



Synthesis and using of 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dione as acid base titration indicator

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Abstract: The aim of this work is the synthesis of new 10-hydroxydecahydroacridine-1,8-dione derivative, determination of the structure and to study the possibility of using this compound as an indicator of acid-base titration. Environmentally friendly synthesis of 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dione has been developed by one pot interaction of dimedone, hydroxylamine and 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzoic aldehyde in water-alcohol or water solution using citric acid or sodium dodecyl sulfate as catalysts, respectively. Purification of the synthesized compound was carried out by crystallization from ethanol. The obtained compound was characterised by ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and UV-Vis spectroscopies. This substance in water-alcohol solution shows intense violet light absorption. Addition alkali induces red shift of absorption maximum to the blue region. UV irradiation of solution of this substance in alcohol induces two-band fluorescence in the visible region. One band disappears upon addition of a base in solution. The structure of the obtained compound was confirmed by high resolution mass-spectrometry analysis. In the mass-spectrum of 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dione observed $[M+1]^+$ ion peak. The base peak corresponds to tricyclic fragment due to the elimination aromatic cycle from molecular ion. This substance is colorless in acidic and neutral and pink in base solutions. The acid dissociation constant of this compound in a water-alcohol solution was determined by the UV-Vis spectroscopic technique. It was shown that the obtained compound can be used as an indicator for the titration of strong acids and bases.

Keywords: organic synthesis, 10-hydroxydecahydroacridinedione derivative, acid dissociation constant, indicator for the acid-base titration, spectral methods

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Синтез и использование 10-гидрокси-3,3,6,6-тетраметил-9-(4-гидрокси-3-метоксифенил)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-декагидроакридин-1,8-диона в качестве индикатора кислотно-основного титрования

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Резюме: Целью данной работы являлся синтез нового производного 10-гидроксидекагидроакридин-1,8-диона, определение структуры и изучение возможности использования этого соединения в качестве индикатора кислотно-основного титрования. Синтез 10-гидрокси-3,3,6,6-тетраметил-9-(4-гидрокси-3-метоксифенил)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-декагидроакридин-1,8-диона осуществлен с учетом принципов «зеленой химии» взаимодействием димедона, гидроксиламина и 4-гидрокси-3-метоксибензойного альдегида в экологически безопасном водно-спиртовом или водном растворе. В качестве катализатора использовалась лимонная кислота либо додецил сульфат натрия соответственно. Очистку синтезированного соединения осуществляли кристаллизацией из этанола. Полученное соединение характеризовали с помощью спектров ^1H ЯМР, ^{13}C ЯМР, поглощения и флуоресценции в УФ-видимой области. В водно-спиртовом растворе гидроксидекагидроакридиндиона наблюдается поглощение фиолетового света, максимум полосы поглощения которого смещается в область го-

любого света при добавлении к раствору щелочи. При облучении этанольного раствора УФ-излучением возникает двухполосная флуоресценция в видимой области. Одна полоса исчезает при добавлении основания в раствор. Структура полученного соединения подтверждена масс-спектрометрическим анализом высокого разрешения. В масс-спектре 10-гидрокси-3,3,6,6-тетраметил-9-(4-гидрокси-3-метоксифенил)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-декагидроакридин-1,8-диона имеется пик иона $[M+1]^+$. Пик основного иона соответствует трициклическому фрагменту элиминирования ароматического цикла молекулярного иона. Это вещество бесцветно в кислых и нейтральных растворах, а в основных имеет розовый цвет. Кислотную константу диссоциации этого соединения в водно-спиртовом растворе определяли спектрофотометрическим методом в УФ-видимой области. Показано, что полученное соединение может быть использовано в качестве индикатора титрования сильных кислот и оснований.

Ключевые слова: органический синтез, производное 10-гидроксидекагидроакридиндиона, константа диссоциации кислоты, индикатор кислотно-основного титрования, спектральные методы

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INTRODUCTION

Heterocyclic compounds that include the 1,4-dihydropyridine fragment in their structure are of great interest to medical chemists [1–3] due to their wide range of biological effects. Compounds of this type have antihypertensive, anticonvulsant, antioxidant antibacterial, antiviral, antitumor, spasmolytic, contraceptive activity, without showing a mutagenic effect [4–6].

Decahydroacridinediones contain a 1,4-dihydropyridine ring as structural fragment and are available via various versions of Hantzsch synthesis [7–11]. These compounds exhibit a broad spectrum of biological activity [12–15]. Decahydroacridines with pesticidal activities have been detected [16]. The dyes of the decahydroacridine series have been intensively studied due to the application of them, in particular, as laser dyes and fluorescent markers [17].

Earlier, we described the method synthesis of 10-hydroxy-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridine-1,8-diones [18]. These substances are colorless in acidic and neutral and pink in base solutions. That is why they can be suitable acid-base titration indicators.

Here in we wish to report our results on synthesis of 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dion **1** and the possibility of using this compound as indicator of acid-base titration.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In our article [18] the method synthesis of 10-hydroxy-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dion derivatives by three-component heterocyclization of dimedone, hydroxylamine with aldehydes in dry pyridine was described. The reaction of cyclization proceeds as a result of heating of equimolar quantities of dimedone and hydroxylamine hydrochloride in a solution of dry pyridine with addition of aromatic aldehyde, but pyridine is a toxic and foul-smelling

substance, therefore, guided by the principles of "green chemistry" [19], we have excluded its use in the synthesis of decahydroacridinedione. The substance investigated was obtained by the interaction of dimedone **2**, 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzoic aldehyde **4** (vanillin), hydroxyl-amine hydrochloride **3** and sodium acetate in a aqua-alcohol (1:1, 1:2 volume units) or in an aqueous solution. In the first procedure, citric acid was used as a catalyst, and in the second, sodium dodecyl sulfate, respectively. 10-Hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dion **1** was obtained with a good yield (83 and 92%, respectively).

This substance is colorless in acidic and neutral and pink in base solutions. That is why it can be suitable acid-base titration indicator. In water-alcohol solution hydroxydecahydroacridinedione **1** shows intense absorption with band maximum at 401.5 nm. Addition alkali induces red shift of absorption maximum to 502.5 nm. It is obvious that observed changes in the electronic absorption spectrum result from formation of anion (II) in alkaline solution (Fig. 2). Both absorption bands are wide and correspond to intramolecular charge transfer between donor and acceptor groups in the molecule. The presence of a negative charge in the donor part of the molecule (NO^-) increases the energy of the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO), which is responsible for red shift of charge-transfer band. Electron acceptors are two carbonyl groups.

By measuring the change in the optical density of absorption, proportional to the concentration of the painted form (II) depending on the pH-value of water or water-alcohol solutions of several hydroxydecahydroacridinediones (I), we calculated the values of acid dissociation constant (K_{Ind}) of this compound, which allows you to set the color changing pH range of the indicator. It is determined by the value of the constants: $\Delta\text{pH}_{\text{Ind}} = \text{p}K_{\text{Ind}} \pm 1$.

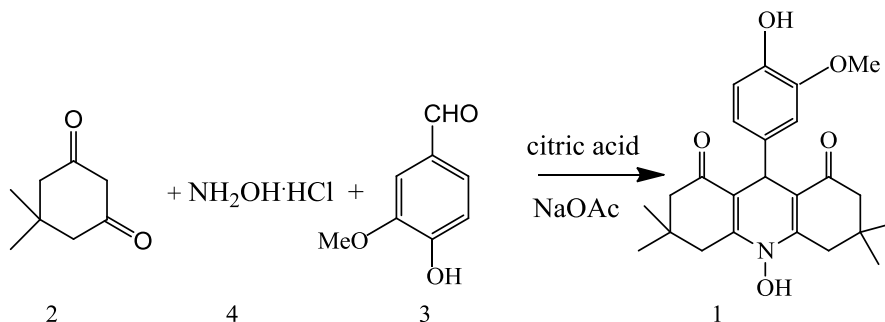


Fig. 1. Scheme of synthesis of 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dion

Рис. 1. Схема синтеза 10-гидрокси-3,3,6,6-тетраметил-9-(4-гидрокси-3-метоксифенил)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-декагидроакридин-1,8-диона

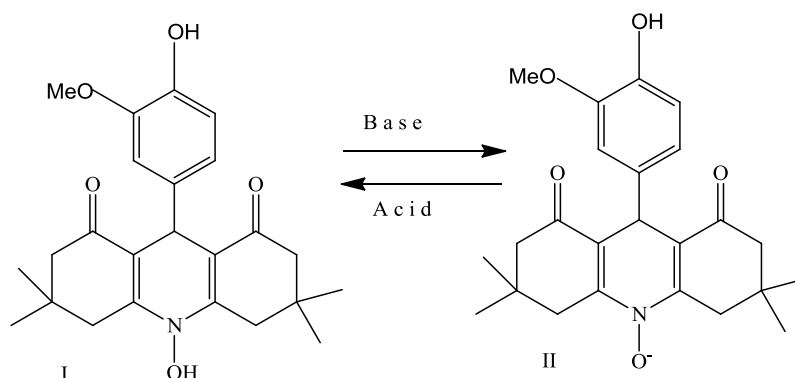


Fig. 2. Scheme of dissociation of 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dion

Рис. 2. Схема диссоциации 10-гидрокси-3,3,6,6-тетраметил-9-(4-гидрокси-3-метоксифенил)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-декагидроакридин-1,8-диона

The reversible dissociation process $I \leftrightarrow II + H^+$ is characterized by dissociation constant:

$$K_{diss.} = \frac{[H^+][II]}{[I]} \quad (1)$$

Where: $[H^+]$, $[I]$ and $[II]$ are molar concentrations of proton, acid and its conjugate base (salt), respectively. To use this formula, it is necessary to determine the concentrations of all three components. Proton concentration was determined with a pH meter, a concentration of the base form - using spectrophotometric measurements. The mathematical expression for calculating the constants obtained as follows.

Denote the total concentration of both forms of C_0 . The concentration of the main (colored) form denoted C , then the concentration of the acid form is $C_0 - C$ expression for the dissociation constant is:

$$K_{diss.} = \frac{[H^+] \cdot C}{C_0 - C} \quad (2)$$

Bouguer – Lambert – Beer law [20] relates the molar concentration of the substance with the optical density of the maximum absorption of the solute (form):

$$D_{max.} = C_M \cdot l \cdot \varepsilon \text{ or } C_M = \frac{D_{max.}}{\varepsilon \cdot l} \quad (3)$$

where $D_{max.}$ – the optical density of the absorption maximum; C_M – its molar concentration; l – cell width, cm; ε – molar extinction.

Using the expression of the optical density concentration, denoting $C_0 \cdot l \cdot \varepsilon = D_0$ in the equation for the equilibrium constants have:

$$K_{diss.} = \frac{[H^+] \cdot D_{max.}}{D_0 - D_{max.}} \text{ or } K_{diss.} \cdot (D_0 - D_{max.}) = [H^+] \cdot D_{max.}$$

If during the measurement the solution volume and the temperature does not change, then a number of successive measurements of pH values and corresponding densities longwave absorption maximum core mold (II) left side of the equation remains constant. Then, for two consecutive measurements (1 and 2) can be written:

$$K_{diss.} \cdot D_0 = K_{diss.} \cdot D_1 + [H^+]_1 \cdot D_1 = K_{diss.} \cdot D_2 + [H^+]_2 \cdot D_2,$$

then

$$K_{diss.} = \frac{[H^+]_2 \cdot D_2 - [H^+]_1 \cdot D_1}{D_1 - D_2} \quad (5)$$

In the resulting expression is absent D_0 , which means there is no need to prepare a certain concentration of solution of the substance (C_0) and using the resulting expression eliminates the need to weigh the samples and measuring the volume of the solution, and thus eliminates the associated measurement errors. Obviously, the accuracy of determining the dissociation constant depends on the range of measurement. At high pH, the concentration of the acid form is insignificant and low-basic. In the first case, the denominator in the expression for the dissociation constant tends to zero in the second – the numerator. Comparable amounts of both forms are solutions in which the pH is close to $pK_{diss.}$ (at $pH = pK$ concentrations of both forms of the same, that is, $C = 0,5C_0$).

EXPERIMENTAL

Dimedone, hydroxylamine hydrochloride, 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzoic aldehyde, sodium acetate and citric acid were acquired from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. The UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on a UV-2501 PC spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra were measured on RF-5301 PC ("Shimadzu", Japan) spectrofluorometer. The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compound were examined on a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively; tetramethylsilane was used as internal reference. Chromatographic-mass spectrometric analysis was carried out on liquid hybrid chromatography mass spectrometer LTQ Orbitrap Discovery (Thermo Electron Corporation, USA), which includes a linear Quadrupole trap LTQ XL and the orbital trap of high permission. Ionization of the sample was carried out electrospray with using the source H-ESI II Ion Max. Calibration of linear and orbital traps LTQ Orbitrap Discovery was carried out using a standard solution, containing caffeine (m/z 195), L-methionyl-arginyl-phenylalanine acetate (MRFA, m/z 524) and Ultramark 1621 (mixture of fluorinated phosphazines). As an internal calibrant during the removal of mass spectra indapamide was used (m/z 66.0674).

The progress of reaction and the purity of product was monitored by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates using EtOAc–hexane (1:1) as eluent; spots were visualized under UV radiation or by treatment with iodine vapor, followed by calcination at 250–350 °C. The melting point was determined on a Boetius hot stage.

Procedures for synthesis of 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-phenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dion (1).

1. A mixture of 2.8 g (20 mmol) of 5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (dimedone), 1.52 g

(10 mmol) of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzoic aldehyde (vanillin) and 0.2 g of citric acid was stirred for one hour at room temperature in 50 ml of ethanol. Then 0.695 g (10 mmol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride, 0.82 g (10 mmol) sodium acetate and 50 ml water were added thereto and stirred for another two hours. It was then diluted with 50 ml of water, and left to stand for 24 h. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water (150 ml), and dried in air. Yield 3.41 g (83%), mp 184–186 °C. UV spectrum, EtOH, nm (log ϵ): 257 (4.13); 401.5 (3.77), 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.91 s (6H, 2Me), 0.99 s (6H, 2Me), 2.27 s (4H, 2CH₂), 2.51 s (4H, 2CH₂), 3.60 s (3H, OMe), 5.75 s (1H, 9-H), 6.30–6.60 m (3H_{arom}). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ_C , ppm: 28.39 (4Me), 30.49 (C4,C5), 31.13 (C9), 32.01 (C3, C6), 47.07 (OMe), 55.84 (C2, C7), 111.17 (C8a, C9a), 111.36 (C_{arom}), 111.48 (C_{arom}), 115.42 (C_{arom}), 119.12 (C_{arom}), 132.43 (C_{arom}), 144.36 (C_{arom}), 147.92 (C4a, 10a), 189.03 (C1, C8). Found, %: C – 69.92; H – 7.13; N – 3.31. C₂₄H₂₉NO₅. Calculated, %: C – 70.05; H – 7.10; N – 3.40.

2. A mixture of 1.4 g (10 mmol) of dimedone, 0.34 g of hydroxylamine hydrochloride (NH₂OH · HCl), 0.42 g (5 mmol) of sodium acetate (NaOAc) in the presence of 0.2 g of sodium dodecyl sulfate (C₁₂H₂₅OSO₃Na) as a catalyst was stirred in aqueous solution (20 ml H₂O) for 45 min. Then 0.76 g (5 mmol) of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (vanillin) was added and stirred for 6 h at room temperature. For a deeper precipitation, potassium sulfate (K₂SO₄) was added to the aqueous solution. The precipitated green crystals were washed with 50 ml of water and dried in air. Crystallized from ethanol. The yield was 1.90 g (92%).

Procedure for determining the dissociation constant. The total solution volume was 100 ml, wherein 50 ml buffer and 50 ml of ethanol. Buffer was Triss – 1.21 g per 100 ml. Needless active substance is 5 mg. A pH meter for measuring the pH of the solution was adjusted to 6.86 by adding hydrochloric acid. Then poured into a cuvette 2 ml of the solution and the absorption spectrum was recorded on a spectrophotometer UV-2501 PC. Then, the pH was increased with concentrated KOH to pH 7.24, 7.61, 7.97, 8.41, 8.98, 9.73, 10.34, 10.79, 11.02 respectively, and re-measured with a spectrophotometer. Registration density maximum absorption was carried out at 502.5 nm. The pH measurements were taken at 20 °C using an HI 221 pH meter. The error of the ten definitions of the dissociation constant K for solutions of compound 1a was calculated as the root mean square error of the arithmetic mean (standard deviation) taking into account the Student coefficient of 2.26 for ten determinations for the confidence probability $P = 0.95$.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The structure of the obtained compound is confirmed by the data of the 1H and ^{13}C NMR, UV spectra, elemental and mass spectrometric analysis. The

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra correspond to structure with symmetry plane passing through the C^9 and N^{10} atoms [18]. Thus, in the ^1H NMR spectrum of compound four methyl groups in positions 3, 6 and four methylene groups in 2, 4, 5, 7 positions appear as two singlets (0.91;0.99 and 2.27; 2.51 ppm respectively). The ^{13}C NMR spectrum exhibited 15 signals of 24 carbon atoms, because the signals of equivalent atoms coincide.

The structure of compound **1** was confirmed by high resolution mass-spectrometry data (Table 1). In the spectrum observed $[\text{M}+1]^+$ (412 m/z), ion peak. The base peak (288 m/z) corresponds to tricyclic fragment due to cleavages ($\text{C}^9-\text{C}^1_{\text{arom}}$) bond and the elimination aromatic cycle from molecular ion. Such type fragmentation was observed for other 9-aryldecahydroacridine-1,8-dione derivatives [21].

Results of measurements and calculations are given in the table 2. The resulting value pK_{diss} , conversion process $\text{I} \leftrightarrow \text{II}$ is 7.425 ± 0.016 . The value of the dissociation constant indicates the possibility of

using this compound as an indicator for the titration of strong acids and bases. In this case, it is a better indicator than phenolphthalein and methyl orange, since its pK is close to the pH equivalence point (neutral medium pH = 7.0).

Irradiation of solution of this substance in alcohol (λ_{max} , 370 nm) induces fluorescence at λ_{max} , 468 and λ_{max} , 680 nm. First band disappears upon addition of a base in solution. Irradiation of basic solution (λ_{max} , 500 nm) induces fluorescence at λ_{max} , 680 nm (Fig. 3). The presence of two bands in the fluorescence spectrum of hydroacridinedion (I) in a neutral medium can be explained by its dissociation in an excited state and its transformation into an anion (II) (see Fig. 2). The long-wavelength band at 680 nm corresponds to the emission of an excited anionic form II. Since obtained hydroacridindion shows two emission bands in the visible region of fluorescent spectrum with large Stokes shift, it is of interest as fluorescent marker for studying biological molecules and supra-molecular structures.

Table 1. Data of mass-spectrometric measurement for compound **1**

Таблица 1. Данные масс-спектрометрических измерений соединения **1**

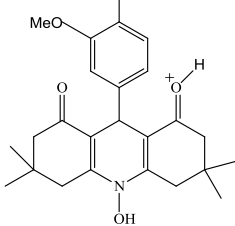
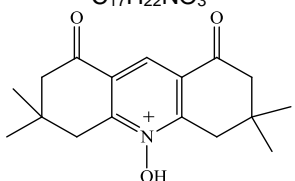
Calculated, m/z	Observed, m/z	Simulated empirical and structural ion formula	Mass measurement error (Δppm)
412.21185	412.21072	$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_5$ 	-2,740
288.15942	288.15822	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$ 	-4.165

Table 2. The results deteming of acid dissociation constant of decahydroacridine solution

Таблица 2. Результаты определения константы диссоциации раствора декагидроакридиндиона

Number measuring	pH	$[\text{H}^+]/10^{-10}$, mol/l	D	$^*\text{K}_{m,n}$	$^*\text{K}_{m,n} \cdot 10^{-8}$	$^*\text{pK}_{m,n}$	$\text{K}_{\text{average}} \pm \Delta\text{K}$, $\text{pK}_{\text{average}} \pm \Delta\text{pK}$
1	6.86	1380.384	0.153	$\text{K}_{1/2}$	3.791	7.421	$\text{K}_{\text{average}} \pm \Delta\text{K}$ $(3.758 \pm 0.024) \cdot 10^{-8}$
2	7.24	575.440	0.282	$\text{K}_{1/3}$	3.806	7.420	
3	7.61	245.471	0.432	$\text{K}_{1/4}$	3.761	7.425	
4	7.97	107.152	0.556	$\text{K}_{1/5}$	3.758	7.425	$\text{pK}_{\text{average}} \pm \Delta\text{pK}$
5	8.41	38.904	0.648	$\text{K}_{2/3}$	3.753	7.426	
6	8.98	10.471	0.696	$\text{K}_{2/4}$	3.748	7.426	7.424 ± 0.016
7	9.73	1.862	0.711	$\text{K}_{2/5}$	3.746	7.426	
8	10.34	0.457	0.714	$\text{K}_{3/4}$	3.742	7.427	$\Delta\text{pH}_{\text{ind}} = \text{pK}_{\text{ind}} \pm 1$
9	10.79	0.162	0.715	$\text{K}_{3/5}$	3.741	7.427	
10	11.02	0.095	0.715	$\text{K}_{4/5}$	3.739	7.427	6.424–8.424

$^*\text{K}_{m,n}$ and $^*\text{pK}_{m,n}$ are K_{diss} and pK_{diss} calculated using the formula (5) based on measurement of pH, D numbers m and n.

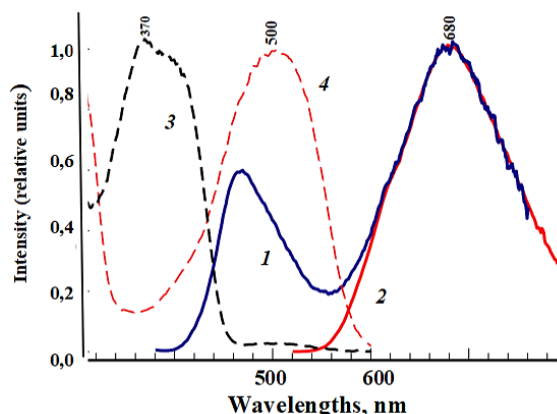


Fig. 3. Fluorescence (1, 2) and excitation of fluorescence (3, 4) spectra of hydroacridindione (I) and anion (II) in ethanol (1, 3) and ethanol-alkali (2, 4) solution

Рис. 3. Спектры флуоресценции (1, 2) и возбуждения флуоресценции (3, 4) гидроакридиндиона (I) аниона (II) в этаноле (1, 3) и в щелочно-этанольном (2, 4) растворе

CONCLUSIONS

1. In accordance with the principles of green chemistry 10-hydroxy-3,3,6,6-tetramethyl-9-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10-decahydroacridin-1,8-dione has been synthesized by two environmentally benign methods using non-toxic reagents, solvents and catalysts.

2. The structure of obtained compound has been confirmed by the data of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, UV spectra, elemental and mass spectrometric analysis.

3. The acid dissociation constant of the resulting compound in hydroalcoholic solution was determined by the UV-Vis spectroscopic technique.

4. It has been shown that this compound can be used as an indicator for the titration of strong acids and bases.

5. Fluorescence spectra have been studied and it has been shown that this compound is of great interest as a fluorescent marker.

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