## **Supporting Information**

## Synthesis and pH-stimuli responsive research of gemini amine-oxide surfactants containing amides

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11-3-11-OA: Mass Spectra: Cationic scanning *M/E*: 585.0 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 607.0 [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]; FTIR Spectra (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3337.76, 3277.43 (N-H), 3000~2843 (C-H), 1639.52 (C=O), 1558.54 (N-H), 1490~1350 (C-H), 1310~1200 (C-N), 1036.95 (N-O), 716.41 (-(CH2)n-); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz,  $\delta$  ppm]: 0.868-0.891 [t, 6H, J=7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>C-of two long alkyl chains], 1.254 [m, methylene in two long alkyl chains, C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>C-], 1.603 [tt, 4H, C-C<sub>8</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-], 2.196-2.223 [t, 4H, J=7.8 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>(C=O)N-], 2.279 [tt, 2H, N<sup>+</sup>-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.321 [s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.599 [t, 4H, N<sup>+</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N(C=O)-], 3.667 [t, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>N(C=O)-], 3.923 [t, 6H, J=5.4 Hz, N<sup>+</sup>-C-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>].

13-3-13-OA: Mass Spectra: Cationic scanning *M/E*: 641.0 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 663.1 [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]; FTIR Spectra (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3337.98, 3280.81 (N-H), 3000~2843 (C-H), 1640.10 (C=O), 1558.82 (N-H), 1490~1350 (C-H), 1310~1200 (C-N), 1037.44 (N-O), 722.03 (-(CH2)n-); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz,  $\delta$  ppm]: 0.868-0.891 [t, 6H, J=7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>C-of two long alkyl chains], 1.251 [m, methylene in two long alkyl chains, C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>10</sub>C-], 1.602 [tt, 4H, C-C<sub>10</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-], 2.198-2.222 [t, 4H, J=7.8 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>(C=O)N-], 2.274 [tt, 2H, N<sup>+</sup>-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.269 [s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.547-3.568 [t, 4H, J=6.6 Hz, N<sup>+</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N(C=O)-], 3.632 [t, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>N(C=O)-], 3.859-3.884 [t, 6H, J=5.4 Hz, N<sup>+</sup>-C-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>].

15-3-15-OA: Mass Spectra: Cationic scanning *M/E*: 697.0 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 720.1 [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]; FTIR Spectra (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): FTIR Spectra (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3312.60 (N-H), 3000~2843 (C-H), 1652.95 (C=O), 1548.64 (N-H), 1490~1350 (C-H), 1310~1200 (C-N), 1099.59 (N-O), 719.87 (-(CH2)n-); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz, δ ppm]: 0.868-0.891 [t, 6H, J=7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>C-of two long alkyl chains], 1.254 [m, methylene in two long alkyl chains, C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>12</sub>C-], 1.601 [tt, 4H, C-C<sub>12</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-], 2.191-2.217 [t, 4H,

J=7.8 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>(C=O)N-], 2.297 [tt, 2H, N<sup>+</sup>-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.276 [s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.583-3.605 [t, 4H, J=6.6 Hz, N<sup>+</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N(C=O)-], 3.634 [t, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>N(C=O)-], 3.844-3.862 [t, 6H, J=5.4 Hz, N<sup>+</sup>-C-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>].

17-3-17-OA: Mass Spectra: Cationic scanning *M/E*: 753.1 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 776.1 [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]; Anion scanning *M/E*: 45.0; FTIR Spectra (KBr, v, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3288.23 (N-H), 3000~2843 (C-H), 1640.85 (C=O), 1558.36 (N-H), 1490~1350 (C-H), 1310~1200 (C-N), 1113.36 (N-O), 720.44 (-(CH2)n-); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra [CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz,  $\delta$  ppm]: 0.868-0.891 [t, 6H, J=7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>C-of two long alkyl chains], 1.254 [m, methylene in two long alkyl chains, C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>14</sub>C-], 1.602 [tt, 4H, C-C<sub>14</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-], 2.180-2.206 [t, 4H, J=7.8 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>(C=O)N-], 2.304 [tt, 2H, N<sup>+</sup>-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.279 [s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>], 3.570-3.586 [t, 4H, J=6.0 Hz, N<sup>+</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-N(C=O)-], 3.652 [t, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>N(C=O)-], 3.845-3.862 [t, 6H, J=5.4 Hz, N<sup>+</sup>-C-C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N<sup>+</sup>].



Fig. S1 Cationic scanning mass spectra of 11-3-11-OA



Fig. S2 FTIR spectra of 11-3-11-OA



