

UV-VIS Calculation Tables

Base value for heteroannular diene	214
Base value for homoannular diene	253
Increments for	
Double bond extending conjugation	+30
Alkyl substituent or ring residue	+5
Exocyclic double bond	+5
Polar groupings: OAc	+0
OAlk	+6
SAlk	+30
Cl, Br	+5
N(Alk) ₂	+60
Solvent correction ^b	+0
$\lambda_{\text{calc}} = \text{Total}$	

^aSee L. M. Fieser and M. Fieser, *Steroids*. New York: Reinhold, 1959, pp. 15-24; R. B. Woodward, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **63**, 1123 (1941); **64**, 72, 76 (1942); A. I. Scott, *Interpretation of the Ultraviolet Spectra of Natural Products*. New York: Pergamon (Macmillan), 1964.

^bSolvents have negligible effects upon the λ_{max} of these $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions.

ArCOR/ArCHO/ArCO ₂ H/ArCO ₂ R	$\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{EtOH}}$ (nm)
Parent chromophore: Ar = C ₆ H ₅	
G = Alkyl or ring residue, (e.g., ArCOR)	246
G = H, (ArCHO)	250
G = OH, OAlk, (ArCO ₂ H and ArCO ₂ R)	230
Increment for each substituent on Ar:	
—Alkyl or ring residue	o-, m- +3 p- +10
—OH, —OCH ₃ , —OAlk	o-, m- +7 p- +25
—O ⁻ (oxyanion)	o- +11 m- +20 p- +78 ^b
—Cl	o-, m- +0 p- +10
—Br	o-, m- +2 p- +15
—NH ₂	o-, m- +13 p- +58
—NHC(=O)CH ₃	o-, m- +20 p- +45
—NHCH ₃	p- +73
—N(CH ₃) ₂	o-, m- +20 p- +85

enone

dienone

Base values		(nm)
Acyclic α, β -unsaturated ketones		215
Six-membered cyclic α, β -unsaturated ketones		215
Five-membered cyclic α, β -unsaturated ketones		202
α, β -Unsaturated aldehydes		210
α, β -Unsaturated carboxylic acids and esters		195
Increments for		
Double bond extending conjugation		+30
Alkyl group, ring residue	α	+10
	β	+12
	γ and higher	+18
Polar groupings: —OH	α	+35
	β	+30
	δ	+50
—OAc	α, β, δ	+6
—OMe	α	+35
	β	+30
	γ	+17
	δ	+31
—SAlk	β	+85
—Cl	α	+15
	β	+12
—Br	α	+25
	β	+30
—NR ₂	β	+95
Exocyclic double bond		+5
Homodiene component ^a		+39
Solvent correction (see table below)		Variable
$\lambda_{\text{calc}} = \text{Total}^b$		

^aTwo conjugated double bonds, both in the same ring.

^bThe calculated values usually fall within ± 3 nm of the observed values. The molar absorptivities of *cisoid* enones are usually less than 10,000, whereas the molar absorptivities of *transoid* enones are greater than 10,000.

Terminology

"homo-diene"
homoannular diene

"hetero-diene"
heteroannular diene

EXOCYCLIC

Double bond has an atom that is part of a ring that the other is not.

NOT EXOCYCLIC

2-exocyclic components