRRL or ATCC Accession Numbers as indicated in this text and can be identified as having a genome that hybridizes under conditions of high stringency to the genome of the NRRL or ATCC Accession Numbers.

“Hybridization” refers to a reaction in which one or more polynucleotides react to form a complex that is stabilized via hydrogen bonding between the bases of the nucleotide residues. The hydrogen bonding may occur by Watson-Crick base pairing, Hoogsteen binding, or in any other sequence-specific manner. The complex may comprise two strands forming a duplex structure, three or more strands forming a multi-stranded complex, a single self-hybridizing strand, or any combination of these. Hybridization reactions can be performed under conditions of different “stringency”. In general, a low stringency hybridization reaction is carried out at about 40 °C in 10 X SSC or a solution of equivalent ionic strength/temperature. A moderate stringency hybridization is typically performed at about 50 °C in 6 X SSC, and a high stringency hybridization reaction is generally performed at about 60 °C in 1 X SSC.

A variant of the indicated NRRL or ATCC Accession Number may also be defined as a strain having a genomic sequence that is greater than 85%, more preferably greater than 90% or more preferably greater than 95% sequence identity to the genome of the indicated NRRL or ATCC Accession Number. A polynucleotide or polynucleotide region (or a polypeptide or polypeptide region) has a certain percentage (for example, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99%) of “sequence identity” to another sequence means that, when aligned, that percentage of bases (or amino acids) are the same in comparing the two sequences. This alignment and the percent homology or sequence identity can be determined using software programs known in the art, for example, those described in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology (F. M. Ausubel et al., eds., 1987) Supplement 30, section 7. 7. 18, Table 7. 7. 1.

NRRL is the abbreviation for the Agricultural Research Service Culture Collection, an international depositary authority for the purposes of depositing microorganism strains under the Budapest treaty on the international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure, having the address National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Agricultural Research service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1815 North university Street, Perouira, Illinois 61604 USA.

ATCC is the abbreviation for the American Type Culture Collection, an international depositary authority for the purposes of depositing microorganism strains under the Budapest treaty on the

international recognition of the deposit of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure, having the address ATCC Patent Depository, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 10110 USA.

Several *Streptomyces* strains have been described for use in agriculture. In relation to a possible agricultural use, *Streptomyces* strains have been predominantly described in publications from the late 1960's and early 1970's. See, for example, the British Patent No. GB 1 507 193 that describes the *Streptomyces rimofaciens* strain No. B-98891, deposited as ATCC 31120, which produces the antibiotic B-98891. According to GB 1 507 193, filed March 1975, the antibiotic B-98891 is the active ingredient that provides antifungal activity of the *Streptomyces rimofaciens* strain No. B-98891 against powdery mildew. U.S. Patent No. 3,849,398, filed August 2, 1972, describes that the strain *Streptomyces toyocaensis* var. *aspiculamyceticus* produces the antibiotic aspiculamycin which is also known as gougerotin (see, Toru Ikeuchi et al., 25 J. ANTIBIOTICS 548 (Sept. 1972)). According to U.S. Patent No. 3,849,398, gougerotin has parasiticidal action against parasites on animals, such as pin worm and the like, although gougerotin is said to show a weak antibacterial activity against gram-positive, gram-negative bacteria and tubercule bacillus. Similarly, Japanese Patent Application No. JP 53109998 (A), published 1978, reports the strain *Streptomyces toyocaensis* (LA-681) and its ability to produce gougerotin for use as miticide. However, it is to be noted that no miticidal product based on such *Streptomyces* strains is commercially available.

Besides the *Streptomyces* strains listed above also other *Streptomyces* strains may be used within the scope of the present invention, such as *Streptomyces coelicolor* strain M1146 harboring a modified gene cluster for gougerotin production as described in Du et al. (Appl Microbiol Biotechnol 2013; 97(14)) and *Streptomyces gramineus* as described in Niu et al. (Chem Biol 2013; 20(1)). Other gougerotin-producing *Streptomyces* species that may be used within the scope of the present invention are *S. microflavus*, *S. griseus*, *S. anulatus*, *S. fimicarius*, *S. parvus*, *S. lavendulae*, *S. alboviridis*, *S. puniceus*, or *S. gramineus*.

Compositions of the present invention can be obtained from synthetically made gougerotin. Alternatively, compositions of the present invention can be obtained by means of culturing *Streptomyces* strains such as *Streptomyces microflavus* NRRL B-50550 or mutants derived from it using conventional large-scale microbial fermentation processes, such as submerged fermentation, solid state fermentation or liquid surface culture, including the methods described, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 3,849,398; British Patent No. GB 1 507 193; Toshiko Kanzaki et al., Journal of Antibiotics, Ser. A, Vol. 15, No.2, Jun. 1961, pages 93 to 97; or Toru Ikeuchi et al., Journal of Antibiotics, (Sept. 1972), pages 548 to 550, and subsequent isolation of gougerotin from the fermentation broth. For example, gougerotin can be isolated from the filtered fermentation broth as described by Toshiko Kanzaki et al, supra or as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3,849,398 after adjustment of the pH of the fermentation broth to acidic to neutral together with filter aids such as diatomaceous earth, removing mycelium, passing the filtrate onto a cation exchange, thereby to have gougerotin adsorbed on the cation exchange and then eluting the



adsorbed gougerotin with an appropriate acid, alkali or inorganic salt solution. The so obtained gougerotin may be further purified from other chemicals contained in the eluate such as tetraene or toycamycin by subsequent steps as also described in Toshiko Kanzaki et al, supra or U.S. Patent No. 3,849,398. Fermentation is configured to obtain high levels of live biomass, particularly spores, and desirable secondary metabolites including gougerotin in the fermentation vessels. Specific fermentation methods that are suitable for the strain *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550 or for the strain *Streptomyces microflavus* strain M that may be used in the present invention to achieve high levels of sporulation, cfu (colony forming units), and secondary metabolites, including gougerotin, are described in the Examples section.

10 The bacterial cells, spores and metabolites in culture broth resulting from fermentation (the “whole broth” or “fermentation broth”) may be used directly for isolation of gougerotin. Alternatively, for the isolation of gougerotin the whole broth may be concentrated by conventional industrial methods, such as centrifugation, filtration, and evaporation, for example.

The terms “whole broth” and “fermentation broth,” as used herein, refer to the culture broth resulting from fermentation (including the production of a culture broth that contains gougerotin in a concentration of at least about 1 g/L) before any downstream treatment. The whole broth encompasses the gougerotin producing microorganism (e.g., *Streptomyces microflavus* NRRL B-50550 or a phytophagous-mitocidal mutant strain thereof) and its component parts, unused raw substrates, and metabolites produced by the microorganism during fermentation. The term “broth concentrate,” as used herein, refers to whole broth (fermentation broth) that has been concentrated by conventional industrial methods, as described above, but remains in liquid form. The term “fermentation solid,” as used herein, refers to dried fermentation broth. The term “fermentation product,” as used herein, refers to whole broth, broth concentrate and/or even fermentation solids. Compositions of the present invention include fermentation products. In some embodiments, the concentrated fermentation broth is washed, for example, via a diafiltration process, to remove residual fermentation broth and metabolites.

In another embodiment, the fermentation broth or broth concentrate can be dried with or without the addition of carriers, inerts, or additives using conventional drying processes or methods such as spray drying, freeze drying, tray drying, fluidized-bed drying, drum drying, or evaporation.

A sample of a *Streptomyces microflavus* strain that can be used in the invention has been deposited with the Agricultural Research Service Culture Collection located at the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1815 North University Street, Peoria, IL 61604 under the Budapest Treaty on August 19, 2011 and has been assigned the following depository designation: NRRL B-50550.

A sample of a mutant of *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550 (designated herein as *Streptomyces microflavus* strain M and also known as AQ6121.002) that can also be used in the present invention has been deposited with the International Depository Authority of Canada located at 1015

Arlington Street Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3E 3R2 on October 9, 2013 and has been assigned Accession No. 091013-02.

### **Biological control agents**

5 Biological control agents include in particular bacteria, fungi or yeasts, protozoa, viruses, entomopathogenic nematodes, Inoculants and botanicals and/or mutants of them having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens.

10 According to the invention, biological control agents which are summarized under the term "bacteria" include spore-forming, root-colonizing bacteria, or bacteria and their metabolites useful as biological insecticides, -nematicides, miticides, or -fungicide or soil amendments improving plant health and growth. Examples of such bacteria to be used or employed according to the invention are (The numbering is used throughout the complete following description of the invention):

(1.1) *Agrobacterium radiobacter*, (1.2) *Bacillus acidocaldarius*, (1.3) *Bacillus acidoterrestris*, (1.4) 15 *Bacillus agri*, (1.5) *Bacillus aizawai*, (1.6) *Bacillus albolactis*, (1.7) *Bacillus alcalophilus*, (1.8) *Bacillus alvei*, (1.9) *Bacillus aminoglucosidicus*, (1.10) *Bacillus aminovorans*, (1.11) *Bacillus amylolyticus* (also known as *Paenibacillus amylolyticus*) (1.12) *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, in particular strain IN937a, or strain FZB42 (product known as RhizoVital<sup>®</sup>), or strain B3, (1.13) *Bacillus aneurinoliticus*, (1.14) *Bacillus atrophaeus*, (1.15) *Bacillus azotoformans*, (1.16) *Bacillus badius*, (1.17) *Bacillus cereus* 20 (synonyms: *Bacillus endorhythmos*, *Bacillus medusa*), in particular spores of *B. cereus* strain CNCM I-1562 (cf. US 6,406,690), (1.18) *Bacillus chitinosporus*, (1.19) *Bacillus circulans* (1.20) *Bacillus coagulans*, (1.21) *Bacillus endoparasiticus* (1.22) *Bacillus fastidiosus*, (1.23) *Bacillus firmus*, in particular strain I-1582 (products known as Bionem, Votivo, Flocter), (1.24) *Bacillus kurstaki*, (1.25) *Bacillus lacticola*, (1.26) *Bacillus lactimorbus*, (1.27) *Bacillus lactis*, (1.28) *Bacillus laterosporus* (also 25 known as *Brevibacillus laterosporus*), (1.29) *Bacillus lautus*, (1.30) *Bacillus lentimorbus*, (1.31) *Bacillus lentus*, (1.32) *Bacillus licheniformis*, (1.33) *Bacillus maroccanus*, (1.34) *Bacillus megaterium* (products known as BioArc), (1.35) *Bacillus metiens*, (1.36) *Bacillus mycoides* isolate J, (1.37) *Bacillus natto*, (1.38) *Bacillus nematocida*, (1.39) *Bacillus nigrificans*, (1.40) *Bacillus nigrum*, (1.41) *Bacillus pantothenicus*, (1.42) *Bacillus popillae* (products known as Cronox), (1.43) *Bacillus psychrosaccharolyticus*, (1.44) *Bacillus pumilus*, in particular strain GB34 (products known as Yield Shield<sup>®</sup>), and strain QST2808 (products known as Sonata QST 2808<sup>®</sup>), (1.45) *Bacillus siamensis*, (1.46) *Bacillus smithii*, (1.47) *Bacillus sphaericus* (products known as VectoLexs<sup>®</sup>), (1.48) *Bacillus subtilis*, in particular strain GB03 (products known as Kodiak<sup>®</sup>), strain QST 713 (products known as Serenade QST 713<sup>®</sup>), strain AQ30002 (aka QST30002; NRRL Accession No. B-50421, known from WO 2012/087980, 35 which is incorporated herein by reference), strain AQ30004 (aka QST30004; NRRL Accession No. B-50455, known from WO 2012/087980, which is incorporated herein by reference), strain AQ743 (NRRL

Accession No. B-21665), strain AQ153 (ATCC Accession No. 55614 as described in WO 98/21964), or *B. subtilis* var. *amyloliquefaciens* strain FZB24 (products known as Taegro<sup>®</sup>), (1.49) *Bacillus thuringiensis*, in particular *B. thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* (products known as VectoBac<sup>®</sup>) or *B. thuringiensis* subsp. *aizawai* strain ABTS-1857 (products known as XenTari<sup>®</sup>), or *B. thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki* strain HD-1 (products known as Dipel<sup>®</sup> ES) or *B. thuringiensis* subsp. *tenebrionis* strain NB 176 (products known as Novodor<sup>®</sup> FC), or *B. th. var. aegyptii* (products known as Agerin), or *B. th. var. colmeri* (products known as TianBaoBTc), or *B. th. var. darmstadiensis* (products known as Baciturin, Kolepterin), or *B. th. var. dendrolimus* (products known as Dendrobacillin), or *B. th. var. galleriae* (products known as Enterobactin), or *B. th. var. japonensis* (products known as Buihunter), or *B.th. subsp. Morrisoni*, or *B. th. var. san diego*, or *B. th. subsp. thuringiensis* strain MPPL002, or *B. th. var. thuringiensis* (products known as Bikol), or *B. th. var 7216* (products known as Amactic, Pethian), *B. th.* strain BD#32 (NRRL Accession No. B-21530), *B. th.* strain AQ52 (NRRL Accession No. B-21619), or *B. th. var T36* (products known as Cahat), (1.50) *Bacillus uniflagellatus*, (1.51) *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* (Symbiont, products known as SoySelect), (1.52) *Brevibacillus brevis* (formerly *Bacillus brevis*), in particular strains SS86-3, SS86-4, SS86-5, 2904, (1.53) *Brevibacillus laterosporus* (formerly *Bacillus laterosporus*), in particular strains 64, 1111, 1645, 1647, (1.54) *Chromobacterium subsugae*, in particular strain PRAA4-1T (products known as Gandevo), (1.55) *Delftia acidovorans*, in particular strain RAY209 (products known as BioBoost<sup>®</sup>), (1.56) *Lactobacillus acidophilus* (products known as Fruitsan), (1.57) *Lysobacter antibioticus*, in particular strain 13-1 (cf. Biological Control 2008, 45, 288-296), (1.58) *Lysobacter enzymogenes*, in particular strain C3 (cf. J Nematol. 2006 June; 38(2): 233–239), (1.59) *Paenibacillus alvei*, in particular strains III3DT-1A, III2E, 46C3, 2771 (Bacillus genetic stock center, Nov 2001), (1.60) *Paenibacillus polymyxa*, (1.61) *Paenibacillus popilliae* (formerly *Bacillus popilliae*), (1.62) *Pantoea agglomerans*, (1.63) *Pasteuria penetrans* (formerly *Bacillus penetrans*), products known as Pasteuria wettable powder, (1.64) *Pasteuria usgae* (products known as Econem<sup>™</sup>), (1.65) *Pectobacterium carotovorum* (formerly *Erwinia carotovora*) products known as BioKeeper, (1.66) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (products known as Guiticid), (1.67) *Pseudomonas aureofaciens* (products known as Agate-25K), (1.68) *Pseudomonas cepacia* (formerly known as Burkholderia cepacia), in particular strains M54 or J82, (1.69) *Pseudomonas chlororaphis*, in particular strain MA 342 (products known as Cedomon), (1.70) *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (products known as Sudozone), (1.71) *Pseudomonas proradix* (products known as Proradix<sup>®</sup>), (1.72) *Pseudomonas putida* (products known as Nematsid), (1.73) *Pseudomonas resinovorans* (products known as Solanacure), (1.74) *Pseudomonas syringae* (products known as Biosave), (1.75) *Serratia entomophila* (products known as invade), (1.76) *Serratia marcescens*, in particular strain SRM (MTCC8708) or strain R35, (1.77) *Streptomyces candidus* (products known as BioAid<sup>™</sup>), (1.78) *Streptomyces colombiensis* (products known as Mycoside), (1.79) *Streptomyces galbus*, in particular strain K61 (products known as Mycostop<sup>®</sup>, cf. Crop Protection 2006, 25, 468-475) or strain QST 6047, (1.80) *Streptomyces goshikiensis* (products known as Safegro), (1.81) *Streptomyces griseoviridis* (products known as Mycostop<sup>®</sup>, cf. Microbial db of Canada), (1.82) *Streptomyces*

*lavendulae* (products known as Phytolavin-300, (1.83) *Streptomyces lydicus*, in particular strain WYCD108 (products known as ActinovateSP) or strain WYEC108 (products known as Actino-iron), (1.84) *Streptomyces prasinus* (cf. "Prasinons A and B: potent insecticides from *Streptomyces prasinus*" Applied microbiology 1973 Nov), (1.85) *Streptomyces rimosus* (products known as Rhitovit), (1.86) 5 *Streptomyces saraceticus* (products known as Clanda), (1.87) *Streptomyces venezuelae*, (1.88) *Xanthomonas campestris* (herbicidal activity), (1.89) *Xenorhabdus luminescens*, (1.90) *Xenorhabdus nematophila*, (1.91) *Rhodococcus globerulus* AQ719 (NRRL Accession No. B-21663), (1.92) *Bacillus* sp. AQ175 (ATCC Accession No. 55608), (1.93) *Bacillus* sp. AQ 177 (ATCC Accession No. 55609), (1.94) *Bacillus* sp. AQ178 (ATCC Accession No. 53522), and (1.95) *Streptomyces* sp. strain described 10 in WO 02/26041 A2 (NRRL Accession No. B-30145).

Preferred bacteria are:

- (1.12) *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, in particular strain IN937a, or strain FZB42 (product known as RhizoVital<sup>®</sup>),
- 15 (1.14) *Bacillus atrophaeus*,
- (1.17) *Bacillus cereus* (synonyms: *Bacillus endorhythmos*, *Bacillus medusa*), in particular spores of *B. cereus* strain CNCM I-1562 (cf. US 6,406,690), (1.18) *Bacillus chitinosporus*, (1.19) *Bacillus circulans*
- (1.20) *Bacillus coagulans*,
- (1.23) *Bacillus firmus*, in particular strain I-1582 (products known as Bionem, Votivo, Flocter),
- 20 (1.42) *Bacillus popillae* (products known as Cronox),
- (1.44) *Bacillus pumilus*, in particular strain GB34 (products known as Yield Shield<sup>®</sup>), and strain QST2808 (products known as Sonata QST 2808<sup>®</sup>), (1.47) *Bacillus sphaericus* (products known as VectoLexs<sup>®</sup>),
- (1.48) *Bacillus subtilis*, in particular strain GB03 (products known as Kodiak<sup>®</sup>), strain QST 713 25 (products known as Serenade QST 713<sup>®</sup>), strain AQ30002 (aka QST30002; NRRL Accession No. B-50421, known from WO 2012/087980, which is incorporated herein by reference), strain AQ30004 (aka QST30004; NRRL Accession No. B-50455, known from WO 2012/087980, which is incorporated herein by reference), or *B. subtilis* var. *amyloliquefaciens* strain FZB24 (products known as Taegro<sup>®</sup>), strain AQ743 (NRRL Accession No. B-21665), strain AQ153 (ATCC Accession No. 55614 as described 30 in WO 98/21964), strain AQ30002 (also known as QST30002) (NRRL Accession No. B-50421, strain AQ30004 (also known as QST30004, NRRL Accession No. B-50455),
- (1.49) *Bacillus thuringiensis*, in particular *B. thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* (products known as VectoBac<sup>®</sup>) or *B. thuringiensis* subsp. *aizawai* strain ABTS-1857 (products known as XenTari<sup>®</sup>), or *B. thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki* strain HD-1 (products known as Dipel<sup>®</sup> ES) or *B. thuringiensis* subsp. *tenebrionis* strain NB 176 (products known as Novodor<sup>®</sup> FC), or *B. th. var. aegyptii* (products known as Agerin) , or *B. th. var. colmeri* (products known as TianBaoBTc) , or *B. th. var. darmstadiensis* (products known as Baciturin, Kolepterin) , or *B. th. var. dendrolimus* (products known as Dendrobacillin) , or *B. th. var. galleriae* ((products known as Enterobactin) , or *B. th. var. japonensis*
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(products known as Buihunter) , or *B.th. subsp. Morrisoni*, or *B. th. var. san diego*, or *B. th. subsp. thuringiensis* strain MPPL002, or *B. th. var. thuringiensis* (products known as Bikol), or *B. th. var 7216* (products known as Amactic, Pethian), *B. th.* strain BD#32 (NRRL Accession No. B-21530), *B. th.* Strain AQ52 (NRRL Accession No. B-21619), or *B. th. var T36* (products known as Cahat), (1.50)  
5 *Bacillus uniflagellatus*, (1.52) *Brevibacillus brevis* (formerly *Bacillus brevis*), in particular strains SS86-3, SS86-4, SS86-5, 2904, (1.53) *Brevibacillus laterosporus* (formerly *Bacillus laterosporus*), in particular strains 64, 1111, 1645, 1647, (1.54) *Chromobacterium subtsugae*, in particular strain PRAA4-1T (products known as Gandevo), (1.55) *Delftia acidovorans*, in particular strain RAY209 (products known as BioBoost<sup>®</sup>), (1.56) *Lactobacillus acidophilus* (products known as Fruitsan), (1.57) *Lysobacter*  
10 *antibioticus*, in particular strain 13-1 (cf. Biological Control 2008, 45, 288-296), *Pectobacterium carotovorum* (formerly *Erwinia carotovora*) products known as BioKeeper, *Streptomyces griseoviridis* (products known as Mycostop<sup>®</sup>).

In one embodiment the composition of the present invention comprises a combination of at least one of  
15 the biological control agents described above and at least one further biological control agent selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus chitinosporus* AQ746 (NRRL Accession No. B-21618), *Bacillus mycoides* AQ726 (NRRL Accession No. B-21664), *Bacillus pumilus* (NRRL Accession No. B-30087), *Bacillus pumilus* AQ717 (NRRL Accession No. B-21662), *Bacillus sp.* AQ175 (ATCC Accession No. 55608), *Bacillus sp.* AQ177 (ATCC Accession No. 55609), *Bacillus sp.* AQ178 (ATCC Accession No.  
20 53522), *Bacillus subtilis* AQ743 (NRRL Accession No. B-21665), *Bacillus subtilis* AQ713 (NRRL Accession No. B-21661), *Bacillus subtilis* AQ153 (ATCC Accession No. 55614), *Bacillus thuringiensis* BD#32 (NRRL Accession No. B-21530), *Bacillus thuringiensis* AQ52 (NRRL Accession No. B-21619), *Muscodor albus* 620 (NRRL Accession No. 30547), *Muscodor roseus* A3-5 (NRRL Accession No. 30548), *Rhodococcus globerulus* AQ719 (NRRL Accession No. B-21663), *Streptomyces galbus* (NRRL  
25 Accession No. 30232), *Streptomyces sp.* (NRRL Accession No. B-30145), *Bacillus thuringiensis subspec. kurstaki* BMP 123, *Bacillus subtilis* AQ30002 (NRRL Accession No. B-50421), and *Bacillus subtilis* AQ 30004 (NRRL Accession No. B-50455) and/or a mutant of these strains having all the identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens.

30 Said further biological control agents are known in the art as follows:

*Bacillus chitinosporus* AQ746 (NRRL Accession No. B-21618) is known from WO 98/21966 A2. It is specifically active against nematodes and insects and produces non-exotoxin, non-proteinaceous, active metabolites in its supernatant. Those metabolites are active against nematodes and cockroaches, but inactive against flies, corn rootworm or beet armyworm.

35 *Bacillus mycoides* AQ726 (NRRL Accession No. B-21664) and its water-soluble metabolites kill or stunt insects such as corn rootworm larvae and aphids (WO 99/09820 A1).

As described in WO 00/58442 A1 *Bacillus pumilus* QST2808 (NRRL Accession No. B-30087) is able to inhibit a broad range of fungal plant diseases in vivo. Moreover, the combination of this strain with *Bacillus thuringiensis* enhances the insecticidal activity of the latter. Commercially available formulations of this strain are sold under the tradenames SONATA<sup>®</sup> and BALLAD<sup>®</sup> Plus from Bayer CropScienceLP (North Carolina, USA).

*Bacillus pumilus* AQ717 (NRRL Accession B-21662) is known from WO 99/10477 A1. It produces a metabolite that exhibits pesticidal activity against corn rootworms, nematodes and beet armyworms.

The bacterial strains *Bacillus sp.* AQ175 (ATCC Accession No. 55608), *Bacillus sp.* AQ 177 (ATCC Accession No. 55609) (in the following sometimes referred to as B6) and *Bacillus sp.* AQ178 (ATCC Accession No. 53522) (in the following sometimes referred to as B7) described in WO 98/21967 A1 are effective in treating and protecting plants from aboveground fungal and bacterial infections.

The metabolite-producing strain *Bacillus subtilis* AQ743 (NRRL Accession No. B-21665) kills or stunts corn rootworm larvae, beet armyworm larvae, fly adults and nematodes (cf. WO 99/09819).

*Bacillus subtilis* AQ713 (Accession No. B-21661), also named *Bacillus subtilis* QST713, exhibits broad fungicidal and bactericidal activity and also exhibits corn rootworm activity (WO 98/50422 A1). Commercially available formulation of this strain are available under the tradenames SERENADE<sup>®</sup> Max, SERENADE<sup>®</sup> Soil, SERENADE<sup>®</sup> Aso, SERENADE<sup>®</sup> CPB and RHAPSODY<sup>®</sup> from Bayer CropScience LP (North Carolina, USA).

*Bacillus subtilis* AQ153 (ATCC Accession No. 55614) as described in WO 98/21964 A1 is effective in inhibiting growth of plant pathogenic bacteria and fungi.

*Bacillus thuringiensis* BD#32 (NRRL Accession No. B-21530) exhibits insecticidal activity (US 5,645,831 A). It produces a non-exotoxin, solvent-extractable, non-proteinaceous metabolite that is 100% effective in killing corn rootworm. The biopesticide produced by this bacterial strain is active against corn rootworm but inactive against flies.

According to WO 98/21965 A1 the antibiotic producing strain *Bacillus thuringiensis* AQ52 (NRRL Accession No. B-21619) exhibits broad fungicidal and bactericidal activity.

WO 02/02082898 A1 describes endophytic fungi including *Muscodor albus* 620, also known as *Moscodor albus* QST 20799 (NRRL Accession No. 30547) and *Muscodor roseus* A3-5 (NRRL Accession No. 30548) that produce a mixture of volatile antibiotics with activity against fungi, bacteria, insects and nematodes.

*Rhodococcus globerulus* AQ719 (NRRL Accession No. B-21663) produces metabolites that exhibits pesticidal activity against corn rootworms (US 6,027,723 A).

WO 01/79480 A2 describes a strain of *Streptomyces galbus* (NRRL Accession No. 30232) which shows insecticidal activity against Lepidoptera.

The *Streptomyces sp.* strain described in WO 02/26041 A2 (NRRL Accession No. B-30145) exhibits antifungal activity on specific plant pathogens such as Alternaria, Phytophthora, Botrytis, Rhizoctonia and Sclerotinia.

Commercially available formulation of *Bacillus thuringiensis subspec. kurstaki* BMP 123 are available under the tradename BARITONE<sup>®</sup> from AgraQuest, Inc. USA. It exhibits insecticidal activity and is effective on lepidopterous insects, including loopers, armyworms and moths. BARITONE<sup>®</sup> is distributed subject to EPA Reg. No. 62637-5-69592.

10 The strains *Bacillus subtilis* AQ30002 (also known as QST30002) (NRRL Accession No. B-50421, deposited on October 5, 2010) and *Bacillus subtilis* AQ30004 (also known as QST30004) (NRRL Accession No. B-50455, deposited on October 5, 2010) are known from WO 2012/087980 A1, which is incorporated herein by reference. As described therein, these BCAs exhibit a broad fungicidal and bactericidal activity. B19 and B20 have a mutation in the *swrA* gene that results in impaired swarming  
15 ability and enhanced plant health promotion compared to a strain containing a wildtype *swrA* gene. The mutation causes these BCAs to form a more robust biofilm than the wildtype strain, thereby enhancing its fungicidal and bactericidal activity.

Particularly preferred bacteria are:

20 (1.23) *Bacillus firmus*, in particular strain I-1582 (products known as Bionem, Votivo, Flocter), disclosed in US 6,406,690 (which is herein incorporated by reference),

(1.44) *Bacillus pumilus*, in particular strain GB34 (products known as Yield Shield<sup>®</sup>), and strain QST2808 (products known as SONATA<sup>®</sup> QST 2808),

(1.48) *Bacillus subtilis*, in particular strain GB03 (products known as Kodiak<sup>®</sup>, c.f. US EPA, Pesticide  
25 Fact Sheet -- *Bacillus subtilis* GB03 1992), strain QST 713 (products known as SERENADE<sup>®</sup> QST 713<sup>®</sup>), strain AQ30002 (aka QST30002; NRRL Accession No. B-50421, known from WO 2012/087980, which is incorporated herein by reference), and strain AQ30004 (aka QST30004; NRRL Accession No. B-50455, known from WO 2012/087980, which is incorporated herein by reference).

According to the invention biological control agents which may be comprised in the composition of the  
30 invention and that are summarized under the term "fungi" or "yeasts" are as examples the following organisms and and/or mutants of them having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or metabolites produced by the respective strain that exhibit activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens (the numbering is used in the complete description):

(2.1) *Ampelomyces quisqualis*, in particular strain AQ 10 (product known as AQ 10<sup>®</sup>), (2.2)

35 *Aureobasidium pullulans*, in particular blastospores of strain DSM14940 or blastospores of strain DSM

14941 or mixtures thereof (product known as Blossom Protect<sup>®</sup>), (2.3) *Aschersonia aleyrodes*, (2.4) *Aspergillus flavus*, in particular strain NRRL 21882 (products known as Afla-Guard<sup>®</sup>), (2.5) *Arthrobotrys superba* (Corda 1839), (2.6) *Beauveria bassiana*, in particular strain ATCC 74040 (products known as Naturalis<sup>®</sup>) and strain GHA (products known as Mycotrol, BotaniGard), (2.7) 5 *Beauveria brongniartii* (products known as Beaupro), (2.8) *Candida oleophila*, in particular strain O (products known as Nexy<sup>®</sup>, Aspire), (2.9) *Chaetomium cupreum* (products known as Ketocin), (2.10) *Cladosporium cladosporioides*, in particular strain H39, (2.11) *Conidiobolus obscurus*, (2.12) *Coniothyrium minitans*, in particular strain CON/M/91-8 (products known as Contans<sup>®</sup>), (2.13) *Dilophosphora alopecuri* (products known as Twist Fungus<sup>®</sup>), (2.14) *Entomophthora virulenta* 10 (products known as Vektor), (2.15) *Fusarium oxysporum*, in particular strain Fo47 (non-pathogenic) (products known as Fusaclean), (2.16) *Gliocladium catenulatum*, in particular strain J1446 (products known as Prestop<sup>®</sup> or Primastop), (2.17) *Hirsutella thompsonii* (products known as Mycohit or ABTEC), (2.18) *Lagenidium giganteum* (products known as Laginex<sup>®</sup> by AgraQuest, Inc.), (2.19) *Lecanicillium lecanii* (formerly known as *Verticillium lecanii*), in particular conidia of strain KV01 15 (products known as Mycotal<sup>®</sup>, Vertalec<sup>®</sup>), (2.20) *Metarhizium anisopliae*, in particular strain F52 (products known as BIO 1020 or Met52), or *M. a. var acridum* (products known as Green Muscle), (2.21) *Metarhizium flavoviride*, (2.22) *Metschnikovia fructicola*, in particular the strain NRRL Y-30752 (product known as Shemer<sup>®</sup>), (2.23) *Microsphaeropsis ochracea* (products known as Microx<sup>®</sup>), (2.24) *Mucor haemelis* (product known as BioAvard), (2.25) *Muscodor albus*, in particular strain QST 20799 20 (products known as Arabesque<sup>™</sup> or Andante<sup>™</sup>), (2.26) *Myrothecium verrucaria*, in particular strain AARC-0255 (products known as DiTera<sup>™</sup>), (2.27) *Nomuraea rileyi*, in particular strains SA86101, GU87401, SR86151, CG128 and VA9101 (products known as Kongo<sup>®</sup>), (2.28) *Ophiostoma piliferum*, in particular strain D97 (products known as Sylvanex), (2.29) *Paecilomyces fumosoreus*, in particular strain apopka 97 (products known as PreFeRal), (2.30) *Paecilomyces lilacinus*, in particular spores of *P. lilacinus* strain 251 (products known as BioAct<sup>®</sup>, cf. *Crop Protection* 2008, 27, 352-361), (2.31) *Paecilomyces variotii*, in particular strain Q-09 (products known as Nemaquim), (2.32) *Pandora delphacis*, (2.33) *Penicillium bilaii*, in particular strain ATCC22348 (products known as JumpStart<sup>®</sup>, PB-50, Provide), (2.34) *Penicillium vermiculatum* (products known as Vermiculen), (2.35) *Phlebiopsis (=Phlebia = Peniophora) gigantea* (products known as Rotstop), (2.36) *Pichia anomala*, in particular 30 strain WRL-076, (2.37) *Pochonia chlamydosporia*, (2.38) *Pseudozyma flocculosa*, in particular strain PF-A22 UL (products known as Sporodex<sup>®</sup> L), (2.39) *Pythium oligandrum*, in particular strain DV74 (products known as Polyversum), (2.40) *Sporothrix insectorum* (products known as Sporothrix), (2.41) *Talaromyces flavus*, (2.42) *Trichoderma album* (products known as Bio-Zeid), (2.43) *Trichoderma asperellum*, in particular strain ICC 012 (products known as Bioten<sup>®</sup>), (2.44) *Trichoderma gamsii* 35 (formerly *T. viride*), in particular mycelial fragments, conidia & chlamydospores of strain ICC080 (products known as Bioderma), (2.45) *Trichoderma harmatum*, (2.46) *Trichoderma harzianum*, in particular *T. harzianum* T39 (products known as Trichodex<sup>®</sup>), (2.47) *Trichoderma koningii* (products known as Trikot-S Plus ), (2.48) *Trichoderma lignorum* (products known as Mycobac), (2.49)



*Trichoderma polysporum*, in particular strain IMI 206039, (2.50) *Trichoderma virens* (formerly *Gliocladium virens*), (products known as SoilGard), (2.51) *Tsukamurella paurometabola* (products known as HeberNem®), (2.52) *Ulocladium oudemansii* (products known as Botry-Zen), (2.53) *Verticillium albo-atrum*, in particular strain WCS850, (2.54) *Verticillium chlamydosporium* (products known as Varsha), (2.55) *Verticillium dahliae* (products known as Dutch Trig), and (2.56) *Zoophtora radicans*, (2.57) *Muscodor roseus*, in particular strain A3-5 (NRRL Accession No. 30548).

Preferred fungi are:

(2.6) *Beauveria bassiana*, in particular strain ATCC 74040 (products known as Naturalis®) and strain GHA (products known as Mycotrol, BotaniGard), (2.7) *Beauveria brongniartii* (products known as Beaupro),  
 (2.17) *Hirsutella thompsonii* (products known as Mycohit or ABTEC),  
 (2.26) *Myrothecium verrucaria*, in particular strain AARC-0255 (products known as DiTera™),  
 (2.51) *Tsukamurella paurometabola* (products known as HeberNem®).

15 According to the invention biological control agents that are summarized under the term "protozoas" are the following examples (the numbering is used in the complete description):

(3.1) *Nosema locustae* (products known as NoloBait), (3.2) *Thelohania solenopsis* and (3.3) *Vairimorpha spp.*.

20 According to the invention biological control agents that are summarized under the term "viruses" are the following examples. They include mutants of them having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or metabolites produced by the respective strain that exhibit activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens (the numbering is used in the complete description):

(4.1) *Adoxophyes orana* (summer fruit tortrix) granulosis virus (GV), (product known as BIOFA - Capex®), (4.2) *Agrotis segetum* (turnip moth) nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV), (4.3) *Anticarsia gemmatalis* (Woolly pyrol moth) mNPV (products known as Polygen), (4.4) *Autographa californica* (Alfalfa Looper ) mNPV (products known as VPN80 from Agricola El Sol), (4.5) *Biston suppressaria* (tea looper) NPV, (4.6) *Bombyx mori* (silkworm) NPV, (4.7) *Cryptophlebia leucotreta* (false codling moth) GV (products known as Cryptex), (4.8) *Cydia pomonella* (Codling moth) granulosis virus (GV) (product known as Madex Plus), (4.9) *Dendrolimus punctatus* (Masson pine moth) CPV, (4.10) *Helicoverpa armigera* NPV (product known as AgBiTech - ViVUS Max), 4.11 *Helicoverpa* (previously *Heliothis) zea* (corn earworm) NPV (products known as Elcar), (4.12) *Leucoma salicis* (satin moth) NPV, (4.13) *Lymantria dispar* (gypsy moth) NPV (products known as Gypcheck), (4.14) *Neodiprion abietis* (balsam-fir sawfly) NPV (products known as Abietiv), (4.15) *Neodiprion lecontei* (red-headed pinesawfly) NPV (products known as Lecontvirus), (4.16) *Neodiprion sertifer* (Pine sawfly) NPV (products known as Neocheck-S), (4.17) *Orgyia pseudotsugata* (Douglas-fir tussock moth) NPV

(products known as Virtuss), (4.18) *Phthorimaea operculella* (tobacco leaf miner) GV (products known as Matapol), (4.19) *Pieris rapae* (small white) GV, (4.20) *Plutella xylostella* (diamondback moth) GV (products known as Plutec), (4.21) *Spodoptera albula* (gray-streaked armyworm moth) mNPV (products known as VPN 82), (4.22) *Spodoptera exempta* (true armyworm) mNPV (products known as Spodec),  
 5 (4.23) *Spodoptera exigua* (sugarbeet armyworm) mNPV (products known as Spexit from Andermatt Biocontrol), (4.24) *Spodoptera frugiperda* (fall armyworm) mNPV (products known as Baculovirus VPN), (4.25) *Spodoptera littoralis* (tobacco cutworm) NPV (products known as Spodoptrin from NPP Calliope France), and (4.26) *Spodoptera litura* (oriental leafworm moth) NPV (products known as Littovir).

10 According to the invention biological control agents that are summarized under the term "entomopathogenic nematodes" are (the numbering is used in the complete description):

(5.1) *Abbreviata caucasica*, (5.2) *Acuaria* spp., (5.3) *Agamermis decaudata*, (5.4) *Allantonema* spp., (5.5) *Amphimermis* spp., (5.6) *Beddingia* (= *Deladenus*) *siridicola*, (5.7) *Bovienema* spp., (5.7a) *Cameronia* spp., (5.8) *Chitwoodiella ovofilamenta*, (5.9) *Contortylenchus* spp., (5.10) *Culicimermis*  
 15 spp., (5.11) *Diplotriaeana* spp., (5.12) *Empidomermis* spp., (5.13) *Filipjevimermis leipsandra*, (5.14) *Gastromermis* spp., (5.15) *Gongylonema* spp., (5.16) *Gynopocilia pseudovipara*, (5.17) *Heterorhabditis* spp., in particular *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* (products known as B-Green), or *Heterorhabditis baujardi*, or *Heterorhabditis heliothidis* (products known as Nematon), or *Heterorhabditis indica*, *Heterorhabditis marelatus*, *Heterorhabditis megidis*, *Heterorhabditis*  
 20 *zealandica*, (5.18) *Hexameris* spp., (5.19) *Hydromermis* spp., (5.20) *Isomermis* spp., (5.21) *Limnomermis* spp., (5.22) *Maupasina weissii*, (5.23) *Mermis nigrescens*, (5.24) *Mesomermis* spp., (5.25) *Neomesomermis* spp., (5.26) *Neoparasitylenchus rugulosi*, (5.27) *Octomyomermis* spp., (5.28) *Parasitaphelenchus* spp., (5.29) *Parasitorhabditis* spp., (5.30) *Parasitylenchus* spp., (5.31) *Perutilimermis culicis*, (5.32) *Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita*, (5.33) *Physaloptera* spp., (5.34)  
 25 *Protrellatus* spp., (5.35) *Pterygodermatites* spp., (5.36) *Romanomermis* spp., (5.37) *Seuratium cadarachense*, (5.38) *Sphaerulariopsis* spp., (5.39) *Spirura guianensis*, (5.40) *Steinernema* spp. (= *Neoplectana* spp.), in particular *Steinernema carpocapsae* (products known as Biocontrol), or *Steinernema feltiae* (= *Neoplectana carpocapsae*), (products known as Nemasys®), or *Steinernema glaseri* (products known as Biotopia), or *Steinernema kraussei* (products known as Larvesure), or  
 30 *Steinernema riobrave* (products known as Biovector), or *Steinernema scapterisci* (products known as Nematac S), or *Steinernema scarabaei*, or *Steinernema siamkayai*, (5.41) *Strelkovimermis peterseni*, (5.42) *Subulura* spp., (5.43) *Sulphuretylenchus elongatus*, and (5.44) *Tetrameres* spp..

According to the invention biological control agents that are summarized under the term "inoculants" are  
 35 the following examples (the numbering is used in the complete description):

(C6.1) *Agrobacterium* spp., (C6.2) *Azorhizobium caulinodans*, (C6.3) *Azospirillum* spp., (C6.4) *Azotobacter* spp., (C6.5) *Bradyrhizobium* spp., (C6.6) *Burkholderia* spp., in particular *Burkholderia*

5 *cepacia* (formerly *Pseudomonas cepacia*), (C6.7) *Gigaspora spp.*, in particular *Gigaspora margarita*, or *Gigaspora monosporum*, (C6.8) *Glomus spp.*, in particular *Glomus aggregatum*, or *Glomus brasilianum*, or *Glomus clarum*, or *Glomus deserticola*, or *Glomus etunicatum*, or *Glomus intraradices*, or *Glomus monosporus*, or *Glomus mosseae*, (C6.9) *Laccaria spp.*, in particular *Laccaria bicolor*, or *Laccaria*  
10 *laccata*, (C6.10) *Lactobacillus buchneri*, (C6.11) *Paraglomus spp.*, (C6.12) *Pisolithus tinctorus*, (C6.13) *Pseudomonas spp.*, (C6.14) *Rhizobium spp.*, in particular *Rhizobium fredii*, or *Rhizobium leguminosarum*, or *Rhizobium loti*, or *Rhizobium meliloti*, or *Rhizobium trifolii*, or *Rhizobium tropici*, (C.6.15) *Rhizopogon amylopogon*, or *Rhizopogon fulvigleba*, or *Rhizopogon luteolus*, or *Rhizopogon tinctorus*, or *Rhizopogon villosullus*, or (C.6.16) *Scleroderma spp.*, in particular *Scleroderma cepa*, or  
15 *Scleroderma citrinum*, (C6.17) *Suillus spp.*, in particular *Suillus granulatus*, or *Suillus punctatapius* and (C6.18) *Streptomyces spp.*

According to one embodiment of the present invention the biological control agent comprises not only the isolated, pure cultures of the respective microorganisms, but also their suspensions in a whole broth culture or a metabolite-containing supernatant or a purified metabolite obtained from whole broth  
15 culture of the strain. “Whole broth culture” refers to a liquid culture containing both cells and media. “Supernatant” refers to the liquid broth remaining when cells grown in broth are removed by centrifugation, filtration, sedimentation, or other means well known in the art.

The above-mentioned metabolites produced by the nonpathogenic microorganisms include antibiotics, enzymes, siderophores and growth promoting agents, for example zwittermicin-A, kanosamine,  
20 polyoxine, enzymes such as  $\alpha$ -amylase, chitinases, and pectinases, phytohormones and precursors thereof, such as auxines, gibberlin-like substances, cytokinin-like compounds, lipopeptides such as iturins, plipastatins or surfactins, e.g. agrastatin A, bacillomycin D, bacilylin, difficidin, macrolactin, fengycin, bacilylin and bacilaene. Preferred metabolites of the above listed lipopeptides, in particular  
25 produce by *Bacillus pumilus* (NRRL Accession No. B-30087), *Bacillus subtilis* AQ713 (NRRL Accession No. B-21661), *Bacillus subtilis* strain AQ30002 (aka QST30002; NRRL Accession No. B-50421), or *Bacillus subtilis* strain AQ30004 (aka QST30004; NRRL Accession No. B-50455).

According to the invention, the biological control agent may be employed or used in any physiologic state such as active or dormant.

### **Compositions according to the present invention**

30 According to the present invention the composition comprises gougerotin that may have been isolated from a *Streptomyces* strain, preferably a gougerotin-producing *Streptomyces spp.* strain such as *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550 or from a mutant thereof having all the identifying characteristics of the respective strain, such as *Streptomyces microflavus* strain M and at least one biological control agent in a synergistically effective amount. In one embodiment the gougerotin-

producing *Streptomyces* species strain used herein is *S. microflavus*, *S. griseus*, *S. anulatus*, *S. fimicarius*, *S. parvus*, *S. lavendulae*, *S. alboviridis*, *S. puniceus*, or *S. graminearus*.

5 A “synergistically effective amount” according to the present invention represents a quantity of a combination of gougerotin and at least one biological control agent as described above that is statistically significantly more effective against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens than isolated gougerotin (or alternatively a product derived from a *Streptomyces*- or *Streptomyces* microflavus strain NRRL B-50550 that contains a defined amount of gougerotin) or the further biological control agent only.

10 The present invention comprises each and every combination of each of the further biological control agents mentioned above with isolated gougerotin, referred to herein as B.

Preferred combinations of isolated gougerotin with bacteria are B+1.12, B+1.14, B+1.17, B+1.18, B+1.19, B+1.20, B+1.23, B+1.42, B+1.44 (B + QST2808), B+1.47, B+1.48 (B+QST713 or B+QST30002 or B+QST30004), B+1.49, B+1.50, B+1.52, B+1.53, B+1.55, B+1.56, or B+1.57.

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Particularly preferred combinations of isolated gougerotin with bacteria are B+1.23, B+1.44 and B+1.48 (B+QST713 or B+QST30002 or B+QST30004).

Preferred combinations of isolated gougerotin with fungi are B+2.6, B+2.7, B+2.17, B+2.26, B+2.51.

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Preferred combinations of isolated gougerotin with protozoas are B+3.1, B+3.2, B+3.3.

Preferred combination of isolated gougerotin with viruses are B+4.1, B+4.2, B+4.3, B+4.4, B+4.5, B+4.6, B+4.7, B+4.8, B+4.9, B+4.10, B+4.11, B+4.12, B+4.13, B+4.14, B+4.15, B+4.16, B+4.17, B+4.18, B+4.19, B+4.20, B+4.21, B+4.22, B+4.23, B+4.24, B+4.25, B+4.26.

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Preferred combinations of isolated gougerotin with entomopathogenic nematodes are B+5.1, B+5.2, B+5.3, B+5.4, B+5.5, B+5.6, B+5.7, B+5.7a, B+5.8, B+5.9, B+5.10, B+5.11, B+5.12, B+5.13, B+5.14, B+5.15, B+5.16, B+5.17, B+5.18, B+5.19, B+5.20, B+5.21, B+5.22, B+5.23, B+5.24, B+5.25, B+5.26, B+5.27, B+5.28, B+5.29, B+5.30, B+5.31, B+5.32, B+5.33, B+5.34, B+5.35, B+5.36, B+5.37, B+5.38, B+5.39, B+5.40, B+5.41, B+5.42, B+5.43, B+5.44.

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Preferred combinations of isolated gougerotin with inoculants are B+C6.1, B+C6.2, B+C6.3, B+C6.4, B+C6.5, B+C6.6, B+C6.7, B+C6.8, B+C6.9, B+C6.10, B+C6.11, B+C6.12, B+C6.13, B+C6.14, B+C.6.15, B+C.6.16, B+C6.17, B+C6.18.

In a preferred embodiment the composition according to the present invention comprises at least one additional fungicide and/or at least one insecticide, with the proviso that the insecticide and the fungicide are not identical and not gougerotin.

The term "active compound" or "active ingredient" is used in the present description to designate gougerotin, the at least one biological control agent and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens, the at least one insecticide and/or the at least one fungicide.

### Fungicide

In general, "fungicidal" means the ability of a substance to increase mortality or inhibit the growth rate of fungi.

The term "fungus" or "fungi" includes a wide variety of nucleated sporebearing organisms that are devoid of chlorophyll. Examples of fungi include yeasts, molds, mildews, rusts, and mushrooms.

(1) Inhibitors of the ergosterol biosynthesis, for example (F1) aldimorph (1704-28-5), (F2) azaconazole (60207-31-0), (F3) bitertanol (55179-31-2), (F4) bromuconazole (116255-48-2), (F5) cyproconazole (113096-99-4), (F6) diclobutrazole (75736-33-3), (F7) difenoconazole (119446-68-3), (F8) diniconazole (83657-24-3), (F9) diniconazole-M (83657-18-5), (F10) dodemorph (1593-77-7), (F11) dodemorph acetate (31717-87-0), (F12) epoxiconazole (106325-08-0), (F13) etaconazole (60207-93-4), (F14) fenarimol (60168-88-9), (F15) fenbuconazole (114369-43-6), (F16) fenhexamid (126833-17-8), (F17) fenpropidin (67306-00-7), (F18) fenpropimorph (67306-03-0), (F19) fluquinconazole (136426-54-5), (F20) flurprimidol (56425-91-3), (F21) flusilazole (85509-19-9), (F22) flutriafol (76674-21-0), (F23) furconazole (112839-33-5), (F24) furconazole-cis (112839-32-4), (F25) hexaconazole (79983-71-4), (F26) imazalil (60534-80-7), (F27) imazalil sulfate (58594-72-2), (F28) imibenconazole (86598-92-7), (F29) ipconazole (125225-28-7), (F30) metconazole (125116-23-6), (F31) myclobutanil (88671-89-0), (F32) naftifine (65472-88-0), (F33) nuarimol (63284-71-9), (F34) oxpoconazole (174212-12-5), (F35) paclobutrazol (76738-62-0), (F36) pefurazoate (101903-30-4), (F37) penconazole (66246-88-6), (F38) piperalin (3478-94-2), (F39) prochloraz (67747-09-5), (F40) propiconazole (60207-90-1), (F41) prothioconazole (178928-70-6), (F42) pyributicarb (88678-67-5), (F43) pyrifenoxy (88283-41-4), (F44) quinconazole (103970-75-8), (F45) simeconazole (149508-90-7), (F46) spiroxamine (118134-30-8), (F47) tebuconazole (107534-96-3), (F48) terbinafine (91161-71-6), (F49) tetraconazole (112281-77-3), (F50) triadimefon (43121-43-3), (F51) triadimenol (89482-17-7), (F52) tridemorph (81412-43-3), (F53) triflumizole (68694-11-1), (F54) triforine (26644-46-2), (F55) triticonazole (131983-72-7), (F56) uniconazole (83657-22-1), (F57) uniconazole-p (83657-17-4), (F58) viniconazole (77174-66-4), (F59) voriconazole (137234-62-9), (F60) 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)cycloheptanol (129586-32-9), (F61) methyl 1-(2,2-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate (110323-95-0), (F62) N'-{5-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-4-[3-(trimethylsilyl)propoxy]phenyl}-N-ethyl-N-methylimidoforamide, (F63) N-ethyl-N-methyl-N'-{2-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-4-[3-(trimethylsilyl)propoxy]phenyl}imidoforamide, (F64) O-[1-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-3,3-dimethylbutan-2-yl] 1H-imidazole-1-carbothioate (111226-71-2);

(2) inhibitors of the respiratory chain at complex I or II, for example (F65) bixafen (581809-46-3), (F66) boscalid (188425-85-6), (F67) carboxin (5234-68-4), (F68) diflumetorim (130339-07-0), (F69) fenfuram (24691-80-3), (F70) fluopyram (658066-35-4), (F71) flutolanil (66332-96-5), (F72) fluxapyroxad (907204-31-3), (F73) furametpyr (123572-88-3), (F74) furmecyclox (60568-05-0), (F75) isopyrazam (mixture of syn-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9RS and anti-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9SR) (881685-58-1), (F76) isopyrazam (anti-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9SR), (F77) isopyrazam (anti-epimeric enantiomer 1R,4S,9S), (F78) isopyrazam (anti-epimeric enantiomer 1S,4R,9R), (F79) isopyrazam (syn epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9RS), (F80) isopyrazam (syn-epimeric enantiomer 1R,4S,9R), (F81) isopyrazam (syn-epimeric enantiomer 1S,4R,9S), (F82) mepronil (55814-41-0), (F83) oxycarboxin (5259-88-1), (F84) penflufen (494793-67-8), (F85) penthiopyrad (183675-82-3), (F86) sedaxane (874967-67-6), (F87) thifluzamide (130000-40-7), (F88) 1-methyl-N-[2-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F89) 3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[2-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F90) 3-(difluoromethyl)-N-[4-fluoro-2-(1,1,2,3,3,3-hexafluoropropoxy)phenyl]-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F91) N-[1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxypropan-2-yl]-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide (1092400-95-7), (F92) 5,8-difluoro-N-[2-(2-fluoro-4-{[4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxy}phenyl)ethyl]quinazolin-4-amine (1210070-84-0), (F93) benzovindiflupyr, (F94) N-[(1S,4R)-9-(dichloromethylene)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-5-yl]-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F95) N-[(1R,4S)-9-(dichloromethylene)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4-methanonaphthalen-5-yl]-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F96) 3-(Difluormethyl)-1-methyl-N-(1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F97) 1,3,5-Trimethyl-N-(1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F98) 1-Methyl-3-(trifluormethyl)-N-(1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F99) 1-Methyl-3-(trifluormethyl)-N-[(1S)-1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F100) 1-Methyl-3-(trifluormethyl)-N-[(1R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F101) 3-(Difluormethyl)-1-methyl-N-[(3S)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F102) 3-(Difluormethyl)-1-methyl-N-[(3R)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F103) 1,3,5-Trimethyl-N-[(3R)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F104) 1,3,5-Trimethyl-N-[(3S)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid;

(3) inhibitors of the respiratory chain at complex III, for example (F105) ametoctradin (865318-97-4), (F106) amisulbrom (348635-87-0), (F107) azoxystrobin (131860-33-8), (F108) cyazofamid (120116-88-3), (F109) coumethoxystrobin (850881-30-0), (F110) coumoxystrobin (850881-70-8), (F111) dimoxystrobin (141600-52-4), (F112) enestroburin (238410-11-2), (F113) famoxadone (131807-57-3), (F114) fenamidone (161326-34-7), (F115) fenoxystrobin (918162-02-4), (F116) fluoxastrobin (361377-29-9), (F117) kresoxim-methyl (143390-89-0), (F118) metominostrobin (133408-50-1), (F119) orysastrobin (189892-69-1), (F120) picoxystrobin (117428-22-5), (F121) pyraclostrobin (175013-18-0),

(F122) pyrametostrobin (915410-70-7), (F123) pyraoxystrobin (862588-11-2), (F124) pyribencarb (799247-52-2), (F125) triclopyricarb (902760-40-1), (F126) trifloxystrobin (141517-21-7), (F127) (2E)-2-(2-{{6-(3-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)-5-fluoropyrimidin-4-yl}oxy}phenyl)-2-(methoxyimino)-N-methylethanamide, (F128) (2E)-2-(methoxyimino)-N-methyl-2-(2-{{(1E)-1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethylidene}amino}oxy)methyl]phenyl]ethanamide, (F129) (2E)-2-(methoxyimino)-N-methyl-2-{{2-[(E)-{{1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethoxy}imino)methyl]phenyl}ethanamide (158169-73-4), (F130) (2E)-2-{{2-[[{{(1E)-1-(3-{{(E)-1-fluoro-2-phenylethenyl}oxy}phenyl)ethylidene]amino}oxy)methyl]phenyl}-2-(methoxyimino)-N-methylethanamide (326896-28-0), (F131) (2E)-2-{{2-[[{{(2E,3E)-4-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)but-3-en-2-ylidene]amino}oxy)methyl]phenyl}-2-(methoxyimino)-N-methylethanamide, (F132) 2-chloro-N-(1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl)pyridine-3-carboxamide (119899-14-8), (F133) 5-methoxy-2-methyl-4-(2-{{(1E)-1-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethylidene}amino}oxy)methyl]phenyl)-2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one, (F134) methyl (2E)-2-{{2-[[{{cyclopropyl}[(4-methoxyphenyl)imino]methyl]sulfanyl)methyl]phenyl}-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate (149601-03-6), (F135) N-(3-ethyl-3,5,5-trimethylcyclohexyl)-3-(formylamino)-2-hydroxybenzamide (226551-21-9), (F136) 2-{{2-[[2,5-dimethylphenoxy)methyl]phenyl}-2-methoxy-N-methylacetamide (173662-97-0), (F137) (2R)-2-{{2-[[2,5-dimethylphenoxy)methyl]phenyl}-2-methoxy-N-methylacetamide (394657-24-0);

(4) Inhibitors of the mitosis and cell division, for example (F138) benomyl (17804-35-2), (F139) carbendazim (10605-21-7), (F140) chlorfenazole (3574-96-7), (F141) diethofencarb (87130-20-9), (F142) ethaboxam (162650-77-3), (F143) fluopicolide (239110-15-7), (F144) fuberidazole (3878-19-1), (F145) pencycuron (66063-05-6), (F146) thiabendazole (148-79-8), (F147) thiophanate-methyl (23564-05-8), (F148) thiophanate (23564-06-9), (F149) zoxamide (156052-68-5), (F150) 5-chloro-7-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-6-(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (214706-53-3), (F151) 3-chloro-5-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-6-methyl-4-(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)pyridazine (1002756-87-7);

(5) Compounds capable to have a multisite action, like for example (F152) bordeaux mixture (8011-63-0), (F153) captafol (2425-06-1), (F154) captan (133-06-2), (F155) chlorothalonil (1897-45-6), (F156) copper hydroxide (20427-59-2), (F157) copper naphthenate (1338-02-9), (F158) copper oxide (1317-39-1), (F159) copper oxychloride (1332-40-7), (F160) copper(2+) sulfate (7758-98-7), (F161) dichlofluanid (1085-98-9), (F162) dithianon (3347-22-6), (F163) dodine (2439-10-3), (F164) dodine free base, (F165) ferbam (14484-64-1), (F166) fluorofolpet (719-96-0), (F167) folpet (133-07-3), (F168) guazatine (108173-90-6), (F169) guazatine acetate, (F170) iminoctadine (13516-27-3), (F171) iminoctadine albesilate (169202-06-6), (F172) iminoctadine triacetate (57520-17-9), (F173) mancopper (53988-93-5), (F174) mancozeb (8018-01-7), (F175) maneb (12427-38-2), (F176) metiram (9006-42-2), (F177) metiram zinc (9006-42-2), (F178) oxine-copper (10380-28-6), (F179) propamidine (104-32-5), (F180) propineb (12071-83-9), (F181) sulphur and sulphur preparations including calcium polysulphide (7704-

34-9), (F182) thiram (137-26-8), (F183) tolylfluanid (731-27-1), (F184) zineb (12122-67-7), (F185) ziram (137-30-4);

(6) Compounds capable to induce a host defence, like for example (F186) acibenzolar-S-methyl (135158-54-2), (F187) isotianil (224049-04-1), (F188) probenazole (27605-76-1), (F189) tiadinil  
5 (223580-51-6);

(7) Inhibitors of the amino acid and/or protein biosynthesis, for example (F190) andoprim (23951-85-1), (F191) blasticidin-S (2079-00-7), (F192) cyprodinil (121552-61-2), (F193) kasugamycin (6980-18-3), (F194) kasugamycin hydrochloride hydrate (19408-46-9), (F195) mepanipyrim (110235-47-7), (F196) pyrimethanil (53112-28-0), (F197) 3-(5-fluoro-3,3,4,4-tetramethyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1-yl)quinoline (861647-32-7);  
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(8) Inhibitors of the ATP production, for example (F198) fentin acetate (900-95-8), (F199) fentin chloride (639-58-7), (F200) fentin hydroxide (76-87-9), (F201) silthiofam (175217-20-6);

(9) Inhibitors of the cell wall synthesis, for example (F202) bentiavalicarb (177406-68-7), (F203) dimethomorph (110488-70-5), (F204) flumorph (211867-47-9), (F205) iprovalicarb (140923-17-7),  
15 (F206) mandipropamid (374726-62-2), (F207) polyoxins (11113-80-7), (F208) polyoxorim (22976-86-9), (F209) validamycin A (37248-47-8), (F210) valifenalate (283159-94-4; 283159-90-0);

(10) Inhibitors of the lipid and membrane synthesis, for example (F211) biphenyl (92-52-4), (F212) chloroneb (2675-77-6), (F213) dicloran (99-30-9), (F214) edifenphos (17109-49-8), (F215) etridiazole (2593-15-9), (F216) iodocarb (55406-53-6), (F217) iprobenfos (26087-47-8), (F218) isoprothiolane  
20 (50512-35-1), (F219) propamocarb (25606-41-1), (F220) propamocarb hydrochloride (25606-41-1), (F221) prothiocarb (19622-08-3), (F222) pyrazophos (13457-18-6), (F223) quintozone (82-68-8), (F224) tecnazene (117-18-0), (F225) tolclufos-methyl (57018-04-9);

(11) Inhibitors of the melanine biosynthesis, for example (F226) carpropamid (104030-54-8), (F227) diclocymet (139920-32-4), (F228) fenoxanil (115852-48-7), (F229) phthalide (27355-22-2), (F230) pyroquilon (57369-32-1), (F231) tricyclazole (41814-78-2), (F232) 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl {3-methyl-1-[(4-methylbenzoyl)amino]butan-2-yl} carbamate (851524-22-6);  
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(12) Inhibitors of the nucleic acid synthesis, for example (F233) benalaxyl (71626-11-4), (F234) benalaxyl-M (kiralaxyl) (98243-83-5), (F235) bupirimate (41483-43-6), (F236) clozylacon (67932-85-8), (F237) dimethirimol (5221-53-4), (F238) ethirimol (23947-60-6), (F239) furalaxyl (57646-30-7),  
30 (F240) hymexazol (10004-44-1), (F241) metalaxyl (57837-19-1), (F242) metalaxyl-M (mefenoxam) (70630-17-0), (F243) ofurace (58810-48-3), (F244) oxadixyl (77732-09-3), (F245) oxolinic acid (14698-29-4);



(13) Inhibitors of the signal transduction, for example (F246) chlozolate (84332-86-5), (F247) fenpiclonil (74738-17-3), (F248) fludioxonil (131341-86-1), (F249) iprodione (36734-19-7), (F250) procymidone (32809-16-8), (F251) quinoxifen (124495-18-7), (F252) vinclozolin (50471-44-8);

(14) Compounds capable to act as an uncoupler, like for example (F253) binapacryl (485-31-4), (F254) dinocap (131-72-6), (F255) ferimzone (89269-64-7), (F256) fluazinam (79622-59-6), (F257) meptyldinocap (131-72-6);

(15) Further compounds, like for example (F258) benthiazole (21564-17-0), (F259) bethoxazin (163269-30-5), (F260) capsimycin (70694-08-5), (F261) carvone (99-49-0), (F262) chinomethionat (2439-01-2), (F263) pyriofenone (chlazafenone) (688046-61-9), (F264) cufraneb (11096-18-7), (F265) cyflufenamid (180409-60-3), (F266) cymoxanil (57966-95-7), (F267) cyprosulfamide (221667-31-8), (F268) dazomet (533-74-4), (F269) debacarb (62732-91-6), (F270) dichlorophen (97-23-4), (F271) diclomezine (62865-36-5), (F272) difenzoquat (49866-87-7), (F273) difenzoquat methylsulphate (43222-48-6), (F274) diphenylamine (122-39-4), (F275) ecomate, (F276) fenpyrazamine (473798-59-3), (F277) flumetover (154025-04-4), (F278) fluoroimide (41205-21-4), (F279) flusulfamide (106917-52-6), (F280) flutianil (304900-25-2), (F281) fosetyl-aluminium (39148-24-8), (F282) fosetyl-calcium, (F283) fosetyl-sodium (39148-16-8), (F284) hexachlorobenzene (118-74-1), (F285) irumamycin (81604-73-1), (F286) methasulfocarb (66952-49-6), (F287) methyl isothiocyanate (556-61-6), (F288) metrafenone (220899-03-6), (F289) mildiomyacin (67527-71-3), (F290) natamycin (7681-93-8), (F291) nickel dimethyldithiocarbamate (15521-65-0), (F292) nitrothal-isopropyl (10552-74-6), (F293) octhilinone (26530-20-1), (F294) oxamocarb (917242-12-7), (F295) oxyfenthiin (34407-87-9), (F296) pentachlorophenol and salts (87-86-5), (F297) phenothrin, (F298) phosphorous acid and its salts (13598-36-2), (F299) propamocarb-fosetylolate, (F300) propanosine-sodium (88498-02-6), (F301) proquinazid (189278-12-4), (F302) pyrimorph (868390-90-3), (F303) (2E)-3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-1-(morpholin-4-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (1231776-28-5), (F304) (2Z)-3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-1-(morpholin-4-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (1231776-29-6), (F305) pyrrolnitrine (1018-71-9), (F306) tebufloquin (376645-78-2), (F307) tecloftalam (76280-91-6), (F308) tolmanifanide (304911-98-6), (F309) triazoxide (72459-58-6), (F310) trichlamide (70193-21-4), (F311) zarilamid (84527-51-5), (F312) (3S,6S,7R,8R)-8-benzyl-3-[(3-[(isobutyryloxy)methoxy]-4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)carbonyl]amino]-6-methyl-4,9-dioxo-1,5-dioxonan-7-yl 2-methylpropanoate (517875-34-2), (F313) 1-(4-{4-[(5R)-5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)-2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanone (1003319-79-6), (F314) 1-(4-{4-[(5S)-5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)-2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanone (1003319-80-9), (F315) 1-(4-{4-[5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)-2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanone (1003318-67-9), (F316) 1-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-3,3-dimethylbutan-2-yl 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate (111227-17-9), (F317) 2,3,5,6-tetrachloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)pyridine (13108-52-6), (F318) 2,3-dibutyl-6-chlorothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one

(221451-58-7), (F319) 2,6-dimethyl-1H,5H-[1,4]dithiino[2,3-c:5,6-c']dipyrrole-1,3,5,7(2H,6H)-tetrone, (F320) 2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-(4-{4-[(5R)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)ethanone (1003316-53-7), (F321) 2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-(4-{4-[(5S)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)ethanone (1003316-54-8), (F322) 2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-{4-[4-(5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]piperidin-1-yl}ethanone (1003316-51-5), (F323) 2-butoxy-6-iodo-3-propyl-4H-chromen-4-one, (F324) 2-chloro-5-[2-chloro-1-(2,6-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl]pyridine, (F325) 2-phenylphenol and salts (90-43-7), (F326) 3-(4,4,5-trifluoro-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1-yl)quinoline (861647-85-0), (F327) 3,4,5-trichloropyridine-2,6-dicarbonitrile (17824-85-0), (F328) 3-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dimethyl-1,2-oxazolidin-3-yl]pyridine, (F329) 3-chloro-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-6-methylpyridazine, (F330) 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-3,6-dimethylpyridazine, (F331) 5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol, (F332) 5-chloro-N'-phenyl-N'-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)thiophene-2-sulfonohydrazide (134-31-6), (F333) 5-fluoro-2-[(4-fluorobenzyl)oxy]pyrimidin-4-amine (1174376-11-4), (F334) 5-fluoro-2-[(4-methylbenzyl)oxy]pyrimidin-4-amine (1174376-25-0), (F335) 5-methyl-6-octyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine, (F336) ethyl (2Z)-3-amino-2-cyano-3-phenylprop-2-enoate, (F337) N'-(4-{[3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,4-thiadiazol-5-yl]oxy}-2,5-dimethylphenyl)-N-ethyl-N-methylimidamide, (F338) N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-3-[3-methoxy-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl]propanamide, (F339) N-[(4-chlorophenyl)(cyano)methyl]-3-[3-methoxy-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl]propanamide, (F340) N-[(5-bromo-3-chloropyridin-2-yl)methyl]-2,4-dichloropyridine-3-carboxamide, (F341) N-[1-(5-bromo-3-chloropyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-2,4-dichloropyridine-3-carboxamide, (F342) N-[1-(5-bromo-3-chloropyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-2-fluoro-4-iodopyridine-3-carboxamide, (F343) N-{{(E)-[(cyclopropylmethoxy)imino][6-(difluoromethoxy)-2,3-difluorophenyl]methyl}-2-phenylacetamide (221201-92-9), (F344) N-{{(Z)-[(cyclopropylmethoxy)imino][6-(difluoromethoxy)-2,3-difluorophenyl]methyl}-2-phenylacetamide (221201-92-9), (F345) N'-{4-[3-tert-butyl-4-cyano-1,2-thiazol-5-yl]oxy}-2-chloro-5-methylphenyl}-N-ethyl-N-methylimidamide, (F346) N-methyl-2-(1-{[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl}piperidin-4-yl)-N-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide (922514-49-6), (F347) N-methyl-2-(1-{[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl}piperidin-4-yl)-N-[(1R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide (922514-07-6), (F348) N-methyl-2-(1-{[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl}piperidin-4-yl)-N-[(1S)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide (922514-48-5), (F349) pentyl {6-[[[(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methylidene]amino]oxy)methyl]pyridin-2-yl} carbamate, (F350) phenazine-1-carboxylic acid, (F351) quinolin-8-ol (134-31-6), (F352) quinolin-8-ol sulfate (2:1) (134-31-6), (F353) tert-butyl {6-[[[(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methylene]amino]oxy)methyl]pyridin-2-yl} carbamate;

(16) Further compounds, like for example (F354) 1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[2'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F355) N-(4'-chlorobiphenyl-2-yl)-3-

(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F356) N-(2',4'-dichlorobiphenyl-2-yl)-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F357) 3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F358) N-(2',5'-difluorobiphenyl-2-yl)-1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F359) 3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[4'-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F360) 5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-N-[4'-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F361) 2-chloro-N-[4'-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, (F362) 3-(difluoromethyl)-N-[4'-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F363) N-[4'-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F364) 3-(difluoromethyl)-N-(4'-ethynylbiphenyl-2-yl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F365) N-(4'-ethynylbiphenyl-2-yl)-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F366) 2-chloro-N-(4'-ethynylbiphenyl-2-yl)pyridine-3-carboxamide, (F367) 2-chloro-N-[4'-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, (F368) 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-N-[4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,3-thiazole-5-carboxamide, (F369) 5-fluoro-N-[4'-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F370) 2-chloro-N-[4'-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, (F371) 3-(difluoromethyl)-N-[4'-(3-methoxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F372) 5-fluoro-N-[4'-(3-methoxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, (F373) 2-chloro-N-[4'-(3-methoxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, (F374) (5-bromo-2-methoxy-4-methylpyridin-3-yl)(2,3,4-trimethoxy-6-methylphenyl)methanone, (F375) N-[2-(4-{[3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]oxy}-3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-N2-(methylsulfonyl)valinamide (220706-93-4), (F376) 4-oxo-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]butanoic acid, (F377) but-3-yn-1-yl {6-[(Z)-(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methylene]amino}oxy)methyl]pyridin-2-yl} carbamate, (F378) 4-Amino-5-fluorpyrimidin-2-ol (mesomeric form: 6-Amino-5-fluorpyrimidin-2(1H)-on), (F379) propyl 3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoate and (F380) Oryzastrobilin.

All named fungicides of the classes (1) to (16) (i. e. F1 to F380) can, if their functional groups enable this, optionally form salts with suitable bases or acids.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention the fungicide is a synthetic fungicide. As used herein, the term "synthetic" defines a compound that has not been obtained from a biological control agent. Especially a synthetic fungicide is no metabolite of the biological control agents according to the present invention.

According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention fungicide is selected from the group consisting of

(1) inhibitors of the ergosterol biosynthesis, for example (F3) bitertanol, (F4) bromuconazole (116255-48-2), (F5) cyproconazole (113096-99-4), (F7) difenoconazole (119446-68-3), (F12) epoxiconazole (106325-08-0), (F16) fenhexamid (126833-17-8), (F17) fenpropidin (67306-00-7), (F18) fenpropimorph

(67306-03-0), (F19) fluquinconazole (136426-54-5), (F22) flutriafol, (F26) imazalil, (F29) ipconazole (125225-28-7), (F30) metconazole (125116-23-6), (F31) myclobutanil (88671-89-0), (F37) penconazole (66246-88-6), (F39) prochloraz (67747-09-5), (F40) propiconazole (60207-90-1), (F41) prothioconazole (178928-70-6), (F44) quinconazole (103970-75-8), (F46) spiroxamine (118134-30-8), (F47) tebuconazole (107534-96-3), (F51) triadimenol (89482-17-7), (F55) triticonazole (131983-72-7);

(2) inhibitors of the respiratory chain at complex I or II, for example (F65) bixafen (581809-46-3), (F66) boscalid (188425-85-6), (F67) carboxin (5234-68-4), (F70) fluopyram (658066-35-4), (F71) flutolanil (66332-96-5), (F72) fluxapyroxad (907204-31-3), (F73) furametpyr (123572-88-3), (F75) isopyrazam (mixture of syn-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9RS and anti-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9SR) (881685-58-1), (F76) isopyrazam (anti-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9SR), (F77) isopyrazam (anti-epimeric enantiomer 1R,4S,9S), (F78) isopyrazam (anti-epimeric enantiomer 1S,4R,9R), (F79) isopyrazam (syn epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9RS), (F80) isopyrazam (syn-epimeric enantiomer 1R,4S,9R), (F81) isopyrazam (syn-epimeric enantiomer 1S,4R,9S), (F84) penflufen (494793-67-8), (F85) penthiopyrad (183675-82-3), (F86) sedaxane (874967-67-6), (F87) thifluzamide (130000-40-7), (F91) N-[1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxypropan-2-yl]-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide (1092400-95-7), (F98) 1-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-(1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F99) 1-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[(1S)-1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F100) 1-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[(1R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F101) 3-(Difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[(3S)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, (F102) 3-(Difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[(3R)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid;

(3) inhibitors of the respiratory chain at complex III, for example (F105) ametocetradin (865318-97-4), (F106) amisulbrom (348635-87-0), (F107) azoxystrobin (131860-33-8), (F108) cyazofamid (120116-88-3), (F111) dimoxystrobin (141600-52-4), (F112) enestroburin (238410-11-2), (F113) famoxadone (131807-57-3), (F114) fenamidone (161326-34-7), (F116) fluoxastrobin (361377-29-9), (F117) kresoxim-methyl (143390-89-0), (F118) metominostrobin (133408-50-1), (F119) orysastrobin (189892-69-1), (F120) picoxystrobin (117428-22-5), (F121) pyraclostrobin (175013-18-0), (F124) pyribencarb (799247-52-2), (F126) trifloxystrobin (141517-21-7);

(4) Inhibitors of the mitosis and cell division, for example (F139) carbendazim (10605-21-7), (F140) chlorfenazole (3574-96-7), (F141) diethofencarb (87130-20-9), (F142) ethaboxam (162650-77-3), (F143) fluopicolide, (F144) fuberidazole (3878-19-1), (F145) pencycuron (66063-05-6), (F147) thiophanate-methyl (23564-05-8), (F149) zoxamide (156052-68-5);

(5) Compounds capable to have a multisite action, like for example (F154) captan (133-06-2), (F155) chlorothalonil (1897-45-6), (F156) copper hydroxide (20427-59-2), (F159) copper oxychloride (1332-40-7), (F162) dithianon (3347-22-6), (F163) dodine (2439-10-3), (F167) folpet (133-07-3), (F168) guazatine (108173-90-6), (F172) iminoctadine triacetate (57520-17-9), (F174) mancozeb (8018-01-7),

(F180) propineb (12071-83-9), (F181) sulphur and sulphur preparations including calcium polysulphide (7704-34-9), (F182) thiram (137-26-8);

(6) Compounds capable to induce a host defence, like for example (F186) acibenzolar-S-methyl (135158-54-2), (F187) isotianil (224049-04-1), (F189) tiadinil (223580-51-6);

5 (7) Inhibitors of the amino acid and/or protein biosynthesis, for example (F192) cyprodinil (121552-61-2), (F196) pyrimethanil (53112-28-0);

(9) Inhibitors of the cell wall synthesis, for example (F202) bentiavalicarb (177406-68-7), (F203) dimethomorph (110488-70-5), (F205) iprovalicarb (140923-17-7), (F206) mandipropamid (374726-62-2), (F210) valifenalate (283159-94-4; 283159-90-0);

10 (10) Inhibitors of the lipid and membrane synthesis, for example (F216) iodocarb (55406-53-6), (F217) iprobenfos (26087-47-8), (F220) propamocarb hydrochloride (25606-41-1), (F225) tolclofos-methyl;

(11) Inhibitors of the melanine biosynthesis, for example (F226) carpropamid

(12) Inhibitors of the nucleic acid synthesis, for example (F233) benalaxyl (71626-11-4), (F234) benalaxyl-M (kiralaxyl) (98243-83-5), (F239) furalaxyl (57646-30-7), (F240) hymexazol (10004-44-1),  
15 (F241) metalaxyl (57837-19-1), (F242) metalaxyl-M (mefenoxam) (70630-17-0), (F244) oxadixyl (77732-09-3);

(13) Inhibitors of the signal transduction, for example (F247) fenpiclonil (74738-17-3), (F248) fludioxonil (131341-86-1), (F249) iprodione (36734-19-7), (F251) quinoxifen (124495-18-7), (F252) vinclozolin (50471-44-8);

20 (14) Compounds capable to act as an uncoupler, like for example (F256) fluazinam (79622-59-6);

(15) Further compounds, like for example (F266) cymoxanil (57966-95-7), (F280) flutianil (304900-25-2), (F281) fosetyl-aluminium (39148-24-8), (F286) methasulfocarb (66952-49-6), (F287) methyl isothiocyanate (556-61-6), (F288) metrafenone (220899-03-6), (F298) phosphorous acid and its salts (13598-36-2), (F301) proquinazid (189278-12-4), (F309) triazoxide (72459-58-6) and (F319) 2,6-  
25 dimethyl-1H,5H-[1,4]dithiino[2,3-c:5,6-c']dipyrrole-1,3,5,7(2H,6H)-tetrone.

In one embodiment of the present invention, fungizide (I), e.g., the fungizide for use in seed treatment is selected from the group consisting of Carbendazim (F139), Carboxin (F67), Difenoconazole (F7), Fludioxonil (F248), Fluquinconazole (F19), Fluxapyroxad (F72), Ipconazole (F29), Isotianil (F187), Mefenoxam (F242), Metalaxyl (F241), Pencycuron (F145), Penflufen (F84), Prothioconazole (F41),  
30 Prochloraz (F39), Pyraclostrobin (F121), Sedaxane (F86), Silthiofam (F201), Tebuconazole (F47), Thiram (F182), Trifloxystrobin (F126), and Triticonazole (F55).

Preferably, the fungicide is selected from the group consisting of F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17, F18, F19, F20, F21, F22, F23, F24, F25, F26, F27, F28, F29, F30, F31, F32, F33, F34, F35, F36, F37, F38, F39, F40, F41, F42, F43, F45, F46, F47, F48, F49, F50, F51, F52, F53, F54, F55, F56, F57, F58, F59, F60, F61, F62, F63, F64, F65, F66, F67, F68, F69, F70, F71, F72, F73, F74, F75, F76, F77, F78, F79, F80, F81, F82, F83, F84, F85, F86, F87, F88, F89, F90, F91, F92, F93, F94, F95, F96, F97, F98, F99, F100, F101, F102, F103, F104, F105, F106, F107, F108, F109, F110, F111, F112, F113, F114, F115, F116, F117, F118, F119, F120, F121, F122, F123, F124, F125, F126, F127, F128, F129, F130, F131, F132, F133, F134, F135, F136, F137, F138, F139, F140, F141, F142, F143, F144, F145, F146, F147, F148, F149, F150, F151, F152, F153, F154, F155, F156, F157, F158, F159, F160, F161, F162, F163, F164, F165, F166, F167, F168, F169, F170, F171, F172, F173, F174, F175, F176, F177, F178, F179, F180, F181, F182, F183, F184, F185, F186, F187, F188, F189, F190, F191, F192, F193, F194, F195, F196, F197, F198, F199, F200, F201, F202, F203, F204, F205, F206, F207, F208, F209, F210, F211, F212, F213, F214, F215, F216, F217, F218, F219, F220, F221, F222, F223, F224, F225, F226, F227, F228, F229, F230, F231, F232, F233, F234, F235, F236, F237, F238, F239, F240, F241, F242, F243, F244, F245, F246, F247, F248, F249, F250, F251, F252, F253, F254, F255, F256, F257, F258, F259, F260, F261, F262, F263, F264, F265, F266, F267, F268, F269, F270, F271, F272, F273, F274, F275, F276, F277, F278, F279, F280, F281, F282, F283, F284, F285, F286, F287, F288, F289, F290, F291, F292, F293, F294, F295, F296, F297, F298, F299, F300, F301, F302, F303, F304, F305, F306, F307, F308, F309, F310, F311, F312, F313, F314, F315, F316, F317, F318, F319, F320, F321, F322, F323, F324, F325, F326, F327, F328, F329, F330, F331, F332, F333, F334, F335, F336, F336, F337, F338, F339, F340, F341, F342, F343, F344, F345, F346, F347, F348, F349, F350, F351, F352, F353, F354, F355, F356, F357, F358, F359, F360, F361, F362, F363, F364, F365, F366, F367, F368, F369, F370, F371, F372, F373, F374, F375, F376, F377, F378, F379 and F380 as mentioned above.

In a preferred embodiment the fungicide is a synthetic fungicide.

According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention the fungicide is selected from the group consisting of F3, F4, F5, F7, F12, F16, F17, F18, F19, F22, F26, F29, F30, F31, F37, F39, F40, F41, F44, F46, F47, F51, F55, F66, F67, F70, F71, F72, F73, F75, F76, F77, F78, F79, F80, F81, F84, F85, F86, F87, F98, F99, F100, F101, F102, F105, F106, F107, F108, F111, F112, F113, F114, F116, F117, F118, F119, F120, F121, F124, F126, F139, F140, F141, F142, F143, F144, F145, F147, F149, F154, F155, F156, F159, F162, F163, F167, F168, F172, F174, F180, F181, F182, F186, F187, F189, F192, F196, F201, F202, F203, F205, F206, F210, F216, F217, F220, F225, F226, F233, F234, F239, F240, F241, F242, F244, F247, F248, F249, F251, F252, F256, F266, F280, F281, F286, F287, F288, F298, F301, F309 and F319.

**Insecticide**

“Insecticides” as well as the term “insecticidal” refers to the ability of a substance to increase mortality or inhibit growth rate of insects. As used herein, the term “insects” includes all organisms in the class “Insecta”. The term “pre-adult” insects refers to any form of an organism prior to the adult stage, including, for example, eggs, larvae, and nymphs.

- 5 “Nematicides” and “nematicidal” refers to the ability of a substance to increase mortality or inhibit the growth rate of nematodes. In general, the term “nematode” comprises eggs, larvae, juvenile and mature forms of said organism.

“Acaricide” and “acaricidal” refers to the ability of a substance to increase mortality or inhibit growth rate of ectoparasites belonging to the class *Arachnida*, sub-class *Acari*, such as mites.

- 10 The insecticides specified herein by their “common name” are known and described, for example, in the Pesticide Manual (“The Pesticide Manual”, 15th Ed., British Crop Protection Council 2009) or can be searched in the internet (e.g. [www.alanwood.net/pesticides](http://www.alanwood.net/pesticides)).

According to one embodiment of the present invention preferred insecticides are selected from the group consisting of

- 15 (1) Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors, for example

carbamates, e.g. Alanycarb (I1), Aldicarb (I2), Bendiocarb (I3), Benfuracarb (I4), Butocarboxim (I5), Butoxycarboxim (I6), Carbaryl (I7), Carbofuran (I8), Carbosulfan (I9), Ethiofencarb (I10), Fenobucarb (I11), Formetanate (I12), Furathiocarb (I13), Isoprocab (I14), Methiocarb (I15), Methomyl (I16), Metolcarb (I17), Oxamyl (I18), Pirimicarb (I19), Propoxur (I20), Thiodicarb (I21), Thiofanox (I22),  
20 Triazamate (I23), Trimethacarb (I24), XMC (I25), and Xylylcarb (I26); or

- organophosphates, e.g. Acephate (I27), Azamethiphos (I28), Azinphos-ethyl (I29), Azinphos-methyl (I30), Cadusafos (I31), Chlorethoxyfos (I32), Chlorfenvinphos (I33), Chlormephos (I34), Chlorpyrifos (I35), Chlorpyrifos-methyl (I36), Coumaphos (I37), Cyanophos (I38), Demeton-S-methyl (I39), Diazinon (I40), Dichlorvos/DDVP (I41), Dicrotophos (I42), Dimethoate (I43), Dimethylvinphos (I44),  
25 Disulfoton (I45), EPN (I46), Ethion (I47), Ethoprophos (I48), Famphur (I49), Fenamiphos (I50), Fenitrothion (I51), Fenthion (I52), Fosthiazate (I53), Heptenophos (I54), Imicyafos (I55), Isofenphos (I56), Isopropyl O-(methoxyaminothio-phosphoryl) salicylate (I57), Isoxathion (I58), Malathion (I59), Mecarbam (I60), Methamidophos (I61), Methidathion (I62), Mevinphos (I63), Monocrotophos (I64), Naled (I65), Omethoate (I66), Oxydemeton-methyl (I67), Parathion (I68), Parathion-methyl (I69),  
30 Phenthoate (I70), Phorate (I71), Phosalone (I72), Phosmet (I73), Phosphamidon (I74), Phoxim (I75), Pirimiphos-methyl (I76), Profenofos (I77), Propetamphos (I78), Prothiofos (I79), Pyraclofos (I80), Pyridaphenthion (I81), Quinalphos (I82), Sulfotep (I83), Tebupirimfos (I84), Temephos (I85), Terbufos (I86), Tetrachlorvinphos (I87), Thiometon (I88), Triazophos (I89), Trichlorfon (I90), and Vamidothion (I91);

(2) GABA-gated chloride channel antagonists, for example

cyclodiene organochlorines, e.g. Chlordane (I92) and Endosulfan (I93); or

phenylpyrazoles (fiproles), e.g. Ethiprole (I94) and Fipronil (I95);

(3) Sodium channel modulators / voltage-dependent sodium channel blockers, for example pyrethroids,

- 5 e.g. Acrinathrin (I96), Allethrin (I97), d-cis-trans Allethrin (I98), d-trans Allethrin (I99), Bifenthrin (I100), Bioallethrin (I101), Bioallethrin S-cyclopentenyl isomer (I102), Bioresmethrin (I103), Cycloprothrin (I104), Cyfluthrin (I105), beta-Cyfluthrin (I106), Cyhalothrin (I107), lambda-Cyhalothrin (I108), gamma-Cyhalothrin (I109), Cypermethrin (I110), alpha-Cypermethrin (I111), beta-Cypermethrin (I112), theta-Cypermethrin (I113), zeta-Cypermethrin (I114), Cyphenothrin [(1R)-trans isomers] (I115),  
10 Deltamethrin (I116), Empenthrin [(EZ)-(1R) isomers] (I117), Esfenvalerate (I118), Etofenprox (I119), Fenpropathrin (I120), Fenvalerate (I121), Flucythrinate (I122), Flumethrin (I123), tau-Fluvalinate (I124), Halfenprox (I125), Imiprothrin (I126), Kadethrin (I127), Permethrin (I128), Phenothrin [(1R)-trans isomer] (I129), Prallethrin (I130), Pyrethrine (pyrethrum) (I131), Resmethrin (I132), Silafluofen (I133), Tefluthrin (I134), Tetramethrin (I135), Tetramethrin [(1R) isomers] (I136), Tralomethrin (I137),  
15 and Transfluthrin (I138); or DDT (I139); or Methoxychlor (I140);

(4) Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) agonists, for example neonicotinoids, e.g. Acetamiprid (I141), Clothianidin (I142), Dinotefuran (I143), Imidacloprid (I144), Nitenpyram (I145), and Thiachloprid (I146), and Thiamethoxam (I147); or Nicotine (I148); or Sulfoxaflor (I149).

- (5) Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric activators, for example spinosyns, e.g.  
20 Spinetoram (I150) and Spinosad (I151);

(6) Chloride channel activators, for example avermectins/milbemycins, e.g. Abamectin (I152), Emamectin benzoate (I153), Lepimectin (I154), and Milbemectin (I155);

(7) Juvenile hormone mimics, for example juvenile hormone analogues, e.g. Hydroprene (I156), Kinoprene (I157), and Methoprene (I158); or Fenoxycarb (I159); or Pyriproxyfen (I160);

- 25 (8) Miscellaneous non-specific (multi-site) inhibitors, for example alkyl halides, e.g. Methyl bromide (I161) and other alkyl halides; or Chloropicrin (I162); or Sulfuryl fluoride (I163); or Borax (I164); or Tartar emetic (I165);

(9) Selective homopteran feeding blockers, e.g. Pymetrozine (I166); or Flonicamid (I167);

- (10) Mite growth inhibitors, e.g. Clofentezine (I168), Hexythiazox (I169), and Diflovidazin (I170); or  
30 Etoxazole (I171);



- (11) Microbial disruptors of insect midgut membranes, e.g. *Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis* (I172), *Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies aizawai* (I173), *Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies kurstaki* (I174), *Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies tenebrionis* (I175), and B.t. Microbial disruptors of insect midgut membranes, e.g. B.t. crop proteins: Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac, Cry1Fa, Cry1A.105, Cry2Ab, Vip3A, mCry3A, Cry3Ab, Cry3Bb, Cry34 Ab1/35Ab1 (I176); or *Bacillus sphaericus* (I177);
- 5 (12) Inhibitors of mitochondrial ATP synthase, for example Diafenthiuron (I178); or organotin miticides, e.g. Azocyclotin (I179), Cyhexatin (I180), and Fenbutatin oxide (I181); or Propargite (I182); or Tetradifon (I183);
- (13) Uncouplers of oxidative phosphorylation via disruption of the proton gradient, for example
- 10 Chlorfenapyr (I184), DNOC (I185), and Sulfluramid (I186);
- (14) Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) channel blockers, for example Bensultap (I187), Cartap hydrochloride (I188), Thiocyclam (I189), and Thiosultap-sodium (I190);
- (15) Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis, type 0, for example Bistrifluron (I191), Chlorfluazuron (I192), Diflubenzuron (I193), Flucycloxuron (I194), Flufenoxuron (I195), Hexaflumuron (I196), Lufenuron
- 15 (I197), Novaluron (I198), Noviflumuron (I199), Teflubenzuron (I200), and Triflumuron (I201);
- (16) Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis, type 1, for example Buprofezin (I202);
- (17) Moulting disruptors, for example Cyromazine (I203);
- (18) Ecdysone receptor agonists, for example Chromafenozide (I204), Halofenozide (I205), Methoxyfenozide (I206), and Tebufenozide (I207);
- 20 (19) Octopamine receptor agonists, for example Amitraz (I208);
- (20) Mitochondrial complex III electron transport inhibitors, for example Hydramethylnon (I209); or Acequinocyl (I210); or Fluacrypyrim (I211);
- (21) Mitochondrial complex I electron transport inhibitors, for example
- METI acaricides, e.g. Fenazaquin (I212), Fenpyroximate (I213), Pyrimidifen (I214), Pyridaben (I215),
- 25 Tebufenpyrad (I216), and Tolfenpyrad (I217); or Rotenone (Derris) (I218);
- (22) Voltage-dependent sodium channel blockers, e.g. Indoxacarb (I219); or Metaflumizone (I220);
- (23) Inhibitors of acetyl CoA carboxylase, for example tetrone and tetramic acid derivatives, e.g. Spirodiclofen (I221), Spiromesifen (I222), and Spirotetramat (I223);

(24) Mitochondrial complex IV electron transport inhibitors, for example phosphines, e.g. Aluminium phosphide (I224), Calcium phosphide (I225), Phosphine (I226), and Zinc phosphide (I227); or Cyanide (I228);

(25) Mitochondrial complex II electron transport inhibitors, for example beta-ketonitrile derivatives, e.g. Cyenopyrafen (I229) and Cyflumetofen (I230);

(28) Ryanodine receptor modulators, for example diamides, e.g. Chlorantraniliprole (I231), Cyantraniliprole (I232), and Flubendiamide (I233);

Further active ingredients with unknown or uncertain mode of action, for example Amidoflumet (I234), Azadirachtin (I235), Benclonthiaz (I236), Benzoximate (I237), Bifenazate (I238), Bromopropylate (I239), Chinomethionat (I240), Cryolite (I241), Dicofol (I242), Diflovidazin (I243), Fluensulfone (I244), Flufenerim (I245), Flufiprole (I246), Fluopyram (I247), Fufenozide (I248), Imidaclothiz (I249), Iprodione (I250), Meperfluthrin (I251), Pyridalyl (I252), Pyrifluquinazon (I253), Tetramethylfluthrin (I254), and iodomethane (I255); furthermore products based on *Bacillus firmus* (including but not limited to strain CNCM I-1582, such as, for example, VOTiVO™, BioNem) (I256) or one of the following known active ingredients: 3-bromo-N-{2-bromo-4-chloro-6-[(1-cyclopropylethyl)carbamoyl]-phenyl}-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I257) (known from WO2005/077934), 4-[[[(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl](2-fluoroethyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I258) (known from WO2007/115644), 4-[[[(6-fluoropyridin-3-yl)methyl](2,2-difluoroethyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I259) (known from WO2007/115644), 4-[[[(2-chloro-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methyl](2-fluoroethyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I260) (known from WO2007/115644), 4-[[[(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](2-fluoroethyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I261) (known from WO2007/115644), Flupyradifurone (I262), 4-[[[(6-chloro-5-fluoropyridin-3-yl)methyl](methyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I263) (known from WO2007/115643), 4-[[[(5,6-dichloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](2-fluoroethyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I264) (known from WO2007/115646), 4-[[[(6-chloro-5-fluoropyridin-3-yl)methyl](cyclopropyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I265) (known from WO2007/115643), 4-[[[(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](cyclopropyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I266) (known from EP-A-0 539 588), 4-[[[(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](methyl)amino]furan-2(5H)-one (I267) (known from EP-A-0 539 588), {[1-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)ethyl](methyl)oxido-λ4-sulfanylidene}cyanamide (I268) (known from WO2007/149134) and its diastereomers {[[(1R)-1-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)ethyl](methyl)oxido-λ4-sulfanylidene}cyanamide (A) (I269), and {[[(1S)-1-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)ethyl](methyl)oxido-λ4-sulfanylidene}cyanamide (B) (I270) (also known from WO2007/149134) as well as diastereomers [(R)-methyl(oxido){(1R)-1-[6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl}-λ4-sulfanylidene]cyanamide (A1) (I271), and [(S)-methyl(oxido){(1S)-1-[6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl}-λ4-sulfanylidene]cyanamide (A2) (I272), referred to as group of diastereomers A (known from WO2010/074747, WO2010/074751), [(R)-methyl(oxido){(1S)-1-[6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl}-λ4-sulfanylidene]cyanamide (B1) (I273), and [(S)-methyl(oxido){(1R)-1-[6-

(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl}- $\lambda$ 4-sulfanylidene]cyanamide (B2) (I274), referred to as group of diastereomers B (also known from WO2010/074747, WO2010/074751), and 11-(4-chloro-2,6-dimethylphenyl)-12-hydroxy-1,4-dioxo-9-azadispiro[4.2.4.2]tetradec-11-en-10-one (I275) (known from WO2006/089633), 3-(4'-fluoro-2,4-dimethylbiphenyl-3-yl)-4-hydroxy-8-oxa-1-azaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (I276) (known from WO2008/067911), 1-{2-fluoro-4-methyl-5-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfinyl]phenyl}-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-amine (I277) (known from WO2006/043635), Afidopyropen [(3S,4aR,12R,12aS,12bS)-3-[(cyclopropylcarbonyl)oxy]-6,12-dihydroxy-4,12b-dimethyl-11-oxo-9-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,12,12a,12b-decahydro-2H,11H-benzo[f]pyrano[4,3-b]chromen-4-yl)methyl cyclopropane-carboxylate (I278) (known from WO2008/066153), 2-cyano-3-(difluoromethoxy)-N,N-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (I279) (known from WO2006/056433), 2-cyano-3-(difluoromethoxy)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (I280) (known from WO2006/100288), 2-cyano-3-(difluoromethoxy)-N-ethylbenzenesulfonamide (I281) (known from WO2005/035486), 4-(difluoromethoxy)-N-ethyl-N-methyl-1,2-benzothiazol-3-amine 1,1-dioxide (I282) (known from WO2007/057407), N-[1-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)ethyl]-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (I283) (known from WO2008/104503), {1'-[(2E)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-yl]-5-fluorospiro[indole-3,4'-piperidin]-1(2H)-yl}(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)methanone (I284) (known from WO2003/106457), 3-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-4-hydroxy-8-methoxy-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-2-one (I285) (known from WO2009/049851), 3-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-8-methoxy-2-oxo-1,8-diazaspiro[4.5]dec-3-en-4-yl ethyl carbonate (I286) (known from WO2009/049851), 4-(but-2-yn-1-yloxy)-6-(3,5-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)-5-fluoropyrimidine (I287) (known from WO2004/099160), (2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-octafluoropentyl)(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)malononitrile (I288) (known from WO2005/063094), (2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5-octafluoropentyl)(3,3,4,4,4-pentafluoro-butyl)malononitrile (I289) (known from WO2005/063094), 8-[2-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-3-[6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridazin-3-yl]-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (I290) (known from WO2007/040280), Flometoquin (I291), PF1364 (CAS-Reg.No. 1204776-60-2) (I292) (known from JP2010/018586), 5-[5-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)benzotrile (I293) (known from WO2007/075459), 5-[5-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)benzo-nitrile (I294) (known from WO2007/075459), 4-[5-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-2-methyl-N-{2-oxo-2-[(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethyl)amino]ethyl}benzamide (I295) (known from WO2005/085216), 4-[[6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](cyclopropyl)amino}-1,3-oxazol-2(5H)-one (I296), 4-[[6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](2,2-difluoroethyl)amino}-1,3-oxazol-2(5H)-one (I297), 4-[[6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](ethyl)amino}-1,3-oxazol-2(5H)-one (I298), 4-[[6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl](methyl)amino}-1,3-oxazol-2(5H)-one (I299) (all known from WO2010/005692), Pyflubumide N-[4-(1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-methoxypropan-2-yl)-3-isobutylphenyl]-N-isobutyryl-1,3,5-trimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide (I300) (known from WO2002/096882), methyl 2-[2-([3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]carbonyl)amino]-5-chloro-3-methylbenzoyl]-2-methylhydrazinecarboxylate (I301) (known from WO2005/085216), methyl 2-[2-([3-bromo-1-(3-

chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]carbonyl} amino)-5-cyano-3-methylbenzoyl]-2-ethylhydrazinecarboxylate (I302) (known from WO2005/085216), methyl 2-[2-({[3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]carbonyl} amino)-5-cyano-3-methylbenzoyl]-2-methylhydrazinecarboxylate (I303) (known from WO2005/085216), methyl 2-[3,5-dibromo-2-({[3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]carbonyl} amino)benzoyl]-1,2-diethylhydrazinecarboxylate (I304) (known from WO2005/085216), methyl 2-[3,5-dibromo-2-({[3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]carbonyl} amino)-benzoyl]-2-ethylhydrazinecarboxylate (I305) (known from WO2005/085216), (5RS,7RS;5RS,7SR)-1-(6-chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-1,2,3,5,6,7-hexahydro-7-methyl-8-nitro-5-propoxyimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (I306) (known from WO2007/101369), 2-{6-[2-(5-fluoropyridin-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]pyridin-2-yl}pyrimidine (I307) (known from WO2010/006713), 2-{6-[2-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]pyridin-2-yl}pyrimidine (I308) (known from WO2010/006713), 1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-N-[4-cyano-2-methyl-6-(methylcarbamoyl)phenyl]-3-{[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl]methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I309) (known from WO2010/069502), 1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-N-[4-cyano-2-methyl-6-(methylcarbamoyl)phenyl]-3-{[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl]methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I310) (known from WO2010/069502), N-[2-(tert-butylcarbamoyl)-4-cyano-6-methylphenyl]-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-3-{[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl]methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I311) (known from WO2010/069502), N-[2-(tert-butylcarbamoyl)-4-cyano-6-methylphenyl]-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-3-{[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl]methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I312) (known from WO2010/069502), (1E)-N-[(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)methyl]-N'-cyano-N-(2,2-difluoroethyl)ethanimidamide (I313) (known from WO2008/009360), N-[2-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)-4-chloro-6-methylphenyl]-3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I314) (known from CN102057925), and methyl 2-[3,5-dibromo-2-({[3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]carbonyl} amino)benzoyl]-2-ethyl-1-methylhydrazinecarboxylate (I315) (known from WO2011/049233).

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention the insecticide is a synthetic insecticide. As used herein, the term “synthetic” defines a compound that has not been obtained from a natural source such as a plant, bacterium or other organism.

According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of Abamectin (I152), Acephate (I27), Acetamiprid (I141), Acrinathrin (I96), Afidopyropen (I278), Alpha-Cypermethrin (I111), Azadirachtin (I235), *Bacillus firmus* (I256), (Beta-Cyfluthrin (I106), Bifenthrin (I100), Buprofezin (I202), Clothianidin (I142), Chlorantraniliprole (I231), Chlorfenapyr (I184), Chlorpyrifos (I35), Carbofuran (I8), Cyantraniliprole (I232), Cyenopyrafen (I229), Cyflumentofen (I230), Cyfluthrin (I105), Cypermethrin (I110), Deltamethrin (I116), Diafenthiuron (I178), Dinotefuran (I143), Emamectin-benzoate (I153), Ethiprole (I94), Fenpyroximate (I213), Fipronil (I95), Flometoquin (I291), Flonicamid (I167), Flubendiamide (I233), Fluensulfone (I244), Fluopyram (I247), Flupyradifurone (I262), Gamma-Cyhalothrin (I109), Imidacloprid (I144), Indoxacarb (I219),

Lambda-Cyhalothrin (I108), Lufenuron (I197), Metaflumizone (I220), Methiocarb (I15), Methoxyfenozide (I206), Milbemectin (I155), Profenofos (I77), Pyflubumide (I300), Pymetrozine (I166), Pyrifluquinazone (I253), Spinetoram (I150), Spinosad (I151), Spirodiclofen (I221), Spiromesifen (I222), Spirotetramate (I223), Sulfoxaflor (I149), Tebufenpyrad (I216), Tefluthrin (I134), Thiacloprid (I146), Thiamethoxam (I147), Thiodicarb (I21), Triflumuron (I201), 1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-N-[4-cyano-2-methyl-6-(methylcarbamoyl)phenyl]-3-{{5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl}methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I309) (known from WO2010/069502), 1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-N-[4-cyano-2-methyl-6-(methylcarbamoyl)phenyl]-3-{{5-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl}methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide (I310) (known from WO2010/069502) and 1-{{2-fluoro-4-methyl-5-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfinyl]phenyl}-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-amine (I277), Afidopyropen (I278).

In one embodiment of the present invention, the insecticide, e.g. for seed treatment, is selected from the group consisting of Abamectin (I152), Carbofuran (I8), Clothianidin (I142), Cyazypyr, Cycloxaprid, Cypermethrin (I110), Ethiprole (I94), Fipronil (I95), Fluopyram (I247), Imidacloprid (I144), Methiocarb (I15), Rynaxypyr, Spinosad (I151), Sulfoxaflor (I149), Tefluthrin (I134), Thiametoxam (I147), Thiodicarb (I21).

#### **Further additives**

One aspect of the present invention is to provide a composition as described above additionally comprising at least one auxiliary selected from the group consisting of extenders, solvents, spontaneity promoters, carriers, emulsifiers, dispersants, frost protectants, thickeners and adjuvants. Those compositions are referred to as formulations.

Accordingly, in one aspect of the present invention such formulations, and application forms prepared from them, are provided as crop protection agents and/or pesticidal agents, such as drench, drip and spray liquors, comprising the composition of the invention. The application forms may comprise further crop protection agents and/or pesticidal agents, and/or activity-enhancing adjuvants such as penetrants, examples being vegetable oils such as, for example, rapeseed oil, sunflower oil, mineral oils such as, for example, liquid paraffins, alkyl esters of vegetable fatty acids, such as rapeseed oil or soybean oil methyl esters, or alkanol alkoxylates, and/or spreaders such as, for example, alkylsiloxanes and/or salts, examples being organic or inorganic ammonium or phosphonium salts, examples being ammonium sulphate or diammonium hydrogen phosphate, and/or retention promoters such as dioctyl sulphosuccinate or hydroxypropylguar polymers and/or humectants such as glycerol and/or fertilizers such as ammonium, potassium or phosphorous fertilizers, for example.

Examples of typical formulations include water-soluble liquids (SL), emulsifiable concentrates (EC), emulsions in water (EW), suspension concentrates (SC, SE, FS, OD), water-dispersible granules (WG), granules (GR) and capsule concentrates (CS); these and other possible types of formulation are described, for example, by Crop Life International and in Pesticide Specifications, Manual on

development and use of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides, FAO Plant Production and Protection Papers – 173, prepared by the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Specifications, 2004, ISBN: 9251048576. The formulations may comprise active agrochemical compounds other than one or more active compounds of the invention.

- 5 The formulations or application forms in question preferably comprise auxiliaries, such as extenders, solvents, spontaneity promoters, carriers, emulsifiers, dispersants, frost protectants, biocides, thickeners and/or other auxiliaries, such as adjuvants, for example. An adjuvant in this context is a component which enhances the biological effect of the formulation, without the component itself having a biological effect. Examples of adjuvants are agents which promote the retention, spreading, attachment  
10 to the leaf surface, or penetration.

These formulations are produced in a known manner, for example by mixing the active compounds with auxiliaries such as, for example, extenders, solvents and/or solid carriers and/or further auxiliaries, such as, for example, surfactants. The formulations are prepared either in suitable plants or else before or during the application.

- 15 Suitable for use as auxiliaries are substances which are suitable for imparting to the formulation of the active compound or the application forms prepared from these formulations (such as, e.g., usable crop protection agents, such as spray liquors or seed dressings) particular properties such as certain physical, technical and/or biological properties.

- Suitable extenders are, for example, water, polar and nonpolar organic chemical liquids, for example  
20 from the classes of the aromatic and non-aromatic hydrocarbons (such as paraffins, alkylbenzenes, alkylnaphthalenes, chlorobenzenes), the alcohols and polyols (which, if appropriate, may also be substituted, etherified and/or esterified), the ketones (such as acetone, cyclohexanone), esters (including fats and oils) and (poly)ethers, the unsubstituted and substituted amines, amides, lactams (such as N-alkylpyrrolidones) and lactones, the sulphones and sulphoxides (such as dimethyl sulphoxide).

- 25 If the extender used is water, it is also possible to employ, for example, organic solvents as auxiliary solvents. Essentially, suitable liquid solvents are: aromatics such as xylene, toluene or alkylnaphthalenes, chlorinated aromatics and chlorinated aliphatic hydrocarbons such as chlorobenzenes, chloroethylenes or methylene chloride, aliphatic hydrocarbons such as cyclohexane or paraffins, for example petroleum fractions, mineral and vegetable oils, alcohols such as butanol or  
30 glycol and also their ethers and esters, ketones such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone or cyclohexanone, strongly polar solvents such as dimethylformamide and dimethyl sulphoxide, and also water.

In principle it is possible to use all suitable solvents. Suitable solvents are, for example, aromatic hydrocarbons, such as xylene, toluene or alkylnaphthalenes, for example, chlorinated aromatic or

aliphatic hydrocarbons, such as chlorobenzene, chloroethylene or methylene chloride, for example, aliphatic hydrocarbons, such as cyclohexane, for example, paraffins, petroleum fractions, mineral and vegetable oils, alcohols, such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, butanol or glycol, for example, and also their ethers and esters, ketones such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone or  
5 cyclohexanone, for example, strongly polar solvents, such as dimethyl sulphoxide, and water.

All suitable carriers may in principle be used. Suitable carriers are in particular: for example, ammonium salts and ground natural minerals such as kaolins, clays, talc, chalk, quartz, attapulgite, montmorillonite or diatomaceous earth, and ground synthetic minerals, such as finely divided silica, alumina and natural or synthetic silicates, resins, waxes and/or solid fertilizers. Mixtures of such carriers may likewise be  
10 used. Carriers suitable for granules include the following: for example, crushed and fractionated natural minerals such as calcite, marble, pumice, sepiolite, dolomite, and also synthetic granules of inorganic and organic meals, and also granules of organic material such as sawdust, paper, coconut shells, maize cobs and tobacco stalks.

Liquefied gaseous extenders or solvents may also be used. Particularly suitable are those extenders or  
15 carriers which at standard temperature and under standard pressure are gaseous, examples being aerosol propellants, such as halogenated hydrocarbons, and also butane, propane, nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

Examples of emulsifiers and/or foam-formers, dispersants or wetting agents having ionic or nonionic properties, or mixtures of these surface-active substances, are salts of polyacrylic acid, salts of lignosulphonic acid, salts of phenolsulphonic acid or naphthalenesulphonic acid, polycondensates of  
20 ethylene oxide with fatty alcohols or with fatty acids or with fatty amines, with substituted phenols (preferably alkylphenols or arylphenols), salts of sulphosuccinic esters, taurine derivatives (preferably alkyltaurates), phosphoric esters of polyethoxylated alcohols or phenols, fatty acid esters of polyols, and derivatives of the compounds containing sulphates, sulphonates and phosphates, examples being alkylaryl polyglycol ethers, alkylsulphonates, alkyl sulphates, arylsulphonates, protein hydrolysates,  
25 lignin-sulphite waste liquors and methylcellulose. The presence of a surface-active substance is advantageous if one of the active compounds and/or one of the inert carriers is not soluble in water and if application takes place in water.

Further auxiliaries that may be present in the formulations and in the application forms derived from them include colorants such as inorganic pigments, examples being iron oxide, titanium oxide, Prussian  
30 Blue, and organic dyes, such as alizarin dyes, azo dyes and metal phthalocyanine dyes, and nutrients and trace nutrients, such as salts of iron, manganese, boron, copper, cobalt, molybdenum and zinc.

Stabilizers, such as low-temperature stabilizers, preservatives, antioxidants, light stabilizers or other agents which improve chemical and/or physical stability may also be present. Additionally present may be foam-formers or defoamers.

Furthermore, the formulations and application forms derived from them may also comprise, as additional auxiliaries, stickers such as carboxymethylcellulose, natural and synthetic polymers in powder, granule or latex form, such as gum arabic, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl acetate, and also natural phospholipids, such as cephalins and lecithins, and synthetic phospholipids. Further possible auxiliaries include mineral and vegetable oils.

There may possibly be further auxiliaries present in the formulations and the application forms derived from them. Examples of such additives include fragrances, protective colloids, binders, adhesives, thickeners, thixotropic substances, penetrants, retention promoters, stabilizers, sequestrants, complexing agents, humectants and spreaders. Generally speaking, the active compounds may be combined with any solid or liquid additive commonly used for formulation purposes.

Suitable retention promoters include all those substances which reduce the dynamic surface tension, such as dioctyl sulphosuccinate, or increase the viscoelasticity, such as hydroxypropylguar polymers, for example.

Suitable penetrants in the present context include all those substances which are typically used in order to enhance the penetration of active agrochemical compounds into plants. Penetrants in this context are defined in that, from the (generally aqueous) application liquor and/or from the spray coating, they are able to penetrate the cuticle of the plant and thereby increase the mobility of the active compounds in the cuticle. This property can be determined using the method described in the literature (Baur et al., 1997, Pesticide Science 51, 131-152). Examples include alcohol alkoxyates such as coconut fatty ethoxylate (10) or isotridecyl ethoxylate (12), fatty acid esters such as rapeseed or soybean oil methyl esters, fatty amine alkoxyates such as tallowamine ethoxylate (15), or ammonium and/or phosphonium salts such as ammonium sulphate or diammonium hydrogen phosphate, for example.

The formulations preferably comprise between 0.0001% and 98% by weight of active compound or, with particular preference, between 0.01% and 95% by weight of active compound, more preferably between 0.5% and 90% by weight of active compound, based on the weight of the formulation. The content of the active compound is defined as the sum of the isolated gougertin and the at least one biological control agent and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens, and fungicide and/or insecticide, if present.

The active compound content of the application forms (crop protection products) prepared from the formulations may vary within wide ranges. The active compound concentration of the application forms may be situated typically between 0.0001% and 95% by weight of active compound, preferably between 0.0001% and 1% by weight, based on the weight of the application form. Application takes place in a customary manner adapted to the application forms.



Furthermore, in one aspect of the present invention a kit of parts is provided comprising isolated gougerotin and at least one biological control agent and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens in a synergistically effective amount in a spatially separated arrangement.

In a further embodiment of the present invention the above-mentioned kit of parts further comprises at least one additional fungicide and/or at least one insecticide, with the proviso that insecticide and fungicide are not identical and not gougerotin. The fungicide and/or the insecticide can be present either in the gougerotin component of the kit of parts or in the at least one biological control agent (I) component of the kit of parts being spatially separated or in both of these components. Preferably, the fungicide and the insecticide are present in the gougerotin component. Insecticide and fungicide may be present in different components, e.g. the fungicide in the gougerotin component and the insecticide in the at least one biological control agent component and vice versa.

Moreover, the kit of parts according to the present invention can additionally comprise at least one auxiliary selected from the group consisting of extenders, solvents, spontaneity promoters, carriers, emulsifiers, dispersants, frost protectants, thickeners and adjuvants as mentioned below. This at least one auxiliary can be present either in the gougerotin component of the kit of parts or in the at least one biological control agent component of the kit of parts being spatially separated or in both of these components.

In another aspect of the present invention the composition as described above is used for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts as well as losses in harvested fruits or vegetables caused by insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens.

Furthermore, in another aspect of the present invention the composition as described above increases the overall plant health.

The term "plant health" generally comprises various sorts of improvements of plants that are not connected to the control of pests. For example, advantageous properties that may be mentioned are improved crop characteristics including: emergence, crop yields, protein content, oil content, starch content, more developed root system, improved root growth, improved root size maintenance, improved root effectiveness, improved stress tolerance (e.g. against drought, heat, salt, UV, water, cold), reduced ethylene (reduced production and/or inhibition of reception), tillering increase, increase in plant height, bigger leaf blade, less dead basal leaves, stronger tillers, greener leaf color, pigment content, photosynthetic activity, less input needed (such as fertilizers or water), less seeds needed, more productive tillers, earlier flowering, early grain maturity, less plant verse (lodging), increased shoot growth, enhanced plant vigor, increased plant stand and early and better germination.

With regard to the use according to the present invention, improved plant health preferably refers to improved plant characteristics including: crop yield, more developed root system (improved root growth), improved root size maintenance, improved root effectiveness, tillering increase, increase in plant height, bigger leaf blade, less dead basal leaves, stronger tillers, greener leaf color, photosynthetic activity, more productive tillers, enhanced plant vigor, and increased plant stand.

With regard to the present invention, improved plant health preferably especially refers to improved plant properties selected from crop yield, more developed root system, improved root growth, improved root size maintenance, improved root effectiveness, tillering increase, and increase in plant height.

The effect of a composition according to the present invention on plant health health as defined herein can be determined by comparing plants which are grown under the same environmental conditions, whereby a part of said plants is treated with a composition according to the present invention and another part of said plants is not treated with a composition according to the present invention. Instead, said other part is not treated at all or treated with a placebo (i.e., an application without a composition according to the invention such as an application without all active ingredients (i.e. without gougerotin and without at least one biological control agent as described herein), or an application without gougerotin as described herein, or an application without the at least one biological control agent as described herein.

The composition according to the present invention may be applied in any desired manner, such as in the form of a seed coating, soil drench, and/or directly in-furrow and/or as a foliar spray and applied either pre-emergence, post-emergence or both. In other words, the composition can be applied to the seed, the plant or to harvested fruits and vegetables or to the soil wherein the plant is growing or wherein it is desired to grow (plant's locus of growth).

Reducing the overall damage of plants and plant parts often results in healthier plants and/or in an increase in plant vigor and yield.

Preferably, the composition according to the present invention is used for treating conventional or transgenic plants or seed thereof.

In another aspect of the present invention a method for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts as well as losses in harvested fruits or vegetables caused by insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens is provided comprising the step of simultaneously or sequentially applying isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent in a synergistically effective amount.

In a preferred embodiment of the present method the composition further comprises at least one fungicide.

Preferably, the at least one fungicide is a synthetic fungicide. More preferably, the fungicide is selected from the group of fungicides mentioned above.

In another preferred embodiment, the composition comprises at least one insecticide in addition to the fungicide or in place of the fungicide, provided that the insecticide, the fungicide are not identical and are not gougerotin.

Preferably, the at least one insecticide is a synthetic insecticide. More preferably, the insecticide is selected from the group of insecticides mentioned above.

The method of the present invention includes the following application methods, namely both of gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent mentioned before may be formulated into a single, stable composition with an agriculturally acceptable shelf life (so called "solo-formulation"), or being combined before or at the time of use (so called "combined-formulations").

If not mentioned otherwise, the expression "combination" stands for the various combinations of gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide, in a solo-formulation, in a single "ready-mix" form, in a combined spray mixture composed from solo-formulations, such as a "tank-mix", and especially in a combined use of the single active ingredients when applied in a sequential manner, i.e. one after the other within a reasonably short period, such as a few hours or days, e.g. 2 hours to 7 days. The order of applying the composition according to the present invention is not essential for working the present invention. Accordingly, the term "combination" also encompasses the presence of gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or insecticide on or in a plant to be treated or its surrounding, habitat or storage space, e.g. after simultaneously or consecutively applying isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide to a plant its surrounding, habitat or storage space.

If the isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide are employed or used in a sequential manner, it is preferred to treat the plants or plant parts (which includes seeds and plants emerging from the seed), harvested fruits and vegetables according to the following method: Firstly applying the isolated gougerotin and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide on the plant or plant parts, and secondly applying the at least one biological control agent to the same plant or plant parts. By this application manner the amount of residues of insecticides/fungicides on the plant upon harvesting is as low as possible. The time periods between the first and the second application within a (crop) growing cycle may vary and depend on the effect to be achieved. For example, the first application is done to prevent an infestation of the plant or plant parts with insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens (this is particularly the case when treating seeds) or to combat the infestation with insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens (this is particularly the case when treating plants and plant parts) and

the second application is done to prevent or control the infestation with insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens. Control in this context means that gougerotin is not able to fully exterminate the pests or phytopathogenic fungi but is able to keep the infestation on an acceptable level.

5 The present invention also provides methods of enhancing the killing, inhibiting, preventative and/or repelling activity of the compositions of the present invention by multiple applications. In some other embodiments, the compositions of the present invention are applied to a plant and/or plant part for two times, during any desired development stages or under any predetermined pest pressure, at an interval of about 1 hour, about 5 hours, about 10 hours, about 24 hours, about two days, about 3 days, about 4 days, about 5 days, about 1 week, about 10 days, about two weeks, about three weeks, about 1 month or more. Still in some embodiments, the compositions of the present invention are applied to a plant and/or  
10 plant part for more than two times, for example, 3 times, 4 times, 5 times, 6 times, 7 times, 8 times, 9 times, 10 times, or more, during any desired development stages or under any predetermined pest pressure, at an interval of about 1 hour, about 5 hours, about 10 hours, about 24 hours, about two days, about 3 days, about 4 days, about 5 days, about 1 week, about 10 days, about two weeks, about three  
15 weeks, about 1 month or more. The intervals between each application can vary if it is desired. One skilled in the art will be able to determine the application times and length of interval depending on plant species, plant pest species, and other factors.

By following the before mentioned steps, a very low level of residues of the biological control agent, and optionally at least one fungicide and/or at least one insecticide on the treated plant, plant parts, and  
20 the harvested fruits and vegetables can be achieved.

If not mentioned otherwise the treatment of plants or plant parts (which includes seeds and plants emerging from the seed), harvested fruits and vegetables with the composition according to the invention is carried out directly or by action on their surroundings, habitat or storage space using customary treatment methods, for example dipping, spraying, atomizing, irrigating, evaporating,  
25 dusting, fogging, broadcasting, foaming, painting, spreading-on, watering (drenching), drip irrigating. It is furthermore possible to apply gougerotin the at least one biological control agent, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide as solo-formulation or combined-formulations by the ultra-low volume method, or to inject the composition according to the present invention as a composition or as sole-formulations into the soil (in-furrow).

30 The term "plant to be treated" encompasses every part of a plant including its root system and the material - e.g., soil or nutrition medium - which is in a radius of at least 10 cm, 20 cm, 30 cm around the caulis or bole of a plant to be treated or which is at least 10 cm, 20 cm, 30 cm around the root system of said plant to be treated, respectively.

The amount of isolated gougerotin which is used or employed in combination with the at least one  
35 biological control agent, optionally in the presence of at least one fungicide and/or the at least one

insecticide, depends on the final formulation as well as size or type of the plant, plant parts, seeds, harvested fruits and vegetables to be treated. Usually, gougerotin to be employed or used according to the invention is present in about 1 % to about 80 % (w/w), preferably in about 1 % to about 60 % (w/w), more preferably about 10 % to about 50 % (w/w) of its solo-formulation or combined-formulation with the at least one biological control agent, and optionally the fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide.

Also the amount of the at least one biological control agent which is used or employed in combination with the isolated gougerotin, optionally in the presence of at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide, depends on the final formulation as well as size or type of the plant, plant parts, seeds, harvested fruit or vegetable to be treated. Usually, the at least one biological control agent to be employed or used according to the invention is present in about 0.1 % to about 80 % (w/w), preferably 1 % to about 60 % (w/w), more preferably about 10 % to about 50 % (w/w) of its solo-formulation or combined-formulation with gougerotin, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide.

Application of the isolated gougerotin may be effected as a foliar spray, as a soil treatment, and/or as a seed treatment/dressing. When used as a foliar treatment, in one embodiment, about 1/16 to about 5 gallons of whole broth are applied per acre. When used as a soil treatment, in one embodiment, about 1 to about 5 gallons of whole broth are applied per acre. When used for seed treatment about 1/32 to about 1/4 gallons of whole broth are applied per acre. For seed treatment, the end-use formulation contains at least  $1 \times 10^8$  colony forming units per gram. Applicant notes that colony forming units per gram refer to the amount of colony forming units present in a starting fermentation broth (prior to formulation and, preferably, shortly after fermentation).

The isolated gougerotin and at least one biological control agent, and if present preferably also the fungicide and/or the insecticide are used or employed in a synergistic weight ratio. The skilled person is able to determine and find out the synergistic weight ratios for the present invention by routine methods. The skilled person understands that these ratios refer to the ratio within a combined-formulation as well as to the calculative ratio of the isolated gougerotin described herein and the at least one biological control agent when both components are applied as mono-formulations to a plant to be treated. The skilled person can calculate this ratio by simple mathematics since the volume and the amount of gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent, respectively, in a mono-formulation is known to the skilled person.

The ratio can be calculated based on the amount of the at least one biological control agent, at the time point of applying said component of a combination according to the invention to a plant or plant part and the amount of gougerotin shortly prior (e.g., 48 h, 24 h, 12 h, 6 h, 2 h, 1 h) or at the time point of applying said component of a combination according to the invention to a plant or plant part.

The application of the isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent to a plant or a plant part can take place simultaneously or at different times as long as both components are present on

or in the plant after the application(s). In cases where the isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent are applied at different times and the at least one biological control agent is applied noticeable prior to gougerotin, the skilled person can determine the concentration of the at least one biological control agent on/in a plant by chemical analysis known in the art, at the time point or shortly before the time point of applying the isolated gougerotin. Vice versa, when the isolated gougerotin is applied to a plant first, the concentration of gougerotin can be determined using test which are also known in the art, at the time point or shortly before the time point of applying the at least one biological control agent.

In particular, in one embodiment the synergistic weight ratio of the isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent lies in the range of 1 : 1000 to 1000 : 1, preferably in the range of 1 : 500 to 500 : 1, more preferably in the range of 1 : 300 to 500 : 1. Especially preferred ratios are between 30: 1 or 20: 1 and 1:20 or 1:30, such as 10:1, 5:1 or 2:1 or 1: 2, 1:5, or 1:10. It has to be noted that these ratio ranges refer to the isolated gougerotin (to be combined with at least one biological control agent or a preparation of the at least one biological control agent). For example, a ratio of 100:1 means 100 weight parts of isolated gougerotin and 1 weight part of the at least one biological control agent are combined (either as a solo formulation, a combined formulation or by separate applications to plants so that the combination is formed on the plant). Likewise a ratio of 1:3 or 1: 6 means 1 weight part of isolated gougerotin and 3 or 6 weight parts of the at least one biological control agent are combined (either as a solo formulation, a combined formulation or by separate applications to plants so that the combination is formed on the plant) – see also Examples 9 to 12 in this regard.

It has to be noted that these ratio ranges refer to the biological control agent/spore preparation (of around  $10^{10}$  cells/spores per gram preparation of said cells/spores to be combined with the isolated gougerotin (that might be isolated from a *Streptomyces* fermentation product, - such as the fermentation product of *Streptomyces microflavus* strain NRRL B-50550). For example, a ratio of 100:1 may mean 100 weight parts of a biological control agent/spore preparation having a cell/ spore concentration of  $10^{10}$  cells/spores per gram preparation and 1 weight part of isolated gougerotin are combined (either as a solo formulation, a combined formulation or by separate applications to plants so that the combination is formed on the plant). In another embodiment, the synergistic weight ratio of the at least one biological control agent/spore preparation to the isolated gougerotin is in the range of 1 : 100 to 20.000 : 1, preferably in the range of 1:50 to 10.000:1 or even in the range of 1:50 to 1000:1. Once again the mentioned ratios ranges refer to biological control agent/spore preparations of the at least one biological control agent of around  $10^{10}$  cells or spores per gram preparation of said biological control agent

The cell/spore concentration of preparations can be determined by applying methods known in the art. To compare weight ratios of the further biological control agent/ spore preparation to gougerotin, the skilled person can easily determine the factor between a preparation having a biological control agent/spore concentration different from  $10^{10}$  cells/spores per gram cell/spore preparation and a preparation having a biological control agent/ spore concentration of  $10^{10}$  cells/spores per gram

preparation to calculate whether a ratio of a biological control agent/spore preparation to isolated gougerotin is within the scope of the above listed ratio ranges.

In one embodiment of the present invention, the concentration of the isolated gougerotin after dispersal is at least 50 g/ha, such as 50 – 7500 g/ha, 50 – 2500 g/ha, 50 – 1500 g/ha; at least 250 g/ha (hectare), at  
5 least 500 g/ha or at least 800 g/ha.

The application rate of composition to be employed or used according to the present invention may vary. The skilled person is able to find the appropriate application rate by way of routine experiments.

In another aspect of the present invention a seed treated with the composition as described above is provided.

10 The control of insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens by treating the seed of plants has been known for a long time and is a subject of continual improvements. Nevertheless, the treatment of seed entails a series of problems which cannot always be solved in a satisfactory manner. Thus, it is desirable to develop methods for protecting the seed and the germinating plant that remove the need for, or at least significantly reduce, the additional delivery of crop protection compositions in the course of storage,  
15 after sowing or after the emergence of the plants. It is desirable, furthermore, to optimize the amount of active ingredient employed in such a way as to provide the best-possible protection to the seed and the germinating plant from attack by insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens, but without causing damage to the plant itself by the active ingredient employed. In particular, methods for treating seed ought also to take into consideration the intrinsic insecticidal and/or nematicidal properties of pest-  
20 resistant or pest-tolerant transgenic plants, in order to achieve optimum protection of the seed and of the germinating plant with a minimal use of crop protection compositions.

The present invention therefore also relates in particular to a method for protecting seed and germinating plants from attack by pests, by treating the seed with isolated gougerotin as defined above and at least one biological control agent and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective  
25 strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens and optionally at least one fungicide and/or optionally at least one insecticide of the invention. The method of the invention for protecting seed and germinating plants from attack by pests encompasses a method in which the seed is treated simultaneously in one operation with isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent,  
30 and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide. It also encompasses a method in which the seed is treated at different times with isolated gougerotin and the at least one further biological control agent, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide.

The invention likewise relates to the use of the composition of the invention for treating seed for the purpose of protecting the seed and the resultant plant against insects, mites, nematodes and/or  
35 phytopathogens.

The invention also relates to a seed which at the same time has been treated with isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent, and optionally at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide. The invention further relates to a seed which has been treated at different times with isolated gougerotin and the at least one biological control agent and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide. In the case of a seed which has been treated at different times with isolated gougerotin and the at least one further biological control agent, and optionally the at least one fungicide and/or the at least one insecticide, the individual active ingredients in the composition of the invention may be present in different layers on the seed.

Furthermore, the invention relates to a seed which, following treatment with the composition of the invention, is subjected to a film-coating process in order to prevent dust abrasion of the seed.

One of the advantages of the present invention is that, owing to the particular systemic properties of the compositions of the invention, the treatment of the seed with these compositions provides protection from insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens not only to the seed itself but also to the plants originating from the seed, after they have emerged. In this way, it may not be necessary to treat the crop directly at the time of sowing or shortly thereafter.

A further advantage is to be seen in the fact that, through the treatment of the seed with composition of the invention, germination and emergence of the treated seed may be promoted.

It is likewise considered to be advantageous composition of the invention may also be used, in particular, on transgenic seed.

It is also stated that the composition of the invention may be used in combination with agents of the signalling technology, as a result of which, for example, colonization with symbionts is improved, such as rhizobia, mycorrhiza and/or endophytic bacteria, for example, is enhanced, and/or nitrogen fixation is optimized.

The compositions of the invention are suitable for protecting seed of any variety of plant which is used in agriculture, in greenhouses, in forestry or in horticulture. More particularly, the seed in question is that of cereals (e.g. wheat, barley, rye, oats and millet), maize, cotton, soybeans, rice, potatoes, sunflower, coffee, tobacco, canola, oilseed rape, beets (e.g. sugar beet and fodder beet), peanuts, vegetables (e.g. tomato, cucumber, bean, brassicas, onions and lettuce), fruit plants, lawns and ornamentals. Particularly important is the treatment of the seed of cereals (such as wheat, barley, rye and oats) maize, soybeans, cotton, canola, oilseed rape and rice.

As already mentioned above, the treatment of transgenic seed with the composition of the invention is particularly important. The seed in question here is that of plants which generally contain at least one heterologous gene that controls the expression of a polypeptide having, in particular, insecticidal and/or nematicidal properties. These heterologous genes in transgenic seed may come from microorganisms



such as *Bacillus*, *Rhizobium*, *Pseudomonas*, *Serratia*, *Trichoderma*, *Clavibacter*, *Glomus* or *Gliocladium*. The present invention is particularly suitable for the treatment of transgenic seed which contains at least one heterologous gene from *Bacillus sp.* With particular preference, the heterologous gene in question comes from *Bacillus thuringiensis*.

- 5 For the purposes of the present invention, the composition of the invention is applied alone or in a suitable formulation to the seed. The seed is preferably treated in a condition in which its stability is such that no damage occurs in the course of the treatment. Generally speaking, the seed may be treated at any point in time between harvesting and sowing. Typically, seed is used which has been separated from the plant and has had cobs, hulls, stems, husks, hair or pulp removed. Thus, for example, seed may  
10 be used that has been harvested, cleaned and dried to a moisture content of less than 15% by weight. Alternatively, seed can also be used that after drying has been treated with water, for example, and then dried again.

When treating seed it is necessary, generally speaking, to ensure that the amount of the composition of the invention, and/or of other additives, that is applied to the seed is selected such that the germination  
15 of the seed is not adversely affected, and/or that the plant which emerges from the seed is not damaged. This is the case in particular with active ingredients which may exhibit phytotoxic effects at certain application rates.

The compositions of the invention can be applied directly, in other words without comprising further components and without having been diluted. As a general rule, it is preferable to apply the  
20 compositions in the form of a suitable formulation to the seed. Suitable formulations and methods for seed treatment are known to the skilled person and are described in, for example, the following documents: US 4,272,417 A, US 4,245,432 A, US 4,808,430 A, US 5,876,739 A, US 2003/0176428 A1, WO 2002/080675 A1, WO 2002/028186 A2.

The combinations which can be used in accordance with the invention may be converted into the  
25 customary seed-dressing formulations, such as solutions, emulsions, suspensions, powders, foams, slurries or other coating compositions for seed, and also ULV formulations.

These formulations are prepared in a known manner, by mixing composition with customary adjuvants, such as, for example, customary extenders and also solvents or diluents, colorants, wetters, dispersants, emulsifiers, antifoams, preservatives, secondary thickeners, stickers, gibberellins, and also water.

- 30 Colorants which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention include all colorants which are customary for such purposes. In this context it is possible to use not only pigments, which are of low solubility in water, but also water-soluble dyes. Examples include the colorants known under the designations Rhodamin B, C.I. Pigment Red 112 and C.I. Solvent Red 1.

Wetters which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention include all of the substances which promote wetting and which are customary in the formulation of active agrochemical ingredients. Use may be made preferably of alkylnaphthalenesulphonates, such as diisopropyl- or diisobutyl-naphthalenesulphonates.

- 5 Dispersants and/or emulsifiers which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention include all of the nonionic, anionic and cationic dispersants that are customary in the formulation of active agrochemical ingredients. Use may be made preferably of nonionic or anionic dispersants or of mixtures of nonionic or anionic dispersants. Suitable nonionic dispersants are, in particular, ethylene oxide-propylene oxide block polymers, alkylphenol polyglycol  
10 ethers and also tristyrylphenol polyglycol ethers, and the phosphated or sulphated derivatives of these. Suitable anionic dispersants are, in particular, lignosulphonates, salts of polyacrylic acid, and arylsulphonate-formaldehyde condensates.

- Antifoams which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention include all of the foam inhibitors that are customary in the formulation of active  
15 agrochemical ingredients. Use may be made preferably of silicone antifoams and magnesium stearate.

Preservatives which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention include all of the substances which can be employed for such purposes in agrochemical compositions. Examples include dichlorophen and benzyl alcohol hemiformal.

- Secondary thickeners which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in  
20 accordance with the invention include all substances which can be used for such purposes in agrochemical compositions. Those contemplated with preference include cellulose derivatives, acrylic acid derivatives, xanthan, modified clays and highly disperse silica.

- Stickers which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention include all customary binders which can be used in seed-dressing products. Preferred  
25 mention may be made of polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl alcohol and tylose.

- Gibberellins which may be present in the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention include preferably the gibberellins A1, A3 (= gibberellic acid), A4 and A7, with gibberellic acid being used with particular preference. The gibberellins are known (cf. R. Wegler, "Chemie der Pflanzenschutz- und Schädlingsbekämpfungsmittel", Volume 2, Springer Verlag, 1970, pp.  
30 401-412).

The seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention may be used, either directly or after prior dilution with water, to treat seed of any of a wide variety of types. Accordingly, the concentrates or the preparations obtainable from them by dilution with water may be employed to dress the seed of cereals, such as wheat, barley, rye, oats and triticale, and also the seed of maize, rice,

oilseed rape, peas, beans, cotton, sunflowers and beets, or else the seed of any of a very wide variety of vegetables. The seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention, or their diluted preparations, may also be used to dress seed of transgenic plants. In that case, additional synergistic effects may occur in interaction with the substances formed through expression.

- 5 For the treatment of a seed with the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention, or with the preparations produced from them by addition of water, suitable mixing equipment includes all such equipment which can typically be employed for seed dressing. More particularly, the procedure when carrying out seed dressing is to place the seed in a mixer, to add the particular desired amount of seed-dressing formulations, either as such or following dilution with water  
10 beforehand, and to carry out mixing until the distribution of the formulation on the seed is uniform. This may be followed by a drying operation.

The application rate of the seed-dressing formulations which can be used in accordance with the invention may be varied within a relatively wide range. It is guided by the particular amount of the isolated gougertin and the at least one biological control agent in the formulations, and by the seed. The  
15 application rates in the case of the composition are situated generally at between 0.001 and 50 g per kilogram of seed, preferably between 0.01 and 15 g per kilogram of seed.

The compositions according to the invention, in case they exhibit insecticidal and miticidal and/or nematicidal activity, in combination with good plant tolerance and favourable toxicity to warm-blooded animals and being tolerated well by the environment, are suitable for protecting plants and plant organs,  
20 for increasing harvest yields, for improving the quality of the harvested material and for controlling animal pests, in particular insects, mites, arachnids, helminths, nematodes and molluscs, which are encountered in agriculture, in horticulture, in animal husbandry, in forests, in gardens and leisure facilities, in protection of stored products and of materials, and in the hygiene sector. They can be preferably employed as plant protection agents. In particular, the present invention relates to the use of  
25 the composition according to the invention as insecticide and/or fungicide.

They are active against normally sensitive and resistant species and against all or some stages of development. The abovementioned pests include:

Pests from the phylum Arthropoda, especially from the class Arachnida, for example, *Acarus* spp., *Aceria sheldoni*, *Aculops* spp., *Aculus* spp., *Amblyomma* spp., *Amphitetranychus viennensis*, *Argas* spp., *Boophilus* spp., *Brevipalpus* spp., *Bryobia graminum*, *Bryobia praetiosa*, *Centruroides* spp.,  
30 *Chorioptes* spp., *Dermanyssus gallinae*, *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus*, *Dermatophagoides farinae*, *Dermacentor* spp., *Eotetranychus* spp., *Epitrimerus pyri*, *Eutetranychus* spp., *Eriophyes* spp., *Glycyphagus domesticus*, *Halotydeus destructor*, *Hemitarsonemus* spp., *Hyalomma* spp., *Ixodes* spp., *Latrodectus* spp., *Loxosceles* spp., *Metatetranychus* spp., *Neutrombicula autumnalis*, *Nuphessa* spp.,  
35 *Oligonychus* spp., *Ornithodoros* spp., *Ornithonyssus* spp., *Panonychus* spp., *Phyllocoptura oleivora*,

Polyphagotarsonemus latus, Psoroptes spp., Rhipicephalus spp., Rhizoglyphus spp., Sarcoptes spp., Scorpio maurus, Steneotarsonemus spp., Steneotarsonemus spinki, Tarsonemus spp., Tetranychus spp., Trombicula alfreddugesi, Vaejovis spp., Vasates lycopersici;

In particular clover mite, brown mite, hazelnut spider mite, asparagus spider mite, brown wheat mite, legume mite, oxalis mite, boxwood mite, Texas citrus mite, Oriental red mite, citrus red mite, European red mite, yellow spider mite, fig spider mite, Lewis spider mite, six-spotted spider mite, Willamette mite Yuma spider mite, web-spinning mite, pineapple mite, citrus green mite, honey-locust spider mite, tea red spider mite, southern red mite, avocado brown mite, spruce spider mite, avocado red mite, Banks grass mite, carmine spider mite, desert spider mite, vegetable spider mite, tumid spider mite, strawberry spider mite, two-spotted spider mite, McDaniel mite, Pacific spider mite, hawthorn spider mite, four-spotted spider mite, Schoenei spider mite, Chilean false spider mite, citrus flat mite, privet mite, flat scarlet mite, white-tailed mite, pineapple tarsonemid mite, West Indian sugar cane mite, bulb scale mite, cyclamen mite, broad mite, winter grain mite, red-legged earth mite, filbert big-bud mite, grape erineum mite, pear blister leaf mite, apple leaf edgeroller mite, peach mosaic vector mite, alder bead gall mite, Perian walnut leaf gall mite, pecan leaf edgeroll mite, fig bud mite, olive bud mite, citrus bud mite, litchi erineum mite, wheat curl mite, coconut flower and nut mite, sugar cane blister mite, buffalo grass mite, bermuda grass mite, carrot bud mite, sweet potato leaf gall mite, pomegranate leaf curl mite, ash sprangle gall mite, maple bladder gall mite, alder erineum mite, redberry mite, cotton blister mite, blueberry bud mite, pink tea rust mite, ribbed tea mite, grey citrus mite, sweet potato rust mite, horse chestnut rust mite, citrus rust mite, apple rust mite, grape rust mite, pear rust mite, flat needle sheath pine mite, wild rose bud and fruit mite, dryberry mite, mango rust mite, azalea rust mite, plum rust mite, peach silver mite, apple rust mite, tomato russet mite, pink citrus rust mite, cereal rust mite, rice rust mite;

from the class Chilopoda, for example, Geophilus spp., Scutigera spp.;

from the order or the class Collembola, for example, Onychiurus armatus;

from the class Diplopoda, for example, Blaniulus guttulatus;

from the class Insecta, e.g. from the order Blattodea, for example, Blattella asahinai, Blattella germanica, Blatta orientalis, Leucophaea maderae, Panchlora spp., Parcoblatta spp., Periplaneta spp., Supella longipalpa;

from the order Coleoptera, for example, Acalymma vittatum, Acanthoscelides obtectus, Adoretus spp., Agelastica alni, Agriotes spp., Alphitobius diaperinus, Amphimallon solstitialis, Anobium punctatum, Anoplophora spp., Anthonomus spp., Anthrenus spp., Apion spp., Apogonia spp., Atomaria spp., Attagenus spp., Bruchidius obtectus, Bruchus spp., Cassida spp., Cerotoma trifurcata, Ceutorrhynchus spp., Chaetocnema spp., Cleonus mendicus, Conoderus spp., Cosmopolites spp., Costelytra zealandica,

Ctenicera spp., Curculio spp., Cryptolestes ferrugineus, Cryptorhynchus lapathi, Cyndrocopturus spp., Dermestes spp., Diabrotica spp., Dichocrocis spp., Dieladispa armigera, Diloboderus spp., Epilachna spp., Epitrix spp., Faustinus spp., Gibbium psylloides, Gnathocerus cornutus, Hellula undalis, Heteronychus arator, Heteronyx spp., Hylamorpha elegans, Hylotrupes bajulus, Hypera postica, 5 Hypomeces squamosus, Hypothenemus spp., Lachnosterna consanguinea, Lasioderma serricorne, Latheticus oryzae, Lathridius spp., Lema spp., Leptinotarsa decemlineata, Leucoptera spp., Lissorhoptrus oryzophilus, Lixus spp., Luperodes spp., Lyctus spp., Megascelis spp., Melanotus spp., Meligethes aeneus, Melolontha spp., Migdolus spp., Monochamus spp., Naupactus xanthographus, Necrobia spp., Niptus hololeucus, Oryctes rhinoceros, Oryzaephilus surinamensis, Oryzaphagus oryzae, 10 Otiorrhynchus spp., Oxycetonia jucunda, Phaedon cochleariae, Phyllophaga spp., Phyllophaga helleri, Phyllotreta spp., Popillia japonica, Premnotrypes spp., Prosthephanus truncatus, Psylliodes spp., Ptinus spp., Rhizobius ventralis, Rhizopertha dominica, Sitophilus spp., Sitophilus oryzae, Sphenophorus spp., Stegobium paniceum, Sternechus spp., Symphyletes spp., Tanymericus spp., Tenebrio molitor, Tenebrioides mauretanicus, Tribolium spp., Trogoderma spp., Tychius spp., Xylotrechus spp., Zabrus 15 spp.;

preferably from Banded cucumber beetle (*Diabrotica balteata*), Northern corn rootworm (*Diabrotica barberi*), Southern corn rootworm (*Diabrotica undecimpunctata howardi*), Western cucumber beetle (*Diabrotica undecimpunctata tenella*), Western spotted cucumber beetle (*Diabrotica undecimpunctata undecimpunctata*), Western corn rootworm (*Diabrotica virgifera virgifera*), Mexican corn rootworm 20 (*Diabrotica virgifera zea*);

from the order Diptera, for example, *Aedes* spp., *Agromyza* spp., *Anastrepha* spp., *Anopheles* spp., *Asphondylia* spp., *Bactrocera* spp., *Bibio hortulanus*, *Calliphora erythrocephala*, *Calliphora vicina*, *Ceratitis capitata*, *Chironomus* spp., *Chrysomya* spp., *Chrysops* spp., *Chrysozona pluvialis*, *Cochliomyia* spp., *Contarinia* spp., *Cordylobia anthropophaga*, *Cricotopus sylvestris*, *Culex* spp., 25 *Culicoides* spp., *Culiseta* spp., *Cuterebra* spp., *Dacus oleae*, *Dasyneura* spp., *Delia* spp., *Dermatobia hominis*, *Drosophila* spp., *Echinocnemus* spp., *Fannia* spp., *Gasterophilus* spp., *Glossina* spp., *Haematopota* spp., *Hydrellia* spp., *Hydrellia griseola*, *Hylemya* spp., *Hippobosca* spp., *Hypoderma* spp., *Liriomyza* spp., *Lucilia* spp., *Lutzomyia* spp., *Mansonia* spp., *Musca* spp., *Oestrus* spp., *Oscinella frit*, *Paratanytarsus* spp., *Paralauterborniella subcincta*, *Pegomyia* spp., *Phlebotomus* spp., *Phorbia* spp., 30 *Phormia* spp., *Piophilus casei*, *Prodiplosis* spp., *Psila rosae*, *Rhagoletis* spp., *Sarcophaga* spp., *Simulium* spp., *Stomoxys* spp., *Tabanus* spp., *Tetanops* spp., *Tipula* spp.;

from the order Heteroptera, for example, *Anasa tristis*, *Antestiopsis* spp., *Boisea* spp., *Blissus* spp., *Calocoris* spp., *Campylomma livida*, *Cavelerius* spp., *Cimex* spp., *Collaria* spp., *Creontiades dilutus*, *Dasynus piperis*, *Dichelops furcatus*, *Diconocoris hewetti*, *Dysdercus* spp., *Euschistus* spp., *Eurygaster* 35 spp., *Heliopeltis* spp., *Horcias nobilellus*, *Leptocorisa* spp., *Leptocorisa varicornis*, *Leptoglossus phyllopus*, *Lygus* spp., *Macropes excavatus*, *Miridae*, *Monalonion atratum*, *Nezara* spp., *Oebalus* spp.,

Pentomidae, *Piesma quadrata*, *Piezodorus* spp., *Psallus* spp., *Pseudacysta perseae*, *Rhodnius* spp., *Sahlbergella singularis*, *Scaptocoris castanea*, *Scotinophora* spp., *Stephanitis nashi*, *Tibraca* spp., *Triatoma* spp.;

- from the order Homoptera, for example, *Acizzia acaciaebaileyanae*, *Acizzia dodonaeae*, *Acizzia uncatoides*, *Acrida turrata*, *Acyrtosipon* spp., *Acrogonia* spp., *Aeneolamia* spp., *Agonosцена* spp., *Aleyrodes prolella*, *Aleurolobus barodensis*, *Aleurothrixus floccosus*, *Allocaudata malayensis*, *Amrasca* spp., *Anuraphis cardui*, *Aonidiella* spp., *Aphanostigma piri*, *Aphis* spp., *Arboridia apicalis*, *Arytainilla* spp., *Aspidiella* spp., *Aspidiotus* spp., *Atanus* spp., *Aulacorthum solani*, *Bemisia tabaci*, *Blastopsylla occidentalis*, *Boreioglycaspis melaleucae*, *Brachycaudus helichrysi*, *Brachycolus* spp., *Brevicoryne brassicae*, *Cacopsylla* spp., *Calligypona marginata*, *Carneocephala fulgida*, *Ceratovacuna lanigera*, *Cercopidae*, *Ceroplastes* spp., *Chaetosiphon fragaefolii*, *Chionaspis tegalensis*, *Chlorita onukii*, *Chondracris rosea*, *Chromaphis juglandicola*, *Chrysomphalus ficus*, *Cicadulina mbila*, *Coccoxymylus halli*, *Coccus* spp., *Cryptomyzus ribis*, *Cryptoneossa* spp., *Ctenarytaina* spp., *Dalbulus* spp., *Dialeurodes citri*, *Diaphorina citri*, *Diaspis* spp., *Drosicha* spp., *Dysaphis* spp., *Dysmicoccus* spp., *Empoasca* spp., *Eriosoma* spp., *Erythroneura* spp., *Eucalyptolyma* spp., *Euphyllura* spp., *Euscelis bilobatus*, *Ferrisia* spp., *Geococcus coffeae*, *Glycaspis* spp., *Heteropsylla cubana*, *Heteropsylla spinulosa*, *Homalodisca coagulata*, *Hyalopterus arundinis*, *Icerya* spp., *Idiocerus* spp., *Idioscopus* spp., *Laodelphax striatellus*, *Lecanium* spp., *Lepidosaphes* spp., *Lipaphis erysimi*, *Macrosiphum* spp., *Macrosteles facifrons*, *Mahanarva* spp., *Melanaphis sacchari*, *Metcalfiella* spp., *Metopolophium dirhodum*, *Monellia costalis*, *Monelliopsis pecanis*, *Myzus* spp., *Nasonovia ribisnigri*, *Nephotettix* spp., *Nettignoniella spectra*, *Nilaparvata lugens*, *Oncometopia* spp., *Orthezia praelonga*, *Oxya chinensis*, *Pachyphyla* spp., *Parabemisia myricae*, *Paratrioza* spp., *Parlatoria* spp., *Pemphigus* spp., *Peregrinus maidis*, *Phenacoccus* spp., *Phloeomyzus passerinii*, *Phorodon humuli*, *Phylloxera* spp., *Pinnaspis aspidistrae*, *Planococcus* spp., *Prosopidopsylla flava*, *Protopulvinaria pyriformis*, *Pseudaulacaspis pentagona*, *Pseudococcus* spp., *Psyllopsis* spp., *Psylla* spp., *Pteromalus* spp., *Pyrilla* spp., *Quadraspidotus* spp., *Quesada gigas*, *Rastrococcus* spp., *Rhopalosiphum* spp., *Saissetia* spp., *Scaphoideus titanus*, *Schizaphis graminum*, *Selenaspis articulatus*, *Sogata* spp., *Sogatella furcifera*, *Sogatodes* spp., *Stictocephala festina*, *Siphoninus phillyrae*, *Tenalaphara malayensis*, *Tetragonocephala* spp., *Tinocallis caryaefoliae*, *Tomaspis* spp., *Toxoptera* spp., *Trialeurodes vaporariorum*, *Trioza* spp., *Typhlocyba* spp., *Unaspis* spp., *Viteus vitifolii*, *Zygina* spp.;

from the order Hymenoptera, for example, *Acromyrmex* spp., *Athalia* spp., *Atta* spp., *Diprion* spp., *Hoplocampa* spp., *Lasius* spp., *Monomorium pharaonis*, *Sirex* spp., *Solenopsis invicta*, *Tapinoma* spp., *Urocerus* spp., *Vespa* spp., *Xeris* spp.;

from the order Isopoda, for example, *Armadillidium vulgare*, *Oniscus asellus*, *Porcellio scaber*;

- from the order Isoptera, for example, *Coptotermes* spp., *Cornitermes cumulans*, *Cryptotermes* spp., *Incisitermes* spp., *Microtermes obesi*, *Odontotermes* spp., *Reticulitermes* spp.;

from the order Lepidoptera, for example, *Achroia grisella*, *Acronicta major*, *Adoxophyes* spp., *Aedia leucomelas*, *Agrotis* spp., *Alabama* spp., *Amyelois transitella*, *Anarsia* spp., *Anticarsia* spp., *Argyroproce* spp., *Barathra brassicae*, *Borbo cinnara*, *Bucculatrix thurberiella*, *Bupalus piniarius*, *Busseola* spp., *Cacoecia* spp., *Caloptilia theivora*, *Capua reticulana*, *Carpocapsa pomonella*, *Carposina niponensis*, *Cheimatobia brumata*, *Chilo* spp., *Choristoneura* spp., *Clysia ambiguella*, *Cnaphalocerus* spp., *Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*, *Cnephasia* spp., *Conopomorpha* spp., *Conotrachelus* spp., *Copitarsia* spp., *Cydia* spp., *Dalaca noctuides*, *Diaphania* spp., *Diatraea saccharalis*, *Earias* spp., *Ecdytolopha aurantium*, *Elasmopalpus lignosellus*, *Eldana saccharina*, *Ephestia* spp., *Epinotia* spp., *Epiphyas postvittana*, *Etiella* spp., *Eulia* spp., *Eupoecilia ambiguella*, *Euproctis* spp., *Euxoa* spp., *Feltia* spp., *Galleria mellonella*, *Gracillaria* spp., *Grapholitha* spp., *Hedylepta* spp., *Helicoverpa* spp., *Heliothis* spp., *Hofmannophila pseudospretella*, *Homoeosoma* spp., *Homona* spp., *Hyponomeuta padella*, *Kakivoria flavofasciata*, *Laphygma* spp., *Laspeyresia molesta*, *Leucinodes orbonalis*, *Leucoptera* spp., *Lithocolletis* spp., *Lithophane antennata*, *Lobesia* spp., *Loxagrotis albicosta*, *Lymantria* spp., *Lyonetia* spp., *Malacosoma neustria*, *Maruca testulalis*, *Mamstra brassicae*, *Melanitis leda*, *Mocis* spp., *Monopis obviella*, *Mythimna separata*, *Nemapogon cloacellus*, *Nymphula* spp., *Oiketicus* spp., *Oria* spp., *Orthaga* spp., *Ostrinia* spp., *Oulema oryzae*, *Panolis flammea*, *Parnara* spp., *Pectinophora* spp., *Perileucoptera* spp., *Phthorimaea* spp., *Phyllocnistis citrella*, *Phyllonorycter* spp., *Pieris* spp., *Platynota stultana*, *Plodia interpunctella*, *Plusia* spp., *Plutella xylostella*, *Prays* spp., *Prodenia* spp., *Protoparce* spp., *Pseudaletia* spp., *Pseudaletia unipuncta*, *Pseudoplusia includens*, *Pyrausta nubilalis*, *Rachiplusia nu*, *Schoenobius* spp., *Scirpophaga* spp., *Scirpophaga innotata*, *Scotia segetum*, *Sesamia* spp., *Sesamia inferens*, *Sparganothis* spp., *Spodoptera* spp., *Spodoptera praefica*, *Stathmopoda* spp., *Stomopteryx subsecivella*, *Synanthedon* spp., *Tecia solanivora*, *Thermesia gemmatalis*, *Tinea cloacella*, *Tinea pellionella*, *Tineola bisselliella*, *Tortrix* spp., *Trichophaga tapetzella*, *Trichoplusia* spp., *Tryporyza incertulas*, *Tuta absoluta*, *Virachola* spp.;

25 from the order Orthoptera or Saltatoria, for example, *Acheta domesticus*, *Dichroplus* spp., *Gryllotalpa* spp., *Hieroglyphus* spp., *Locusta* spp., *Melanoplus* spp., *Schistocerca gregaria*;

from the order Phthiraptera, for example, *Damalinia* spp., *Haematopinus* spp., *Linognathus* spp., *Pediculus* spp., *Ptirus pubis*, *Trichodectes* spp.;

from the order Psocoptera for example *Lepinatus* spp., *Liposcelis* spp.;

30 from the order Siphonaptera, for example, *Ceratophyllus* spp., *Ctenocephalides* spp., *Pulex irritans*, *Tunga penetrans*, *Xenopsylla cheopsis*;

from the order Thysanoptera, for example, *Anaphothrips obscurus*, *Baliothrips biformis*, *Drepanothrips reuteri*, *Enneothrips flavens*, *Frankliniella* spp., *Heliothrips* spp., *Hercinothrips femoralis*, *Rhipiphorothers cruentatus*, *Scirtothrips* spp., *Taeniothrips cardamomi*, *Thrips* spp.;

from the order Zygentoma (=Thysanura), for example, Ctenolepisma spp., Lepisma saccharina, Lepismodes inquilinus, Thermobia domestica;

from the class Symphyla, for example, Scutigera spp.;

pests from the phylum Mollusca, especially from the class Bivalvia, for example, Dreissena spp., and  
5 from the class Gastropoda, for example, Arion spp., Biomphalaria spp., Bulinus spp., Deroceras spp., Galba spp., Lymnaea spp., Oncomelania spp., Pomacea spp., Succinea spp.;

animal pests from the phyla Plathelminthes and Nematoda, for example, Ancylostoma duodenale, Ancylostoma ceylanicum, Ancylostoma braziliense, Ancylostoma spp., Ascaris spp., Brugia malayi, Brugia timori, Bunostomum spp., Chabertia spp., Clonorchis spp., Cooperia spp., Dicrocoelium spp.,  
10 Dictyocaulus filaria, Diphylobothrium latum, Dracunculus medinensis, Echinococcus granulosus, Echinococcus multilocularis, Enterobius vermicularis, Fasciola spp., Haemonchus spp., Heterakis spp., Hymenolepis nana, Hyostrogylus spp., Loa Loa, Nematodirus spp., Oesophagostomum spp., Opisthorchis spp., Onchocerca volvulus, Ostertagia spp., Paragonimus spp., Schistosoma spp., Strongyloides fuelleborni, Strongyloides stercoralis, Strongyloides spp., Taenia saginata, Taenia solium,  
15 Trichinella spiralis, Trichinella nativa, Trichinella britovi, Trichinella nelsoni, Trichinella pseudospiralis, Trichostrongylus spp., Trichuris trichuria, Wuchereria bancrofti;

phytoparasitic pests from the phylum Nematoda, for example, Aphelenchoides spp., Bursaphelenchus spp., Ditylenchus spp., Globodera spp., Heterodera spp., Longidorus spp., Meloidogyne spp., Pratylenchus spp., Radopholus spp., Trichodorus spp., Tylenchulus spp., Xiphinema spp.,  
20 Helicotylenchus spp., Tylenchorhynchus spp., Scutellonema spp., Paratrichodorus spp., Meloinema spp., Paraphelenchus spp., Aglenchus spp., Belonolaimus spp., Nacobbus spp., Rotylenchulus spp., Rotylenchus spp., Neotylenchus spp., Paraphelenchus spp., Dolichodorus spp., Hoplolaimus spp., Punctodera spp., Criconemella spp., Quinisulcius spp., Hemicycliophora spp., Anguina spp., Subanguina spp., Hemicriconemoides spp., Psilenchus spp., Pseudohalenchus spp., Criconemoides spp., Cacopaurus  
25 spp., Hirschmaniella spp., *Tetylenchus* spp..

It is furthermore possible to control organisms from the subphylum Protozoa, especially from the order Coccidia, such as Eimeria spp.

Furthermore, the composition according to the present invention preferably has potent microbicidal activity and can be used for control of unwanted microorganisms, such as fungi and bacteria, in crop  
30 protection and in the protection of materials.

The invention also relates to a method for controlling unwanted microorganisms, characterized in that the inventive composition is applied to the phytopathogenic fungi, phytopathogenic bacteria and/or their habitat.



Fungicides can be used in crop protection for control of phytopathogenic fungi. They are characterized by an outstanding efficacy against a broad spectrum of phytopathogenic fungi, including soilborne pathogens, which are in particular members of the classes *Plasmodiophoromycetes*, *Peronosporomycetes* (Syn. *Oomycetes*), *Chytridiomycetes*, *Zygomycetes*, *Ascomycetes*, *Basidiomycetes* 5 and *Deuteromycetes* (Syn. *Fungi imperfecti*). Some fungicides are systemically active and can be used in plant protection as foliar, seed dressing or soil fungicide. Furthermore, they are suitable for combating fungi, which inter alia infest wood or roots of plant.

Bactericides can be used in crop protection for control of *Pseudomonadaceae*, *Rhizobiaceae*, *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Corynebacteriaceae* and *Streptomycetaceae*.

10 Non-limiting examples of pathogens of fungal diseases which can be treated in accordance with the invention include:

diseases caused by powdery mildew pathogens, for example *Blumeria* species, for example *Blumeria graminis*; *Podosphaera* species, for example *Podosphaera leucotricha*; *Sphaerotheca* species, for example *Sphaerotheca fuliginea*; *Uncinula* species, for example *Uncinula necator*;

15 diseases caused by rust disease pathogens, for example *Gymnosporangium* species, for example *Gymnosporangium sabinae*; *Hemileia* species, for example *Hemileia vastatrix*; *Phakopsora* species, for example *Phakopsora pachyrhizi* and *Phakopsora meibomiae*; *Puccinia* species, for example *Puccinia recondite*, *P. triticina*, *P. graminis* or *P. striiformis* or *P. hordei*; *Uromyces* species, for example *Uromyces appendiculatus*;

20 diseases caused by pathogens from the group of the *Oomycetes*, for example *Albugo* species, for example *Albugo candida*; *Bremia* species, for example *Bremia lactucae*; *Peronospora* species, for example *Peronospora pisi*, *P. parasitica* or *P. brassicae*; *Phytophthora* species, for example *Phytophthora infestans*; *Plasmopara* species, for example *Plasmopara viticola*; *Pseudoperonospora* species, for example *Pseudoperonospora humuli* or *Pseudoperonospora cubensis*; *Pythium* species, for 25 example *Pythium ultimum*;

leaf blotch diseases and leaf wilt diseases caused, for example, by *Alternaria* species, for example *Alternaria solani*; *Cercospora* species, for example *Cercospora beticola*; *Cladosporium* species, for example *Cladosporium cucumerinum*; *Cochliobolus* species, for example *Cochliobolus sativus* (conidia form: *Drechslera*, Syn: *Helminthosporium*), *Cochliobolus miyabeanus*; *Colletotrichum* species, for 30 example *Colletotrichum lindemuthanium*; *Cycloconium* species, for example *Cycloconium oleaginum*; *Diaporthe* species, for example *Diaporthe citri*; *Elsinoe* species, for example *Elsinoe fawcettii*; *Gloeosporium* species, for example *Gloeosporium laeticolor*; *Glomerella* species, for example *Glomerella cingulata*; *Guignardia* species, for example *Guignardia bidwelli*; *Leptosphaeria* species, for example *Leptosphaeria maculans*, *Leptosphaeria nodorum*; *Magnaporthe* species, for example

*Magnaporthe grisea*; *Microdochium* species, for example *Microdochium nivale*; *Mycosphaerella* species, for example *Mycosphaerella graminicola*, *M. arachidicola* and *M. fijiensis*; *Phaeosphaeria* species, for example *Phaeosphaeria nodorum*; *Pyrenophora* species, for example *Pyrenophora teres*, *Pyrenophora tritici repentis*; *Ramularia* species, for example *Ramularia collo-cygni*, *Ramularia areola*;  
5 *Rhynchosporium* species, for example *Rhynchosporium secalis*; *Septoria* species, for example *Septoria apii*, *Septoria lycopersii*; *Typhula* species, for example *Typhula incarnata*; *Venturia* species, for example *Venturia inaequalis*;

root and stem diseases caused, for example, by *Corticium* species, for example *Corticium graminearum*; *Fusarium* species, for example *Fusarium oxysporum*; *Gaeumannomyces* species, for example  
10 *Gaeumannomyces graminis*; *Rhizoctonia* species, such as, for example *Rhizoctonia solani*; *Sarocladium* diseases caused for example by *Sarocladium oryzae*; *Sclerotium* diseases caused for example by *Sclerotium oryzae*; *Tapesia* species, for example *Tapesia acuformis*; *Thielaviopsis* species, for example *Thielaviopsis basicola*;

ear and panicle diseases (including corn cobs) caused, for example, by *Alternaria* species, for example  
15 *Alternaria* spp.; *Aspergillus* species, for example *Aspergillus flavus*; *Cladosporium* species, for example *Cladosporium cladosporioides*; *Claviceps* species, for example *Claviceps purpurea*; *Fusarium* species, for example *Fusarium culmorum*; *Gibberella* species, for example *Gibberella zeae*; *Monographella* species, for example *Monographella nivalis*; *Septoria* species, for example *Septoria nodorum*;

diseases caused by smut fungi, for example *Sphacelotheca* species, for example *Sphacelotheca reiliana*;  
20 *Tilletia* species, for example *Tilletia caries*, *T. controversa*; *Urocystis* species, for example *Urocystis occulta*; *Ustilago* species, for example *Ustilago nuda*, *U. nuda tritici*;

fruit rot caused, for example, by *Aspergillus* species, for example *Aspergillus flavus*; *Botrytis* species, for example *Botrytis cinerea*; *Penicillium* species, for example *Penicillium expansum* and *P. purpurogenum*; *Sclerotinia* species, for example *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*; *Verticillium* species, for  
25 example *Verticillium albo-atrum*;

seed and soilborne decay, mould, wilt, rot and damping-off diseases caused, for example, by *Alternaria* species, caused for example by *Alternaria brassicicola*; *Aphanomyces* species, caused for example by *Aphanomyces euteiches*; *Ascochyta* species, caused for example by *Ascochyta lentis*; *Aspergillus* species, caused for example by *Aspergillus flavus*; *Cladosporium* species, caused for example by  
30 *Cladosporium herbarum*; *Cochliobolus* species, caused for example by *Cochliobolus sativus*; (Conidiaform: Drechslera, Bipolaris Syn: Helminthosporium); *Colletotrichum* species, caused for example by *Colletotrichum coccodes*; *Fusarium* species, caused for example by *Fusarium culmorum*; *Gibberella* species, caused for example by *Gibberella zeae*; *Macrophomina* species, caused for example by *Macrophomina phaseolina*; *Monographella* species, caused for example by *Monographella nivalis*;  
35 *Penicillium* species, caused for example by *Penicillium expansum*; *Phoma* species, caused for example

by *Phoma lingam*; *Phomopsis* species, caused for example by *Phomopsis sojae*; *Phytophthora* species, caused for example by *Phytophthora cactorum*; *Pyrenophora* species, caused for example by *Pyrenophora graminea*; *Pyricularia* species, caused for example by *Pyricularia oryzae*; *Pythium* species, caused for example by *Pythium ultimum*; *Rhizoctonia* species, caused for example by *Rhizoctonia solani*; *Rhizopus* species, caused for example by *Rhizopus oryzae*; *Sclerotium* species, caused for example by *Sclerotium rolfsii*; *Septoria* species, caused for example by *Septoria nodorum*; *Typhula* species, caused for example by *Typhula incarnata*; *Verticillium* species, caused for example by *Verticillium dahliae*;

cancers, galls and witches' broom caused, for example, by *Nectria* species, for example *Nectria galligena*;

wilt diseases caused, for example, by *Monilinia* species, for example *Monilinia laxa*;

leaf blister or leaf curl diseases caused, for example, by *Exobasidium* species, for example *Exobasidium vexans*;

*Taphrina* species, for example *Taphrina deformans*;

decline diseases of wooden plants caused, for example, by Esca disease, caused for example by *Phaemoniella clamydospora*, *Phaeoacremonium aleophilum* and *Fomitiporia mediterranea*; Eutypa dyebark, caused for example by *Eutypa lata*; Ganoderma diseases caused for example by *Ganoderma boninense*; Rigidoporus diseases caused for example by *Rigidoporus lignosus*;

diseases of flowers and seeds caused, for example, by *Botrytis* species, for example *Botrytis cinerea*;

diseases of plant tubers caused, for example, by *Rhizoctonia* species, for example *Rhizoctonia solani*; *Helminthosporium* species, for example *Helminthosporium solani*;

Club root caused, for example, by *Plasmodiophora* species, for example *Plasmodiophora brassicae*;

diseases caused by bacterial pathogens, for example *Xanthomonas* species, for example *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *oryzae*; *Pseudomonas* species, for example *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *lachrymans*;

*Erwinia* species, for example *Erwinia amylovora*.

The following diseases of soya beans can be controlled with preference:

Fungal diseases on leaves, stems, pods and seeds caused, for example, by *Alternaria* leaf spot (*Alternaria spec. atrans tenuissima*), Anthracnose (*Colletotrichum gloeosporoides dematium* var. *truncatum*), brown spot (*Septoria glycines*), cercospora leaf spot and blight (*Cercospora kikuchii*), choanephora leaf blight (*Choanephora infundibulifera trispora* (Syn.)), dactuliophora leaf spot (*Dactuliophora glycines*), downy mildew (*Peronospora manshurica*), drechslera blight (*Drechslera*

glycini), frogeye leaf spot (*Cercospora sojina*), leptosphaerulina leaf spot (*Leptosphaerulina trifolii*), phyllosticta leaf spot (*Phyllosticta sojaecola*), pod and stem blight (*Phomopsis sojiae*), powdery mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*), pyrenochaeta leaf spot (*Pyrenochaeta glycines*), rhizoctonia aerial, foliage, and web blight (*Rhizoctonia solani*), rust (*Phakopsora pachyrhizi*, *Phakopsora meibomia*), scab  
5 (*Sphaceloma glycines*), stemphylium leaf blight (*Stemphylium botryosum*), target spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*).

Fungal diseases on roots and the stem base caused, for example, by black root rot (*Calonectria crotalariae*), charcoal rot (*Macrophomina phaseolina*), fusarium blight or wilt, root rot, and pod and collar rot (*Fusarium oxysporum*, *Fusarium orthoceras*, *Fusarium semitectum*, *Fusarium equiseti*),  
10 mycoleptodiscus root rot (*Mycoleptodiscus terrestris*), neocosmospora (*Neocosmospora vasinfecta*), pod and stem blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum*), stem canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*), phytophthora rot (*Phytophthora megasperma*), brown stem rot (*Phialophora gregata*), pythium rot (*Pythium aphanidermatum*, *Pythium irregulare*, *Pythium debaryanum*, *Pythium myriotylum*, *Pythium ultimum*), rhizoctonia root rot, stem decay, and damping-off (*Rhizoctonia solani*), sclerotinia stem decay  
15 (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*), sclerotinia southern blight (*Sclerotinia rolfsii*), thielaviopsis root rot (*Thielaviopsis basicola*).

The inventive compositions can be used for curative or protective/preventive control of phytopathogenic fungi. The invention therefore also relates to curative and protective methods for controlling phytopathogenic fungi by the use of the inventive composition, which is applied to the seed, the plant or  
20 plant parts, the fruit or the soil in which the plants grow.

The fact that the composition is well tolerated by plants at the concentrations required for controlling plant diseases allows the treatment of above-ground parts of plants, of propagation stock and seeds, and of the soil.

According to the invention all plants and plant parts can be treated. By plants is meant all plants and  
25 plant populations such as desirable and undesirable wild plants, cultivars and plant varieties (whether or not protectable by plant variety or plant breeder's rights). Cultivars and plant varieties can be plants obtained by conventional propagation and breeding methods which can be assisted or supplemented by one or more biotechnological methods such as by use of double haploids, protoplast fusion, random and directed mutagenesis, molecular or genetic markers or by bioengineering and genetic engineering  
30 methods. By plant parts is meant all above ground and below ground parts and organs of plants such as shoot, leaf, blossom and root, whereby for example leaves, needles, stems, branches, blossoms, fruiting bodies, fruits and seed as well as roots, corms and rhizomes are listed. Crops and vegetative and generative propagating material, for example cuttings, corms, rhizomes, runners and seeds also belong to plant parts.

The inventive composition, when it is well tolerated by plants, has favourable homeotherm toxicity and is well tolerated by the environment, is suitable for protecting plants and plant organs, for enhancing harvest yields, for improving the quality of the harvested material. It can preferably be used as crop protection composition. It is active against normally sensitive and resistant species and against all or  
5 some stages of development.

Plants which can be treated in accordance with the invention include the following main crop plants: maize, soya bean, alfalfa, cotton, sunflower, *Brassica* oil seeds such as *Brassica napus* (e.g. canola, rapeseed), *Brassica rapa*, *B. juncea* (e.g. (field) mustard) and *Brassica carinata*, *Areaceae sp.* (e.g. oilpalm, coconut), rice, wheat, sugar beet, sugar cane, oats, rye, barley, millet and sorghum, triticale,  
10 flax, nuts, grapes and vine and various fruit and vegetables from various botanic taxa, e.g. *Rosaceae sp.* (e.g. pome fruits such as apples and pears, but also stone fruits such as apricots, cherries, almonds, plums and peaches, and berry fruits such as strawberries, raspberries, red and black currant and gooseberry), *Ribesioideae sp.*, *Juglandaceae sp.*, *Betulaceae sp.*, *Anacardiaceae sp.*, *Fagaceae sp.*, *Moraceae sp.*, *Oleaceae sp.* (e.g. olive tree), *Actinidaceae sp.*, *Lauraceae sp.* (e.g. avocado, cinnamon,  
15 camphor), *Musaceae sp.* (e.g. banana trees and plantations), *Rubiaceae sp.* (e.g. coffee), *Theaceae sp.* (e.g. tea), *Sterculiaceae sp.*, *Rutaceae sp.* (e.g. lemons, oranges, mandarins and grapefruit); *Solanaceae sp.* (e.g. tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, capsicum, aubergines, tobacco), *Liliaceae sp.*, *Compositae sp.* (e.g. lettuce, artichokes and chicory – including root chicory, endive or common chicory), *Umbelliferae sp.* (e.g. carrots, parsley, celery and celeriac), *Cucurbitaceae sp.* (e.g. cucumbers – including gherkins,  
20 pumpkins, watermelons, calabashes and melons), *Alliaceae sp.* (e.g. leeks and onions), *Cruciferae sp.* (e.g. white cabbage, red cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, pak choi, kohlrabi, radishes, horseradish, cress and chinese cabbage), *Leguminosae sp.* (e.g. peanuts, peas, lentils and beans – e.g. common beans and broad beans), *Chenopodiaceae sp.* (e.g. Swiss chard, fodder beet, spinach, beetroot), *Linaceae sp.* (e.g. hemp), *Cannabaceae sp.* (e.g. cannabis), *Malvaceae sp.* (e.g. okra, cocoa),  
25 *Papaveraceae* (e.g. poppy), *Asparagaceae* (e.g. asparagus); useful plants and ornamental plants in the garden and woods including turf, lawn, grass and *Stevia rebaudiana*; and in each case genetically modified types of these plants.

Depending on the plant species or plant cultivars, their location and growth conditions (soils, climate, vegetation period, diet), using or employing the composition according to the present invention the  
30 treatment according to the invention will result in super-additive (“synergistic”) effects. Thus, for example, by using or employing inventive composition in the treatment according to the invention, reduced application rates and/or a widening of the activity spectrum and/or an increase in the activity  
better plant growth, increased tolerance to high or low temperatures, increased tolerance to drought or to water or soil salt content, increased flowering performance, easier harvesting, accelerated maturation,  
35 higher harvest yields, bigger fruits, larger plant height, greener leaf color, earlier flowering, higher quality and/or a higher nutritional value of the harvested products, higher sugar concentration within the

fruits, better storage stability and/or processability of the harvested products are possible, which exceed the effects which were actually to be expected.

At certain application rates of the inventive composition in the treatment according to the invention may also have a strengthening effect in plants. The defense system of the plant against attack by unwanted phytopathogenic fungi and/ or microorganisms and/or viruses is mobilized. Plant-strengthening (resistance-inducing) substances are to be understood as meaning, in the present context, those substances or combinations of substances which are capable of stimulating the defense system of plants in such a way that, when subsequently inoculated with unwanted phytopathogenic fungi and/or microorganisms and/or viruses, the treated plants display a substantial degree of resistance to these phytopathogenic fungi and/or microorganisms and/or viruses. Thus, by using or employing composition according to the present invention in the treatment according to the invention, plants can be protected against attack by the abovementioned pathogens within a certain period of time after the treatment. The period of time within which protection is effected generally extends from 1 to 10 days, preferably 1 to 7 days, after the treatment of the plants with the active compounds.

Plants and plant cultivars which are also preferably to be treated according to the invention are resistant against one or more biotic stresses, i.e. said plants show a better defense against animal and microbial pests, such as against nematodes, insects, mites, phytopathogenic fungi, bacteria, viruses and/or viroids.

Plants and plant cultivars which may also be treated according to the invention are those plants which are resistant to one or more abiotic stresses, i. e. that already exhibit an increased plant health with respect to stress tolerance. Abiotic stress conditions may include, for example, drought, cold temperature exposure, heat exposure, osmotic stress, flooding, increased soil salinity, increased mineral exposure, ozon exposure, high light exposure, limited availability of nitrogen nutrients, limited availability of phosphorus nutrients, shade avoidance. Preferably, the treatment of these plants and cultivars with the composition of the present invention additionally increases the overall plant health (cf. above).

Plants and plant cultivars which may also be treated according to the invention, are those plants characterized by enhanced yield characteristics, i. e. that already exhibit an increased plant health with respect to this feature. Increased yield in said plants can be the result of, for example, improved plant physiology, growth and development, such as water use efficiency, water retention efficiency, improved nitrogen use, enhanced carbon assimilation, improved photosynthesis, increased germination efficiency and accelerated maturation.

Yield can furthermore be affected by improved plant architecture (under stress and non-stress conditions), including but not limited to, early flowering, flowering control for hybrid seed production, seedling vigor, plant size, internode number and distance, root growth, seed size, fruit size, pod size, pod or ear number, seed number per pod or ear, seed mass, enhanced seed filling, reduced seed dispersal, reduced pod dehiscence and lodging resistance. Further yield traits include seed composition, such as carbohydrate content, protein content, oil content and composition, nutritional value, reduction in anti-

nutritional compounds, improved processability and better storage stability. Preferably, the treatment of these plants and cultivars with the composition of the present invention additionally increases the overall plant health (cf. above).

Plants that may be treated according to the invention are hybrid plants that already express the characteristic of heterosis or hybrid vigor which results in generally higher yield, vigor, health and resistance towards biotic and abiotic stress factors. Such plants are typically made by crossing an inbred male-sterile parent line (the female parent) with another inbred male-fertile parent line (the male parent). Hybrid seed is typically harvested from the male sterile plants and sold to growers. Male sterile plants can sometimes (e.g. in corn) be produced by detasseling, i.e. the mechanical removal of the male reproductive organs (or males flowers) but, more typically, male sterility is the result of genetic determinants in the plant genome. In that case, and especially when seed is the desired product to be harvested from the hybrid plants it is typically useful to ensure that male fertility in the hybrid plants is fully restored. This can be accomplished by ensuring that the male parents have appropriate fertility restorer genes which are capable of restoring the male fertility in hybrid plants that contain the genetic determinants responsible for male-sterility. Genetic determinants for male sterility may be located in the cytoplasm. Examples of cytoplasmic male sterility (CMS) were for instance described in Brassica species. However, genetic determinants for male sterility can also be located in the nuclear genome. Male sterile plants can also be obtained by plant biotechnology methods such as genetic engineering. A particularly useful means of obtaining male-sterile plants is described in WO 89/10396 in which, for example, a ribonuclease such as barnase is selectively expressed in the tapetum cells in the stamens. Fertility can then be restored by expression in the tapetum cells of a ribonuclease inhibitor such as barstar.

Plants or plant cultivars (obtained by plant biotechnology methods such as genetic engineering) which may be treated according to the invention are herbicide-tolerant plants, i.e. plants made tolerant to one or more given herbicides. Such plants can be obtained either by genetic transformation, or by selection of plants containing a mutation imparting such herbicide tolerance.

Herbicide-tolerant plants are for example glyphosate-tolerant plants, i.e. plants made tolerant to the herbicide glyphosate or salts thereof. Plants can be made tolerant to glyphosate through different means. For example, glyphosate-tolerant plants can be obtained by transforming the plant with a gene encoding the enzyme 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase (EPSPS). Examples of such EPSPS genes are the AroA gene (mutant CT7) of the bacterium *Salmonella typhimurium*, the CP4 gene of the bacterium *Agrobacterium sp*, the genes encoding a Petunia EPSPS, a Tomato EPSPS, or an Eleusine EPSPS. It can also be a mutated EPSPS. Glyphosate-tolerant plants can also be obtained by expressing a gene that encodes a glyphosate oxido-reductase enzyme. Glyphosate-tolerant plants can also be obtained by expressing a gene that encodes a glyphosate acetyl transferase enzyme. Glyphosate-tolerant plants can also be obtained by selecting plants containing naturally-occurring mutations of the above-mentioned genes.

Other herbicide resistant plants are for example plants that are made tolerant to herbicides inhibiting the enzyme glutamine synthase, such as bialaphos, phosphinothricin or glufosinate. Such plants can be obtained by expressing an enzyme detoxifying the herbicide or a mutant glutamine synthase enzyme that is resistant to inhibition. One such efficient detoxifying enzyme is an enzyme encoding a phosphinothricin acetyltransferase (such as the bar or pat protein from *Streptomyces* species). Plants  
5 expressing an exogenous phosphinothricin acetyltransferase are also described.

Further herbicide-tolerant plants are also plants that are made tolerant to the herbicides inhibiting the enzyme hydroxyphenylpyruvatedioxygenase (HPPD). Hydroxyphenylpyruvatedioxygenases are enzymes that catalyze the reaction in which para-hydroxyphenylpyruvate (HPP) is transformed into  
10 homogentisate.

Plants tolerant to HPPD-inhibitors can be transformed with a gene encoding a naturally-occurring resistant HPPD enzyme, or a gene encoding a mutated HPPD enzyme. Tolerance to HPPD-inhibitors can also be obtained by transforming plants with genes encoding certain enzymes enabling the formation of homogentisate despite the inhibition of the native HPPD enzyme by the HPPD-inhibitor. Tolerance of  
15 plants to HPPD inhibitors can also be improved by transforming plants with a gene encoding an enzyme prephenate dehydrogenase in addition to a gene encoding an HPPD-tolerant enzyme.

Still further herbicide resistant plants are plants that are made tolerant to acetolactate synthase (ALS) inhibitors. Known ALS-inhibitors include, for example, sulfonylurea, imidazolinone, triazolopyrimidines, pyrimidinyoxy(thio)benzoates, and/or sulfonylaminocarbonyltriazolinone  
20 herbicides. Different mutations in the ALS enzyme (also known as acetohydroxyacid synthase, AHAS) are known to confer tolerance to different herbicides and groups of herbicides. The production of sulfonylurea-tolerant plants and imidazolinone-tolerant plants is described in WO 1996/033270. Other imidazolinone-tolerant plants are also described. Further sulfonylurea- and imidazolinone-tolerant plants are also described in for example WO 2007/024782.

25 Other plants tolerant to imidazolinone and/or sulfonylurea can be obtained by induced mutagenesis, selection in cell cultures in the presence of the herbicide or mutation breeding as described for example for soybeans, for rice, for sugar beet, for lettuce, or for sunflower.

Plants or plant cultivars (obtained by plant biotechnology methods such as genetic engineering) which may also be treated according to the invention are insect-resistant transgenic plants, i.e. plants made  
30 resistant to attack by certain target insects. Such plants can be obtained by genetic transformation, or by selection of plants containing a mutation imparting such insect resistance.

An “insect-resistant transgenic plant”, as used herein, includes any plant containing at least one transgene comprising a coding sequence encoding:

- 1) An insecticidal crystal protein from *Bacillus thuringiensis* or an insecticidal portion thereof,  
35 such as the insecticidal crystal proteins listed online at:



[www.lifesci.sussex.ac.uk/Home/Neil\\_Crickmore/Bt/](http://www.lifesci.sussex.ac.uk/Home/Neil_Crickmore/Bt/), or insecticidal portions thereof, e.g., proteins of the Cry protein classes Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac, Cry1F, Cry2Ab, Cry3Aa, or Cry3Bb or insecticidal portions thereof; or

2) a crystal protein from *Bacillus thuringiensis* or a portion thereof which is insecticidal in the presence of a second other crystal protein from *Bacillus thuringiensis* or a portion thereof, such as the binary toxin made up of the Cry34 and Cry35 crystal proteins; or

3) a hybrid insecticidal protein comprising parts of different insecticidal crystal proteins from *Bacillus thuringiensis*, such as a hybrid of the proteins of 1) above or a hybrid of the proteins of 2) above, e.g., the Cry1A.105 protein produced by corn event MON98034 (WO 2007/027777); or

4) a protein of any one of 1) to 3) above wherein some, particularly 1 to 10, amino acids have been replaced by another amino acid to obtain a higher insecticidal activity to a target insect species, and/or to expand the range of target insect species affected, and/or because of changes introduced into the encoding DNA during cloning or transformation, such as the Cry3Bb1 protein in corn events MON863 or MON88017, or the Cry3A protein in corn event MIR604;

5) an insecticidal secreted protein from *Bacillus thuringiensis* or *Bacillus cereus*, or an insecticidal portion thereof, such as the vegetative insecticidal (VIP) proteins listed at:

[www.lifesci.sussex.ac.uk/home/Neil\\_Crickmore/Bt/vip.html](http://www.lifesci.sussex.ac.uk/home/Neil_Crickmore/Bt/vip.html), e.g. proteins from the VIP3Aa protein class; or

6) secreted protein from *Bacillus thuringiensis* or *Bacillus cereus* which is insecticidal in the presence of a second secreted protein from *Bacillus thuringiensis* or *B. cereus*, such as the binary toxin made up of the VIP1A and VIP2A proteins; or

7) hybrid insecticidal protein comprising parts from different secreted proteins from *Bacillus thuringiensis* or *Bacillus cereus*, such as a hybrid of the proteins in 1) above or a hybrid of the proteins in 2) above; or

8) protein of any one of 1) to 3) above wherein some, particularly 1 to 10, amino acids have been replaced by another amino acid to obtain a higher insecticidal activity to a target insect species, and/or to expand the range of target insect species affected, and/or because of changes introduced into the encoding DNA during cloning or transformation (while still encoding an insecticidal protein), such as the VIP3Aa protein in cotton event COT102.

Of course, an insect-resistant transgenic plant, as used herein, also includes any plant comprising a combination of genes encoding the proteins of any one of the above classes 1 to 8. In one embodiment, an insect-resistant plant contains more than one transgene encoding a protein of any one of the above classes 1 to 8, to expand the range of target insect species affected when using different proteins directed at different target insect species, or to delay insect resistance development to the plants by using different proteins insecticidal to the same target insect species but having a different mode of action, such as binding to different receptor binding sites in the insect.

Plants or plant cultivars (obtained by plant biotechnology methods such as genetic engineering) which may also be treated according to the invention are tolerant to abiotic stresses. Such plants can be obtained by genetic transformation, or by selection of plants containing a mutation imparting such stress resistance. Particularly useful stress tolerance plants include:

- 5 a. plants which contain a transgene capable of reducing the expression and/or the activity of poly(ADP-ribose)polymerase (PARP) gene in the plant cells or plants
  - b. plants which contain a stress tolerance enhancing transgene capable of reducing the expression and/or the activity of the poly(ADP-ribose)glycohydrolase (PARG) encoding genes of the plants or plants cells.
  - 10 c. plants which contain a stress tolerance enhancing transgene coding for a plant-functional enzyme of the nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide salvage synthesis pathway including nicotinamidase, nicotinate phosphoribosyltransferase, nicotinic acid mononucleotide adenyl transferase, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide synthetase or nicotine amide phosphorybosyltransferase.
- 15 Plants or plant cultivars (obtained by plant biotechnology methods such as genetic engineering) which may also be treated according to the invention show altered quantity, quality and/or storage-stability of the harvested product and/or altered properties of specific ingredients of the harvested product such as :
- 20 1) transgenic plants which synthesize a modified starch, which in its physical-chemical characteristics, in particular the amylose content or the amylose/amylopectin ratio, the degree of branching, the average chain length, the side chain distribution, the viscosity behaviour, the gelling strength, the starch grain size and/or the starch grain morphology, is changed in comparison with the synthesised starch in wild type plant cells or plants, so that this is better suited for special applications.
  - 25 2) transgenic plants which synthesize non starch carbohydrate polymers or which synthesize non starch carbohydrate polymers with altered properties in comparison to wild type plants without genetic modification. Examples are plants producing polyfructose, especially of the inulin and levan-type, plants producing alpha 1,4 glucans, plants producing alpha-1,6 branched alpha-1,4-glucans, plants producing alternan,
  - 3) transgenic plants which produce hyaluronan.
- 30 Plants or plant cultivars (that can be obtained by plant biotechnology methods such as genetic engineering) which may also be treated according to the invention are plants, such as cotton plants, with altered fiber characteristics. Such plants can be obtained by genetic transformation or by selection of plants contain a mutation imparting such altered fiber characteristics and include:
- a) Plants, such as cotton plants, containing an altered form of cellulose synthase genes,
  - 35 b) Plants, such as cotton plants, containing an altered form of rsw2 or rsw3 homologous nucleic acids,

- c) Plants, such as cotton plants, with increased expression of sucrose phosphate synthase,
- d) Plants, such as cotton plants, with increased expression of sucrose synthase,
- e) Plants, such as cotton plants, wherein the timing of the plasmodesmatal gating at the basis of the fiber cell is altered, e.g. through downregulation of fiberselective  $\beta$  1,3-glucanase,
- 5 f) Plants, such as cotton plants, having fibers with altered reactivity, e.g. through the expression of N-acetylglucosaminetransferase gene including nodC and chitinsynthase genes.

Plants or plant cultivars (that can be obtained by plant biotechnology methods such as genetic engineering) which may also be treated according to the invention are plants, such as oilseed rape or related Brassica plants, with altered oil profile characteristics. Such plants can be obtained by genetic transformation or by selection of plants contain a mutation imparting such altered oil characteristics and include:

- a) Plants, such as oilseed rape plants, producing oil having a high oleic acid content,
  - b) Plants such as oilseed rape plants, producing oil having a low linolenic acid content,
  - c) Plant such as oilseed rape plants, producing oil having a low level of saturated fatty acids.
- 15 Particularly useful transgenic plants which may be treated according to the invention are plants which comprise one or more genes which encode one or more toxins, such as the following which are sold under the trade names YIELD GARD<sup>®</sup> (for example maize, cotton, soya beans), KnockOut<sup>®</sup> (for example maize), BiteGard<sup>®</sup> (for example maize), Bt-Xtra<sup>®</sup> (for example maize), StarLink<sup>®</sup> (for example maize), Bollgard<sup>®</sup> (cotton), NucoIn<sup>®</sup> (cotton), NucoIn 33B<sup>®</sup> (cotton), NatureGard<sup>®</sup> (for example maize), 20 Protecta<sup>®</sup> and NewLeaf<sup>®</sup> (potato). Examples of herbicide-tolerant plants which may be mentioned are maize varieties, cotton varieties and soya bean varieties which are sold under the trade names Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup> (tolerance to glyphosate, for example maize, cotton, soya bean), Liberty Link<sup>®</sup> (tolerance to phosphinotricin, for example oilseed rape), IMI<sup>®</sup> (tolerance to imidazolinones) and STS<sup>®</sup> (tolerance to sulphonylureas, for example maize). Herbicide-resistant plants (plants bred in a conventional manner for 25 herbicide tolerance) which may be mentioned include the varieties sold under the name Clearfield<sup>®</sup> (for example maize).

Particularly useful transgenic plants which may be treated according to the invention are plants containing transformation events, or a combination of transformation events, and that are listed for example in the databases for various national or regional regulatory agencies including Event 1143-14A 30 (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 06/128569); Event 1143-51B (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 06/128570); Event 1445 (cotton, herbicide tolerance, not deposited, described in US-A 2002-120964 or WO 02/034946); Event 17053 (rice, herbicide tolerance, deposited as PTA-9843, described in WO 10/117737); Event 17314 (rice, herbicide tolerance, deposited as PTA-9844, described in WO 10/117735); Event 281-24-236 (cotton, insect control - herbicide 35 tolerance, deposited as PTA-6233, described in WO 05/103266 or US-A 2005-216969); Event 3006-210-23 (cotton, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as PTA-6233, described in US-A 2007-143876 or WO 05/103266); Event 3272 (corn, quality trait, deposited as PTA-9972, described in WO

06/098952 or US-A 2006-230473); Event 40416 (corn, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-11508, described in WO 11/075593); Event 43A47 (corn, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-11509, described in WO 11/075595); Event 5307 (corn, insect control, deposited as ATCC PTA-9561, described in WO 10/077816); Event ASR-368 (bent grass, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-4816, described in US-A 2006-162007 or WO 04/053062); Event B16 (corn, herbicide tolerance, not deposited, described in US-A 2003-126634); Event BPS-CV127-9 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as NCIMB No. 41603, described in WO 10/080829); Event CE43-67B (cotton, insect control, deposited as DSM ACC2724, described in US-A 2009-217423 or WO 06/128573); Event CE44-69D (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in US-A 2010-0024077); Event CE44-69D (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 06/128571); Event CE46-02A (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 06/128572); Event COT102 (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in US-A 2006-130175 or WO 04/039986); Event COT202 (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in US-A 2007-067868 or WO 05/054479); Event COT203 (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 05/054480); Event DAS40278 (corn, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-10244, described in WO 11/022469); Event DAS-59122-7 (corn, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA 11384 , described in US-A 2006-070139); Event DAS-59132 (corn, insect control - herbicide tolerance, not deposited, described in WO 09/100188); Event DAS68416 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-10442, described in WO 11/066384 or WO 11/066360); Event DP-098140-6 (corn, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-8296, described in US-A 2009-137395 or WO 08/112019); Event DP-305423-1 (soybean, quality trait, not deposited, described in US-A 2008-312082 or WO 08/054747); Event DP-32138-1 (corn, hybridization system, deposited as ATCC PTA-9158, described in US-A 2009-0210970 or WO 09/103049); Event DP-356043-5 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-8287, described in US-A 2010-0184079 or WO 08/002872); Event EE-1 (brinjal, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 07/091277); Event FI117 (corn, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC 209031, described in US-A 2006-059581 or WO 98/044140); Event GA21 (corn, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC 209033, described in US-A 2005-086719 or WO 98/044140); Event GG25 (corn, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC 209032, described in US-A 2005-188434 or WO 98/044140); Event GHB119 (cotton, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-8398, described in WO 08/151780); Event GHB614 (cotton, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-6878, described in US-A 2010-050282 or WO 07/017186); Event GJ11 (corn, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC 209030, described in US-A 2005-188434 or WO 98/044140); Event GM RZ13 (sugar beet, virus resistance, deposited as NCIMB-41601, described in WO 10/076212); Event H7-1 (sugar beet, herbicide tolerance, deposited as NCIMB 41158 or NCIMB 41159, described in US-A 2004-172669 or WO 04/074492); Event JOPLIN1 (wheat, disease tolerance, not deposited, described in US-A 2008-064032); Event LL27 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as NCIMB41658, described in WO 06/108674 or US-A 2008-320616); Event LL55 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as NCIMB 41660, described in WO 06/108675 or US-A 2008-196127); Event

LLcotton25 (cotton, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-3343, described in WO 03/013224 or US-A 2003-097687); Event LLRICE06 (rice, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC-23352, described in US 6,468,747 or WO 00/026345); Event LLRICE601 (rice, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-2600, described in US-A 2008-2289060 or WO 00/026356); Event LY038 (corn, quality trait, deposited as ATCC PTA-5623, described in US-A 2007-028322 or WO 05/061720); Event MIR162 (corn, insect control, deposited as PTA-8166, described in US-A 2009-300784 or WO 07/142840); Event MIR604 (corn, insect control, not deposited, described in US-A 2008-167456 or WO 05/103301); Event MON15985 (cotton, insect control, deposited as ATCC PTA-2516, described in US-A 2004-250317 or WO 02/100163); Event MON810 (corn, insect control, not deposited, described in US-A 2002-102582); Event MON863 (corn, insect control, deposited as ATCC PTA-2605, described in WO 04/011601 or US-A 2006-095986); Event MON87427 (corn, pollination control, deposited as ATCC PTA-7899, described in WO 11/062904); Event MON87460 (corn, stress tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-8910, described in WO 09/111263 or US-A 2011-0138504); Event MON87701 (soybean, insect control, deposited as ATCC PTA-8194, described in US-A 2009-130071 or WO 09/064652); Event MON87705 (soybean, quality trait - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-9241, described in US-A 2010-0080887 or WO 10/037016); Event MON87708 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA9670, described in WO 11/034704); Event MON87754 (soybean, quality trait, deposited as ATCC PTA-9385, described in WO 10/024976); Event MON87769 (soybean, quality trait, deposited as ATCC PTA-8911, described in US-A 2011-0067141 or WO 09/102873); Event MON88017 (corn, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-5582, described in US-A 2008-028482 or WO 05/059103); Event MON88913 (cotton, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-4854, described in WO 04/072235 or US-A 2006-059590); Event MON89034 (corn, insect control, deposited as ATCC PTA-7455, described in WO 07/140256 or US-A 2008-260932); Event MON89788 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-6708, described in US-A 2006-282915 or WO 06/130436); Event MS11 (oilseed rape, pollination control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-850 or PTA-2485, described in WO 01/031042); Event MS8 (oilseed rape, pollination control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-730, described in WO 01/041558 or US-A 2003-188347); Event NK603 (corn, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-2478, described in US-A 2007-292854); Event PE-7 (rice, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 08/114282); Event RF3 (oilseed rape, pollination control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-730, described in WO 01/041558 or US-A 2003-188347); Event RT73 (oilseed rape, herbicide tolerance, not deposited, described in WO 02/036831 or US-A 2008-070260); Event T227-1 (sugar beet, herbicide tolerance, not deposited, described in WO 02/44407 or US-A 2009-265817); Event T25 (corn, herbicide tolerance, not deposited, described in US-A 2001-029014 or WO 01/051654); Event T304-40 (cotton, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-8171, described in US-A 2010-077501 or WO 08/122406); Event T342-142 (cotton, insect control, not deposited, described in WO 06/128568); Event TC1507 (corn, insect control - herbicide tolerance, not deposited, described in US-A 2005-039226 or WO 04/099447); Event VIP1034 (corn, insect control - herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-

3925., described in WO 03/052073), Event 32316 (corn, insect control-herbicide tolerance, deposited as PTA-11507, described in WO 11/084632), Event 4114 (corn, insect control-herbicide tolerance, deposited as PTA-11506, described in WO 11/084621), Event DAS21606 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATTC PTA-11028, described in WO2012/033794, Event DAS44406 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-11336, described in WO2012/075426), Event FP72 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as NCIMB 41659, described in WO2011/063411), Event KK179-2 (alfalfa, quality trait, deposited as ATCC PTA-11833, described in WO2013/003558), Event LLRICE62 (rice, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC-203352, described in WO2000/026345), Event MON87712 (soybean, deposited as ATCC PTA-10296, described in WO2012/051199), Event MON88302 (oilseed rape, herbicide tolerance, described in WO2011/153186), Event MS8 (oilseed rape, pollination control and herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-730, described in WO2001/041558), Event MZDT09Y (corn, stress tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-13025, described in WO2013/012775), Event pDAB8264.42.32 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-11993, described in WO2013/010094), Event pDAB8264.44.05 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-11336, described in WO2012/075426), Event pDAB8291 (soybean, herbicide tolerance, deposited as ATCC PTA-11355, described in WO2012/075426).

Particularly useful transgenic plants which may be treated according to the invention are plants containing transformation events, or combination of transformation events, that are listed for example in the databases from various national or regional regulatory agencies (see for example [gmoinfo.jrc.it/gmp\\_browse.aspx](http://gmoinfo.jrc.it/gmp_browse.aspx) and [www.agbios.com/dbase.php](http://www.agbios.com/dbase.php)).

The examples illustrate the invention.

#### **Example 1 – Fermentation Product Containing Increased Levels of Gougerotin – Use of Glycine**

Fermentation was conducted to optimize gougerotin production and miticidal activity of NRRL B-50550. A primary seed culture was prepared as described in Example 1 using a media composed of 10.0 g/L starch, 15.0 g/L glucose, 10.0 g/L yeast extract, 10.0 g/L casein hydrolysate (or 10.0 g/L soy peptone) and 2.0 g/L CaCO<sub>3</sub> in 2 L shake flasks at 20-30 °C. When there was abundant mycelial growth in the shake flasks, after about 1-2 days, the contents were transferred to fresh media (same as above, with 0.1% antifoam) and grown in a 400 L fermentor at 20-30 °C. When there was abundant mycelial growth, after about 20-30 hours, the contents were transferred to a 3000 L fermentor and grown for 160-200 hours at 20-30 °C in media composed of 80.0 g/L (8.0%) Maltodextrin , 30.0 g/L (3.0%) glucose, 15.0 g/L (1.5%) yeast extract, 20.0 g/L (2.0%) soy acid hydrolysate, 10.0 g/L (1.0%) glycine and 2.0 g/L (0.2%) calcium carbonate and 2.0 ml/L antifoam.

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**Table 1 - Yield and Normalized Gougerotin Productivity**

	<b>Harvest Titer (mg/g)</b>	<b>Harvest Weight (kg)</b>	<b>Total Gougerotin (kg)</b>	<b>Target Volume (L)</b>	<b>Normalized Volumetric Titer (g/L)</b>
First 3000 L Fermentation	1.7	3397	5.78	3000	<b>1.9</b>
Second 3000 L Fermentation	1.8	3511	6.33	3000	<b>2.1</b>

Using the first 3000 L fermentation as an example, the yield of gougerotin in the fermentor is calculated as follows. 3397 kg x 1.7 mg/g Fermentation broth = 5774.90 g gougerotin = 5.78 kg. The initial weight in the fermentor was 3496 kg (3256 kg Medium + 240 kg Seed), which resulted in a final volume more than the target volume 3000 L. Since the target volume 3000 L is the basis for calculating the amount of all ingredients in the production medium, the normalized volumetric productivity is: 5774.9 g/3000 L = 1.9 g/L. This gougerotin concentration was similar to the 1.8 g/L achieved in a 20 L fermentation conducted using the same media as described above, with the final fermentation step and media containing glycine (as amino acid).

Gougerotin production was measured using analytical HPLC chromatography. Briefly, test samples (1.0 g) are transferred to a centrifuge tube and extracted with 3 mL of water. The components are mixed by vortex and ultra-sonication then separated using centrifugation. The supernatant is decanted into a clean flask. This procedure is repeated one additional time, with the supernatant being combined with the previously separated supernatant. The aqueous extract is made to a final volume of 10 mL and assayed for gougerotin content using analytical HPLC chromatography.

The diluted sample is filtered and analyzed by HPLC using a Cogent Diamond hydride column (100A, 4 µm, 150 x 4.6mm) fitted with a Diamond Hydride guard column. The column is eluted with a 30 minute Acetonitrile/NH<sub>4</sub>OAC gradient (see below). Flow rate is 1mL/min. Detection of the desired metabolite is made at 254nm. Gougerotin elutes as a single peak with an approximate retention time of 17-19 minutes.

## 25 **Example 2 – Formula for the efficacy of the combination of two compounds**

The advanced fungicidal activity of the active compound combinations according to the invention is evident from the example below. While the individual active compounds exhibit weaknesses with regard to the fungicidal activity, the combinations have an activity which exceeds a simple addition of activities.

A synergistic effect of fungicides is always present when the fungicidal activity of the active compound combinations exceeds the total of the activities of the active compounds when applied individually. The expected activity for a given combination of two active compounds can be calculated as follows (cf.

Colby, S.R., "Calculating Synergistic and Antagonistic Responses of Herbicide Combinations", *Weeds* **1967**, *15*, 20-22):

If

X is the efficacy when active compound A is applied at an application rate of m ppm (or g/ha),

5 Y is the efficacy when active compound B is applied at an application rate of n ppm (or g/ha),

E is the efficacy when the active compounds A and B are applied at application rates of m and n ppm (or g/ha), respectively, and

then

$$E = X + Y - \frac{X \cdot Y}{100}$$

10 The degree of efficacy, expressed in % is denoted. 0 % means an efficacy which corresponds to that of the control while an efficacy of 100 % means that no disease is observed.

If the actual fungicidal activity exceeds the calculated value, then the activity of the combination is superadditive, i.e. a synergistic effect exists. In this case, the efficacy which was actually observed must be greater than the value for the expected efficacy (E) calculated from the abovementioned formula.

15 A further way of demonstrating a synergistic effect is the method of Tammes (cf. "Isoboles, a graphic representation of synergism in pesticides" in *Neth. J. Plant Path.*, **1964**, *70*, 73-80).

### Example 3

#### **Alternaria test (tomatoes) / preventive**

In this and the following examples, gougerotin-containing formulations derived from NRRLB-50550  
 20 were tested in combination with at least one biological control agents to determine whether the two components act synergistically against various target plant pathogens. In each of the following examples, freeze-dried gougerotin containing powder of NRRL B-50550 was obtained from a fermentation broth prepared in a similar manner to that described in Example 7. This freeze-dried powder (i.e., fermentation product) was then formulated with inert ingredients (a wetting agent,  
 25 stabilizer, carrier, flow aid and dispersant) to make a wettable powder. The formulated product comprised 75% by weight freeze-dried powder and 22.2 mg/g gougerotin (1-(4-Amino-2-oxo-1(2H)-pyrimidinyl)-1,4-dideoxy-4-[[N-(N-methylglycyl)-D-seryl]amino]-b-D-glucopyranuronamide). Thus, the freeze-dried powder (i.e. fermentation product) comprises 3.0% gougerotin. This gougerotin containing formulated freeze-dried powder is referred to herein as the NRRL B-50550 75 WP.

30 The fermentation product of NRRL B-50550 (B1) (750g/kg) and the biological control agents or combinations thereof were diluted with water to the desired concentration. The application rates in the



table in the example below, as related to NRRL B-50550 75 WP, refer to the application rate of the gougerotin in the formulated fermentation product.

The application rate of SONATA<sup>®</sup> *Bacillus pumilus* QST2808<sup>®</sup> refers to the amount of (1.38%) *Bacillus pumilus* QST2808 (i.e. spore preparation), contained in the product SONATA ASO.

- 5 The application rate of SERENADE<sup>®</sup> MAX refers to the amount of (15.67%) dried *Bacillus subtilis* QST713 (i.e., spore preparation), contained in the product SERENADE<sup>®</sup>-MAX.

The application rate of QST30002 refers to the amount of (1.34%) *Bacillus subtilis* QST30002 (NRRL Accession No. B-50421) (i.e., spore preparation) contained in a formulation of QST30002. Specifically, AQ30002 *swrA*<sup>-</sup> cells were grown in a soy-based medium and formulated to mimic the commercial  
10 SERENADE<sup>®</sup> ASO product, including as to percentage spore preparation and cfu/g.

Application rates in each of the tables below refer to the amount of spore preparation (for SERENADE MAX, SONATA and the QST30002 formulation) used in the experiment.

The ratios provided in the tables in all of the examples below refer to weight to weight ratio of gougerotin to spore preparation.

- 15 To test for preventive activity, young plants are sprayed with the preparation of active compound or compound combination at the stated rate of application. After the spray coating has dried on, the plants are inoculated with an aqueous spore suspension of *Alternaria solani*. The plants are then placed in an incubation cabinet at approximately 20 °C and a relative atmospheric humidity of 100%.

The test is evaluated 3 days after the inoculation. 0% means an efficacy which corresponds to that of the  
20 untreated control while an efficacy of 100% means that no disease is observed.

The table below clearly shows that the observed activity of the combination of the gougerotin containing formulated product with at least one biological control agent is greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect is present. This also indicates that the active compound combination according to the invention will be greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect will be present.

- 25 Table 2

**Alternaria test (tomatoes) / preventive**

Formulated Product	Application rate in ppm	Efficacy in %	
		found*	calc.**
(B1) NRRL B-50550 75WP	168	3	
(1.44) SONATA <sup>®</sup> QST2808	1000	21	
(1.48) SERENADE <sup>®</sup> MAX (QST713)	500	19	

(1.48) QST30002 Formulation		500	23	
(B1) + (1.44) (QST2808) 1: 6		168 +1000	72	23
(B1) + (1.48) (QST713) 1: 3		168+500	86	21
(B1) + (1.48) (QST30002) 1: 6		168+500	89	25

\* found = activity found

\*\* calc. = activity calculated using Colby's formula

#### Example 4

#### **Phytophthora test (tomatoes) / preventive**

- 5 The fermentation product of NRRL B-50550 (B1) (750g/kg) and the biological control agents or combinations thereof were diluted with water to the desired concentration. The application rates in the table of this example below, as related to NRRL B-50550 75 WP, refer to the application rate of the gougerotin in the formulated fermentation product.

The application rate of SONATA<sup>®</sup> QST2808 refers to the amount of (1.38%) dried *Bacillus pumilus* QST2808, contained in the product SONATA<sup>®</sup> QST2808.

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The application rate of SERENADE<sup>®</sup> MAX refers to the amount of (15.67%) dried *Bacillus subtilis* QST713, contained in the product SERENADE<sup>®</sup> MAX.

The application rate of QST30002 refers to the amount of (1.34%) *Bacillus subtilis* QST30002 (NRRL Accession No. B-50421) (i.e., spore preparation) contained in a formulation of QST30002. Specifically,

15 AQ30002 *swrA* cells were grown in a soy-based medium and formulated to mimic the commercial SERENADE<sup>®</sup> ASO product, including as to percentage spore preparation and cfu/g.

To test for preventive activity, young plants are sprayed with the preparation of active compound or compound combination at the stated rate of application. After the spray coating has dried on, the plants are inoculated with an aqueous spore suspension of *Phytophthora infestans*. The plants are then placed

20 in an incubation cabinet at approximately 20 °C and a relative atmospheric humidity of 100%.

The test is evaluated 3 days after the inoculation. 0% means an efficacy which corresponds to that of the untreated control, while an efficacy of 100% means that no disease is observed.

The table below clearly shows that the observed activity of the combination of the gougerotin containing formulated product with at least one biological control agent is greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect is present. This also indicates that the activity of the active compound combination according to the invention will be greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect will be present.

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Table 3

**Phytophthora test (tomatoes) / preventive**

Formulated Product	Application rate in ppm	Efficacy in %	
		found*	calc.**
(B1) NRRL B-50550 75WP	168	25	
(1.44) SONATA <sup>®</sup> QST2808	1000	14	
(1.48) SERENADE <sup>®</sup> MAX (QST713)	500	0	
(1.48) QST30002 Formulation	500	28	
(B1) + (1.44) (QST2808) 1: 6	168+1000	58	36
(B1) + (1.48) (QST713) 1: 3	168+1000	58	25
(B1) + (1.48) (QST30002) 1: 6	168+1000	74	46

\* found = activity found

\*\* calc. = activity calculated using Colby's formula

5 Example 5**Sphaerotheca test (cucumbers) / preventive**

The fermentation product of NRRL B-50550 (750g/kg) and the biological control agents or combinations thereof were diluted with water to the desired concentration. The application rates in the table of this example below, as related to NRRL B-50550 75 WP, refer to the application rate of the gougerotin in the formulated fermentation product.

The application rate of SERENADE<sup>®</sup> MAX refers to the amount of (15.67%) dried *Bacillus subtilis* QST713, contained in the product SERENADE<sup>®</sup> MAX.

The application rate of QST30002 refers to the amount of (1.34%) *Bacillus subtilis* QST30002 (NRRL Accession No. B-50421) (i.e., spore preparation) contained in a formulation of QST30002. Specifically, 15 AQ30002 *swrA* cells were grown in a soy-based medium and formulated to mimic the commercial SERENADE<sup>®</sup> ASO product, including as to percentage spore preparation and cfu/g.

To test for preventive activity, young plants are sprayed with the preparation of active compound or compound combination at the stated rate of application. After the spray coating has dried on, the plants are inoculated with an aqueous spore suspension of *Sphaerotheca fuliginea*. The plants are then placed 20 in a greenhouse at approximately 23 °C and a relative atmospheric humidity of approximately 70%.

The test is evaluated 7 days after the inoculation. 0% means an efficacy which corresponds to that of the untreated control, while an efficacy of 100% means that no disease is observed.

The table below clearly shows that the observed activity of a combination of the gougerotin containing formulated product with at least one biological control agent is greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect is present. This also indicates that the activity of the active compound combination according to the invention will be greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect will be present.

Table 4

**Sphaerotheca test (cucumbers) / preventive**

Formulated Product	Application rate in ppm	Efficacy in %	
		found*	calc.**
(B1) NRRL B-50550 75WP	168	80	
(1.48) SERENADE <sup>®</sup> MAX (QST713)	500	10	
(1.48) QST30002 Formulation	500	20	
(B1) + (1.48) (QST713) 1:3	168 + 500	93	82
(B1) + (1.48) (QST30002) 1:3	168 + 500	93	84

\* found = activity found

\*\* calc. = activity calculated using Colby's formula

Example 6

10 **Venturia test (apples) / preventive**

The fermentation product of NRRL B-50550 (B1) (750g/kg) and the biological control agents or combinations thereof were diluted with water to the desired concentration. The application rates in the table of the example below, as related to NRRL B-50550 75 WP, refer to the application rate of the gougerotin in the formulated fermentation product.

15 The application rate of SONATA<sup>®</sup> QST2808 refers to the amount of (1.38%) dried *Bacillus pumilus* QST2808, contained in the product SONATA<sup>®</sup> QST2808.

The application rate of SERENADE<sup>®</sup> MAX refers to the amount of (15.67%) dried *Bacillus subtilis* QST713, contained in the product SERENADE<sup>®</sup> MAX.

20 The application rate of QST30002 refers to the amount of (1.34%) *Bacillus subtilis* QST30002 (NRRL Accession No. B-50421) (i.e., spore preparation) contained in a formulation of QST30002. Specifically, AQ30002 *swrA*<sup>-</sup> cells were grown in a soy-based medium and formulated to mimic the commercial SERENADE<sup>®</sup> ASO product, including as to percentage spore preparation and cfu/g.

To test for preventive activity, young plants are sprayed with the preparation of active compound or compound combination at the stated rate of application. After the spray coating has dried on, the plants are inoculated with an aqueous conidia suspension of the causal agent of apple scab (*Venturia inaequalis*) and then remain for 1 day in an incubation cabinet at approximately 20 °C and a relative atmospheric humidity of 100%. The plants are then placed in a greenhouse at approximately 21 °C and a relative atmospheric humidity of approximately 90%.

The test is evaluated 10 days after the inoculation. 0% means an efficacy which corresponds to that of the untreated control, while an efficacy of 100% means that no disease is observed.

The table below clearly shows that the observed activity of a combination of the gougerotin containing formulated product with at least one biological control agent is greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect is present. This also indicates that the activity of the active compound combination according to the invention will be greater than the calculated activity, i.e. a synergistic effect will be present.

15 Table 5

**Venturia test (apples) / preventive**

Formulated Product	Application rate in ppm	Efficacy in %	
		found*	calc.**
(B1) NRRL B-50550 75WP	84	41	
(1.44) SONATA <sup>®</sup> QST2808	500	46	
(1.48) SERENADE <sup>®</sup> MAX (QST713)	250	0	
(1.48) QST30002 Formulation	250	0	
(B1) + (1.44) (QST2808) 1:6	84 + 500	79	68
(B1) + (1.48) (QST713) 1:3	84 + 250	82	41
(B1) + (1.48) (QST30002) 1:3	84 + 250	91	41

\* found = activity found

\*\* calc. = activity calculated using Colby's formula



biosynthesis, inhibitors of the nucleic acid synthesis, inhibitors of the signal transduction, compounds capable to act as an uncoupler, further compounds such as benthiazole, bethoxazin, capsimycin, carvone, chinomethionat, pyriofenone (chlazafenone), cufraneb, cyflufenamid, cymoxanil, cyprosulfamide, dazomet, debacarb, dichlorophen, diclomezine, difenzoquat, difenzoquat methylsulphate, 5 diphenylamine, ecomate, fenpyrazamine, flumetover, fluoroimide, flusulfamide, flutianil, fosetyl-aluminium, fosetyl-calcium, fosetyl-sodium, hexachlorobenzene, irumamycin, methasulfocarb, methyl isothiocyanate, metrafenone, mildiomyacin, natamycin, nickel dimethyldithiocarbamate, nitrothal-isopropyl, oethilinone, oxamocarb, oxyfenthiiin, pentachlorophenol and salts (87-86-5), (F297) phenothrin, (F298) phosphorous acid and its salts, propamocarb-fosetylate, propanosine-sodium, 10 proquinazid, pyrimorph, (2E)-3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-1-(morpholin-4-yl)prop-2-en-1-one, (2Z)-3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-1-(morpholin-4-yl)prop-2-en-1-one, pyrrolnitrine, tebufloquin, tecloftalam, tolnifanide, triazoxide, trichlamide, zarilamid, (3S,6S,7R,8R)-8-benzyl-3-[(3-[(isobutyryloxy)methoxy]-4-methoxypyridin-2-yl)carbonyl]amino]-6-methyl-4,9-dioxo-1,5-dioxonan-7-yl 2-methylpropanoate, 1-(4-{4-[(5R)-5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)-2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanone, 1-(4-{4- 15 [(5S)-5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)-2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanone, 1-(4-{4-[5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)-2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethanone, 1-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-3,3-dimethylbutan-2-yl 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate, 2,3,5,6-tetrachloro-4-20 (methylsulfonyl)pyridine, 2,3-dibutyl-6-chlorothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one, 2,6-dimethyl-1H,5H-[1,4]dithiino[2,3-c:5,6-c']dipyrrole-1,3,5,7(2H,6H)-tetrone, 2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-(4-{4-[(5R)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)ethanone, 2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-(4-{4-[(5S)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}piperidin-1-yl)ethanone, 2-[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-{4-[4-(5-25 phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2-oxazol-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]piperidin-1-yl}ethanone, 2-butoxy-6-iodo-3-propyl-4H-chromen-4-one, 2-chloro-5-[2-chloro-1-(2,6-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-1H-imidazol-5-yl]pyridine, 2-phenylphenol and salts, 3-(4,4,5-trifluoro-3,3-dimethyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-1-yl)quinolone, 3,4,5-trichloropyridine-2,6-dicarbonitrile, 3-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dimethyl-1,2-oxazolidin-3-yl]pyridine, 3-chloro-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-6-30 methylpyridazine, 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-3,6-dimethylpyridazine, 5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol, 5-chloro-N'-phenyl-N'-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)thiophene-2-sulfonohydrazide, 5-fluoro-2-[(4-fluorobenzyl)oxy]pyrimidin-4-amine, 5-fluoro-2-[(4-methylbenzyl)oxy]pyrimidin-4-amine, 5-methyl-6-octyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-amine, ethyl (2Z)-3-amino-2-cyano-3-phenylprop-2-enoate, N'-(4-{[3-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1,2,4-thiadiazol-5-yl]oxy}-2,5-dimethylphenyl)-N-ethyl-N-35 methylimidofornamide, N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-3-[3-methoxy-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl]propanamide, N-[(4-chlorophenyl)(cyano)methyl]-3-[3-methoxy-4-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl]propanamide, N-[(5-bromo-3-chloropyridin-2-yl)methyl]-2,4-dichloropyridine-3-carboxamide, N-[1-(5-bromo-3-chloropyridin-2-yl)ethyl]-2,4-dichloropyridine-3-carboxamide, N-[1-(5-bromo-3-chloropyridin-2-

yl)ethyl]-2-fluoro-4-iodopyridine-3-carboxamide, N- {(E)-[(cyclopropylmethoxy)imino][6-(difluoromethoxy)-2,3-difluorophenyl)methyl]-2-phenylacetamide, N- {(Z)-[(cyclopropylmethoxy)imino][6-(difluoromethoxy)-2,3-difluorophenyl)methyl]-2-phenylacetamide, N'-{4-[(3-tert-butyl-4-cyano-1,2-thiazol-5-yl)oxy]-2-chloro-5-methylphenyl}-N-ethyl-N-

5 methylimidoformamide, N-methyl-2-(1-{[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl}piperidin-4-yl)-N-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide, N-methyl-2-(1-{[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl}piperidin-4-yl)-N-[(1R)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide, N-methyl-2-(1-{[5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl}piperidin-4-yl)-N-[(1S)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-1,3-thiazole-4-

10 carboxamide, pentyl {6-[(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methylidene]amino}oxy)methyl]pyridin-2-yl} carbamate, phenazine-1-carboxylic acid, quinolin-8-ol (134-31-6), quinolin-8-ol sulfate (2:1), tert-butyl {6-[(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methylene]amino}oxy)methyl]pyridin-2-yl} carbamate, 1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[2'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, N-(4'-chlorobiphenyl-2-yl)-3-

15 (difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, N-(2',4'-dichlorobiphenyl-2-yl)-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, N-(2',5'-difluorobiphenyl-2-yl)-1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[4'-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-N-[4'-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-

20 yl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 2-chloro-N-[4'-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, 3-(difluoromethyl)-N-[4'-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, N-[4'-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 3-(difluoromethyl)-N-(4'-ethynylbiphenyl-2-yl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, N-(4'-ethynylbiphenyl-2-yl)-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 2-chloro-N-(4'-ethynylbiphenyl-2-yl)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 2-chloro-N-[4'-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-

25 yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-N-[4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,3-thiazole-5-carboxamide, 5-fluoro-N-[4'-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 2-chloro-N-[4'-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, 3-(difluoromethyl)-N-[4'-(3-methoxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1-methyl-

30 1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 5-fluoro-N-[4'-(3-methoxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 2-chloro-N-[4'-(3-methoxy-3-methylbut-1-yn-1-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]pyridine-3-carboxamide, (5-bromo-2-methoxy-4-methylpyridin-3-yl)(2,3,4-trimethoxy-6-methylphenyl)methanone, N-[2-(4-{[3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl]oxy}-3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-N2-(methylsulfonyl)valinamide, 4-oxo-4-[(2-phenylethyl)amino]butanoic acid, but-3-yn-1-yl {6-[(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methylene]amino}oxy)methyl]pyridin-2-yl} carbamate, 4-Amino-5-

35 fluorpyrimidin-2-ol (mesomeric form: 6-Amino-5-fluorpyrimidin-2(1H)-on), propyl 3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoate and oryzastobin.



7. The composition according to any one of claims 3 to 6, wherein the fungicide is selected from the group consisting of bitertanol, bromuconazole, cyproconazole, difenoconazole, epoxiconazole, fenhexamid, fenpropidin, fenpropimorph, fluquinconazole, flutriafol, imazalil, ipconazole, metconazole, myclobutanil, penconazole, prochloraz, propiconazole, prothioconazole, quinconazole, spiroxamine, tebuconazole, triadimenol, triticonazole, bixafen, boscalid, carboxin, fluopyram, flutolanil, fluxapyroxad, furametpyr, isopyrazam (mixture of syn-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9RS and anti-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9SR), isopyrazam (anti-epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9SR), isopyrazam (anti-epimeric enantiomer 1R,4S,9S), isopyrazam (anti-epimeric enantiomer 1S,4R,9R), isopyrazam (syn epimeric racemate 1RS,4SR,9RS), isopyrazam (syn-epimeric enantiomer 1R,4S,9R), isopyrazam (syn-epimeric enantiomer 1S,4R,9S), penflufen, penthiopyrad, sedaxane, thifluzamide, N-[1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxypropan-2-yl]-3-(difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide, 1-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-(1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, 1-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[(1S)-1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, 1-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[(1R)-1,3,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, 3-(Difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[(3S)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, 3-(Difluoromethyl)-1-methyl-N-[(3R)-1,1,3-trimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-4-yl]-1H-pyrazol-4-carboxamid, ametocradin, amisulbrom, azoxystrobin, cyazofamid, dimoxystrobin, enestroburin, famoxadone, fenamidone, fluoxastrobin, kresoxim-methyl, metominostrobin, orysastrobin, picoxystrobin, pyraclostrobin, pyribencarb, trifloxystrobin, carbendazim, chlorfenazole, diethofencarb, ethaboxam, fluopicolide, fuberidazole, pencycuron, thiophanate-methyl, zoxamide, captan, chlorothalonil, copper hydroxide, copper oxychloride, dithianon, dodine, folpet, guazatine, iminoctadine triacetate, mancozeb, propineb, sulphur and sulphur preparations including calcium polysulphide, acibenzolar-S-methyl, isotianil, tiadinil, cyprodinil, pyrimethanil, benthiavalicarb, dimethomorph, iprovalicarb, mandipropamid, valifenalate, iodocarb, iprobenfos, propamocarb hydrochloride, tolclofos-methyl, carpropamid, benalaxyl, benalaxyl-M (kiralaxyl), furalaxyl, hymexazol, metalaxyl, metalaxyl-M (mefenoxam), oxadixyl, fenpiclonil, fludioxonil, iprodione, quinoxifen, vinclozolin, fluazinam, cymoxanil, flutianil, fosetyl-aluminium, methasulfocarb, methyl isothiocyanate, metrafenone, phosphorous acid and its salts, proquinazid, triazoxide and 2,6-dimethyl-1H,5H-[1,4]dithiino[2,3-c:5,6-c']dipyrrole-1,3,5,7(2H,6H)-tetrone.

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8. The composition according to any of claims 3 to 7, wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of Abamectin, Acephate, Acetamiprid, Acrinathrin, Afidopyropen, Alpha-Cypermethrin, Azadirachtin, *Bacillus firmus*, Beta-Cyfluthrin, Bifenthrin, Buprofezin, Clothianidin, Chlorantraniliprole, Chlorfenapyr, Chlorpyrifos, Carbofuran, Cyantraniliprole, Cyenopyrafen, Cyflumentofen, Cyfluthrin, Cypermethrin, Deltamethrin, Diafenthiuron, Dinotefuran, Emamectin-benzoate, Ethiprole, Fenpyroximate, Fipronil, Flometoquin, Flonicamid, Flubendiamide, Fluensulfone, Fluopyram, Flupyradifurone,  $\gamma$ -Cyhalothrin, Imidacloprid, Indoxacarb, Lambda-Cyhalothrin, Lufenuron, Metaflumizone, Methiocarb, Methoxyfenozide, Milbemectin, Profenofos, Pyflubumide, Pymetrozin,

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Pyriproxyfen, Pyriproxyfen, Spinetoram, Spinosad, Spirodiclofen, Spiromesifen, Spirotetramate, Sulfoxaflor, Tebufenpyrad, Tefluthrin, Thiacloprid, Thiamethoxam, Thiodicarb, Triflumuron, 1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-N-[4-cyano-2-methyl-6-(methylcarbamoyl)phenyl]-3- {[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl]methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide, 1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-N-[4-cyano-2-methyl-6-(methylcarbamoyl)phenyl]-3- {[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl]methyl}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide and 1-{2-fluoro-4-methyl-5-[(2,2,2-trifluorethyl)sulfinyl]phenyl}-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-amine.

9. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8 additionally comprising at least one auxiliary selected from the group consisting of extenders, solvents, spontaneity promoters, carriers, emulsifiers, dispersants, frost protectants, thickeners and adjuvants.

10. A seed treated with the composition according to any one of claims 1 to 9.

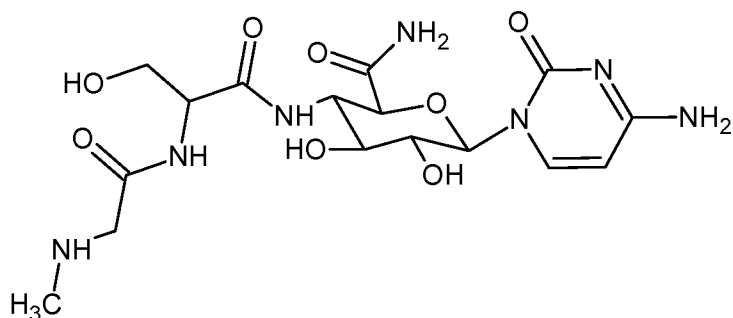
11. A use of the composition according to any one of claims 1 to 10 as fungicide and/or insecticide.

12. The use according to claim 11 for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts as well as losses in harvested fruits or vegetables caused by insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens.

13. The use according to claim 11 or 12 for treating conventional or transgenic plants or a seed thereof.

14. A method for reducing overall damage of plants and plant parts as well as losses in harvested fruits or vegetables caused by insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens comprising the step of simultaneously or sequentially applying

a) isolated gougertotin of the formula



and

b) at least one further biological control agent and/or a mutant of it having all identifying characteristics of the respective strain, and/or at least one metabolite produced by the respective strain that exhibits

activity against insects, mites, nematodes and/or phytopathogens  
in a synergistically effective amount.

- 5           15. The method according to claim 14 further comprising applying c) at least one fungicide  
and/or d) at least one insecticide, with the proviso that the insecticide and the fungicide are not  
gougerotin.

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