## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Self-assembly and elasticity of hierarchical proteoglycan-hyaluronan brushes

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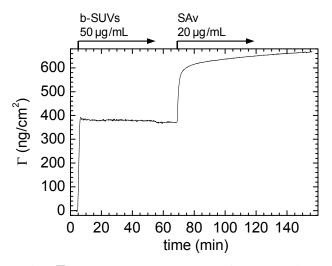


Figure S1. Areal mass density  $\Gamma$  during the adsorption of small unilamellar vesicles containing biotinylated lipids (b-SUVs) and streptavidin (SAv), as measured by SE. The start and duration of incubations with samples are indicated by arrows on top of the panels; during remaining times, the silica surface was exposed to pure buffer solution. Areal lipid and protein densities are consistent with a supported lipid bilayer and a dense SAv monolayer, respectively. Close inspection of the binding curve after SAV binding revealed a small but steady increase in  $\Gamma$  even after rinsing (~0.36 ng/cm²/min), the origin of which remains unclear.

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