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Lamellar Micelles as Templates for the Preparation of Silica Nanodisks

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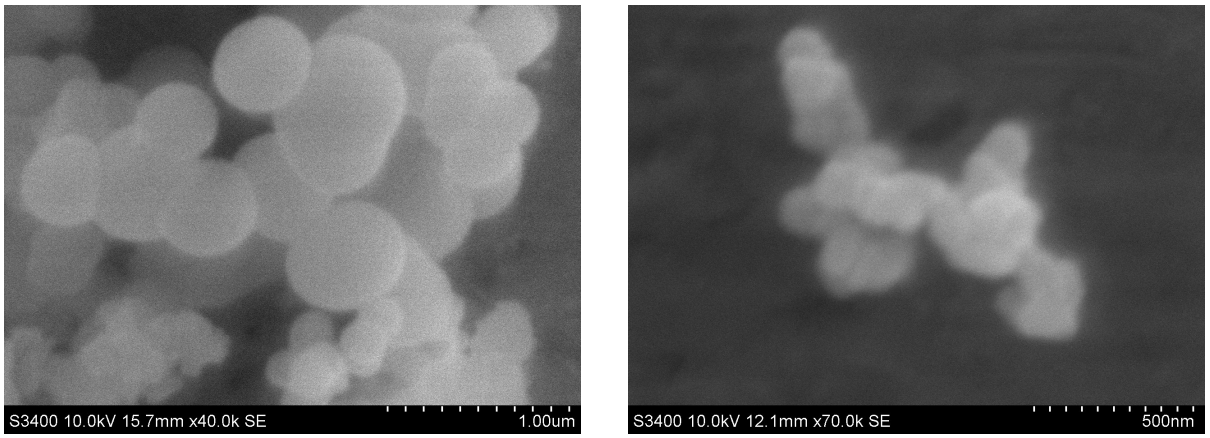

(A) (B)

Figure S1. Scanning electron micrographs (SEM) of silica nanostructures prepared in the AOT microemulsion in w_0=22 in presence of 17M $FeCl_3$. Here image of the product obtained from the upper layer is shown in the panel (A), product from the interface shown in panel (B).

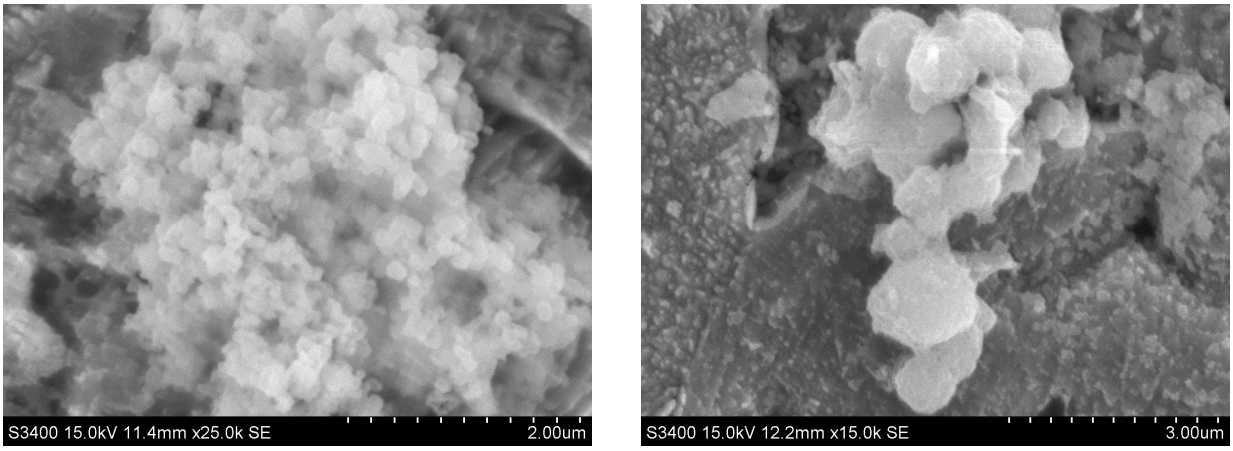

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Figure S2. Scanning electron micrographs (SEM) of silica nanostructures prepared in the AOT microemulsion in w_0=100 in absence of $FeCl_3$. Here image of the product obtained from the upper layer is shown in the panel (A), product from the interface shown in panel (B).

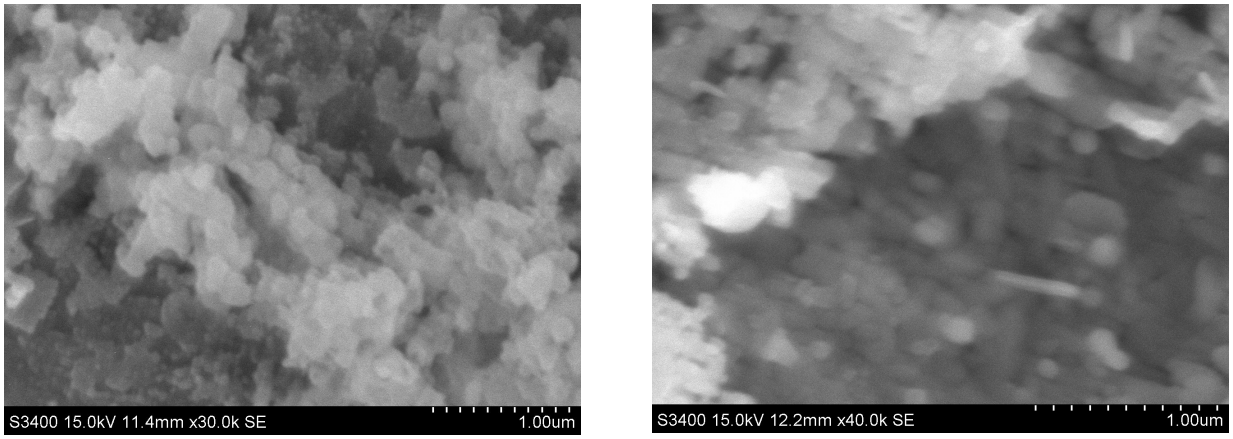

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Figure S3. Scanning electron micrographs (SEM) of silica nanostructures prepared in the AOT microemulsion in w_0=200 in absence of $FeCl_3$. Here image of the product obtained from the upper layer is shown in the panel (A), product from the interface shown in panel (B).

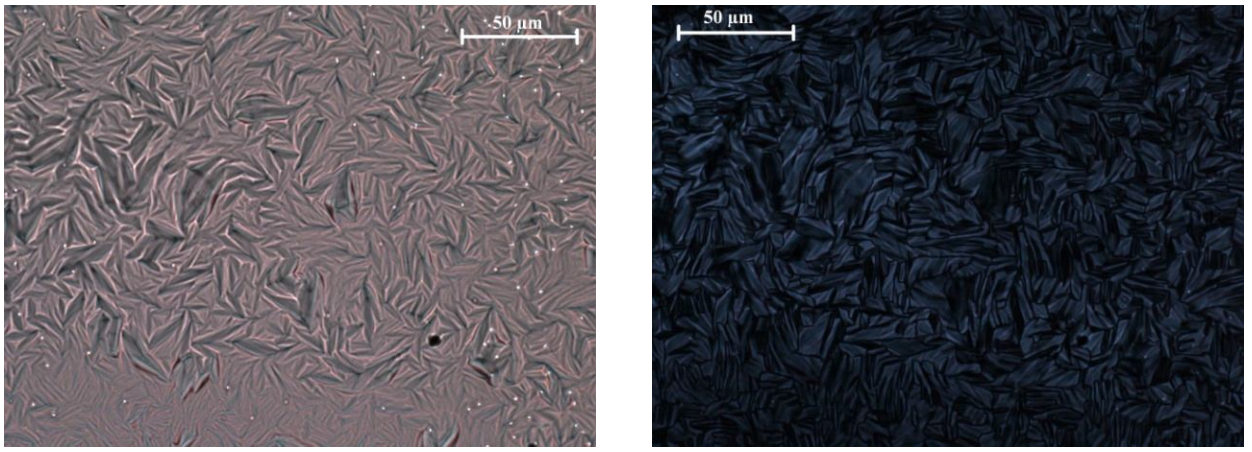

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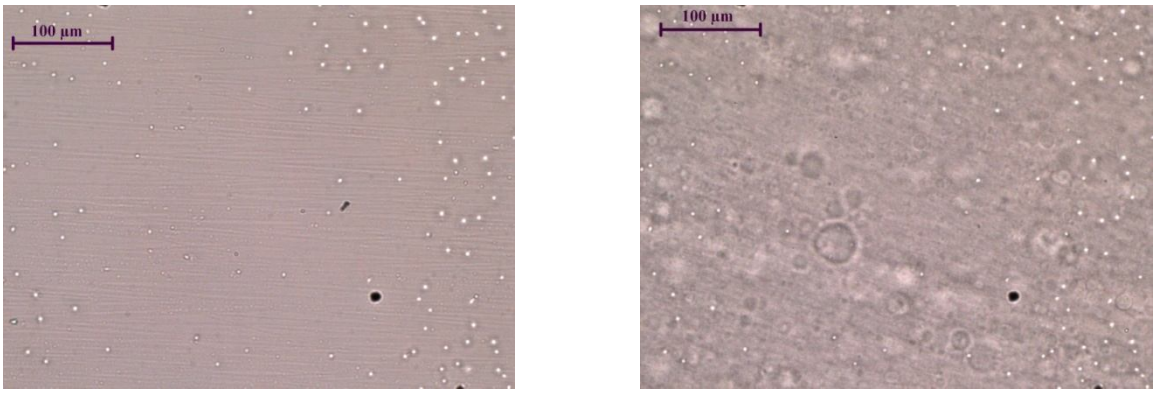
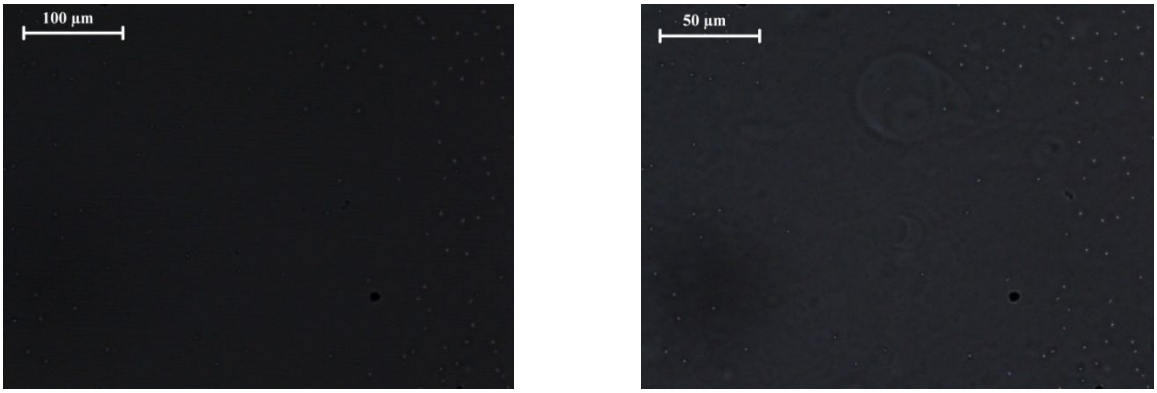
Figure S4. Crossed polarized optical micrographs (POM) a portion of aqueous solution 60 wt% (w_0 = 41). AOT; (A) when polarizers are at $0^0$and (B) when polarized are cross at 90^0.



(A) (B)

Figure S5. Polarized optical micrographs (POM) of (A) upper layer of microemulsion at w_0=200; (B) an aqueous solution of AOT containing 5wt% (w_0 = 494) AOT.



(A) (B)

Figure S6. Crossed polarized optical micrographs (POM) of (A) upper layer of microemulsion at w_0=200; (B) an aqueous solution of AOT containing 5wt% (w_0 = 494) AOT. Here polarizers are crossed at 90^0.

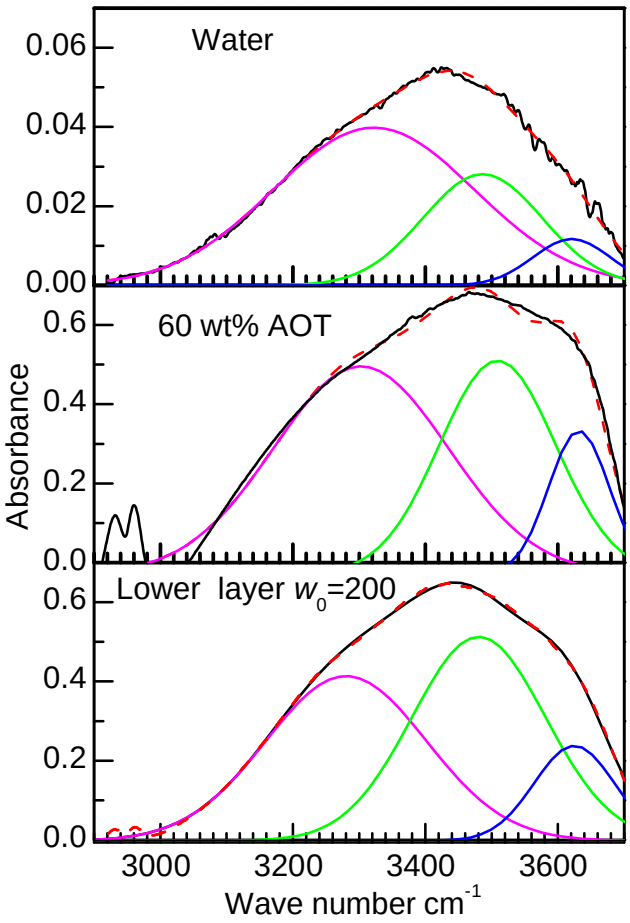


Figure S7. Comparison of the OH stretching mode (solid black line) of bulk water, 60 wt% (w_0 = 41) AOT and the lower layer of the microemulsion at w_0=200. Here the fitted data (red dashed line) is obtained by the addition of three single Gaussian functions for NW (magenta line), IW (green line), MW (blue line).