

Supplementary information

Film synthesis

5 Stock solutions of either *diC₁₀PC* or egg PC (Avanti) as well as NaTDC (sodium taurodeoxycholate, Aldrich) were made by dissolving 50 mg of the lipid in 2.5mL ethanol. Varied amounts of each stock were added together, along with excess ethanol if necessary, to total 0.5 mL with the desired 10 NaTDC/PC as well as total lipid/silica ratio. 0.053mL 0.05M HCl and 0.040 mL TEOS (tetraethylorthosilicate) were added to the lipid solutions, aged for 10 minutes at room temperature, and spin coated at 2000 rpm at 15-20% humidity.

15 Cell-directed assembly (CDA)

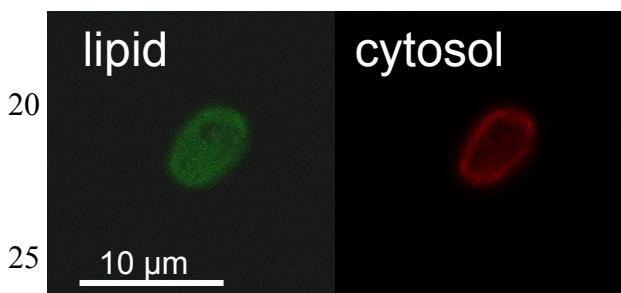


Figure S1. Confocal images of a yeast cell encapsulated within a silica/lipid (egg PC/NaTDC) nanocomposite film 30 using CDA. Films were prepared according to published procedures for CDA (H. K. Baca, C. Ashley, E. Carnes, D. Lopez, J. Flemming, D. Dunphy, S. Singh, Z. Chen, N. Liu, H. Fan, G. P. Lopez, S. M. Brozik, M. Werner-Washburne and C. J. Brinker, *Science*, 2006, **313**), using a 50/50 mass ratio of 35 egg pc to NaTDC. Yeast cell cytosol was labeled with CellTracker Red CMTPX; 1-palmitoyl-2-{6-[(7-nitro-2-1,3-benzo[diazol-4-yl]amino]hexanoyl}-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (NBD-DPPC) was added to the sol in an NB-DPPC/egg PC mass ratio of 1:1250 to fluorescently label the 40 lipid phase.