

## SYNTHESIS, ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY ALONG WITH COMPUTATIONAL STUDIES OF SOME AZO MOIETIES

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### ABSTRACT

Novel azo moieties were synthesized and confirmed by technical characterization. Antimicrobial screening activity was done by the moieties 1 and 2 with respective strains. Theoretical calculations like HOMO – LUMO, MEP, and Mulliken populations were done by DFT using B3LYP/6-31G (d,p) basis set.

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### INTRODUCTION

Azomethine is a suitable moiety having potential application equally for inorganic and organic chemistry. The C=N connection is essential for genetic activity, numerous azomethines have been predictable to own significant antibacterial, antifungal, anticancer and antiviral, antimalarial activities.<sup>1-4</sup> Double bonds in the nitrogen-to-nitrogen act as a chromophore for Azo dyes.<sup>5-7</sup> Azo dyes are strong brilliant colors, in exacting oranges, reds, and yellows, and exhibit a range of interesting biological behavior. The medical consequences of these moieties are well-identified for their antibiotic, antifungal, and anti-HIV properties.<sup>8-10</sup> Schiff bases contain not just antimicrobial or antifungal activity but also chemical sensors for the discovery of metal ions.<sup>11-13</sup> A Schiff base was scrutinized by molecular imitation methods and molecular docking. The pharmacological conduct of bases shows potential against tested bacterial strains. DPPH free of charge and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> scavenging assays were working to assess the antioxidant ability of synthesized Schiff bases.<sup>14-17</sup> Azo dyes were synthesized and identified using the analyses of Ultraviolet-Visible, IR analyses, and NMR spectroscopies. The experimental data of DFT calculations are included in supplementary data. The DFT calculations were executed to reach the inferior state geometries of the compounds by the B3LYP hybrid practical level with a 6-31<sup>++</sup> G (2d,2p) set.<sup>18-20</sup> The estimations have proceeded with HOMO, LUMO, and Mulliken atomic charges.<sup>21-27</sup>

### EXPERIMENTAL

#### Synthetic Route of Azo Moieties (1 and 2)

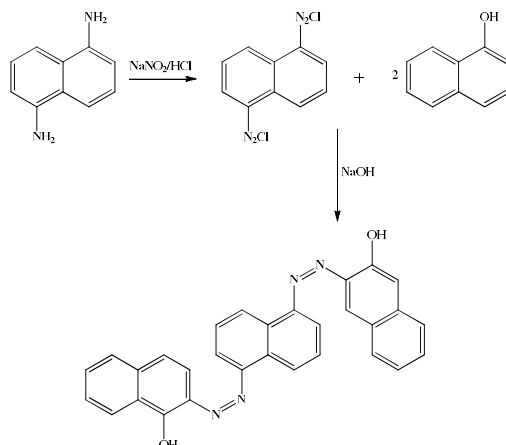
Azo ligand was ready by the precursor of *p*-cresol,  $\beta$ -naphthol, and sodium nitrite was reduced with 1,5-Diaminonaphthalene (2:1) molar percentage. The ligand produced was refined by chromatography technique. The TLC affirms the purity of the ligand (Scheme-1 and 2).

#### Measurements

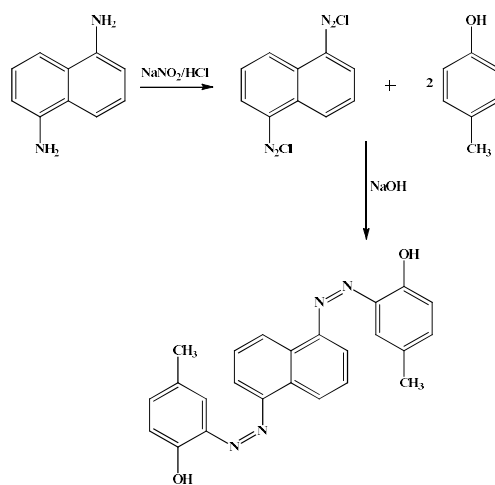
The synthesized ligand was analyzed by IR (PERKIN ELME, KBr discs) in the range of 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra at 400 MHz, respectively, were existing at least temperature employed with Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometer (Bruker biospin, California, USA).

### Computational Details

The hypothetical calculation analysis was by the Gaussian 03 package.<sup>28</sup> Computations of HOMO, LUMO, MEP, and Mulliken population of azo moieties were intended by the DFT method in the B3LYP/6-31G (d,p) level.



Scheme-1: Synthetic Route of 2-((Z)-(5-((Z)-(3-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)diazenyl)naphthalen-1-yl)diazenyl)naphthalen-1-ol



Scheme-2: Synthetic Route of 2,2'-((1Z,1'Z)-naphthalene-1,5-diy)bis(diazene-2,1-diy))bis(4-methylphenol)

### Antimicrobial Studies<sup>29,30</sup>

#### Antibacterial

The following strains have been utilized for antibacterial screening activity like *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Staphylococcus aureus* strains.

#### Antifungal

The following fungal strains are used for antifungal screening activity like *Trichoderma Viride*, *Cladosorium*, *Candida albicans*, *Aspergillus flavus*, and *Aspergillus niger* strains.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Spectral Analysis

FT-IR ranges of moiety 1 the hydroxyl (-OH) stretch frequency is  $3435\text{ cm}^{-1}$  the length of with N=N stretch frequencies were examined in the area of  $1599\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The C-N and C-H stretching frequency were studied at  $1211$  and  $1900\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Aromatic C=C stretching frequency at  $3057\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In moiety 2 the -OH stretching incidence is  $3433\text{ cm}^{-1}$  with N=N stretching incidence explored in the area of  $1589\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The C-N and C-H stretching frequencies were analyzed at  $1271$  and  $1942\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Aromatic C=C stretching frequency at  $3062\text{ cm}^{-1}$  was observed.

**2-((Z)-(5-((Z)-(3-hydroxy naphthalene-2-yl)diazanyl)naphthalen-1-yl)diazanyl) naphthalen-1-ol (1)**  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-((Z)-(5-((Z)-(3-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)diazanyl) naphthalen-1-yl)diazanyl)naphthalen-1-ol the phenyl group doublets at 7.61 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 7.94 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H) and 8.08 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.46 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 4H) protons, respectively. A sharp singlet at δ 10.93 ppm is the presence of two hydroxyls (-OH) group protons. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ligand, the signal observed at 151.30 ppm is assigned to nitrogen substituted C-3,10 carbons. The aromatic carbon signals are observed in the area of 115.08 -151.30 ppm. The hydroxyl substituted C-27 and C-20 carbons signals are noticed at 145.76 ppm, calculated m/z 468.51.

**2,2'-((1Z,1'Z)-naphthalene-1,5-diylbis(diazene-2,1-diyl))bis(4-methylphenol) (2)**  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2,2'-((1Z,1'Z)-naphthalene-1,5-diylbis(diazene-2,1-diyl))bis(4-methylphenol) the phenyl group doublets at 6.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, 1H), 7.58 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 8.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). A sharp singlet at δ 8.39 ppm is the presence of two hydroxyls (-OH) group protons. A sharp singlet at δ 2.96 ppm is the presence of (-CH<sub>3</sub>) group protons. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ligand, the signal observed at 21.54, 100.86, 102.13, 109.44, 112.10, 120.76, 122.86, 123.09, 124.02, 124.48, 125.41, 126.21, 127.10, 128.26, 128.44, 128.63, 130.81, 135.12, 135.42, 139.91, 150.67, 151.13 ppm, calculated m/z 396.16.

### Antimicrobial Activities

The preliminary antimicrobial activity of moieties 1-2 is scrutinized using the disc diffusion method. DMSO is utilized as a control. Ciprofloxacin as well as Fluconazole were employed as a standard for microbial studies. The antibacterial screening survey denotes that the compound having 1 and 2 revealed tremendous antibacterial activity against all the strains (Fig.-1). The results are tabulated in Table-1. The antifungal screening activity examines to affirm that the 1 exhibits excellent activity against *Trichoderma Viride* and *Cladosporium*. Compound 2 shows better activity against *Aspergillus flavus*, and *Aspergillus niger*, and all other strains are less active against compounds 1 and 2 (Fig.-2). The result is given in Table-2.

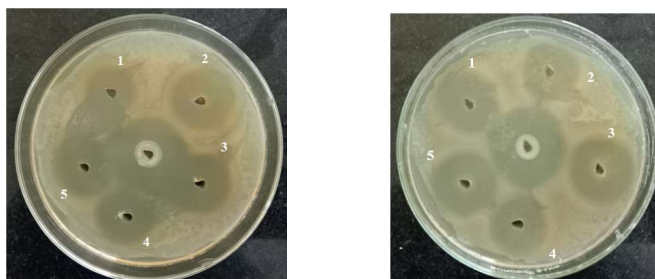


Fig.-1: Zone of Inhibition of Moieties 1 and 2 Against Antibacterial Strains

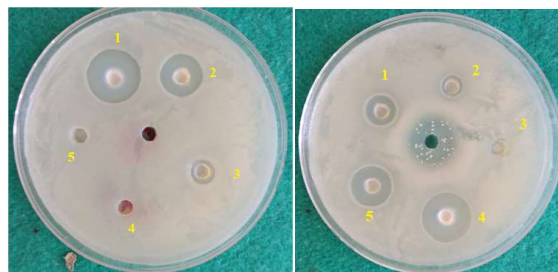


Fig.-2: Zone of Inhibition of Moieties 1, 2 Against Antifungal

Table-1: Antibacterial Activity of Compounds (1-2)

| S. No. | Bacteria                    | Zone of inhibition mm in diameter |    |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
|        |                             | 1                                 | 2  |
| 1.     | <i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i> | 17                                | 19 |
| 2.     | <i>Escherichia coli</i>     | 18                                | 20 |

|    |                               |    |    |
|----|-------------------------------|----|----|
| 3. | <i>Bacillus cereus</i>        | 21 | 18 |
| 4. | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> | 19 | 17 |
| 5. | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>  | 20 | 20 |

\*Ciprofloxacin

Table-2: Antifungal Activities of Compounds (1-2)

| S. No. | Fungi                     | Zone of inhibition mm in diameter |    |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
|        |                           | 1                                 | 2  |
| 1.     | <i>Trichoderma Viride</i> | 18                                | 10 |
| 2.     | <i>Clodosorium</i>        | 16                                | 05 |
| 3.     | <i>Candida albicans</i>   | 06                                | 01 |
| 4.     | <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> | 01                                | 20 |
| 5.     | <i>Aspergillus niger</i>  | 02                                | 18 |

\*Flucazonal

### Frontier Molecular Orbital

The electron thickness of FMO for (Fig.-3) composite 1 & 2 contribute to the complete particle apart from the equivalent vigor tabulated (Table-3). HOMO molecular orbital diagram of parallel molecule demonstrates that the bonding scenery is supplementary in the aryl loop while the anti-bonding nature is additional in the LUMO.

Table-3: FMO Value of Azo Moieties (1 and 2)

| Compounds | HOMO (eV) | LUMO (eV) | Eg values |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1         | -3.9266   | -2.2503   | -1.6763   |
| 2         | -3.5943   | -2.3438   | -1.2505   |

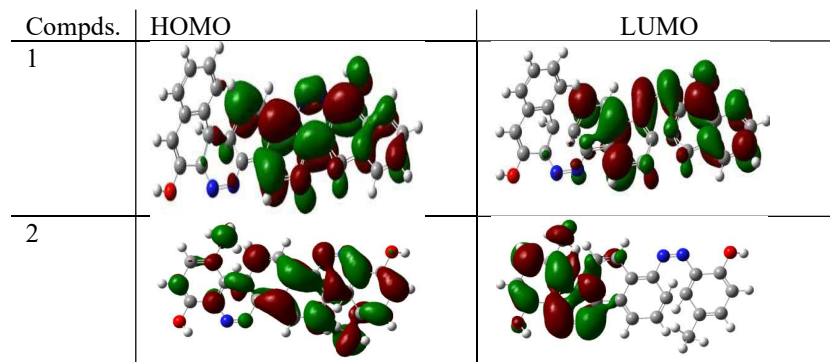


Fig.-3: HOMO-LUMO Orbital Illustration of Compounds 1 & 2

### Molecular Electrostatic Potential

The MEP for compounds 1 and 2 is shown below. The MEP (Fig.-4) map obviously suggests that N and O atoms stand for the offset region (dark red) but the N atom suggests the use of moderately tiny negative potential in comparison with O. The H atoms stand for the greater impact of positive charge (blue region). In MEP surfaces, the green area majority indicates a potential intermediate amidst the two optimum red and dark blue. Nearby assessment of various plots, it is simple to assume how the switch of the H atom by substituent alters the photophysical nature of the ligand.

### Mulliken Charge Analysis

Mulliken<sup>31-33</sup> populations give the simplest representation of the charge distribution. Charge mass purpose can lead to various significant characteristics of the moieties like the charges on the different atoms (Fig.-5). The Mulliken charges for the without hydrogen atoms of the ligand were determined at B3LYP/6-31G (d, P) set. The atomic charges illustrate that nitrogen and oxygen atoms contain better negative atomic charges compared to carbon. This performance can be the outcome of intramolecular N – HO hydrogen bond and double bond features (Table-4 and 5).

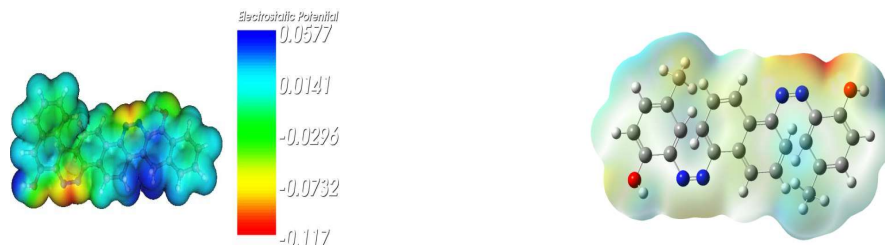


Fig.-4: MEP Picture for Compounds 1 & 2

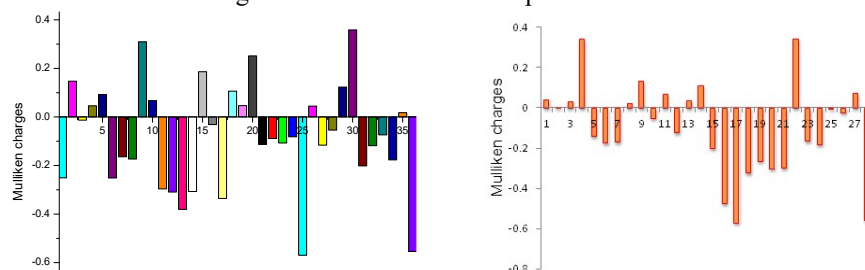


Fig.-5: Mulliken Charge Allotment for Compounds 1 & 2

Table-4: Mulliken Charges (q) in the Non-Hydrogen Atoms of Ligand Calculated with B3LYP/6-31G (d,P) set  
Compound 1

| S. No. | Atoms | DFT (q)   | S. No. | Atoms | DFT (q)   |
|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 1      | C     | -0.250541 | 19     | C     | 0.046637  |
| 2      | C     | 0.147233  | 20     | C     | 0.251219  |
| 3      | C     | -0.013170 | 21     | C     | -0.113270 |
| 4      | C     | 0.045891  | 22     | C     | -0.088775 |
| 5      | C     | 0.092451  | 23     | C     | -0.107251 |
| 6      | C     | -0.251317 | 24     | C     | -0.081777 |
| 7      | C     | -0.163936 | 25     | O     | -0.569760 |
| 8      | C     | -0.173149 | 26     | C     | 0.044689  |
| 9      | C     | 0.309641  | 27     | C     | -0.116149 |
| 10     | C     | 0.067113  | 28     | C     | -0.054328 |
| 11     | N     | -0.296158 | 29     | C     | 0.123168  |
| 12     | N     | -0.309188 | 30     | C     | 0.358482  |
| 13     | N     | -0.380820 | 31     | C     | -0.201604 |
| 14     | N     | -0.306994 | 32     | C     | -0.118190 |
| 15     | C     | 0.186275  | 33     | C     | -0.074004 |
| 16     | C     | -0.031182 | 34     | C     | -0.176724 |
| 17     | C     | -0.335644 | 35     | C     | 0.017744  |
| 18     | C     | 0.106135  | 36     | O     | -0.554052 |

Table-5: Mulliken Charges (q) in the Non-Hydrogen Atoms of Ligand Calculated with B3LYP/6-31G (d,P) Set  
Compound 2

| S. No. | Atoms | DFT (q)   | S. No. | Atoms | DFT (q)   |
|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 1      | C     | 0.039861  | 16     | C     | -0.201323 |
| 2      | C     | 0.002616  | 17     | C     | -0.475476 |
| 3      | C     | 0.032729  | 18     | O     | -0.570766 |
| 4      | C     | 0.340384  | 19     | N     | -0.324131 |
| 5      | C     | -0.141010 | 20     | N     | -0.265322 |
| 6      | C     | -0.174716 | 21     | N     | -0.301965 |
| 7      | C     | -0.169846 | 22     | N     | -0.298933 |
| 8      | C     | 0.021218  | 23     | C     | 0.340838  |
| 9      | C     | 0.133342  | 24     | C     | -0.165020 |
| 10     | C     | -0.051074 | 25     | C     | -0.182942 |
| 11     | C     | 0.068797  | 26     | C     | -0.002353 |

|    |   |           |    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|----|---|-----------|
| 12 | C | -0.123550 | 27 | C | -0.023031 |
| 13 | C | 0.036803  | 28 | C | 0.070930  |
| 14 | C | 0.111251  | 29 | O | -0.560883 |
| 15 | C | -0.263278 | 30 | C | -0.454333 |

### CONCLUSION

Antibacterial screening activity of moieties 1 and 2 showed tremendous against all the strains. The antifungal activity screening survey affirmed that the 1 showed outstanding activity against *Trichoderma Virideand*, *Clodosorium*. Compound 2 shows better activity in the case of *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus niger*. HOMO orbital diagram of matching particle exemplifies that the bonding scenery is extra in the aryl ring while anti-bonding scenery is supplementary in the LUMO. The MEP diagram N and O atoms stand for the downbeat region (dark red) but the N atom seems to use moderately tiny negative potential in comparison with O. The H atoms stand for the superior impact of positive charge (blue region). Mullikan populations show the simplest representation of the charge distribution. The atomic charges illustrate that nitrogen and oxygen atoms contain better negative atomic charges compared to carbon.

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