

## Supplementary Information

### Ionic Liquids from Amino-acids: Fully Green Fluid Lubricants for Various Contacts

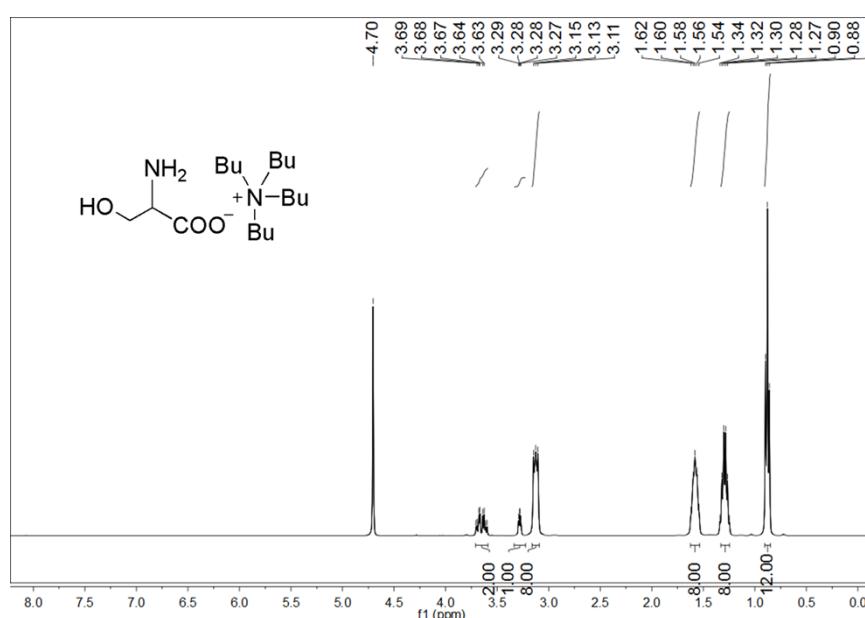
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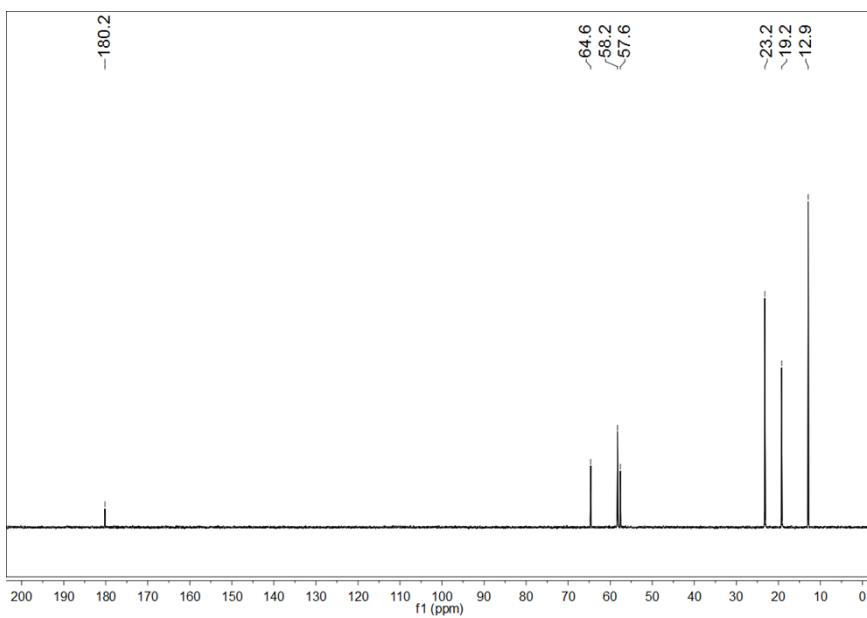
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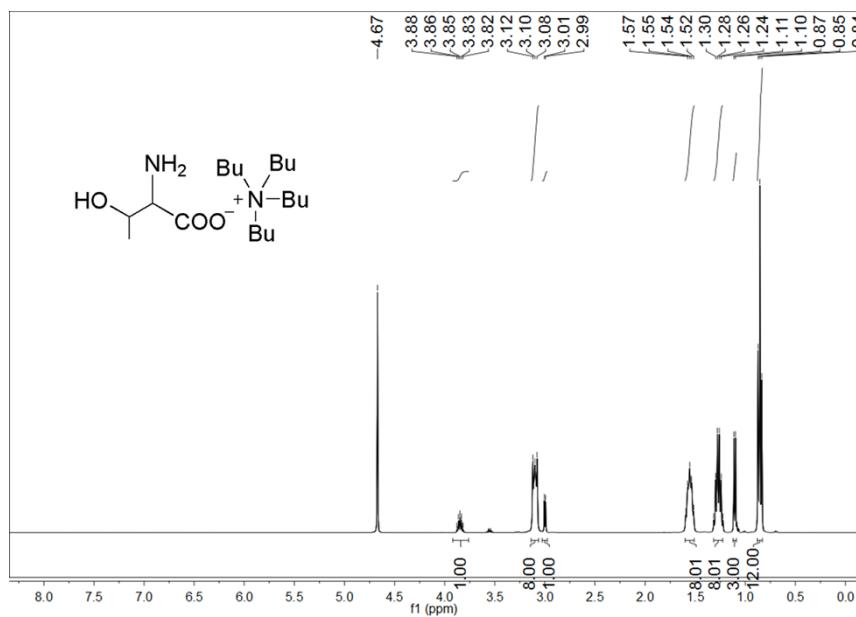
The structures of AAIs were characterized by proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR, 400 MHz) and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR, 100 MHz). The H of hydroxy and amino groups did not appear when D<sub>2</sub>O was used as solvent. The data are as follows:

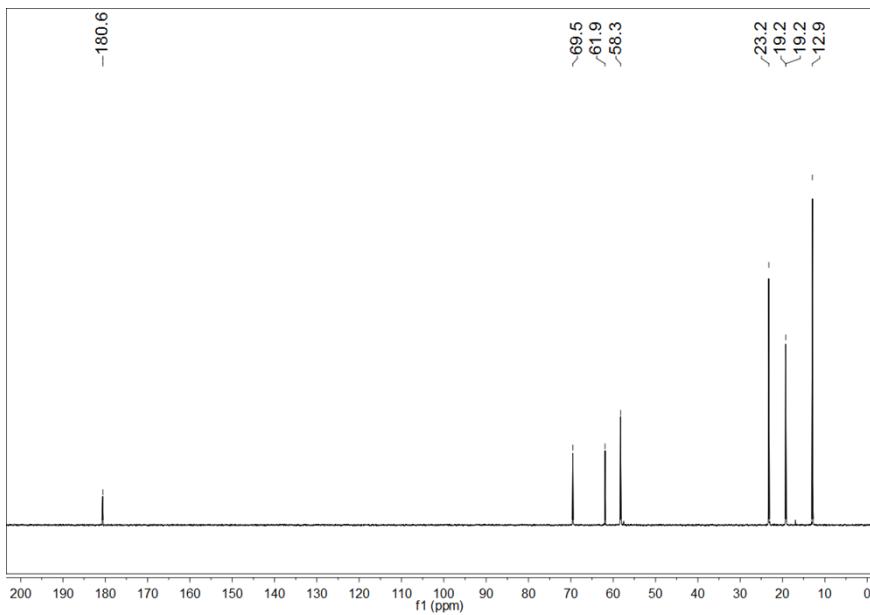
Tetrabutylammonium serine ([N<sub>4444</sub>][Ser]): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 3.60-3.71 (m, 2H; OHCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.27-3.29 (q, 1H; CHNH<sub>2</sub>), 3.13 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 8H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), 1.54-1.62 (m, 8H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), 1.25-1.34 (m, 8H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 12H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 180.2, 64.6, 58.2, 57.6, 23.2, 19.2, 12.9.



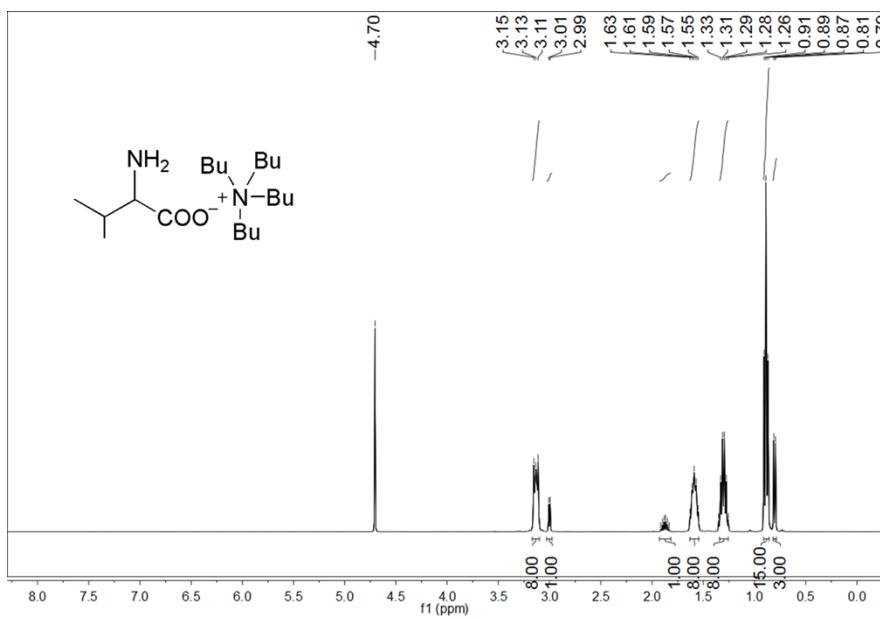


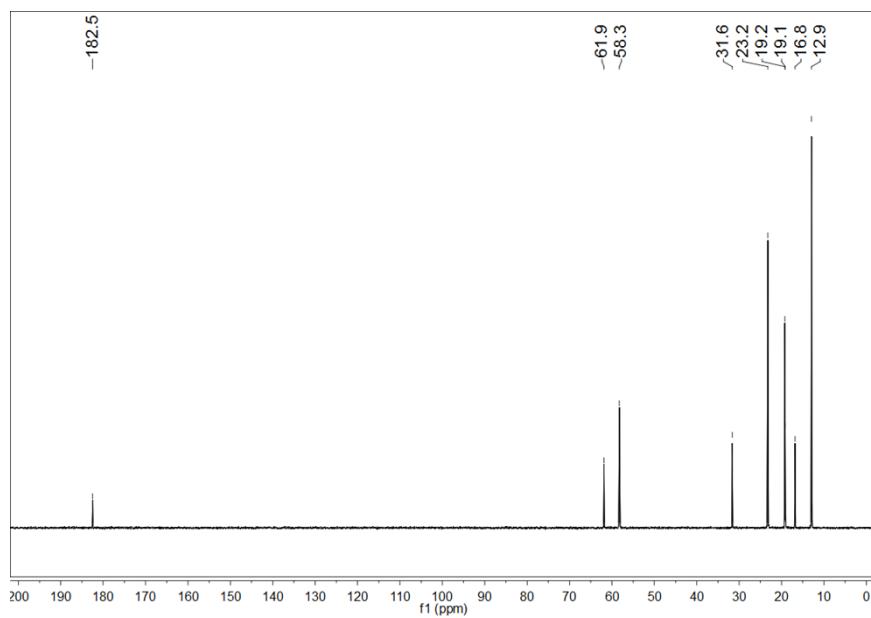
Tetrabutylammonium threonine ( $[N_{4444}][Thr]$ ):  $^1H$  NMR ( $D_2O$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ /ppm): 3.82-3.88 (m, 1H; OHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)), 3.10 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 8H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), 3.00 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H; CHNH<sub>2</sub>), 1.52-1.59 (m, 8H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), 1.22-1.31 (m, 8H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>), 1.11 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 3H; OHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)), 0.85 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 12H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $D_2O$ , 100 MHz,  $\delta$ /ppm): 180.6, 69.5, 61.9, 58.3, 23.2, 19.2 (2C), 12.9.



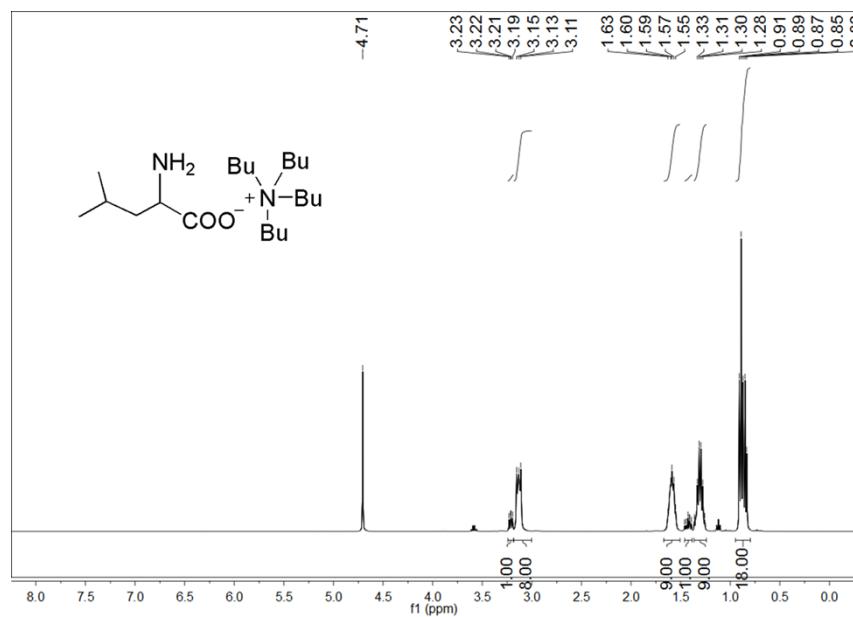


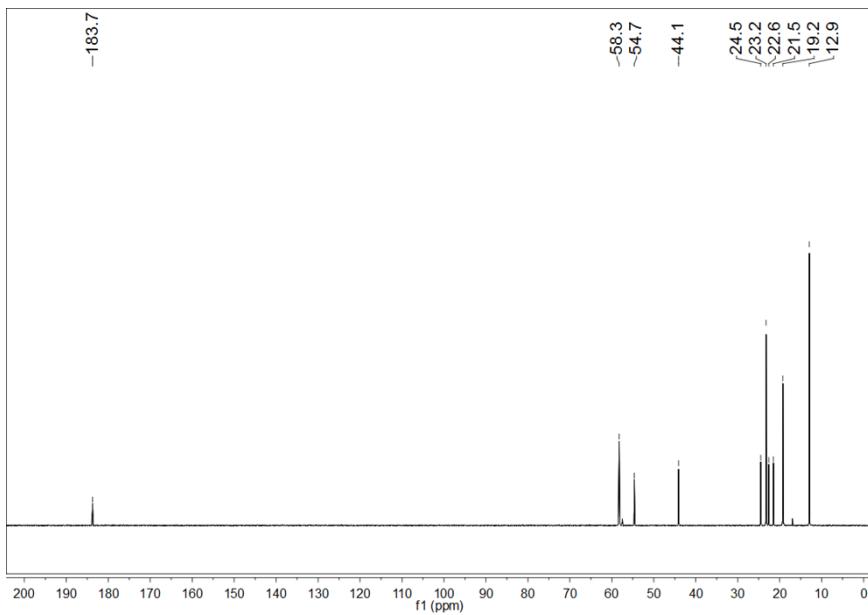
Tetrabutylammonium valine ( $[N_{4444}][Val]$ ):  $^1H$  NMR ( $D_2O$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ /ppm): 3.13 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 8H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$ ), 3.00 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H;  $CHNH_2$ ), 1.83-1.92 (m, 1H;  $(CH_3)_2CH$ ), 1.55-1.63 (m, 8H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$ ), 1.26-1.35 (m, 8H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$ ), 0.89 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 15H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$  and three H of  $(CH_3)_2CH$ ), 0.80 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H; three H of  $(CH_3)_2CH$ ).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $D_2O$ , 100 MHz,  $\delta$ /ppm): 182.5, 61.9, 58.3, 31.6, 23.2, 19.2, 19.1, 16.8, 12.9.





Tetrabutylammonium leucine ( $[N_{4444}][Leu]$ ):  $^1H$  NMR ( $D_2O$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ /ppm): 3.19-3.23 (q, 1H;  $CHNH_2$ ), 3.13 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 8H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$ ), 1.55-1.63 (m, 9H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$  and one H of  $CH_2CHNH_2$ ), 1.39-1.46 (m, 1H;  $(CH_3)_2CH$ ), 1.26-1.36 (m, 9H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$  and one H of  $CH_2CHNH_2$ ), 0.83-0.91 (m, 18H;  $N(CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3)_4$  and  $(CH_3)_2CH$ ).  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $D_2O$ , 100 MHz,  $\delta$ /ppm): 183.7, 58.3, 54.7, 44.1, 24.5, 23.2, 22.6, 21.5, 19.2, 12.9.





Tetrabutylammonium lysine ([N<sub>4444</sub>][Lys]): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 3.11-3.19 (m, 9H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and CHCOO<sup>-</sup>), 2.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H; H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.55-1.63 (m, 10H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>CH(NH<sub>2</sub>)COO<sup>-</sup>), 1.39-1.47 (m, 2H; H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.26-1.35 (m, 10H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 12H; N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 183.6, 58.2, 56.0, 40.3, 34.4, 30.9, 23.2, 22.4, 19.2, 12.9.

