

Monochloro Benalaxy - Enhanced Efficacy, Faster Development

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Technology Summary:

This invention introduces Monochloro Benalaxy, a novel fungicide and an efficient synthesis method for its production. The key technical solution addresses the slow pace of traditional pesticide discovery by utilizing an intermediate derivatization approach, modifying the known fungicide benalaxy. The key inventive feature is the new compound itself, Methyl 2-(3-chloro-2,6-dimethyl-N-(2-phenylacetyl)anilino) propanoate, synthesized through a controlled chlorination process using hydrochloric acid and hydrogen peroxide in acetic acid. Results demonstrate that Monochloro Benalaxy exhibits enhanced fungicidal efficacy against common plant pathogens like *Phytophthora* sp. and *Alternaria solani* compared to its parent compound, while maintaining a comparable toxicity profile (as shown in zebrafish models). This allows for potent pest control with potentially reduced overall pesticide usage. Its primary use is as an active ingredient in fungicidal compositions to protect plants, seeds, and soil from fungal infections, offering economic and environmental benefits to agriculture.

