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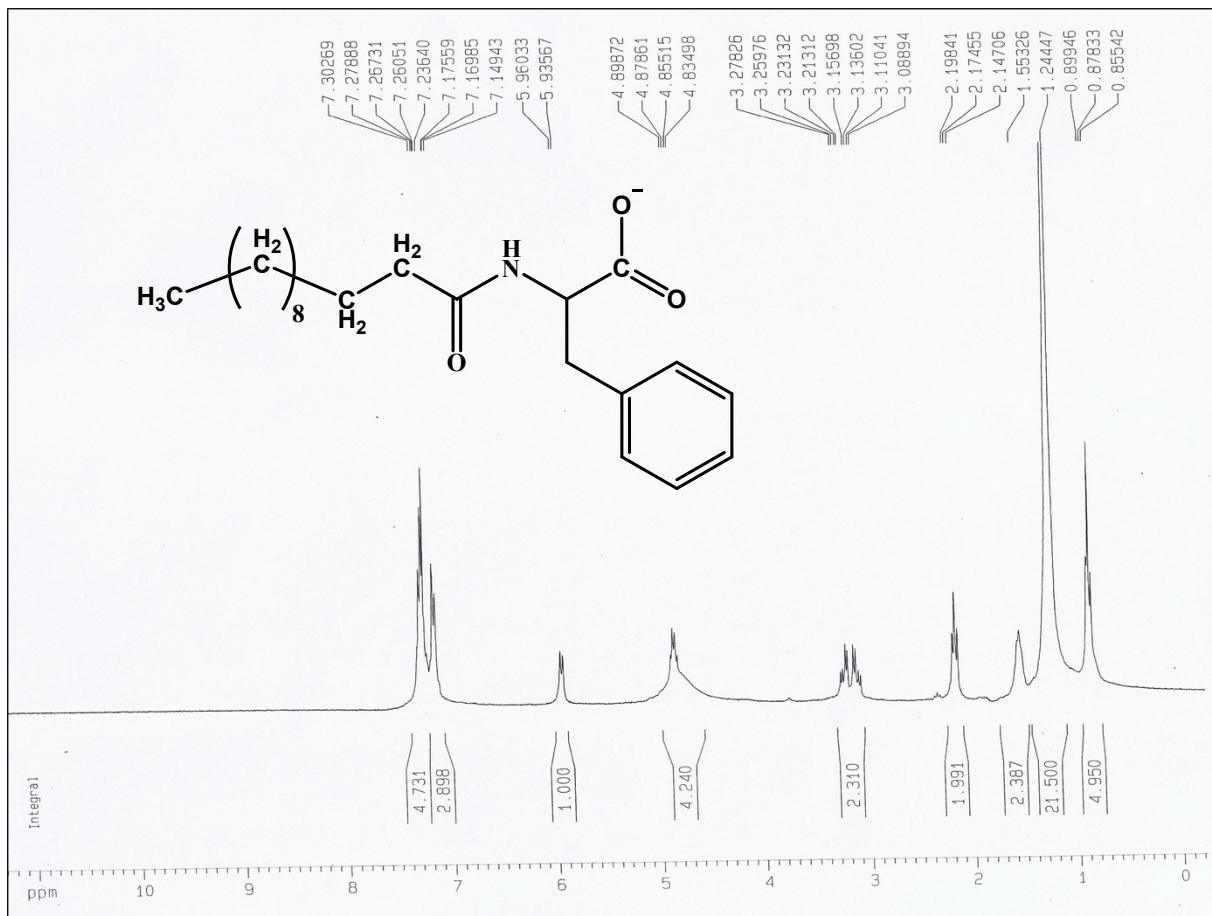
**Binding Interaction of an Anionic Amino Acid Surfactant with Bovine Serum  
Albumin: Physicochemical and Spectroscopic Investigations combined with  
Molecular Docking Study**

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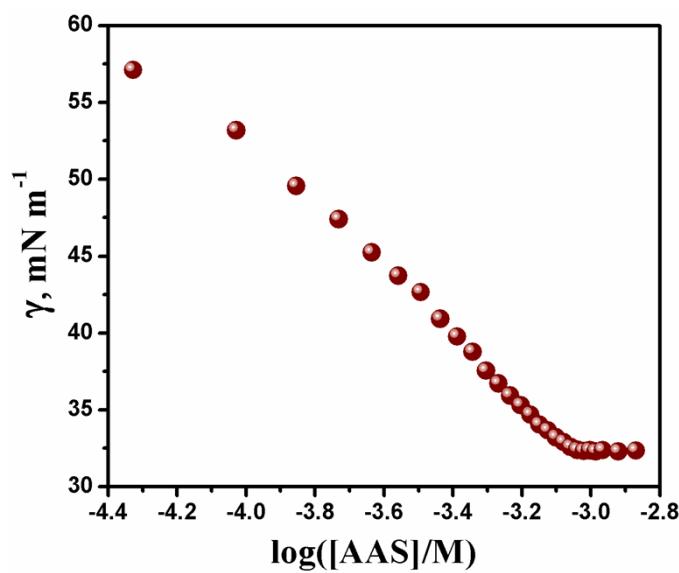
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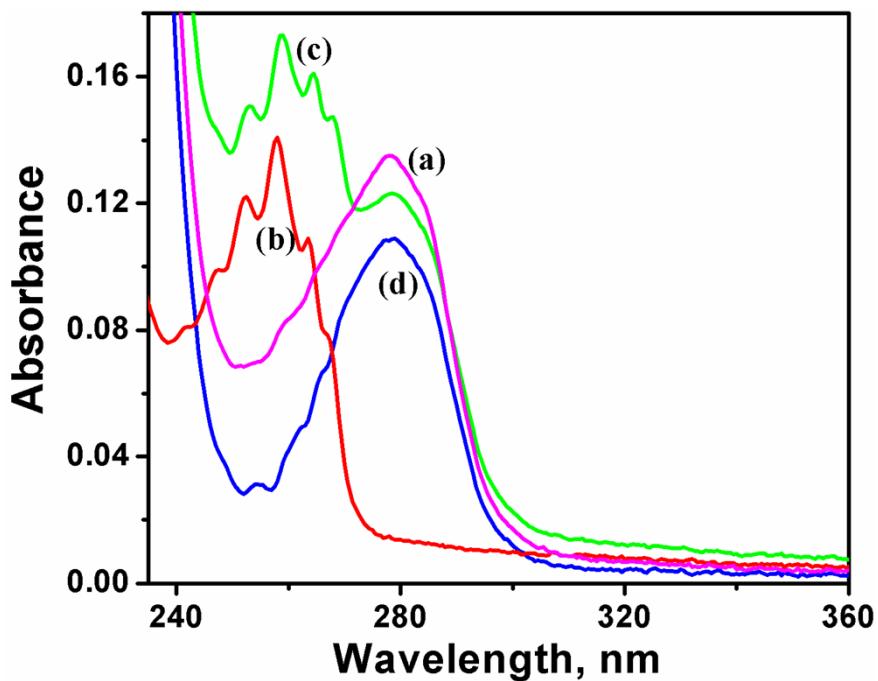
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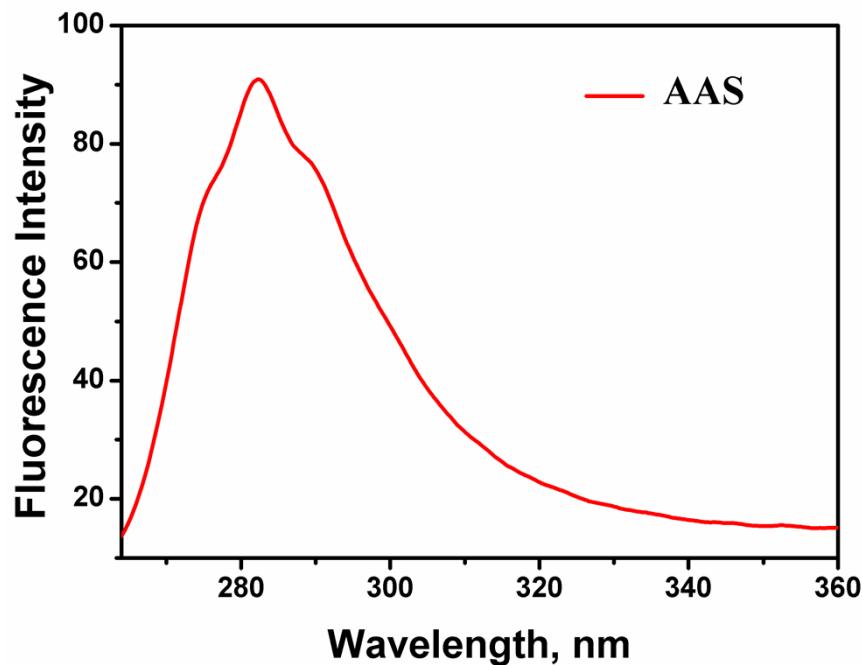
**Fig. S1:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of *N*-dodecanoyl-L-phenylalanine.



**Fig. S2:** Variation of surface tension of AAS in pure water at 298 K.



**Fig. S3:** (a) absorption spectrum of BSA only, (b) absorption spectrum of AAS only, (c) absorption spectrum of BSA-AAS system at the same concentration of AAS and (d) difference of absorption spectrum between BSA-AAS system and AAS at 298 K; [BSA] = 3.0  $\mu$ M, [AAS] = 2.0 mM.



**Fig. S4:** Emission spectrum of AAS,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 258$  and  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 282$  nm, [AAS] = 2.0 mM, at 298 K.

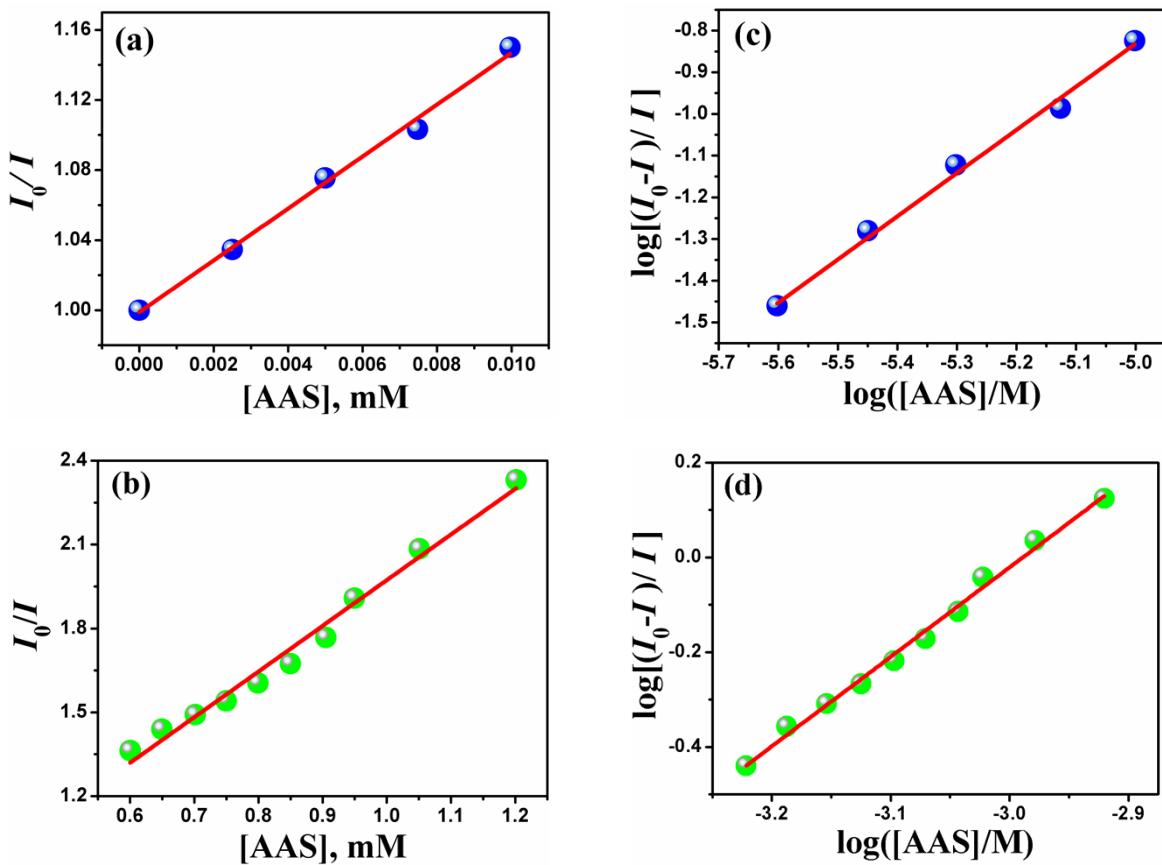


Fig. S5: (a) and (b) are Stern-Volmer plot of region I and III respectively; (c) and (d) are modified Stern-Volmer plot of region I and III respectively at 298 K,  $[BSA] = 3.0 \mu M$

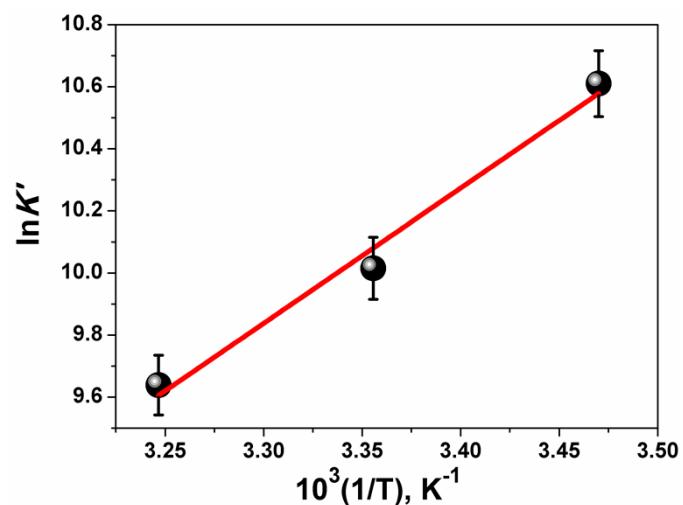


Fig S6: Van't Hoff plot for region I of BSA-AAS system,  $[BSA] = 3.0 \mu M$ .

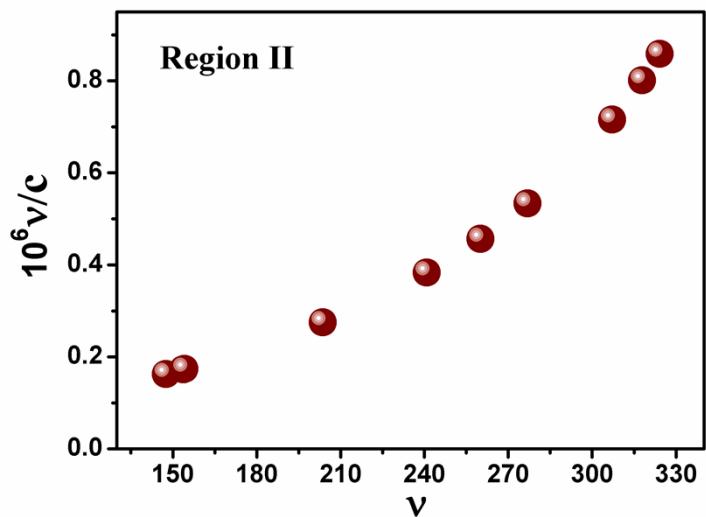


Fig. S7: Scatchard plot for region II of BSA-AAS system at 298 K, [BSA] = 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$ .

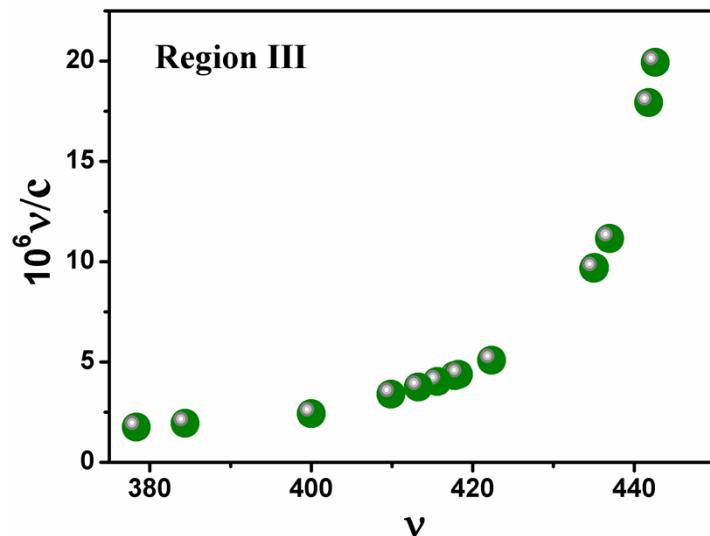
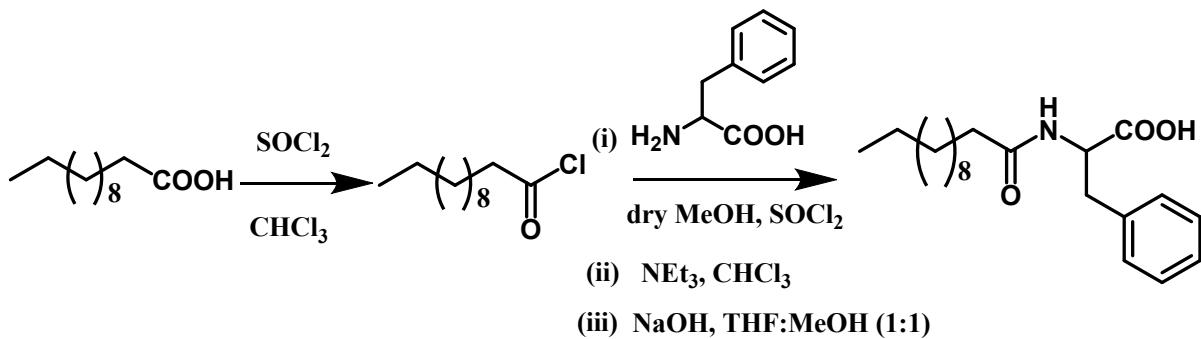


Fig. S8: Scatchard plot for region III of BSA-AAS system at 298 K, [BSA] = 3.0  $\mu\text{M}$ .



**Scheme S1:** Synthetic route of N-dodecanolphenylalanine

**Table S1:** Stern-Volmer quenching constant and modified Stern-Volmer association constant for the first three regions of BSA-AAS system at 298 K.

Region	$10^3 K_{SV}, \text{M}^{-1}$	$K_a, \text{M}^{-n}$	$R^a$	$\Delta G, \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
I	$14.8 \pm 0.05$	$2.23 \times 10^4$	0.9921	$-24.81 \pm 1.61$
II	$0.31 \pm 0.02$	1.34	0.9758	$-0.73 \pm 0.11$
III	$1.63 \pm 0.07$	$4.39 \times 10^5$	0.9933	$-32.19 \pm 0.93$

<sup>a</sup>  $R$  is correlation coefficient for the  $K_a$  values

**Table S2:** Stern-Volmer quenching constant, modified Stern-Volmer association constant and thermodynamic parameters at different temperatures for region I of BSA-AAS system

Temperature, K	$10^4 K_{SV}$ , M <sup>-1</sup>	$10^4 K_a$ , M <sup>-n</sup>	R <sup>a</sup>	$\Delta H^\circ$ , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^\circ$ , J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^\circ$ , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
288	$1.89 \pm 0.1$	4.05	0.9855			$-25.40 \pm 2.16$
298	$1.48 \pm 0.05$	2.23	0.9921	$-36.21 \pm 4.19$	$-37.69 \pm 1.41$	$-24.81 \pm 1.61$
308	$1.33 \pm 0.03$	1.54	0.9977			$-24.68 \pm 0.86$

<sup>a</sup> R is correlation coefficient for the  $K_a$  values

**Table S3:** Secondary structural content of BSA in the absence and presence of AAS at 298 K.

[AAS]/[BSA]	% $\alpha$ -helix	% $\beta$ -sheets	% $\beta$ -turn	% Random coil
0	64.2	7.2	12.3	17.2
10	59.9	8.1	12.8	19.1
20	58.2	8.4	13.1	19.8
50	54.8	9.3	13.5	21.3
100	50.6	10.6	14.2	23.6
200	38.5	14.4	16.3	29.8