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ABSTRACT

Several new classes of low polar, low viscous and optically weak anisotropic two- and three-ring halogenated liquid crystals containing terminal group $-\text{OCF}_2\text{Cl}$ are presented. Their material properties are investigated and compared with those of other halogenated liquid crystals.

INTRODUCTION

Halogenated liquid crystals have been extensively studied during last decade owing to their suitability for various electro-optical display applications/1-5/. Here, we introduce a number of new difluorochloro-methoxy derivatives.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mesomorphic and Physico-Chemical Properties

The procedures for measuring phase transition points, as well as dielectric and optical characteristics of liquid crystalline materials, are described in detail in Reference 6. Phase transition temperatures of synthesized compounds are given in Table 1 along with dielectric anisotropy $\Delta\epsilon$ and optical anisotropy Δn obtained by extrapolation from the corresponding values of mixtures with ZLI-1132 (Merck). As follows from Table 1 and the data presented in /4/, the replacement of the terminal group OCHF_2 by the OCF_2Cl leads to the slight increasing of melting points, decreasing of the clearing temperatures, optical and dielectric anisotropies. In some cases this replacement causes the disappearance of the smectic phase that could be very useful for the development of the wide temperature range liquid crystalline materials.

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Experimental

Example 1. Preparation of 4-Difluorochloromethoxy-4'-(4-trans-propyl-cyclohexyl)-diphenyl (1)

Solution of 0.05 mol of 4-(4-trans-propylcyclohexyl)brombenzene in 50 ml of THF is added drop by drop to a boiling mixture of 0.05 gram-atom of magnesium in 25 ml of THF. When the adding is over the reaction mixture is boiled for 1 hour, cooled and added drop by drop to a mixture of 0.05 mol of 4-difluorochloromethoxybromobenzene and 0.9 g of PdCl_2 (dppf) in 30 ml of THF at 0 °C. After 30 min, the reaction mixture is boiled for 1 hour, then is decomposed by a saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl at room temperature. The organic phase is separated, the aqueous layer is extracted by the benzene. The combined organic layer and the benzene extract are dried by MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent is evaporated. The residue is purified by the column chromatography on SiO_2 (L 40/100), $h = 15$ sm, hexane-eluent. The solvent is distilled off, the residue is recrystallized from the alcohol. The required product is obtained with 30 - 35% yield.

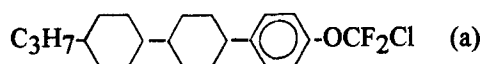
$T_{c-s} = 96.0$ °C, $T_{s-n} = 112.0$ °C, $T_{n-i} = 123.0$ °C.

Found, %: C 69.81; H 6.54; F 10.21;

$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{ClO}$

Calculated, %: C 69.74; H 6.65; F 10.03

Compounds (a) and (b) are prepared similarly.

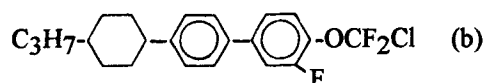


$T_{c-n} = 82.0$ °C, $T_{n-i} = 133.0$ °C.

Found, %: C 68.79; H 8.34; F 9.61;

$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_2\text{ClO}$

Calculated, %: C 68.65; H 8.12; F 9.87



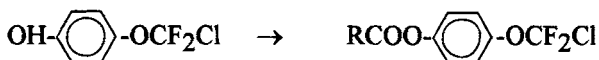
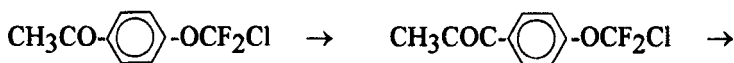
$T_{c-n} = 43.0$ °C, $T_{n-i} = 75$ °C

Found, %: C 66.70; H 6.01; F 14.12;

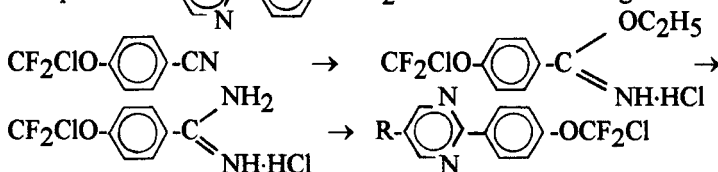
$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{ClO}$

Calculated, %: C 66.58; H 6.10; F 14.36

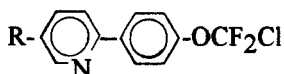
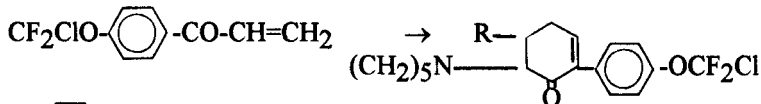
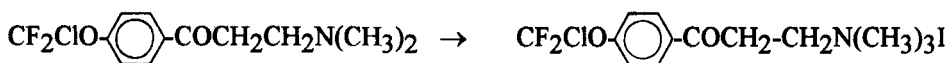
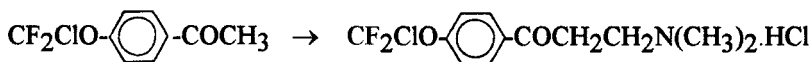
The esters are obtained using the general synthetic scheme:



Compounds $\text{R}-\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OCF}_2\text{Cl}$ are obtained using the following synthetic scheme:



Synthesis of pyridine derivatives is performed according to the general scheme:



Preparation of 2-(4-difluorochloromethoxyphenyl)-6-substituted-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline derivatives.

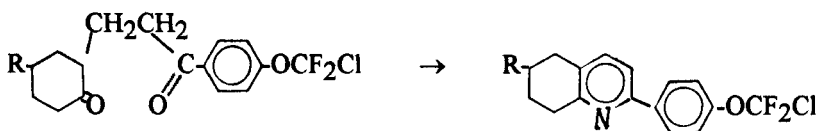
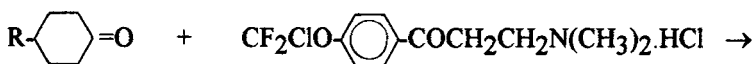
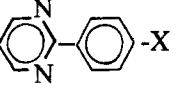
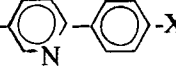
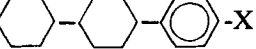
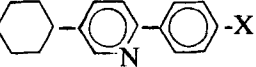
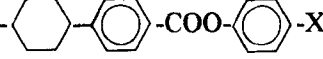
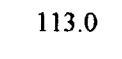
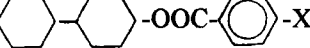
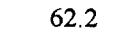
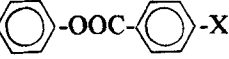

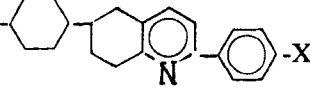
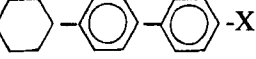
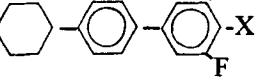
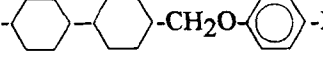
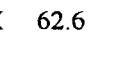
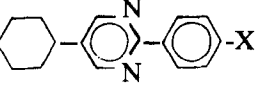


Table 1. Physico-chemical properties of new liquid crystalline compounds.

No	Material, X = OCF ₂ Cl	Tc-s, c-n, c-i, °C	Ts-n, °C	Tn-i, °C	ΔH, kcal mol	Δε 20 °C	Δn 20 °C
1.	C ₃ H ₇ -  -X	44.9				13.1	0.125
2.	C ₅ H ₁₁ -  -X	36.0					
3.	C ₃ H ₇ -  -X	82.0		133.0		7.5	0.100
4.	C ₄ H ₉ -  -X	79.5	121.7	130.3	5.7	12.2	0.134
5.	C ₅ H ₁₁ -  -COO-  -X	113.0		150.0	8.7	13.8	0.125
6.	C ₃ H ₇ -  -OOC-  -X	62.2	91.0	150.5	7.2	4.4	0.094
7.	C ₃ H ₇ -  -OOC-  -X	50.4					
8.	C ₅ H ₁₁ -  -X	101.4	113.5	164.5	5.1	10.3	0.125
9.	C ₃ H ₇ -  -X	96.0	112.5	123.0		9.2	0.154
10.	C ₃ H ₇ -  -X	43.0		75.0		11.5	0.123
11.	C ₅ H ₁₁ -  -CH ₂ O-  -X	62.6		113.6		6.2	0.090
12.	C ₄ H ₉ -  -X	30.0	130.6	135.2		16.1	0.142

CONCLUSION

The discussed new liquid crystalline compounds represent a new, promising class of liquid crystals whose characteristics allow to consider them as the most suitable components to be used for the development of liquid crystalline materials for display applications.

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