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Supporting Information

## Hydrated ionic liquids realising high solubility and refolding of aggregated Concanavaline A

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Figure S1. Photographs of hydrated IL with aggregated ConA after mixing for overnight at RT.

White precipitate was remaining and dispersed in buffer and hydrated [ch][dhp]. In hydrated  $[P_{4444}]$ [dhp] and  $[P_{44412}]$ [dhp] showed good solubility with transparent liquid state.



Figure S2. Fluorescence spectra of ConA dissolved in hydrated [P<sub>44412</sub>][dhp] with different water contents

Fluorescence spectra of ConA dissolved in  $[P_{44412}]$ [dhp] with 3 water molecules per ion pair was diluted with hydrated  $[P_{44412}]$ [dhp], because it dissolved aggregated ConA very well and the fluorescence intensity was saturated. The fluorescence intensity of ConA decreased with increase of water contents in  $[P_{44412}]$ [dhp]. Thus, the solubility of aggregated ConA in hydrated  $[P_{44412}]$ [dhp] decrease with increasing water contents. Furthermore, spectral shift was observed at  $\lambda_{max}$  from 337 to 342 nm with increasing water contents in  $[P_{44412}]$ [dhp].

IL	Water molecules per ion pair	Shift of λmax of fluorescence spectrum of conA
[P <sub>44412</sub> ][dhp]	0	-11

+7

[N<sub>4444</sub>][dhp] 0

Table S1 Deviation of  $\lambda_{max}$  in neat ILs from 336 nm which is the  $\lambda_{max}$  of native ConA dissolved in buffer solution.

	The number of water molecules per ion pair			
	1:3	1:7	1 : 15	
[P <sub>4444</sub> ][dhp]	+ 3	+ 4	+ 6	
[P <sub>4448</sub> ][dhp]	+ 1	+ 4	+ 6	
[P <sub>44412</sub> ][dhp]	+ 1	+ 4	+ 6	
[P <sub>6666</sub> ][dhp]	+ 2	+ 2	+ 4	
[P <sub>8888</sub> ][dhp]	+ 3	b	b	
[N <sub>1113</sub> ][dhp]	- 3	- 3	- 2	
[N <sub>1118</sub> ][dhp]	b	b	+ 5	
[N <sub>1444</sub> ][dhp]	b	+ 2	+ 3	
[N <sub>4444</sub> ][dhp]	+ 7	+ 9	+ 7	
[N <sub>1188</sub> ][dhp]	b	- 25	- 25	
[N <sub>6666</sub> ][dhp]	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	
[N <sub>1888</sub> ][dhp]	- 4	- 11	b	
[N <sub>8888</sub> ][dhp]	+ 3	b	b	
[ch][dhp]	- 3	- 1	- 2	

Table S2  $\lambda$ max deviation in the fluorescence spectrum of ConA dissolved in hydrated dhp-based ILs<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The number indicates the shift from 336 nm, which is the fluorescence maximum of the native state ConA in buffer. <sup>b</sup> Unmeasured.