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Reentrant SmCP_A phases: Unusual polymorphism variant SmA–SmC_SP_A–Col_{ob}–SmC_SP_A observed in new bent-core mesogens

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The experimental procedure to prepare compound **18** is given together with the analytical data of all final products **8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 16-Br.**

4-Chloro-1,3-phenylene bis[4-(4-n-octadecyloxyphenyloxycarbonyl)benzoate], 18

4-(4-n-Octadecyloxyphenyloxycarbonyl)benzoic acid (0.7 g; 1.37 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-chlororesorcinol (0.1 g; 0.68mmol), DCC (0.23g; 1.25 mmol) and DMAP (20 mg) in about 20 ml of dry dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated, and the crude product was repeatedly recrystallised from chloroform/acetonitrile. Yield: 0.5g (65%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm); 8.36-8.28 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.57 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.20 (dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.13(dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.93 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 3.95 (t, ³J = 6.4Hz, 4H, -OCH₂), 1.80-1.74 (q, 4H, -OCH₂CH₂), 1.51-1.25 (m, 60H, CH₂), 0.87 (t, ³J =6.8Hz, 6H, CH₃); elemental analysis: calculated for C₇₀H₉₃ClO₁₀ (%): C 74.41, H 8.30; found C 74.27, H 8.25. MS: m/z 1130 (M⁺)

4-Chloro-1,3-phenylene bis[4-(4-n-octyloxyphenyloxycarbonyl)benzoate] 8

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm); 8.36-8.28 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.57 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21 (dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.4Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12(dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.93 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 3.96 (t, ³J = 6.4Hz, 4H, -OCH₂), 1.82-1.75 (q, 4H, -OCH₂CH₂), 1.55-1.28 (m, 20H, CH₂), 0.88 (t, ³J = 6.4Hz, 6H, CH₃); elemental analysis: calculated for C₅₀H₅₃ClO₁₀ (%): C 70.70, H 6.29; found C 70.97, H 6.25.

4-Chloro-1,3-phenylene bis[4-(4-n-dodecyloxyphenoxy carbonyl)benzoate] 12

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm); 8.34-8.30 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.57 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21 (dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.4Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12(dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.94 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 3.96 (t, ³J = 6.4Hz, 4H, -OCH₂), 1.81-1.76 (q, 4H, -OCH₂CH₂), 1.54-1.30 (m, 36H, CH₂), 0.88 (t, ³J = 6.8Hz, 6H, CH₃); elemental analysis: calculated for C₅₈H₆₉ClO₁₀ (%): C 72.44, H 7.23; found C 72.74, H 7.25.

4-Chloro-1,3-phenylene bis[4-(4-n-tetradecyloxyphenoxy carbonyl)benzoate] 14

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm); 8.36-8.28 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.57 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21 (dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12(dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.0 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.93 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 3.96 (t, ³J = 6.4Hz, 4H, -OCH₂), 1.81-1.74 (q, 4H, -OCH₂CH₂), 1.51-1.30 (m, 44H, CH₂), 0.88 (t, ³J = 6.8Hz, 6H, CH₃); elemental analysis: calculated for C₆₂H₇₇ClO₁₀ (%): C 73.17, H 7.63; found C 72.93, H 7.50.

4-Chloro-1,3-phenylene bis[4-(4-n-hexaadecyloxyphenoxy carbonyl)benzoate] 16

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm); 8.36-8.28 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.57 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, ⁴J = 2.4Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21 (dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12(dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.93 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 3.96 (t, ³J = 6.4Hz, 4H, -OCH₂), 1.81-1.74 (q, 4H, -OCH₂CH₂), 1.57-1.30 (m, 52H, CH₂), 0.88 (t, ³J = 6.8Hz, 6H, CH₃); elemental analysis: calculated for C₆₆H₈₅ClO₁₀ (%): C 73.82, H 7.98; found C 73.47, H 7.80.

**4-Bromo-1,3-phenylene bis[4-(4-n-hexaadecyloxyphenyloxycarbonyl)benzoate]
16-Br**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm); 8.37-8.28 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.72 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, ⁴J = 2.8Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.15 (dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.4Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12(dd, ³J = 8.8Hz, ⁴J = 2.0 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.93 (d, ³J = 8.8Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 3.96 (t, ³J = 6.8Hz, 4H, -OCH₂), 1.81-1.74 (q, 4H, -OCH₂CH₂), 1.57-1.30 (m, 52H, CH₂), 0.87 (t, ³J =6.8Hz, 6H, CH₃); elemental analysis: calculated for C₆₆H₈₅BrO₁₀ (%): C 70.89, H 7.66; found C 71.07, H 7.60.