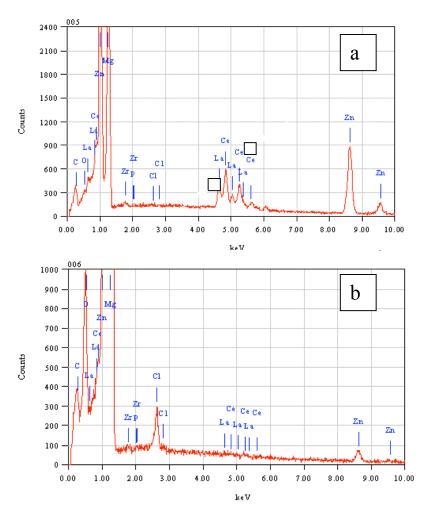
## **Supplementary Information**

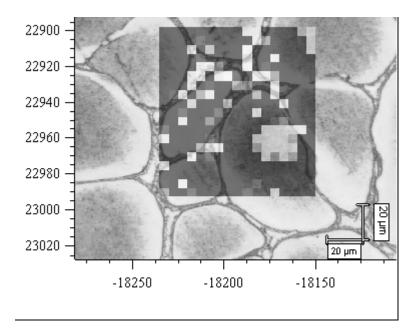
New insights into the fundamental chemical nature of ionic liquid film formation on magnesium alloy surfaces

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S1: SEM EDX analyses from manuscript Figure 3 for (a) the intermetallic region and (b) neighbouring the grain boundary, which suggest that there is more IL interaction away from the grain boundary areas.



S2: Raman map of ZE41 surface with a 48hr dpp treatment. Light coloured regions are where the peak at 1280 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which is indicative of where the phosphate group, is not present.

