



**STRUCTURAL, VIBRATIONAL AND ELECTRONIC
SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF CHARGE-TRANSFER
COMPLEXATION BETWEEN THREE TRIAZINE-STILBENE
DERIVATIVES WITH SOME π -ACCEPTORS.
PART FOUR : DDQ**

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ABSTRACT

Design and development of triazine-stilbene derivatives have gained extensive attention in the last decade due to their substantially potential applications in textiles and papers industry. In this work, three novel charge-transfer (CT) complexes formed on the reaction between three disodium 4,4'-bis-(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonate derivatives with dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone (DDQ) were synthesized and characterized by electronic, IR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The structural investigations exhibit that the CT chelation between donors and DDQ acceptor occurs *via* $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions. Based on elemental analyses and photometric titrations, the stoichiometry of the complexes (donor: DDQ molar ratios) was determined to be 1 : 2. The formation constant (K_{CT}), molar extinction coefficient (ϵ_{CT}) and other spectroscopic data have been determined using the Benesi-Hildebrand method and its modifications.

Key words: Fluorescent brighteners, Triazine-stilbene derivatives, Charge-transfer, DDQ.

INTRODUCTION

The term charge transfer complex (CT) was introduced firstly by Mulliken^{1,2}, and discussed widely by Foster³. Mulliken^{4,5} showed that the charge transfer interactions within a molecular complex consisting of an electron donor D and an electron acceptor A involved a resonance with a transfer of charge from D to A:

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Charge transfer complexation is currently achieving the great importance in biochemical, bioelectrochemical energy transfer process, biological systems, and drug-receptor binding mechanism, for examples, drug action, enzyme catalysis, ion transfers through lipophilic membranes⁶. On the other hand, electron donor-acceptor (EDA) interaction has a worth attention for chemical reactions like addition, substitution and condensation⁷. It shows a great important in many application topics and fields, like in non-linear optical materials and electrical conductivities, second order non-linear optical activity, micro emulsion, surface chemistry, photocatalysts, dendrimers, solar energy storage, organic semiconductors, as well as in studying redox processes⁸⁻¹⁴. Herein, this paper describes the study on the formation of CT complexes which formed between three disodium 4,4'-bis-(1,3,5-triazinylamino) stilbene-2,2'-disulfonate derivatives as donors with dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone (DDQ) as acceptor. The nature and structure of the final products both in solution and solid phase have been characterized to interpret the behavior of interactions using elemental analysis, infrared (IR) and electronic spectra. The spectroscopic, physical data were analyzed in terms of formation constant (K_{CT}), molar extinction coefficient (ϵ_{CT}), standard free energy (ΔG°), oscillator strength (f) and transition dipole moment (μ).

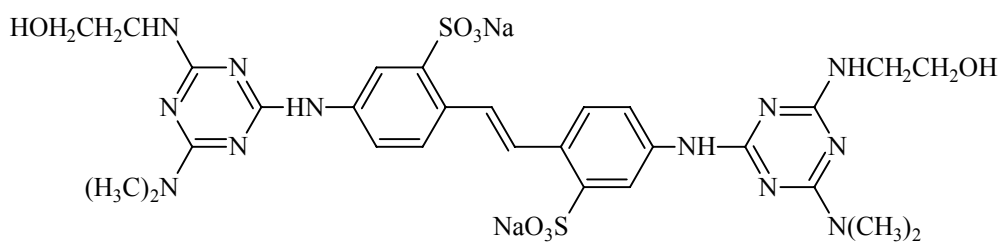
EXPERIMENTAL

General

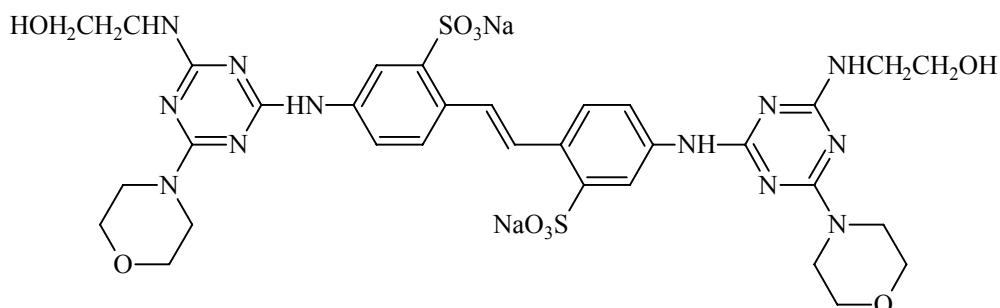
All chemicals used through this work were of analytical grade. The three disodium triazine-stilbene derivatives used in this work, are sodium (E)-6,6'-(ethene-1,2-diyl)bis(3-(4-(dimethyl-amino)-6-(2-hydroxyethylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-ylamino) benzenesulfonate (**TS1**), sodium (E)-6,6'-(ethene-1,2-diyl) bis(3-(4-(2-hydroxyethyl-amino)-6-morpholino-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl-amino) benzene-sulfonate (**TS2**) and sodium (E)-6,6'-(ethene-1,2-diyl) bis(3-(4-(diethyl-amino)-6-(2-hydroxyethylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl-amino) benzenesulfonate (**TS3**) (Formula I). The donors were obtained by synthesis according to the literature methods¹⁵. The dichlorodicyanobenzoquinone (DDQ) acceptor was purchased from the Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company and was used without further purification. The elemental analyses of the carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen content were performed using a Perkin-Elmer CHN 2400 (USA). The electronic absorption spectra of the donors, the acceptor and the synthesized complexes were recorded in methanol over a wavelength range of 200-800 nm using a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 25 UV/Vis double-beam spectrophotometer. The instrument was fitted with a quartz cell that had a path length of 1.0 cm. The infrared (IR) spectra using KBr discs within the range of 4000-400 cm^{-1} for the complexes were recorded on a Shimadzu FT-IR spectrophotometer with 30 scans at 2 cm^{-1} resolution.

Methodology

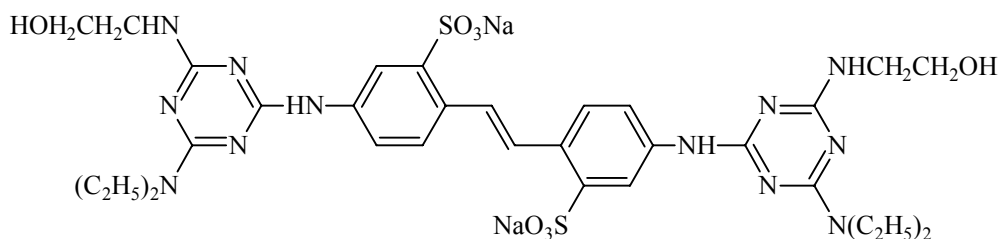
CT complexes of the disodium triazine-stilbene derivatives with the DDQ acceptor were prepared by mixing 1 mmol of each donor in pure-grade methanol (20 mL) with 1 mmol of DDQ acceptor in methanol (20 mL). The mixtures were stirred for approximately 30 min and allowed to evaporate slowly at room temperature resulting in the precipitation of the solid complexes. The resultant complexes were filtered and washed well with methanol. Then, the synthesized complexes were collected and dried under vacuum over anhydrous calcium chloride for 24 h.



TS1



TS2



TS3

Formula I: Chemical structure of disodium triazine-stilbene derivatives.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Elemental analysis

Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) of the CT complexes were performed. The obtained values are in good agreement with the calculated values, and the suggested values are in agreement with the molar ratios determined from the spectrophotometric titration curves. The obtained elemental analysis results are as follows:

- (i) [(**TS1**)(DDQ)₂]: C₄₄H₃₄N₁₆O₁₂Cl₄Na₂S₂; Mol. wt. = 1230.02; Calc.: %C, 42.92; %H, 2.76; %N, 18.21, Found: %C, 42.88; %H, 2.73; %N, 18.25
- (ii) [(**TS2**)(DDQ)₂]: C₄₈H₃₈N₁₆O₁₄Cl₄Na₂S₂; Mol. wt. = 1314.26; Calc.: %C, 43.82; %H, 2.89; %N, 17.04, Found: %C, 53.05; %H, 3.59; %N, 21.94
- (iii) [(**TS3**)(DDQ)₂]: C₄₈H₄₂N₁₆O₁₂Cl₄Na₂S₂; Mol. wt. = 1286.02; Calc.: %C, 44.79; %H, 3.26; %N, 17.42, Found: %C, 44.83; %H, 3.30; %N, 17.39

Stoichiometry of the interaction

The stoichiometry of the CT complexes formed was determined by applying the spectrophotometric molar ratio¹⁶. Fig. 1 shows the electronic absorption spectra of the CT complexes. These spectra revealed the presence of the absorption bands that correspond to the CT interactions. These bands are observed at 480, 465 and 470 nm for the [(**TS1**)(DDQ)₂], [(**TS2**)(DDQ)₂] and [(**TS3**)(DDQ)₂] complexes, respectively. These detected absorption bands well know to be characteristic of the formation of new CT complexes. Spectrophotometric titration plots based on these characterized absorption bands are shown in FiG. 2. Based on the obtained results, the stoichiometry of the complexes with the DDQ acceptor was found to have a 1 : 2 ratio. The formed CT complexes were formulated as [(**TS1**)(DDQ)₂], [(**TS2**)(DDQ)₂] and [(**TS3**)(DDQ)₂]. These stoichiometry values are consistent with the elemental analyses

Benesi-Hildebrand plots

The Benesi-Hildebrand and its modification methods were applied for the determination of the spectroscopic physical data such as formation constant (K_{CT}), molar extinction coefficient (ϵ_{CT}), energy of the complex (E_{CT}), standard free energy (ΔG°), oscillator strength (f) and transition dipole moment (μ) for the CT complexes as described elsewhere¹⁷⁻²¹. The calculated values of these spectroscopic data for the complexes are

presented in Table 1. The molar extinction coefficient (ϵ_{CT}) values reflect the molecular planarity and enlargement of π -conjugation. [(TS1)(DDQ)₂] complex has higher ϵ value than that of the other complexes which indicates that complex of TS1 has much more planar and rigid π -conjugation system²². The DDQ complexes exhibit high values for the K_{CT} . These high K_{CT} values reflect the high stabilities of the CT complexes due to the strong donation of the triazine-stilbene derivatives. The [(TS3)(DDQ)₂] complex exhibited higher value for both K_{CT} and ΔG° .

Table 1: Spectroscopic data of the synthesized complexes (25°C)

Complex	λ_{max} (nm)	K (Lmol ⁻¹)	ϵ_{max} (Lmol ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹)	E_{CT} (eV)	f	μ	ΔG° (KJ mol ⁻¹)
[(TS1)(DDQ) ₂]	480	3.76×10^8	4.19×10^4	2.59	0.453	6.796	-37.519
[(TS2)(DDQ) ₂]	465	7.52×10^8	1.72×10^4	2.67	0.186	4.315	-39.234
[(TS3)(DDQ) ₂]	470	36.58×10^8	99.8	2.64	0.108	3.281	-43.154

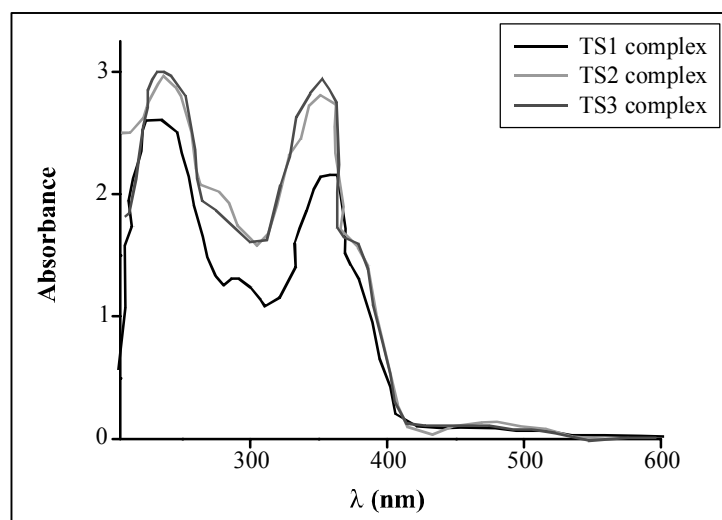


Fig. 1: Electronic absorption spectra of TS1/DDQ, TS2/DDQ and TS3/DDQ complexes

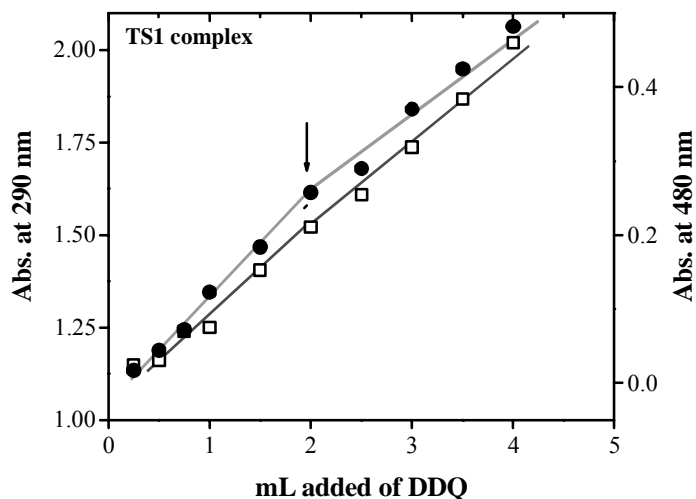
IR spectral characteristics

The peak assignments for the important characteristic IR spectral bands for the formed CT complexes are shown in Table 2. A comparison of the relevant IR spectral bands of the

free donors and DDQ acceptor with the corresponding bands in the IR spectra of the isolated solid CT complexes clearly indicated that the characteristic bands of the donors exhibit small shifts in frequency and changes in their band intensities. This result could be attributed to the expected changes in symmetry and electronic configurations upon the formation of the CT complexes. In the CT complexes, the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$, $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ and $\nu(\text{C}-\text{Cl})$ stretching vibrations in the free DDQ appeared at 1673, 2231 and 800 cm^{-1} , respectively, where in the formed CT complexes, these stretching vibrations occurred at 1619, 2210 and 773 cm^{-1} for **TS1** complex; at 1656, 2204 and 775 cm^{-1} for **TS2** complex; at 1623, 224 and 778 cm^{-1} for **TS3** complex, respectively. Because DDQ lacks acidic centers, the molecular complexes can be concluded to form through $\pi\rightarrow\pi^*$ and/or $n\rightarrow\pi^*$ charge migration from the HOMO of the donor to the LUMO of the acceptor. The $\pi\rightarrow\pi^*$ CT complex is formed via the benzene ring (electron-rich group) of the donors and the DDQ reagent (electron acceptor). The cyano group ($-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$) is an electron-withdrawing group that exists in DDQ in a conjugated bonding system. The cyano groups in DDQ withdraw electrons from the aromatic ring, and such a process will make the aromatic ring an electron-accepting region. This behavior will decrease the CN bond order and therefore lower its vibrational wavenumber value upon complexation²³⁻²⁵.

Structural interpretation

The structures of the $[(\text{TS1})(\text{DDQ})_2]$, $[(\text{TS2})(\text{DDQ})_2]$ and $[(\text{TS3})(\text{DDQ})_2]$ CT complexes are confirmed by elemental analysis, spectrophotometric titration and IR spectra. The proposed structures of these CT complexes are shown in Formulas II-IV.



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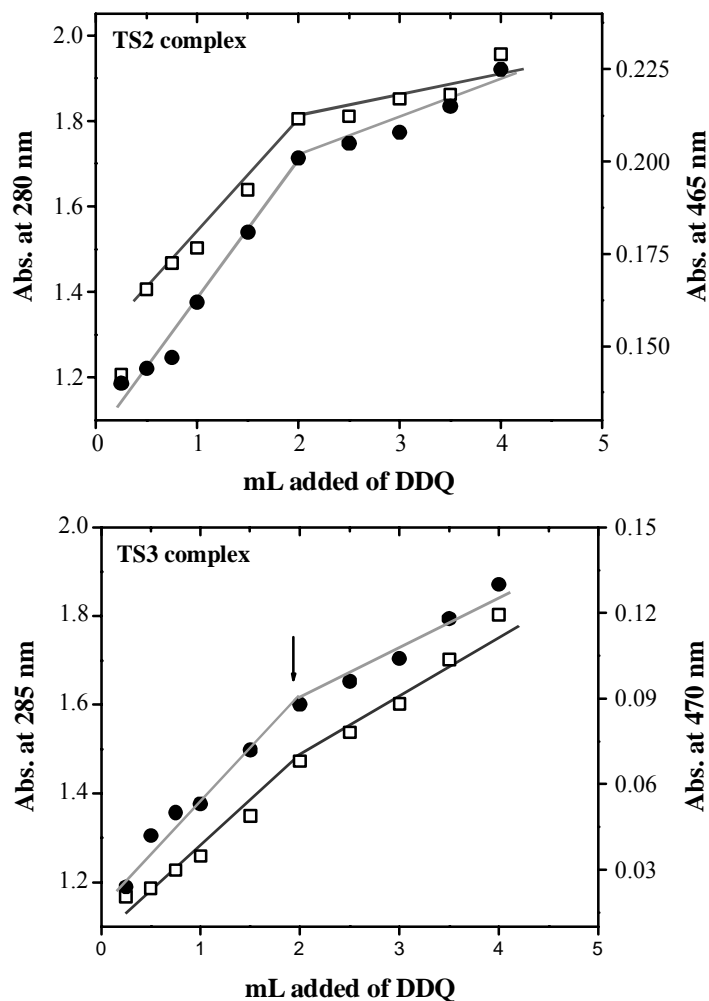


Fig. 2: Spectrophotometric titration curves for TS1/DDQ, TS2/DDQ and TS3/DDQ system

Table 2: Infrared frequencies^(a) (cm^{-1}) and tentative assignments for TS1, TS2 and TS3 complexes with DDQ acceptor

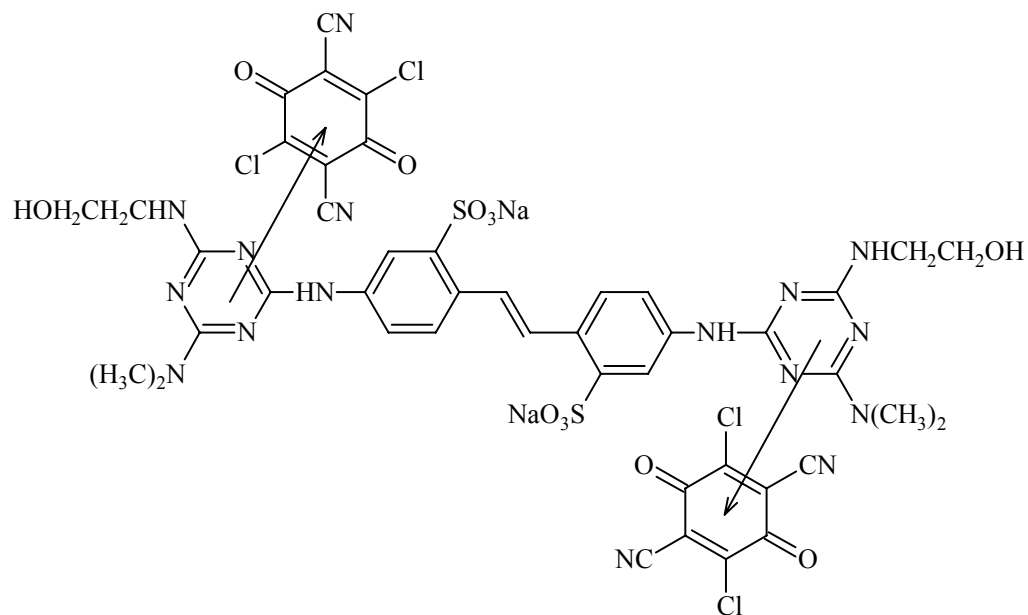
Donors			Acceptor	Complexes			Assignments ^(b)
TS1	TS2	TS3	DDQ	TS1-DDQ	TS2-DDQ	TS3-DDQ	
3423	3374	3420	3325 3218	3421	3419	3407	ν (O-H) ν (N-H) ν (C-H); aromatic

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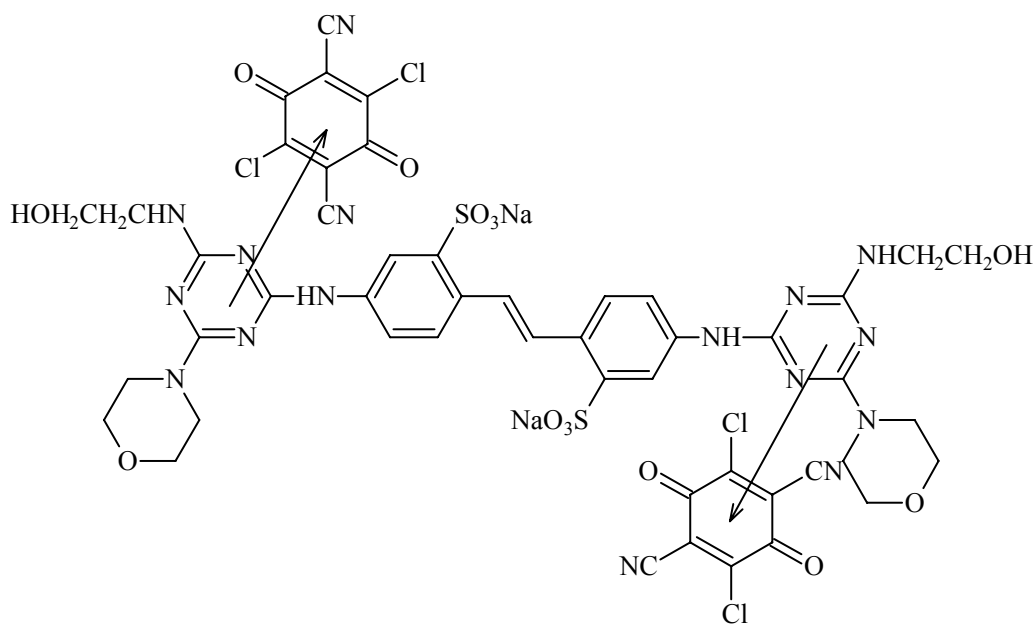
Donors			Acceptor	Complexes			Assignments ^(b)
TS1	TS2	TS3	DDQ	TS1- DDQ	TS2- DDQ	TS3- DDQ	
2927	2928	2972	-	2936	2967	2979	$\nu(\text{C-H}) + \nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C-H})$
2877	2861	2931			2925		
		2872					
-	-	-	2250	2210	2209	2214	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$
			2231				
1620	1616	1614	1673	1619	1656	1623	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$
					1626		
1575	1567	1570	1552	1591	1590	1591	$\delta_{\text{def}}(\text{N-H})$ Ring breathing bands
1529	1541	1516	1451	1524	1538	1544	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$
1490	1492	1488		1405	1479	1485	$\delta(\text{C-H})$ deformation
1402	1442	1412			1442	1412	
	1416				1412		
1286	1357	1358	1358	1338	1358	1355	$\nu(\text{C-C}) + \nu(\text{C-O}) + \nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C-N})$
1187	1303	1308	1267	1304	1283	1225	
1078	1276	1225	1172	1223	1222	1173	
1021	1226	1180	1072	1197	1170	1081	
	1180	1080	1010	1078	1110	1023	
	1108	1024		1023	1077		
	1078				1020		
	1021						
993	888	983	893	993	895	894	δ_{rock} ; NH
903	832	894	800	839	840	866	$\delta(\text{CH})$ in-plane bending
829	805	829	720	773	775	835	$\nu(\text{C-Cl})$; DDQ, complex
801	699	806		706	717	778	
717		782				668	
		695					
625	626	625	615	625	623	609	$\delta(\text{C-N})$ out-of-plane bending
540	543	544	527	544	542	546	skeletal vibration
			457				CNC deformation

(a): s, strong; w, weak; m, medium; sh, shoulder; v, very; vs, very strong; br, broad

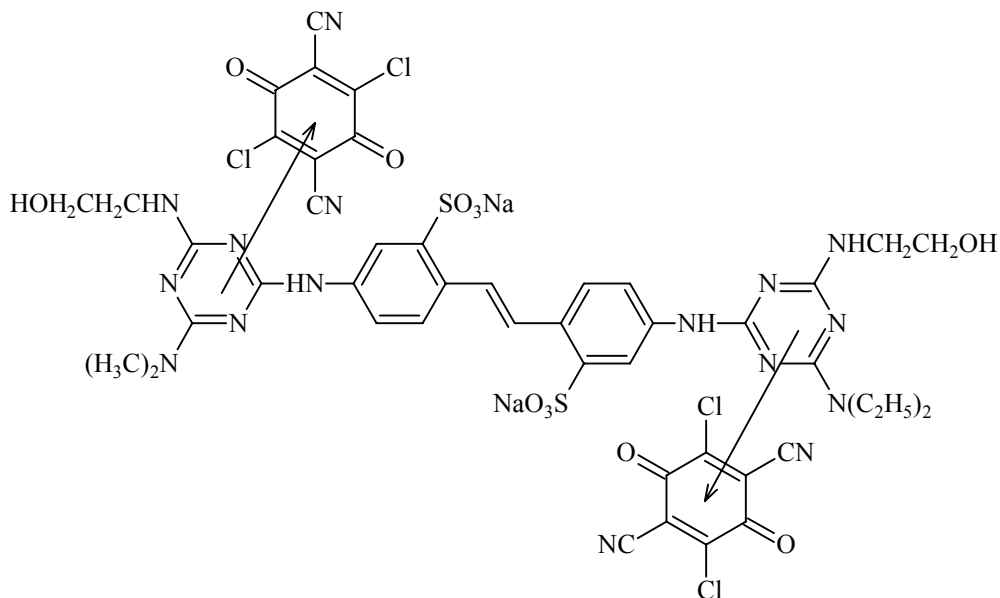
(b): ν , stretching; ν_{s} , symmetrical stretching; ν_{as} , asymmetrical stretching; δ , bending



Formula II: Suggested structural formula of [(TS1)(DDQ)₂] complex



Formula III: Suggested structural formula of [(TS2)(DDQ)₂] complex



Formula IV: Suggested structural formula of [(TS3)(DDQ)₂] complex

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