

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Aescin - a natural soap for the formation of lipid nanodiscs with tunable size

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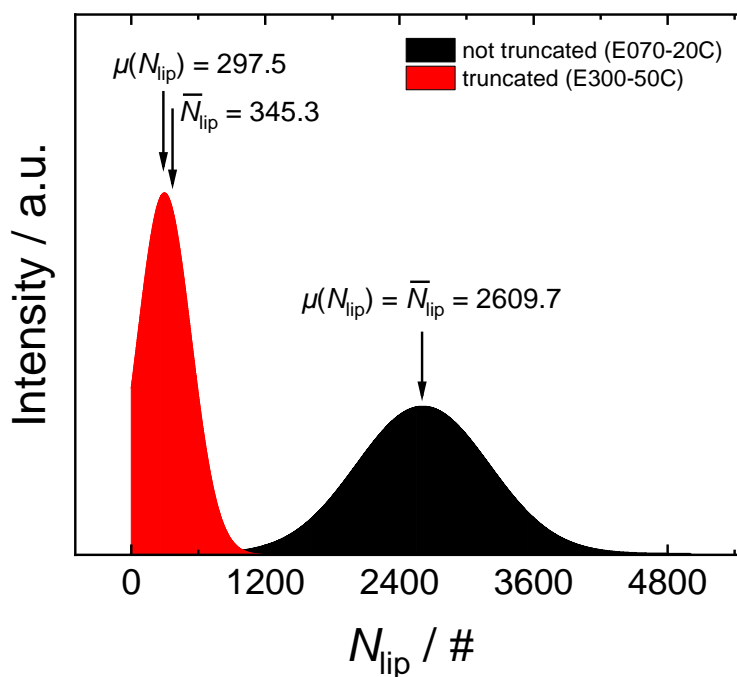
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**Fig. S1** Exemplary distributions of the number of lipids  $N_{lip}$ . The red curve illustrates a normal distribution truncated at zero. The black curve indicates a not-truncated normal distribution. The mean number of lipids ( $\bar{N}_{lip}$ ) varies from the maximum of the normal distribution  $\mu_{N(lip)}$  in a truncated distribution.

**Table S1** Parameters of the *polydisperse disc* model.  $\chi^2$ : goodness of fit;  $w_{\text{rim}}$ : width of rim;  $A_{\text{PC head}}$ : area per lipid headgroup;  $h_{\text{rim}}$ : height of rim;  $\mu_{N_{\text{lip}}}$ : peak maximum of the distribution of the number of lipids;  $\sigma(N_{\text{lip}})$ : mean deviation of  $N(\text{lip})$ ;  $N(\text{water/PC head})$ : number of water molecules per lipid head group;  $V_m$ : partial molar volume; BackX: background; ScaleX: scale;  $\Delta\rho_{\text{heads}}$ : excess scattering length densities of DMPC head groups;  $\Delta\rho_{\text{alkyl}}$ : excess scattering length densities of DMPC alkyl chains;  $\Delta\rho_{\text{me}}$ : excess scattering length densities of DMPC methyl groups;  $\Delta\rho_{\text{rim}}$ : excess scattering length densities of  $\beta$ -aescin rim;  $h_{\text{bl}}$ : height of bilayer;  $h_{\text{al}}$ : height of alkyl layer ( $\text{CH}_2$  groups);  $h_{\text{me}}$ : height of methyl layer;  $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ : mean number of lipids;  $r_{\text{core}}$  for  $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ : radius of lipid bilayer (without rim) derived from the mean number of lipids.

	$\chi^2$	$w_{\text{rim}}$	$A_{\text{PC head}}$	$h_{\text{rim}}$	$\mu_{N(\text{lip})}$	$\sigma(N(\text{lip}))$
	-	Å	Å <sup>2</sup>	Å	#	#
E070-10C	30.6	18.76 ± 18.40	46.28 ± 3.17	15.47 ± 19.45	3035.2 ± 267.6	702.0 ± 10.1
E070-15C	31.7	18.75 ± 20.60	46.45 ± 3.23	15.32 ± 21.93	3105.9 ± 331.3	735.5 ± 14.0
E070-20C	56.0	11.71 ± 17.43	47.69 ± 4.07	23.43 ± 9.39	2609.7 ± 202.8	585.9 ± 8.4
E100-10C	0.9	14.96 ± 8.42	47.62 ± 2.52	28.10 ± 19.21	1637.2 ± 364.2	396.0 ± 61.7
E100-15C	0.9	14.40 ± 8.08	48.13 ± 2.73	27.51 ± 17.95	1669.1 ± 364.5	413.1 ± 59.2
E100-20C	5.6	12.67 ± 7.40	49.10 ± 2.71	28.32 ± 18.41	1558.7 ± 288.7	391.2 ± 43.4
E100-25C	6.7	7.77 ± 11.82	52.53 ± 3.68	28.26 ± 15.70	3104.7 ± 975.3	988.2 ± 150.6
E100-30C	7.0	4.62 ± 25.68	54.05 ± 4.90	26.86 ± 12.56	9339.7 ± 2758.7	3229.7 ± 401.7
E100-35C	4.3	5.69 ± 28.72	56.91 ± 11.4	24.77 ± 15.05	11566.5 ± 2941.1	2992.3 ± 512.6
E100-40C	12.8	5.63 ± 21.44	55.22 ± 9.79	20.44 ± 7.29	14103.0 ± 2469.2	4283.1 ± 270.4
E100-45C	7.8	6.61 ± 18.15	57.14 ± 12.0	22.99 ± 14.83	14403.1 ± 3276.5	3978.1 ± 425.9
E100-50C	22.4	6.36 ± 13.42	56.75 ± 9.97	20.00 ± 7.40	13299.3 ± 2549.0	3964.5 ± 320.7
E150-10C	1.9	16.30 ± 5.20	46.99 ± 2.32	28.49 ± 13.30	953.3 ± 211.3	248.0 ± 32.4
E150-15C	1.2	15.33 ± 5.73	47.51 ± 2.35	28.88 ± 15.69	1009.4 ± 221.5	280.2 ± 31.0
E150-20C	1.5	13.81 ± 6.84	48.75 ± 2.89	29.02 ± 19.37	971.1 ± 198.8	280.3 ± 25.7
E150-25C	2.4	13.21 ± 4.54	51.37 ± 2.88	25.42 ± 11.27	1233.7 ± 302.0	362.6 ± 43.5
E150-30C	3.7	11.57 ± 9.57	55.99 ± 6.29	26.08 ± 25.97	3168.1 ± 1066.8	1085.4 ± 212.0
E150-35C	3.4	13.00 ± 6.30	55.76 ± 7.26	20.72 ± 10.27	5618.9 ± 2382.2	1828.4 ± 409.0
E150-40C	2.1	11.23 ± 5.96	57.98 ± 13.37	21.46 ± 12.55	10910.6 ± 6696.2	3491.4 ± 1487.9
E150-45C	1.9	11.72 ± 5.61	60.44 ± 18.75	21.35 ± 13.52	12216.5 ± 7884.5	3920.3 ± 1763.8
E150-50C	1.5	11.65 ± 8.98	62.57 ± 18.09	23.7 ± 34.08	8924.8 ± 5210.9	4890.8 ± 1882.2
E200-10C	0.5	32.99 ± 9.40	48.26 ± 3.69	17.78 ± 5.27	458.8 ± 166.7	146.6 ± 22.2
E200-15C	1.0	30.40 ± 10.57	48.04 ± 3.92	17.05 ± 13.7	491.6 ± 185.3	162.0 ± 35.3
E200-20C	1.2	16.59 ± 4.25	48.65 ± 2.49	30.37 ± 13.4	593.5 ± 144.5	200.5 ± 21.1
E200-25C	2.4	29.56 ± 9.08	51.17 ± 3.09	15.46 ± 19.3	510.8 ± 169.3	169.4 ± 30.3
E200-30C	4.6	28.07 ± 11.31	54.75 ± 3.72	13.68 ± 3.24	974.7 ± 305.8	322.6 ± 17.2
E200-35C	3.2	27.75 ± 16.76	56.52 ± 7.10	13.15 ± 4.09	2669.1 ± 1222.0	1556.9 ± 537.3
E200-40C	2.6	28.14 ± 24.62	58.68 ± 12.80	11.66 ± 5.27	5708.8 ± 3631.7	2766.5 ± 1194.1
E200-45C	2.4	26.58 ± 20.55	60.69 ± 13.18	12.53 ± 4.52	3521.4 ± 1942.4	1582.5 ± 569.3
E200-50C	2.7	24.34 ± 9.52	60.49 ± 7.08	14.50 ± 3.40	2755.1 ± 1632.4	1901.6 ± 1103.3
E300-10C	1.1	18.87 ± 3.91	48.61 ± 4.62	36.62 ± 25.4	193.4 ± 87.3	85.5 ± 22.8
E300-15C	1.5	29.65 ± 6.24	48.38 ± 4.69	17.79 ± 5.97	165.1 ± 83.1	52.5 ± 27.6
E300-20C	1.5	28.77 ± 5.22	49.22 ± 4.05	17.22 ± 5.17	178.5 ± 79.6	57.1 ± 24.1
E300-25C	1.4	18.29 ± 6.50	52.25 ± 4.32	40.30 ± 26.8	220.2 ± 94.8	120.6 ± 27.1
E300-30C	2.0	27.04 ± 6.12	54.46 ± 6.98	17.81 ± 6.00	231.7 ± 92.4	98.0 ± 24.9
E300-35C	2.7	26.98 ± 8.14	55.89 ± 9.24	18.07 ± 8.50	281.5 ± 133.3	128.3 ± 36.0
E300-40C	2.4	26.36 ± 7.12	56.71 ± 8.64	18.56 ± 9.11	303.2 ± 127.8	151.2 ± 38.1
E300-45C	2.1	25.07 ± 5.05	56.79 ± 6.10	19.68 ± 9.02	324.5 ± 123.4	201.9 ± 54.8
E300-50C	1.8	24.33 ± 6.43	58.00 ± 6.93	20.81 ± 13.0	297.5 ± 166.6	238.6 ± 139.5

	$N(\text{water/PC head})$ #	$V_m$ of $\beta$ -aescin $\text{\AA}^3$	$V_m$ of lipids $\text{\AA}^3$	BackX $\text{cm}^{-1}$	ScaleX -
E070-10C	$1.77 \pm 3.66$	$1202 \pm 206$	$1051 \pm 2$	$-0.0014 \pm 0.0007$	$0.2343 \pm 0.0727$
E070-15C	$1.68 \pm 3.75$	$1189 \pm 221$	$1058 \pm 2$	$-0.0022 \pm 0.0008$	$0.2339 \pm 0.0744$
E070-20C	$2.67 \pm 4.55$	$1194 \pm 458$	$1066 \pm 3$	$-0.0022 \pm 0.0014$	$0.2539 \pm 0.1851$
E100-10C	$4.30 \pm 2.86$	$1401 \pm 119$	$1057 \pm 9$	$-0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$0.7392 \pm 0.3161$
E100-15C	$4.54 \pm 3.08$	$1390 \pm 122$	$1062 \pm 8$	$-0.0008 \pm 0.0001$	$0.6968 \pm 0.2943$
E100-20C	$4.73 \pm 3.09$	$1373 \pm 109$	$1073 \pm 7$	$-0.0005 \pm 0.0001$	$0.6661 \pm 0.2419$
E100-25C	$6.48 \pm 4.04$	$1191 \pm 451$	$1080 \pm 7$	$-0.0004 \pm 0.0003$	$0.3347 \pm 0.2754$
E100-30C	$2.89 \pm 6.17$	$849 \pm 2542$	$1093 \pm 6$	$-0.0005 \pm 0.0008$	$0.1485 \pm 0.3876$
E100-35C	$3.80 \pm 12.0$	$949 \pm 2087$	$1098 \pm 5$	$-0.0008 \pm 0.0008$	$0.1684 \pm 0.3905$
E100-40C	$0.00 \pm 10.3$	$825 \pm 1658$	$1103 \pm 4$	$-0.0006 \pm 0.0007$	$0.1284 \pm 0.2051$
E100-45C	$0.00 \pm 11.8$	$977 \pm 984$	$1105 \pm 4$	$-0.0006 \pm 0.0005$	$0.1482 \pm 0.1634$
E100-50C	$0.00 \pm 10.4$	$883 \pm 832$	$1109 \pm 4$	$-0.0005 \pm 0.0004$	$0.1325 \pm 0.1106$
E150-10C	$3.77 \pm 2.67$	$1382 \pm 110$	$1063 \pm 11$	$-0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$0.6466 \pm 0.2605$
E150-15C	$4.11 \pm 2.73$	$1376 \pm 110$	$1066 \pm 10$	$-0.0006 \pm 0.0001$	$0.6032 \pm 0.2437$
E150-20C	$4.97 \pm 3.36$	$1366 \pm 115$	$1074 \pm 9$	$-0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$0.5718 \pm 0.2274$
E150-25C	$6.30 \pm 3.03$	$1339 \pm 113$	$1080 \pm 9$	$-0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$0.4596 \pm 0.1840$
E150-30C	$7.18 \pm 6.86$	$1262 \pm 166$	$1087 \pm 9$	$-0.0006 \pm 0.0001$	$0.2724 \pm 0.1556$
E150-35C	$5.06 \pm 8.84$	$1162 \pm 184$	$1090 \pm 8$	$-0.0009 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1948 \pm 0.1098$
E150-40C	$5.57 \pm 15.0$	$1069 \pm 253$	$1092 \pm 8$	$-0.0010 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1465 \pm 0.1011$
E150-45C	$6.30 \pm 19.9$	$1070 \pm 294$	$1094 \pm 8$	$-0.0011 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1485 \pm 0.1197$
E150-50C	$7.80 \pm 17.2$	$1024 \pm 493$	$1096 \pm 9$	$-0.0009 \pm 0.0002$	$0.1241 \pm 0.1304$
E200-10C	$5.38 \pm 3.35$	$1451 \pm 179$	$1069 \pm 16$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0894 \pm 0.0706$
E200-15C	$4.97 \pm 5.28$	$1405 \pm 374$	$1073 \pm 14$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0724 \pm 0.0835$
E200-20C	$5.19 \pm 2.90$	$1393 \pm 123$	$1078 \pm 14$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0593 \pm 0.0253$
E200-25C	$6.42 \pm 3.76$	$1420 \pm 454$	$1084 \pm 13$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0677 \pm 0.0842$
E200-30C	$6.66 \pm 4.10$	$1338 \pm 189$	$1088 \pm 10$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0431 \pm 0.0248$
E200-35C	$7.52 \pm 7.84$	$1151 \pm 317$	$1088 \pm 12$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0182 \pm 0.0144$
E200-40C	$8.46 \pm 14.0$	$1076 \pm 431$	$1088 \pm 12$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0139 \pm 0.0146$
E200-45C	$9.30 \pm 14.0$	$1148 \pm 409$	$1093 \pm 11$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0180 \pm 0.0190$
E200-50C	$7.57 \pm 7.69$	$1122 \pm 273$	$1100 \pm 10$	$-0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0153 \pm 0.0096$
E300-10C	$5.37 \pm 4.04$	$1429 \pm 182$	$1107 \pm 41$	$-0.0011 \pm 0.0002$	$0.7477 \pm 0.5206$
E300-15C	$4.27 \pm 6.72$	$1406 \pm 214$	$1104 \pm 24$	$-0.0010 \pm 0.0001$	$0.7755 \pm 0.6455$
E300-20C	$4.37 \pm 5.91$	$1381 \pm 186$	$1111 \pm 23$	$-0.0010 \pm 0.0002$	$0.6826 \pm 0.4653$
E300-25C	$6.15 \pm 4.31$	$1437 \pm 136$	$1133 \pm 44$	$-0.0010 \pm 0.0002$	$0.6801 \pm 0.3717$
E300-30C	$4.88 \pm 7.99$	$1342 \pm 275$	$1127 \pm 26$	$-0.0010 \pm 0.0002$	$0.5263 \pm 0.4797$
E300-35C	$6.25 \pm 9.39$	$1352 \pm 354$	$1117 \pm 24$	$-0.0013 \pm 0.0003$	$0.4978 \pm 0.5715$
E300-40C	$6.46 \pm 8.65$	$1350 \pm 321$	$1117 \pm 24$	$-0.0014 \pm 0.0003$	$0.4644 \pm 0.4709$
E300-45C	$5.48 \pm 6.91$	$1323 \pm 245$	$1120 \pm 24$	$-0.0011 \pm 0.0003$	$0.3872 \pm 0.2627$
E300-50C	$7.03 \pm 7.76$	$1355 \pm 282$	$1120 \pm 24$	$-0.0011 \pm 0.0003$	$0.3963 \pm 0.3052$

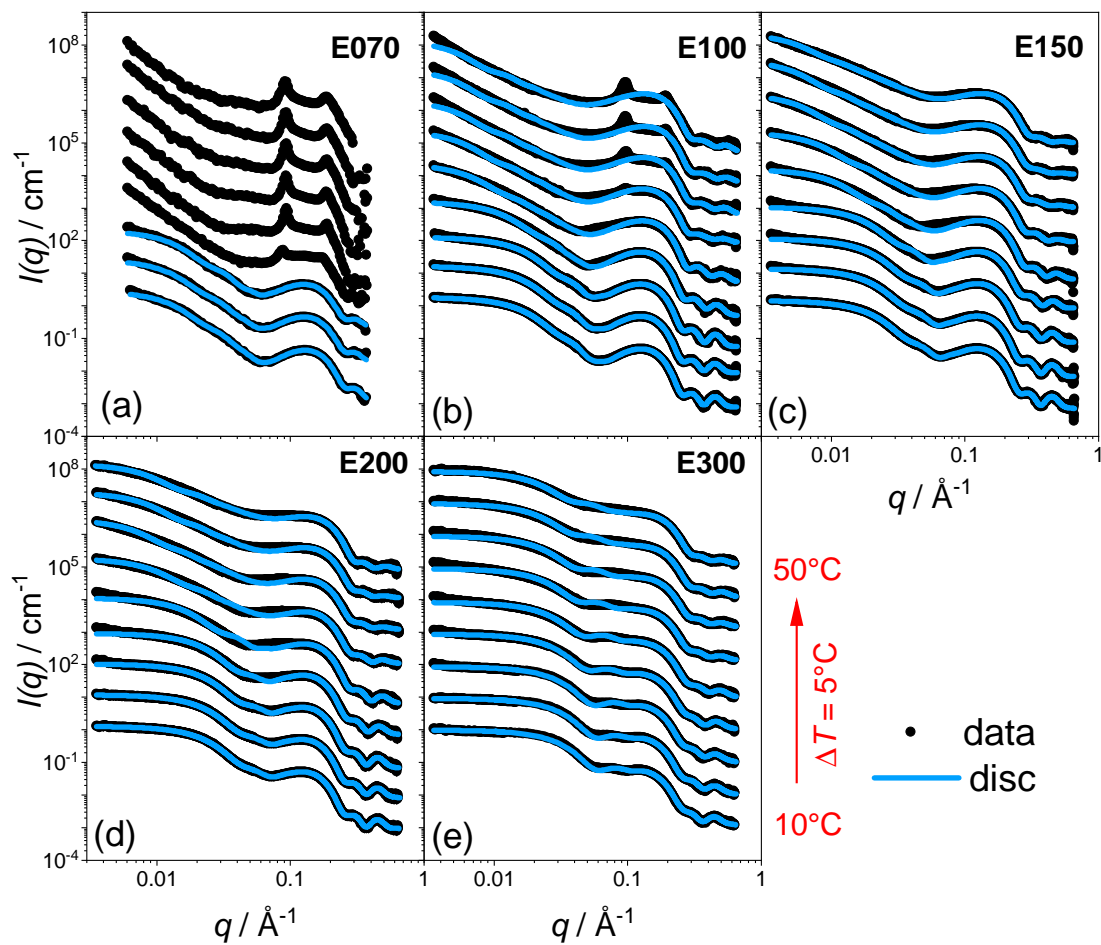
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E070-10C	$4.03 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.02 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.88 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4.83 \cdot 10^{-14}$	47.70	31.13	4.86	3035.2	149.5
E070-15C	$3.99 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.61 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.91 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4.98 \cdot 10^{-14}$	47.70	31.23	4.87	3105.9	151.5
E070-20C	$3.62 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.30 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.95 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4.93 \cdot 10^{-14}$	48.07	30.66	4.78	2609.7	140.7
E100-10C	$3.31 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.53 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.91 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.81 \cdot 10^{-14}$	49.80	30.43	4.75	1637.2	111.4
E100-15C	$3.22 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.01 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.93 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.90 \cdot 10^{-14}$	49.81	30.28	4.72	1669.1	113.1
E100-20C	$3.09 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.87 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.97 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.06 \cdot 10^{-14}$	49.48	29.97	4.68	1558.7	110.4
E100-25C	$2.73 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-7.45 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.00 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4.95 \cdot 10^{-14}$	48.52	28.20	4.40	3104.7	161.1
E100-30C	$3.30 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.50 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.06 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.07 \cdot 10^{-13}$	43.66	27.74	4.33	9345.1	283.5
E100-35C	$3.06 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.88 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.08 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$8.62 \cdot 10^{-14}$	42.60	26.47	4.13	11566.5	323.7
E100-40C	$4.01 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-9.25 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.10 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.13 \cdot 10^{-13}$	39.95	27.40	4.27	14103.0	352.0
E100-45C	$3.99 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-9.38 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.10 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$8.10 \cdot 10^{-14}$	38.67	26.51	4.14	14403.1	361.9
E100-50C	$3.94 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-9.69 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.12 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$9.97 \cdot 10^{-14}$	39.08	26.80	4.18	13299.3	346.6
E150-10C	$3.38 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.05 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.93 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.98 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.05	31.02	4.84	953.3	84.4
E150-15C	$3.27 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.30 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.95 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.03 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.06	30.77	4.80	1009.4	87.4
E150-20C	$3.04 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.93 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.98 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.12 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.16	30.20	4.71	971.1	86.8
E150-25C	$2.76 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-7.43 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.00 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.37 \cdot 10^{-14}$	49.40	28.83	4.50	1233.7	100.4
E150-30C	$2.58 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.01 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.03 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4.15 \cdot 10^{-14}$	46.53	26.63	4.16	3169.4	168.0
E150-35C	$2.89 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.26 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.05 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5.31 \cdot 10^{-14}$	44.56	26.82	4.18	5618.9	223.3
E150-40C	$2.79 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.42 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.05 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$6.60 \cdot 10^{-14}$	43.44	25.84	4.03	10910.6	317.3
E150-45C	$2.66 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.53 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.06 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$6.58 \cdot 10^{-14}$	42.45	24.82	3.87	12216.5	342.8
E150-50C	$2.44 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.70 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.07 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$7.30 \cdot 10^{-14}$	42.50	24.02	3.75	9284.8	304.1
E200-10C	$3.00 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.57 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.96 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.39 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.99	30.38	4.74	458.8	59.4
E200-15C	$3.04 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-6.91 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-4.98 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.77 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.90	30.64	4.78	491.6	61.3
E200-20C	$2.96 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-7.30 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.00 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.88 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.73	30.39	4.74	593.6	67.8
E200-25C	$2.72 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-7.75 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.02 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.65 \cdot 10^{-14}$	49.89	29.05	4.53	510.8	64.5
E200-30C	$2.65 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.08 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.04 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.39 \cdot 10^{-14}$	47.05	27.26	4.25	974.7	92.1
E200-35C	$2.53 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.08 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.04 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5.46 \cdot 10^{-14}$	46.49	26.40	4.12	2811.5	159.0
E200-40C	$2.41 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.10 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.04 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$6.49 \cdot 10^{-14}$	45.74	25.43	3.97	5830.4	233.3
E200-45C	$2.28 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-8.46 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.06 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5.49 \cdot 10^{-14}$	45.21	24.70	3.85	3568.1	185.7
E200-50C	$2.45 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-9.00 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.08 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5.84 \cdot 10^{-14}$	43.87	24.93	3.89	3033.1	170.9
E300-10C	$2.71 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-9.57 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.11 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.57 \cdot 10^{-14}$	52.18	31.23	4.87	195.7	38.9
E300-15C	$2.92 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-9.34 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.10 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.77 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.93	31.30	4.88	165.1	35.7
E300-20C	$2.85 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-9.85 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-5.13 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.98 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.46	30.95	4.83	178.5	37.4
E300-25C	$2.41 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.15 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.21 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.50 \cdot 10^{-14}$	50.41	29.73	4.64	229.0	42.6
E300-30C	$2.64 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.10 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.19 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.35 \cdot 10^{-14}$	46.75	28.37	4.43	233.7	45.0
E300-35C	$2.50 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.03 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.15 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.25 \cdot 10^{-14}$	46.70	27.42	4.28	285.6	50.4
E300-40C	$2.48 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.03 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.15 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.25 \cdot 10^{-14}$	46.22	27.00	4.21	310.8	53.0
E300-45C	$2.60 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.05 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.16 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.51 \cdot 10^{-14}$	45.24	27.05	4.22	346.9	56.0
E300-50C	$2.38 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.05 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-5.16 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.22 \cdot 10^{-14}$	45.89	26.48	4.13	345.3	56.5

**Table S2** Parameters of the *ribbon* model.  $\chi^2$ : goodness of fit; Scaling: scale parameter; Background;  $A(\text{lipid})$ : Area per lipid head group;  $V_m$ : partial molar volume; Axis Ratio ( $c/b$ ): axial ratio between the ribbon sides  $c_{\text{ribbon}}/b_{\text{ribbon}}$ ; Roughness: roughness of lipid bilayer;  $\Delta\rho_{\text{shell}}$ : excess scattering length densities of the shell (DMPC head groups +  $\beta$ -aescin molecule);  $\Delta\rho_{\text{core}}$ : excess scattering length densities of core (DMPC alkyl chains);  $h_{\text{core}}$ : height of alkyl chain layer;  $\mu(N_{\text{lip}})$ : peak of the distribution of the number of lipids  $N_{\text{lip}}$ ;  $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ : mean number of lipids;  $c_{\text{core}} = c_{\text{ribbon}} - 2t_{\text{shell}}$ : length of ribbon core for  $N_{\text{lip}}$ (mean);  $b_{\text{core}} = b_{\text{ribbon}} - 2t_{\text{shell}}$  for  $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ : width of ribbon core;  $t_{\text{shell}}$  for  $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ : thickness of shell.

	$\chi^2$	Scaling	Background	$A(\text{lipid})$	$V_m$ of lipids
	-	-	$10^{-3}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\text{\AA}^2$	$\text{\AA}^3$
E070-10C	112.5	$0.0022 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0025 \pm 0.0001$	$55.70 \pm 0.80$	$1080 \pm 2$
E070-15C	58.2	$0.0023 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0032 \pm 0.0001$	$54.97 \pm 0.64$	$1083 \pm 2$
E070-20C	106.1	$0.0025 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0033 \pm 0.0001$	$55.14 \pm 0.64$	$1086 \pm 2$
E100-10C	16.4	$0.0264 \pm 0.0304$	$0.0009 \pm 0.0001$	$50.39 \pm 3.19$	$1073 \pm 9$
E100-15C	14.0	$0.0260 \pm 0.0579$	$0.0010 \pm 0.0001$	$50.70 \pm 2.79$	$1082 \pm 8$
E100-20C	20.5	$0.0305 \pm 0.0641$	$0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$52.28 \pm 2.69$	$1089 \pm 7$
E100-25C	21.5	$0.0110 \pm 0.0148$	$0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$56.03 \pm 2.98$	$1098 \pm 5$
E100-30C	16.1	$0.0100 \pm 0.0006$	$0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$60.26 \pm 1.85$	$1114 \pm 2$
E100-35C	9.4	$0.0064 \pm 0.0075$	$0.0010 \pm 0.0001$	$63.90 \pm 3.02$	$1121 \pm 4$
E100-40C	17.6	$0.0027 \pm 0.0023$	$0.0009 \pm 0.0001$	$65.83 \pm 2.12$	$1129 \pm 4$
E100-45C	12.2	$0.0002 \pm 0.0001$	$0.0008 \pm 0.0001$	$75.55 \pm 2.63$	$1197 \pm 6$
E100-50C	28.7	$0.0023 \pm 0.0017$	$0.0007 \pm 0.0001$	$68.11 \pm 1.78$	$1133 \pm 3$
E150-10C	14.2	$0.0665 \pm 0.0689$	$0.0009 \pm 0.0001$	$50.97 \pm 3.02$	$1082 \pm 9$
E150-15C	11.9	$0.0629 \pm 0.0615$	$0.0008 \pm 0.0001$	$51.47 \pm 2.91$	$1086 \pm 8$
E150-20C	9.5	$0.0642 \pm 0.0719$	$0.0009 \pm 0.0001$	$52.93 \pm 3.14$	$1094 \pm 8$
E150-25C	6.2	$0.0451 \pm 0.1067$	$0.0010 \pm 0.0001$	$56.33 \pm 3.48$	$1108 \pm 7$
E150-30C	4.6	$0.0270 \pm 0.0397$	$0.0008 \pm 0.0001$	$60.52 \pm 3.53$	$1119 \pm 6$
E150-35C	5.4	$0.0140 \pm 0.0196$	$0.0010 \pm 0.0001$	$63.85 \pm 3.89$	$1134 \pm 6$
E150-40C	4.6	$0.0108 \pm 0.0118$	$0.0011 \pm 0.0001$	$64.59 \pm 3.84$	$1126 \pm 6$
E150-45C	3.5	$0.0114 \pm 0.0101$	$0.0012 \pm 0.0001$	$67.02 \pm 3.61$	$1130 \pm 6$
E150-50C	3.3	$0.0195 \pm 0.0140$	$0.0011 \pm 0.0001$	$69.21 \pm 3.80$	$1133 \pm 6$
E200-10C	6.8	$0.0056 \pm 0.0057$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$50.98 \pm 3.59$	$1086 \pm 10$
E200-15C	7.0	$0.0066 \pm 0.0102$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$51.36 \pm 3.38$	$1090 \pm 10$
E200-20C	8.1	$0.0080 \pm 0.0170$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$53.02 \pm 3.44$	$1098 \pm 9$
E200-25C	5.9	$0.0125 \pm 0.0161$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$55.82 \pm 3.54$	$1110 \pm 8$
E200-30C	5.2	$0.0067 \pm 0.0096$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$59.57 \pm 3.33$	$1121 \pm 7$
E200-35C	2.9	$0.0039 \pm 0.0070$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$62.22 \pm 4.08$	$1128 \pm 7$
E200-40C	3.2	$0.0032 \pm 0.0036$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$65.23 \pm 5.11$	$1133 \pm 7$
E200-45C	3.0	$0.0039 \pm 0.0043$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$67.30 \pm 4.97$	$1135 \pm 8$
E200-50C	3.4	$0.0051 \pm 0.0063$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0000$	$66.96 \pm 4.17$	$1136 \pm 6$
E300-10C	7.5	$0.6409 \pm 4.7968$	$0.0015 \pm 0.0001$	$51.47 \pm 6.91$	$1099 \pm 15$
E300-15C	7.9	$0.5886 \pm 4.2984$	$0.0013 \pm 0.0001$	$51.75 \pm 7.02$	$1101 \pm 16$
E300-20C	7.0	$0.5505 \pm 4.0196$	$0.0013 \pm 0.0001$	$52.92 \pm 7.70$	$1107 \pm 17$
E300-25C	5.3	$0.3901 \pm 2.4223$	$0.0013 \pm 0.0001$	$55.32 \pm 6.53$	$1114 \pm 13$
E300-30C	4.1	$0.3687 \pm 1.3163$	$0.0013 \pm 0.0002$	$58.15 \pm 5.24$	$1122 \pm 10$
E300-35C	3.4	$0.3060 \pm 0.7680$	$0.0017 \pm 0.0002$	$61.51 \pm 6.37$	$1128 \pm 13$
E300-40C	2.5	$1.2318 \pm 9.1318$	$0.0018 \pm 0.0002$	$90.68 \pm 29.96$	$1162 \pm 22$
E300-45C	3.2	$1.4467 \pm 10.9070$	$0.0016 \pm 0.0002$	$96.24 \pm 33.34$	$1165 \pm 22$
E300-50C	2.9	$2.0761 \pm 15.7853$	$0.0015 \pm 0.0002$	$105.14 \pm 37.46$	$1170 \pm 20$

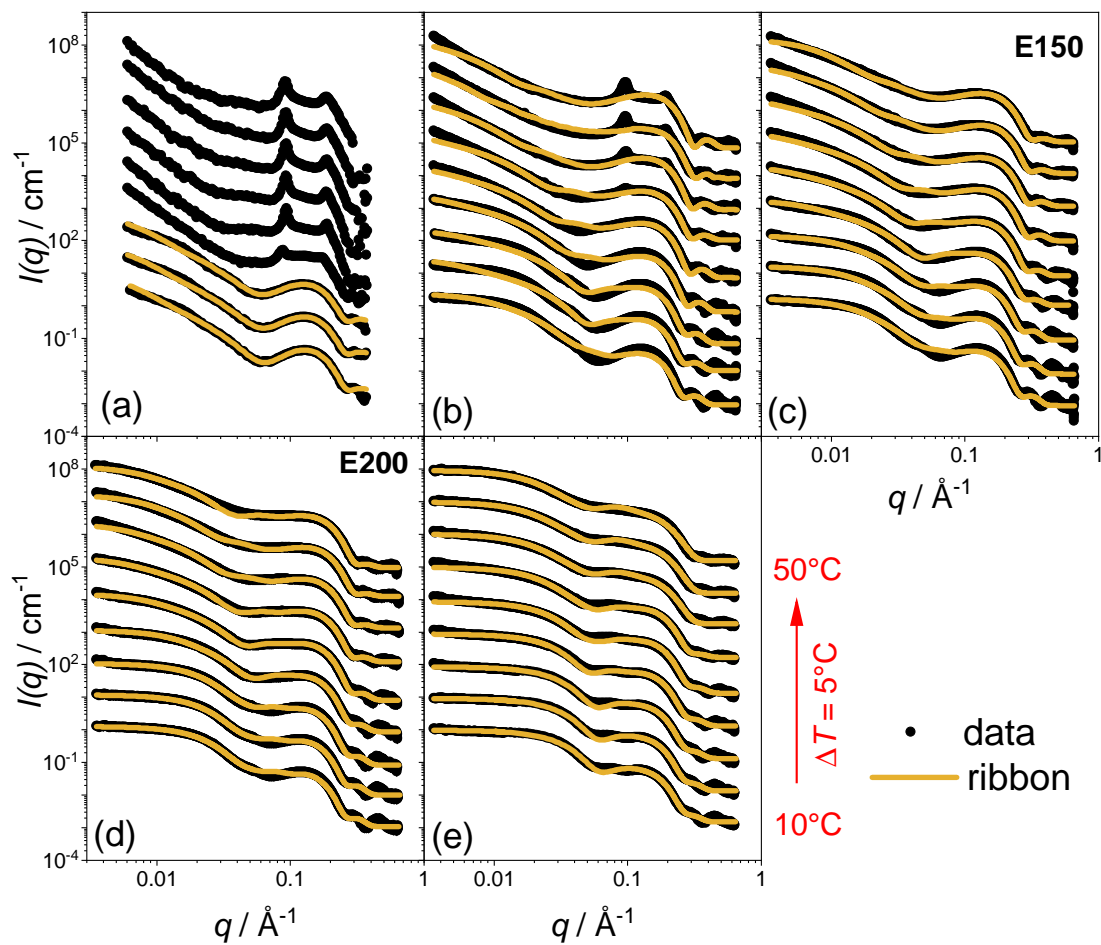
	$\mu(N_{\text{lip}})$ #	$\sigma(N_{\text{lip}})$ #	Axis Ratio (c/b) -	Roughness Å
E070-10C	743.7 ± 1406.6	22765.3 ± 2276.97	4.74 ± 0.43	4.78 ± 0.23
E070-15C	1468.6 ± 1351.8	19821.7 ± 2104.27	5.65 ± 0.49	4.50 ± 0.20
E070-20C	311.6 ± 1260.1	20114.7 ± 1732.27	6.64 ± 0.55	4.51 ± 0.20
E100-10C	159.4 ± 1735.2	1441.3 ± 867.5	3.59 ± 1.85	4.40 ± 0.56
E100-15C	97.7 ± 5316.8	1894.2 ± 2983.1	9.73 ± 8.38	4.46 ± 0.62
E100-20C	52.4 ± 4051.1	1651.4 ± 2059.2	8.14 ± 4.99	4.42 ± 0.52
E100-25C	655.1 ± 4182.9	3088.2 ± 2440.4	7.75 ± 5.23	4.08 ± 0.45
E100-30C	107.3 ± 205.9	4435.2 ± 229.2	7.42 ± 1.72	3.86 ± 0.30
E100-35C	0.0 ± 7363.7	7791.5 ± 7907.6	11.7 ± 10.5	3.92 ± 0.62
E100-40C	0.0 ± 14999.4	17855.1 ± 16311.6	9.19 ± 6.92	3.82 ± 0.51
E100-45C	43655.1 ± 7603.1	100.0 ± 38691.7	2.01 ± 0.42	1.24 ± 2.86
E100-50C	0.0 ± 14063.0	18774.9 ± 15649.2	9.75 ± 6.60	3.40 ± 0.42
E150-10C	14.0 ± 781.8	745.2 ± 355.2	2.49 ± 1.31	4.52 ± 0.52
E150-15C	22.1 ± 800.2	785.5 ± 388.3	2.80 ± 1.18	4.48 ± 0.51
E150-20C	20.3 ± 915.0	788.0 ± 438.5	3.27 ± 1.24	4.40 ± 0.55
E150-25C	34.1 ± 3288.2	1245.4 ± 1497.6	6.78 ± 4.13	4.64 ± 0.68
E150-30C	0.0 ± 3589.4	2085.5 ± 2203.7	7.24 ± 4.69	4.48 ± 0.61
E150-35C	233.0 ± 3909.5	2823.5 ± 2386.7	7.34 ± 4.31	3.97 ± 0.61
E150-40C	531.6 ± 3912.8	3744.3 ± 3383.7	7.01 ± 5.00	4.00 ± 0.69
E150-45C	0.0 ± 3538.6	4333.6 ± 3450.6	4.48 ± 3.16	4.20 ± 0.72
E150-50C	28.7 ± 1757.0	2680.7 ± 1464.2	2.15 ± 1.30	4.28 ± 0.71
E200-10C	399.5 ± 387.6	205.7 ± 300.6	1.74 ± 0.58	4.71 ± 0.59
E200-15C	334.2 ± 609.7	253.4 ± 364.5	1.72 ± 0.60	4.61 ± 0.55
E200-20C	269.0 ± 871.7	296.4 ± 458.0	1.95 ± 0.62	4.75 ± 0.55
E200-25C	0.0 ± 695.3	517.0 ± 291.6	3.28 ± 1.52	4.75 ± 0.57
E200-30C	15.6 ± 1418.4	910.0 ± 695.8	4.70 ± 2.71	4.58 ± 0.56
E200-35C	0.0 ± 2831.8	1508.2 ± 1408.1	6.00 ± 4.22	4.44 ± 0.69
E200-40C	0.0 ± 2636.8	1886.0 ± 1646.8	4.77 ± 3.69	4.57 ± 0.83
E200-45C	21.0 ± 1622.4	1517.3 ± 914.1	3.01 ± 1.54	4.58 ± 0.87
E200-50C	0.0 ± 1535.1	1175.2 ± 816.2	4.67 ± 2.94	4.51 ± 0.69
E300-10C	0.0 ± 1200.7	146.5 ± 421.4	1.46 ± 1.17	5.13 ± 0.65
E300-15C	0.0 ± 1212.3	151.2 ± 424.8	1.36 ± 1.39	4.97 ± 0.68
E300-20C	0.0 ± 1263.4	157.4 ± 439.7	1.31 ± 1.61	4.92 ± 0.78
E300-25C	6.8 ± 1203.7	195.2 ± 386.2	1.18 ± 1.99	4.79 ± 0.87
E300-30C	0.0 ± 810.0	218.8 ± 278.7	1.78 ± 1.11	4.69 ± 0.66
E300-35C	5.9 ± 709.1	266.6 ± 261.1	2.24 ± 1.19	4.85 ± 0.95
E300-40C	0.0 ± 1551.1	208.2 ± 525.8	2.63 ± 1.29	6.74 ± 0.93
E300-45C	0.0 ± 1495.5	199.6 ± 501.8	2.69 ± 1.36	6.78 ± 0.82
E300-50C	0.0 ± 1325.1	174.0 ± 447.2	2.55 ± 1.21	6.87 ± 0.65

	$\Delta\rho_{\text{shell}}$ cm/Å <sup>3</sup>	$\Delta\rho_{\text{core}}$ cm/Å <sup>3</sup>	$h_{\text{core}}$ Å	$\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ #	$b_{\text{core}}$ for $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ Å	$c_{\text{core}}$ for $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ Å	$t_{\text{shell}}$ for $\bar{N}_{\text{lip}}$ Å
E070-10C	$4.05 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.41 \cdot 10^{-14}$	26.59	18325.70	328.45	1554.04	15.44
E070-15C	$4.02 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.43 \cdot 10^{-14}$	27.02	16232.82	281.05	1587.43	15.30
E070-20C	$3.98 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.45 \cdot 10^{-14}$	27.01	16028.75	257.97	1713.20	15.12
E100-10C	$4.04 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.35 \cdot 10^{-14}$	29.19	1200.73	91.86	329.32	11.66
E100-15C	$3.95 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.42 \cdot 10^{-14}$	29.27	1535.06	63.25	615.23	10.79
E100-20C	$3.89 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.48 \cdot 10^{-14}$	28.57	1325.94	65.24	531.27	10.65
E100-25C	$3.81 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.54 \cdot 10^{-14}$	26.88	2699.09	98.80	765.35	11.84
E100-30C	$3.67 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.65 \cdot 10^{-14}$	25.35	3548.62	120.03	890.81	11.98
E100-35C	$3.61 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.70 \cdot 10^{-14}$	24.07	6164.31	129.81	1517.13	11.92
E100-40C	$3.54 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.76 \cdot 10^{-14}$	23.52	14126.21	224.99	2066.67	13.10
E100-45C	$2.99 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-2.19 \cdot 10^{-14}$	21.73	43655.10	906.73	1818.65	13.67
E100-50C	$3.51 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.78 \cdot 10^{-14}$	22.81	14853.89	227.72	2221.22	12.80
E150-10C	$3.86 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.42 \cdot 10^{-14}$	29.12	594.73	78.09	194.08	10.44
E150-15C	$3.83 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.46 \cdot 10^{-14}$	28.95	629.67	76.11	212.89	10.44
E150-20C	$3.77 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.51 \cdot 10^{-14}$	28.34	630.90	71.51	233.49	10.21
E150-25C	$3.66 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.61 \cdot 10^{-14}$	26.97	997.91	64.39	436.49	10.07
E150-30C	$3.57 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.69 \cdot 10^{-14}$	25.36	1649.97	83.03	601.33	10.66
E150-35C	$3.43 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.79 \cdot 10^{-14}$	24.36	2321.46	100.48	737.60	10.99
E150-40C	$3.52 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.74 \cdot 10^{-14}$	23.92	3165.69	120.73	846.79	11.45
E150-45C	$3.49 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.76 \cdot 10^{-14}$	23.13	3428.57	160.17	717.27	11.76
E150-50C	$3.47 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.78 \cdot 10^{-14}$	22.45	2131.38	185.34	397.93	11.37
E200-10C	$3.77 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.45 \cdot 10^{-14}$	29.21	411.40	77.74	134.90	9.87
E200-15C	$3.74 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.48 \cdot 10^{-14}$	29.11	379.74	75.39	129.35	9.69
E200-20C	$3.68 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.54 \cdot 10^{-14}$	28.40	363.34	70.36	136.88	9.45
E200-25C	$3.59 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.62 \cdot 10^{-14}$	27.27	409.05	59.00	193.49	9.16
E200-30C	$3.52 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.70 \cdot 10^{-14}$	25.81	725.71	67.82	318.70	9.72
E200-35C	$3.47 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.75 \cdot 10^{-14}$	24.86	1193.23	78.63	472.09	10.19
E200-40C	$3.44 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.78 \cdot 10^{-14}$	23.81	1492.11	100.99	481.86	10.61
E200-45C	$3.42 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.80 \cdot 10^{-14}$	23.13	1208.13	116.31	349.52	10.50
E200-50C	$3.41 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.80 \cdot 10^{-14}$	23.26	929.73	81.68	381.08	9.71
E300-10C	$3.59 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.55 \cdot 10^{-14}$	29.28	115.94	45.27	65.92	7.23
E300-15C	$3.58 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.56 \cdot 10^{-14}$	29.19	119.62	47.63	64.98	7.31
E300-20C	$3.55 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.60 \cdot 10^{-14}$	28.68	124.53	50.19	65.65	7.38
E300-25C	$3.50 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.65 \cdot 10^{-14}$	27.62	156.94	60.67	71.55	7.80
E300-30C	$3.45 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.71 \cdot 10^{-14}$	26.47	173.07	53.11	94.74	7.79
E300-35C	$3.42 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.75 \cdot 10^{-14}$	25.14	213.14	54.05	121.27	7.96
E300-40C	$3.22 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.97 \cdot 10^{-14}$	17.57	164.73	53.32	140.07	6.54
E300-45C	$3.20 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-1.99 \cdot 10^{-14}$	16.60	157.90	53.13	143.02	6.33
E300-50C	$3.17 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$-2.02 \cdot 10^{-14}$	15.26	137.63	53.31	135.72	5.97



**Fig. S2** SAXS curves of samples with (a) 7 mol% , (b) 10 mol%, (c) 15 mol%, (d) 20 mol%, and (e) 30 mol%  $\beta$ -aescin at temperatures from 10-50 °C (red numbers) in steps of 5 °C. Solid lines are model fits to the data (black dots). Blue: *polydisperse disc*. The SAXS curves are scaled by multiples of 10 from bottom ( $10^0$  @ 10 °C) to top ( $10^8$  @ 50 °C). The legend and temperatures apply to all panels. The samples of E070 (panel (a)) were measured at the XEUSS instrument, all other samples at the ID02 beamline.





**Fig. S3** SAXS curves of samples with (a) 7 mol% , (b) 10 mol%, (c) 15 mol%, (d) 20 mol%, and (e) 30 mol%  $\beta$ -aescin at temperatures from 10-50 °C (red numbers) in steps of 5 °C. Solid lines are model fits to the data (black dots). Orange: *extended bilayer (polydisperse ribbon)* model. The SAXS curves are scaled by multiples of 10 from bottom ( $10^0$  @ 10 °C) to top ( $10^8$  @ 50 °C). The legend and temperatures apply to all panels. The samples of E070 (panel (a)) were measured at the XEUSS instrument, all other samples at the ID02 beamline.

