Supporting information

## Base stable quaternary ammonium ionic liquids

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**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium methylsulphate, [BEDMA][CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>](300 MHz, DMSO).



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium methylsulphate, [BEDMA][CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S3**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium 4-*tert*-butylphenolate, [BEDMA][4-tBuPhen](300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S4.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium 4-*tert*-butylphenolate, [BEDMA][4-tBuPhen](75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium acetate, [BEDMA][CH<sub>3</sub>COO](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium acetate [BEDMA][CH<sub>3</sub>COO](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium trifluoroacetate, [BEDMA][CF<sub>3</sub>COO](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium trifluoroacetate, [BEDMA][CF<sub>3</sub>COO](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium formate, [BEDMA][HCOO](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium formate, [BEDMA][HCOO](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S12.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium propionate, [BEDMA][CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO](75MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).

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**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium methanesulfonate, [BEDMA][CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S14.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium methanesulfonate, [BEDMA][CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium tosylate, [BEDMA][TsO](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S16.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium tosylate, [BEDMA][TsO](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium chloride, [BEDMA][Cl](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S18.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium chloride, [BEDMA][Cl](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S19.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium bromide, [BEDMA][Br](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S20.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium bromide, [BEDMA][Br](75MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium iodide, [BEDMA][I](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S22.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium iodide, [BEDMA][I](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S23**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium hydrogensulfate, [BEDMA][HSO<sub>4</sub>](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S24**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium hydrogensulfate, [BEDMA][HSO<sub>4</sub>](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S25**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium dihydrogenphosphate, [BEDMA][H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



dihydrogenphosphate, [BEDMA][H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S27.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium nitrate, [BEDMA][NO<sub>3</sub>](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S28.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium nitrate, [BEDMA][NO<sub>3</sub>](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium isonicotinate, [BEDMA][Isonic](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S30.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium isonicotinate, [BEDMA][Isonic](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S31.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium nicotinate, [BEDMA][Nic](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S32.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium nicotinate, [BEDMA][Nic](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S33.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium picolinate, [BEDMA][Pic](300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S34.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of bis(2-ethylhexyl)dimethylammonium picolinate, [BEDMA][Pic](75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).