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In this research, a series of calamitic liquid crystal containing 1,2,4,5-tetrazine moieties have been synthesized. 1,2,4,5-tetrazine is a mesomorphic compound containing heterocyclic units and such structures have greater possibilities to obtain mesogenic molecules. All compounds were synthesized by esterication of HOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH with carboxylic acids that vary in substituents chain lengths. The structures of the liquid crystal compounds were elucidated based on FT-IR, mass spectroscopy, CHN and NMR analyses. The infrared spectra of the compounds showed the characteristic of the tetrazine and ester functional group for vC=O, vC=C, vC=N, vN-N and vC-O at (1750-1758 cm<sup>-1</sup>).  $(1602-1604 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ ,  $(1318-1396 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ ,  $(1142-1168 \text{ cm}^{-1})$  and  $(1016-1102 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ . The elemental analyses agree with the expected formula  $R-C_6H_4C_2N_4C_6H_4-R$  where  $R=C_2H_5$ (FZ-4),  $C_4H_9(Isobutyl)$  (FZ-49E),  $C_5H_{11}$  (FZ-37B),  $C_{11}H_{23}$  (FZ-53),  $C_{15}H_{31}$  (FZ-34A) and



C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>35</sub> (FZ-35A). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra reflected the high symmetry of the molecules

with the benzene protons appeared as a doublet at  $\delta(8.69-8.67ppm)$  and  $\delta(7.36-7.34ppm)$ , respectively. The  $^{13}$ C signals for the 1,2,4,5-tetrazine, C=O and C-O appeared at  $\delta(163.30\text{-}163.25)$ ,  $\delta(171.82\text{-}171.02ppm)$  and  $\delta(154.48\text{-}154.40ppm)$ , respectively. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and polarizing optical microscopy (POM) analyses of FZ-37B, FZ-53, FZ-34A and FZ-35A revealed the existence of smectic and schlieren smectic mesophases.



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Dalam kajian ini, satu siri cecair hablur kalamitik mengandungi bahagian 1,2,4,5-

tetrazine telah disintesis. 1,2,4,5-tetrazine adalah satu sebatian mesomorfik yang

mengandungi unit-unit heterosiklik dan struktur seperti itu berkemungkinan besar untuk

membentuk molekul mesogenik. Semua sebatian telah disintesis melalui pengesteran

HOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH dengan asid karboksilik yang berbeza dalam penukarganti rantai

panjang. Struktur sebatian cecair hablur ini dijelaskan berasaskan kepada FT-IR,

spektroskopi jisim (MS) dan analisis CHN serta NMR. Spektrum infra-merah bagi

sebatian menunjukkan ciri-ciri kumpulan berfungsi tetrazin dan ester bagi vC=O, vC=C,

vC=N, vN-N dan vC-O pada (1750-1758 cm<sup>-1</sup>), (1602-1604 cm<sup>-1</sup>), (1318-1396 cm<sup>-1</sup>),

(1142-1168 cm<sup>-1</sup>) dan (1016-1102 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Analisis unsur bersetuju dengan formula yang

dicadangkan R-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-R di mana R = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> (FZ-4), C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>(Isobutyl) (FZ-49E),

 $C_5H_{11}$  (FZ-37B),  $C_{11}H_{23}$  (FZ-53),  $C_{15}H_{31}$  (FZ-34A) and  $C_{17}H_{35}$  (FZ-35A). Spektrum  $^1H$ 

NMR menggambarkan ketinggian simetri sebatian dengan proton-proton benzena muncul sebagai dublet pada  $\delta(8.69-8.67ppm)$  dan  $\delta(7.36-7.34ppm)$ . Puncak  $^{13}$ C bagi 1,2,4,5-tetrazine, C=O dan C-O muncul di  $\delta(163.30-163.25)$ ,  $\delta(171.82-171.02ppm)$  dan  $\delta(154.48-154.40ppm)$ . Analisis teknik kalorimeter imbasan keberdaan (DSC) dan mikroskopi berkutub optik (OPM) bagi FZ-37B, FZ-53, FZ-34A dan FZ-35A mendedahkan kehadiran mesofasa-mesofasa smektik dan smektik yang memancar.



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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

LCs Liquid Crystals

S Smectic

N Nematic

DSC Differential Scanning Calorimetry

OPM Optical Polarize Microscope

DCC 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide

DMAP 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine

POMBOH 2-(prenyloxymethyl)benzoic acid

POMB 2-(prenyloxymethyl)benzoyl

CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> dichloromethane

NaOH Natrium hydroxide

<sup>1</sup>H proton

<sup>13</sup>C Carbon 13

NMR Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

DEPT Distortionless Enhancement by Polarisation Transfer

IR Infra red

EIMS Electron Impact Mass Spectrometry

CDCl<sub>3</sub> chloroform

DMSO- $d_6$  dimethyl sulfoxide

cm<sup>-1</sup> per centimeter

°C degree in Celcius



 $\delta \hspace{1cm} \text{delta (chemical shift in ppm)}$ 

g gram

m.p. melting point

R Alkyl group

I Isotropic

Cr Crystalline

d doublet

dd doublet of doublet

t triplet

s singlet

m multiplet

