## **Supporting Information**

## Lysine-based amino-functionalized lipids for gene transfection: the influence of chain composition on 2D properties

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## 1. Additional Data

1.1 Isotherms of TH10, OH10 and OO10 on bromide ion based buffers (pH 3 and pH 10)



Figure S1: A) Langmuir monolayers of TH10 (black), OH10 (red) and OO10 (blue) at 20 °C on the pH 3 buffer, B) Langmuir monolayers of TH10 (black), OH10 (red) and OO10 (blue) at 20 °C on the pH 10 buffer.



1.2 IRRAS phase state: methylene stretching vibrations of TH10 and OO10

**Figure S2:** Antisymmetric and symmetric CH<sub>2</sub> stretching vibrations of **TH10** (**A**) and **OO10** (**B**) on water (pH 5.8) at 20 °C and at different surface pressures (indicated). Dashed lines are for guiding the eyes only.



1.3 Isotherms of TH10 and OO10 on bromide ion based buffers (pH 3, pH 7 and pH 10)

Figure S3: π-A isotherms and surface Gibbs elasticity of TH10 at 20 °C on bromide ion (c = 2 mM) based buffers.



**Figure S4**:  $\pi$ -A isotherms and surface Gibbs elasticity of **OO10** at 20°C on bromide ion (c = 2 mM) based buffers.



1.4.1 Total Reflection X-Ray Fluorescence (pH dependence of the protonation state)

1.4 Titration curves of TH10 and OO10

Figure S5: Titration curve of TH10 (black) and OO10 (blue) at 30 mN·m<sup>-1</sup> on bromide ion (c = 2 mM) based buffers at 20 °C. Dotted lines are for guiding the eyes only.

1.4.2 Infrared Reflection Absorption Spectroscopy (pH dependence of the phase state)



Figure S6: Phase state of TH10 (black squares) and OO10 (blue triangles) in dependence of the pH value at 20 °C on bromide ion (c = 2 mM) based buffers at 30 mN·m<sup>-1</sup>. Dotted lines are for guiding the eyes only.

1.5 Adsorption isotherms of ct-DNA to TH10 and OO10 monolayer at pH 3, pH 7 and pH 10



**Figure S7:** Adsorption of calf thymus DNA to **TH10** (straight lines) and **OO10** (dotted lines) monolayers in dependence of the pH value at 20 °C on bromide ion (c = 2 mM) based buffers containing 0.1 mM calf thymus DNA.

1.6 Phosphate diester bands of calf thymus DNA attached to TH10 and OO10



**Figure S8:** Asymmetric  $PO_2^-$  stretching vibrations of DNA attached to **TH10** (**A**) and **OO10** (**B**) monolayers at 20 °C on bromide ion (c = 2 mM) based buffers at pH 3 (black), pH 7 (red) and pH 10 (blue),  $\pi = 30 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$ . Dashed lines are for guiding the eyes only.

1.7 IRRAS phase state: methylene stretching vibrations of **TH10** and **OO10** in absence and presence of calf thymus DNA



**Figure S9:** Asymmetric and symmetric  $CH_2$  stretching vibrations of **TH10** (**A**) and **OO10** (**B**) monolayers in absence (straight lines) and presence (dashed lines) of calf thymus DNA at 20 °C on bromide ion (c = 2 mM) based buffers at pH 3 (black), pH 7 (red) and pH 10 (blue),  $\pi$  = 30 mN·m<sup>-1</sup>.