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Improvement of lipidic bicontinuous cubic phases by the addition of a zwitterion with strong hydration ability and kosmotropicity

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Young-Laplace method^[S1,S2]

Outline shapes of liquid surface are expressed by using the Young-Laplace equation. In the case of the pendant drop method, it is supposed that Young-Laplace equation are written by those simultaneous differential equation.

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = \cos\Phi$$
$$\frac{dz}{dz}$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} = sin\Phi$$

$$\frac{d\Phi}{ds} = 2 + \beta z - \frac{\sin\Phi}{x}$$

In this regard, β is the shape factor that is defined by the formula below.

$$\beta \equiv -\frac{\Delta \rho g b^2}{\gamma}$$

b: a radius of principal curvature at the low point of a pendant drop (the point of origin)

s: a length of an arc from at the point of origin

x: x-coordinate of an outline curve

z: z-coordinate of an outline curve

 Φ : an angle between a normal line of an outline curve and a vertical line

 γ : a surface tension of liquid

 $\Delta \rho$: a density difference between a pendant drop phase and an environment phase

g: acceleration of gravity

When it is appropriate that the outline shape of a pendant drop obeys the Young-Laplace equation, β and *b* are calculated by analyzing the observed outline shape, and then γ (surface tension) can be calculated in combination with $\Delta \rho$. Precise surface tension can be obtained by fitting numerous coordinates (several hundred points) of the outline curve and the Young-Laplace theoretical curve.





Fig. S1 DSC thermograms of ImZI-*n*H₂O on 1st cooling.



Fig. S2 POM images of the **MO**/water/**ImZI** mixtures in the ratio of 70/27/3 by weight at various temperatures.



Fig. S3 POM images of the MO/water/ImZI mixtures at 30 °C in the various component ratios.



Fig. S4 (a) X-ray diffraction pattern of the MO/water mixture in the ratio of 70/30 by weight at 30 °C after 2 days at ambient condition. It shows a L_{α} phase. (b) X-ray diffraction pattern of the MO/water/ImZI mixture in the ratio of 60/24/16 by weight at 30 °C. It shows a H_{II} phase.



Fig. S5 Triangular diagram of the MO/water/ImZI mixtures.



Fig. S6 POM images of the **MO**/water/**ImZI** mixtures in the ratio of 60/40/0 and 60/32/8 by weight. (a) just after preparation and (b) after 3 days.

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