



## Spectroscopic Studies of Electron Donor-Acceptor Chromogens of Oxazolin-5-one Derivatives.

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### Abstract:

The electronic absorption spectra of some electron donor-acceptor (EDA) chromogens of oxazolin-5-one derivatives showed marked sensitivity towards number of organic solvents of different polarity. It is deduced that in (HBD-A) solvents, hydrogen bonding is responsible for the negative solvatochromic behaviour by forming H-bonding complexes in the ground state, leading to increase ECT as H-bonding abilities of the solvent increases  $\alpha$ -value. In (HBA) solvents the correlation between ECT and the solvent parameters  $S_T$  and  $Z$ -values is straight forward. The absorption spectra of 4-N,N-dimethylcinnamylmethylene derivative in ethyl acetate-methanol mixture was discussed. The pka values of some derivatives were determined. The mass spectrum of 4-N,N-dimethylcinnamylmethylene derivative was studied at different temperatures. Biological activity was also studied where the compounds containing the substituents  $(CH_3)_2NC_6H_4-$  and  $CH_3OC_6H_4-$  gave +ve results on all tested organisms.

### Introduction:

A broad class of dyestuffs are based on electron donor acceptor chromogens, such compounds have found many applications, such as in dyeing of fabric, colouring of toners and in image forming and optical information storage technologies [1-4] However, little attention has been given to the electronic structure of oxazolin-5-one compounds, this prompted to predict and control the properties of these dyes. The present work is thus focused on the role of solvents in controlling the intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) process for electron donor acceptor (EDA) dye molecules [5-11] which have the same acceptor group with different electron donor moieties. Moreover, medium effect and mass spectra as well as biological activity of these compounds.

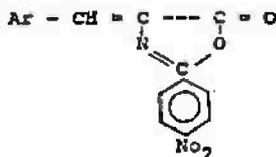
### Experimental:

[4-(4-Arylmethylene)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)] oxazolin-5-ones I-IV were prepared [12].

The used solvents were purified according to Vogel [13a] and Organicum [13b]. The UV-VIS absorption spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 555UV spectrophotometer. Buffer solutions were prepared as recommended by Britton and Robinson [14]. The mass spectra were measured on Shimadzu, GC MS-QP 1000EX Gas chromatograph. Mass spectrometer (electron impact ionization 70ev, temperature ion source 200 C<sup>o</sup> and mass resolution 1000). Least square analysis was used.

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- I - 4- Me<sub>2</sub>N- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CH=CH-  
 II - 4- NO<sub>2</sub>N- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
 III- 4- NO<sub>2</sub>- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
 IV - 4- NO- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-



## Results and Discussion:

### 1- UV-VIS Spectra

#### i- Band assignment

The UV spectra of the investigated compounds were measured in methanol and n-hexane. The spectra display mainly two groups of bands, the first group at 210 and 213 nm (in methanol and n-hexane respectively) which can be assigned to  $\pi - \pi^*$  transition of 2-p-nitro aromatic ring. The second group of bands are within 252-255nm range in methanol and within 245 - 253nm range in n-hexane indicating  $\pi - \pi^*$  transition of 4-p-substituted aromatic ring.

#### ii - Solvent effect

The present work is dealing with the changes in the spectra of compounds 1-IV which accompanied variation of solvent polarity, (cf. Tables 1,2). The data demonstrate that in aprotic solvents (HBD-A), as the polarity of the solvent increases (relative to  $E_T$  value[15],  $Z$ -value [16], dielectric constant[17] and  $\alpha$ -value[18a]), the transition energy of the compounds I-IV increases. This may be attributed to the fact that the charge separation between the donor groups (-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OH) and the carbonyl group as acceptor is greater in the ground state than that in the excited state. This indicates that the

polarity of the solvents play an important role in stabilizing the ground state through dipole-dipole or dipole-induced dipole interactions[4,19,20]. The above results provide good evidence that hydrogen bond (HB) specific interaction dominates the overall solvent effect in this class of solvents, in other words, HB donor strength i.e.  $\alpha$ -value is largely responsible for the blue shift. On the other hand, compounds I-III display a red shift in basic oxygenated solvents (BEA) which is due to hydrogen bonding acceptor strength of these solvents i.e.  $\beta$ -value[18b], so destabilization of the ground state of the molecule and consequently decreases its electronic transition energy. Compounds I-III demonstrate bathochromic shift in non-hydrogen bonding solvents (NHB) which is attributed to the change in the structures from non-polar state to polymethine state [21].

However it is obvious that there is no correlation between compound IV and the polarity of (BEA and NHB) solvents since these solvents may form complexes with the oxazolone ring and not with the conjugated donor-acceptor system.

It is worth noting that compounds II, III, IV show shoulders in (NHB) solvents or maximum splitting to give two maxima specially compound II in cyclic- and n-hexane. This may be attributed to the electron promotion from two orbitals of the donating group to the same or different orbitals [22,23] of the acceptor part.

Attempted correlation between ECT and solvent polarity parameters ( $E_T$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha$ ), were successful. Strong deviation was observed in case of alcoholic solvents relative to the non alcoholic ones (BEA and NHB), this deviation is attributed to strong interaction between these alcoholic solvents and the investigated compounds I-IV (cf. Table 3).

In conclusion, the results demonstrate the existence of  $\pi-\pi^*$  and  $n-\pi^*$  transitions which are responsible for intramolecular charge transfer of the non bonding electrons of the donating groups ( $-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $-\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $-\text{OH}$ ) to the acceptor part of the molecule. There is a successful correlation between some solvent polarity parameters and the investigated compounds. H-bonding is responsible for the blue shift in (HBD-A) class indicating that UV-VIS spectra is largely dependent on the kind of solvent.

iii- Spectra of mixed solvents :

It is of interest to investigate the characteristic behaviour of compound I in ethyl acetate-methanol mixture, where a hypochromic and red shifts is observed due to gradual formation of intermolecular hydrogen bonded solvated complex between compound I and the relatively acidic methanol

( $\alpha$  -value) which added with successively increased quantities to ethyl acetate as a basic solvent (HBA). An isosbestic point exists around 423 nm suggesting presence of an acid-base equilibrium in such medium,  $HL + H \rightleftharpoons H_2L$ . It is evident that in ethyl acetate the molecule exists in basic form HL where with increasing the amount of methanol the donor portion increases in the medium consequently increasing the acidic form  $H_2L$  accompanied with red and hypochromic shifts. This is consistent with the explanation that the electronic transition ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) in this molecule is due to intramolecular CT which shows high sensitivity to medium properties. The equilibrium constant is calculated according to the following equation [24].

$$\frac{[A][D]}{d} = \frac{[D]}{\epsilon_c} + \frac{1}{k \epsilon_c}$$

Where [D] is donor quantities ranging from 0.0% to 6%, [A] is acceptor quantity, d is absorbance at  $\lambda_{max}$ ,  $\epsilon_c$  is the molar absorptivity of the complex. The plot of [A][D]/d value against [D] is linear. From the slope and intercept, the value of k is calculated and found to be  $1.02 \text{ L.mol}^{-1}$ .

iv - Spectra in buffer solutions

The spectra of compounds I and II were recorded in buffer solutions (50%  $E_tOH$  v/v). A clear isosbestic points at 458nm and 410nm for compounds I and II respectively are observed indicating a simple protolytic equilibrium between  $MH^+$  (protonated compound) and M species.  $M + H \rightleftharpoons MH^+$  where  $MH^+$  is a short wavelength species whose lone pair of nitrogen electrons is blocked due to acceptance of proton from the medium, so decreasing the intramolecular CT. The pKa values were found to be 1.85 for compound I and 1.42 for compound II indicating that compound I is more basic than II.

## 2- Mass spectra

The mass spectrum of compound II was carried out at different temperatures below m.p (Direct Inlet Prob 95,120, 145 and 200 C<sup>o</sup>). It gives the molecular ion peaks at m/z=337 and base peaks at m/z=195 at all investigated temperatures. (Table 4) shows that with increasing, the temperature from 95 to 200 C<sup>o</sup> the half life time of the ions decrease.

Also 120 C<sup>o</sup> is the optimum temperature at which all fragments are relatively more stable and exist. It is worth noting that the molecule is fragmented according to four pathways A,B,C and D. The ion m/z=145 is the common product of the four pathways (cf. Chart 1).

## 3 - Biological activity :

The investigated compounds were screened for antibacterial activity against *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Aspergillus niger* and *Penicillium cyclopium* at concentrations of 800,500,100 and 50 ppm. These compounds were also screened for antifungal activity at the same concentrations[25]. The results are shown in (Table 5). It was found that compounds II and III are the most effective on all tested organisms, where compound I and IV were found to be not effective.

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دراسات طيفية لبعض مشتقات الأوكزازولين -1-أون  
ذات مجموعات معوية ومكتسبة للإلكترون

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حضرت بعض مشتقات الأوكزازولين -1-أون وتم دراسة أطياف الامتصاص الالكترونية في المذيبات العنوية ذات القطبية المختلفة وذلك في منطقة الطيف المرئي والأشعة فوق البنفسجية. كذلك تم دراسة طيف الامتصاص لبعض المشتقات المحتوية على  $-N(CH_3)_2$  في محاليل مائية ذات أرقام هيدروجينية مختلفة وقد تم حساب ثابت الاتزان. كذلك تم حساب ثابت الاتزان عند دراسة طيف الامتصاص لبعض هذه المشتقات في مخلوط من ميثيلين كلوريد له خواص حمضية والآخر له خواص قاعدية. بالإضافة إلى ذلك تم دراسة طيف الكتلة عند درجات الحرارة المختلفة وأيضا التأثير البيولوجي لهذه المركبات على بعض انواع من البكتريا والطحالب.

Table (1): Effect of Solvents on Compounds I and II in Different Classes of Solvents :

Solvent	ET K (cm) mol <sup>-1</sup>	Z	α	β	Dielectric constant at 20 °C	λ <sub>max</sub> (m μ)		Transition energy (ev)		E <sub>max</sub> L (eV <sup>-1</sup> , cm <sup>-1</sup> )		D <sub>max</sub> V <sub>max</sub> cm <sup>-1</sup>	
						I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
<b>GRD-A:</b>													
Hexan	35.5	83.6	0.93		32.6	527	498	2.352	2.403	25914	45436	4182	3638
Etol	51.9	79.6	0.850		24.3	512	398	2.330	2.489	31861	43821	4033	3670
1,2-Dichl	48.9	76.3	0.697		18.3	505	503	2.317	2.465	25611	40822	4003	3751
<b>IRB:</b>													
MMSO	35.8	71.1	0.752		48.9	545	512	2.275	2.421	26479	42040	3755	3724
MP	43.5	68.5	0.719		36.7	539	507	2.300	2.445	27341	36721	3970	3304
Acetone	42.2	65.7	0.499		20.7	526	495	2.357	2.505	34372	44066	4126	3731
Ethyl acetate	39.4	59.4	0.481		6.0	519	490	2.389	2.530	36805	34704	4387	3631
Dioxan	36.0	--	0.383		2.2	517	489	2.390	2.540	37208	39560	4040	3577
<b>MUR</b>													
CH2Cl2	41.1	64.2			8.9	542	507	2.207	2.405	26217	32317	3567	3538
Benzene	34.5	--			2.3	330	495	2.339	2.505	28125	30568	3611	3426
Toluene	33.9	--			2.4	528	494	2.328	2.510	31700	40821	3900	3525
CCl4	33.5				2.2	520	461	2.364	2.577	35040	38014	3762	3642
<b>Cyclohexane</b>													
	31.2	--			2.0	505	468 <sup>II</sup>	2.450	2.649	32172	38618	3586	2975
						493							
n-Hexane	30.9	--			1.8	500	463 <sup>II</sup>	2.400	2.672	17898	30311	4041	3532
						497							

<sup>II</sup> Two Maxima.

Table (2): Effect of Solvents on Compounds III and IV in Different Classes of Solvents.

Solvent	K <sub>cal</sub> mol <sup>-1</sup>	Z	D	constant at 20 °C	Dielectric				Transition energy (ev)	ε <sub>max</sub>				ΔV <sub>1/2</sub> cm <sup>-1</sup>
					III	IV	III	IV		III	IV	III	IV	
<b>IRD - A:</b>														
MeOH	55.5	93.6	0.99	32.8	400	375	3.078	3.308	29000	26909	4410	4812		
EtOH	51.9	79.6	0.650	24.3	405	377	3.061	3.288	23100	28183	4321	4868		
iso-PrOH	48.9	76.3	0.687	18.3	406	379	3.654	3.271	26028	30232	4201	4880		
DMA	15.0	71.1	0.752	48.8	412	395	3.009	3.139	32311	27046	4539	4923		
DMSO	43.8	69.5	0.710	36.7	408	380	3.031	3.263	30705	18044	4658	1799		
Acetone	42.2	65.7	0.499	20.7	404	376	3.059	3.297	34291	29073	4543	4855		
Ethyl acetate	38.1	59.4	0.481	5.0	403	377	3.076	3.269	43750	31857	4387	4955		
Dioxan	38.0	--	0.363	2.2	403	376	3.078	3.380	41200	30290	4208	4609		
<b>MDP</b>														
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	41.1	61.2	4.9	8.9	412	383	3.009	3.237	37650	19778	4533	3609		
Benzene	34.5	--	2.3	2.3	393 ch	368 ch	3.024	3.212	39750	27075	4359	4499		
Toluene	33.9	--	2.4	2.4	370 ch	368 ch	3.031	3.212	41750	31202	3920	4931		
CCl <sub>4</sub>	32.5	--	2.2	2.2	409	397	3.031	3.204	40750	30699	3834	2752		
Cyclohexane	31.2	--	2.0	2.0	431 ch	370 ch	3.061	3.228	46250	30951	3169	2025		
n-Hexane	30.9	--	1.8	1.8	386 ch	360 ch	3.092	3.263	46250	30951	3387	3753		
					401	389			422 ch	363 ch				
					402 ch									

Table (3) : The linear Interrelation between Transition Energy  $\nu_{CT}$  (ev) and Solvent Parameters for Compounds I-IV.

Compound	Linear equation	Solvent	X	Y	Linear equation	Solvent	X	Y
I	$\nu_{CT} = 1.810 \times 10^{-3} X + 1.948$	MeOH, EtOH, Iso-PrOH	Z	$\nu_{CT}$ (ev)	$\nu_{CT} = 5.336 \times 10^{-3} X + 2.055$	MeOH, EtOH, Iso-PrOH	Z	$\nu_{CT}$ (ev)
	$\rho = 0.9955$				$\rho = 0.9955$			
II	$\nu_{CT} = 1.173 \times 10^{-3} X + 2.226$				$\nu_{CT} = 3.517 \times 10^{-3} X + 2.293$			
	$\rho = 0.8371$				$\rho = 0.6386$			
III	$\nu_{CT} = 3.038 \times 10^{-3} X + 2.821$				$\nu_{CT} = 3.380 \times 10^{-3} X + 2.859$			
	$\rho = 0.9885$				$\rho = 0.8901$			
IV	$\nu_{CT} = 1.776 \times 10^{-3} X + 2.907$				$\nu_{CT} = 5.264 \times 10^{-3} X + 3.013$			
	$\rho = 0.9974$				$\rho = 0.9970$			
I	$\nu_{CT} = 1.085 \times 10^{-2} X + 2.990$	DiSO, DMF, Acetone, Ethyl acetate	Z	$\nu_{CT}$ (ev)	$\nu_{CT} = 1.630 \times 10^{-2} X + 3.027$	DiSO, DMF, Acetone, Ethyl acetate	Z	$\nu_{CT}$ (ev)
	$\rho = 0.9053$				$\rho = 0.8937$			
II	$\nu_{CT} = 8.934 \times 10^{-3} X + 3.106$				$\nu_{CT} = 1.562 \times 10^{-2} X + 3.136$			
	$\rho = 0.9731$				$\rho = 0.9259$			
III	$\nu_{CT} = 6.691 \times 10^{-3} X + 3.422$				$\nu_{CT} = 9.220 \times 10^{-3} X + 3.436$			
	$\rho = 0.9811$				$\rho = 0.8744$			
IV	$\nu_{CT} = 1.600 \times 10^{-2} X + 3.946$				$\nu_{CT} = 1.631 \times 10^{-2} X + 3.985$			
	$\rho = 0.7251$				$\rho = 0.6769$			
I	$\nu_{CT} = 0.115 X + 2.236$	DiSO, EtOH, Iso-PrOH	Z	$\nu_{CT}$ (ev)	$\nu_{CT} = 3.610 \times 10^{-2} X + 3.645$	Benzene, Toluene, CCl4, Cyclohexane, n-Hexane	Z	$\nu_{CT}$ (ev)
	$\rho = 0.9814$				$\rho = 0.9749$			
II	$\nu_{CT} = 0.6811 X + 2.113$				$\nu_{CT} = 1.785 \times 10^{-2} X + 1.143$			
	$\rho = 0.8877$				$\rho = 0.9303$			
III	$\nu_{CT} = 0.0715 X + 3.601$				$\nu_{CT} = 1.585 \times 10^{-2} X + 3.558$			
	$\rho = 0.9687$				$\rho = 0.8736$			
IV	$\nu_{CT} = 0.115 X + 3.152$				$\nu_{CT} = 1.050 \times 10^{-2} X + 3.576$			
	$\rho = 0.9936$				$\rho = 0.7201$			

DiSO = Dimethylsulfoxide

DMF = Dimethylformamide

Z = Correlation coefficient

Table (4):

m/z	X Relative abundance at				
	95 C	120 C	145 C	200 C	
337	24.2	18.2	18.2	17.3	
307	--	8.3	2.0	--	
267	--	31.9	--	--	
189	--	6.1	--	--	
188	--	37.2	--	--	
187	--	6.6	--	--	
159	100	100	100	100	
150	--	3.6	2.2	2.5	
149	--	4.3	0.4	--	
145	--	3.2	2.3	0.8	
124	--	14.8	--	--	
120	52.4	43.1	10.2	--	
92	9.7	8.8	2.7	1.5	

Table (5) : Biological Effect of Compounds I-IV on Colonial Growth

Compound	Concentration µM	Inhibition Zones (diameter) =									
		Escherichia coli	Pseudomonas fluorescens	Bacillus cereus	faciilve colitilla	Arteridillium niger	Penicillium cytophagum				
II	500	20	26	10	19	20	19				
	500	0	12	0	6	8	8				
	100	0	0	0	0	0	0				
III	50	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	800	15	32	20	19	26	30				
	100	9	28	8	5	7	12				
IV	100	0	8	0	0	0	2				
	50	0	0	0	0	0	0				

