Supporting information

Aggregation Behavior and Bactericidal Activities of Novel Cationic Surfactants

Functionalized with Amides and Ether Groups

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Synthesis and Characterization

Synthesis of ethyl phenoxyacetate (1)

Phenol (15.0 g, 160 mmol), ethyl chloroacetate (39.7 g, 324 mmol) and anhydrous K_2CO_3 (46.3 g, 336 mmol) were added in 100 mL of dry acetonitrile, and refluxed for 1 h. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then the residue was separated by column chromatography using the mixture of petroleum ether/dichloromethane (2:1 by volume) as eluent, and then compound 1 as a gummy liquid (25.6 g, 88 % yield) was obtained.

FT-IR(KBr pellet) $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$: 2978(-CH₃), 1760(C=O, ester), 1086(Ar-O-R, ether), 886-694(C-H, aromatic hydrocarbon); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 6.90-7.28 (m, 5H, C₆H₅OCH₂), 4.61 (s, 2H, C₆H₅OCH₂COOCH₂CH₃), 4.24-4.28 (m, 2H, C₆H₅OCH₂COOCH₂CH₃), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, C₆H₅OCH₂COOCH₂CH₃). Synthesis of *N*'-(2-phenoxyacetyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylethylenediamine (2)

Compound I (16.8 g, 93.4 mmol) and *N*,*N*-Dimethylethylene-diamine (10.1 g, 114.9 mmol) were dissolved in 60 mL ethanol, refluxed for 5 h. After evaporation of the solvent, distilled water (20 mL) was added to the mixture, and the pH of the mixture was adjusted to 8 by 6 mol L⁻¹ HCl solution. The mixed solution was then extracted with 3×20 mL dichoromethane. The organic layers were collected, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give compound **2** as a yellow liquid (15.4 g, yield 74 %).

FT-IR (KBr pellet) v cm⁻¹: 3264(N-H, amide), 2945(-CH₃), 2814(-CH₂-), 1654(C=O, amide), 1053(Ar-O-R, ether), 886-699(C-H, aromatic hydrocarbon); ¹H NMR (600

MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 6.94-7.33 (m, 5H, C₆*H*₅OCH₂), 7.02 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H, CH₂CON*H*CH₂CH₂), 4.50 (s, 2H, CH₂CONHCH₂CH₂), 3.40-3.43 (m, 2H, CH₂CONHCH₂CH₂), 2.45 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂CONHCH₂CH₂), 2.23 (s, 6H, CONHCH₂CH₂NC*H*₃).



Figure 1 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of C₁₂PDA



Figure 2 ¹³C NMR of C₁₂PDA



Figure 3 ¹H NMR of C₁₄PDA



Figure 4 ¹³C NMR of C₁₄PDA



Figure 5¹H NMR of C₁₆PDA



Figure 6 ¹³C NMR of C₁₆PDA



Figure 7 MS of C₁₂PDA











Figure 11 FT-IR of C₁₄PDA















Figure15 ¹³C/DEPT spectra of C₁₆PDA



Figure 16 Pyrene emission spectra with the concentration of quencher for $C_{12}PDA(A)$, $C_{14}PDA(B)$ and $C_{16}PDA(C)$.