

Supplementary information

The effect of headgroup methylation on polymorphic phase behaviour in hydrated N-methylated phosphoethanolamine: palmitic acid membranes

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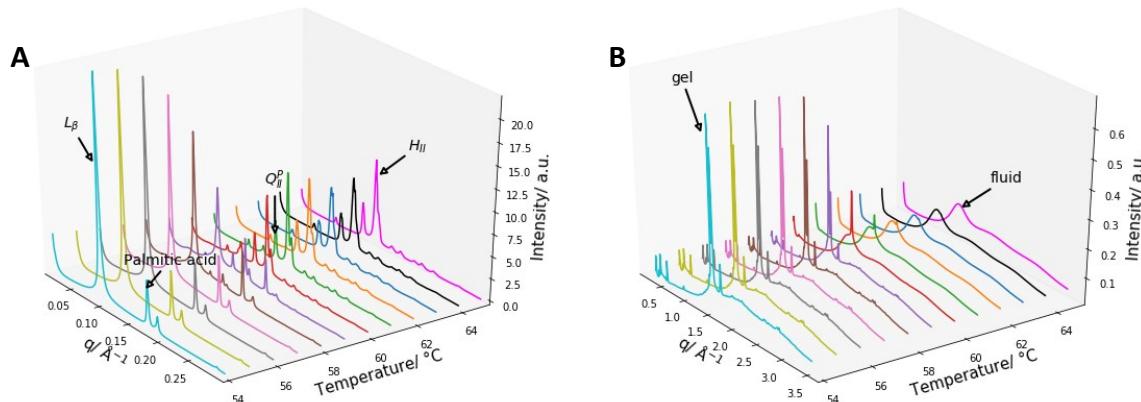


Figure S1: X-ray diffraction data of 3:1 PA: DPPE-me mixtures **A:** SAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with identification of the main liquid-crystalline phase peaks and excess palmitic acid precipitate. **B:** WAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with indication of the gel and fluid phases.

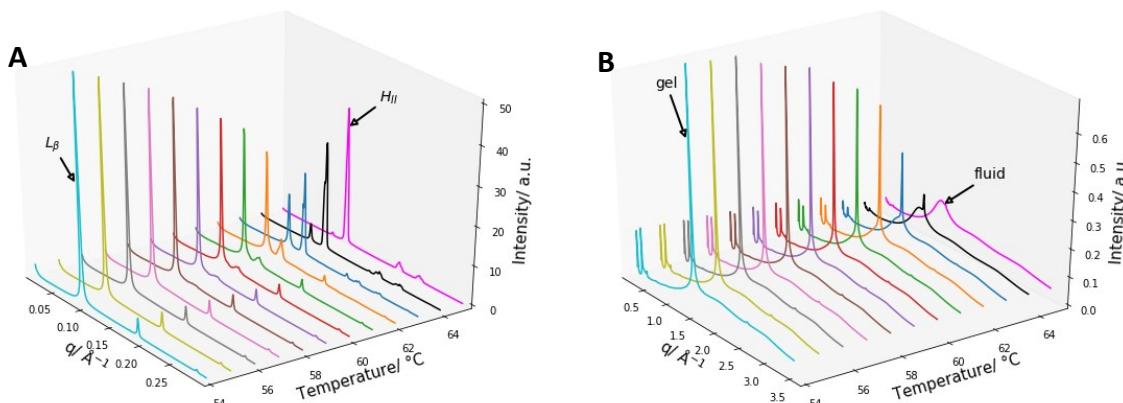


Figure S2: X-ray diffraction data of 1:1 PA: DPPE-me mixtures **A:** SAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with identification of the main liquid-crystalline phase peaks. **B:** WAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with indication of the gel and fluid phases.

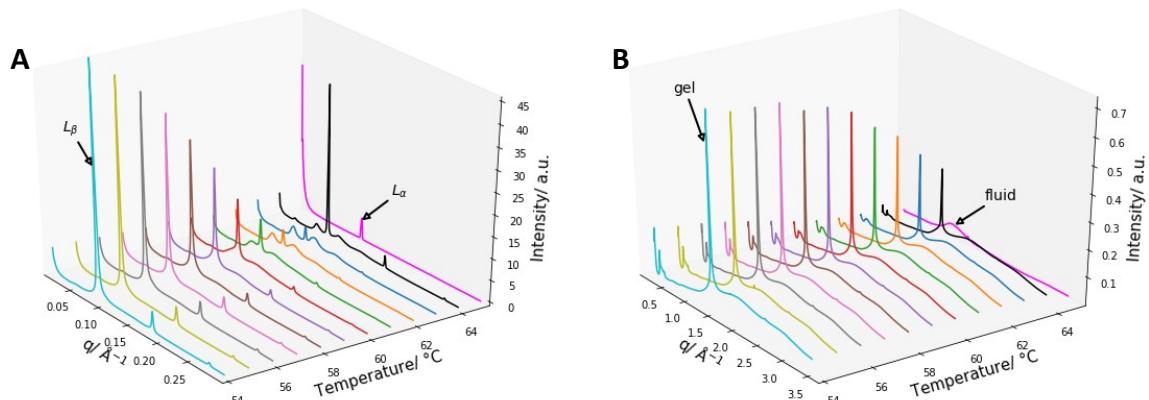


Figure S3: X-ray diffraction data of 0.5:1 PA: DPPE-me mixtures **A:** SAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with identification of the main liquid-crystalline phase peaks. Higher order L_α peaks are present, however due to their low intensities are not visible on this scale. **B:** WAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with indication of the gel and fluid phases.

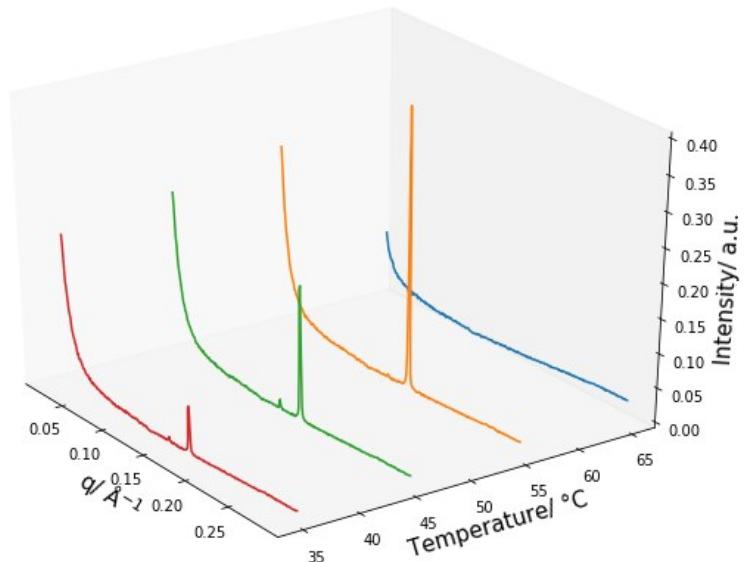


Figure S4: Pure hydrated palmitic acid SAXS patterns from 35 to 65°C. The palmitic acid peaks disappear at temperatures above the melting point due to palmitic acid melting into an isotropic liquid.

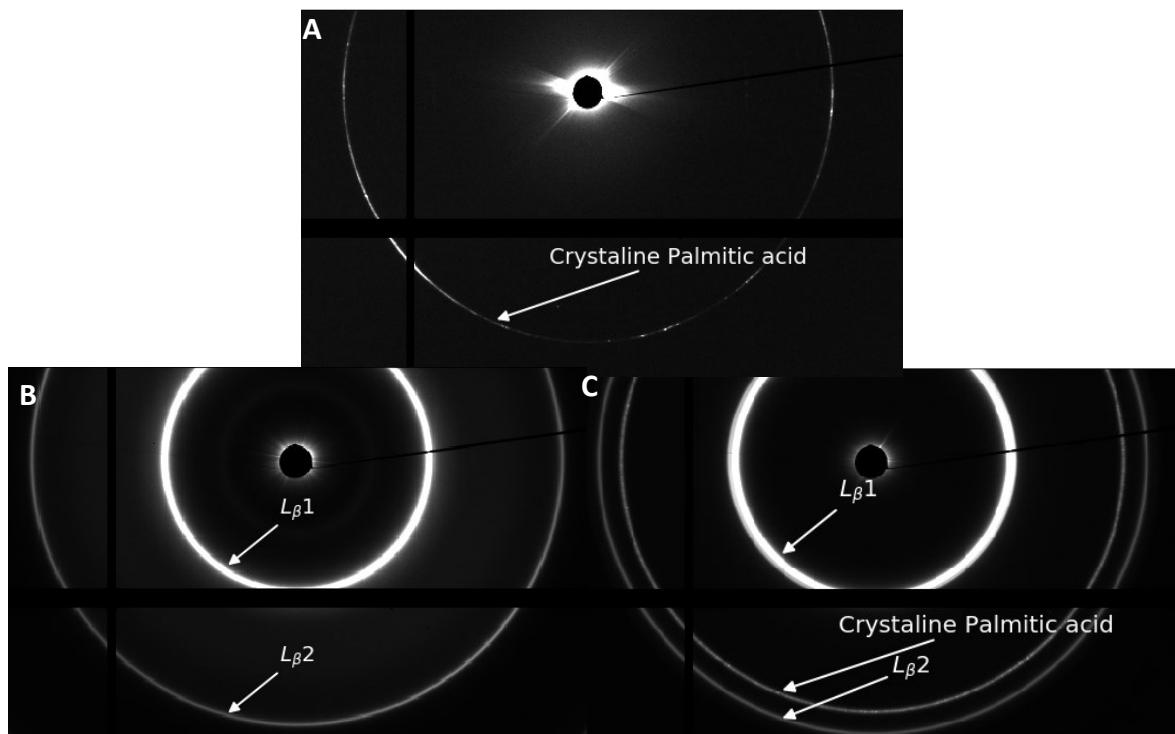


Figure S5: 2D diffraction patterns of (A) pure Palmitic acid, (B) 0.5:1 PA:DPPE-me, and (C) 2:1 PA:DPPE-me at 55°C. The extra diffraction ring within the 2:1 PA:DPPE-me pattern when compared to the 0.5:1 PA:DPPE-me sample has the same characteristic bright spots as the diffraction ring for the pure palmitic acid sample.

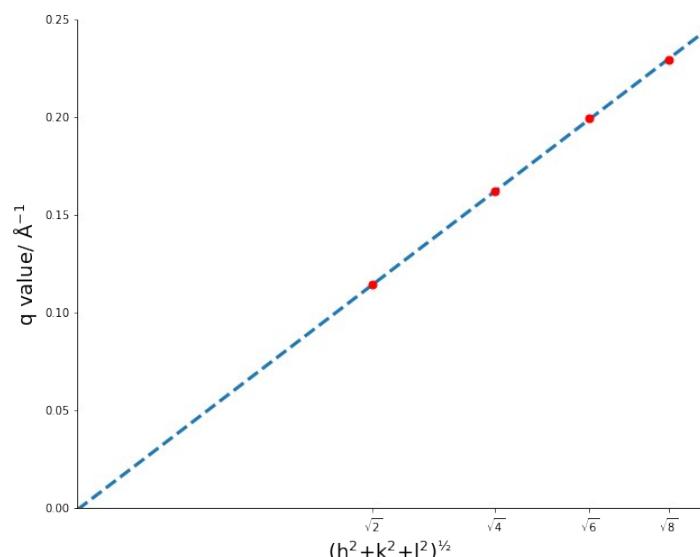


Figure S6: Plot of lattice reflection q values against the Bragg ratios for an $Im\bar{3}m$ inverse bicontinuous cubic phase in 2:1 PA: DPPE-me. The high quality of the linear fit passing through (0,0) indicates that this is a correct phase assignment. The lattice parameter for this phase was obtained

by $a = \frac{2\pi}{m}$ where m is the value of the gradient. N.B the same type of plots and fitting process was used to obtain d spacing values for the $L\beta$ and HII phases.

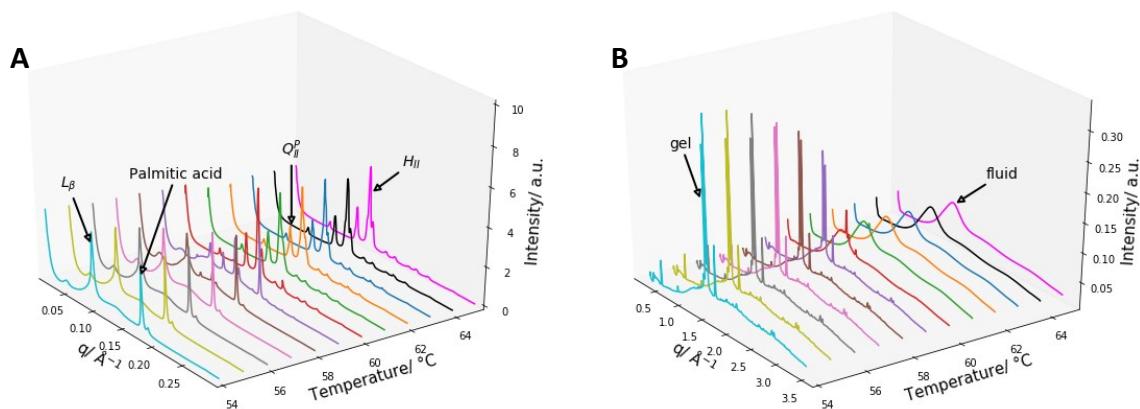


Figure S7: X-ray diffraction data of 3:1 PA: DPPE-me₂ mixtures **A:** SAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with identification of the main liquid-crystalline phase peaks and the palmitic acid precipitate. **B:** WAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with indication of the gel and fluid phases.

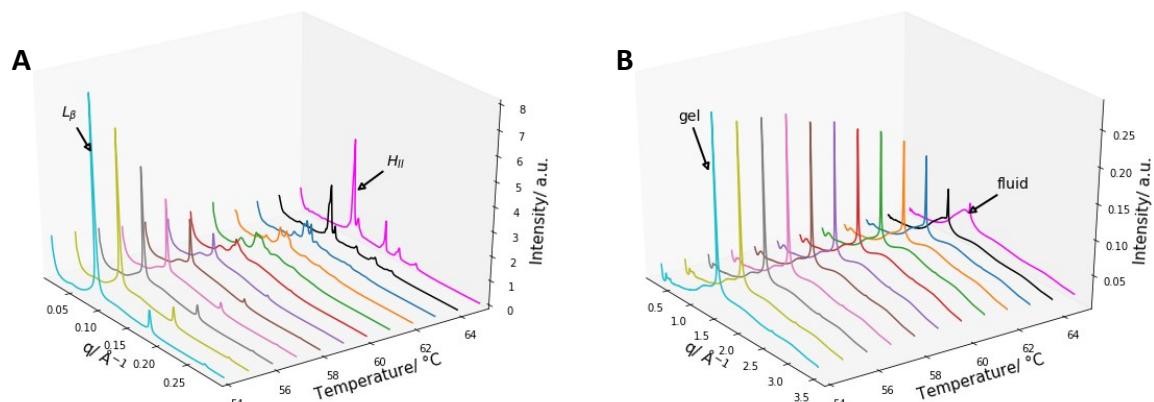


Figure S8: X-ray diffraction data of 1:1 PA: DPPE-me₂ mixtures. **A:** SAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with identification of the main liquid-crystalline phase peaks. At 65°C there is a suggestion of an $Im\bar{3}m$ phase with peaks at $0.108(\sqrt{2})$ and $0.153(\sqrt{4})$; however there is too little evidence to reliably assign this phase. **B:** WAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with characteristic indications of the gel and fluid phases.

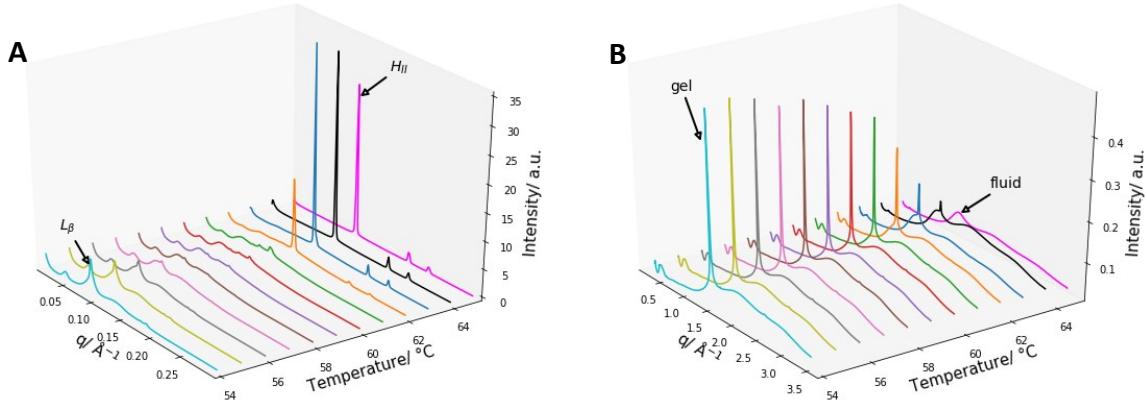


Figure S9: X-ray diffraction data of 0.5:1 PA: DPPE-me₂ mixtures. **A:** SAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with identification of the main liquid-crystalline phase peaks. **B:** WAXS patterns from 54 to 65°C with indication of the gel and fluid phases.

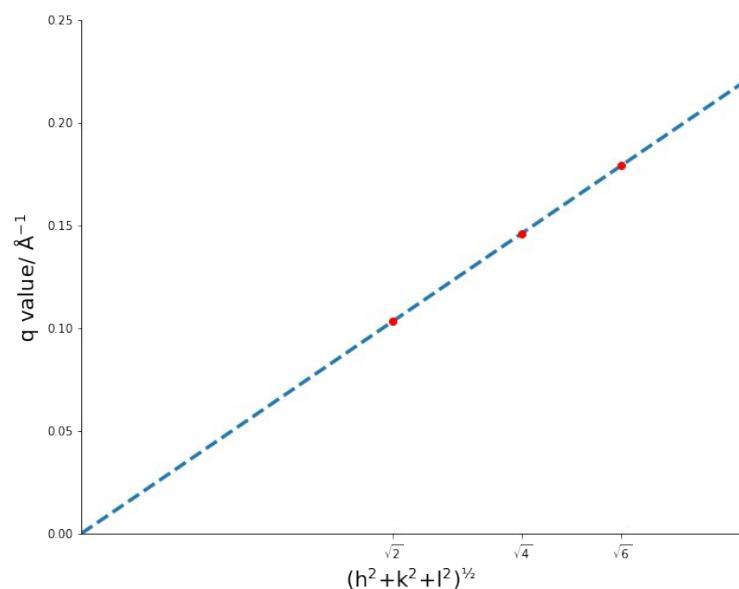


Figure S10: Plot of lattice reflection q-values against the Bragg ratios for an Im3m inverse bicontinuous cubic phase in 2:1 PA: DPPE-me₂. The high quality of the linear fit passing through the origin suggests that this is a correct phase assignment. The lattice parameter for this phase was

$a = \frac{2\pi}{m}$ obtained by where m is the value of the gradient. N.B the same plots and fitting process was used to obtain d spacing values for the L_β and H_{II} phases.