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(57) Abstract: A subject-matter of the invention is a method for dyeing and/or lightening keratinous fibres, such as the hair, employing *i*) at least one direct dye having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group and *ii*) at least one thickening organic polymer, *iii*) at least one (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol and/or one nonionic surfactant, *iv*) at least one alkaline agent and *v*) at least one reducing agent. Another subject-matter of the invention is a composition comprising the ingredients *i*) to *v*), the use of the combination of *i*), *ii*), *iii*), *iv*) and *v*) for dyeing and/or lightening keratinous fibres and a multicompartiment kit comprising the ingredients *i*) to *v*). The dyeing method and the composition according to the invention make it possible in particular to obtain a lasting colouration on keratinous fibres which is intense, chromatic and/or homogeneous, with or without the use of an oxidizing agent.



**COMPOSITION FOR DYEING KERATINOUS FIBRES COMPRISING A DIRECT DYE
HAVING A DISULPHIDE/THIOL FUNCTIONAL GROUP, A THICKENING POLYMER, AN
ETHOXYLATED FATTY ALCOHOL AND/OR A NONIONIC SURFACTANT, AN
ALKALINE AGENT AND A REDUCING AGENT**

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A subject-matter of the invention is a method for dyeing and/or lightening keratinous fibres starting from direct dyes.

It is known practice to dye keratinous fibres by direct dyeing or semi-permanent dyeing. Direct dyeing or semi-permanent dyeing consists in introducing colour via a coloured molecule that becomes adsorbed onto the surface of the hair or that penetrates into the hair. Thus, the method conventionally used in direct dyeing consists in applying, to the keratinous fibres, direct dyes which are coloured and colouring molecules having affinity for the fibres, in leaving the fibres in contact with the colouring molecules and in then optionally rinsing the fibres. Generally, this technique leads to chromatic colorations.

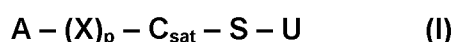
Scientific research has been conducted for several years to modify the colour of keratinous substances, especially keratinous fibres, and in particular to mask white fibres, to modify the colour of the fibres permanently or temporarily, and to satisfy new desires and needs in terms of colours and durability.

A description is given, in Applications EP 1 647 580, WO 2005/097051, EP 2 004 759, EP 2 075 289, WO 2007/110541, WO 2007/110540, WO 2007/110539, WO 2007/110538, WO 2007/110537, WO 2007/110536, WO 2007/110535, WO 2007/110534, WO 2007/110533, WO 2007/110532, WO 2007/110531, EP 2 070 988, WO 2009/040354 and WO 2009/034059, of direct dyes having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group which make it possible to colour the hair. The colours obtained are not sufficiently satisfactory, in particular in terms of intensity of colouration, of selectivity of the colour between the root and the tip, and of chromaticity of the colour.

The aim of the present invention is to provide novel systems for hair dyeing, this being the case even without the use of a chemical oxidizing agent, which make it possible to obtain improved colourations, in particular in terms of persistence with regard to external agents, homogeneity in the colouring (low selectivity between the root and the tip of the keratinous fibres), intensity, and/or which do not detrimentally affect the cosmetic properties of the keratinous fibres.

This aim is achieved with the present invention, a first subject-matter of which is a cosmetic composition comprising:

i) at least one direct dye having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group, in particular of formula (I):



the salts thereof with an organic or inorganic acid, the optical or geometric isomers

thereof, the tautomers thereof, and the solvates thereof, such as the hydrates,
in which formula (I):

- U represents a radical chosen from:

a) $-S-C'_{\text{sat}}-(X')_p-A'$; and

b) $-Y$;

- A and A', which are identical or different, represent a radical comprising at least one quaternized cationic chromophore or at least one chromophore carrying a quaternized or quaternizable cationic group;

- Y represents i) a hydrogen atom or ii) a protective group for the thiol functional group;

- X and X', which are identical or different, represent a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched divalent C₁-C₃₀ hydrocarbon chain which is optionally interrupted and/or optionally terminated at one or both of its ends by one or more divalent groups or their combinations chosen from:

➤ $-N(R)-$, $-N^+(R)(R)-$, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-CO-$ or $-SO_2-$ with R, which are identical or different, chosen from a hydrogen, a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical, a hydroxyalkyl radical or an aminoalkyl radical;

➤ a fused or nonfused, saturated or unsaturated and aromatic or nonaromatic (hetero)cyclic radical which optionally comprises one or more identical or different heteroatoms and which is optionally substituted;

- p and p', which are identical or different, have the value 0 or 1;

- C_{sat} and C'_{sat}, which are identical or different, represent a linear or branched, or cyclic, C₁-C₁₈ alkylene chain which is optionally substituted;

ii) at least one thickening organic polymer;

iii) at least one (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol and/or at least one nonionic surfactant preferably other than the (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol or alcohols;

iv) at least one alkaline agent, preferably comprising at least one amino group; and

v) at least one reducing agent.

Another subject-matter of the invention is a method for dyeing and/or lightening keratinous fibres, in particular dark keratinous fibres, by applying, to the said fibres, the ingredients *i)* to *v)* as defined above, the said ingredients being applied together or separately.

Another subject-matter of the invention is the use of the composition comprising *i)*, *ii)*, *iii)*, *iv)* and *v)* as defined above in the dyeing and/or lightening of keratinous fibres.

Another subject-matter of the invention is a multicompartiment kit comprising *i)*, *ii)*, *iii)*, *iv)* and *v)* as defined above.

The colorations obtained are attractive, aesthetic, intense, strong, chromatic and very

fast or persistent with respect to common attacking factors or everyday assaults such as sun, sebum and especially with respect to perspiration, and other hair treatments such as successive shampooing, while at the same time respecting the keratin fibres. The intensity obtained is particularly noteworthy. The same is true for the colour homogeneity or selectivity of the colour.

Within the meaning of the present invention and unless otherwise indicated:

- a “*direct dye having a disulphide functional group*” is a direct dye comprising one or more cationic chromophores which absorb(s) light in the visible spectrum and comprising a disulphide bond: –S–S– between two carbon atoms which is preferably indirectly connected to the chromophore(s) of the dye, i.e. at least one methylene group occurs between the chromophores and the –S–S– functional group;
- a “*direct dye having a protected thiol functional group*” is a direct dye comprising a chromophore and comprising a protected thiol functional group –SY, where Y is a protective group known to a person skilled in the art, such as, for example, those described in the works “*Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*”, T. W. Greene, published by John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1981, pp. 193-217; “*Protecting Groups*”, P. Kocienski, Thieme, 3rd ed., 2005, chap. 5; and Ullmann’s Encyclopedia, “*Peptide Synthesis*”, pp. 4-5, 2005, Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, Weinheim 10.1002/14356007.a19 157; it being understood that the said protected thiol functional group is preferably indirectly connected to the chromophore of the dye, i.e. at least one methylene group occurs between the chromophore and the –SY functional group;
- a “*direct dye having a thiol functional group*” is a direct dye comprising a chromophore and comprising a thiol functional group –SY’, where Y’ is i) a hydrogen atom; ii) an alkali metal; iii) an alkaline earth metal; iv) an ammonium group $N^+R^\alpha R^\beta R^\gamma R^\delta$ or a phosphonium group $P^+R^\alpha R^\beta R^\gamma R^\delta$ with R^α , R^β , R^γ and R^δ , which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group preferably comprising a thiol functional group –SH, it being understood that the said thiol functional group is preferably indirectly connected to the chromophore of the dye, i.e. at least one methylene group occurs between the chromophore and the –SY’ functional group;
- a “*chromophore*” is a radical resulting from a dye, that is to say a radical resulting from a molecule which absorbs light in the visible region of the radiation visibly perceptible by man, i.e. having an absorption wavelength λ_{abs} of between 400 and 800 nm inclusive; the chromophore can be fluorescent, i.e. is capable of absorbing in the UV and visible region at a wavelength λ_{abs} of between 250 and 800 nm

inclusive and is capable of re-emitting in the visible region at an emission wavelength λ_{em} of between 400 and 800 nm inclusive;

- a “*chromophore*” is said to be “*quaternized cationic*” or “*carrying a quaternized cationic group*” if it comprises, in its structure, at least one permanent cationic charge composed of at least one atom of quaternized nitrogen (ammonium) or of quaternized phosphorus (phosphonium), preferably of nitrogen;
- a group is said to be “*carrying a quaternizable cationic group*” when it comprises, in its structure, at least one tertiary amine or one tertiary phosphine at the end of a hydrocarbon chain, preferably a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl chain, and in particular such as $-(CR'R'')_p-N(R_a)-R_b$ with R' and R'', which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group; R_a and R_b, which are identical or different, representing a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, a monohydroxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl group or a polyhydroxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl group or else R_a and R_b form, together with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a heterocycloalkyl group, such as morpholino, which, once quaternized, will become morpholinium, piperidino, which, once quaternized, will become piperidinium, imidazolyl, which, once quaternized, will become imidazolium or piperazino, which, once quaternized, will become piperazinium; and p representing an integer between 1 and 10 inclusive; preferably, R' and R'' representing a hydrogen atom, R_a and R_b represent a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group and p is between 2 and 5;
- the dyes according to the invention comprise one or more chromophores and these dyes are capable of absorbing light at a wavelength λ_{abs} of in particular between 400 and 700 nm inclusive;
- the “*fluorescent*” dyes according to the invention are dyes comprising at least one fluorescent chromophore, and these dyes are capable of absorbing in the visible region at a wavelength λ_{abs} of in particular between 400 and 800 nm inclusive and of re-emitting in the visible region at a greater wavelength λ_{em} than that absorbed of between 400 and 800 nm inclusive. The difference in the absorption and emission wavelength, also known as Stoke’s shift, is between 1 nm and 100 nm inclusive. More preferably, the fluorescent dyes are dyes capable of absorbing at a wavelength λ_{abs} of between 420 nm and 550 nm inclusive and of re-emitting in the visible region at a wavelength λ_{em} of between 470 and 600 nm inclusive;
- the chromophores are said to be “*different*” when they differ in their chemical structure and can be chromophores resulting from different families or from the same family provided that different chemical structures are exhibited: for example, the chromophores can be chosen from the family of the azo dyes but can differ in

the chemical structure of the radicals constituting them or in the respective positions of these radicals;

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▪ an “alkylene chain” represents an acyclic C₁-C₂₀ divalent hydrocarbon chain; particularly a C₁-C₆ chain and more particularly a C₁-C₂ chain when the chain is linear; optionally substituted by one or more identical or different groups chosen from i) hydroxyl, ii) (C₁-C₂)alkoxy, iii) (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy(di)(C₁-C₂)(alkyl)amino, iv) R^a-Z^a-C(Z^b)-Z^c- and v) R^a-Z^a-S(O)_t-Z^c-, with Z^a and Z^b, which are identical or different, representing an oxygen or sulphur atom or an NR^{av} group, Z^c representing a bond, an oxygen or sulphur atom or an NR^a group, R^a representing an alkali metal, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group or else is absent if another part of the molecule is cationic, R^{av} representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group and t having the value 1 or 2; more particularly, the iv) groups are chosen from carboxylate -C(O)O⁻ or -C(O)OMetal (Metal = alkali metal), carboxyl -C(O)-OH, guanidino H₂N-C(NH)-NH-, amidino H₂N-C(NH)-, (thio)urea H₂N-C(O)-NH- and H₂N-C(S)-NH-, aminocarbonyl -C(O)-NR^{av}₂ or aminothiocarbonyl -C(S)-NR^{av}₂, carbamoyl R^{av}-C(O)-NR^{av}- or thiocarbamoyl R^{av}-C(S)-NR^{av}-, with R^{av}, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;
- a “saturated or unsaturated divalent C₁-C₃₀ hydrocarbon chain which is optionally substituted” represents hydrocarbon chain, in particular a C₁-C₈ hydrocarbon chain, optionally comprising one or more conjugated or nonconjugated π double bonds; in particular, the hydrocarbon chain is saturated; the said chain is optionally substituted by one or more identical or different groups chosen from i) hydroxyl, ii) (C₁-C₂)alkoxy, iii) (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy(di)(C₁-C₂)(alkyl)amino, iv) R^a-Z^a-C(Z^b)-Z^c- and v) R^a-Z^a-S(O)_t-Z^c-, with Z^a and Z^b, which are identical or different, representing an oxygen or sulphur atom or an NR^{av} group, Z^c representing a bond, an oxygen or sulphur atom or an NR^a group, R^a representing an alkali metal, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group or else is absent if another part of the molecule is cationic, R^{av} representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group and t having the value 1 or 2; more particularly, the iv) groups are chosen from carboxylate -C(O)O⁻ or -C(O)OMetal (Metal = alkali metal), carboxyl -C(O)-OH, guanidino H₂N-C(NH)-NH-, amidino H₂N-C(NH)-, (thio)urea H₂N-C(O)-NH- and H₂N-C(S)-NH-, aminocarbonyl -C(O)-NR^{av}₂ or aminothiocarbonyl -C(S)-NR^{av}₂, carbamoyl R^{av}-C(O)-NR^{av}- or thiocarbamoyl R^{av}-C(S)-NR^{av}-, with R^{av}, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;
- the “aryl” or “heteroaryl” radicals or the aryl or heteroaryl part of a radical can be substituted by at least one substituent carried by a carbon atom, chosen from:

 - a C₁-C₁₆, preferably C₁-C₈, alkyl radical optionally substituted by one or more

radicals chosen from the following radicals: hydroxyl, C₁-C₂ alkoxy, (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy, acylamino or amino substituted by two identical or different C₁-C₄ alkyl radicals which optionally carry at least one hydroxyl group or it being possible for the two radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered, preferably 5- or 6-membered, heterocycle which is optionally substituted and which optionally comprises another heteroatom identical to or different from nitrogen;

- a halogen atom;
- a hydroxyl group;
- a C₁-C₂ alkoxy radical;
- a (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy radical;
- an amino radical;
- a 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl radical;
- a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl radical which is optionally cationic, preferably imidazolium, and which is optionally substituted by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl radical, preferably a methyl radical;
- an amino radical substituted by one or two identical or different C₁-C₆ alkyl radicals which optionally carry at least:
 - i) one hydroxyl group,
 - ii) one amino group optionally substituted with one or two optionally substituted C₁-C₃ alkyl radicals, the said alkyl radicals possibly forming with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a saturated or unsaturated, optionally substituted 5- to 7-membered heterocycle, optionally comprising at least one other heteroatom identical to or different from nitrogen,
 - iii) one quaternary ammonium group -N⁺R'R''R'''M⁻, for which R', R'' and R''', which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group and M⁻ represents the counterion of the corresponding organic or inorganic acid or of the corresponding halide,
 - iv) or one 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl radical which is optionally cationic, preferably imidazolium, and which is optionally substituted by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl radical, preferably a methyl radical;
- an acylamino (-NR-C(O)-R') radical in which the R radical is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group and the R' radical is a C₁-C₂ alkyl radical;
- a carbamoyl ((R)₂N-C(O)-) radical in which the R radicals, which are identical

or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group;

- an alkylsulfonylamino (R'-S(O)₂-N(R)-) radical in which the R radical represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group and the R' radical represents a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical or a phenyl radical;
- an aminosulphonyl ((R)₂N-S(O)₂-) radical in which the R radicals, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group,
- a carboxyl radical in the acid or the salified form (preferably with an alkali metal or a substituted or unsubstituted ammonium);
- a cyano group;
- a nitro or nitroso group;
- a polyhaloalkyl group, preferentially trifluoromethyl;

the cyclic or heterocyclic part of a non-aromatic radical may be substituted with at least one substituent chosen from the following groups:

- hydroxyl;
- C₁-C₄ alkoxy or (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy;
- C₁-C₄ alkyl;
- alkylcarbonylamino (R-C(O)-N(R')-), in which the R' radical is a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group and the R radical is a C₁-C₂ alkyl radical or an amino radical optionally substituted by one or two identical or different C₁-C₄-alkyl groups themselves optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group, it being possible for the said alkyl radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered heterocycle which is optionally substituted and which optionally comprises at least one other heteroatom identical to or different from nitrogen;
- alkylcarbonyloxy (R-C(O)-O-), in which the R radical is a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical or an amino group optionally substituted by one or two identical or different C₁-C₄ alkyl groups themselves optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group, it being possible for the said alkyl radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered heterocycle which is optionally substituted and which optionally comprises at least one other heteroatom identical to or different from nitrogen;
- alkoxy carbonyl (R-G-C(O)-), in which the R radical is a C₁-C₄ alkoxy radical

and G is an oxygen atom or an amino group optionally substituted by a C₁-C₄ alkyl group itself optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl group, it being possible for the said alkyl radical to form, with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered heterocycle which is optionally substituted and which optionally comprises

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at least one other heteroatom identical to or different from nitrogen;

- a cyclic or heterocyclic radical or a nonaromatic part of an aryl or heteroaryl radical can also be substituted by one or more oxo groups;

- a hydrocarbon chain is unsaturated when it comprises one or more double bonds and/or one or more triple bonds;

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- an "aryl" radical represents a monocyclic or fused or nonfused polycyclic carbon-based group comprising from 6 to 22 carbon atoms, at least one ring of which is aromatic; preferably, the aryl radical is a phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, indenyl, anthracenyl or tetrahydronaphthyl;

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- a "*heteroaryl radical*" represents a monocyclic or fused or nonfused polycyclic 5- to 22-membered group which is optionally cationic and which has from 1 to 6 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur and selenium atoms, at least one ring of which is aromatic; preferably a heteroaryl radical is chosen from acridinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzobistriazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzopyridazinyl, benzoquinolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, pyridinyl, tetrazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, imidazopyridinyl, imidazolyl, indolyl, isoquinolyl, naphthoimidazolyl, naphthooxazolyl, naphthopyrazolyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, oxazolopyridyl, phenazinyl, phenooxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyrylyl, pyrazoyltriazyl, pyridyl, pyridinoimidazolyl, pyrrolyl, quinolyl, tetrazolyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thiazolopyridinyl, thiazoylimidazolyl, thiopyrylyl, triazolyl, xanthyl and its ammonium salt;

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- a "*heterocyclic radical*" is a monocyclic or fused or nonfused polycyclic 5- to 22-membered radical which can comprise one or two nonaromatic unsaturations and which comprises from 1 to 6 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur and selenium atoms;

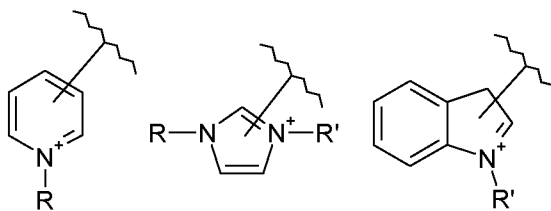
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- a "*heterocycloalkyl radical*" is a heterocyclic radical comprising at least one saturated ring;

- a "*cationic heteroaryl radical*" is a heteroaryl group as defined above which comprises an endocyclic or exocyclic quaternized cationic group,

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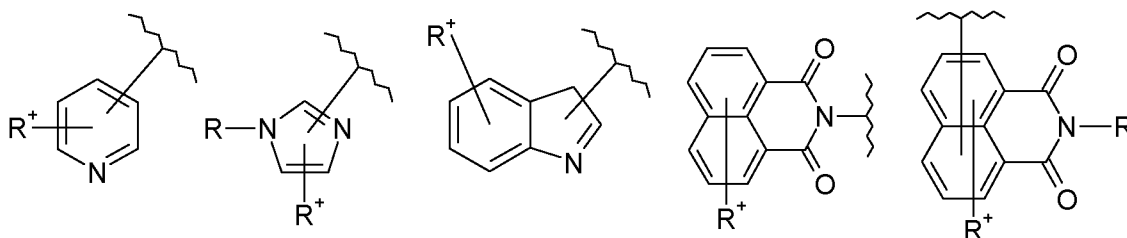
- when the cationic charge is endocyclic, it is included in the electron delocalization by resonance; it concerns, for example, a pyridinium, imidazolium or indolinium group;



with R and R' being a substituent of heteroaryl as defined above and in particular a (hydroxy)(C₁-C₈)alkyl group, such as methyl;

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- when the cationic charge is exocyclic, it concerns, for example, an ammonium or phosphonium substituent R⁺, such as trimethylammonium, occurring outside the heteroaryl, such as pyridinyl, indolyl, imidazolyl, or naphthalimidyl, in question:

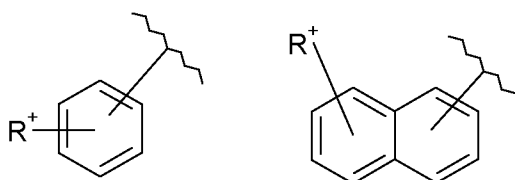


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with R a substituent of heteroaryl as defined above and R⁺ an ammonium R_aR_bR_cN⁺-, phosphonium R_aR_bR_cP⁺- or ammonium R_aR_bR_cN⁺-(C₁-C₆)alkylamino group with R_a, R_b and R_c, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₈) alkyl group, such as methyl;

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- an "cationic aryl having an exocyclic charge" is understood to mean an aryl ring, the quaternized cationic group of which occurs outside the said ring; it concerns in particular an ammonium or phosphonium substituent R⁺, such as trimethylammonium, occurring outside the aryl, such as phenyl or naphthyl:



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- an "alkyl radical" is a linear or branched C₁-C₂₀, preferably C₁-C₈, hydrocarbon radical;
- an "alkenylene radical" is an unsaturated divalent hydrocarbon radical as defined above which can comprise from 1 to 4 conjugated or nonconjugated -C=C- double bonds; in particular, the alkenylene group comprises 1 or 2 unsaturation(s);
- the expression "optionally substituted" assigned to the alkyl radical implies that the said alkyl radical can be substituted by one or more radicals chosen from the following radicals: i) hydroxyl, ii) C₁-C₄ alkoxy, iii) acylamino, iv) amino optionally substituted by one or two identical or different C₁-C₄ alkyl radicals, it being possible

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for the said alkyl radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom identical to or different from nitrogen; or v) a quaternary ammonium group $-N^+R'R''R'''M^-$ for which R' , R'' and R''' , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group or else $-N^+R'R''R'''$ forma a heteroaryl, such as imidazolium, optionally substituted by a (C_1-C_4) alkyl group, and M^- represents the counterion of the corresponding organic or inorganic acid or of the corresponding halide;

▪ an “*alkoxy radical*” is an alkyl-oxy radical for which the alkyl radical is a linear or branched C_1 - C_6 , preferably C_1 - C_8 , hydrocarbon radical;

▪ when the alkoxy group is optionally substituted, this implies that the alkyl group is optionally substituted as defined above;

▪ the “*height of tone*” is the unit known to hairstyling professionals and published in the work “*Science des traitements capillaires*” [Science of Hair Treatments] by Charles Zviak, 1988, published by Masson, pp. 215 and 278, the heights of tone range from 1 (black) to 10 (light light blond), one unit corresponding to one tone; the higher the figure, the lighter the shade;

▪ the “*dark*” keratinous fibre is a keratinous fibre which exhibits a lightness L^* , calculated in the C.I.E. $L^*a^*b^*$ system, of less than or equal to 45 and preferably of less than or equal to 40, it furthermore being known that $L^* = 0$ is equivalent to black and $L^* = 100$ is equivalent to white;

▪ “*naturally dark or artificially darkened*” hair is hair, the height of tone of which is less than or equal to 6 (dark blond) and preferably less than or equal to 4 (chestnut). Artificially coloured hair is hair, the colour of which has been modified by a colouring treatment, for example a colouring with direct dyes or oxidation dyes;

▪ “*thickening polymer*” is understood to mean a polymer which, introduced at 1% by weight into an aqueous solution or an aqueous/alcoholic solution comprising 30% of ethanol and at pH = 7 or into an oil chosen from liquid petrolatum, isopropyl myristate or cyclopentadimethylsiloxane, makes it possible to achieve a viscosity of at least 100 cPs, preferably 500 cPs, at 25°C and at a shear rate of 1 s^{-1} . This viscosity may be measured using a cone/plate viscometer (Haake R600 rheometer or the like). The thickening polymers can be thickeners of the aqueous phase and/or of the fatty phase, preferably of the aqueous phase;

▪ “*organic*” thickening polymer is understood to mean a thickening polymer as defined above which is composed of carbon, hydrogen and optionally nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur, halogens, such as fluorine, chlorine or bromine, and phosphorus, alkali metals, such as sodium or potassium, or alkaline earth metals, such as magnesium or calcium. The organic polymers according to the invention do not comprise silicon;

▪ “*(poly)ethoxylated*” fatty alcohol is understood to mean a fatty alcohol which comprises one or more hydroxyl groups and which carries, in its molecule, one or more ethylene oxide $-CH_2-CH_2-O-$ groups; fatty alcohol is understood to mean the

fatty alcohols comprising between 10 and 200 carbon atoms, preferably C₈-C₃₀ fatty alcohols;

- “*organic or inorganic acid salt*” is understood to mean more particularly the salts chosen from a salt derived i) from hydrochloric acid HCl, ii) from hydrobromic acid HBr, iii) from sulphuric acid H₂SO₄, iv) from alkylsulphonic acids Alk-S(O)₂OH, such as methylsulphonic acid and ethylsulphonic acid; v) from arylsulphonic acids Ar-S(O)₂OH, such as benzenesulphonic acid and toluenesulphonic acid; vi) from citric acid; vii) from succinic acid; viii) from tartaric acid; ix) from lactic acid; x) from alkoxysulphinic acids Alk-O-S(O)OH, such as methoxysulphinic acid and ethoxysulphinic acid; xi) from aryloxysulphinic acids, such as tolueneoxysulphinic acid and phenoxysulphinic acid; xii) from phosphoric acid H₃PO₄; xiii) from acetic acid CH₃C(O)OH; xiv) from triflic acid CF₃SO₃H and xv) from tetrafluoroboric acid HBF₄;

- “*anionic counterion*” is understood to mean an anion or an anionic group resulting from an organic or inorganic acid which counterbalances the cationic charge of the dye; more particularly, the anionic counterion is chosen from i) halides, such as chloride or bromide; ii) nitrates; iii) sulphonates, including (C₁-C₆)alkylsulphonates Alk-S(O)₂O⁻, such as methylsulphonate or mesylate and ethylsulphonate; iv) arylsulphonates Ar-S(O)₂O⁻, such as benzenesulphonate and toluenesulphonate or tosylate; v) citrate; vi) succinate; vii) tartrate; viii) lactate; ix) alkylsulphates Alk-O-S(O)O⁻, such as methylsulphate and ethylsulphate; x) arylsulphates Ar-O-S(O)O⁻, such as benzenesulphate and toluenesulphate; xi) alkoxysulphates Alk-O-S(O)₂O⁻, such as methoxysulphate and ethoxysulphate; xii) aryloxysulphates Ar-O-S(O)₂O⁻; xiii) phosphates O=P(OH)₂-O⁻, O=P(O⁻)₂-OH O=P(O⁻)₃ and HO-[P(O)(O⁻)_w]-P(O)(O⁻)₂, with w being an integer; xiv) acetate; xv) triflate; xvi) borates, such as tetrafluoroborate, xvii) sulphate (O=)₂S(O⁻)₂ or SO₄²⁻ and hydrogen sulphate HSO₄⁻;

the anionic counterion resulting from an organic or inorganic acid provides for the electrical neutrality of the molecule; thus, it is understood that, when the anion comprises several anionic charges, then the same anion can be used for the electrical neutrality of several cationic groups in the same molecule or else can be used for the electrical neutrality of several molecules; for example, a disulphide dye of formula (I), which comprises two cationic chromophores, can comprise either two “*singly charged*” anionic counterions or one “*doubly charged*” anionic counterion, such as (O=)₂S(O⁻)₂ or O=P(O⁻)₂-OH;

- furthermore, the addition salts which can be used in the context of the invention are chosen in particular from the addition salts with a cosmetically acceptable base, such as the basifying agents as defined below, for example alkali metal hydroxides, such as sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, aqueous ammonia, amines or alkanolamines;
- the expression “*at least one*” is equivalent to “*one or more*”; and

- the expression "*inclusive*" for a range of concentrations means that the limits of the range come within the defined interval.

1). The composition of the invention

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The composition according to the invention is cosmetic, i.e. it occurs in a cosmetic medium and comprises:

- i)* at least one cationic direct dye having a disulphide functional group or a thiol or protected thiol functional group;
- 10 *ii)* at least one thickening organic polymer;
- iii)* at least one (poly)ethoxylated alcohol and/or at least one nonionic surfactant;
- iv)* at least one alkaline agent; and
- v)* at least one reducing agent.

15 *The cosmetic medium:*

"*Cosmetic medium*" is understood to mean a medium appropriate for the dyeing of keratinous fibres, also known as dyeing vehicle, which is a cosmetic medium generally composed of water or of a mixture of water and one or more organic solvents or of a mixture of organic solvents. Preferably, the composition comprises water and in a content of in particular between 5% and 95% inclusive, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

"*Organic solvent*" is understood to mean an organic substance capable of dissolving another substance without modifying it chemically.

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The organic solvents:

Mention may be made, as organic solvent, for example, of lower C₁-C₄ alkanols, such as ethanol and isopropanol; polyols and polyol ethers, such as 2-butoxyethanol, propylene glycol, propylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether and diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, aromatic alcohols, such as benzyl alcohol or phenoxyethanol, and their mixtures.

The organic solvents are preferably present in proportions preferably of between approximately 0.1 and 40% by weight inclusive, with respect to the total weight of the dyeing composition, and more preferably between 1 and 30% by weight approximately and more particularly still of between 5 and 25% by weight inclusive, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

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i) Direct dyes having a disulphide or thiol functional group of the invention:

The direct dye or dyes having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group employed in the invention is/are of formula (I) as defined above.

5 According to a specific form of the invention, the dyes (I) are disulphide dyes, i.e. dyes for which **U** represents the following radical a) $-\text{S}-\text{C}'_{\text{sat}}-(\text{X}')_{\text{p}}-\text{A}'$, and more particularly the dyes of formula (I) are symmetrical, i.e. are such that $\text{A} = \text{A}'$, $\text{C}_{\text{sat}} = \text{C}'_{\text{sat}}$, $\text{X} = \text{X}'$ and $\text{p} = \text{p}'$.

According to another specific form of the invention, the dyes of formula (I) having the thiol functional group are as defined above, i.e. **U** representing the radical b) **Y**.

10 Another specific embodiment of the invention is concerned with fluorescent dyes having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group.

ij. 1) Y:

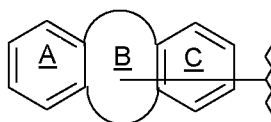
15 According to a specific embodiment of the invention, the direct dye of formula (I) is a thiol dye, i.e. **Y** represents i) a hydrogen atom.

In accordance with another specific embodiment of the invention, in the abovementioned formula (I), **Y** is a protective group known to a person skilled in the art, such as, for example, those described in the works "*Protective Groups in Organic*"
20 "*Synthesis*", T. W. Greene, published by John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1981, pp. 193-217; "*Protecting Groups*", P. Kocienski, Thieme, 3rd ed., 2005, chap. 5, and Ullmann's Encyclopedia, "*Peptide Synthesis*", pp. 4-5, 2005, Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, Weinheim, 10.1002/14356007.a19 157.

25 In particular, **Y** represents a protective group for the thiol functional group chosen from the following radicals:

- (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)alkylthiocarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
- 30 ▪ (C₁-C₄)alkoxythiocarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)alkylthio-thiocarbonyl;
- (di) (C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl;
- (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminothiocarbonyl;
- arylcarbonyl, such as phenylcarbonyl;
- 35 ▪ aryloxycarbonyl;
- aryl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
- (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, such as dimethylaminocarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)(alkyl)arylaminocarbonyl;

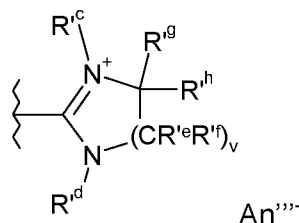
- carboxyl;
- $\text{SO}_3^- \text{M}^+$, with M^+ representing an alkali metal, such as sodium or potassium, or else a counterion of the cationic chromophore **A** and M^+ are absent;
- optionally substituted aryl, such as phenyl, dibenzosuberyl or 1,3,5-cycloheptatrienyl;
- optionally substituted heteroaryl; including in particular the following, cationic or noncationic, heteroaryls comprising from 1 to 4 heteroatoms:
 - i) 5-, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic, such as furanyl or furyl, pyrrolyl or pyrrol, thiophenyl or thienyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, oxazolium, isoxazolyl, isoxazolium, thiazolyl, thiazolium, isothiazolyl, isothiazolium, 1,2,4-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolium, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolium, 1,2,4-oxazolyl, 1,2,4-oxazolium, 1,2,4-thiadiazolyl, 1,2,4-thiadiazolium, pyrylium, thiopyridyl, pyridinium, pyrimidinyl, pyrimidinium, pyrazinyl, pyrazinium, pyridazinyl, pyridazinium, triazinyl, triazinium, tetrazinyl, tetrazinium, azepinyl, azepinium, oxazepinyl, oxazepinium, thiepinyl, thiepinium, imidazolyl or imidazolium;
 - ii) 8- to 11-membered bicyclic, such as indolyl, indolinium, benzimidazolyl, benzimidazolium, benzoxazolyl, benzoxazolium, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzothiazolium, pyridoimidazolyl, pyridoimidazolium or thienocycloheptadienyl, these mono- or bicyclic groups optionally being substituted by one or more groups, such as ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$) alkyl groups, for example the methyl group, or polyhalo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)alkyl groups, such as the trifluoromethyl group;
 - iii) or the following tricyclic ABC group:



in which the two rings A and C optionally comprise a heteroatom and the ring B is a 5-, 6- or 7-membered ring, particularly a 6-membered ring, and comprises at least one heteroatom, such as piperidyl or pyranyl;

- optionally substituted and optionally cationic heterocycloalkyl, the heterocycloalkyl group representing in particular a saturated or partially saturated 5-, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic group comprising from 1 to 4 heteroatoms chosen from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen, such as

di/tetrahydrofuranyl, di/tetrahydrothiophenyl, di/tetrahydropyrrolyl, di/tetrahydropyranyl, di/tetra/hexahydrothiopyranyl, dihydropyridyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, tetramethylpiperidinyl, morpholinyl, di/tetra/hexahydroazepinyl or di/tetrahydropyrimidinyl, these groups optionally being substituted by one or more groups, such as (C₁-C₄)alkyl, oxo or thioxo; or the heterocycle representing the following group:



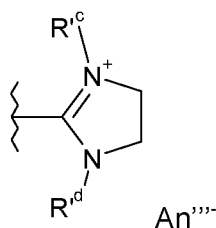
in which R'^c, R'^d, R'^e, R'^f, R'^g and R'^h, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group, or else two groups, R'^g with R'^h and/or R'^e with R'^f, form an oxo or thioxo group, or else R'^g with R'^e together form a cycloalkyl; and v represents an integer between 1 and 3 inclusive; preferably, R'^c to R'^h represent a hydrogen atom; and An'''- represents a counterion;

- -C(NR'^cR'^d)=N⁺R'^eR'^f An'''-, with R'^c, R'^d, R'^e and R'^f, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; preferably, R'^c to R'^f represent a hydrogen atom; and An'''- represents a counterion;
- -C(NR'^cR'^d)=NR'^e, with R'^c, R'^d and R'^e as defined above;
- optionally substituted (di)aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, such as 9-anthracenylmethyl, phenylmethyl or diphenylmethyl optionally substituted by one or more groups chosen in particular from (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, such as methoxy, hydroxyl, alkylcarbonyl or (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)amino, such as dimethylamino;
- optionally substituted (di)heteroaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl; the heteroaryl group is in particular cationic or noncationic, is monocyclic and comprises 5 or 6 ring members and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, such as the pyrrolyl, furanyl, thiophenyl, pyridyl, pyridyl N-oxide, such as 4-pyridyl or 2-pyridyl N-oxide, pyrylium, pyridinium or triazinyl groups, optionally substituted by one or more groups, such as alkyl, particularly methyl; advantageously, the (di)heteroaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl is (di)heteroarylmethyl or (di)heteroarylethyl;
- CR¹R²R³, with R¹, R² and R³, which are identical or different, representing a halogen atom or a group chosen from:

- (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- (C₁-C₄)alkoxy;
- optionally substituted aryl, such as phenyl optionally substituted by one or more groups, such as (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy or hydroxyl;
- 5 - optionally substituted heteroaryl, such as thiophenyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyranyl, pyridyl, optionally substituted by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;
- P(Z¹)R^{'1}R^{'2}R^{'3}, with R^{'1} and R^{'2}, which are identical or different, representing a hydroxyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy or alkyl group, R^{'3} representing a hydroxyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy group and Z¹ representing an oxygen or sulphur atom;
- 10 ▪ a sterically hindered ring; and
- optionally substituted alkoxyalkyl, such as methoxymethyl (MOM), ethoxyethyl (EOM) and isobutoxymethyl.

15 According to a specific embodiment, the protected thiol dyes of formula (I) comprise a Y group chosen from i) cationic, aromatic, 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl comprising from 1 to 4 heteroatoms chosen from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen, such as oxazolium, isoxazolium, thiazolium, isothiazolium, 1,2,4-triazolium, 1,2,3-triazolium, 1,2,4-oxazolium, 1,2,4-thiadiazolium, pyrylium, pyridinium, pyrimidinium, pyrazinyl, pyrazinium, pyridazinium, triazinium, tetrazinium, oxazepinium, thiepinyl, thiepinium or imidazolium;

20 ii) cationic 8- to 11-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, such as indolinium, benzimidazolium, benzoxazolium or benzothiazolium, these mono- or bicyclic heteroaryl groups optionally being substituted by one or more groups, such as alkyl, for example methyl, or polyhalo(C₁-C₄)alkyl, for example trifluoromethyl; iii) or the following heterocyclic group:



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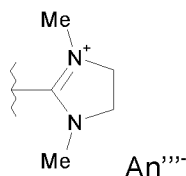
in which R^{'c} and R^{'d}, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; preferably, R^{'c} to R^{'d} represent a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group, such as methyl; and An^{'''} represents a counterion.

30 In particular, Y represents a group chosen from oxazolium, isoxazolium, thiazolium, isothiazolium, 1,2,4-triazolium, 1,2,3-triazolium, 1,2,4-oxazolium, 1,2,4-thiadiazolium, pyrylium, pyridinium, pyrimidinium, pyrazinium, pyridazinium, triazinium, imidazolium, benzimidazolium, benzoxazolium or benzothiazolium, these groups optionally being substituted by one or more (C₁-C₄)alkyl groups, in particular methyl.

In particular, Y represents a protective group, such as:

- (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl, such as methylcarbonyl or ethylcarbonyl;
- arylcarbonyl, such as phenylcarbonyl;
- 5 ➤ (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
- aryloxycarbonyl;
- aryl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
- (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, such as dimethylaminocarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)(alkyl)arylaminocarbonyl;
- 10 ➤ optionally substituted aryl, such as phenyl;
- 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, such as imidazolyl or pyridyl;
- cationic 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, such as pyrylium, pyridinium, pyrimidinium, pyrazinium, pyridazinium, triazinium or imidazolium; these groups optionally being substituted by one or more
- 15 identical or different (C₁-C₄)alkyl groups, such as methyl;
- cationic 8- to 11-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, such as benzimidazolium or benzoxazolium; these groups optionally being substituted by one or more identical or different (C₁-C₄)alkyl groups, such as methyl;
- cationic heterocycle of following formula:

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- -C(NH₂)=N⁺H₂An'''; with An''' being an anionic counterion as defined above;
- 25 ➤ -C(NH₂)=NH;
- SO₃⁻M⁺, with M⁺ representing an alkali metal, such as sodium or potassium.

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i). 2) C_{sat} and C'_{sat}:

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As indicated above, in the formula (I), C_{sat} and C'_{sat}, represent, independently of one another, a linear or branched or cyclic C₁-C₁₈ alkylene chain which is optionally substituted.

Mention may be made, as substituent, of the following groups: i) amino, ii) (C₁.C₄)alkylamino, iii) di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino or iv) R^a-Z^a-C(Z^b)-Z^c-, in which Z^a and Z^b, which are identical or different, represent an oxygen or sulphur atom or an NR^{a'} group, Z^c represents a bond, an oxygen or sulphur atom or an NR^a group, R^a represents an alkali

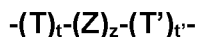
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metal, a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group and R^{ai} represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group; more particularly, the groups iv) are chosen from carboxylate -C(O)O⁻ or -C(O)OMetal (Metal = alkali metal), carboxyl -C(O)-OH, guanidino H₂N-C(NH)-NH-, amidino H₂N-C(NH)-, (thio)urea H₂N-C(O)-NH- and H₂N-C(S)-NH-, aminocarbonyl -C(O)-NR^{ai}₂ or aminothiocarbonyl -C(S)-NR^{ai}₂, carbamoyl R^{ai}-C(O)-NR^{ai}- or thiocarbamoyl R^{ai}-C(S)-NR^{ai}-, with R^{ai}, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; the said substituent or substituents are preferably present on the carbon in the β or γ position with respect to the sulphur atoms of the disulphide, thiol or protected thiol group.

10 Preferably, in the case of formula (I), C_{sat} and C'_{sat} represent a -(CH₂)_k- chain with k being an integer between 1 and 8 inclusive.

i).3) X and X':

15 In accordance with a specific embodiment of the invention, in the abovementioned formula (I), when p and p' are equal to 1, X and X', which are identical or different, represent the following sequence:



the said sequence being symmetrically connected in the formula (I) as follows:



in which:

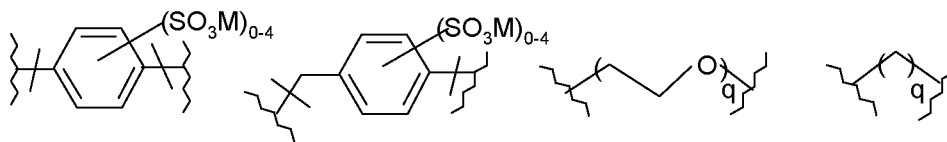
- T and T', which are identical or different, represent one or more radicals or their combinations chosen from: -O-; -S-; -N(R)-; -N⁺(R)(R^o)-; -S(O)-; -S(O)₂-; -C(O)-; with R and R^o, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ hydroxyalkyl or aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl radical; and a cationic or noncationic heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl radical which is preferably monocyclic, which preferably comprises two heteroatoms (more preferably two nitrogen atoms) and which preferably comprises from 5 to 7 ring members, more preferably imidazolium;

30 the indices t and t', which may be identical or different, are equal to 0 or 1;

- Z represents:
 - -(CH₂)_m-, with m an integer between 1 and 8;
 - -(CH₂CH₂O)_q- or -(OCH₂CH₂)_q-, in which q is an integer between 1 and 5 inclusive;
 - an aryl, alkylaryl or arylalkyl radical, the alkyl radical of which is a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical and the aryl radical of which is preferably a C₆ aryl radical, optionally being substituted by at least one SO₃M group with M representing a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal or an ammonium group substituted by one or more identical or different and linear or branched C₁-C₁₈ alkyl radicals optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl;

40 • z is 0 or 1.

Moreover, according to one particular embodiment of the invention, **Z** represents:



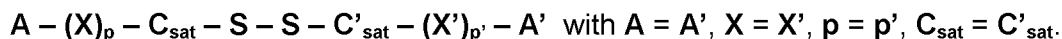
where **M** represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal or an ammonium group or an ammonium group substituted by one or more identical or different and linear or branched C₁-C₁₀ alkyl radicals optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl; **0-4** represents an integer between 0 and 4 inclusive and **q** represents an integer between 1 and 6 inclusive.

i).4). A and A':

The **A** and/or **A'** radicals of the formula **(I)** comprise at least one quaternized cationic chromophore or at least one chromophore carrying a quaternized or quaternizable cationic group.

According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the dye **(I)** according to the invention is a disulphide and comprises identical quaternized cationic chromophores **A** and **A'**.

More particularly, the dye of formula **(I)** according to the invention is a disulphide and is symmetrical, i.e. comprises a C₂ axis of symmetry, i.e. the formula **(I)** is such that:



Mention may be made, as chromophores of use in the present invention, of those resulting from the following dyes: acridines; acridones; anthranthrones; anthrapyrimidines; anthraquinones; azines; (poly)azos; hydrazono or hydrazones, in particular arylhydrazones; azomethines; benzanthrones; benzimidazoles; benzimidazolones; benzindoles; benzoxazoles; benzopyrans; benzothiazoles; benzoquinones; bisazines; bisoindolines; carboxanilides; coumarins; cyanines, such as azacarbocyanines, diazocarbocyanines, diazahemicyanines, hemicyanines or tetraazacarbocyanines; diazines; diketopyrrolopyrroles; dioxazines; diphenylamines; diphenylmethanes; dithiazines; flavonoids, such as flavantrones and flavones; fluorindines; formazans; indamines; indanthrones; indigoids and pseudoindigoids; indophenols; indoanilines; isoindolines; isoindolinones; isoviolanthrones; lactones; (poly)methines, such as dimethines of stilbene or styryl types; naphthalimides; naphthanilides; naphtholactams; naphthoquinones; nitro, in particular nitro(hetero)aromatics; oxadiazoles; oxazines; perylones; perynones; perylenes; phenazines; phenoxazines; phenothiazines; phthalocyanines; polyenes/carotenoids; porphyrins; pyranthrones; pyrazolanthrones; pyrazolones; pyrimidinoanthrones; pyronines; quinacridones; quinolines; quinophthalones; squaraines; tetrazoliums; thiazines;

thioindigos; thiopyronines; triarylmethanes or xanthenes.

Mention may in particular be made, for cationic azo chromophores, of those resulting from the cationic dyes described in the *Kirk Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology*, "Dyes, Azo", J. Wiley & Sons, updated on 19/04/2010.

5 Mention may be made, among the azo chromophores **A** and/or **A'** which can be used according to the invention, of the radicals resulting from the cationic azo dyes described in Patent Applications WO 95/15144, WO 95/01772 and EP-714 954.

10 According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the coloured chromophore **A** and/or **A'** is chosen from cationic chromophores, preferably those resulting from the dyes known as "*basic dyes*".

Mention may be made, among azo chromophores, of those described in the Colour Index International, 3rd edition, in particular the following compounds:

- Basic Red 22
- 15 -Basic Red 76
- Basic Yellow 57
- Basic Brown 16
- Basic Brown 17

20 Among the cationic quinone chromophores **A** and/or **A'**, those mentioned in the abovementioned Colour Index International are suitable and mention may be made, among these, inter alia, of the radicals resulting from the following dyes:

- Basic Blue 22
- Basic Blue 99

25 Among the cationic azine chromophores **A** and/or **A'**, those listed in the Colour Index International are suitable, for example the radicals resulting from the following dyes:

- Basic Blue 17
- Basic Red 2.

30 Mention may be made, among the cationic triarylmethane chromophores **A** and/or **A'** which can be used according to the invention, in addition to those listed in the Colour Index, of the radicals resulting from the following dyes:

- Basic Green 1
- Basic Violet 3
- Basic Violet 14
- Basic Blue 7
- 35 -Basic Blue 26.

Mention may also be made of the cationic chromophores resulting from the dyes described in the documents US 5 888 252, EP 1 133 975, WO 03/029359, EP 860 636,

WO 95/01772, WO 95/15144 and EP 714 954. Mention may also be made of those listed in the encyclopaedia, "The chemistry of synthetic dyes", by K. Venkataraman, 1952, Academic Press, Vol. 1 to 7, in "Kirk Othmer's Encyclopaedia of Chemical Technology", in the chapter "Dyes and Dye Intermediates", 1993, Wiley and Sons, and in various chapters of "Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry", 7th edition, Wiley and Sons.

Preferably, the chromophores **A** and/or **A'** are chosen from those resulting from dyes of azo and hydroazono type.

According to a specific embodiment, the **A** and/or **A'** radicals in the formula **(I)** comprise at least one cationic azo chromophore resulting from dyes described in EP 850 636, FR 2 788 433, EP 920 856, WO 9948465, FR 2 757 385, EP 850 637, EP 918 053, WO 9744004, FR 2 570 946, FR 2 285 851, DE 2 538 363, FR 2 189 006, FR 1 560 664, FR 1 540 423, FR 1 567 219, FR 1 516 943, FR 1 221 122, DE 4 220 388, DE 4 137 005, WO 0166646, US 5 708 151, WO 9501772, WO 515144, GB 1 195 386, US 3 524 842, US 5 879 413, EP 1 062 940, EP 1 133 976, GB 738 585, DE 2 527 638, FR 2 275 462, GB 1974-27645, *Acta Histochem.* (1978), 61(1), 48-52; *Tsitologiya* (1968), 10(3), 403-5; *Zh. Obshch. Khim.* (1970), 40(1), 195-202; *Ann. Chim.* (Rome) (1975), 65(5-6), 305-14; *Journal of the Chinese Chemical Society* (Taipei) (1998), 45(1), 209-211; *Rev. Roum. Chim.* (1988), 33(4), 377-83; *Text. Res. J.* (1984), 54(2), 105-7; *Chim. Ind.* (Milan) (1974), 56(9), 600-3; *Khim. Tekhnol.* (1979), 22(5), 548-53; *Ger. Monatsh. Chem.* (1975), 106(3), 643-8; *MRL Bull. Res. Dev.* (1992), 6(2), 21-7; Lihua Jianyan, *Huaxue Fence* (1993), 29(4), 233-4; *Dyes Pigment.* (1992), 19(1), 69-79; *Dyes Pigment.* (1989), 11(3), 163-72.

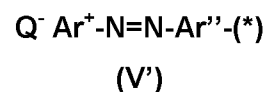
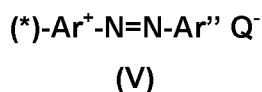
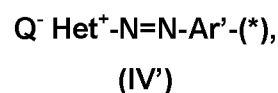
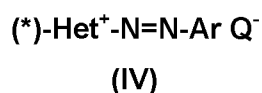
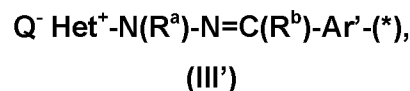
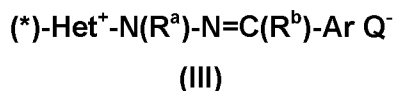
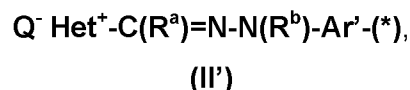
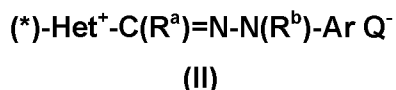
According to one alternative form, **A** and/or **A'** of the formula **(I)** comprise at least one cationic radical carried by or included in at least one of the chromophores.

Preferably, the cationic radical is a quaternary ammonium; more preferentially, the cationic charge is endocyclic.

These cationic radicals are, for example, a cationic radical:

- having an exocyclic (di/tri)(C₁-C₈)alkylammonium charge, or
- having an endocyclic charge, such as the following cationic heteroaryl groups: acridinium, benzimidazolium, benzobistriazolium, benzopyrazolium, benzopyridinium, benzoquinolium, benzothiazolium, benzotriazolium, benzoxazolium, bipyridinium, bistetrazolium, dihydrothiazolium, imidazopyridinium, imidazolium, indolium, isoquinolium, naphthoimidazolium, naphthooxazolium, naphthopyrazolium, oxadiazolium, oxazolium, oxazolopyridinium, oxonium, phenazinium, phenoaxazolium, pyrazinium, pyrazolium, pyrazoyltriazolium, pyridinium, pyridinoimidazolium, pyrrolium, pyrylium, quinolium, tetrazolium, thiadiazolium, thiazolium, thiazolopyridinium, thiazoylimidazolium, thiopyrylium, triazolium or xanthylium.

Mention may be made of the following cationic hydrazone chromophores of formulae (II) to (III') and of the following cationic azo chromophores (IV), (IV'), (V) and (V'):



formulae (II) to (V') with:

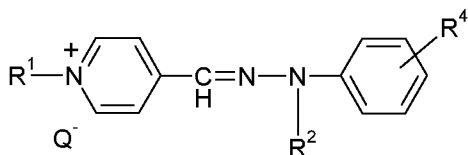
- 5 - **Het**⁺ representing a cationic heteroaryl radical, preferably having an endocyclic cationic charge, such as imidazolium, indolium, or pyridinium, optionally substituted preferably by at least one (C₁-C₈)alkyl group, such as methyl;
- **Ar**⁺ representing an aryl radical, such as phenyl or naphthyl, having an exocyclic cationic charge, preferably ammonium, particularly tri(C₁-C₈)alkylammonium, such as
- 10 trimethylammonium;
- **Ar** representing an aryl group, especially phenyl, optionally substituted, preferentially by one or more electron-donating groups, such as i) optionally substituted (C₁-C₈)alkyl, ii) optionally substituted (C₁-C₈)alkoxy, iii) (di)(C₁-C₈)(alkyl)amino optionally substituted on the alkyl group(s) by a hydroxyl group, iv)
- 15 aryl(C₁-C₈)alkylamino, v) optionally substituted *N*-(C₁-C₈)alkyl-*N*-aryl(C₁-C₈)alkylamino or alternatively **Ar** represents a julolidine group;
- **Ar**' being an optionally substituted divalent (hetero)arylene group, such as phenylene, particularly paraphenylene or naphthalene, which are optionally substituted, preferably by one or more (C₁-C₈)alkyl, hydroxyl or (C₁-C₈)alkoxy groups;
- 20 - **Ar**'' being an optionally substituted (hetero)aryl group, such as phenyl or pyrazolyl, which are optionally substituted, preferably by one or more (C₁-C₈)alkyl, hydroxyl, (di)(C₁-C₈)(alkyl)amino, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy or phenyl groups;
- **R**^a and **R**^b, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₈)alkyl group which is optionally substituted, preferably by a hydroxyl group;
- 25 or alternatively the substituent **R**^a with a substituent of **Het**⁺ and/or **R**^b with a

substituent of **Ar** forming, together with the atoms which carry them, a (hetero)cycloalkyl;

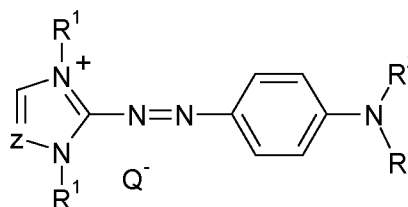
R^a and **R^b** particularly representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group optionally substituted by a hydroxyl group;

- 5 - **Q⁻** representing an organic or inorganic anionic counterion, such as a halide or an alkyl sulphate;
- (*) representing the part of the chromophore connected to the remainder of the molecule of formula (I).

10 Mention may in particular be made of the chromophores having an endocyclic azo or hydrazono cationic charge of formulae (II) to (IV'), as defined above, more particularly those of formula (II) to (IV') resulting from the dyes described in Patent Applications WO 95/15144, WO 95/01772 and EP-714954. Preferably the following chromophores:



(II-1)



(IV-1)

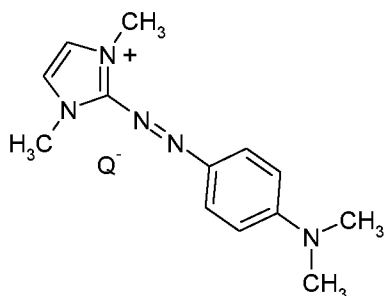
formulae (II-1) and (IV-1) with:

- 15 - **R¹** representing a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group, such as methyl;
- **R²** and **R³**, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group, such as methyl; and
- **R⁴** representing a hydrogen atom or an electron-donating group, such as (C₁-C₈)alkyl, optionally substituted, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy, optionally substituted, and (di)(C₁-C₈)(alkyl)amino, optionally substituted on the alkyl group or groups by a hydroxyl group;
- 20 in particular **R⁴** is a hydrogen atom;
- **Z** representing a CH group or a nitrogen atom, preferentially CH,
- **Q⁻** being as defined above;

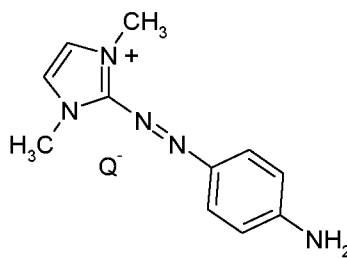
it being understood that the chromophore (II-1) or (IV-1) is connected to the remainder of the molecule of formula (I) via **R²**, **R¹** or **R⁴**, in which case one of the hydrogen atoms of **R²**, **R¹** or **R⁴** is replaced with **X** or **X'**, if $p = 1$ or $p' = 1$, or else with **C_{sat}** or **C_{sat'}**, if $p = 0$ or $p' = 0$.

In particular, the chromophores (II-1) and (IV-1) result from Basic Red 51, Basic Yellow 87 and Basic Orange 31, or their derivatives:

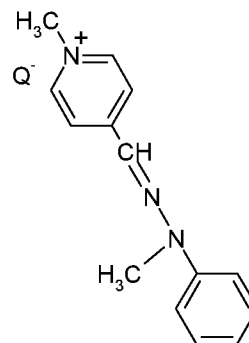
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Basic Red 51



Basic Orange 31



Basic Yellow 87

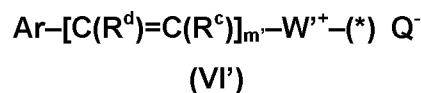
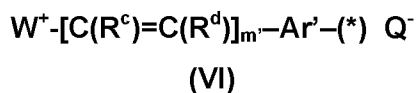
with Q^- an anionic counterion as defined above, particularly a halide, such as chloride, or an alkyl sulphate, such as methyl sulphate or mesylate.

According to a specific embodiment of the invention, the dye of formula (I) is fluorescent, i.e. it comprises at least one fluorescent chromophore as defined above.

Mention may be made, as fluorescent chromophores A and/or A' of use in the present invention, of the radicals resulting from the following dyes: acridines, acridones, benzantrones, benzimidazoles, benzimidazolones, benzindoles, benzoxazoles, benzopyrans, benzothiazoles, coumarins, difluoro{2-[(2H-pyrrol-2-ylidene-kN)methyl]-1H-pyrrolato-kN}borons (BODIPY®), diketopyrrolopyrroles, fluorindines, (poly)methines (in particular cyanines and styryls/hemicyanines), naphthalimides, naphthanilides, naphthylamine (such as dansyls), oxadiazoles, oxazines, perylones, perynones, perylenes, polyenes/carotenoids, squaraines, stilbenes or xanthenes.

Mention may also be made of the fluorescent dyes A and/or A' described in the documents EP 1 133 975, WO 03/029359, EP 860 636, WO 95/01772, WO 95/15144 and EP 714 954 and those listed in the encyclopaedia "The chemistry of synthetic dyes", by K. Venkataraman, 1952, Academic Press, Vol 1 to 7, in "Kirk Othmer's Encyclopaedia of Chemical Technology", in the chapter "Dyes and Dye Intermediates", 1993, Wiley and Sons, in various chapters of "Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry", 7th edition, Wiley and Sons, and in *The Handbook — A Guide to Fluorescent Probes and Labeling Technologies*, 10th Ed., Molecular Probes/Invitrogen – Oregon 2005, distributed on the Internet or in the preceding printed editions.

According to a preferred alternative form of the invention, the fluorescent chromophore A and/or A' is cationic and comprises at least one quaternary ammonium radical, such as those resulting from the polymethine dyes of following formulae (VI) and (VI')

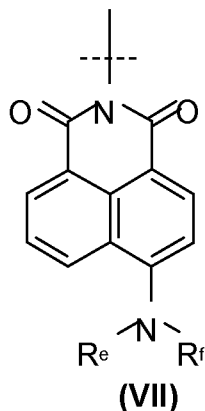


formulae (VI) and (VI') with:

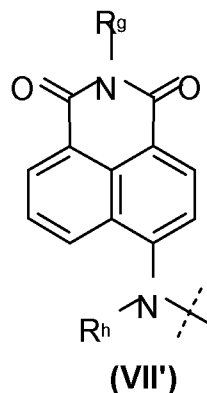
- W^+ representing a cationic heterocyclic or heteroaryl group, particularly comprising a quaternary ammonium optionally substituted by one or more (C₁-C₈)alkyl groups optionally substituted in particular by one or more hydroxyl groups;
- 5 • W'^+ representing a divalent heterocyclic or heteroaryl radical as defined for W^+ ;
- Ar representing an aryl group, such as phenyl or naphthyl, optionally substituted preferably by i) one or more halogen atoms, such as fluorine or chlorine; ii) one or more (C₁-C₈)alkyl groups, preferably (C₁-C₄)alkyl groups, such as methyl; iii) one or more hydroxyl groups; iv) one or more (C₁-C₈)alkoxy groups, such as methoxy;
- 10 v) one or more hydroxy(C₁-C₈)alkyl groups, such as hydroxyethyl; vi) one or more amino or (di)(C₁-C₈)alkylamino groups, preferably with the alkyl part a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group, optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyls, such as (di)hydroxyethylamino; vii) one or more acylamino groups; viii) one or more heterocycloalkyl groups, such as piperazinyl or piperidinyl, or 5- or 6-membered
- 15 heteroaryl groups, such as pyrrolidinyl, pyridinyl and imidazolyl;
- Ar' being a divalent aryl radical as defined for Ar ;
- m' representing an integer between 1 and 4 inclusive; in particular, m has the value 1 or 2, more preferably 1;
- R^c and R^d , which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or an
- 20 optionally substituted (C₁-C₈)alkyl, preferably (C₁-C₄)alkyl, group or else R^c , contiguous with W^+ or W'^+ , and/or R^d , contiguous with Ar or Ar' , forming, with the atoms which carry them, a (hetero)cycloalkyl; in particular, R^c is contiguous with W^+ or W'^+ and forms a (hetero)cycloalkyl, such as cyclohexyl;
- Q^- being an organic or inorganic anionic counterion as defined above;
- 25 • (*) representing the part of the chromophore connected to the remainder of the formula (I).

According to another alternative form, the disulphide, thiol or protected thiol dye is a quaternized or quaternizable fluorescent dye such as in the formula (I) with p and p' equal

30 to 1 and A and/or A' representing a naphthalimidyl radical optionally carrying an exocyclic cationic charge of formula (VII) or (VII'):




or



in which formulae (VII) and (VII'):

- R^e , R^f , R^g , and R^h , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group which is optionally substituted, preferably by a di(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino or tri(C_1 - C_6)alkylammonium group, such as trimethylammonium;

-  represents the bond which connects the naphthalimidyl radical to the remainder of the molecule via X or X', if $p = 1$ or $p' = 1$, or else via C_{sat} or C_{sat}' if $p = 0$ or $p' = 0$.

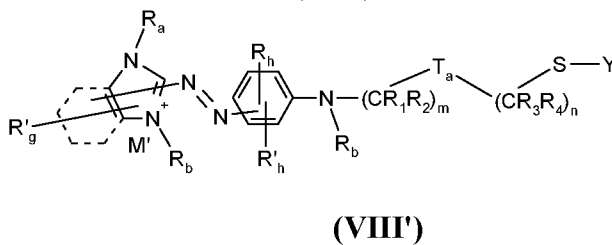
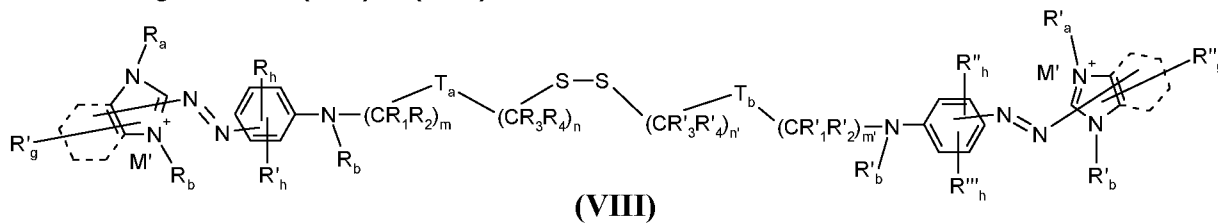
According to one embodiment of the invention, $p = 1$, $z = t' = 0$, $t = 1$ and T represents $-N(R)-$, preferably in the para position on Ar with respect to the olefin functional group $-C(R^c)=C(R^d)-$.

In one alternative form in particular, $p = 1$, $z = t' = 0$, $t = 1$ and T represents $-N(R)-$, preferably in the para position on Ar with respect to the styryl functional group $-C(R^c)=C(R^d)-$, and T' represents an $-N(R)-$, $-N^+(R)(R^o)-$ or imidazolium group.

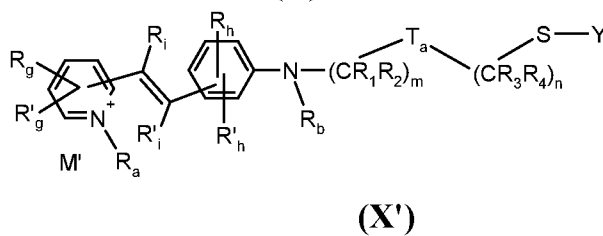
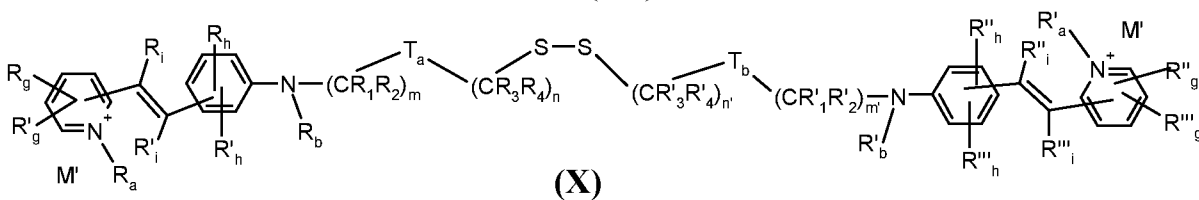
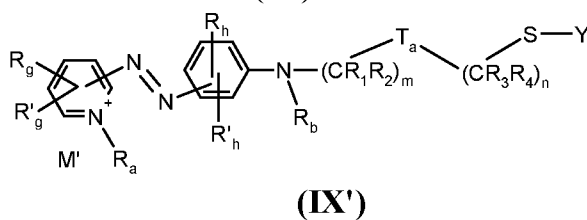
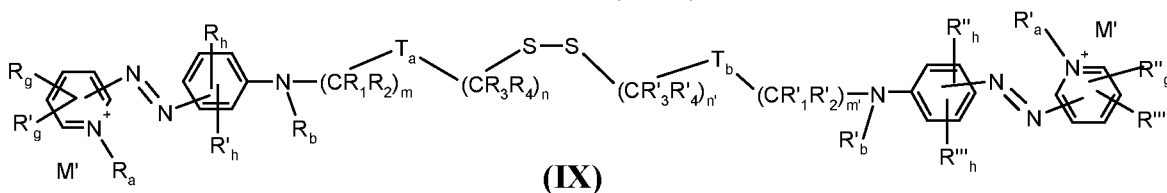
Preferably, W^+ or W'^+ is an imidazolium, pyridinium, benzimidazolium, pyrazolium, benzothiazolium and quinolinium optionally substituted by one or more identical or different C_1 - C_4 alkyl radicals.

According to a particularly preferred embodiment of the invention, A and/or A' represent the chromophore (VI') as defined above with $m' = 1$, Ar representing a phenyl group substituted in the para position with respect to the styryl group $-C(R^d)=C(R^c)-$ by a (di)(hydroxy)(C_1 - C_6)(alkyl)amino group, such as dihydroxy(C_1 - C_4)alkylamino, and W'^+ representing an imidazolium or pyridinium group, preferably an ortho- or para-pyridinium group.

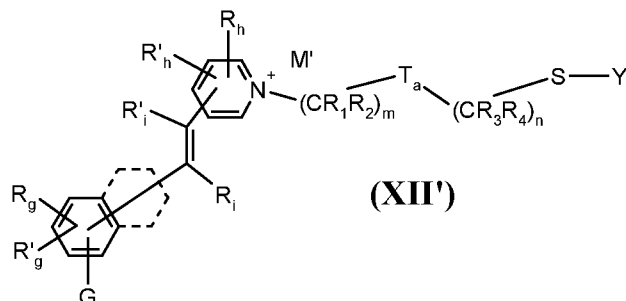
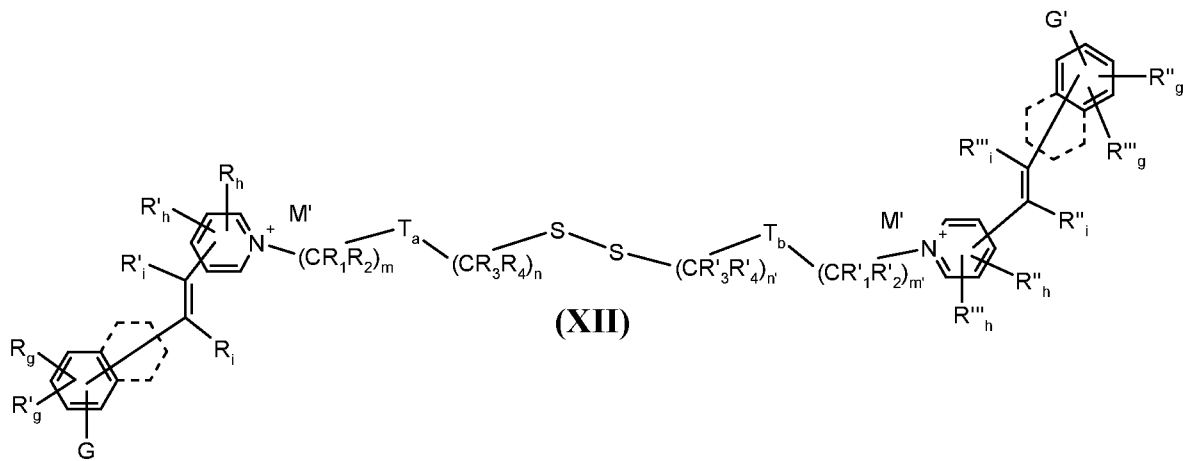
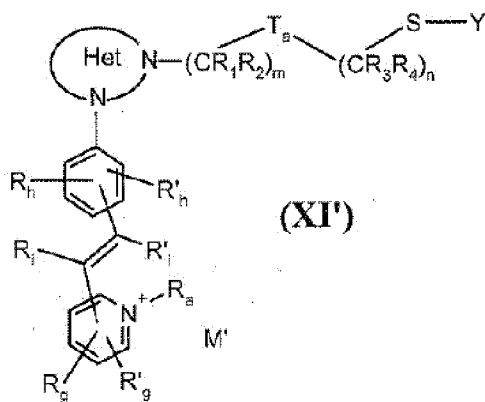
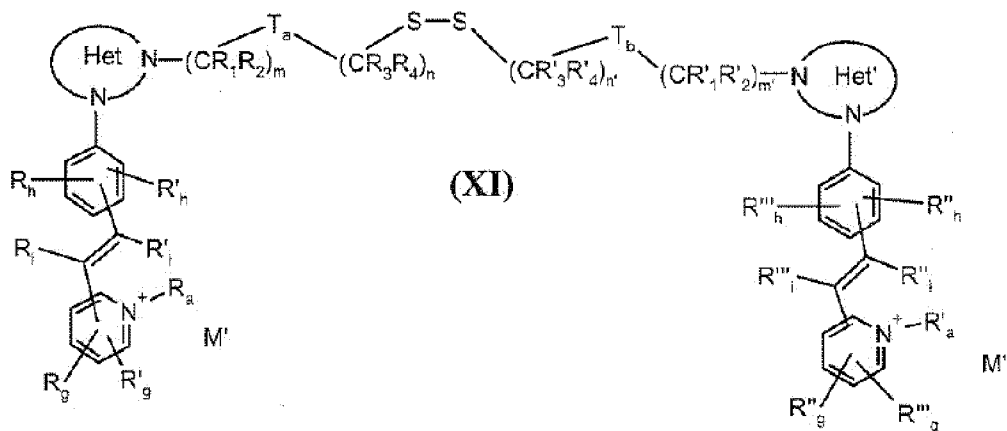
Mention may be made, as examples of dyes of the invention, of the disulphide dyes chosen from the formulae (VIII) to (XIV) and the thiol or protected thiol dyes chosen from the following formulae (VIII') to (XIV'):

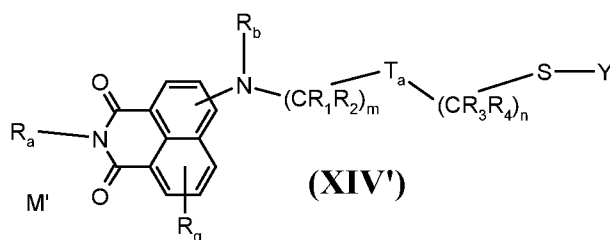
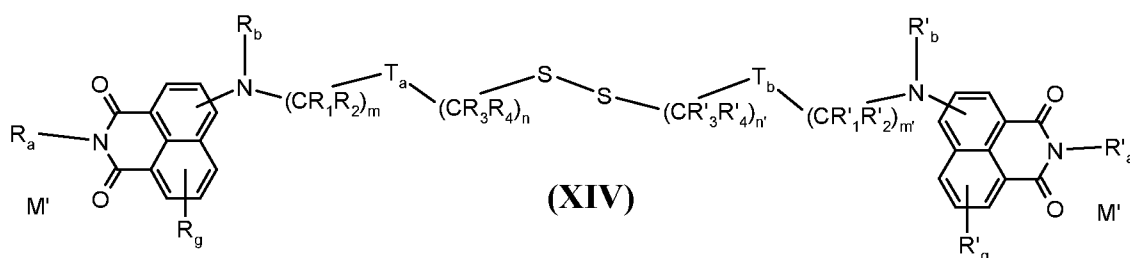
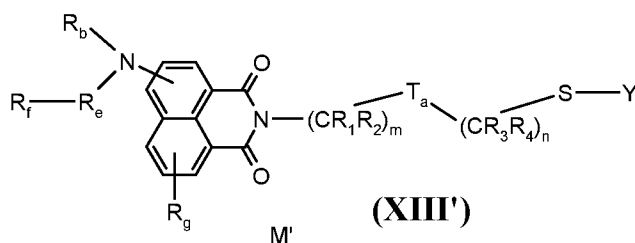
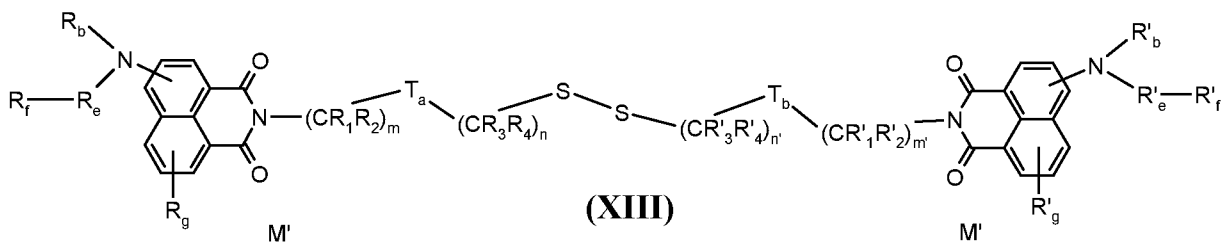


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in which formulae **(VIII)** to **(XIV)** and **(VIII')** to **(XIV')**:

- G and G', which are identical or different, represent an -NR_cR_d, -NR'_cR'_d or C₁-C₆ alkoxy group which is optionally substituted but is preferably unsubstituted; preferably, G and G' represent an -NR_cR_d and -NR'_cR'_d group respectively;
- 10 • R¹, R², R³ and R⁴, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, preferably a hydrogen atom;
- R_a and R'_a, which are identical or different, represent an aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by a hydroxyl or amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino group, it being possible for the said alkyl radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom different from or identical to nitrogen; preferably, R_a and R'_a represent a C₁-C₃ alkyl group optionally substituted by a hydroxyl group, or a benzyl group;
- 15 • R_b and R'_b, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl group or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group which is optionally substituted; preferably R_b and R'_b represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₃ alkyl or benzyl group;
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• R_c , R'_c , R_d and R'_d , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl or C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group which is optionally substituted; R_c , R'_c , R_d and R'_d preferably represent a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, amino or (di)(C_1 - C_3)alkylamino group, or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl group optionally substituted by i) a hydroxyl group, ii) an amino group, iii) a (di)(C_1 - C_3)alkylamino group or iv) a quaternary ammonium group $(R'')(R''')(R''''N^+$ -; or else two adjacent radicals, R_c and R_d or R'_c and R'_d , carried by the same nitrogen atom together form a heterocyclic or heteroaryl group; preferably, the heterocycle or the heteroaryl is monocyclic and comprises between 5 and 7 ring members; more preferably, the groups are chosen from imidazolyl and pyrrolidinyl;
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• R_e and R'_e , which are identical or different, represent a linear or branched C_1 - C_6 alkylene or C_2 - C_6 alkenylene hydrocarbon chain which is optionally unsaturated;
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• R_f and R'_f , which are identical or different, represent a di(C_1 - C_4)alkylamino, $(R'')(R''')N$ - or quaternary ammonium $(R'')(R''')(R''''N^+$ - group where R'' , R''' and R'''' , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group or else $(R'')(R''')(R''''N^+$ - represents an optionally substituted cationic heteroaryl group, preferably an imidazolium group optionally substituted by a C_1 - C_3 alkyl group;
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• R_g , R'_g , R''_g , R'''_g , R_h , R'_h , R''_h and R'''_h , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an amino, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4)alkylamino, cyano, carboxyl, hydroxyl or trifluoromethyl group, an acylamino, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, (poly)hydroxy(C_2 - C_4)alkoxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl or alkylcarbonylamino radical, an acylamino, carbamoyl or alkylsulphonylamino radical, an aminosulphonyl radical or a C_1 - C_{16} alkyl radical optionally substituted by a group chosen from C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino and di(C_1 - C_4)alkylamino, or else the two alkyl radicals carried by the nitrogen atom of the amino group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom identical to or different from the nitrogen atom; preferably, R_g , R'_g , R''_g , R'''_g , R_h , R'_h , R''_h and R'''_h represent a hydrogen or halogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl group;
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• or else two groups R_g and R'_g , R''_g and R'''_g , R_h and R'_h and R''_h and R'''_h , carried by two adjacent carbon atoms, together form a benzo or indeno ring or a fused heterocycloalkyl or fused heteroaryl group; the benzo, indeno, heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl ring optionally being substituted by a halogen atom, an amino, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4)alkylamino, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, hydroxyl or trifluoromethyl

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group, an acylamino, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy, alkylcarbonyloxy alkoxy carbonyl or alkylcarbonylamino radical, an acylamino, carbamoyl or alkylsulphonylamino radical, an aminosulphonyl radical or a C₁-C₁₆ alkyl radical optionally substituted by a group chosen from C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino and di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, or else the two alkyl radicals carried by the nitrogen atom of the amino group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom identical to or different from the nitrogen atom; preferably, R_g and R'_g and R''_g and R'''_g together form a benzo group;

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- or else two groups R_i and R_g, R''_i and R'''_g, R'_i and R'_h and/or R''_i and R''_h together form a fused (hetero)cycloalkyl, preferably cycloalkyl, such as cyclohexyl;

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- or else, when G represents -NR_cR_d and G' represents -NR'_cR'_d, two groups R_c and R'_g, R'_c and R''_g, R_d and R_g and R'_d and R'''_g together form a heteroaryl or saturated heterocycle optionally substituted by one or more C₁-C₆ alkyl groups, preferably a heterocycle comprising one or two heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen and oxygen and comprising between 5 and 7 ring members; more preferably, the heterocycle is chosen from the morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl and pyrrolidinyl groups;

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- R_i, R'_i, R''_i and R'''_i, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group;

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- R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R'₁, R'₂, R'₃ and R'₄, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino group, it being possible for the said alkyl radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom different from or identical to nitrogen; preferably R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R'₁, R'₂, R'₃ and R'₄ are hydrogen atoms or an amino group; more preferably, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R'₁, R'₂, R'₃ and R'₄ represent a hydrogen atom;

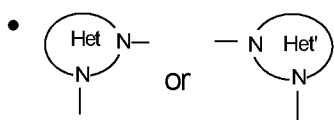
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- T_a and T_b, which are identical or different, represent i) either a σ covalent bond, ii) or one or more radicals or their combinations chosen from -SO₂-, -O-, -S-, -N(R)-, -N⁺(R)(R^o)- or -CO-, with R and R^o, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ hydroxyalkyl radical or an aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl; preferably, T_a is identical to T_b and represents a σ covalent bond or a group chosen from -N(R)-, -C(O)-N(R)-, -N(R)-C(O)-, -O-C(O)-, -C(O)-O- and -N⁺(R)(R^o)-, with R and R^o, which are identical or different,

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- representing a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group; more preferably, T_a and T_b represent a σ bond; iii) or a cationic or noncationic heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl

radical which are preferably monocyclic, which are preferably identical, which preferably comprise two heteroatoms (more preferably two nitrogen atoms) and which preferably comprise from 5 to 7 ring members, such as imidazolium;




, which are identical or different, represent an optionally

substituted heterocyclic group; preferably, the hetero-

cycles are identical, monocyclic and saturated and comprise, in total, two nitrogen atoms and from 5 to 8 ring members;

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-  represents an aryl or heteroaryl group fused to the imidazolium or phenyl ring; or else is absent from the imidazolium or phenyl ring; preferably, when the ring is present, the ring is a benzo;

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- m, m', n and n', which are identical or different, represent an integer between 0 and 6 inclusive with m + n and m' + n', which are identical or different, representing an integer between 1 and 10 inclusive; preferably, m + n = m' + n' = an integer between 2 and 4 inclusive; more preferably, m + n = m' + n' = an integer equal to 2;

- Y is as defined above; in particular, Y represents a hydrogen atom or a protective group, such as:

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➤ (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl, such as methylcarbonyl or ethylcarbonyl;

➤ arylcarbonyl, such as phenylcarbonyl;

➤ (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;

➤ aryloxycarbonyl;

➤ aryl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;

➤ (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, such as dimethylaminocarbonyl;

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➤ (C₁-C₄)(alkyl)arylamino carbonyl;

➤ optionally substituted aryl, such as phenyl;

➤ 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, such as imidazolyl or pyridyl;

➤ cationic 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, such as pyrylium, pyridinium, pyrimidinium, pyrazinium, pyridazinium, triazinium or

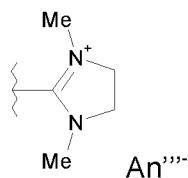
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imidazolium; these groups optionally being substituted by one or more identical or different (C₁-C₄)alkyl groups, such as methyl;

➤ cationic 8- to 11-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, such as benzimidazolium or benzoxazolium; these groups optionally being substituted by one or more identical or different (C₁-C₄)alkyl groups, such as methyl;

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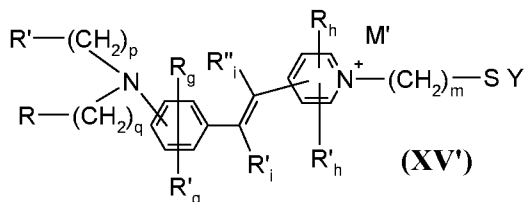
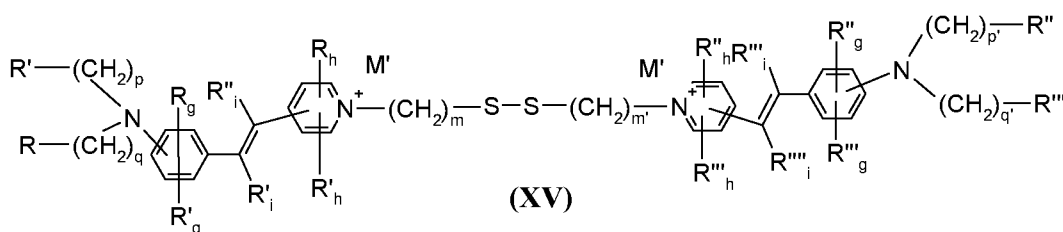
➤ cationic heterocycle of following formula:



- $-C(NH_2)=N^+H_2An'''^-$; with An'''^- being an anionic counterion as defined above;
- $-C(NH_2)=NH$;
- $SO_3^-M^+$, with M^+ representing an alkali metal, such as sodium or potassium; and
- M' representing an anionic counterion, derived from an organic or inorganic acid salt or from an organic or inorganic base, that ensures the electrical neutrality of the molecule.

In particular, the dyes of formula (I) are chosen from disulphide, thiol or protected thiol dyes having a naphthalimidyl chromophore chosen from the formulae (XIII), (XIII'), (XIV) and (XIV') as defined above.

According to a preferred form of the invention, the dyes of formula (I) are chosen from the disulphide, thiol or protected thiol dyes chosen from the following formulae (XV) to (XV'):



their organic or inorganic acid salts, optical isomers, geometrical isomers and solvates, such as hydrates;

in which formulae (XV) and (XV'):

- R and R''', which are identical or different, represent a hydroxyl group or an amino (NR_aR_b) or ammonium ($N^+R_aR_bR_c$) An^- group, preferably a hydroxyl group, with R_a ,

R_b and R_c , which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;

or else two alkyl groups R_a and R_b of the amino or ammonium group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom identical to or different from the nitrogen atom, such as morpholinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolyl, morpholinium, piperazinium, piperidinium or pyrrolinium, and An^- representing an anionic counterion;

➤ R' and R'' , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a group as defined for R for R''' respectively;

➤ R_g , R'_g , R''_g , R'''_g , R_h , R'_h , R''_h and R'''_h , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen or halogen atom, an amino, (di)(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, cyano, carboxyl, hydroxyl, trifluoromethyl, acylamino, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyloxy, (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonylamino, acylamino, carbamoyl or (C₁-C₄)alkylsulphonylamino group, an aminosulphonyl radical or a (C₁-C₁₆)alkyl radical optionally substituted by a group chosen from (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino or (di)(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, or else the two alkyl radicals carried by the nitrogen atom of the amino group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom which is identical to or different from the nitrogen atom; in particular, R_g , R'_g , R''_g , R'''_g , R_h , R'_h , R''_h and R'''_h represent a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;

➤ R'_i , R''_i , R'''_i and R''''_i , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; in particular, R'_i , R''_i , R'''_i and R''''_i represent a hydrogen atom;

➤ m , m' , which are identical or different, represent an integer between 1 and 10 inclusive, in particular an integer between 2 and 4 inclusive; preferably m and m' have the value 2;

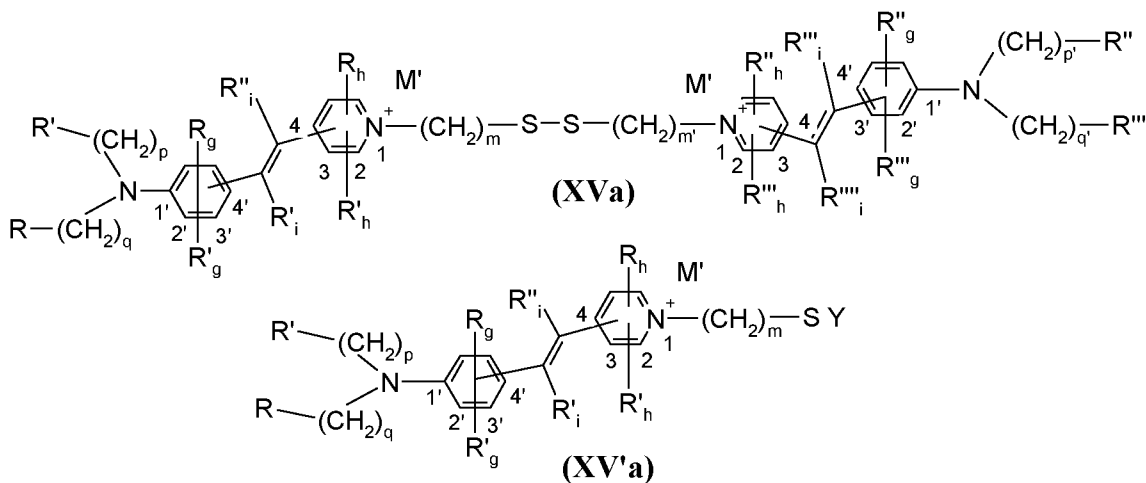
➤ p , p' , q and q' , which are identical or different, represent an integer between 1 and 6 inclusive;

➤ M' represents an anionic counterion; and

➤ Y is as defined above;

it being understood that, when the compound of formula (XV) or (XV') comprises other cationic parts, it is combined with one or more anionic counterions which make it possible to achieve the electrical neutrality of the formula (XV) or (XV').

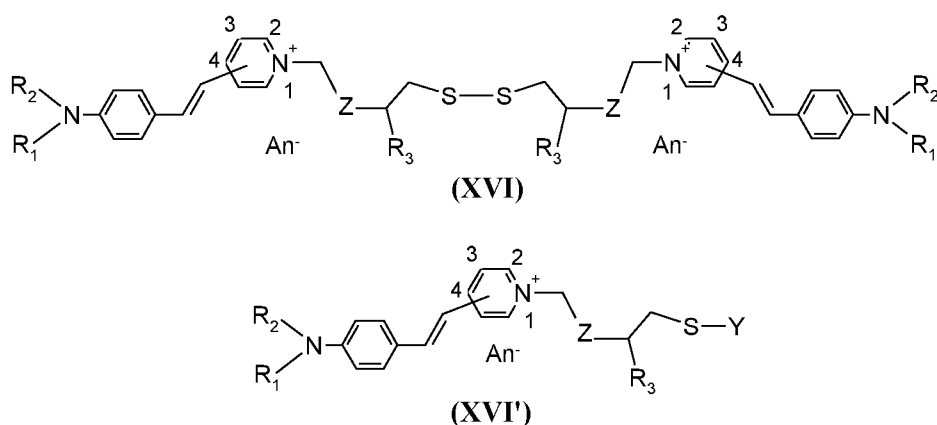
According to a specific form of the invention, the dyes of the invention belong to the formula (XVa) or (XV'a), which has an ethenylene group connecting the pyridinium part to the phenyl in the ortho or para position of the pyridinium, i.e. as 2,4'-, 4,2'- or 4,4'-:



with R, R', R'', R''', R_g, R'_g, R''_g, R'''_g, R_h, R'_h, R''_h, R'''_h, R_i, R'_i, R''_i, R'''_i, m, m', p, p', q, q', Y and M' as defined above in the formulae (XV) and (XV'). In particular, R_h and R''_h are in the ortho position of the pyridinium group and R'_h and R'''_h represent a hydrogen atom. Another aspect of the invention relates to the dyes of formula (XVa) or (XV'a) having R_g and R''_g groups in the 3' position and R'_g/R'''_g groups which represent a hydrogen atom.

Advantageously, the dyes of formula (XVa) and (XV'a) have their ethenylene group in the para position of the phenyl carrying the amino group R'(CH₂)_p-N-(CH₂)_q-R and/or R''(CH₂)_p-N-(CH₂)_q-R''', i.e. in the 4' position, and preferably have an ethenylene or styryl group connecting the pyridinium part to the phenyl in the ortho position of the pyridinium, i.e. as 2,4'-.

According to another specific form of the invention, the dyes of the invention belong to the formula (XVI) or (XVI'):



in which formula (XVI) or (XVI'):

- R₁ represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group substituted by one or more hydroxyl or -C(O)OR' groups with R' representing a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group or else a -C(O)-O⁻ group and, in the latter case, an anionic counterion An⁻ is absent; in

particular R_1 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups and more specifically by just one hydroxyl group;

- R_2 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups;

5 or else the groups R_1 and R_2 form, together with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a saturated heterocyclic radical substituted at least with one hydroxyl, (poly)hydroxy(C_1 - C_4)alkyl and/or $-C(O)OR'$, with R' representing a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, or else a $-C(O)-O^-$ group and, in this case, an anionic counterion An^- is absent, such as pyrrolidinyl and piperidyl;

10 • R_3 represents a hydrogen atom or a $-C(O)OR''$ group, with R'' representing a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, or else R_3 represents a $-C(O)-O^-$ group and, in this case, an anionic counterion An^- is absent;

15 • Z represents a divalent amido group $-C(O)-N(R)-$ or $-N(R)-C(O)-$, or a divalent C_1 - C_{10} alkylene group interrupted by an amido group $-C(O)-N(R)-$ and $-N(R)-C(O)-$, such as $-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-N(R)-(CH_2)_p-$ and $-(CH_2)_n-N(R)-C(O)-(CH_2)_p-$, with n' representing an integer between 0 and 3 inclusive; preferably, n' has a value 0, 2, 3; p representing an integer between 0 and 4 inclusive, n'' representing an integer between 0 and 3 inclusive and in particular $n' = n'' = p = 0$, and R representing a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group;

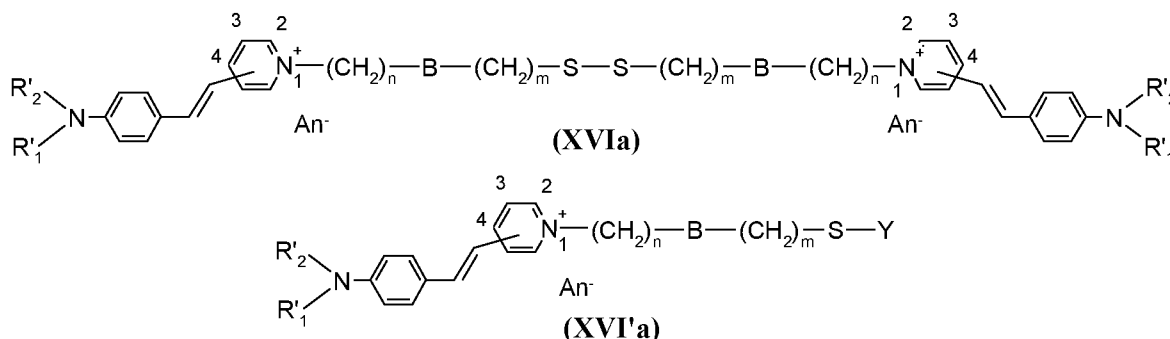
20 • An^- represents an anionic counterion;

- Y is as defined above;

it being understood that, when the compound of formula (XVI) or (XVI') comprises other cationic parts, it is combined with one or more anionic counterions which make it possible to achieve the electrical neutrality of the formula (XVI) or (XVI').

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According to a specific form of the invention, the dyes of the invention belong to the formula (XVIa) or (XVI'a):



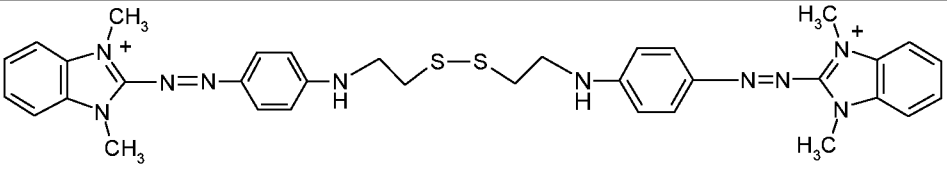
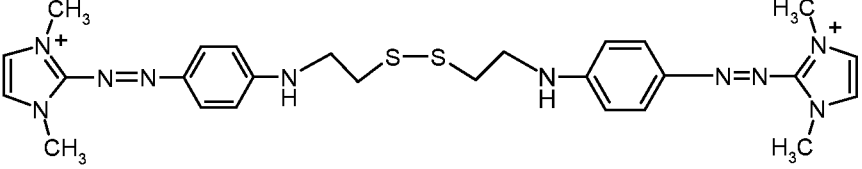
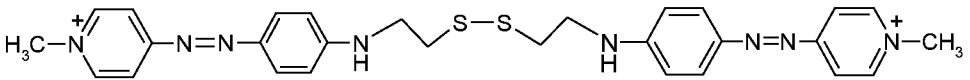
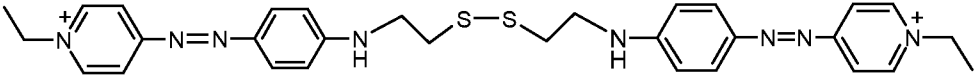
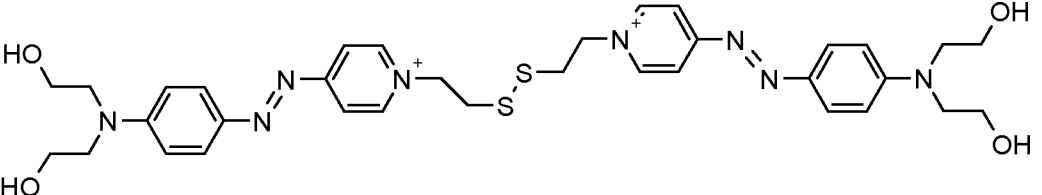
in which formulae (XVIa) and (XVI'a):

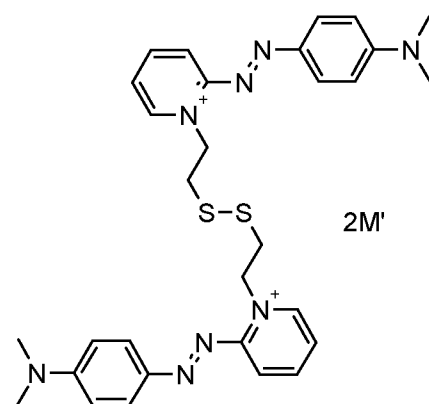
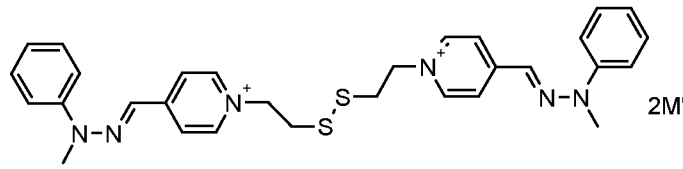
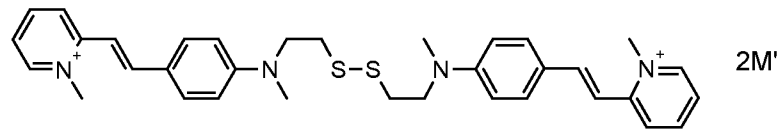
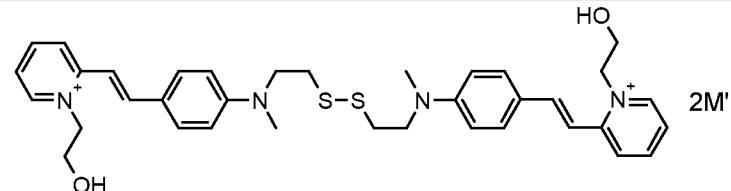
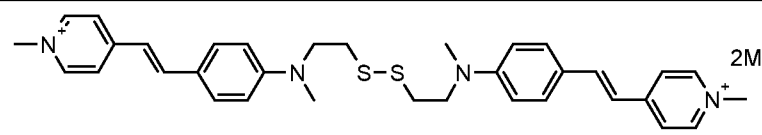
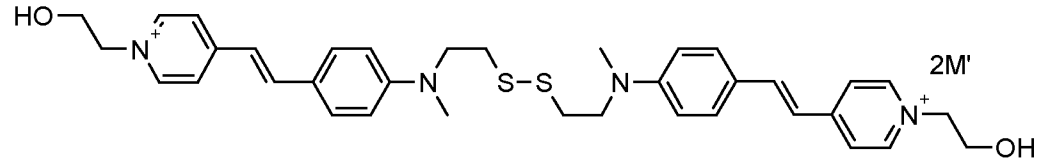
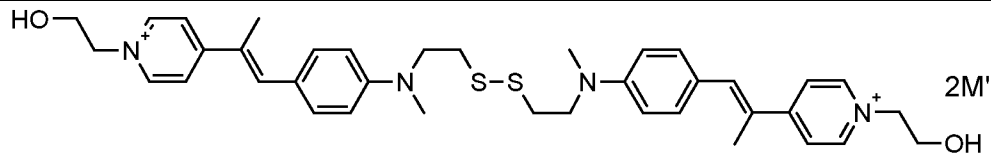
30 • R'_1 represents a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups, particularly by just one hydroxyl group, or $-C(O)OR'$ groups, with R' representing a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group, or else a $-C(O)-O^-$ group and, in the latter case, an anionic counterion An^- is absent; preferably, R'_1 represents a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group substituted by a hydroxyl group;

- R'_2 represents a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups, in particular by just one hydroxyl group; more particularly, R'_1 and R'_2 are identical;
 - An^- represents an anionic counterion as defined above;
 - 5 • B represents a divalent amido group $-C(O)-N(R)-$ or $-N(R)-C(O)-$, with R representing a hydrogen atom or a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group; preferably, $R = H$;
 - n and m , which are identical or different, represent an integer between 1 and 4 inclusive; preferably, n has a value 3 and m has a value 2;
 - Y is as defined above;
- 10 it being understood that the bond between the pyridinium ring and the double bond of the ethynylene or styryl group is positioned in the 2 or 4 position of the pyridinium, preferably in the 4 position.

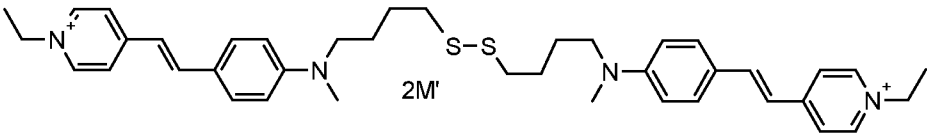
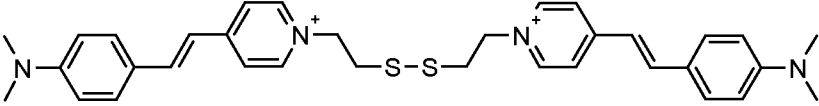
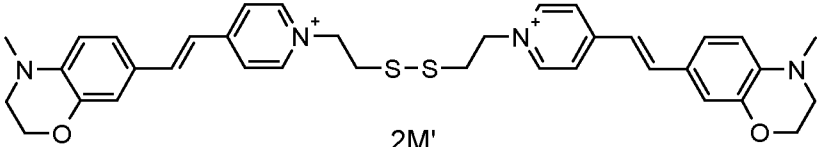
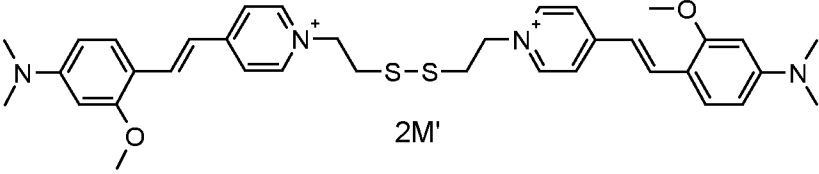
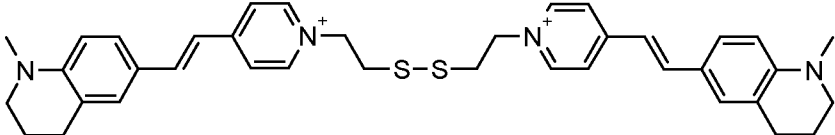
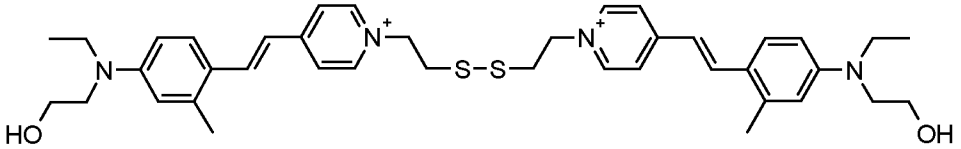
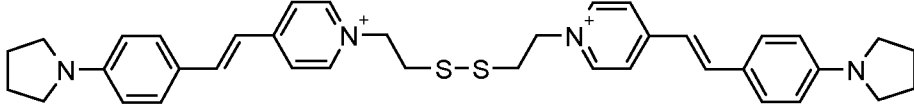
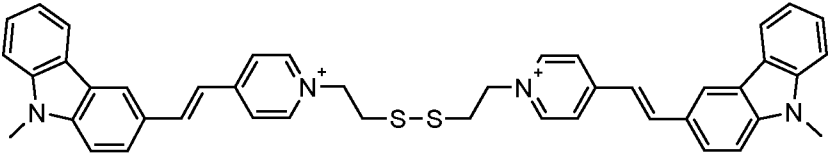
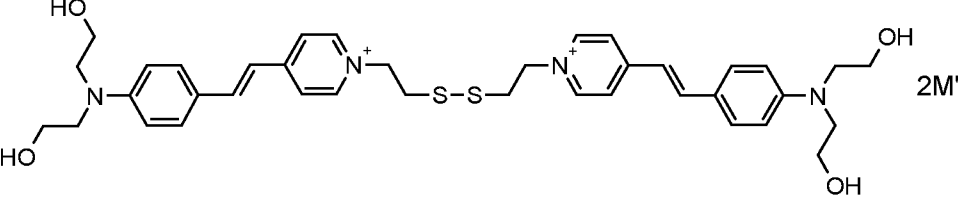
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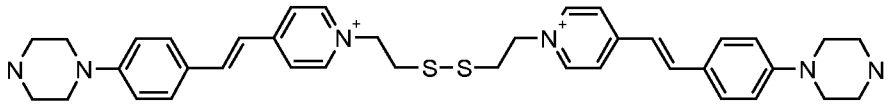
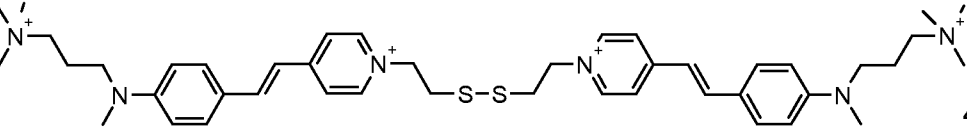
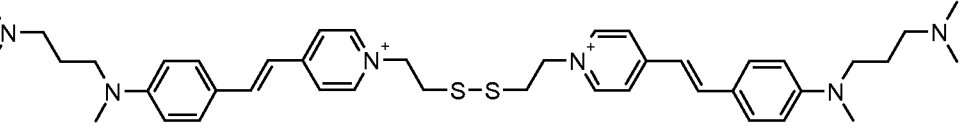
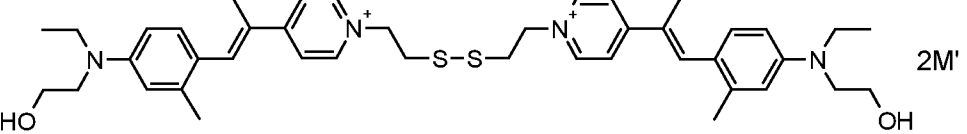
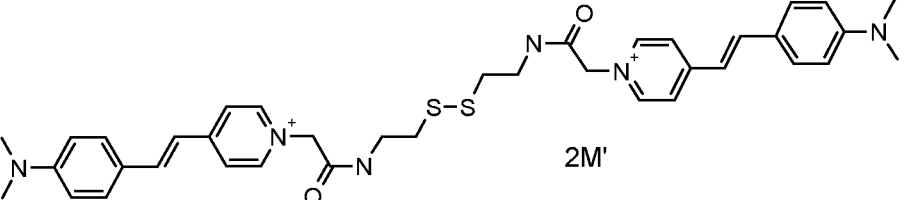
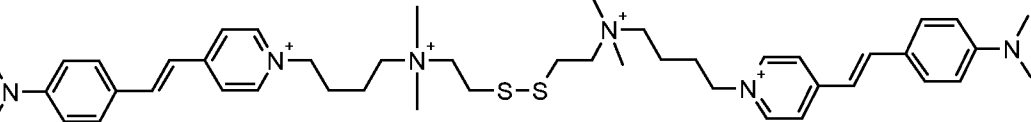
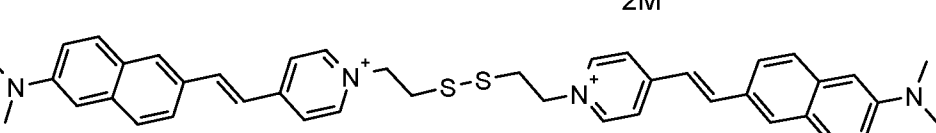
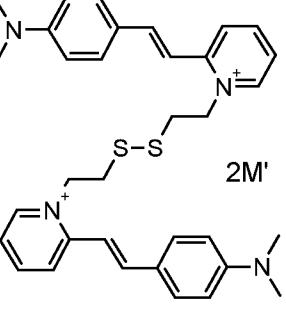
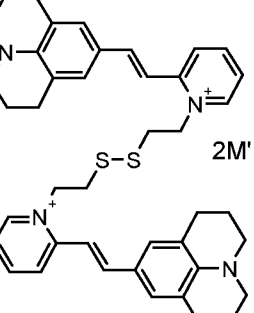
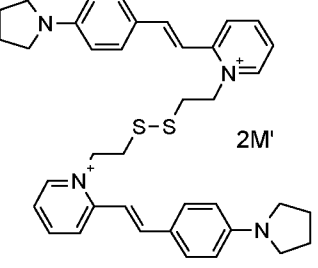
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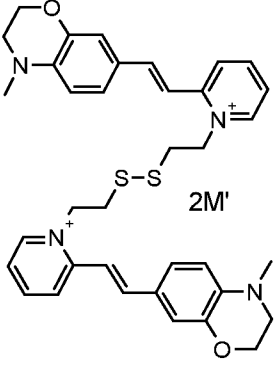
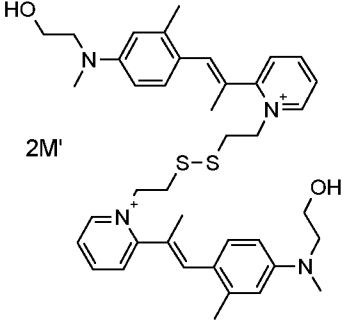
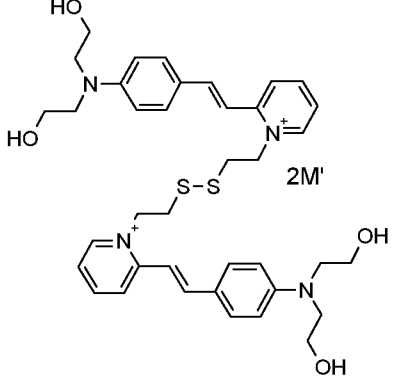
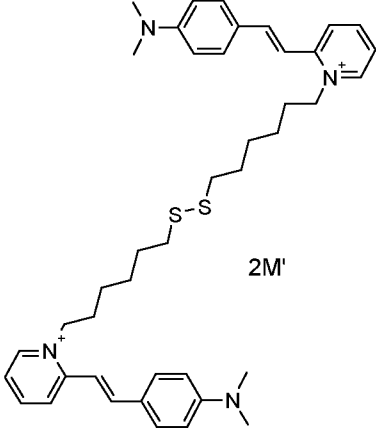
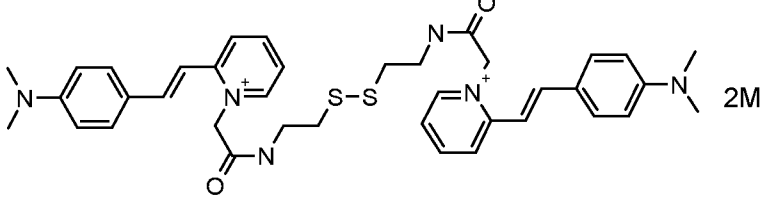
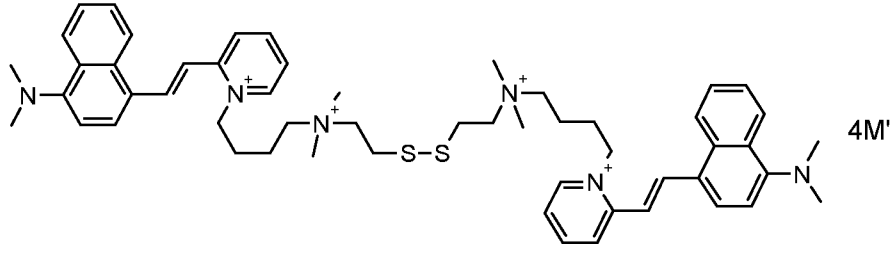
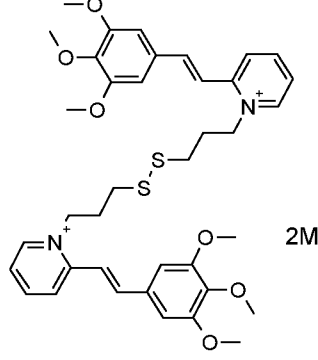
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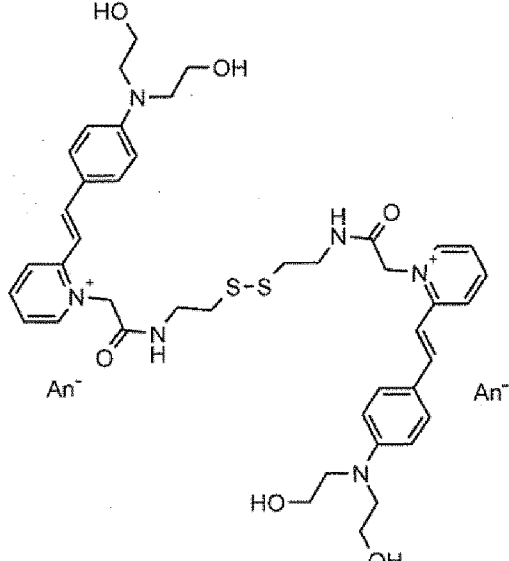
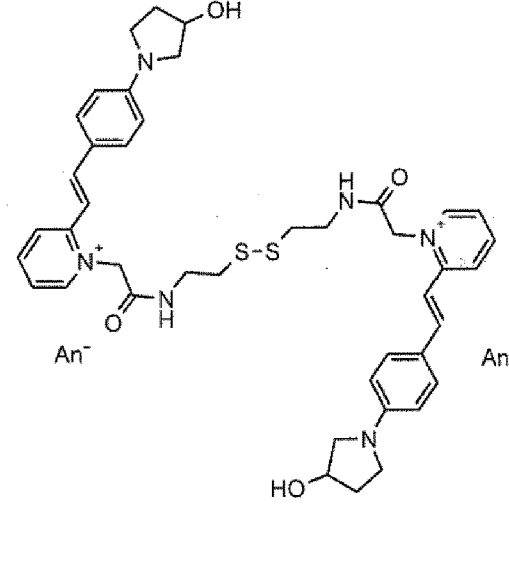
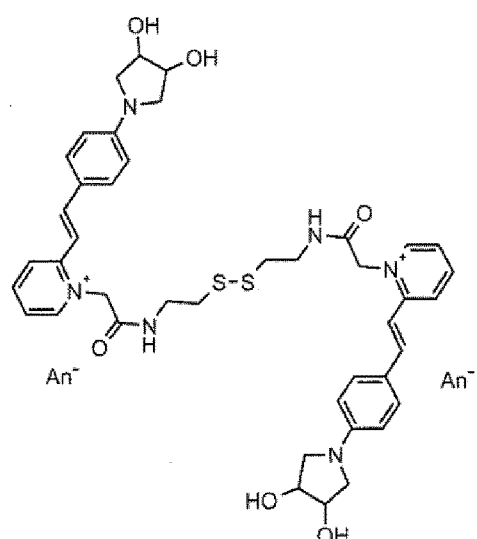
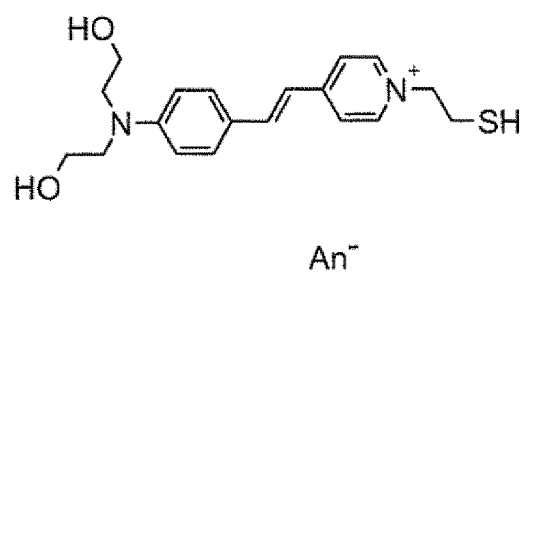
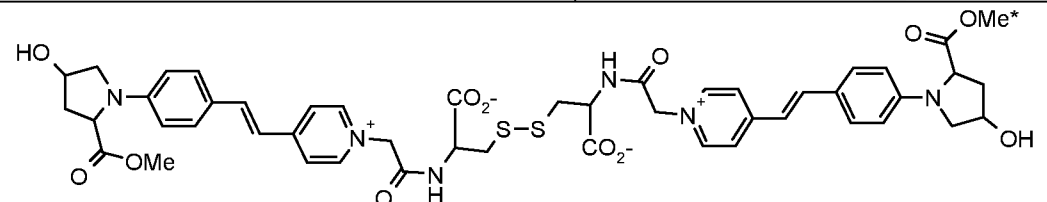
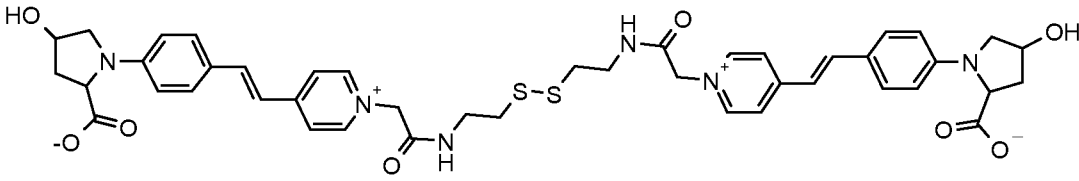
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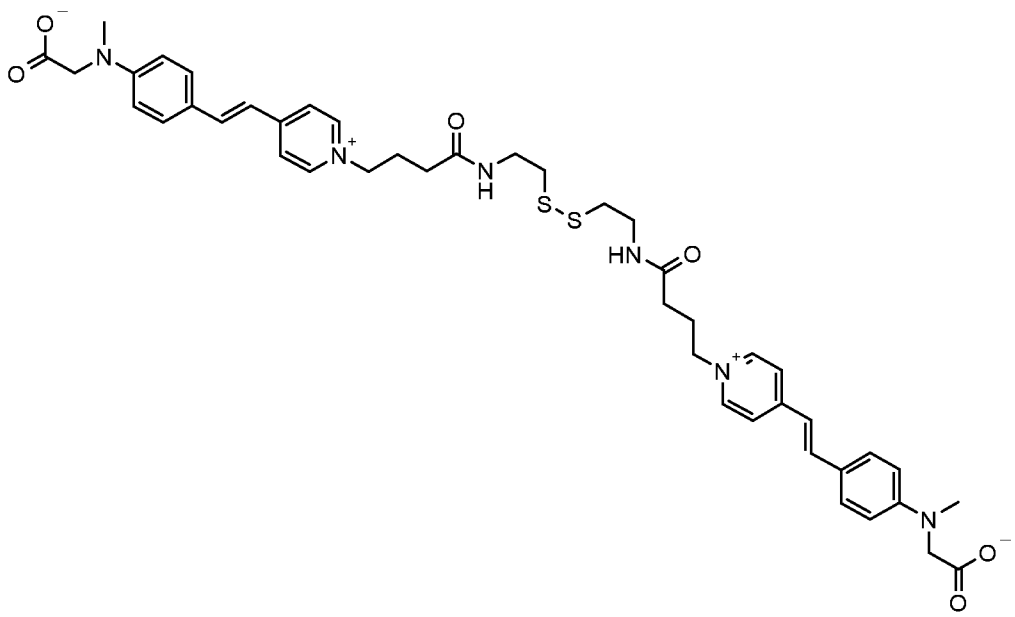
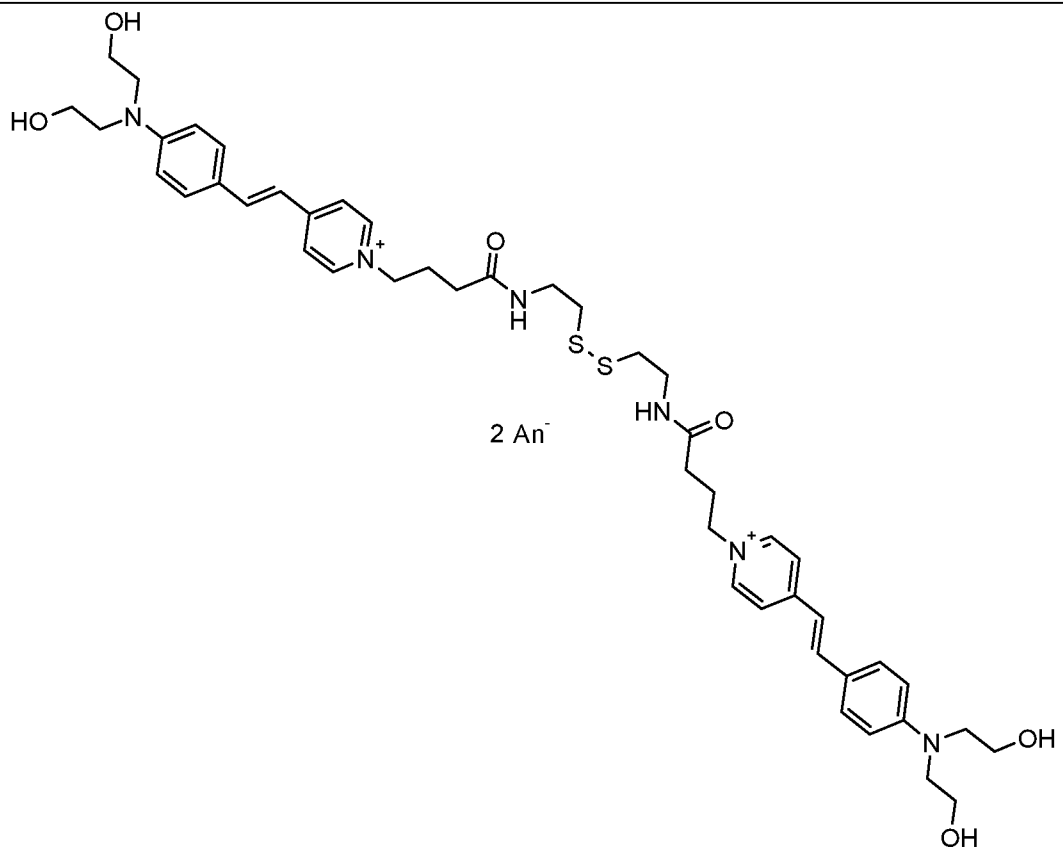
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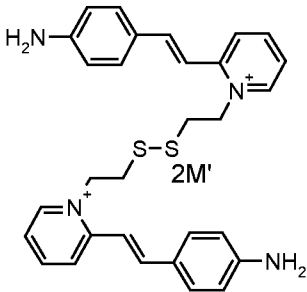
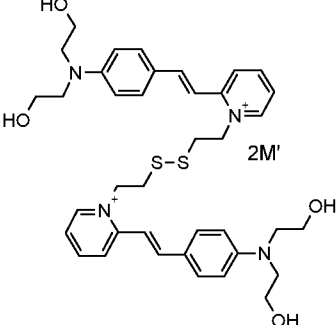
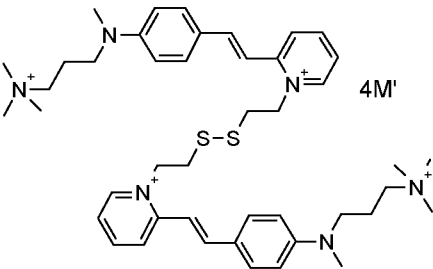
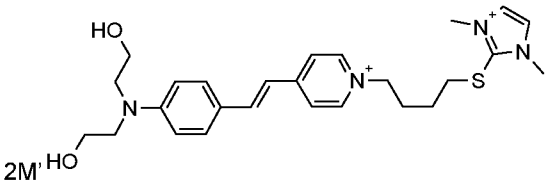
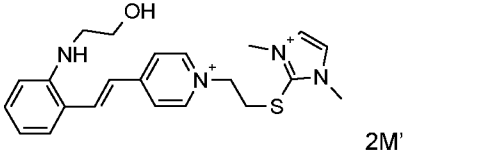
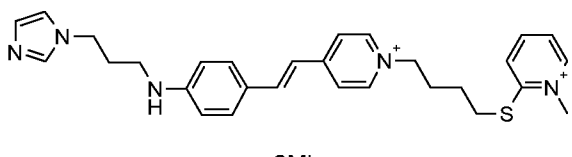
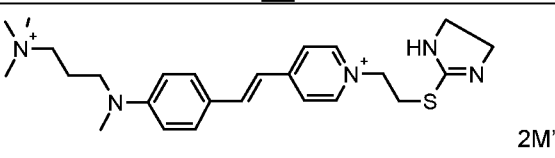
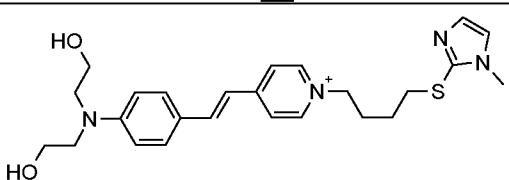
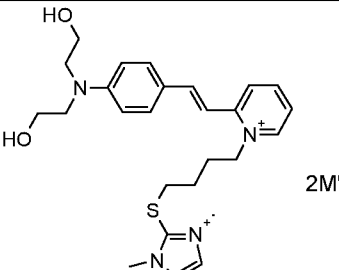
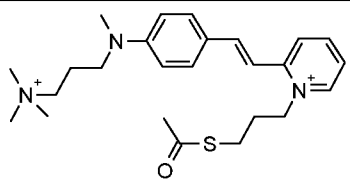
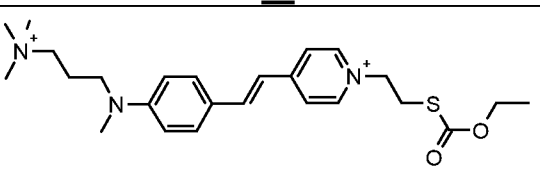
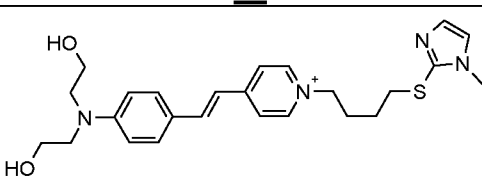
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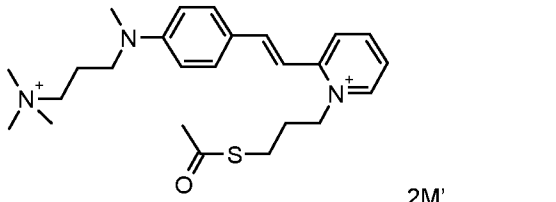
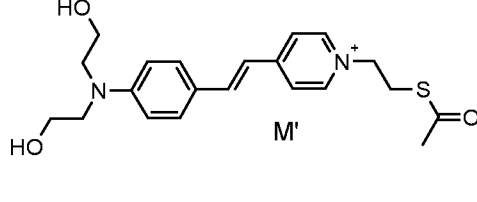
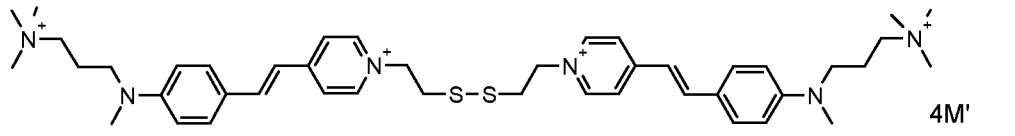
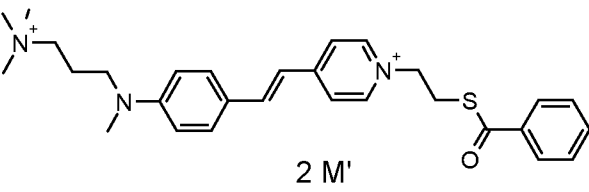
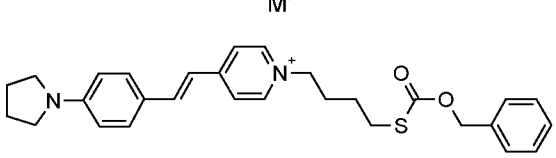
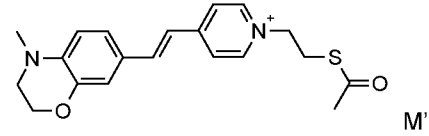
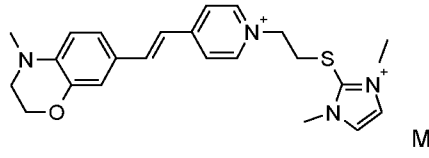
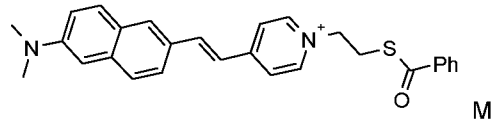
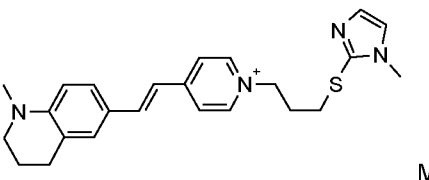
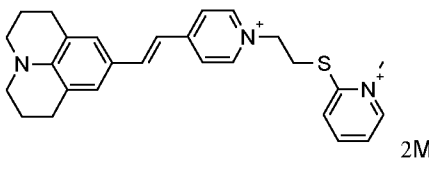
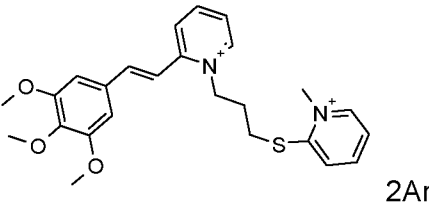
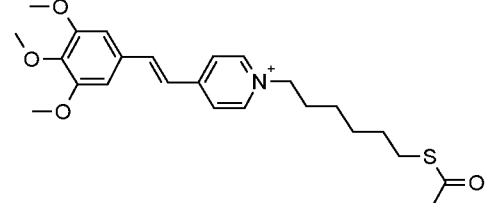
		
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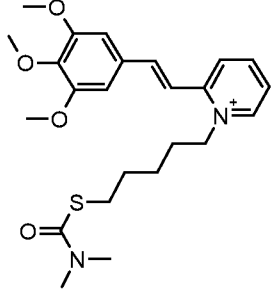
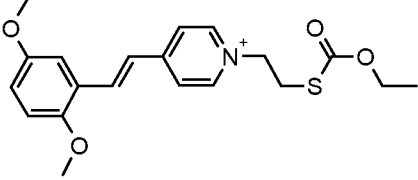
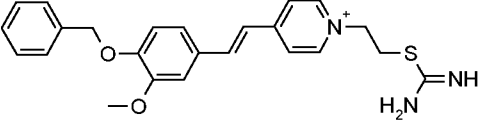
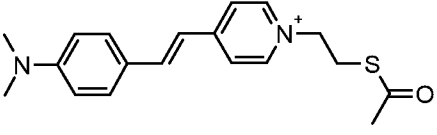
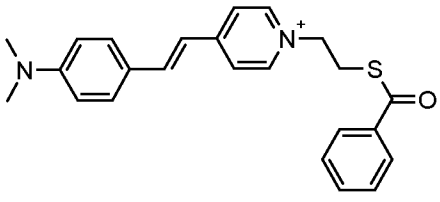
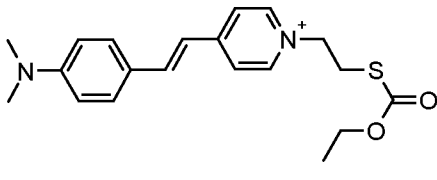
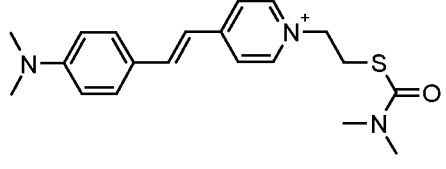
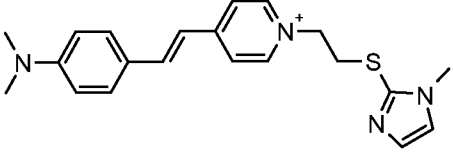
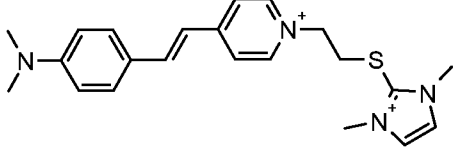
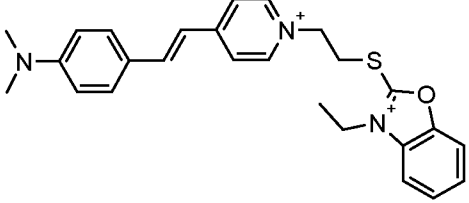
<p>Chemical structure 79: A bis-benzimidazolium salt with a disulfide bridge. The left benzimidazolium ring is substituted at the 2-position with a 4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl group. The right benzimidazolium ring is substituted at the 2-position with a 4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl group. The two benzimidazolium rings are connected via a disulfide bridge (-S-S-) between their 5-positions. Each nitrogen atom of the benzimidazolium rings is substituted with a methyl group and a propyl chain, which is further substituted with a carbonyl group (-C(=O)-). The counterion is An⁻.</p>	<u>79</u>
<p>Chemical structure 80: A bis-benzimidazolium salt with a disulfide bridge. The left benzimidazolium ring is substituted at the 2-position with a 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)phenyl group. The right benzimidazolium ring is substituted at the 2-position with a 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)phenyl group. The two benzimidazolium rings are connected via a disulfide bridge (-S-S-) between their 5-positions. Each nitrogen atom of the benzimidazolium rings is substituted with a methyl group and a propyl chain, which is further substituted with a carbonyl group (-C(=O)-). The counterion is An⁻.</p>	<u>80</u>

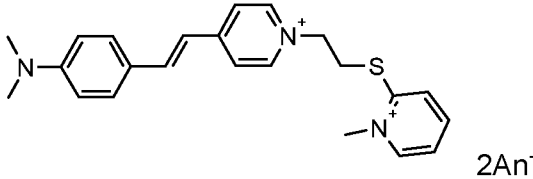
 <p>Chemical structure 81: A bis-phenol derivative with a central disulfide bridge. Each phenol ring is substituted with a 4-(dimethylamino)phenyl group and a 4-pyridiniummethyl group. The pyridinium rings are linked to a central chain containing a disulfide bridge and a secondary amide group.</p>	81
 <p>Chemical structure 82: A bis-phenol derivative with a central disulfide bridge. Each phenol ring is substituted with a 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)amino group and a 4-pyridiniummethyl group. The pyridinium rings are linked to a central chain containing a disulfide bridge and a secondary amide group. Two anions (2 An^-) are shown.</p>	82

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with An⁻ and M⁺, which are identical or different, preferably identical, representing anionic counterions. More particularly, the anionic counterion is chosen from halides, such as chloride, alkyl sulphate, such as methyl sulphate, mesylate and $\frac{1}{2} (\text{O}=\text{O})_2\text{SO}^{2-}$ or $\frac{1}{2} \text{SO}_4^{2-}$.

- 5 More preferably, the dyes *j*) as defined above are chosen from compounds **44**, **49**, **49a** and **55**, in particular **44**, **49** and **55**.

10 According to a particularly advantageous embodiment of the invention, the dye *j*) is a dye comprising a “permanent” cationic charge, that is to say having, in its structure, at least one quaternized nitrogen (ammonium) atom or quaternized phosphorus (phosphonium) atom, preferably quaternized nitrogen atom.

15 The composition according to the invention comprises, in a cosmetic medium, an amount of dyes having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group as defined above, in particular of formula (I) as defined above, generally of between 0.001 and 30% inclusive, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

20 Preferably, the amount of dyes having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group as defined above, in particular of formula (I) is between 0.01 and 5% by weight inclusive, with respect to the total weight of the composition. By way of example, the dye or dyes occur(s) in an amount of between 0.01 and 2% inclusive.

j).5). The organic or inorganic acid salt and counterion of the dyes of the invention which is cosmetically acceptable.

25 They are chosen from the “organic or inorganic acid salt” and “anionic counterion” as defined above.

30 Furthermore, the addition salts which can be used in the context of the invention can be chosen from addition salts with a cosmetically acceptable base, such as the basifying agents as defined below, for example alkali metal hydroxides, such as sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, aqueous ammonia, amines or alkanolamines.

ii) At least one thickening organic polymer:

The composition according to the invention comprises *ii)* one or more thickening organic polymers.

5 The thickening organic polymers according to the invention can be of natural or synthetic origin.

The thickening polymers can be anionic, cationic, amphoteric or nonionic polymers which may or may not be associative.

They can be aqueous- or oily-phase thickeners.

10 Mention may be made, as aqueous-phase thickening polymers, of nonassociative thickening polymers having sugar units.

Sugar unit is understood to mean, within the meaning of the present invention, a unit resulting from a carbohydrate of formula $C_n(H_2O)_{n-1}$ or $(CH_2O)_n$ which can optionally be modified by substitution and/or by oxidation and/or by dehydration.

15 The sugar units which can participate in the composition of the thickening polymers of the invention preferably result from the following sugars:

- glucose;
- galactose;
- arabinose;
- 20 ▪ rhamnose;
- mannose;
- xylose;
- fucose;
- anhydrogalactose;
- 25 ▪ galacturonic acid;
- glucuronic acid;
- mannuronic acid;
- galactose sulphate;
- anhydrogalactose sulphate and
- 30 ▪ fructose.

Mention may in particular be made, as thickening polymers of the invention, of native gums, such as:

a) tree or shrub exudates, including:

- 35 ▪ gum arabic (branched polymer of galactose, arabinose, rhamnose and glucuronic acid);
- ghatti gum (polymer resulting from arabinose, galactose, mannose, xylose and glucuronic acid);
- karaya gum (polymer resulting from galacturonic acid, galactose, rhamnose and
- 40 ▪ glucuronic acid);
- gum tragacanth (polymer of galacturonic acid, galactose, fucose, xylose and

arabinose);

b) gums resulting from algae, including:

- agar (polymer resulting from galactose and anhydrogalactose);
- alginates (polymers of mannuronic acid and glucuronic acid);

5 ▪ carrageenans and furcellarans (polymers of galactose sulphate and anhydrogalactose sulphate);

c) gums resulting from seeds or tubers, including:

- guar gum (polymer of mannose and galactose);
- locust bean gum (polymer of mannose and galactose);
- 10 ▪ fenugreek gum (polymer of mannose and galactose);
- tamarind gum (polymer of galactose, xylose and glucose);
- konjac gum (polymer of glucose and mannose);

d) microbial gums, including:

- xanthan gum (polymer of glucose, mannose acetate, mannose/pyruvic acid and
- 15 glucuronic acid);
- gellan gum (polymer of partially acylated glucose, rhamnose and glucuronic acid);
- scleroglucan gum (polymer of glucose);

e) plant extracts, including:

- cellulose (polymer of glucose);
- 20 ▪ starch (polymer of glucose) and
- inulin.

These polymers may be physically or chemically modified. A physical treatment that may especially be mentioned is the temperature.

25 Mention may be made, as chemical treatments, of esterification, etherification, amidation or oxidation reactions. These treatments can lead to polymers that may especially be nonionic, anionic or amphoteric.

Preferably, these chemical or physical treatments are applied to guar gums, locust bean gums, starches and celluloses.

30 The nonionic guar gums which can be used according to the invention can be modified by (poly)hydroxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups.

Mention may be made, among (poly)hydroxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl groups, by way of example, of the hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, hydroxypropyl and hydroxybutyl groups.

35 These guar gums are well known in the prior art and can be prepared, for example, by reacting the corresponding alkene oxides, such as, for example, propylene oxides, with the guar gum so as to obtain a guar gum modified with hydroxypropyl groups.

The degree of hydroxyalkylation preferably ranges from 0.4 to 1.2, and corresponds to the number of alkylene oxide molecules consumed by the number of free hydroxyl functional groups present on the guar gum.

40 Such nonionic guar gums optionally modified with hydroxyalkyl groups are sold, for example, under the trade names Jaguar HP8, Jaguar HP60 and Jaguar HP120 by the

company Rhodia Chimie.

The botanical origin of the starch molecules used in the present invention may be cereals or tubers. Thus, the starches are chosen, for example, from maize starch, rice starch, cassava starch, barley starch, potato starch, wheat starch, sorghum starch and pea starch.

The starches can be modified chemically or physically, in particular by one or more of the following reactions: pregelatinization, oxidation, crosslinking, esterification, etherification, amidation or heat treatments.

Distarch phosphates or compounds rich in distarch phosphate will preferentially be used, for instance the products sold under the references Prejel VA-70-T AGGL (gelatinized hydroxypropyl cassava distarch phosphate), Prejel TK1 (gelatinized cassava distarch phosphate) and Prejel 200 (gelatinized acetyl cassava distarch phosphate) by the company Avebe, or Structure Zea from National Starch (gelatinized maize distarch phosphate).

According to the invention, amphoteric starches may also be used, these amphoteric starches comprising one or more anionic groups and one or more cationic groups. The anionic and cationic groups may be linked to the same reactive site of the starch molecule or to different reactive sites; they are preferably linked to the same reactive site. The anionic groups may be of carboxylic, phosphate or sulphate type, preferably carboxylic type. The cationic groups may be of primary, secondary, tertiary or quaternary amine type.

The starch molecules may be derived from any plant source of starch, especially such as maize, potato, oat, rice, tapioca, sorghum, barley or wheat. It is also possible to use the hydrolysates of the starches mentioned above. The starch is preferably derived from potato.

The nonassociative thickening polymers of the invention can be cellulose polymers not comprising a C₁₀-C₃₀ fatty chain in their structure.

"Cellulose" polymer is understood to mean, according to the invention, any polysaccharide compound having, in its structure, sequences of glucose residues joined up via β -1,4 bonds; in addition to unsubstituted celluloses, the cellulose derivatives can be anionic, cationic, amphoteric or nonionic.

Thus, the cellulose polymers of the invention can be chosen from unsubstituted celluloses, including under a microcrystalline form, and cellulose ethers.

Among these cellulose polymers, cellulose ethers, cellulose esters and cellulose ester ethers are distinguished.

Cellulose esters include inorganic esters of cellulose (cellulose nitrates, sulphates or phosphates, and the like), organic esters of cellulose (cellulose monoacetates, triacetates, amidopropionates, acetate butyrates, acetate propionates or acetate trimellitates, and the like) and mixed organic/inorganic esters of cellulose, such as cellulose acetate butyrate

sulphates and acetate propionate sulphates. Among the cellulose ester ethers, mention may be made of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose phthalates and ethylcellulose sulphates.

Mention may be made, among nonionic cellulose ethers without a C₁₀-C₃₀ fatty chain, i.e. "nonassociative" cellulose ethers, of (C₁-C₄)alkylcelluloses, such as methylcelluloses and ethylcelluloses (for example, Ethocel Standard 100 Premium from Dow Chemical); (poly)hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkylcelluloses, such as hydroxymethylcelluloses, hydroxyethylcelluloses (for example, Natrosol 250 HHR provided by Aqualon) and hydroxypropylcelluloses (for example, Klucel EF from Aqualon); or (poly)hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₁-C₄)alkylcellulose mixed celluloses, such as hydroxypropyl-methylcelluloses (for example, Methocel E4M from Dow Chemical), hydroxyethyl-methylcelluloses, hydroxyethyl-ethylcelluloses (for example, Bermocoll E 481 FQ from Akzo Nobel) and hydroxybutyl-methylcelluloses.

Mention may be made, among anionic cellulose ethers without a fatty chain, of (poly)carboxy(C₁-C₄)alkylcelluloses and their salts. Examples that may be mentioned include carboxymethylcelluloses, carboxymethylmethylcelluloses (for example, Blanose 7M from the company Aqualon) and carboxymethylhydroxyethylcelluloses, and the sodium salts thereof.

Mention may be made, among cationic cellulose ethers without a fatty chain, of cationic cellulose derivatives, such as cellulose copolymers or cellulose derivatives grafted with a water-soluble quaternary ammonium monomer and described in particular in Patent US 4 131 576, such as (poly)hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkylcelluloses, for example hydroxymethyl-, hydroxyethyl- or hydroxypropylcelluloses, grafted in particular with a methacryloylethyltrimethylammonium, methacrylamidopropyltrimethylammonium, dimethyl-diallylammonium salt. The commercial products corresponding to this definition are more particularly the products sold under the names "Celquat® L 200" and "Celquat® H 100" by National Starch.

Among the nonassociative thickening polymers not bearing sugar units that may be used, mention may be made of crosslinked acrylic or methacrylic acid homopolymers or copolymers, crosslinked 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid homopolymers and crosslinked acrylamide copolymers thereof, ammonium acrylate homopolymers, or copolymers of ammonium acrylate and of acrylamide, alone or as mixtures.

A first family of nonassociative thickening polymers that is suitable is represented by crosslinked acrylic acid homopolymers.

Among the homopolymers of this type, mention may be made of those crosslinked with an allyl ether of an alcohol of the sugar series, such as, for example, the products sold under the names Carbopol 980, 981, 954, 2984 and 5984 by the company Noveon or the products sold under the names Synthalen M and Synthalen K by the company 3 VSA.

The nonassociative thickening polymers may also be crosslinked (meth)acrylic acid copolymers, such as the polymer sold under the name Aqua SF1 by the company Noveon.

The nonassociative thickening polymers may be chosen from crosslinked 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid homopolymers and the crosslinked acrylamide

copolymers thereof.

Among the partially or totally neutralized crosslinked copolymers of 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid and of acrylamide, mention may be made in particular of the product described in Example 1 of the document EP 503 853, and reference may be made to said document as regards these polymers.

The composition may similarly comprise, as nonassociative thickening polymers, ammonium acrylate homopolymers or copolymers of ammonium acrylate and of acrylamide.

Among the ammonium acrylate homopolymers that may be mentioned by way of examples is the product sold under the name Microsap PAS 5193 by the company Hoechst. Among the copolymers of ammonium acrylate and of acrylamide that may be mentioned is the product sold under the name Bozopol C Nouveau or the product PAS 5193 sold by the company Hoechst. Reference may be made especially to the documents FR 2 416 723, US 2 798 053 and US 2 923 692 as regards the description and preparation of such compounds.

Mention may also be made, among aqueous-phase thickening polymers, of non cellulose associative polymers well known to a person skilled in the art and in particular of nonionic, anionic, cationic or amphoteric nature.

It should be remembered that "*associative polymers*" are polymers capable, in an aqueous medium, of being reversibly combined with one another or with other molecules.

Their chemical structure more particularly comprises at least one hydrophilic region and at least one hydrophobic region.

"*Hydrophobic group*" is understood to mean a radical or polymer having a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched hydrocarbon chain comprising at least 10 carbon atoms, preferably from 10 to 30 carbon atoms, in particular from 12 to 30 carbon atoms and more preferably from 18 to 30 carbon atoms.

Preferentially, the hydrocarbon group is derived from a monofunctional compound. By way of example, the hydrophobic group may be derived from a fatty alcohol, such as stearyl alcohol, dodecyl alcohol or decyl alcohol. It may also denote a hydrocarbon polymer, for instance polybutadiene.

Among the associative polymers of anionic type that may be mentioned are:

- **(a)** those comprising at least one hydrophilic unit and at least one allyl ether unit having a fatty chain, more particularly those for which the hydrophilic unit is composed of an unsaturated ethylenic anionic monomer, or particularly still of a vinylcarboxylic acid and very particularly of an acrylic acid or a methacrylic acid or the mixtures of these.

Preference is particularly given among these anionic associative polymers, according to the invention, to the polymers formed from 20 to 60% by weight of acrylic and/or methacrylic acid, from 5 to 60% by weight of lower alkyl (meth)acrylates, from 2 to 50% by weight of allyl ether having a fatty chain, and from 0 to 1% by weight of a

crosslinking agent which is a well known copolymerizable unsaturated polyethylenic monomer, such as diallyl phthalate, allyl (meth)acrylate, divinylbenzene, (poly)ethylene glycol dimethacrylate and methylenebisacrylamide.

Among the latter, preference is very particularly given to crosslinked terpolymers of methacrylic acid, ethyl acrylate and alkyl ether of polyethylene glycol (10 EO) ether of stearyl alcohol (Steareth 10), in particular those sold by Ciba under the names Salcare SC80® and Salcare SC90®, which are 30% aqueous emulsions of a crosslinked terpolymer of methacrylic acid, ethyl acrylate and steareth-10 allyl ether (40/50/10).

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10 - **(b)** those comprising i) at least one hydrophilic unit of unsaturated olefinic carboxylic acid type and ii) at least one hydrophobic unit of (C₁₀-C₃₀)alkyl ester of unsaturated carboxylic acid type.

(C₁₀-C₃₀)Alkyl esters of unsaturated carboxylic acids of use in the invention comprise, for example, lauryl acrylate, stearyl acrylate, decyl acrylate, isodecyl acrylate, dodecyl acrylate, and the corresponding methacrylates, lauryl methacrylate, stearyl methacrylate, decyl methacrylate, isodecyl methacrylate and dodecyl methacrylate.

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Anionic polymers of this type are described and prepared, for example, according to Patents US 3 915 921 and US 4 509 949.

Use will more particularly be made, among anionic associative polymers of this type, of those composed of from 95 to 60% by weight of acrylic acid (hydrophilic unit), from 4 to 40% by weight of C₁₀-C₃₀ alkyl acrylate (hydrophobic unit) and from 0 to 6% by weight of crosslinking polymerizable monomer or else those composed of from 98 to 96% by weight of acrylic acid (hydrophilic unit), from 1 to 4% by weight of C₁₀-C₃₀ alkyl acrylate (hydrophobic unit) and from 0.1 to 0.6% by weight of crosslinking polymerizable monomer, such as those described above.

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25 Preference is very particularly given, among the above said polymers, according to the present invention, to the products sold by Goodrich under the trade names Pemulen TR1®, Pemulen TR2® and Carbopol 1382®, more preferably still Pemulen TR1®, and the product sold by Seppic under the name Coatex SX®.

30 Mention may also be made of the acrylic acid/lauryl methacrylate/vinylpyrrolidone terpolymer sold under the name Acrylidone LM by ISP.

- **(c)** maleic anhydride/C₃₀-C₃₈ α -olefin/alkyl maleate terpolymers, such as the product (maleic anhydride/C₃₀-C₃₈ α -olefin/isopropyl maleate copolymer) sold under the name Performa V 1608® by Newphase Technologies.

- 35 - **(d)** acrylic terpolymers comprising:

i) approximately 20% to 70% by weight of a carboxylic acid having an α,β -monoethylenic unsaturation [A],

ii) approximately 20 to 80% by weight of a non-surface-active monomer having an α,β -monoethylenic unsaturation other than [A],

40 iii) approximately 0.5 to 60% by weight of a nonionic monourethane which is the reaction product of a monohydric surfactant with a monoisocyanate having a

monoethylenic unsaturation,
such as those described in Patent Application EP-A-0 173 109 and more particularly the
terpolymer described in Example 3, namely a methacrylic acid/methyl acrylate/
ethoxylated (40 EO) behenyl alcohol dimethyl(meta-isopropenyl)benzyl isocyanate
5 terpolymer, as a 25% aqueous dispersion.

- (e) copolymers comprising, among their monomers, an α,β -monoethylenically
unsaturated carboxylic acid and an ester of an α,β -monoethylenically unsaturated
carboxylic acid and of an oxyalkylated fatty alcohol.

10 Preferentially, these compounds also comprise, as monomer, an ester of an
 α,β -monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid and of a C₁-C₄ alcohol.

Mention may be made, as example of this type of compound, of Aculyn 22®, sold by
Rohm & Haas, which is a methacrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/oxyalkylated stearyl
15 methacrylate terpolymer.

- (f) amphiphilic polymers comprising at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer
having a sulphonic group, in the free or partially or completely neutralized form, and
comprising at least one hydrophobic part. These polymers may be crosslinked or
20 noncrosslinked. They are preferably crosslinked.

The ethylenically unsaturated monomers having a sulphonic group are chosen in
particular from vinylsulphonic acid, styrenesulphonic acid, (meth)acrylamido(C₁-C₂₂)alkyl-
sulphonic acids, N-(C₁-C₂₂)alkyl(meth)acrylamido(C₁-C₂₂)alkylsulphonic acids, such as
undecylacrylamidomethanesulphonic acid, and their partially or completely neutralized
25 forms.

Use will more preferably be made of (meth)acrylamido(C₁-C₂₂)alkylsulphonic acids,
such as, for example, acrylamidomethanesulphonic acid, acrylamidoethanesulphonic
acid, acrylamidopropanesulphonic acid, 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid,
2-methacrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid, 2-acrylamido-n-butanepulphonic acid,
30 2-acrylamido-2,4,4-trimethylpentanesulphonic acid, 2-methacrylamidododecylsulphonic
acid, 2-acrylamido-2,6-dimethyl-3-heptanesulphonic acid and their partially or completely
neutralized forms.

2-Acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulphonic acid (AMPS), and also partially or totally
neutralized forms thereof, will more particularly be used.

35 The polymers of this family can be chosen in particular from random amphiphilic
AMPS polymers modified by reaction with a mono(n-alkyl)amine or a di(n-alkyl)amine in
which the alkyl group is a C₆-C₂₂ alkyl group, such as those described in Patent
Application WO 00/31154. These polymers can also comprise other hydrophilic
ethylenically unsaturated monomers chosen, for example, from (meth)acrylic acids, their
40 β -substituted alkyl derivatives or their esters obtained with monoalcohols or mono- or
polyalkylene glycols, (meth)acrylamides, vinylpyrrolidone, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid

or maleic acid or the mixtures of these compounds.

The preferred polymers of this family are chosen from amphiphilic copolymers of AMPS and of at least one hydrophobic ethylenically unsaturated monomer.

5 These same copolymers may also contain one or more ethylenically unsaturated monomers not comprising a fatty chain, such as (meth)acrylic acids, β -substituted alkyl derivatives thereof or esters thereof obtained with monoalcohols or mono- or polyalkylene glycols, (meth)acrylamides, vinylpyrrolidone, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid or maleic acid, or the mixtures of these compounds.

10 These copolymers are described in particular in Patent Application EP-A-750899, Patent US 5 089 578 and the following publications by Yotaro Morishima:

- « Self-assembling amphiphilic polyelectrolytes and their nanostructures - *Chinese Journal of Polymer Science*, Vol. 18, No. 40 (2000), 323-336 »;
- « Micelle formation of random copolymers of sodium 2-(acrylamido)-2-methylpropanesulfonate and a non-ionic surfactant macromonomer in water as studied by fluorescence and dynamic light scattering - *Macromolecules*, Vol. 33, No. 10 (2000), 3694-3704 »;
- « Solution properties of micelle networks formed by non-ionic moieties covalently bound to a polyelectrolyte : salt effects on rheological behavior - *Langmuir*, Vol. 16, No. 12 (2000), 5324-5332 »;
- « Stimuli responsive amphiphilic copolymers of sodium 2-(acrylamido)-2-methylpropanesulfonate and associative macromonomers - *Polym. Preprint, Div. Polym. Chem.*, 40(2) (1999), 220-221».

Mention may be made, among these polymers, of:

- neutralized or nonneutralized and crosslinked or noncrosslinked copolymers comprising from 15 to 60% by weight of AMPS units and from 40 to 85% by weight of (C₈-C₁₆)alkyl(meth)acrylamide units or of (C₈-C₁₆)alkyl (meth)acrylate units, with respect to the polymer, such as described in Application EP-A 750 899;
- terpolymers comprising from 10 to 90 mol% of acrylamide units, from 0.1 to 10 mol% of AMPS units and from 5 to 80 mol% of n-(C₆-C₁₈)alkylacrylamide units, such as those described in Patent US-5 089 578.

35 Mention may also be made of copolymers of completely neutralized AMPS and of dodecyl methacrylate and noncrosslinked and crosslinked copolymers of AMPS and of n-dodecylmethacrylamide, such as those described in the abovementioned papers by Morishima.

Mention may be made, among cationic associative polymers, of:

- (I) cationic associative polyurethanes;
- (II) the compound sold by Noveon under the name Aqua CC and which corresponds to

the INCI name Polyacrylate-1 Crosspolymer.

Polyacrylate-1 Crosspolymer is the product of the polymerization of a mixture of monomers comprising:

- a di(C₁-C₄ alkyl)amino(C₁-C₆ alkyl) methacrylate,
- one or more C₁-C₃₀ alkyl esters of (meth)acrylic acid,
- a polyethoxylated (20-25 mol of ethylene oxide units) C₁₀-C₃₀ alkyl methacrylate,
- a 30/5 polyethylene glycol/polypropylene glycol allyl ether,
- a hydroxy(C₂-C₆ alkyl) methacrylate, and
- an ethylene glycol dimethacrylate.

- (III) quaternized (poly)hydroxyethylcelluloses modified by groups comprising at least one fatty chain, such as alkyl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl groups comprising at least 8 carbon atoms, or mixtures of these. The alkyl radicals carried by the quaternized celluloses or hydroxyethylcelluloses above preferably comprise from 8 to 30 carbon atoms. The aryl radicals preferably denote phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl or anthryl groups. There may be indicated, as examples of quaternized alkylhydroxyethylcelluloses having C₈-C₃₀ fatty chains, the products Quatrisoft LM 200®, Quatrisoft LM-X 529-18-A®, Quatrisoft LM-X 529-18-B® (C₁₂ alkyl) and Quatrisoft LM-X 529-8® (C₁₈ alkyl), sold by Aqualon, the products Crodacel QM®, Crodacel QL® (C₁₂ alkyl) and Crodacel QS® (C₁₈ alkyl), sold by Croda and the product Softcat SL 100® sold by Aqualon.

- (IV) cationic polyvinylactam polymers.

Such polymers are described, for example, in Patent Application WO00/68282.

Use is made in particular, as cationic poly(vinylactam) polymers according to the invention, of vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide/dodecyl dimethylmethacrylamidopropylammonium tosylate terpolymers, vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide/cocoyl dimethylmethacrylamidopropylammonium tosylate terpolymers or vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide/lauryl dimethylmethacrylamidopropylammonium tosylate or chloride terpolymers.

The amphoteric associative polymers are preferably chosen from those comprising at least one noncyclic cationic unit. More particularly still, preference is given to those prepared from or comprising from 1 to 20 mol% of monomer comprising a fatty chain, preferably from 1.5 to 15 mol% and more particularly still from 1.5 to 6 mol%, with respect to the total number of moles of monomers.

Amphoteric associative polymers according to the invention are, for example, described and prepared in Patent Application WO 98/44012.

Preference is given, among the amphoteric associative polymers according to the invention, to acrylic acid/(meth)acrylamidopropyltrimethylammonium chloride/stearyl

methacrylate terpolymers.

The associative polymers of nonionic type that may be used according to the invention are preferably chosen from:

- 5 - (a) copolymers of vinylpyrrolidone and of hydrophobic monomers having a fatty chain, of which examples that may be mentioned include:
- the products Antaron V216® and Ganex V216® (vinylpyrrolidone/hexadecene copolymer) sold by the company ISP,
 - the products Antaron V220® or Ganex V220® (vinylpyrrolidone/eicosene

10 copolymer) sold by ISP,

 - (b) copolymers of C₁-C₆ alkyl methacrylates or acrylates and of amphiphilic monomers comprising at least one fatty chain, such as, for example, the methyl acrylate/oxyethylenated stearyl acrylate copolymer sold by Goldschmidt under the name Antil 208®,
 - (c) copolymers of hydrophilic methacrylates or acrylates and of hydrophobic

15 monomers comprising at least one fatty chain, for instance the polyethylene glycol methacrylate/lauryl methacrylate copolymer,

 - (d) polyurethane polyethers comprising in their chain both hydrophilic blocks usually of polyoxyethylenated nature and hydrophobic blocks, which may be aliphatic

20 sequences alone and/or cycloaliphatic and/or aromatic sequences,

 - (e) polymers having an aminoplast ether backbone possessing at least one fatty chain, such as the Pure Thix® compounds provided by Sud-Chemie,
 - (f) celluloses or their derivatives, modified by groups comprising at least one fatty

25 chain, such as alkyl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl groups or their mixtures, where the alkyl groups are C₈-C₃₀ alkyl groups and in particular:
 - * nonionic alkylhydroxyethylcelluloses, such as the products Natrosol Plus Grade 330 CS and Polysurf 67 (C₁₆ alkyl) sold by Aqualon;
 - * nonionic nonoxynyl hydroxyethylcelluloses, such as the product Amercell HM-1500

30 sold by Amerchol;

 - * nonionic alkylcelluloses, such as the product Bermocoll EHM 100 sold by Berol Nobel;
 - (g) associative guar derivatives, such as hydroxypropyl guar modified by a fatty

35 chain, such as the product Esaflor HM 22 (modified by a C₂₂ alkyl chain) sold by Lamberti; the product Miracare XC 95-3 (modified by a C₁₄ alkyl chain) and the product RE 205-146 (modified by a C₂₀ alkyl chain), which are sold by Rhodia Chimie.

Preferably, the polyurethane polyethers comprise at least two lipophilic hydrocarbon chains, having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, separated by a hydrophilic block, it being possible for the hydrocarbon chains to be pendant chains or chains at the end of the

40 hydrophilic block. In particular, it is possible for one or more pendant chains to be provided. In addition, the polymer may comprise a hydrocarbon chain at one end or at both ends of a

hydrophilic block.

The polyurethane polyethers may be multiblock, in particular in triblock form. The hydrophobic blocks can be at each end of the chain (for example: triblock copolymer comprising a central hydrophilic block) or distributed both at the ends and in the chain
5 (multiblock copolymer, for example). These same polymers may also be graft polymers or star polymers.

The nonionic polyurethane polyethers having a fatty chain may be triblock copolymers in which the hydrophilic block is a polyoxyethylenated chain comprising from 50 to 1000 oxyethylene groups. The nonionic polyurethane polyethers comprise a urethane
10 bond between the hydrophilic blocks, hence the origin of the name.

By extension, also included among the nonionic polyurethane polyethers having a fatty chain are those in which the hydrophilic blocks are bonded to the lipophilic blocks via other chemical bonds.

As examples of nonionic polyurethane polyethers having a fatty chain that may be
15 used in the invention, it is also possible to use Rheolate 205® containing a urea functional group, sold by the company Rheox, or Rheolate® 208, 204 or 212, and also Acrysol RM 184®.

Mention may also be made of the product Elfacos T210® having a C₁₂₋₁₄ alkyl chain and the product Elfacos T212® having a C₁₈ alkyl chain from Akzo.

20 The product DW 1206B® from Rohm & Haas having a C₂₀ alkyl chain and having a urethane bond, provided at a solids content of 20% in water, can also be used.

It is also possible to use solutions or dispersions of these polymers, especially in water or in aqueous-alcoholic medium. Examples of such polymers that may be mentioned are Rheolate® 255, Rheolate® 278 and Rheolate® 244, sold by the company Rheox. The
25 products DW 1206F and DW 1206J, sold by the company Rohm & Haas, may also be used.

The polyurethane polyethers that may be used according to the invention are in particular those described in the paper by G. Fonnum, J. Bakke and Fk. Hansen - *Colloid Polym. Sci.*, 271, 380-389 (1993).

30 It is even more particularly preferred to use a polyurethane polyether that may be obtained by polycondensation of at least three compounds comprising (i) at least one polyethylene glycol comprising from 150 to 180 mol of ethylene oxide, (ii) stearyl alcohol or decyl alcohol, and (iii) at least one diisocyanate.

Such polyurethane polyethers are sold in particular by Rohm & Haas under the
35 names Aculyn 46® and Aculyn 44® [Aculyn 46® is a polycondensate of polyethylene glycol comprising 150 or 180 mol of ethylene oxide, of stearyl alcohol and of methylenebis(4-cyclohexyl isocyanate) (SMDI), at 15% by weight in a matrix of maltodextrin (4%) and water (81%); Aculyn 44® is a polycondensate of polyethylene glycol comprising 150 or 180 mol of ethylene oxide, of decyl alcohol and of
40 methylenebis(4-cyclohexyl isocyanate) (SMDI), at 35% by weight in a mixture of propylene glycol (39%) and water (26%)].

Use may also be made of fatty-phase thickening polymers.

Preferably, the polymers which structure the oily phase via physical interactions are
5 chosen from polyamides, silicone polyamides, saccharide or polysaccharide mono- or
polyalkyl esters, N-acylated amino acid amide derivatives, or copolymers comprising an
alkylene or styrene block, it being possible for these copolymers to be diblock, triblock,
multiblock or radial-block polymers, the radial-block polymers also being known as star
copolymers, or also comb polymers.

10 **1)** Polymers carrying, in the backbone, at least one crystallizable block

These are also polymers that are soluble or dispersible in the oil or fatty phase by
heating above their melting point m.p. These polymers are especially block copolymers
consisting of at least two blocks of different chemical nature, one of which is crystallizable.

15 Mention may be made, as polymers carrying, in the backbone, at least one
crystallizable block suitable for the implementation of the invention, of:

i) the polymers defined in the document US-A-5 156 911;

ii) the block copolymers of olefin or of cycloolefin having a crystallizable chain,
such as those resulting from the block polymerization of:

20 - cyclobutene, cyclohexene, cyclooctene, norbornene (that is to say,
bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene), 5-methylnorbornene, 5-ethylnorbornene, 5,6-dimethyl-
norbornene, 5,5,6-trimethylnorbornene, 5-ethylidenenorbornene, 5-phenylnorbornene,
5-benzylnorbornene, 5-vinylnorbornene, 1,4,5,8-dimethano-1,2,3,4,4a,5,8a-octahydro-
naphthalene, dicyclopentadiene and their mixtures;

25 - with ethylene, propylene, 1-butene, 3-methyl-1-butene, 1-hexene, 4-methyl-1-
pentene, 1-octene, 1-decene or 1-eicosene, or mixtures thereof. These block copolymers
may be in particular (ethylene/norbornene) block copolymers and
(ethylene/propylene/ethylidenenorbornene) block terpolymers.

Use may also be made of those resulting from the block copolymerization of at least
30 2 C₂-C₁₆ and better still C₂-C₁₂ α-olefins, such as those mentioned above, in particular the
block biopolymers of ethylene and 1-octene.

The copolymers exhibit at least one crystallizable block, the rest of the copolymer
being amorphous (at room temperature). These copolymers may also exhibit two
crystallizable blocks of different chemical nature. The preferred copolymers are those that
35 simultaneously contain at room temperature a crystallizable block and an amorphous block
that is both hydrophobic and lipophilic, distributed blockwise; mention may be made, for
example, of polymers containing one of the crystallizable blocks and one of the amorphous
blocks below:

40 - Block that is crystallizable by nature: a) of polyester type, for instance poly(alkylene
terephthalate), b) of polyolefin type, for instance polyethylenes or polypropylenes.

- Amorphous and lipophilic block, for instance amorphous polyolefins or

copoly(olefin)s, such as poly(isobutylene), hydrogenated polybutadiene or hydrogenated poly(isoprene).

As examples of such copolymers containing a crystallizable block and an amorphous block, mention may be made of:

5 a) Poly(δ -caprolactone)-b-poly(butadiene) block copolymers, used preferably hydrogenated, such as those described in the paper "Melting behavior of poly(δ -caprolactone)-block-polybutadiene copolymers" by S. Nojima, *Macromolecules*, 32, 3727-3734 (1999).

10 b) Block or multiblock hydrogenated poly(butylene terephthalate)-b-poly(isoprene) block copolymers, cited in the paper "Study of morphological and mechanical properties of PP/PBT" by B. Boutevin et al., *Polymer Bulletin*, 34, 117-123 (1995).

15 c) Poly(ethylene)-b-copoly(ethylene/propylene) block copolymers, cited in the papers "Morphology of semi-crystalline block copolymers of ethylene- (ethylene-alt-propylene)" by P. Rangarajan et al., *Macromolecules*, 26, 4640-4645 (1993), and "Polymer aggregates with crystalline cores: the system poly(ethylene)- poly(ethylene-propylene)", P. Richter et al., *Macromolecules*, 30, 1053-1068, 25 (1997).

20 d) Poly(ethylene)-b-poly(ethylethylene) block copolymers, cited in the general article "Crystallization in block copolymers" by I.W. Hamley, *Advances in Polymer Science*, vol. 148, 113-137 (1999).

25 The semi-crystalline polymers that may be used in the context of the invention may be non-crosslinked or partially crosslinked, provided that the degree of crosslinking does not impede their dissolution or dispersion in the liquid oily phase by heating above their melting point. It may then be a case of chemical crosslinking, by reaction with a polyfunctional monomer during the polymerization. It may also be a case of physical crosslinking, which may then be due either to the establishment of bonds of hydrogen or dipolar type between groups carried by the polymer, for instance dipolar interactions between carboxylate ionomers, these interactions being in small amount and carried by the polymer backbone; or due to a phase separation between the crystallizable blocks and the amorphous blocks carried by the polymer.

30 Preferably, the semi-crystalline polymers that are suitable for the invention are non-crosslinked.

35 Mention may be made, as a specific example of semicrystalline polymer which can be used in the composition according to the invention, of the Intelimer® products from Landec described in the "Intelimer® Polymers" brochure. These polymers are in solid form at room temperature (25°C). They carry crystallizable side chains and exhibit the monomer. Mention may in particular be made of "Landec IP22®", having a melting point m.p. of 56°C, which is a product which is viscous at ambient temperature, impermeable and nontacky.

40 Use may also be made of the semicrystalline polymers described in Examples 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 of the document US-A-5 156 911, resulting from the copolymerization of acrylic acid and C₅ to C₁₆ alkyl (meth)acrylate, such as those resulting from the copolymerization:

- of acrylic acid, of hexadecyl acrylate and of isodecyl acrylate in a 1/16/3 ratio,
- of acrylic acid and of pentadecyl acrylate in a 1/19 ratio,
- of acrylic acid, of hexadecyl acrylate and of ethyl acrylate in a 2.5/76.5/20 ratio,
- of acrylic acid, of hexadecyl acrylate and of methyl acrylate in a 5/85/10 ratio,
- of acrylic acid and octadecyl methacrylate in a 2.5/97.5 ratio.

Use may also be made of the polymer "Structure O" sold by National Starch, such as that described in the document US-A-5 736 125, with an m.p. of 44°C, and also semicrystalline polymers having crystallizable pendant chains comprising fluorinated groups, such as described in Examples 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of the document WO-A-01/19333.

Use may also be made of semicrystalline polymers obtained by copolymerization of stearyl acrylate and of acrylic acid or of NVP or by copolymerization of behenyl acrylate and of acrylic acid or of NVP, such as described in the document US-A-5 519 063 or EP-A- 0 550 745.

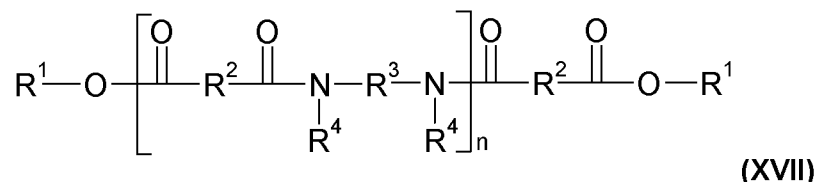
According to a specific alternative embodiment, the semicrystalline polymers suitable for the implementation of the present invention are in particular alkyl acrylates, among which the following Landec copolymers may be mentioned:

- Doresco IPA 13-1®: poly(stearyl acrylate), m.p. of 49°C and Mw of 145 000;
- Doresco IPA 13-3®: poly(acrylate/methacrylic acid), m.p. of 65°C and Mw of 114 000;
- Doresco IPA 13-4®: poly(acrylate/vinylpyrrolidone) m.p. of 44°C and Mw of 387 000;
- Doresco IPA 13-5®: poly(acrylate/hydroxyethyl methacrylate), m.p. of 47°C and Mw of 397 600;
- Doresco IPA 13-6®: poly(behenyl acrylate), m.p. of 66°C.

2) Non-silicone polyamides

The specific polyamides used in the composition according to the present invention are preferably those described in the document US-A-5 783 657 from Union Camp.

Each of these polyamides satisfies in particular the following formula (XVII):



in which formula (XVII):

- n denotes a whole number of amide units, such that the number of ester groups represents from 10 to 50% of the total number of the ester and amide groups;
- R^1 is independently, in each case, an alkyl or alkenyl group having at least 4

carbon atoms and in particular from 4 to 24 carbon atoms;

- R^2 independently represents, in each case, a C_4 to C_{55} hydrocarbon group, provided that at least 50% of the R_2 groups represent a C_{30} to C_{55} hydrocarbon group;
- 5 ▪ R^3 independently represents, in each case, an organic group provided with at least 2 carbon atoms, with hydrogen atoms and optionally with one or more oxygen or nitrogen atoms; and
- R^4 independently represents, in each case, a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_{10} alkyl group or a direct bond to R_3 or to another R_4 , so that the nitrogen atom to which
10 both R_3 and R_4 are bonded forms part of a heterocyclic structure defined by R_4-N-R_3 , with at least 50% of the R_4 groups representing a hydrogen atom.

In particular, the ester groups of this polyamide represent from 15 to 40% and at best from 20 to 35% of the total number of ester and amide groups. Furthermore, n advantageously represents an integer ranging from 1 to 10 and better still from 1 to 5,
15 limits inclusive.

Preferably, R^1 is a C_{12} to C_{22} and preferably C_{16} to C_{22} alkyl group. Advantageously, R^2 can be a C_{10} to C_{42} hydrocarbon (alkylene) group. Preferably, at least 50% and better still at least 75% of the R^2 groups are groups having from 30 to 42 carbon atoms. The other R^2 groups are hydrogenated C_4 to C_{19} and preferably C_4 to C_{12} groups. Preferably, R^3
20 represents a C_2 to C_{36} hydrocarbon group or a polyoxyalkylene group and R^4 represents a hydrogen atom. Preferably, R^3 represents a C_2 to C_{12} hydrocarbon group. The hydrocarbon groups may be linear, cyclic or branched and saturated or unsaturated groups. Moreover, the alkyl and alkylene groups may be linear or branched and saturated or unsaturated groups.

25 The thickening of the liquid fatty phase may be obtained by means of one or more polyamides defined above. In general, these polyamides are provided in the form of blends, it being possible for these blends additionally to comprise a synthetic product corresponding to a polyamide as defined above with n having the value 0, that is to say a diester.

30 Mention may also be made, as structuring polyamide which can be used in the invention, of polyamide resins resulting from the condensation of an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid and of a diamine (including compounds having more than two carbonyl groups and two amine groups), the carbonyl and amine groups of adjacent individual units being condensed via an amide bond. These polyamide resins are especially the products sold
35 under the trade name Versamid® by the companies General Mills Inc. and Henkel Corp., under the trade name Onamid®, especially Onamid S or C. These resins have a weight-average molecular weight ranging from 6000 to 9000. For more information with regard to these polyamides, reference may be made to the documents US-A-3 645 705 and US-A-3 148 125. Use is made more especially of Versamid® 30 or 744.

40 It is also possible to use the polyamides sold or manufactured by the company Arizona under the references Uni-Rez (2658, 2931, 2970, 2621, 2613, 2624, 2665, 1554,

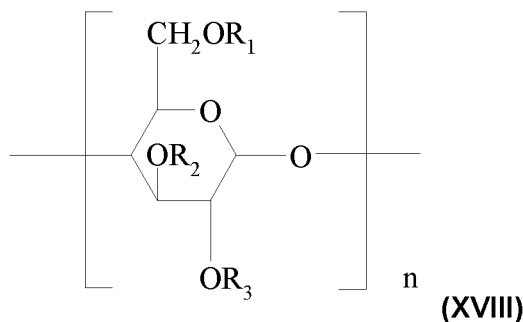
2623, 2662) and the product sold under the reference Macromelt 6212 by the company Henkel. For further information regarding these polyamides, reference may be made to the document US-A-5 500 209.

As examples of structuring polyamides that may be used in the composition according to the invention, mention may also be made of the commercial products sold or manufactured by the company Arizona Chemical under the names Uniclear 80 and Uniclear 100. They are sold, respectively, in the form of an 80% (active material) gel and a 100% (active material) gel in a mineral oil. They have a softening point of 88 to 105°C. These commercial products are a blend of copolymers of a C₃₆ diacid condensed with ethylenediamine, with an average molecular weight of approximately 6000. The terminal ester groups result from the esterification of the remaining acid end groups with cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol or mixtures thereof (also known as cetylstearyl alcohol).

2) Saccharide or polysaccharide mono- or polyalkyl esters

Among the saccharide or polysaccharide mono- or polyalkyl esters that are suitable for use in the invention, mention may be made of dextrin or inulin alkyl or polyalkyl esters.

The product concerned may in particular be a mono- or polyester of dextrin and of at least one fatty acid, in particular corresponding to the following formula (XVIII):



in which formula (XVIII):

- **n** is an integer ranging from 3 to 200, in particular ranging from 20 to 150 and especially ranging from 25 to 50,
- **R₁**, **R₂** and **R₃**, which are identical or different, are chosen from hydrogen or an acyl (R-C(O)-) group in which the R radical is a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched hydrocarbon group having from 7 to 29, in particular from 7 to 21, especially from 11 to 19, more particularly from 13 to 17, indeed even 15, carbon atoms, with the proviso that at least one of the said **R₁**, **R₂** or **R₃** radicals is other than hydrogen.

In particular, **R₁**, **R₂** and **R₃** can represent hydrogen or an acyl (R-C(O)-) group in which R is a hydrocarbon radical as defined above, with the proviso that at least two of the said radicals **R₁**, **R₂** or **R₃** are identical and different from hydrogen.

All the **R₁**, **R₂** and **R₃** radicals can represent an identical or different and in particular

identical acyl (R-C(O)) group.

In particular, n set out above advantageously varies from 25 to 50 and in particular is equal to 38 in the general formula of the saccharide ester which can be used in the present invention.

5 In particular when the R_1 , R_2 and/or R_3 radicals, which are identical or different, represent an acyl (R-C(O)) group, these can be chosen from caprylic, capric, lauric, myristic, palmitic, stearic, arachidic, behenic, isobutyric, isovaleric, 2-ethylbutyric, ethyl methyl acetic, isoheptanoic, 2-ethyl hexanoic, isononanoic, isodecanoic, isotridecanoic, isomyristic, isopalmitic, isostearic, isoarachidic, isohexanoic, decenoic, dodecenoic, 10 tetradecenoic, myristoleic, hexadecenoic, palmitoleic, oleic, elaidic, asclepinic, gondoleic, eicosenoic, sorbic, linoleic, linolenic, punicic, stearidonic, arachidonic and stearolic radicals, and their mixtures.

Preferably, at least one dextrin palmitate is used as ester of dextrin and of fatty acid(s). This ester may be used alone or as a mixture with other esters.

15 Advantageously, the fatty acid ester of dextrin has a degree of substitution of less than or equal to 2.5, especially ranging from 1.5 to 2.5 and preferably from 2 to 2.5, on the basis of one glucose unit. The weight-average molecular weight of the dextrin ester can in particular be from 10 000 to 150 000, especially from 12 000 to 100 000 and indeed even from 15 000 to 80 000.

20 Dextrin esters, in particular dextrin palmitates, are commercially available under the name Rheopearl TL or Rheopearl KL from the company Chiba Flour.

3) N-acylated amino acid amide derivatives

25 The N-acylated, amino acid amides that may be used are, for example, diamides from the combination of an N-acylamino acid with amines comprising from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, such as those described in the document FR 2 281 162. These are, for example, the amide derivatives of alkylglutamic acid, such as laurylglutamic acid dibutylamide, sold by Ajinomoto under the name "Gelling agent GP-1", or 2-ethylhexanoylglutamic acid 30 dibutylamide, sold by Ajinomoto under the name "Gelling agent GA-01".

4) Copolymers comprising an alkylene or styrene block

The copolymers can have a comb structure or block structure of diblock, triblock, 35 multiblock and/or radical or star type and can comprise at least two segments which are incompatible thermodynamically.

The structuring agent can comprise, for example, a styrene segment block, as described in Applications EP 0 497 144, WO98/42298, US 6 225 690, US 6 174 968 and US 6 225 390, an ethylene/butylene segment, an ethylene/propylene segment, as 40 described in Applications US 6 225 690, US 6 174 968 and US 6 225 390, a butadiene segment, an isoprene segment, a polyvinyl segment, such as, for example, a poly(alkyl

(meth)acrylate) or poly(vinyl alcohol) or poly(vinyl acetate) segment, a silicone segment, such as described in Applications US 5 468 477 and US 5 725 882, or a combination of these segments.

5 A diblock copolymer is usually defined as being of A-B type in which a hard segment (A) is followed by a soft segment (B).

A triblock copolymer is usually defined as being of A-B-A type or as a ratio of a hard segment, a soft segment and a hard segment.

10 A multiblock, radial or star copolymer may comprise any type of combination of hard segments and soft segments, with the proviso that the characteristics of the hard segments and of the soft segments are retained.

An example of hard segments of block copolymers that may be mentioned is styrene, and examples of soft segments of block copolymers that may be mentioned include ethylene, propylene and butylene, and a combination thereof.

15 The triblock copolymers, in particular those of polystyrene/polyisoprene or polystyrene/polybutadiene type, suitable for the implementation of the invention can be those sold under the reference Luvitol HSB by BASF. Mention may also be made of the triblock copolymers of polystyrene/copoly(ethylene-propylene) or polystyrene/copoly(ethylene-butylene) type, such as those sold under the reference Kraton by Shell Chemical Co. or under the reference Gelled Permethyl 99 A by Penreco. Such triblock
20 copolymers are particularly preferred according to the invention.

As a further example of block copolymers that may be suitable for use in the present invention, mention may also be made of the block copolymers sold under the reference Versagel by the company Penreco, those sold under the reference Kraton by the company Shell and those sold under the reference Gel Base by the company Brooks Industries.

25 Preference is given, among the fatty-phase thickening polymers, to the polymers carrying, in the backbone, at least one crystallizable block.

The aqueous-phase or fatty-phase thickening polymers may be used alone or as mixtures in all proportions.

Preferably, the thickeners are aqueous-phase thickeners.

30 Preferably, the polymers of the cosmetic compositions in accordance with the present invention advantageously exhibit, as a 1% solution or dispersion of active material in water, a viscosity, measured using the Rheomat RM 180 rheometer, at 25°C, of greater than 0.1 cp and more advantageously still of greater than 0.2 cP, at a shear rate of 200 s⁻¹.

35 According to a specific form of the invention, the organic thickening polymer or polymers is or are chosen from cellulose polymers.

The organic thickening polymer or polymers is or are present in the composition according to the invention in a content ranging from 0.01 to 10% by weight and preferably
40 from 0.1 to 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

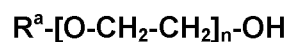
iii) At least one (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol and/or at least one nonionic surfactant:

According to a specific embodiment of the invention, the composition of the invention
5 comprises iii) one or more (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohols.

The (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohols suitable for the implementation of the invention
are chosen more particularly from the alcohols comprising from 8 to 40 carbon atoms,
preferably from 8 to 30 carbon atoms and more particularly from 12 to 22 carbon atoms.

The poly(ethoxylated) fatty alcohols more particularly exhibit one or more saturated or
10 unsaturated and linear or branched hydrocarbon groups comprising from 8 to 40 carbon
atoms which are optionally substituted, in particular by one or more (in particular from 1 to
4) hydroxyl groups. If they are unsaturated, these compounds can comprise from one to
three conjugated or nonconjugated carbon-carbon double bonds.

15 The (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol or alcohols are preferably of following formula:



with

- R^a representing a linear or branched C_8-C_{40} , preferably C_8-C_{30} , alkyl group or a linear
20 or branched C_8-C_{40} , preferably C_8-C_{30} , alkenyl group which is optionally substituted
by one or more hydroxyl groups, and
- n represents an integer between 1 and 200 inclusive, preferably between 2 and 50
and more particularly between 8 and 30 inclusive, such as 20.

25 The (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohols are more particularly fatty alcohols comprising
from 8 to 22 carbon atoms and oxyethylenated by from 1 to 30 mol of ethylene oxide (1 to
30 EO). Mention may more particularly be made, among them, of lauryl alcohol 2 EO,
lauryl alcohol 3 EO, decyl alcohol 3 EO, decyl alcohol 5 EO and oleyl alcohol 20 EO.

Use may also be made of mixtures of these (poly)oxyethylenated fatty alcohols.

30 According to the present invention, the (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol(s) are
preferably present in the composition in an amount ranging from 0.01 to 40% by weight,
preferably from 0.05 to 20% by weight and better still from 0.1 to 3% by weight, with
respect to the total weight of the composition.

35 According to another specific embodiment of the invention, the composition of the
invention comprises iii) one or more nonionic surfactants preferably different from the
(poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol or alcohols.

Mention may be made, among nonionic surfactants, alone or mixtures, of fatty
40 alcohols, α -diols or alkylphenols, these 3 compound types being polyethoxylated,
polypropoxylated and/or polyglycolated and having a fatty chain comprising, for example,

from 8 to 40 carbon atoms, it being possible for the number of ethylene oxide or propylene oxide groups to range in particular from 2 to 50 and it being possible for the number of glycerol groups to range in particular from 2 to 30. Mention may also be made of copolymers of ethylene oxide and of propylene oxide, condensates of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide with fatty alcohols, polyethoxylated fatty amides preferably having from 2 to 30 mol of ethylene oxide, polyglycerolated fatty amides comprising on average from 1 to 5 glycerol groups and in particular from 1.5 to 4, oxyethylenated sorbitan fatty acid esters having from 2 to 30 mol of ethylene oxide, sucrose fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycol fatty acid esters, alkyl polyglycosides (or APG), N-alkylglucamine derivatives or amine oxides, such as (C₁₀-C₁₄)alkylamine oxides or N-acylaminopropylmorpholine oxides.

Preferably, the nonionic surfactant is chosen from glycerolated fatty alcohols and alkyl polyglycosides, more preferably alkylpolyglycosides or APGs.

The term fatty chain is understood to mean a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched hydrocarbon chain comprising from 8 to 40 carbon atoms and preferably from 8 to 30 carbon atoms.

As regards the alkyl polyglycosides or APGs, these compounds are well known to a person skilled in the art (see, for example, Kirk-Othmer's Encyclopedia: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/0471238961.1921180612251414.a01.pub2/pdf> or Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14356007.a25_747/pdf). These compounds are represented more particularly by the following general formula:



in which formula (XIX):

- R₁ represents a linear or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl radical comprising approximately from 8 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylphenyl radical, the linear or branched alkyl radical of which comprises from 8 to 24 carbon atoms;
- R₂ represents an alkylene radical comprising approximately from 2 to 4 carbon atoms;
- G represents a sugar unit comprising from 5 to 6 carbon atoms;
- t denotes a value ranging from 0 to 10 and preferably from 0 to 4, and
- v denotes a value ranging from 1 to 15.

Preferred alkyl polyglycosides according to the present invention are compounds of formula (XIX) in which R₁ more particularly denotes a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched alkyl radical comprising from 8 to 18 carbon atoms, t denotes a value ranging from 0 to 3 and more particularly still equal to 0, and G can denote glucose, fructose or galactose, preferably glucose.

The degree of polymerization, i.e. the value of v in the formula (XIX), can range from 1 to 15 and preferably from 1 to 4. The average degree of polymerization is more

particularly between 1 and 2 and even more preferentially from 1.1 to 1.5.

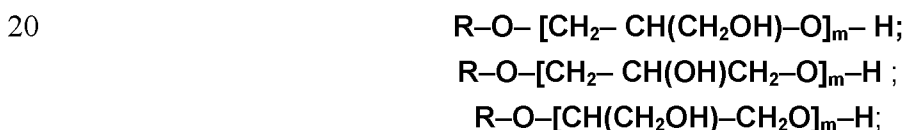
The glycoside bonds between the sugar units are of 1-6 or 1-4 type and preferably of 1-4 type.

5 Compounds of formula **(XIX)** are represented in particular by the products sold by Cognis under the names Plantaren® (600 CS/U, 1200 and 2000) or Plantacare® (818, 1200 and 2000). Use may also be made of the products sold by Seppic under the names Triton CG 110 (or Oramix CG 110) and Triton CG 312 (or Oramix® NS 10), the products sold by BASF under the name Lutensol GD 70 or the products sold by Chem Y under the name AG10 LK.

10 Use may also be made, for example, of C₈-C₁₆ alkyl 1,4-polyglucoside as a 53% aqueous solution, sold by Cognis under the reference Plantacare® 818 UP.

15 As regards the mono- or polyglycerolated surfactants, they preferably comprise on average from 1 to 30 glycerol groups, more particularly from 1 to 10 glycerol groups and in particular from 1.5 to 5.

The monoglycerolated or polyglycerolated surfactants are preferably chosen from the following compounds:



in which formulae:

- 25 R represents a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched hydrocarbon radical comprising from 8 to 40 carbon atoms and preferably from 10 to 30 carbon atoms; R can optionally comprise heteroatoms, such as oxygen and nitrogen; in particular, R can optionally comprise one or more hydroxyl and/or ether and/or amide groups;
- 30 m is a number between 1 and 30 inclusive, preferably between 1 and 10 and more particularly from 1.5 to 6.

R preferably denotes optionally mono- or polyhydroxylated C₁₀-C₂₀ alkyl and/or alkenyl radicals.

35 Use may be made, for example, of polyglycerolated (3.5 mol) hydroxylauryl ether, sold under the name Chimexane® NF by Chimex.

The amount of nonionic surfactants is preferably between 0.5% and 25% by weight inclusive, in particular between 1% and 20% by weight inclusive and more particularly between 2% and 10% by weight inclusive, with respect to the total weight of the composition of the invention.

40 Use is preferably made, among nonionic surfactants, of C₆-C₂₄ alkyl polyglucosides

and more particularly C₈-C₁₆ alkyl polyglucosides.

According to the present invention, the nonionic surfactant or surfactants are preferably present in the composition in an amount ranging from 0.01 to 40% by weight, preferably from 0.05 to 20% by weight and better still from 0.1 to 3% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

According to another specific embodiment of the invention, the composition of the invention comprises iii) one or more (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohols and one or more nonionic surfactants different from the (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol or alcohols.

According to the present invention, the (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol(s) and the nonionic surfactant or surfactants are preferably present in the composition in a total amount ranging from 0.01 to 40% by weight, preferably from 0.05 to 20% by weight and better still from 0.1 to 3% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

iv) At least one alkaline agent:

The composition of the invention comprises one or more alkaline agents. This agent may be chosen from inorganic or organic or hybrid alkaline agents, or mixtures thereof. This agent is preferably chosen from alkaline agents comprising at least one amino group, it being possible for this amino group to be substituted or unsubstituted.

According to a particularly advantageous embodiment of the invention, the composition or the method of the invention does not employ sodium hydroxide NaOH.

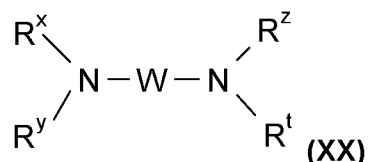
The inorganic alkaline agent(s) are preferably chosen from aqueous ammonia, alkali metal carbonates or bicarbonates, such as sodium or potassium carbonates and sodium or potassium bicarbonates, sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, or mixtures thereof.

According to an advantageous embodiment of the invention, the alkaline agent or agents are organic amines, i.e. they comprise at least one substituted or unsubstituted amino group.

The organic alkaline agent or agents are more preferably chosen from organic amines whose pK_b at 25°C is less than 12, preferably less than 10 and more advantageously still less than 6. It should be noted that it is the pK_b corresponding to the functional group of highest basicity.

Mention may be made, as hybrid compounds, of the salts of the abovementioned amines with acids, such as carbonic acid or hydrochloric acid.

The organic alkaline agent or agents are chosen, for example, from alkanolamines, oxyethylenated and/or oxypropylenated ethylenediamines, amino acids and compounds of following formula (XX):



in which formula (XX):

- **W** is a divalent C₁-C₆ alkylene radical optionally substituted by a hydroxyl group or a C₁-C₆ alkyl radical and/or optionally interrupted by one or more heteroatoms, such as oxygen or NR^u;
- **R^x, R^y, R^z, R^t and R^u**, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl or C₁-C₆ aminoalkyl radical.

Examples of such amines that may be mentioned include 1,3-diaminopropane, 1,3-diamino-2-propanol, spermine and spermidine.

Alkanolamine is understood to mean an organic amine comprising a primary, secondary or tertiary amino functional group and one or more linear or branched C₁-C₈ alkyl groups carrying one or more hydroxyl radicals.

Suitable in particular for the implementation of the invention are alkanolamines, such as mono-, di- or trialkanolamines, comprising from one to three identical or different C₁-C₄ hydroxyalkyl radicals.

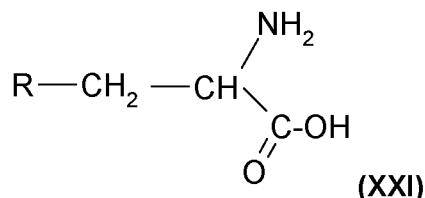
Among compounds of this type, mention may be made of monoethanolamine, diethanolamine, triethanolamine, monoisopropanolamine, diisopropanolamine, N-dimethyl-aminoethanolamine, 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol, triisopropanolamine, 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol, 3-amino-1,2-propanediol, 3-dimethylamino-1,2-propanediol and tris(hydroxymethylamino)methane.

More particularly, the amino acids that may be used are of natural or synthetic origin, in their L, D or racemic form, and comprise at least one acid functional group chosen more particularly from carboxylic acid, sulphonic acid, phosphonic acid or phosphoric acid functional groups. The amino acids may be in neutral or ionic form.

As amino acids that may be used in the present invention, mention may be made especially of aspartic acid, glutamic acid, alanine, arginine, ornithine, citrulline, asparagine, carnitine, cysteine, glutamine, glycine, histidine, lysine, isoleucine, leucine, methionine, N-phenylalanine, proline, serine, taurine, threonine, tryptophan, tyrosine and valine.

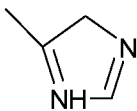
Advantageously, the amino acids are basic amino acids comprising an additional amine functional group optionally included in a ring or in a ureido functional group.

Such basic amino acids are preferably chosen from those corresponding to the following formula (XXI):



in which formula (XXI):

- **R** denotes a group chosen from:



, aminopropyl: $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{-NH}_2$, aminoethyl $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-NH}_2$,
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-NH-C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-NH-C(O)-NH}_2$ and

The corresponding compounds of the formula (XXI) are histidine, lysine, arginine, ornithine and citrulline.

5 The organic amine may also be chosen from organic amines of heterocyclic type. Besides histidine, that has already been mentioned in the amino acids, mention may be made in particular of pyridine, piperidine, imidazole, triazole, tetrazole and benzimidazole.

The organic amine may also be chosen from amino acid dipeptides. As amino acid dipeptides that may be used in the present invention, mention may be made especially of
 10 carnosine, anserine and baleine.

The organic amine is chosen from compounds comprising a guanidine functional group. Mention may in particular be made, as amines of this type which can be used in the present invention, in addition to arginine already mentioned as amino acid, of creatine, creatinine, 1,1-dimethylguanidine, 1,1-diethylguanidine, glycoamine, metformin,
 15 agmatine, N-amidinoalanine, 3-guanidinopropionic acid, 4-guanidinobutyric acid and 2-([amino(imino)methyl]amino)ethane-1-sulphonic acid.

Mention may be made in particular of the use of guanidine carbonate or monoethanolamine hydrochloride as hybrid compounds.

20 The composition of the invention preferably contains one or more alkanolamines and/or one or more basic amino acids, more advantageously one or more alkanolamines. More preferentially still, the organic amine is monoethanolamine.

According to a specific embodiment, the composition of the invention comprises, as alkaline agent, one or more alkanolamines.

Preferably, the alkanolamine is ethanolamine (or monoethanolamine).

25 In one alternative form of the invention, the composition comprises, as alkaline agent, one or more alkanolamines (preferably ethanolamine) and aqueous ammonia. In this alternative form, the alkanolamine or alkanolamines are present in a predominant amount with respect to the aqueous ammonia.

30 Advantageously, the composition according to the invention exhibits a content of alkaline agent(s) ranging from 0.01 to 30% by weight, preferably from 0.1 to 20% by weight and better still from 1 to 10% by weight, with respect to the weight of the said composition.

v) At least one reducing agent:

35 The composition of the invention comprises one or more reducing agents.

Preferably, the reducing agent or agents are chosen from thiols, such as thioglycolic acid, thiolactic acid, 3-mercaptopropionic acid, thiomalic acid, 2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid,

cysteine, N-glycyl-L-cysteine, L-cysteinyglycine and their esters and salts, thioglycerol, cysteamine and its C₁-C₄ acylated derivatives, N-mesylycysteamine, N-acetylcysteine, N-mercaptoalkylamides of sugars, such as N-(2-mercaptoethyl)gluconamide, pantetheine, N-(mercaptoalkyl)- ω -hydroxyalkylamides, for example those described in Patent
5 Application EP-A-354 835, N-mono- or N,N-dialkyl-4-mercaptobutyramides, for example those described in Patent Application EP-A-368 763, aminomercaptoalkylamides, for example those described in Patent Application EP-A-432 000, derivatives of N-(mercaptoalkyl)succinamic acids and of N-(mercaptoalkyl)succinimides, for example those described in Patent Application EP-A-465 342, (alkylamino)mercaptoalkylamides, for example those
10 described in Patent Application EP-A-514 282, the azeotropic mixture of 2-hydroxypropyl thioglycolate and 2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl thioglycolate, such as described in Patent Application FR-A-2 679 448, mercaptoalkylaminoamides, for example those described in Patent Application FR-A-2 692 481, or N-mercaptoalkylalkanediamides, for example those described in Patent Application EP-A-653 202.

15 The reducing agent can alternatively be chosen from hydrides, such as sodium borohydride or potassium borohydride, sulphites or bisulphites of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal, or phosphorus derivatives, such as phosphines or phosphites.

The reducing agent or agents are preferably chosen from thiols.

20 The preferred reducing agents are thioglycolic acid and cysteine or their salts. The reducing agent is preferably used in aqueous solution.

Generally, the concentration of reducing agent(s) is between 0.01 and 30% by weight inclusive, preferably between 0.1 and 25% by weight inclusive and more particularly between 0.5 and 10% by weight inclusive, with respect to the total weight of the composition applied to the keratinous fibres.

25 vi) Optionally at least one oxidizing agent:

30 The composition according to the invention can also comprise one or more chemical oxidizing agent(s). "*Chemical oxidizing agent*" is understood to mean oxidizing agents other than atmospheric oxygen.

35 The chemical oxidizing agents are chosen, for example, from hydrogen peroxide, urea hydrogen peroxide, alkali metal bromates or ferricyanides or peroxygenated salts, such as, for example, persulphates, perborates, peracids and their precursors and percarbonates of alkali metals or alkaline earth metals. Advantageously, the oxidizing agent is hydrogen peroxide.

The content of oxidizing agent(s) more particularly represents from 0.1 to 20% by weight and preferably from 0.5 to 10% by weight, with respect to the weight of the composition comprising it or them.

40 vii) The adjuvants:

The composition comprising the ingredient or ingredients *i)* to *v)* as defined above can also include various adjuvants conventionally used in compositions for dyeing the hair, such as anionic, cationic, nonionic, other than the (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohols *iii)*, amphoteric or zwitterionic surface-active agents or their mixtures, anionic, cationic, nonionic, amphoteric or zwitterionic polymers or their mixtures, inorganic thickening agents, penetrating agents, sequestering agents, fragrances, buffers, dispersing agents, conditioning agents, such as, for example, volatile or nonvolatile and modified or unmodified silicones, film-forming agents, ceramides, preservatives or opacifying agents.

The above adjuvants are generally present in an amount, for each of them, of between 0.01 and 20% by weight inclusive, with respect to the weight of the composition.

Of course, a person skilled in the art will take care to choose this or these optional additional compounds so that the advantageous properties intrinsically attached to the dyeing composition in accordance with the invention are not, or not substantially, detrimentally affected by the envisaged addition or additions.

viii) The additional dyes:

The composition comprising the dye or dyes having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group in particular of formula **(I)** as defined above of the process of the invention can additionally comprise one or more additional direct dyes other than the disulphide, thiol or protected thiol direct dyes of formula **(I)** according to the invention. These direct dyes are, for example, chosen from those conventionally used in direct dyeing, among which may be mentioned all the aromatic and/or nonaromatic dyes commonly used, such as neutral, acid or cationic nitrobenzene direct dyes, neutral, acid or cationic azo direct dyes, natural direct dyes, neutral, acid or cationic quinone and in particular anthraquinone direct dyes, azine, triarylmethane or indoamine direct dyes, methines, styryls, porphyrins, metalloporphyrins, phthalocyanines, methinecyanines and fluorescent dyes other than the dyes of formula **(I)**.

The composition comprising the dye(s) having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group especially of formula **(I)** as defined previously of the process of the invention may also contain one or more oxidation bases and/or one or more couplers conventionally used for the dyeing of keratinous fibres.

Among the oxidation bases, mention may be made of para-phenylenediamines, bisphenylalkylenediamines, para-aminophenols, bis-para-aminophenols, ortho-aminophenols and heterocyclic bases, and the addition salts thereof.

Among these couplers, mention may be made especially of meta-phenylenediamines, meta-aminophenols, meta-diphenols, naphthalene couplers and heterocyclic couplers, and the addition salts thereof.

The coupler or couplers are each generally present in an amount of between 0.001 and 10% by weight inclusive of the total weight of the dyeing composition, preferably between 0.005 and 6% by weight inclusive.

The oxidation base or bases present in the dyeing composition are generally each present in an amount of between 0.001 and 10% by weight inclusive of the total weight of the dyeing composition, preferably between 0.005 and 6% by weight inclusive.

In general, the addition salts of the oxidation bases and couplers which can be used in the context of the invention are especially chosen from the addition salts with an acid, such as the hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, sulphates, citrates, succinates, tartrates, lactates, tosylates, benzenesulphonates, phosphates and acetates, and the addition salts with a base, such as alkali metal hydroxides, for instance sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, aqueous ammonia, amines or alkanolamines.

According to one particular embodiment, the composition of the process of the invention contains at least one oxidation base and optionally at least one coupler as defined above.

This embodiment can be employed in the presence of one or more chemical oxidizing agents. Chemical oxidizing agent is understood to mean chemical oxidizing agents other than atmospheric oxygen, such as those described above.

The use of hydrogen peroxide is particularly preferred.

The content of oxidizing agent(s) is generally between 1 and 40% by weight inclusive, with respect to the weight of the composition, preferably between 1 and 20% by weight inclusive, with respect to the weight of the composition comprising it or them.

The pH:

The pH of the composition according to the invention is generally between, inclusive, 2 and 12 approximately and preferably between, inclusive, 3 and 11 approximately. It can be adjusted to the desired value using acidifying or basifying agents normally used in the dyeing of keratinous fibres or else using conventional buffer systems.

The pH of the composition is preferably between 6 and 9 inclusive, particularly between 7 and 9 inclusive and more particularly between 7.5 and 9 inclusive.

Mention may be made, among the acidifying agents, by way of example, of inorganic or organic acids, such as hydrochloric acid, orthophosphoric acid, sulphuric acid, carboxylic acids, such as acetic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid or lactic acid, or sulphonic acids.

Mention may be made, among the basifying agents, by way of example, of aqueous ammonia, alkaline carbonates, alkanolamines, such as mono-, di- and triethanolamines, and other alkaline agents iv) as defined above.

Forms of the composition :

The dyeing composition comprising *i)* the dye or dyes having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group, in particular of formula **(I)**, such as are defined above, and the ingredients *ii)*, *iii)*, *iv)* and *v)* as defined above can be provided in various formulation forms, such as in the form of liquids, lotions, creams or gels or in any other form

appropriate for carrying out dyeing of keratinous fibres. It can also be packaged under pressure in an aerosol container in the presence of a propellant or in a non-aerosol container and can form a foam.

5 2). Dyeing methods of the invention

The method for dyeing keratinous fibres, in particular dark keratinous fibres, according to the invention comprises the stage of application, to the keratinous fibres, of:

- 10 *i)* at least one direct dye having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group as defined above;
- ii)* at least one thickening organic polymer as defined above;
- iii)* at least one (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol as defined above;
- iv)* at least one alkaline agent as defined above; and
- 15 *v)* at least one reducing agent as defined above;

it being possible for the ingredients *i)* to *v)* to be applied either together to the said fibres or separately.

When it is desired to lighten dark keratinous fibres without the use of a chemical oxidizing agent, use is made, in the composition or the dyeing method, of an ingredient *j)* which is fluorescent. Preferably, the fluorescent dyes of formula (I) are chosen from the dyes of formulae (XIII), (XIII'), (XIV), (XIV'), (XVa), (XV'a), (XV) to (XV'), (XVI), (XVI'), (XVIa) and (XVI'a) as defined above. More particularly, the fluorescent dyes *j)* as defined above used for the lightening of keratinous fibres are chosen from the compounds 44, 49, 49a and 55.

25 The dyeing method according to the invention can be carried out in one stage, by application to the keratinous fibres of the composition according to the invention comprising ingredients *i)* to *v)* as defined above, or in several stages.

30 According to a specific embodiment of the method of the invention, the reducing agent *v)* as defined above can be applied in pretreatment before the application of the dyeing composition comprising the ingredients *i)* to *iv)*.

According to another advantageous alternative form, the reducing composition comprising the reducing agent *v)* and the ingredients *iv)* and *iii)* as defined above is applied to the keratinous fibres in pretreatment before the application of the dyeing composition comprising the ingredients *i)* and *ii)* as defined above.

35 According to another alternative form of the invention, the reducing composition comprising the reducing agent *v)* and the ingredient *iv)* as defined above is applied to the

keratinous fibres in pretreatment before the application of the dyeing composition comprising the ingredients *i)*, *ii)* and *iii)* as defined above.

According to yet another alternative form of the invention, the reducing composition comprising the reducing agent *v)* and the ingredient *iii)* as defined above is applied to the
5 keratinous fibres in pretreatment before the application of the dyeing composition comprising the ingredients *i)*, *ii)* and *iv)* as defined above.

According to another alternative form of the invention, the reducing composition comprising the reducing agent *v)* and the ingredient *ii)* as defined above is applied to the
10 keratinous fibres in pretreatment before the application of the dyeing composition comprising the ingredients *i)*, *iii)* and *iv)* as defined above.

The reducing pretreatment can be of short duration, in particular from 1 second to 30 minutes, preferably from 1 minute to 15 minutes, with one or more reducing agents as mentioned above.

The keratinous fibres are preferably rinsed with water between the reducing
15 pretreatment stage and the stage of dyeing using the composition comprising the ingredient *i)* as defined above.

The leave-in time of the dyeing composition, i.e. comprising ingredient *i)* as defined above, is between 5 minutes and 1 hour inclusive, preferably between 10 minutes and 40
20 minutes inclusive.

The dyeing composition, i.e. the composition comprising the ingredient *i)*, is generally applied at ambient temperature. However, it can be applied at temperatures varying from 20 to 180°C.

25 According to another alternative form, instead of using the reducing agent in pretreatment, it is used in post-treatment, after the application of the dyeing composition.

According to another specific dyeing method of the invention, the dyeing method does not comprise a stage of reducing pretreatment or post-treatment. The dyeing method then
30 comprises the stage of application of the composition according to the invention which comprises the ingredients *i)* to *v)* as defined above.

When the ingredient *i)* is a protected thiol dye, i.e. the thiol dye of formula **(I)** as defined above in which **U** = **Y** with **Y** a protective group, the method of the invention can be
35 preceded by a deprotection stage targeted at the in situ restoration of the SH functional group.

By way of example, it is possible to deprotect the S-Y functional group of the dyes of the invention with Y a protective group by adjusting the pH as follows:

Y: Protective group	Deprotection
alkylcarbonyl	pH>9
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alkoxycarbonyl	pH>9
aryloxycarbonyl	pH>9
arylalkoxycarbonyl	pH>9
(di)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl	pH>9
(alkyl)arylaminocarbonyl	pH>9
optionally substituted aryl, such as phenyl	pH>9
5-, 6- or 7-membered monocyclic heteroaryl, such as oxazolium	pH>9
8- to 11-membered bicyclic heteroaryl, such as benzimidazolium or benzoxazolium	pH>9

The deprotection stage may also be performed during a stage of pretreatment of the hair, for instance the hair-reducing pretreatment.

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A treatment with one or more chemical oxidizing agents can optionally be carried out after the application of the ingredients *i)* to *v)* to the keratinous fibres. In order to do this, use may be made of a fixing composition comprising at least one cosmetic chemical oxidizing agent, such as the ingredient *vi)* defined above, and optionally at least the ingredient *ii)* as defined above. It can be chosen in particular from hydrogen peroxide, urea hydrogen peroxide, alkali metal bromates, persalts, such as perborates and persulphates, and enzymes, among which may be mentioned peroxidases, 2-electron oxidoreductases, such as uricases, and 4-electron oxygenases, such as laccases. The use of hydrogen peroxide is particularly preferred.

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The leave-in time of the oxidizing (fixing) composition is preferably between 1 second and 40 minutes inclusive and preferably between 15 seconds and 15 minutes inclusive.

Preferably, the oxidizing composition is applied after the application of the dyeing composition, i.e. the composition comprising the ingredient *i)* as defined above and optionally the ingredient *ii)* as defined above.

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The keratinous fibres are preferably rinsed with water between the stage of dyeing using the composition comprising the ingredient *i)* as defined above and optionally the ingredient *ii)* as defined above and the fixing stage.

When the ingredients *j*) and *v*) are not found in the same composition, the pH of the composition which comprises *j*) is preferably between 4 and 10 inclusive and in particular between 5 and 7 inclusive and the pH of the composition which comprises *v*) is preferably between 4 and 10 inclusive and in particular between 7 and 10 inclusive.

5 The dyeing and/or lightening method according to the invention can be followed by shampooing with a conventional shampoo and/or drying the keratinous fibres.

According to particularly advantageous embodiments, the method is carried out in three different alternative forms starting from the compositions A, A', A'', B, B', B'' and C, in
10 which:

➤ the dyeing composition A comprises:

i) at least one fluorescent disulphide dye in a concentration of between 0.01 g% and 5 g% inclusive and preferably between 0.05 g% and 2 g% inclusive;

ii) at least one organic thickening agent, preferably a cellulose thickening agent, in a
15 concentration of between 0.05 g% and 10 g% inclusive and more particularly of between 0.5 g% and 5 g% inclusive;

the pH of composition A preferably being between 4 and 10 inclusive and more particularly between 5 and 7 inclusive;

20 ➤ the reducing composition B comprises:

v) at least one thiol-comprising reducing agent with a concentration preferably of between 0.5 g% and 50 g% inclusive and more particularly of between 10 g% and 30 g% inclusive;

iv) at least one alkaline agent preferably comprising an amino group with a
25 concentration in particular of between 0.1 g% and 30 g% inclusive and more particularly of between 0.5 g% and 5 g% inclusive;

iii) at least one ethoxylated fatty alcohol with a concentration of between 0.5 g% and 30 g% inclusive and preferably between 1 g% and 10 g% inclusive;

and optionally at least one fragrance with a concentration preferably of between
30 0.01 g% and 10 g% inclusive and preferably between 0.2 g% and 2 g% inclusive;

the pH of composition B preferably being between 5 and 12 inclusive and more particularly between 7 and 10 inclusive;

or else

➤ the dyeing composition A' comprises:

35 *i*) at least one fluorescent disulphide dye in a concentration preferably of between 0.01 g% and 5 g% inclusive and more particularly between 0.05 g% and 2 g% inclusive;

ii) at least one cellulose organic thickening agent in a concentration preferably of between 0.05 g% and 10 g% inclusive and more particularly of between 0.5 g% and 5 g% inclusive;

5 *iii)* at least one nonionic surfactant of APG type with a concentration preferably of between 0,5 g % and 30 g% inclusive and more particularly of between 5 g% and 20 g% inclusive;

the pH of composition A' preferably being between 4 and 10 inclusive and more particularly between 5 and 7 inclusive;

10 ➤ the reducing composition B' comprises:

v) at least one thiol-comprising reducing agent with a concentration preferably of between 0.5 g% and 50 g% inclusive and more particularly between 10 g% and 30 g% inclusive;

15 *iv)* at least one alkaline agent comprising an amino group with a concentration preferably of between 0.1 g% and 30 g% inclusive and more particularly between 0.5 g% and 5 g% inclusive;

and optionally at least one fragrance with a concentration preferably of between 0.01 g% and 10 g% inclusive and more particularly between 0.2 g% and 2 g% inclusive;

20 the pH of composition B preferably being between 5 and 12 inclusive and more particularly between 7 and 10 inclusive;

or else

➤ the dyeing composition A'' comprises:

25 *i)* at least one fluorescent disulphide dye in a concentration preferably of between 0.01 g% and 5 g% inclusive and more particularly between 0.05 and 2 g% inclusive;

30 *ii)* at least one cellulose organic thickening agent in a concentration preferably of between 0.05 g% and 10 g% inclusive and more particularly of between 0.5 g% and 5 g% inclusive;

iii) at least one nonionic surfactant other than ethoxylated fatty alcohols, such as APG, with a concentration preferably of between 0.5 g% and 30 g% inclusive and more particularly between 5 g% and 20 g% inclusive;

35 the pH of composition A preferably being between 4 and 10 inclusive and more particularly between 5 and 7 inclusive;

- the reducing composition B'' comprises:
- v) at least one thiol-comprising reducing agent with a concentration preferably of between 0.5 g% and 50 g% inclusive and more particularly of between 10 g% and 30 g% inclusive;
 - 5 iv) at least one alkaline agent preferably comprising an amino group with a concentration in particular of between 0.1 g% and 30 g% inclusive and more particularly between 0.5 g% and 5 g% inclusive;
 - iii) at least one ethoxylated fatty alcohol with a concentration of between 0.5 g% and 30 g% inclusive and preferably between 1 g% and 10 g% inclusive;
 - 10 and optionally at least one fragrance with a concentration preferably of between 0.01 g% and 10 g% inclusive and preferably between 0.2 g% and 2 g% inclusive;
- the pH of composition B preferably being between 5 and 12 inclusive and more particularly between 7 and 10 inclusive;
- the fixing composition C comprises:
- 15 vi) at least one oxidizing agent with a concentration preferably of between 0.01 g% and 30 g% inclusive and in particular between 0.5 g% and 5 g% inclusive;
- the pH of composition C preferably being between 1.5 and 7 inclusive and more particularly between 2 and 5 inclusive;
- it being understood that the fixing composition can also comprise a thickening organic polymer *ii)* as defined above, just like compositions A, A', A'' and/or B, B', B''.
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Alternative form 1:

The dyeing composition A is mixed with the reducing composition B, or composition A' is mixed with composition B', or composition A'' is mixed with composition B'', in the following proportions: mixing 9 volumes of composition A, A' or A'' with 1 volume of composition B, B' or B'' in a basin. The mixture is applied to hair with a leave-in time preferably of between 5 minutes and 1 hour inclusive and preferably between 10 minutes and 40 minutes inclusive. The hair is rinsed, then shampooing is optionally carried out, preferably shampooing is carried out, and then the hair is dried.

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Alternative form 2:

The dyeing formulation A is mixed with the reducing composition B, or composition A' is mixed with composition B', or composition A'' is mixed with composition B'', in the following proportions: mixing 9 volumes of composition A, A' or A'' with 1 volume of composition B, B' or B'' in a basin. The mixture is applied to hair with a leave-in time preferably of between 5 minutes and 1 hour inclusive and more particularly of between 10 minutes and 40 minutes inclusive.

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The hair is optionally rinsed; preferably, rinsing is carried out. Subsequently, the fixing composition C is applied to the hair with a leave-in time preferably of between 1 minute and 30 minutes and more particularly of between 3 minutes and 10 minutes inclusive.

5 The hair is rinsed, then shampooing is or is not carried out (preferably, shampooing is carried out) and then the hair is dried.

Alternative form 3:

10 The reducing formulation is applied to hair with a leave-in time preferably of between 5 minutes and 1 hour inclusive and more particularly of between 10 minutes and 40 minutes inclusive. The hair is optionally rinsed; preferably, rinsing is carried out. The dyeing formulation is applied to the hair with a leave-in time preferably of between 5 minutes and 1 hour inclusive and more particularly of between 10 minutes and 40 minutes inclusive. The hair is optionally rinsed; preferably, rinsing is carried out. The fixing composition C is subsequently applied to the hair with a leave-in time preferably of between 1 minute and 30 minutes inclusive and more particularly of between 3 minutes and 10 minutes inclusive. 15 The hair is rinsed, then shampooing is optionally carried out, preferably shampooing is carried out, and then the hair is dried.

20 3). Dyeing kit of the invention

Another subject-matter of the invention is a multicompartment device or kit for dyeing comprising a first compartment including a dyeing composition comprising the composition comprising the ingredient *i*); a second compartment which includes a reducing agent *v*) as defined above, the ingredients *ii*) to *iv*) as defined above being distributed in the first two compartments, and optionally a third compartment comprising at least one oxidizing agent as defined above. 25

According to an alternative form, the device comprises a first compartment which includes a dyeing composition comprising the composition comprising the ingredients *i*) to *iv*), a second compartment which includes at least one reducing agent *v*) as defined above and optionally a third compartment comprising at least one oxidizing agent *vi*) as defined above. 30

Alternatively, the dyeing device comprises a first compartment including a dyeing composition which comprises at least *i*) a protected thiol dye and the ingredients *ii*) to *iv*), a second compartment including an agent capable of deprotecting the protected thiol in order to release the thiol, a third compartment which includes at least one reducing agent *v*) as 35

defined above and optionally a fourth compartment comprising an oxidizing agent *vi*) as defined above.

According to other alternative forms:

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- the first compartment comprises *i*) and *ii*) as defined above and the second compartment comprises the ingredients *v*), *iv*) and *iii*) as defined above;
 - or else the first compartment comprises the ingredients *i*), *ii*) and *iii*) as defined above and the second compartment comprises the ingredients *v*) and *iv*);
 - or else the first compartment comprises the ingredients *i*), *iii*) and *iv*) as defined
- 10 above and the second compartment comprises the ingredients *v*) and *ii*).

For these alternative forms, a third compartment may be present which comprises an oxidizing agent *vi*) as defined above, and optionally the ingredient *ii*) as defined above and optionally a fourth compartment may be present including an agent capable of deprotecting the protected thiol in order to release the thiol, if the ingredient *i*) of the first compartment is

15 a protected thiol.

Each of the devices mentioned above may be equipped with a means which makes it possible to deliver the desired mixture to the hair, for example such as the devices described in Patent FR 2 586 913.

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The examples which follow serve to illustrate the invention without, however, exhibiting a limiting nature.

The thiol, protected thiol or disulphide direct dyes of formula (I) of use in the present invention are known compounds and can be prepared according to methods known to a

25 person skilled in the art, in particular from the methods described in Applications EP 1 647 580, EP 2 004 759, WO 2007/110541, WO 2007/110540, WO 2007/110539, WO 2007/110538, WO 2007/110537, WO 2007/110536, WO 2007/110535, WO 2007/110534, WO 2007/110533, WO 2007/110532, WO 2007/110531, EP 2 070 988 and WO 2009/040354.

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DYEING EXAMPLE

Concentration of the starting materials in this form.

5 **Composition A:**

Ingredient	Trade name	Supplier	Amount
Disulphide dye of formula 44 with disulphate SO ₄ ²⁻ as counterion (ingredient <i>i</i>)			0.5 g%
Hydroxyethyl cellulose (Mw: 720 000) ingredient <i>ii</i>)	Natrosol 250 MR	Aqualon	2 g%
Mixture of methyl, butyl, ethyl, propyl and isobutyl p-hydroxybenzoates (7/57/22/14)	Sharomix 431	Clariant	0.12 g%
Alkyl (C ₈ /C ₁₀ 50/50) polyglucoside (2) as a 60% aqueous solution ingredient <i>iii</i>)	Oramix CG 110	Seppic	10 g%
Propylene glycol	Propylene Glycol USP/EP	Univar	4 g%
Polyethylene glycol (8 EO)	Polyethylene Glycol 400 DUB PEG 8	Stearinerie Dubois	6 g%
Water			q.s. for 100 g%

Composition B

Ingredient	Trade name	Supplier	Amount
Ammonium thioglycolate as a 71% aqueous solution (pH 6)	Ammonium thioglycolate 71%	Bruno Bock	20 g%
Diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, pentasodium salt, as a 40% aqueous solution	Versenex 80	Univar	0.4 g%
Fresh mint	Fragrance	Mane	0.8 g%
Pure monoethanolamine, ingredient <i>iv</i>)	Monoethanolamine care	Univar	1.21 g%
Oxyethylenated (20 EO) oleyl alcohol ingredient <i>iii</i>)	Brij O20-SO-(MV)	Croda	6 g%
Water			q.s. for 100 g

Composition C

Ingredient	Trade name	Supplier	Amount
Hydrogen peroxide as a 50% solution (200 vol. aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution)	H ₂ O ₂ Interox ST-50	Brenntag	0.48 g%
Etidronic acid, tetrasodium salt, as a 30% aqueous solution	Turpinal 4 NL	Brenntag	0.02 g%
Sodium salicylate	Sodium salicylate	Merck	0.0035 g%
Tetrasodium pyrophosphate decahydrate	Tetrasodium pyrophosphate 10 H ₂ O PRS	Penreac	0.004 g%
Polydimethyldiallylammonium chloride at 40% in water	Merquat 100	Nalco	0.125 g%
Phosphoric acid	Prayphos P5 85	Prayon	0.012 g%
Crosslinked methacryloyloxyethyl-trimethylammonium chloride homopolymer as an inverse emulsion in mineral oil	Salcare SC 95	Ciba	1.3 g%
Water			q.s. for 100 g

9 parts of composition A are mixed with 1 part of composition B in a basin.

5 The mixture is applied to brown hair (dark hair having a tone height of 4 (TH4)) with a leave-in time of 20 minutes.

The hair is rinsed.

The fixing formulation C is applied to the hair with a leave-in time of 5 minutes.

The hair is rinsed, then shampooing is carried out and then the hair is dried.

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Colorimetric evaluation Results in the L*a*b* system for evaluating the coloring of the locks:

15 The color of the locks was evaluated in the L*a*b* system by means of a MINOLTA® CM 3600D spectrophotometer (Illuminant D65).

20 In this L*a*b* system, L* represents the lightness, a* indicates the green/red color axis and b* the blue/yellow color axis. The higher the value of L, the lighter or weaker the color. Conversely, the lower the value of L, the darker or much stronger the color. The higher the value of a*, the redder the shade, and the higher the value of b*, the more yellow the shade.

The variation in coloring between the TH4 dyed and treated locks of hair is measured by (ΔE) according to the following equation:

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{(L^* - L_0^*)^2 + (a^* - a_0^*)^2 + (b^* - b_0^*)^2}$$

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In this equation, L^* , a^* and b^* represent the values after treatment, and L_0^* , a_0^* and b_0^* represent the values measured before treatment.

The greater the value of ΔE , the greater the difference in color between the TH4 locks and the uncolored locks.

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	L^*	a^*	b^*	ΔE^*
TH4 reference	24.27	3.96	4.72	-----
After treatment A+B+C	25.21	8.43	8.9	6.19

It is noted that the ΔE value is significantly high after treatment with compositions A+B+C. A mahogany colouration is obtained which is intense and persistent (even after several washing operations).

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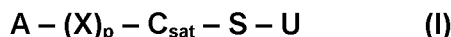
On the other hand the colour changed very little after the shampooing operations, given the number of successive shampooing operations (even after more than 10 shampooing operations). It is also observed that the coloration is particularly resistant vs. perspiration.

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CLAIMS

1. Cosmetic composition comprising:

i) at least one direct dye having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group of formula (I):



the salts thereof with an organic or inorganic acid, the optical or geometric isomers thereof, the tautomers thereof, and the solvates thereof, such as the hydrates,

in which formula (I):

• U represents a radical chosen from:

a) $-S - C'_{\text{sat}} - (X')_{p'} - A'$; and

b) $-Y$;

• A and A', which are identical or different, represent a radical comprising at least one quaternized cationic chromophore or at least one chromophore carrying a quaternized or quaternizable cationic group;

• Y represents i) a hydrogen atom or ii) a protective group for the thiol functional group;

• X and X', which are identical or different, represent a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched divalent C₁-C₃₀ hydrocarbon chain which is optionally interrupted and/or optionally terminated at one or both of its ends by one or more divalent groups or their combinations chosen from:

➤ $-N(R)-$, $-N^+(R)(R)-$, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-CO-$ or $-SO_2-$ with R, which are identical or different, chosen from a hydrogen, a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical, a hydroxyalkyl radical or an aminoalkyl radical;

➤ a fused or nonfused, saturated or unsaturated and aromatic or nonaromatic (hetero)cyclic radical which optionally comprises one or more identical or different heteroatoms and which is optionally substituted;

• p and p', which are identical or different, have the value 0 or 1;

• C_{sat} and C'_{sat}, which are identical or different, represent a linear or branched C₁-C₁₈ alkylene chain which is optionally substituted and optionally cyclic;

ii) at least one thickening organic polymer;

iii) at least one (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol and/or at least one nonionic surfactant;

iv) at least one alkaline agent, preferably comprising at least one amino group; and

v) at least one reducing agent.

2. Composition according to the preceding claim, in which the radicals A and/or A' of the dye of formula (I), which are identical or different, represent a radical comprising at least one quaternized cationic chromophore.

3. Composition according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) are disulphide dyes with U representing a radical a) $-S - C'_{\text{sat}} - (X')_{p'} - A'$; in

particular, the dyes of formula (I) according to the invention are disulphide and symmetrical dyes, i.e. the formula (I) is of following formula:



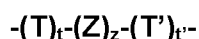
5 4. Composition according to Claim 1, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) are dyes having a thiol or protected thiol functional group, i.e. U representing the radical b) Y chosen in particular from the hydrogen atom and the following radicals:

- (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)alkylthiocarbonyl;
- 10 ▪ (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)alkoxythiocarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)alkylthio-thiocarbonyl;
- (di) (C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl;
- (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminothiocarbonyl;
- 15 ▪ arylcarbonyl, such as phenylcarbonyl;
- aryloxycarbonyl;
- aryl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
- (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl, such as dimethylaminocarbonyl;
- (C₁-C₄)(alkyl)arylaminocarbonyl;
- 20 ▪ carboxyl;
- SO₃⁻ M⁺, with M⁺ representing an alkali metal, such as sodium or potassium, or else a counterion of the cationic chromophore A and M⁺ are absent;
- optionally substituted aryl;
 - optionally substituted heteroaryl;
 - 25 ➤ optionally substituted heterocycloalkyl which is optionally cationic;
 - -C(NR^cR^d)=N⁺R^eR^f An^{'''}, with R^c, R^d, R^e and R^f, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group and An^{'''} representing a counterion;
 - -C(NR^cR^d)=NR^e, with R^c, R^d and R^e as defined above;
 - 30 ➤ optionally substituted (di)aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl;
 - optionally substituted (di)heteroaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl;
 - -CR¹R²R³, with R¹, R² and R³, which are identical or different, representing a halogen atom or a group chosen from:
 - (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
 - 35 - (C₁-C₄)alkoxy;
 - optionally substituted aryl;
 - optionally substituted heteroaryl;
 - P(Z¹)R¹R²R³, with R¹ and R², which are identical or different, representing a hydroxyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy or alkyl group, R³ representing a hydroxyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy group and Z¹ representing an oxygen or sulphur atom;
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- a sterically hindered ring; and
- optionally substituted alkoxyalkyl.

5. Dyeing composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) are dyes with C_{sat} and C'_{sat} , which are identical or different, representing a $-(CH_2)_k-$ chain with k an integer between 1 and 8 inclusive.

6. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) are dyes in which, when p and p' are equal to 1, X and X' , which are identical or different, represent the following sequence:



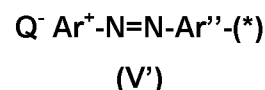
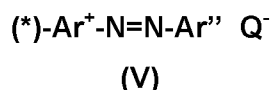
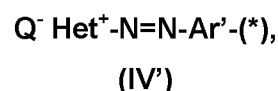
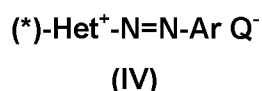
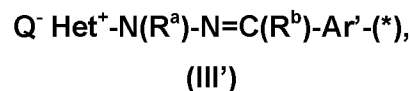
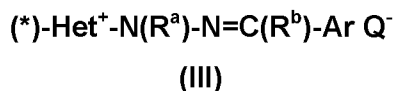
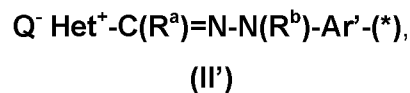
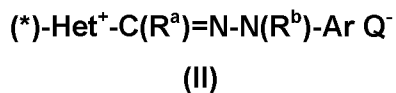
the said sequence being symmetrically connected in the formula (I) as follows:



in which:

- T and T' , which are identical or different, represent one or more radicals or their combinations chosen from: $-O-$; $-S-$; $-N(R)-$; $-N^+(R)(R^o)-$; $-S(O)-$; $-S(O)_2-$; $-C(O)-$; with R and R^o , which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 hydroxyalkyl or aryl(C_1-C_4)alkyl radical; and a cationic or noncationic heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl radical which is preferably monocyclic, which preferably comprises two heteroatoms (more preferably two nitrogen atoms) and which preferably comprises from 5 to 7 ring members, more preferably imidazolium;
- the indices t and t' , which may be identical or different, are equal to 0 or 1;
- Z represents:
 - $-(CH_2)_m-$, with m an integer between 1 and 8 inclusive;
 - $-(CH_2CH_2O)_q-$ or $-(OCH_2CH_2)_q-$, in which q is an integer between 1 and 5 inclusive;
 - an aryl, alkylaryl or arylalkyl radical, the alkyl radical of which is a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical and the aryl radical of which is preferably a C_6 aryl radical, optionally being substituted by at least one SO_3M group with M representing a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal or an ammonium group substituted by one or more identical or different and linear or branched C_1-C_{18} alkyl radicals optionally carrying at least one hydroxyl;
- z is 0 or 1.

7. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) comprise a chromophore A and optionally a chromophore A' , A and A' being identical or different, A and A' being chosen from the following hydrazone cationic chromophores of formulae (II) to (III'), the following azo ones (IV) and (IV') and the following diazo ones (V) and (V'):

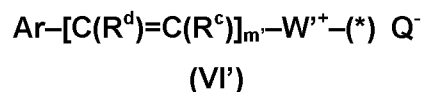
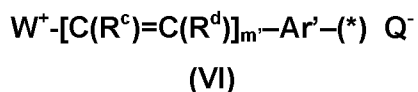


formulae (II) to (V') with:

- **Het**⁺ representing a cationic heteroaryl radical;
- **Ar**⁺ representing an aryl radical having an exocyclic cationic charge;
- **Ar** representing an optionally substituted aryl group;
- 5 - **Ar'** being an optionally substituted divalent (hetero)arylene group;
- **Ar''** being an optionally substituted (hetero)aryl group;
- **R**^a and **R**^b, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted (C₁-C₈)alkyl group;
- or else the substituent **R**^a with a substituent of **Het**⁺ and/or **R**^b with a substituent of **Ar**
- 10 forming, together with the atoms which carry them, a (hetero)cycloalkyl;
- **Q**⁻ representing an organic or inorganic anionic counterion;
- (*) representing the part of the chromophore connected to the remainder of the formula (I).

15 **8.** Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) comprise a chromophore **A** and optionally a chromophore **A'**, **A** and **A'** being identical or different and being chosen from:

a) polymethinyl radicals of following formulae (VI) and (VI'):

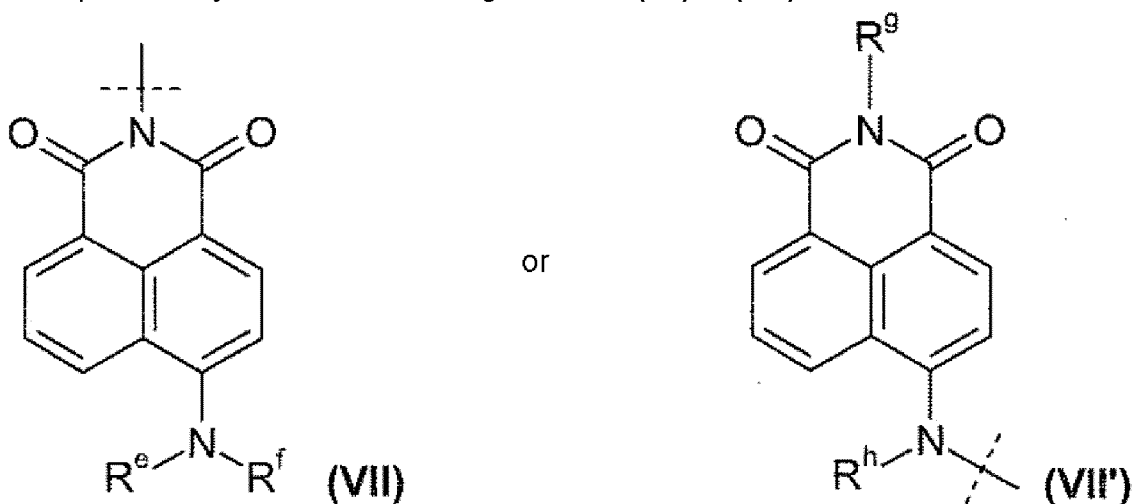


in which formulae (VI) and (VI'):

- 20 • **W**⁺ represents a cationic heterocyclic or heteroaryl group;
- **W'**⁺ represents a divalent heterocyclic or heteroaryl radical as defined for **W**⁺;
- **Ar** represents an optionally substituted aryl group;

- Ar' is a divalent aryl radical as defined for Ar;
- m' represents an integer between 1 and 4 inclusive;
- R^c and R^d, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted (C₁-C₆)alkyl group, or else R^c, contiguous with W⁺ or W⁺, and/or R^d, contiguous with Ar or Ar', form, with the atoms which carry them, a (hetero)cycloalkyl;
- Q⁻ is an anionic counterion;
- (*) represents the part of the chromophore connected to the remainder of the formula (I); and

10 b) naphthalimidyl radicals of following formulae (VII) or (VII')

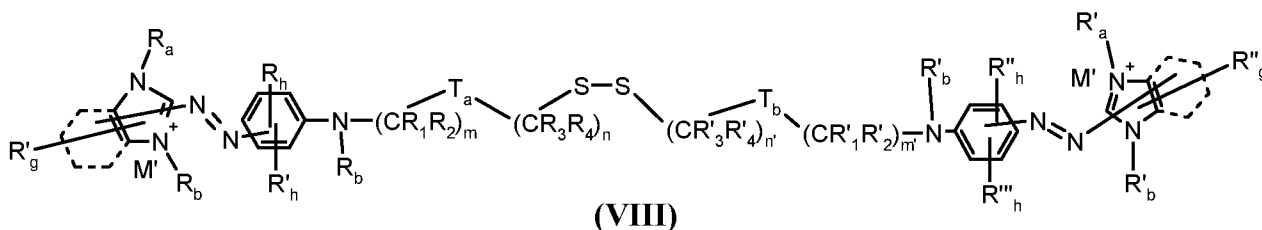


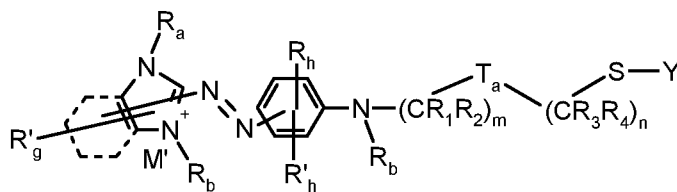
with representing the bond with the X or X' or C_{sat} or C'_{sat} group;

in which formulae (VII) and (VII'):

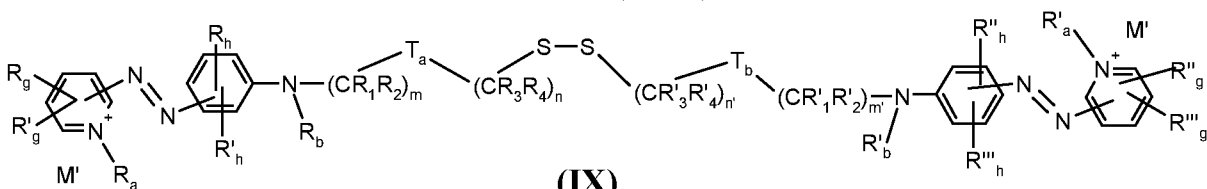
15 R^e, R^f, R^g and R^h, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group which is optionally substituted, preferably by a di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino or tri(C₁-C₆)alkylammonium group.

20 9. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) are disulphide dyes chosen from those of formulae (VIII) to (XIV) and thiol or protected thiol dyes chosen from those of following formulae (VIII') to (XIV'):

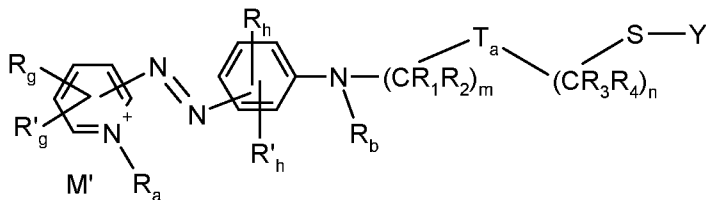




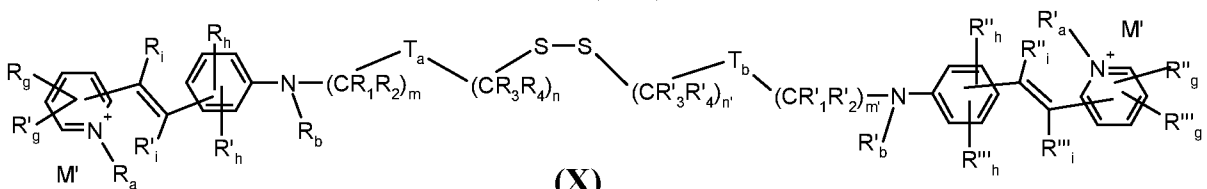
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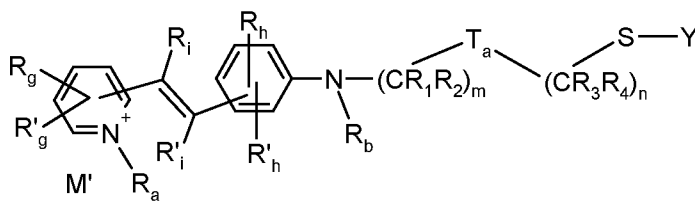
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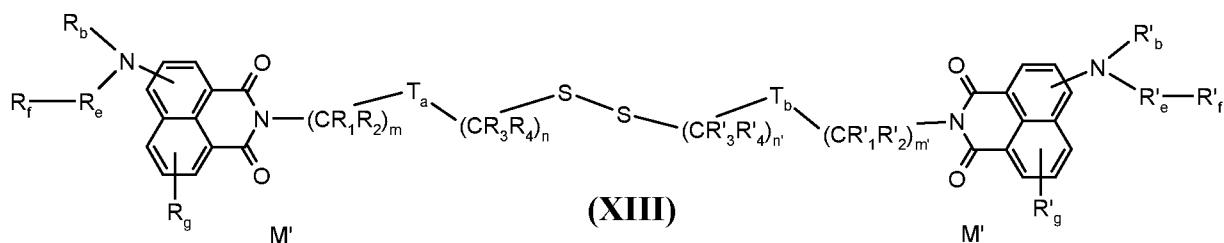
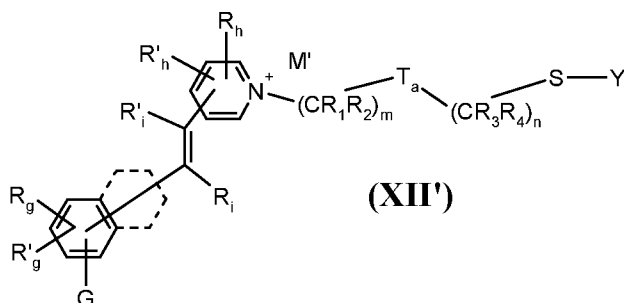
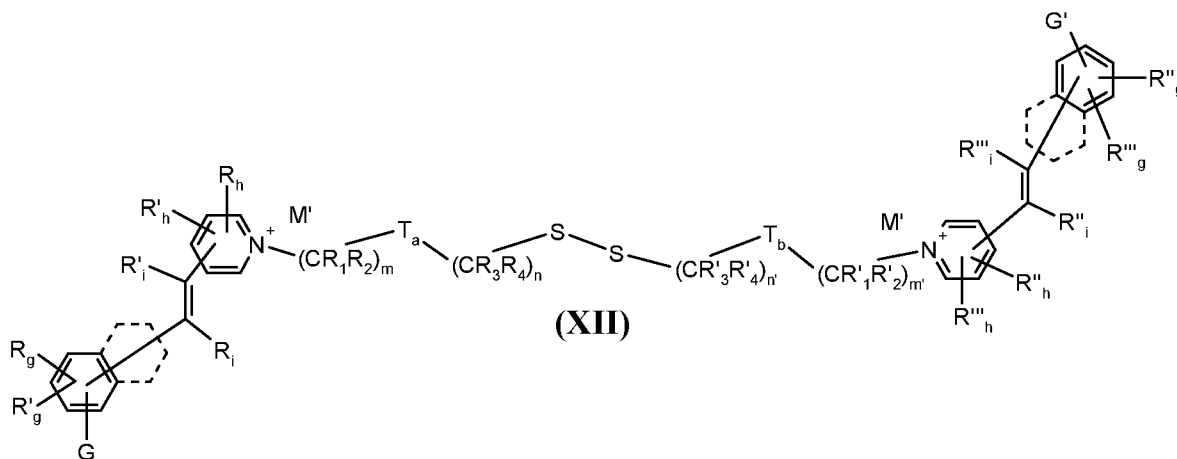
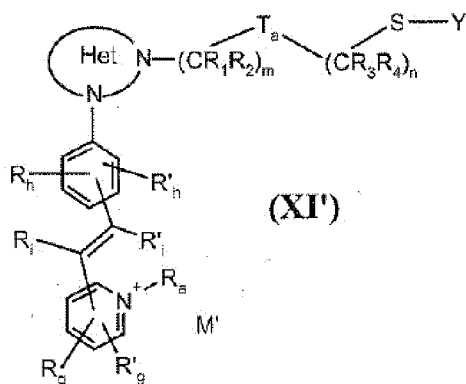
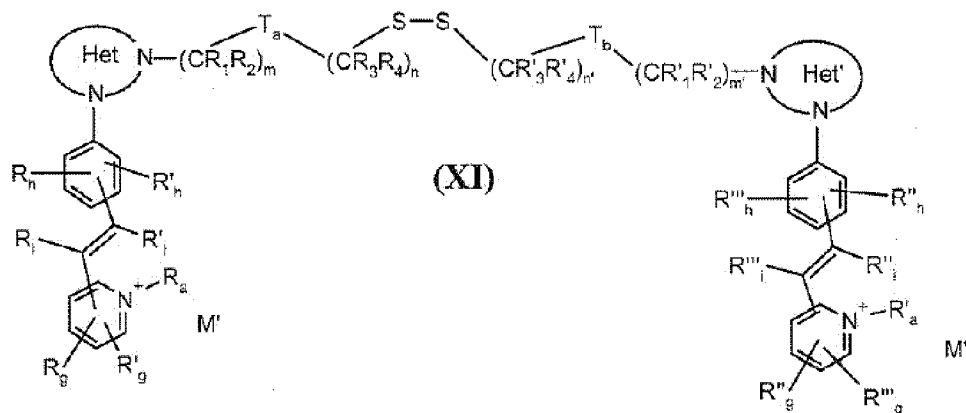
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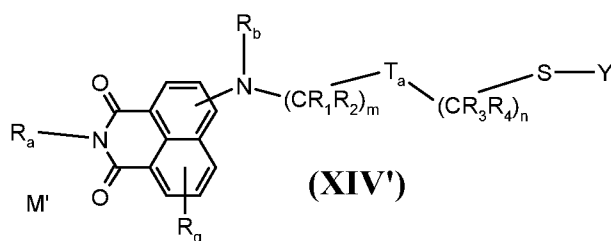
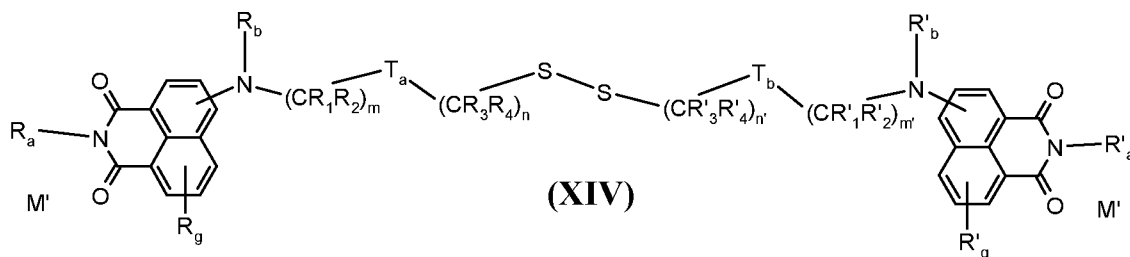
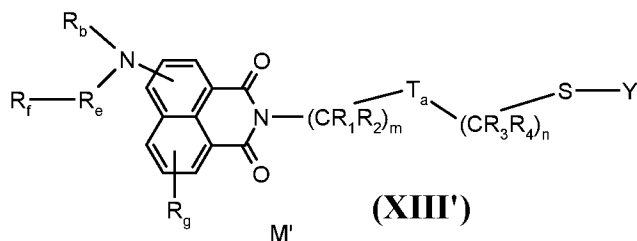


(X)



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in which formulae **(VIII)** to **(XIV)** and **(VIII')** to **(XIV')**:

- **G** and **G'**, which are identical or different, represent an $-NR_cR_d$, $-NR'_cR'_d$ or C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group which is optionally substituted; in particular, **G** and **G'** represent an $-NR_cR_d$ and $-NR'_cR'_d$ group respectively;
- **R_a** and **R'_a**, which are identical or different, represent an aryl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl group or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group optionally substituted by a hydroxyl or amino, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino or di(C_1 - C_4)alkylamino group, it being possible for the said alkyl radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom different from or identical to nitrogen; preferably, **R_a** and **R'_a** represent a C_1 - C_3 alkyl group optionally substituted by a hydroxyl group, or a benzyl group;
- **R_b** and **R'_b**, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl group or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group which is optionally substituted; preferably **R_b** and **R'_b** represent a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_3 alkyl or benzyl group;
- **R_c**, **R'_c**, **R_d** and **R'_d**, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl or C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group which is optionally substituted;
or else two adjacent radicals, **R_c** and **R_d** or **R'_c** and **R'_d**, carried by the same nitrogen atom together form a heterocyclic or heteroaryl group;
- **R_e** and **R'_e**, which are identical or different, represent a linear or branched C_1 - C_6

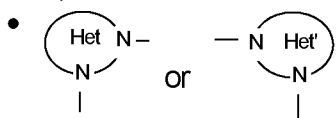
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alkylene or C₂-C₆ alkenylene hydrocarbon chain which is optionally unsaturated;


- R_f and R'_f, which are identical or different, represent a di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, (R'')(R''')N- or quaternary ammonium (R'')(R''')(R''')N⁺ group where R'', R''' and R''', which are identical or different, represent a C₁-C₄ alkyl group or else (R'')(R''')(R''')N⁺ represents an optionally substituted cationic heteroaryl group;
- R_g, R'_g, R''_g, R'''_g, R_h, R'_h, R''_h and R'''_h, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, cyano, carboxyl, hydroxyl or trifluoromethyl group, an acylamino, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl or alkylcarbonylamino radical, an acylamino, carbamoyl or alkylsulphonylamino radical, an aminosulphonyl radical or a C₁-C₁₆ alkyl radical optionally substituted by a group chosen from C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino and di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, or else the two alkyl radicals carried by the nitrogen atom of the amino group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom identical to or different from the nitrogen atom;
- or else two groups R_g and R'_g, R''_g and R'''_g, R_h and R'_h and R''_h and R'''_h, carried by two adjacent carbon atoms, together form a benzo or indeno ring or a fused heterocycloalkyl or fused heteroaryl group; the benzo, indeno, heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl ring optionally being substituted by a halogen atom, an amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, hydroxyl or trifluoromethyl group, an acylamino, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl or alkylcarbonylamino radical, an acylamino, carbamoyl or alkylsulphonylamino radical, an aminosulphonyl radical or a C₁-C₁₆ alkyl radical optionally substituted by a group chosen from C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino and di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, or else the two alkyl radicals carried by the nitrogen atom of the amino group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom identical to or different from the nitrogen atom;
- or else two groups R_i and R_g, R''_i and R'''_i, R'_i and R'_h and/or R''_i and R''_h together form a fused (hetero)cycloalkyl;
- or else, when G represents -NR_cR_d and G' represents -NR'_cR'_d, two groups R_c and R'_g, R'_c and R''_g, R_d and R_g and R'_d and R'''_g together form a heteroaryl or saturated heterocycle optionally substituted by one or more C₁-C₆ alkyl groups, preferably a heterocycle comprising one or two heteroatoms chosen from nitrogen and oxygen and comprising between 5 and 7 ring members;
- R_i, R'_i, R''_i and R'''_i, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a

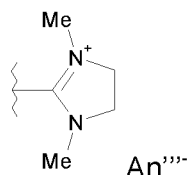
C₁-C₄ alkyl group;

- **R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R'₁, R'₂, R'₃ and R'₄**, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino, C₁-C₄ alkylamino or di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino group, it being possible for the said alkyl radicals to form, with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom different from or identical to nitrogen;
- **Ta and Tb**, which are identical or different, represent i) either a σ covalent bond, ii) or one or more radicals or their combinations chosen from -SO₂-, -O-, -S-, -N(R)-, -N⁺(R)(R^o)- or -CO-, with R and R^o, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ hydroxyalkyl radical or an aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, iii) or a cationic or noncationic heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl radical;



, which are identical or different, represent an optionally substituted heterocyclic group;

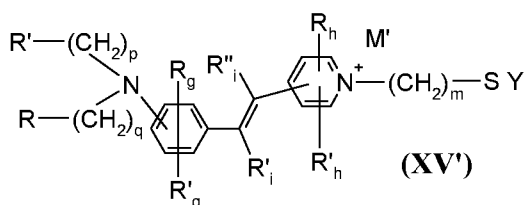
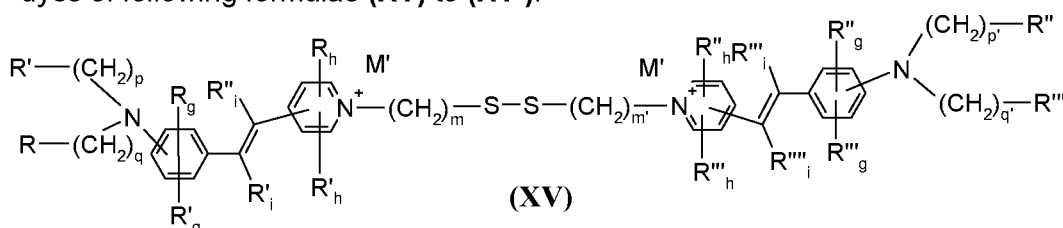
-  represents an aryl or heteroaryl group fused to the imidazolium or phenyl ring; or else is absent from the imidazolium or phenyl ring;
- **m, m', n and n'**, which are identical or different, represent an integer between 0 and 6 inclusive with $m + n$ and $m' + n'$, which are identical or different, representing an integer between 1 and 10 inclusive;
- **Y** is as defined in Claim 1 or Claim 3; in particular, Y represents a hydrogen atom or a protective group chosen from:
 - (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl ;
 - arylcarbonyl;
 - (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
 - aryloxycarbonyl;
 - aryl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl;
 - (di)(C₁-C₄)(alkyl)aminocarbonyl;
 - (C₁-C₄)(alkyl)arylaminocarbonyl;
 - optionally substituted aryl;
 - 5- or 6-membered monocyclic heteroaryl;
 - 5- or 6-membered cationic monocyclic heteroaryl;
 - 8- to 11-membered cationic bicyclic heteroaryl;
 - cationic heterocycle of following formula:



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- -C(NH₂)=N⁺H₂ An'''⁻; with An'''⁻ being an anionic counterion;
 - -C(NH₂)=NH;
 - SO₃⁻ M⁺, with M⁺ representing a metal; and
- M' representing an anionic counterion.

10. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, 8 and 9, in which the dye or dyes of formula (I) are dyes chosen from:

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- dyes of formulae (XIII), (XIII'), (XIV) and (XIV') as defined in the preceding claim;
 - dyes of following formulae (XV) to (XV'):



in which formulae (XV) and (XV'):

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- R and R''', which are identical or different, represent a hydroxyl group or an amino (NR_aR_b) or ammonium (N⁺R_aR_bR_c) An⁻ group, with R_a, R_b and R_c, which are identical or different, representing a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; or else two alkyl groups R_a and R_b of the amino or ammonium group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom identical to or different from the nitrogen atom;
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- R' and R'', which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a group as defined for R and R''' respectively;
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- R_g, R'_g, R''_g, R'''_g, R_h, R'_h, R''_h and R'''_h, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen or halogen atom, an amino, (di)(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, cyano, carboxyl, hydroxyl, trifluoromethyl, acylamino, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, (poly)hydroxy(C₂-C₄)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyloxy, (C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonylamino, acylamino, carbamoyl or (C₁-C₄)alkylsulfonylamino group, an aminosulfonyl radical or a (C₁-C₁₆)alkyl radical optionally substituted by a group chosen from

(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy, hydroxyl, cyano, carboxyl, amino or (di)(C₁-C₄)alkylamino, or else the two alkyl radicals carried by the nitrogen atom of the amino group form a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle optionally comprising another heteroatom which is identical to or different from the nitrogen atom;

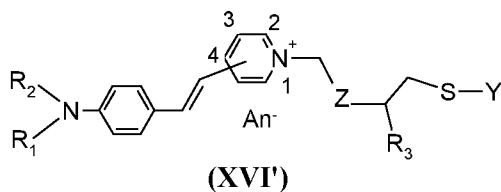
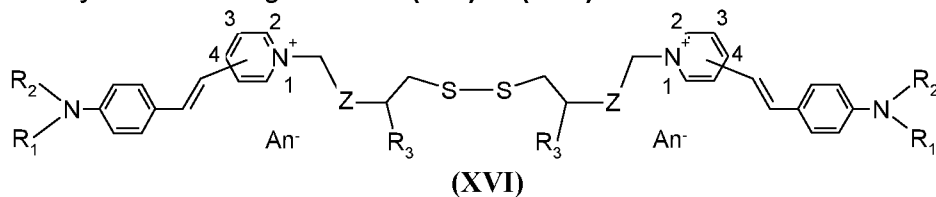
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- **R'_i, R''_i, R'''_i and R''''_i**, which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;
 - **m and m'**, which are identical or different, represent an integer between 1 and 10 inclusive;
 - **p, p', q and q'**, which are identical or different, represent an integer between 1 and 6 inclusive;
 - **M'** represents an anionic counterion; and
 - **Y** is as defined in the preceding claim;

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it being understood that, when the compound of formula (XV) or (XV') comprises other cationic parts, it is combined with one or more anionic counterions which make it possible to achieve the electrical neutrality of the formula (XV) or (XV');

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- and the dyes of following formulae (XVI) or (XVI'):



in which formulae (XVI) or (XVI'):

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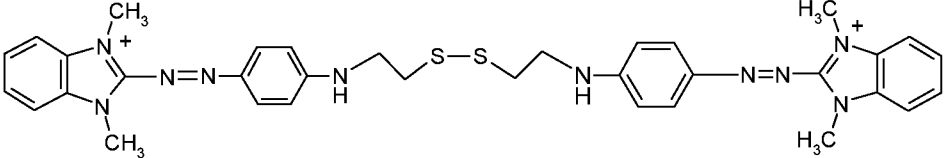
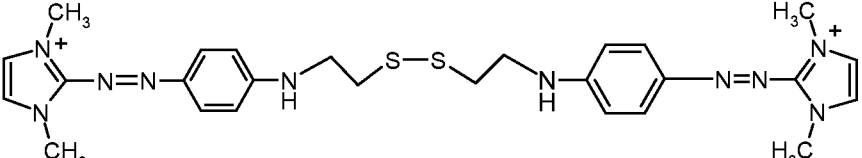
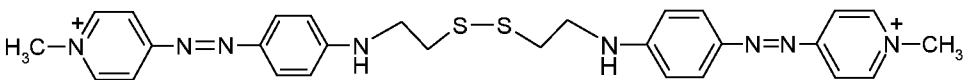
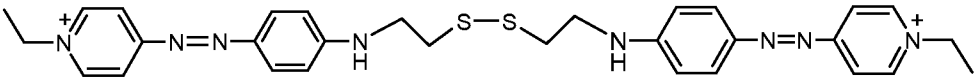
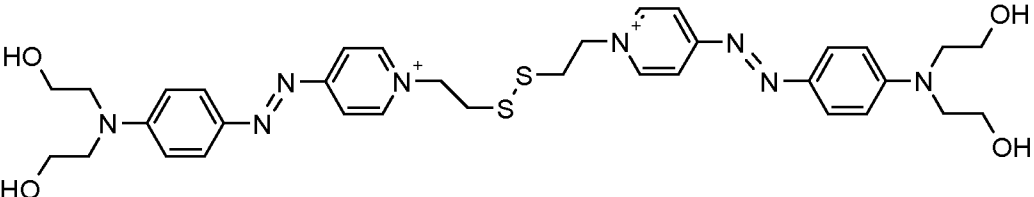
- **R₁** represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group substituted by one or more hydroxyl or -C(O)OR' groups with R' representing a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group or else a -C(O)-O⁻ group and, in the latter case, an anionic counterion An⁻ is absent;
- **R₂** represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups;
- or else the groups R₁ and R₂ form, together with the nitrogen atom which carries them, a saturated heterocyclic radical substituted at least with one hydroxyl, (poly)hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl and/or -C(O)OR', with R' representing a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group, or else a -C(O)-O⁻ group and, in this case, an anionic counterion An⁻ is absent;
- **R₃** represents a hydrogen atom or a -C(O)OR'' group, with R'' representing a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group, or else R₃ represents a -C(O)-O⁻ group and, in this case, an anionic counterion An⁻ is absent;

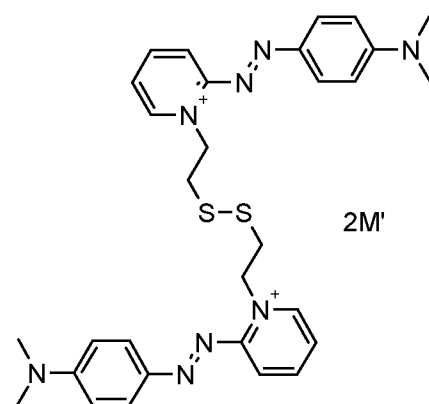
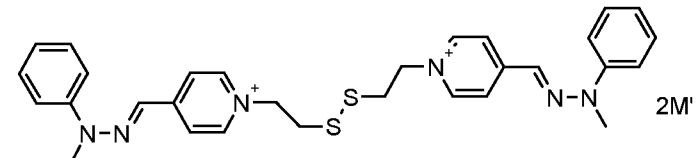
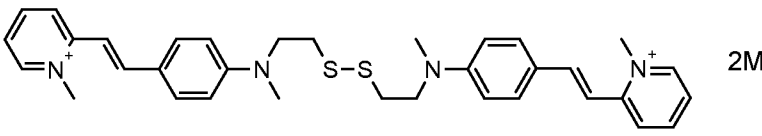
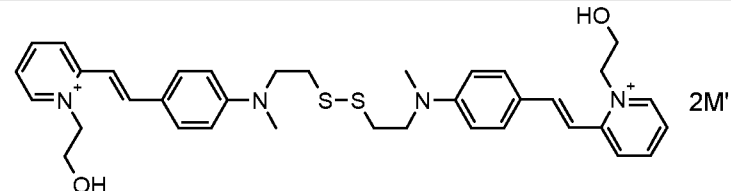
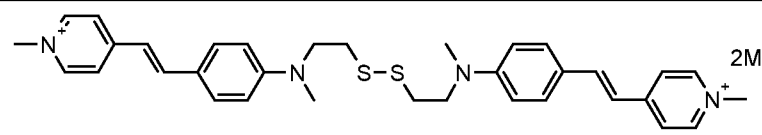
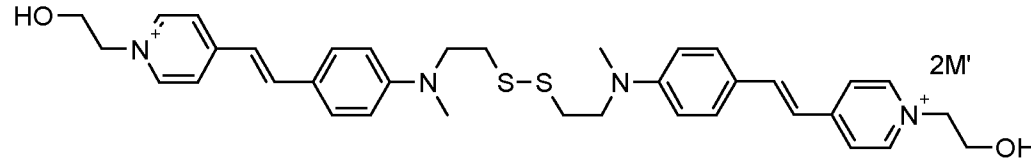
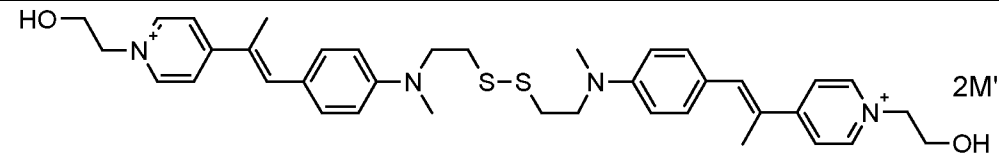
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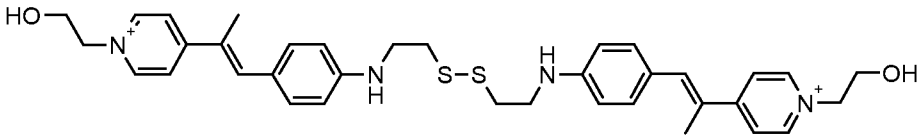
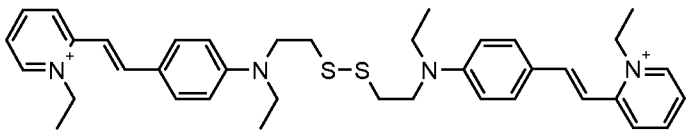
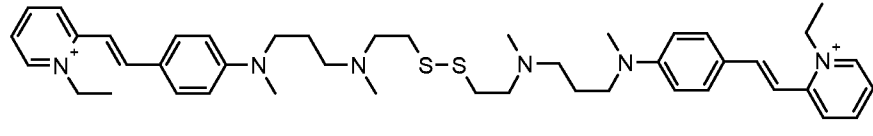
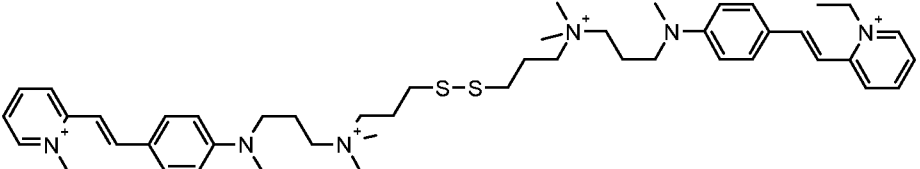
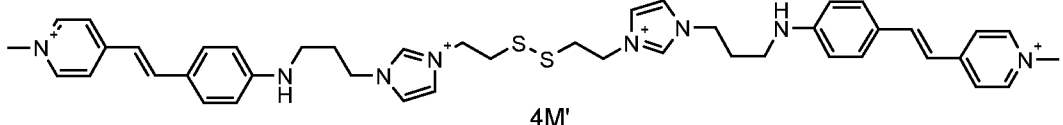
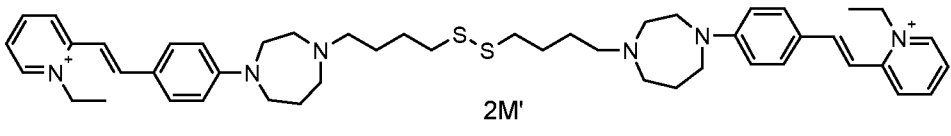
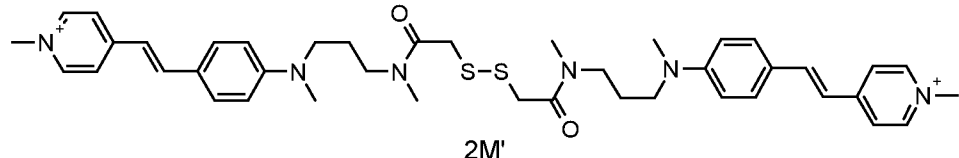
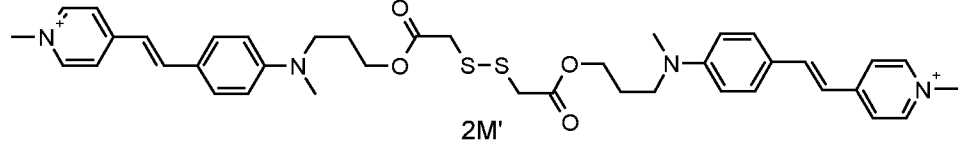
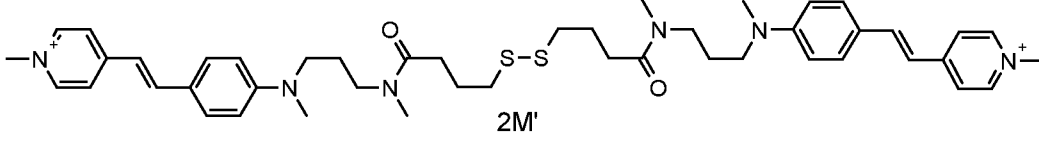
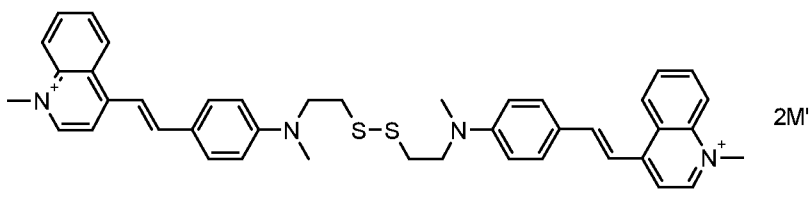
- **Z** represents a divalent amido group -C(O)-N(R)- or -N(R)-C(O)-, or a divalent C₁-C₁₀ alkylene group interrupted by an amido group -C(O)-N(R)- and -N(R)-C(O)-, such as -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-N(R)-(CH₂)_p- and -(CH₂)_n-N(R)-C(O)-(CH₂)_p-, with n' representing an integer between 0 and 3 inclusive; preferably, n' has a value 0, 2, 3; p representing an integer between 0 and 4 inclusive, n'' representing an integer between 0 and 3 inclusive and in particular n' = n'' = p = 0, and R representing a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group;
- **An⁻** represents an anionic counterion;
- **Y** is as defined in the preceding claim;

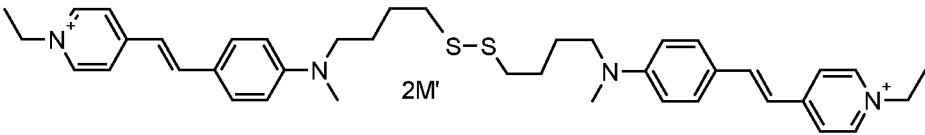
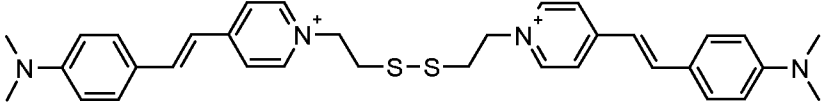
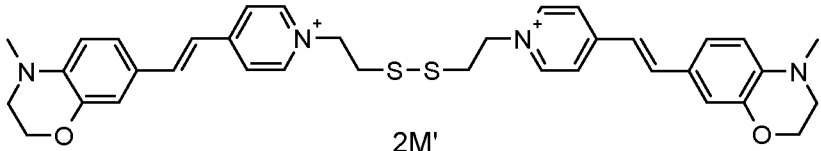
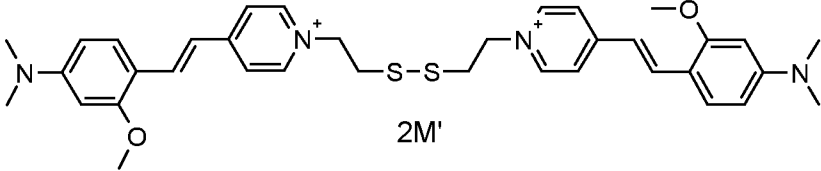
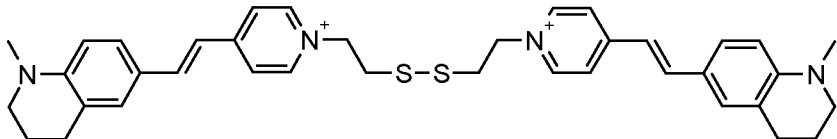
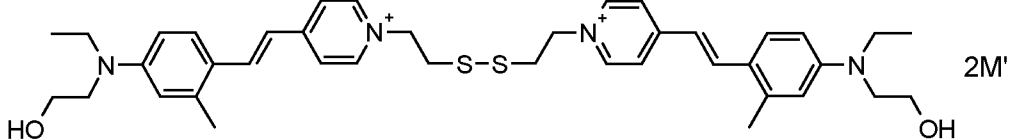
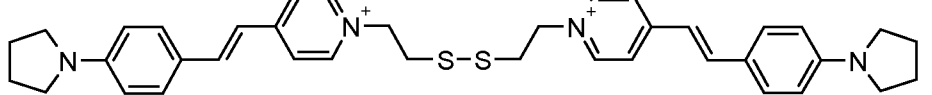
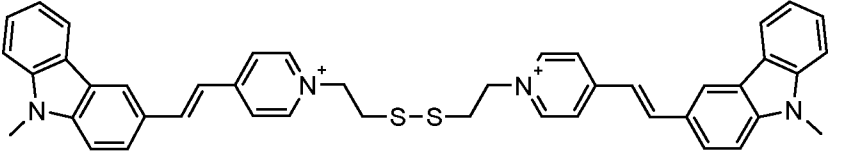
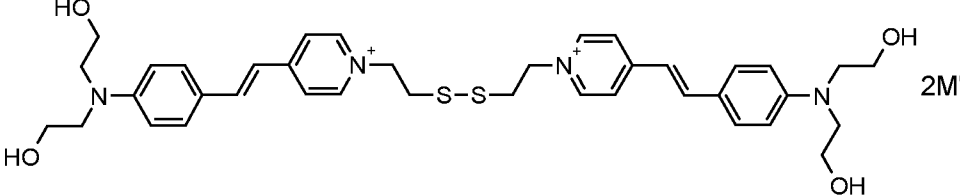
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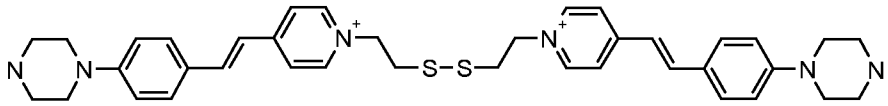
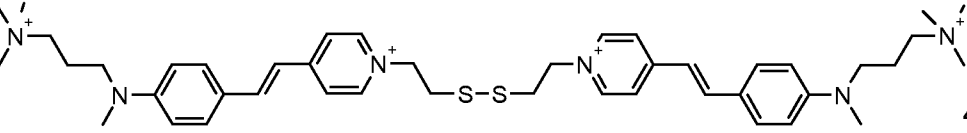
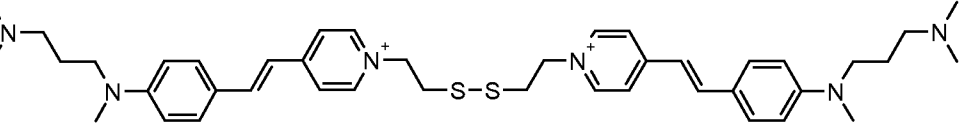
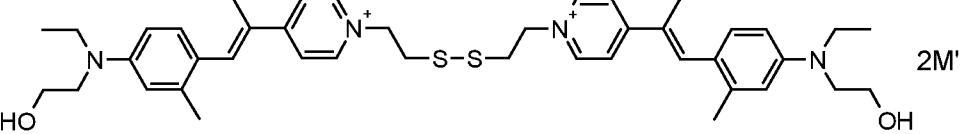
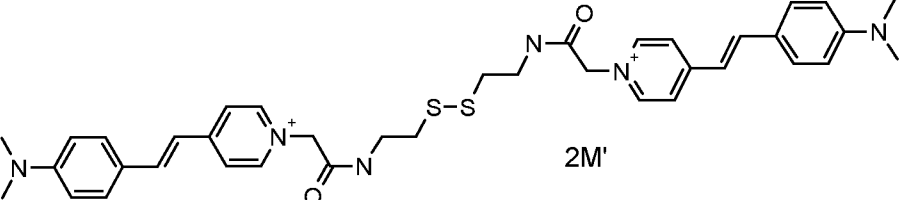
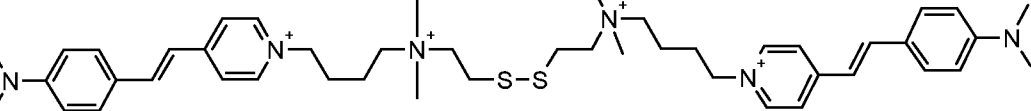
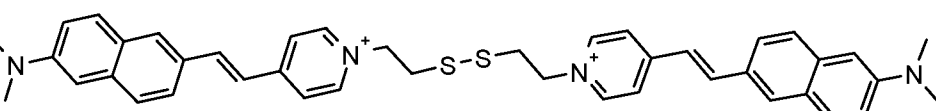
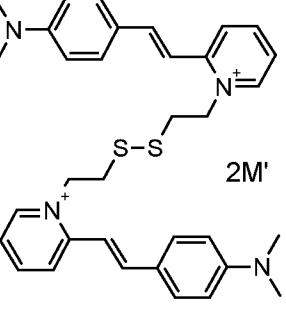
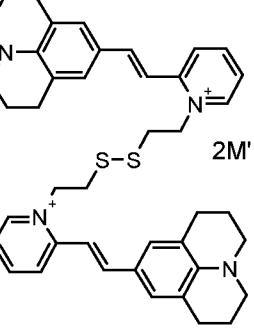
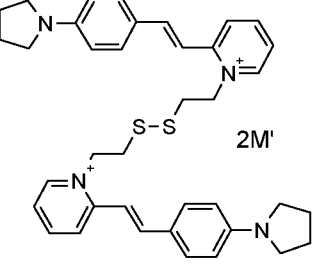
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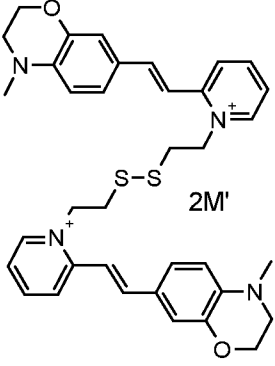
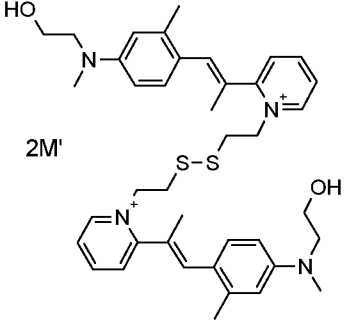
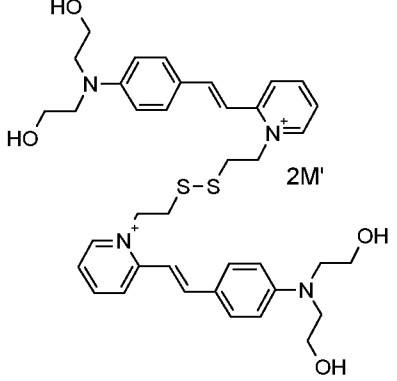
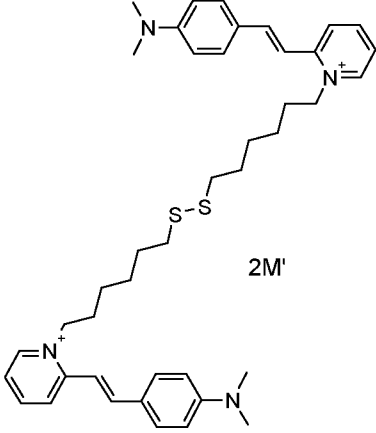
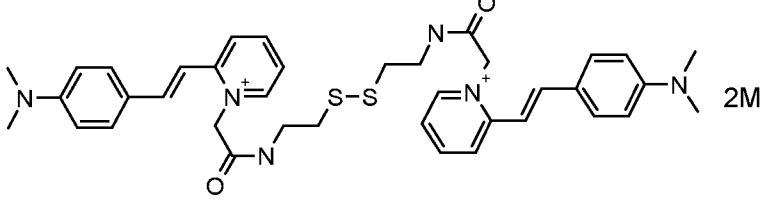
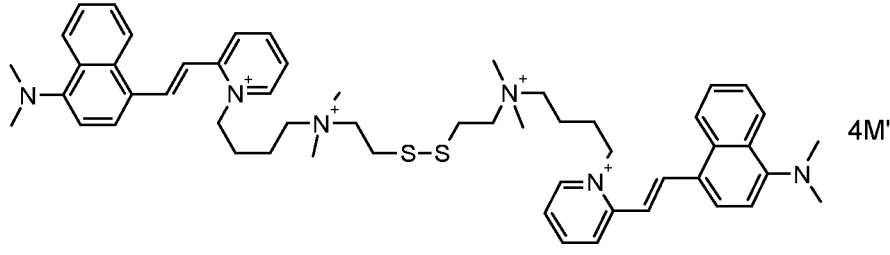
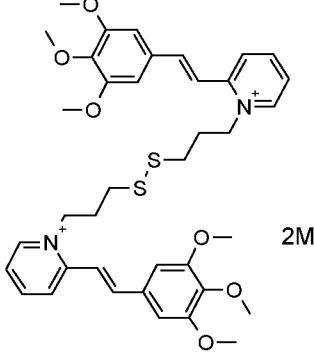
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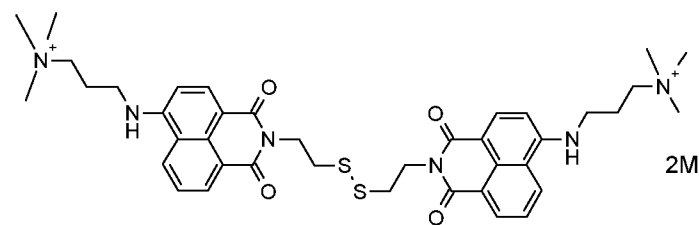
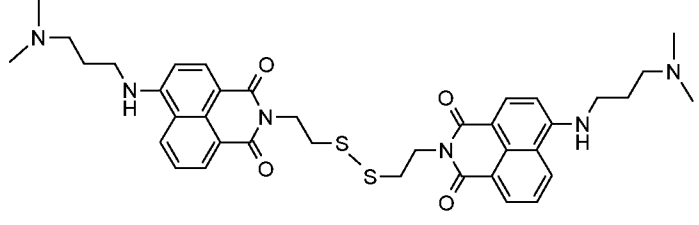
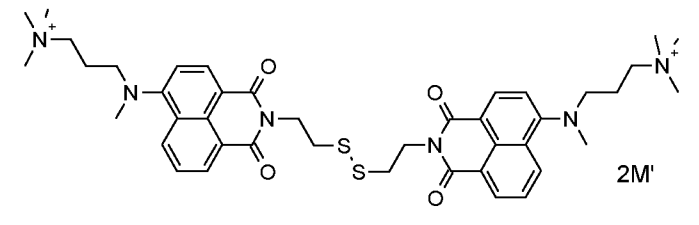
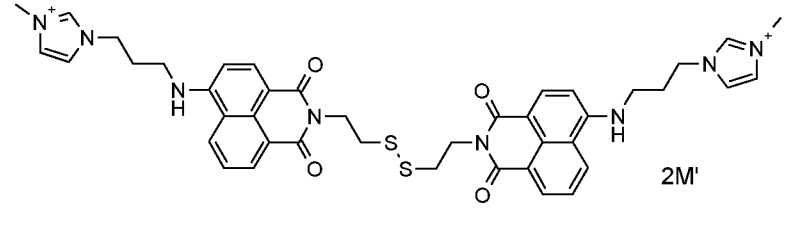
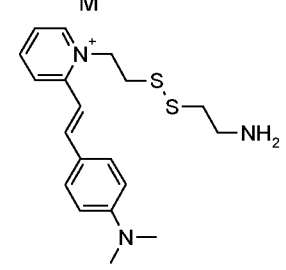
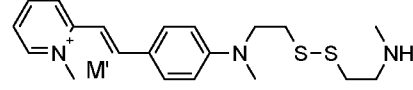
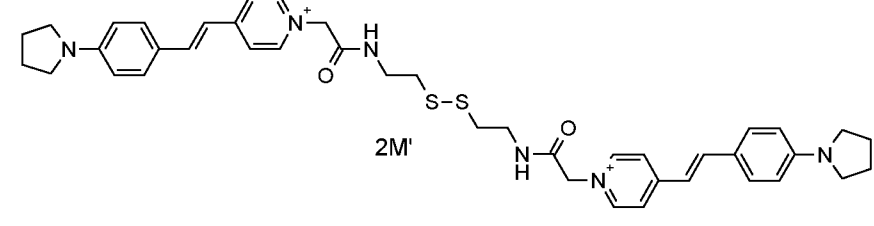
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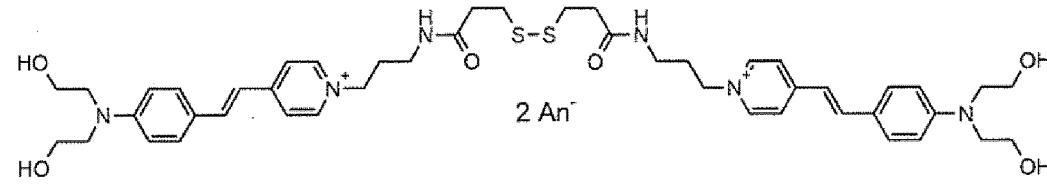
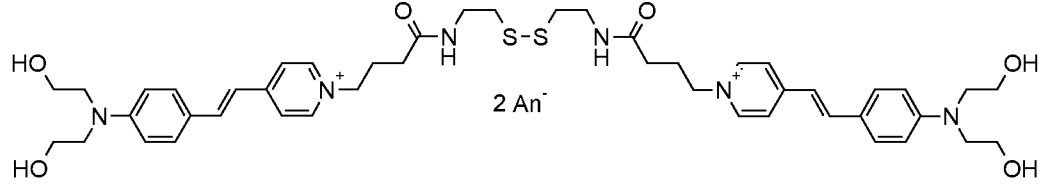
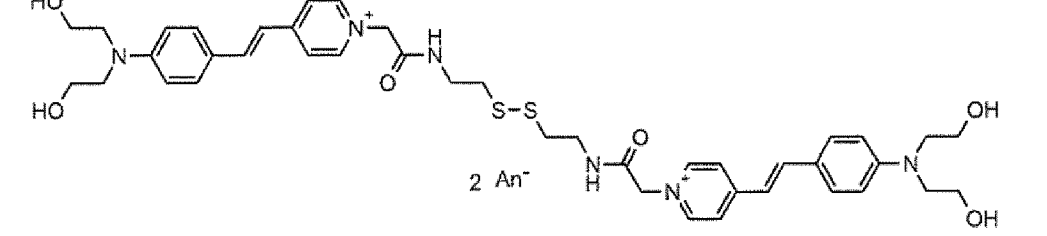
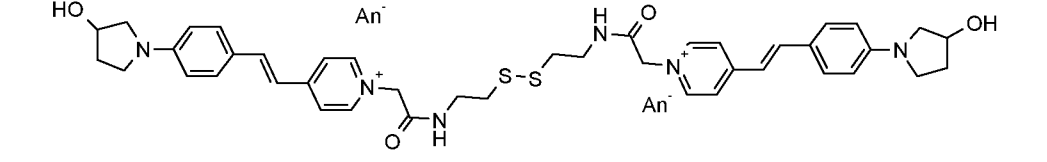
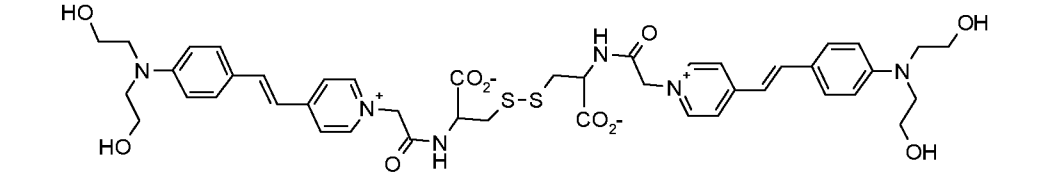
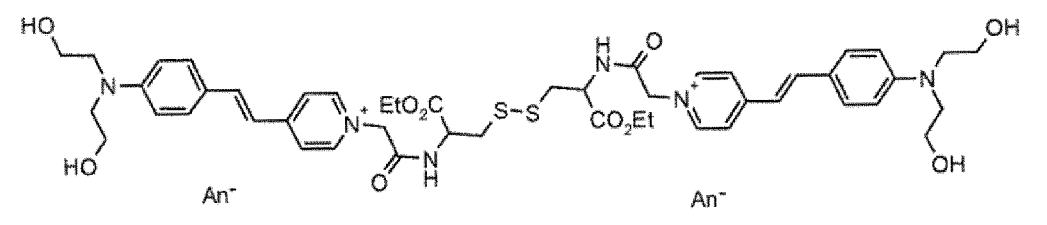
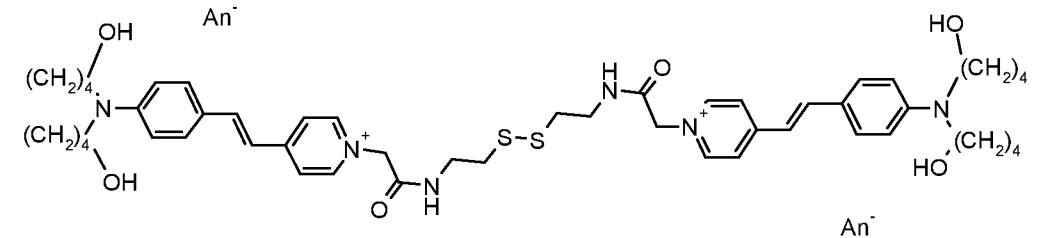
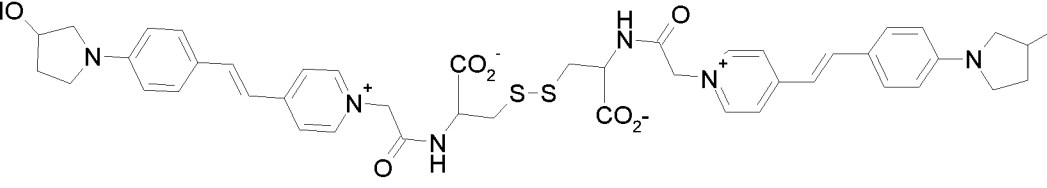
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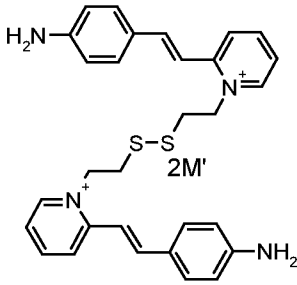
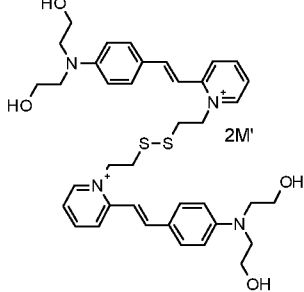
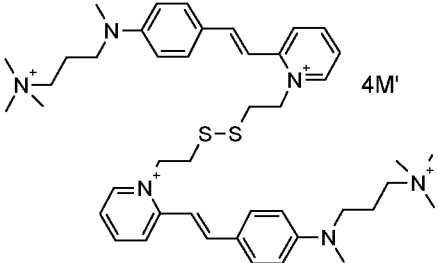
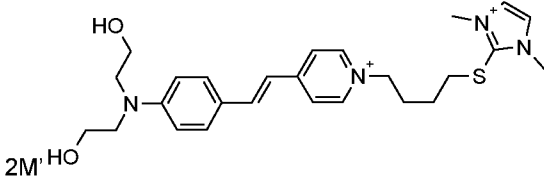
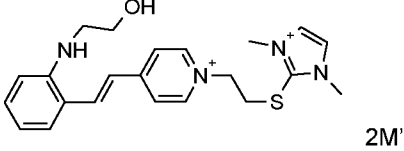
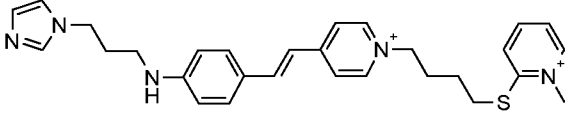
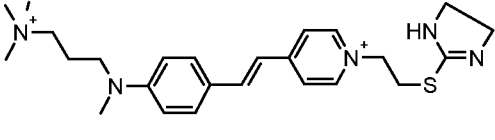
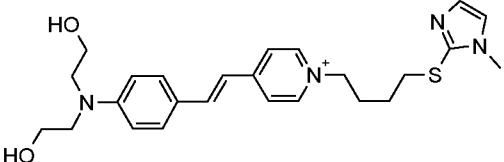
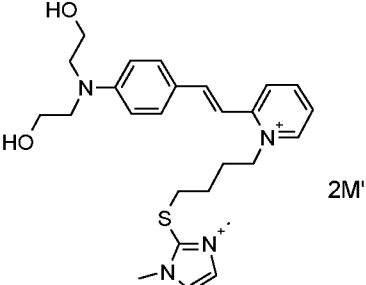
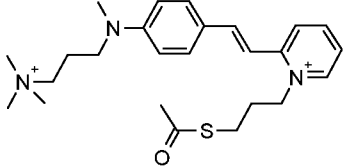
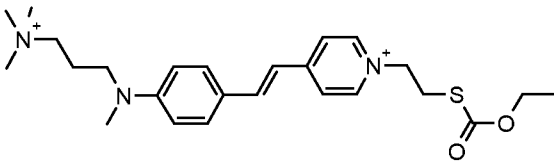
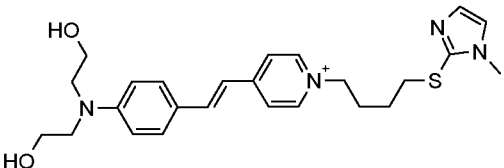
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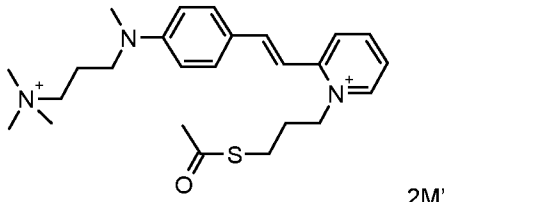
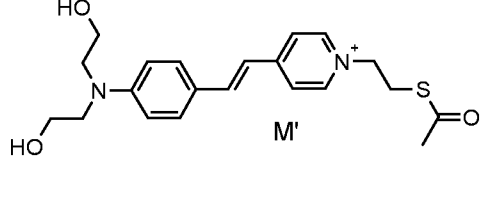
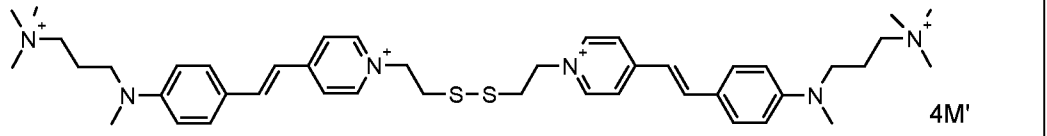
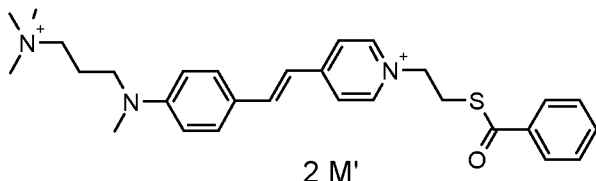
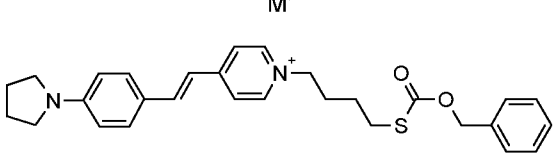
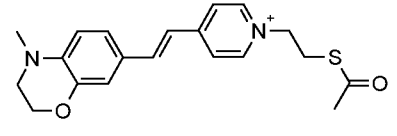
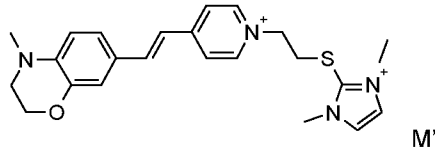
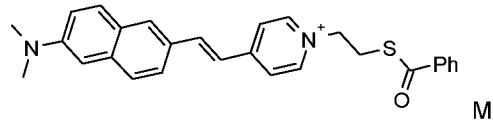
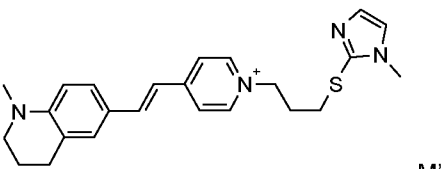
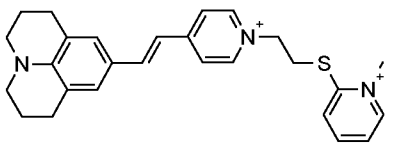
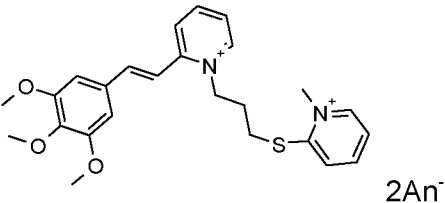
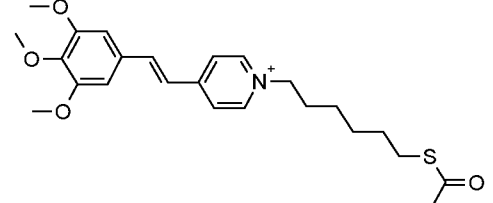
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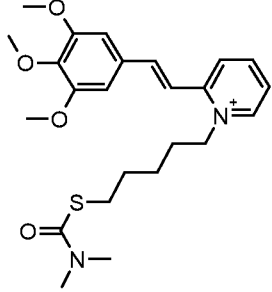
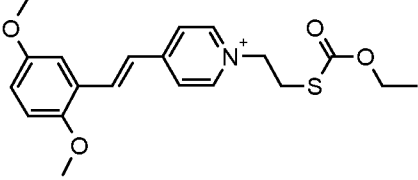
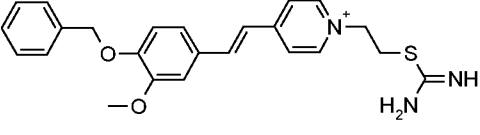
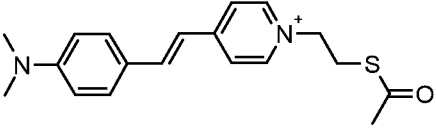
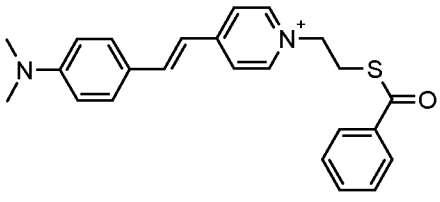
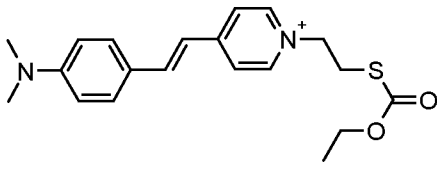
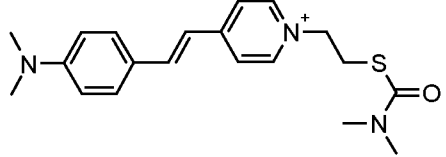
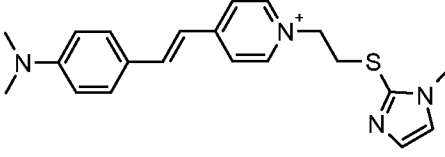
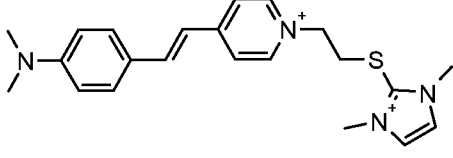
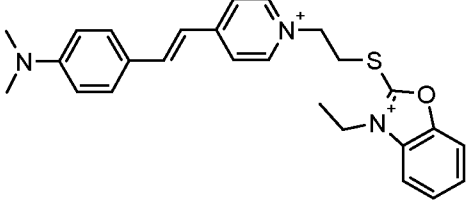
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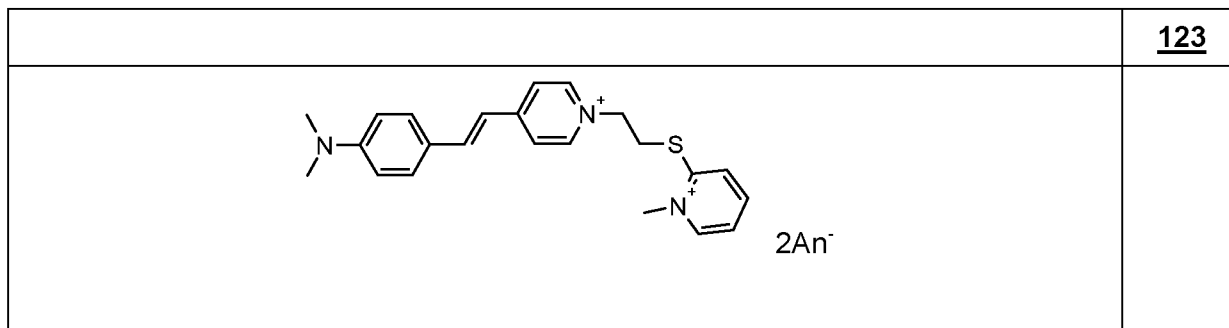
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with An^- and M' , which are identical or different, preferably identical, representing anionic counterions; in particular, the anionic counterion is chosen from halides, such as chloride, alkyl sulphate, such as methyl sulphate, mesylate and $\frac{1}{2} SO_4^{2-}$; preferably, the dyes **44**, **49**, **49a** and **55**.

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12. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which *ii*) the thickening organic polymer or polymers are chosen from nonassociative polymers, particularly anionic, cationic, amphoteric or nonionic nonassociative polymers, in particular chosen from associative or nonassociative polymers.

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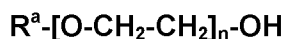
13. Composition according to the preceding claim, in which *ii*) the thickening organic polymer or polymers are chosen from thickening organic polymers having sugar units and preferably cellulose polymers.

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14. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which *ii*) the thickening organic polymer or polymers are chosen from aqueous-phase thickening polymers, in particular chosen from associative or nonassociative polymers.

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15. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the ingredient *iii*) represents one or more (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohols preferably chosen from the compounds of following formula:



with

- R^a representing a linear or branched C_8-C_{40} , preferably C_8-C_{30} , alkyl group or a linear or branched C_8-C_{40} , preferably C_8-C_{30} , alkenyl group which is optionally substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups, and
- n represents an integer between 1 and 200 inclusive, preferably between 2 and 50 and more particularly between 8 and 30 inclusive, such as 20.

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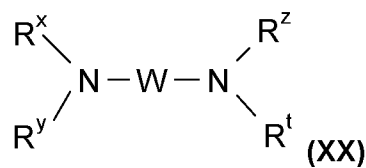
16. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 14, in which the ingredient *iii*) represents one or more nonionic surfactants preferably chosen from glycerolated fatty alcohols and alkyl polyglycosides; in particular, the nonionic surfactant or surfactants are chosen from alkyl polyglycosides, such as those of formula (XIX):



in which formula (XIX):

- R_1 represents a linear or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl radical comprising approximately from 8 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylphenyl radical, the linear or branched alkyl radical of which comprises from 8 to 24 carbon atoms;
- R_2 represents an alkylene radical comprising approximately from 2 to 4 carbon atoms;
- G represents a sugar unit comprising from 5 to 6 carbon atoms;
- t denotes a value ranging from 0 to 10 and preferably from 0 to 4, and
- v denotes a value ranging from 1 to 15.

17. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which *iv*) the alkaline agent or agents are chosen from aqueous ammonia, alkali metal carbonates or bicarbonates, such as sodium or potassium carbonates and sodium or potassium bicarbonates, alkanolamines, oxyethylenated and/or oxypropylenated ethylenediamines, amino acids and compounds of following formula (XX):



in which formula (XX):

- W is a divalent C_1-C_6 alkylene radical optionally substituted by a hydroxyl group or a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and/or optionally interrupted by one or more heteroatoms, such as oxygen or NR^u ;
 - R^x , R^y , R^z , R^t and R^u , which are identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 hydroxyalkyl or C_1-C_6 aminoalkyl radical;
- preferably, the alkali agent or agents are chosen from alkanolamines, such as monoethanolamine.

18. Composition according to any one of the preceding claims, in which *v*) the reducing agent or agents are chosen from thiols, such as thioglycolic acid, thiolactic acid, 3-mercaptopropionic acid, thiomalic acid, 2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid, cysteine, N-glycyl-L-cysteine, L-cysteinylglycine, and their esters and salts, thioglycerol, cysteamine and its C_1-C_4 acylated derivatives, N-mesylcysteamine, N-acetylcysteine, N-mercaptoalkylamides of sugars, such as N-(2-mercaptoethyl)gluconamide, pantetheine, N-(mercaptoalkyl)- ω -hydroxyalkylamides, N-mono- or N,N-dialkyl-4-mercaptobutyramides, aminomercaptoalkylamides, derivatives of N-(mercaptoalkyl)succinamic acids and of N-(mercaptoalkyl)succinimides, (alkylamino)mercaptoalkylamides, the azeotropic mixture of 2-hydroxypropyl thioglycolate and of 2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl thioglycolate, mercaptoalkylamino amides and N-mercaptoalkylalkanediamides, and preferably from

thioglycolic acid, cysteine or their salts.

19. Method for dyeing keratinous fibres, in particular dark keratinous fibres, comprising the stage of application, to the keratinous fibres, of:

- 5 *i)* at least one direct dye having a disulphide, thiol or protected thiol functional group as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 11;
- ii)* at least one thickening organic polymer as defined in Claims 1 and 12 to 14;
- iii)* at least one (poly)ethoxylated fatty alcohol as defined in Claim 1 or 15 and/or at least one nonionic surfactant as defined in Claim 1 or 16;
- 10 *iv)* at least one alkaline agent as defined in Claim 1 or 17; and
- v)* at least one reducing agent as defined in Claim 1 or 18; and
- vi)* optionally at least one chemical oxidizing agent;
- it being possible for the ingredients *i)* to *vi)* to be applied either together to the said fibres or separately.

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20. Method according to the preceding claim by application, to the said fibres, of a composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 18.

21. Method according to Claim 19 by application, to the keratinous fibres:

- 20 - either of a reducing composition comprising the ingredients *iii)* to *v)* as defined in Claims 1 and 15 to 18, followed by the application of a dyeing composition comprising the ingredients *i)* and *ii)* as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 13;
- or of a reducing composition comprising the ingredients *iv)* and *v)* as defined in any one of Claims 1, 17 and 18, followed by the application of a dyeing composition
- 25 comprising the ingredients *i)*, *ii)* and *iii)* as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 16;
- or of a reducing composition comprising the ingredients *v)* as defined in Claims 1 and 18, followed by the application of a dyeing composition comprising the ingredients *i)* to *iv)* as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 17.

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22. Method for dyeing and lightening dark keratinous fibres, in particular with a height of tone of less than or equal to 6, preferably of less than or equal to 4, according to any one of Claims 19 to 21, comprising the stage of application to the keratinous fibres, in which the ingredient or ingredients *i)* are of formulae (XIII), (XIII'), (XIV), (XIV'), (XVa), (XV'a), (XV) to (XV'), (XVI), (XVI'), (XVIa) and (XVI'a) as defined in

35 Claims 9 and 10; in particular, the fluorescent dyes *i)* are chosen from the compounds **44**, **49**, **49a** and **55** as defined in Claim 11.

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23. Multicompartment device or kit for dyeing in which:

- 40 - the first compartment includes a dyeing composition comprising the composition comprising the ingredient *i)* as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 11;
- the second compartment includes a reducing agent *v)* as defined in Claim 1 or 18;

- and optionally the device comprises a third compartment;
- the third compartment comprising *vi*) at least one chemical oxidizing agent;
- it being understood that the ingredients *ii*) to *iv*) as defined in any one of Claims 12 to 17 are distributed in the first two compartments.