Synthesis of N’-(5-arylazosalicylidene)nicotinohydrazide –
characterization and DFT analysis

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ABSTRACT. Novel organic compounds N’-(5-arylazosalicylidene)nicotinohydrazide (3) and their
derivatives (4 and 5) were synthesized and their structures were elucidated and confirmed by the
spectral techniques like IR, $^{1}H$, $^{13}C$ and 2D NMR. The stable configuration of the above structures
achieved theoretically using DFT method with the 6-31G(d,p) chosen level of basis set. Molecular
orbital properties like HOMO, LUMO, MEP were analyzed and reported. The topological properties
behavior of atoms in molecules were studied using AIM and NBO analysis which reveals the
presence of bonding, ring formation and hydrogen bonding in the compounds. Finally the electrical
properties like dipolemoment, polarizability, hyperpolarizability have been studied using DFT at the
same level of basis set and provides information about material science applications of the above
synthesized compounds.

1. INTRODUCTION

Hydrazide derivatives have been of great interest because of their role in natural and
synthetic organic chemistry. Many products which contain a hydrazide subunit exhibit biological
activity such as molluscicides, anthemintic, hypnotic, insecticidal, activity and fluorescent
brightness [1]. Many hydrazine compounds showed good anticancer bioactivities. hydrazone
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membranes [5, 6]. Their metal compounds have found applications in various chemical processes
like non-liner optics, sensors, medicine etc [7].

Schiff bases hydrazones are widely used in analytical chemistry as selective metal extracting
agents as well as in spectroscopic determination of certain transition metals [8,9]. Schiff bases
complexes have been widely studied because they have industrial, fungicide, antibacterial,
anticancer and herbicidal applications [10, 11]. Schiff base play a vital role in inorganic chemistry
as they easily form stable complexes. Schiff bases derived from condensation of nicotinic acid
hydrazide with aldehydes represent an important compounds of great interest due to their
importance in biological, pharmacological and clinical applications. The hydrazine derivatives are
used as fungicides and in the treatment of some diseases such as tuberculosis leprosy and mental
disorders [12-14].

2. EXPERIMENTAL

Nicotinohydrazides was purchased from sigma Aldrich. All other chemicals were used as
analytic grade. Reaction was monitored by TLC. The melting point is measured on open capillaries
and are in corrected.
2.1. Synthesis of N'- (5-arylazosalicylidene)nicotinohydrazide and its derivatives

N'- (5-arylazosalicylidene)nicotinohydrazide 3 and its derivatives were prepared according to the literature [15]. To solution of N'- 5-arylazosalicylaldehyde 1 (0.38 g, 1.5 mmol) and nicotinohydrazide 2 (0.21 g, 1.5 mmol) in methanol five drops of glacial acetic acid were added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 h and then the mixture was poured into ice cold water. The mixture was kept overnight at room temperature. It was filtered, washed and recrystallized from methanol. The physical data shown in Table 1.

2.2. Spectral Measurements

The FT-IR spectrum is recorded in the range 4000–400 cm\(^{-1}\) with a resolution of ± 4 cm\(^{-1}\) and an accuracy of ±0.01 cm\(^{-1}\) on Nicolet Avatar 360 FT-IR spectrometer. The sample was mixed with KBr and the pellet technique was adopted. The proton spectrum at 400 MHz and proton decoupled \(^{13}\)C NMR spectrum at 100 MHz in DMSO-\(d_6\) were recorded at room temperature on Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer using 10 mm sample tube, samples were prepared by dissolving about 10 mg of the sample in 0.5 mL of DMSO-\(d_6\) containing a few drops at TMS for \(^{13}\)C.

2.3. Computational Studies

Geometry optimization was carried out according to density functional theory available in Gaussian-03 package using B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) basis set [16].

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The N'- (5-arylazosalicylidene)nicotinohydrazide 3 and its derivatives (4 and 5) were obtained by refluxing 5-arylazosalicylaldehyde 1 with nicotinohydrazide 2 and 5 drops of acetic acid in methanol (Scheme 1). All the synthesized compounds are characterized by the FT-IR and the high-resolution \(^1\)H and \(^{13}\)C NMR spectra and analyzed. We discussed in detail the compound 3 only.

The prominent peaks in the range 3430–3190, 1650–1800 and 1640–1560 cm\(^{-1}\) [14] in the IR spectrum are attributed to \(\nu_{\text{N-H}}\) and \(\nu_{\text{O-H}}\), \(\nu_{\text{C=O}}\) and \(\nu_{\text{C=N}}\) and \(\nu_{\text{C=C}}\) modes respectively. The observation of lower \(\nu_{\text{C=O}}\) is due to the extended conjugation of C=O group with the nearby pyridine ring. The bending vibration of the O–H group appeared around 1350 cm\(^{-1}\) in all the hydrazides. The sharp peak around 3020 cm\(^{-1}\) in the IR spectrum of 3 due to the aromatic \(\nu_{\text{C-H}}\) mode. In hydrazide strong peak for N=N group is observed at 1480 cm\(^{-1}\) [17]. Aromatic C–H out-of-plane bending vibration appeared around 840 and 700 cm\(^{-1}\) [18]. The experimental and calculated (DFT) IR spectral data of 3-5 is displayed in Table 1.

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**Scheme 1**
Table 1. Physical, experimental and computational IR data (cm\(^{-1}\)) of synthesized nicotinohydrazides (3-5)

| Compounds | Physical data |                          |                          |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|           | Colour       | Yield (%)                | m.p. (°C)                |
| 3         | Orange       | 88                       | >230                     |
| 4         | Orange       | 80                       | 208-210                  |
| 5         | Orange       | 85                       | 197-199                  |

IR data

| Compounds | Physical data |                          |                          |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3         |              |                          |                          |
|           | Exp.         | DFT                      |                          |
|           | 3422         | 3404                     |                          |
| 3219      | 3247         | 3244                     | 3210                     |
| 3027      | 3030         | 3030                     | 3028                     |
| 1709      | 1716         | 2945                     | 2920                     |
| 1607      | 1601         | 1716                     | 1748                     |
| 1466      | 1485         | 1626                     | 1633                     |
| 1420      | 1420         | 1491                     | 1486                     |
| 1378      | 1382         | 1402                     | 1417                     |
| 1317      | 1285         | 1382                     | 1351                     |
| 1191      | 1195         | 1285                     | 1305                     |
| 1163      | 1148         | 1226                     | 1195                     |
| 1117      | 1096         | 999                      | 1168                     |
| 1089      | 1092         | 951                      | 1084                     |
| 1028      | 999          | 895                      | 1026                     |
| 897       | 894          | 838                      | 972                      |
| 829       | 826          | 800                      | 892                      |
| 769       | 760          | 697                      | 825                      |
| 694       | 697          | 461`                     | 781                      |
| 506       | 482          | –                        | 702                      |
| 465       | 461          | –                        | 511                      |
| –         | –            | –                        | 458                      |

3.1. Spectral (\(^1\)H and \(^{13}\)C NMR) calculation

The \(^1\)H and \(^{13}\)C NMR chemical shifts were determined theoretically by DFT method in DMSO-\(d_6\) using the basis set B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) GIAO and the salvation model PCM (SCRF=PCM) [19]. The scale factors are based on the reference compounds used as well as on the basis set employed for DFT calculation. Experimental and computational \(^1\)H and \(^{13}\)C NMR spectral data of hydrazide 3-5 are listed in Table 2.
### Table 2. Experimental and computational $^1$H and $^{13}$C NMR spectral data (ppm) of 3-5

| Protons | 73    |    | 74    |    | 75    |    |
|---------|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|
|         | Obs.  | DFT| Obs.  | DFT| Obs.  | DFT|
| H-2     | 9.12  | 9.33| 9.12  | 9.31| 9.12  | 9.30|
| H-4     | 8.31  | 8.82| 8.31  | 8.82| 8.31  | 8.82|
| H-5     | 7.61  | 7.87| 7.61  | 7.90| 7.61  | 7.90|
| H-6     | 8.78  | 9.15| 8.78  | 9.14| 8.79  | 9.14|
| H-11    | 8.78  | 8.60| 8.78  | 8.56| 8.79  | 8.57|
| H-14    | 7.13  | 7.55| 7.13  | 7.53| 7.14  | 7.52|
| H-15    | 7.95  | 8.48| 7.95  | 8.47| 7.90  | 8.47|
| H-17    | 8.32  | 8.55| 8.30  | 8.49| 8.26  | 8.51|
| H-22    | 7.95  | 8.51| 7.95  | 8.54| 7.80  | 8.43|
| H-23    | 7.42  | 7.88| 7.42  | 7.54| 7.39  | 7.72|
| H-24    | 7.42  | 7.90| –     | –   | –     | –   |
| H-25    | 7.42  | 8.06| 7.42  | 7.68| 7.39  | 7.80|
| H-26    | 7.95  | 8.44| 7.95  | 8.40| 7.80  | 8.20|
| CH$_3$  | –     | –   | –     | –   | –     | 2.51| 2.56|
| C-2     | 148.62| 153.65| 148.63| 153.54| 148.60| 153.51|
| C-3     | 128.80| 135.11| 129.10| 135.02| 129.89| 135.07|
| C-4     | 135.52| 144.00| 135.49| 144.02| 135.50| 144.02|
| C-5     | 123.75| 129.55| 124.42| 129.50| 123.75| 129.48|
| C-6     | 152.44| 160.71| 152.47| 160.56| 152.46| 160.52|
| C-7     | 163.23| 167.55| 162.14| 167.62| 161.64| 167.60|
| C-11    | 152.64| 153.89| 146.49| 153.81| 146.68| 153.98|
| C-12    | 119.59| 124.34| 119.76| 124.09| 119.68| 124.01|
| C-13    | 162.15| 171.33| 160.38| 171.29| 159.95| 170.91|
| C-14    | 162.15| 171.33| 160.38| 171.29| 159.95| 170.91|
| C-15    | 143.56| 152.20| 144.87| 152.26| 145.06| 152.41|
| C-16    | 122.68| 121.76| 122.94| 121.69| 122.81| 121.53|
| C-17    | 152.64| 159.53| 152.62| 156.46| 150.03| 157.54|
| C-21    | 122.10| 117.99| 124.51| 120.86| 122.26| 117.92|
| C-22    | 129.13| 134.36| 116.42| 121.68| 129.89| 135.66|
| C-23    | 139.82| 137.72| 152.62| 174.78| 141.02| 151.91|
| C-24    | 129.13| 134.60| 116.42| 120.74| 129.89| 134.86|
| C-25    | –     | –   | –     | –   | –     | –   |

#### 3.1.1. Analysis of $^1$H NMR spectra of nicotinohydrazides 3-5

The 400 MHz NMR spectrum of $N'$(5-phenylazosalicylidene)-nicotinohydrazide 3 reveals high intense singlets at 9.12 and 8.78 ppm for ortho protons with respect to nitrogen i.e., H(2) and H(6) of the nicotinoyl ring respectively. A doublet observed at 8.31 ppm and a signal observed at 7.61 ppm are assigned to the ring protons H(4) and H(5) respectively of nicotinoyl ring.

Among the remaining signals, the high frequency signal centered at 8.79 ppm is assigned to the azomethine proton H(11). The low frequency doublet observed at 7.13 ppm ($J = 6.00$ Hz) is assigned to the ortho proton with respect to OH group i.e., H(14). The $^1$H NMR spectrum further reveals a signal at 7.42 ppm (integral corresponds to three protons) and a broad signal at 7.95 ppm.
(integral corresponds to two protons) for the meta and para protons of the phenyl ring i.e., H(23), H(24) and H(25) and ortho protons of the phenyl ring [H(22) and H(26)] respectively. For H(17), a signal at 8.32 ppm was observed. The remaining signal at 7.95 ppm is assigned to the proton H(15). In a similar manner assignments are done for other hydrazides 4 and 5.

3.1.2. Analysis of $^{13}$C NMR spectra of nicotinohydrazides 5-7

$^{13}$C NMR spectra at 100 MHz have been recorded in DMSO-$d_6$ for 3. The ipso carbons can be easily distinguished from other aromatic carbons based on small intensities. The high frequency signal at 163.23 ppm is due to the carbonyl carbon [C(7)] of the hydrazide moiety. The hydroxy bearing carbon C(13) resonates at 162.15 ppm. Among these signals, the low frequency signal at 119.59 ppm is assigned to the quaternary carbon C(12) since it is ortho with respect to electron releasing OH group. Among the remaining signals at 128.80, 143.56 and 152.64 ppm, the signal at 143.56 ppm is assigned to the ipso carbon C(16) which is attached to the nitrogen atom N(19) and also para with respect to OH group. The signal at 152.64 ppm is due to C(21) which is attached to nitrogen atom N(20). Obviously, the remaining signal at 128.80 ppm is due to C(3). The low frequency signal at 117.80 ppm is assigned to C(14) carbon and this assignment is based on the known shielding magnitude of OH group. The C(15) and C(17) carbons resonate at 125.89 and 122.68 ppm respectively.

From the intensities, the signals at 122.10 and 129.13 ppm are assigned to ortho [C(22) and C(26)] and meta [C(23) and C(25)] carbons and the signal at 139.82 ppm is assigned to para carbon [C(24)]. The signals at 152.44 and 148.62 ppm are assigned to the ortho carbons i.e., C(6) and C(2) respectively with respect to nitrogen of the pyridine ring. The remaining signals at 135.52 and 123.75 ppm are assigned to the ring carbons C(4) and C(5) of the pyridine ring and this assignment is based on the comparison of these signals with those of nicotinoylhydrazine. The azomethine carbon C(11) resonates at 152.64 ppm. In a similar manner assignments are done for the other nicotinohydrazides 4 and 5.

3.2. Geometric parameters

From the optimized structures, geometrical parameters were derived (Table 3). The calculated bond lengths of C3–C7 and C11–C12 are in agreement with the bond lengths expected for a single bond. The observed torsional angles indicate all the atoms lie in the same plane except the pyridine ring. The torsional angles C4–C3–C7–N9[≈158°] and C2–C3–C7–N9[≈24°] indicate the distortion of pyridine ring from other moieties. Further, the torsional angles C2–C3–C7–O8[≈156°] and C4–C3–C7–O8[≈21°] also support the distorted nature of pyridine ring from other moieties lying in the same plane.

### Table 3. Selected geometric parameters [bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°) and torsional angles (°)] in nicotinohydrazides 3-5

| Geometric parameters | 3    | 4    | 5    |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| C3–C7                | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| C7–O8                | 1.22 | 1.22 | 1.22 |
| C7–N9                | 1.39 | 1.39 | 1.39 |
| N9–N10               | 1.36 | 1.36 | 1.36 |
| N10–C11              | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.29 |
| C11–C12              | 1.45 | 1.45 | 1.45 |
| C13–O18              | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.34 |
| C16–N19              | 1.41 | 1.41 | 1.41 |
| N19–N20              | 1.26 | 1.26 | 1.26 |
| N20–C21              | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.42 |
| O18–H18              | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
Table 4. NBO analysis of 3-5 by DFT method [B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)]

| Donor NBO | Acceptor NBO         | 3     | 4     | 5     |
|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| BD(2)C3-C2 | BD*(2)C7-O8          | 17.76 | 17.77 | 17.69 |
| BD(2)C3-C2 | BD*(2)C4-C5          | 20.95 | 20.94 | 20.96 |
| BD(2)C3-C2 | BD*(2)N1-C6          | 16.44 | 16.42 | 16.45 |
| BD(2)C4-C5 | BD*(2)C3-C2          | 17.83 | 17.84 | 17.83 |
| BD(2)C4-C5 | BD*(2)N1-C6          | 29.29 | 29.28 | 29.29 |
| BD(2)N1-C6 | BD*(2)C3-C2          | 27.28 | 27.30 | 27.25 |
| BD(2)N1-C6 | BD*(2)C4-C5          | 12.74 | 12.73 | 12.74 |
| BD(2)C2-C2 | BD*(2)N19-N20        | 20.10 | 20.34 | 20.69 |
| BD(2)C2-C2 | BD*(2)C22-C23        | 19.04 | 20.76 | 19.17 |
| BD(2)C2-C2 | BD*(2)C25-C24        | 19.38 | 19.07 | 18.32 |
| BD(2)C2-C2 | BD*(2)C26-C21        | 19.36 | 17.30 | 18.31 |
| BD(2)C2-C2 | BD*(2)C25-C24        | 20.54 | 23.03 | 20.76 |
| BD(2)C2-C2 | BD*(2)C26-C21        | 20.93 | 21.49 | 22.35 |
| BD(2)C2-C2 | BD*(2)C22-C23        | 18.51 | 17.03 | 17.39 |
| BD(2)C19-N20 | BD*(2)C26-C21      | 10.70 | 10.71 | 10.70 |
| BD(2)C19-N20 | LP*(1)C13          | 59.28 | 59.13 | 59.16 |
| BD(2)C19-N20 | BD*(2)C17-C16      | 15.54 | 15.55 | 15.56 |
| BD(2)C17-C16 | LP (1)C12         | 47.18 | 47.08 | 47.23 |
| BD(2)C17-C16 | BD*(2)C14-C15      | 21.28 | 21.20 | 21.28 |
| BD(2)C17-C16 | BD*(2)N19-N20      | 16.53 | 16.77 | 16.37 |
| BD(2)C11-N10 | LP(1)C12         | 12.92 | 12.94 | 12.87 |
| LP(1)N9 | BD*(2)C11-N10       | 27.66 | 27.78 | 27.56 |
| LP(1)N9 | BD*(2)C7-O8        | 47.48 | 47.30 | 47.45 |
| LP(2)O8 | BD*(1)N9-C7        | 29.17 | 29.21 | 29.15 |
3.3. Natural bond orbital analysis

NBO analysis at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level were carried out for the hydrazides 3-5 and the important second order perturbative estimates of donor-acceptor interactions are displayed in Table 4. The interaction between filled and empty NBO’s can be described as a hyperconjugative electron transfer process from the donor (filled) to the acceptor (vacant) orbital and the energy lowering due to this interaction is expressed as $E_2$. The delocalization energy corresponding to the transfer of electrons from the bonding orbital of N19–N20 to the antibonding orbital of C26–C21 (∼10.7 kcal mol$^{-1}$) is lower than that of the energy corresponding to the transfer of electrons from the bonding orbital of C26–C21 to the antibonding orbital of N19–N20 (∼20 kcal mol$^{-1}$) in hydrazides 3-5. Further, it is also observed that the delocalization energy corresponding to the transfer of electrons from the bonding orbital of C11–N10 to the p orbital of C12 is lower (∼13 kcal mol$^{-1}$) relative to the reverse transfer of electrons (∼73 kcal mol$^{-1}$) in 3-5. This confirms that electron transfer occurs from phenolic ring to the azomethine side chain in 3-5.

The lone pair of electrons available on oxygen atom O(18) is delocalized on to the nearby C(13) $p^*$-orbital and this is the primary delocalization (∼75 kcal/mol) seen in the hydrazides 3-5. The hyper conjugative interaction energies involving C(12) $p$-orbital with the antibonding orbitals of vicinal C(17)–C(16) and C(11)–N(10) bonds are also found to be very high around 73 kcal mol$^{-1}$ in the hydrazides 3-5. Most stabilizing interactions take place between vicinal NBOs. Besides these, some interactions between remote filled and unfilled orbitals are also present. The main stabilized interaction involves the N(10) lone pair as donors and the O(18)–H(18) antibonding orbital [$\sigma^*(O(18)–H(18))]$ as acceptor in hydrazides 3-5 (∼23 kcal mol$^{-1}$).
3.4. Atoms in molecules (AIM) analysis

Atoms in molecules electron density topological analysis\textsuperscript{20} carried out for hydrazide 3 using AIM-All package\textsuperscript{21} revealed the existence of 44 bond critical points (BCPs) with (3, –1) topology. Table 5.

For shared (covalent) interaction between two atoms charge density at BCP is very high ($\rho_{BCP}$ ~10–1 a.u), whereas for closed shell interactions $\rho_{BCP}$ is small (~10\textsuperscript{-3} a.u). The high values of $\rho_{BCP}$ observed for all bonds except between non-bonded atoms N10...H18 indicate the interaction between two atoms is covalent in nature. The negative values obtained for the Laplacian of electron density ($\nabla^2\rho_{BCP}$) for N1–C2, N1–C6, C3–C7, C7–O8, C7–N9, N9–N10, N10–C11, C13–O18, C16–N19, N19–N20, C21–N20, N9–H9 and O18–H18 bonds are a clear indication that the electronic charge is locally arranged within the region of inter atoms leading to an interaction named as covalent or polarized bonds and being characterized by large $\rho$ values.

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### Table 5. Topological properties at BCP (3, –1) in relevant bonds of 3-5

| Compds. | Bond (A–B) | $\rho_{BCP}$ | $\nabla^2\rho_{BCP}$ | $\epsilon$ | $\lambda_1$ | $\lambda_2$ | $\lambda_3$ | $\lambda_3/\lambda_1$ | G | V | H | $\Sigma\rho_{BCP}$ |
|---------|------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------------|
| 3       | N1–C2      | 0.347         | 1.0775              | 0.1277   | -0.7564     | -0.6708     | 0.3497      | 2.1630               | 0.2955 | -0.8604 | -0.5649 | 0.8516          |
|         | N1–C6      | 0.344         | 1.0428              | 0.1077   | -0.7470     | -0.6743     | 0.3785      | 1.9736               | 0.3033 | -0.8674 | -0.5640 | 0.8817          |
|         | C3–C7      | 0.266         | 0.6616              | 0.1009   | -0.5418     | -0.4921     | 0.3723      | 1.4552               | 0.0614 | -0.2882 | -0.2268 | 0.2308          |
|         | C7–O8      | 0.408         | -0.0663             | 0.1037   | -1.0637     | -0.9635     | 2.0940      | 0.5080               | 0.7152 | -1.4139 | -0.6987 | 1.7529          |
|         | C7–N9      | 0.307         | 0.9348              | 0.1171   | -0.6689     | -0.5988     | 0.3329      | 2.0093               | 0.2316 | -0.6969 | -0.4653 | 0.7544          |
|         | N9–N10     | 0.359         | 0.7064              | 0.0887   | -0.8130     | -0.7486     | 0.8534      | 0.9527               | 0.1785 | -0.5336 | -0.3551 | 0.4972          |

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3.5. MEP surfaces

Three dimensional distribution of MEP (molecular electrostatic potential) is highly useful in predicting the reactive behaviour of the molecule. The molecular electrostatic potential MEP surface is an overlaying of the electrostatic potential on to the isoelectron density surface. This is a valuable tool for describing over all molecule charge distribution as well as anticipating sites of electrophilic addition. The molecular electrostatic potential surface (MEP) has been plotted for hydrazides 5-7 and the diagram is given in Fig. 1. Region of negative charge (red colour) is seen around the electronegative oxygens O(8) and O(18) in all the hydrazides.

Fig. 1. MEP surface picture of 3-5
3.6. HOMO-LUMO energies, dipole moments

HOMO-LUMO energies and dipole moments for the hydrazides 3-5 were calculated and the values are listed in Table 6. HOMO-LUMO pictures are reproduced in Fig. 2. From Table 6, it is seen that the introduction of electron withdrawing fluoro at the para and meta of phenyl ring decreases the energies of both HOMO and LUMO orbitals whereas electron releasing methyl substituents increase the energies of both HOMO and LUMO orbitals. Introduction of substituents at the phenyl ring decreases the energy gap (ΔE).

The dipole moment is higher in hydrazide 5 whereas in other compounds the dipole moments are lower compared to the parent hydrazide 3. The electronic chemical potential ‘μ’ which is a characteristic of electronegativity defined by Parr and Pearson22 and hardness ‘η’ have been calculated using the formulae $\mu = -\frac{1}{2} [E_{\text{HOMO}} + E_{\text{LUMO}}]$, $\eta = \frac{1}{2} [E_{\text{LUMO}} - E_{\text{HOMO}}]$ and the values are also listed in Table 6. The higher HOMO energy corresponds to the more reactive molecule in the reactions with electrophiles, while lower LUMO energy is essential for molecular reactions with nucleophiles.23

Table 6. HOMO-LUMO energies (eV), electronegativities, hardness and dipole moments μ(D) for 3-5

| Compds. | HOMO-LUMO energies | Dipole moments | η  | μ   |
|---------|--------------------|----------------|----|-----|
|         | LUMO | HOMO | ΔE | $\mu_x$ | $\mu_y$ | $\mu_z$ | $\mu_{tot}$ |     |     |
| 3       | -2.132 | -5.745 | 3.613 | 0.675 | -3.284 | 0.995 | 3.497 | 1.807 | 3.939 |
| 4       | -2.184 | -5.761 | 3.577 | 1.815 | -2.819 | 0.968 | 3.489 | 1.789 | 3.973 |
| 5       | -2.063 | -5.647 | 3.584 | -0.194 | -3.548 | 0.997 | 3.690 | 1.792 | 3.855 |
3.7. NLO properties

The polarizabilities and first order polarizabilities were also calculated by finite field approach using the basis set B3LYP/6-31G* available in Gaussian-03 package and these values are listed in Table 7.

The calculated polarizability $\alpha_{ij}$ is dominated by the diagonal components ($\alpha_{xx}$, $\alpha_{yy}$, $\alpha_{zz}$) and the hyperpolarizability $\beta$ is dominated by the longitudinal components $\beta_{xxx}$, $\beta_{xxy}$, $\beta_{xyy}$ and $\beta_{xxz}$. From this it is inferred that a substantial delocalization of charges is noticed in these directions. All the molecules are polar having non-zero dipole moment components and such compounds may have large microscopic hyperpolarizability and hence may have rather well microscopic NLO behaviour. The higher dipole moment values are associated in general with even larger projection of $\beta_{tot}$ quantities.

In Table 7 the $\beta_{tot}$ obtained for other hydrazides are also found to be greater than that of urea. The microscopic molecules with larger hyperpolarizability values will make macroscopic materials with strong non-linear optical properties. The observed $\beta$ values indicate that the hydrazides 3-5 can be considered as better NLO materials than urea molecule.

The NLO character decreases according to the following order:

$$H (3) > p-CH_3 (5) > > p- F (4).$$

| Table 7. The polarizability and hyperpolarizability of 3-5 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| $\alpha_{xx}$               | 547.321         | 556.757         | 587.783         |
| $\alpha_{xy}$               | 35.042          | 26.638          | 34.058          |
| $\alpha_{yy}$               | 284.955         | 282.389         | 293.625         |
| $\alpha_{xz}$               | 9.298           | 10.346          | 10.192          |
| $\alpha_{yz}$               | 5.786           | 6.072           | 6.003           |
| $\alpha_{zz}$               | 86.902          | 88.161          | 96.847          |
| $<\alpha>$ (a.u)          | 306.393         | 309.102         | 326.085         |
| $10^{24} \times \alpha_{tot}$ (esu) | 45.407         | 45.809          | 48.326          |
| $\beta_{xxx}$              | -276.703        | 139.563         | 343.379         |
| $\beta_{xxy}$              | -1781.335       | -1468.781       | -1564.986       |
| $\beta_{xyy}$              | -370.712        | -128.669        | -103.180        |
| $\beta_{xzx}$              | 9.783           | 60.935          | 59.690          |
| $\beta_{xzy}$              | 164.470         | 152.262         | 155.060         |
| $\beta_{yxy}$              | 5.699           | -4.632          | -7.403          |
| $\beta_{yyz}$              | 6.363           | 6.807           | 5.550           |
| $\beta_{yzz}$              | 11.852          | 6.563           | -26.007         |
| $\beta_{zxy}$              | 2.407           | -2.042          | 5.068           |
| $\beta_{zyz}$              | 3.549           | 4.567           | 4.699           |
| $\beta_{zzz}$              | 1887.905        | 1419.461        | 1524.431        |
| $10^{33} \times \beta_{tot}$ (esu) | 16310.179      | 12263.145       | 13170.014       |
4. CONCLUSIONS

Hydrazides 3–7 were synthesized and characterized by spectral studies. The dipole moment, polarizability and first order polarizability were also computed and calculated. NBO analysis shows that the transfer of electrons occurs from phenyl ring to azo linkage. The AIM reveals the presence of intramolecular hydrogen bond. The HOMO-LUMO and MEP indicate the reactivity of the molecule.

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