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## Molecular complexes of 4,10dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-a]isoindol-4-ones with $\beta$ -cyclodextrin

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**Abstract** The solubilization of 4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-a]isoindol-4-ones by  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin by two routes—solvatofluorochromic and extraction methods was studied. The solvatofluorochromic investigations showed that the changes occurred in the medium's polarity do not influence onto the fluorescent characteristics of these compounds. However, using extraction method their solubilization by  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin was observed.

**Keywords**  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin · Condensed isoindoles · Molecular complexes

The cyclodextrins are widely used in pharmaceutics because of their biocompatibility, nontoxity and their capability to form the inclusion complexes with many organic compounds and drugs [1-5]. Condensed iso-indoles have a number of interesting and promising properties both in chemical and biological [6-8]

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aspects. Thus, it is of a great interest to solubilize them in the water. We have synthesized a range of derivatives of the 4,10-dihydrothieno [3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-a]isoindol-4-ones (1). The NMR-characteristics of these compounds are summarized in Table 1. We investigated their solubilization in the water by  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin applying both solvatofluorochromic and extraction methods.



First, we estimated qualitatively if a solubilization took place—dropping of the compound **1** to the water results to the formation of turbid solution. Then, after adding to the solution obtained a drop of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin solution, it became transparent. So, it could be attributed that the solubilization of 4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-*a*]isoindol-4-ones **1** happens.

These compounds absorb in the visible spectral region and demonstrate fluorescence at 440 nm. Changes of absorption and fluorescence in the presence of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin we took as a criterion of molecular complexes formation. The optical densities and intensities of fluorescence of 4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-*a*]isoindol-4-ones in the water in  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin presence and without it were compared. However, we didn't observe any sufficient changes of spectral properties for above compounds when  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin was

No.	Chemical shifts, p.m.								
	Aromatic protons of isoindole fragment				CH <sub>2</sub> of isoindole	Protons of R' and R"			
1a	8.44 d.	8.14 t.	8.03 d.	7.99 t.	5.78 s.	3.23 m.	3.08 m.	2.13 m.	
	$1\mathrm{H}$	1H	$1\mathrm{H}$	1H	2H	2H	2H	4H	
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	CH <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2$	$CH_2$	$2CH_2$	
1b	8.49 d.	8.18 t.	8.08 d.	8.02 m.	5.90 m.	7.86 m.	7.63 m.		
	1H	1H	1H	1H + 2H(R)	2H	2H	2H		
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	$CH_2$	CHarom	CHarom		
1c	8.39 d.	8.17 t.	8.06 d.	8.00 t.	5.86 s.	7.78 d.	7.35 d.	2.64 s.	
	$1\mathrm{H}$	1H	1H	1H	2H	2H	2H	3H	
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	$CH_2$	2CHarom	2CHarom	CH <sub>3</sub>	
1d	8.48 d.	8.18 t.	8.07 d.	7.99 t.	5.89 s.	7.51 d.	7.42 d.	7.51 s.	2.58 s.
	1H	1H	1H	1H	2H	2H	2H	1H	3H
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	$CH_2$	2CHarom	2CHarom	CHarom	$CH_3$
1e	8.45 d.	8.19 t.	8.08 d.	7.99 t.	5.91 s.	7.52 s.	7.25 m.	2.50 s.	2.28 s.
	1H	1H	1H	1H	2H	1H	3H	3H	3H
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	$CH_2$	CHarom	3CHarom	CH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_3$
1f	8.50 d.	8.22 t.	8.08 d.	8.03 t.	5.86 s.	4.71 q.	3.17 s.	1.65 t.	
	1H	1H	1H	1H	2H	2H	3H	3H	
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	$CH_2$	$OCH_2$	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	
1g	8.44 d.	8.14 t.	8.03 d.	7.99 t.	5.77 s.	2.71 s.	2.69 s.		
	1H	1H	1H	1H	2H	3H	3H		
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	$CH_2$	$CH_3$	$CH_3$		
1h	8.47 d.	8.16 t.	8.05 d.	8.00 t.	5.83 s.	3.20 q.	1.61 t.		
	1H	1H	1H	1H	2HO	2H	3H		
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	$CH_2$	$CH_2$	$CH_3$		
1i	8.39 d.	8.15 t.	8.04 d.	7.95 t.	5.87 s.	7.59 m.			
	$1\mathrm{H}$	1H	1H	1H	2H	6H			
	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	(CHarom)	CH <sub>2</sub>	6CHarom			

 Table 1
 The data of NMR-spectra of 4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido [2,1-a]isoindol-4-ones (1)

added. For example, the fluorescence curves for 2-phenyl-4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-a]isoindol-4-one (**1b**) are shown in Fig. 1.

The solvatofluorochromic investigations revealed that the changes occurred in the medium's polarity do not influence onto the absorption and emission characteristics of 4,10-dihydrothieno-[3',2':5,6]pyrimi-



Fig. 1 The fluorescence spectra of 2-phenyl-4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6] pyrimido[2,1-*a*]isoindol-4-one **1b** in acetonitrile and water correspondingly, with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin and without it

do[2,1-a] isoindol-4-ones **1**, e.g. on shifting of the absorption and fluorescence band or its intensity. That fact permitted to conclude that transfer of **1** in less polar cyclodextrin cavity does not influence on their spectral properties.

Thus, it was impossible to observe directly the solubilization of compounds **1a–i** with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin by the spectral methods. That is why, we decided to use indirect method for investigation of this process.

Compounds were dissolved in dichloromethane, and the solutions obtained were extracted in the same conditions by distilled water and  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin water solution. The fluorescence of the cyclodextrincontaining water extract appears to be three times (approximately) more intensive compared with water. The spectral effect obtained for compound **1a** is shown in Fig. 2.

The results obtained permit to demonstrate the better extraction of compounds investigated to water medium in the presence of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin. This phenomenon can be interpreted by incapsulation of 4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-a]isoindol-4-ones into cyclodextrin cavity.



Fig. 2 Comparison of the fluorescence spectra for the substance 1a extracted by water and  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin water solution

## **Experimental part**

The NMR-spectra were carried out using Bruker-400 in TFA with TMS as a standard. The absorption spectra were recorded on the spectrophotometer Hitachi U3210, and the fluorescence spectra on the spectrofluorimeter F4010.

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Before providing experiments 4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-a]isoindol-4-ones **1a-i** were recrystallized two times from DMF. Several small crystals of compounds 1 were dissolved in acetone. One drop of this solution was added to the distilled water and some other solvents-DMFA, methanol, DMSO. Both absorption and fluorescence spectra of the solution obtained were monitored. Separately,  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin water solution was prepared. Then, a drop of this solution was added to the water solution of 4,10-dihydrothieno [3',2':5,6] pyrimido[2,1-a]isoindol-4-ones 1, and absorption and fluorescence spectra were monitored again.

The concentrated solution of 4,10-dihydrothieno[3',2':5,6]pyrimido[2,1-*a*]isoindol-4-ones **1** in dichloromethane was prepared. Two test tubes were taken, filled with 2 ml of distilled water and with 2 ml of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin water solution, respectively. To each test tube 10 ml of compound **1a** dissolved in dichloromethane was added. After 5 min of stirring at room temperature, aliquation proceeded for 15 min and finally, fluorescence spectra of both aqueous phases separated were accomplished.

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