

## Effect of Asymmetric Amphiphilic Dicationic Ionic Liquids as Oil Spill Dispersants in Red Sea

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**Abstract :** Three asymmetric dicationic ionic liquids (ADILs), 1-(2-(1-dodecyl-2-methyl-1H-imidazolium-3-yl)ethyl)-3-methyl pyridinium bromide (IL<sub>1</sub>), 1-(6-(1-dodecyl-2-methyl-1H-imidazolium-3-yl)hexyl)-3-methyl pyridinium bromide (IL<sub>2</sub>) and 1-(10-(1-dodecyl-2-methyl-1H-imidazolium-3-yl)decyl)-3-methyl pyridinium bromide (IL<sub>3</sub>) were synthesized with yield of 83.54, 84.12 & 83.05% respectively. They were elucidated via conventional tools of analysis (elemental analysis, FT-IR, and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR). The thermogravimetric analysis confirmed that the three ADILs possessed high thermal stability (up to 500°C). Their critical micelle concentration (CMC) was investigated and exhibited values of  $5.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  Mol./L. They were evaluated as oil spill dispersants were at different temperatures (10, 30 & 50°C) with different concentrations (750, 1500, 2000, 3000 ppm). Data reveals that the efficiency is ranked as follows: IL<sub>2</sub> > IL<sub>1</sub> > IL<sub>3</sub>, which showed high dispersion efficiency reached to 63% with the concentration of 1500 ppm.

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