### **Supplementary Information**

# Understanding the assembly of amphiphilic additives in bulk and dispersed non-lamellar lipid-based matrices: phosphorylation, H-bonding and ionisation.

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## **Synthesis**

#### General Information Related to Synthesis and pH-Measurements

All chemicals were used as received, unless otherwise stated. All solvents were of technical grade and distilled prior to their use. Evaporation of the solvents *in vacuo* was performed with the rotary evaporator at the standard bath temperature and pressure.<sup>1</sup> Column chromatography was performed using silica gel *Merck* 60 (particle size 40-63 µm) or Q-Sepharose® Fast Flow (preswollen, 45-165 µm) (*Sigma–Aldrich*) with the indicated solvent system. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using *Merck* pre-coated silica gel plates 60 F<sub>254</sub>, visualisation was performed by UV light (254 nm and 366 nm) and stains if indicated. Medium Pressure Liquid Chromatography (MPLC) was performed by CombiFlash® Rf+ Lumen<sup>TM</sup> (*TELEDYNE ISCO*) with indicated column size, solvents, time and flow rate. Freeze-drying of aqueous samples was performed at a *CHRIST* alpha 1-4 LD plus after freezing the samples in liquid nitrogen. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, <sup>31</sup>P-NMR and <sup>31</sup>P[<sup>1</sup>H]-NMR spectra were recorded on the following machines: *Bruker* AV-300 (300 MHz), *Bruker* AV-400 (400 MHz) or *Bruker* AV-500 (500 MHz); Chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) relative to the internal standard. Coupling constants J are expressed in Hz and multiplicities are abbreviated as follows: s (singlet), br (broad), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quadruplet), quint (quintet), m (multiplet) If signals fall together they are reported as X seen as Y. Peaks in <sup>13</sup>C-NMR that were not completely separated are named 2p for two peaks and mp for more. Mass spectra were recorded by the Mass Spectroscopy Service of UZH on *Finnigan* MAT95 MS, *Bruker* LC MS and *Finnigan* TSQ700 MS machines.



Molecular Weight: 372.45

Bis(2-cyanoethyl)diisopropylphosphoramidite **1** (0.85 g, 3.13 mmol, 1.2 eq.), synthesised after a published procedure was dissolved in MeCN (2 mL).<sup>2</sup> After the addition of dodecanol (0.49 g, 2.62 mmol, 1 eq.) the solvent was evaporated under high vacuum. This drying by coevaporation was repeated twice with MeCN (2 mL). Subsequently the mixture was dissolved in a tetrazole solution (11.8 mL, 4 wt% in MeCN, 1.5 eq.) and stirred for four hours at room temperature. After completion the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and *t*-butyl hydroperoxide solution (0.707 mL, 5.5 M in decane, 1.5 eq.) was added. After 20 min of stirring, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and half of the solvents were evaporated at high vacuum. After dilution with EtOAc (30 mL) the organic phase was washed with brine (3 x 30 mL), then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and subsequently applied to vacuum. Then the compound was purified by column chromatography (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 0 to 80 %) to yield **2** as a yellowish oil (0.87 g, 2.34 mmol, 88 %).

*R<sub>f</sub>*:(SiO<sub>2</sub>: EtOAc:Cyclohexane 8:2) = 0.31 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d, with aceton 2.01) δ [ppm]: 4.33 – 4.23 (m, 4H), 4.12 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 4H), 1.76 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.20 (m, 18H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.26. <sup>31</sup>P[<sup>1</sup>H]-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.26 (dt seen as sept). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d, with EtOAc 180.79, 60.09, 20.74, 13.94) δ [ppm] 116.43, 69.09 (2p), 62.15, 62.10, 31.88, 30.17, 30.11, 29.59, 29.52, 29.45, 29.31, 29.07, 25.32, 22.66, 19.73, 19.66, 14.09. (+)-HR-ESI-MS: calculated 372.2178, m/z found 395.2070 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>].

dodecyl dihydrogen phosphate (3):

Chemical Formula: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P Molecular Weight: 266.32

**2** (0.87 g, 2.34 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of methanol and THF (9 mL), subsequently aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25%, 8.8 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature and 550 mbar. Subsequently the organic solvents were evaporated and more aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25 %, 8.8 mL) was added and the reaction stirred overnight (60 °C and 550 mbar). After completion of the deprotection the product was lyophilised twice to afford pure **3** (0.61 g, 2.29 mmol, 98 %) as a white powder.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 3.85 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 18H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>31</sup>**P-NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 0.60. <sup>31</sup>**P**[<sup>1</sup>**H**]-**NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O-d)  $\delta$  [ppm]: -0.60 (t, *J*= 6.6 Hz). <sup>13</sup>**C**-2

**NMR** (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 67.85, 53.40, 31.93, 29.76 – 29.52 (mp), 29.37 (2p), 29.21, 25.47, 22.69, 14.10. (-)-**HR-ESI-MS**: calculated 266.1647, m/z found 265.1566 [M - H<sup>+</sup>].



tetrakis(2-cyanoethyl) dodecane-1,2-diyl bis(phosphate) (5):

Molecular Weight: 574.55

1,2-dodecanediol (500 mg, 2.10 mmol, 1 eq.) and bis(2-cyanoethyl)diisopropylphosphoramidite 1 (2.62 g, 5.02 mmol 2.4 eq.) were dried by coevaporation with MeCN (3 x 2 mL) and subsequently dissolved in dry DMF (18 mL) at 0 °C and under N<sub>2</sub>. After the addition of 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (0.919 g, 6.29 mmol, 3 eq.) the reaction was stirred for 6 hours, then cooled to 0 °C before a *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide solution (1.10 mL, 5.5 M in decane, 3 eq.) was added. After further stirring for 20 minutes half of the solvents were removed by reduced pressure before mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. By column chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH 24:1) the product was isolated in 37 % yield (526 mg, 0.915 mmol).

*R<sub>f</sub>*:(SiO<sub>2</sub>: EtOAc:MeOH 24:1) = 0.21; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d, with EtOAc 4.27, 2.03, 1.23) δ [ppm]: 4.71 – 4.58 (m, 1H), 4.40 – 4.25 (m, 8H), 4.20 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 2.87 – 2.74 (m, 8H), 1.79 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.19 (m, 16H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.48, -2.97. <sup>31</sup>P[<sup>1</sup>H]-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.48 (dt seen as hept), -2.97 (dd seen as hex). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d, with EtOAc 171.13, 60.37, 21.02, 14.19) δ [ppm]: 116.73, 116.59, 116.54, 116.43, 78.92 – 78.42 (mp), 69.39, 62.62, 62.57, 62.54, 62.48, 62.38, 62.33, 31.87, 31.52, 31.48, 29.54, 29.51, 29.37, 29.29, 24.82, 22.65, 19.76, 19.69, 14.09. (+)-HR-ESI-MS: calculated 574.2321, m/z found 575.2403 [M + H<sup>+</sup>], 597.2218 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>].

#### dodecane-1,2-diyl bis(dihydrogen phosphate) (6):



Molecular Weight: 362.30

**5** (0.29 g, 0.52 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of methanol and THF (3.4 mL). After the addition of aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25 %, 3.7 mL) the reaction was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Subsequently the organic solvents were evaporated and more aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25 %, 7.6 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred for 3 more hours (60 °C and 550 mbar). After <sup>31</sup>P-NMR showed completion of the deprotection the product was lyophilised twice. The crude mixture was purified by Q-sepharose® (25 mM to 1 M NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford a **6** as a white powder (0.176 g, 0.486 mmol, 96 %).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 4.20 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.85 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 16H), 0.79 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>31</sup>**P-NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 2.95, 1.13. <sup>31</sup>**P**[<sup>1</sup>**H**]-**NMR** (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: 3.10 (t, J = 5.3 Hz), 1.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz). <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 75.25, 66.78, 31.96 (2p), 31.18, 29.01, 28.82, 28.77, 28.75, 28.48, 24.59, 22.02, 13.41. (-)-HR-ESI-MS: calculated 362.1259, m/z found 361.1183 [M - H<sup>+</sup>].

# hexakis(2-cyanoethyl) (3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadecane-1,2,3-triyl) tris(phosphate) (8)





bis(2-cyanoethyl)diisopropylphosphoramidite 1 (1.30 g, 2.45 mmol 3.6 eq.) was dried by coevaporation with THF (2 x 0.5 mL) and subsequently dissolved in dry THF (6 mL) at 0 °C and under N<sub>2</sub>. After the addition of 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (451 mg, 6.29 mmol, 3 eq.) and the dropwise addition of phytantriol (diastereoisomeric mixture, 225 mg, 0.68 mmol, 1 eq.) in dry THF (3 mL) the reaction was stirred for 6 hours, then cooled to 0 °C before a *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide solution (0.535 mL, 5.5 M in decane, 4.5 eq.) was added. After further stirring for 20 minutes the solvents were removed by reduced pressure before the crude product was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL). The organic phase was washed with

brine (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. By column chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH 19:1 to 9:1) the product was isolated in 78 % yield (470 mg, 0.529 mmol).

*R<sub>f</sub>*: (SiO<sub>2</sub>: EtOAc:MeOH 19:1) = 0.17 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d, with EtOAc 4.08, 2.01, 1.22) δ [ppm]: 4.83 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 4.52 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.42 – 4.22 (m, 12H), 2.88 – 2.71 (m, 12H), 1.73 – 1.56 (m, 3H), 1.51 – 0.97 (m, 21H), 0.82 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 12H). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (121 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.59 (2p), -2.86 (2p) -7.26 (2p). <sup>31</sup>P[<sup>1</sup>H]-NMR (121 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.22 – 3.23 (m), -6.94 – 7.65 (m). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d, with EtOAc 171.21, 60.43, 14.23) δ [ppm]: 117.86 – 116.34 (mp), 87.34, 77.16, 66.84, 63.43 – 62.01 (mp), 39.39, 38.18, 37.61 – 37.05 (mp), 33.10 – 32.41 (mp), 28.01, 24.85, 24.55, 22.77, 22.67, 21.54, 21.09, 20.04 – 19.65 (mp), 19.61 – 19.26 (mp). (+)-HR-ESI-MS: calculated 888.3717, m/z found 911.367 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>].

#### 3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadecane-1,2,3-triyl tris(dihydrogen phosphate) (9):



**8** (470 mg, 0.529 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of methanol and THF (2.4 mL). After addition of aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25 %, 2.5 mL) the reaction was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Subsequently the organic solvents were evaporated and more aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25 %, 4 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred o.n. at 60 °C. After <sup>31</sup>P-NMR showed complete deprotection, the product was lyophilised twice. The crude mixture was purified by Q-sepharose® (25 mM to 1 M NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford a **9** as a white powder (0.270 g, 0.473 mmol, 90 %).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 4.57 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.48 – 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.32 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 4.11 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.07 (m, 25H), 1.04 – 0.83 (m, 12H). <sup>31</sup>**P-NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 1.55, 0.00, -3.86. <sup>31</sup>**P**[<sup>1</sup>**H**]-**NMR** (203 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 2.48 – 0.77 (m), 0.51 – -0.63 (m), -2.64 – -5.07 (m). <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 75.25, 66.78, 31.96 (2p), 31.18, 29.01, 28.82, 28.77, 28.75, 28.48, 24.59, 22.02, 13.41.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ [ppm]: 83.25, 80.30, 66.01, 39.35, 38.40, 37.79, 37.56, 37.30, 37.10, 32.54, 27.85, 24.62, 24.34, 22.60 (2p), 21.73, 21.39 (2p), 19.74 (2p), 19.55. (-)-HR-ESI-MS: calculated 570.2124, m/z found 569.2054 [M - H<sup>+</sup>].



Molecular Weight: 218.34

To the stirred solution of AD-mix- $\alpha$  (7.97 g, 10.2 mM, 1.88 eq.) in a 1:1 mixture of *t*BuOH and H<sub>2</sub>O (42 mL) at 0 °C (*E*)-dodec-2-en-1-ol **10** (1.18 mL, 5.43 mmol, 1 eq.) was added and stirred overnight at room temperature. Subsequently the reaction was quenched with a tip of the spatula Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> and stirred for 1 more hour. Then the organic phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by column chromatography (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 1 to 100 %) to afford the desired molecule in 42 % yield (0.501 g, 2.29 mmol).

*R*<sub>f</sub>:(SiO<sub>2</sub>: Cyclohexane:EtOAc 2:8) = 0.17 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: 5.70 – 5.47 (m, 2H), 3.97 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (dd, J = 13.9, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.39 – 1.14 (m, 14H), 0.82 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: 132.87, 128.91, 63.24, 32.21, 31.89, 29.56, 29.51, 29.32, 29.21, 29.17, 22.63, 14.00.

#### hexakis((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) dodecane-1,2,3-triyl tris(phosphate) (12):



Molecular Weight: 1527.68

bis(9-Fluorenylmethyl)diisopropylphosphoramidite (5.49 g, 10.05 mmol, 3.6 eq.) and triol **11** (0.64 g, 2.93 mmol, 1 eq.) were coevaporated with dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeCN (3 x 5 mL). Under nitrogen atmosphere the two starting materials were subsequently dissolved in a 1:1 MeCN and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> mixture (40 mL). Then 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole solution (1.71 g, 11.7 mmol, 4 eq.) was added at room temperature before the reaction was stirred for 3.5 hours. After <sup>31</sup>P-NMR showed the product, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and *t*-butyl hydroperoxide solution (4.04 mL, 5.5 M in decane, 1.5 eq.) was added. After 20 minutes of stirring the mixture was warmed to room temperature and half of the solvents were evaporated at high vacuum. After dilution with EtOAc (50 mL) the organic phase was washed with brine (3 x 50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and subsequently applied to vacuum. Then the compound was purified by column chromatography (Cyclohexane/EtOAc 0 to 60 %) to yield **12** (0.71 g, 0.468 mmol, 30 %).

*R<sub>f</sub>*: (SiO<sub>2</sub>: Cyclohexane:EtOAc 4:6) = 0.54 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d, with EtOAc 4.13, 2.08, 1.29 and H<sub>2</sub>O 1.47) δ [ppm]: 7.74 – 7.60 (m, 12H), 7.44 (dt, J = 6.4, 5.2 Hz, 12H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 12H), 7.23 – 7.09 (m, 12H), 4.63 – 4.39 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 4.15 (m, 14H), 4.10 – 3.94 (m, 6H), 1.66 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.10 (m, 14H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>1</sup>P-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -1.56, -1.92. <sup>31</sup>P[<sup>1</sup>H]-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -1.56 (dt seen as hept.), -1.92 (dd seen as hex.). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d, with EtOAc 171.18, 65.98, 14.16) δ [ppm]: 142.94 (mp), 141.85 – 140.93 (mp), 127.84, 127.09, 125.36 – 124.89 (mp), 119.93 (2p), 69.70 – 69.02 (mp), 65.98, 60.42, 47.98 – 47.67 (mp), 31.91, 29.64, 29.56 (2p), 29.35, 26.94, 24.75, 22.72, 21.07, 14.23.

dodecane-1,2,3-triyl tris(dihydrogen phosphate) (13):



Triphosphate **12** (0.71 g, 0.462 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in a 10 % piperidine solution in  $CH_2Cl_2$  and stirred for 2.5 hours at room temperature. Subsequently the solvents were removed under reduced pressure, then the remainings were dissolved in  $Et_2O$  (20 mL) and 0.5 M NaOH solution (20 mL). The water soluble molecule was extracted with water (3 x 20 mL), concentrated by freeze-drying and purified by Q-Sepharose® (25 mM to 1 M NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O). After three rounds of dissolving in water and freeze-drying the final product was obtained as a white powder (189 mg, 0.412 mmol, 90 %).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 4.24 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.92 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.10 (m, 14H), 0.77 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>31</sup>**P-NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 0.59, -0.26, -0.43. <sup>31</sup>**P**[<sup>1</sup>**H**]-**NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 0.59 (t, J = 4.3 Hz), -0.31 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), -0.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz). <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (126 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 75.54, 75.36, 64.39, 31.18, 30.70, 30.20, 28.84, 28.76 (2p), 28.50, 24.64, 22.04, 13.40. (-)-**HR-ESI-MS**: calculated 458.0872, m/z found 457.0795 [M - H<sup>+</sup>].





Chemical Formula: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Molecular Weight: 314.55

To phytol (0.17 mL, 0.50 mmol, 1 eq.), dissolved in dry THF (2 mL),  $Me_2SBH_3$  (2 M in THF, 0.25 mL) was dropwise added at 0 °C and under nitrogen atmosphere. After the addition, the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours before it was cooled to 0 °C again. As soon as this temperature was reached aq. NaOH (3 M, 0.5 mL) and then aq.

 $H_2O_2$  (30 %, 0.7 mL) were added slowly. After another stirring for 30 minutes at room temperature the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and the organic phase was washed with brine (3 x 10 mL). Subsequently this layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvents were removed *in vacuo*. Then the compound was purified by chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc 0 to 70 %) affording a yellowish oil (0.130 g, 0.41 mmol, 72 %).

 $R_{f}$ : (SiO<sub>2</sub>: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:EtOAc 7:3) = 0.29; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 3.69 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 3.51 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 0.99 (m, 22H), 0.90 – 0.79 (m, 15H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 76.30 (2p), 64.57, 39.37, 37.57, 37.52 – 37.24 (mp), 36.21 (2p), 32.94 – 32.62 (mp), 27.96, 24.79, 24.65 – 24.34 (mp), 22.71, 22.62, 19.76, 19.74, 19.63, 15.21 (2p). (+)-HR-ESI-MS: calculated 314.3185, m/z found 337.3075 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>].

tetrakis(2-cyanoethyl) (3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadecane-1,2-diyl) bis(phosphate) (16):



Bis(2-cyanoethyl)diisopropylphosphoramidite 1 (269 mg, 0.99 mmol, 2.4 eq.) and 15 (130 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1 eq.) were dissolved in MeCN (0.33 mL), then the solvent was evaporated under high vacuum. This was repeated twice before the mixture was dissolved in DMF (3.3 mL). Then 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (181 mg, 1.24 mmol, 3 eq.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at room temperature. As soon as <sup>31</sup>P-NMR showed full conversion, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and *t*-butyl hydroperoxide solution (0.49 mL, 5.5 M in decane, 3 eq.) was added. After 20 minutes of stirring the mixture was warmed to room temperature and half of the solvents were evaporated at high vacuum. Subsequently the remaining mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and the organic phase was washed with brine (3 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and applied to vacuum. The compound was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH 0 to 20 %) to yield **16** as a colourless oil (101 mg, 0.15 mmol, 36 %).

*R<sub>f</sub>*:(SiO<sub>2</sub>: EtOAc:MeOH 99:1) = 0.16 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: 4.58 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 4.42 – 4.14 (m, 10H), 2.91 – 2.74 (m, 8H), 1.58 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 0.97 (m, 21H), 0.89 – 0.81 (m, 12H). <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.34, -2.84. <sup>31</sup>P[<sup>1</sup>H]-NMR (162 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: -2.34 (dt, J = 14.5, 7.3 Hz), -2.84 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ [ppm]: 117.40, 117.22, 117.19, 117.04, 83.23 (2p), 68.55, 63.24 – 63.08 (mp), 62.94, 62.90, 39.96, 38.08 (2p), 37.91 (2p), 37.74 (2p), 36.04 (2p), 33.40, 32.92 (2p), 28.57, 25.40, 25.09 (2p), 23.28 (2p), 20.54 – 20.20 (mp), 20.18, 15.27 (2p).

3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadecane-1,2-diyl bis(dihydrogen phosphate) (17):



Diphospholipid **16** (330 mg, 0.481 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in a 1:1 mixture of MeOH and THF (3.7 mL) and after the addition of aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25%, 3.9 mL), stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Subsequently the organic solvents were evaporated and more aq. NH<sub>4</sub>OH (25%, 16 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred for 4 hours. at 60 °C. After <sup>31</sup>P-NMR showed complete deprotection, the product was freeze-dried. The crude mixture was purified by Q-sepharose® (25 mM to 1 M NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O) to afford a white powder (220 g, 0.464 mmol, 96 %).

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 4.08 (s, 1H), 3.96 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 1.77 (s, 1H), 1.53 – 0.97 (m, 1H), 0.93 – 0.73 (m, 15H). <sup>31</sup>**P-NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 0.80, -0.21. <sup>31</sup>**P**[<sup>1</sup>**H**]-**NMR** (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 1.00 – 0.60 (m), -0.22 (d, J = 7.8 Hz). <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (101 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O/methanol-d4)  $\delta$  [ppm]: 79.52, 67.13, 39.15, 37.57 – 37.13 (mp), 37.05, 32.51, 30.33, 27.67, 24.57, 24.29, 22.41, 22.32, 19.44, 19.32, 19.22, 14.23. (-)-**HR-ESI-MS**: calculated 474.2511, m/z found 473.2430 [M - H<sup>+</sup>], 495.2252 [M - 2 H<sup>+</sup> + Na<sup>+</sup>].

# **Bulk phase behaviour**



**Fig. S11.** Composition-, temperature- and pH-dependent phase behaviour of the singly phosphorylated C12 guest lipid (C12P1) in host monoolein bulk phase formulations in excess water as determined by SAXS. Increasing amounts of C12P1 additives result in the formation of inverse hexagonal phase ( $H_2$ ) at various pH values.



**Fig. S12.** Composition-, temperature- and pH-dependent phase behaviour of the doubly phosphorylated C12 guest lipid (C12P2) in host monoolein bulk phase formulations in excess water as determined by SAXS. Increasing amounts of C12P2 additives result in swelling of the unit cells, as demonstrated by the increase in lattice parameter, followed by the formation of  $V_{2 \text{ Im}3m}$  at <1 mol% (at pH 3 only).



**Fig. SI3.** Composition-, temperature- and pH-dependent phase behaviour of the triply phosphorylated C12 guest lipid (C12P3) in host monoolein bulk phase formulations in excess water as determined by SAXS. Increasing amounts of C12P3 additives result in swelling of the unit cells, as demonstrated by the increase in lattice parameter, followed by the formation of V2 Im3m at 2 mol% (at pH 3 only).



**Fig. SI4.** Composition-, temperature- and pH-dependent phase behaviour of the doubly phosphorylated phytol guest lipid (PhyP2) in host monoolein bulk phase formulations in excess water as determined by SAXS. Increasing amounts of the PhyP2 additive result in formation of inverse hexagonal phase (H<sub>2</sub>) at various pH values.



E. MO + PhyP3 2.5 mol%



**Fig. S15.** Composition-, temperature- and pH-dependent phase behaviour of the triply phosphorylated phytol guest lipid (PhyP3) in host monoolein bulk phase formulations in excess water as determined by SAXS. Increasing amounts of the PhyP3 additive result in swelling of the unit cells, as demonstrated by the increase in lattice parameter. No phase transitions were observed until 2.5 mol%. E: The lattice parameters of the vesicles formed at pH 6 and pH 8 could not be determined as they did not exhibit Bragg peaks characteristic of multilamellar systems.



**Fig. SI6.** Composition-, temperature- and pH-dependent phase behaviour of the doubly phosphorylated phytol guest lipid (PhyP2) in host phytantriol bulk phase formulations in excess water. Increasing amounts of the PhyP2 additive result in swelling of the unit cells, as demonstrated by the increase in lattice parameter, followed by the formation of  $V_{2 \text{ Im}3\text{m}}$  at 2 mol% (at pH 3 only).



**Fig. SI7.** Composition-, temperature- and pH-dependent phase behaviour of the triply phosphorylated phytol guest lipid (PhyP3) in host phytantriol bulk phase formulations in excess water. Increasing amounts of the PhyP3 additive result in swelling of the unit cells, as demonstrated by the increase in lattice parameter, followed by the formation of  $V_{2 \text{ Im}3m}$  upon at 1 mol% (at pH 3 only). Unusually,  $V_{2 \text{ Ia}3d}$  was observed at high temperatures in system containing 0.5 mol%. Note that PhyP3 could not be incorporated into phytantriol at 2 mol% due to its limited solubility in the lipid.

# Temperature dependent phase behaviour of phosphorylated additives in cubosomes.



**Fig. S18.** Temperature-dependent phase behaviour of cubosomes at pH  $\sim$ 6 as determined by SAXS. Phase boundaries are indicated by dotted lines and annotated accordingly. All formulations contained 0.5% of phosphorylated lipid as additive. Note that in Panel C, phytantriol at 70 °C forms inverse micellar phase; from which a lattice parameter cannot be determined as the mesophase lacks long range order.

Raw SAXS data used to create Fig. 2 & 3, and Fig. SI1-SI8.



Fig. SI9a. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2



Fig. SI9b. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2 19



Fig. SI9c. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2 20



Fig. SI9d. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2 21



Fig. SI9e. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2 22



Fig. SI9f. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2 23



Fig. SI9g. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2



Fig. SI9h. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 2. In PHYT + 0.5 mol% PhyP3, at pH 3 and 70°C, black and red arrows are used to indicate the reflections of the  $V_{2 Pn3m}$  and  $H_2$  phases respectively.



**Fig. SI9i.** SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 3 and Fig. SI8. 26



**Fig. SI9j.** SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 3 and Fig. SI8. 27



Fig. SI9k. SAXS patterns used to determine the phase behaviour of each sample in Fig. 3 and Fig. SI8.

# pKa measurements of micellar solutions of phosphorylated lipids



**Fig SI10.** Representative <sup>31</sup>P[<sup>1</sup>H]-NMR spectra (upper panel) and titration curves (lower panel) of the indicated phosphorylated lipids with a  $C_{12}$  chain as a function of pH. Titration curves were constructed by plotting the chemical shift derived from the NMR spectra against the pH value. The pK<sub>a</sub> was subsequently determined from the fitting curve, using a published procedure.<sup>3</sup> A) Data of C12P2. B) Data of C12P3.



**Fig. SI11.** Titration curves of micellar solutions of the phosphorylated additive constructed by plotting the chemical shift against the pH value. The calculated pKa was derived from the fitting curve, using a published procedure.<sup>3</sup>

Fitted parameters from <sup>31</sup>PNMR titration data used to determine pKa

Table 1	. Curve fi	tting of pH	titration da	ata for C12P2	and C12P3	micellar sol	utions.

	C12P2				
	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3
$P_{A^{2-}}$	$4.14\pm0.06$	$3.43\pm0.06$	$4.40\pm0.05$	$3.50\pm0.05$	$3.39\pm0.04$
$P_{AH^{-}}$	$0.46\pm0.04$	$-0.50 \pm 0.04$	$0.48\pm0.06$	$-0.33\pm0.05$	$-0.47 \pm 0.03$
pK <sub>a2</sub>	$6.89\pm0.06$	$7.62\pm0.04$	$7.23\pm0.07$	$7.69\pm0.06$	$8.41\pm0.04$
n	$0.64\pm0.04$	$0.63\pm0.04$	$0.49\pm0.03$	$0.49\pm0.03$	$0.47\pm0.02$

Table 2. Curve fitting of pH titration data for PhyP2 and PhyP3 micellar solutions.

	PhyP2		PhyP3				
	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3		
$P_{A^{2-}}$	$4.16\pm0.03$	$3.27\pm0.02$	$4.21\pm0.08$	$3.56\pm0.05$	$0.50\pm0.04$		
$P_{AH^{-}}$	$0.62\pm0.05$	$-0.40 \pm 0.02$	$0.73\pm0.01$	$-0.61 \pm 0.06$	$-4.08\pm0.04$		
pK <sub>a2</sub>	$6.97\pm0.03$	$7.94\pm0.02$	$6.86\pm0.01$	$8.20\pm0.06$	$8.80\pm0.04$		
n	$0.68\pm0.04$	$0.66 \pm 0.02$	$0.59\pm0.07$	$0.44\pm0.02$	$0.57\pm0.03$		

## pKa measurements in cubosomes via <sup>31</sup>P-NMR

The cubosome dispersion (0.63 mL), as described in part 5.6.3, was mixed with  $D_2O$  (63  $\mu$ L) and subsequently the pH was adjusted with solutions of NaOH and HCl in H<sub>2</sub>O as described in the previous part. The samples were analysed with the previously described standard methodology.

The commercially available Pluronic® F-127, used as standard stabiliser for the cubosomes, was found to contain trace amounts of phosphates. This additional peak in the <sup>31</sup>P-NMR did not influence the measurement of the phosphorylated lipids and was utilised as internal standard to validate the measurements. Furthermore, the NMR assignments are a working hypothesis and if not indicated, assigned without any special techniques.





Additive	C12P1	C12P2				
	Peak1	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3
<i>P</i> <sub><i>A</i><sup>2-</sup></sub>	$3.50\pm0.14$	$3.80\pm0.10$	$3.13\pm0.10$	$3.61\pm0.09$	$2.74\pm0.08$	$2.17\pm0.08$
<i>P</i> <sub><i>AH</i><sup>-</sup></sub>	$0.37\pm0.14$	$0.54 \pm 0.10$	$-0.43 \pm 0.07$	$0.44\pm0.09$	$-0.36\pm0.05$	$-0.57 \pm 0.04$
pK <sub>a2</sub>	$8.55\pm0.15$	$7.62 \pm 0.11$	$8.51\pm0.10$	$7.33\pm0.11$	$7.94\pm0.08$	8.62 ± 0.11
n	$1.28 \pm 0.34$	$0.75 \pm 0.14$	$0.54\pm0.06$	$0.52\pm0.06$	$0.47\pm0.04$	$0.36 \pm 0.03$

Table 3. Curve fitting of pH titration data for the host MLO cubosomes with additives containing a dodecanol chain.

Table 4. Curve fitting of pH titration data for MLO cubosomes with additives containing a phytol chain.

	PhyP2				
	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3
$P_{A^{2-}}$	$3.69\pm0.13$	$2.92\pm0.33$	$3.62\pm0.03$	$1.94\pm0.09$	-1.7 (fixed)
<b>P</b> <sub>AH</sub> -	$0.62 \pm 0.11$	$-0.46 \pm 0.12$	$0.72\pm0.02$	$-0.61 \pm 0.04$	$-4.35 \pm 0.11$
pK <sub>a2</sub>	$7.79\pm0.16$	$9.32\pm0.43$	$7.34\pm0.01$	$7.93 \pm 0.11$	$8.79\pm0.20$
n	$0.52\pm0.09$	$0.31\pm0.08$	$0.39\pm0.04$	$0.44\pm0.02$	$0.42\pm0.09$



#### bis(2-cyanoethyl) dodecyl phosphate (2):









#### dodecyl dihydrogen phosphate (3):









#### tetrakis(2-cyanoethyl) dodecane-1,2-diyl bis(phosphate) (5):











dodecane-1,2-diyl bis(dihydrogen phosphate) (6):





















3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadecane-1,2,3-triyl tris(dihydrogen phosphate) (9):











Meas. m/z	#	Ion Formula	m/z	err [ppm]	mSigma	Score	rdb	e <sup>-</sup> Conf	N-Rule
284.10010	1	C18H33N8O11P	284.10087	2.70	1.5	85.21	7.0	even	ok
	2	C20H43O12P3	284.09892	-4.17	1.6	67.21	1.0	even	ok
489.23914	1	C20H43O9P2	489.23878	-0.73	4.1	100.00	0.5	even	ok
	2	C17H35N10O3P2	489.23743	-3.48	6.7	43.86	6.5	even	ok
569.20544	1	C14H30N14O9P	569.20633	1.56	3.6	59.77	7.5	even	ok
	2	C20H44O12P3	569.20511	-0.58	6.6	100.00	0.5	even	ok







#### hexakis((9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl) dodecane-1,2,3-triyl tris(phosphate) (12):











#### dodecane-1,2,3-triyl tris(dihydrogen phosphate) (13):









#### 3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadecane-1,2-diol (15):

























#### pH-Measurements and plotted titration curves

#### Titration curve of 6, C12P2





Titration curve of 17, PhyP2



Titration	curve	of 9,	PhyP3
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#### Cubosomes without additive (Signal of phosphate from Pluronic® F-127)





#### Monolinolein cubosomes with 6 as additive





#### Monolinolein cubosomes with 17 as additive





#### Monolinolein cubosomes with 9 as additive

Phytol cubosomes with 17 as additive





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