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## Fluorescent supramolecular liquid crystalline polymers from nucleobase-terminated monomers

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DSC Thermogram of  $N^6$ -(4-methoxybenzoyl)-adenine terminated bis(phenylethynyl)-benzene core ( $A^{An}$ -3a- $A^{An}$ ). Heating and cooling cycles performed at rate of 5°C/min. All cooling cycles showed identical behavior thus only one representative curve is shown.



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NMR titration with nonlinear least-square curve fitting for complex of  $N^{6-}$ (4-methoxybenzoyl)adenine with thymine based on the adenine NH shift ; solvent: CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Measured binding constant: K = 22M<sup>-1</sup>.



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Optical micrographs of annealed films of mixtures of (a)  $A^{An}$ -3a- $A^{An}$  + T-3a-T at 130°C, (b)  $A^{An}$ -3a- $A^{An}$  + T-3b-T at 160°C, (c)  $A^{An}$ -3b- $A^{An}$  + T-3a-T at 155°C and (d)  $A^{An}$ -3b- $A^{An}$  + T-3a-T at 120°C in 1:1 molar ratios. The larger images are at 100X magnification with inset 500X magnification sections.



DSC thermogram of T-3b-T and  $A^{An}$ -3b- $A^{An}$ .



DSC thermogram of T-3a-T and A<sup>An</sup>-3b-A<sup>An</sup>.



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