

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## STRUCTURES AND PROPERTIES OF MOLECULAR COMPLEXES OF IODINE WITH AZOLES

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We have found that the reaction of iodine with azoles, regardless of the basicity and aromatic character of the latter, gives  $n$ - $\sigma$  complexes through the pyridine nitrogen atom; primarily 1:1 complexes are obtained.

The complexes of azoles with extensively varied basicities ( $pK_a$  values presented in parentheses) — 1-methylimidazole (I, 7.33), 1-methylbenzimidazole (II, 5.57), 1,3,5-trimethylpyrazole (III, 4.38), thiazole (IV, 2.53), 1-methyl-1,2,4-triazole (V, 2.30), benzothiazole (VI, 1.41), 2-methylbenzoxazole (VII, 0.99), benzoxazole (0.5), and 3,5-dimethylisoxazole (VIII, -2) — were studied by dielcometry and electronic spectroscopy.

The stability constants of the complexes ( $K_S$  in liter/mole,  $\lambda_{max}$  in nm) in  $CCl_4$  (dielectric permeability 2.23) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (dielectric permeability 9.08) were calculated from the Drago equation [1]: I  $K_S$  375 ( $\lambda$  395),  $K_S$  435 ( $\lambda$  370); II  $K_S$  208 ( $\lambda$  410),  $K_S$  173 ( $\lambda$  380); III  $K_S$  72.2 ( $\lambda$  420);  $K_S$  29.4 ( $\lambda$  400); IV  $K_S$  9.6 ( $\lambda$  430),  $K_S$  8.8 ( $\lambda$  415); V  $K_S$  14.0 ( $\lambda$  430),  $K_S$  5.9 ( $\lambda$  415); VI  $K_S$  11.3 ( $\lambda$  430),  $K_S$  8.7 ( $\lambda$  420); VII  $K_S$  14.0 ( $\lambda$  432),  $K_S$  7.7 ( $\lambda$  420); VIII  $K_S$  1.7 (—),  $K_S$  2.01 (—). The symbatic relationship between the stability constants of the complexes in solvents of different polarity and the  $pK_a$  values of the azoles indicates the formation of complexes with iodine at the nitrogen atom of the pyridine type. Correspondingly, the vectorially calculated increases in the dipole moments during complexing increase as the basicity of the azoles increases. The contribution of the structure with charge transfer from 1 (for VIII) to 30% (for I) increases in the same direction.

The oscillator forces [2] ( $f_{opt}$ ) of the complexes of azoles with iodine were calculated from the blue-shift band. The observed linear relationship between the square of the dipole moments and  $f_{opt}$  also confirms coordination of iodine at the same reaction center — the pyridine nitrogen atom of the azole ring.

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