Additional graphs for the interpretation of the saturation of the effect of dodecyl maltoside on the kinetically stable ranges of the  $PEI/SDS/C_{12}G_2$  complexes



**S1**. Electrophoretic mobility of the complexes against the concentration of  $C_{12}G_2$  in 0.5 mM SDS (from the data of Figure 3 as well as from additional measurements). pH<sup>in</sup>=6,  $c_{PEI}=20$  ppm.



**S2**. Electrophoretic mobility of the complexes against the concentration of  $C_{12}G_2$  in 0.6 mM SDS (from the data of Figure 3 as well as from additional measurements). pH<sup>in</sup>=6,  $c_{PEI}=20$  ppm.



**S3**. Electrophoretic mobility of the complexes against the concentration of  $C_{12}G_2$  in 0.8 mM SDS (from the data of Figure 3 as well as from additional measurements). pH<sup>in</sup>=6,  $c_{PEI}=20$  ppm.



**S4**. The contribution of  $C_{12}G_2$  ( $cmc_{C12G2}^{mix}$ ) to the mixed cmc of SDS/  $C_{12}G_2$  mixtures  $(cmc^{mix})$  against the SDS to  $C_{12}G_2$  molar ratio ( $cmc^{mix} = cmc_{C12G2}^{mix} + cmc_{SDS}^{mix}$  and the values of  $cmc_{C12G2}^{mix}$  was derived from the  $cmc^{mix}$  data of reference 44).