## **Supplementary Information**

## Colloid-probe AFM studies of the surface functionality and adsorbed

## proteins on binary colloidal crystal layers

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**Fig. S1** Normalized force ( $F/2\pi R_f$ ) versus apparent separation (d) approach curves for the interaction between a PS colloid probe and a 2 µm silica/200 nm silica binary patterned surface in 1 mM NaCl (pH=7.4). (a) 2 µm silica (b) 200 nm silica. The red solid line represents the theoretical fit according to DLVO theory and numerical fitting of the Poisson-Boltzmann equation using  $\varphi_{1\mu}$ m-probe= -28.9 mV,  $\varphi_{2\mu}$ m-Silica= -10.5 mV and  $\varphi_{200nm}$ -Silica= -11.2 mV.



**Fig. S2** Normalized force ( $F/2\pi R_f$ ) versus apparent separation (d) approach curves for the interaction between a PS colloid probe and a binary protein patterned surface comprising LZM-coated 2 µm silica and BSA-coated 200 nm silica at 1 mM NaCl (pH=7.4). Force curves obtained for (a) 2 µm silica (LZM) (b) 200 nm silica (BSA).