

## Synthesis and Antibacterial Activity of Some New Azo Disperse Dyes Containing Selenium and Their Application In Polyester Printing

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**I**N THIS study the synthesis of novel azo dyes containing selenium was designed and synthesized with high yields from simple aniline selenocyanate **1** which coupled with some diazotized aromatic amines to give new azo dye. The novel synthesized selenium dyes were utilized for silk screen printed polyester fabrics. Color strength and fastness properties were measured and exhibited high efficiency for washing, perspiration, rubbing, and light fastness. Moreover, the new dyes were tested for antibacterial activity.

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### Introduction

Azo chromophores dye based on heterocyclic system has witnessed large invention in recent years [1]. Due to their excellent properties homocyclic azo dyes are an essential class for polyester fabric and also in non-textile application, such as medicine, photodynamic therapy, laser, and non-linear optical systems [2]. Moreover, organoselenium structures are commonly used as intermediates in the dyestuff, organoselenium are important substrates for the synthesis and modification of many fused hetero ring systems, which play an important role in biomedical and biological activities [3]. Many symmetrical diselenide dyes were synthesized and applied on polyester fabrics with good fastness properties [4]. Mount epidemiological studies have related the disorder in selenium-body status with the increased risk of many cancers, including breast cancer [5]. Since there is a great similarity of the chemical properties between sulfur and selenium, in comparison selenium heterocyclic compounds have more biological importance [6-10].

On the other hand, organo-selenium compounds known to exhibit prominent sensitizing processes in living organisms, and the selenium atom displays powerful constituent of four proteins. Thus, the shortage of the selenium

concentration in the human body is the main reason for dangerous chronic diseases such as necrosis of the liver [11].

The current study describes the synthesis and evaluates the cytotoxic activity of novel azo disperse dyes containing selenium by reacting amino selenocyanate with phenacyl bromide and couplings with diazotized aniline derivatives. We also inspected whether selenocyanate groups located on the spacer of the azo dye moiety, increase the affinity and efficiency for silk screen printed Polyester fabric with acceptable and good fastness properties as well as enhancement of its biological activity which could be used in various fields of life applications.

### Results and Discussion

The Synthesis of novel azo disperses dyes containing organoselenium moiety was prepared with high yields. Therefore, simple and new approaches for the synthesis of novel azo dye containing selenium by using more stable and less toxic compounds and easily accessible methods are also required.

Compound **1** is considered as bifunctionalized structure contains two active sites, free amino and selenocyanate groups. Under basic conditions, compound **1** reacts only as a

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primary aromatic amine with phenacyl bromide since the selenocyanate group is quite unreactive under these conditions, then followed by coupling with substituted diazotized aniline as shown in Scheme 1.

The main objective of this work is concerning with the studying of the printing properties of the prepared new azo dyes bearing selenium moiety. It was found that azo dye containing selenium analogues **3a**, **3b**, **3c** and **3d** have higher cytotoxic effect. The presence of cynoselenium system enhances and increases the antimicrobial activity of the prepared dyes.

#### Fastness properties

The colour characteristics of printed polyester fabric samples were investigated and are given in Table 1. The data in the table indicate that the colour strength of the printed polyester fabric (which expressed as K/S) depended upon the difference in the nature of varied substituent's attached to arylazo moiety of the synthesized dye molecules used., for ex dye no. **3c** possess colour strength higher than their corresponding samples printed have

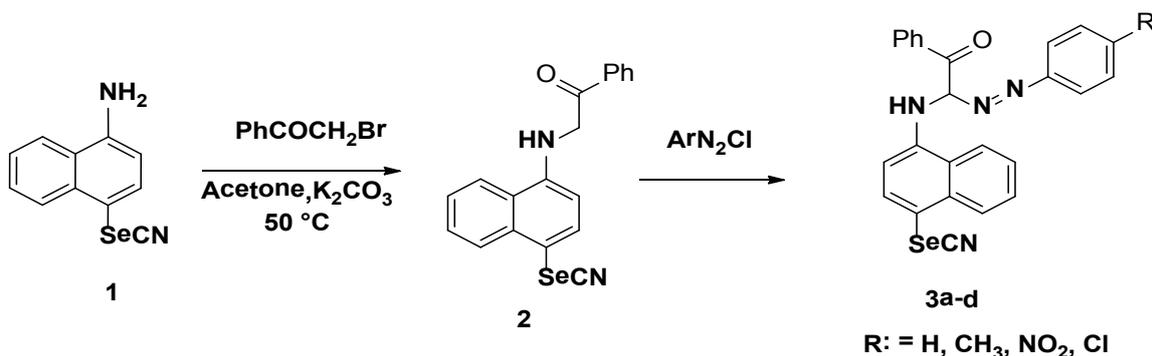
electron-donating group and this may be higher conjugation attributed to presence of electron withdrawing groups (Cl, NO<sub>2</sub>). The printed polyester samples using the prepared dyes **3a-d** were thermo fixed at temperatures 180 °C five minutes. The fixation temperature plays an important role in facilitates the mobility of the dye molecules and increases the rate of its transfer from the printed film into the fabric.

#### Washing fastness

The wash fastness of the printed polyester fabric with dyes **3a-d** was exhibit a good to very good results in both alteration and staining on cotton. The good washing fastness result is due to the high stability of the dye molecules on the polyester fabric. Compound **3c** and **3d** showing excellent wash fastness due to the terminal electron withdrawing group as summarized in Table 1.

#### Perspiration fastness

The amount of the synthesized dyes removed from polyester fabric under the effect of perspiration solution (alkali and acidic) are given in Table 1. The results of all the printed samples



Scheme 1. Azo coupling of active methylene aniline selenocyanate.

TABLE 1. K/S and fastness properties of the printed polyester fabric using dyes **3a-d**.

| Sample | K/S  | Light fastness | Washing fastness <sup>a)</sup> |     | Rubbing |     | Perspiration fastness <sup>a)</sup> |     |          |      |     |
|--------|------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----|---------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|----------|------|-----|
|        |      |                |                                |     |         |     | Acidic                              |     | Alkaline |      |     |
|        |      |                | St.                            | Alt | Wet     | Dry | St.                                 | Alt | St.      | Alt. |     |
| 3a     | 5.54 | 6              | 3-4                            | 4   | 3-4     | 4   | 4                                   | 4   | 4        | 4-5  | 4   |
| 3b     | 5.77 | 6              | 4                              | 3-4 | 3-4     | 4   | 3-4                                 | 4   | 4        | 4    | 4-5 |
| 3c     | 7.73 | 7              | 4-5                            | 4-5 | 4-5     | 4-5 | 4-5                                 | 4-5 | 4-5      | 4-5  | 4-5 |
| 3d     | 5.86 | 7              | 4-5                            | 4-5 | 4       | 4-5 | 4-5                                 | 4-5 | 4-5      | 4-5  | 4-5 |

• Alt. = alteration in color; St. = staining on cotton.

are showing good to very good perspiration fastness. As expected the electron withdrawing group effect in the stability of dye molecules in the printed fabric was higher than the dye derivative which is not bearing these groups as shown in Table 1.

#### *Rubbing fastness*

The rubbing fastness of the printed polyester samples exhibit good fastness properties, this is a results of good fixation of the dye on the fiber as well as the efficiency of binding force. The obtained results demonstrate that the higher values of rubbing fastness are for dyes with the higher molecular weights. Thus, dyes 3c give very good rubbing fastness results.

#### *Light fastness*

The printed polyester fabrics with the prepared dyes 3a-d showing excellent light fastness as mentioned in Table 1. Dyes 3c–d shows higher fastness due to the presence of nitro group (3c) as well as the effect of terminal chlorine atom in dye (3d).

#### *Antimicrobial activity*

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In our hands now we found that the printed goods of Selenide dyes were treatment evaluated

against different type of antimicrobial such as gram positive (*Staphylococcus aureus*) and gram negative (*Escherichia coli*) bacterial pathogens as well as *Candida albicans* fungus (yeast) strain. Antimicrobial evaluation were done by the agar well diffusion method using 100 µL of suspension containing 1x10<sup>8</sup> CFU/mL of tested pathological bacteria and 1x10<sup>4</sup> spores/mL of fungi spread on nutrient agar (NA), and potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium respectively. After the media had cooled and solidified, paper discs of 6 mm diameter soaked with 20 µl of the test compounds (1 mg/ml) were added to the agar plates and incubated at 30 °C. After incubation time, antimicrobial activity was evaluated by measuring the zone of inhibition against the test organisms and compared with that of the standard.

#### *Conclusion*

New series of novel azo dyes containing selenium was designed, synthesized and elucidated by elemental analysis, FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR and mass spectroscopic tools. The novel synthesized selenium-containing dyes were applied for silk screen printing on polyester fabrics. Color measurements and fastness properties of the prepared dyes exhibited a high efficiency for washing, perspiration, rubbing, and

**TABLE 2. Diameters (in mm) of inhibition zones of agar diffusion assays against a variety of fungi and bacteria (growth was quantified after 2 days).<sup>a</sup>**

| Compd. No.      | Diameter inhibition zone in mm (% activity index) |                  |                    |
|-----------------|---|------------------|--------------------|
|                 | <i>E. coli</i>                                    | <i>S. aureus</i> | <i>C. albicans</i> |
| 3a              | 14 (62)   | 13(54)           | 19(74)             |
| 3b              | 11(67)  | 17(62)           | 11(39)             |
| 3c              | 31 (100)  | 24 (100)         | 13(35)             |
| 3d              | 19(58)  | 13(52)           | 22(100)            |
| Tetracycline TC | 32  | 35               | 00                 |

<sup>a</sup> Diameters (mm) of zones of inhibition (agar diffusion assay) are provided. In each case, 6 mm disks with 20 µg of the test compounds were incubated. penicillin and strptomycine were used as the positive control.

light fastness. The satisfactory performance and good antibacterial properties of the synthesized dyes should lead to design of novel antibacterial disperse dyes with increasing the efficacy of application properties.

#### **Materials**

##### *Fabrics*

Polyester (150g/m<sup>2</sup>). supplied by Egyptian

and developing Co., Cairo, Egypt.

##### *Thickening agents*

Daico Thic 1600, synthetic thickener for azo disperse silk screen printing was kindly supplied by Daico company.

##### *Dye stuffs*

3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d

### Chemicals

- Sodium dihydrogen phosphate, sodium chloride, all of laboratory grade, were used.

### Fastness testing

The printed samples were subjected to rubbing, washing, perspiration and light according to standard ISO methods, ISO 105-X12 (1987), ISO 105-co4 (1989), ISO105-EO4 (1989), ISO 105-BO2 (1988) respectively.

### Experimental

The progress of all reactions was monitored using thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis obtained from Merck with a 0.2 mm thick TLC plates (aluminium-backed, silica gel 60 F245) and spots were located by UV light. All <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments were carried out with a 300 MHz Bruker Avance DRX-400 spectrometer at Cairo University, Egypt. Deuterated chloroform and dimethyl sulfoxide (chloroform-d, CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) were used as solvents in all routine NMR measurements. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the respective deuterated solvent peak CDCl<sub>3</sub> (δ 7.27 ppm), DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (δ 2.50 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (δ 77 ppm), DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (δ 39.51 ppm) coupling constants in Hz.

The elemental analysis and the microanalysis were performed in microanalysis laboratory at Cairo University. HRMS Accurate mass measurements were measured using either Thermo Finnigan MAT95XP or Thermo Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL mass spectrometers. The determinations of Melting point were carried out using Stuart Scientific SMP1 apparatus. All the solvents were of analytic grade and used directly without any purification.

### Textile printing

#### Preparation of printing paste

- The printing paste was prepared according to the following recipe:

#### Printing technique

The conventional silk screen printing

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Dye                         | 40g  |
| Thickener                   | 2-5g |
| Lyprint                     | 3g   |
| Sodium dihydrogen phosphate | 5g   |
| Sodium chloride             | 10g  |
| Water                       | x    |
|                             | 1000 |

technique was used.

### Fixation

Fixation was done by thermofixation of the printed fabrics at 180°C for 5 minutes using an automatic oven (Wener Mathics Co., Switzerland).

### Reduction clear and washing

Washing of the printed fabrics was carried out as follows:

- Rinsing in cold water.
- Soaping at 60 °C with 2 g/ L Hostapal CV ( non ionic detergent) for 20 minutes.

Reduction clear with 2g/ L hydrosulphite, 2g/L sodium hydroxide ( 32.5%), 2g/L Hostapal CV ( non ionic detergent) at 40-70°C.

- Rinsing at 60-70 °C
- Cold rinsing.

### Colour measurements

The color yield of the printed samples was evaluated by light reflectance technique using the Perkin-Elmer, UV/V Spectrophotometer (Model, Lambda 3B). The color strength (K/S value) was assessed using Kubelka-Munk equation.

$$K / S = \frac{(1 - R)^2}{2R} \quad (1)$$

Where,

R = decimal fraction of the reflection of the dyed fabric,

K = absorption coefficient, and S = scattering coefficient

### Synthesis

#### Synthesis of 4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-amine (1) [12]

To a well stirred solution of malononitrile (0.2 g, 3 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL), SeO<sub>2</sub> (0.67 gm, 6 mmol) was added. The mixture became reddish after 10 min and an exothermic reaction with vigorous gas evolution began during the next 5 min. When the gas evolution was ceased the reaction mixture was filtered to remove any solids present, then naphthyl amine (0.64 g, 4.5 mmol) was added with stirring. Stirring was continued for additional 1 h at room temperature. The homogenous solution was diluted with ice-cold water, the precipitate formed was filtered off, air dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give **1**.

#### Synthesis of 1-phenyl-2-((4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-yl) amino)ethanone (2)

To a solution of 4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-amine (**1**) (0.25 g, 1.00 mmol) in dry Acetone (15 ml) containing  $K_2CO_3$  (2 g), Phenacyl bromide (0.2 g, 1.00 mmol) was added dropwise with stirring at 50 °C. Stirring was continued for 4 h at room temperature and the reaction mixture was poured into ice cooled water. The resulting precipitate was collected, dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

*Synthesis of 1-phenyl-2-(phenyldiazenyl)-2-((4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-yl)amino)ethanone (3a-d)*

A solution of sodium nitrite (0.70 g in 10 ml water) was gradually added to a well-cooled (0-5 °C) solution of different aromatic amines (10.0 mmol) in concentrated HCl (3.0 ml). The diazonium salt solutions was added with continuous stirring to a cold (0-5 °C) solution of the active methylene compound of 4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-amine **2** (10.0 mmol) in ethanol (50.0 ml) and sodium acetate (4.0 g). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at (0-5 °C) for 2 hours, and then the solid was collected by filtration. The obtained precipitate was dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

*1-phenyl-2-(phenyldiazenyl)-2-((4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-yl)amino)ethanone (3a)*

M.p. 196°C, yield (79%). IR (KBr):  $\nu/cm^{-1}$  = 3442(N-H), 2923 (C-H), 2226 (CN), 1701 (C=O), 1263 (C-N), 540 (Se-C);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  1.72 (s, 1H, CH), 7.32 (6H, m, H-Ar), 7.45 (5H, m, H-Ar), 7.76 (5H, m, H-Ar), 11.77 (1H, br, NH); EIMS  $m/z$  (%) 470.06 (M+, 323,2); Anal. Calcd. For  $C_{25}H_{18}N_4OSe$  (469.40); C, 63.97; H, 3.67; N, 11.94, Found: C, 63.82; H, 3.63; N, 11.73.

*1-phenyl-2-((4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-yl)amino)-2-(p-tolyldiazenyl)ethanone (3b)*

M.p. 187°C, yield (86%). IR (KBr):  $\nu/cm^{-1}$  = 3447(N-H), 2935(C-H), 2221 (CN), 1709(C=O), 1266 (C-N), 544 (Se-C)  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.93 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.76 (s, 1H, CH), 7.47 (6H, m, H-Ar), 7.56 (5H, m, H-Ar), 7.62 (2H, d, H-Ar), 7.65 (2H, d, H-Ar), 11.67 (1H, br, NH); EIMS  $m/z$  (%) 484.08 (M+, 346,98); Anal. Calcd. For  $C_{26}H_{20}N_4OSe$  (483.42); C, 64.60; H, 4.17; N, 11.59, Found: C, 64.47; H, 4.08; N, 11.38.

*2-((4-nitrophenyl)diazenyl)-1-phenyl-2-((4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-yl)amino)ethanone (3c)*

M.p. 218°C, yield (76%). IR (KBr):  $\nu/cm^{-1}$  = 3452(N-H), 2944(C-H), 2225 (CN), 1711(C=O), 1268 (C-N), 547 (Se-C);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  1.24 (s, 1H, CH), 7.16 (6H, m,

H-Ar), 7.38 (5H, m, H-Ar), 7.71 (2H, d, H-Ar), 7.76 (2H, d, H-Ar), 11.24 (1H, br, NH); EIMS  $m/z$  (%) 514.39 (M+, 162,16); Anal. Calcd. For  $C_{25}H_{17}N_5O_3Se$  (514.39); C, 58.37; H, 3.33; N, 13.61, Found: C, 58.19; H, 3.21; N, 13.46.

*2-((4-chlorophenyl)diazenyl)-1-phenyl-2-((4-selenocyanatonaphthalen-1-yl)amino)ethanone (3d)*

M.p. 197°C, yield (80%). IR (KBr):  $\nu/cm^{-1}$  = 3398(N-H), 2907(C-H), 2224 (CN), 1712(C=O), 1246(C-N), 544 (Se-C);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  1.76 (s, 1H, CH), 7.47 (6H, m, H-Ar), 7.56 (5H, m, H-Ar), 7.63 (2H, d, H-Ar), 7.68 (2H, d, H-Ar), 11.67 (1H, br, NH); EIMS  $m/z$  (%) 503 (M+, 258.13); Anal. Calcd. For  $C_{25}H_{17}ClN_4OSe$  (503.84); C, 59.60; H, 3.40; N, 11.12, Found: C, 59.43; H, 3.37; N, 11.06.

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### تشبيد بعض الاصباغ المنتشرة الجديده ذات نشاط قاتل للبكتريا و المحتويه على السيلينيوم وتطبيقاتها في طباعة اقمشة البولي استر

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في هذه الورقة العلمية تم تقديم شرح لتخليق مركبات السيلانوسيانيت المشتقة من الانيلين بكميات جيدة والتي بتزاوجها مع مركبات الانيلين الاروماتيه لانتاج اصباغ جديده تستخدم في طباعة السلك سكرين لاقمشة البولي استر. تم اثبات التركيب الكيميائى لهذه المركبات باستخدام الطرق الطيفيه المختلفه. وكذا عند طباعة اقمشة البولي استر أظهرت درجات ثبات لوني عاليه وثبات قوى تجاه خواص الثبات المختلفه مثل الغسيل والعرق والاحتكاك وأيضاً تجاه الضوء وبالإضافة الى هذه الخواص أظهرت هذه الاصباغ نشاط بكتيرى قاتل ضد الأنواع الختلفه من البكتريا مثل البكتريا موجبة وسالبة الجرام.