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## SYNTHESIS AND SPECTROSCOPIC CHARACTERIZATION STUDY OF SOME CYCLIC-AZODIOXIDES

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**Abstract** – New compounds of cyclic-azodioxides have been prepared by oxidation of the corresponding diamines with sodium tungstate and hydrogen peroxide in a mixed ethanol/water solvent. Spectroscopic techniques, including IR, UV,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and CHN analysis were used to identify the products. In solution, the azodioxides were found to be in equilibrium with the corresponding dinitroso compounds. The IR values of the synthesised compounds are in agreement with the theoretical IR spectra.

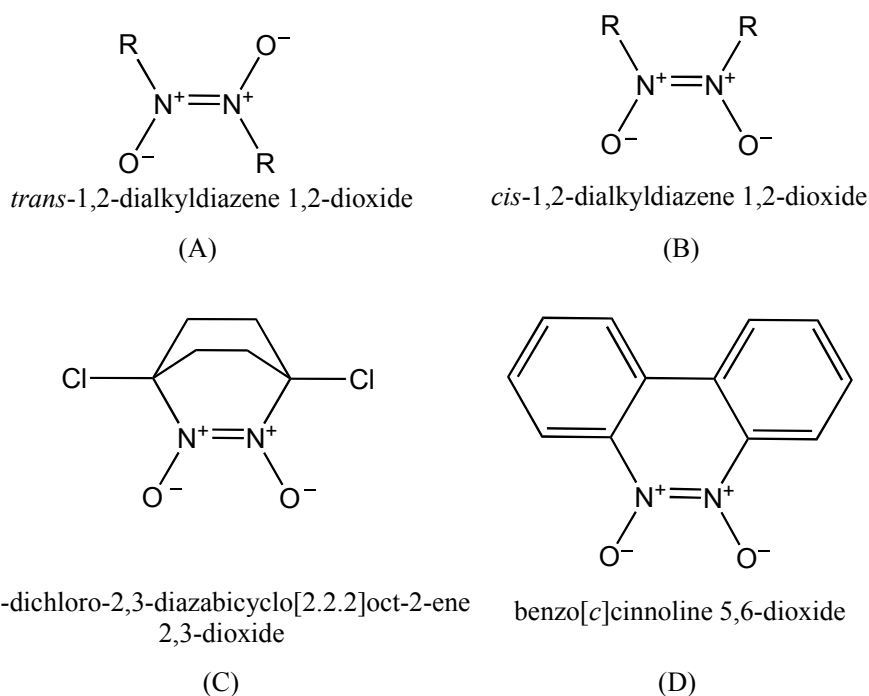
### INTRODUCTION

In the past several years, although much attention has been paid to the development of methods for preparation of organic azodioxide due to their broad utility, as units for many biologically active compounds and as important chiral ligands or chiral auxiliaries for asymmetric synthesis. 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions were used to synthesize compounds having interesting pharmacological activities and for the preparation of many stereochemically defined five-membered heterocycles.<sup>1-12</sup> Due to their importance, we report herein the preparation of new nitroso dimers by using sodium tungstate - hydrogen peroxide. This method has the advantage of facilitating the oxidation of the nitroso compounds in one step.

Many organic nitroso compounds (R-NO) in organic solvent, where the NO group is bonded to a carbon atom (C-nitroso compound), display blue or blue green colors, due to a weak absorption band in the visible region ( $\lambda = 700$  nm) in the crystalline state. However, most of these compounds are colorless or at most pale yellow. The color intensity of a solution of C-nitroso compounds depends on the nature of the

organic group (R), temperature and concentration. The reason of this phenomenon is based on cryoscopic molecular weight measurements. Faintly colored (R-NO) solution contains significant proportion of dimeric molecules in equilibrium with monomers.<sup>1</sup>

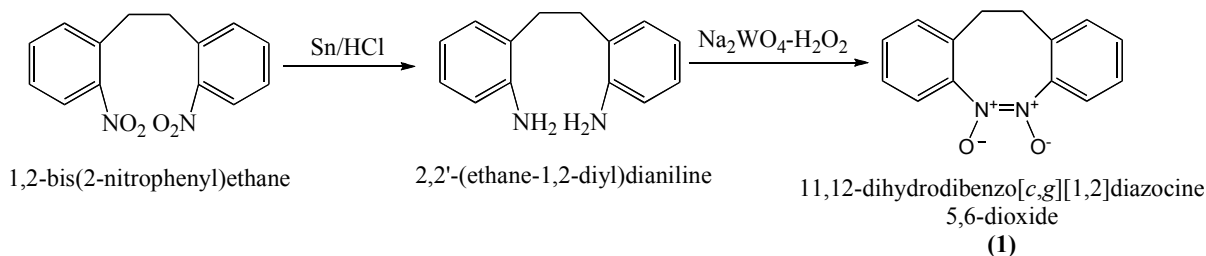
It is well known that C-nitroso compounds can exist in three different molecular forms: the monomer R-N=O, the *trans*-dimer (A) and the *cis*-dimer (B). The relative stabilities of these forms are function of the state, the properties of solvents in which they are dissolved, and the molecular environment within which the nitroso function are located. Examples of their functions are demonstrated by nitroso butane which is in solid state in the *cis* dimer,<sup>1,2</sup> whereas in the solution or gas phase, it is 100% monomer, i.e., the monomers are green – blue in color and the dimers are colorless. Some dimers (azodioxides) exist in cyclic configuration especially the *cis*-dimers such as 1,4-dichloro-2,3-diazabicyclo [2.2.2]-oct-2-ene 2,3-dioxide (C) and benzo[*c*]cinnoline-5,6-dioxide (D), which are limited for steric reason to internal dimerization of the nitroso groups in the *cis* configuration.<sup>3,4</sup>



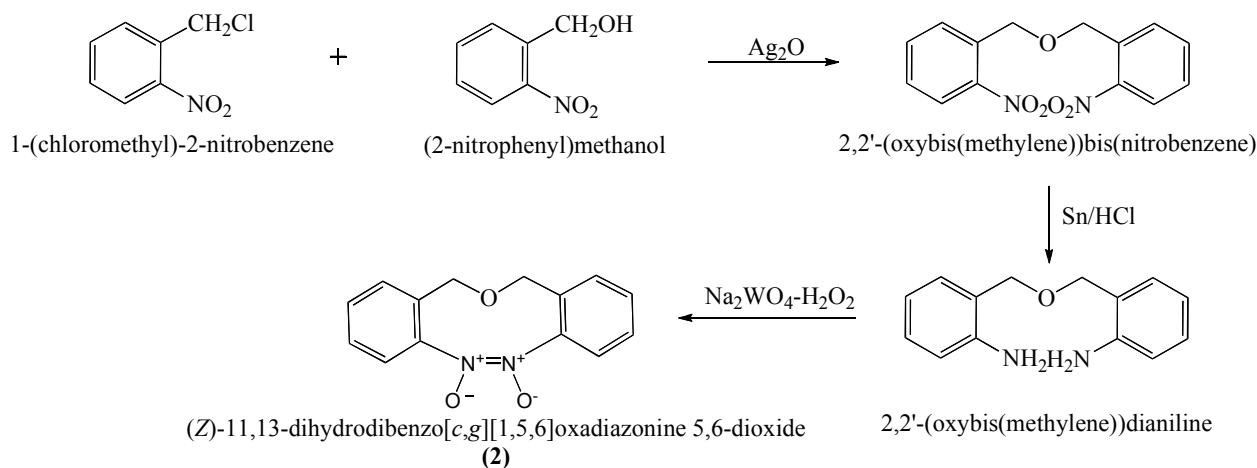
Various methods have been reported regarding the synthesis of aliphatic and aromatic C-Nitroso compounds. Some of these compounds were prepared by oxidation of the corresponding amines but most of these compounds are obtained by oxidation of corresponding hydroxyl amine or imine,<sup>5</sup> by pyrolysis of the corresponding aryl nitrite or by action of the nitric oxide and chlorine hydrocarbons under UV light.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

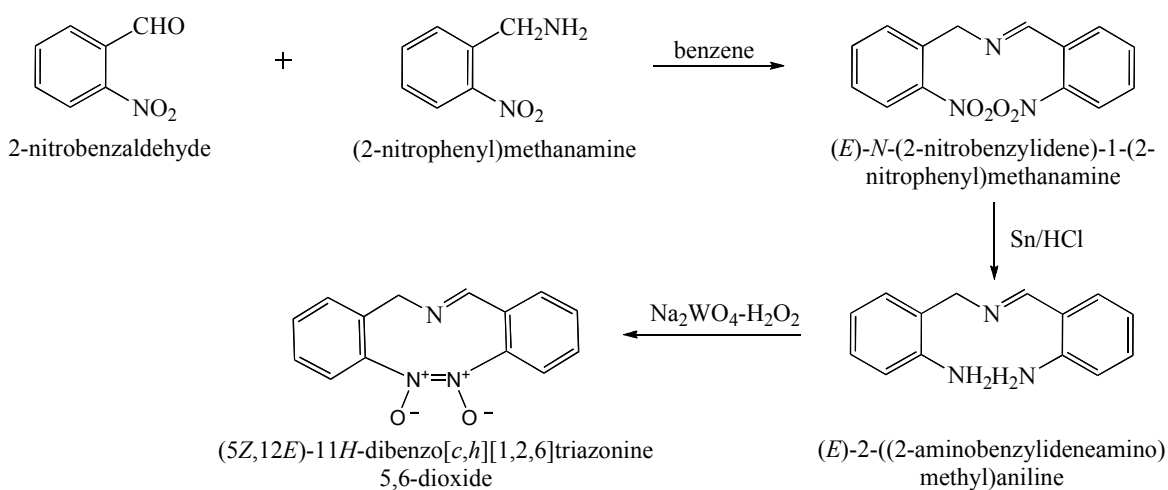
Schemes 1, 2, and 3 illustrated the diagram of synthesis of three new dioxides (compounds **1-3** respectively).



Scheme 1



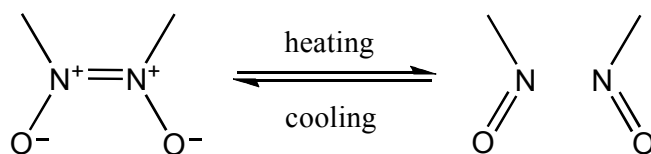
Scheme 2



Scheme 3

These dimers are white crystalline solids that dissolve in organic solvents to give nearly colorless solution developing to a blue color, which is temperature dependent, and on cooling, the solution loses its color.

This indicates that these solids are dimers in solution and dissociate to their monomer forms by heating as shown in Scheme 4.



**Scheme 4**

These compounds were not isomerised<sup>13</sup> neither by aqueous sodium hydroxide (1N) nor by hydrochloric acid (1N).

In this research were described the method of synthesis of aryl amine C-nitroso dimers by the direct oxidation of the primary amines with sodium tungstate – hydrogen peroxide. When recrystallization was carried out, the yield was reduced to 20% whether the reaction was carried out in a small or a large scale. The existence of compounds (**1-3**) in monomer or dimer forms was proved by studying its electronic and infrared spectra. The electronic absorption spectra recorded in chloroform at room temperature showed two ( $\pi$ - $\pi^*$ ) transition bands. The transition bands at about 290 nm was ascribed to the dimer grouping ( $N_2O_2$ ), and the other transition around 250 nm is ascribable to the double bond of the aryl residual. There is no trace of monomeric ( $n$ - $\pi^*$ ) band. A comparison between the electronic configuration of the monomers and that of dimers suggests that dimerization process requires redistribution of electrons in the R-NO subunit. Experimental evidence, indicating that this indeed happens. The color of monomers in solution might be due to a weak ( $n$ - $\pi^*$ ) transition which involves the electron lone pair predominantly localized on the oxygen atom. This ( $n$ - $\pi^*$ ) transition disappears on dimerization because the nitrogen lone pair in the monomer is used to form the (N-O) bond, as in compounds (**1-3**) for example.

Considering the infrared spectra which were recorded at room temperature, many workers,<sup>14,15</sup> assigned (N-O) stretching frequency in *trans* and *cis*-nitroso compounds. In *cis*- form this was reported to be a strong double band absorption in the 1180-1320  $cm^{-1}$  range, whilst *trans* form exhibit a single strong stretching absorption in the same range. The assignment of IR spectra of the *cis* and *trans* CN(O)N(O)C grouping can be made according to the group theory.

All IR spectra indicate that the five strong bands between 900-3010  $cm^{-1}$  in these compounds are correspond to five vibrations characteristic of the skeleton, though it is possible that some features of the aryl group have been included. The basic skeleton of the *cis* CN(O)N(O)C has  $C_{2v}$  symmetry; the  $A_1$  class includes the (N-O), (C-N) and the (N-N) stretching modes. Also the  $B_1$  class with the symmetric (N-O) and (C-N) stretching contain infrared active vibration. The *trans* dimer skeleton has essentially  $C_{2h}$

symmetry with two strong B<sub>2</sub> class frequencies at about 900 cm<sup>-1</sup>. These may be considered as essentially antisymmetric (N-O) and (C-N) stretching vibrations.

**Table 3.** Band assignment (cm<sup>-1</sup>) for the calculated structures.

Vibration	Molecules			
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
-C = CH	Exp.	3010 (m)	3010 (s)	3010 (m)
	Theo.	3050 (s)	3040 (m)	3100 (m)
C = C	Exp.	1440, 1410 (s)	1428 (s)	1409, 1343 (s)
	Theo.	1450 (m)	1450 (m)	1400 (w)
C - O	Exp.		1109 (m)	
	Theo.		1100 (m)	
CH <sub>2</sub>	Exp.	2995-2980, 770 (s)		
	Theo.	2950-3000 (m)		
N - O	Exp.	1185 (s), 1110 (s)	1180 (s), 1040 (m)	1180 (s), 1105 (m)
	Theo.	1180 (m), 1100 (m)	1250 (m)	1100 (w)
C = N	Exp.			1610 (s)
	Theo.			1650 (s)
C - N	Exp.	1200 (m)	1290 (s)	1273 (s)
	Theo.	1220 (m)	1320 (m)	1200 (w)
N = N	Exp.	1200 (s), 1175 (s)	1212 (m), 765 (m)	1215 (s), 762 (s)
	Theo.	1150 (m), 1100 (m)	1200 (w)	1250 (w)

s: strong, m: medium, w: weak

The (N-O) bonds may have partial double bond character and are strongly polar. The IR values of the synthesised compounds are in agreement with the theoretical IR spectra as shown in Table 1. Theoretical IR spectra of the studied molecules calculated by semi-empirical PM3 method, are presented in Figure 1.

The small, but easily distinguishable difference of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of *cis* and *trans* dimers<sup>16,17</sup> arises from the same symmetry arguments as above.

The conformation of compounds (**1**, **2**, **3**) was determined by analysis of the proton resonance signals. Spin-spin coupling constant of the protons attached to C atoms close to the nitroso group are used for determination of this group's conformation. In particular, those attach to the carbon atoms close to the nitroso groups. The small spin-spin coupling constant of 5.3 Hz indicates that the nitroso groups adopts *cis* arrangement.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound **3** showed eight lines while seven lines were recorded for compounds (**1** and **2**), in addition to the lines of the solvents. This spectroscopy has yielded interesting structural information for C-Nitroso compound, and the large difference (>20ppm) between the resonance for

C-NO monomer and C-N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-C dimer clearly permits an estimate to be made for any participation of monomeric NO end groups in the solid.<sup>13</sup>

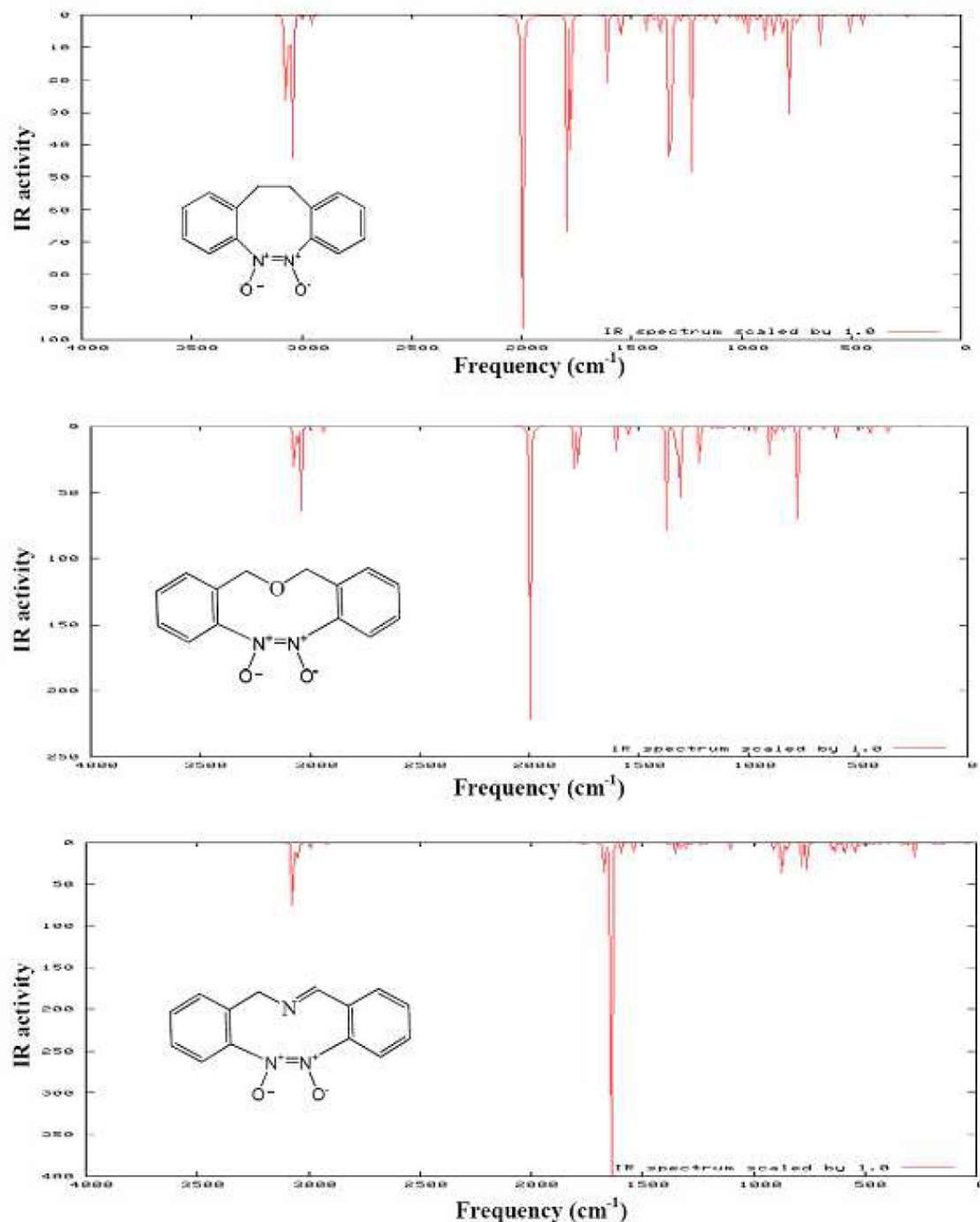


Figure 1. Calculated infrared spectra of compounds 1-3.(semi-empirical PM3 calculation)

## CONCLUSIONS

The method of synthesis of aryl amine C-nitroso dimers by the direct oxidation of primary amines with sodium tungstate – hydrogen peroxide has been described in this research. New compounds of

cyclic-azodioxides have been prepared according to this method but when recrystallization was carried out, the yield was reduced to 20%. The IR values of the synthesized compounds are in agreement with the theoretical spectra.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### *1) general preparation of (E)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[c,g][1,2]diazocine-5,6-dioxide (1)*

2,2'-(Ethane-1,2-diyl)dianiline was prepared by catalytic reduction of the dinitro compound<sup>18</sup> mp 65-66 °C (lit., mp 66-67 °C). *E*-11,12-Dihydrodibenzo[c,g][1,2]diazocine-5,6-dioxide) was prepared in the dark from cooled solution of 2,2'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)dianiline (1 g, 0.0047 mol) and sodium tungstate dehydrate (0.2 g) in (20 mL) of 85% EtOH/water containing hydrogen peroxide (2 g, 60%). The mixture was stirred for 24 h and then 25 mL of saturated aqueous NaCl along with equivalent volume of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with a small portion of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and the resulting oil was taken up in a acetone and cooled to give (0.1 g, 19%); the diazocine dioxide; mp 155 °C (decomp). *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.73. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 69.98; H, 5.04; N, 11.66. Found :C,70.01; H,4.97; N, 11.3. UV (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub>, 292 (ε = 9800) and 250 nm (ε = 7870); IR ν (KBr), 3010, 2995, 2980, 1440, 1410, 1385, 1305, 1200, 1175, 1110, 950, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) δH (ppm) (benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>), 7.1-7.5 m (4H); 2.9-3.2 s (2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) δ<sub>C</sub> (ppm) ( benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub>), 142.6; 125.9; 138.9; 130.0; 128.3; 119.7; 98.3.

### *2-general preparation of (Z)-11,13-dihydrodibenzo[c,g][1,5,6]oxadiazonine 5,6-dioxide (2)*

#### *2-1 Preparation of 2,2'-oxybis(methylene)bis(nitrobenzene)*

The mixture of (2-nitrophenyl)methanol<sup>19</sup> (2 g, 0.013 mol), 1-(chloromethyl)-2-nitrobenzene) (4 g, 0.023 mol) and silver oxide (3.5 g) was added to a mixture of 50 mL of dry DMF and DMSO (50 mL). The solution was heated on a steam bath, filtered and recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> to yield white crystals (2.5 g) mp 160-1661 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 58.33; H, 4.20; N, 9.72. Found C, 57.98; H, 4.84; N, 10.01. IR ν (KBr), 3020, 2930, 2880, 1535, 1515, 1370, 1360, 1212, 870, 790, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### *2-2 Preparation of 2,2'-oxybis(methylene)dianiline*

A solution of 2,2'-oxybis(methylene)bis(nitrobenzene) (2 g, 0.007 mol) and tin metal (1 g) with 10% hydrochloric acid in EtOH (100 mL) was stirred. Hydrazine hydrate (2 g) was added to the solution and stirred for 15 min at rt and then reflux for 1h. The cooled solution was filtered and the resultant yellow oil was taken up in Et<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with salted water. The ether was evaporated, and the collected product was recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> to yield the product (1.7 g, 85%) mp 67-69 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 73.68; H, 7.01; N, 12.28. Found C, 73.08; H, 7.35; N, 12.83. IR, ν (KBr), 3460, 3380,

3010, 1493, 1036  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### **2-3 Preparation of (Z)-11,13-dihydrodibenzo[c,g][1,5,6]oxadiazonine 5,6-dioxide (2)**

A suspension of 2,2'-oxybis(methylene)bis(nitrobenzene) (1 g, 0.005 mol) and sodium tungstate dihydrate (0.2 g) in 19 mL of 85% EtOH/water was added to hydrogen peroxide (3 g, 60%) dropwise. The mixture was stirred for (24 h) at rt and poured into 5% HCl and extracted with three portions of  $\text{CHCl}_3$ . The extract was evaporated, the resulting residue treated briefly in 20 mL of acetone and allowed to cool to yield oxadiazonine 5,6-dioxide (0.25 g, 25%), mp 123 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : C, 65.61; H, 4.72; N, 10.13. Found C, 65.01; H, 4.5; N, 10.38. UV absorption in  $\text{CHCl}_3$   $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  285 ( $\epsilon = 8980$ ) and 248 nm ( $\epsilon = 7810$ ). IR  $\nu$  (KBr), 3010, 1428, 1380, 1290, 1212, 1109, 1040, 765  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz)  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (ppm) ( $\text{DMSO } d_6$ ), 7.38-7.70 m (4H); 4.52-4.72 s (2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz)  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (ppm) ( $\text{Me}_2\text{SO } d_6$ ), 148.3; 126.7; 135.4; 128.2; 126.5; 115.3; 100.1.

### **3-general preparation of (5Z,12E)-11H-dibenzo[c,h][1,2,6]triazonine 5,6-dioxide (3)**

#### **3-1 Preparation of (E)-N-(2-nitrobenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)methanamine**

A solution of benzene (100 mL) containing of the 2-nitrophenyl)methanamine<sup>20</sup> (2 g, 0.013 mol.) and 2-nitrobenzaldehyde (2 g, 0.013 mol.) was refluxed in Dean-Stark apparatus for 2 h. After evaporation of solvent, the solid products was collected and recrystallized from EtOH to give **3** (3.5 g, 89%), mp 154-155 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : C, 58.94; H, 3.86; N, 14.73. Found C, 59.13; H, 3.33; N, 14.18. IR: -  $\nu$  (KBr), 1640, 1610, 1574, 1513, 1382, 1345, 1325, 849, 793, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **3-2 Preparation of (E)-2-((2-aminobenzylideneamino)methyl)aniline**

Dry hydrogen chloride gas was bubbled into a solution of (E)-N-(2-nitrobenzylidene)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)methanamine (3 g, 0.01 mol.) in 100 mL of THF. The product was cooled to rt and stirred for 30 min with dry MeOH. The solvent was removed under vacuum.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was add to the residue and extracted with aqueous NaOH (150 mL, 0.1 N), the organic fraction was dried by using ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), concentrated and recrystallized from EtOH to give the diamine (2.7 g, 92%), mp 98-100 °C. Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3$ , C, 74.66; H, 6.66; N, 18.66. Found C, 73.97; H, 6.21; N, 19.02. IR :-  $\nu$  (KBr), 3380, 3290, 1612, 1575, 1515, 1346, 1867, 792  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **3-3 Preparation of (5Z,12E)-11H-dibenzo[c,h][1,2,6]triazonine 5,6-dioxide (3)**

Oxidation of the diamine by the tungstenate–peroxide (procedure 2-2-1), afford azodioxide in 21% yield after recrystallization from acetone, white crystals mp 144-145 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ , C, 66.41; H, 4.37; N, 16.59. Found C, 65.04; H, 3.92; N, 13.42. UV absorption in  $\text{CHCl}_3$   $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  290 ( $\epsilon = 9100$ ) and



251 nm ( $\epsilon = 7850$ ). IR :  $\nu$  (KBr), 3010, 1620, 1409, 1393, 1308, 1273, 1215, 1105, 762  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (ppm) (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), 7.01-7.33 m (4H); 3.97-4.09 s (2H); 1.8 s (1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (ppm) (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), 144.0; 123.5; 133.3; 126.6; 123.3; 116.5; 97.8; 132.3 (C=N).

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