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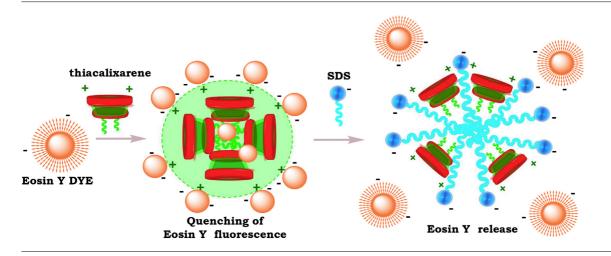
# Detection of sulfate surface-active substances *via* fluorescent response using new amphiphilic thiacalix[4]arenes bearing cationic headgroups with Eosin Y dye



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## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Synthesis of new *p-tert*-butylthiacalix[4]arene ammonium amphiphiles in 1,3-alternate stereoisomeric form.
- Supramolecular associates of new *p-tert*-butylthiacalix[4]arene ammonium amphiphiles with Eosin Y dye.
- New fluorescent probe for sodium lauryl and laureth sulfates with response from 3.5 µM of SAS.

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## ABSTRACT

New ammonium-containing derivatives of *p-tert*-butylthiacalix[4]arene in 1,3-alternate stereoisomeric form were synthesized *via* copper-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (CuAAC) reaction of corresponding azides with N-propargyl-N,N,N-triethylammonium bromide. Critical aggregation concentration (CAC) of new amphiphilic thiacalixarenes **1-3** (with butyl, octyl and tetradecyl substituents) determined by pyrene micellization method are 91, 59 and 33  $\mu$ M, respectively. According to DLS data the diameter of these aggregates is around 130 nm. Anionic dye Eosin Y (EY) forms the associates with positive charged thiacalixarenes **1-3**, shifts CAC to the low concentration region (2  $\mu$ M) and decreases nanoaggregates size up to 90 nm. Thiacalixarene/EY associates were investigated as fluorescent probe for the determination