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# Cacalol and Cacalol acetate as photoproducers of singlet oxygen and as free radical scavengers, evaluated by EPR spectroscopy and TBARS

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Figure A1. UV-vis spectra of Cacalol and Cacalol acetate in ethanol solution, [**C**] = 1.0 mM, [**CA**] = 1.4 mM

### A1.1 Quantum Yield for Production of Singlet Oxygen

The <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub> radical quantum yield,  $\phi^1$ O<sub>2</sub>, can be determined from the generation rate of singlet oxygen, *R*<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, and the flux of absorbed photons, *I*<sub>a</sub>[1]:

$$\phi^1 O_2 = R^1 O_2 / I_a$$

For determining the absolute  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  generation rate, the method of EPR spin-trapping with TEMP was employed. TEMP reacts with  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  to give the adduct TEMPO [2].

#### A1.2 Flux of Absorbed Photons.

The methodology to determine  $I_a$  is described in detail by Sun and Bolton [1]. The photon flux  $I_a$  absorbed by a sample is the product of the incident photon flux  $I_o$  and the integrated absorption fraction  $F_S$  (for a sample S) over the wavelength range used in the experiment (300-800 nm) (eq.1):

 $I_{a} = I_{o} F_{S} (1)$ 

 $F_{\rm S}$  is given by eq. 2

$$\int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} I_{\lambda} T_{\lambda}^f f_{\lambda}^s \, d\lambda / \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} I_{\lambda} T_{\lambda}^f \, d\lambda \tag{2}$$

where  $I_{\lambda}$  is the relative incident photon flux in the wavelength band d $\lambda$ ,  $T_{\lambda}^{f}$  is the transmittance of the filter at wavelength  $\lambda$ , and

$$f_{\lambda}^{s} = 1 - 10^{-A_{\lambda}s} \qquad (3)$$

is the fraction of light absorbed at wavelength  $\lambda$ , where  $A_{\lambda}^{s}$  is the absorbance of the samples at wavelength  $\lambda$ . The integrals were determined by a sum over the wavelength range 300-800 nm.

The incident photon flux  $I_0$  can be determined by a standard actinometer method, based on the photochemical conversion of the ferrioxalate salt. Irradiation with UV-vis light causes the reduction of Fe<sup>3+</sup> to Fe<sup>2+</sup> (reaction 1) [3, 4]:

$$2[Fe(C_2O_4)_3]^{3-} \xrightarrow{hg} 2Fe^{2+} + 5(C_2O_4)^{2-} + 2CO_2$$
(1)

The generation rate of  $Fe^{2+}$  ions  $R_{Fe}^{2+}(M.s^{-1})$  can be determined spectrophotometrically at 510 nm after forming a complex with 1,10-phenanthroline (0.1%). The incident photon flux  $I_0$  is then obtained from eq. 4:

$$I_{\rm o} = R_{\rm Fe}^{2+}/\phi_{\rm Fe}^{2+}F_{\rm RS}$$
 (4)

 $\phi_{Fe}^{2+}$  is the quantum yield of Fe<sup>2+</sup> generation by photochemical reaction, and  $F_{RS}$  is the integrated absorption fraction of the Ferrioxalate salt solution over the range of the wavelengths involved in the experiment. The weighted average of the quantum yield of Fe<sup>2+</sup> production from Fe<sup>3+</sup> salt over the bandwidth of the transmitting filter is known to be 1.0. According to our results, the formation rate of Fe<sup>2+</sup> was found to be 1.5 x 10<sup>-7</sup> ± 0.03 M.s<sup>-1</sup> and I<sub>0</sub> was 1.5 x 10<sup>-7</sup> ± 0.03 M s<sup>-1</sup>. **C** and **CA** concentrations were chosen in the range where the incident light is completely absorbed (fraction I<sub>a</sub>/I<sub>0</sub> = 1). In our experiments, *I<sub>a</sub>* was found to be 1.5 x 10<sup>-7</sup> ± 0.03 M s<sup>-1</sup>.

#### A2. Characterization of Compounds



#### Cacalol

mp 92-94°C,  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +10 , UV  $\lambda_{max}$  : 218 (ε30400), 256 (ε10500), 264 (ε10000), 284 (ε1840)

**IR (KBr):** 3580, 2966, 2934, 2870, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**RMN** <sup>1</sup>**H (CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ:** 1.18 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C-15), 3.22 (m, 1H, C-4) 1.75–1.90 (m, 4H, C-3, C-2), 2.92 - 3.03 (m, 2H, C-1), 2.36 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C-13), 2.52 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C-14), 7.24 (m, 1H, C-12).

**RMN** <sup>13</sup>**C (CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ:** 136.4 (C-12), 117.2 (C-11), 120.2 (C-7), 118.9 (C-6), 135.6 (C-5), 29.8 (C-4), 30.2 (C-3), 16.7 (C-2), 23 (C-1), 126.2 (C-10), 142.2 (C-9), 140.8 (C-8), 11.3 (C-13), 13.8 (C-14), 21.4 (C-15).

**EM (IE)** *m/z*: 230 (M<sup>+</sup>, 71 %), 215 (M<sup>+</sup>-15, 100 %).



**Cacalol Acetate** 

mp 103-104°C;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  -9; UV  $\lambda_{max}$ : 218 ( $\epsilon$ 27000), 255 ( $\epsilon$ 12000), 280 ( $\epsilon$ 2100), 292 ( $\epsilon$ 1320).

**IR (KBr):** 1760, 1630, 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**RMN** <sup>1</sup>**H (CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ:** 1.18 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C-15), 3.24 (m, 1H, C-4),1.75–1.90 (m, 4H, C-3, C-2), 2.77-2.88 (m, 2H, C-1), 2.38 (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C-13), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-CO), 2.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C-14), 7.22 (m, 1H, C-12).

RMN <sup>13</sup>C (CDCI<sub>3</sub>) δ: 168.6(CO-Me),135.4 (C-8),124.9 (C-11), 126.8 (C-7), 116.7 (C-6), 131.4 (C-5), 28.9 (C-4), 29.9 (C-3),16.6 (C-2), 23.4 (C-1),127.0 (C-10), 145.2 (C-9), 141.4 (C-12), 11.3 (C-13), 13.8 (C-14), 21.4 (C-15), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>-CO)
EM (IE) *m/z*: 272 (M<sup>+</sup>, 71 %), 215 (M<sup>+</sup>-15, 100 %).

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