

COLORIMETRIC DETERMINATION OF PHENOTHIAZINE DRUGS.  
4-CORRELATION BETWEEN MOLAR ABSORPTIVITY AND  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$   
AND  $\chi$  PARAMETERS OF RING SUBSTITUENTS.\*

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ABSTRACT

Colorimetric determination of phenothiazines with NBS in strong sulfuric acid solution has been previously reported (6,7). Correlation of  $\log E_{\max}$  with  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $2\chi$  parameters of C-2 and N-10 substituents is highly significant only on absence of vulnerable groups at C-2 position.  $\log E_{\max}$  of four compounds with the same N-10 side chain was correlated with  $\mathcal{F}$  parameters of C-2 substituents irrespective of their vulnerability to the reagents. Correlation equations were used to predict the electronic parameters  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\sigma_p$  of  $-SO_2N(CH_3)_2$  from the spectrophotometric reaction model.

INTRODUCTION

Phenothiazine drugs are essentially used as antipsychotics and antihistamines. Interest in the analysis of phenothiazines have been reviewed by Blazek<sup>1,2</sup> and Fairbrother<sup>3</sup>. Recently the reaction using  $I_3^-$  and N-bromosuccinimide<sup>4-7</sup> were applied for colorimetric determination of certain

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\* Part 3-reference 8.

phenothiazines in different dosage forms. El-Shabouri *et al.*<sup>8</sup> interpreted the contribution of nuclear substituents to the intensity of colour developed on treatment of twelve phenothiazines with  $I_3^-$  and morpholine. Such contribution was estimated through a set of simple regression and two variable second order regression equations e.g., the correlation between  $\log E_{\max}$  and the Hammett electronic parameter  $\sigma_p$  and/or the molecular connectivity index  $^1\chi^v$ .

The present paper describes the correlation of  $\log E_{\max}$  estimated for eleven phenothiazines, reacted with NBS in strong sulfuric acid solution, as functions of certain parameters of nuclear substituents. Swain and Lapton electronic parameters ( $F, R$ ) of C-2 substituents ( $R_1$ ) and the molecular connectivity index  $^2\chi^v$  of the side chain at N-10 (R) were found to give the best correlation. From the derived equations it was possible to predict  $F, R$  and  $\sigma_p$  values of  $R_1 = SO_2N(CH_3)_2$  which were not previously reported.

### EXPERIMENTAL

$\log E_{\max}$  of the analysed phenothiazines, Table 1, have been taken from published data<sup>6,7</sup>. The parameters  $F, R$  and  $\sigma_p$  of  $R_1$  substituents, Table II, have been taken from literature<sup>9a</sup> and included as the electronic contribution variable. Calculation of molecular connectivity index of R followed the method described by Hall and Kier<sup>10</sup>, Table III. The structural representation for the calculation of the second order connectivity index  $^2\chi^v$  is illustrated by Scheme 1.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Correlation of  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  with  $\sigma_p$  was previously reported for twelve phenothiazines treated with  $I_3^-$  and morpholine<sup>8</sup>. Most of these phenothiazines were successfully quantitated colorimetrically using NBS in strong sulfuric acid solution<sup>6,7</sup>. However, the trial to correlate by simple regression the values of  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  of the phenothiazines, obtained from the latter reaction, Table I, with  $\sigma_p$  values of  $R_1$  substituents was unsuccessful. Taking into consideration the components of  $\sigma_p$  from equation (1) :

$$\sigma_p = \mathcal{R} + \alpha \mathcal{F} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a predicted regression constant equals 0.921<sup>9b</sup>. Trial to work up the correlation between  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  and the corresponding  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  values of  $R_1$  as separate functions affecting the colour intensity was carried out.

A poor correlation was obtained between  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  values, equation (2) :

$$\log \mathcal{E}_{\max} = 4.006 - 0.4148 \mathcal{R} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$r = -0.558 \qquad s = 0.146; \quad n=10;$$

$$F = 3.61, \qquad p < 0.10$$

In eq. 2 and the following equations, n is the number of compounds included in the analysis, r is the correlation coefficient, and s is the standard deviation while F is F-ratio between the variances of the observed and calculated values at the given p value.

Compound V was excluded as the  $\mathcal{R}$  value is not available for the group- $SO_2N(CH_3)_2$ . This correlation although significantly was improved, yet it is still unsatisfactory, after excluding from the regression treatment the compounds III, IV and VI to give equation (3):

$$\log \mathcal{E}_{\max} = 3.972 - 0.6277 \mathcal{R} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$r = -0.790 \quad s = 0.128 ; \quad n = 7$$

$$F = 8.43 , \quad p < 0.05$$

Exclusion of the compounds III, IV and VI was based on the most probable reaction that can take place between  $R_1$  substituents of these compounds and NBS reagent used in the colour development procedure. Thus compound III where  $R_1 = \text{COC}_3\text{H}_7$  can easily participate in bromination reaction under acidic conditions<sup>11a,12a</sup> to give the brominated  $R_1$  derivative, most probably having different electronic  $\mathcal{R}$  value than that considered for the  $\text{COC}_3\text{H}_7$  group (Table II). Similarly, deviation of  $\mathcal{R}$  values from reported ones can be assigned for  $R_1 = \text{SC}_2\text{H}_5$  and  $-\text{SCH}_3$  in the compounds IV and VI respectively with the formation of the oxidation products of aralkylsulfides<sup>11b,12b</sup>.

Further improvement of the correlation coefficient was obtained on using the second order connectivity index  ${}^2\chi^v$  as a second variable representing the bulkiness and branching of R group, equation (4):

$$\log \mathcal{E}_{\max} = 3.521 - 0.8869 \mathcal{R} + 0.1623 {}^2\chi^v \dots (4)$$

$$r = 0.958 ; \quad s = 0.060 ; \quad n=7$$

$$F = 56.17 , \quad p < 0.005$$

Meanwhile correlation by simple regression of  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  of the compounds I-XI versus  ${}^n\chi^v$  Table III was unsuccessful. Equation (4) displays the counterbalanced contribution of R and  $R_1$  groups to  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$ . Also the regression parameters of  ${}^2\chi^v$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  illustrates the higher weight of the latter relative to the former one in the mechanism of the chromogen formation.

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Trials to investigate the relation between  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  and the field electronic parameters  $\mathcal{F}$  of all compounds except V ( $\mathcal{F}$ -value is not available in literature) were unsuccessful. However, for compounds I-IV, where R is the same, an excellent correlation coefficient was obtained as shown in equation (5):

$$\log \mathcal{E}_{\max} = 3.947 + 0.6717 \mathcal{F} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$$r = 0.998 ; \quad s = 0.032 ; \quad n = 4$$

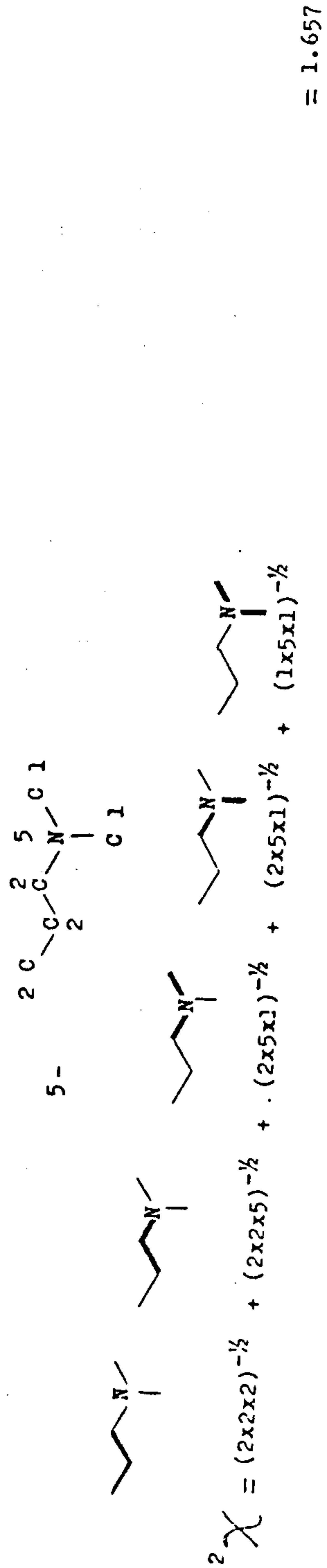
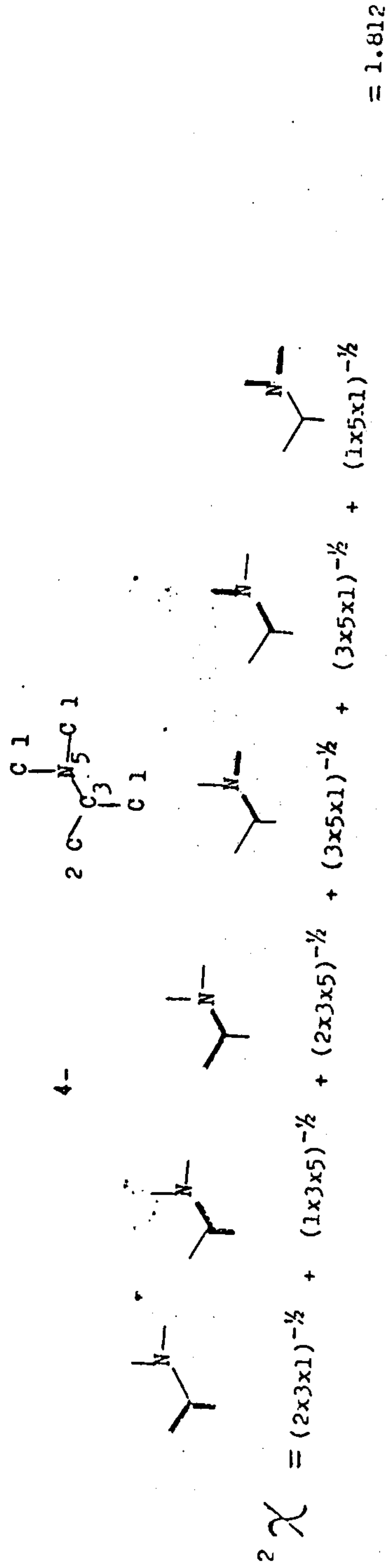
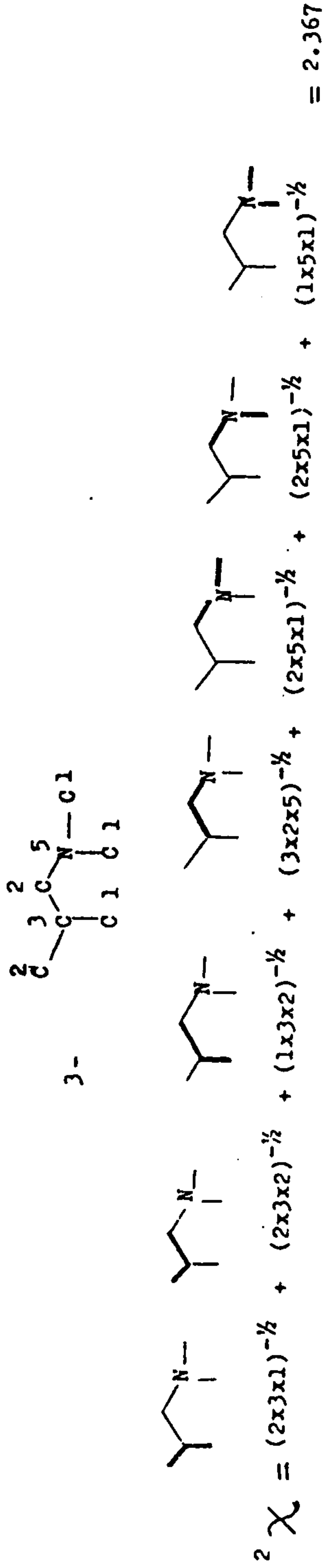
$$F = 411.18 ; \quad p < 0.005$$

It can be noticed that compounds III and IV are not excluded from the compounds treated by equation (5) as is the case with equation (3). Since the present interpretation about the possible derivatization of  $R_1$  groups of compounds III and IV is based on a well known theoretical background, then it can be deduced that  $\mathcal{F}$  values of the derivatized functions are not affected or insignificantly changed under the given reaction conditions. Hence the excellent correlation and the highly significant level of equation (5) and also the improved correlation obtained from equation (3) after the exclusion of the compounds carrying vulnerable  $R_1$  groups. It is clear that under these reaction conditions, the variance of  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  for all compounds analysed cannot be explained by a single equation. Application of equation (4) is limited to those phenothiazines with stable  $R_1$  substituents, while equation (5) is applicable for the prediction of  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  of the given compounds only. Further study is needed in order to examine the validity of equation (5) to predict  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\max}$  of compounds carrying R groups different from R = 1 in the compounds I-IV.

The regression analysis discussed can be further utilised to predict the unreported electronic parameters  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\sigma_p$  of  $\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  group. Thus for compound V,  $\log \mathcal{E}_{\text{max}}$  Table I, and the calculated  ${}^2\chi^v$  Table III were substituted in equation (4) and (5) to give the  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  constants of this group. Then the deduced  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  values were substituted in equation (1) to give the  $\sigma_p$  value Table II

The electronic parameters of  $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  group like those already reported for other functional groups are of special value in chemical and biochemical correlations.

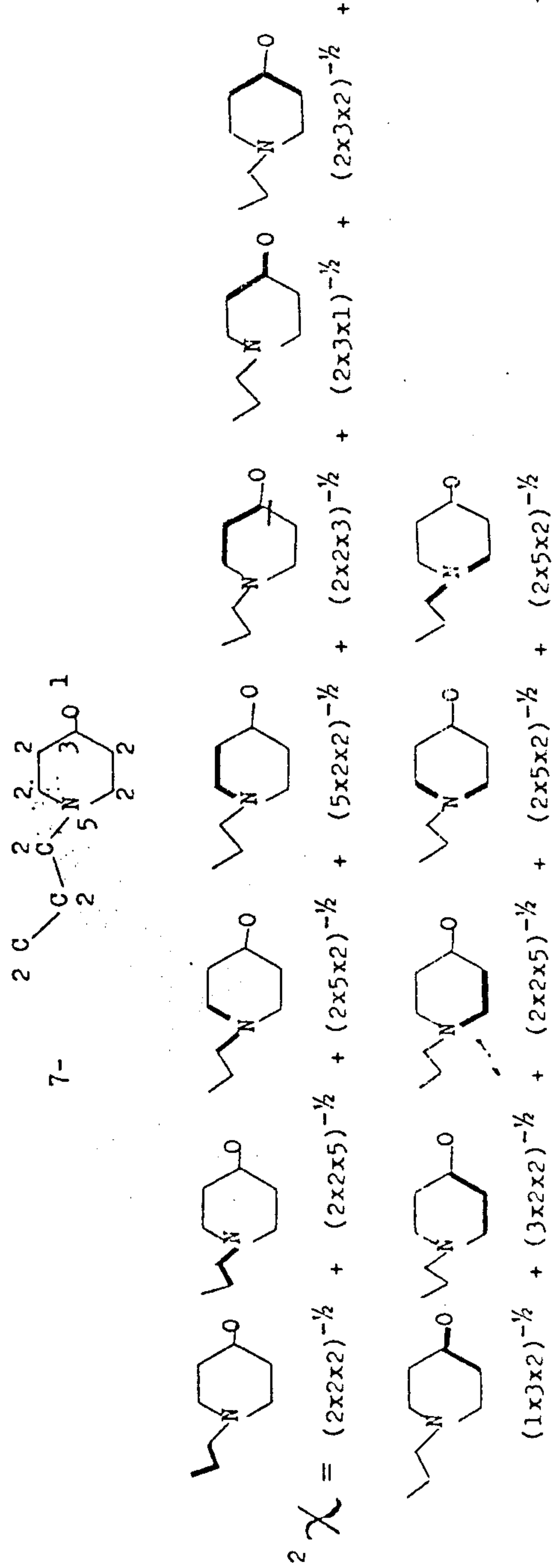
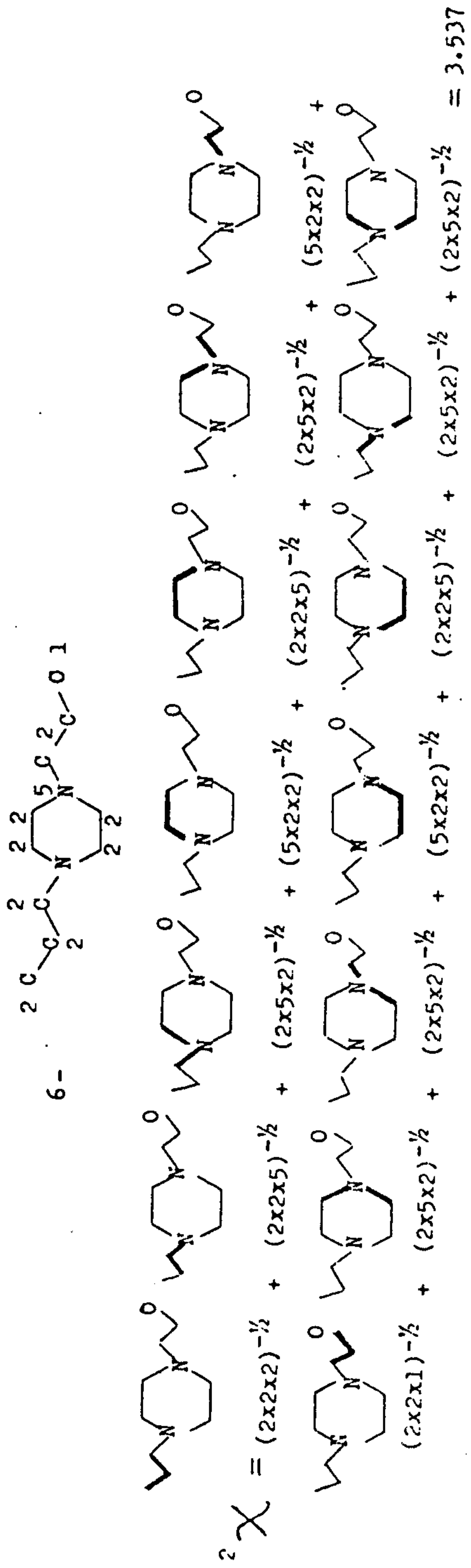




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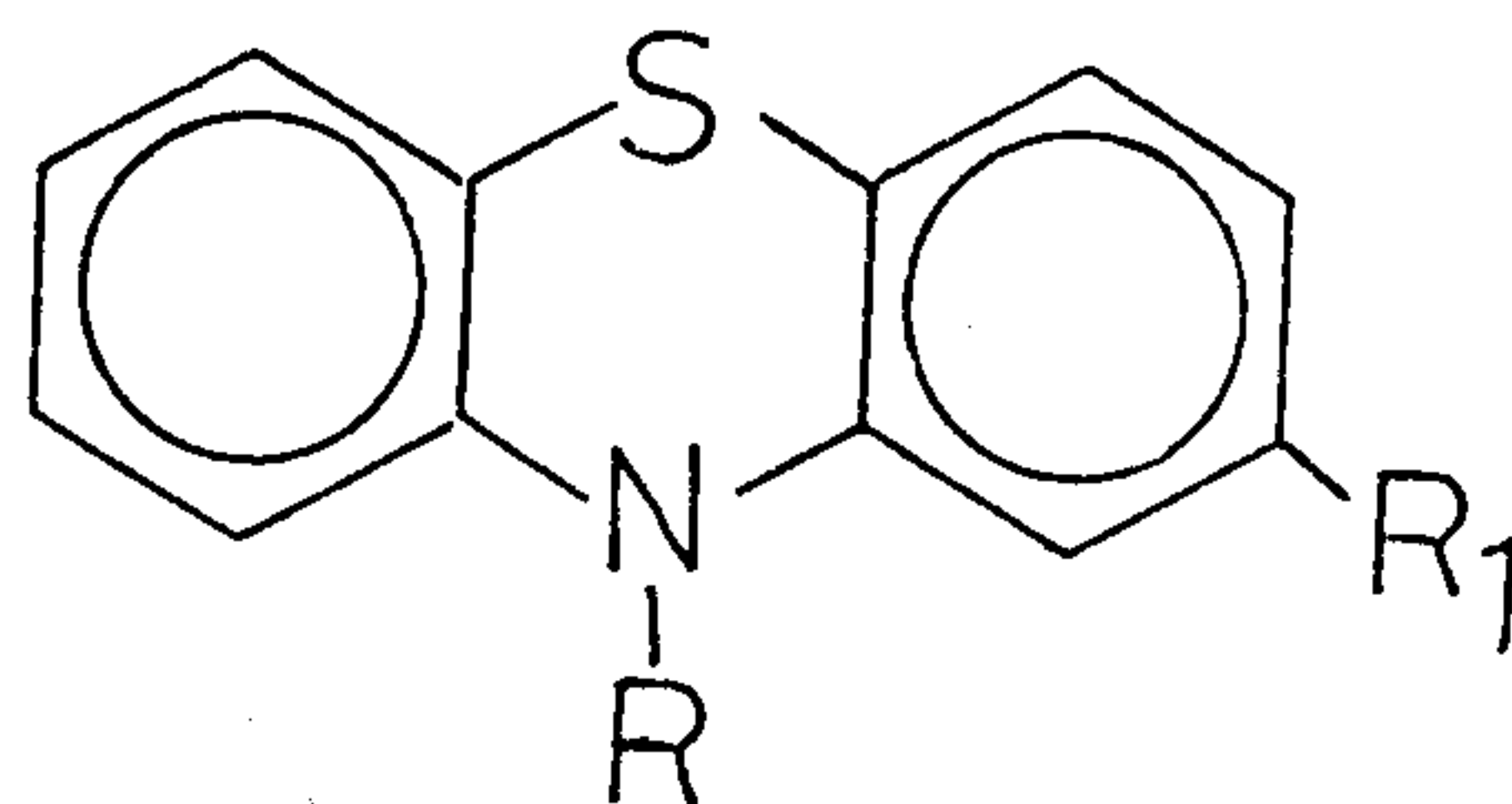


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Table 1: Observed and calculated  $\log \epsilon_{\max}$  of the investigated phenothiazines.



No.	Name	Nuclear substituents		Log $\epsilon_{\max}$		
		R <sup>a</sup>	R <sub>1</sub>	obs.	Eq. 4	Eq. 5
I	Perazine	1	H	3.9518 <sup>b</sup>	4.0080	3.9469
II	Prochlorperazine maleate	1	Cl	4.2276 <sup>b</sup>	4.1411	4.2223
III	Butaperazine dimaleate	1	COC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	4.1638 <sup>b</sup>	-----	4.1618
IV	Thiethylperazine maleate	1	SC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4.0892 <sup>b</sup>	-----	4.1014
V	Thiopropazine mesylate	1	SO <sub>2</sub> N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	4.0358 <sup>b</sup>	-----	-----
VI	Thioridazine hydro- chloride	2	SCH <sub>3</sub>	3.9731 <sup>c</sup>	-----	-----
VII	Methotrimeprazine hydrochloride	3	OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.3143 <sup>b</sup>	4.3579	-----
VIII	Promethazine hydro- chloride	4	H	3.7731 <sup>b</sup>	3.8155	-----
IX	Chlorpromazine "	5	Cl	3.9818 <sup>b</sup>	3.9234	-----
X	Fluphenazine "	6	CF <sub>3</sub>	3.9370 <sup>b</sup>	3.9270	-----
XI	Pericyazine	7	CN	3.8887 <sup>b</sup>	3.9014	-----

a) The numeral refers to the side chain as given in Scheme I.

b) Ref. 7 ; c) Ref. 6

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Table II- Electronic parameters of substituents  $R_1$ <sup>a</sup>

$R_1$	$\tilde{F}$	$\mathcal{R}$	$\sigma_p$
Cl	0.41	-0.15	0.23
H	0.00	0.00	0.00
CF <sub>3</sub>	0.38	0.19	0.54
CN <sup>3</sup>	0.51	0.19	0.66
OCH <sub>3</sub>	0.26	-0.51	-0.27
SCH <sub>3</sub>	0.20	-0.18	0.00
SC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	0.23	-0.18	0.03
COC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	0.32	0.20	0.50
SO <sub>2</sub> N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	0.13 <sup>b</sup>	-0.03 <sup>c</sup>	0.09 <sup>d</sup>

a) Ref. 9b

b) Predicted value eq. (5)

c) Predicted value eq. (4)

d) " " " (1)

Table III- Connectivity index  ${}^n\chi^v$  of the side chain R

$R^*$	${}^1\chi^v$	${}^2\chi^v$	${}^3\chi^v$
1	4.028	2.998	2.070
2	3.838	2.919	2.255
3	2.603	2.367	0.677
4	2.137	1.812	0.881
5	2.210	1.657	0.605
6	5.103	3.537	2.479
7	4.341	3.379	2.350

\* The numeral refers to the side chain as given in Scheme I.



### التحليل الطيفى لمركبات الفينوثيازين

٤- مدى العلاقة بين لوغاريتم شدة الامتصاص الجزيئى وبعض المعايير  
الالكترونية وعامل الترابط الجزيئى للمجموعات المستبدلة فى

### حلقة الفينوثيازين

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فى هذا البحث تم ربط شدة اللون من تفاعل احدى عشر عقارا من عقارات  
الفينوثيازين مع ن - بروموسكسيميد فى محلول مركز من حامض الكبريتيك ببعض  
المعايير الفيزيوكيميائية للمجموعات المستبدلة فى حلقة الفينوثيازين وهى  
المعايير الالكترونية للمجال وللرنين وعامل الترابط الجزيئى . وقد أوضحت  
النتائج أن العلاقة بين لوغاريتم شدة الامتصاص الجزيئى من ناحية والمعيير  
الالكترونى للرنين وعامل الترابط الجزيئى من ناحية أخرى ذات دلالة احصائية  
عالية فى حالة عدم وجود مجموعات قابلة للتأكسد بالكاشف المستعمل فى الموضع  
رقم ٢ من حلقة الفينوثيازين . كما تبين أن العلاقة بين لوغاريتم شدة  
الامتصاص الجزيئى والمعيير الالكترونى للمجال ذات دلالة احصائية عالية فى  
المركبات التى تحتوى على نفس المجموعه المستبدلة فى الموضع رقم ١٠ من حلقة  
الفينوثيازين بغض النظر عن قابلية المجموعة المستبدلة فى الموضع رقم ٢ من  
حلقة الفينوثيازين للتأكسد بواسطة الكاشف .

ولقد تم استخدام المعادلات المستنبطة فى حساب المعايير الالكترونية  
سيجما واف وآر للمجموعة - ك ب أ ن ( ك يد ٣ ) من النموذج الطيفى .