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### Dicyanopyrazine Studies. Part V: Syntheses and Characteristics of Chalcone Analogues of Dicyanopyrazine

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#### Abstract

Chalcone analogues based on 2,3-dicyanopyrazine were synthesized by the condensation reaction of 2-acetyl-methyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine **4a** with various arylaldehydes. Oxidation of pentane-2,4-dione with selenium dioxide ga pentane-2,3,4-trione, which reacts with diaminomaleonitrile to give **4a**. These chalcolone dyes showed solvatochr mism depending on the polarity of the solvents, but the chromophoric system was interupted at the carbonyl group steric requirements of substituents. The seven membered azepine, obtained from diaminomaleonitrile and a 1,3-dica bonyl compound, was further reacted with an arylaldehyde to give a new fluorescent heterocycle. Optimization of the chemical structure of the products was evaluated by the MOPAC PM 3 method and was correlated with their spectroperties. © 1998 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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#### 1. Introduction

Chalcones are of potential interest in the context of second harmonic generation material in non-linear optics [1,2]. 2,3-Dicyanopyrazines are very powerful electron acceptors, and are especially suitable building blocks for the strong intramole-cular charge-transfer chromophoric system which is necessary for 2nd order nonlinear optical materials. We have previously reported the possible application of the pyrazine chromophore for use in a variety of functional dye materials [3,4]. In particular, dicyanopyrazines can be used as a

convenient precursor for fluorescent dyes, and complete as an emitter for electroluminescent devices [5]. We have been interested in the chemical, electronic and physical properties of dicy nopyrazine oriented dyes, with the intention introducing new functionalities into these dono acceptor chromophoric systems [6]. The propose dyes have a strong intramolecular charge-transfer character and have an ability to give strong into molecular  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions for molecular stacking and thus have large dipole moments in the excit state, giving large dipole moment differences alser irradiation. These problems are very important for nonlinear optical materials [7].

In previous papers [8,9], we reported t syntheses and properties of dicyanopyrazi oriented styryl type dyes. We evaluated the

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absorption spectra by using the Pariser–Parr–Pople molecular orbital calculation method, and optimization of their structures was performed by using the MOPAC with the PM 3 method [10]. These methodologies are very valuable for the design, synthesis and correlation of chemical structures with physical properties.

Scheme 1.

In this paper, we report the synthesis of some dicyanopyrazine oriented chalcone dyes and styryl fluorescent dyes, and evaluate their absorption spectra with respect to substituent effect. A new 7-membered diazepine derivative, obtained from the reaction of a 1,3-dicarbonyl compound with diaminomaleonitrile, was developed to synthesize new heterocycles.

#### 2. Results and discussion

### 2.1. Condensation reaction of 4 with aryl aldehydes

The classical synthesis of 5,6-dicyanopyrazin involves the condensation of diaminomaleonitrile and 1,2-dicarbonyl compound. The reaction is fact and has been widely used for the synthesis of 5 dicyanopyrazine derivatives [3].

Selective oxidation of the 1,3-dicarbonyl con pounds [1] by selenium oxide gave the corn sponding 1,2,3-tricarbonyl compound [2], such the acetyl or benzoyl derivatives of the 1,2-dica bonyl compound. Condensation of diaminomale nitrile 3 with 1,2,3-tricarbonyl compound deriv from acetylacetone gave 2-acetyl-3-methyl-5, dicyanopyrazine 4a in 22% yield. However, t reaction of 3 with 1-phenyl-1,3-butanedione pr viously treated with selenium dioxide gave 2-be zoyl-3-methyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine 4b, togeth with the 7-membered azepine 5 (2,3-dicyanohydroxy-7-phenyl-5-methyl-1,4-diazacyclohept 2,5-diene) in 19% and 8% yields, respective Compound 5 was obtained from the reaction of with 1 ( $R^1 = CH_3$   $R^2 = Ph$ ). 2-Carboxyethylmethyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine 6 was obtained wh ethylacetoacetate as a starting material was pr viously treated with selenium dioxide and react with 3. The results are summarized in Scheme 1

On the other hand, compound **5** has an actimethylene group and exists predominantly as t tautomeric structure **5a** in the solid state and fresh solution (Scheme 2). The IR spectrum of indicates separated peaks at around 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup> ftwo of the NH stretching absorption, and anoth peak at 3500 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the OH stretching absorption. The <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra of **5** indicate an equilibrium

Scheme 2.

mixture of 5a and the deprotonated form in DMSO- $d_6$ . In chloroform-d, only 5a was detected as a single species (Fig. 1(a)), but in DMSO- $d_6$ , two sets of signals were observed (Fig. 1(b)). Their ratio was 0.84 for 5a and 0.16 for the deprotonated species, from the integral value of the 5-

methyl signal. On addition of  $D_2O$  to the DMSo  $d_6$ , solution, the signals for OH and NH d appeared (Fig. 1(c)). From these observations, in DMSO exists as a mixture of **5a** and t deprotonated species **5c** which is stabilized DMSO. The NH signals of **5a** in DMSO- $d_6$  we

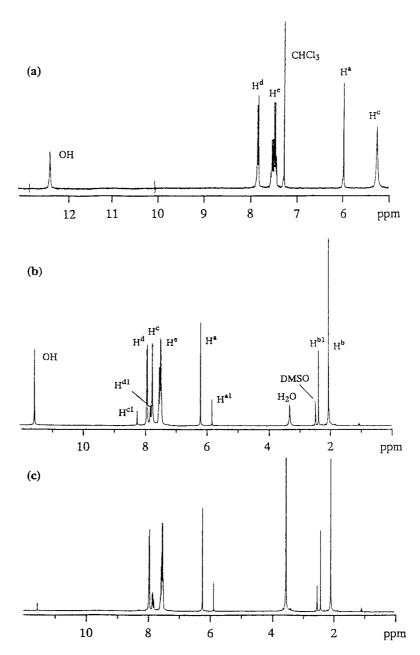


Fig. 1. 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra of 5; (a) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, (b) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, (c) addition of D<sub>2</sub>O to (b).

observed downfield compared with these in chloroform-d because of the intermolecular hydrogen bonding with the oxygen atom of DMSO. The contribution of 5b was negligible as evidence from the NMR spectra of 5. The Chalcone derivatives 7 are easily synthesized by the Knoevenagel condensation of 4a and arylaldehydes in the presence of piperidine and acetic acid (1:5) as catalyst. Similar reaction of 4b or 6 with arylaldehydes gave styryldicyanopyrazine dyes 8. However, the reaction of 5 with 4-julolidinylaldehyde under the same reaction conditions gave the undesired 6-(4-julolidinyimethylene)-2,3-dicyano-5-methyl-7-hydroxy-7-phenyl-1,4-diazacyclohepta-2,4-diene 9. The formation of 9 resulted from nucleophilic attack of the enamine moiety of 5a to the aldehyde carbonyl, and the structure of 5a was thus confirmed by this reaction. Results are summarized in Scheme 3 and Table 1.

#### 2.2. Visible spectra

Visible spectra in solution and solvent effect are summarized in Table 2. The absorption maimum of 7–9 in chloroform showed bathochrom

Table 1 Condensation reaction of **4–6** with arylaedehydes

| Run | Reactant | Time(hr) | Product | Yield (% |
|-----|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1   | 4a       | 16       | 7a      | 48       |
| 2   | 4a       | 10       | 7b      | 63       |
| 3   | 4a       | 12       | 7c      | 67       |
| 4   | 4b       | 9        | 8a      | 83       |
| 5   | 4b       | 9        | 8b      | 80       |
| 6   | 4b       | 15       | 8c      | 36       |
| 7   | 6        | 8        | 8d      | 67       |
| 8   | 6        | 8        | 8e      | 70       |
| 9   | 6        | 8        | 8f      | 74       |
| 10  | 5a       | 14       | 9       | 41       |

Scheme 3.

shifts of 10–20 nm compared with those in benzene, but in general there were only limited solvent effects depending on the solvent polarity. The chromophoric system of the chalcone derivative

has been evaluated by the PPP MO method [1 the two aromatic rings were not coplanar at their observed  $\lambda$  max were at much shorter wavelength than those of the calculated values. T

Table 2
Solvent effects on visible spectra of dyes 7–9

| Comp | Benzene (nm) | $CHCI_{3}(nm)[log\epsilon]$ | EtOAc (nm) | CH <sub>3</sub> OH (nm) | DMSO (nm) |
|------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 7a   | 523          | 534 [4.79]                  | 506        | 507                     | 526       |
| 7b   | 532          | 550 [4.79]                  | 534        | 540                     | 550       |
| 7c   | 565          | 579 [4.80]                  | 551        | 562                     | 578       |
| 8a   | 513          | 526 [4.70]                  | 500        | 504                     | 517       |
| 8b   | 516          | 534 [4.72]                  | 515        | 534                     | 543       |
| 8c   | 558          | 575 [4.72]                  | 556        | 551                     | 561       |
| 8d   | 511          | 526 [4.67]                  | 498        | 499                     | 514       |
| 8e   | 519          | 539 [4.73]                  | 521        | 529                     | 539       |
| 8f   | 553          | 572 [4.74]                  | 542        | 548                     | 559       |
| 9    | 546          | 554 [4.50]                  | 541        | 547                     | 561       |

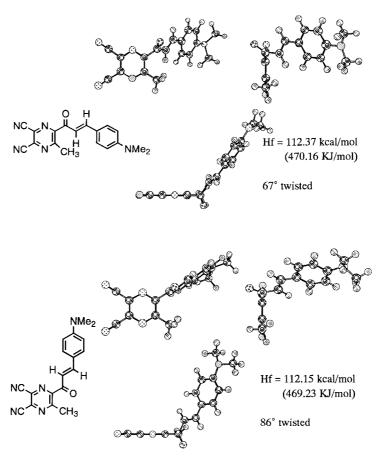


Fig. 2. Optimized structure of 7a by the MOPAC PM3 method.

PPP MO calculation was conducted for a planar structure. Structural optimization of 7 was conducted by the MOPAC PM 3 method, which reveal a non-planar structure (Fig. 2). The two optimized structures of 7a were twisted 67° or 86° at the carbonyl unit, respectively, and therefore through conjugation from the aniline to the pyrazine moiety cannot be considered.

The  $\lambda$  max of dyes 7 is related to the intramolecular charge-transfer chromophoric system in which the aniline moiety acts as donor and the carbonyl group as an acceptor; and then  $\lambda$  max thus undergoes bathochromic shifts depending on the order of electron donating ability of the donor moiety  $(7a \rightarrow 7c)$ .

In the case of the styryldicyanopyrazines 8, their basic chromophoric system have been already evaluated [4] and an intramolecular charge-transfer chromophoric system in planar situation was confirmed by the MOPAC PM 3 method [5]. The substituent effects of dye 8 were also understandable on the basis of a donor-acceptor system. As a result, dyes 7c and 8c, which have the same

donor moiety, absorbed in the same waveleng region (Fig. 3). The absorption spectra of showed two peaks at 381 and 554 nm. The  $\lambda$  m at 381 nm is attributed to the azepine chrom phore (5a absorbs at 375 nm in benzene), and t  $\lambda$  max at 554 nm is attributed to the through conjugated  $\pi$ -system. Structural optimization of by MOPAC PM 3 method revealed the nonplan structure of 9 was evaluated (Fig. 4). The plan julolidine moiety was not as highly conjugat with the azepine moiety in each of the optimiz structures. This resulted in the nonplanar structu of 2,3-dicyano-5-methyl-6-methylene-7-hydroxyphenyl-1,4-diazacyclohepta-2,4-diene 10 in whi the external conjugated ethylene unit was d torted 63° for 10a or 56° for 10b from the azepi moiety. Dye 9 showed red fluorescence at 610 n and is therefore a potentially interesting no fluorescent chromophore.

On the other hand, dye **9** showed reversible absorption spectra changes depending on the photo-irradiation. Irradiation at 540 nm of dye in benzene produced a hypsochromic shift of the produced and the produced

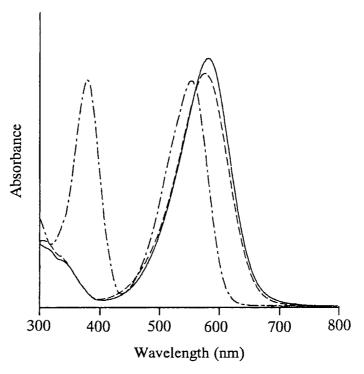


Fig. 3. Absorption spectra of 7c (—), 8e (---) and 9 (—) in chloroform.

long-wavelength absorption band from 546 to 527 nm, accompanied by an increase of absorbance from 33,400 to 43,500 during 10 min. This was resulted from the much more planar  $\pi$ -conjugation after irradiation than the twisted  $\pi$ -conjugation before irradiation (Fig. 5). The reverse process was also observed when UV light at 370 nm was irradiated. This phenomena may be due to photo induced structure isomerization of the azepine moiety. Structural analysis of photo-

isomerization product is being investigated as the results will be reported in due course.

### 3. Experimental

#### 3.1. General

Melting points were determined on a Yanagimo micro melting point aparatus without correction

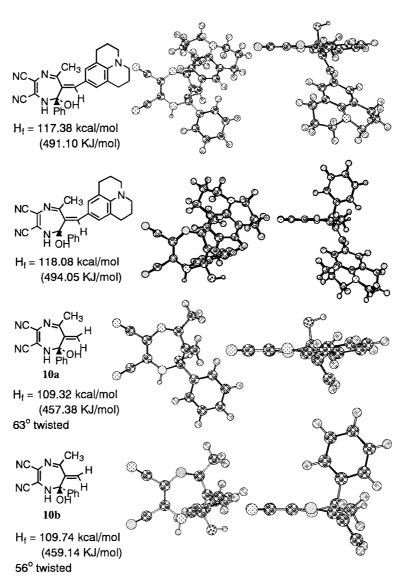


Fig. 4. Optimized structures of 9 and 10 by the MOPAC PM3 method.

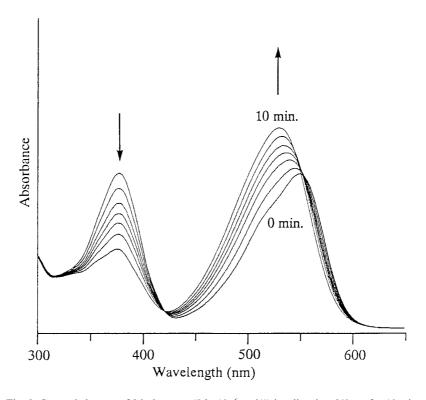


Fig. 5. Spectral changes of **9** in benzene  $(5.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol/1})$  irradiated at 540 nm for 10 min.

The ¹HNMR spectra were taken on an FT-NMR θE 300 MHz Shimadzu spectrometer; mass spectra were recorded on M-80 B Hitachi and Shimadzu GCM S-θP 5000 mass spectrometers. The visible and fluorescence spectra were measured on a U-3410 Hitachi spectrophotometer and a Shimadzu RF-5000 fluorescence spectrophotometer respectively. Microanalysis was conducted using a Yanaco CHN MT-3 recorder. All chemicals were of reagent grade and were used without further purification unless otherwise specified.

### 3.2. Syntheses of 4, 5 and 6

A mixture of dioxane (25 ml), water (1 ml), selenium dioxide (5.55 g, 50 mmol) and 1 (50 mmol) was refluxed for 8 h. Residual selenium was filtered off and washed with dioxane (5 ml). To the resulted solution was added diaminomaleonitrile 3 (5.40g, 50 mmoles), and the mixture then was refluxed for 2 h, after which the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was

extracted with chloroform (100 ml) and the extra concentrated under reduced pressure. The cru product was purified by column chromatograp on silica gel using chloroform as eluent.

### 3.2.1. 2-Acetyl-3-methyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (46)

The crude product was recrystallized from cabon tetrachloride to give **4a** in 22% yield as when needles, mp 92–93°C; ms: m/z 186 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NM (CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.96 (s,3H,COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.75(s,3H,CH Anal. calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 58.06; H, 3.25; 30.10. Found: C, 57.68; H, 3.25; N, 29.96.

### 3.2.2. 2-Benzoyl-3-methyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (4)

The crude product was recrystallized from eth to give **4b** in 19% yield as a pale yellow solid, n 117–118°C; ms: m/z 248(M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCI  $\delta$  7.82 (2H, d, J 7.2, phenyl protons), 7.72 (1H, 7.2, phenyl proton), 7.55 (2H, t,J 7.2, phenyl protons), 2.78(3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calc. for CH<sub>8</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O: C, 67.74; H, 3.25; N, 22.57. Found: 68.07; H, 3.21; N, 22.61.

# 3.2.3. 2,3-Dicyano-5-methyl-7-hydroxy-7-phenyl-1,4-diazacyclohepta-2,5-diene (5)

The crude product was recrystallized from ether to give **5a** in 8% yield as a yellow solid, mp 173–174°C; ms: m/z 252 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  12.26(br. s, 1H, OH), 7.83 ((d + d), 2H, phenyl protons), 7.47 (m, 3H, phenyl protons), 5.95( s, 1H, CH), 5.23( br.s, 2H, NH), 2.07(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O : C, 66.66; H, 4.79; N, 22.21. Found: C, 66.59; H, 4.78; N, 22.09.

### 3.2.4. 2-Carboxyethyl-3-methyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (6)

The crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to give **6** in 15% yield as white needles, mp 153–154°C; ms: m/z 216 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDC1<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.13 (2H, q, *J* 7.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.05 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27(3H, t, *J* 7.2, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. calc. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. C, 55.56; H, 3.73; N, 25.92. Found: C, 54.82; H, 3.61; N, 25.41.

#### 3.3. Syntheses of 7–9

The appropriate Dicyanopyrazines (4–6, 5 mmol) and arylaldehydes (6a–6c, 5 mmol), two drops of piperidine/acetic acid (v/v = 1/5) were dissolved in dry benzene (30 ml) and the mixtures heated under on a Dean and Stark water trap for 18 h and then cooled to room temperature. The resulting precipitates were filtered, washed with benzene and dried, to give the crude products.

## 3.3.1. 2-[3-(4-N,N-dimethylaminophenyl)acryloyl]-3-methyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (7a)

The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using benzene as eluent. Compound **7a** was obtained as red crystals, mp 234–235°C; m/z 317 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.73 (3H, s,CH<sub>3</sub>) 3.09 (6H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.69 (2H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 7.75 (2H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 7.81 (1H, d, J 15.3, CH = CH-Ar), 8.23 (IH, d,J 15.3, CH = CH-Ar). Anal. calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O: C, 68.13; H, 4.76; N, 22.07. Found: C, 67.66; H, 4.56; N, 21.56.

## 3.3.2. 2-[3-(4-N,N-diethylamino-3-hydroxyphenyl)-acryloyl]-3-methyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (7**b**)

The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using ethylacetate as

eluent. Compound **7b** was obtained as red crysta mp 205–207°C; m/z 360 (M<sup>+</sup>-1); <sup>1</sup>H NM (CDC1<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.22 (6H, t, J 6.9, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.70 (3: s,CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.42 (4H, q, J 6.9, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.01 (1H, ArH), 6.32 (1H, d, J 9.3, ArH), 7.48 (1H, d, J 9 ArH), 7.86 (1H, d, J 15.0, CH = CH-Ar), 8.47 (1: d, J 15.0, CH = CHAr). Anal. calc. f C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.47; H, 5.30; N, 19.38. Foun C, 65.92; H, 5.14; N, 18.71.

# 3.3.3. 2-[3-(4-Julolidinyl)acryloyl]-3-methyl-5, di-cyanopyrazine (7c)

The crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to give **7c** as dark blue crystal mp > 300°C; m/z 369 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDC1<sub>3</sub>) 1.96 (4H, t, J 6.3, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.71 (3H, s,CH<sub>3</sub>), 2. (4H, t, J 6.3, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.31 (4H, t, J 6.3, CH 7.16 (2H, s, ArH), 7.66 (1H, d, J 15.3, CH = CAAr), 8.06 (1H, d, J 15.3, CH = CH-Ar). Anal. can for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: C, 71.53; H, 5.18; N, 18.95 Found: C, 71.47; H, 4.49; N, 18.20.

# 3.3.4. 2-[2-(4-N,N-dimethylaminophenyl)ethenyl 3-benzoyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (8a)

The crude product was recrystallized from eth nol to give **8a** as dark red crystals, mp 255–254 ° m/z 379 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDC1<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.06 (6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 6.66 (2H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 6.96 (1H, d, 15.3, CH = C*H*-Ar), 7.49 (2H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 7. (2H, t, J 7.8, ArH), 7.73 (1H, t, J 7.8, ArH), 7. (2H, d, J 7.8, ArH), 8.21 (1H, d, J 15.3, C*H* = C*I* Ar). Anal. calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O: C, 72.81; H, 4.5 N, 18.46. Found: C, 71.99; H, 4.63; N, 18.35.

## 3.3.5. 2-[2-(4-N,N-diethylamino-3-hydroxyphenylethenyl]-3-benzoyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (**8b**)

The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using chloroform eluent . Compound **8b** was obtained as blue crytals, mp 236–237°C; m/z 422 (M $^+$ -1);  $^1$ H NM (CDC1<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.19 (6H, t, J 6.9, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.38 (4.9, J 6.9, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.95 (1H, s, ArH), 6.28 (1H, J 9.0, ArH), 7.06 (1H, d, J 15.0, CH=ClAr),7.36(1H,d,J9.0,ArH), 7.53 (2H,t,J7.8,ArH 7.68 (1H,d,J 7.8,ArH), 7.88 (2H,d,J 7.8,ArH 8.43 (1H,d,J 15.0,CH=CH-Ar). Anal. calc. ft C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 70.91; H, 5.00; N, 16.54. Foun C, 70.41; H, 4.92; N, 16.46.

3.3.6. 2-[2-(4-Julolidinyl)ethenyl]-3-benzoyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (8c)

The crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to give  $\bf 5c$  as dark blue crystals, mp 287–288 °C; m/z 431 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.95 (4H, t, J 6.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.72 (4H, t, J 6.0, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.31 (4H, t, J 6.0, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (1H, d, J 15.0, CH = CH-Ar), 7.02 (2H, s, ArH), 7.56 (2H, t, J 7.8, ArH), 7.72 (1H, t, J 7.8, ArH), 7.89 (2H, d, J 7.8, ArH),8.08(1H, d, J 15.0, CH = CH-Ar). Anal. calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: C, 75.16; H, 4.91; N, 16.23. Found: C, 75.56; H, 5.15; N, 15.83.

## 3.3.7. 2-[2-(4-N,N-dimethylaminophenyl)ethenyl]-3-carboxyethyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (8d)

The crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to give **8d** as dark red crystals, mp 172–173°C; m/z 347 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDC1<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.48 (3H, t, J 6.9, CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.10 (6H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.52 (2H, q, J 6.9, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.65 (2H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 7.53 (1H, d, J 15.3, CH = CH-Ar), 7.57 (2H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 8.20 (1H d, J 15.3, CH = CH-Ar). Anal. calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 65.70; H, 4.93; N, 20.16. Found: C, 65.05; H, 4.92; N, 20.16.

# 3.3.8. 2-[2-(4-N,N-diethylamino-3-hydroxyphenyl)-ethenyl]-3-carboxyethyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (8e)

The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using benzene/ ethylacetate (10/1) as eluent. Compound **8e** was obtained as blue crystals, mp 139–140°C; m/z 390 (M $^+$ -1);  $^1$ H NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.19 (6H, t, J 6.9, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.47 (3H, t, J 6.9, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.39 (4H, q, J 6.9, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.52 (2H, q, J 6.9, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.01 (1H, s, ArH), 6.31 (1H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 7.46 (1H, d, J 9.0, ArH), 7.59 (1H, d, J 15.0, CH=CH-Ar). Anal. calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub> : C 64.44; H, 5.41; N, 17.89. Found: C, 63.70 ; H, 5.18; N, 17.62.

# 3.3.9. 2-[2-(4-Julolidinyl)ethenyl]-3-carboxyethyl-5,6-dicyanopyrazine (8f)

The crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to give **8f** as dark blue crystals, mp 270–271°C; m/z 399 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.46 (3H, t, J 6.9, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.97 (4H, t, J 6.0, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.76 (4H, t, J 6.0, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.34 (4H, t, J 6.0, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.54 (2H, q, J 6.9, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.10 (2H, s, ArH), 7.40

(1H, d, J 15.0, CH = CH-Ar), 8.08 (1H, d, J 15 CH = CH-Ar). Anal. calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> : 69.16; H, 5.30; N, 17.53. Found: C, 68.40; H, 5.1 N, 17.16.

3.3.10. 6-[2-(4-Julolidinyl)ethenyl]-2,3-dicyano-hydroxy-7-phenyl-5 -methyl-1,4-diazacyclohepta-2, diene (9)

The crude product was recrystallized froethanol to give **9** as dark brown crystals, mp 26  $265^{\circ}$ C; m/z 435 (M<sup>+</sup>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1. (4H, t, J 5.4, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.51 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.84 (4br.t, J 5.4, ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.34 (4H, t, J 5.4, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 6. (1H, s, = CH-Ar), 7.36(2H, s, ArH), 7.45 (3H, t 7.5, ArH), 7.96 (2H, d, J 7.5, ArH), 8.26 (1H, NH), 14.06 (1H, br. s, OH). Anal. calc. f C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: C, 74.46; H, 5.79; N, 16.08. Foun C, 74.22; H, 5.57; N, 15.89.

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