Supporting information for

The design of liquid crystalline bistolane-based materials with extremely high birefringence

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DSC measurements

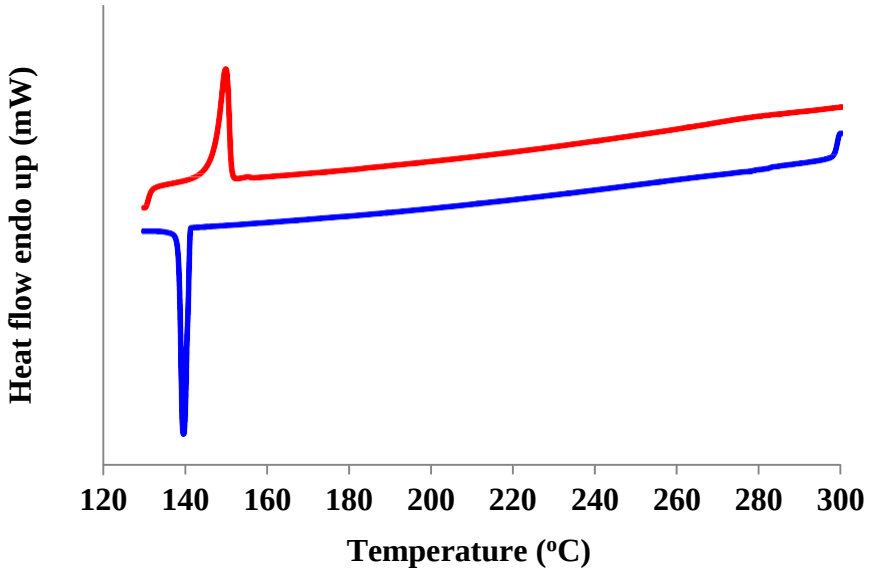

Fig. S1. DSC curve for **1**.

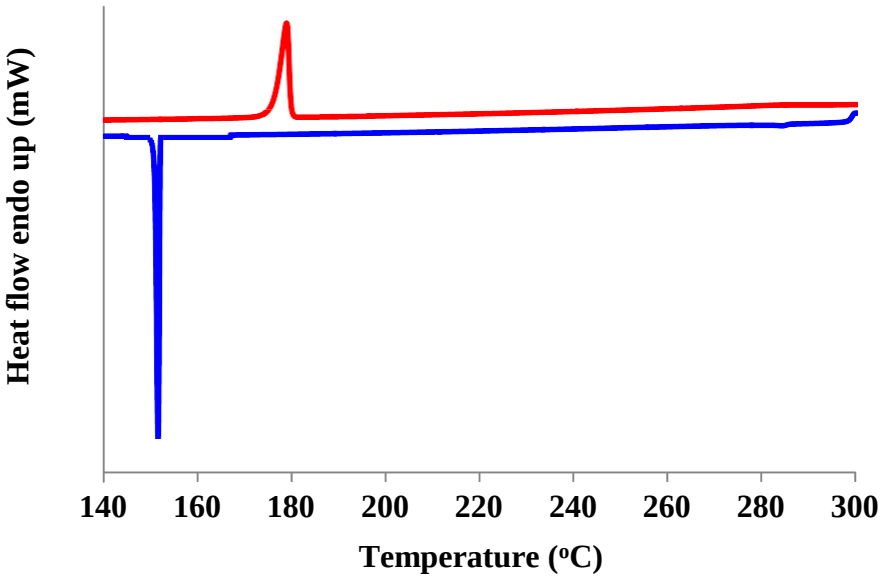

Fig. S2. DSC curve for **2**.

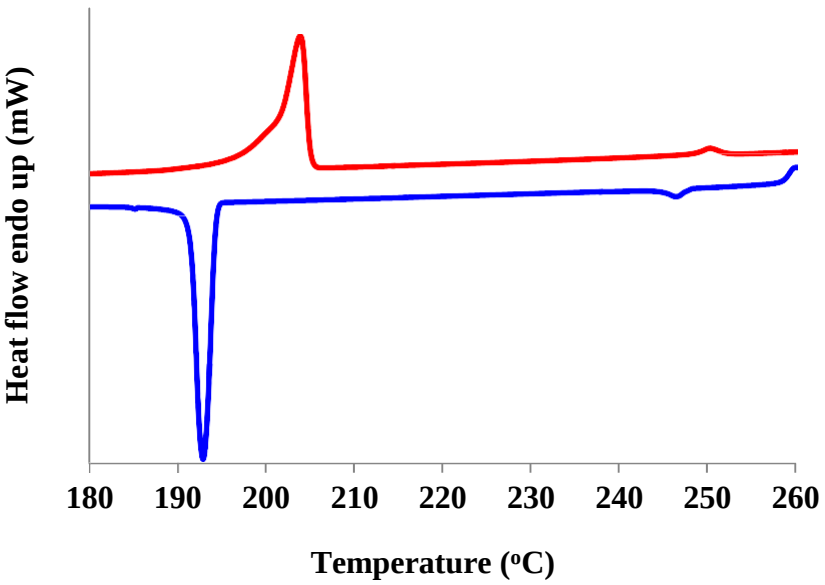

Fig. S3. DSC curve for **3**.

POM observation

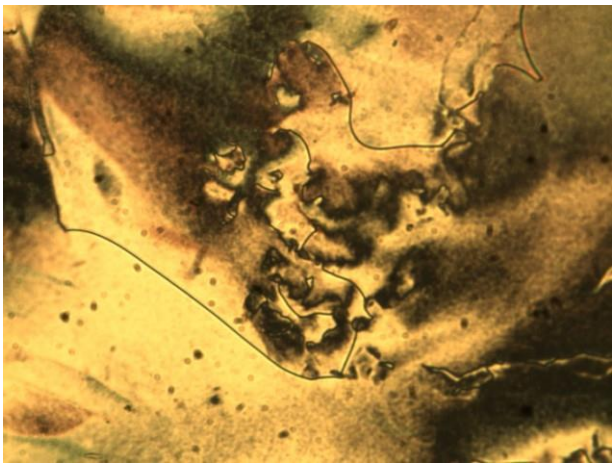

Fig. S4. POM image of **1** at 157 °C.

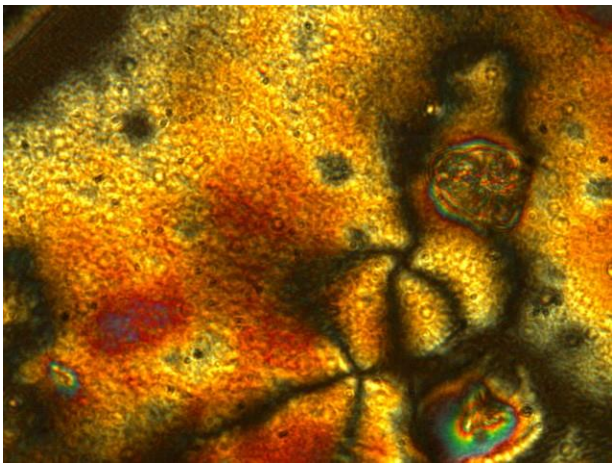

Fig. S5. POM image of **2** at 200 °C.

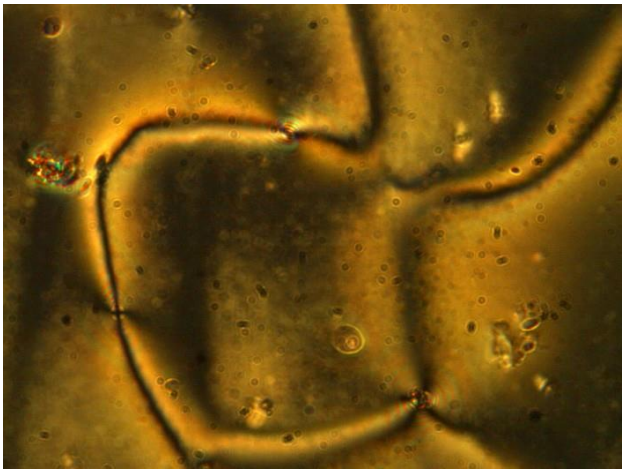

Fig. S6. POM image of **3** at 235 °C.

Refractive index measurements

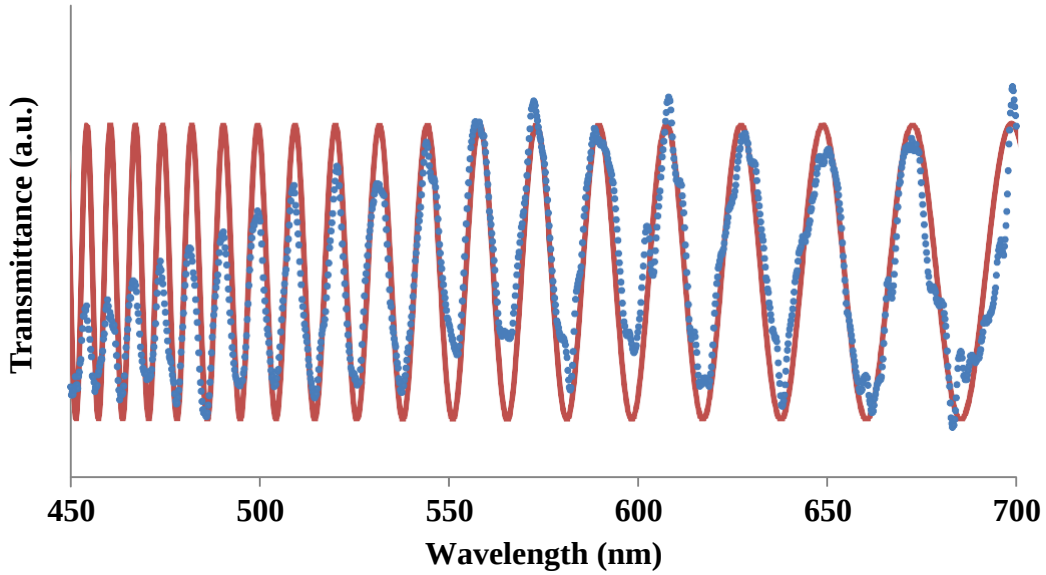

Fig. S7. A representative transmittance spectrum for **1** at 145 °C, observed in parallel to the nematic director (blue dots) together with the corresponding curve fitting (red solid line).

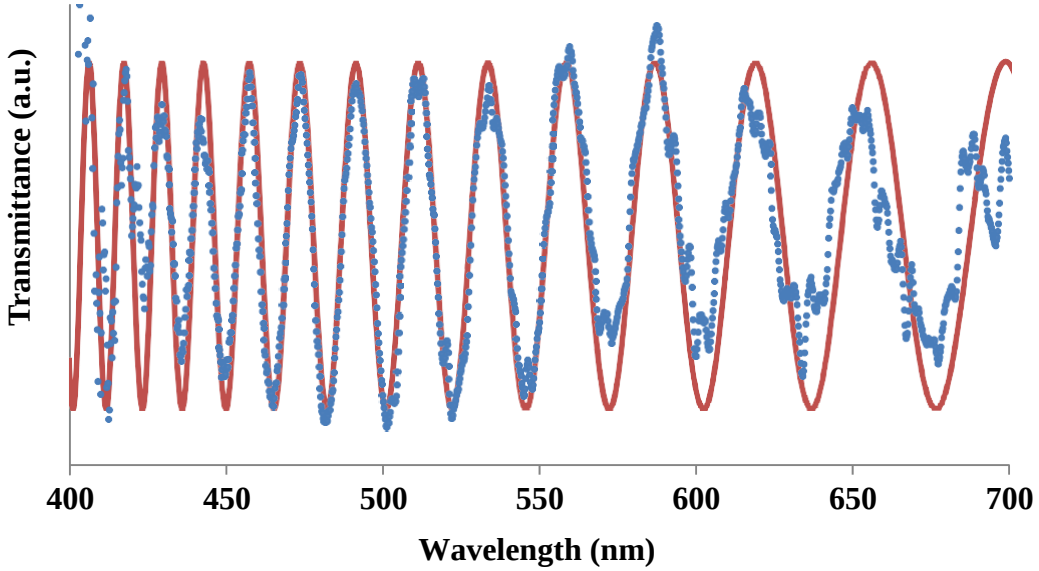

Fig. S8. A representative transmittance spectrum for **1** at 145 °C, observed perpendicular to the nematic director (blue dots) together with the corresponding curve fitting (red solid line).

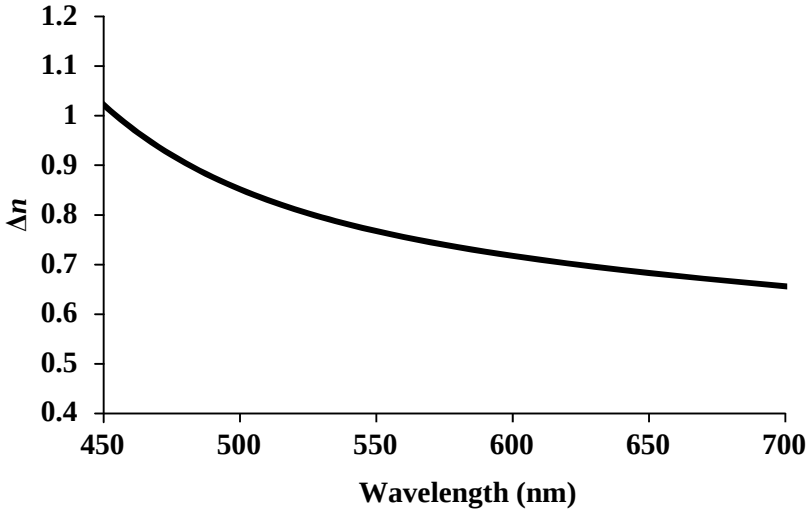

Fig. S9. Wavelength dependence of Δ*n* (550 nm) at 145 °C for **1**.

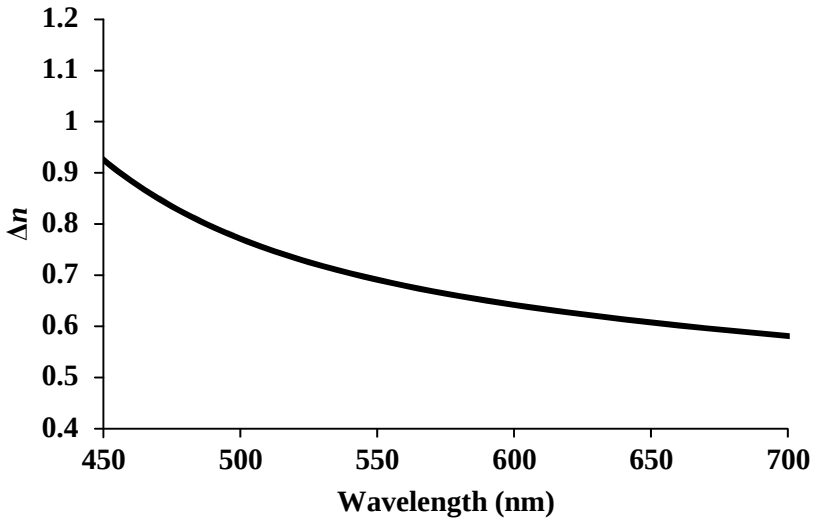

Fig. S10. Wavelength dependence of Δ*n* (550 nm) at 165 °C for **2**.

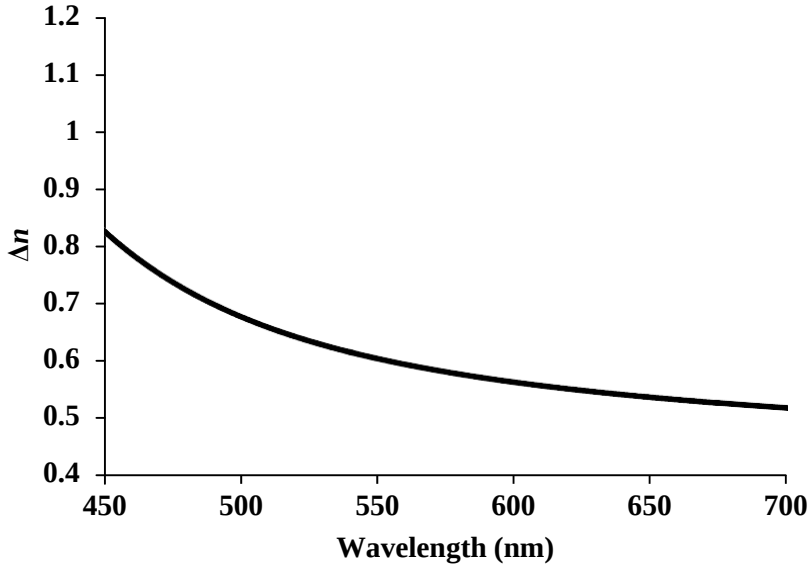

Fig. S11. Wavelength dependence of Δ*n* (550 nm) at 194 °C for **3**.

WAXD measurements on magnetically aligned samples

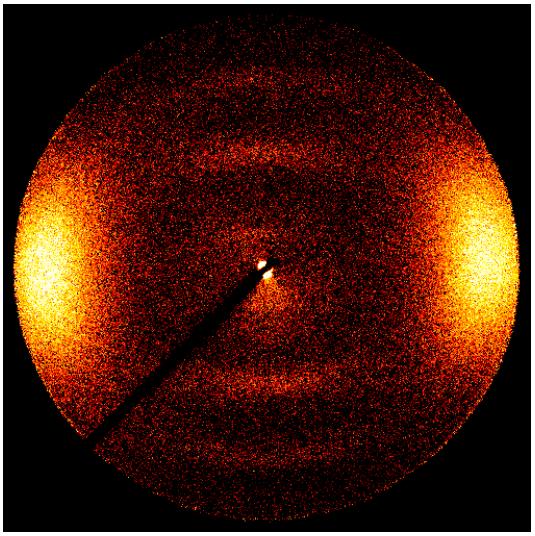

Fig. S12. 2D-XRD pattern for **1** at 155 °C.

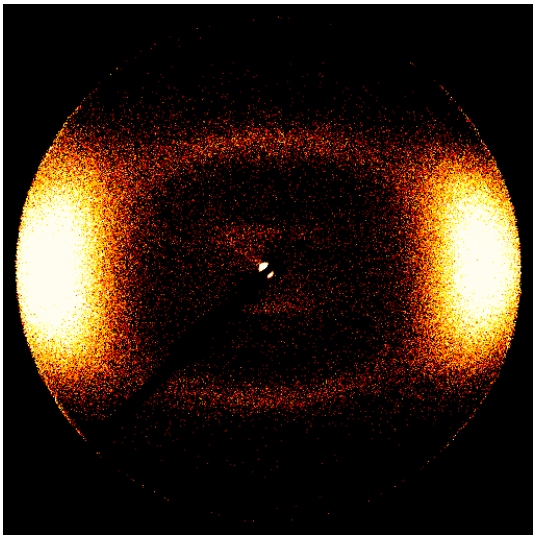

Fig. S13. 2D-XRD pattern for **2** at 180 °C.

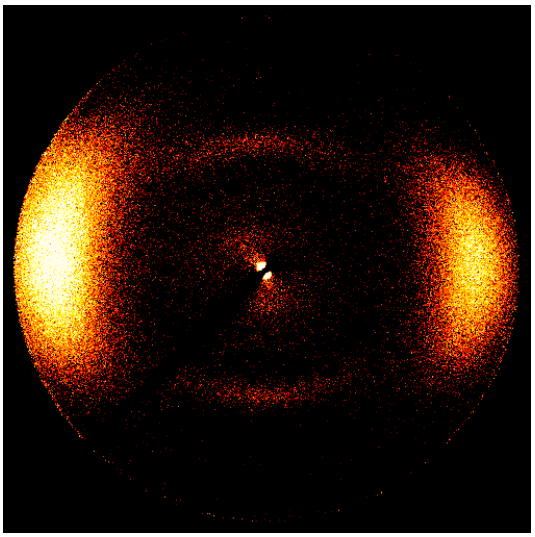

Fig. S14. 2D-XRD pattern for **3** at 205 °C.

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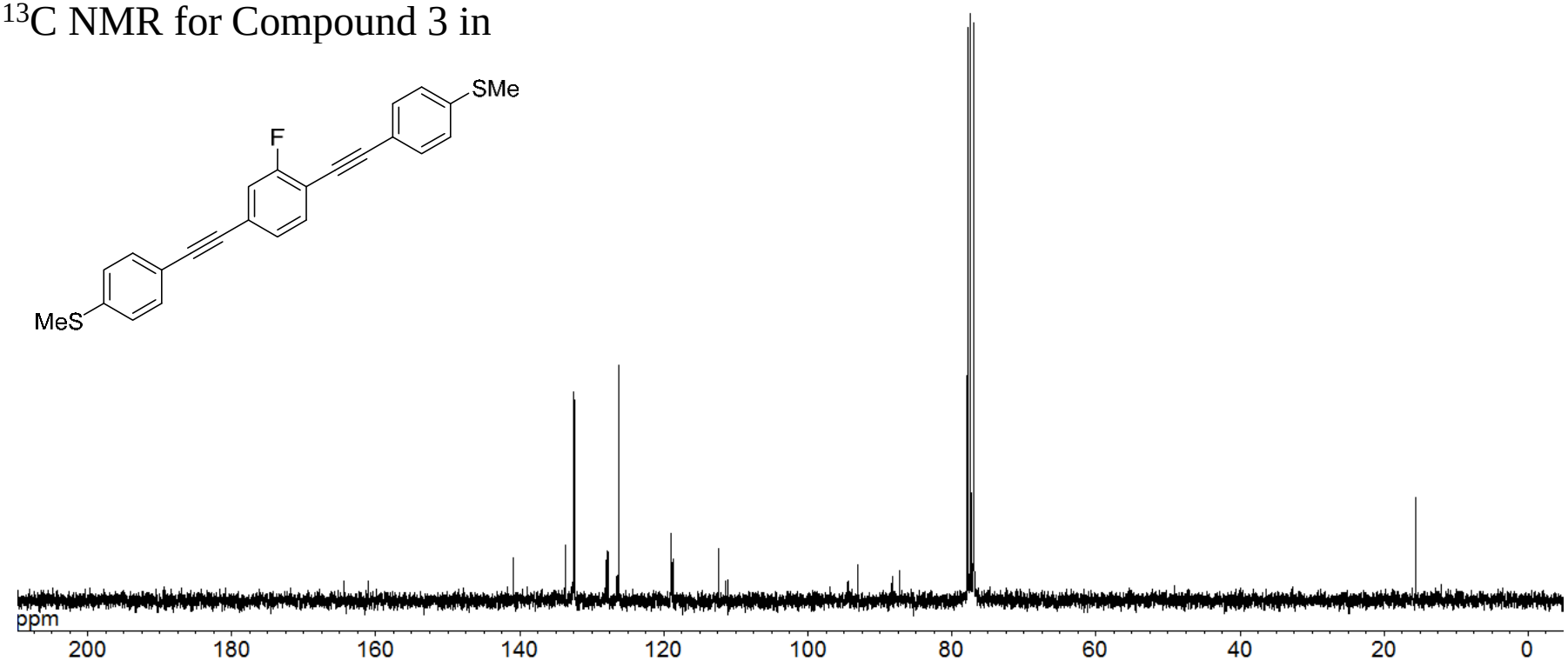

（70- 170 ppm）