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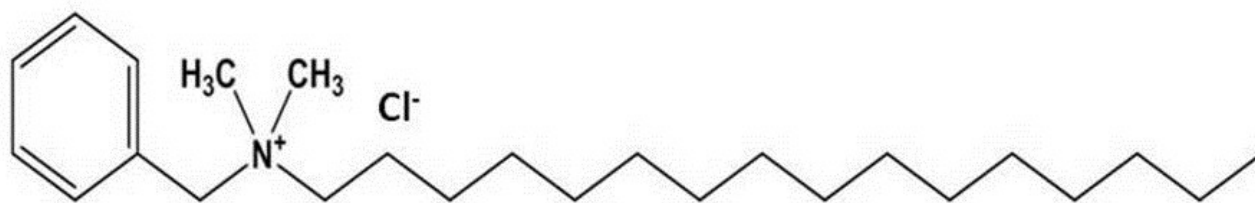
**Enhanced Stability and Water Solubilizing Capacity of Water-in-Oil  
Microemulsions by Protic Ionic Liquids**

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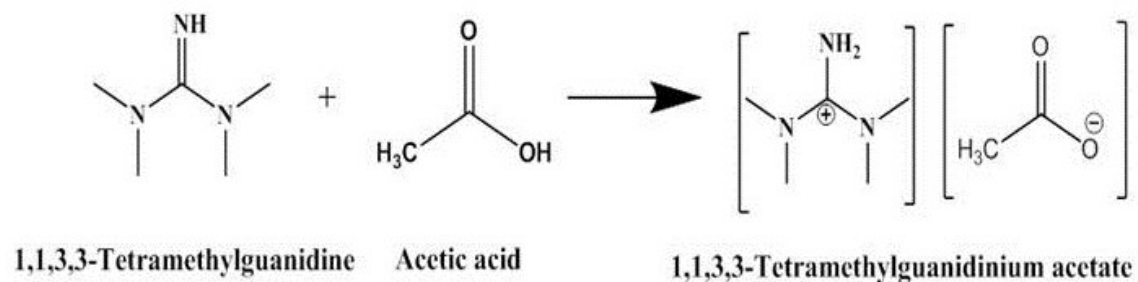
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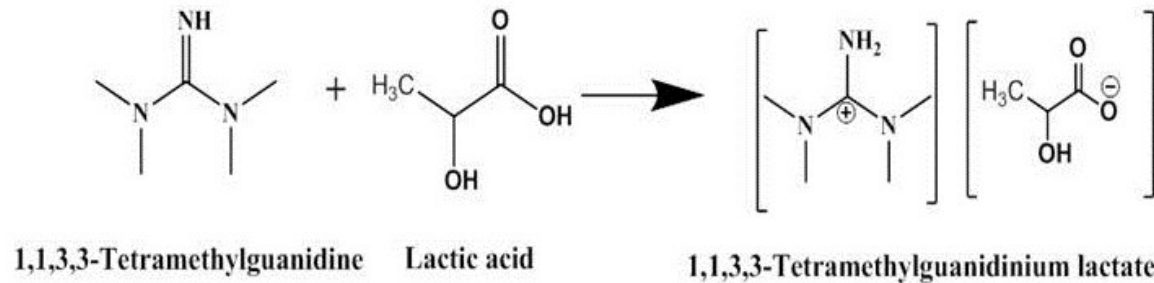
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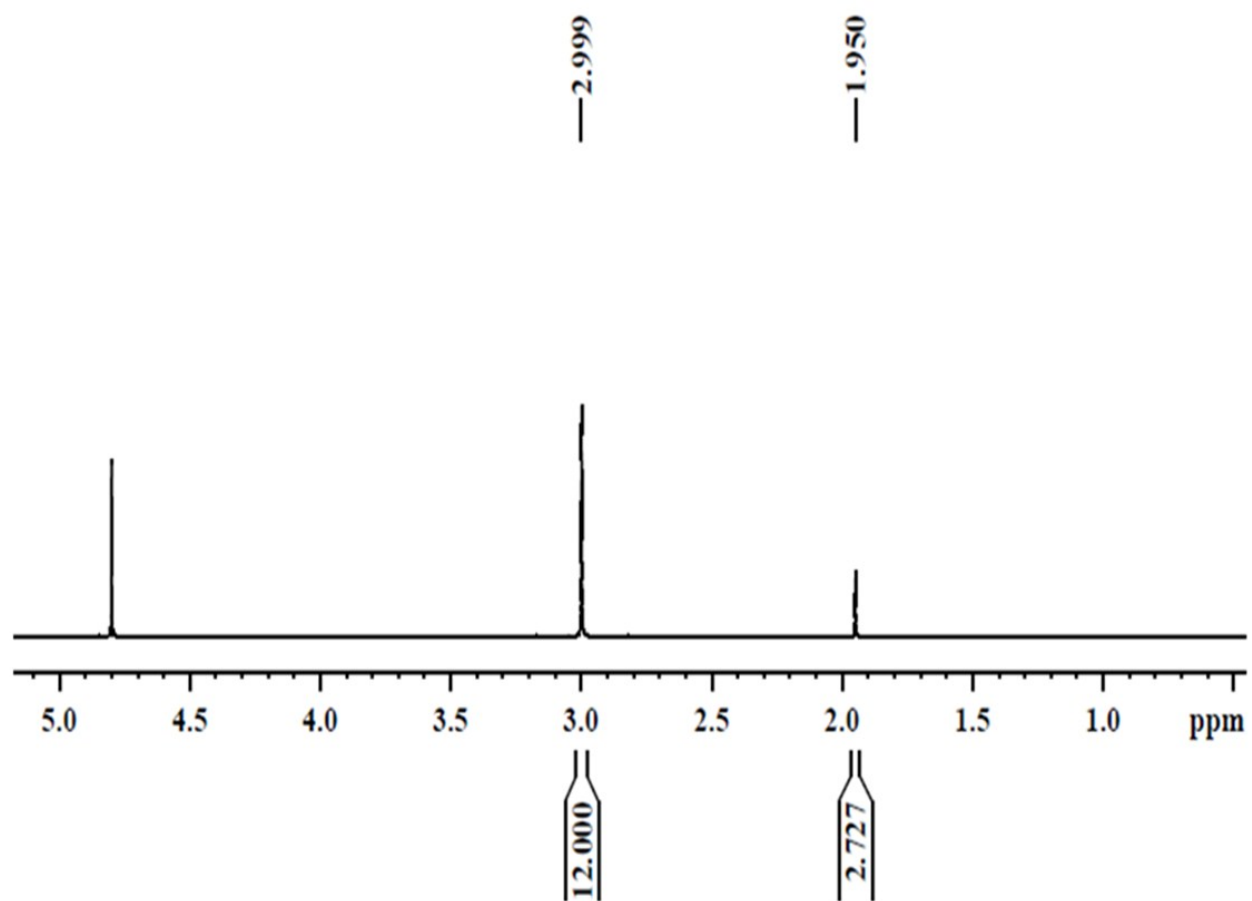
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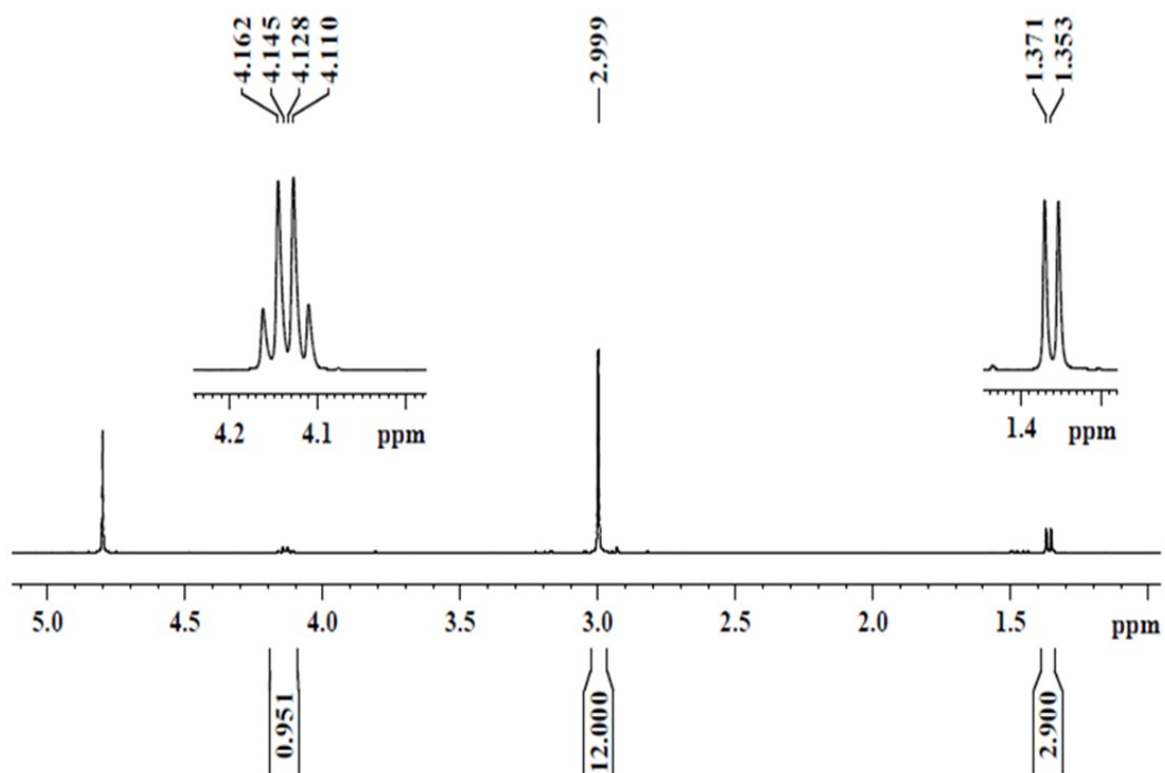
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**Figure S1.** (A) Molecular structure of benzyl-n-hexadecyldimethylammonium chloride (BHDC). Scheme for synthesis of (B) 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidinium acetate ([TMG][Ace]) and (C) 1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidinium lactate ([TMG][Lac]).

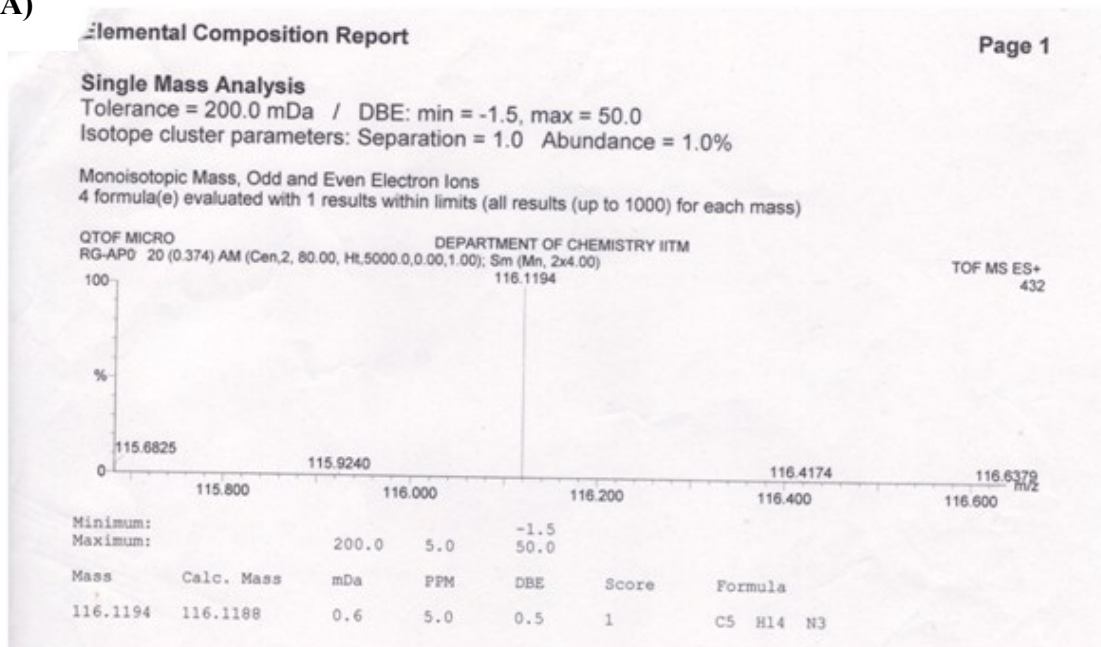


**Figure S2.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) spectra of  $[\text{TMG}][\text{Ace}]$ .



**Figure S3.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) spectra of [TMG][Lac].

(A)



(B)

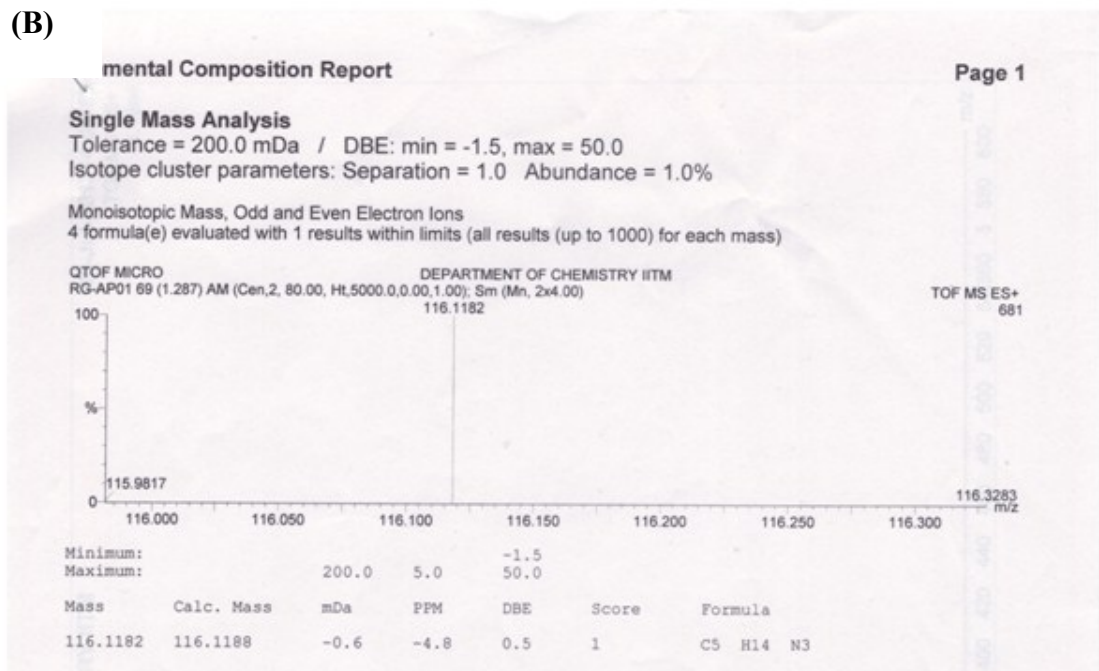
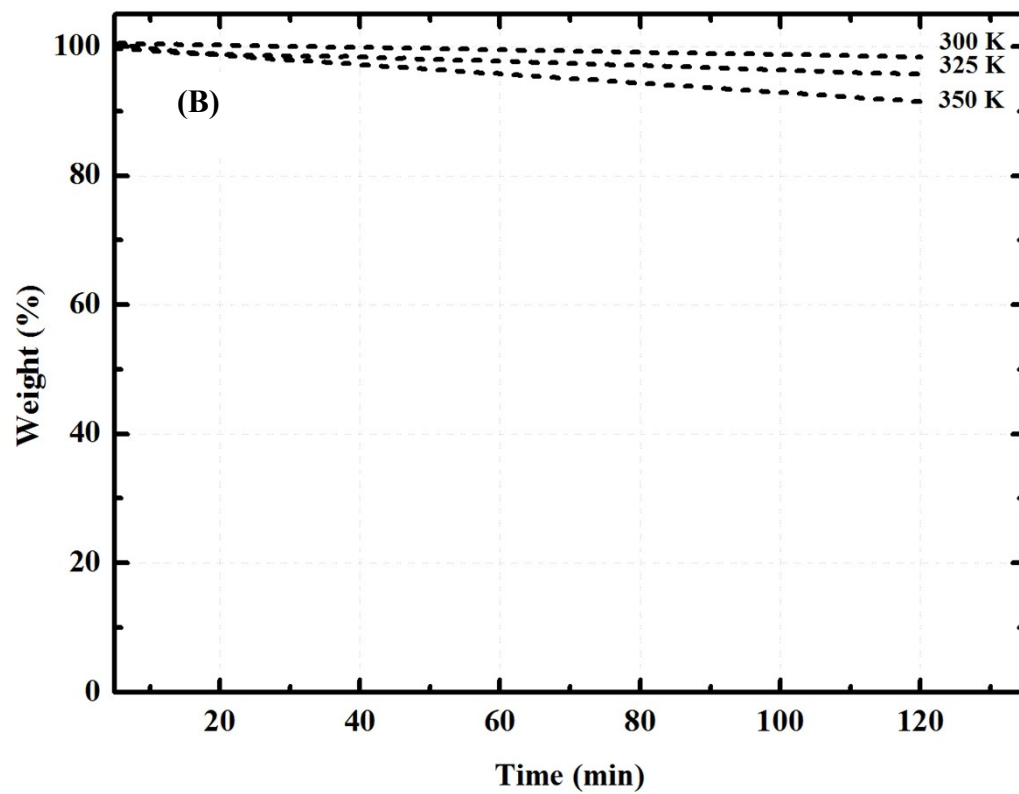
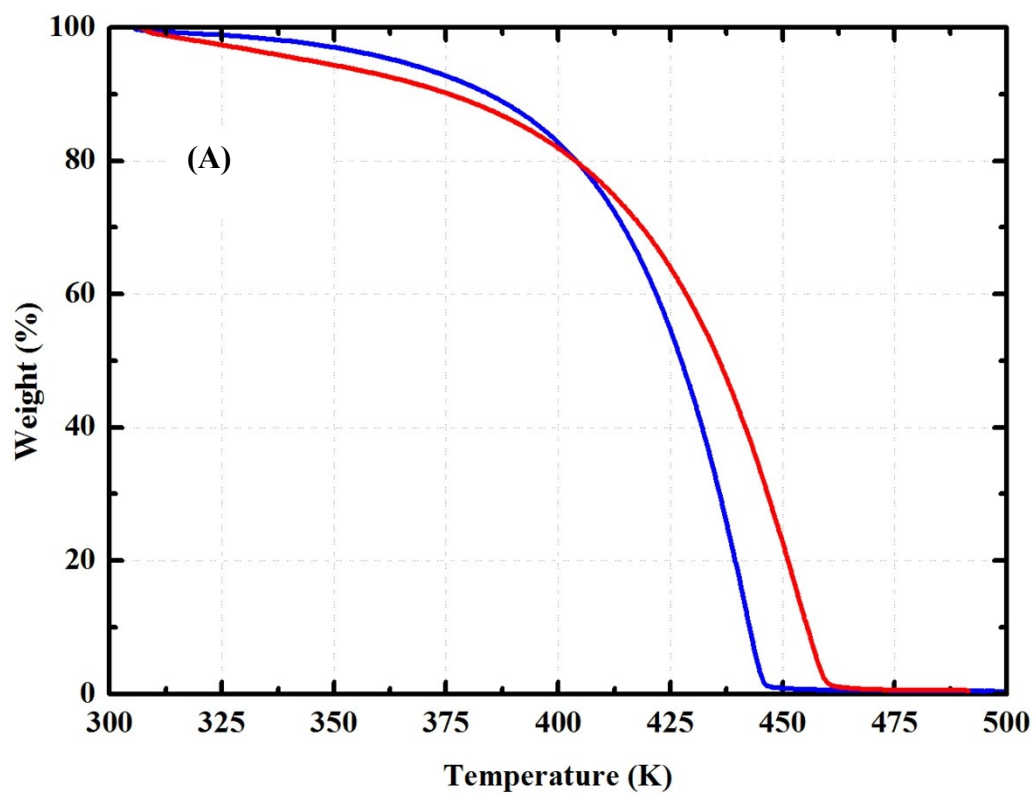
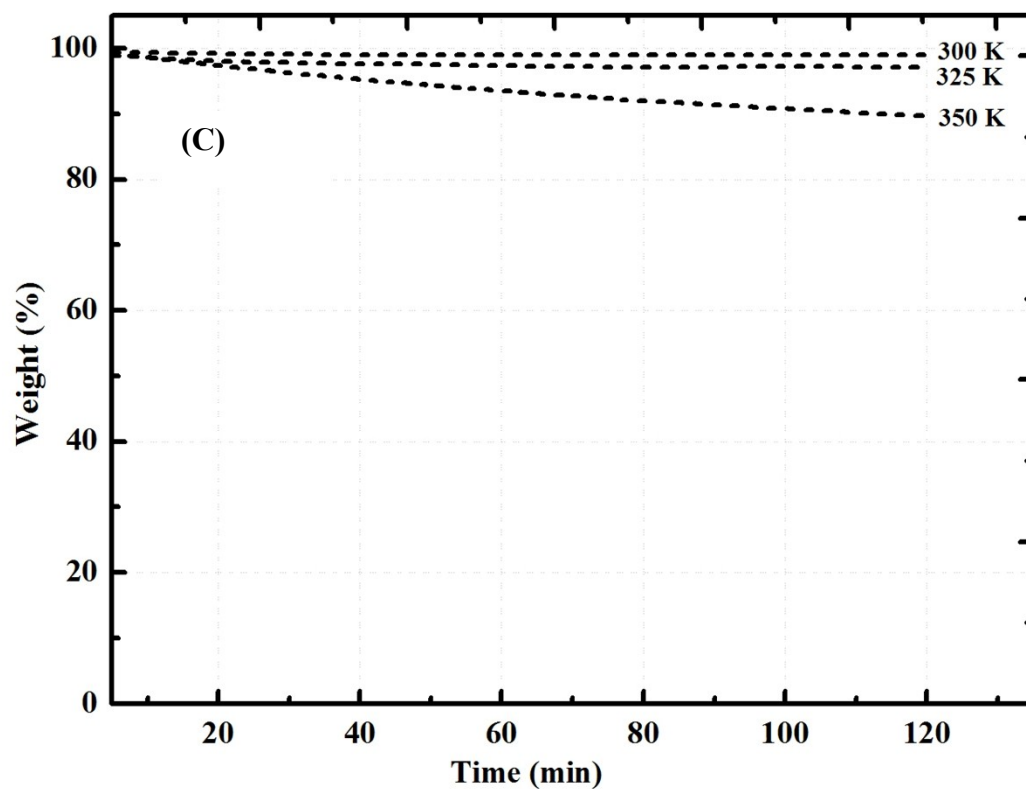


Figure S4. Mass Spectra of TMG cation of (A) [TMG][Lac] and (B) [TMG][Ace].





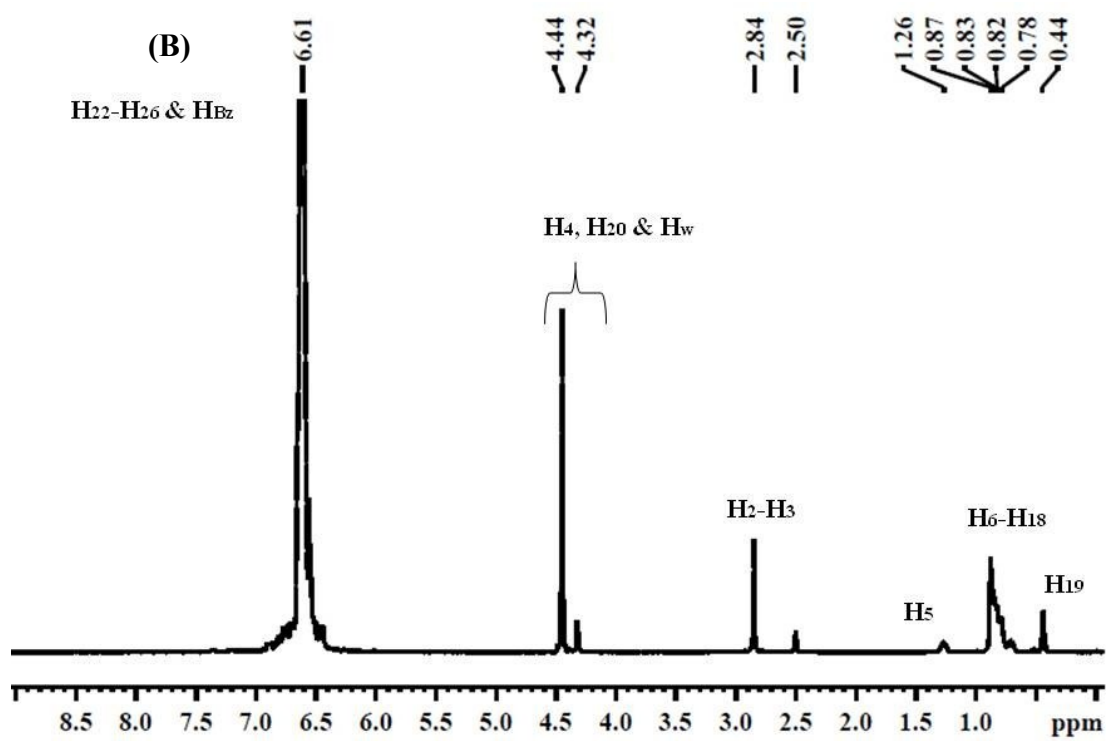
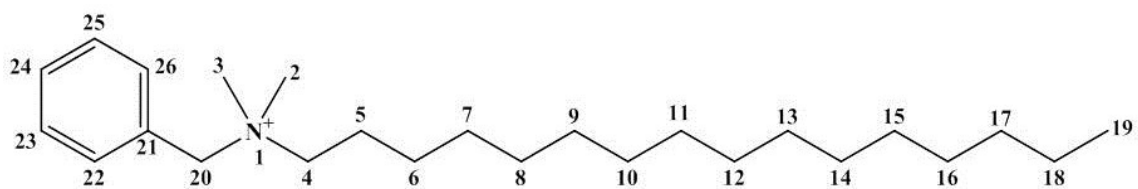
**Figure S5.** (A) Normal thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of synthesized [TMG][Ace] (Blue) and [TMG][Lac] (Red). Static TGA for (B) [TMG][Ace] and (C) [TMG][Lac]. Both ILs exhibit good thermal stability up to 350 K (< 10% degradation).

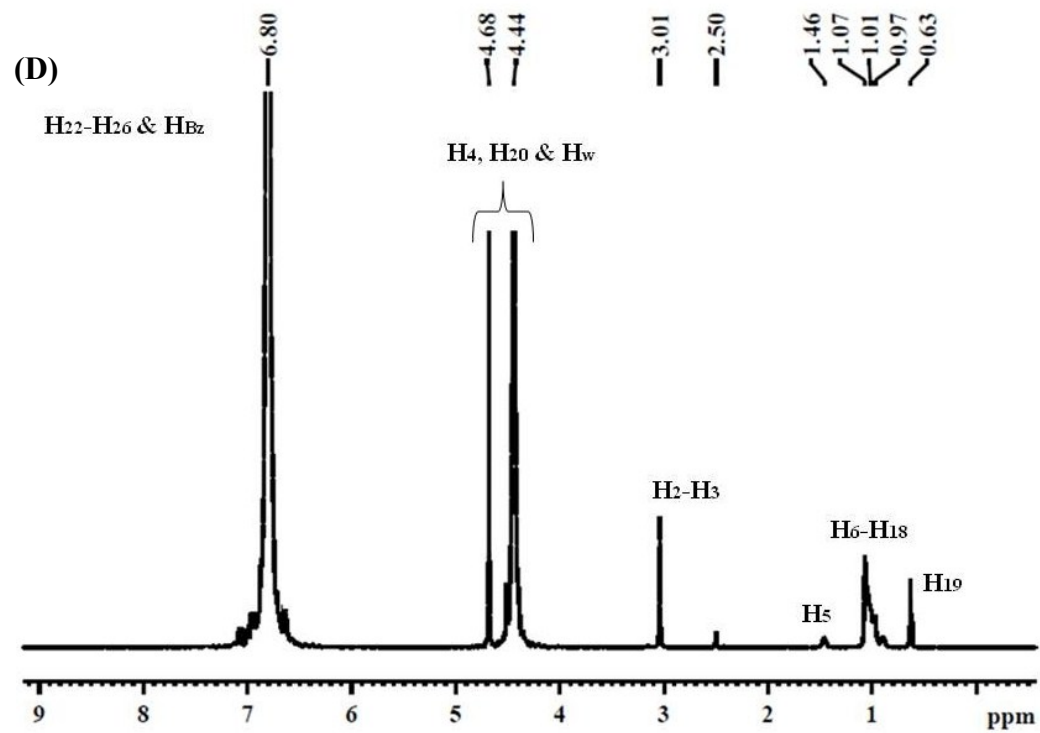
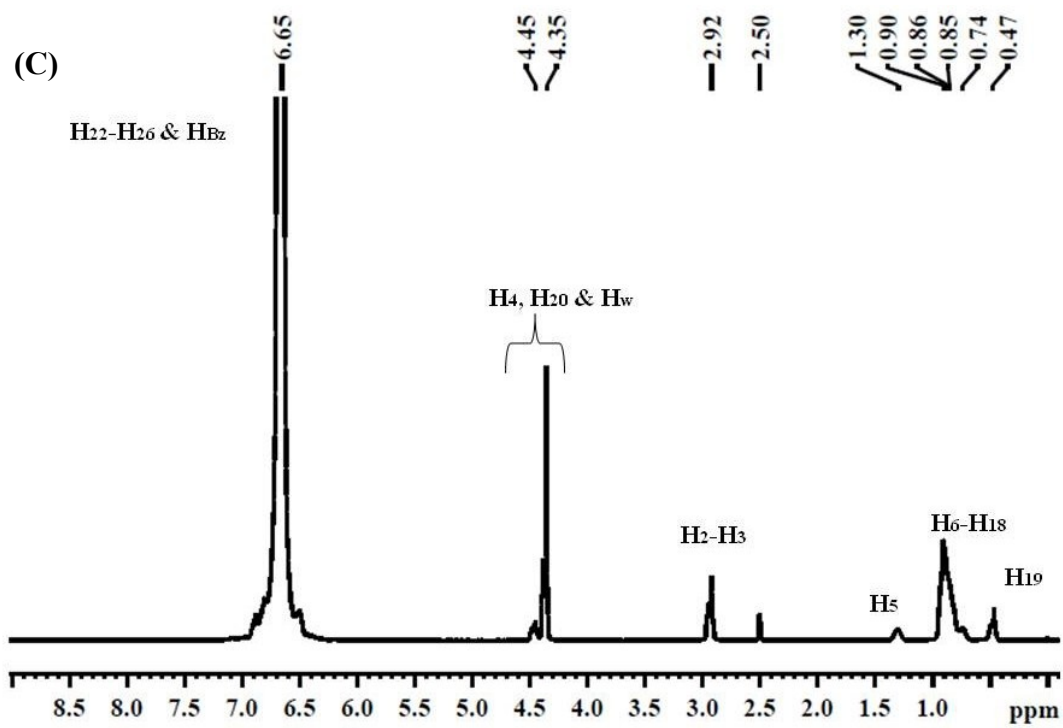
**Table S1.** Viscosity values of pure components and investigated mixtures of samples. Experimental error (in percent difference):  $\leq 5\%$ .

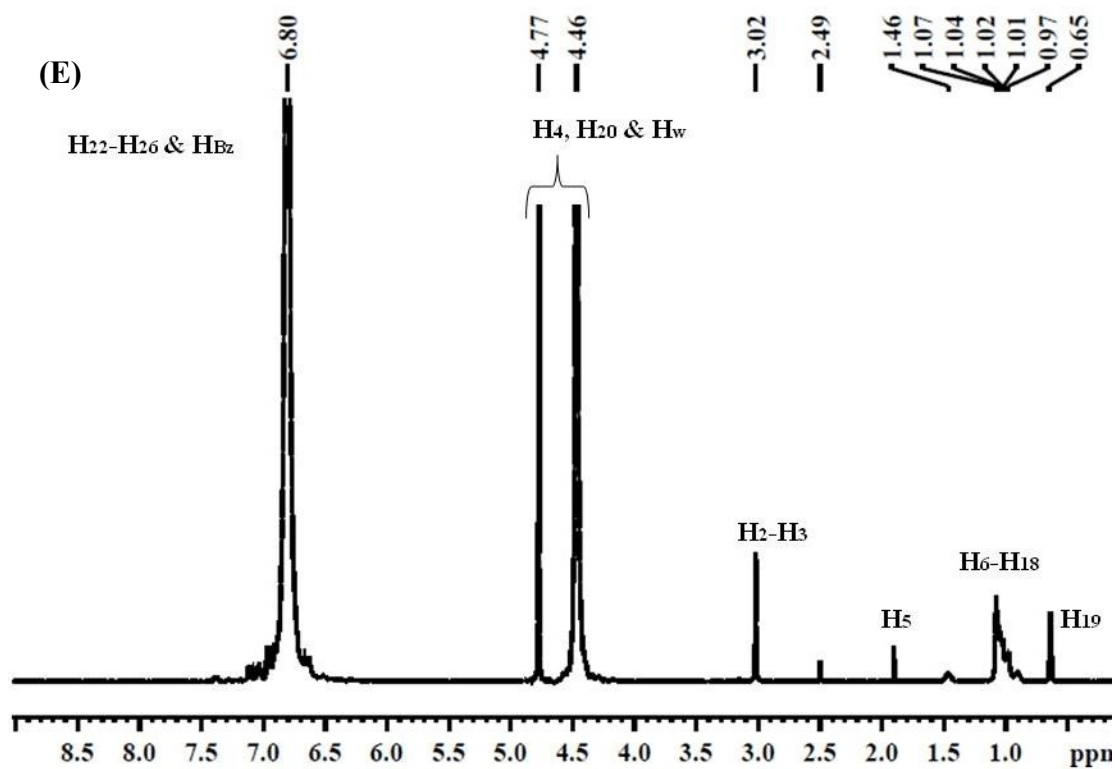
System and Composition	$\eta/\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}$
Bulk Benzene	0.601
Water, $\omega = 5$	0.888
[TMG][Lac], $\omega = 5$	0.805
[TMG][Ace], $\omega = 5$	0.792
Water, $\omega = 10$	1.100
[TMG][Lac], $\omega = 10$	0.876
[TMG][Ace], $\omega = 10$	0.807
Water, $\omega = 15$	1.330
[TMG][Lac], $\omega = 15$	0.920
[TMG][Ace], $\omega = 15$	0.836
Water, $\omega = 28$	1.400
[TMG][Lac], $\omega = 28$	0.941
[TMG][Ace], $\omega = 28$	0.857



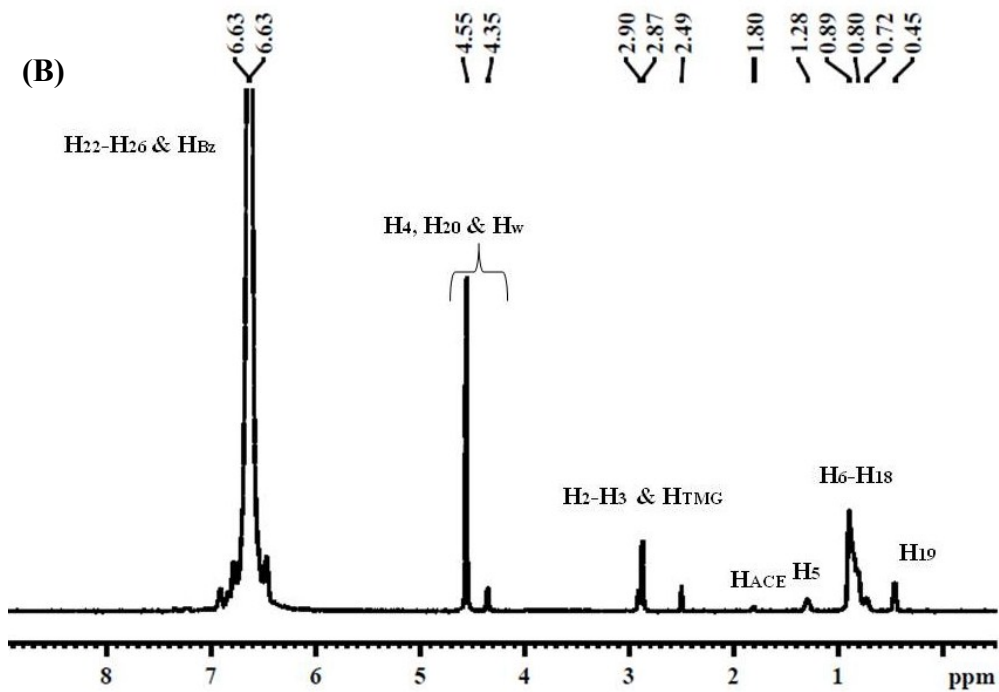
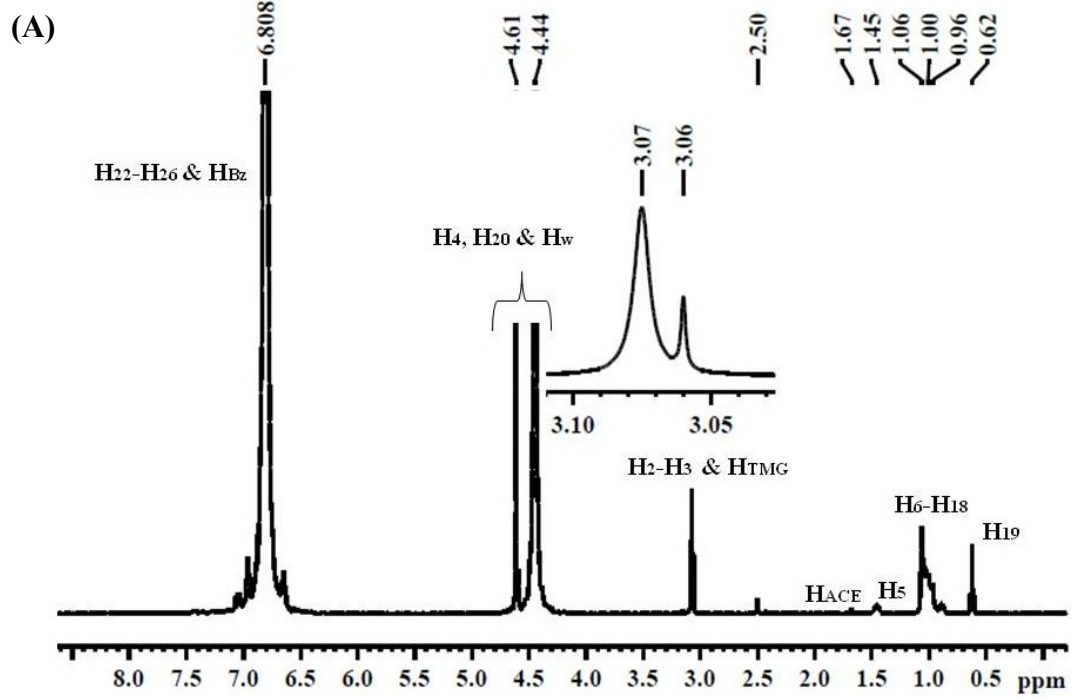
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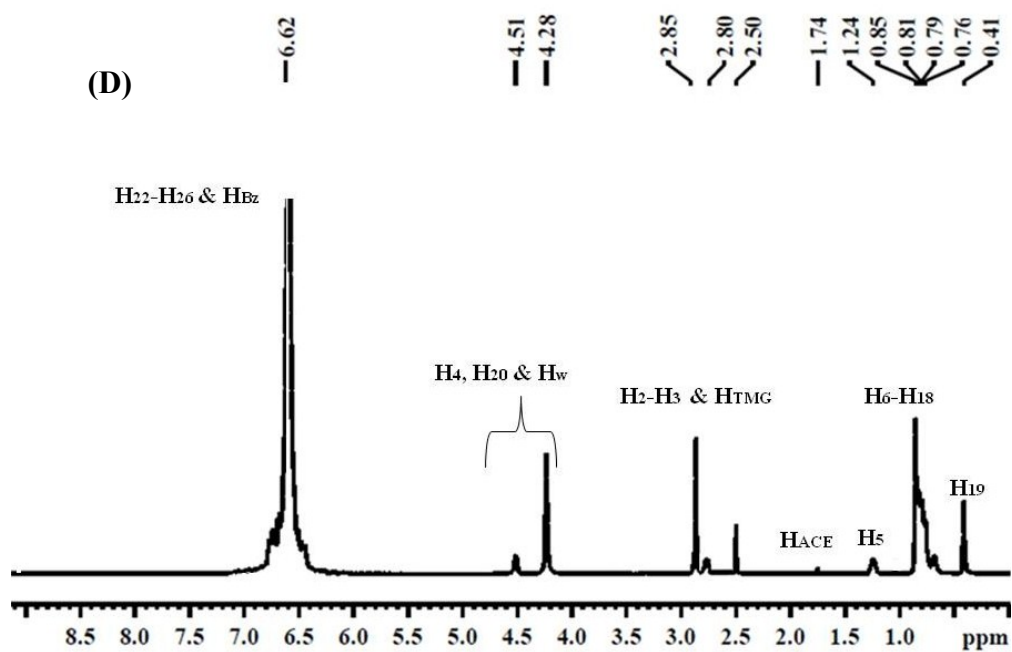
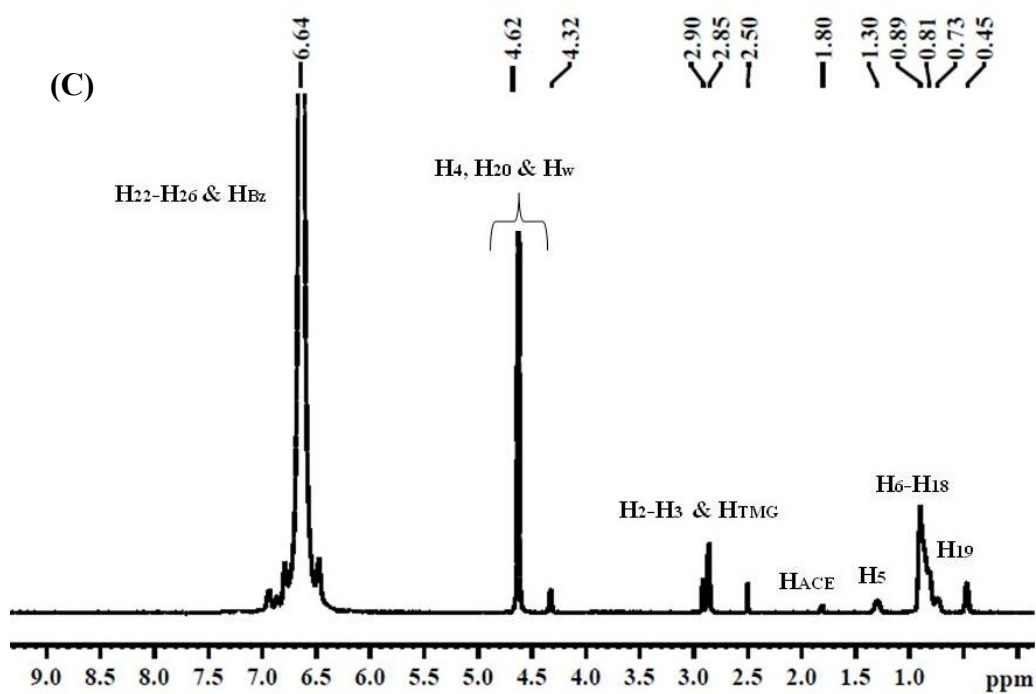




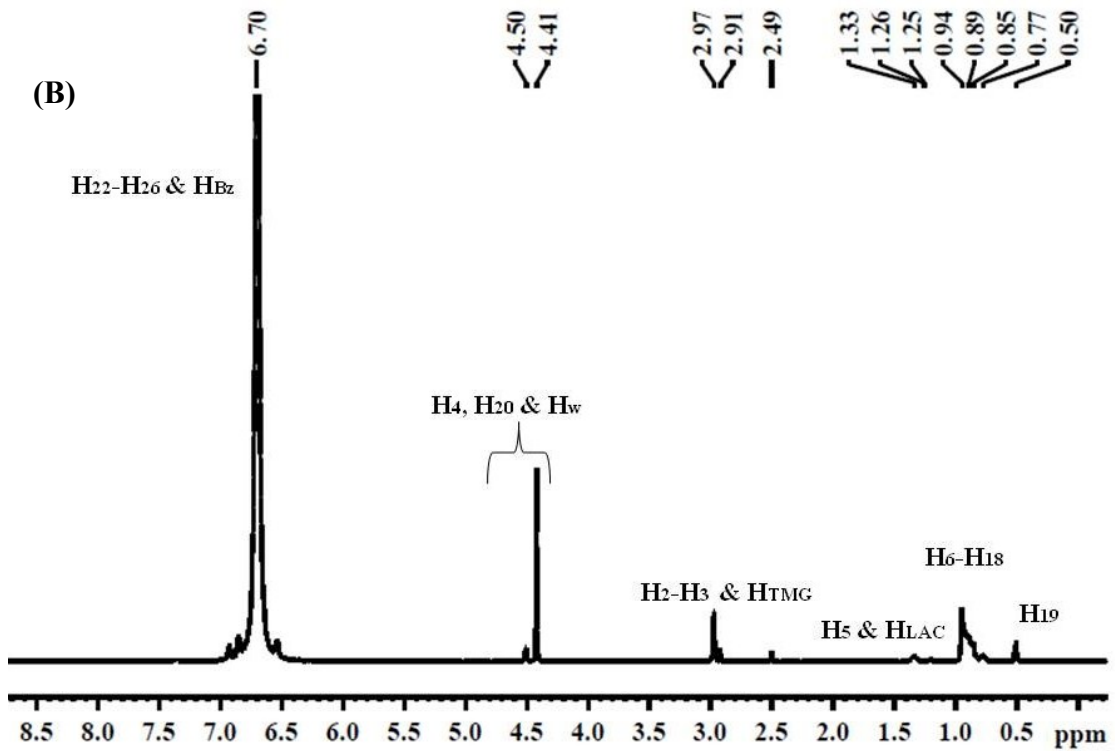
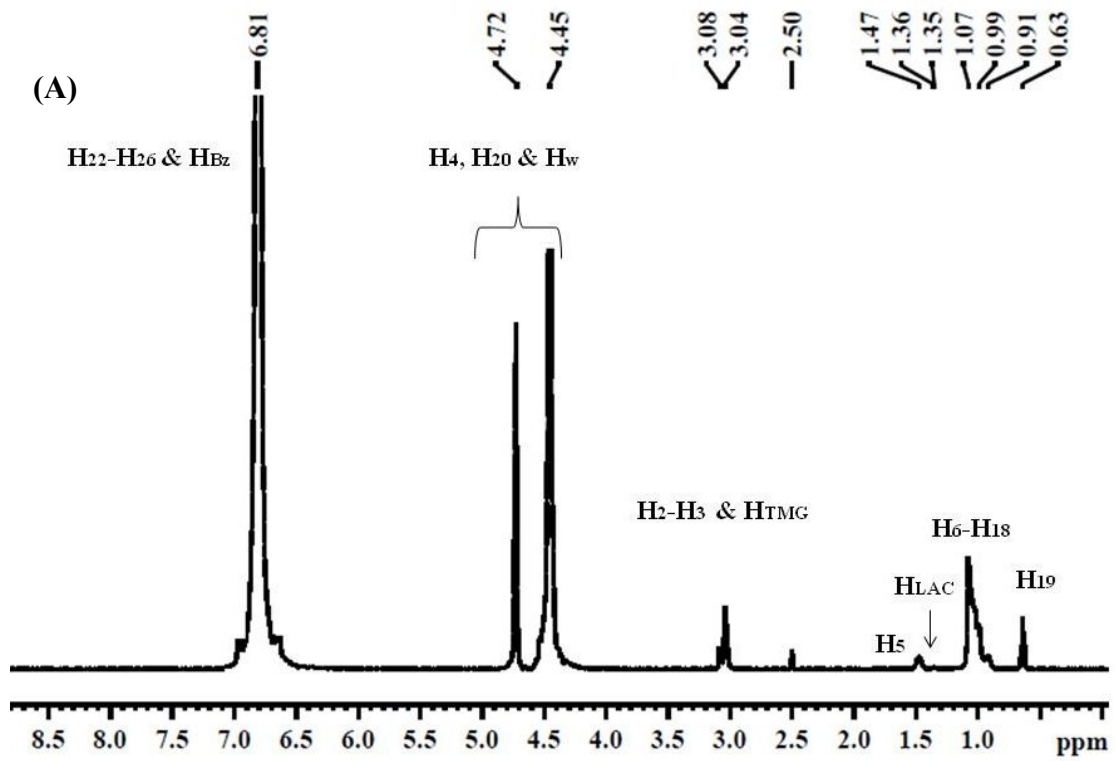


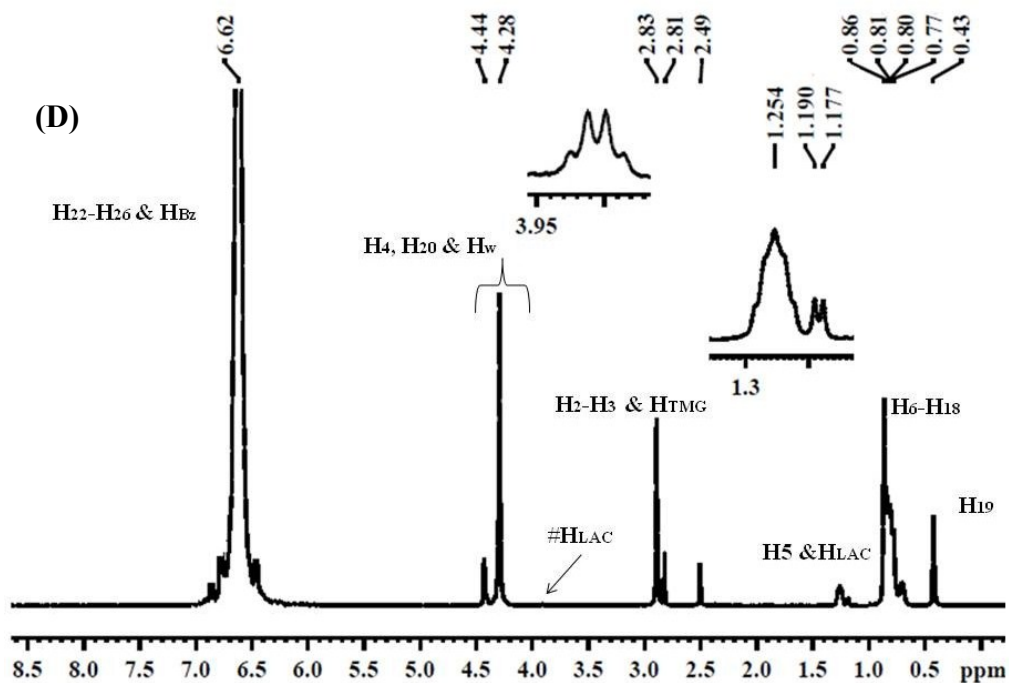
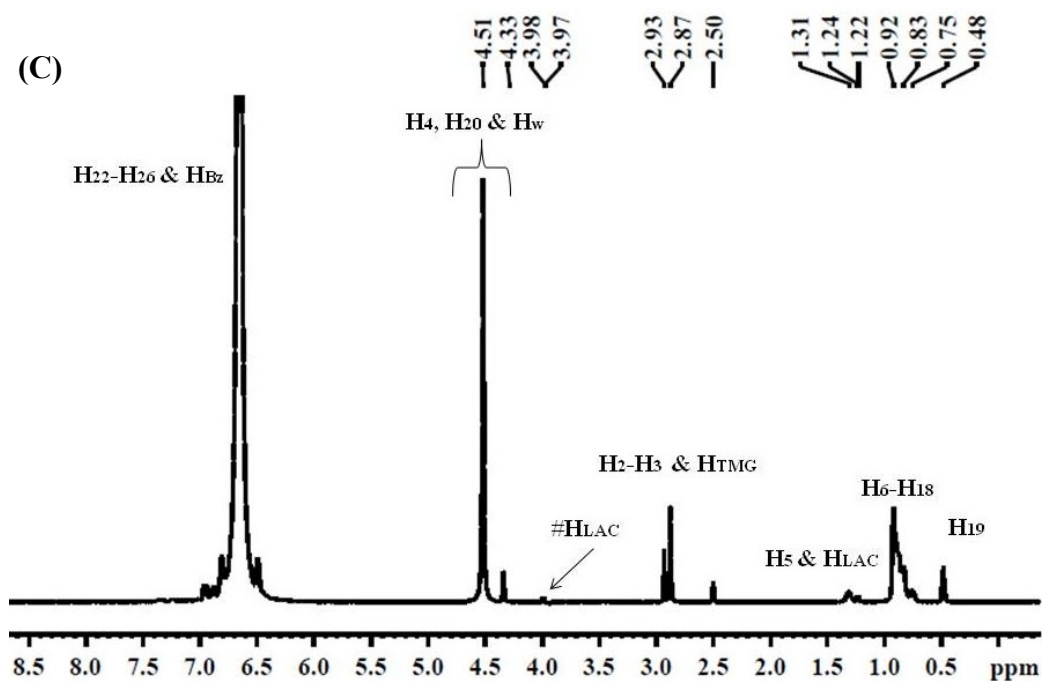
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions at different water content. Proton notations are depicted according to the BHDC heavy atom numbering, as shown in (A). Different water content are shown as (B)  $\omega = 5$ , (C)  $\omega = 10$ , (D)  $\omega = 15$  and (E)  $\omega_{\text{max}}$ .



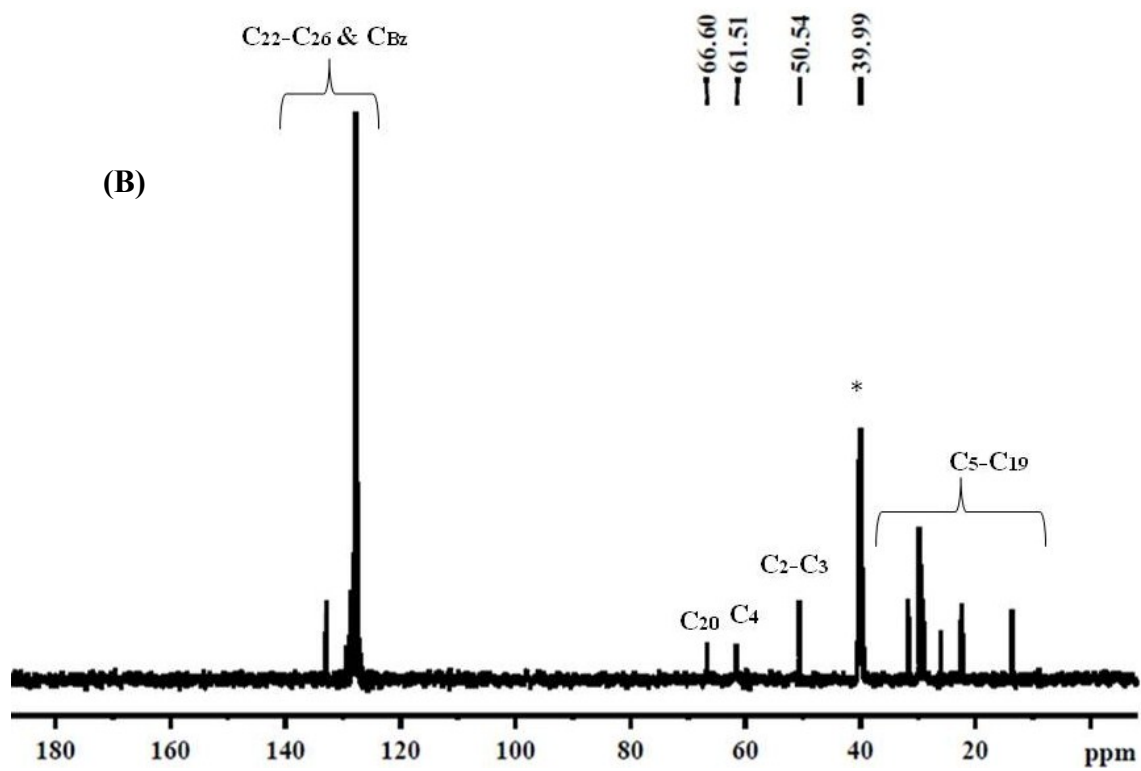
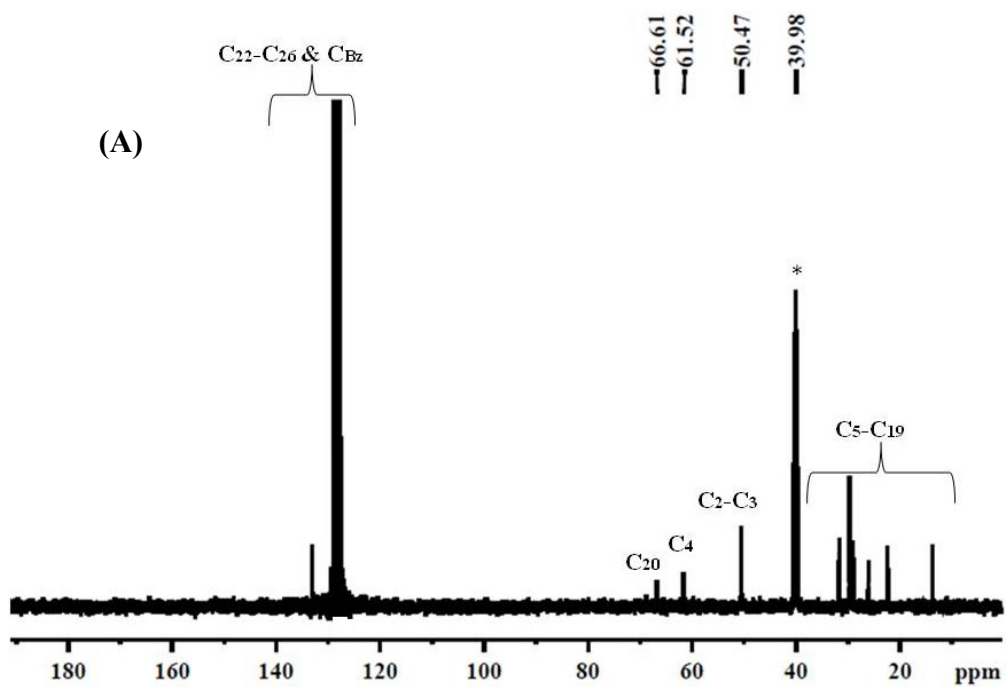


**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions in presence of [TMG][Ace] at different water content - (A)  $\omega = 5$ , (B)  $\omega = 10$ , (C)  $\omega = 15$  and (D)  $\omega_{\text{max}}$ .

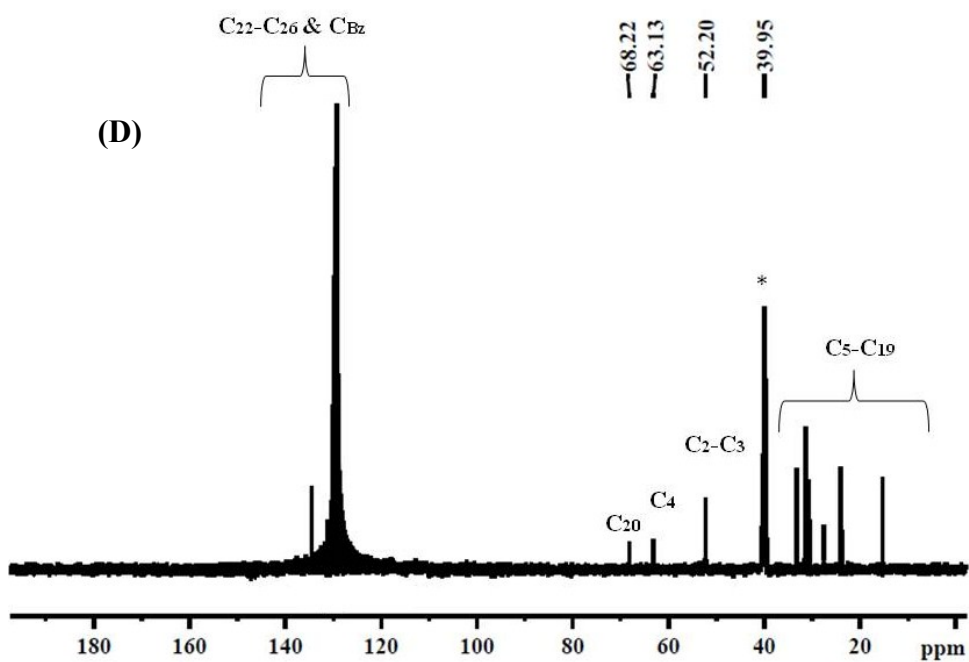
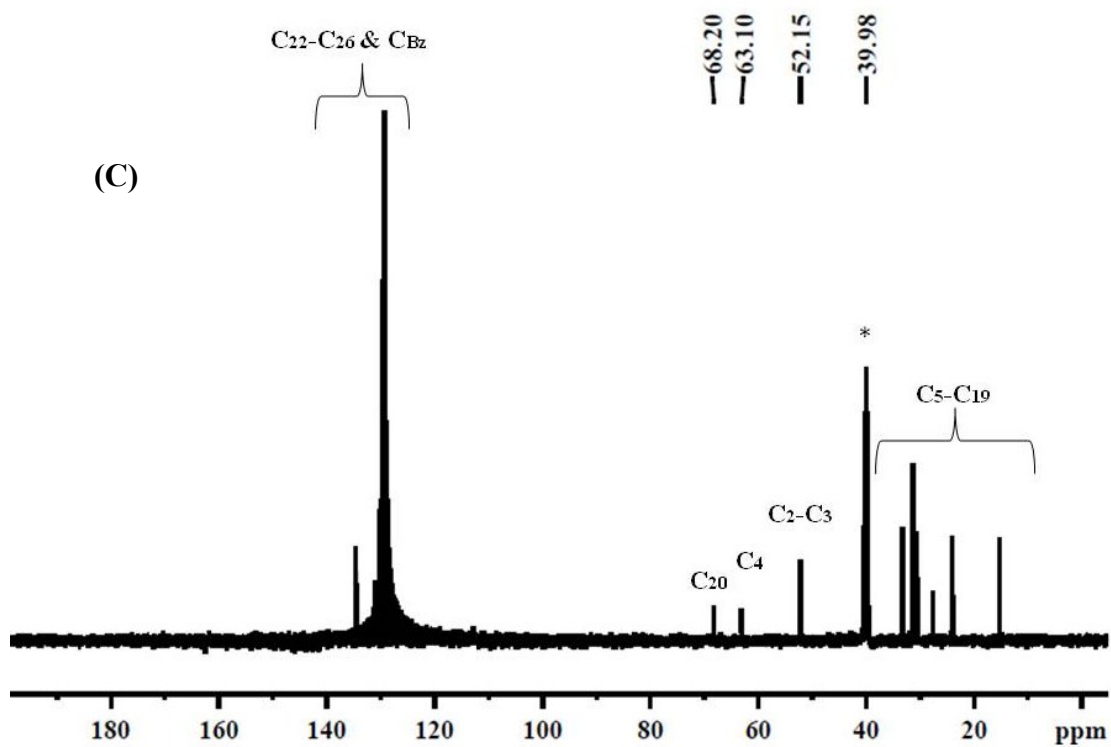




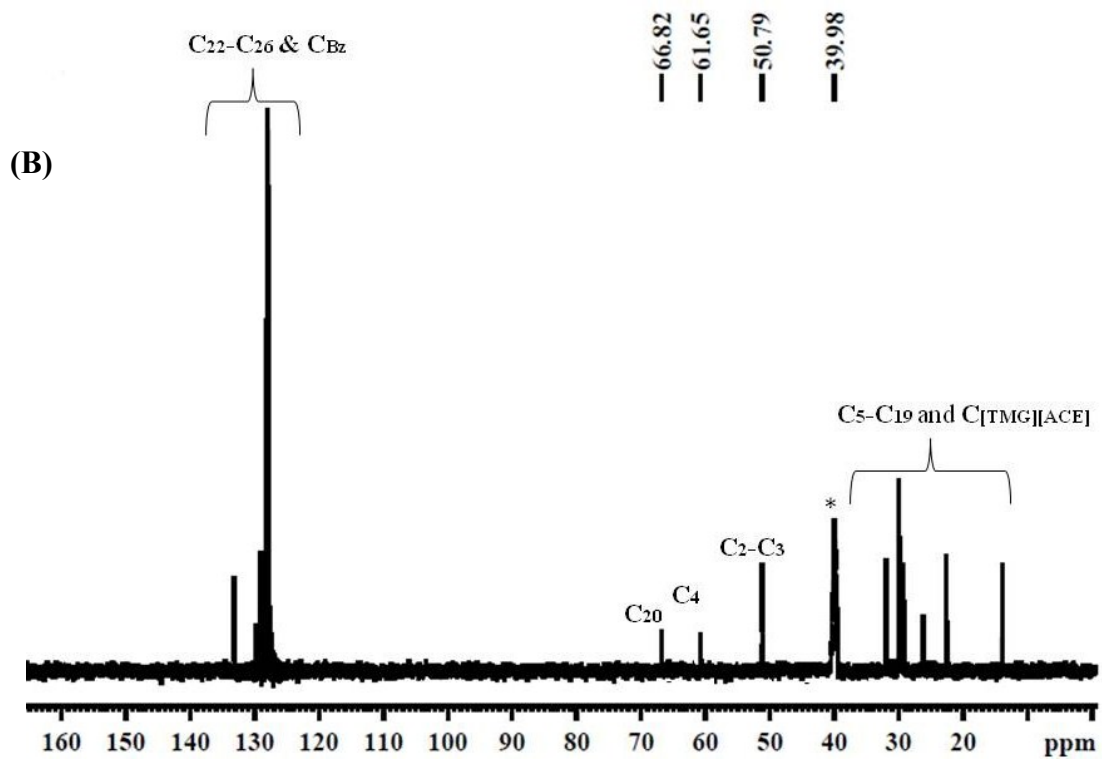
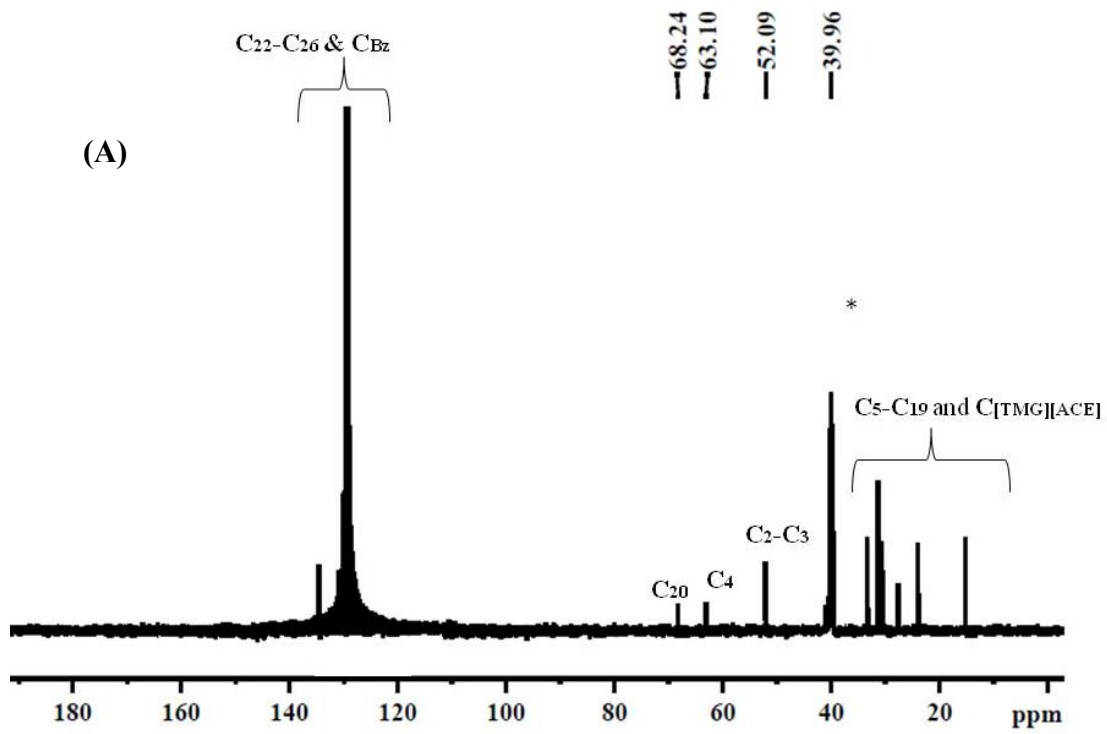
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions in presence of [TMG][Lac] at different water content - (A)  $\omega = 5$ , (B)  $\omega = 10$ , (C)  $\omega = 15$  and (D)  $\omega_{\text{max}}$ .

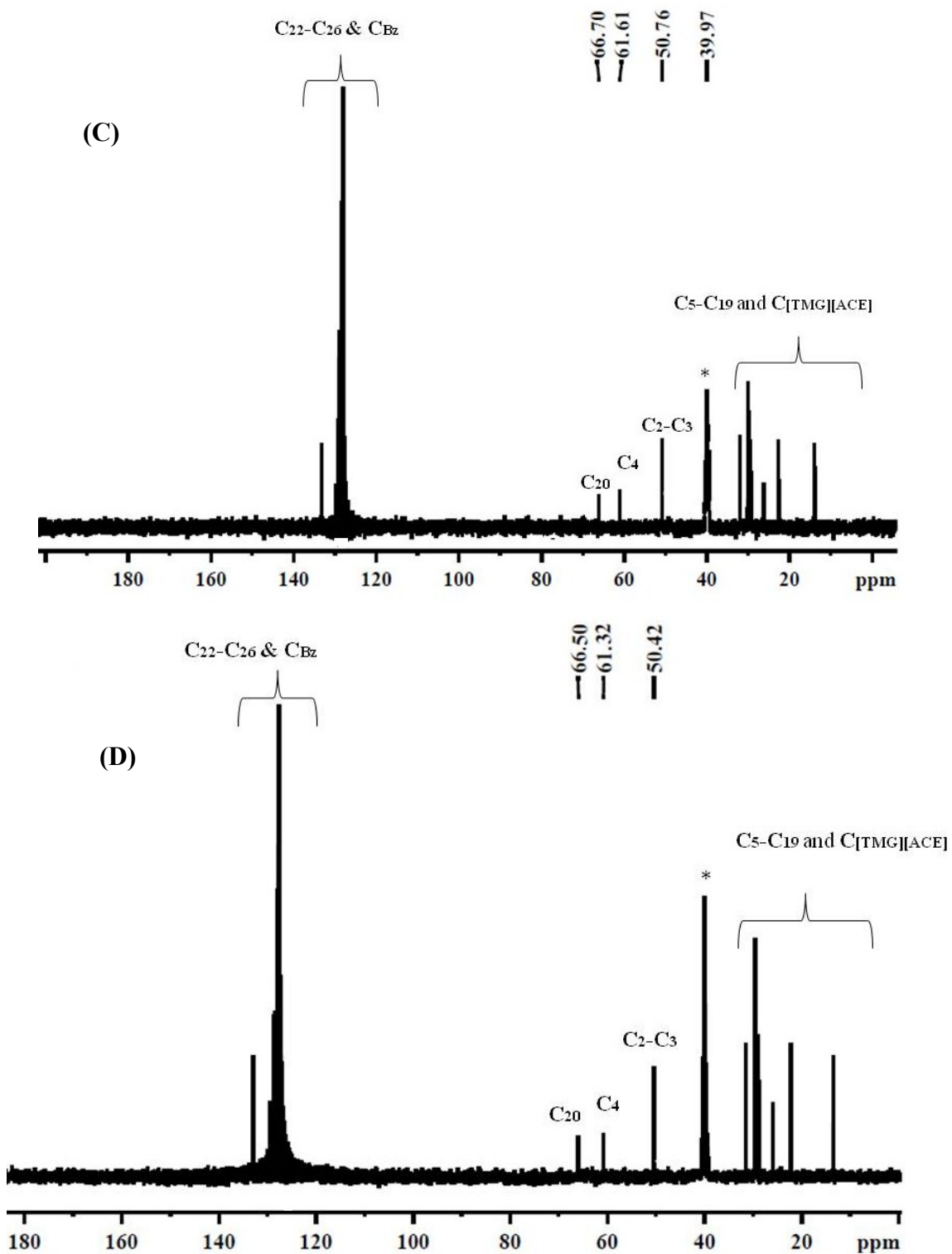




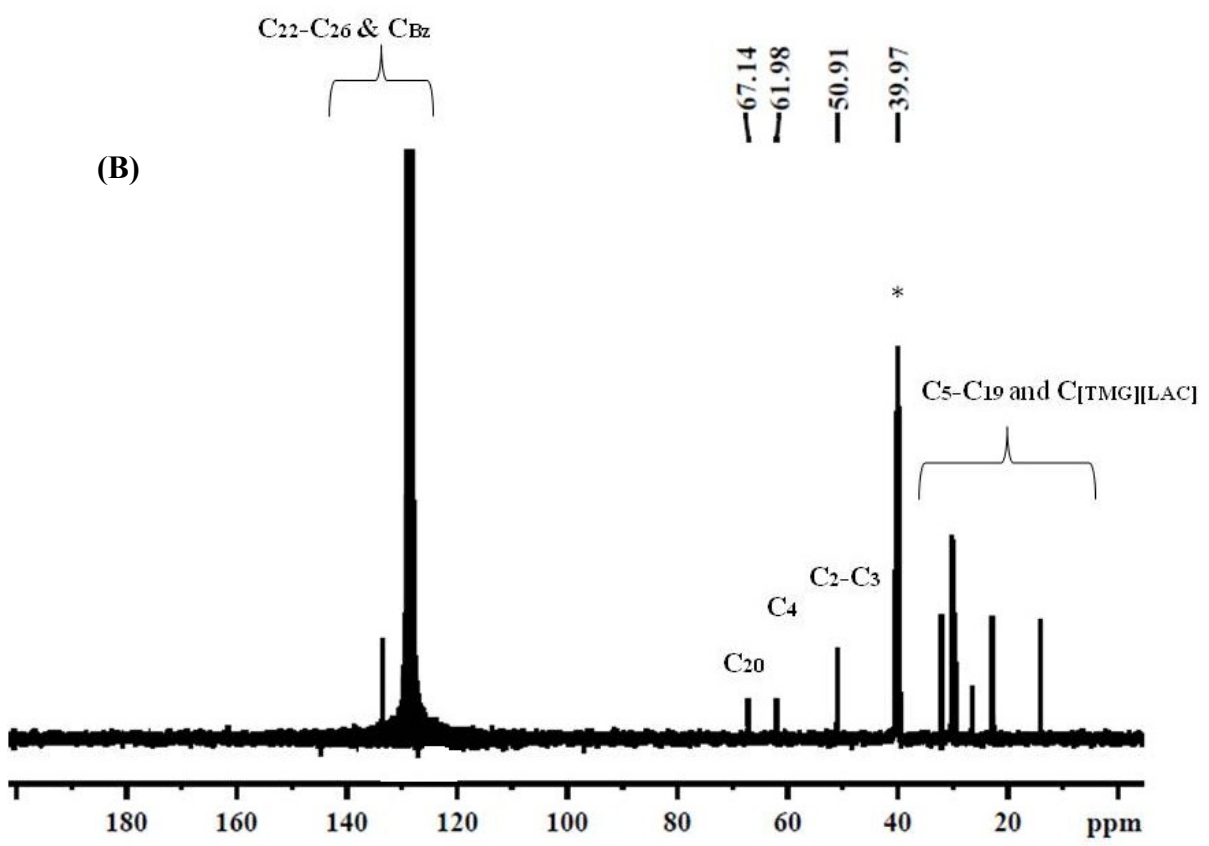
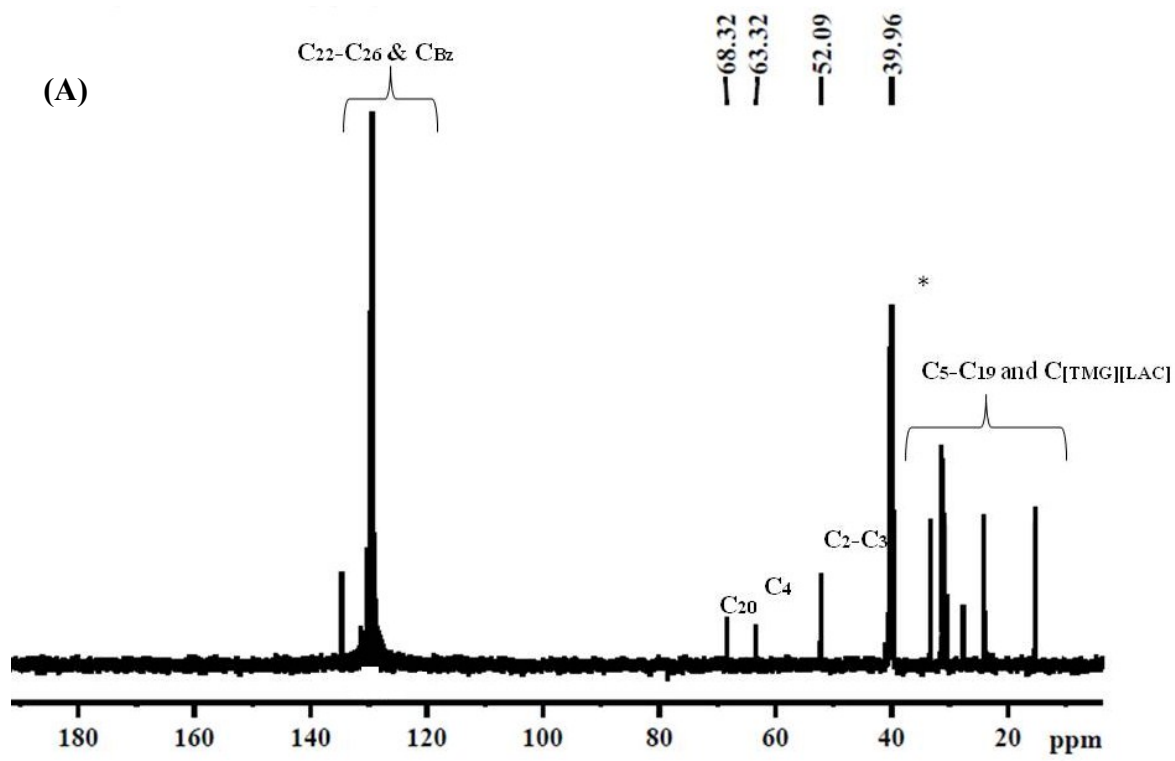


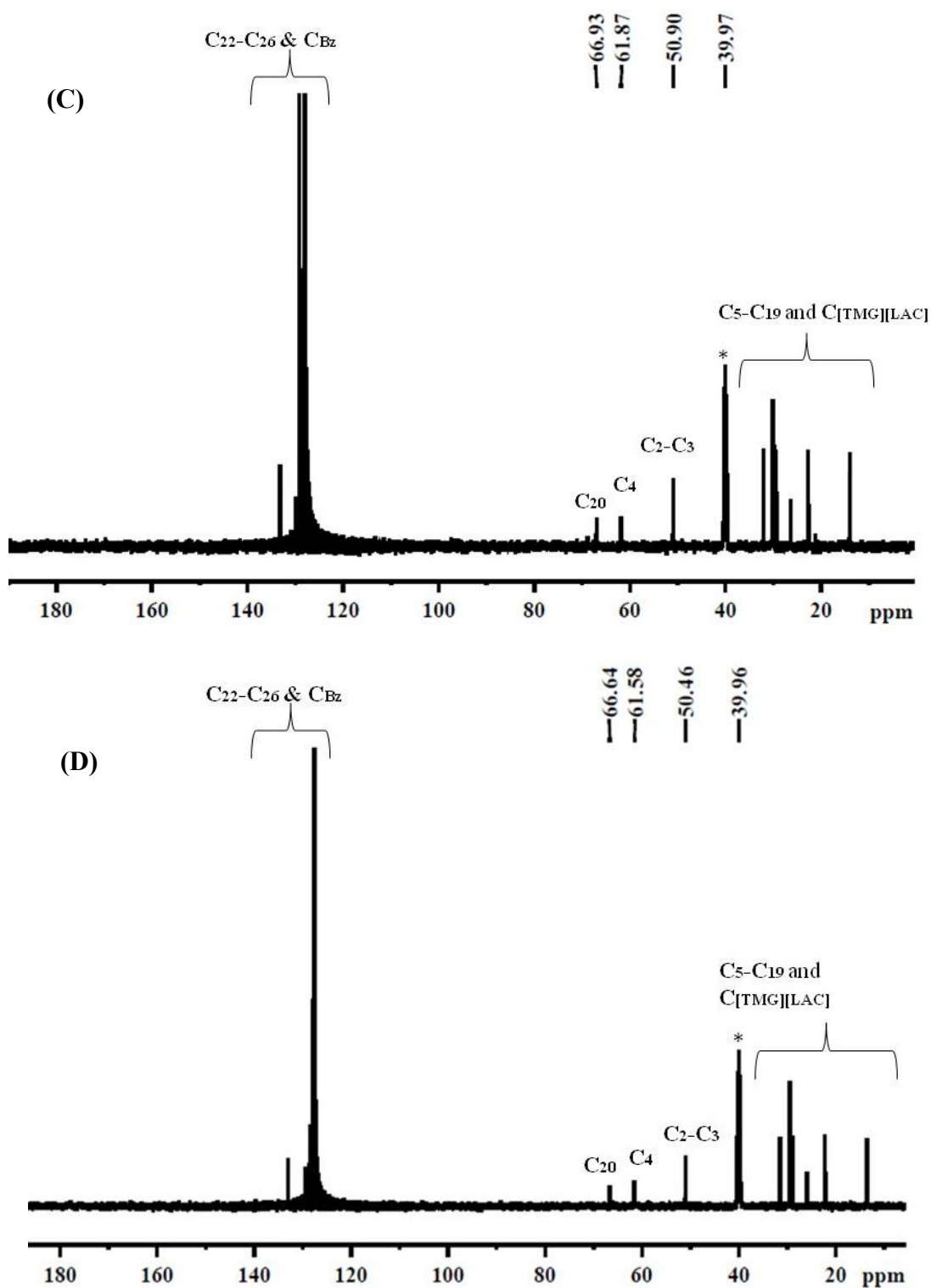
**Figure S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions at different water content - (A)  $\omega = 5$ , (B)  $\omega = 10$ , (C)  $\omega = 15$  and (D)  $\omega_{\text{max}}$ . Carbon atom notations are according to Fig. S6A.



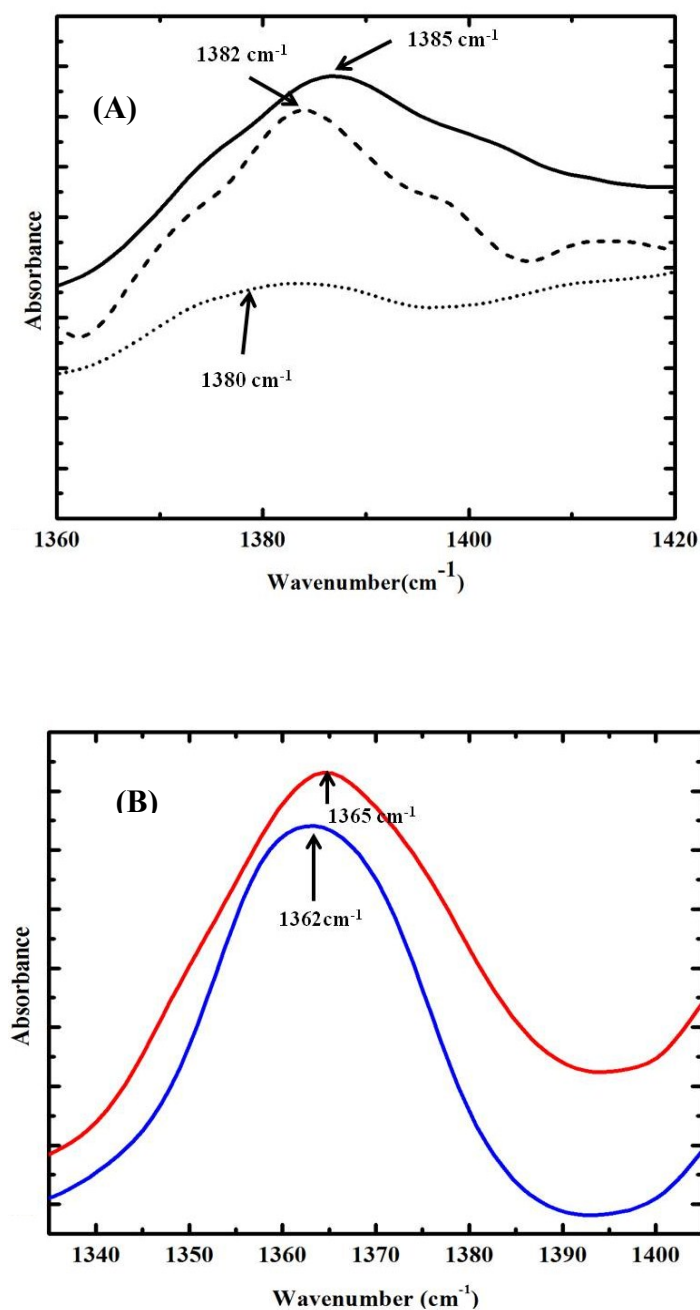


**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions in presence of [TMG][Ace] at different water content - (A)  $\omega = 5$ , (B)  $\omega = 10$ , (C)  $\omega = 15$  and (D)  $\omega_{\text{max}}$ .

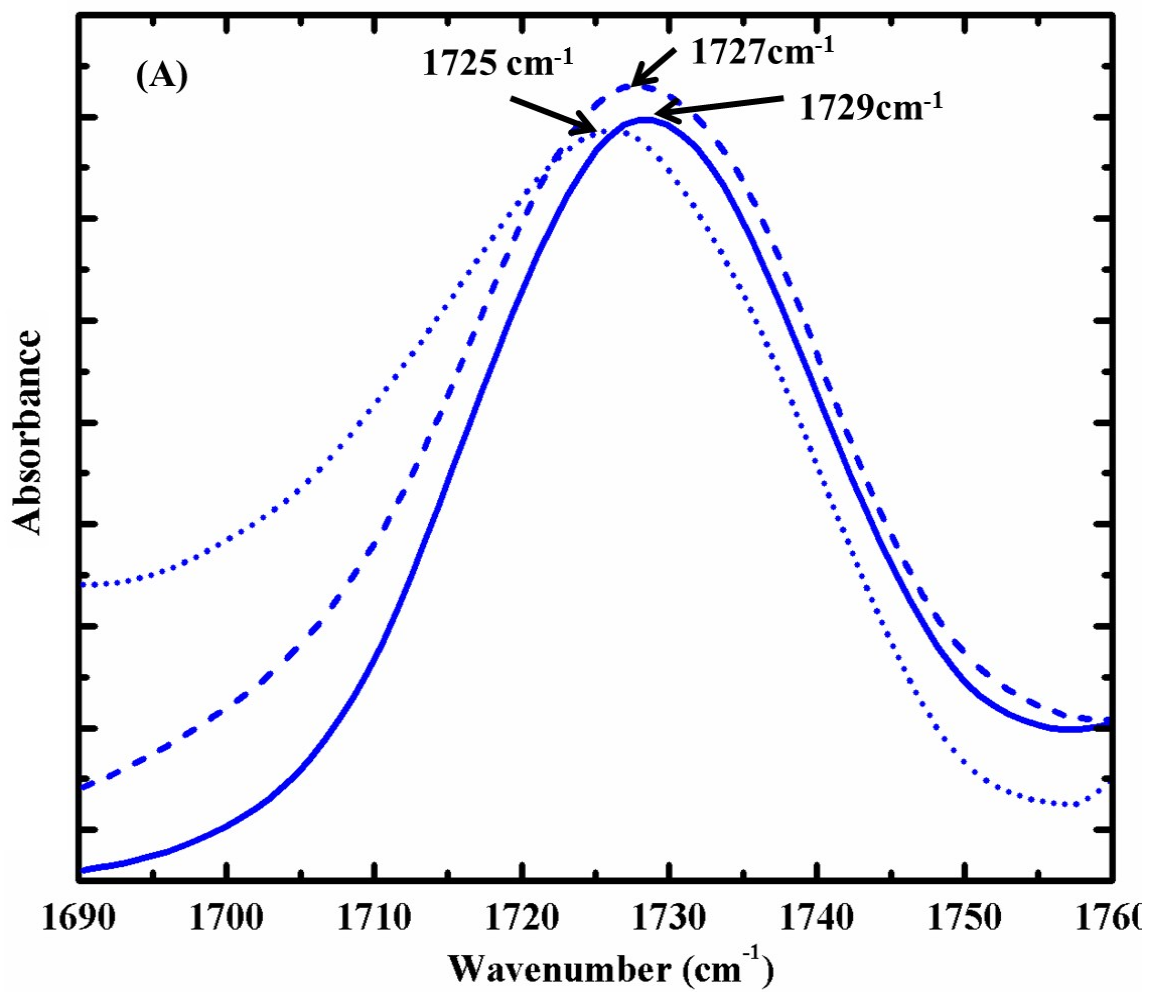


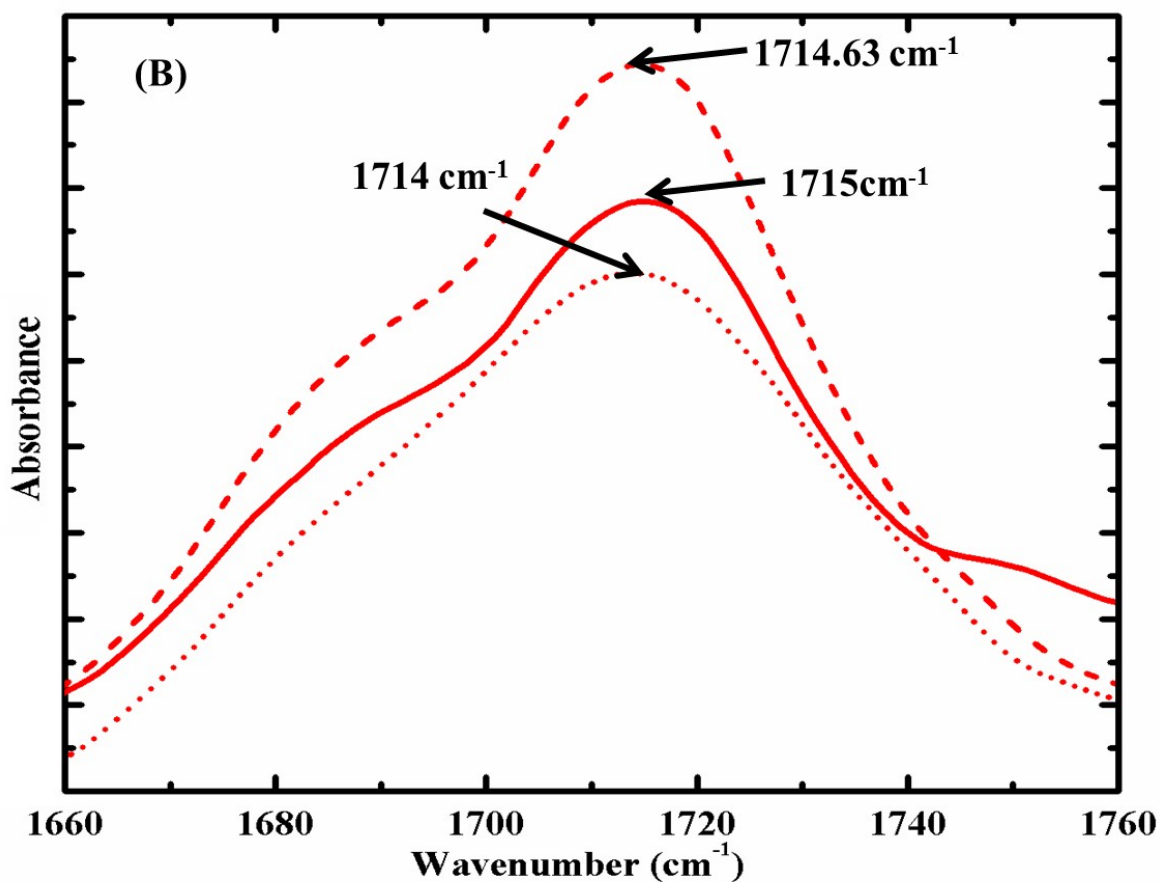


**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions in presence of [TMG][Lac] at different water content - (A)  $\omega = 5$ , (B)  $\omega = 10$ , (C)  $\omega = 15$  and (D)  $\omega_{\text{max}}$ .



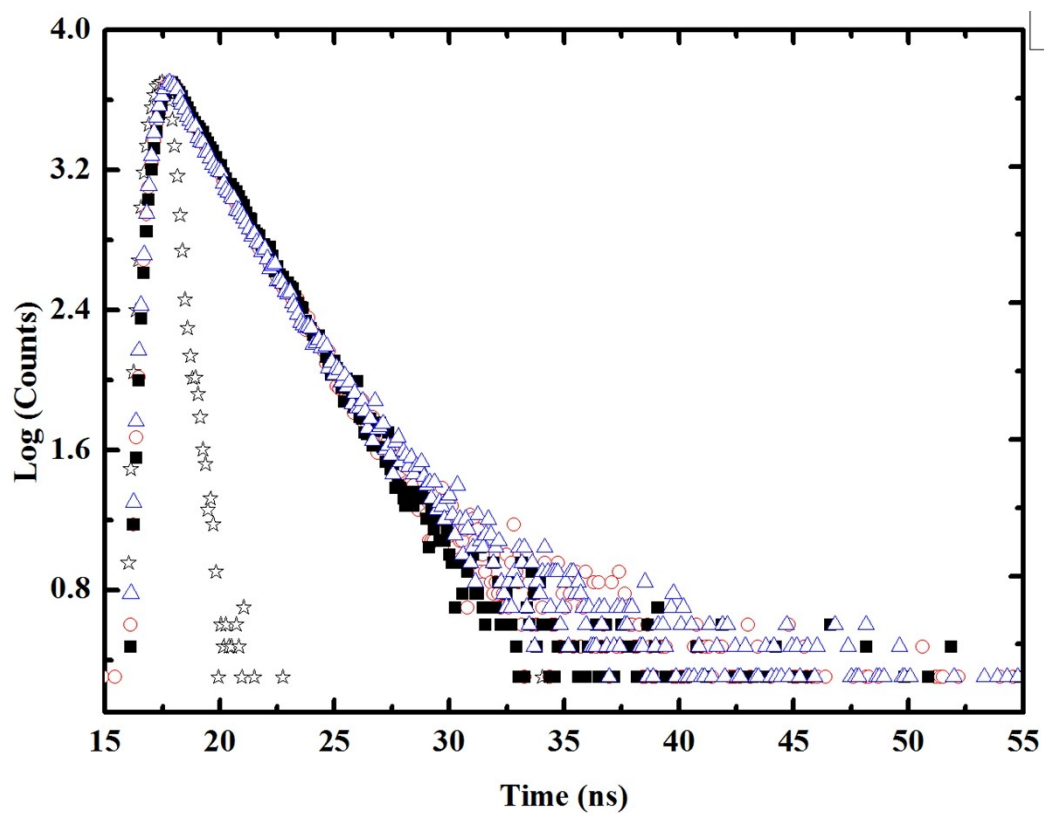
**Figure S12.** The change in C-N stretching band of BHDC ( $\nu_{C-N}$ ) - **(A)** In absence of IL. Solid, dash, and dotted lines represent the spectra in RMs with  $\omega = 5, 10$  and  $15$ , respectively. **(B)** In presence of ILs in the representative RM with  $\omega = 5$ . Color scheme: red for [TMG][Lac]-water and blue for [TMG][Ace]-water containing microemulsion systems.



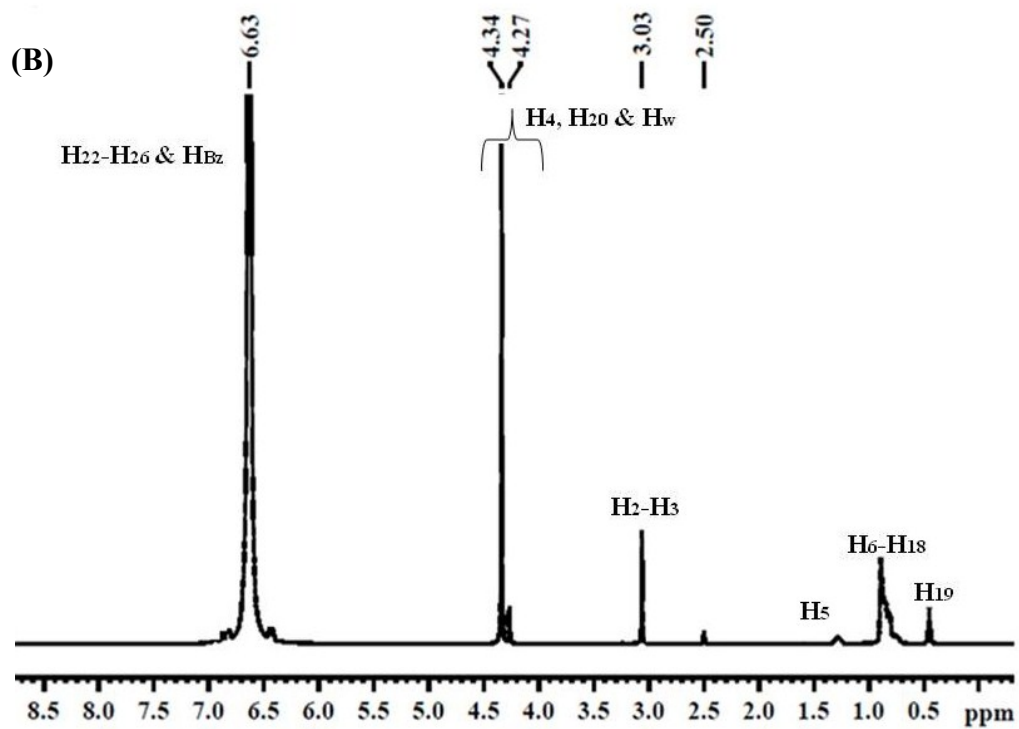
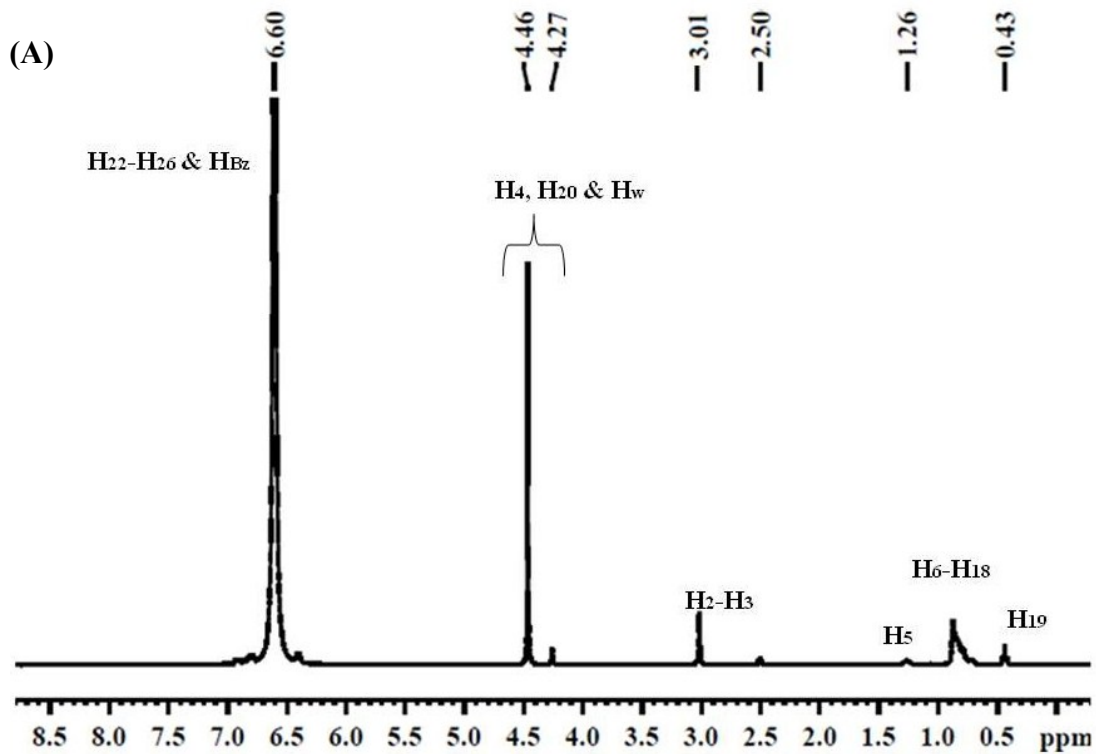


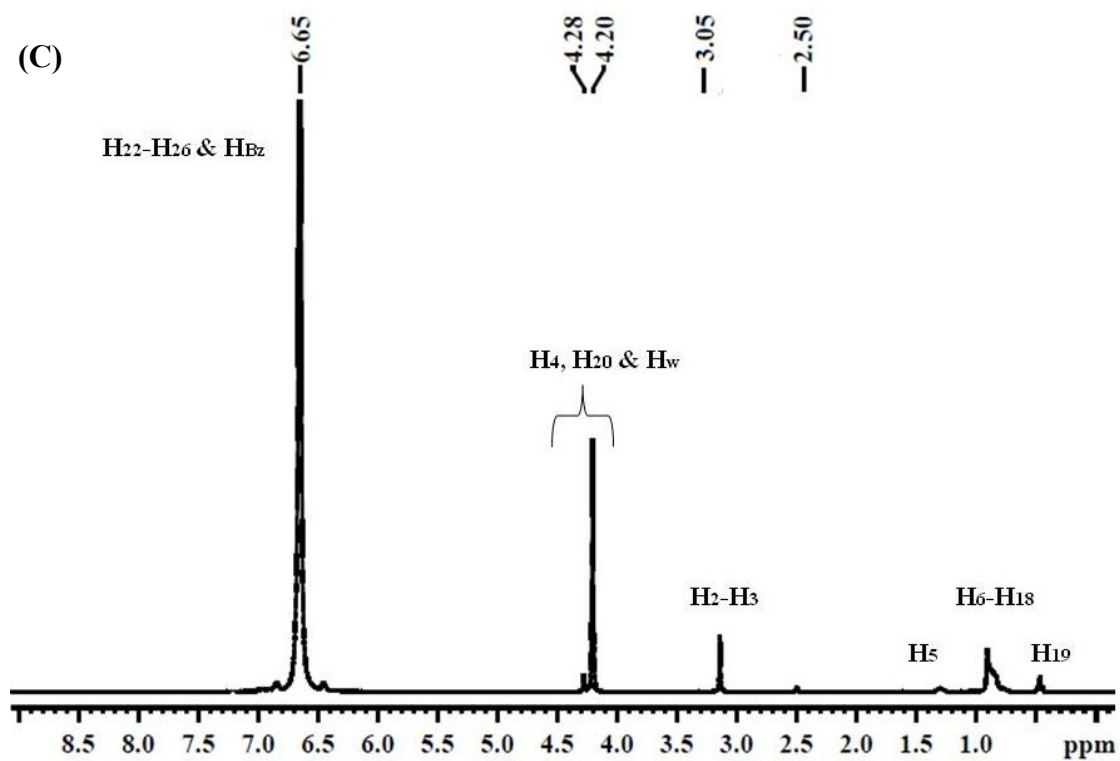
**Figure S13.** The carbonyl stretching mode of (A) [Ace]<sup>-</sup> and (B) [Lac]<sup>-</sup> anions of the ILs. The solid, dash, and dotted lines represent the spectra in bulk aqueous phase, RM systems of  $\omega = 5$  and  $\omega = 10$ , respectively.



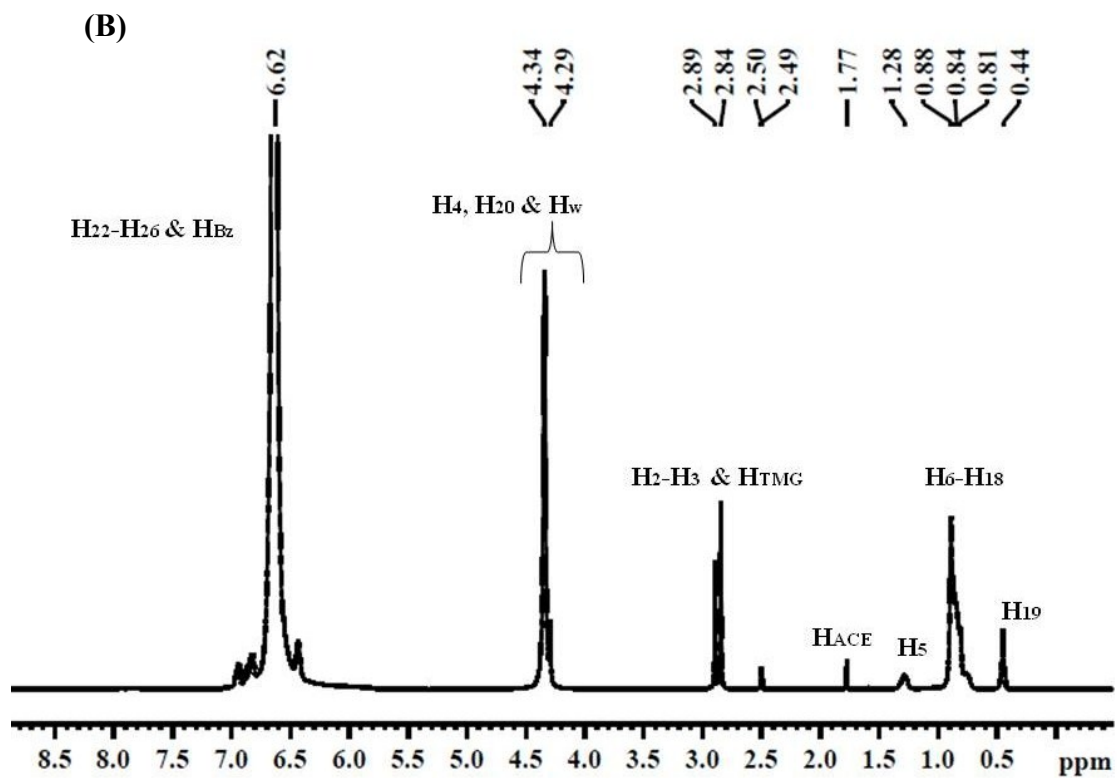
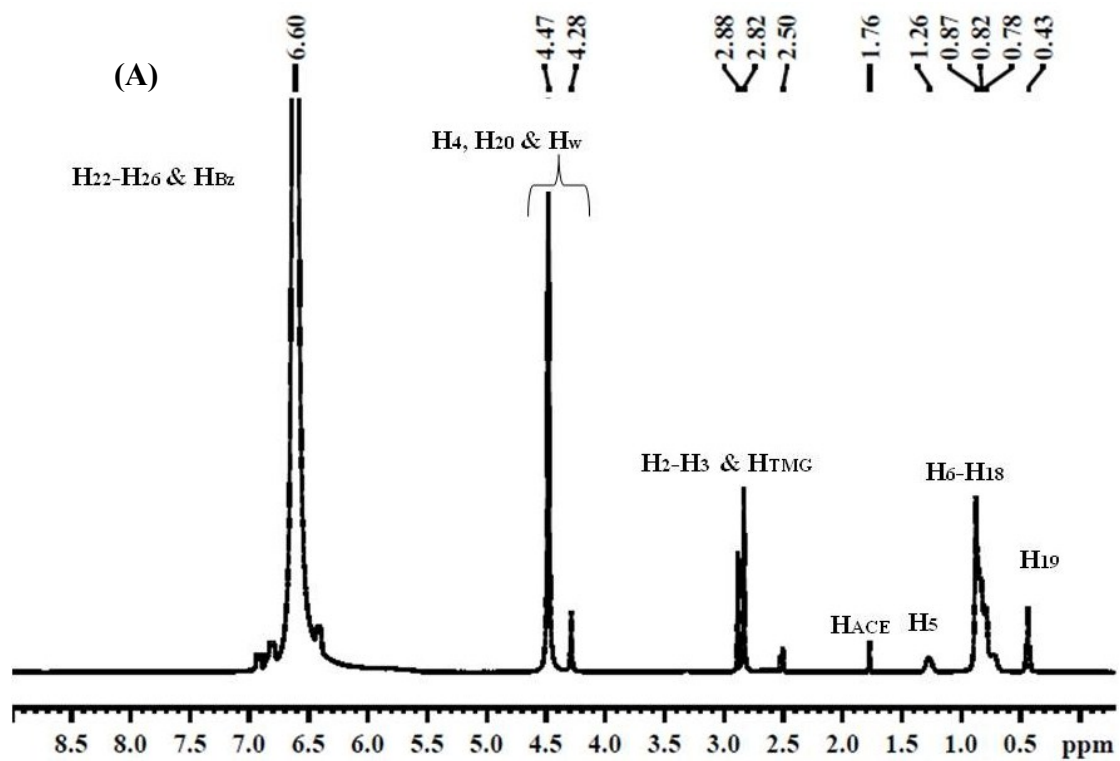


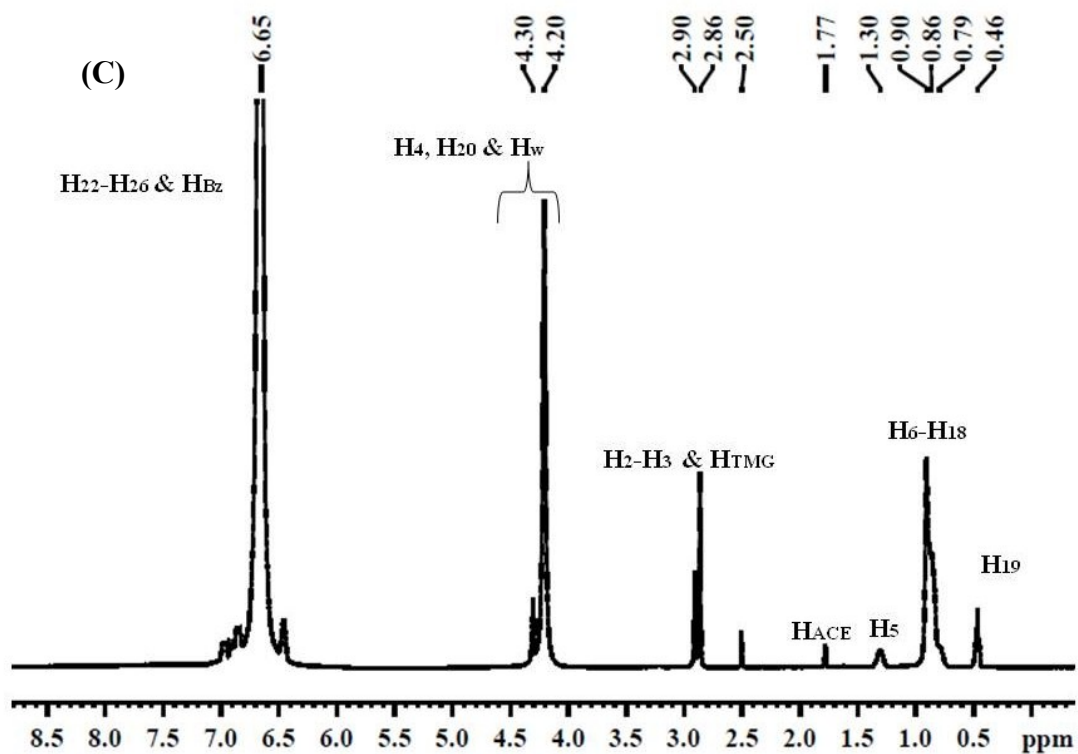
**Figure S14.** Lifetime decay of EtBr in absence and presence of the ILs at  $\omega = 28$ . Color scheme: black for neat water, red for [TMG][Lac]-water and blue for [TMG][Ace]-water containing microemulsion systems



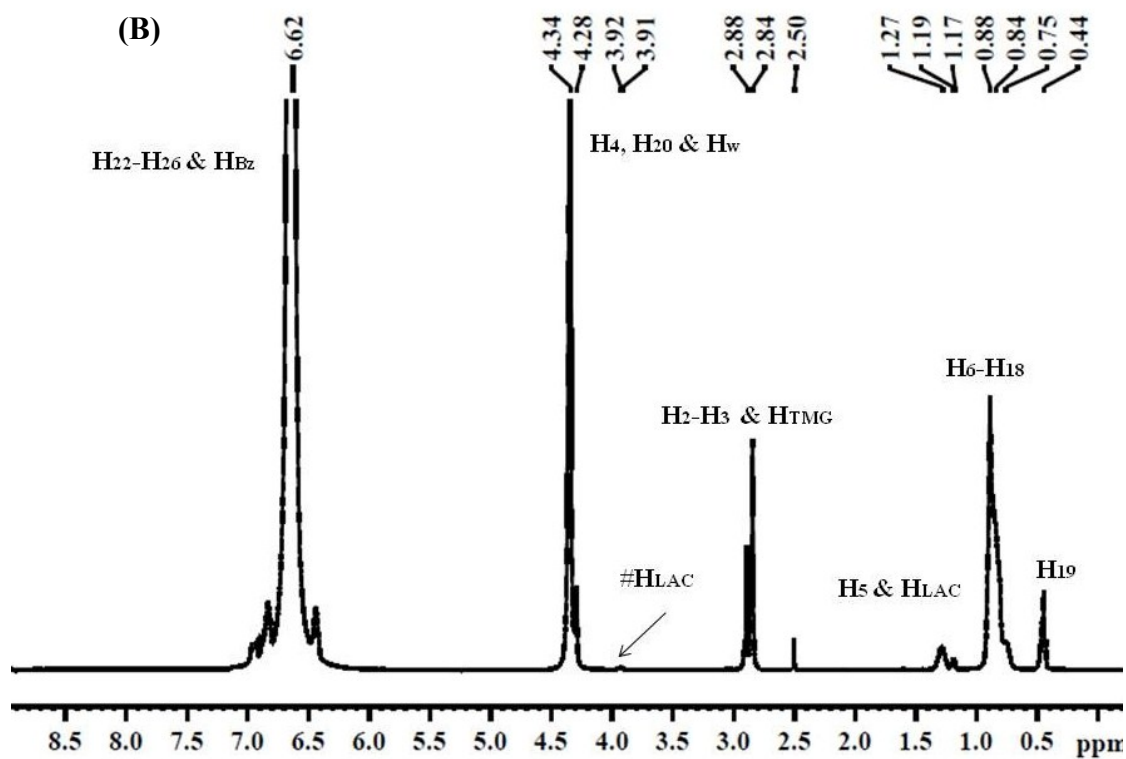
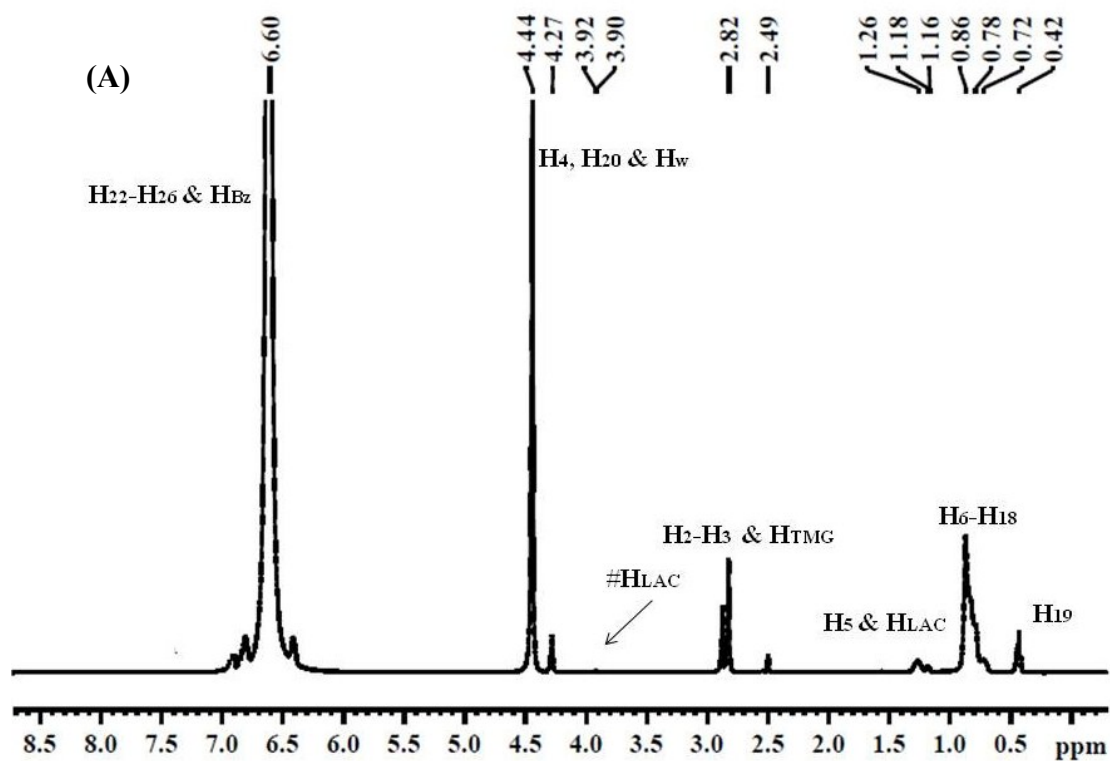


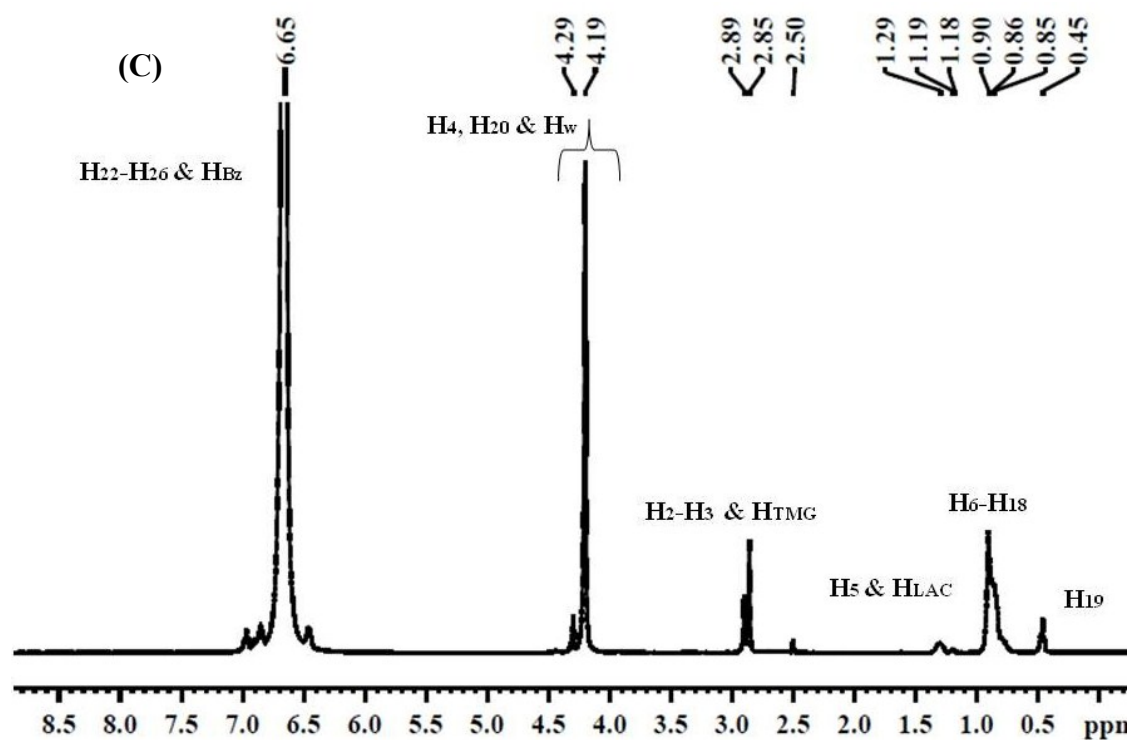
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions at fixed water content ( $\omega_{\text{max}}$ ) and at different temperatures - (A)  $T = 303$ , (B)  $T = 313$ , and (C)  $T = 318$ . Atom notations are according to Fig. S6A



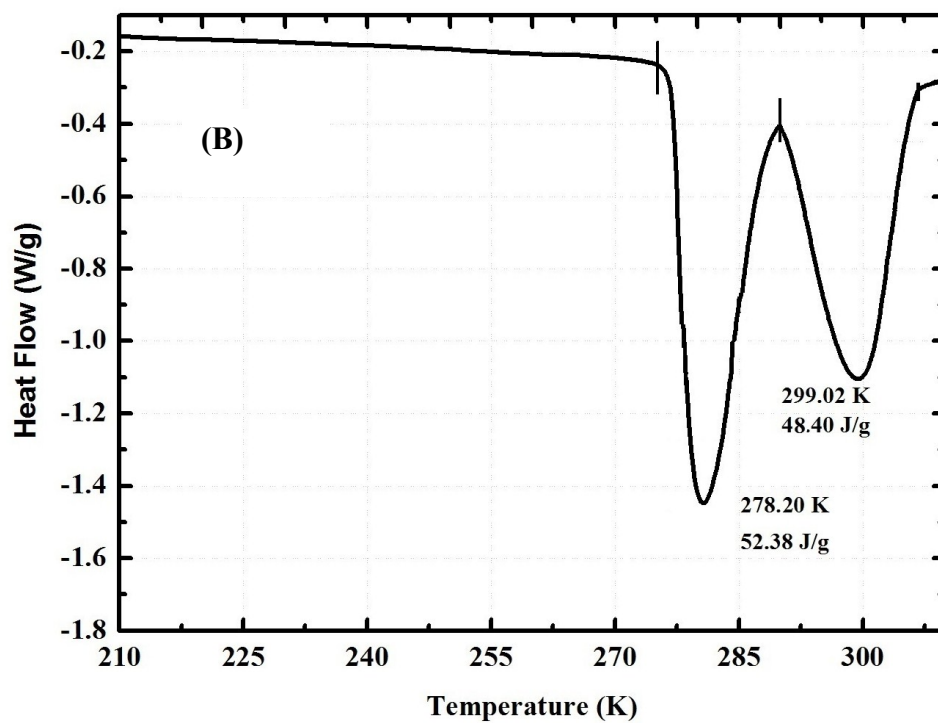
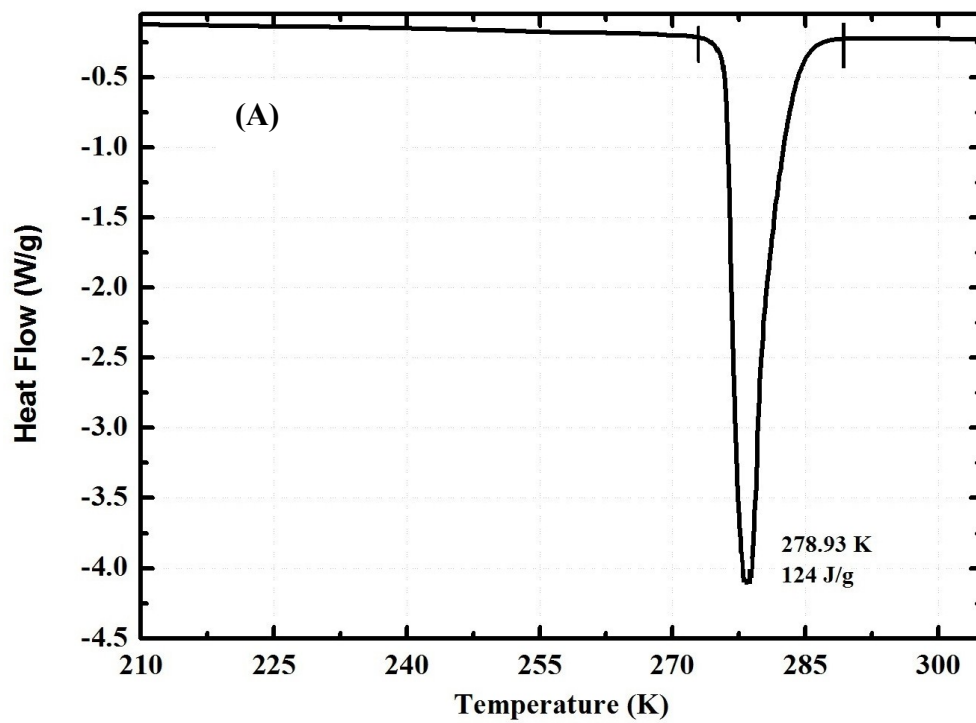


**Figure S16.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions in presence of [TMG][Ace] at fixed water content ( $\omega_{\text{max}}$ ) with different temperatures: (A)  $T = 303$ , (B)  $T = 313$ , and (C)  $T = 318$ .

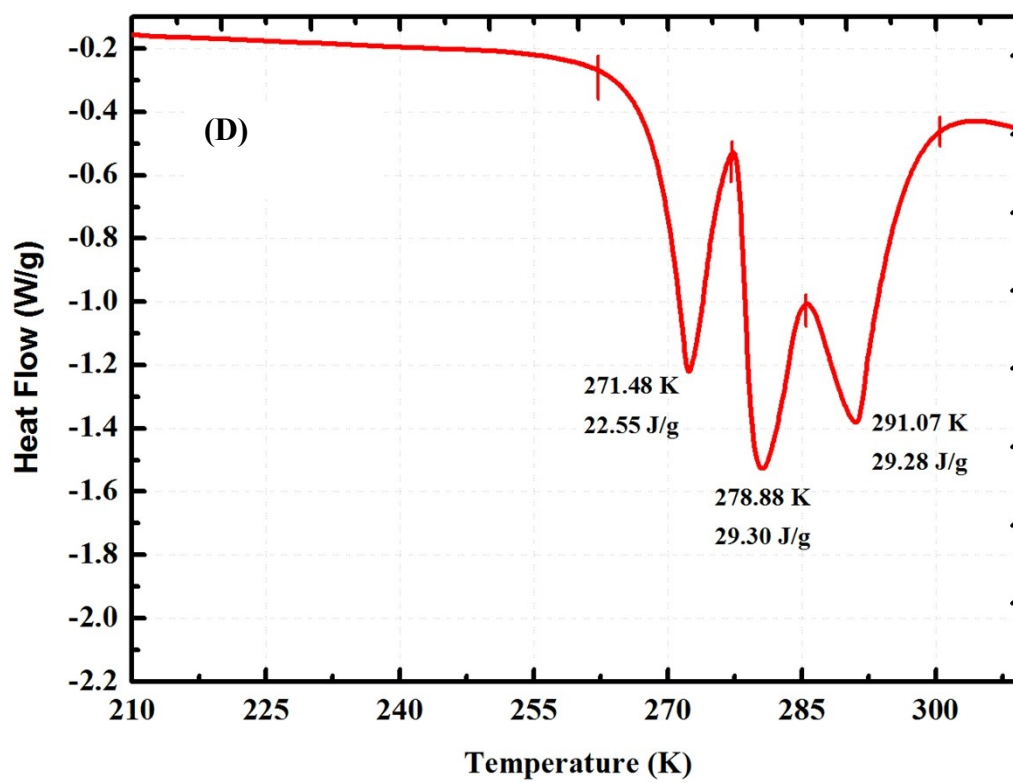
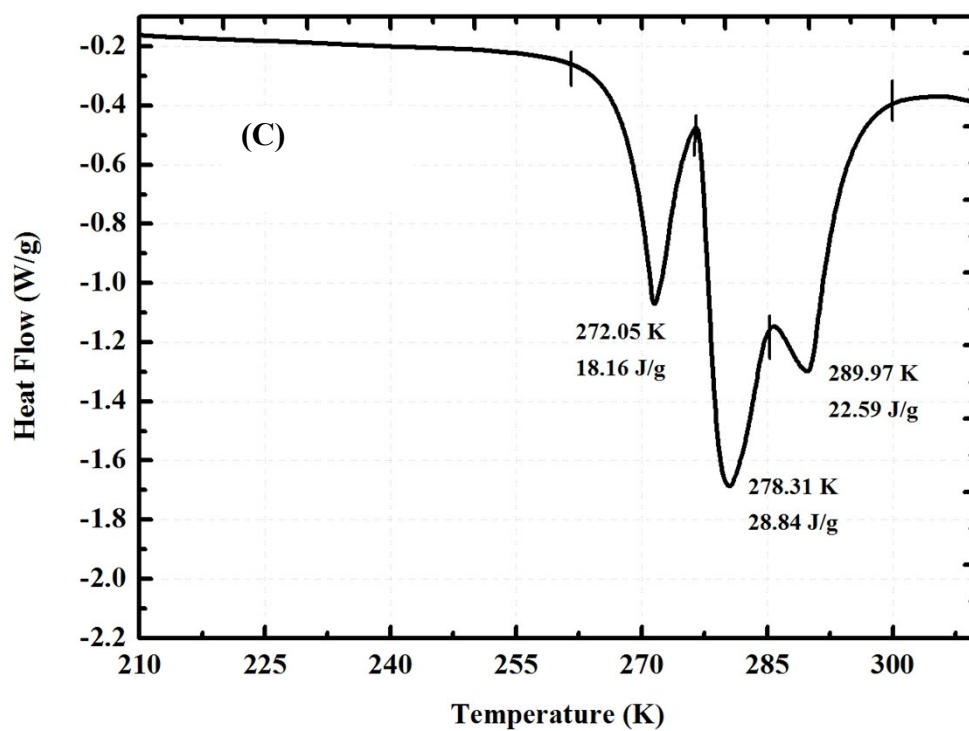


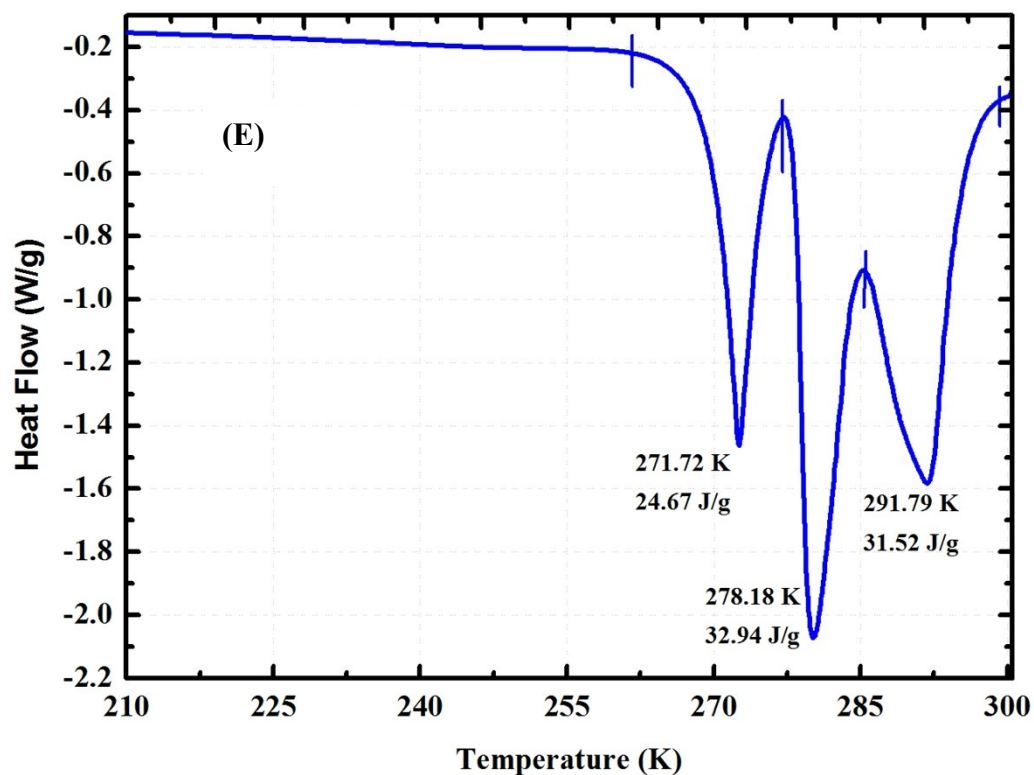


**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BHDC in water/oil microemulsions in presence of [TMG][Lac] at fixed water content ( $\omega_{\text{max}}$ ) and at different temperatures - (A)  $T = 303$ , (B)  $T = 313$ , and (C)  $T = 318$ .

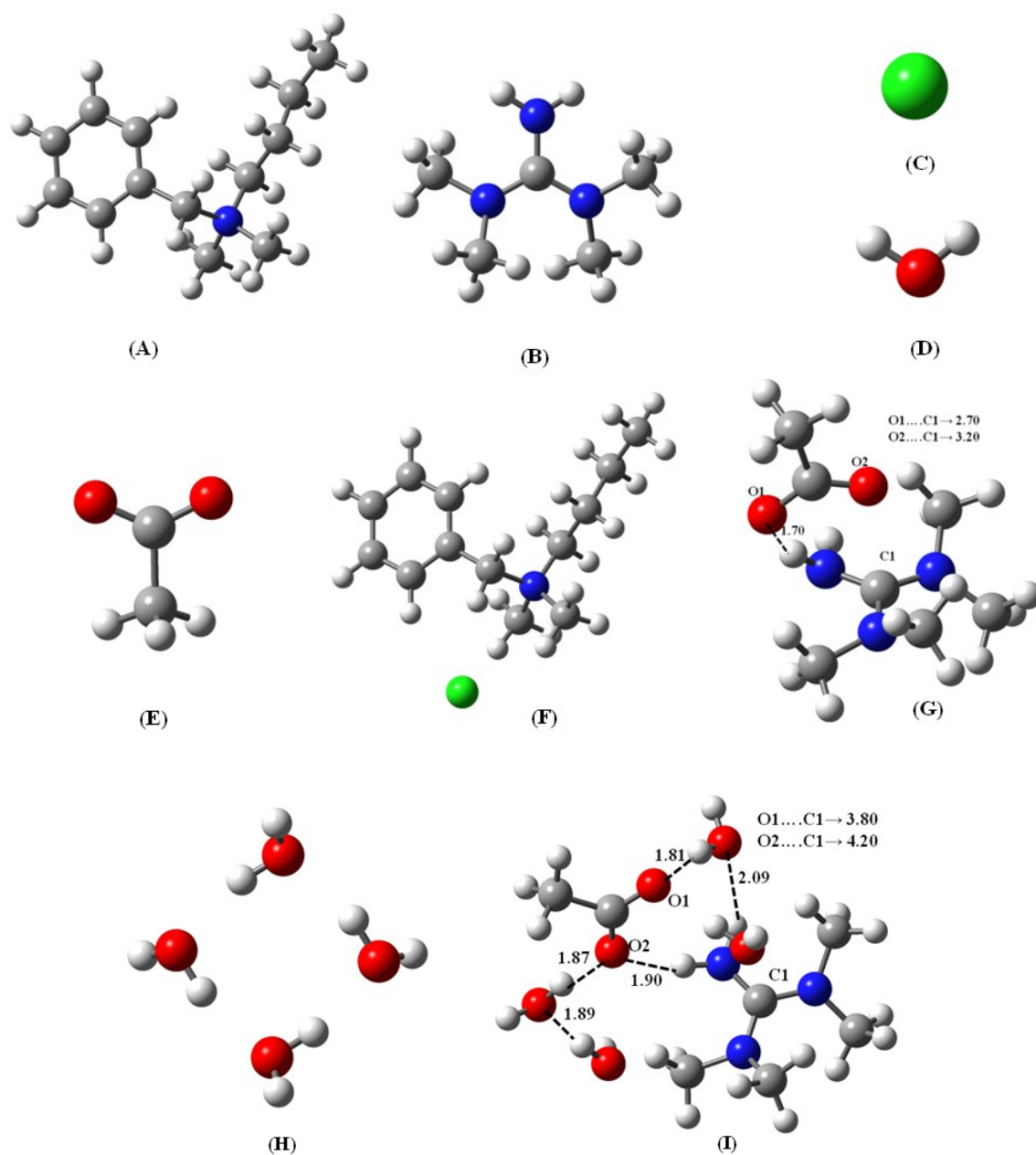








**Figure S18.** DSC thermograms of (A) benzene, (B) BHDC/benzene, (C) BHDC/benzene/water, (D) BHDC/benzene/water/[TMG][Lac], and (E) BHDC/benzene/water/[TMG][Ace]. Vertical bar on curve represent onset and endset temperatures.



**Figure S19.** Minimum energy structures of (A) [BHD]<sup>+</sup>, (B) [TMG]<sup>+</sup>, (C) Cl<sup>-</sup>, (D) water, (E) [Ace]<sup>-</sup>, (F) BHDC, (G) [TMG][Ace] ion pair, (H) four water molecules and (I) [TMG][Ace] + 4 water. The dotted lines represent the H-bonding interactions and the corresponding distance values are included. The distance between carboxylate oxygens (O1 and O2), and [TMG] cation central carbon (C1) are also shown. All distance are in Å and energies in kcal/mol. Atom notations: C – grey, H – white, O – red, N – blue, Cl – green.