

**Interaction of N-acetylcysteine with DPPC liposomes at different pH:  
a physicochemical study**

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**Supporting Information**

**Table S1.** Effect of NAC on the CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub> vibrational bands and CH<sub>2</sub> deformation band in gel (A) and liquid crystalline phase (B), at pH 2 and at 30 °C and 50 °C respectively by FTIR measurements.

(A)

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio (30 °C)</b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\delta_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\delta</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	<b>2956</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2919</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2850</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	2957	0.6	2875	2.6	2919	0.1	2851	0.1	1468	0.2
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	2957	0.5	2873	0.4	2919	-0.1	2851	0.2	1468	-0.1
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	2957	1.3	2873	0.5	2918	-0.4	2851	0.4	1468	0.2
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	2957	0.8	2874	1.1	2919	0.0	2851	0.2	1468	0.1

(B)

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio (50 °C)</b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\delta_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\delta</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	<b>2956</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2874</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2923</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2853</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	2958	1.3	2873	-0.4	2923	-0.3	2853	-0.1	1468	0.5
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	2958	1.7	2874	0.5	2923	0.2	2852	-1.1	1468	-0.4
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	2958	1.7	2873	-0.5	2923	0.0	2853	0.0	1467	-0.8
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	2958	1.4	2873	0.0	2923	-0.1	2853	-0.2	1467	-0.5

**Table S2.** Effect of NAC on the CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub> vibrational bands and CH<sub>2</sub> deformation band in gel (A) and liquid crystalline phase (B), at pH 7 and at 30 °C and 50 °C respectively by FTIR measurements.

(A)

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio (30 °C)</b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\delta_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\delta</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	<b>2956</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	2957	1	2874	1	2918	-1	2850	0	1468	0
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	2957	1	2873	0	2919	0	2851	1	1468	0
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	2956	0	2872	-1	2919	0	2851	1	1469	1
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	2957	1	2874	1	2919	0	2851	1	1468	0

(B)

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio (50 °C)</b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>3</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_a</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\nu_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\nu</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\delta_s</math> CH<sub>2</sub> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b><math>\Delta\delta</math> /cm<sup>-1</sup></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	<b>2956</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2874</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2923</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2853</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	2958	2	2874	0	2923	0	2853	0	1467	-1
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	2957	1	2873	-1	2921	2	2853	0	1467	-1
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	2957	1	2873	-1	2923	0	2853	0	1467	-1
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	2957	1	2872	-2	2922	-1	2852	0	1467	-1

**Table S3.** Bandwidth of the CH<sub>2</sub> antisymmetric and symmetric stretching modes as a function of the molar ratio of NAC: DPPC in gel and liquid crystalline states.

pH 2

NAC:DPPC Molar ratio	Band width at 30 °C		Band width at 50 °C	
	$\nu_a$ CH <sub>2</sub>	$\nu_s$ CH <sub>2</sub>	$\nu_a$ CH <sub>2</sub>	$\nu_s$ CH <sub>2</sub>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	19	11	24	14
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	16	9	22	12
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	18	10	22	13
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	17	10	23	14
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	16	10	21	13

pH 7

NAC:DPPC Molar ratio	Band width at 30 °C		Band width at 50 °C	
	$\nu_a$ CH <sub>2</sub>	$\nu_s$ CH <sub>2</sub>	$\nu_a$ CH <sub>2</sub>	$\nu_s$ CH <sub>2</sub>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	19	11	24	14
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>



**Table S5.** Intensity ratio of the bands corresponding to the stretching methyl, methylene and carbon-carbon, as a function of the molar ratio of NAC:DPPC in gel state, at pH 2 and 7.

**pH 2**

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio</b>	<b>I<sub>2885</sub>/I<sub>2851</sub></b>	<b>I<sub>1099</sub>/I<sub>1066</sub></b>	<b>I<sub>2935</sub>/I<sub>2851</sub></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	1.1	0.6	0.5
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	1.2	0.6	0.5
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	1.2	0.6	0.5
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	1.2	0.6	0.5
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	1.2	0.5	0.6

**pH 7**

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio</b>	<b>I<sub>2885</sub>/I<sub>2851</sub></b>	<b>I<sub>1099</sub>/I<sub>1066</sub></b>	<b>I<sub>2935</sub>/I<sub>2851</sub></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	1.18	0.45	0.30
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	1.14	0.55	0.52
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	1.10	0.58	0.80
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	1.12	0.56	0.75
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	1.2	0.5	0.6

**Table S6.** C=O stretching mode by FTIR measurements in gel (30°C) and liquid crystalline (50°C) states.

<b>pH 2</b>					
<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio / 30 °C</b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>bond</sub></b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>free</sub></b>	<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio / 50°C</b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>bond</sub></b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>free</sub></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	1739	1731	<b>0.00:1.0</b>	1741	1730
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	1744	1732	<b>0.37:1.0</b>	1746	1733
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	1743	1732	<b>1.10:1.0</b>	1745	1732
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	1743	1731	<b>1.47:1.0</b>	1745	1730
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	1744	1731	<b>2.93:1.0</b>	1745	1731

<b>pH 7</b>					
<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio / 30 °C</b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>bond</sub></b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>free</sub></b>	<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio / 50°C</b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>bond</sub></b>	<b><math>\nu</math> CO<sub>free</sub></b>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	1739	1731	<b>0.00:1.0</b>	1741	1730
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	1743	1732	<b>0.37:1.0</b>	1745	1732
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	1744	1732	<b>1.10:1.0</b>	1743	1734
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	1744	1733	<b>1.47:1.0</b>	1745	1734
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	1744	1733	<b>2.93:1.0</b>	1743	1732

**Table S7.** Effect of NAC on the C=O stretching mode by FTIR measurements in gel (30°C) and liquid crystalline (50°C) states.

	pH 2		pH 7	
<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio / 30°C</b>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>bond</sub>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>free</sub>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>bond</sub>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>free</sub>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	5	1	4	1
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	4	1	5	1
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	4	0	5	2
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	5	0	5	2
<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio / 50°C</b>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>bond</sub>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>free</sub>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>bond</sub>	$\Delta\nu$ CO <sub>free</sub>
<b>0.00:1.0</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>0.37:1.0</b>	5	3	3	2
<b>1.10:1.0</b>	4	2	2	4
<b>1.47:1.0</b>	4	0	3	4
<b>2.93:1.0</b>	4	1	2	2



**Table S8.**  $\text{PO}_2^-$  stretching mode by FTIR measurements and effect of NAC on the  $\text{PO}_2^-$  stretching modes in gel (30°C) and liquid crystalline (50°C) states.

**pH 2**

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio 30°C</b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>
<b>0.00:1.00</b>	1228	0	1089	0
<b>0.37:1.00</b>	1232	4	1090	1
<b>1.10:1.00</b>	1232	4	1091	2
<b>1.47:1.00</b>	1232	4	1091	2
<b>2.93:1.00</b>	1234	4	1090	1
<b>NAC:DPPC Molar Ratio 50 °C</b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>
<b>0.00:1.00</b>	1232	0	1088	0
<b>0.37:1.00</b>	1232	0	1088	0
<b>1.10:1.00</b>	1232	0	1089	1
<b>1.47:1.00</b>	1232	0	1089	1
<b>2.93:1.00</b>	1233	1	1089	1

**pH 7**

<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio 30°C</b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>
<b>0.00:1.00</b>	1228	0	1089	0
<b>0.37:1.00</b>	1226	-2	1089	1
<b>1.10:1.00</b>	1234	6	1090	1
<b>1.47:1.00</b>	1234	6	1090	1
<b>2.93:1.00</b>	1235	7	1091	2
<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio 50 °C</b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_a \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>	<b><math>\nu_s \text{PO}_2^-</math></b>
<b>0.00:1.00</b>	1232	0	1088	0
<b>0.37:1.00</b>	1232	0	1088	0
<b>1.10:1.00</b>	1234	2	1089	1
<b>1.47:1.00</b>	1234	2	1089	1
<b>2.93:1.00</b>	1236	4	1089	1

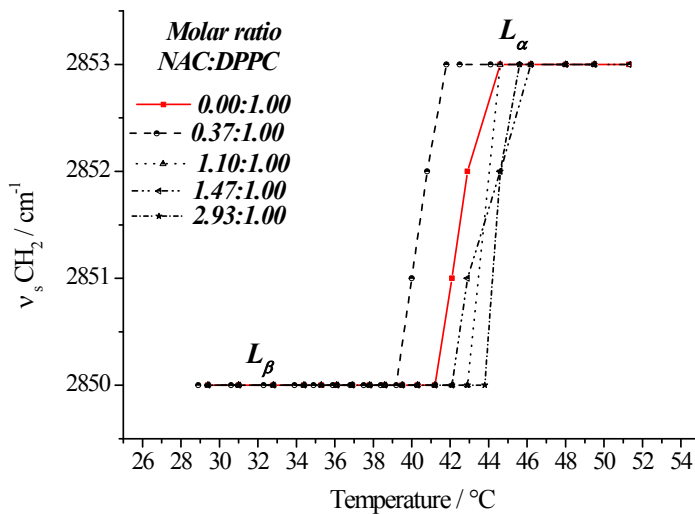
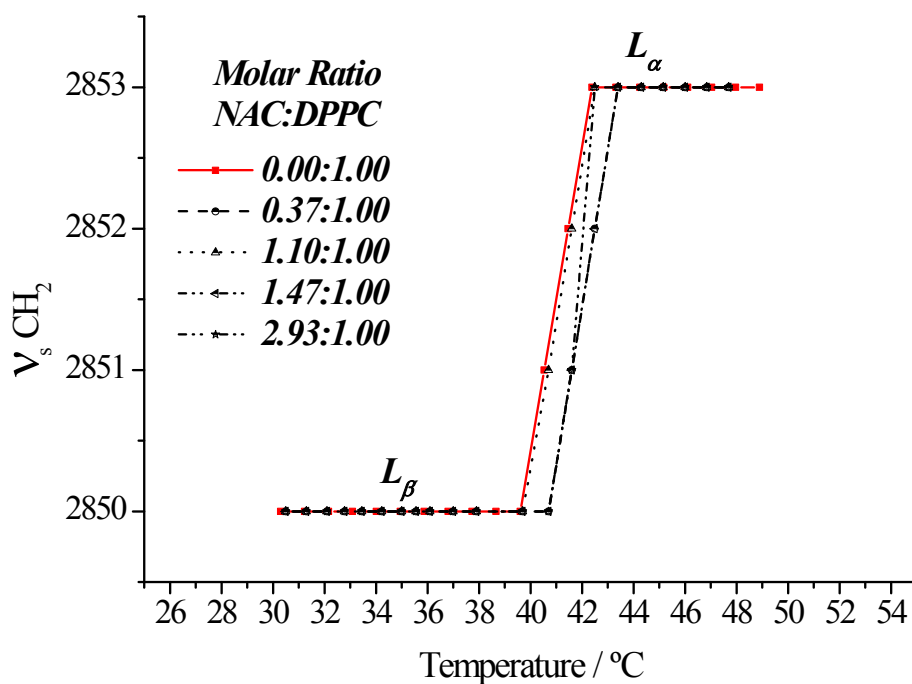
**Table S9.** PO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> stretching mode by FTIR measurements and effect of NAC on the PO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> stretching modes.

<b>Molar ratio NAC: DPPC</b>	<b>pH 2</b>		<b>pH 7</b>	
	T <sub>p</sub>	T <sub>m</sub>	T <sub>p</sub>	T <sub>m</sub>
<b>0.00:1.00</b>	36.3	41.00	36.3	41.10
<b>0.37:1.00</b>	35.88	42.84	34.86	39.60
<b>1.10:1.00</b>	32.16	41.93	36.52	45.40
<b>1.47:1.00</b>	32.16	42.88	37.33	43.74
<b>2.93:1.00</b>	30.00	41.93	38.18	43.73

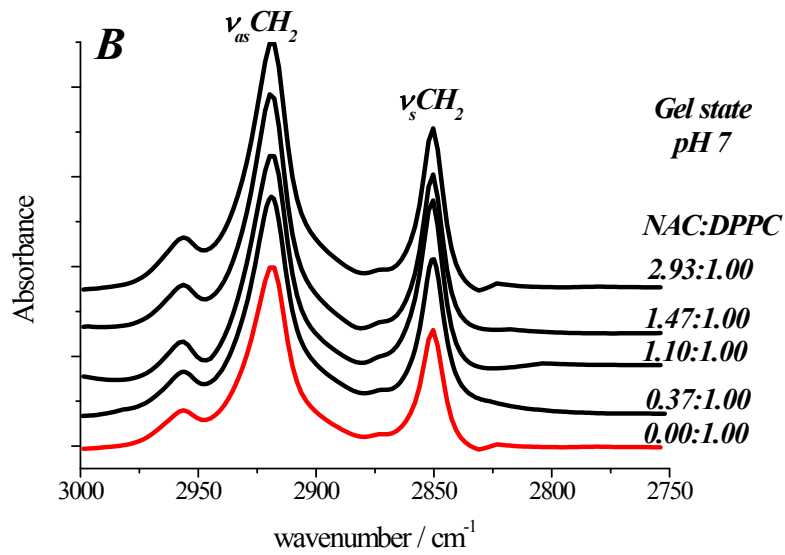
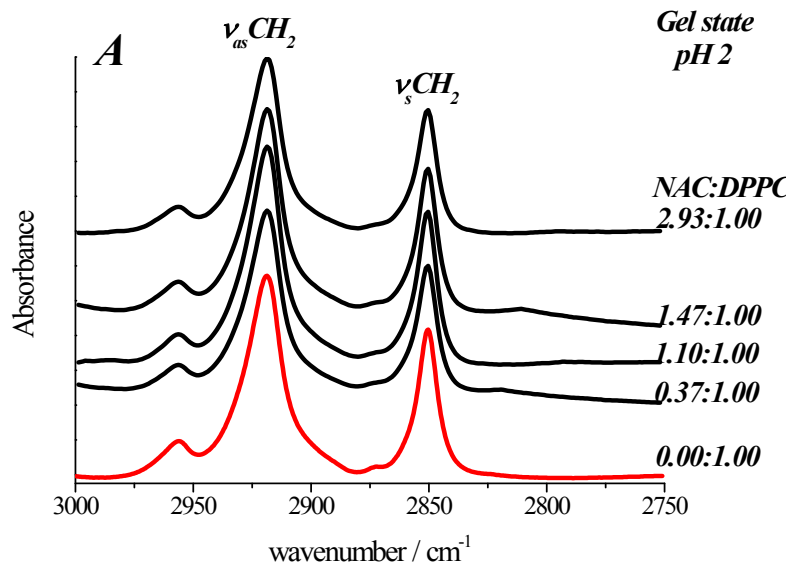
**Table S10.** Calorimetric parameters analyzed for the different samples studied;  $T_m$ : transition temperature;  $\Delta H_{cal}$ : transition enthalpy;  $\Delta T_{1/2}$ : mean height width of the principal transition;  $T_p$ : pretransition temperature and  $\Delta H_{Tp}$ : pretransition enthalpy.

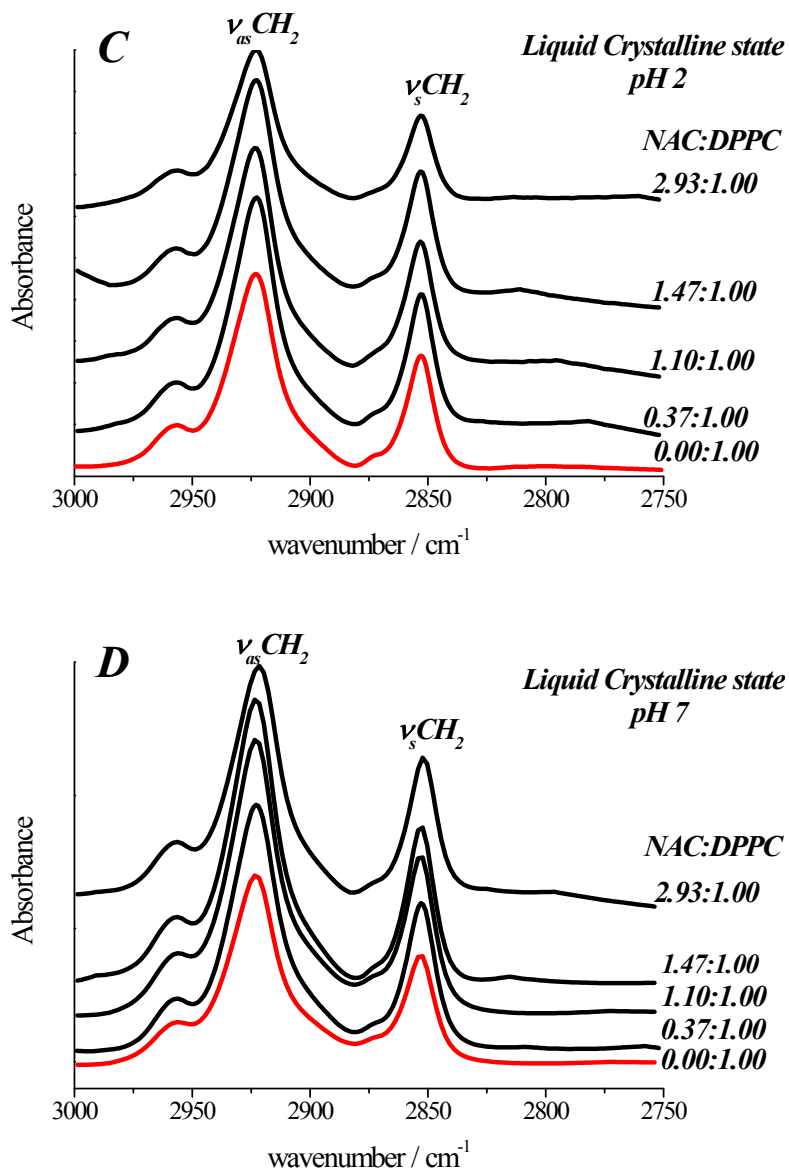
pH 2								
<b>NAC:DPPC Molar ratio</b>	<b><math>T_m /</math> <math>^{\circ}\text{C}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta H_{cal} /</math> <math>\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta S / \text{J}</math> <math>\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta T_{1/2} /</math> <math>^{\circ}\text{C}</math></b>	<b><math>T_p /</math> <math>^{\circ}\text{C}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta H_{Tp} /</math> <math>\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta H_{vH} / \text{J}</math> <math>\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b>C.U.</b>
<b>0,00:1,0</b>	41.53	10174.20	32.35	0.70	36.17	2571.39	81900.55	8.05
<b>0,37:1,0</b>	42.30	33003.31	104.67	0.96	35.74	1472.12	61954.17	1.88
<b>1,10:1,0</b>	42.09	34745.19	110.27	1.77	32.26	1106.48	33269.45	1.49
<b>1,47:1,0</b>	41.75	36891.34	117.21	1.77	32.22	774.07	32734.12	0.96
<b>2,93:1,0</b>	41.40	34908.68	111.03	2.35	29.93	311.95	24243.42	0.89

pH 7								
<b>Molar ratio NAC:DPPC</b>	<b><math>T_m /</math> <math>^{\circ}\text{C}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta H_{cal} /</math> <math>\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta S / \text{J}</math> <math>\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta T_{1/2} /</math> <math>^{\circ}\text{C}</math></b>	<b><math>T_p /</math> <math>^{\circ}\text{C}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta H_{Tp} /</math> <math>\text{J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b><math>\Delta H_{vH} / \text{J}</math> <math>\text{mol}^{-1}</math></b>	<b>C.U.</b>
<b>0,00:1,0</b>	41.53	10186.43	32,35	0.7	36.17	2571.39	81900.55	8.05
<b>0,37:1,0</b>	41.49	24648.74	78,38	1.46	34.92	2697.53	39191.78	1.59
<b>1,10:1,0</b>	42.25	24625.48	78,11	1.05	37.1	2203.15	56509.98	2.29
<b>1,47:1,0</b>	42.52	26179.45	82,97	0.82	38.05	4675.92	73288.14	2.80
<b>2,93:1,0</b>	42.42	28730.70	91,09	1	37.41	5832.88	59813.93	2.08

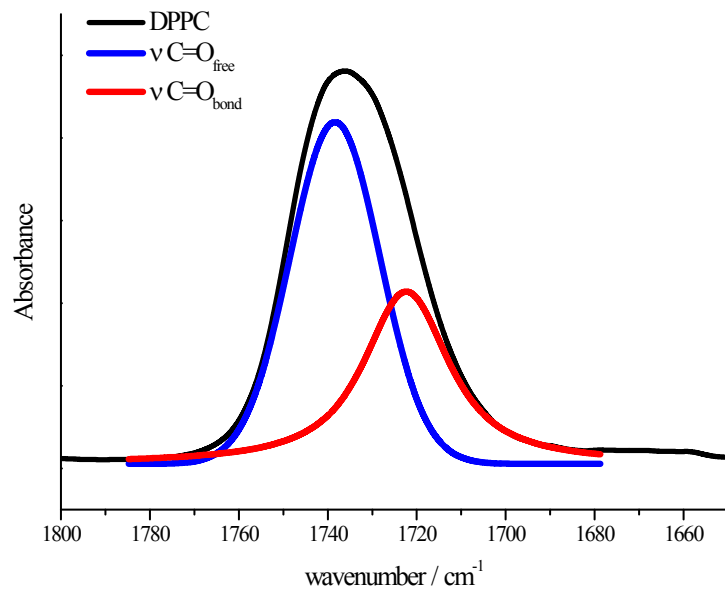


**Figure S1.** Changes in the wavenumber of the  $\text{CH}_2$  symmetric stretching in NAC:DPPC (at different molar ratios) liposomes as a function of the temperature (at pH 2 (upper) and 7 (down)).

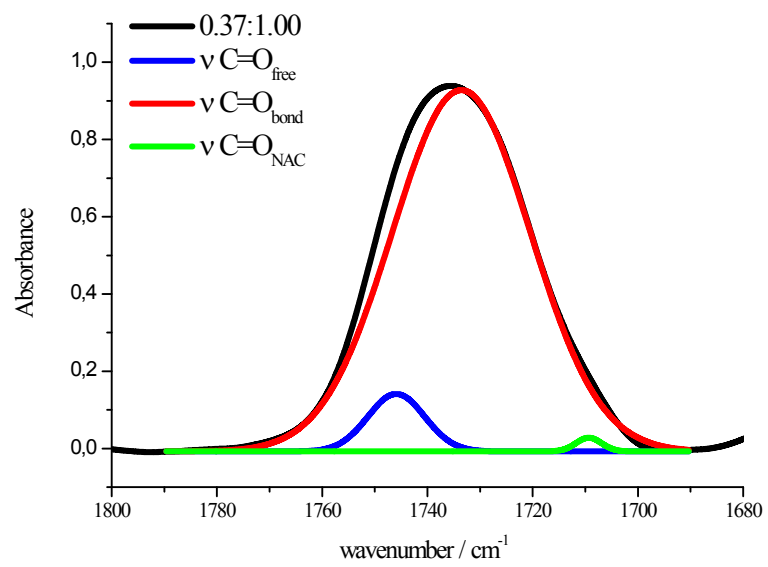


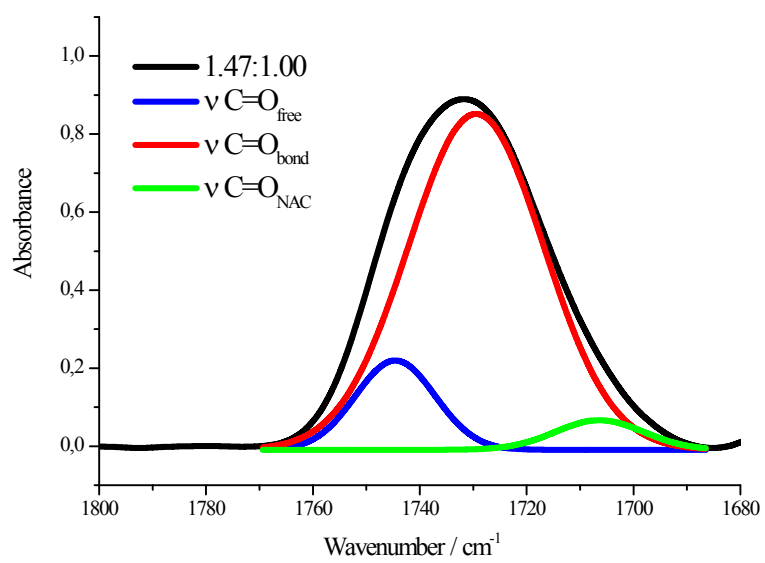
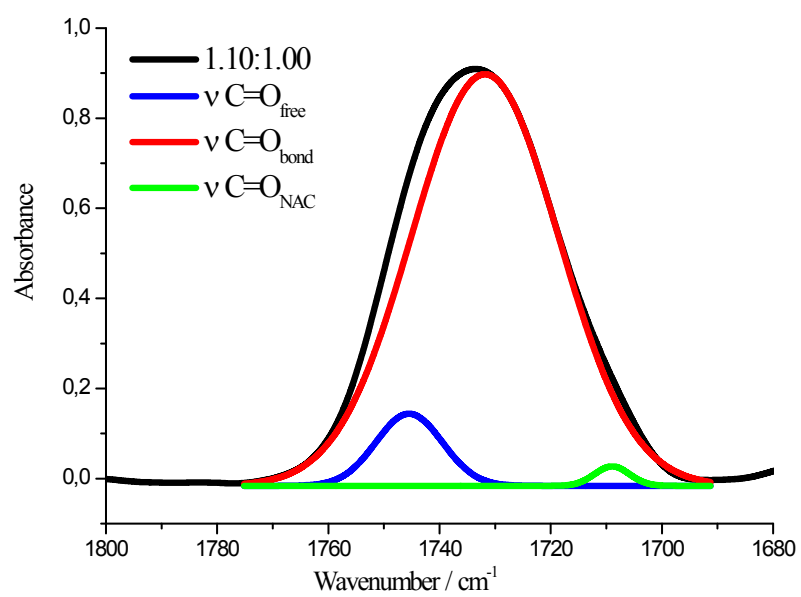


**Figure S2.** FTIR spectra for the stretching modes of the  $\nu_{as}CH_2$  and  $\nu_sCH_2$  groups, for pure DPPC and NAC:DPPC (all molar ratio), in the gel (A;B) and liquid crystalline (C;D) states.

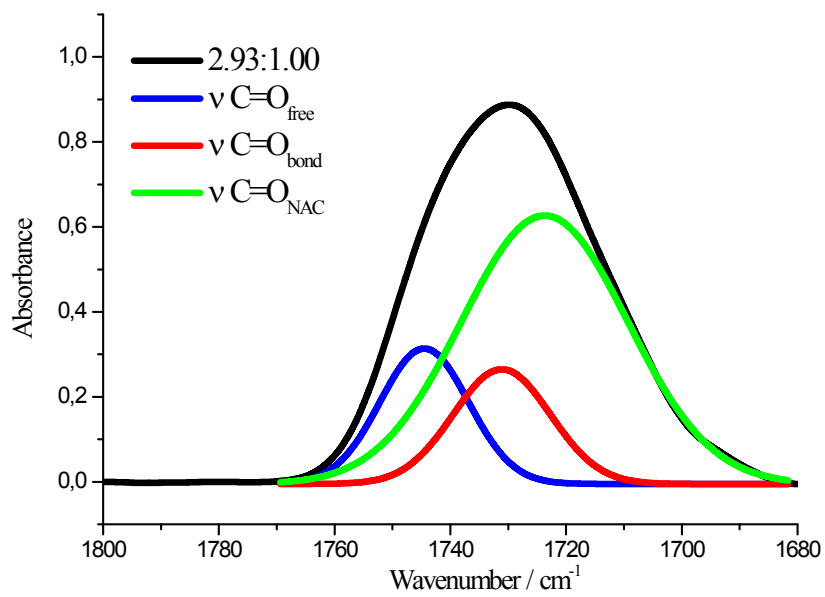


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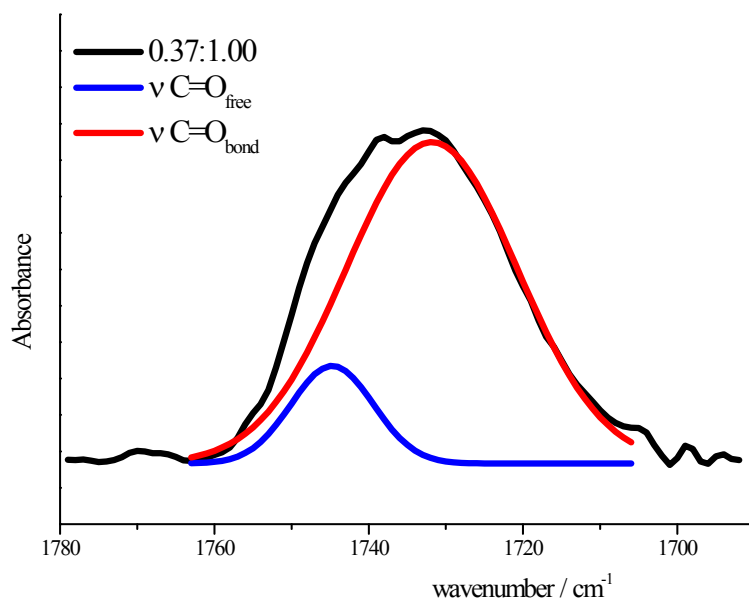


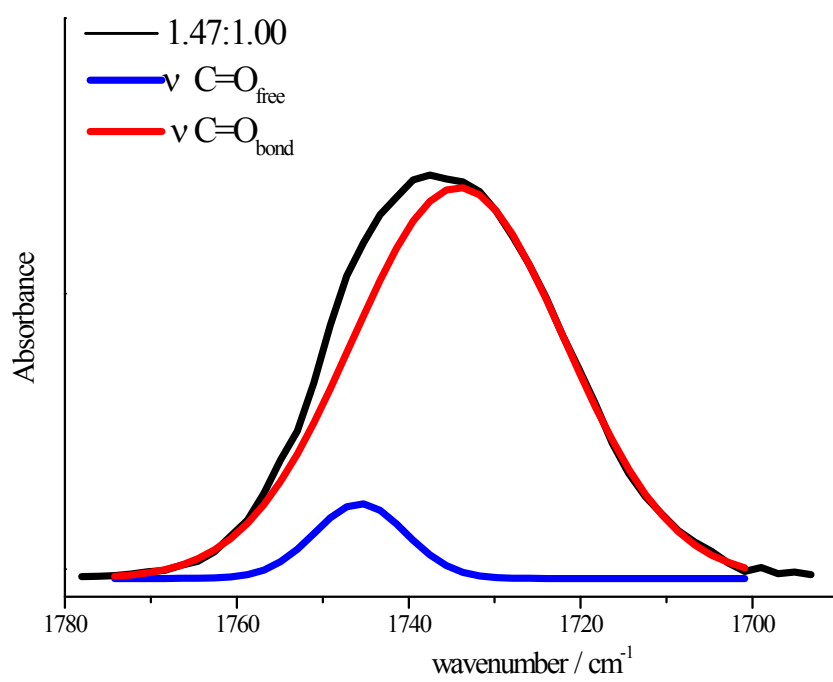
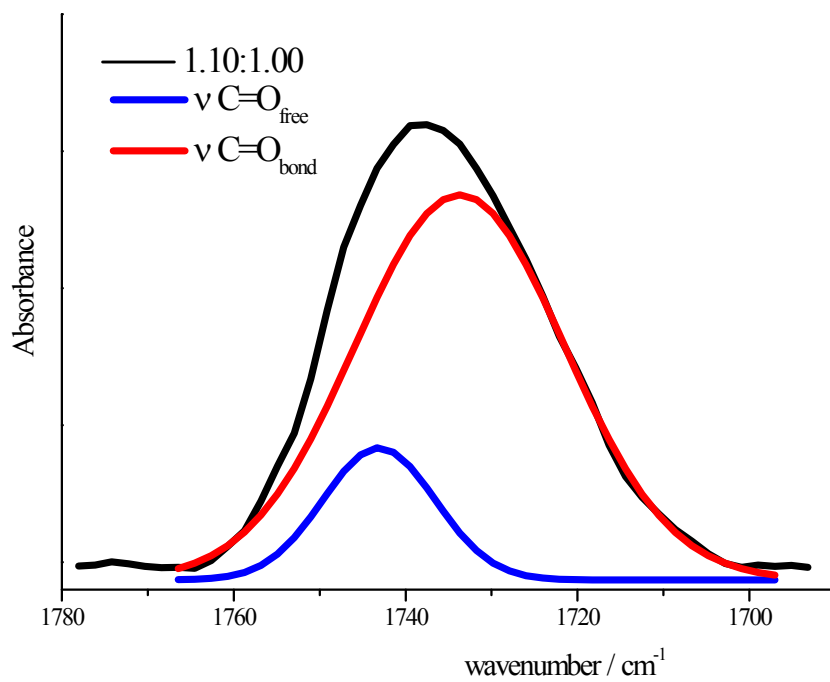


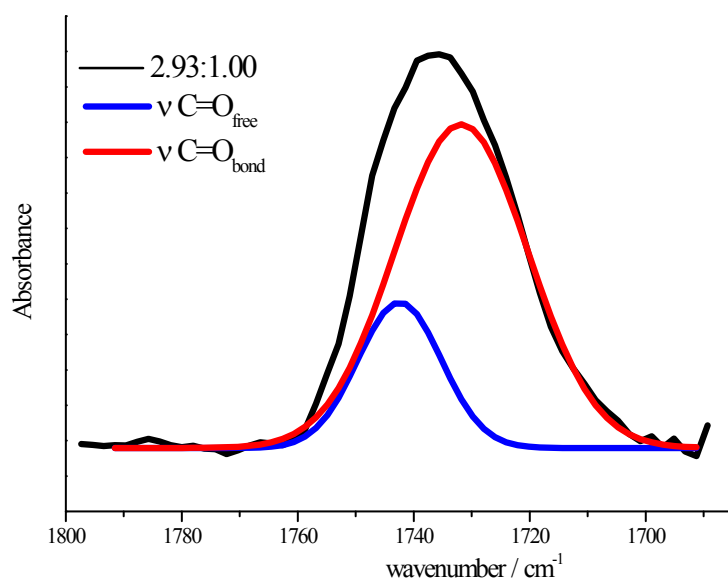




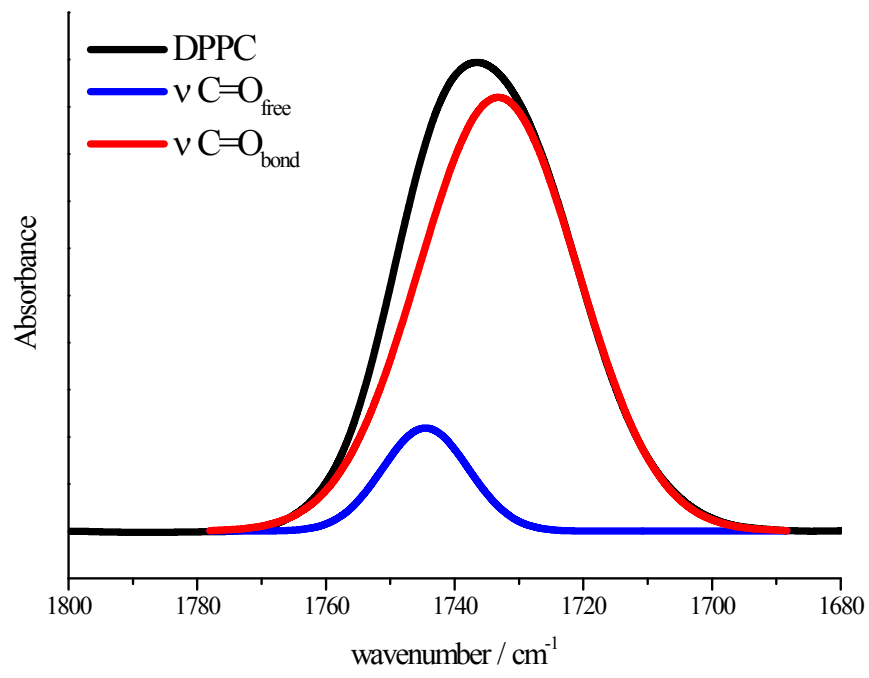
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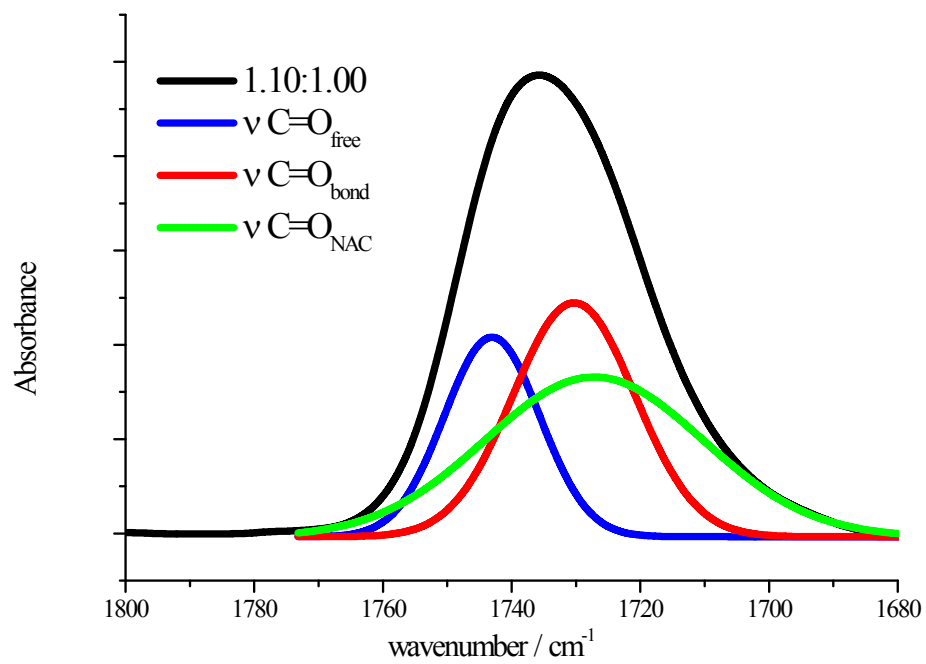
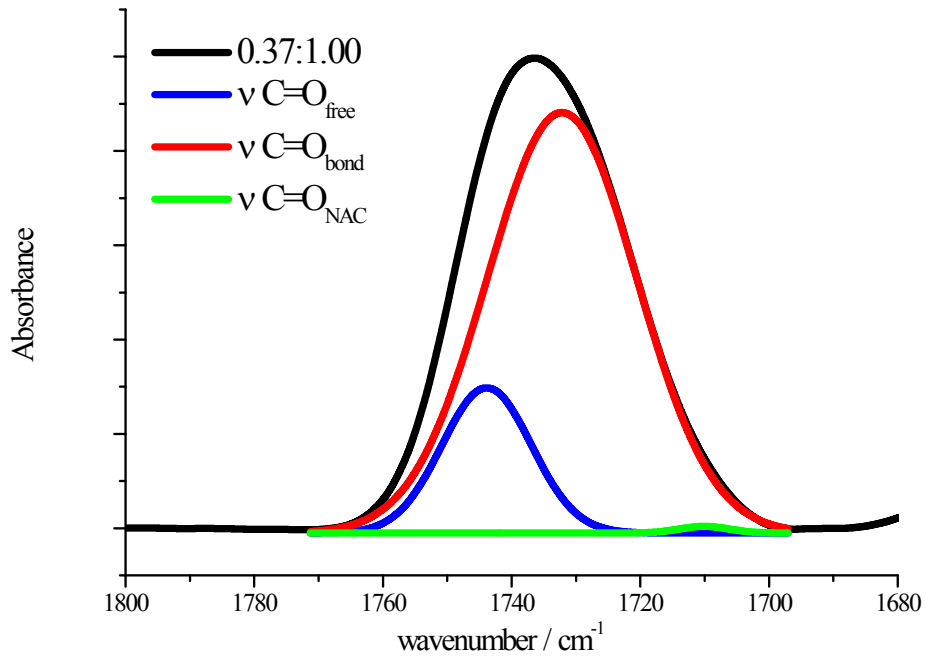


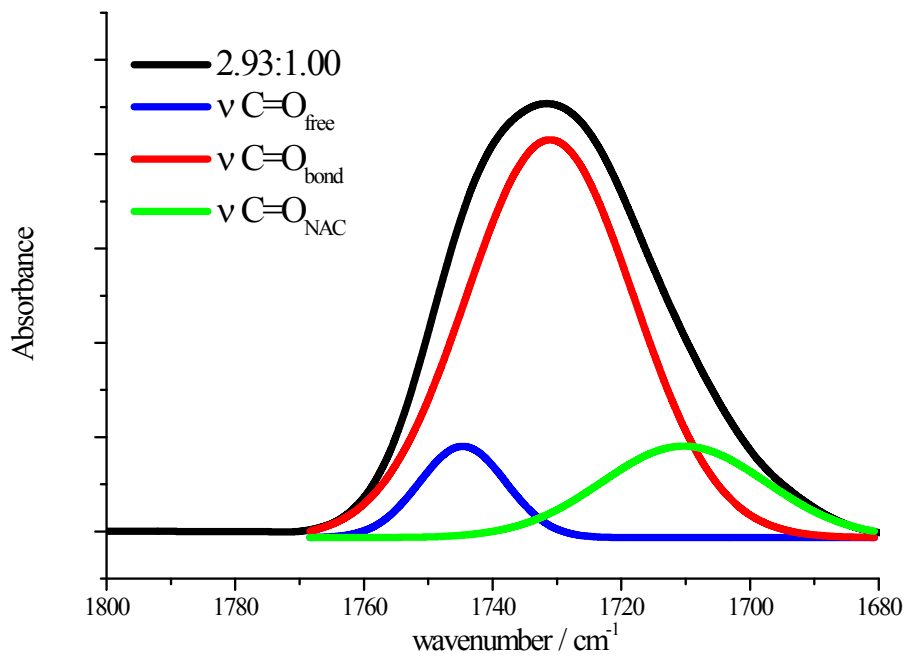
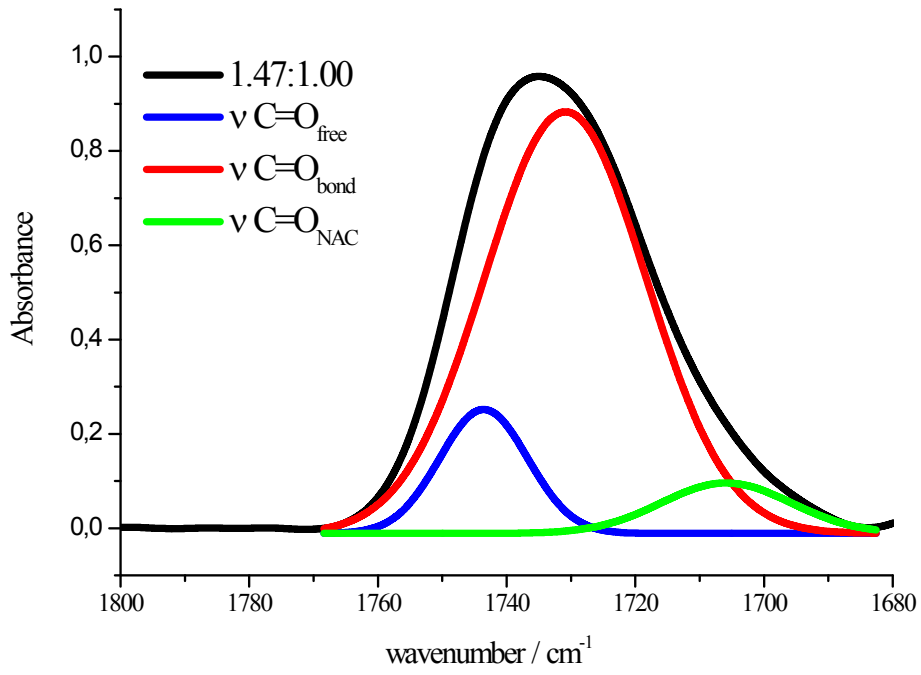


**Figure S3.** FTIR spectral bands of carbonyl groups of NAC: DPPC in gel state (30°C) at pH 2 (A) and pH 7 (B). The black line represents the contours of the spectra acquired and the blue and the red lines represent our estimates of the position and relative intensities of the component bands after deconvolution and fitting.

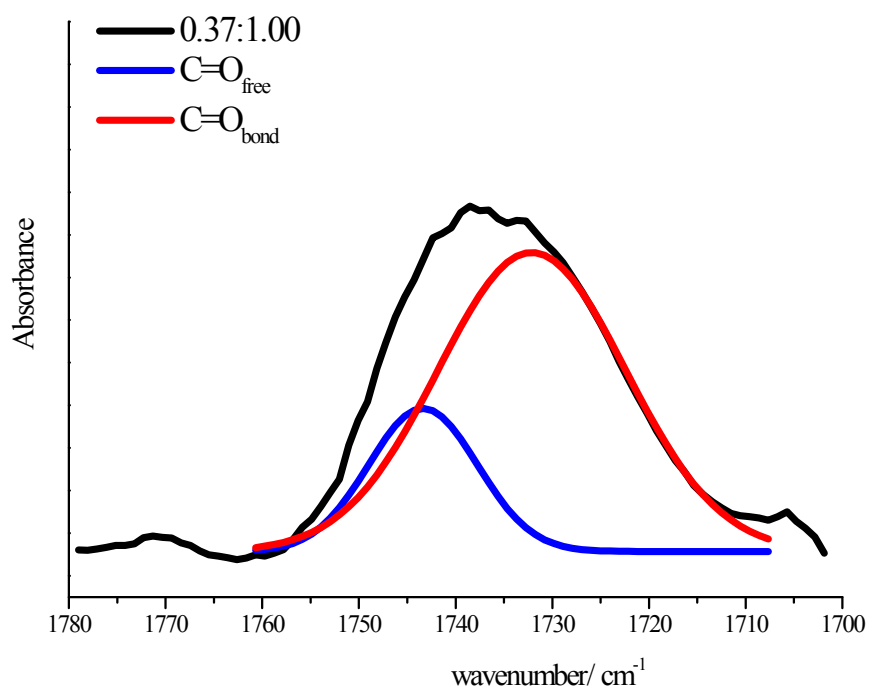


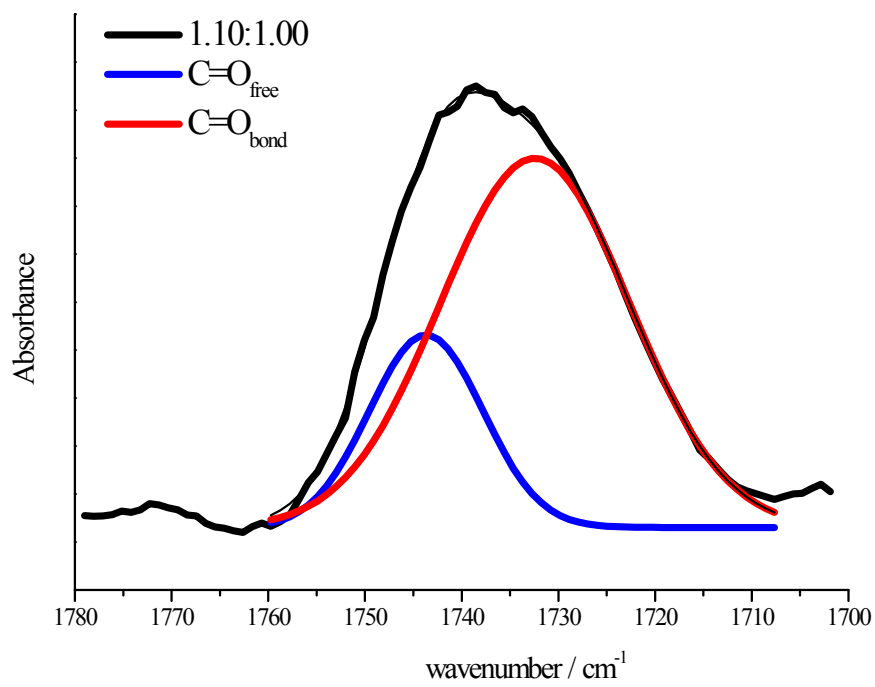
**A (pH 2)**



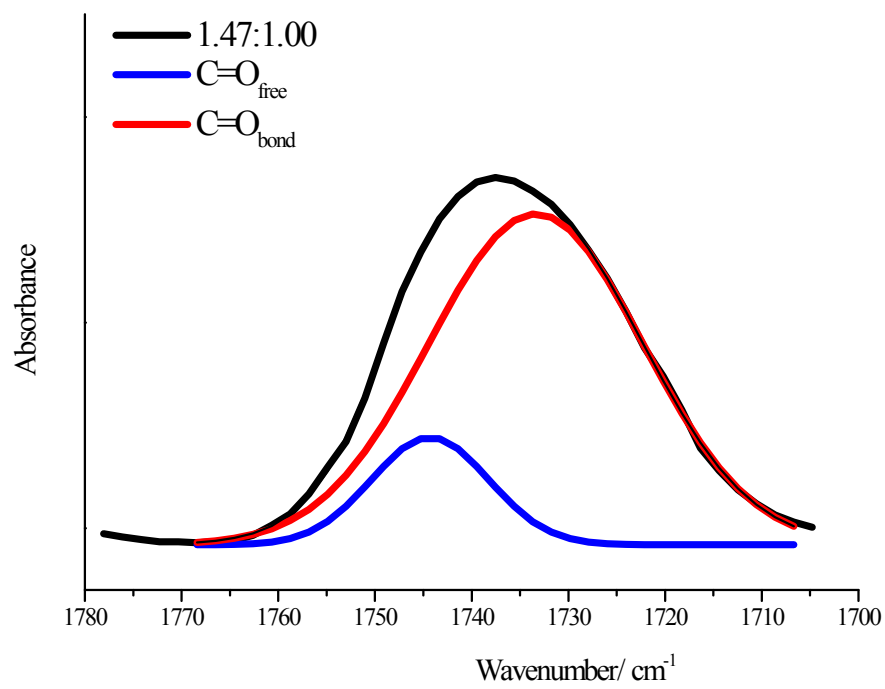


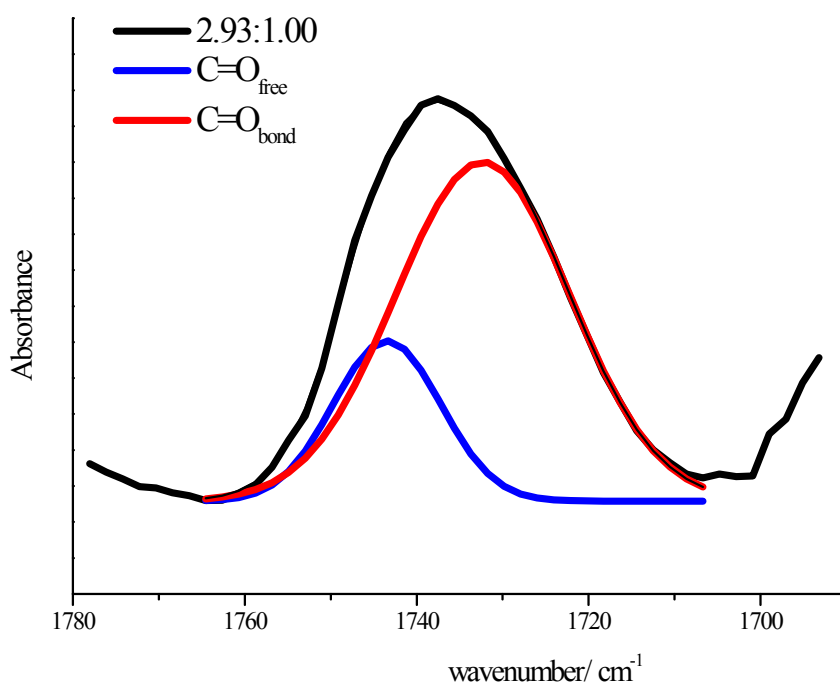
## B (pH 7)



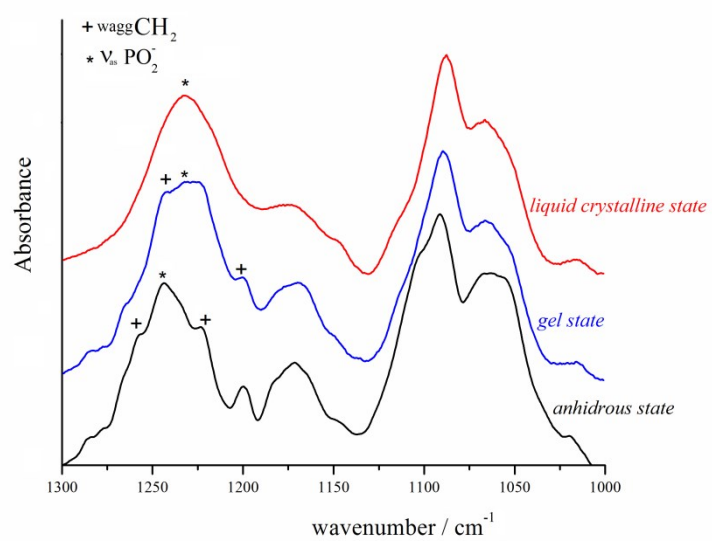




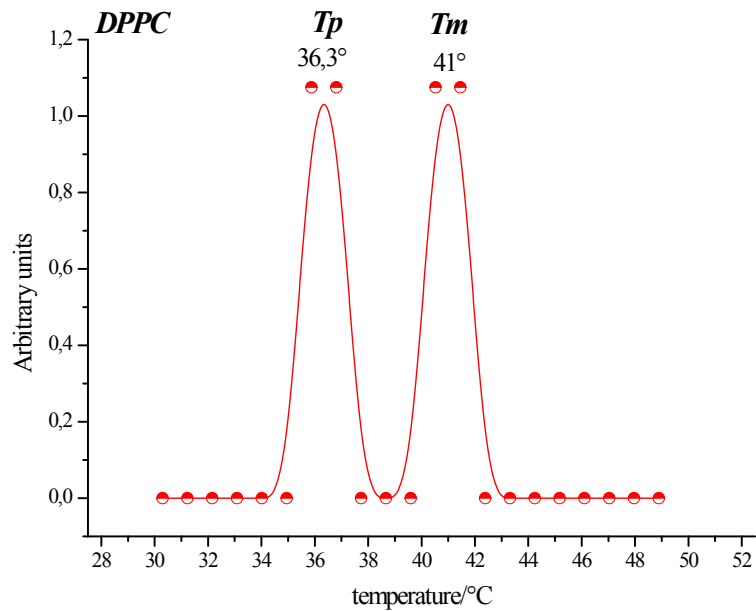
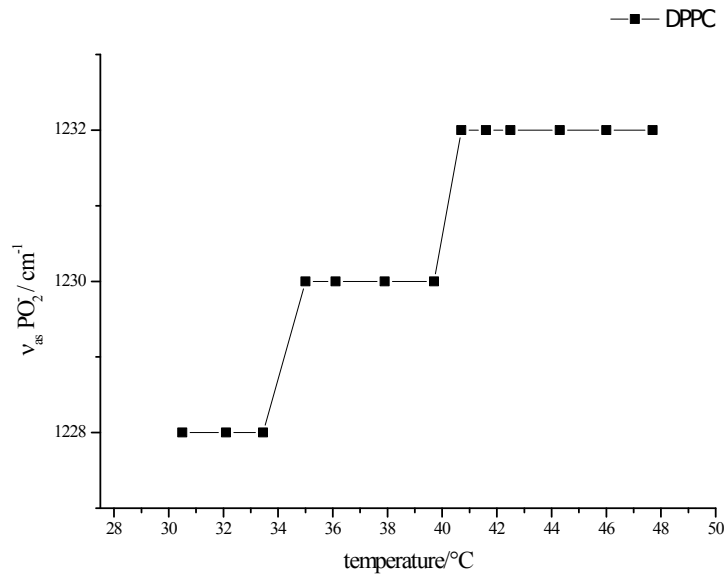




**Figure S4.** FTIR spectral bands of carbonyl groups of NAC: DPPC in liquid crystalline state (50°C) at pH 2 (A) and pH 7 (B). The black line represents the contours of the spectra acquired and the blue and the red lines represent our estimates of the position and relative intensities of the component bands after deconvolution and fitting.



**Figure S5.** FTIR spectra corresponding DPPC liposomes lyophilized and hydrated in the region of the stretching mode of the phosphate group.



**Figure S6.** Wavenumbers vs temperature corresponding DPPC liposomes hydrated in the region of the asymmetric stretching mode of the phosphate group, from the FTIR spectra (upper). First derivative of the values of  $\nu_{as} PO_2$  versus temperature (down).