Exploiting α -benzylated 1,4-butanesultones to expedite the discovery of small-molecule, LCST-

type sulfobetaine zwitterionic materials

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Measurements of critical temperature (T_c) for sulfobetaine zwitterionic materials in water

The critical temperatures were determined by the standard method of visual observation of the disappearance (homogeneous one-phase) and reappearance (heterogeneous two-phase) of the meniscus between the ZM-rich and water phases upon heating and cooling solutions of ZMs in water (1:3, w/w). A representative video (for **ZM 3c**) is provided in the Supporting Information-2 (ESI-2).

Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) measurements

A PerkinElmer STA 6000 thermogravimetric analyzer (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA, USA) was applied to investigate the thermal stability of zwitterionic sulfobetaine materials (**ZM 1c**, **ZM 2c**, **ZM 3c**, and **ZM 4c**) under nitrogen atmosphere. The thermal stability of ZMs was measured at a heating speed of 20 °C min⁻¹ (up to 600 °C).

Measurements for protein enrichment and separation

As a proof-of-concept application, the method of temperature-dependent phase transition was used for the enrichment of diluted solutions containing Coomassie blue dye (37.5 µg/mL, 45 µM) and human hemoglobin protein (1 mg/mL, 15 µM), respectively. In this application, aqueous solutions (1:20, w/w) of **ZM 4c** in water were employed. UV-vis spectrophotometric measurements by a NanoDrop 2000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) were used for quantitatively determining degree of enrichment in Coomassie blue dye (λ_{max} at 597 nm) and human hemoglobin protein (Soret band at 406 nm), respectively, before and after temperature-triggered phase transitions. In this specific but preliminary applications, only minute amount of **ZM 4c** (4 mg in 80 µL water) was needed to achieve the sample enrichment.

1. Synthesis of α -benzylated 1,4-butanesultones (2a, 2b, and 2c)



To a stirred solution of 1,4-butane sultone (1.0 equiv) in THF (0.5 M) was slowly added *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes. A solution of alkyl bromide (benzyl bromide, mesityl bromide, and 4-bromobenzyl bromide; 1.2 equiv in THF) was added at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h, and quenched with water. The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel; ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:4 ~ 1:2, v/v) to afford the desired products **2a-2c**.

3-benzyl-1,2-oxathiane 2,2-dioxide (2a): 90% yield, white solid (m.p. 136 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.77-2.05 (m, SOCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 4 H), 2.73-2.79 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 3.24-3.31 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.50-3.54 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 4.44-4.61 (m, SOCH₂CH₂, 2H), 7.18-7.35 (m, aryl H, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.13, 27.56, 34.16, 60.81, 73.84, 127.39, 129.02, 129.40, 135.97; FAB-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₅O₃S⁺ 227.0736, found 227.0736.

3-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-1,2-oxathiane 2,2-dioxide (2b): 90% yield, white solid (m.p. 86 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.77-2.08 (m, SOCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 4H), 2.30 (s, ArCH₃, 6H), 2.63-2.69 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 3.21-3.29 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.42-3.47 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 4.44-4.60 (m, SOCH₂CH₂, 2H), 6.80 (s, aryl H, 2H), 6.90 (s, aryl H, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.35, 24.13, 27.56, 33.90, 60.86, 73.83, 127.17, 128.94, 135.82, 138.56; FAB-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₉O₃S⁺ 255.1049, found 255.1051.

3-(4-bromobenzyl)-1,2-oxathiane 2,2-dioxide (2c): 87% yield, white solid (m.p. 122 °C); ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.79-2.05 (m, SOCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 4H), 2.73-2.77 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 3.20-3.27 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.43-3.47 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 4.45--4.61 (m, SOCH₂CH₂, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, aryl H, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.13, 27.66, 33.75, 60.53, 73.85, 121.40, 131.06, 132.14, 134.97; FAB-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₄BrO₃S⁺ 304.9842 (100.0%), 306.9821 (97.3%), found 304.9855 (100.0%), 306.9827 (91.0%).

2. Synthesis of trialkylammonium α-benzyl-substituted sulfonate ZMs (ZM 1a-e, ZM 2a-e, and

ZM 3a-e)



To a 4 mL sample bottle containing **2a** (1.0 equiv), trialkyl amine (triethyl amine, tripropyl amine, tributyl amine, tripentyl amine, and trihexyl amine; 1.5 equiv) and acetonitrile (3.0 M). The reaction mixture was carried out at 90 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixtures were purified by column chromatography (silica gel; dichloromethane/methanol) to afford the desired **ZM 1a-1e**.

1-Phenyl-5-(triethylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 1a): 77% yield, white solid (m.p. 156 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, NCH₂CH₃ 9H), 1.53-1.59 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 1H), 1.77-1.99 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.68-2.74 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.96-3.05 (m, NCH₂CH₂, 2H), 3.12-3.17 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.19-3.32 (m, NCH₂CH₃, 6H), 3.63-3.68 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.17-7.30 (m, aryl H, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80, 19.46, 26.43, 37.37, 53.13, 57.79, 19.94, 126.21, 128.62, 129.49, 140.33; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₃₀NO₃S⁺ 328.1941, found 328.1938 ([M+H]⁺), 350.1751 ([M+Na]⁺), 366.1501 ([M+K]⁺).

1-Phenyl-5-(tripropylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 1b): 79% yield, white solid (m.p. 176 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, N(CH₂)₂CH₃, 9H), 1.61-1.67 (m, NCH₂CH₂CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.84-1.85 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.69-2.76 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.99-3.26 (m, NCH₂ + SCHCH₂Ar, 9H), 3.67-3.71 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.17-7.30 (m, aryl H, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.86, 15.59, 19.60, 26.37, 37.30, 59.59, 59.83, 60.46, 126.01, 128.43, 129.37, 140.34; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₃₆NO₃S⁺ 370.2410, found 370.2405 ([M+H]⁺), 392.2224 ([M+Na]⁺), 408.1971 ([M+K]⁺). **1-Phenyl-5-(tributylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 1c):** 79% yield, white solid (m.p. 181 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.99 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, N(CH₂)₃CH₃, 9H), 1.37-1.42 (m, N(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃, 6H), 1.52-1.60 (m, NCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.85 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.69-2.76 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.99-3.25 (m, NCH₂ + SCHCH₂Ar, 9H), 3.68-3.72 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.17-7.30 (m, aryl H, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.78, 19.72, 19.88, 24.03, 26.52, 37.46, 58.90, 59.80, 59.95, 126.09, 128.53, 129.50, 140.66; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₄₂NO₃S⁺ 412.2880, found 412.2866 ([M+H]⁺), 434.2697 ([M+Na]⁺), 450.2439 ([M+K]⁺).

1-Phenyl-5-(tripentylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 1d): 71% yield, white solid (m.p. 187 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.92 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, N(CH₂)₄CH₃, 9H), 1.25-1.42 (m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃, 12H), 1.56-1.60(m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.81-1.87 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.69-2.75 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.98-3.30 (m, NCH₂ + SCHCH₂Ar, 9H), 3.70-3.74 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.16-7.27 (m, aryl H, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.95, 19.74, 21.83, 22.32, 26.51, 28.56, 37.50, 59.09, 59.82, 59.94, 126.06, 128.51, 129.50, 140.71; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₄₈NO₃S⁺ 454.3349, found 454.3350 ([M+H]⁺), 476.3159 ([M+Na]⁺).

1-Phenyl-5-(trihexylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 1e): 66% yield, white solid (m.p. 174 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, N(CH₂)₅CH₃, 9H), 1.32 (m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₃CH₃, 18H), 1.57 (m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₃CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.84-1.85 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.69-2.76 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.98-3.30 (m, NCH₂ + SCHCH₂Ar, 9H), 3.69-3.74 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.17-7.29 (m, aryl H, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.00, 19.71, 22.09, 22.55, 26.19, 26.48, 31.30, 37.47, 59.13, 59.87, 59.94, 126.06, 128.51, 129.50, 140.70; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₅₄NO₃S⁺ 496.3819, found 496.3810 ([M+H]⁺), 518.3629 ([M+Na]⁺).



To a 4 mL sample bottle containing **2b** (1.0 equiv), trialkyl amine (triethyl amine, tripropyl amine, tributyl amine, tripentyl amine, and trihexyl amine; 1.5 equiv) and acetonitrile (3.0 M). The reaction mixture was carried out at 90 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixtures were purified by column chromatography (silica gel; dichloromethane/methanol) to afford the desired **ZM 2a-2e**.

1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-(triethylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 2a): 65% yield, white solid (m.p. 215 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, NCH₂CH₃, 9H), 1.55-1.82 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 2H), 1.88-2.02 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 2H), 2.27 (s, ArCH₃, 6H), 2.57-2.63 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.93-3.04 (m, NCH₂CH₂, 2H), 3.12-3.19 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.27-3.33 (m, NCH₂CH₃, 6H), 3.54-3.58 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 6.82 (s, aryl H, 1H), 6.85 (s, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79, 19.38, 21.41, 26.40, 37.10, 53.19, 57.79, 60.08, 127.26, 127.84, 138.01, 140.10; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₃₄NO₃S⁺ 356.2254, found 356.2250 ([M+H]⁺), 378.2068 ([M+Na]⁺), 394.1811 ([M+K]⁺).

1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-(tripropylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 2b): 72% yield, white solid (m.p. 215 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, N(CH₂)₂CH₃, 9H), 1.61-1.68 (m, NCH₂CH₂CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.80-1.93 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.28 (s, ArCH₃, 6H), 2.57-2.64 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H) , 2.92-2.97 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.09-3.28 (m, NCH₂, 8H), 3.59-3.63 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 6.82 (s, aryl H, 1H), 6.86 (s, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.01, 15.74, 19.74, 21.43, 26.52, 37.29, 59.80, 60.07, 60.59, 127.29, 127.74, 137.93, 140.42; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₄₀NO₃S⁺ 398.2723, found 398.2715 ([M+H]⁺), 420.2536 ([M+Na]⁺).

1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-(tributylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 2c): 71% yield, white solid (m.p. 216 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.99 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, N(CH₂)₃CH₃, 9H), 1.36-1.45 (m, N(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃, 6H), 1.54-1.60 (m, NCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.77-1.86 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 1H), 1.91-1.97 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 2H), 2.27 (s, ArCH₃, 6H), 2.57-2.64 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.94-2.99 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.10-3.30 (m, NCH₂, 8H), 3.61-3.66 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 6.82 (s, aryl H, 1H), 6.86 (s, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.78, 19.69, 19.90, 21.43, 24.05, 26.46, 37.32, 58.93, 59.95, 60.01, 127.33, 127.69, 137.89, 140.56; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₄₆NO₃S⁺ 440.3193, found 440.3193 ([M+H]⁺), 462.3011 ([M+Na]⁺), 478.2752 ([M+K]⁺).

1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-(tripentylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 2d): 61% yield, white solid (m.p. 174 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.92 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, N(CH₂)₄CH₃, 9H), 1.29-1.41 (m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃, 12H), 1.58-1.62 (m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.79-1.85 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 1H), 1.91-1.97 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 2H), 2.27 (s, ArCH₃, 6H), 2.57-2.64 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.94-2.99 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.07-3.33 (m, NCH₂, 8H), 3.63-3.67 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 6.82 (s, aryl H, 1H), 6.86 (s, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.95, 19.69, 21.43, 21.84, 22.32, 26.44, 28.57, 37.31, 59.11, 59.95, 60.01, 127.32, 127.67, 137.87, 140.56; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₅₂NO₃S⁺ 482.3662, found 482.3671 ([M+H]⁺), 504.3490 ([M+Na]⁺), 520.3229 ([M+K]⁺).

1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-(trihexylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 2e): 60% yield, white solid (m.p. 155 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, N(CH₂)₅C*H*₃, 9H), 1.33 (m, NCH₂CH₂(C*H*₂)₃CH₃, 18H), 1.59 (m, NCH₂C*H*₂(CH₂)₃CH₃ + SCHC*H*₂CH₂, 7H), 1.77-1.81 (m, SCHC*H*₂CH₂, 1H), 1.92-1.94 (m, SCHCH₂C*H*₂, 2H), 2.27 (s, ArC*H*₃, 6H), 2.57-2.64 (m, SCHC*H*₂Ar, 1H), 2.94-2.99 (m, SC*H*, 1H), 3.07-3.29 (m, NC*H*₂, 8H), 3.62-3.66 (m, SCHC*H*₂Ar, 1H), 6.82 (s, aryl H, 1H), 6.86 (s, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.98, 19.62, 21.42, 22.09, 22.54, 26.21, 26.36, 31.29, 37.31, 59.16, 59.96, 60.02, 127.32, 127.66, 137.86, 140.54; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺

calculated for $C_{31}H_{58}NO_3S^+$ 524.4132, found 524.4125 ([M+H]⁺), 546.3943 ([M+Na]⁺).



To a 4 mL sample bottle containing 2c (1.0 equiv), trialkyl amine (triethyl amine, tripropyl amine, tributyl amine, tripentyl amine, and trihexyl amine; 1.5 equiv) and acetonitrile (3.0 M). The reaction was carried out at 90 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixtures were purified by column chromatography (silica gel; dichloromethane/methanol) to afford the desired **ZM 3a-3e**.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(triethylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 3a): 85% yield, white solid (m.p. 224 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, NCH₂CH₃ 9H), 1.52-1.53 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 1H), 1.78-1.97 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.66-2.72 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.94-3.07 (m, NCH₂CH₂, 2H), 3.14-3.33 (m, SCH + NCH₂CH₃, 7H), 3.54-3.59 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67, 19.37, 26.39, 36.72, 53.05, 57.59, 59.60, 119.89, 131.17, 131.54, 139.18; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₂₉BrNO₃S⁺ 406.1046, 408.1026, found 406.1041 ([M+H]⁺), 408.1025 ([M+H]⁺), 428.0862 ([M+Na]⁺), 430.0841 ([M+Na]⁺).

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(tripropylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 3b): 79% yield, white solid (m.p. 226 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O) δ 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, N(CH₂)₂CH₃ 9H), 1.41-1.86 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂ + NCH₂CH₂CH₃, 10H), 2.68-2.74 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.89-3.10 (m, SCH + NCH₂, 9H), 3.34-339 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O) δ 9.85, 14.78, 19.40, 25.79, 35.59, 57.68, 59.93, 60.42, 120.07, 131.24, 131.73, 137.68; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₃₅BrNO₃S⁺ 448.1516,

450.1495, found 448.1509 ([M+H]⁺), 450.1491 ([M+H]⁺), 470.1328 ([M+Na]⁺), 472.1307 ([M+Na]⁺).

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(tributylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 3c): 81% yield, white solid (m.p. 189 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.99 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, N(CH₂)₃CH₃ 9H), 1.36-1.45 (m, NCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, 6H), 1.53-1.59 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + NCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, 7H), 1.87-1.92 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.67-2.73 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.95-3.30 (m, SCH + NCH₂, 9H), 3.61-3.65 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.65, 19.58, 19.74, 23.91, 26.39, 36.78, 58.80, 59.56, 59.62, 119.78, 131.15, 131.46, 139.45; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₄₁BrNO₃S⁺ 490.1985, 492.1965, found 490.1983 ([M+H]⁺), 492.1960 ([M+H]⁺), 512.1798 ([M+Na]⁺) , 514.1785 ([M+Na]⁺).

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(tripentylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 3d): 77% yield, white solid (m.p. 184 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, N(CH₂)₄CH₃ 9H), 1.31-1.39 (m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃, 12H), 1.55-1.59 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₂CH₃, 7H), 1.81-1.89 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.67-2.73 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.94-3.31 (m, SCH + NCH₂, 9H), 3.61-3.66 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.95, 19.73, 21.85, 22.33, 26.53, 28.56, 36.99, 59.15, 59.67, 59.82, 119.89, 131.28, 131.59, 139.68; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₆H₄₇BrNO₃S⁺ 532.2455, 534.2434, found 532.2462 ([M+H]⁺), 534.2440 ([M+H]⁺), 554.2283 ([M+Na]⁺), 556.2262 ([M+Na]⁺).

1-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(trihexylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 3e): 65% yield, white solid (m.p. 167 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, N(CH₂)₅CH₃ 9H), 1.33 (m, NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₃CH₃, 18H), 1.58 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + NCH₂CH₂(CH₂)₃CH₃, 7H), 1.75-1.98 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 3H), 2.66-2.73 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 2.94-3.35 (m, SCH + NCH₂, 9H), 3.63-3.67 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.00, 19.69, 22.11, 22.55, 26.20, 26.51, 31.31, 36.97, 59.17, 59.63, 59.84, 119.87, 131.28, 131.58, 139.67; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₅₃BrNO₃S⁺ 574.2924,

576.2904, found 574.2920 ([M+H]⁺), 576.2912 ([M+H]⁺), 596.2742 ([M+Na]⁺), 598.2723 ([M+Na]⁺).

3. Synthesis of tributylammonium α-(3,5-dibromobenzyl)-substituted sulfonate ZM 4c



To a stirred solution of 1,4-butane sultone (0.35 mL, 1.0 equiv) in THF (0.5 M) was slowly added *n*-BuLi (1.1 equiv) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes. A solution of 3,5-dibromobenzyl bromide (1.2 equiv in THF) was added at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was carried out for 3 h, and quenched with water. The resulting reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel; ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:10 ~ 1:2, v/v) to afford the desired **2d**.

3-(3,5-Dibromobenzyl)-1,2-oxathiane 2,2-dioxide (2d): 63% yield, colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.83-2.07 (m, SOCH₂CH₂ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 4H), 2.68-2.75 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 3.21-3.28 (m, SCH, 1H), 3.41-3.46 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 4.46-4.61 (m, SOCH₂CH₂, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, aryl H, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 1.6 Hz, aryl H, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 24.04, 27.77, 33.69, 60.18, 73.94, 123.44, 131.14, 133.21, 139.96; FAB-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₁₃Br₂O₃S⁺ 384.8926 (100.0%), 382.8947 (51.4%), 386.8906 (48.6%), found 384.8943 (87.9%), 382.8953 (41.6%), 386.8925 (50.3%).

To a 4 mL sample bottle containing **2d** (0.27 g, 1.0 equiv), tributyl amine (1.5 equiv) and acetonitrile (3.0 M), The reaction mixture was carried out at 90 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction products were

purified by column chromatography (silica gel; dichloromethane/methanol = $30:1 \sim 6:1$, v/v) to afford the desired product **ZM 4c**.

1-(3,5-Dibromophenyl)-5-(tributylammonio)pentane-2-sulfonate (ZM 4c): 62% yield, white solid (m.p. 191 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.00 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, N(CH₂)₃CH₃, 9H), 1.38-1.47 (m, N(CH₂)₂CH₂CH₃, 6H), 1.57-1.63 (m, NCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃ + SCHCH₂CH₂, 7H), 1.79-1.85 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 1H), 1.97-1.99 (m, SCHCH₂CH₂, 2H), 2.63-2.69 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H) , 2.90-3.34 (m, SCH + NCH₂, 9H), 3.61-3.65 (m, SCHCH₂Ar, 1H), 7.35 (s, aryl H, 1H), 7.50 (s, aryl H, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.78, 19.62, 19.90, 24.06, 26.54, 37.15, 59.03, 59.44, 59.82, 122.98, 131.25, 131.87, 144.89; ESI-HRMS m/z [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₄₀Br₂NO₃S⁺ 570.1070, 568.1090, 572.1049, found 570.1062 ([M+H]⁺), 568.1082 ([M+H]⁺), 572.1040 ([M+H]⁺), 592.0879 ([M+Na]⁺), 590.0901 ([M+Na]⁺), 594.0859 ([M+Na]⁺).

¹H NMR spectrum of **2a**





HRMS spectrum of 2a

[Mass Spectrum] Data : 20220819_BnC4-HR-001 Date : 19-Aug-2022 17:21 Sample : BnC4 Note : NBA Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.41 min Scan# : 5 Elements : C 1000/0, H 1000/0, O 3/3, S 1/1 Mass Tolerance : 50mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 1000.0





 227.0736
 100.00

 Estimated m/z
 Err[ppm / mmu]
 U.S.
 C
 H
 O
 S

 1
 227.0742
 -2.6
 -0.6
 5.5
 11
 15
 3
 1

¹H NMR spectrum of **2b**





HRMS spectrum of 2b

[Mass Spectrum] Data : 20220819_MesC4-HR-001 Date : 19-Aug-2022 17:14 Sample : MesC4 Note : NBA Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.10 min Scan# : 2 Elements : C 1000/0, H 1000/0, O 3/3, S 1/1 Mass Tolerance : 50mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 1000.0





Observed m/z Int% 255.1051 100.00 Estimated m/z Err[ppm / mmu] U.S. C H O S 1 255.1055 -1.5 / -0.4 5.5 13 19 3 1 ¹H NMR spectrum of **2c**





HRMS spectrum of 2c

[Mass Spectrum] Data : 20220819_4-BrBnC4-HR-002 Date : 19-Aug-2022 16:58 Sample : 4-BrBnC4 Note : NBA Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.43 min Scan# : (6,7) Elements : C 1000/0, H 1000/0, 79Br 1/0, 81Br 1/0, O 3/3, S 1/1 Mass Tolerance : 5mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 1000.0





 Estimated m/z
 Err[ppm / mmu]
 U.S.
 C
 H
 79Br
 81Br
 O
 S

 2
 306.9827
 +0.1 / +0.0
 5.5
 11
 14
 1
 3
 1







HRMS spectrum of 2d

[Mass Spectrum] Data : 20221011_3,5-diBrBN-HR-001 Date : 11-Oct-2022 17:07 Sample : 3,5-diBrBN Note : NBA Ion Mode : FAB+ RT : 0.60 min Scan# : (9,10) Elements : C 1000/0, H 1000/0, 79Br 2/0, 81Br 2/0, 0 3/3, S 1/1 Mass Tolerance : 5mmu Unsaturation (U.S.) : -0.5 - 1000.0





	Observed m/z	Int%							
	382.8953	41.56							
	Estimated m/z	Err[ppm / mmu]	U.S.	С	Н	79Br	81Br	O	S
1	382.8952	+0.2 / +0.1	5.5	11	13	2	-	3	1
	Observed m/z	Int%							
	384.8943	87.94							
	Estimated m/z	Err[ppm / mmu]	U.S.	С	Н	79Br	81Br	0	S
2	384.8932	+2.9 / +1.1	5.5	11	13	1	1	3	1
	Observed m/z	Int%							
	386.8925	50.30							
	Estimated m/z	Err[ppm / mmu]	U.S.	С	Н	79Br	81Br	О	S
3	386.8911	+3.6 / +1.4	5.5	11	13	-	Z	3	1

¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 1a**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 1a



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 1b**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 1b



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 1c**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 1c



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 1d**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 1d


¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 1e**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 1e



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 2a**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 2a



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 2b**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 2b

Spectrum



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 2c**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 2c



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 2d**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 2d



Spectrum

¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 2e**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 2e



¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 3a**















¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 3c**







¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 3d**















¹H NMR spectrum of **ZM 4c**





HRMS spectrum of ZM 4c

Spectrum

