## Supplementary Information

# Phase and Rheological Behavior of a Gemini Cationic Surfactant Aqueous System

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#### 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data, elemental analysis dates and IR spectrogram

of 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl)

<sup>1</sup>**HNMR**: δH (400MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>), 0.88(t,6H,2CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.20~1.45(m,36H,2CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>9</sub>),

1.80(m,4H,2CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>9</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.16(1H,OH), 3.39~3.42(s,12H,4NCH<sub>3</sub>),

3.52(t,4H,2CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.67(d,4H,2CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.19(m,1H,CHCH<sub>2</sub>)

Elemental analysis: measured value (theoretical value) (%): C 66.31(67.03), H 12.10(12.25), N

4.85(5.05), Cl,12.08(12.25).

IR spectrogram:



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在 3222.5cm<sup>-1</sup>(-OH), 2919.7 cm<sup>-1</sup>(-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2851 cm<sup>-1</sup>(-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1467.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>(C - N<sup>+</sup> - C), 3423 cm<sup>-1</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O).

2. Photograph of 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) 42 wt% taken at 25°C with crossed polarizer



Curves of apparent viscosity (η) versus shear rate (ý) for aqueous solutions of 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) at different concentrations and temperatures.

■, 10wt%; ●,15wt%; ▲, 20wt%; ▼,25wt%; ◆,30wt%; ◀,35wt%; ▶,40wt%





(B) The molecular structures of the  $R_{\rm 14-16}\mathchar`-3(OH)\mathchar`- R_{\rm 14-16}\mathchar`- (2Br)$ 





Explain: We have not made the crystal of 12-3(OH)- 12(2Br) So far, taking into account the similarity of molecular structures of  $R_{14-16}$ -3(OH)-  $R_{14-16}$  (2Br) and  $R_{12-16}$ -3(OH)-  $R_{12-16}$  (2Cl), using the structures of 14-3(OH)- 14 (2Br) and 14-3(OH)- 14 (2Cl) as a compare.

(C) Hydrogen bonds between the pendant hydroxyl group and halide ions and crystallization water molecules: (A) 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl), (B) 14-3(OH)-14(2Br)



**5**. Zero-shear apparent viscosity of 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) as a function of concentration at different temperatures. (a)  $15 \,^{\circ}$ C; (b)  $20 \,^{\circ}$ C; (C)  $25 \,^{\circ}$ C



Fig.7

6. The Storage modulus (closed symbol) and loss modulus (open symbol) as a

function of angular frequency for solutions with different 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl)wt% which are indicated in the figures (a) at 20 °C and the corresponding Cole–Cole plots (b).



The Storage modulus (closed symbol) and loss modulus (open symbol) as a function of angular frequency for solutions with different 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl)wt% which are indicated in the figures (a) at 25 °C and the corresponding Cole–Cole plots (b).



7. Shear-rate dependence (ý) of steady-shear viscosity ( $\eta$ , closed symbol) and frequency dependence( $\omega$ ) of absolute value of complex viscosity ( $|\eta *|$ , open symbol) for 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) solution with different wt% which are indicated in the figures.







Fig. 10

**8**. Schematic diagrams of the hydrogen bonds between micelles and the network structure



**9**. Plot of shear stress ( $\sigma$ ) vs. shear rate ( $\dot{y}$ ) for different contents of 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl)(wt%) solutions at 15 °C(a), 20 °C (b) and 25 °C(c), respectively



**10**. Photograph of the sample containing 30wt% 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) at the end of the experiment



#### 11. Tables

## **Table 1** Crystallographic parameters of R<sub>12-16</sub>-3(OH)- R<sub>12-16</sub>- (2Cl) and R<sub>14-16</sub>--3(OH)- R<sub>14-16</sub>- (2Br)

Formula	$C_{31}H_{70}Cl_2N_2O_2$	$C_{35}H_{78}Cl_2N_2O_2$	$C_{39}H_{86}Cl_2N_2O_2$	Formula	$C_{35}H_{78}Br_2N_2O_3$	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>88</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula wt	573.79	629.89	686.00	Formula wt 736.80		792.93
Cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Cryst syst	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/c$	Space group	Pbca	Pbca
<i>a</i> . Å	22.999(3)	25.402(3)	27.977(3)	<i>a</i> . Å	8.8000(9)	8.7630(7)
b. Å	9.6368(12)	9.5648(8)	9.5824(9)	b. Å	16.8741(18)	16.8491(15)
<i>c</i> . Å	17.2702(16)	17.1691(15)	17.1634(15)	<i>c</i> . Å	56.210(4)	61.244(4) A
<i>α</i> . °	90.00	90.00	90.00	<i>α</i> . °	90.00	90.00
<i>β</i> . °	100.665(2)	101.553(2)	102.438(2)	<i>β</i> . °	90.00	90.00
γ. °	90.00	90.00	90.00	γ. °	90.00	90.00
V. Å <sup>3</sup>	3761.5(7)	4087.0(6)	4493.3(7)	$V. Å^3$	8346.8(13)	9042.6(12)
Ζ	4	4	4	Ζ	8	8
$D_{\text{calc.}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.013	1.024	1.014	$D_{\text{calc.}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.166	1.165
F(000)	1280	1408	1536	F(000)	3152	3440
$M(Mo K\alpha) (mm^{-1})$	0.198	0.187	0.175	$M(Mo K\alpha) (mm^{-1})$	1.973	1.826
Theta range	1.80-25.02	1.64-25.02	1.49-25.02	Theta range	2.43 -25.02	2.42 - 25.02
Reflections measured	18430	20837	21982	Reflections measured	39506	42522
Unique reflections	6635	7151	7853	Unique reflections	7353	7976
R(int)	0.0592	0.1463	0.1112	<i>R</i> (int)	0.1324	0.1451
GOF	1.000	0.999	0.999	GOF	1.169	1.078
Final $R_1$ [ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0591	0.0758	0.0838	Final $R_1$ [ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.1202	0.1405
Final $wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.1326	0.1002	0.1673	Final $wR_2 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	0.2151	0.2799

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12-3(OH)-12(2Cl)wt%	15	20	25	30	35	40
$E_{\rm a}/{\rm kJ}\cdot{\rm mol}^{-1}$	100.05	58.55	54.26	38.24	32.01	36.74

 Table 2 Flow activation energy of 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) at different concentrations

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12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) wt%	15	20	25	30	35	40
15°C	1.767	14.017	17.55	16.05	7.811	2.476
20 °C	1.232	16.328	24.89	21.02	12.69	2.484
25 °C		0.269	18.263	24.166	9.841	1.928

Table 3  $\omega^{c}$  date of 12-3(OH)-12(2Cl) at different temperatures