

## Mesostructure and physical properties of aqueous mixtures of 1-ethyl-3-methyl imidazolium octyl sulfate doped with divalent sulfate salts in the liquid and the mesomorphic states

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Table 1S. Viscosity and density for all samples where measured. Description of the samples is given in Table 2. Numbers in bold case means that the sample is in intermediate liquid crystalline state, while the standard ones are for liquid state. Description of the samples is given in Table 2.

| <b>(0)</b>  |                             |                | <b>(1)</b>   |                             |                | <b>(2)</b>                 |                             |                | <b>(3)</b>                 |                             |                | <b>(3+)</b>   |                             |                |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| T(°C)       | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)        | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)                      | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)                      | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)         | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) |
| 70.0        | 1.0647                      | 58.676         | 70.0         | 1.0555                      | 16.607         | 70.0                       | 1.0478                      | 11.312         | 70.0                       | 1.0416                      | 9.2565         | 70.0          | 1.0471                      | 11.194         |
| 65.0        | 1.0680                      | 70.761         | 60.0         | 1.0624                      | 23.041         | 60.0                       | 1.0549                      | 15.695         | 60.0                       | 1.0488                      | 12.908         | 60.0          | 1.0542                      | 15.742         |
| 60.0        | 1.0711                      | 86.866         | 50.0         | 1.0692                      | 33.229         | 50.0                       | 1.0619                      | 22.799         | 50.0                       | 1.0559                      | 18.801         | 50.0          | 1.0613                      | 23.14          |
| 50.0        | 1.0776                      | 135.32         | 40.0         | 1.0761                      | 50.157         | 40.0                       | 1.0687                      | 34.656         | 40.0                       | 1.0629                      | 28.642         | 40.0          | 1.0683                      | 35.622         |
| 40.0        | 1.0841                      | 224.29         | 35.0         | 1.0795                      | 62.842         | 35.0                       | 1.0722                      | 43.702         | 35.0                       | 1.0663                      | 36.021         | 35.0          | 1.0717                      | 45.128         |
| 35.0        | 1.0874                      | 296.55         | 30.0         | 1.0829                      | 79.896         | 30.0                       | 1.0757                      | 55.884         | 30.0                       | 1.0697                      | 45.978         | 32.0          | 1.0738                      | 52.392         |
| 30.0        | 1.0908                      | 399.93         | 25.0         | 1.0863                      | 103.21         | 25.0                       | 1.0791                      | 72.608         | 25.0                       | 1.0731                      | 59.641         | 31.0          | 1.0747                      | 55.115         |
| 25.0        | 1.0942                      | 551.46         | 20.0         | 1.0896                      | 135.71         | <b>24.0</b>                | <b>1.0797</b>               | <b>76.714</b>  | 24.0                       | 1.0738                      | 62.918         | <b>30.5</b>   | <b>1.0753</b>               | <b>63.226</b>  |
| 20.0        | 1.0977                      | 778.67         | 15.0         | 1.0931                      | 181.92         | <b>23.0</b>                | <b>1.0805</b>               | <b>103.65</b>  | <b>23.0</b>                | <b>1.0745</b>               | <b>74.107</b>  | <b>30.0</b>   | <b>1.0758</b>               | <b>106.31</b>  |
| 15.0        | 1.1010                      | 1130.0         | 10.0         | 1.0965                      | 249.15         | <b>22.5</b>                | <b>1.0807</b>               | <b>146.49</b>  | <b>22.0</b>                | <b>1.0749</b>               | <b>137.10</b>  | <b>29.5</b>   | <b>1.0756</b>               | <b>461.4</b>   |
| 10.0        | 1.1044                      | 1688.5         | 7.0          | 1.0986                      | 331.6          | <b>22.0</b>                | <b>1.0809</b>               | <b>236.5</b>   | <b>21.0</b>                | <b>1.0755</b>               | <b>270.5</b>   | <b>29.0</b>   | <b>1.0754</b>               | <b>3295</b>    |
| 5.0         | 1.1079                      | 2614.3         | <b>6.5</b>   | <b>1.0990</b>               | <b>437.2</b>   | <b>21.5</b>                | <b>1.0812</b>               | <b>415.76</b>  | <b>20.0</b>                | <b>1.0764</b>               | <b>690.4</b>   |               |                             |                |
| 0.0         | 1.1113                      | 4186.1         | <b>6.0</b>   | <b>1.0994</b>               | <b>714.12</b>  | <b>21.0</b>                | <b>1.0817</b>               | <b>784.52</b>  | <b>19.5</b>                | <b>1.0769</b>               | <b>1118</b>    |               |                             |                |
| -5.0        | 1.1147                      | 6986.7         | <b>5.5</b>   | <b>1.0998</b>               | <b>1264.6</b>  | <b>20.5</b>                | <b>1.0821</b>               | <b>1634.8</b>  | <b>19.0</b>                | <b>1.0772</b>               | <b>1901</b>    |               |                             |                |
|             |                             |                | <b>5.0</b>   | <b>1.1001</b>               | <b>2660</b>    | <b>20.0</b>                | <b>1.0823</b>               | <b>3484</b>    | <b>18.5</b>                | <b>1.0775</b>               | <b>3016</b>    |               |                             |                |
| <b>(4)</b>  |                             |                | <b>(2.5)</b> |                             |                | <b>(2.5<sup>1/3</sup>)</b> |                             |                | <b>(2.5<sup>2/3</sup>)</b> |                             |                | <b>(2.5+)</b> |                             |                |
| T(°C)       | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)        | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)                      | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)                      | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) | T(°C)         | $\rho$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) | $\eta$ (mPa·s) |
| 70.0        | 1.0359                      | 7.8374         | 70.0         | 1.0453                      | 10.276         | 70.0                       | 1.0462                      | 10.765         | 70.0                       | 1.0467                      | 11.472         | 70.0          | 1.0472                      | 12.043         |
| 60.0        | 1.0430                      | 10.968         | 60.0         | 1.0524                      | 14.421         | 60.0                       | 1.0533                      | 15.037         | 60.0                       | 1.0538                      | 15.994         | 60.0          | 1.0544                      | 16.860         |
| 50.0        | 1.0501                      | 15.872         | 50.0         | 1.0595                      | 21.025         | 50.0                       | 1.0604                      | 21.768         | 50.0                       | 1.0609                      | 23.410         | 50.0          | 1.0615                      | 24.668         |
| 40.0        | 1.0570                      | 23.880         | 40.0         | 1.0665                      | 32.072         | 40.0                       | 1.0675                      | 33.006         | 40.0                       | 1.0679                      | 35.927         | 40.0          | 1.0686                      | 37.965         |
| 35.0        | 1.0604                      | 29.788         | 35.0         | 1.0699                      | 40.400         | 35.0                       | 1.0711                      | 41.453         | 35.0                       | 1.0713                      | 45.454         | 35.0          | 1.0721                      | 48.120         |
| 30.0        | 1.0638                      | 37.620         | 30.0         | 1.0734                      | 51.666         | 30.0                       | 1.0746                      | 52.86          | 30.0                       | 1.0748                      | 58.435         | 34.0          | 1.0728                      | 50.512         |
| 25.0        | 1.0671                      | 48.165         | 25.0         | 1.0768                      | 67.199         | <b>25.0</b>                | <b>1.0784</b>               | <b>83.746</b>  | <b>29.0</b>                | <b>1.0757</b>               | <b>79.749</b>  | 33.0          | 1.0735                      | 53.059         |
| 20.0        | 1.0705                      | 62.602         | <b>24.0</b>  | <b>1.0775</b>               | <b>80.814</b>  | <b>24.0</b>                | <b>1.0794</b>               | <b>129.11</b>  | <b>28.5</b>                | <b>1.0761</b>               | <b>147.65</b>  | 32.0          | 1.0742                      | 55.715         |
| 15.0        | 1.0738                      | 82.737         | <b>23.0</b>  | <b>1.0780</b>               | <b>156.20</b>  | <b>23.5</b>                | <b>1.0797</b>               | <b>167.54</b>  | <b>28.0</b>                | <b>1.0763</b>               | <b>306.43</b>  | <b>31.0</b>   | <b>1.0754</b>               | <b>77.27</b>   |
| <b>13.0</b> | <b>1.0750</b>               | <b>97.568</b>  | <b>22.5</b>  | <b>1.0783</b>               | <b>253.25</b>  | <b>23.0</b>                | <b>1.0797</b>               | <b>241.97</b>  | <b>27.5</b>                | <b>1.0767</b>               | <b>652.71</b>  | <b>30.5</b>   | <b>1.0758</b>               | <b>160.8</b>   |
| <b>12.0</b> | <b>1.0755</b>               | <b>134.76</b>  | <b>22.0</b>  | <b>1.0787</b>               | <b>401.3</b>   | <b>22.5</b>                | <b>1.0797</b>               | <b>352.2</b>   | <b>27.0</b>                | <b>1.0770</b>               | <b>1643.0</b>  | <b>30.0</b>   | <b>1.0758</b>               | <b>375.7</b>   |
| <b>11.0</b> | <b>1.0761</b>               | <b>201.91</b>  | <b>21.5</b>  | <b>1.0792</b>               | <b>660.0</b>   | <b>22.0</b>                | <b>1.0797</b>               | <b>514.3</b>   | <b>26.5</b>                | <b>1.0771</b>               | <b>3241</b>    | <b>29.5</b>   | <b>1.0757</b>               | <b>2748.4</b>  |
| <b>10.0</b> | <b>1.0766</b>               | <b>319.90</b>  | <b>21.0</b>  | <b>1.0796</b>               | <b>1149.5</b>  | <b>21.5</b>                | <b>1.0799</b>               | <b>811.0</b>   |                            |                             |                |               |                             |                |
| <b>9.0</b>  | <b>1.0773</b>               | <b>504.01</b>  | <b>20.5</b>  | <b>1.0800</b>               | <b>2176</b>    | <b>21.0</b>                | <b>1.0802</b>               | <b>1382.7</b>  |                            |                             |                |               |                             |                |
| <b>8.0</b>  | <b>1.0782</b>               | <b>786.87</b>  |              |                             |                |                            |                             |                |                            |                             |                |               |                             |                |

Table 2S. Ionic conductivity of the sixteen samples measured. Numbers in bold case means that the sample is in intermediate liquid crystalline state, in italic they are in liquid crystalline state, while the normal ones are for liquid state. Description of the samples is given in Table 2.

| <b>(0)</b>   |                                    | <b>(1)</b>   |                                    | <b>(1+)</b>  |                                    | <b>(2)</b>   |                                    | <b>(2+)</b>  |                                    |              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> |              |                                    |
| 70.0         | 3.32                               | 70.0         | 16.05                              | 70.0         | 14.88                              | 70.0         | 29.0                               | 70.0         | 22.9                               |              |                                    |
| 60.0         | 2.39                               | 60.0         | 12.88                              | 60.0         | 12.08                              | 60.0         | 24.0                               | 60.0         | 18.69                              |              |                                    |
| 50.0         | 1.589                              | 50.0         | 10.06                              | 50.0         | 9.39                               | 50.0         | 18.85                              | 50.0         | 14.85                              |              |                                    |
| 40.0         | 1.03                               | 40.0         | 7.61                               | 40.0         | 7.03                               | 40.0         | 14.71                              | 40.0         | 11.43                              |              |                                    |
| 35.0         | 0.806                              | 35.0         | 6.49                               | 30.0         | 5.21                               | 30.0         | 11.11                              | 30.0         | 8.49                               |              |                                    |
| 30.0         | 0.626                              | 30.0         | 5.51                               | 25.0         | 4.27                               | 25.0         | 9.49                               | <b>28.0</b>  | <b>7.95</b>                        |              |                                    |
| 25.0         | 0.469                              | 25.0         | 4.61                               | 20.0         | 3.50                               | <b>20.0</b>  | <b>8.01</b>                        | 26.0         | 7.53                               |              |                                    |
| 20.0         | 0.347                              | 20.0         | 3.79                               | 15.0         | 2.85                               | 15.0         | 6.78                               | 25.0         | 7.27                               |              |                                    |
| 10.0         | 0.1752                             | 15.0         | 3.09                               | 10.0         | 2.20                               | 10.0         | 5.52                               | 20.0         | 6.11                               |              |                                    |
| 5.0          | 0.1194                             | 10.0         | 2.45                               | 8.0          | 2.01                               | 5.0          | 4.47                               | 15.0         | 5.05                               |              |                                    |
| 0.0          | 0.0781                             | 8.0          | 2.20                               | <b>6.0</b>   | <b>1.832</b>                       | 0.0          | 3.55                               | 10.0         | 4.13                               |              |                                    |
| -5.0         | 0.0517                             | <b>6.0</b>   | <b>2.001</b>                       | 5.0          | 1.746                              | -5.0         | 2.77                               | 5.0          | 3.30                               |              |                                    |
| -10.0        | 0.0309                             | <b>5.0</b>   | <b>1.914</b>                       | 0.0          | 1.362                              |              |                                    | 0.0          | 2.71                               |              |                                    |
|              |                                    | 0.0          | 1.479                              | -5.0         | 1.023                              |              |                                    | -5.0         | 1.965                              |              |                                    |
|              |                                    | -5.0         | 1.114                              | -10.0        | 0.771                              |              |                                    |              |                                    |              |                                    |
|              |                                    | -10.0        | 0.824                              |              |                                    |              |                                    |              |                                    |              |                                    |
| <b>(3)</b>   |                                    | <b>(3+)</b>  |                                    | <b>(4)</b>   |                                    | <b>(4+)</b>  |                                    | <b>(5)</b>   |                                    | <b>(5+)</b>  |                                    |
| <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> | <b>T(°C)</b> | <b><math>\kappa</math> (mS/cm)</b> |
| 70.0         | 37.6                               | 70.0         | 30.8                               | 70.0         | 45.9                               | 70.0         | 39.1                               | 70.0         | 50.4                               | 70.0         | 42.0                               |
| 60.0         | 31.3                               | 60.0         | 25.7                               | 60.0         | 38.7                               | 60.0         | 32.7                               | 60.0         | 42.8                               | 60.0         | 35.5                               |
| 50.0         | 25.5                               | 50.0         | 20.3                               | 50.0         | 32.1                               | 50.0         | 26.8                               | 50.0         | 35.7                               | 50.0         | 29.3                               |
| 40.0         | 19.77                              | 40.0         | 15.92                              | 40.0         | 25.9                               | 40.0         | 20.9                               | 40.0         | 29.1                               | 40.0         | 22.9                               |
| 30.0         | 15.25                              | 30.0         | 12.05                              | 30.0         | 19.87                              | 30.0         | 16.09                              | 30.0         | 22.5                               | 30.0         | 17.74                              |
| 25.0         | 13.12                              | 30.0         | 11.82                              | 25.0         | 17.26                              | 25.0         | 13.99                              | 25.0         | 19.76                              | 25.0         | 15.44                              |
| <b>20.0</b>  | <b>11.28</b>                       | 20.0         | 14.94                              | 20.0         | 14.94                              | 20.0         | 11.95                              | 20.0         | 17.20                              | 20.0         | 13.28                              |
| 18.0         | 10.53                              | 28.0         | 11.58                              | 15.0         | 12.77                              | <b>15.0</b>  | <b>10.17</b>                       | 15.0         | 14.78                              | 15.0         | 11.30                              |
| 17.0         | 10.18                              | 25.0         | 10.54                              | <b>10.0</b>  | <b>10.78</b>                       | 12.0         | 9.19                               | 10.0         | 12.59                              | 10.0         | 9.53                               |
| 15.0         | 9.56                               | 20.0         | 8.94                               | <b>5.0</b>   | <b>9.01</b>                        | 10.0         | 8.51                               | 5.0          | 10.57                              | 5.0          | 7.91                               |
| 10.0         | 7.99                               | 15.0         | 7.47                               | <b>4.0</b>   | <b>8.67</b>                        | 5.0          | 7.07                               | 0.0          | 8.67                               | 3.0          | 7.31                               |
| 5.0          | 6.53                               | 10.0         | 6.19                               | <b>3.0</b>   | <b>8.35</b>                        | 0.0          | 5.73                               | -5.0         | 7.03                               | 2.0          | 7.05                               |
| 0.0          | 5.29                               | 5.0          | 5.03                               | 2.0          | 8.03                               | -5.0         | 4.69                               | -10.0        | 5.64                               | <b>1.0</b>   | <b>6.76</b>                        |
| -5.0         | 4.06                               | 0.0          | 4.10                               | 1.0          | 7.70                               | -10.0        | 3.64                               | -15.0        | 4.57                               | 0.0          | 6.47                               |
|              |                                    | -5.0         | 3.14                               | 0.0          | 7.41                               |              |                                    |              |                                    | -5.0         | 5.25                               |
|              |                                    | -10.0        | 2.43                               | -5.0         | 6.03                               |              |                                    |              |                                    | -10.0        | 4.16                               |

Table 2S. Continuation

| (2.5)       |             | (2.5 <sup>1/3</sup> ) |             | (2.5 <sup>2/3</sup> ) |              | (2.5 <sup>3/4</sup> ) |              | (2.5+)      |              |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| T(°C)       | κ (mS/cm)   | T(°C)                 | κ (mS/cm)   | T(°C)                 | κ (mS/cm)    | T(°C)                 | κ (mS/cm)    | T(°C)       | κ (mS/cm)    |
| 70.0        | 31.7        | 70.0                  | 29.3        | 70.0                  | 27.6         | 70.0                  | 27.7         | 70.0        | 26.5         |
| 60.0        | 26.6        | 60.0                  | 24.1        | 60.0                  | 22.5         | 60.0                  | 22.3         | 60.0        | 21.4         |
| 50.0        | 20.93       | 50.0                  | 19.22       | 50.0                  | 18.20        | 50.0                  | 17.90        | 50.0        | 16.98        |
| 40.0        | 16.49       | 40.0                  | 15.08       | 40.0                  | 14.16        | 40.0                  | 13.95        | 40.0        | 13.27        |
| 30.0        | 12.52       | 30.0                  | 11.42       | 30.0                  | 10.68        | <b>30.0</b>           | <b>10.54</b> | <b>31.0</b> | <b>10.23</b> |
| 25.0        | 10.72       | <b>25.0</b>           | <b>9.75</b> | <b>28.0</b>           | <b>10.06</b> | 28.0                  | 9.91         | <b>30.0</b> | <b>10.01</b> |
| <b>21.0</b> | <b>9.51</b> | <b>23.0</b>           | <b>9.14</b> | <b>27.0</b>           | <b>9.76</b>  | 27.0                  | 9.60         | 29.0        | 9.72         |
| 20.0        | 9.21        | <b>22.0</b>           | <b>8.86</b> | <b>26.0</b>           | <b>9.43</b>  | 25.0                  | 9.09         | 25.0        | 8.57         |
| 19.0        | 8.90        | 20.0                  | 8.29        | 25.0                  | 9.18         | 20.0                  | 7.67         | 20.0        | 7.25         |
| 15.0        | 7.72        | 15.0                  | 7.01        | 20.0                  | 7.77         | 15.0                  | 6.40         | 15.0        | 6.04         |
| 10.0        | 6.42        | 10.0                  | 5.73        | 15.0                  | 6.49         | 10.0                  | 5.26         | 10.0        | 4.95         |
| 5.0         | 5.22        | 5.0                   | 4.63        | 10.0                  | 5.34         | 5.0                   | 4.25         | 5.0         | 4.02         |
| 0.0         | 4.17        | 0.0                   | 3.70        | 5.0                   | 4.37         | 0.0                   | 3.38         | 0.0         | 3.19         |
| -5.0        | 3.31        | -5.0                  | 2.90        | 0.0                   | 3.43         | -5.0                  | 2.64         | -5.0        | 2.51         |
| -10.0       | 2.60        | -10.0                 | 2.18        | -5.0                  | 2.72         | -10.0                 | 1.977        | -10.0       | 1.850        |
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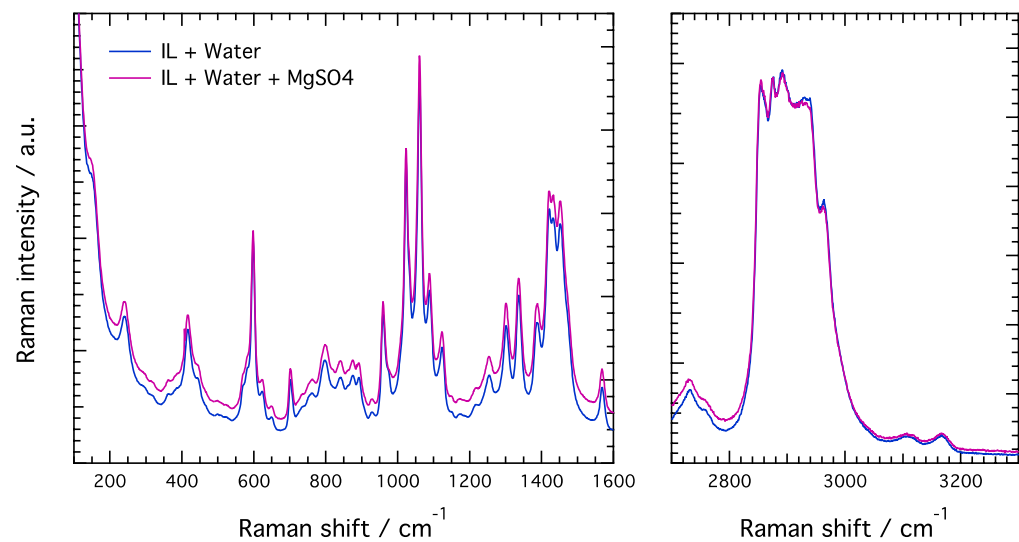


Figure S1. Comparison of the Raman spectra recorded at 30 °C for sample (3) and (3+).

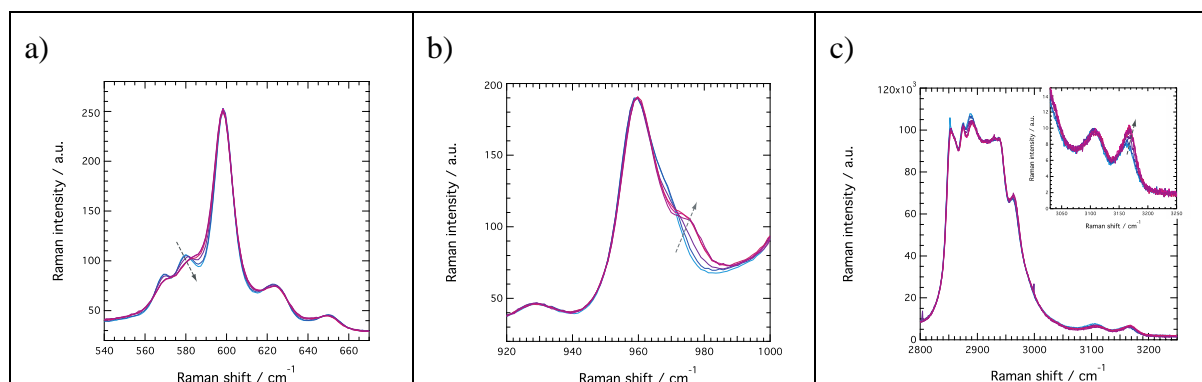


Figure S2. Temperature dependent Raman spectra recorded for sample (3). The arrows show the direction of increasing temperature.