

## **Supporting Information**

### **Halogen- free ammonium- organoborate ionic liquids as lubricating additives: effect of alkyl chain lengths on the tribological performance**

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#### **Characterization of ammonium organoborate ionic liquids**

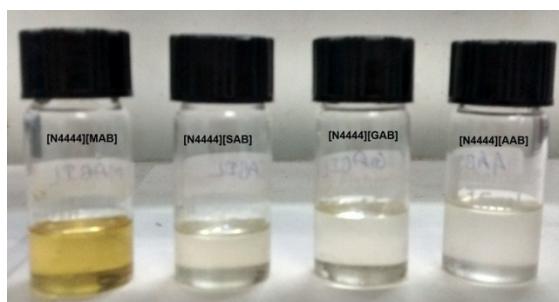
**Table S1: Elemental analysis data of synthesized ionic liquids**

Ionic liquid	C (% wt)	H(% wt)	N(% wt)
[N4444] MAB]	57.73 (57.77)	8.87 (8.82)	3.01 (3.06)
[N4444] [SAB]	59.22 (59.38)	9.11 (9.14)	2.92 (2.89)
[N4444] [GAB]	61.08 (60.82)	9.36 (9.42)	2.76 (2.73)
[N4444] [AAB]	62.14 (62.10)	9.84 (9.68)	2.48 (2.59)

\*values in parenthesis are calculated values

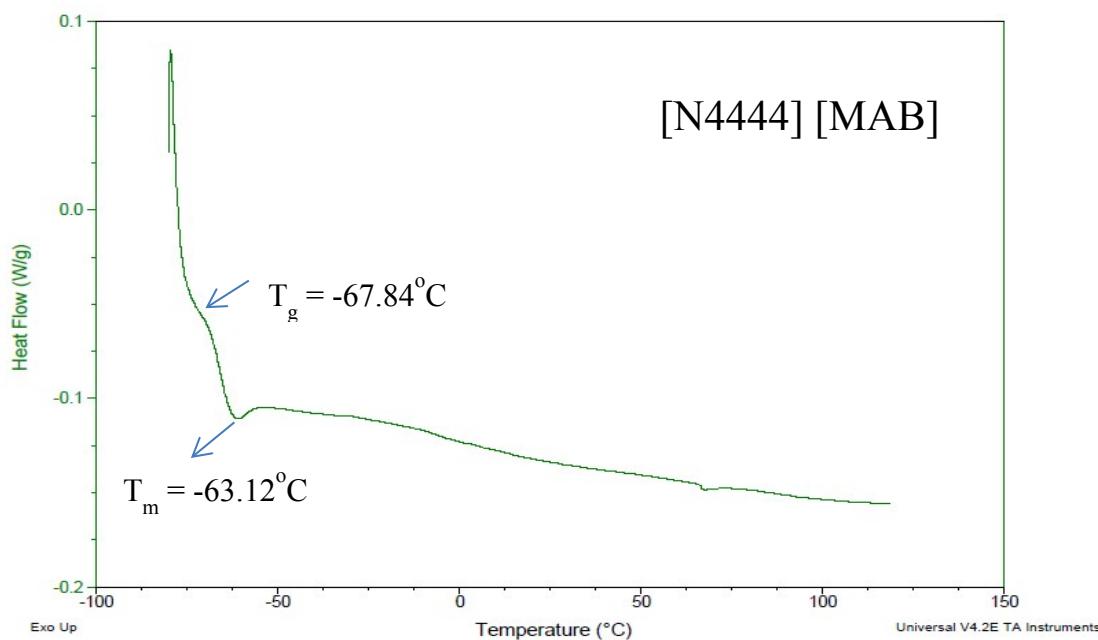
**Table S2:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data of synthesized ionic liquids**

Ionic liquid	Physical Appearance	Yield (%)	$^1\text{H}$ NMR data (ppm)	$^{13}\text{C}$ NMR data (ppm)
[N4444] [MAB]	viscous pale yellow liquid	95	0.99(t, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.46 (sex, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.65 (quin, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 3.3 (t, -CH <sub>2</sub> N), 3.52 (s, -COCH <sub>2</sub> CO)	13.69 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 19.73 (CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 24.07 (CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 39.20 (-COCH <sub>2</sub> CO), 58.95 (CH <sub>2</sub> N), 174.88 (C=O)
[N4444] [SAB]	viscous colourless liquid	97	1.01(t, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.46 (sex, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.68 (quin, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 3.36 (t, -CH <sub>2</sub> N), 2.585 (s, -COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO)	13.74 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 19.76(CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 24.17 (CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 36.20 (-COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO), 59.00 (CH <sub>2</sub> N), 175.11(C=O)
[N4444] [GAB]	viscous colourless liquid	96	1.00(t, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.45 (sex, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.67 (quin, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> + COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO), 3.33 (t, -CH <sub>2</sub> N), 2.45 (t, -COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO)	13.70 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 19.73(CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 19.91 (COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO) 24.07 (CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 33.22 (-COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO), 58.93 (CH <sub>2</sub> N), 176.87(C=O)
[N4444] [AAB]	viscous colourless liquid	94	1.01(t, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.45 (sex, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.69 (quin, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> + COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO), 3.37 (t, -CH <sub>2</sub> N), 2.41 (t, -COCH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO)	13.74 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 19.78(CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 24.19 (CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ), 24.52 (COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO) 34.49 (-COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CO), 59.05 (CH <sub>2</sub> N), 175.88(C=O)

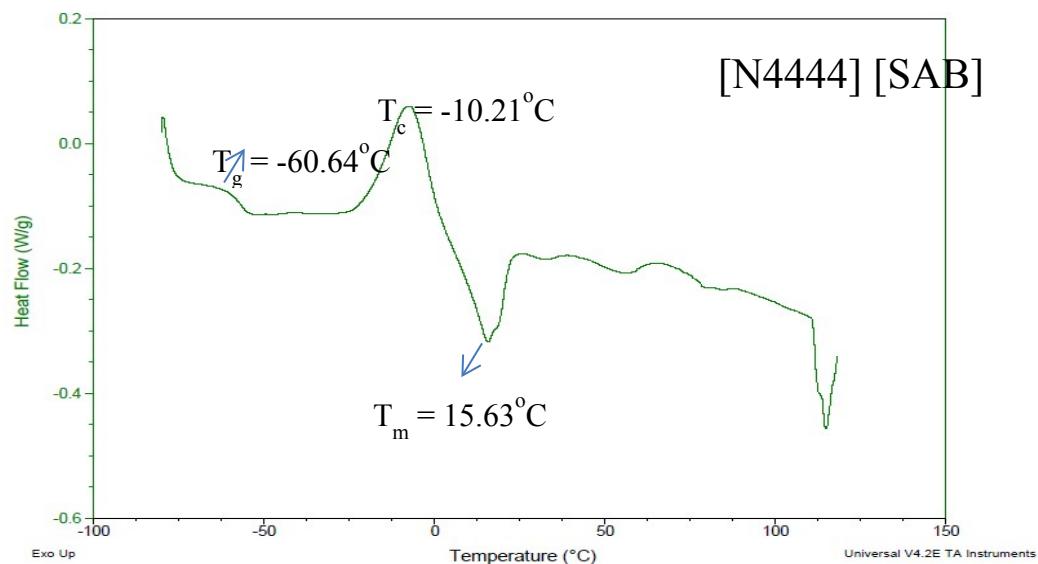


**Figure S1: Physical appearance of the synthesized ILs**

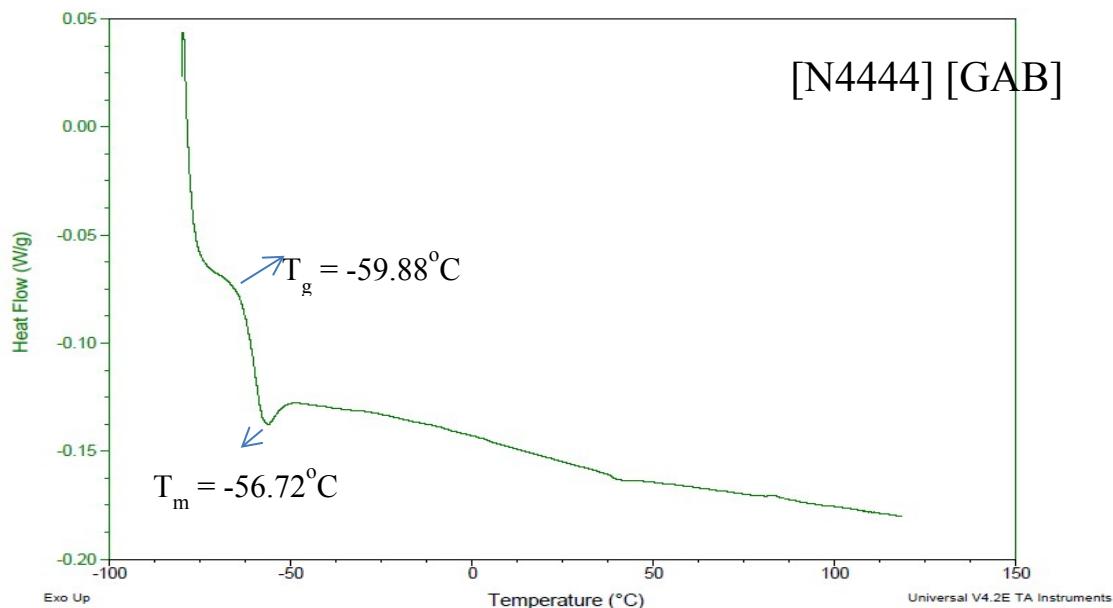
**Fig. S2-S5: DSC patterns of synthesized organoborate ionic liquids**



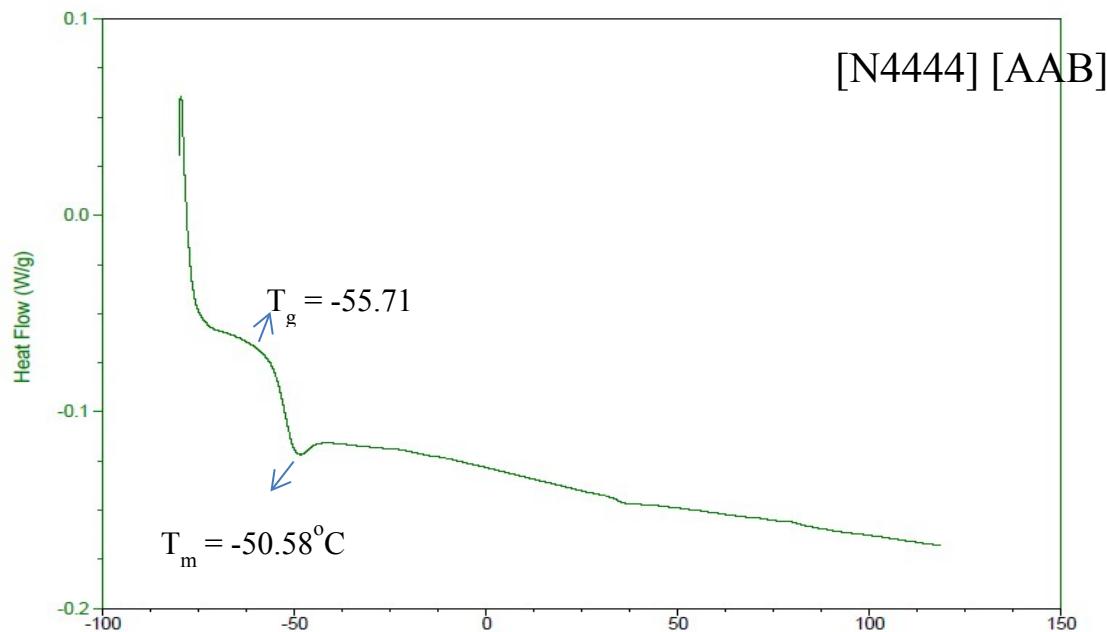
**Fig. S2: DSC curve of ionic liquid [N4444][MAB]**



**Fig. S3: DSC curve of ionic liquid [N4444][SAB]**



**Fig. S4:** DSC curve of ionic liquid [N4444][GAB]



**Fig. S5:** DSC curve of ionic liquid [N4444][AAB]