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## Understanding the Interaction of Boric Acid and CO<sub>2</sub> with Ionic Liquids in Aqueous Medium by Multinuclear NMR Spectroscopy

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**Fig. S1.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR chemical shifts of BA, aqueous solution of mixtures of  $[N_{1,1,5,2OH}]$ [Threo]/ BA and  $[N_{1,1,5,2OH}]$ [Tau]/ BA, and of the same mixture after the CO<sub>2</sub> capture (stars) experiment.



**Fig. S2.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of an aqueous solution of BA (3 mg/ml) in the temperature range 298 - 343 K.



**Fig. S3.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Threo]/BA mixture (0.57 IL) (0.01 g/ml of IL) in the temperature range 298 – 343 K.



**Fig. S4.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Threo]/BA mixture (0.94 IL) (0.01 g/ml of IL) in the temperature range 298 – 343 K.



**Fig. S5.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Tau]/BA mixture (0.22 IL) (0.01 g/ml of IL) in the temperature range 298 – 343 K.



**Fig. S6.** <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Tau]/BA mixture (0.88 IL) (0.01 g/ml of IL) in the temperature range 298 – 343 K.



Fig. S7. 100.64 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR of an aqueous solution of threonine.





**Fig. S9.** 100.64 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Threo]/BA mixture (0.25 molar fraction of IL).



**Fig. S10.** 100.64 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Threo]/BA mixture (0.53 molar fraction of IL).



**Fig. S11.** 100.64 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Threo]/BA mixture (0.8 molar fraction of IL).



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**Fig. S15.** 100.64 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,20H}]$ [Tau]/BA mixture (0.22 molar fraction of IL).



**Fig. S16.** 100.64 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,20H}]$ [Tau]/BA mixture (0.53 molar fraction of IL).



**Fig. S17.** 100.64 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR of an aqueous solution of  $[N_{1,1,4,20H}]$ [Tau]/BA mixture (0.76 molar fraction of IL).



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**Fig. S19.**  $CO_2$  absorption kinetics for  $[N_{1,1,4,2OH}]$ [Threo] – water mixtures (50/50 wt%). Solid symbols indicate the sample without boric acid, open symbols correspond to 8.5 wt.% of boric acid and half-filled symbols correspond to 9.7 wt.% (limit of saturation) of boric acid relative to the mass of ionic liquid. The absorption experiment was performed at room temperature by purging the  $CO_2$  gas through the needle with a tip placed at the bottom of the tube. The flow rate was about 1.5 ml/min at 1 bar pressure. Weight of the sample was determined gravimetrically using a Mettler Toledo analytical balance (0.1 mg accuracy).