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THE SYNTHESIS OF SIDE-CHAIN LIQUID CRYSTALLINE POLY-METHYLSILOXANE CONTAINING BENZO-15-CROWN-5 UNIT

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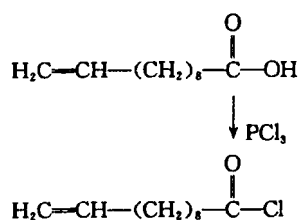
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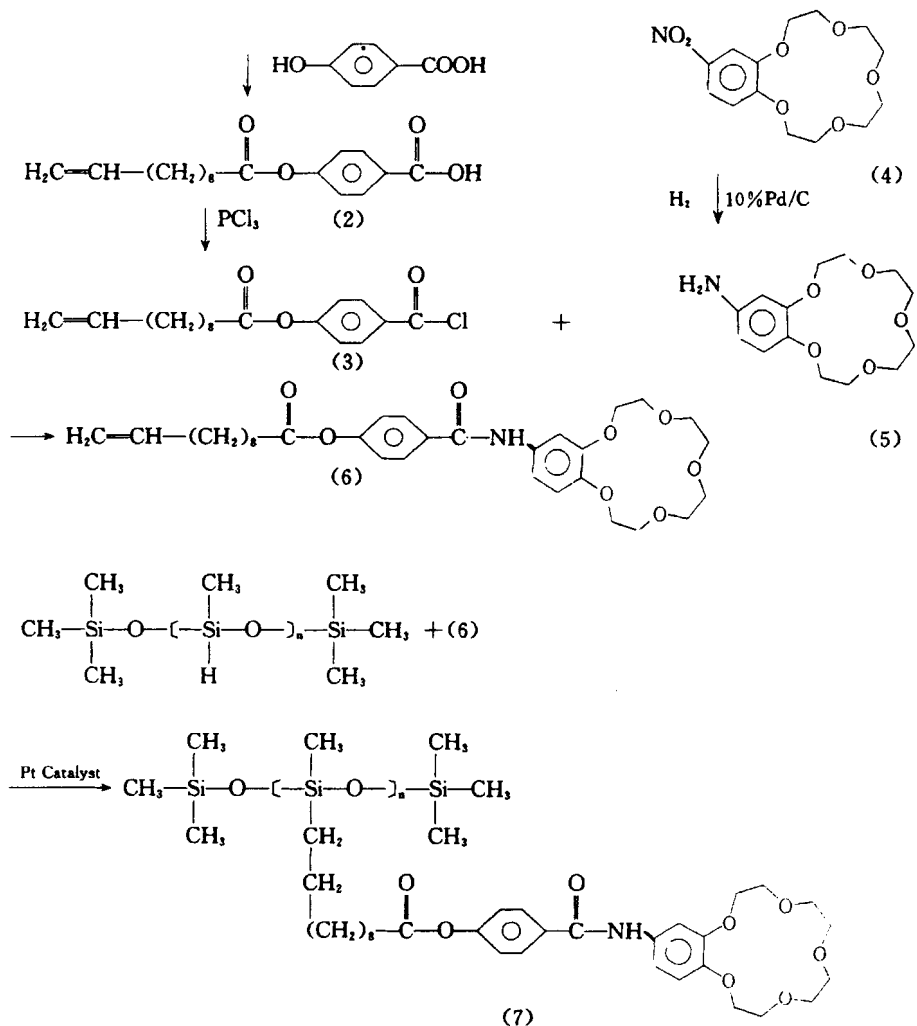
Abstract Side-Chain liquid crystalline polymethylsiloxane containing 4-(4'-undecylenoxy) benzoyl amino benzo-15-crown-5 used as stationary phase for capillary gas chromatography was synthesized. The polymer showed nematic phase. The main chromatographic characteristics, including polarity and selectivity, were examined. The results showed the side-chain liquid crystalline polymethylsiloxane containing benzo-15-crown-5 stationary phase possessed the behaviours of liquid crystal stationary phase.

INTRODUCTION

The research of liquid crystalline polymers containing crown ether as stationary phase for CGC is an active field in chromatographic analyses at the present time. Although the high selectivity of liquid crystal stationary phase combining with high efficiency by using capillary columns was obtained^(1,2), several factors, such as its low bleed temperature⁽³⁾ and insolubility in common organic solvents⁽⁴⁾, have hindered its applications. Since the heat resistance of amide is better, we designed and synthesized an amido side-chain liquid crystalline polymethylsiloxane containing crown ether, with which used as stationary phase for capillary gas chromatography.

SCHEME OF SYNTHESIS





EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Instrument.

Infrared spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer PC FI-IR Spectrometer as neat films on KBr Plates. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a JNM FX-90Q spectrometer. MS were carried out on Finnigan-Mat 4501 GC-MS spectrometer. Elemental analyses were obtained on Carlo Erba 1106. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) were obtained from a Perkin-Elmer Model DSC-7. Textures were taken on XPT-7 Microscope with Polariscope made in Jiangnan Optoelectronic Instrument Factory with the attachment of a heat plate.

Reagent.

Polymethylsiloxane (\overline{M} 3164, H% 1.58, DP50) was obtained from the Center of Organic Silicon Sichuan, China. 10% Pd/C was prepared according to the procedure of R. Mojing⁽⁵⁾ Other reagent were dehydrated and then redistilled.

The Synthesis of Intermediates and Title Compound.

10-undecenoylchloride (1). 50mL (0.246mol) 10-undecenoyl acid and 7mL (0.081mol) PCl_3 were mixed in 250mL three-neck round-bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser and a dry tube. The mixture was stirred for 24h at 30°C . After it was placed motionlessly, the mixture was separated into two layers: the upper layer was red-brown liquid, the lower layer was dark-brown solid (H_3PO_3). The upper layer was removed to obtain compound(1). $n_d^{20} = 1.4541$ ($n_d^{20} = 1.454$ ⁽⁶⁾).

4-undecylenoxy benzoic acid, (2). 17g (0.123mol) p-hydroxy-benzoid acid dissolved in 100mL of dry pyridine in 250mL three-neck round-bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser, a drying tube, a dropping funnel and a magnetic stirrer. The mixture was stirred at 30°C for 48h, then was added to 200mL of distilled water. The solution was acidified with 20% aqueous hydrochloric acid until $\text{pH} = 2$, which caused a large number of light-yellow solid floating on the water. The solid was filtrated at reduced pressure and then washed with water till it became neutrality. The crude product was recrystallized twice from dry ethanol, yielding 31g (83.8%) of white plate crystals. m.p. $130\text{--}132^\circ\text{C}$ ($131.5\text{--}132^\circ\text{C}$ ⁽⁷⁾).

4-undecylenoxy benzoic acid chloride (3). 3g (6.57mmol) of 4-undecylenoxy benzoic acid dissolved in 20mL of CHCl_3 and 25ml PCl_3 in 100ml three-neck round-bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser, a drying tube and a magnetic stirrer. The mixture was stirred for 30h at 30°C . After it was placed motionlessly a few minutes, the mixture was separated into two layers: the upper layer was light-yellow liquid while the lower layer was black solid (H_3PO_3). The upper layer was distilled under vacuum to removed solvent and the excess of PCl_3 . A few dry benzene was added to the mixture, then the mixture was redistilled under vacuum to remove PCl_3 . The resulting residue was light-yellow viscous liquid, and light-yellow solid on cooling. It was compound (3).

4-(4'-undecylenoxy) benzoyl amino benzo-15-crown 5 (6). 4-nitro-benzo-15-crown-5(4) was synthesized according to the procedure of Ungarok⁽⁸⁾. To a stirred solution of

1.5g (4.79mmol) 4-nitro-benzo-15-crown-5 in 20mL of dry dioxane, 0.3g 10% Pd/C was added. The solution was heated to 70°C with vigorous stirring under H₂ for 12h. The catalyst was filtered. The filtrate was added dropwise to the solution of new-produced 4-undecylenoxy benzoic acid chloride (3) dissolved in 20mL dioxane and a few drops of dry pyridine. The mixture was heated to 70°C with stirring for 48h under a nitrogen atmosphere. After it was placed motionlessly a few minutes, the mixture was separated into two layers: the upper layer was yellow liquid, the lower layer was brown solid (Pyridinium chloride). The upper layer distilled under vacuum to remove solvent. The residue was red-brown oil liquid, when it became light-yellow globery solid on cooling, the crude product was recrystallized twice from ethanol to obtain compound (6), yielding 1.7790g (64.3%) white crystal. mp. 124.7°C. IR (KBr) 3296.0 (N-H); 1756.0 (C=O); 1638.0 (C-NH); 1604.0, 1015.0 (Ph); 986.0 (CH₂=CH); MS (m/z) 570(M+1)⁺; ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, TMS, ppm) 1.32 (16H m CH₂) 2.54 (16H, s, OCH₂CH₂O); 5.0 (3H, s CH₂CH=CH₂) 7.24 (7H, m benzene ring) 8.13 (1H, m, NH); Anal Calcd. for C₃₂H₄₂O₈N: C 66.31, H 7.49, N 2.05; Found C 67.49, H 7.56, N 2.46.

Side-Chain liquid crystalline polymethylsiloxane containing 4-(4'-undecylenoxy) benzo amino benzo-15-crown-5. 0.5g (8.79×10^{-4} mol of compound (6) dissolved in 30mL of anhydrous toluene in a 100mL three-neck round-bottom flask. Siloxane 0.06g (1.93×10^{-5} mol of starting polymer, i.e. a 10% excess of monomer over a mole ratio of 1:1 based upon siloxane hydrogen). The flask was equipped with reflux condenser and the mixtures were protected from moisture and air with a stream of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux with stirring and 100 μ L new catalyst solution (1% H₆PtCl₆·H₂O, 1% absolute ethanol, 98% anhydrous THF) was then injected with a syringe. The mixture was refluxed under nitrogen at 110°C until no Si-H was detectable by IR spectra (2164cm⁻¹). The solution was then cooled and the solvent was removed under nitrogen. The resulting product, which was white paste, was dissolved into 4mL CH₂Cl₂, then precipitated by the addition of an excess of methanol. The product was collected by centrifugation at 4000rpm for 20min. The supernatant was discarded and the polymer was taken up in CH₂Cl₂ following which it was reprecipitated with methanol and collected once more by centrifugation. The wet gellike material was dried in a CaCl₂ dry desiccator under vacuum. After drying, the product (7) was obtained.

Column preparation.

Fused-silica capillary ($\phi 0.25\text{mm} \times 20\text{m}$) (Yongnian Optical Fibre Factory, Hebei, China) was used. The capillary was statically coated with a solution of 0.4% (W/V) compound (7) in dichloromethane. The film thickness was $0.25\mu\text{m}$.

Column evaluation.

The GC separation were carried out on an SC-7 Gas Chromatograph (Sichuan Analytical Instrument Factory, ChongQing, China) equipped with a flame ionization detector using nitrogen as carrier gas.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The DSC and texture were shown that the monomer (6) did not display mesogenic state. The polymer (7) exhibited nematic state on heat from 115.605°C to 142.399°C and on cooling from 116.423°C to 101.099°C . Figure 1 showed the texture of polymer 7.

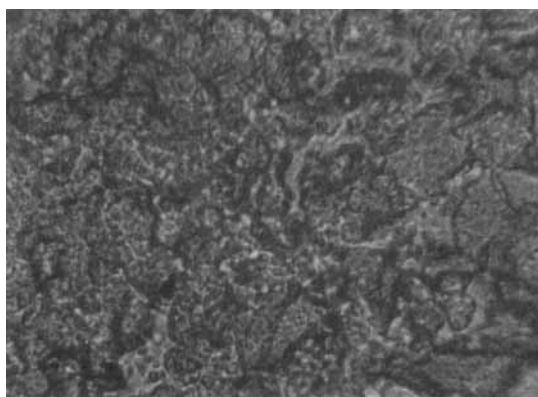


FIGURE 1 Texture of compound (7) on cooling 108°C (See Color Plate I).

It was found by Finkelmann⁽⁹⁾ in 1982 that the polymerization of a mesogenic monomer always stabilized the liquid crystal state. If a nematic monomer was polymerized, the polymer generally exhibited the higher ordered smectic phase. For mesogenic but isotropic monomers, i. g. for monomers, which exhibited a metastable nematic phase below the melting point, nematic polymers could be obtained. So it was assumed the nonmesogenic monomers could produce mesogenic polymers, as long as the side-chain polymer exhibited a "comb" model, which had the side chain arranged vertically on the main chain. By this way we took advantage of the higher solubility and re-

action capacity of the nonmesogenic monomer to avoid the lower solubility and reactionlessness of the mesogenic immediate, 4-(4'-undecylenoxy) benzoic acid.

The polarities of the stationary phase (7) was expressed by McReynolds constants at 120°C (Table 1). It was found that the novel stationary phase had moderate polarity between OV 22 and Carbowax -20M and therefore are suitable for separation of polar and easily polarizable compounds.

TABLE 1 McReynolds constants of the (7) columns

Stationary phase	McReynolds Constants					TOTAL
	X'	Y'	Z'	U'	S'	
Compound 7	133.9	271.8	280.8	251.2	382.6	1320.3
Carbowax- 20M ⁽¹⁰⁾	322	536	368	572	510	2308
OV22 ⁽¹⁰⁾	160	188	191	283	253	1075

X' = benzene; Y' = 1-butanol; Z' = 2-pentanone; U' = nitropropane; S' = pyridine

Fig. 2 illustrates chromatogram for a Grob test mixture on stationary phases (7). It was obvious that this (7) fused-silica column had low activity and this column was a neutral column.

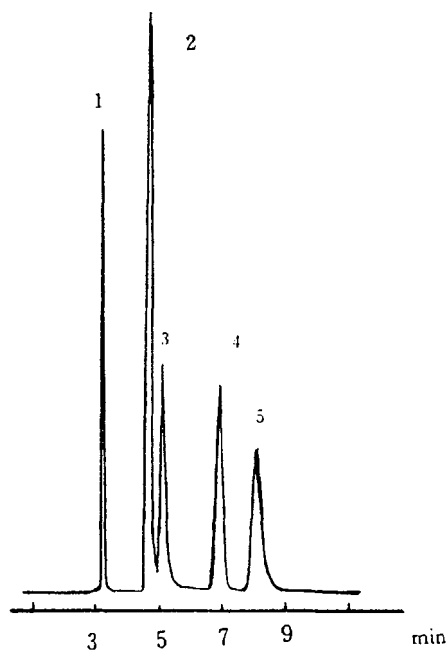


FIGURE 2 Chromatogram of Grob test mixture on the 7 stationary phase.

Column temperature: 120°C

Peaks 1 = 2-octanone; 2 = 1-octanol; 3 = aniline; 4 = naphthalene; 5 = phenol

The properties of liquid crystal column were usually measured by the capacity of operation of anthracene and phenanthrene. Fig. 3 showed the chromatogram of anthracene and phenanthrene on the (7) column. Table I listed the R values of anthracene and phenanthrene, from which it was clear that the (7) stationary phase had a higher selectivity for anthracene and phenanthrene.

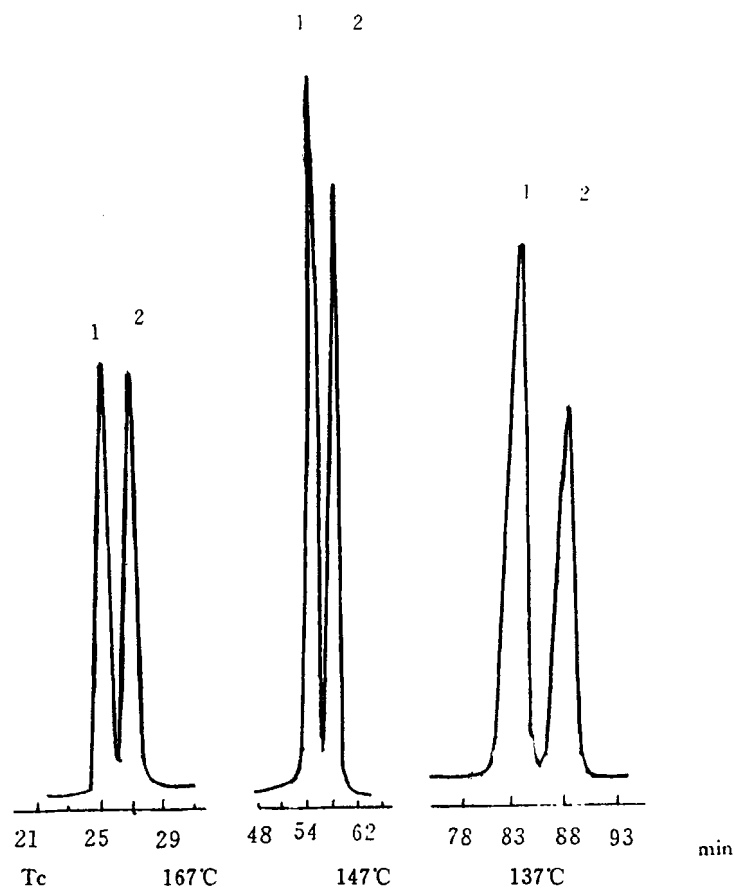


FIGURE 3 Chromatograms of anthracene and phenanthrene on the stationary phase (7)

linear gas velocity 12.47cm/s
1 phenanthrene 2 anthracene

TABLE I R Values of anthracene and phenanthrene

T _c (°C)	106.0	112.0	127.5	137.0	147.0	156.0	167.0
R	1.76	1.73	1.54	1.33	1.17	1.14	1.12

Fig. 4. showed the curve of logarithm of the adjusted retention time t_R' v. s. reciprocal absolute temperature for xylene isomers. There were two turning points at the upper and lower transition temperatures of mesogenic state, which showed there were two phase changes in the heating process. It was shown that this column possessed the characteristics of liquid crystal column.

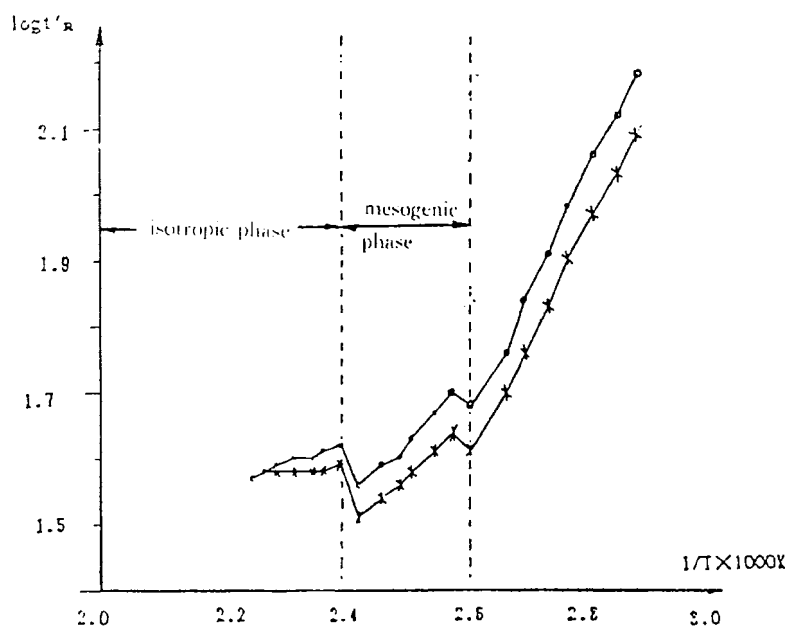


FIGURE 4 Curve of logarithm of the adjusted retention time t_R' VS. reciprocal absolute temperature for xylene isomers.

○ o-xylene × m-xylene

CONCLUSION

An amido side-chain liquid crystalline polymethylsiloxane containing benzo crown ether unit was synthesized. The polymer was a novel liquid Crystalline crown ether polymer. When it used as stationary phase for capillary column, it belonged in neutral column and possessed moderate polarity, high efficiency and unique selectivity for positional isomers.

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