

## Synthesis and properties of the novel bis-ammonium Gemini surfactants without connecting chain.

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The novel bis-ammonium Gemini surfactants without connecting chain which have a  $C_{2v}$  symmetry ( $C_2$  Gemini) were prepared from malonic acid derivatives. It was found that the  $C_2$  Gemini have superior surface activities, such as the remarkably small critical micelle concentration (cmc) and the specially low surface tension at cmc ( $\gamma_{cmc}$ ) of  $C_2$  Gemini, similar to that of other Geminis. Also, it was found that the intramolecular hydrophobic interaction would be very important for the excellent properties of Gemini surfactant.