

Solubility and decomposition temperature of 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone dyes

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Abstract

A series of 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone dyes have been synthesized. 1,4-Bis(2,5-di-*tert*-butylanilino)anthraquinone was 200 times more soluble than 1, 4-dianilinoanthraquinone in hexane at 25°C. The decomposition temperatures of the 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone derivatives were higher than those of 1, 4-diamino- and 1, 4-bis(methylamino)anthraquinones. © 1998 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

Much effort has been made to improve the solubility of dyes in organic solvents. In the case of 3,4,9,10-perylenetetracarboxydiimides, the *N*, *N'*-bis-(1-hexylheptyl) [1], 1,6,7,12-tetraphenoxy [2], and *N*, *N'*-bis[2-(1*H*,1*H*-perfluoroheptyl)phenyl] [3] derivatives have been reported to be much more soluble than the unmodified compounds. Perfluoroalkylated anthraquinone [4] and azo dyes [5] have been reported to be more soluble than their respective non-perfluoroalkylated derivatives. The soluble or homogeneously dispersible 3,6-diphenyl-1,4-diketopyrrolo[3,4-*c*]pyrrole (DPP) protected by a butoxyoxycarbonyl (BOC) group has been

reported [6]. Thus, the improvement in the solubility of dyes is interesting from the viewpoint of the applications. We describe here improvement of the less soluble blue 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone dyes, these being important compounds in color chemistry. The decomposition temperature (*T_d*) of the anthraquinone dyes are also examined.

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Synthesis

The 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone dyes were synthesized as shown in Scheme 1.

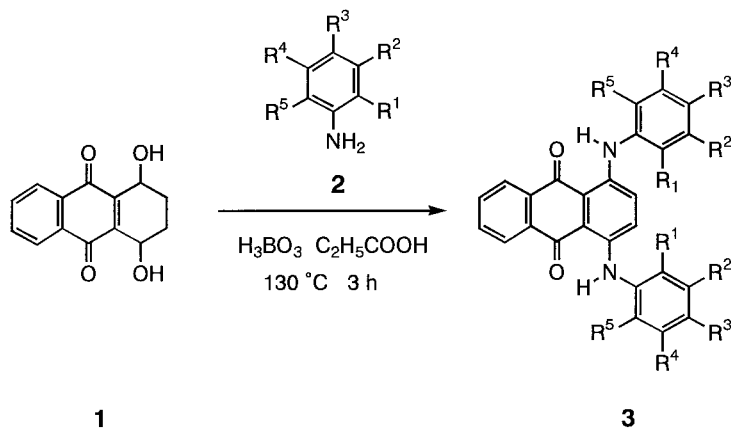
Leucoquinizarin (**1**) reacted with substituted anilines **2** in propionic acid in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate to give **3** in moderate to good yields.

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2.2. Solubility

1,4-Diaminoanthraquinone is insoluble in hexane at 25°C. However, the solubilities of the 1,4-bis(methylamino)-, 1,4-dianilino-, and 1,4-bis(1-naphthylamino)anthraquinone dyes were mea-

sured to be 0.11, 0.19 and 0.35 mmol dm⁻³ respectively, suggesting that the 1,4-bis(arylamino) derivatives were much more soluble. Therefore, the solubilities, of a series of 1,4-bis-(substituted anilino)anthraquinone dyes **3** were examined. These results are summarized in Table 1.



Scheme 1.

Table 1
Absorption Band, Solubility, and Decomposition Temperature of 1,4-Bis(arylamino)anthraquinone Dyes

Compound	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴	R ⁵	$\lambda_{\max}/\text{nm}(\epsilon)^a$	Solubility ^b	mp	Td ^c
							mmol dm ⁻³		
3a	H	H	H	H	H	398 (4690), 591 (8960), 632 (9390)	0.19	223	330
3b	F	H	H	H	H	381 (6620), 577 (11740), 614 (11580)	0.15	— ^d	— ^c
3c	Cl	H	H	H	H	— ^c	— ^c	— ^d	— ^c
3d	Br	H	H	H	H	— ^c	— ^c	— ^d	— ^c
3e	CH ₃	H	H	H	H	398 (4760), 590 (11560), 630 (11540)	0.15	225	300
3f	C ₂ H ₅	H	H	H	H	398 (5630), 592 (13600), 633 (14370)	3.89	146	320
3g	C ₃ H ₇	H	H	H	H	400 (5610), 592 (13160), 634 (13440)	9.55	143	320
3h	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	H	H	H	397 (4450), 591 (11430), 632 (12180)	16.69	129	320
3i	H	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	H	H	400 (5890), 595 (11920), 636 (12470)	5.80	144	330
3j	H	H	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	H	403 (6640), 597 (13120), 638 (13840)	0.23	201	330
3k	C(CH ₃) ₃	H	H	H	H	388 (5250), 592 (14840), 638 (15850)	2.18	229	320
3l	C ₆ H ₅	H	H	H	H	403 (6020), 593 (9920), 636 (10430)	0.05	241	350
3m	OCH ₃	H	H	H	H	407 (7380), 613 (12310), 639 (12220)	0.15	— ^d	— ^c
3n	CF ₃	H	H	H	H	380 (10920), 568 (15270), 608 (13300)	0.25	— ^d	— ^c
3o	CH ₃	H	H	H	CH ₃	378 (2720), 578 (13650), 623 (14840)	1.38	298	310
3p	C ₂ H ₅	H	H	H	C ₂ H ₅	378 (2880), 580 (15050), 626 (16660)	18.19	209	310
3q	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	H	H	CH(CH ₃) ₂	379 (1880), 580 (10030), 627 (11250)	19.25	255	310
3r	CH(CH ₃) ₃	H	H	C(CH ₃) ₃	H	378 (3410), 595 (13020), 642 (9590)	40.65	169	290
3s	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	CH(CH ₃) ₂	H	CH(CH ₃) ₂	379 (1740), 576 (12450), 623 (10050)	20.56	214	310

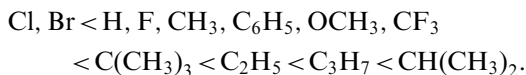
^aMeasured in hexane.

^bMeasured in hexane at 25°C.

^cNot measured due to low solubility.

^dNot measured.

1,4-Bis(2-isopropylanilino)anthraquinone (**3h**) was the most soluble among the 2-, 3-, and 4-isopropyl derivatives **3h–3j**. The solubility of the 1,4-bis(2-substituted anilino)anthraquinone dyes was in the order of the substituent:



The 2,6-dialkyl derivatives **3o–3q** were more soluble than the corresponding 2-alkyl derivatives **3e**, **3f**, and **3h**, respectively. Thus, the introduction of bulky alkyl substituents at the 2- and 2,6-positions in the anilino moieties was very effective in increasing the solubility. 1,4-Bis(2,5-di-*tert*-butylanilino)anthraquinone (**3r**) showed the highest solubility, being about 200 times more soluble compared with **3a**. The melting point, which represents the intermolecular interactions between the substrates, could be used as a parameter for the solubility. The relationship between the solubility and the melting points is indicated in Fig. 1. The relationship can be classified into two groups: V12 (a)

2-substituted anilino, derivatives **3a–3n** and B) 2, disubstituted anilino derivatives **3o–3s**. In group a, the solubility was extremely low for compounds whose melting points were higher than *ca* 160°C and increased as the melting points decreased when the melting points were lower than 160°C. In group b, the lower the melting point, the higher the solubility.

The relatively high solubility of the 2,6-disubstituted anilino derivatives could be attributed to the presence of two lipophilic alkyl substituents on both sides of the planar anthraquinone skeleton, which decreased the π – π intermolecular interactions between the anthraquinone rings and had affinity to hexane. The highest solubility of **3r** could be attributed to both the bulky and lipophilic *tert*-butyl groups at the 2- and 5-positions.

2.3. Decomposition temperature (*T*_d)

Monoazo dyes having an *N,N*-diaryl moiety have been reported to have a higher *T*_d than those having an *N,N*-dialkyl group [7]. Therefore,

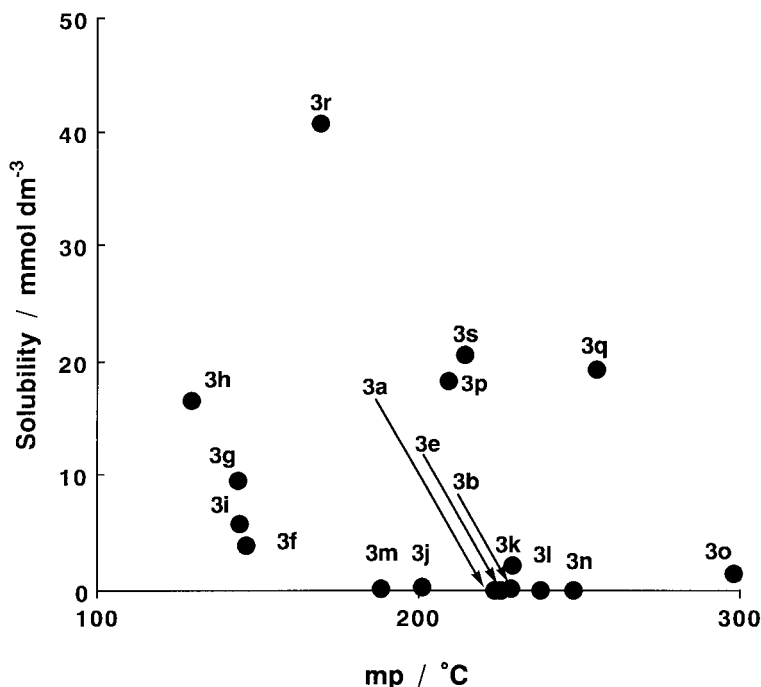


Fig. 1. Relationship between solubility and melting point.

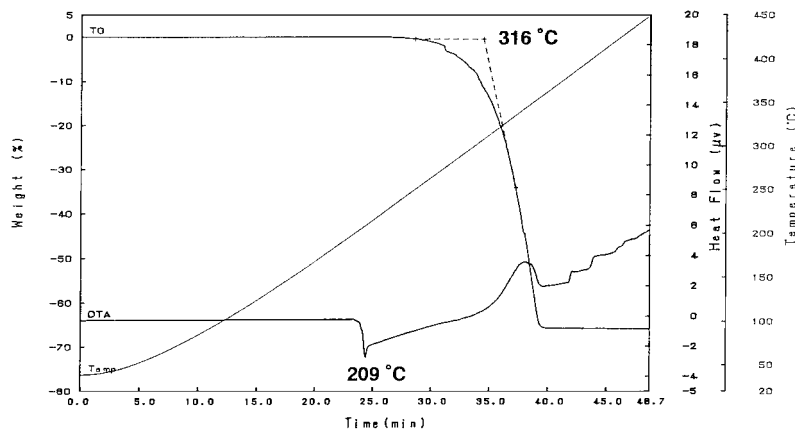


Fig. 2. TG-DTA analysis of **3p**.

investigation of the thermal stability of 1,4-diaminoanthraquinone dyes is of interest. A typical example of the TG-DTA analysis of 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone dyes is shown in Fig. 2. A sharp endothermic peak was observed at around 209°C, followed by an exothermic peak with decreasing weight. After this measurement, a black residue was formed. These results indicated decomposition of compound **3p** after melting. The *T_d*, as defined in the figure, is 316°C. The *T_d*'s of selected 1,4-diaminoanthraquinone dyes are also shown in Table 1. The *T_d*'s of the 1,4-di(2- and 2,6-disubstituted anilino) (296–356°C) and 1,4-bis(l-naphthylamino) derivatives (351°C) were higher than those of the 1,4-diamino (288°C) and 1,4-bis(methylamino) derivatives (262°C). Thus, the 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone derivatives were found to be thermally more stable than the 1,4-diamino- and 1,4-bis(methylamino)anthraquinone derivatives.

3. Experimental

3.1. Instruments

Melting points were measured with a Yanagimoto MP-S2 micro melting point apparatus. NMR spectra were obtained by a Jeol α -400 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu QP-1000 spectrometer. UV spectra were

taken on a Shimadzu UV-160A spectrometer. TG-DTA analysis was performed with a Rigaku TA 200 instrument.

3.2. Materials

Leucoquinizarin (**1**), anilines **2**, and 1,4-diaminoanthraquinone were purchased from Tokyo Kasei Co., Ltd. 2,4,6-Triisopropylaniline (**2s**) [3] and 1,4-bis(methylamino)anthraquinone [9] were prepared as described in the literature.

3.3. Synthesis of 1,4-bis(arylamino)anthraquinone dyes **3**

To leucoquinizarin **1** (726 mg, 1 mmol) were added propionic acid (1 mmol), the appropriate aniline derivative **2** (70 mmol) and boric acid (500 mg, 8 mmol), and heated at 130°C for 3 h. After the reaction was complete, excess aniline was removed by steam-distillation. The resulting precipitate was filtered, dried, purified by column chromatography, and recrystallized from hexane/chloroform. Physical and spectral data are given below.

3.3.1. 1,4-Dianilinoanthraquinone (**3a**)

Yield 84 %; M.p. 223°C ^1H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.17 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.7 Hz, 2H), 8.36 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.7 Hz, 2H).

Hz, 2H), 12.23 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 390 (100) [M^+], 389 (66).

3.3.2. 1,4-Bis(2-fluoroanilino)anthraquinone (3b)

Yield 85 %; M. p. 228–230°C T; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 7.13–7.21 (m, 6H), 7.36–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.77 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 11.95 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 426 (100) [M^+], 213 (7).

3.3.3. 1,4-Bis(2-chloroanilino)anthraquinone (3c)

Yield 60 %; M.p. 282–284 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 7.10 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.52 (m, 8H), 7.78 (dd, J = 5.5 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (dd, J = 5.5 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.09 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 462 (14) [$M^+ + 4$], 460 (55) [$M^+ + 2$], 458 (100) [M^+], 424 (18), 423 (23), 387 (15).

3.3.4. 1,4-Bis(2-bromoanilino)anthraquinone (3d)

Yield 40 %; M.p. 288–290°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 7.03 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32–7.42 (m, 6H), 7.69 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.05 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 550 (71) [$M^+ + 4$], 548 (100) [$M^+ + 2$], 546 (57) [M^+], 388 (35), 387 (29), 194 (28).

3.3.5. 1,4-Bis(2-methylanilino)anthraquinone (3e)

Yield 59 %; M.p. 225°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 2.37 (s, 6H), 7.11–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 7.26–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.16 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 418 (100) [M^+], 329 (11), 312 (12).

3.3.6. 1,4-Bis(2-ethylanilino)anthraquinone (3f)

Yield 89 %; M.p. 146°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 2.74 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.17–7.25 (m, 6H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.32–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.22 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 446 (100) [M^+], 310 (24), 77 (19).

3.3.7. 1,4-Bis(2-propylanilino)anthraquinone (3g)

Yield 28 %; M.p. 143°C ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 0.96 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 1.68 (sextet, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.17–7.31 (m, 10H),

7.76 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.19 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 474 (100) [M^+], 357 (14), 310 (24).

3.3.8. 1,4-Bis(2-isopropylanilino)anthraquinone (3h)

Yield 84 %; M.p. 129°C ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.26 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 12H), 3.32 (septet, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 7.22–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.37–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.23 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 474 (100) [M^+], 460 (14), 437 (39), 310 (14).

3.3.9. 1,4-Bis(3-isopropylanilino)anthraquinone (3i)

Yield 47 %; M.p. 144°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.27 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (septet, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (s, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.31 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 474 (100) [M^+].

3.3.10. 1,4-Bis(4-isopropylanilino)anthraquinone (3j)

Yield 68 %; M.p. 201°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.27 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 12H), 2.93 (septet, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (s, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.27 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 474 (100) [M^+], 444 (44), 222 (24).

3.3.11. 1,4-Bis(2-tert-butylanilino)anthraquinone (3k)

Yield 77 %; M.p. 229°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.47 (s, 18H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 7.19–7.22 (m, 6H), 7.49–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.3 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.3 Hz, 2H), 12.33 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 502 (100) [M^+], 371 (60), 341 (40), 324 (22), 133 (23).

3.3.12. 1,4-Bis(2-phenylanilino)anthraquinone (3m)

Yield 78 %; M.p. 238–239°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 7.18 (s, 2H), 7.24–7.43 (m, 18H), 7.65 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 11.88 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 542 (100) [M^+], 167 (8).

3.3.13. 1,4-Bis(2-methoxyanilino)anthraquinone (3m)

Yield 86 %; M.p. 188–190°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 3.92 (s, 6H), 6.93–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (s, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (dd, J = 6.0 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.10 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z 450 (100) [M^+], 313 (15).

3.3.14. 1,4-Bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)anilinolanthraquinone (3n)

Yield 18 %; M.p. 248–249°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 7.26 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.11 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 526 (100) [M^+], 485 (16), 430 (11), 353 (10), 352 (12), 151 (11).

3.3.15. 1,4-Bis(2,6-dimethylanilino)anthraquinone (3o)

Yield 47 %; M.p. 298°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 2.20 (s, 12H), 6.56 (s, 2H), 7.21 (s, 6H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 11.84 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z 446 (100) [M^+], 77 (35).

3.3.16. 1,4-Bis(2,6-diethylanilino)anthraquinone (3p)

Yield 25 %; M.p. 209°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 12H), 2.47 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 2H), 7.15–7.26 (m, 6H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 11.91 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 502 (100) [M^+], 487 (28), 366 (17), 338 (22), 91 (30), 77 (30).

3.3.17. 1,4-Bis(2,6-diisopropylanilino)anthraquinone (3q)

Yield 35 %; M.p. 255°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.05 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 3.09 (septet, J = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 7.20–7.22 (m, 6H), 7.78 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.45 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 11.89 (s,

2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 558 (100) [M^+], 509 (33).

3.3.18. 1,4-Bis(2,5-di-tert-butylanilino)anthraquinone (3r)

Yield 67 %; M.p. 169°C ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.25 (s, 18H), 1.47 (s, 18H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 7.18 (s, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (dd, J = 5.8 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.38 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 614 (100) [M^+], 380 (20), 57 (78).

3.3.19. 1,4-Bis(2,4,6-triisopropylanilino)anthraquinone (3s)

Yield 11 %; M.p. 214°C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 1.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 1.33 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 2.98 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 21H), 3.11 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 7.11 (s, 4H), 7.18 (dd, J = 6.8 and 3.7 Hz, 2H), 8.60 (dd, J = 6.8 and 3.7 Hz, 2H), 12.02 (s, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 643 (100) [M^+], 628 (21), 426 (25).

3.3.20. 1,4-Bis(1-naphthylamino)anthraquinone (3t)

Yield 14 %; M.p. 285 °C; NMR (CDCl_3) δ = 7.21 (s, 2H), 7.45–7.67 (m, 4H), 7.52–7.75 (m, 4H), 7.74 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.80–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.83 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (m, 2H), 8.18 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (dd, J = 5.9 and 3.4 Hz, 2H), 12.65 (s, 2); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%) 490 (100) [M^+], 127 (19), 104 (30), 77 (15).

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