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Environmentally Benign Approach for the Synthesis of Azo Dyes in the Presence of Mesoporous Sulfated Core-Shell Zirconia-Copper(I) Oxide Solid Acid Catalyst

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Materials and Methods

Zirconyl oxy chloride octa hydrate, copper chloride dihydrate, ammonia were purchased from Merck chemicals. The chemicals were used without further purification until unless mentioned. The X-ray diffraction patterns were recorded for all the samples with Panalytical x'pert X-ray diffractometer (PXRD), the FTIR spectra were recorded using Bruker-Alpha fourier transform infrared spectrometer. SEM micrographs were recorded with Zeiss field emission scanning electron microscope.

General procedure for the synthesis of sulfated core shell $Cu(I)@ZrO_2-SO_4^{-2}$

ZrO₂:Cu(I) material was prepared by simple co-precipitation method described in detail elsewhere in our earlier report ^[1]. Further sulfation was achieved by treating ZrO₂:Cu(I) material with suitable volume of 2M sulfuric acid. In the typical procedure to a known amount of the ZrO₂:Cu(I) catalyst, 2M sulfuric acid was added drop wise resulting in a slurry after complete addition of acid, the slurry was subjected to drying in preheated hot air oven maintained at 120°C for a period of 2 hours. The catalyst was allowed to cool, then dried catalyst was ground into fine powder and further subjected to calcination in a preheated muffle furnace maintained at 500°C for 2 hours. The process leads to the stabilization of sulfate groups on the surface of metal oxide. Then, cooled catalyst was kept under vacuum desiccation till further use. ^[2]

General procedure for the synthesis of azo dyes

Azo synthesis reaction was performed in a clean mortar at room temperature. In the typical experiment, required amounts of aniline/substituted aniline (1.0 mmol), sodium nitrite (2.0 mmol) and 0.1 g of Cu(I)@ZrO₂-SO₄²⁻ catalyst were ground in mortar to get homogeneous mixture. The process lead to the formation of catalyst-diazonium complex, to this complex 1.0 mmol of coupling agents like 1-napthol, 2-napthol, phenol, 2-chlorophenol or

salicylaldehyde were added, further ground slowly till the formation of azo dye. After completion of the reaction, the crude azo dye was washed and dissolved in acetone. The products were recrystallized from ethanol and stored under vacuum desiccation till characterization. The recrystallized products were indentified and analyzed by FTIR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR methods.

Spectral data of representative compounds:

3a. 4-[(*E***)-phenyldiazenyl]naphthalen-1-ol:** FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3440, 1596, 1259, 1128. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.438 (1H, d, J = 8); 7.681 (1H, d, J = 7.60); 7.646 (1H, d, J = 7.60); 7.225–7.627 (5H, m); 7.027 (1H, d, J = 9.2); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 153.838, 153.257, 145.234, 132.358, 129.637, 128.375, 127.682, 126.847, 126.337, 121.105, 117.746, 109.508.

3b. 4-[*(E)*-**pyridin-2-yldiazenyl]naphthalen-1-ol:** FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3359, 1617, 1265, 1111. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ (ppm): 8.167 (1H, d, J = 8); 8.128 (1H, d, J = 7.6); 7.718 (1H, d, J = 6.4); 7.234–7.682 (5H, m); 7. 219 (1H, d, J = 9.6); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 185.563, 164.975, 158.190, 147.108, 146.228, 141.814, 138.320, 134.491, 132.488, 130.869, 129.184, 126.786, 126.335, 122.317, 120.412, 113.878, 120.412, 113.878, 109.118, 107.135.

3c. 4-[(**Z**)-**benzyldiazenyl]naphthalen-1-ol:** FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3447, 1628, 1398, 1187, 1113. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.481 (1H, d, J = 5.2); 7.426 (1H, d, J = 8.4); 7.386 (1H, d, J = 6.8); 7.237–7.369 (5H, m); 7.230 (1H, d, J = 6.4), 6.809 (1H, d, J = 7.2), 5.082 (2H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 129.668, 129.361, 129.032, 128.814, 128.580, 127.995, 127.741, 127.649, 127.284, 127.041, 126.384, 126.239, 125.863, 125.170, 124.918, 122.459, 121.638, 120.488, 118.673, 108.583, 67.338.

3d. 4-[(Z)-(4-bromophenyl)diazenyl]naphthalen-1-ol: FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3450, 1630, 1600, 1265, 1110. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.186 (1H, ddd, J = 9.6); 7.818 (1H,

dd, J = 7.6); 7.465–7. 539 (2H, m); 7.444 (1H, ddd, J = 8.4); 7.315 (2H, ddd, J = 7.2); 7.217–7.295 (1H, m); 6.545-6.818 (2H, m). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 151.423, 145.346, 134.788, 132.677, 132.564, 132.365, 132.037, 128.126, , 127.735, 127.674, 126.837, 126.500, 126.429, 125.829, 125.241, 124.388, 121.664, 121.547, 120.665, 119.484, 119.117, 116.780, 110.355, 108.605.

3e. 4-[(Z)-(4-nitrophenyl)diazenyl]naphthalen-1-ol: FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3489, 1602, 1314, 1113. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.297 (1H, d, J = 9.2); 8.118-8.051(2H, m); 7.503-7.467 (2H, m); 7.440 (1H, d, J = 8.2); 7.297 (2H, d, J = 8.2); 6.630–6.592 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 152.446, 134.026, 127.666, 126.363, 125.844, 125.224, 124.397, 121.568, 120.630, 116.167, 113.401, 108.600

3f. 1-[(Z)-benzyldiazenyl]naphthalen-2-ol: FT-IR (KBr, cm_1): 3343, 1629, 1219, 1176. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.747 (2H, d, J=8); 7.722 (1H, d, J=8.8); 7.646 (2H, dd, J=7.6); 7.414-7.345 (1H, m); 7.314-7.274 (1H, m); 7.125 (2H, d, J=8.8); 4.701 (2H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 153.678, 147.999, 144.891, 134.664, 131.074, 129.744, 129.016, 129.846, 128.613, 127.769, 127.739, 127.436, 127.102, 126.423, 126.349, 125.718, 123.460, 123.174, 122.273, 117.919, 110.804, 109.488, 65.434, 58.615

3g. 1-[(*E*)-(**4-nitrophenyl**)**diazenyl**]**naphthalen-2-ol:** FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3483, 1632, 1478, 1285, 1115. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.328 (2H, d, *J* = 9.2); 8.078-8.055 (1H, m); 7.751 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8); 7.704-7.659 (1H, m); 7.543-7.396 (1H, m); 7.334-7.311 (1H, m); 6.711-6.687 (1H, J=9.6) 6.626-6.603 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.2) ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 153. 496, 152.465, 147.953, 143.631, 134.632, 129.820, 129.221, 128.928, 128.673, 127.765, 127.643, 126.504, 126.370, 125.768, 124.879, 123.573, 122.571, 117.804, 116.649, 113.403, 109.487.

3h. 1-[*(E)*-(**4-bromophenyl**)**diazenyl**]**naphthalen-2-ol:** FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3450, 1624, 1385, 1271, 1111. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.764 (1H, d, *J* = 7.2); 7.727 (1H, d,

J = 8.8); 7.672 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz); 7.602 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz); 7.554-7.468 (1H, m); 7.419-7.392 (1H, m); 7.332 (1H, d, J = 8 Hz); 7.258-7.082(1H, m); 7.308 (1H, d, J = 11.2 Hz); 6.566 (1H, J=8.8); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.792, 153.449, 143.940, 140.537, 134.614, 133.391, 132.699, 132.353, 132.034, 130.328, 129.830, 129.038, 128.929, 128.735, 128.194, 127.759, 126.505, 126.349, 126.007, 124.565, 123.581, 123.181, 121.785, 120.758, 120.004, 119.440, 117.792, 116.775, 110.329, 109.499

3i. 1-[(*E*)-(4-chlorophenyl)diazenyl]naphthalen-2-ol: FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3454, 1634, 1598, 1505, 1275, 1105. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.753 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8); 7.722 (1H, d, *J* = 9.2); 7.680 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz); 7.565 (1H, d, *J* = 10); 7.437-7.403 (2H, m); 7.374 (1H, t, *J* = 8); 7.322-7.243 (1H, m); 7.162-7.145(1H, m) 7.113-7.085(1H, dd, J_{1/4}=2.4) ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 173.414, 153.415, 145.696, 141.091, 135.687, 135.213, 134.615, 133.409, 130.575, 130.512, 130.357, 130.023, 129.847, 129.200, 128.954, 128.777, 128.240, 127.767, 126.896, 126.522, 126.358, 126.244, 125.534, 124.940, 123.605, 121.943, 117.846, 117.770, 116.950, 109.504.

3k. 2-chloro-4-[*(E***)-(4-nitrophenyl)diazenyl]phenol:** FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3479, 1637, 1389, 1268, 1111. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.422-8.356 (1H, m); 8.207-8.183 (1H, m); 8.091-7.982 (2H, m); 7.924-7.897 (1H, m); 7.560-7.185 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 154.868, 133.393, 132.496, 131.852, 131.293, 128.978, 128.941, 128.420, 126.364, 125.734, 124.894, 124.776, 123.347, 116.598, 113.407

3l. 2-hydroxy-5-[(*E*)-(**4-nitrophenyl**)**diazenyl**]**benzaldehyde:** FT-IR (KBr, cm_1): 3484, 1605, 1514, 1337, 1112. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 11.023 (1H, s); 9.907 (1H, s); 8.103 (1H, d, J =8); 7.578-7.470 (3H, m); 7.264 (1H); 7.047-6.988 (2H, m); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 196.64, 163.34, 154.23, 148.23, 146.78, 137.03, 133.75, 130.11, 122.36, 119.87, 117.64

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3m. 4-[(*E***)-(3-chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl]benzoic acid:** FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3477, 1593, 1383, 1261, 1126. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3-d6) δ (ppm): 8.554 (1H, d, J = 8); 7.759 (1H, d, J = 8); 7.729 (1H, d, J = 7.60); 7.687 (1H, J=9.2); 7.591 (1H, d, J = 8); 7.561-7.108 (2H,m) ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.36, 153.83, 144.60, 140.29, 134.68, 133.61, 130.08, 129.76, 129.63, 129.31, 128.93, 128.80, 128.67, 128.06, 127.76, 127.42, 126.43, 126.35, 125.78, 125.24, 124.92, 123.44, 121.74, 118.66, 118.54, 118.00, 115.19, 109.47



Figure S1 : ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3a



Figure S2: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3a



Figure S3: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3b



Figure S4: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3b



Figure S5: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3c



Figure S6: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3c



Figure S7: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3d



Figure S8: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3d



Figure S9: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3e



Figure S10: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3e



Figure S11: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3f



Figure S12: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3f



Figure S13: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3g



Figure S14: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3g



Figure S15: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3h



Figure S16: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3h



Figure S17: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3i



Figure S18: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3i



Figure S19: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3j



Figure S20: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3j



Figure S21: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3k



Figure S22: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3k



Figure S23: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 31



Figure S24: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 31



Figure S25: ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound 3m



Figure S26: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3m



Figure S27: ¹³C NMR spectrum of the compound 3n

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