## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Light-triggered hydrophilic drug release from liposomes by removal of photolabile protecting group

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Scheme S1. The premixing method for the preparation of LMIGs.



Fig. S1 Complete <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of NNM-1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S2** Complete <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 25 °C) of (a) **1** and (b and c) NNM-**1** (b) before and (c) after photoirradiation at 354 nm for 24 h.



**Fig. S3** Positive ion ESI-MS/MS spectrum of protonated NNM-1 (m/z 520) recorded with a 35% normalised collision energy.



Fig. S4 UV-vis spectrum of the sodium salt of 1 in  $H_2O$  ([1] = 0.40 mM).



**Fig. S5** Complete <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the residue of LMI-NNM-1 solution after photoirradiation at 365 nm for 12 h and lyophilisation (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, [EtOH] = 0.4 mM, red circles: NNM-1, blue circles: DMPC).



**Fig. S6** Complete <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) **1** and (b and c) NNM-**1** (b) before and (c) after photoirradiation at 365 nm for 12 h in the presence of liposomes in  $D_2O$  ([DMPC] = 4.0 mM and [**1**] = [NNM-**1**] = 0.40 mM).