

## **Alkali and Alkaline Earth Metal Ions Detection Using Birefringence of Hyperswollen Lamellar Phase**

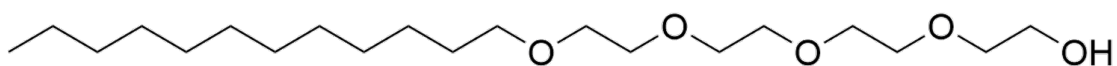
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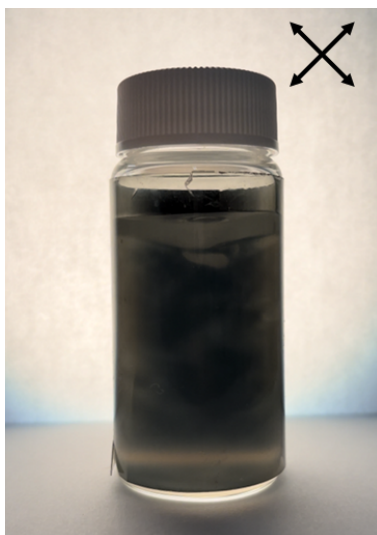
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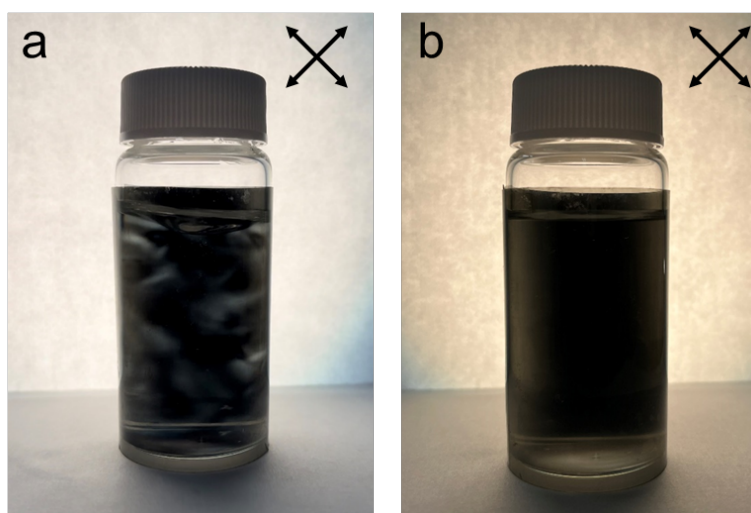
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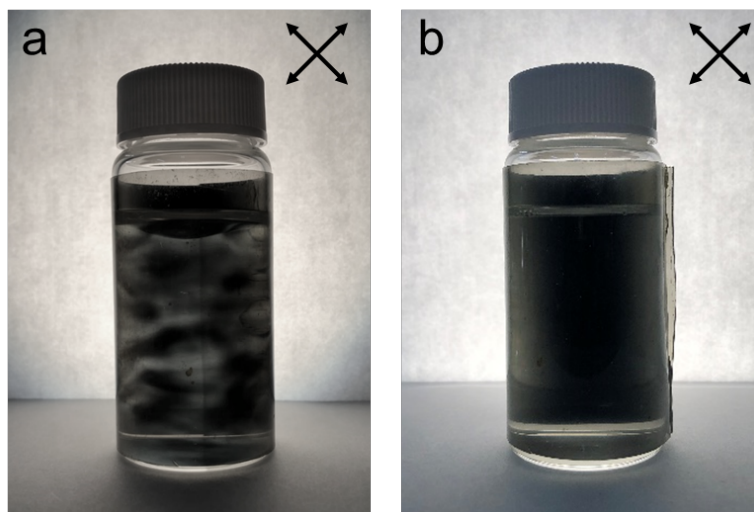
**Fig. S1** Molecular structure and schematic illustration of the interaction. Molecular structure of  $C_{12}E_4$ , the main component of Brij L4.



**Fig. S2** Polarized photographs of hyperswollen lamellar phases of decane solution of water ( $5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  M), Brij L4 ( $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M), and HCl ( $6.1 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



**Fig. S3** Polarized photographs of decane solution of water ( $5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and Brij L4 ( $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M). Polarized photographs (a) without additives and (b) with  $CaCl_2$  ( $9.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M).



**Fig. S4** Polarized photographs of decane solution of water ( $5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  M) and Brij L4 ( $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M). Polarized photographs (a) without additives and (b) with NaOH ( $4.9 \times 10^{-6}$  M).