

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

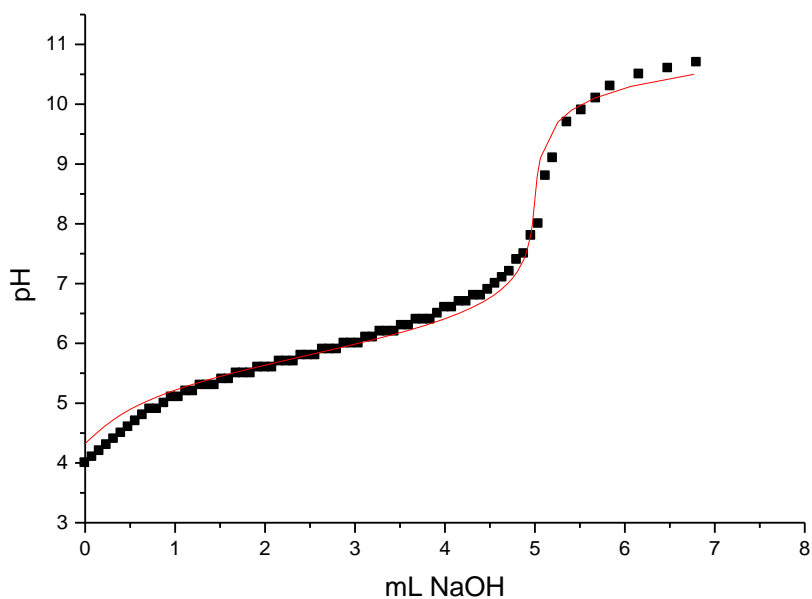


Figure S1. Titration of surfactant DMHNC₁₄ at 25°C. The curve shows the fitting of the experimental points to the acid base equations including the presence of CO₂.

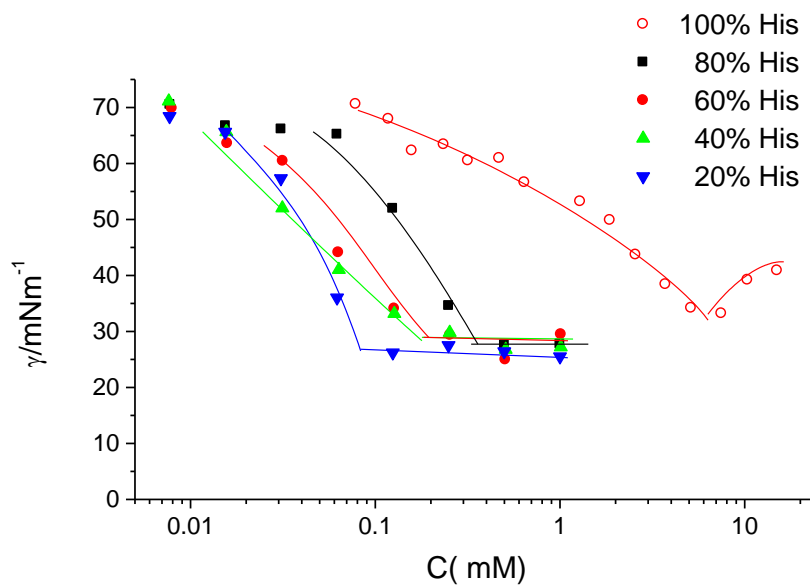


Figure S2. Surface tension as a function of concentration for mixtures of histidine surfactant with C₁₂C₃L at 25 °C

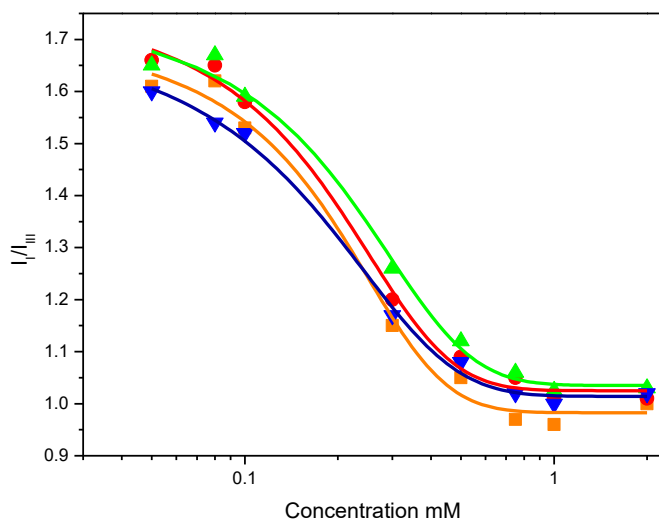


Figure S3. I₁/I₃ values for pyrene as a function of DMHNHC14/C3C12L cationic mixtures concentration (■ 20:80HL ● 40:60 ▲ 60:80HL ▼ 80:20HL)

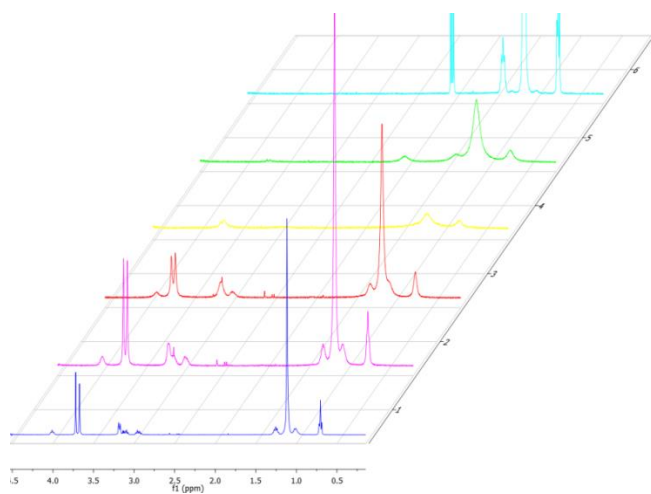


Figure S4. ¹H NMR of the pure surfactants and the cationic mixtures obtained from 5 mM solutions at 25 °C (1 Histidine, 2 80:20HM, 3 60:40HM, 4 40:60HM, 5 20:80HM, 6 Myristate)

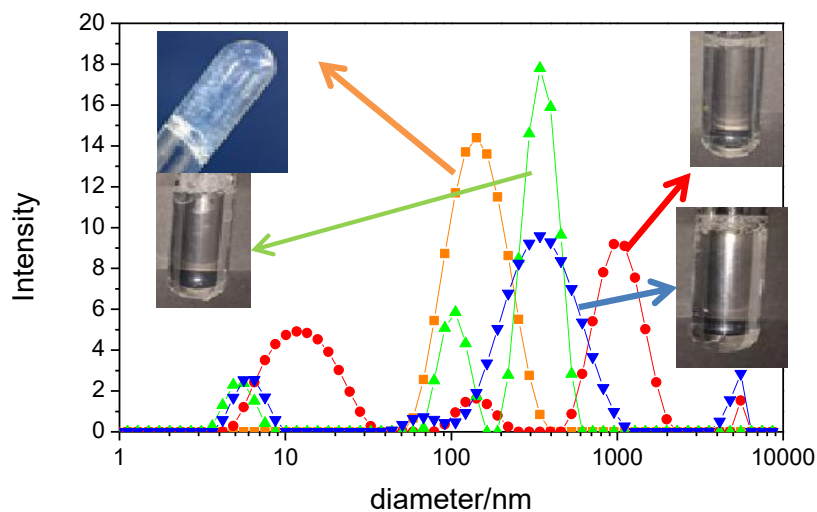


Figure S5. Intensity as a function of diameter as obtained from dynamic light scattering obtained at 25 °C for the different compositions of DMHNHC14/C₃C₁₂L
 ▼ 80:20HL ▲ 60:80HL ● 40:60 ■ 20:80HL

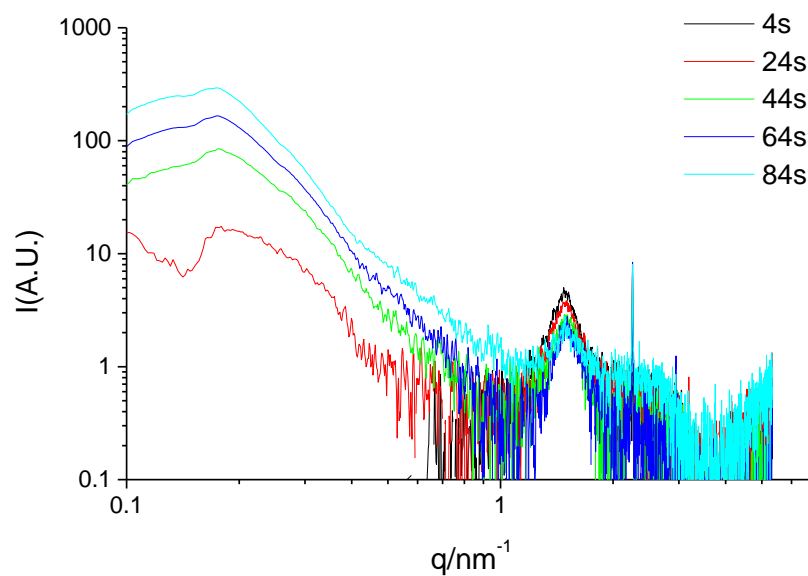


Figure S6. DMHNHC14/C₃C₁₂L 80:20 HL SAXS intensity as a function of scattering vector q at different times. Note that the peak at $1=1.5 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ decreases in intensity while the intensity at small q increases. The peak at $q=2.25 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ appears after 10 s measurement.

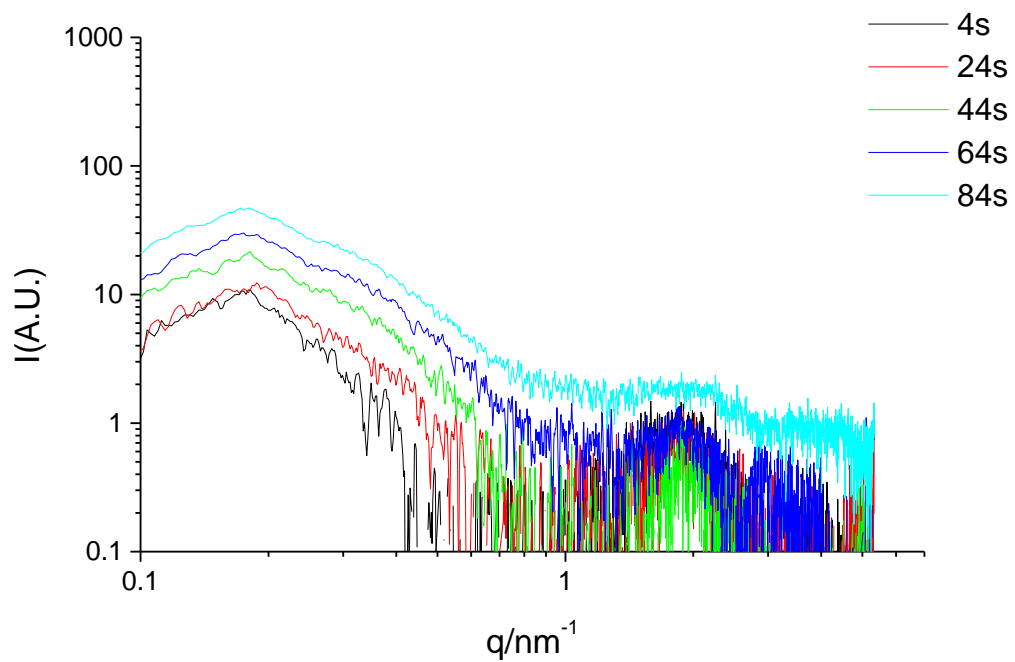


Figure S7. DMHNHC14/C₃C₁₂L 40:60 HL SAXS intensity as a function of scattering vector q at different times.. The overall intensity increases with time, the band around 2 nm^{-1} becomes less marked.

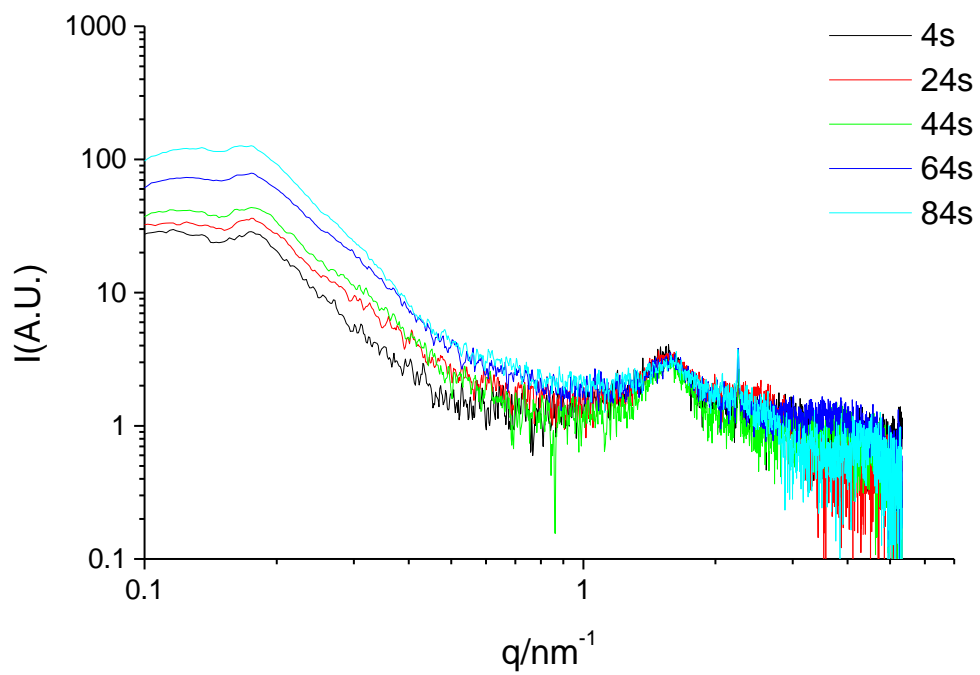


Figure S8. DMHNHC14/C₃C₁₂L 20:80 HL SAXS intensity as a function of scattering vector q at different times... The behaviour is similar to 80:20 HL but the peak at $q= 2.25 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ appears after 30 s.

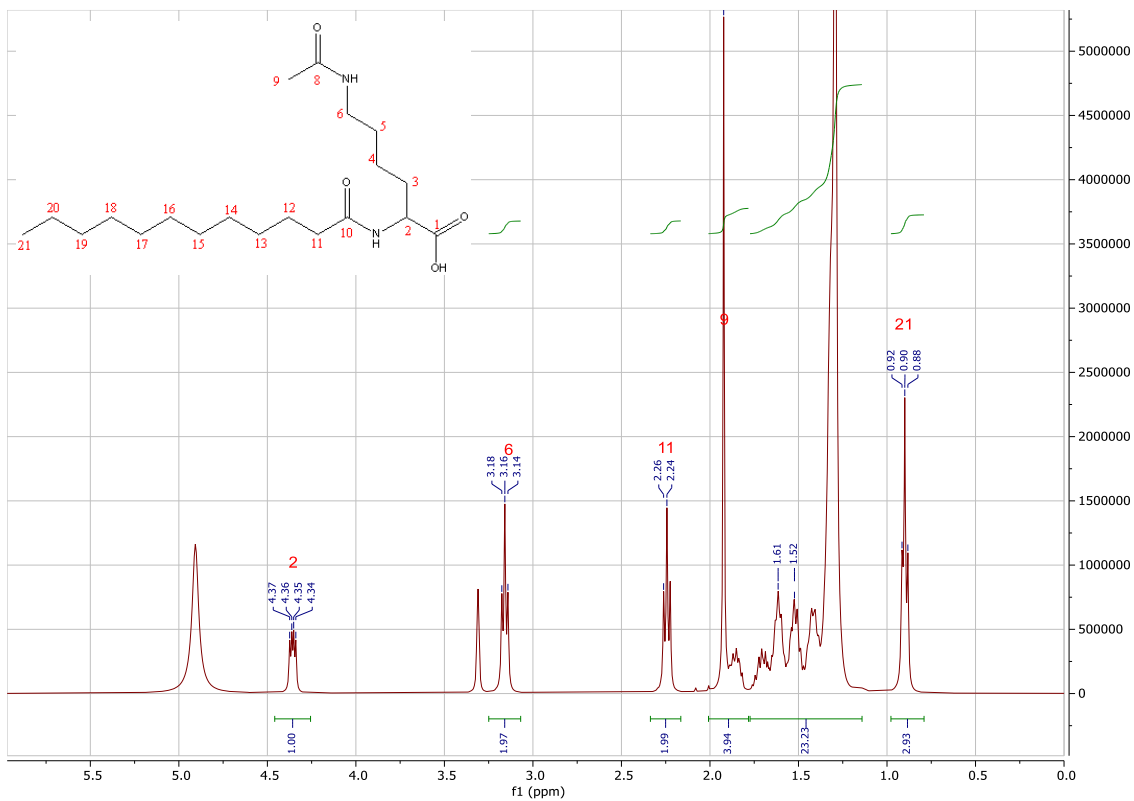


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of $\text{C}_{12}\text{C}_3\text{L}$

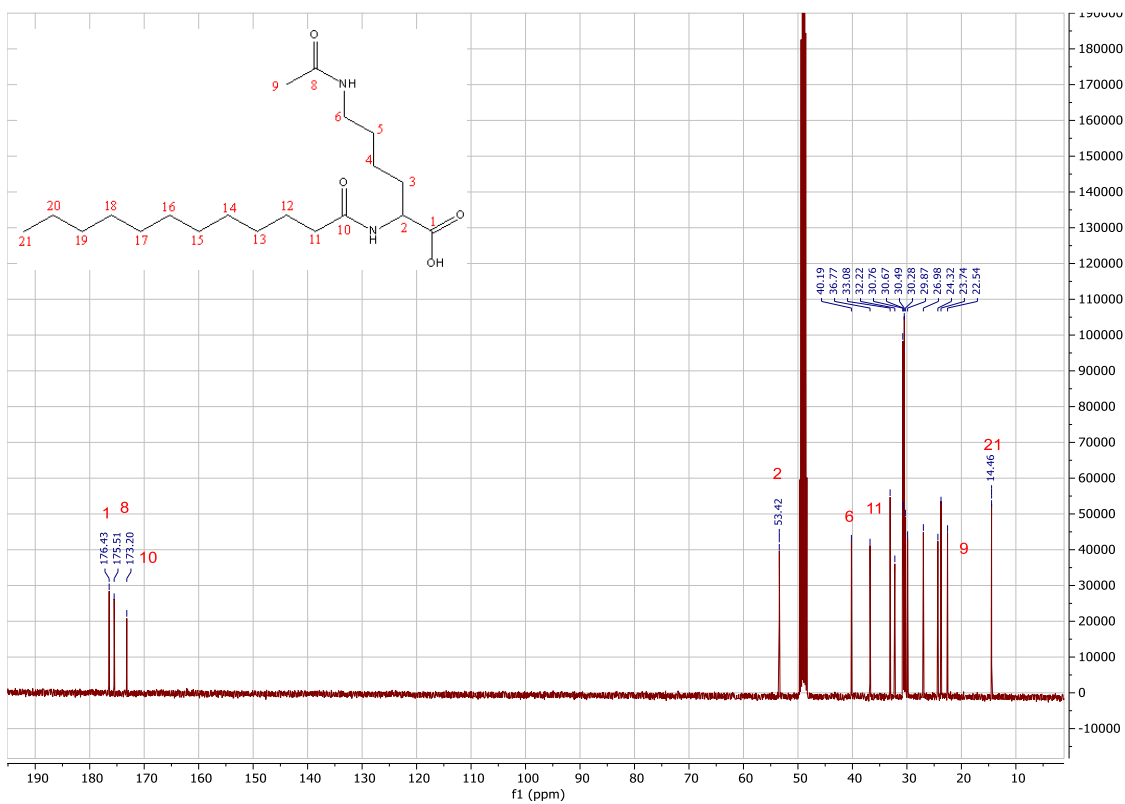


Figure S10. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $\text{C}_{12}\text{C}_3\text{L}$

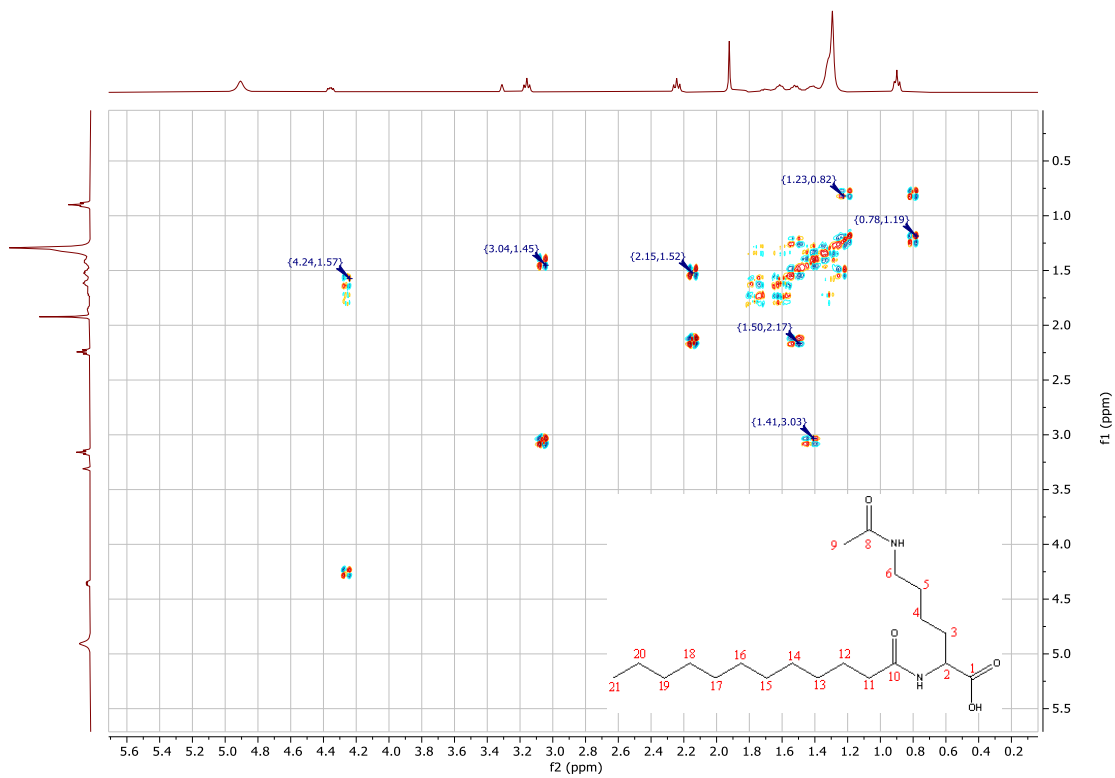


Figure S11. COSY spectrum of C₁₂C₃L

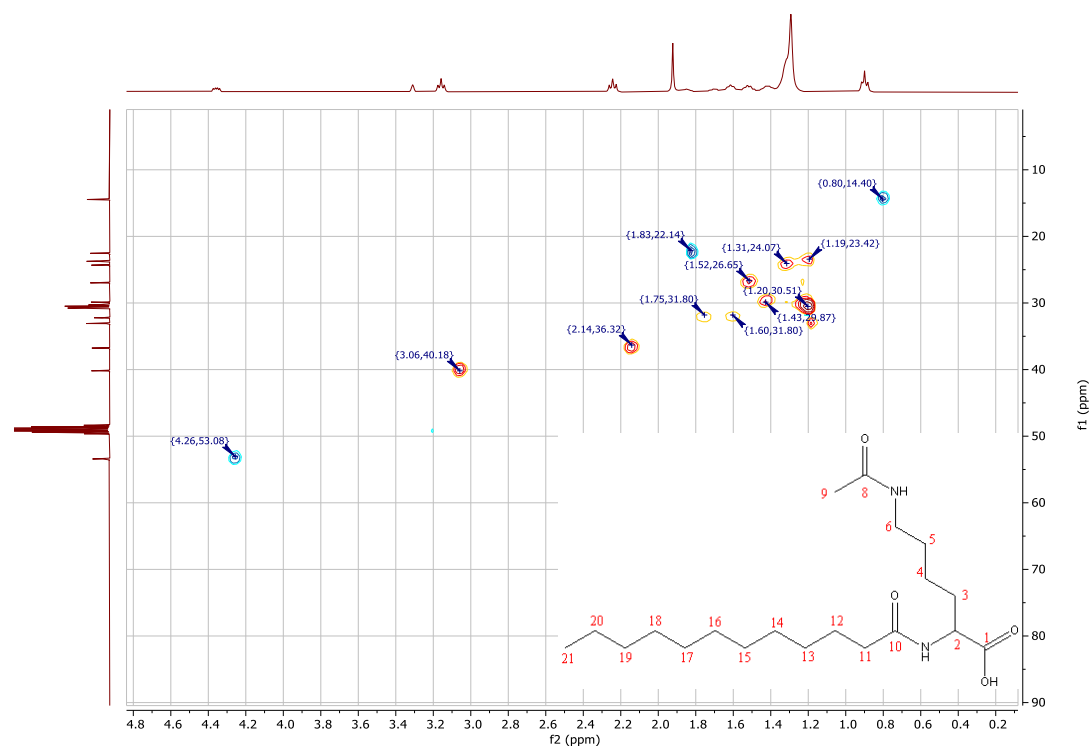


Figure S12. HSQC spectrum of C₁₂C₃L

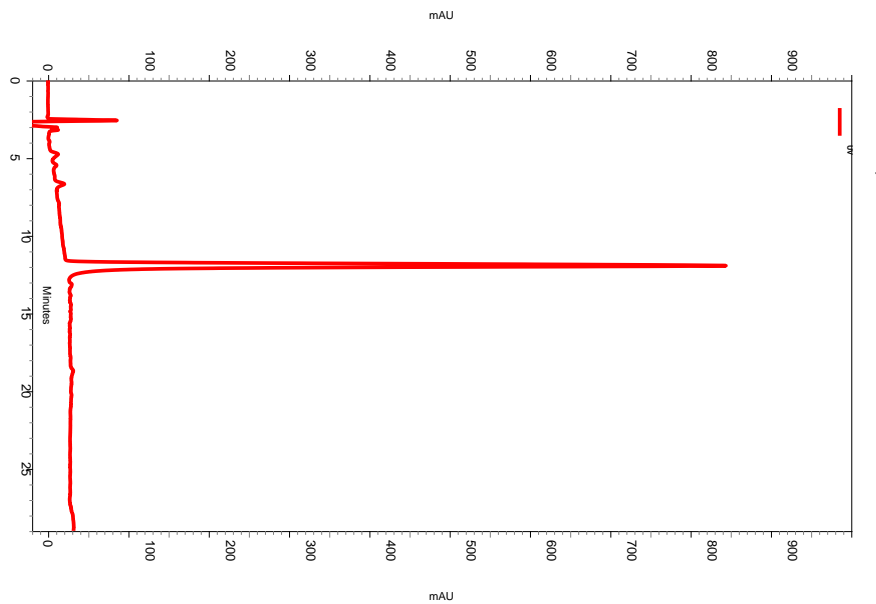


Figure S13. HPLC chromatogram of C₁₂C₃L

Table S1 Surface tension and fluorescence aggregation parameters of the pure surfactants and the cationic mixtures and ζ -potential of the mixtures.

His%	α His ¹	A_m ²	CMC_γ ³	γ_{cmc} ⁴	CMC_F ³	ζ -potential ⁵
100	1	57	5.2	33	3.8	
80:20HL	0.748	19	0.33	28	0.07	+41mV

60:40HL	0.527	22	0.19	28	0.15	+41mV
40:60HL	0.331	30	0.17	29.5	0.13	+41mV
20:80HL	0.157	14	0.09	26.5	0.15	~0

¹ Histidine molar fraction in the mixture.

² Area per molecule according to Gibbs adsorption isotherm using $n=1$ in nm^2 .

³ CMC obtained by surface tension or Fluorescence in mM.

⁴ Surface tension at CMC in mNm^{-1} .

⁵ ζ -potential in mV.