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## Complexes of In(III) with 8-hydroxyquinoline-5-sulfonate in solution: Structural studies and the effect of cationic surfactants on the photophysical behaviour

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8-HQS

 ${\overset{6'}{C}}{\overset{5'}{C}}{\overset{4'}{C}}{\overset{3'}{2'}}{\overset{2'}{C}}{\overset{1'}{C}}{\overset{$ DTAB n=8 CTAB n=12

DTAB / CTAB



**Fig. S1.** Expansion 6.5-10 ppm of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $D_2O$  solutions of (a)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS 2.5 : 7.5 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, pH 4.25, (b)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS/CTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 0.5 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, (c)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS/CTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 1.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup> (d)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS/CTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 5.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup> (e)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS/CTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 10 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, temp. 298 K. \*8-HQS ligand signals.



**Fig. S2.** Expansion 0-4 ppm of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $D_2O$  solutions of (a) CTAB 10 mmol dm-<sup>3</sup>, pH\* 6.87, (b) In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS/CTAB 2.5:7.5:0.5 mmol dm-3, (c) In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS/CTAB 2.5:7.5:1 mmol dm-<sup>3</sup>, (d) In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS/CTAB 2.5:7.5:5 mmol dm-3 and (e) In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS/CTAB 2.5:7.5:10 mmol dm-3, temp. 298 K.



Fig. S3. Expansion 100-180 ppm of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $D_2O$  solutions of (a)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS 2.5: 7.5 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, pH 4.25, (b)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS/DTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 2.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, (c)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS/DTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, temp. 298 K.



**Fig. S4.** Expansion 0-80 ppm of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of solutions in  $D_2O$  of (a) DTAB 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, pH 6.04, (b) In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS/DTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 2.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup> (c) In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS/DTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 20 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, temp. 298 K.



Fig. S5. Expansion 100-180 ppm of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $D_2O$  solutions of (a)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS 2.5:7.5 mmol dm-3, pH 4.25 (b)  $In^{3+}/8$ -HQS/CTAB 5:10:5.0 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, temp. 298 K.



**Fig. S6.** Expansion 0-80 ppm of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of solutions in  $D_2O$  of (a) CTAB 10 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, pH 6.87, (b) In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS/CTAB 2.5 : 7.5 : 10 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>, temp. 298 K.



Fig. S7. Main excitation contributing to the lowest energy singlet,  $S_1$ , electronic excited sates of the ligand 8-HQS calculated by TD-DFT with the CAM-B3LYP functional.

Table S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts <sup>a)</sup> of CTAB and DTAB as function of their concentrations in solutions of In<sup>3+</sup>/8-HQS

	H-1'	Н-2'	Н-3'	H-4'	Н-5'	H-6'
СТАВ	3.24	3.50	1.86	1.45	1.37	0.95
In <sup>3+</sup> /8-HQS/CTAB						
2.5:7.5:0.5 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	2.83	_ b)	_ c)	1.48	1.07 <sup>c)</sup>	1.07
2.5:7.5:1.0 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	2.84	_ b)	_ c)	1.48	1.06 <sup>c)</sup>	1.07
2.5:7.5:5.0 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	2.85	_ b)	_ c)	1.49	0.95/0.79/	1.05
					0.72/0.62	
2.5:7.5:10 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	2.88	_ b)	_ c)	1.47	0.87/0.81/	1.06
					0.70	
DTAB	3.24	3.48	1.85	1.45	1.36	0.95
In <sup>3+</sup> /8-HQS/DTAB						
2.5:7.5:1.0 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	3.12	3.25	1.65	_ d)	1.11/1.04/	0.85
					0.94/0.89	
2.5:7.5:5.0 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	3.02	3.08	1.47	_ d)		0.97
2.5:7.5:10 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	2.94	2.99	1.44	1.36	1.12/1.00/	1.04
					0.89/0.80	
2.5:7.5:20 mmol dm <sup>-3</sup>	2.93	2.97	1.43	1.36	1.12/0.99/	1.04
					0.85/0.78	

 $\delta$  Values, in ppm, in ppm, relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si, using *tert*-butyl alcohol ( $\delta_{H}$ =1.3) as internal reference. superimposed with the signal of H-1'. a)

b)

c) broad.

d) superimposed with the signal of the reference.