Ionic liquids with boron-based anions - stability, lipophilicity and toxicity

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Phosphonium



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Ammonium





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Popular and boron based IL anions



Hexafluorophosphate

F H_3C



Bistriflamide



Octylsulfate





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Tetrafluoroborate





Trialkylamino-closo-dodecaborate





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 Nucleophilic anions have a tendency to cause reverse Menschutkin reactions:





























Cell viability assay





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- with trialkylammonio-undecahydro-closododecaborate anions a considerable contribution of the anion to cytotoxicity is to be expected





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