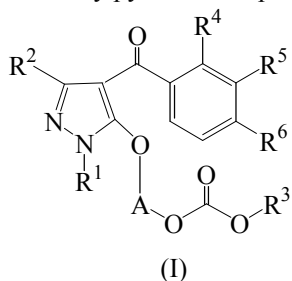


The invention relates to a novel herbicide, showing excellent herbicidal effects, which has a wide application range including agricultural and non-agricultural fields and various application methods including soil and foliage treatment.

A benzoylpyrazole compound represented by the formula (I) or its salt:



wherein: R¹ is alkyl, R² is a hydrogen atom or alkyl, R³ is alkyl, R⁴ is alkyl or halogen, R⁵ is alkyl substituted by one Y¹, haloalkoxy, alkoxy substituted by one Y², or alkoxy carbonyl, R⁶ is alkyl sulfonyl, A is alkylene substituted by at least one alkyl, Y¹ is alkoxy or haloalkoxy, and Y² is alkoxy; a process for its production; a herbicide containing it as an active ingredient; and a method for controlling undesired plants or inhibiting their growth, which comprises applying a herbicidally effective amount thereof to the undesired plants or to a place where they grow.

Claims: 9