Crystal Structures of Fluorescent Bisazomethine Pigments

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Pigment Yellow 101 (1) is a well-known greenish-yellow fluorescent organic pigment. The compounds 1-5 were synthesized and crystallized from DMSO, xylene and CH₃OH/C₂H₅OH mixtures resp. The crystal structures of compounds 1-4 were determined by single crystal X-ray structure analysis. Compound 5 was determined from scratch by X-ray powder diffraction.

From the crystal structures it is not evident why the compounds 1, 3, and 5 are fluorescent but 2 and 4 are not. Thus extensive quantum mechanical calculations have been made and the reason for the fluorescence quenching of 2 and 4 was finally found [1].

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