

Synthesis and properties of some disazo disperse dyes derivatives of 2-amino-6-phenylazobenzothiazole and 2-amino-6-(4'-nitro)-phenylazobenzothiazole

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Abstract

This paper is concerned with the synthesis and evaluation of some red, violet and bluish violet disperse disazo dyes. They were synthesised via diazotisation of 2-amino-6-phenylazobenzothiazole or its nitro-substituted analogue followed by the coupling with a variety of coupling components. The spectral properties (¹H NMR and visible spectra) of obtained dyes are reported. The basic fastness properties (light fastness, dry-heat treatment fastness) of the dyes on polyester fibre are also discussed in terms of their chemical structure.

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1. Introduction

During the last 40 years a significant effort has been made to replace red and blue anthraquinone disperse dyes with more economical substitutes. The success has been achieved with the discovery of heterocyclic amines which produce red and blue azo disperse dyes. Dyes with heterocyclic diazo components have received much attention because of high tinctorial power and excellent brightness. Most heterarylazo disperse dyes of technical interest for polyester are derived from diazo components consisting of five-membered ring containing one sulphur atom in which one or two nitrogen atoms may also be present. Dyes prepared from 2-aminothiazoles [1] and 2-aminobenzothiazoles [2] have a long history and a significant role in disperse dyes technology [3]. Technically important are CI Disperse Red 177 and CI Disperse Violet 52. Azo dyes for polyester are normally of the monoazo type although a number of disazo compounds have reached commercial status. They

are usually produced via coupling reaction of the diazotised *p*-aminoazobenzene with phenol or its derivatives giving good yellow-reddish dyes for polyester. They are sometimes duller when compared with the monoazo dyes, but it is not a disadvantage because they are often used in the mixture with other dyes to obtain black dyeings.

The intention of this paper is to describe the synthesis and to characterise red, violet and bluish violet disazo colorants **I–XXIV** in which the benzothiazole has been used as the middle component. The benzothiazolyl colorants bearing the phenylazo residue in the 6 position have been synthesised in connection with the preparation of reactive disperse dyes [4]. Some of them have also been described in patent literature [5].

2. Results and discussion

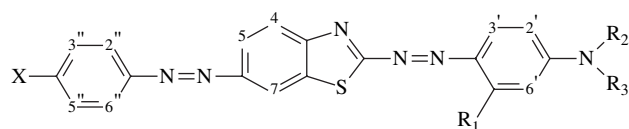
It is well known that 2-aminobenzothiazole can be readily obtained by treating phenylthiourea with bromine [6], chlorine [7] or halogen compounds such as sulphur monochloride [8], sulphur dichloride [8], and sulphuryl chloride [9]. Since in the case of negatively substituted ring of the phenylthiourea

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somewhat lower yields are obtained [10]. 2-Amino-6-phenylazobenzothiazole and its nitro analogue were synthesised in an alternative manner [11–13]. In the procedure applied 4-aminoazobenzene **XXV** or 4'-nitro-4-aminoazobenzene **XXVI** was thiocyanated in *ortho* position to the amino group with ammonium thiocyanate in glacial acetic acid followed by bromine action to form the required intermediate compounds **XXVII** and **XXVIII** (Scheme 1).

The target disazo dyes were synthesised in 50–62% yield by diazotisation of 2-amino-6-phenylazobenzothiazole or 2-amino-4'-nitrophenylazobenzothiazole with solid NaNO_2 at -15°C in 85% orthophosphoric acid [5] and subsequent coupling reaction with some commercial or previously described [14–17] components **XXIX** (Scheme 1).



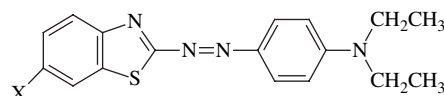
Dyes	X	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃
I	H	H	Et	Et
II	NO ₂	H	Et	Et
III	H	Me	Et	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
IV	NO ₂	Me	Et	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
V	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
VI	NO ₂	H	CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
VII	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₂ OCOMe	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
VIII	NO ₂	H	CH ₂ CH ₂ OCOMe	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
IX	H	H	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOEt
X	H	Me	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOEt
XI	H	H	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
XII	NO ₂	H	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
XIII	H	Me	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XIV	NO ₂	Me	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XV	NO ₂	Me	CH ₂ Ph (<i>p</i> -Me) ^a	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XVI	H	OMe	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XVII	H	OMe	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOEt
XVIII	H	OMe	CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
XIX	H	H	CH ₂ Ph (<i>p</i> -OMe) ^a	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XX	H	H	CH ₂ Ph (<i>p</i> -Me) ^a	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XXI	NO ₂	H	CH ₂ Ph (<i>p</i> -Me) ^a	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XXII	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN
XXIII	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOMe
XXIV	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₂ Ph	CH ₂ CH ₂ COOEt

^a Benzyl phenyl ring contains *p*-OMe or *p*-Me substituent.

The crude dyes were purified by recrystallization from toluene until a constant molar extinction coefficient and TLC purity were attained.

The chemical structure of the dyes **I–XXIV** was verified by ^1H NMR (Table 1). The chemical shifts, multiplicity and integration of the groups of protons provided data in accord with the dyes structure.

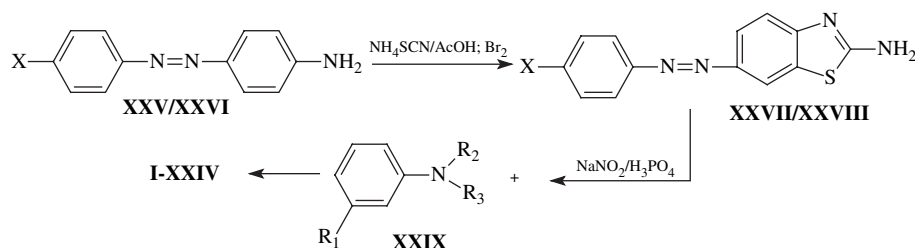
It is well known that benzothiazolyl azo dyes with negative substituent in the 6th position of the benzothiazole ring have improved light fastness and exhibit a strong bathochromic shift of λ_{max} in comparison with the unsubstituted analogue [18,19]. The typical examples are **XXX** and **XXXI** with $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 513$ nm and 549 nm in ethanol, respectively [20].



XXX (X: H; light fastness: 2) [20]

XXXI (X: NO₂; light fastness: 6) [20]

Absorption spectra (Table 2) of the dyes **I–XXIV** recorded in ethanolic solutions show that they are red, violet and bluish violet. The obtained data for the dye **I** and our previous results [20] demonstrate that on replacement of a strong electron-withdrawing nitro group with the phenylazo residue in the dye **XXXI** only very small (3 nm) hypsochromic shift of absorption of the former dye, is observed. In addition, upon further substitution of the phenylazobenzothiazole ring with the 4'-nitro group (X) the absorption of the disazo dyes results in a bathochromic shift in λ_{max} by 6–15 nm (examples are **I** and **II**, **III** and **IV**, **V** and **VI**, **VII** and **VIII**, **XI** and **XII** and finally **XIII** and **XIV**). It is also evident that all dyes **III–XXII** with the exception of **XIV** and **XV** show hypsochromic effect in comparison with the dyes **I** and **II**. It is obviously caused by the presence of electron attracting groups such as *N*- β -cyanoethyl or benzyl moiety attached to the amino group of the coupler [21]. As could be anticipated, both methyl and methoxy substitution of the coupler in *ortho* position to the azo link produce a bathochromic shifts of 10–13 nm when compared to unsubstituted analogues. This is exemplified by the dyes **IX**, **X** and **XVII**. The exceptional behaviour of the dyes **XIV** and **XV** mentioned above is apparently caused by two operating factors: they contain 4'-nitro-substituent in the diazo component and *ortho* methyl group in the coupler, as well. In addition, they do not contain *N*- β -cyanoethyl moiety shifting the absorption towards blue region.



Scheme 1. The route of the synthesis of the dyes **I–XXIV**; X, R₁, R₂, R₃ as indicated earlier.

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