



SYNTHESIS OF SPIRONAPHTHOXAZINE DERIVATIVE TO BE DEVELOPED AS A NOVEL SMART MATERIAL

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Smart materials also called intelligent materials are capable of changing one or more of their properties in a precise manner upon external stimuli for instance temperature, stress, light, magnetic field, and pressure. Inherited smartness of these materials has opened up new pathways in many disciplines such as chemical industries, textile, pharmaceuticals, civil engineering, aerospace, etc.

Structure of the smart material contains trigger sensitive molecule/functional group which bridge the connection between the smart material and the trigger. The molecule Spiro naphthoxazine has been used as an excellent light sensitive molecule reversibly converts its hydrophobic nature to hydrophilic nature with a clear color change. This research is ongoing work of developing such a smart material using Spiro naphthoxazine and the work disclosed here are the synthesis, purification and analysis of Spiro naphthoxazine derivative. We have identified 1,3,3-trimethyl-9'-hydroxyspiroindolenaphthoxazine molecule as a fatigue resistant, photoresponsive, and reversible Spiro naphthoxazine.

Synthesis of 1,3,3-trimethyl-9'-hydroxyspiroindolenaphthoxazine has been carried out using 2,7-Dihydroxynaphthalene as the precursor which undergo two steps to reach to the final product. Products of each step has been characterized by melting points, Thin Layer Chromatography, IR and GC-MS spectroscopic methods. The product 1; 2,7-Dihydroxy-1-nitroso compound, has the melting point of 285°C, depicted IR peaks at naphtha OH (3141.25 cm⁻¹), NO (3141.25 cm⁻¹), C=C stretching (1558.62 cm⁻¹- 1525.50 cm⁻¹), C-H plane deformations (1145.78 cm⁻¹- 1117.54 cm⁻¹), and C-H plane stretching (723.59 cm⁻¹- 710.55 cm⁻¹). Product 2; 1,3,3-trimethyl-9'-hydroxyindolenaphthoxazine; IR spectrum depicted the peaks of naphtha OH (3399.88 cm⁻¹), C-H (2922.53 cm⁻¹), spiro C=N (1623.65 cm⁻¹), Ph-N (1357.35 cm⁻¹), spiro CO (1242.33 cm⁻¹), and spiro COC=C (1031.53 cm⁻¹). The fragmentation of the MS spectrum are 344.3[M⁺], 329[M-CH₃]⁺, 314[M-2CH₃]⁺, and 159.1, 131.0.

1,3,3-trimethyl-9'-hydroxyindolenaphthoxazine was purified by Column Chromatography. Final yield of the product is 77.84%. Photoresponsive behavior of the synthesized Spiro naphthoxazine derivative was studied using UV-Vis Spectra. UV spectra (CH₂Cl₂) show the peaks at lambda max 257 nm, 337 nm, and 512 nm. The synthesized photoresponsive chromophore has the ability to respond to light in a reversible manner.

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