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Self-assembled systems of water soluble metal 8-hydroxyquinolates with surfactants and conjugated polyelectrolytes

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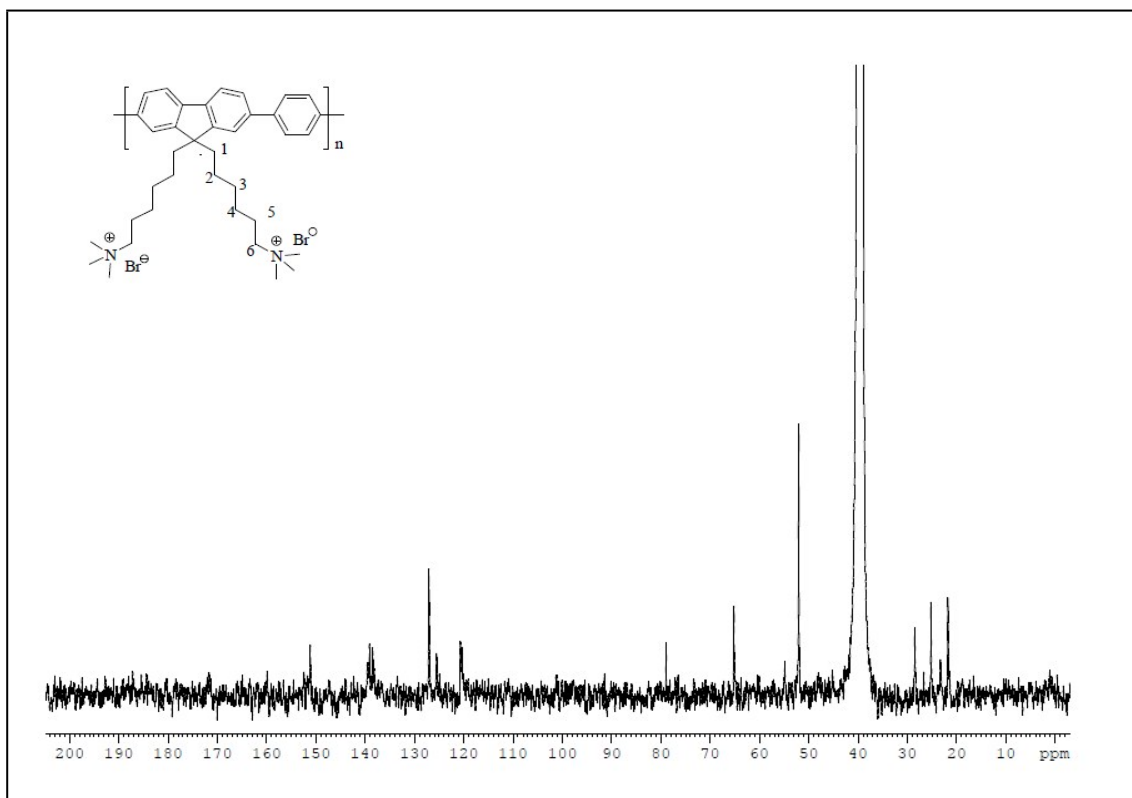


Fig. S1. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the batch of the conjugated polyelectrolyte HTMA-PFP used in this study.

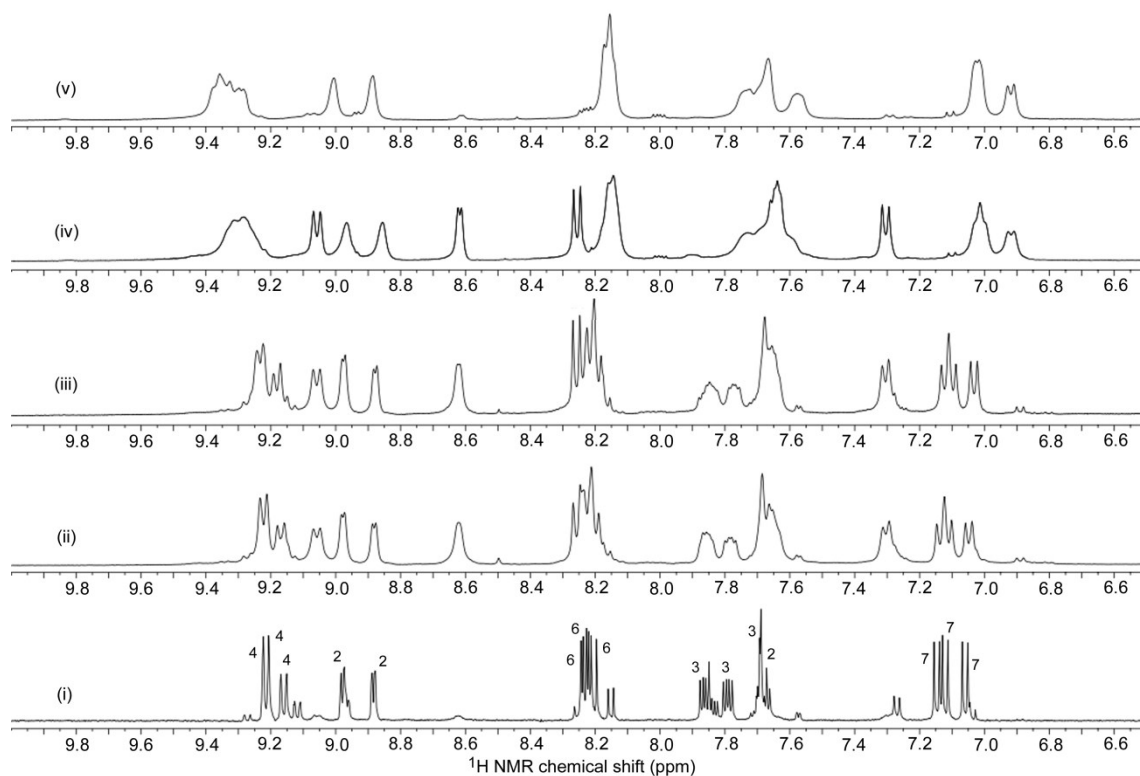


Fig. S2. Expansion 6.5-10 ppm of the ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz) of D_2O solutions of (i) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}$ 2.5:7.5 mmol dm^{-3} , pH 5.7 (ii) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:0.50 mmol dm^{-3} , (iii) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:1.0 mmol dm^{-3} , (iv) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:5 mmol dm^{-3} and (v) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:10 mmol dm^{-3} , temp. 298 K.

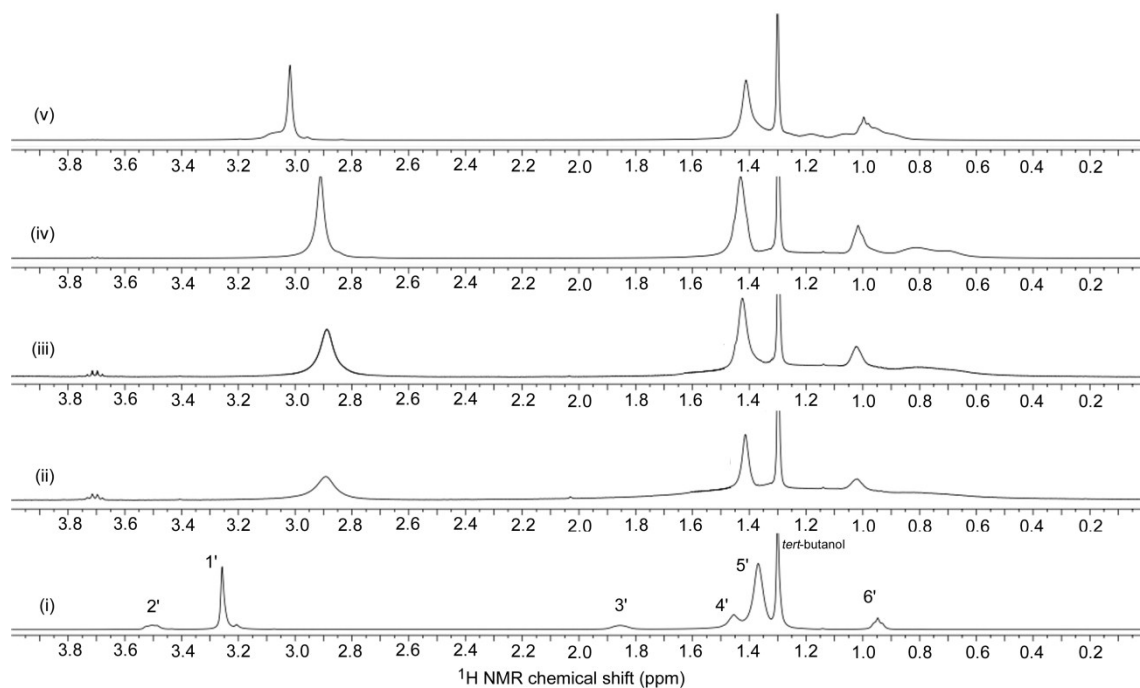


Fig. S3. Expansion 0-4 ppm of the ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz) of D_2O solutions of (i) CTAB 5 mmol dm^{-3} , (ii) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:0.5 mmol dm^{-3} , (iii) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:1 mmol dm^{-3} , (iv) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:5 mmol dm^{-3} and (v) $\text{Al}^{3+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{CTAB}$ 2.5:7.5:10 mmol dm^{-3} , temp. 298 K.

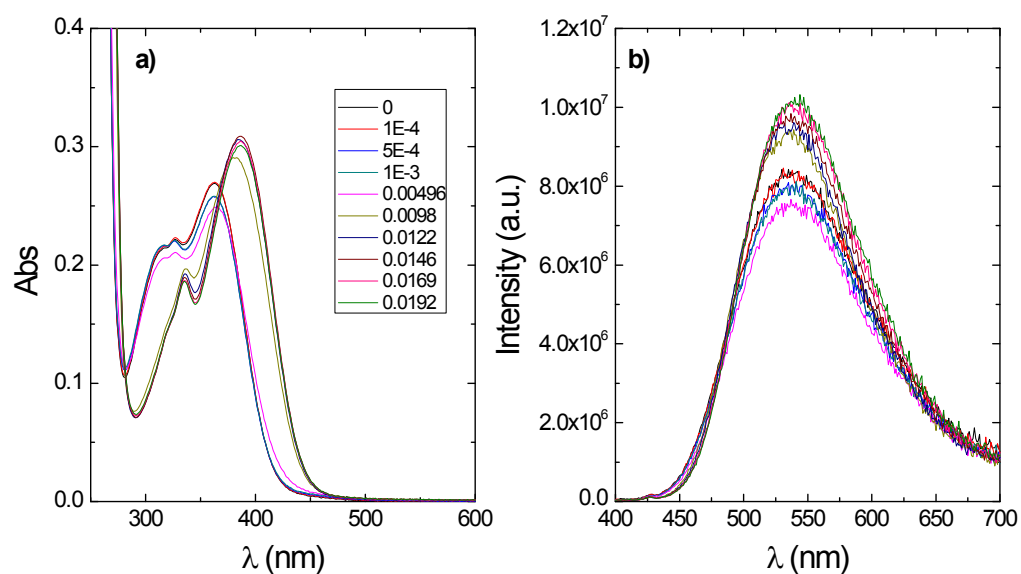


Fig. S4. Effect of DTAB on the (a) absorption and (b) PL ($\lambda_{\text{exc}}=367 \text{ nm}$) spectra of $\text{Zn}(\text{II}):8\text{-HQS}$ (1:2), at pH 6.

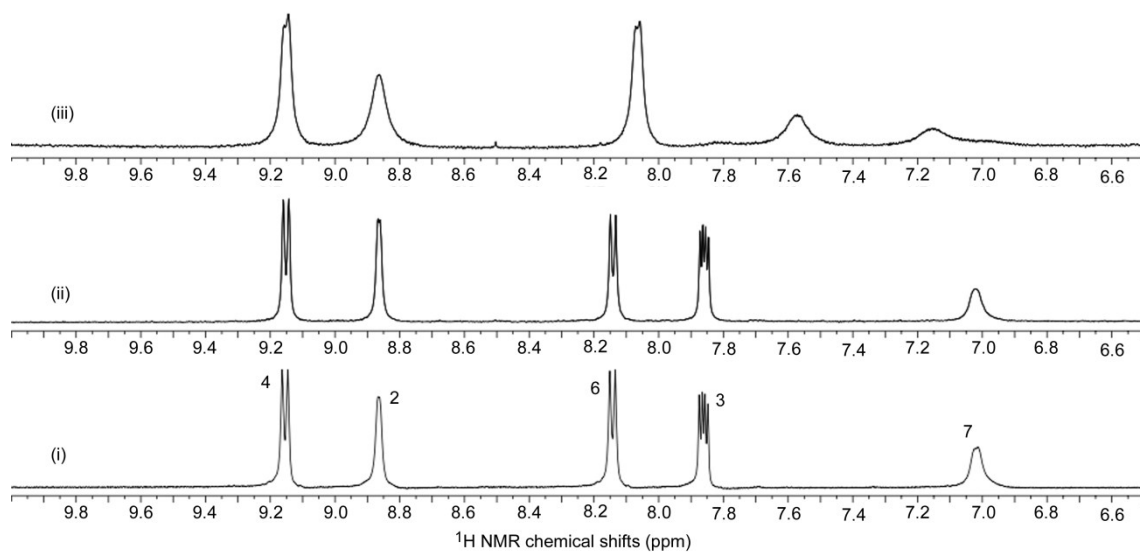


Fig. S5. Expansion of the 6.5-10 ppm region of the ^1H NMR spectra of D_2O solutions of (i) $\text{Zn}^{2+}/8\text{-HQS}$ 5:10 mmol dm^{-3} , pH 6.1 (ii) $\text{Zn}^{2+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{DTAB}$ 5:10:5.0 mmol dm^{-3} , (iii) $\text{Zn}^{2+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{DTAB}$ $\text{Zn}^{2+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{DTAB}$ 5:10:20 mmol dm^{-3} , temp. 298 K.

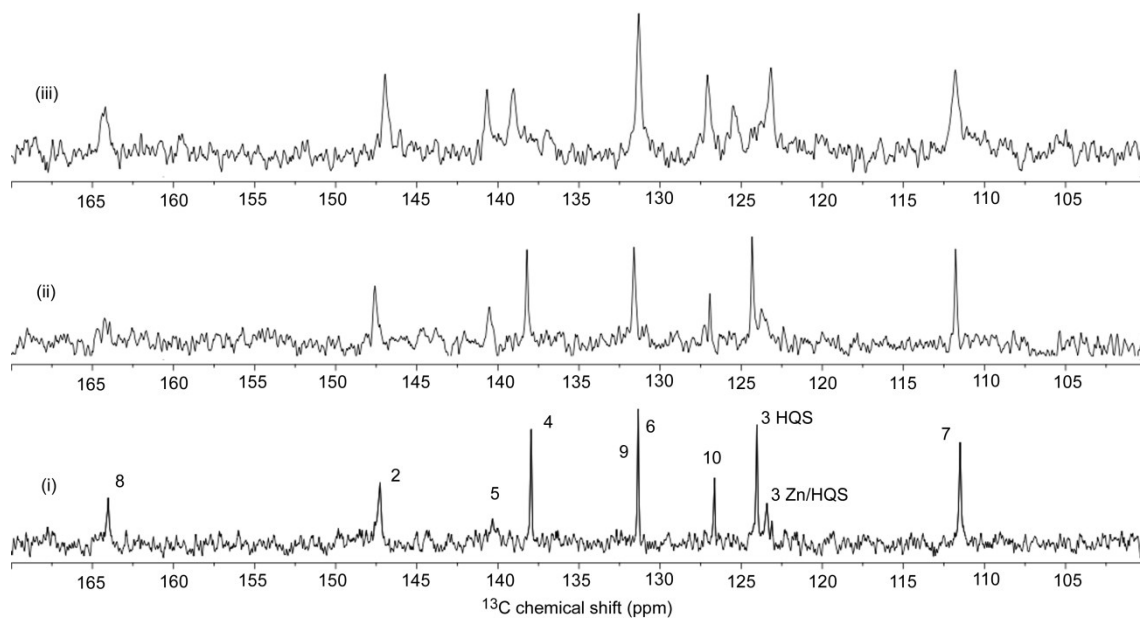


Fig. S6. Expansion 100-170 ppm of the ^{13}C NMR spectra of D_2O solutions of (i) $\text{Zn}^{2+}/8\text{-HQS}$ 5:10 mmol dm^{-3} , pH 6.1 (ii) $\text{Zn}^{2+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{DTAB}$ 5:10:5.0 mmol dm^{-3} , (iii) $\text{Zn}^{2+}/8\text{-HQS}/\text{DTAB}$.

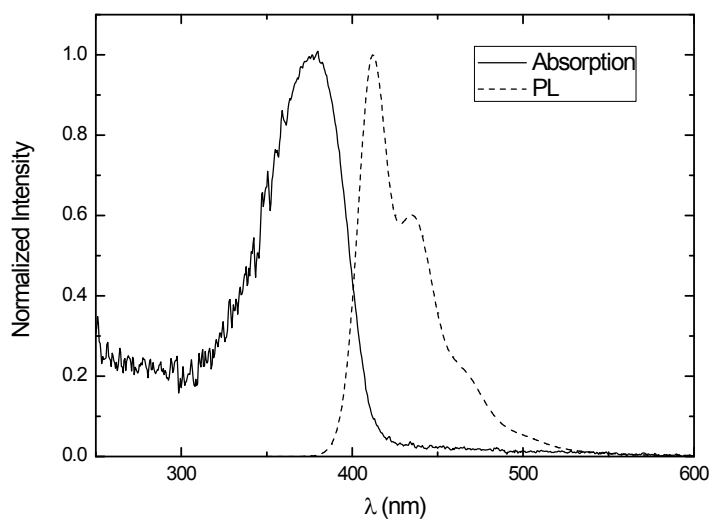


Fig. S7. Absorption and PL ($\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 380 \text{ nm}$) spectra of HTMA-PFP in C_{12}E_5 ($1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$) micellar solution.

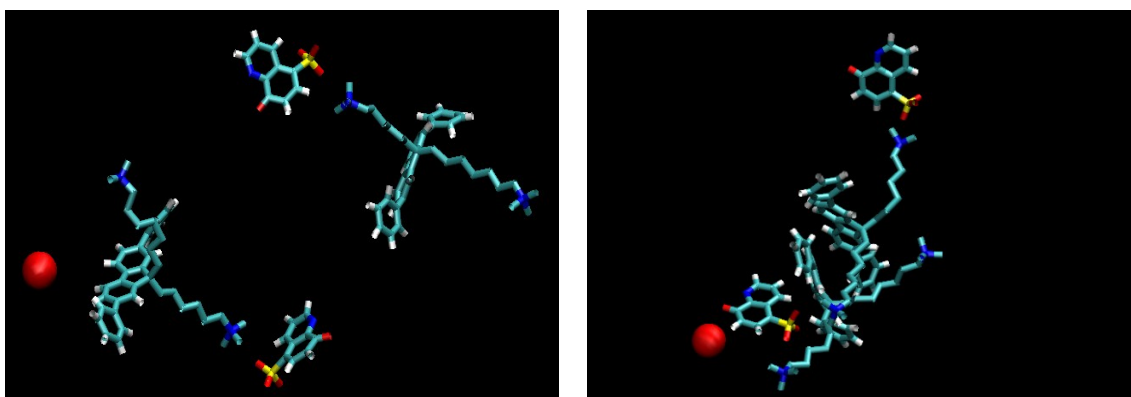


Fig. S8. (a) and (b) A(3) left and A(4) right showing the competing interaction between HTMA-PFP (monomer) and 8-HQS which reduces the frequency of 8-HQS interactions with Zn(II).

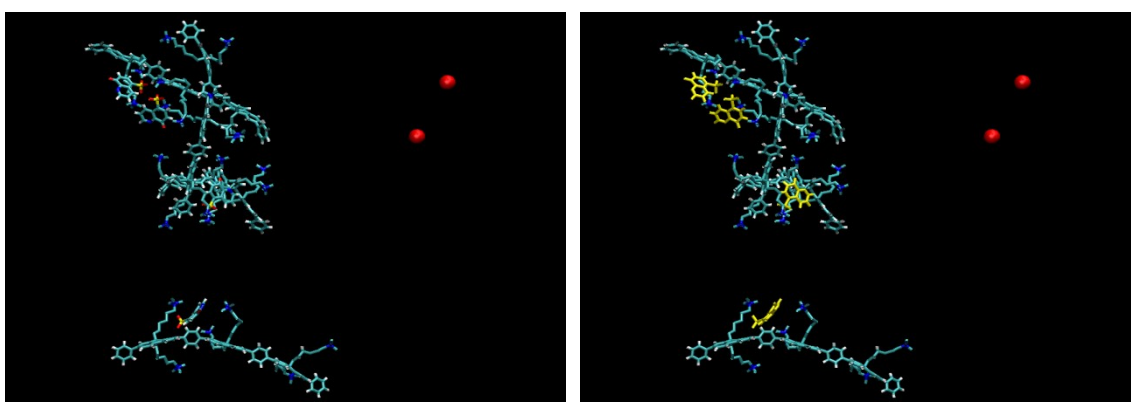


Fig. S9. Left and right images show the dissociation of $[\text{Zn}(\text{8-QS})_2]^{2-}$ in the presence of HTMA-PFP (trimer); the right schematic shows the same representation with 8-QS ligand shown in yellow to demonstrate encapsulation by HTMA-PFP (trimer).

Table S1. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (degrees) calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level with PCM (water)^a for the meridional [Al(8-HQS)₃]³⁻ complex in the presence or absence N,N,N-trimethyl-N-propylammonium counterions.

| Bond lengths | [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁻ + counterions | [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁻ | Angles | [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁻ + counterions | [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁻ |
|---------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Al-O _I | 1.878 | 1.885 | O _I -Al-N _I | 80.84 | 80.75 |
| Al-O _{II} | 1.870 | 1.870 | O _{II} -Al-N _{II} | 83.04 | 83.74 |
| Al-O _{III} | 1.884 | 1.887 | O _{III} -Al-N _{III} | 82.56 | 83.55 |
| Al-N _I | 2.109 | 2.111 | O _I -Al-O _{II} | 93.46 | 92.70 |
| Al-N _{II} | 2.078 | 2.073 | N _I -Al-O _{III} | 89.09 | 89.95 |
| Al-N _{III} | 2.063 | 2.046 | N _{II} -Al-N _{III} | 171.70 | 173.67 |

^a Polarizable Continuum Model.^{55,56}

Table S2. Mulliken charges for selected atoms calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level with PCM (water)^a for the meridional [Al(8-HQS)₃]³⁻ complex in the presence or absence of N,N,N-trimethyl-N-propylammonium counterions.

| Atom | Mulliken Charge [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁻ + counterions | Mulliken Charge [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁻ |
|------------------|--|--|
| Al | 0.962 | 0.957 |
| O _I | -0.677 | -0.678 |
| O _{II} | -0.674 | -0.676 |
| O _{III} | -0.681 | -0.685 |
| N _I | -0.578 | -0.577 |
| N _{II} | -0.562 | -0.560 |
| N _{III} | -0.560 | -0.557 |
| S _I | 1.18 | 1.11 |
| S _{II} | 1.15 | 1.12 |
| S _{III} | 1.17 | 1.11 |

^a Polarizable Continuum Model.^{55,56}

Table S3. Dihedral angles (degrees) in the N,N,N-trimethyl-N-propylammonium counterions in the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) optimized geometries.

| Dihedral angle | [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁺ + counterions /PCM | [Al(8-HQS) ₃] ³⁺ + counterions /vacuo |
|----------------|---|---|
| N-C4-C5-C6 | 179.982 | 178.981 |
| | 177.179 | 179.784 |
| | 179.878 | 179.889 |
| C1-N-C4-C5 | 177.954 | 174.961 |
| | 178.709 | 176.393 |
| | 177.700 | 175.632 |
| C2-N-C3-C1 | 118.555 | 118.555 |
| | 118.635 | 118.635 |
| | 118.481 | 118.481 |