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ABSTRACT For three fulgides photochromic behaviour was described. Also synthesis of this fulgides was described.

INTRODUCTION

Well-known heliochromic fulgides of furan, thiofen, pyrrol species present interest for utilization as photo-reactive lenses^{1,4}. In connection with it we decided to synthesize similar fulgides of indole species.

EXPERIMENTAL

¹H-NMR experiments (Bruker-200-SY) were carried out in deuterated chloroform and benzene with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. We used EPS-3T "HITACHI" spectrophotometer to measure the absorption spectra.

RESULTS

From 1-methyl-2-formylindole and adamantylidene succinate in toluene using sodium hydride by the Stobbe reaction fulgide 1 ($\lambda=415\text{nm}$) was synthesized which had E-configuration (fig.1) because the signal of vinyl's proton (7.60ppm) in H-spectrum appeared.⁶ Short-time irradiation ($\lambda=415\text{nm}$) of the E-isomer 1 in toluene leads to Z-isomer 1 ($\lambda=420\text{nm}$). When we irradiate Z-isomer sunlight it reverses to the original form. Long-time

irradiation ($\lambda=415\text{nm}$) towards the ring closure reaction to form cycle product 2 ($\lambda=534\text{nm}$). Cycle product 2 of indolic fulgide undergoes a thermal 1,5-H shift to form 3 which under conditions of experiment (irradiation $\lambda=415-420\text{nm}$, toluene, $t=60^\circ\text{C}$) produced coloured form 4 ($\lambda=552\text{nm}$) reversibly. If we break irradiation and keep the solution in the dark during 3-4 hours, coloured product 4 transforms into cycle form 3. Heliochromic properties of compound 3 displays on sunlight irradiation during 0.5-1.5 sec., which produced reversibly red-cherry coloured form 4. The reverse reaction occurred in the dark. In $^1\text{H-NMR}$ -spectrum of coloured solution signals are observed from form 4, which can undergo E,Z-isomerisation on sunlight. By means of flash-photolysis there was determined the time of semitransformation for coloured form 2 $\tau=200\text{sec}$. and for coloured form 4 $\tau>10^4\text{sec}$, (toluene, $t=20^\circ\text{C}$). In this case role of E,Z-isomerisation of form 4 may be considerable.

Other indolic fulgide synthesised from 1-ethyl-3-formyl indole did not possess heliochromic properties. On irradiation ($\lambda=403\text{nm}$) leads to E-isomer. Reverse reaction occurred on sunlight. On boiling of the fulgide in o-dichlorobenzene using $\text{ALCL}_3, \text{SnCl}_4$ (0.001mol.) coloured cyclic product does not form.

It is observed that the isopropylidene derivative of 1^5 was colouring on sunlight ($\Delta\lambda=95\text{nm}$) during 0.2-1 min. Reverse reaction occurred in the dark during 1.5-3.0 min. These properties allow to use it as heliochromic material.

APPENDIX

2-Adamantyliden-E(1methyl-2indolylmethylen)succinic anhydride
1.6g. (0.01mol.) 1-methyl-2-formylindole was condensed with diethyl adamantylidensuccinate 3.1g. (0.011mol.) in toluene (100cm.³) using sodium hydride 0.8g. (0.03mol) as condensing agent. After saponification by the 10% ethanolic potassium hydroxide and cyclisation by the 10% ethereal acetic anhydride gave E-fulgide 1 to yield 95%, after recrystallisation from CCl_4 , m.p. $215-216^\circ\text{C}$.

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