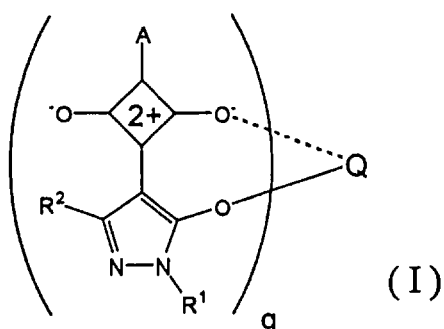


ABSTRACT

An object of the present invention is to provide a material having spectroscopic properties, light resistance, solubility and thermal decomposition properties suitable for recording for DVD-R. More specifically, the present invention provides squarylium compounds in a state of a metal complex represented by the general formula (I):



wherein, R^1 and R^2 are the same or different, and represent an alkyl group optionally having a substituent, an aralkyl group optionally having a substituent, an aryl group optionally having a substituent, or a heterocyclic group optionally having a substituent; Q represents a metal atom with a coordination ability; q represents 2 or 3; and A represents an aryl group optionally having a substituent, a heterocyclic group optionally having a substituent, or $Y=CH-$ wherein Y represents an aryl group optionally having a substituent or a heterocyclic group optionally having a substituent.



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