

Synthesis and Spectrophotometric Studies of 2-(5-Carboxy-1,3,4-triazolylazo)-5-diethylamino Aniline

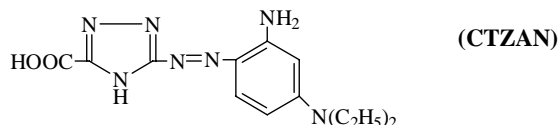
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Abstract: In this paper, 2-(5-carboxy-1,3,4-triazolylazo)-5-diethylamino aniline (CTZAN) was prepared, the protonation behaviour of this reagent is reported. Its structure was identified.

Keywords: Synthesis, triazolylazo, spectrophotometry, protonation behaviour.

In search for new sensitive and selective organic reagents, triazolylazo and imidazolylazo compounds have not been studied until we reported the synthesis and spectrophotometric studies of some reagents in things like that¹⁻². In this paper, 2-(5-carboxy-1,3,4-triazolylazo)-5-diethylamino aniline (CTZAN) was prepared with the structure as:



Experimental

To a solution of 3.8 g (0.165 mol) metallic sodium in 30 ml of absolute ethanol, 2-amino-5-carboxy-1,3,4-triazolyl 6.4g (0.050 mol) in 100 ml of anhydrous ether and 18 g (0.154 mol) of isopentyl nitrite were added, and the mixture was refluxed for 6 h. 3-N,N-Diethylamino aniline 7.9g (0.048 mol) in ethanol and hydrochloric acid (1+3) were added at 0-5°C until the mixture was slightly acidic and deep red color appeared. Crude reddish brown crystals were formed, which were filtered off, washed with ethanol and the crude CTZAN was recrystallized from ethanol-water, mp. 256-258°C.

Analysis: C₁₃H₁₇N₇O₂ found: 51.76% C, 5.83% H, 32.12% N; calc.: 51.48% C, 5.65% H, 32.33% N; IR (KBr, ν /cm⁻¹): 1620 (N=N), 1500 (C=C), 1300 (C-N), 3500 (COOH), 1200-1250 (C₂H₅); ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, ppm) δ _H: 1.1-1.2 (6H), 1.8-2.1 (1H), 3.3-3.4 (4H), 7.4-7.5 (2H), 11.7-12.1 (1H).

Protonation behaviour of the reagent

This reagent is soluble in water but insoluble in various organic solvent including ethanol, acetone. The CTZAN proton-dissociation constants were determined to be $pK_{a1}=3.1$, $pK_{a2}=7.6$ and $pK_{a3}=11.2$. The absorption maximum is at 435 nm, that of the cobalt complex is at 580 nm, $\Delta \lambda = 145$ nm, the molar absorptivity increased to $4.06 \times 10^4 \text{ L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$ by addition of mineral acid (1+1), HCl, H_2SO_4 , HNO_3 or HClO_4 . The complexes of other ions were decomposed back to the reagent upon addition of acid. The absorption spectra of the reagent at different pH values are shown in **Figure 1**. The absorption curves of CTZAN and its cobalt complex in hydrochloric acid (1+1) are shown in **Figure 2**.

Cobalt was determined as follows: A suitable aliquot of sample solution containing up to 10 μg of cobalt was transferred into a flask and 2.0 ml solution of CTZAN 1×10^{-3} mol/L was added, pH was adjusted to 9 with 5 ml $\text{NH}_3\text{-NH}_4\text{Cl}$ solution. After 10 min. 2 ml of hydrochloric acid (1+1), or sulfuric acid (1+1) was added. The mixture was diluted to volume. The absorption of the cobalt complex was measured at 580 nm against a reagent blank with 1-cm cells.

Figure 1. CTZAN Absorption spectra at different pH values. CTZAN against H_2O blank, $[\text{CTZAN}] = 4 \times 10^{-5}$ mol/L, pH: 1, 2.0, 2, 3.0; 3, 4.0, 4, 5.0; 5, 6.0, 6, 7.0, 7, 8.0, 8, 9.0, 9, 10.0, 10, 11.0, 11, 12.0,

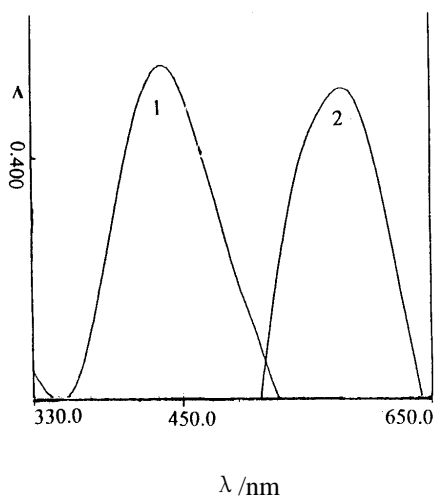
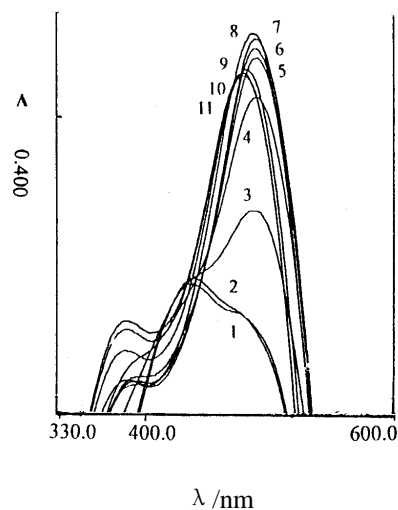


Figure 2. Absorbance curves of CTZAN and its cobalt complex in hydrochloric acid (1+1) $[\text{CTZAN}] = 4 \times 10^{-5}$ mol/L, $[\text{Co}^{2+}] = 6.79 \times 10^{-6}$ mol/L. 1), CTZAN against H_2O blank. 2), Co^{2+} complex against CTZAN blank.



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