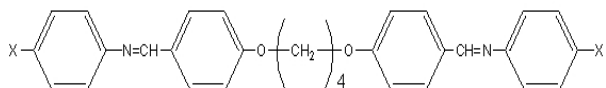


Dimesogenic Compounds with a Schiff Base Mesogenic Units and a Tetramethylene Flexible Spacer

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A homologous series of novel liquid crystal compounds having two identical terminal Schiff base mesogenic unit and a central tetramethylene spacer were prepared.

The molecular structures of the dimesogenic compounds are presented below



X= -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -CN, -CF₃, -OCH₃

Their thermal and liquid crystal properties of the dimesogenic compounds were studied by differential scanning calorimetry and polarizing microscopy. The final products with X= -F, -Cl, -Br, -CN and -OCH₃ were enantiotropically nematic liquid crystalline. In contrast, the compounds with X= -I and -CF₃ were non-liquid crystalline. The nematic forming efficiency of the groups was in the order of -CN > -OCH₃ > -Br > -Cl > -F.