

***Supporting Information***

**The effect of hydroxyl on the phase behavior of quaternary  
ammonium gemini surfactant**

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## Experiment section

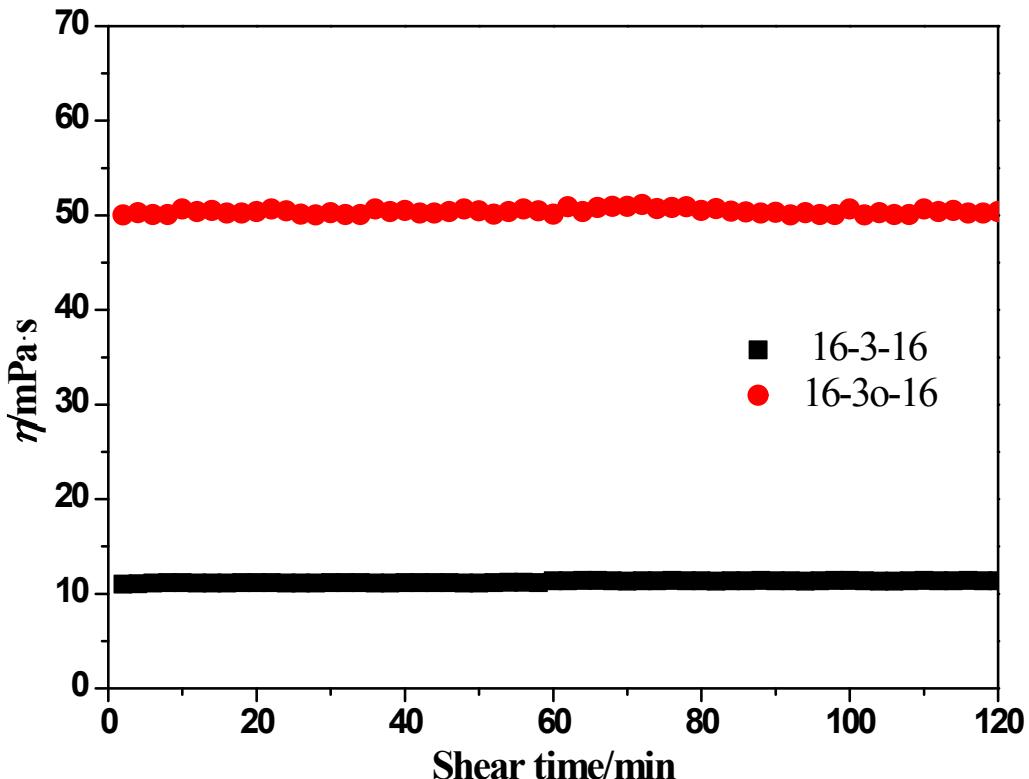


Fig. S1 The shear viscosity of 16-3-16 and 16-3OH-16 as a function of shear time at  $170 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $70^\circ\text{C}$ .

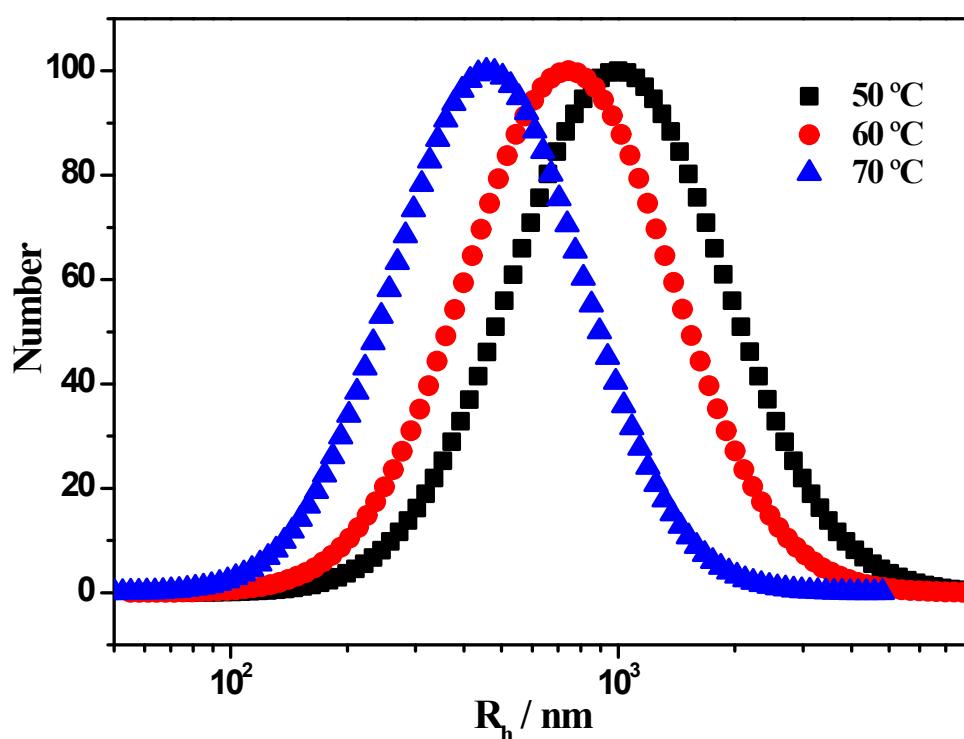


Fig. S2 Apparent hydrodynamic diameter distribution of 50 mM 16-3OH-16 at different temperatures.

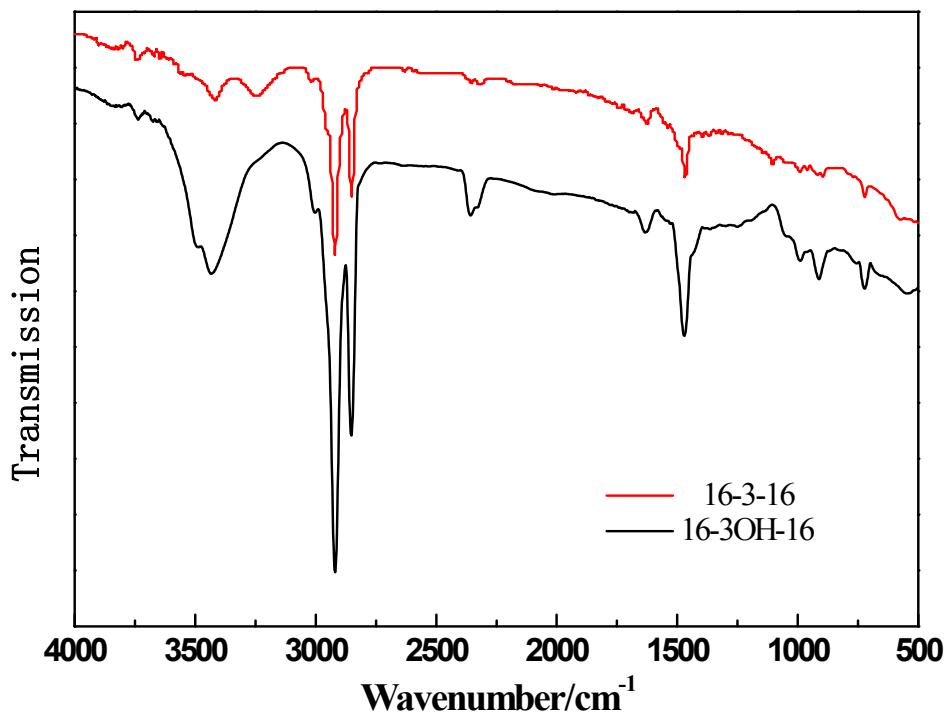


Fig. S3 FTIR spectra for samples of 16-3-16 and 16-3OH-16 in dry solid state (KBr disks method).

### Simulation section

**Table S1** Interaction energy & contributors

Systems	Energy, kcal/mol		
	Interaction energy	vdW	Electrostatic
16-3-16	-424.953	-15.419	-408.652
16-3OH-16	-438.036	-13.673	-423.513

Natural bond orbitals calculations were performed using NBO program as implemented in the Gaussian09 package at the B3LYP method and 6-31G basis set in order to study second-order interactions.

**Table S2** Selected natural atomic charges and natural electron configuration for the  
16-3-16

Atom	Net charge	Electron configuration
N1-117	-0.14826	[core]2S( 0.63)2p( 2.01)
N2-64	-0.14905	[core]2S( 0.63)2p( 2.01)
C1-65	-0.13498	[core]2S( 0.52)2p( 1.61)3p( 0.01)
C2-53	-0.25633	[core]2S( 0.52)2p( 1.73)
C3-50	-0.13474	[core]2S( 0.52)2p( 1.61)3p( 0.01)

**Table S3** Selected natural atomic charges and natural electron configuration for the  
16-3OH-16

Atom	Net charge	Electron configuration
N1-116	-0.14867	[core]2S( 0.63)2p( 2.01)
N2-63	-0.14951	[core]2S( 0.63)2p( 2.02)
C1-64	-0.14944	[core]2S( 0.52)2p( 1.62)3p( 0.01)
C2-53	0.01876	[core]2S( 0.48)2p( 1.50)3p( 0.01)
C3-50	-0.14848	[core]2S( 0.52)2p( 1.63)3p( 0.01)
O1-125	-0.37505	[core]2S( 0.85)2p( 2.52)

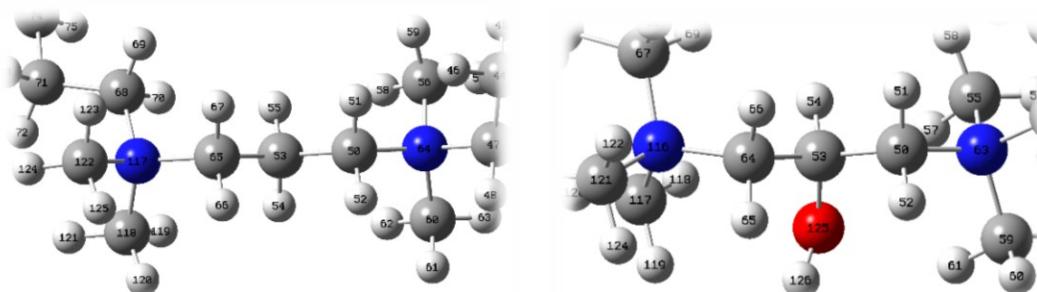


Table S4 Second order perturbation theory analysis of Fock matrix in NBO basis corresponding to the intramolecular bonds of the 16-3OH-16.

Donor	Acceptor	$E_h$ (kcal/mol)	$E$ (a.u.)	$F$ (a.u.)
LP O125	BD* C53-C64	2.03	0.63	0.045
	BD*C59-H61	1.06	0.79	0.037
	BD*C50 - C53	3.72	0.63	0.061

$E_h$  means energy of hyperconjugative interactions (stabilization energy in KJ/mol)

$E$ (a.u.) means energy difference between donor and acceptor i and j NBO orbitals

$F$ (a.u.) is the Fock matrix elements between i and j NBO orbitals.

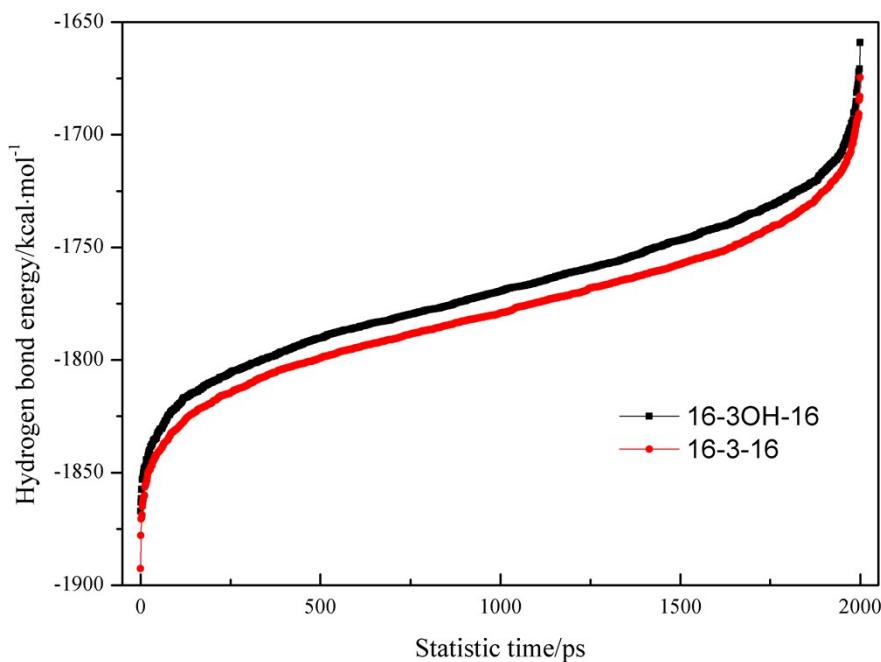


Fig. 5S The average hydrogen bond energy of two system over the entire stimulate time.

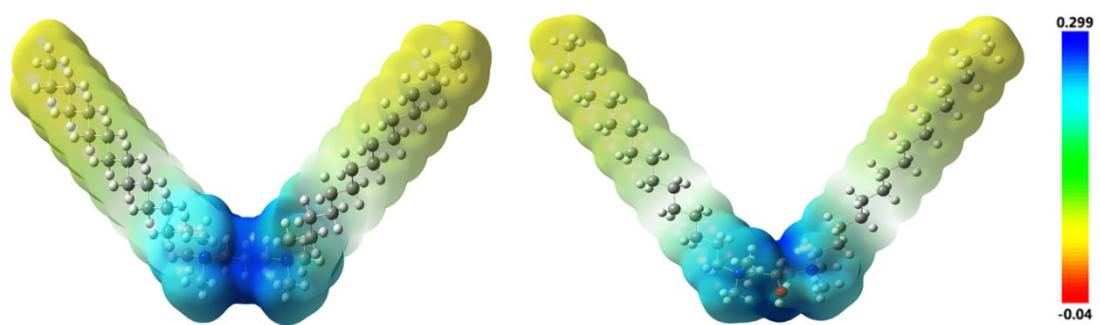


Fig. 6S Electrostatic potentials, in hartrees, at the 0.001 e/bohr<sup>3</sup> isodensity surfaces of 16-3-16 and 16-3OH-16 counterions in water medium.

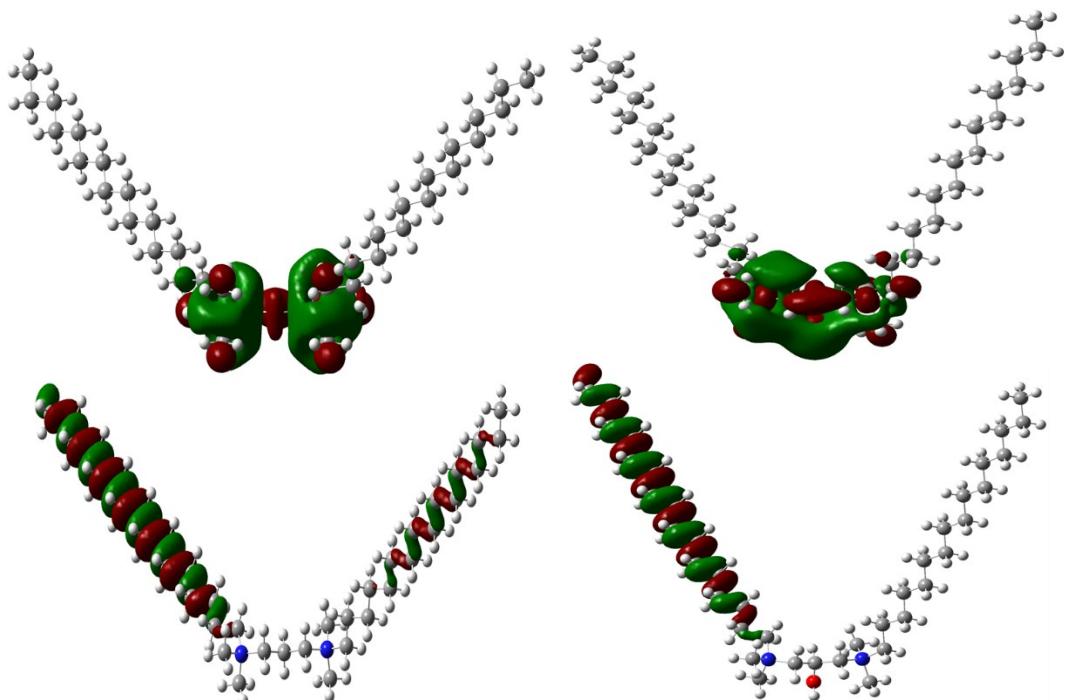


Fig. 7S The optimized configurations of 16-3-16 and 16-3OH-16 HOMO-LUMO for the respective compounds in water medium.