

gion (5H). Two broad singlets at 8.2 (1H) and 8.5 (1H), both of which exchange slowly with D<sub>2</sub>O, are assigned to the NH hydrogens, confirming the unsubstituted amide character of the molecule.

Analysis of VIII and IX by mass spectrometry gives a fragmentation pattern which supports halogenation on the methylene carbon.

Compound VIII		Compound IX	
<i>m/e</i>	Relative intensity	<i>m/e</i>	Relative intensity
355	(37) M <sup>+</sup>	267	(40) M <sup>+</sup>
312	(23) M—CONH	224	(20) M—CONH
291	(18) M—SO <sub>2</sub>	203	(20) M—SO <sub>2</sub>
214	(2.9) M—C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> SO <sub>2</sub>	141	(100) C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> SO <sub>2</sub>
198	(2.9) CBr <sub>2</sub> CO	110	(2.2) CCl <sub>2</sub> CO
186	(14) COBr <sub>2</sub>	98	(9.0) COCl <sub>2</sub>
141	(100) C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> SO <sub>2</sub>	83	(10.0) CHCl <sub>2</sub>

These results indicate that chlorination of 2-(*p*-toluenesulfonyl)acetamide gives 2,2-dichloro-2-(*p*-toluenesulfonyl)acetamide and bromination of 2-( $\beta$ -naphthylsulfonyl)acetamide gives 2,2-dibromo-2-( $\beta$ -naphthylsulfonyl)acetamide rather than the *N*-halogenated structures assigned by Tröger and Hille.

These halogenated compounds on irradiation generate bromine, which may be utilized to oxidize leuco triphenylmethane dyes.

## Experimental

The procedures described by Tröger and Hille (7) for the bromination and chlorination of the arylsulfonylaceta-mides were used for the preparation of VI, VIII, and IX. 2,2-Dichloro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamide (IX) was also prepared as follows: A solution of 10 grams of 2-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamide in 50 ml of acetic acid and 30 ml of sulfuric acid was heated for 15 min on the steam bath, 50 ml of water was added, and the solid was collected and crystallized from ethyl acetate-ligroin to give 10.2 grams (77% yield) of IX, mp 144°.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 35.9; H, 2.6; Cl, 26.5; N, 5.2; S, 12.8. Found: C, 35.8; H, 2.4; Cl, 26.5; N, 5.2; S, 12.6.

The melting points and analytical data for the brominated products are given below.

VI, C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrNSO<sub>3</sub>: mp 176°

*Anal.* Calcd: C, 37.0; H, 3.4; N, 4.8; Br, 27.4. Found: C, 36.8; H, 3.7; N, 5.1; Br, 27.5.

VII, C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: mp 124.

*Anal.* Calcd: C, 29.2; H, 2.2; N, 3.8; Br, 43.0. Found: C, 29.4; H, 2.1; N, 4.1; Br, 42.8.

VIII, C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NSO<sub>3</sub>: mp 139.

*Anal.* Calcd: C, 26.8; H, 2.0; Br, 44.8. Found: C, 26.6; H, 1.9; Br, 44.5.

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# Synthesis and Properties of *p*-Toluidine Salts of Substituted $\alpha$ -Phenylcinnamionitrile Sulfonic Acids

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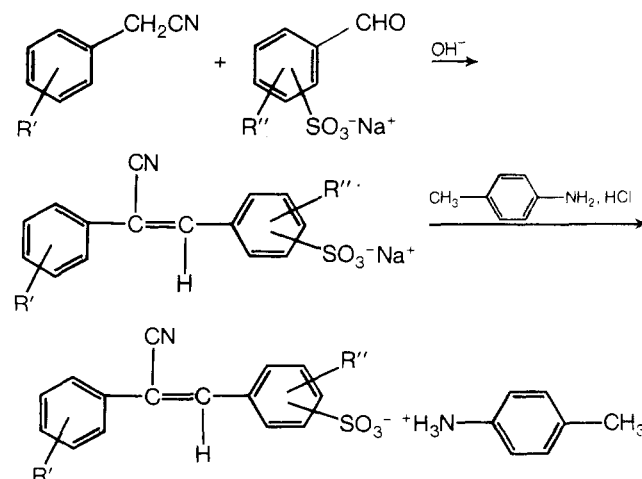
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Some *p*-toluidine salts of substituted  $\alpha$ -phenylcinnamionitrile sulfonic acids are synthesized via base-catalyzed condensations of substituted phenylacetone nitriles and benzaldehyde sulfonic acid sodium salts, followed by reaction of the resulting products with *p*-toluidine in aqueous acid media. A summary of the physical properties of the new compounds is presented.

Interest in this laboratory in the use of  $\alpha$ -phenylcinnamionitrile sulfonic acids as potential analytical reagents resulted in the synthesis of some model compounds (Table I). A literature search revealed that little if any information was available concerning the synthesis and physical properties of these substances.

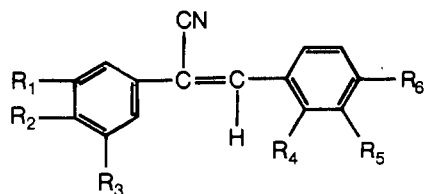
The compounds were synthesized via base-catalyzed condensations of substituted phenylacetone nitriles and benzaldehyde sulfonic acid sodium salts as shown in Scheme 1. The resulting product, a substituted sodium

$\alpha$ -phenylcinnamionitrile sulfonate (I), usually precipitated from solution upon cooling. When this did not occur,



SCHEME I

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**Table I. *p*-Toluidine Salts of Substituted  $\alpha$ -Phenylcinnamionitrile-Sulfonic Acids**


Compd	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	R <sub>5</sub>	R <sub>6</sub>	Mp, °C	Yield, <sup>a</sup> %
1	H	H	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+b</sup>	H	H	215-216	76
2	H	H	H	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	249-251	72
3	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	H	H	269-271	80
4	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	245-247	82
5	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	H	H	218-223	75
6	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	238-240	80
7	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	H	H	173-175	85
8	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	244-247	82
9	H	Br	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	H	H	273-275	80
10	H	Br	H	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	265-267	78
11	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	H	H	253-258	70
12	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	H	SO <sub>3</sub> -tol <sup>+</sup>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	263-268	75

<sup>a</sup> No attempt was made to optimize yield. Yields are based on starting nitrile and aldehyde. <sup>b</sup> Tol<sup>+</sup> = <sup>+</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>--CH<sub>3</sub>.

**Table II. Summary of Physical Properties of *p*-Toluidine Salts of Substituted  $\alpha$ -Phenylcinnamionitrile-Sulfonic Acids**

Compd	Anal Calcd	Anal Found	Uv EtOH, $\lambda_{max}$ , nm	Ir, $\nu_{max}$ , cm <sup>-1</sup>	Fluorescence			Rel fluoresc. QRU <sup>c</sup>
					Solid <sup>a</sup>	Soln <sup>b</sup> excit max	Soln <sup>b</sup> emiss max	
1	C, 67.33 H, 5.13 N, 7.13	C, 67.48 H, 5.25 N, 7.11	303 ( $\epsilon = 20,000$ )	2240 (CN) 1175 (sulfonate) 1050 (sulfonate)	Violet	...	<sup>d</sup>	...
2	C, 65.40 H, 5.21 N, 6.64	C, 65.24 H, 5.29 N, 6.57	327 ( $\epsilon = 17,700$ )	2240 (CN) 1275 (arom. ether) 1100 (arom. ether) 1170 (sulfonate) 1040 (sulfonate)	Violet	...	<sup>d</sup>	...
3	C, 65.40 H, 5.21 N, 6.63	C, 65.29 H, 5.26 N, 6.55	333 ( $\epsilon = 20,000$ )	2240 (CN) 1250 (arom. ether) 1090 (arom. ether) 1170 (sulfonate) 1020 (sulfonate)	Bluish white	375	425	0.009
4	C, 63.71 H, 5.30 N, 6.19	C, 63.54 H, 5.40 N, 6.11	350 ( $\epsilon = 45,000$ )	2240 (CN) 1270 (arom. ether) 1100 (arom. ether) 1200 (sulfonate) 1040 (sulfonate)	Blue	...	<sup>d</sup>	...
5	C, 63.69 H, 5.34 N, 6.19	C, 63.78 H, 5.38 N, 6.17	345 ( $\epsilon = 15,000$ )	2240 (CN) 1240 (arom. ether) 1095 (arom. ether) 1175 (sulfonate) 1025 (sulfonate)	Bluish white	370	465	0.204
6	C, 62.24 H, 5.39 N, 5.80	C, 62.15 H, 5.42 N, 5.85	358 ( $\epsilon = 30,000$ )	2220 (CN) 1280 (arom. ether) 1095 (arom. ether) 1170 (sulfonate) 1020 (sulfonate)	Greenish yellow	...	<sup>d</sup>	...
7	C, 62.22 H, 5.43 H, 5.80	C, 62.32 H, 5.50 N, 5.70	325 ( $\epsilon = 17,000$ )	2240 (CN) 1260 (arom. ether) 1095 (arom. ether) 1140 (sulfonate) 1030 (sulfonate)	Greenish yellow	375	455	0.090
8	C, 60.92 H, 5.50 N, 5.46	C, 60.77 H, 5.56 N, 5.43	351 ( $\epsilon = 17,000$ )	2225 (CN) 1280 (arom. ether) 1095 (arom. ether) 1195 (sulfonate) 1040 (sulfonate)	Greenish yellow	...	<sup>d</sup>	...

Table II. Continued

Compd	Anal Calcd	Anal Found	Uv EtOH, $\lambda_{\max}$ , nm	Ir, $\nu_{\max}$ , cm <sup>-1</sup>	Fluorescence			
					Solid <sup>a</sup>	Soln <sup>b</sup> excit max	Soln <sup>b</sup> emiss max	Rel fluoresc. QRU <sup>c</sup>
9	C, 56.05 H, 4.03 N, 5.95	C, 55.82 H, 4.11 N, 5.83	306 ( $\epsilon = 11,000$ )	2240 (CN) 1175 (sulfonate) 1020 (sulfonate) 620 (C-Br)	Violet	...	<sup>d</sup>	...
10	C, 55.08 H, 4.19 N, 5.58	C, 54.83 H, 4.35 N, 5.45	346 ( $\epsilon = 30,000$ )	2225 (CN) 1180 (sulfonate) 1040 (sulfonate) 625 (C-Br)	Blue	...	<sup>d</sup>	...
11	C, 71.80 H, 5.13 N, 5.98	C, 71.94 H, 5.14 N, 6.08	325 ( $\epsilon = 9,000$ )	2220 (CN) 1175 (sulfonate) 1030 (sulfonate)	Blue	...	<sup>d</sup>	...
12	C, 69.87 H, 5.22 N, 5.62	C, 69.86 H, 5.30 N, 5.65	342 ( $\epsilon = 19,500$ )	2220 (CN) 1280 (arom. ether) 1100 (arom. ether) 1180 (sulfonate) 1040 (sulfonate)	Bluish white	...	<sup>d</sup>	...

<sup>a</sup> Ascertained by visual observation of the dry powder when exposed to uv light from a long wavelength uv lamp. <sup>b</sup> Measurements were recorded on an Aminco-Bowman spectrophotofluorometer using ethanol as solvent. <sup>c</sup> Quinine Reference Unit, see ref. 2. <sup>d</sup> Denotes that no fluorescence was observed in ethanolic solution.

vacuum distillation of the solvent yielded the crude product. Because satisfactory elemental analyses could not be obtained for these desired products, they were further characterized as their *p*-toluidine salts (II) as shown in Scheme 1 and Table I. These salts crystallize readily and have sharp and characteristic melting points (1).

Table II presents a summary of the physical properties of the *p*-toluidine salts. There was special interest in the fluorescence of these compounds since previous experience with other types of  $\alpha$ -phenylcinnamionitriles had shown that such substances possessed good fluorescent intensity in solution (2). Fluorescent measurements were performed by visual examination of the dry powder using long wavelength ultraviolet light (Ultra-Violet Products, Inc., San Gabriel, Calif.) and by determination of the excitation and emission maxima of the compounds in ethanol using a spectrophotofluorometer. Although all the compounds possessed varied fluorescent intensities in the solid state, only compounds 3, 5, and 7 showed fluorescence in ethanol solution. A comparison of the fluorescent intensity of compounds 3, 5, and 7 to quinine sulfate via the quinine reference unit (QRU) was performed (2). It was concluded that these compounds possessed only moderate to weak fluorescence compared to quinine sulfate.

### Experimental

Melting points were taken in open capillary tubes with a Thomas-Hoover apparatus; they are uncorrected. Uv spectra were determined in ethanol solution by means of

a Perkin-Elmer Model 202 spectrophotometer. Ir spectra were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer Model 467 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra were determined with an Aminco-Bowman spectrophotofluorometer equipped with a X-Y recorder; spectra were uncorrected. Microanalyses were performed by Atlantic Microlab, Inc., Atlanta, Ga.

**Preparation of substituted sodium  $\alpha$ -phenylcinnamionitrile sulfonates.** Five ml of a 10% aqueous potassium hydroxide solution was added to a solution of 0.02 mole of the appropriate phenylacetonitrile and 0.02 mole of the properly substituted benzaldehyde sulfonic acid sodium salt in 50 ml of ethanol stirred at 50°C. The solution was then heated for an additional 5 min, cooled, and the precipitate was collected and dried. In those cases where no precipitation occurred, the ethanolic solution was evaporated on a rotary evaporator to near dryness, and the residue collected and dried.

**Preparation of *p*-toluidine salt derivatives.** Derivatization of each sulfonate was achieved by reaction with *p*-toluidine in aqueous acid media to yield the *p*-toluidine salts of the sulfonic acids (1). The salts were recrystallized using either ethanol or ethanol-water mixtures.

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