Solvent Effects on the Uv-Visible Absorption Spectra of Some New Thienylazo-Thiazole and Thienylazo-Thiophene Dyes

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Facile synthesis of various thienylazo-thiazole and thienylazo-thiophene dyes were described. 2-Amino-5-(2-thienylazo)-thiazole dyes 5 and 6 have been constructed by coupling the diazotized 2-aminothiophenes 1a and/or 1b with 2-amino-4-phenylthiazole (3) and/or 2-(N-methylamino)-4-phenylthiazole (4). Coupling of 2-aminothiophene derivative 1a with 2-acetyl-3-oxo-N-phenylbutanethioamide (7) affected cleavage of one acetyl group to furnish the corresponding 2-acetyl-2-thienylazo-thioacetanilide dye 8 which has been utilized as a precursor for the construction of different 3-methyl-2-substituted-4-thienylazo-thiophenes 10-13 through its treatment with the appropriate alpha-chlorinated reagents (namely; MeCOCH₂Cl, PhCOCH₂Cl, ClCH₂COOEt and ClCH₂CN). The effect of solvent polarity on absorption spectra was investigated, as was the relationship between dye structures and absorption in the UV-visible region.

Keywords: 2-Aminothiazoles, Diazo-coupling, Thienylazo-thiazoles, Thienylazo-thiophenes, UV-visible Absorption.

Introduction

Azo dyes are the most important class of colored compounds, accounting for more than 50% of all commercial dyes. They are synthesized by diazotization of a primary aromatic amine followed by diazo-coupling of the obtained diazonium salt with electron rich aromatic compounds [1,2]. Specially, heterocyclic azo derivatives are usually characterized by intense color, which promotes their application as dyes and pigments in various fields including textile and polymer industries [3,4]. Nitrogen and/or Sulphur heterocyclic azo dyes have been utilized in different fields such as color formers, printing [5], electronic photography, laser technology and solar energy conversion [6]. Such compounds have potential use in optical communications, frequency doubling and integrated optics [7]. Arylazo dyes of different heterocyclic moieties have been reported in the recent literature as the subject of intense research by chemists [8] and dye manufacturers [9]. Azo-thiophene and azo-thiazole derivatives have received significant attentions since they are applied in dye-sensitized solar cells and as efficient semiconducting materials [10–14]. In the present research article, we synthesized...
successfully a series of thienylazo-thiazole and thienylazo-thiophene derivatives by utilization of 2-amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophenes as diazo-components and their diazo-coupling with 2-aminothiazoles and 2-acetyl-3-oxo-N-phenylbutane-thioamide as coupler components.

Results and Discussion

Gewald amino thiophene synthetic method

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O + \begin{array}{c}
\text{CN} \\
S_8
\end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{EtOH/}E_tN} \begin{array}{c}
\text{R} \\
\text{NH}_2
\end{array}
\]

\(1a: R = \text{COOEt} \quad 1b: R = \text{CONH}_2\)

Scheme (1)

2-Amino-5-(2-thienylazo)-thiazole dyes 5 and 6 have been constructed by the electrophilic diazo-coupling reaction between 2-aminothiazole derivatives and the diazotized 2-aminothiophenes (Scheme 2). Diazoization of 2-aminothiophenes 1a and 1b has been achieved by treatment with sodium nitrite and \(H_2SO_4/AcOH\) at 0-5°C. The obtained diazonium sulphates 2 were coupled with 2-amino-4-phenylthiazole (3) and/or 2-(N-methylamino)-4-phenylthiazole (4) in ethyl alcohol and sodium acetate to furnish the targeted 2-amino-5-(2-thienylazo)-thiazole dyes 5 and 6. The diazo-coupling reaction proceeds at the most reactive site of thiazole nucleus, the fifth position of thiazole (C-5), for electrophilic substitution reaction.

The infrared spectra of 5-thienylazo-thiazole dyes 5 exhibited absorptions that are compatible with stretching vibrations of N-H bond of the amino group in the region \(\nu = 3318-3264\) cm\(^{-1}\). The carbonyl group of ester function in 5-thienylazo-thiazole dyes 5a and 6a has been absorbed at \(\nu = 1707\) and 1688 cm\(^{-1}\), respectively. The carbonyl group of amide function in 5-thienylazo-thiazole dyes 5b and 6b has been absorbed at \(\nu = 1660\) cm\(^{-1}\).

The \(^1\text{H NMR}\) signals of 6b displayed two multiplet signals in the regions \(\delta 1.71-1.75\) and \(2.71-2.74\) ppm for the protons of four methylene groups in the cyclohexane moiety. The singlet for three protons at \(\delta 3.04\) ppm has been assigned for methyl group of \(\text{CH}_3-N\) moiety. The multiplet and doublet signals at \(\delta 7.47-7.56\) and 8.22 ppm referred to five aromatic protons and NH. The singlet \(\delta 7.70\) ppm, integrated for two protons, indicated amide function (CONH\(_2\)).

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{R} \\
\text{Ph}
\end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{EtOH/}A_cO_Na} \begin{array}{c}
\text{N} \\
\text{NH}_R^1
\end{array}
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\(3: R^1 = H \quad 4: R^1 = \text{Me}\)

Scheme (2)
2-Aminothiophene derivative 1a has been diazotized by nitrous acid (NaNO$_2$ and H$_2$SO$_4$/AcOH) to form the corresponding diazonium sulphate 2, which coupled with 2-acetyl-3-oxo-N-phenylbutanethioamide (7) through Japp-Klingemann reaction conditions to furnish the corresponding 2-acetyl-2-thienylazo-thioacetanilide dye 8 as indicated in Scheme 3. The diazo-coupling reaction proceeds in ethyl alcohol and sodium acetate and affected an acetyl group replacement. The structure of 8 finds support from its spectral analysis (IR and $^1$H NMR).

The infrared spectrum of dye 8 showed the characteristic absorption bands of carbonyl groups of ester and acetyl functions at $\nu = 1705$ and 1660 cm$^{-1}$, respectively. The $^1$H NMR spectrum displayed triplet at $\delta = 1.39$ ppm and quartet at $\delta = 4.43$ ppm for the protons of (-O-CH$_2$-CH$_3$) group. The protons of cyclohexane moiety resonated as multiplet for four protons at $\delta = 1.79$-$1.84$ ppm (-CH$_2$-CH$_2$-) and two triplet signals at $\delta = 2.66$ and 2.82 ppm (two –CH$_3$-). The singlet for one proton at $\delta = 2.11$ ppm indicated the thiol form of this compound (-SH). The protons of methyl group (O=C-CH$_3$) was identified as singlet at $\delta = 2.59$ ppm. The five aromatic protons resonated as multiplet in the region $\delta = 7.28$-$7.70$ ppm. The singlet at $\delta = 13.32$ ppm referred to the proton of imine function (N-H).

![Scheme (3)](image)

2-Acetyl-2-thienylazo-thioacetanilide dye 8 has been reacted with four types of alpha-chlorinated reagents (namely; chloroacetone, phenacyl chloride, ethyl chloroacetate and chloroacetonitrile) in boiling ethyl alcohol containing triethylamine to give the corresponding 3-methyl-2-substituted-4-thienylazo-thiophenes 10, 11, 12 and 13, respectively (Scheme 4).

The mechanistic scenario for the formation of these thiophenes involves initial alkylation of 8 with the alpha-chlorinated reagent to give the non-isolable thioether intermediates 9 followed by in situ heterocyclization through nucleophilic addition of methylene group to the carbonyl group and elimination of water molecule.

The chemical structures of thiophenes 10-13 were identified based on their correct spectral analyses. The infrared spectra of the constructed 4-thienylazo-thiophenes 10-13 exhibited the characteristic absorption of carbonyl function of ester near $\nu = 1707$ cm$^{-1}$. The characteristic absorption of nitrile group (in the spectrum of 13) was identified at 2199 cm$^{-1}$.

The $^1$H NMR spectrum of 4-thienylazo-thiophene dye 13 displayed a triplet at $\delta = 1.34$ ppm and quartet at $\delta = 4.31$ ppm for the protons of (-O-CH$_2$-CH$_3$) group. The protons of cyclohexane moiety resonated as multiplet for four protons at $\delta = 1.82$-$1.84$ ppm (-CH$_2$-CH$_2$-) and two triplet signals at $\delta = 2.71$ and 2.82 ppm (two –CH$_3$-). The protons of methyl group (thiophene-CH$_3$) was identified as singlet at $\delta = 2.43$ ppm. The five aromatic protons resonated as multiplet in the region $\delta = 7.21$-$7.54$ ppm. The singlet at $\delta = 13.47$ ppm referred to the proton of imine function (N-H).

The solvent effect on the UV-visible absorption spectra

This part of essay studied the effect of solvent in UV-vis absorption bands of compounds 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Using different solvents with different polarities led to a difference in both wavelength and absorption values. This is due to unequal perturbation of the ground and exited electronic state of molecule, which depends on the nature of the solute-solvent interactions. The effect of solvent on UV-visible absorption spectra have been screened for over the years in the literature. The photo-physical properties of a soluble dye are closely related to the nature of its environment, i.e. the shape, intensity, and maximum absorption wavelength. The UV-visible absorption of a dye solution depends mainly on the solvent-solute interactions and solvent nature [17-20].

Our unsaturated compounds have pi electrons, which had the ability to determine the electron sheath state through their excitation by absorbing the UV-visible light. The presence of oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur atoms provides n-electrons (non-bonding electrons) to our tested compounds, so electronic spectra arose from π-π* transition and n-π* transition characteristic of the -N=N- group. The solvent effect on spectra is primary dependent on the chromophore, the nature of transition and charge transfer absorption. Charge transfer obtained from donner to acceptor groups in organic molecules.

The main difference between compounds 5a and 5b is the nature of substituent at the second position of thiophene moiety, ester group (COOEt) in dye 5a and amide group (CONH₂) in dye 5b. The presence of methyl group at the amino function characterizes the N-methylaminothiazole dye 6 from aminothiazole dye 5. The absorption λmax values of these four aminothiazole dyes 5a, 5b, 6a and 6b were very close to each other. DMF solvent caused more bathochromic shift than acetone and methanol. The highest λmax value observed for compounds 6a and 6b at 530 nm in DMF.

Absorption spectra of compounds 10, 11, 12 and 13 were studied in three different solvents with different polarity with the aim of probing the effect of solvent polarity on electronic transitions. Using solvents with different polarity caused differences in electronic transitions, which resulted in variations in the absorption spectra. Compounds 10, 11, 12 and 13 differ in the chemical structure according to the nature of substituent at position number 2 of the thiophene ring. 2-Cyano 4-thienylazothiophene dye 13, which has nitrile group (-C≡N) at the second position of thiophene, gave the highest λmax values at 514, 518 and 522 nm in the used solvents methanol, acetone and DMF,
respectively. 2-Acetyl-4-thienylazothiophene dye 10, which has acetyl group (-COMe), gave the second highest $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ values at 460, 520 and 532 nm in methanol, acetone and DMF, respectively. 2-Benzoyl-4-thienylazothiophene dye 11, which contains benzoyl group (-COPh), displayed moderate $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ values near 432, 508 and 510 nm in methanol, acetone and DMF, respectively. Finally, 2-Ethoxycarbonyl-4-thienylazothiophene dye 12, which has ester group (-COOEt), displayed the lowest $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ values near 414, 422 and 422 nm in methanol, acetone and DMF, respectively. It is observed that DMF solvent caused more bathochromic shift than acetone and methanol due to polarity difference.

Tables 1 and 2 represented the values of wavelength ($\lambda_{\text{max}}$) for dyes 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13. The UV-visible absorption spectra for these dyes are indicated in Figures 1 and 2.

**TABLE 1. UV-visible absorption wavelength for dyes 5a, 5b, 6a and 6b.**

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**TABLE 2. UV-visible absorption wavelength for dyes 10, 11, 12 and 13.**

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Fig. 1(a). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 5a.

Fig. 1(b). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 5b.
Fig. 1(c). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 6a.

Fig. 1(d). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 6b.
Fig. 2(a). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 10.

Fig. 2(b). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 11.
Fig. 2(c). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 12.

Fig. 2(d). UV-visible absorption spectra of dye 13.
Experimental

Melting points (uncorrected) were measured on a Gallenkamp electric melting point apparatus. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 5000 FT-IR spectrophotometer (KBr disk). The 1H NMR spectra were measured on Bruker WP (400 MHz) in DMSO-d6 as solvent, using TMS as an internal reference. Mass spectra were recorded on Quadrupole GC/MS Thermo Scientific Focus/DSQII at 70 eV.

(1) General method for the preparation of 2-((2-aminothiazol-5-yl)azo)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophenes 5 and 6

2-Aminothiophene derivative 1a or 1b (5 mmol) has been dissolved by warming in 15 mL acetic acid/propionic acid mixture (2:1) and then cooled to 0-5°C in ice bath. The liquor was added in portions during thirty minutes to a cold solution (0-5°C) of freshly prepared nitrosyl sulphuric acid by dissolving portions of sodium nitrite (0.35 g) with stirring in 4.2 mL conc. H2SO4. The freshly diazonium sulphate solution that obtained underwent dropwise addition to a cold solution of 2-aminothiazole derivative 3 and/or 4 (5 mmol) in 30 mL ethyl alcohol and 3.0 g sodium acetate. After stirring of the mixture for two hours at 0-5°C, the resulting precipitate was filtered and recrystallized from dioxane.

Ethyl 2-((2-aminothiazol-5-yl)azo)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (5a)

Deep violet powder, yield = 72.8%, m.p. = 259-260°C. IR (KBr): v/cm⁻¹ = 3318, 3264 (NH and O-C=O), 1707 (Et-O-C=O). 1H NMR (CDCl3): δ/ppm = 1.44 (t, J = 7.00 Hz, 3H, -O-CH₂-), 1.82-1.84 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 2.74-2.80 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 4.40 (q, J = 7.20 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). Analytical calculations for C₁₉H₁₄N₂O₄S₂: C, 49.04; H, 3.41; N, 14.34%. Found: C, 49.14; H, 3.50; N, 14.23%.

2-((2-(Methylamino)-4-phenylthiazol-5-yl)azo)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxamide (6b)

Deep violet powder, yield = 57%, m.p. = 249-250°C. IR (KBr): v/cm⁻¹ = 3369, 3286 (NH and NH₂), 1660 (C=O, amide). 1H NMR (DMSO-d6): δ/ppm = 1.71-1.75 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 2.71-2.74 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 3.04 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 7.47-7.56 (m, 4H, 3Ar-H and NH), 7.70 (s, 2H, CONH₂), 8.22 (d, J = 7.60 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). Analytical calculations for C₁₉H₁₄N₂O₃S: C, 57.41; H, 4.82; N, 17.62%. Found: C, 57.54; H, 4.89; N, 17.68%.

(2) Synthesis of ethyl 2-((1-mercapto-3-oxo-1-(phenylamino)but-1-ylazo)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (8)

2-Aminothiophene derivative 1a (10 mmol, 2.25 g) has been dissolved by warming in 30 mL acetic acid/propionic acid mixture (2:1) and then cooled to 0-5°C in ice bath. The liquor was added in portions during thirty minutes to a cold solution (0-5°C) of freshly prepared nitrosyl sulphuric acid by dissolving portions of sodium nitrite (0.7 g) with stirring in 8.4 mL conc. H₂SO₄. The freshly diazonium sulphate solution that obtained underwent dropwise addition to a cold solution of 2-acycyl-3-oxo-N-phenylbutanethioamide (7) (10 mmol, 2.35 g) in 50 mL ethyl alcohol and 6.0 g sodium acetate. After stirring of the mixture for two hours at 0-5°C, the resulting precipitate was filtered and recrystallized from acetic acid.

Deep red crystals, yield = 45.2%, m.p. = 138-140°C. IR (KBr): v/cm⁻¹ = 3443 (N-H), 1705 (Et-O-C=O), 1660 (C=O). 1H NMR (CDCl3): δ/ppm = 1.39 (t, J = 7.20 Hz, 3H, O-CH₂-CH₂), 1.79-1.84 (m, 4H, -(-CH₂-CH₂)-), 2.11 (s, 1H, -SH), 2.59 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 2.66 (d, J = 5.00 Hz, 2H, -CH₂-), 2.82 (t, J = 5.60 Hz, 2H, -CH₂-), 4.43 (q, J = 7.06 Hz, 2H, -O-CH₂-), 7.42-7.49 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 8.23 (d, J = 7.60 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). Analytical calculations for C₁₉H₁₄N₂O₃S: C, 56.38; H, 4.47; N, 18.26%. Found: C, 56.16; H, 4.51; N, 18.37%.
Hz, 2H, O-CH₂-CH₃), 7.28-7.70 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 13.32 (s, 1H, Ar-H). Analytical calculations for C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₅S₂ (429): C, 58.72; H, 5.40; N, 9.78%. Found: C, 58.94; H, 5.48; N, 9.91%.

(3) Synthesis of ethyl 2-((5-substituted-4-methyl-thiophen-3-yl)azo)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (10-13)

To a hot solution of 2-acetyl-2-thiylazo-thioacetanilide derivative 8 (1 mmol, 0.42 g) in 30 mL ethyl alcohol, 1 mmol of the appropriate alpha-halogenated reagents (namely: chloroacetone, phenacyl chloride, ethyl chloroacetate and/or chloroacetonitrile) and 0.5 mL triethylamine were added. The reaction was proceeded by heating under reflux for 3 hours. The solid that formed on cooling to 25°C was filtered and dried to pick up the targeted thienylazo-thiophene dyes 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Ethyl 2-((5-acetyl-4-methyl-2-(phenylamino)thiophen-3-yl)azo)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (10)

Violet powder, yield = 82%, m.p. = 181-182°C. IR (KBBr): υ/cm⁻¹ = 3434 (N-H), 1688 (Et-O-C=O), 1643 (C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ/ppm = 1.35 (t, J = 7.00 Hz, 3H, O-CH₂-CH₃), 1.82-1.83 (m, 4H, -(CH₂-CH₃)-), 2.50 (s, 3H, thiophene-CH₃), 2.56 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 2.71 (t, J = 5.60 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 4.28 (q, J = 6.60 Hz, 2H, O-CH₂-CH₃). Mass analysis (m/z, %) = 497 (M⁺, 82.7%). Analytical calculations for C₁₂H₁₀N₂O₅S₂ (497): C, 60.34; H, 5.47; N, 8.44%. Found: C, 60.48; H, 5.55; N, 8.36%.

Ethyl 2-((5-cyano-4-methyl-2-(phenylamino)thiophen-3-yl)azo)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (13)

Brown powder, yield = 66%, m.p. 166-168°C. IR (KBBr): υ/cm⁻¹ = 3432 (N-H), 2199 (C≡N), 1701 (Et-O-C=O). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ/ppm = 1.34 (t, J = 7.20 Hz, 3H, O-CH₂-CH₃), 1.82-1.84 (m, 4H, -(CH₂-CH₃)-), 2.43 (s, 3H, thiophene-CH₃), 2.57 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 2.71 (q, J = 5.20 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 4.32 (q, J = 7.06 Hz, 2H, O-CH₂-CH₃). Mass analysis (m/z, %) = 389 (M⁺, 25.8%). Analytical calculations for C₁₂H₁₂N₂O₅S₂ (467): C, 61.65; H, 5.39; N, 9.99%. Found: C, 61.78; H, 5.32; N, 9.08%.

Ethyl 2-((5-benzoyl-4-methyl-2-(phenylamino)thiophen-3-yl)diazenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (11):

Violet powder, yield = 56%, m.p. 194-195°C. IR (KBBr): υ/cm⁻¹ = 3444 (N-H), 1707 (Et-O-C=O), 1656 (C=O). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ/ppm = 1.34 (t, J = 7.00 Hz, 3H, O-CH₂-CH₃), 1.81-1.83 (m, 4H, -(CH₂-CH₃)-), 2.22 (s, 3H, thiophene-CH₃), 2.72 (t, J = 5.60 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.81 (t, J = 5.60 Hz, 2H, CH₂). 3.10 (q, J = 7.06 Hz, 2H, O-CH₂-CH₃), 7.18-7.65 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 13.14 (s, 1H, NH). Analytical calculations for C₁₂H₁₀N₂O₅S₂ (470): C, 61.31; H, 4.92; N, 12.43%. Found: C, 61.11; H, 4.89; N, 12.47%.

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