ABSTRACT

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In my thesis, I dealt with the preparation of cationic phthalocyanines containing

quaternary ammonium groups in peripheral chains that are attached to α or β positions

of the macrocycle.

The synthesis of precursors for cyclotetramerization was the first step of this

work. They were prepared by nucleophilic substitution of aromatic dicarbonitriles by 2-

(diethylamino)ethanthiolate. These precursors were used to cyclotetramerization in

presence of magnesium butoxide. Magnesium phthalocyanines were prepared by this

procedure. Magnesium complexes were converted to metal-free phthalocyanines in

acidic medium. Then, they reacted with anhydrous zinc acetate to form zinc

phthalocyanines.

Subsequently, alkylation of peripheral amino groups by ethyliodide led to

quaternized Pc. In addition, the derivates with substitution in α positions did not

aggregate in aqueous media. Furthermore, zinc phtalocyanine substituted in α positions

had very good photochemical properties. That is why it may become potential

photosensitizer with promising photodynamic activity.