

Phylloquinone. Excited electronic states and intersystem conversion.

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Abstract

The optical absorption, emission and excitation spectra of phylloquinone (Vitamin K1) were recorded. On the basis of TDDFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) calculations we carried out the assignment of the absorption bands to specific singlet transitions. It has been revealed that two different excitation spectra are registered in phylloquinone depending on the registration length wave where one of the spectra is related to fluorescence and the other corresponds to phosphorescence, also in agreement with the appropriate attribution of the luminescence bands. On the basis of the complex analysis of absorption, luminescence and excitation spectra in accordance with the selection rule, it has been shown that the intersystem crossing mainly occurs between S₁ and T₂ states.