The Syntheses of Compound Derived (4-butyloxy benzoyloxy) benzaldehyde and Study of these Liquid Crystalline Behavior

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Abstract: Preparation series of liquid crystalline Schiff base Butyloxybenzoyloxy) benzaldehyde and -derived from 4-(4 various substituted anilines, having the general formula:

\[ R_1 \to \text{X=F, I} \quad R_2 \to \text{X=CH}_3 \quad R = \text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4 \]

The characterization of the compounds was achieved by different spectroscopic methods, e.g., UV, IR, 1H-NMR and Mass spectroscopy. The reflects the result of the mesomorphic study (by differential scanning calorimetry and polarized optical microscopy) carried out on the prepared compounds. It has been found that the compounds (R1, R2) are enanotiotropic nematogens. The nematic range exhibited by these compounds follows the order (R1>R2). The enthalpy and entropy changes for the various transitions are calculated and reported. Miscibility experiments were carried out on three (two-component) systems and their liquid crystalline behaviour was studied by polarized optical microscopy. The phase diagrams of the binary systems are reported which reveal that the binary systems (R1+R2) formed simple nematic mixtures and remained enantiotropic nematogens.

1. Introduction

Liquid crystal (LC) phases represent a unique state of matter characterized by both mobility and order on a molecular and at the supramolecular levels. This behaviour appears under given conditions, when phases with a characteristic order intermediate to that of a three dimensionally ordered solid and a completely disordered liquid are formed. Molecules in the crystalline state possess orientational and three dimensional positional orders. That is the constituent molecules of highly structured solids occupy specific sites in a three dimensional lattice and points their axes in fixed directions as illustrated in Fig.1.1a. Liquid crystal phases possess orientational order (tendency of the molecules to point along a common direction called the director n) and in some cases positional order in one or two dimensions as shown in Fig I.1b and I.1c. On the other hand, in the isotropic liquid state, the molecules move randomly and rotate freely about all possible directions (see Fig. I.1d). Thus, liquid crystals (LCs) have been defined as “orientationally ordered liquids” or “positionally disordered crystals” that combine the properties of both the crystalline (optical and electrical anisotropy) and the liquid (molecular mobility and fluidity) states [1]

2. Experimental

2.1. Synthesis of materials

Alkylbenzaldehydes, were synthesized by adding a solution of 0.2 mol of 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde in 100 ml of methanol containing 0.1 mol of KOH to 0.24 mol of the appropriate alkyl bromide, in 40 ml of methanol and the mixture was heated under reflux with stirring for 30
The mixture was cooled, the organic layer was separated and washed successively with 10ml of saturated NaHCO₃, and 10ml of H₂O. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator. The concentrate was applied to a silica gel column and the pure 4-alkyloxybenzaldehyde was eluted with diethyl ether and recovered as an oily liquid on removal of the solvent (4-alkyloxyphenyl) thiazolodithiazoles, (in which the alkyl group is to(10, 12) were synthesized by adding 5mmol of the appropriate 4-alkyloxybenzaldehyde to 10mmol of dithio-oxamide in 10ml of N,N-dimethylformamide and the reaction mixture was heated under reflux with stirring for 3h. The reaction mixture was cooled and the yellow crystalline product was collected by filtration. The crude product was washed with ethanol and recrystallized from chloroform. All the prepared dithiazoles had satisfactory elemental analyses.

2.2. Spectral, optical and thermal characterization

IR spectra (KBr) were recorded on spectrometer. UV spectra were recorded on SP8-100 UV spectrophotometer. 'H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker WH-90 spectrometer. The phase transitions were observed with a LeitzLaborlux 12 Pol in conjunction with a Leitz 350 hot stage and equipped with a Vario-Orthomat camera. Differential scanning calorimetry results were recorded at a scan rate of 10°C/min. with a Stanton Redcroft DSC 700 instrument.

3. Results and Discussion

All compounds exhibited intense IR absorptions at c. 1603 cm⁻¹ (C=C stretch) [9], 1500cm⁻¹ (C=N cyclic, stretch) [10], and 1250cm⁻¹ (C-O-C, stretch). A medium absorption was also recorded at 3050cm⁻¹ (C=H unsaturated, stretch), 2930cm⁻¹ (C-C--H saturated, stretch), 812-853 cm⁻¹ (p-substituted aromatic ring) and 685cm⁻¹ (C=S, stretch). The UV absorption spectra in chloroform of the compounds were identical and contained two bands with λmax at 370 nm (log ε =3.90) and 240nm (log ε=4.45)(here ε is the molar extinction coefficient).

The 'H NMR spectral data for the ATT, series of compounds show broadly similar spectral characteristics and the data for ATT, compound is representative of the series; 6 (CDCl₃) 0.95(t, J =6.0 Hz, 6H, CH₃), 1.36(m, 16H), 1.84(m, 4 H), 4.05 (t, J =6.0 Hz, 4 H, 0-CH₂), 7.0 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 4 H) and 7.97 ppm (d, J=8.8 Hz, 4 H). The DSC scans carried out on these compounds show transitions at temperatures which are in agreement with those obtained with optical microscopy. These transition temperatures are given in table 1. Among these compounds thermal reversibility was poor for the first two members of the series as they tend to decompose on heating close to the isotropic liquid. The DSC traces for the remaining compounds revealed well behaved phase transitions (see figure 1) which were reproducible on subsequent heatings (see figure 2).

Figure 1: DSC trace for compound
Several crystal-crystal transformations appear on DSC traces but they were not observed by optical microscopy. Each of the compounds (n=3-10, 13) exhibited one crystal-crystal transition with the exception of one homologue, n=5, which displayed two crystal-crystal transformations. No such transformations were observed for the first three members, n=1 to 3, of the series. Subsequent cooling and reheating cycles carried out on the same sample revealed slightly lower temperatures for these transitions (see figure 2). These transitions were not investigated further since we were primarily interested in mesomorphic transitions. The enthalpy and entropy values associated with these crystal-crystal transitions are presented in table 2. The enthalpy and entropy changes for the transitions in series are plotted as a function of the carbon chain length in figures 6 and 7, respectively. When plotting the crystal-mesophase transition enthalpy and entropy of these compounds, the value used is the summed enthalpy and entropy of transition for all crystal forms detected. Previous workers have cited the importance in using the summed entropy of transition for all the crystal forms which are stable between OK and the transition temperature when considering the entropy of the solid-mesophase transitionS.

Table 1: Transition temperatures (°C) for the series

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