

## Optoelectronic properties of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin compound in various solvents and concentrations

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### Abstract

In present study, the optoelectronic parameters of a coumarin-derived compound, 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin (ABRC), were studied for various solvents and concentrations. The investigated parameters were absorbance band edge, mass extinction coefficient, optical band gap, refractive index, real and imaginary parts of complex dielectric constant, incidence and refraction angle, contrast, optical and electrical conductance. The optical band gap values of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin in DMF and DMSO solvents were found to be 3.110 eV and 3.092 eV at the same concentration of 120  $\mu$ M, respectively. In addition, the optical band gap decreased from 3.151 to 2.823 eV with increasing concentration from 27  $\mu$ M to 23 mM. The refractive indices of compound are discussed in detail using Herve-Vandamme, Kumar-Singh, Moss, Ravindra and Reddy methods. A comparative analysis of the results is presented. The results showed that the ABRC material exhibited semiconductor behavior and might be used in optoelectronic devices such as diodes and sensors.

**Keywords:** Coumarin, optoelectronic properties, optical and electrical conductance, semiconductor, solvent and concentration effect.

### 1. Introduction

Coumarins constitute one of the major classes of naturally occurring compounds. They are widely isolated from plants and can also be synthesized in laboratories (Ajani & Nwinyi, 2010). In general, coumarins are distinctive compounds due to their chemical structures which render them useful. Coumarins and their derivatives exhibit important photo-physical and spectroscopic properties because they have  $\pi$ -conjugated bonds (Tathe *et al.*, 2015; Tasiar *et al.*, 2015). The industrial and technological applications of coumarins increase depending on those properties (Liu *et al.*, 2012). In addition, they allow for different material designs such as organic light-emitting diodes (Swanson *et al.*, 2003), electroluminescence (Zhang *et al.*, 2007), fluorescence materials (Jones & Rahman, 1994), nonlinear optical materials (Gindre *et al.*, 2016), photo-alignment of liquid crystalline molecules (Kim *et al.*, 2006), charge-transfer agents (Donovalova *et al.*, 2012), two-photon absorption

materials (Gindre *et al.*, 2013), organic–inorganic hybrid materials (Chen *et al.*, 2015) and laser dyes (Bakhtiari *et al.*, 2014).

As mentioned, the synthesis of these natural or novel synthetic coumarins and their derivatives with various functional groups are possible in the laboratory (Ajani & Nwinyi, 2010). To date, many chemical reactions have been examined that may be utilized to synthesize various coumarin derivatives. One of them is 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin (or IUPAC: 3-acetyl-6-bromo-2H-chromen-2-one) compound. In recent years, some studies have been performed to determine different properties related to this compound. For example, Castro *et al.* (2016) carried out a theoretical study on the third-order nonlinear optical properties and structural characterization of the crystal 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin. They calculated the linear polarizability and the second hyperpolarizability using a new supermolecule approach combined with an iterative electrostatic scheme. They also determined that

the results of calculations of the HOMO and LUMO energies show the occurrence of charge transfer inside the molecule. Ramoji *et al.* (2010) investigated the vibrational studies of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin and 3-acetyl-6-methylcoumarin using infrared absorption and raman spectra. They discovered that the rotation of the acetyl group with respect to the coumarin ring results in one trans conformer being the most stable. In another study, Gupta *et al.* (2011) reported the synthesis and analgesic activity of novel pyrimidine derivatives from 3-acetylcoumarins. Kasumbwe *et al.* (2014) studied the antimicrobial and antioxidant activities of some substituted halogenated coumarins including 3-acetyl-6-bromo-2H-chromen-2-one. Kokila *et al.* (1996) postulated that the crystal structure of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin is planar and makes a dihedral angle of  $6.6(4)^\circ$  with the mean plane of the acetyl group attached to 3-position. Finally, Gomha *et al.* (2015) reported on the utility of 3-acetyl-6-bromo-2H-chromen-2-one for the synthesis of new heterocycles as potential antiproliferative agents.

Some works have been established to define the various properties as is exemplified above. However, no paper has been reported on the optoelectronic parameters of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin in different solvents and concentrations based our current literature knowledge. Owing to the importance of this literature deficiency, here we have described the optoelectronic parameters of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin compound in various solvents and concentrations. These parameters are absorbance, transmittance, absorbance band edge, mass extinction coefficient, optical band gap, refractive index, real and imaginary parts of complex dielectric constant, incidence and refraction angle, contrast, optical and electrical conductance.

## 2. Methods

### 2.1 Materials

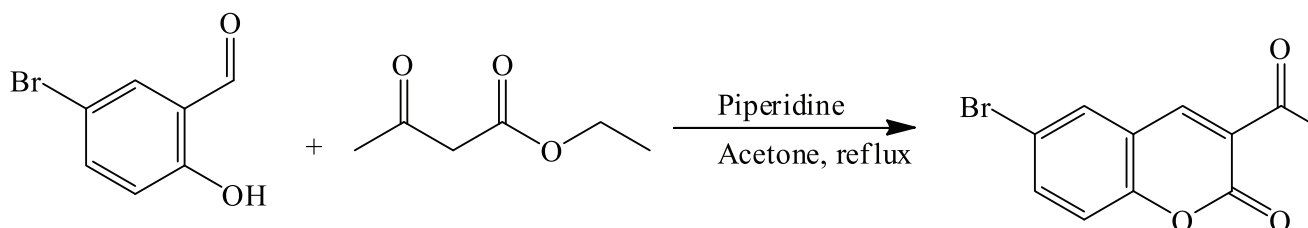
For this study, 5-Bromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde, ethyl acetoacetate and piperidine were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich to act as analytical reagents. All the solvents, acetone, methanol, tetrahydrofuran, N,N-dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, diethyl ether, chloroform and ethanol were also obtained from Sigma-Aldrich.

### 2.2 Instrumental techniques

The infrared characterizations of coumarin compound were performed by using a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FTIR spectrometer with an ATR accessory. A Bruker 300 Mhz Ultrashield TM instrument was used to characterize the compounds by nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ) technique. The optical measurements of the ABRC solutions were recorded with an UV-1800 Spectrophotometer (Shimadzu model) in the wavelength range of 1100-190 nm at room temperature in dark medium. An AND-GR-200 Series Analytical Balance was used to prepare the ABRC solutions.

### 2.3 Synthesis of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin (ABRC) compound

5-Bromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (5.000 g, 24.87 mmol) and ethyl acetoacetate (3.236 g, 24.87 mmol) were added to a three-necked reaction balloon and dissolved in 50 ml of methanol. After just three drops of piperidine (catalyst) was added drop-wise to the reaction mixture, it was continuously refluxed-stirred on a magnetic stirrer for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into the excessive methanol. The yellowish precipitate of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin (ABRC) was filtered and dried, respectively. The synthesis of ABRC is illustrated in Scheme 1.



**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin compound

The spectral characterizations were accomplished by FTIR and  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  techniques as following:

FTIR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3092-3018 and 2989-2880 (aromatic and aliphatic C-H stretching), 1700 (acetyl carbonyl stretching), 1694 (lactone carbonyl stretching), 1621 (lactone C=C stretching) and 1605 (aromatic C=C stretching).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO,  $\delta\text{ppm}$ ): 8.6 (O-H proton in coumarin ring), 7.7 and 6.7 (aromatic =CH- protons), 6.4 (aliphatic =CH- proton in coumarin ring), 4.9 ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$  protons), 3.3 and 2.5 (DMSO solvent).

#### 2.4 Preparation of ABRC solutions

The required amounts of the ABRC compound were dissolved in DMSO and DMF solvents. The ABRC concentrations in these solvents were kept at  $120\ \mu\text{M}$  and then the optical measurements for the two solvent systems were performed. Also, to determine the effect of concentration on the optical parameters, the ABRC/DMSO solutions were prepared at various concentrations of  $27\ \mu\text{M}$ ,  $64\ \mu\text{M}$ ,  $144\ \mu\text{M}$ ,  $320\ \mu\text{M}$  and  $23\ \text{mM}$  ( $23000\ \mu\text{M}$ ) with the solution method.

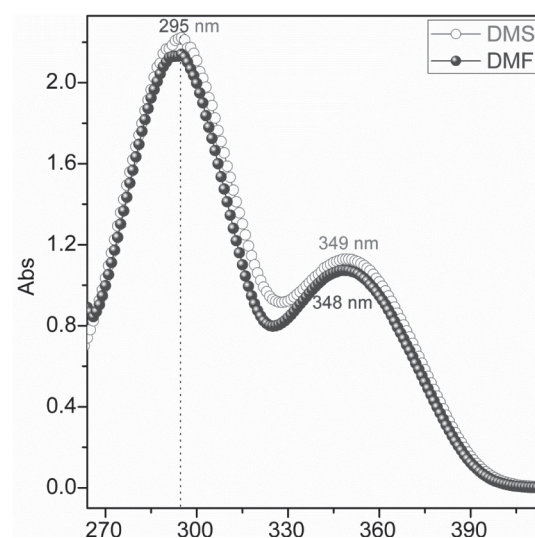
### 3. Results and discussion

#### 3.1 Optical properties of ABRC solutions for different solvents

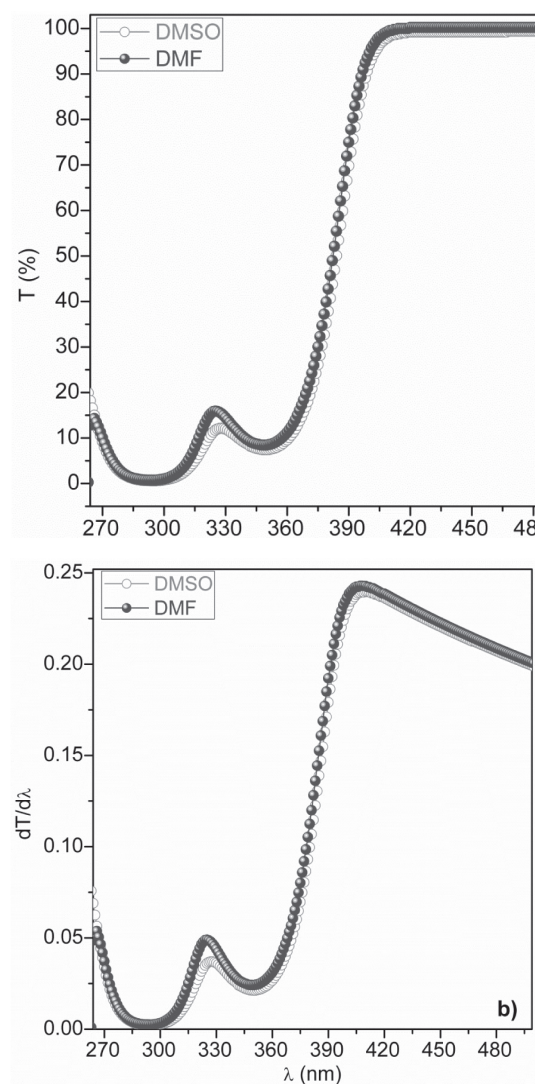
The relation among absorbance, molar extinction coefficient ( $\epsilon$ ), molar concentration ( $c$ ) and length ( $L$ ) of the optical path is given by Beer-Lambert law in Equation 1 (Beer, 1852; Gündüz, 2013):

$$Abs = \epsilon cL \quad (1)$$

Absorbance ( $Abs$ ) spectra of the ABRC solutions for different solvents at  $120\ \mu\text{M}$  are shown in Figure 1. The ABRC compound exhibited a maximum peak at 295 nm corresponding to the near ultraviolet (NUV) region for both DMF and DMSO solvents. The ABRC exhibited another peak at 348 and 349 nm for DMF and DMSO solvents, respectively. These peaks belong to the visible (V) region. The absorbance spectra of the ABRC were not observed at wavelengths of less than about 260 nm. The absorbance values obtained for DMSO were little more than the absorbance values for the DMF solvent.



**Fig. 1.** Absorbance spectra of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents



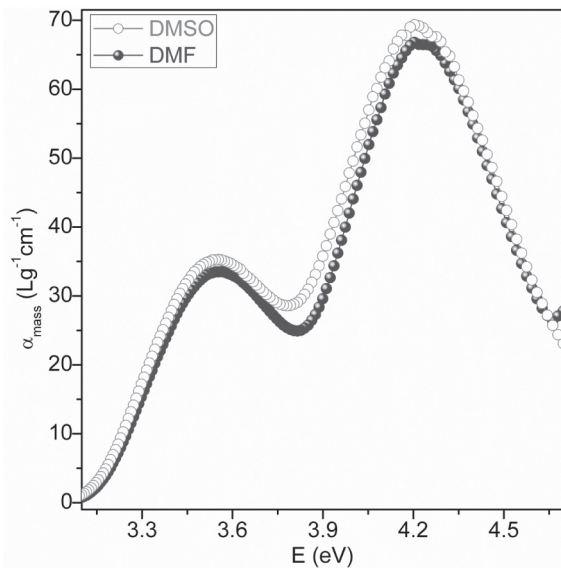
**Fig. 2(a).** Transmittance spectra and (b) the  $dT/d\lambda$  curves vs. wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

Transmittance ( $T$ ) spectra of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents are shown in Figure 2(a). The figure shows that the  $T$  values of the ABRC increased sharply from about 350 to 410 nm, then continued to be constant. We obtained the absorbance band edges ( $E_{Abs-be}$ ) of the ABRC from the maximum peaks using the  $dT/d\lambda$  in comparison to wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) (Figure 2(b)). The  $E_{Abs-be}$  values of the ABRC for DMF and DMSO solvents were found to be 3.047 and 3.024 eV, respectively. These results showed that the absorbance band edge of the ABRC for DMF was higher than the absorbance band edge of the ABRC for DMSO at the same concentration.

The mass extinction coefficient ( $\alpha_{mass}$ ) depends on the molar extinction coefficient (Orek *et al.*, 2017; Gündüz, 2015) and is given by:

$$\alpha_{mass} = \frac{Abs}{cLM_A}, \quad (2)$$

where  $M_A$  is the molecular weight, which is 267,022 g/mol for ABRC. The mass extinction coefficient values of the ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents were calculated using Equation 2.



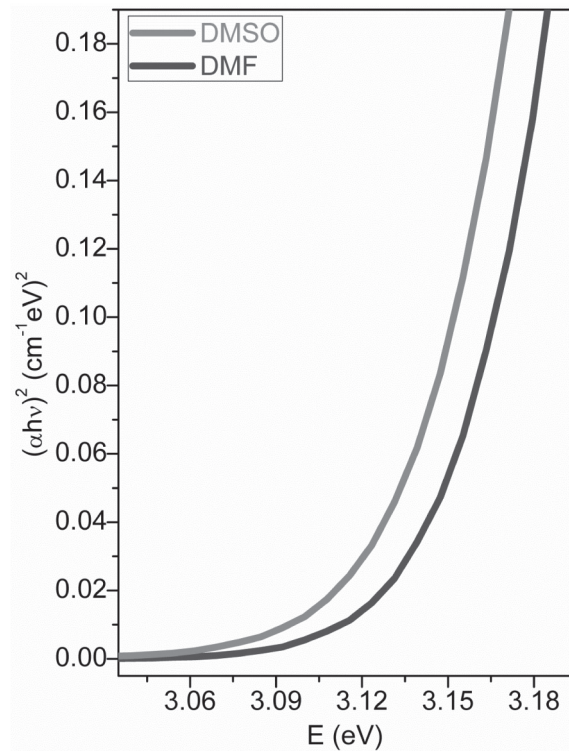
**Fig. 3.** The mass extinction coefficient ( $\alpha_{mass}$ ) curves vs. photon energy ( $E$ ) of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

Figure 3 shows the  $\alpha_{mass}$  curves versus photon energy ( $E$ ) of the ABRC for these solvents. The ABRC compound has the maximum peaks at the same photon energy (4.203 eV), whereas the maximum mass extinction coefficients ( $\alpha_{max-mass}$ ) are different from each other. The  $\alpha_{max-mass}$  value (69,341  $Lg^{-1}cm^{-1}$ ) of the ABRC for DMSO was higher than the  $\alpha_{max-mass}$  value (66.786  $Lg^{-1}cm^{-1}$ ).

The optical band gap ( $E_g$ ) is an important optical and optoelectronic parameter and can be estimated from the Tauc model given by Tauc & Menth (1972) as:

$$\alpha(h\nu) = A(E - E_g)^n, \quad (3)$$

where  $\alpha$  is absorption coefficient,  $h\nu$  (and  $E$ ) is the photon energy,  $A$  is a constant and  $n$  determines the type of optical transitions. For the ABRC compound,  $n$  was found to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  corresponded to allow a direct band gap. For this  $n$  value, we plotted the  $(\alpha h\nu)^2$  curves versus  $E$  of the ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents (Figure 4).



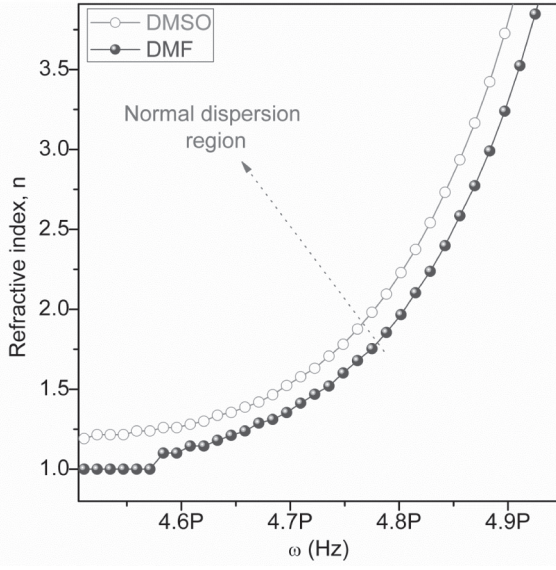
**Fig. 4.** The  $(\alpha h\nu)^2$  curves vs.  $E$  of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

We obtained the  $E_g$  values of the ABRC for DMF and DMSO by extrapolating the linear plot to  $(\alpha h\nu)^2 = 0$ . The optical band gaps of the ABRC for DMF and DMSO at the same concentration of 120  $\mu M$  were found to be 3.110 eV and 3.092 eV, respectively. These results suggest that the optical band gap for DMSO solvent was lower than that for the DMF solvent, and optical band gap results were consistent with the absorbance band edge results. According to the optical band gaps, the ABRC material exhibited a semiconductor behavior.

The refractive index ( $n$ ) is another significant type of optical and optoelectronic parameter, it can be explained with reflectance ( $R$ ) and is calculated from the following equation (Gündüz, 2015; Abeles, 1972):

$$n = \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{4R}{(R-1)^2} - k^2} - \frac{R+1}{R-1} \right\} \quad (4)$$

where  $k = \alpha\lambda/4\pi$ . We calculated the  $n$  values of the ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents. Figure 5 shows the  $n$  curves versus the angular frequency ( $\omega$ ). The ABRC exhibited a normal dispersion behavior in related regions, where the refractive indices increased with increasing angular frequency. The refractive index values for the DMSO solvent were also higher than that for DMF.



**Fig. 5.** The refractive index ( $n$ ) curves vs. angular frequency ( $\omega$ ) of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

The complex dielectric constant ( $\hat{\epsilon}$ ) includes the real part ( $\epsilon_1$ ) and imaginary part ( $\epsilon_2$ ) as in the following equation:

$$\hat{\epsilon} = \epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2, \quad (5)$$

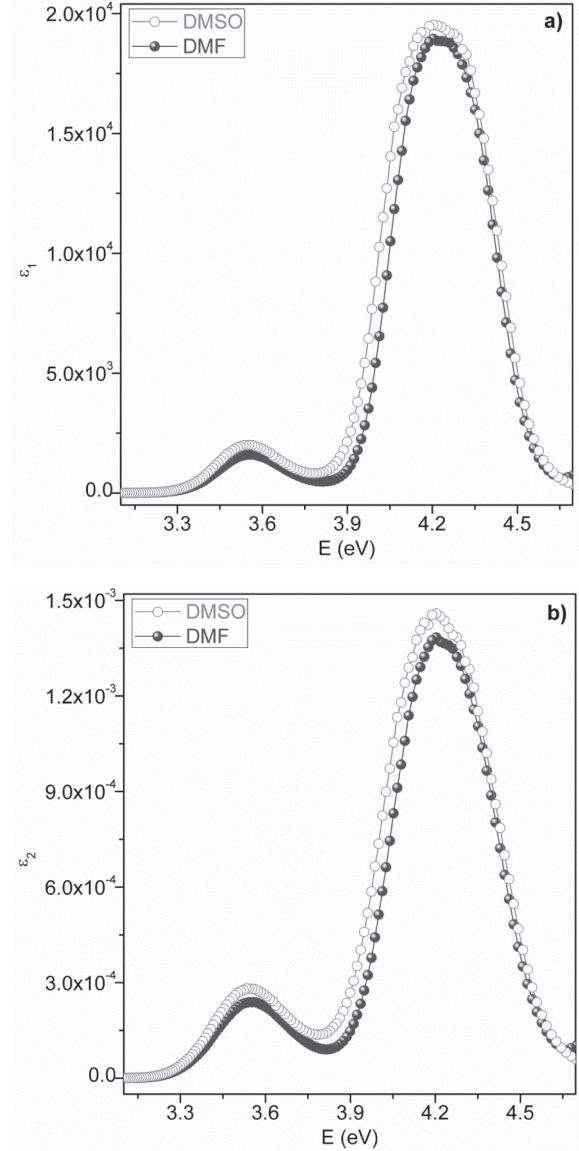
where  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  parameters are given by:

$$\epsilon_1 = n^2 - k^2, \quad (6)$$

and

$$\epsilon_2 = 2nk. \quad (7)$$

The  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  parameters were calculated from Equations 6 and 7, respectively. Figure 6 (a,b) indicates the  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  curves versus  $E$  of the ABRC for DMF and DMSO. As seen in this figure, the ABRC shows the maximum peaks of the  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$  at 4.203 eV for both the DMF and DMSO solvents. The  $\epsilon_1$  values were higher than the  $\epsilon_2$  values.



**Fig. 6.** The (a) real part ( $\epsilon_1$ ) and (b) imaginary part ( $\epsilon_2$ ) curves of the complex dielectric constant vs.  $E$  of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

The incidence angle ( $\Phi_1$ ) and refraction angle ( $\Phi_2$ ) play an operational role in optical and optoelectronic devices. We calculated the  $\Phi_1$  values using the following equation:

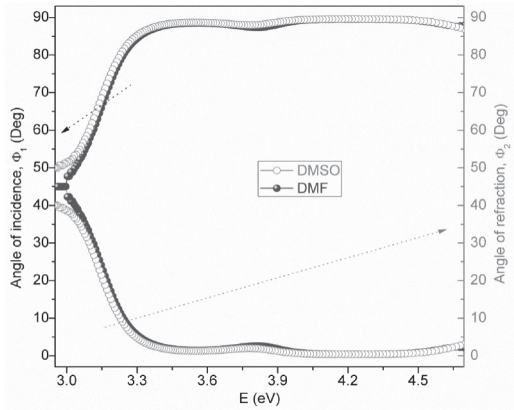
$$\Phi_1 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right). \quad (8)$$

Figure 7 shows the  $\Phi_1$  plots in comparison to  $E$  of the ABRC for the DMF and DMSO solvents. The incidence angle values for both solvents were close to each other. We also calculated the  $\Phi_2$  values from Equation 9,

$$\Phi_2 = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \Phi_1 \right). \quad (9)$$

Figure 7 also shows the  $\Phi_2$  plots versus  $E$  of the ABRC

for DMF and DMSO solvents. As seen in Figure 7, the incidence angles were higher than the refraction angles.

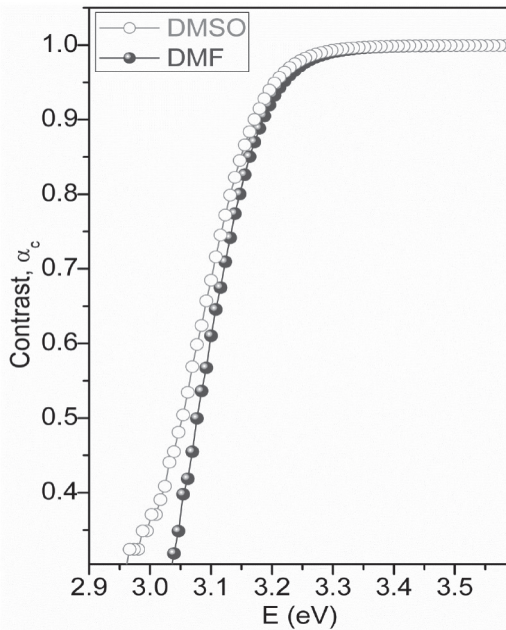


**Fig. 7.** The incidence angle ( $\Phi_1$ ) and refraction angle ( $\Phi_2$ ) curves vs.  $E$  of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

Sensitivity is an important sensing parameter for optoelectronic devices and depends on contrast ( $\alpha_c$ ) (Gündüz, 2015). The  $\alpha_c$  is given by:

$$\alpha_c = 1 - \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)^2 \tag{10}$$

The contrast values of the ABRC for DMF and DMSO were calculated from Equation 10. Figure 8 shows their  $\alpha_c$  curves in comparison to  $E$ . The contrast values of the ABRC increase sharply at about 2.96 to 3.25 eV for both solvents. The ABRC exhibited the sensing properties, which means that it might be used for sensor applications.



**Fig. 8.** The contrast ( $\alpha_c$ ) curves vs.  $E$  of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

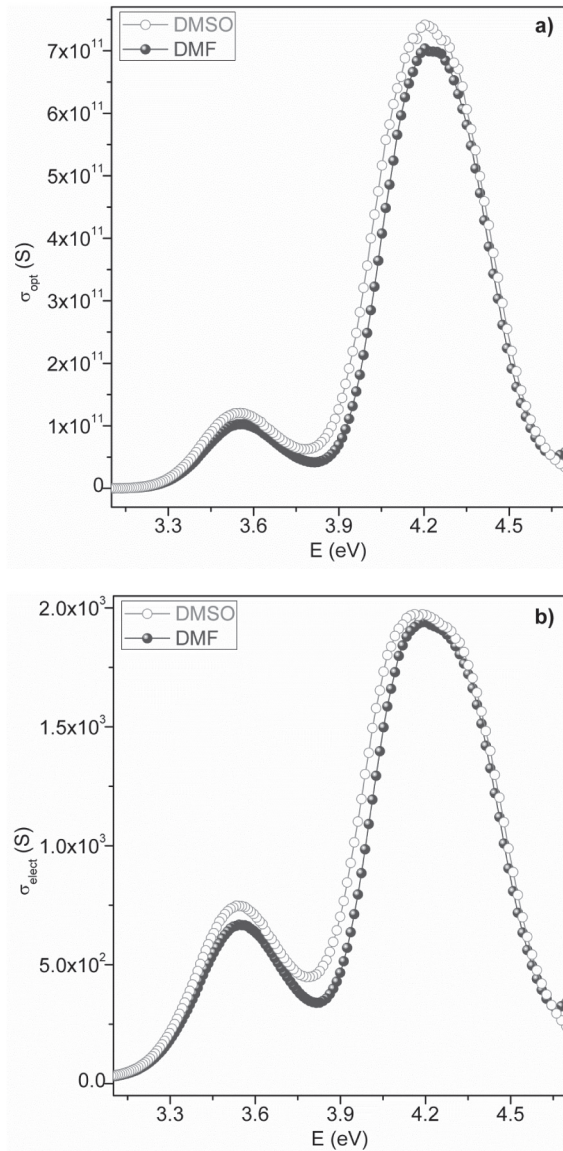
Finally, we investigated optical conductance ( $\sigma_{opt}$ ) and electrical conductance ( $\sigma_{elect}$ ) properties, which play significant roles in optoelectronic applications. The  $\sigma_{opt}$  and  $\sigma_{elect}$  can be explained by Abd El-Raheem (2007):

$$\sigma_{opt} = \frac{\alpha n c}{4\pi}, \tag{11}$$

where  $c$  is the velocity of light.  $\sigma_{elect}$  is given as:

$$\sigma_{elect} = \frac{2\lambda\sigma_{opt}}{\alpha} \tag{12}$$

We calculated the  $\sigma_{opt}$  and  $\sigma_{elect}$  values of the ABRC for the DMF and DMSO solvents. Figure 9 (a,b) gives the  $\sigma_{opt}$  and  $\sigma_{elect}$  curves versus  $E$ . ABRC had the maximum peaks at 4.203 eV for both solvents, and the  $\sigma_{opt}$  values were about  $4 \times 10^8$  times bigger than the  $\sigma_{elect}$  values.



**Fig. 9.** The (a) optical conductance ( $\sigma_{opt}$ ) and (b) electrical conductance ( $\sigma_{elect}$ ) curves vs.  $E$  of ABRC solutions for DMF and DMSO solvents.

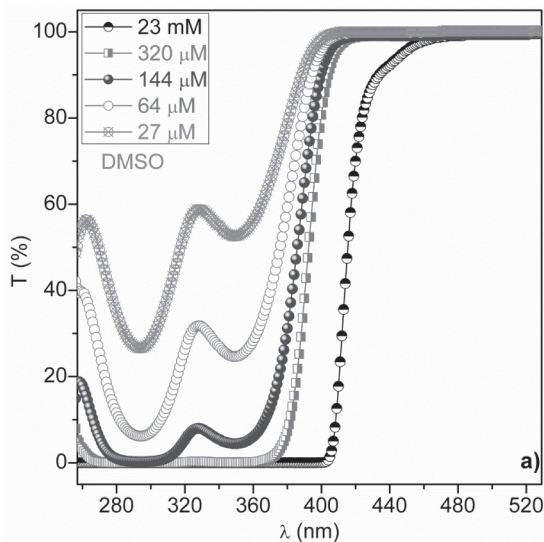
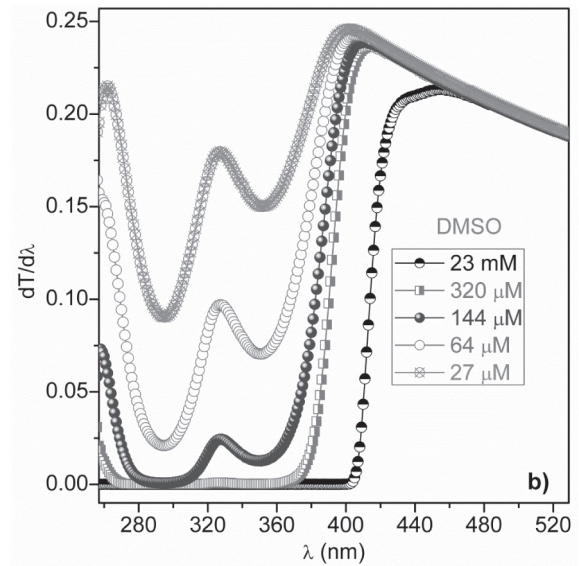
**Table 1.** The absorbance band edges ( $E_{Abs-be}$ ), optical band gap ( $E_g$ ) and refractive index ( $n$ ) values obtained from various relations of ABRC solutions for different concentrations

Concentration	$E_{Abs-be}$ (eV)	$E_g$ (eV)	Refractive indices ( $n$ )					
			Moss	Ravindra	Herve-Vandamme	Reddy	Kumar-Singh	Average $n$
27 $\mu$ M	3.092	3.151	2.343	2.131	2.285	2.727	2.326	2.362
64 $\mu$ M	3.069	3.109	2.351	2.156	2.296	2.737	2.336	2.375
144 $\mu$ M	3.024	3.070	2.359	2.181	2.308	2.747	2.345	2.388
320 $\mu$ M	3.002	3.041	2.364	2.199	2.316	2.754	2.353	2.397
23 mM	2.713	2.823	2.409	2.334	2.381	2.813	2.410	2.469

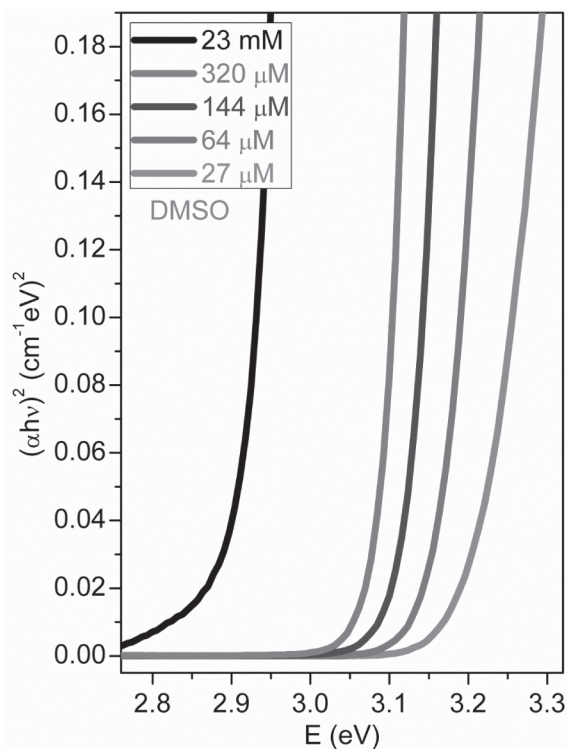
### 3.2 Optical properties of ABRC solutions for different concentrations.

Absorbance spectra of the ABRC/DMSO solutions for different concentrations (27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM) were obtained. The absorbance of the ABRC dominated the NUV region, and none of the absorbance spectra was observed for concentrations higher than 144  $\mu$ M. These results suggested that absorbance increased with increasing concentration.

Transmittance spectra of the ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM are shown in Figure 10(a). The transmittance values of the ABRC dominated the visible region and decreased with increasing concentration. The  $E_{Abs-be}$  values of the ABRC for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM were obtained from the maximum peaks of the  $dT/d\lambda$  curves in comparison to  $\lambda$  (Figure 10(b) and Table 1). As seen in Table 1, the absorbance band edge of the ABRC decreased from 3.092 to 2.713 eV with increasing concentration.

**Fig. 10(a).** Transmittance spectra of ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM.**Fig. 10(b).** The  $dT/d\lambda$  curves vs.  $\lambda$  of ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM

To obtain the allowed direct optical band gap of the ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM, we plotted the  $(ah\nu)^2$  against the  $E$ , as seen in Figure 11. We obtained the  $E_g$  values of the ABRC for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM by extrapolating the linear plot to  $(ah\nu)^2 = 0$ . The obtained  $E_g$  values of the ABRC for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu$ M and 23 mM are given in Table 1. The table shows that the optical band gap of the ABRC decreased from 3.151 to 2.823 eV with increasing concentration.

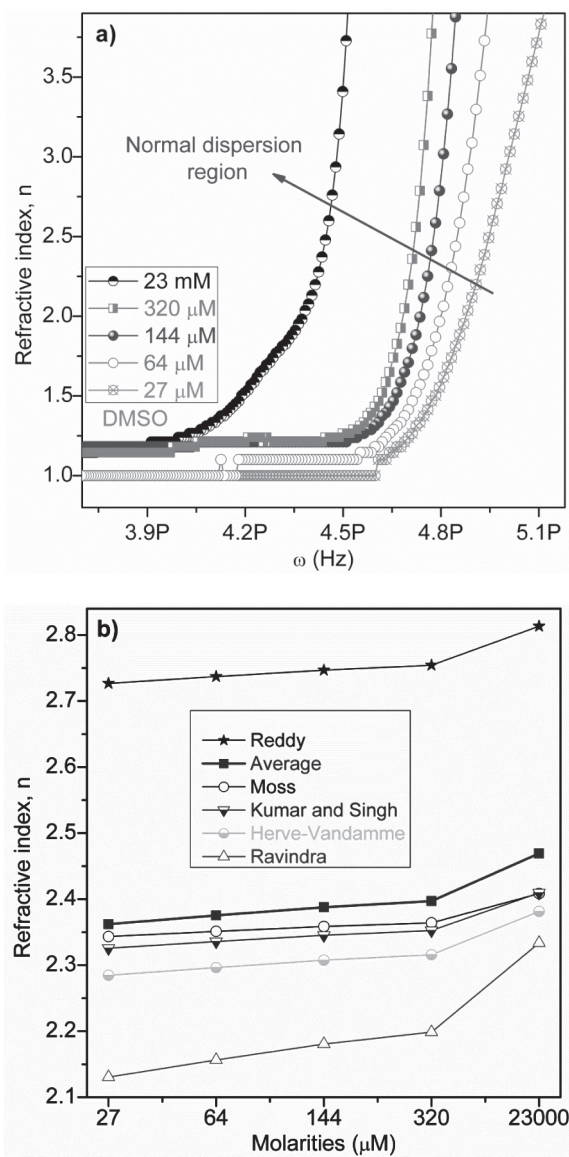


**Fig. 11.** The  $(\alpha h\nu)^2$  vs.  $E$  of ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu\text{M}$  and 23 mM.

We calculated the refractive index values of the ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu\text{M}$  and 23 mM using Equation 4. The  $n$  curves in comparison to  $\omega$  of the ABRC were also plotted (Figure 12(a)). The ABRC showed a normal dispersion behavior.

Many relations, such as Herve-Vandamme, Kumar-Singh, Moss, Ravindra and Reddy (Tripathy, 2015; Cabuk & Gündüz, 2017), can be obtained for the refractive index based on optical band gaps. The refractive indices of the ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu\text{M}$  and 23 mM were obtained for the aforementioned relations. Figure 12(b) indicates the  $n$  curves versus the concentrations of the ABRC for Herve-Vandamme, Kumar-Singh, Moss, Ravindra and Reddy relations. In addition, to compare these relations, we calculated their refractive index averages ( $n_{\text{avg}}$ ) from Figure 12(b). The  $n$  values obtained from the Reddy relation were higher than the  $n_{\text{avg}}$  values, whereas the other values were lower.

The contrast values of the ABRC solutions for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu\text{M}$  and 23 mM were calculated from Equation 10 and their  $\alpha_c$  curves versus  $E$  are shown in Figure 13. The contrast values of the ABRC increased sharply at about 2.65 to 3.37 eV for all concentrations. These results suggest that the contrast of the ABRC might be changed with different concentrations.



**Fig. 12.** The **a)**  $n$  curves vs.  $\omega$  for 27, 64, 144, 320  $\mu\text{M}$  and 23 mM and **b)**  $n$  curves vs. concentrations for Herve-Vandamme, Kumar-Singh, Moss, Ravindra and Reddy relations of the ABRC solutions.

#### 4. Conclusions

3-Acetyl-6-bromocoumarin compound exhibits a maximum absorbance peak at 295 nm corresponding to the near ultraviolet (NUV) region. There was also another peak at 348 nm for the visible (V) region. Not all of the absorbance spectra were observed for concentrations higher than 144  $\mu\text{M}$ . The optical band gap values for DMSO and DMF solvents were found to be 3.110 eV and 3.09 eV, respectively. The absorbance band edge varied from 3.092 eV to 2.713 eV with increasing concentration. The refractive index values obtained from the Reddy relation were higher than the average refractive index values. The optical results obtained in this study show



that 3-acetyl-6-bromocoumarin displays a semiconductor behavior, so it might be an important candidate for many optoelectronic devices, such as diodes, photo-diodes and sensor, etc.

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## الخواص الإلكترونية لمركب 3 - أسيتيل - 6 - بروموكومارين في مختلف المذيبات والتركيزات

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### الملخص

في هذه الدراسة، تمت دراسة المعلمات الإلكترونية الضوئية لمركب مشتق من الكومارين، 3 - أسيتيل - 6 - بروموكومارين (ABRC)، في مختلف المذيبات والتركيزات. المعلمات التي تمت دراستها، هي: حافة شريط الامتصاص، معامل الانطفاء الكتلي، فجوة النطاق الموجي الضوئي، معامل الانكسار، أجزاء حقيقية وخيالية لثابت العزل الكهربائي المعقد، زاوية السقوط والانكسار، التباين، والمواصلة الضوئية والكهربائية. تم العثور على قيم فجوة النطاق البصري لـ 3 - أسيتيل - 6 - بروموكومارين في مذيبات DMF و DMSO لتكون 3.110 الكترون فولت و 3.092 الكترون فولت بنفس التركيز 120 ميكرومتر، على التوالي. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، انخفضت فجوة النطاق البصري من 3.151 إلى 2.823 الكترون فولت مع زيادة التركيز من 27 ميكرومتر إلى 23 ملم. ونوقشت المؤشرات الانكسارية للمركب بالتفصيل باستخدام طرق هيرفي-فاندامي، كومان سينغ، موس، رافيندرا وريدي. وتمت مقارنة جميع النتائج التي تم الحصول عليها مع بعضها البعض. وأظهرت النتائج أن مادة ABRC قد أبدت سلوكاً أشباه الموصلات ويمكن أن تُستخدم في الأجهزة الإلكترونية الضوئية مثل الصمام الثنائي وأجهزة الاستشعار.