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Light-Modulated Aggregation Behavior of Some Unsubstituted Cinnamate-Based Ionic Liquids in Aqueous Solutions

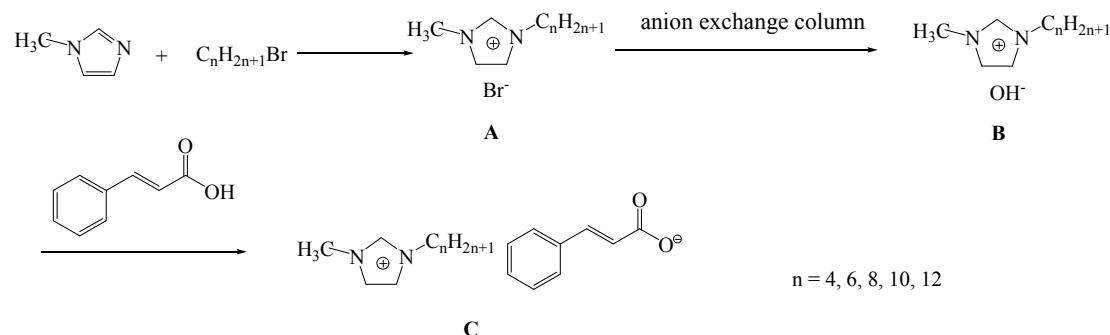
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Synthesis and characteristics of $[C_n\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$ ($n = 4, 6, 8, 10, 12$) ionic liquids



Scheme S1. Synthetic route of the photo-responsive ionic liquids

1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium ortho-methoxycinnate ([C₁₂mim][CA]):

¹H NMR ((DMSO-d₆): δ = 9.79 (1H, s), 7.84 (1H, s), 7.76 (1H, s), 7.43(2H, d), 7.30 (2H, t), 7.22 (1H, t), 7.03 (1H, d), 6.35 (1H, d) , 4.17 (2H, t), 3.88 (3H, s), 1.76 (2H, m), 1.19 (2H, m), 0.84 (3H, t) ppm.

¹³C NMR: δ = 169.7, 137.9, 137.6, 134.6, 132.2, 129.0, 128.0, 127.2, 124.0, 122.7, 49.1, 36.1, 31.8, 30.0, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 26.0, 22.6, 14.4 ppm.

HRMS: calcd for [C₁₆H₃₁N₂]⁺: 251.2482; found: 251.2476; calcd for [C₁₀H₉O₃]⁻: 147.0441; found: 147.0442

1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium cinnate ([C₁₀mim][CA]):

¹H NMR ((DMSO-d₆): δ = 9.87 (1H, s), 7.86 (1H, s), 7.78 (1H, s), 7.44 (2H, d), 7.30 (2H, t), 7.22

(1H, t), 7.06 (1H, d), 6.38 (1H, d), 4.17 (2H, t), 3.88 (3H, s), 1.74 (2H, m), 1.19 (2H, m), 0.82 (3H, t) ppm.

¹³C NMR: δ = 170.0, 138.0, 137.5, 135.0, 131.7, 129.0, 128.1, 127.2, 124.0, 122.7, 49.1, 36.0, 31.8, 30.0, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 26.0, 22.6, 14.4 ppm.

HRMS: calcd for [C₁₄H₂₇N₂]⁺: 223.2169; found: 223.2151; calcd for [C₁₀H₉O₃]⁻: 147.0441; found: 147.0449.

1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium cinnate ([C₈mim][CA]):

¹H NMR ((DMSO-d6): δ = 9.41 (1H, s), 7.77 (1H, s), 7.70 (1H, s), 7.45 (2H, d), 7.31 (2H, t), 7.23 (1H, t), 7.08 (1H, d), 6.39 (1H, d), 4.14 (2H, t), 3.84 (3H, s), 1.74 (2H, m), 1.20 (2H, m), 0.82 (3H, t) ppm.

¹³C NMR: δ = 171.8, 139.9, 139.3, 136.8, 133.7, 130.8, 129.9, 129.0, 125.8, 124.6, 50.9, 37.9, 33.5, 31.9, 30.8, 31.0, 27.9, 24.4, 16.2 ppm.

HRMS: calcd for [C₁₂H₂₃N₂]⁺: 195.1856; found: 195.1843; calcd for [C₁₀H₉O₃]⁻: 147.0441; found: 147.0448.

1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium cinnate ([C₆mim][CA]):

¹H NMR ((DMSO-d6): δ = 9.81 (1H, s), 7.85 (1H, s), 7.77 (1H, s), 7.44 (2H, d), 7.31 (2H, t), 7.23 (1H, t), 7.04 (1H, d), 6.37 (1H, d), 4.17 (2H, t), 3.88 (3H, s), 1.75 (2H, m), 1.22 (2H, m), 0.81 (3H, t) ppm.

¹³C NMR: δ = 170.0, 137.9, 137.5, 134.9, 131.9, 129.0, 128.1, 127.2, 124.0, 122.7, 49.1, 36.1, 31.0, 29.9, 25.7, 22.4, 14.3 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*): calcd for [C₁₀H₁₉N₂]⁺: 167.1543; found: 167.1553; calcd for [C₁₀H₉O₃]⁻: 147.0441; found: 147.0454.

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium cinnate ([C₄mim][CA]):

¹H NMR ((DMSO-d6): δ = 9.84 (1H, s), 7.85 (1H, s), 7.78 (1H, s), 7.44 (2H, d), 7.31 (2H, t), 7.23 (1H, t), 7.04 (1H, d), 6.37 (1H, d), 4.18 (2H, t), 3.88 (3H, s), 1.74 (2H, m), 1.23 (2H, m), 0.86 (3H, t) ppm.

¹³C NMR: δ = 172.0, 140.2, 139.7, 136.9, 134.3, 131.2, 130.3, 129.4, 126.2, 124.9, 51.0, 38.3, 34.1, 21.5, 15.95 ppm.

HRMS (*m/z*): calcd for [C₈H₁₅N₂]⁺: 139.1230; found: 139.1239; calcd for [C₁₀H₉O₃]⁻: 147.0441; found: 147.0449.

Table S1. Bromide content in $[C_n\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$ ionic liquids

IL	$[\text{Br}^-]/\text{mol.kg}^{-1}$
$[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$	0.0010
$[\text{C}_6\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$	0.0079
$[\text{C}_8\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$	0.0073
$[\text{C}_{10}\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$	0.0070
$[\text{C}_{12}\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$	<0.00002

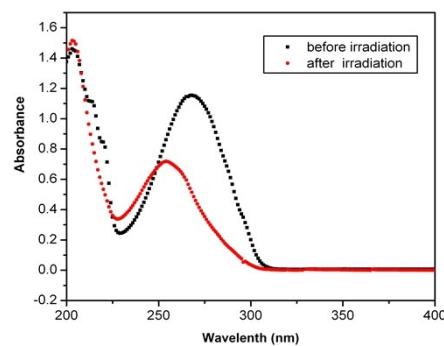
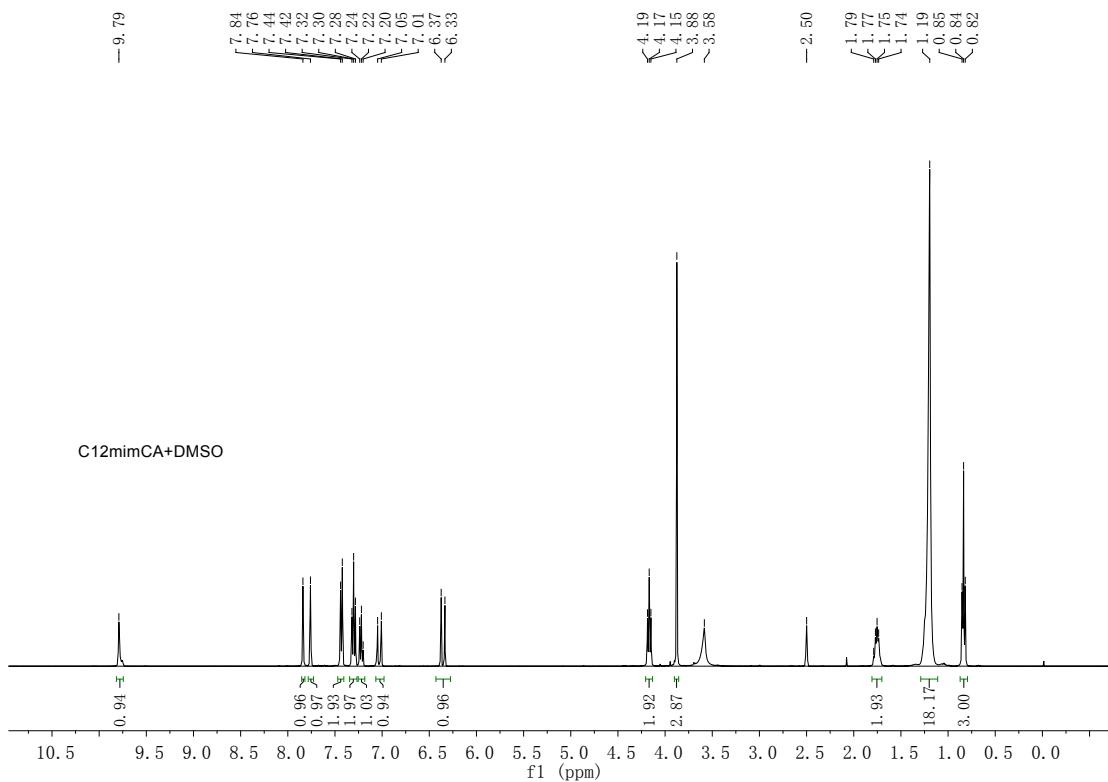
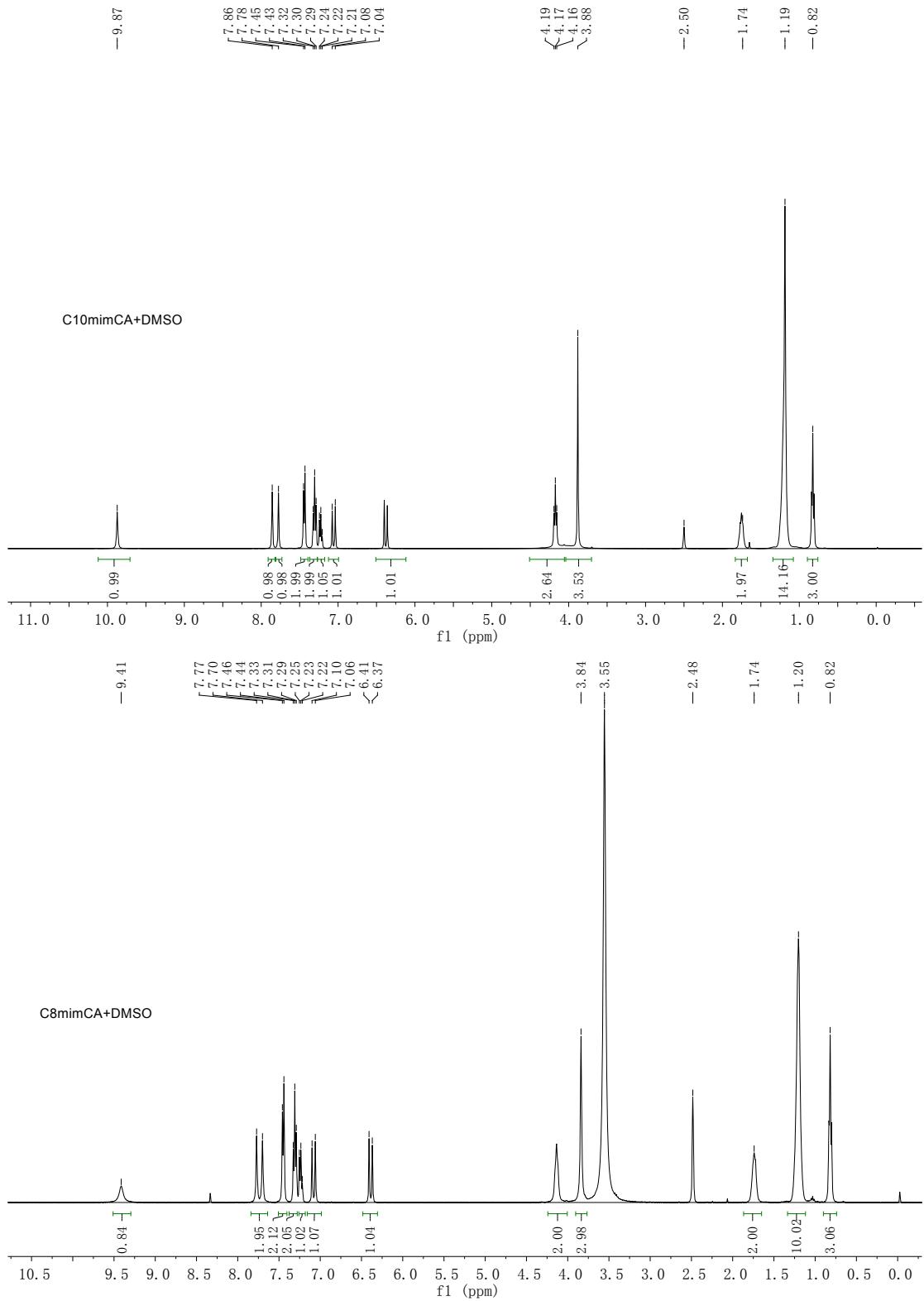


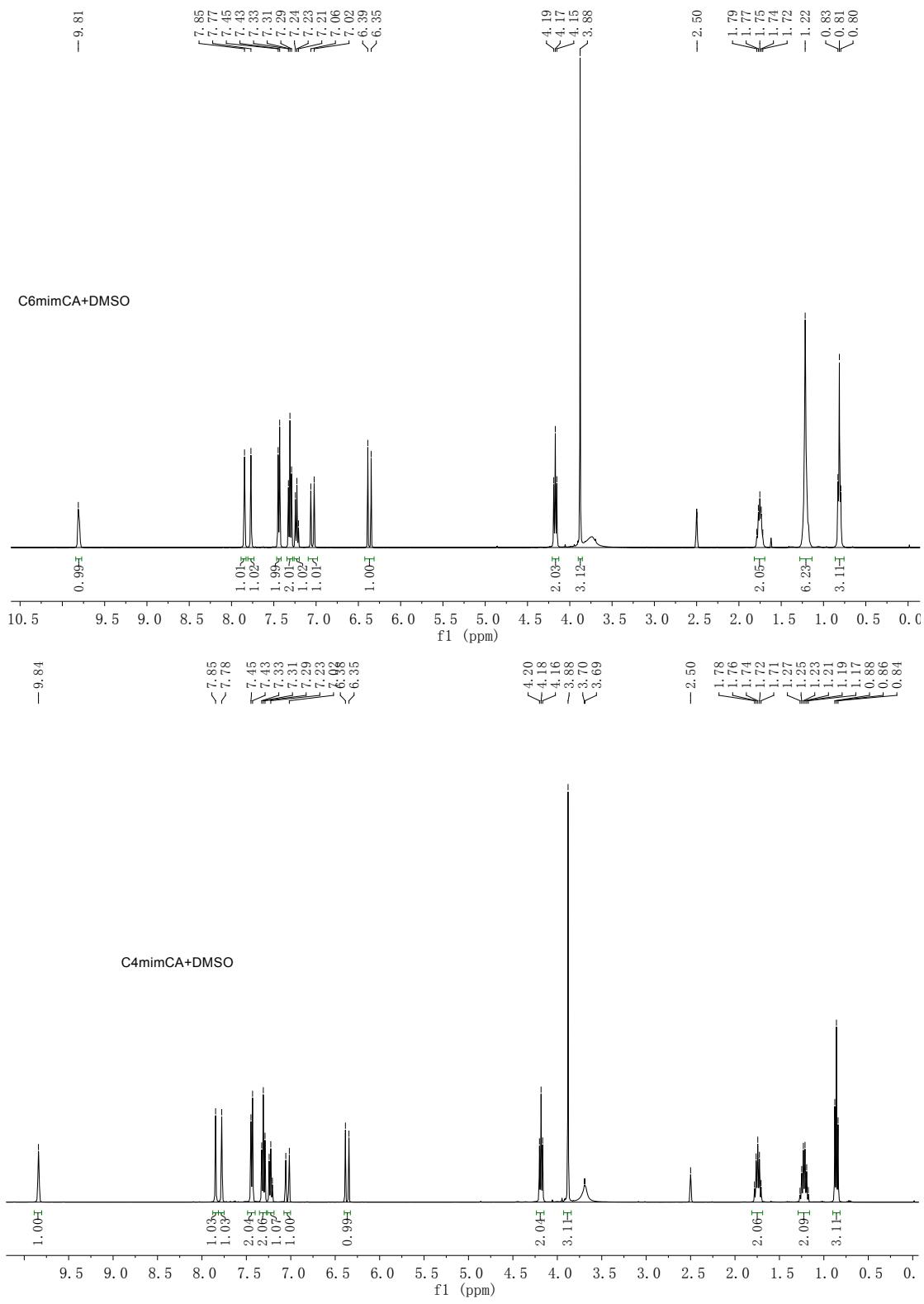
Fig. S1 UV-vis spectra of aqueous trans- cinnamic acid ($\text{H}[\text{CA}]$)

at the concentration of 1 mM before and after irradiation

^1H -NMR spectra for $[C_n\text{mim}][\text{CA}]$ ionic liquids:







¹³C-NMR spectra for [C_nmim][CA] ionic liquids:

