

# Preparation and UV/Vis Spectroscopic Characterization of *N,N*-Disubstituted 2-Amino-5-arylazoselenazoles and Some of Their Carbocyclic and Heterocyclic Analogues

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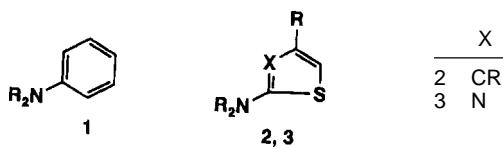
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**Abstract.** By coupling of aryl diazonium salts **5** with *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-5*H*-selenazoles **4** deeply coloured 5-arylazo-substituted 2-amino-selenazoles **6a–6l** have been prepared and their solvatochromic properties determined by

means of UV/Vis spectroscopy, and compared with the ones of several other arylazosubstituted *N,N*-dialkylanilines **7a–7d**, 2-(*N,N*-dialkylamino)-thiophenes **8a–8e**, and 2-(*N,N*-dialkylamino)-thiazoles **9a–9c**.

In the last three decades *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-thiophenes **2** and 2-amino-thiazoles **3** received a lot of interest. As heteroanalogues of *N,N*-disubstituted anilines **1**, which are important starting compounds for the synthesis of organic dyes [1], they have been used as versatile educts for preparing different types of organic dyes also. Thus, *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-thiophenes **2** could be successfully transformed, especially if they are unsubstituted in their 5-position, *e.g.*, into azo dyes [2], methine dyes [3], and squarylium and croconium dyes [4]. Analogously, *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-thiazoles **3** have been transformed into corresponding azo dyes [5], methine and azomethine dyes [6], and squarylium dyes [7].



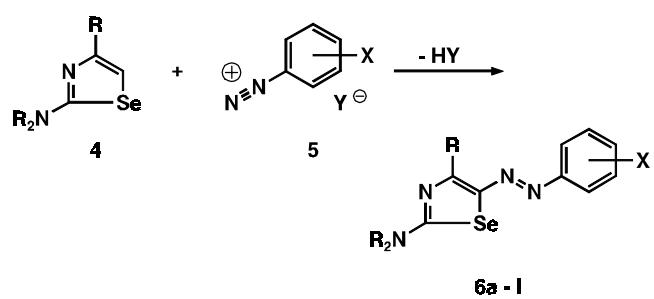
**Fig. 1** Structural formulas of *N,N*-disubstituted anilines and their heterocyclic analogues

In contrast to the mentioned thiophenes **2** and thiazoles **3**, *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-selenazoles **4** have not found such attention hitherto, because they were nearly unknown as yet [8]. However, recently we have described a simple route for the synthesis of 4-phenyl-substituted derivatives [9], so that their use as dye educts can be now checked more in detail. Whereas on the transformation of the new *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-4-phenylselenazoles **4** ( $R = C_6H_5$ ) into corresponding selenazolyl-substituted squaraine dyes was reported recent-

ly [10], here we will report on their transformation into corresponding phenylazo compounds **6**.

## Results and Discussion

The synthesis of *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-5-arylazo-4-phenylselenazoles **6** was performed either by addition of an 2-amino-4-phenyl-selenazole **4** to an arene diazonium salt **5**, *e.g.* a diazonium tetrafluoroborate, in



| Nr.       | $R_2N$        | R      | X                                   |
|-----------|---------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>6a</b> | dimethylamino | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>6b</b> | diethylamino  | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>6c</b> | dibenzylamino | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>6d</b> | pyrrolidino   | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>6e</b> | piperidino    | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>6f</b> | morpholino    | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>6g</b> | dimethylamino | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>6h</b> | diethylamino  | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>6i</b> | dibenzylamino | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>6j</b> | pyrrolidino   | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>6k</b> | piperidino    | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>6l</b> | morpholino    | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |

**Scheme 1** Synthetic route to *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-5-arylazo-selenazoles **6**

DMSO (method A) or in acetic acid solution (method B), or by addition of a methanolic solution of the carbocyclic or heterocyclic amine to a sulfuric acidic solution of an aryl diazonium salt **5** prepared in the usual way [11] from a corresponding aromatic amine and nitrous acid (method C).

The resulting 5-phenylazo-substituted 2-amino-selenazoles **6** are deeply coloured compounds with intense

absorption bands in the visible range. Their structure follows unambiguously from the elemental analysis and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopic data (see Table 1). Thus, in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra characteristic signals at about 3.0–4.0 ppm and 7.0–8.0 ppm were found. Whereas the first set of signals can be attributed to the protons attached at their 2-amino group, the second one to the protons at their 4-phenyl and 5-aryazo moieties.

**Table 1** Spectroscopic data of the *N,N*-disubstituted 2-Amino-5-arylazo-4-phenylselazoles **6a–6l**

| Nr.       | $^1\text{H}$ NMR ( $\delta/\text{ppm}$ )<br>measured in (a) $\text{CDCl}_3$ , (b) DMSO-D <sub>6</sub>  | $\lambda_{\max}/\text{nm} (\lg \varepsilon)$<br>(in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) |
|-----------|--|--|
| <b>6a</b> | 3.36 (s, 6H, $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 7.48–7.50 (m, 3H, CH), 7.74 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, CH), 8.27 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.29–8.33 (m, 2H, CH), (a)   | 527 (4.56)   |
| <b>6b</b> | 1.38 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.70 (broad, 4H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.48–7.50 (m, 3H, CH), 7.73 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.26 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.30–8.33 (m, 2H, CH), (a)   | 534 (4.59)   |
| <b>6c</b> | 4.61 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 5.15 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.3–7.43 (m, 10H, CH), 7.49–7.54 (m, 3H, CH), 7.77 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, CH), 8.27 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.32–8.35 (m, 2H, CH), (a)   | 525 (4.56)   |
| <b>6d</b> | 2.15 (m, 4H, $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.51 (m, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.95 (m, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.47–7.49 (m, 3H, CH), 7.73 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.26 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, CH), 8.28 (m, 2H, CH), (a)   | 532 (4.58)   |
| <b>6e</b> | 1.78 (m, 6H, $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.79 (m, 4H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.47–7.49 (m, 3H, CH), 7.73 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, CH), 8.26 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.28–8.32 (m, 2H, CH), (a)   | 534 (4.58)   |
| <b>6f</b> | 3.86–3.87 (m, 8H, $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.48–7.50 (m, 3H, CH), 7.76 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.28 (d, 2H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, H), 8.26–8.29 (m, 2H, CH), (a)  | 523 (4.55)   |
| <b>6g</b> | 3.29 (broad, 3H, $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 3.54 (broad, 3H, $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 7.50–7.52 (m, 3H, CH), 7.84 (dd, 1H, $^1J = 9.6$ Hz, $^3J = 0.3$ Hz, (CH), 8.29–8.32 (m, 2H, CH), 8.33 (dd, 1H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, $^2J = 2.7$ Hz, CH), 8.59 (dd, 1H, $^2J = 2.7$ Hz, $^3J = 0.3$ Hz, CH), (a)  | 563 (4.61)   |
| <b>6h</b> | 1.32 (t, 6H, $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.64 (q, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.97 (q, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.54–7.62 (m, 3H, CH), 7.84 (d, 1H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, CH), 8.27–8.31 (m, 2H, CH), 8.41 (dd, 1H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, $^2J = 2.4$ Hz, CH), 8.74 (d, 1H, $^2J = 2.4$ Hz, CH), (b)                 | 569 (4.64)   |
| <b>6i</b> | 4.86 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 5.24 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.35–7.42 (m, 10H, CH), 7.56–7.59 (m, 3H, CH), 7.86 (d, 1H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, CH), 8.29–8.32 (m, 2H, CH), 8.44 (dd, 1H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, $^2J = 2.4$ Hz, CH), 8.76 (d, 1H, $^2J = 2.4$ Hz, CH), (b)               | 562 (4.62)   |
| <b>6j</b> | 2.07–2.10 (m, 4H, $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.59 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.95 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.55–7.61 (m, 3H, CH), 7.84 (d, 1H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.28–8.30 (m, 2H, CH), 8.41 (dd, 1H, $^1J = 9.2$ Hz, $^2J = 2.7$ Hz), 8.73 (d, 1H, $^2J = 2.7$ Hz, CH), (b)    | 568 (4.65)   |
| <b>6k</b> | 1.80 (broad, 6H, $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.57 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 4.15 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.47–7.54 (m, 3H, CH), 7.83 (d, 1H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.28–8.34 (m, 2H, CH), 8.32 (dd, 1H, $^1J = 9.1$ Hz, $^2J = 2.4$ Hz, CH), 8.58 (d, 1H, $^1J = 2.4$ Hz, CH), (a) | 572 (4.63)   |
| <b>6l</b> | 3.70 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.79 (m, 4H, $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 4.16 (broad, 2H, $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.52–7.61 (m, 3H, CH), 7.85 (d, 1H, $^1J = 9.3$ Hz, CH), 8.29–8.32 (m, 2H, CH), 8.43 (dd, 1H, $^1J = 9$ Hz, $^2J = 2.7$ Hz, CH), 8.75 (d, 1H, $^2J = 2.4$ Hz, CH), (b)      | 562 (4.60)   |

**Table 2** Absorption maxima (in nm) of the carbocyclic and heterocyclic arylazo compounds **6–9**, measured in several solvents of different polarity and correlation coefficients of equation (1)

| Nr.       | $R_2\text{N/R}^b$ | Solvent <sup>a)</sup><br>X          | $\pi^*$ | CH<br>–0.02 | TE<br>+0.26 | DN<br>+0.52 | TO<br>+0.53 | ET<br>+0.57 | AN<br>+0.78 | MC<br>+0.78 | DMF<br>+0.87 | DMSO<br>+1.01 | a     | b       | r |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|
| <b>6a</b> | dimethylamino     | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 503     | 510         | 516         | 519         | 519         | 523         | 527         | 534         | 538          | 19.940        | –1.27 | –0.9834 |   |
| <b>6b</b> | diethylamino      | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 510     | 518         | 519         | 522         | 525         | 527         | 534         | 534         | 540          | 19.645        | –1.05 | –0.9667 |   |
| <b>6c</b> | dibenzylamino     | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 510     | 517         | 519         | 522         | 524         | 527         | 532         | 537         | 541          | 19.677        | –1.10 | –0.9677 |   |
| <b>6d</b> | pyrrolidino       | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 510     | 519         | 521         | 524         | 528         | 531         | 534         | 537         | 543          | 19.626        | –1.14 | –0.9806 |   |
| <b>6e</b> | piperidino        | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 509     | 515         | 515         | 516         | 519         | 519         | 525         | 528         | 533          | 19.711        | –0.81 | –0.9806 |   |
| <b>6f</b> | morpholino        | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 505     | 508         | 514         | 515         | 515         | 518         | 521         | 523         | 532          | 19.944        | –1.17 | –0.9552 |   |
| <b>6g</b> | dimethylamino     | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 534     | 542         | 547         | 550         | 556         | 556         | 563         | 562         | 537          | 18.790        | –1.26 | –0.9643 |   |
| <b>6h</b> | diethylamino      | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 540     | 547         | 548         | 554         | 560         | 560         | 569         | 565         | 574          | 18.572        | –1.08 | –0.9568 |   |
| <b>6i</b> | dibenzylamino     | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 540     | 547         | 548         | 554         | 560         | 560         | 569         | 570         | 574          | 18.579        | –1.12 | –0.9702 |   |
| <b>6j</b> | pyrrolidino       | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 544     | 551         | 553         | 556         | 562         | 565         | 572         | 571         | 576          | 18.439        | –1.05 | –0.9601 |   |
| <b>6k</b> | piperidino        | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 538     | 547         | 546         | 548         | 558         | 551         | 562         | 556         | 563          | 18.557        | –0.76 | –0.8787 |   |
| <b>6l</b> | morpholino        | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 538     | 542         | 547         | 549         | 554         | 556         | 562         | 565         | 570          | 18.690        | –1.07 | –0.9672 |   |
| <b>7a</b> | dimethylamino     | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 446     | 454         | 464         | 464         | 477         | 478         | 482         | 492         | 500          | 22.580        | –2.43 | –0.9725 |   |
| <b>7b</b> | dimethylamino     | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 486     | 497         | 507         | 520         | 516         | 520         | 527         | 530         | 537          | 20.520        | –1.91 | –0.9772 |   |
| <b>7c</b> | diethylamino      | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 552     | 529         | 536         | 536         | 545         | 550         | 555         | 560         | 567          | 19.282        | –1.55 | –0.9715 |   |
| <b>7d</b> | diethylamino      | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 570     | 582         | 582         | 586         | 593         | 594         | 603         | 601         | 605          | 17.527        | –1.02 | –0.9560 |   |
| <b>8a</b> | morpholino        | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 501     | 508         | 525         | 520         | 534         | 542         | 536         | 555         | 567          | 20.152        | –2.29 | –0.9623 |   |
| <b>8b</b> | morpholino        | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 540     | 550         | 564         | 563         | 585         | 589         | 581         | 604         | 611          | 18.649        | –2.18 | –0.9529 |   |
| <b>8c</b> | morpholino        | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 509     | 518         | 528         | 526         | 535         | 548         | 545         | 558         | 568          | 19.817        | –2.03 | –0.9677 |   |
| <b>8d</b> | morpholino        | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 554     | 565         | 579         | 574         | 590         | 607         | 603         | 616         | 624          | 18.199        | –2.12 | –0.9677 |   |
| <b>8e</b> | morpholino        | 2,4-(CN) <sub>2</sub>               | 543     | 549         | 559         | 554         | 566         | 570         | 569         | 576         | 582          | 18.491        | –1.25 | –0.9664 |   |
| <b>9a</b> | morpholino        | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 452     | 458         | 467         | 468         | 463         | 472         | 473         | 484         | 489          | 22.246        | –1.61 | –0.9566 |   |
| <b>9b</b> | morpholino        | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   | 495     | 501         | 505         | 507         | 508         | 512         | 515         | 522         | 526          | 20.285        | –1.16 | –0.9716 |   |
| <b>9c</b> | morpholin         | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 526     | 533         | 538         | 539         | 541         | 546         | 550         | 558         | 558          | 19.062        | –1.09 | –0.9856 |   |

<sup>a)</sup> CH: cyclohexane, TE: tetrachloromethane, DN: 1,4-dioxane, TO: toluene, ET: ethanol, AN: acetonitrile, MC: dichloromethane, DMF: *N,N*-dimethylformamide, DMSO: dimethylsulfoxide; <sup>b)</sup> R = phenyl for **6a–l**, **8c,d,e**, **9b**, and **9c**; R = H for **7a**, **7b**, **8a**, **8k**, and **9a**; R = diethylamino for **7c** and **7d**

As characteristic feature of the *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-5-arylazoselenazoles **6** the strong solvent dependence of their longest-wavelength absorptions is to be mentioned. Especially if their phenylazo moieties are substituted by one or more electron-accepting groups, like a nitro group, pronounced solvatochromic properties were observed. In this respect, the 5-nitrophenyl-azo-substituted 2-amino-selenazoles **6** exhibit, as documented in Table 2, a solvatochromic behaviour analogous to that of substituted arylazo compounds of the structures **7–9**. Although some of these azo compounds are already known, their solvatochromic properties were not studied as yet. Therefore, they have been prepared analogously to the 5-arylazo-substituted 2-amino-4-phenylselenazoles **6** by coupling of the before-mentioned carbocyclic and heterocyclic amines **1–3** with an appropriate

arenediazonium salt and their solvatochromic properties were compared with that of the selenazole analogues **6**.

As seen from Table 2, a bathochromic shift is generally observed by increasing the solvent polarity (positive solvatochromism). This solvent-induced band shift can be quantified by plotting the reciprocal wavelength  $1/\lambda$  ( $\lambda$  measured in  $10^{-5}$  m) of the longest-wavelength absorption bands with suitable solvent parameters, *e.g.*, with the  $E_T(30)$  values given by Dimroth and Reichardt [12] or, more precisely, with the  $\pi^*$  values given by Kamlet and Taft [13] using Equation (1). Usually, with the  $\pi^*$  values a good correlation, indicated by correlation coefficients  $r$  larger than 0.95, is observed.

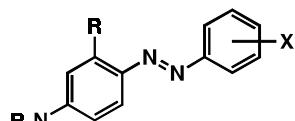
$$1/\lambda_{\max} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \pi^* \quad (1)$$

As can be seen from the determined parameters **b** of Equation 1, which are a measure of the solvent sensitivity of the absorption bands of the studied arylazo compound **6–9**, they exhibit generally a pronounced solvatochromism. The largest solvatochromic effects are observed with the azo compounds **7** and **8**. To the contrary, the lowest solvatochromic effects are observed with the heterocyclic azo compounds **6** and **9**. They contain an *N*-atom in their heterocyclic moieties. Obviously, the *N*-atom containing heterocyclic azo compounds **6** and **9** exhibit, so far as they have the same substitution pattern at their chromophoric framework, a less pronounced solvatochromism as their *N*-atom free analogues. Nevertheless, all azo compounds studied are highly dipolar compounds whose dipolarity is strongly altered by going from the electronic ground to their first electronic excited states [14]. In this respect the studied arylazo compounds **6–9**, especially the heterocyclic azo compounds **6** and **8**, seem good candidates for manufacturing materials with pronounced non-linear optical [15] or photorefractive properties [16]. Detailed studies in this direction are performed and will be published soon.

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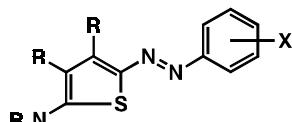
## Experimental

Melting points were determined by means of heating table microscope (Boëtius). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian 300 MHz spectrometer Gemini 300 or with a JEOL 200 MHz spectrometer JNM FX 200. The elemental analytical data were determined by means of a LECO analyser CHNS 932. The preparation of the phenylazo starting compounds used is documented in the following papers: the *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-selenazoles **4** [9], the *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-thiophenes **2** [17], and the *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-thiazoles **3** [7a]. They are also available from the Synotec GmbH, Wolfen, Germany.



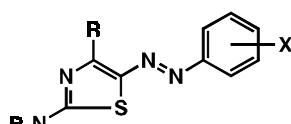
**7a – 7d**

| Nr.       | R <sub>2</sub> N | R            | X                                   |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>7a</b> | dimethylamino    | H            | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>7b</b> | dimethylamino    | H            | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>7c</b> | diethylamino     | diethylamino | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>7d</b> | diethylamino     | diethylamino | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |



**8a – 8e**

| Nr.       | R <sub>2</sub> N | R      | X                                   |
|-----------|------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>8a</b> | morpholino       | H      | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>8b</b> | morpholino       | H      | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>8c</b> | morpholino       | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>8d</b> | morpholino       | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>8e</b> | morpholino       | phenyl | 2,4-(CN) <sub>2</sub>               |



**9a – 9c**

| Nr.       | R <sub>2</sub> N | R      | X                                   |
|-----------|------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>9a</b> | morpholino       | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>9b</b> | morpholino       | phenyl | 4-NO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| <b>9c</b> | morpholin        | phenyl | 2,4-(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> |

**Scheme 2** Structural formulas of carbocyclic and heterocyclic arylazo compounds

**N,N-Disubstituted 2-amino-5-phenylazoselenazoles 6a–l**

**Method A:** The *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-4-phenylselenazole **4** (0.02 mol) was dissolved in acetic acid (20 mL) and dropwise mixed under stirring and cooling with a solution of 4-nitrophenyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (0.021 mol, 4.97 g) in a mixture of water (5 mL) and acetic acid (5 mL). The product precipitated from the solution was isolated by filtration, washed with methanol, and recrystallized from a *n*-butanol/DMF mixture.

**Method B:** The *N,N*-disubstituted 2-amino-4-phenylselenazole **4** (0.02 mol) was dissolved in DMSO (15 mL) and dropwise mixed under stirring and cooling with a solution of 2,4-dinitrophenyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate (0.021 mol, 5.92 g) in DMSO (15 mL). The product formed either precipitates immediately or was forced to precipitate from the solution by addition of water after 60 min. It was isolated by filtration, washed with methanol, and recrystallized from a *n*-butanol/DMF mixture.

**2-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)-4-phenylselenazole (**6a**)**

yield 2.8 g (35%, method A); *m.p.* 226–228 °C (dec.).

$C_{17}H_{15}N_5O_2Se$  Calcd.: C 51.11 H 3.78 N 17.50  
(400.3) Found: C 51.15 H 3.87 N 17.43.

**2-(*N,N*-Diethylamino)-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)-4-phenylselenazole (**6b**)**

yield 4.6 g (53%, method A); *m.p.* 185–186 °C.

$C_{19}H_{19}N_5O_2Se$  Calcd.: C 53.28 H 4.47 N 16.35  
(428.4) Found: C 53.54 H 4.50 N 16.15.

**2-(*N,N*-Dibenzylamino)-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)-4-phenylselenazole (**6c**)**

yield 6.0 g (55%, method A); *m.p.* 240–243 °C.

$C_{29}H_{23}N_5O_2Se$  Calcd.: C 63.04 H 4.20 N 12.68  
(552.5) Found: C 62.66 H 4.40 N 12.02.

**5-(4-Nitrophenylazo)-4-phenyl-2-pyrrolidinoselenazole (**6d**)**

yield 2.0 g (23%, method A); *m.p.* 163–165 °C (dec.).

$C_{19}H_{17}N_5O_2Se$  Calcd.: C 53.53 H 4.02 N 16.43  
(426.3) Found: C 53.51 H 4.10 N 16.14.

**5-(4-Nitrophenylazo)-4-phenyl-2-piperidinoselenazole (**6e**)**

yield 4.6 g (53%, method A); *m.p.* 243–244 °C.

$C_{20}H_{19}N_5O_2Se$  Calcd.: C 54.55 H 4.35 N 15.90  
(440.4) Found: C 54.30 H 4.58 N 15.88.

**2-Morpholino-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)-4-phenylselenazoles (**6f**)**

yield 3.2 g (37%, method A); *m.p.* 280–282 °C.

$C_{19}H_{17}N_5O_3Se$  Calcd.: C 51.59 H 3.87 N 15.83  
(442.3) Found: C 51.44 H 4.38 N 15.81.

**2-(*N,N*-Dimethylamino)-5-(2,4-dinitrophenylazo)-4-phenylselenazole (**6g**)**

yield 1.4 g (15%, method B); *m.p.* 262–263 °C.

$C_{17}H_{14}N_6O_4Se$  Calcd.: C 45.85 H 3.17 N 18.87  
(445.3) Found: C 45.72 H 3.71 N 18.70.

**2-(*N,N*-Diethylamino)-5-(2,4-dinitrophenylazo)-4-phenylselenazole (**6h**)**

yield 2.6 g (28%, method B); *m.p.* 225–227 °C.

$C_{19}H_{18}N_6O_4Se$  Calcd.: C 48.21 H 3.83 N 17.75  
(473.4) Found: C 47.81 H 4.35 N 17.52.

**2-(*N,N*-Dibenzylamino)-5-(2,4-dinitrophenylazo)-4-phenylselenazole (**6i**)**

yield 1.8 g (15%, method B); *m.p.* 241–242 °C.

$C_{29}H_{22}N_6O_4Se$  Calcd.: C 58.30 H 3.71 N 14.07  
(597.5) Found: C 58.16 H 4.47 N 13.85.

**5-(2,4-Dinitrophenylazo)-4-phenyl-2-pyrrolidinoselenazole (**6j**)**

yield 2.3 g (24%, method B); *m.p.* 233–235 °C.

$C_{19}H_{16}N_6O_4Se$  Calcd.: C 48.42 H 3.42 N 17.83  
(485.4) Found: C 48.41 H 3.55 N 17.84.

**5-(2,4-Dinitrophenylazo)-4-phenyl-2-piperidinoselenazole (**6k**)**

yield 1.3 g (13%, method B); *m.p.* 217–218 °C.

$C_{20}H_{18}N_6O_4Se$  Calcd.: C 49.49 H 3.74 N 17.31  
(485.4) Found: C 49.05 H 3.75 N 16.45.

**5-(2,4-Dinitrophenylazo)-2-morpholino-4-phenylselenazole (**6l**)**

yield 1.2 g (12%, method B); *m.p.* 232–234 °C.

$C_{19}H_{16}N_6O_5Se$  Calcd.: C 46.83 H 3.31 N 17.24  
(487.3) Found: C 46.96 H 3.99 N 17.19.

**N,N-Disubstituted-4-phenylazoanilines 7a–d, N,N-Disubstituted 2-amino-5-phenylazothiophenes 8a–e, and N,N-Disubstituted 2-amino-5-phenylazothiazoles 9a–c**

**Method C:** The aromatic amine (0.01 mol) was dissolved in a mixture of acetic acid (50 mL) and conc. sulphuric acid (20 mL) and dropwise mixed under stirring and cooling with a solution of sodium nitrite (0.01 mol, 0.7 g) in water (2.5 mL). After 30 min the resulting diazonium salt solution was poured in a mixture of a *N,N*-disubstituted aniline, 2-aminothiophene, or 2-aminothiazole as coupling component (0.01 mol), dissolved in methanol (50 mL), and subsequently diluted with water (200 mL). The product precipitated was filtrated, washed with methanol, dried, and recrystallized from *n*-butanol.

**N,N-Dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenylazo)aniline (**7a**)**

yield 2.0 g (75%); *m.p.* 225–228 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.12 (s, 6H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 6.73 (d, 2H, CH), 7.90 (m, 4H, CH), 8.31 (d, 2H, CH).

$C_{14}H_{14}N_4O_2$  Calcd.: C 62.22 H 5.19 N 20.75  
(270.0) Found: C 61.96 H 5.35 N 20.56.

**N,N-Dimethyl-4-(2,4-dinitrophenylazo)aniline (**7b**)**

yield 1.6 g (50%); *m.p.* 211 °C (dec.). –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.15 (s, 6H,  $\text{NCH}_3$ ), 6.73 (d, 2H, CH), 7.88 (m, 3H, CH), 8.40 (d, 1H, CH), 8.66 (s, 1H, CH).

$C_{14}H_{13}N_5O_4$  Calcd.: C 53.33 H 4.13 N 22.22  
(315.0) Found: C 52.25 H 4.60 N 21.97.

**N,N-Diethyl-3-(*N,N*-diethylamino)-4-(4-nitrophenylazo)aniline (**7c**)**

yield 2.5 g (67%); *m.p.* 108–110 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in  $\text{DMSO-D}_6$ ):  $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 1.13–1.21 (m, 12H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.45 (m, 4H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.59 (m, 4H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 5.90 (s, 1H, CH), 6.32 (d, 1H, CH), 7.69

(d, 2H, CH), 7.81 (d, 1H, CH), 8.28 (d, 2H, CH).  
 $C_{20}H_{27}N_5O_2$  Calcd.: C 65.05 H 7.32 N 18.97  
 (369.0) Found: C 64.89 H 7.38 N 19.10.

*N,N-Diethyl-3-(N,N-diethylamino)-4-(2,4-dinitrophenylazo)aniline (7d)*  
 yield 1.4 g (34%); *m.p.* 207 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 1.07–1.25 (m, 12H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.49 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.68 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.78 (s, 1H, CH), 6.43 (d, 1H, CH), 7.63 (d, 1H, CH), 7.73 (d, 1H, CH), 8.37 (dd, 1H, CH), 8.69 (d, 1H, CH).  
 $C_{20}H_{26}N_6O_4$  Calcd.: C 57.97 H 6.28 N 20.29  
 (414.0) Found: C 57.30 H 6.67 N 19.88.

*2-Morpholino-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)thiophene (8a)*  
 yield 1.3 g (40%); *m.p.* 231 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.43 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.84 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.37 (d, 1H, CH), 7.65 (d, 1H, CH), 7.74 (d, 2H, CH), 8.25 (d, 2H, CH).  
 $C_{14}H_{14}N_4O_3S$  Calcd.: C 52.83 H 4.40 N 17.61 S 10.06  
 (318.0) Found: C 52.42 H 4.59 N 16.86 S 10.60.

*5-(2,4-Dinitrophenylazo)-2-morpholinothiophene (8b)*  
 yield 1.8 g (49%); *m.p.* 205–207 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.84 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.77 (d, 1H, CH), 7.84 (d, 1H, CH), 8.42 (d, 1H, CH), 8.44 (d, 1H, CH), 8.78 (dd, 1H, CH).  
 $C_{14}H_{13}N_5O_5S$  Calcd.: C 46.28 H 3.58 N 19.28  
 (363.0) Found: C 46.18 H 3.81 N 18.57.

*3,4-Diphenyl-2-morpholino-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)thiophene (8c)*  
 yield 1.9 g (40%); *m.p.* 238–240 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.11 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.66 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.14–7.24 (m, 10H, CH), 7.64 (d, 2H, CH), 8.18 (d, 2H, CH).  
 $C_{26}H_{22}N_4O_3S$  Calcd.: C 66.38 H 4.68 N 11.91 S 6.81  
 (470.0) Found: C 65.74 H 4.81 N 11.73 S 6.76.

*5-(2,4-Dinitrophenylazo)-3,4-diphenyl-2-morpholinothiophene (8d)*  
 yield 2.6 g (51%); *m.p.* 207 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.27 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.66 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.13 (m, 4H, CH), 7.26 (m, 9H, CH), 7.58 (d, 1H, CH), 8.20 (d, 1H, CH), 8.55 (s, 1H, CH).  
 $C_{26}H_{21}N_5O_5S$  Calcd.: C 60.59 H 4.08 N 13.59 S 6.21  
 (515.0) Found: C 60.89 H 4.46 N 12.96 S 7.14.

*5-(2,4-Dicyanophenylazo)-3,4-diphenyl-2-morpholinothiophene (8e)*  
 yield 0.8 g (17%); *m.p.* 244–247 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.25 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.66 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.11–7.27 (m, 10H, CH), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH), 7.57 (d, 1H, CH), 7.87 (s, 1H, CH).

$C_{28}H_{21}N_5OS$  Calcd.: C 70.74 H 4.42 N 14.74 S 6.74  
 (475.0) Found: C 69.75 H 5.24 N 13.72 S 6.47.

*2-Morpholino-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)thiazole (9a)*  
 yield 1.9 g (60%); *m.p.* 248–250 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.72 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.83 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.80 (d, 2H, CH), 8.11 (s, 1H, CH), 8.27 (d, 2H, CH).  
 $C_{13}H_{13}N_5O_3S$  Calcd.: C 48.90 H 4.07 N 21.94 S 10.03  
 (319.0) Found: C 48.74 H 4.23 N 21.47 S 9.93.

*2-Morpholino-5-(4-nitrophenylazo)-4-phenylthiazole (9b)*  
 yield 3.0 g (77%); *m.p.* 279–280 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.81 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.84 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.84 (m, 3H, CH), 8.27 (m, 4H, CH).

$C_{19}H_{17}N_5O_3S$  Calcd.: C 57.72 H 4.30 N 17.72 S 8.10  
 (395.0) Found: C 58.06 H 4.62 N 17.61 S 8.01.

*5-(2,4-Dinitrophenylazo)-2-morpholino-4-phenylthiazole (9c)*

yield 1.7 g (38%); *m.p.* 240 °C. –  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  
 $\delta/\text{ppm}$  = 3.86 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.51 (m, 3H, CH), 7.82 (d, 1H, CH), 8.25 (d, 2H, CH), 8.36 (d, 1H, CH), 8.58 (d, 1H, CH).

$C_{19}H_{16}N_6O_5S$  Calcd.: C 51.82 H 3.64 N 19.09 S 7.27  
 (440.0) Found: C 51.93 H 3.80 N 18.96 S 7.33.

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