

## Supporting Information

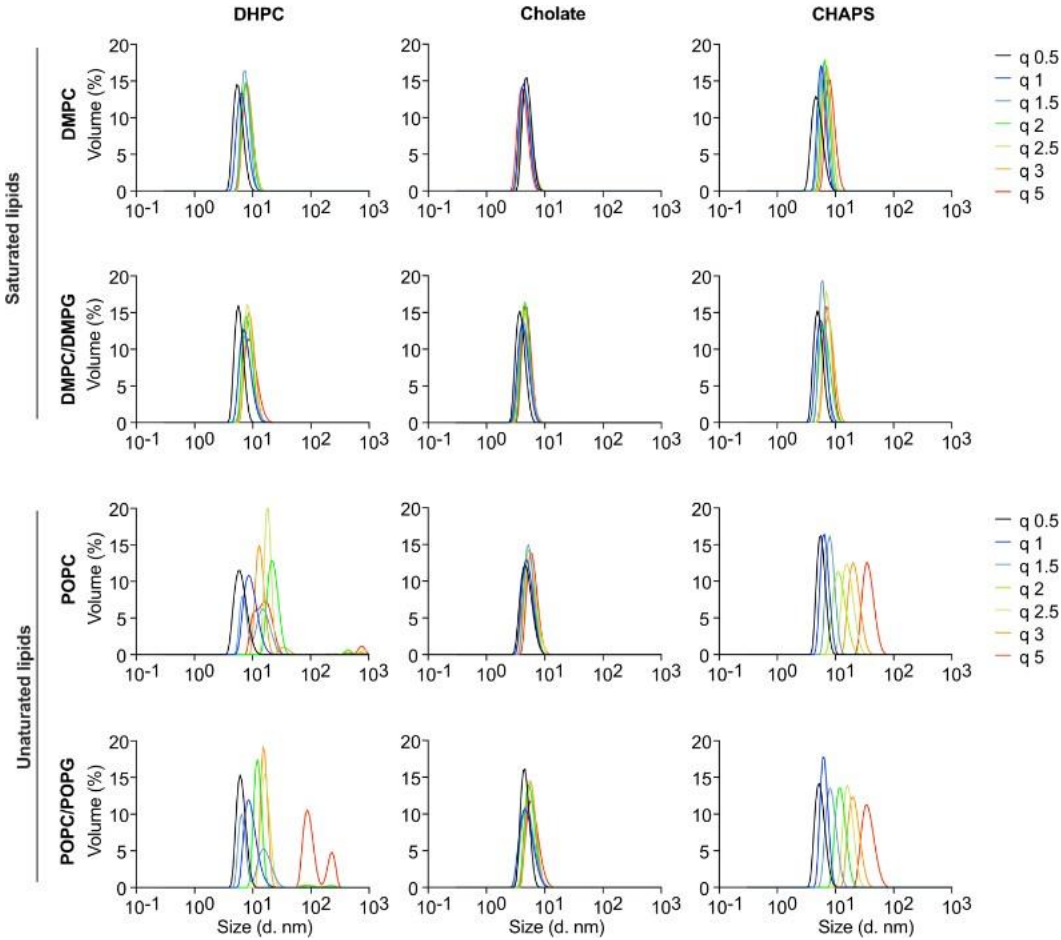
**Table S1.** Chemical composition, molecular volumes and electron densities of the lipids and detergent components. a is from [34], b is from [35], c was from [36] and d was estimated using the VegaZZ software [37].

Component	Chemical formula	Molecular volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	Electron density (e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>3</sup> )
DMPC tails	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>54</sub>	779.8 <sup>a</sup>	0.269
DMPC heads	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub> NO <sub>8</sub> P	320.9 <sup>a</sup>	0.489
DMPG heads	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>10</sub> P	283.0 <sup>b</sup>	0.494
POPC tails	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>64</sub>	937.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.273
DHPC tails	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>22</sub>	330.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.248
CHAPS	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>58</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> S	830.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.405
Cholate	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>39</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	473.0 <sup>d</sup>	0.471

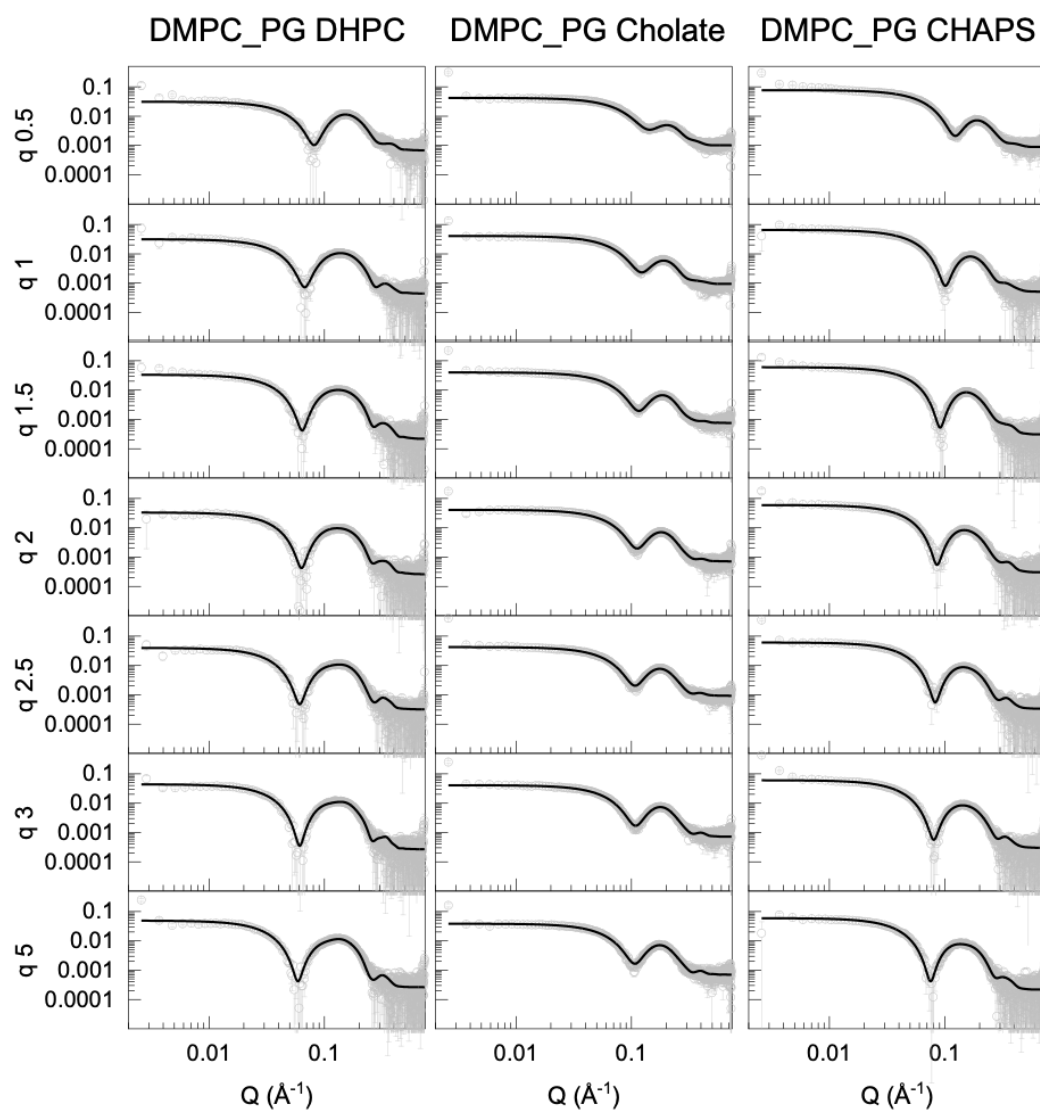
**Table S2.** Complete list of the values describing the fits obtained for the curves shown in Figure 3, Figure 5 and Figure S2 and plotted in Figure 4B, Figure 5B and Figure S7.

q	Scale	BKG	Radius	X_core	Thick_rim	Thick_face	Length	SLD_core	SLD_face	SLD_rim	SLD_solvent	Belt_rough	ChiSq
DMPC_CHAPS													
0.5	1.25E-02	6.28E-04	19.6	0.705	10.7	6.4	19.8	7.6	11.85	11.18	9.27	3	1.27
1	8.69E-03	4.32E-04	26.0	0.667	8.8	9.5	24.1	7.6	11.74	11.29	9.27	3	1.34
1.5	7.35E-03	2.61E-04	31.4	0.685	8.0	10.3	23.3	7.6	11.80	11.25	9.27	3	1.45
2	6.73E-03	2.67E-04	34.5	0.675	7.8	10.5	23.8	7.6	11.83	11.23	9.27	3	1.65
2.5	6.34E-03	2.61E-04	34.8	0.672	8.4	9.7	24.5	7.6	11.89	11.27	9.27	3	1.90
3	6.13E-03	2.60E-04	37.3	0.654	8.3	10.0	24.7	7.6	11.84	11.26	9.27	3	1.73
5	5.67E-03	2.16E-04	39.0	0.688	8.6	9.9	25.0	7.6	11.88	11.23	9.27	3	1.82
DMPC_Chol													
0.5	8.89E-03	1.00E-03	12.4	0.884	12.2	4.0	14.9	7.6	11.00	11.27	9.27	3	1.46
1	7.69E-03	7.00E-04	15.8	0.832	10.4	4.5	20.8	7.6	11.17	11.43	9.27	3	1.46
1.5	6.33E-03	7.00E-04	22.2	0.920	4.2	11.5	17.6	7.6	11.69	11.42	9.27	3	1.46
2	5.92E-03	7.50E-04	23.0	0.877	4.4	11.5	18.2	7.6	11.72	11.40	9.27	3	1.38
2.5	5.83E-03	6.00E-04	24.0	0.919	4.3	10.8	18.9	7.6	11.97	11.22	9.27	3	1.37
3	5.38E-03	6.80E-04	25.6	0.843	4.0	10.3	19.9	7.6	12.09	11.54	9.27	3	1.36
5	5.38E-03	6.80E-04	25.6	0.843	4.0	10.3	19.9	7.6	12.09	11.54	9.27	3	1.36
DMPC_DHPC													
0.5	1.07E-02	5.45E-04	30.1	0.694	4.5	8.3	24.4	7.6	11.63	11.97	9.27	3	1.52
1	8.02E-03	3.96E-04	41.2	0.738	4.3	9.6	24.2	7.6	11.60	11.78	9.27	3	1.43
1.5	6.71E-03	2.14E-04	45.6	0.728	4.3	9.4	25.3	7.6	11.81	11.81	9.27	3	1.31
2	6.45E-03	2.00E-04	46.5	0.769	4.3	9.7	25.6	7.6	11.83	11.78	9.27	3	1.51
2.5	6.06E-03	2.66E-04	46.6	0.802	4.1	10.0	25.7	7.6	11.77	11.81	9.27	3	1.70
3	5.89E-03	2.16E-04	45.1	0.888	4.1	10.1	25.7	7.6	11.83	11.59	9.27	3	1.64
5	5.56E-03	2.68E-04	50.1	0.830	4.1	10.5	25.6	7.6	11.78	11.48	9.27	3	1.92
DMPC_PG_CHAPS													
0.5	1.07E-02	8.85E-04	20.2	0.627	10.9	7.4	22.0	7.6	11.79	11.28	9.27	3	2.15
1	7.80E-03	5.11E-04	27.8	0.635	9.1	10.0	23.3	7.6	11.86	11.26	9.27	3	1.65
1.5	6.80E-03	3.06E-04	31.6	0.684	8.5	10.7	23.6	7.6	11.80	11.27	9.27	3	1.55
2	6.30E-03	3.02E-04	35.1	0.670	8.5	10.8	23.8	7.6	11.80	11.23	9.27	3	1.33
2.5	6.00E-03	3.34E-04	37.1	0.700	8.0	10.5	24.2	7.6	11.98	11.21	9.27	3	1.40
3	5.80E-03	3.00E-04	39.8	0.667	8.1	11.0	24.0	7.6	11.83	11.24	9.27	3	2.00
5	5.50E-03	2.17E-04	40.9	0.725	9.6	11.1	24.1	7.6	11.74	11.04	9.27	3	1.68
DMPC_PG_Chol													
0.5	9.15E-03	1.00E-03	13.1	0.938	11.5	4.1	15.8	7.6	11.50	11.33	9.27	3	2.48
1	7.58E-03	9.38E-04	17.6	0.661	10.5	4.1	24.8	7.6	11.82	11.32	9.27	3	2.38
1.5	6.11E-03	7.50E-04	23.4	0.869	4.1	11.6	18.0	7.6	11.85	11.39	9.27	3	1.44
2	6.08E-03	7.10E-04	24.7	0.869	4.1	11.6	18.3	7.6	11.88	11.25	9.27	3	1.46
2.5	5.75E-03	9.22E-04	26.1	0.847	4.7	10.9	19.5	7.6	12.12	11.03	9.27	3	1.78
3	5.70E-03	7.14E-04	25.0	0.880	4.7	10.3	19.9	7.6	12.26	11.15	9.27	3	1.42
5	5.55E-03	7.00E-04	24.3	0.976	4.5	10.8	19.6	7.6	12.08	11.16	9.27	3	1.53
DMPC_PG_DHPC													
0.5	1.08E-02	6.78E-04	32.4	0.694	4.3	9.4	23.4	7.6	11.57	11.85	9.27	3	1.25
1	7.67E-03	4.41E-04	45.6	0.630	4.3	9.7	24.7	7.6	11.69	11.86	9.27	3	1.43
1.5	6.78E-03	2.17E-04	47.2	0.661	4.9	9.9	25.7	7.6	11.69	11.87	9.27	3	2.18
2	6.21E-03	2.60E-04	47.5	0.690	5.1	10.2	25.8	7.6	11.67	11.82	9.27	3	1.30
2.5	6.07E-03	3.17E-04	51.7	0.785	4.2	10.8	25.2	7.6	11.72	11.72	9.27	3	1.45
3	6.27E-03	2.66E-04	48.2	0.938	4.2	11.0	24.9	7.6	11.68	11.69	9.27	3	1.33
5	5.58E-03	2.61E-04	55.3	0.885	4.1	11.9	24.9	7.6	11.64	11.33	9.27	3	1.41

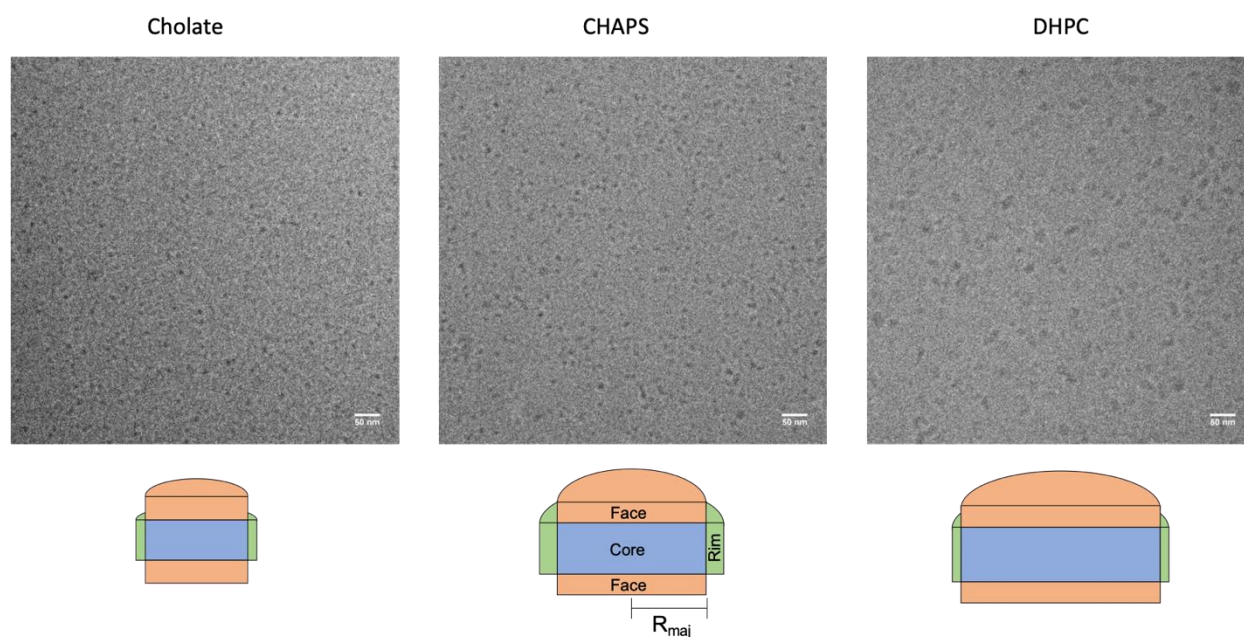
POPC_DHPC													
0.5	2.07E-02	3.57E-04	28.1	0.731	6.6	5.6	29.6	7.7	12.96	11.03	9.27	3	3.04
1	1.68E-02	1.43E-04	38.0	0.573	6.5	5.4	29.9	7.7	12.57	11.45	9.27	3	2.88
1.5	1.06E-02	1.28E-04	137.3	0.197	7.7	11.4	24.6	7.7	11.00	11.00	9.27	3	1.45
2	9.94E-03	1.20E-04	198.9	0.136	7.6	11.5	24.6	7.7	11.00	11.02	9.27	3	1.39
2.5	7.39E-03	1.12E-04	245.7	0.124	6.1	11.3	24.2	7.7	11.00	11.61	9.27	3	1.52
3	6.47E-03	1.13E-04	247.8	0.124	7.8	11.6	24.2	7.7	11.00	11.01	9.27	3	1.68
5	4.47E-03	8.38E-05	943.0	0.033	4.8	10.7	24.6	7.7	11.13	12.59	9.27	3	2.38



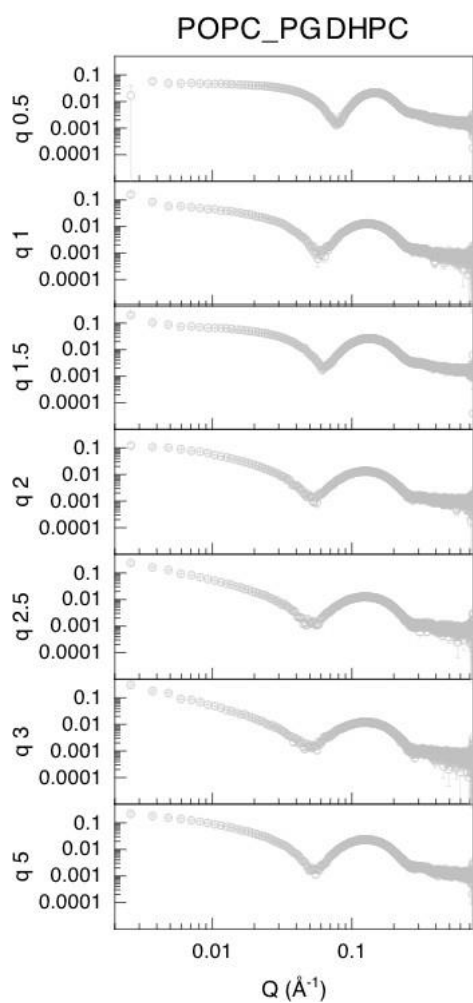
**Figure S1.** DLS size distributions of the lipid-detergent mixtures measured in this study. The curves are representative of one to three independent experiments.



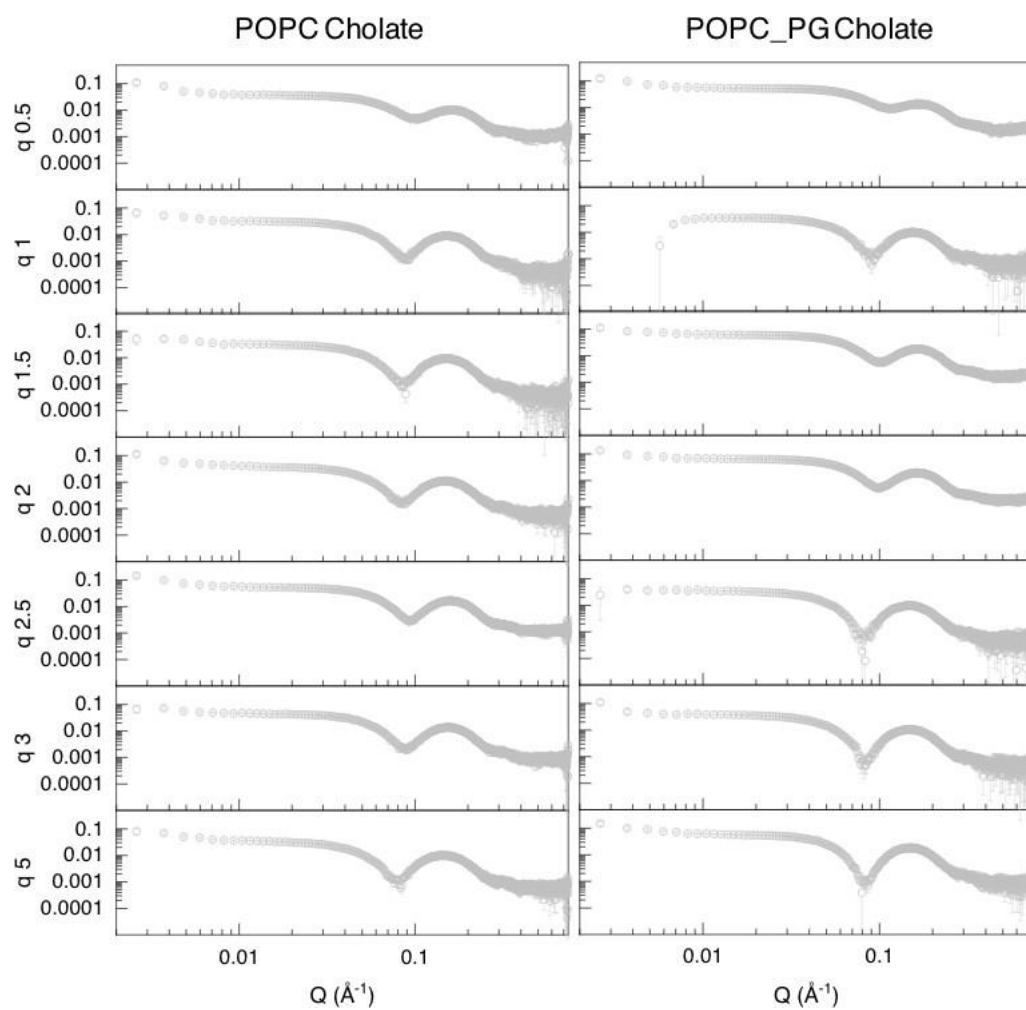
**Figure S2.** SAXS curves and best fit to the data for the systems containing DMPC-DMPG (80:20) and the three detergents.



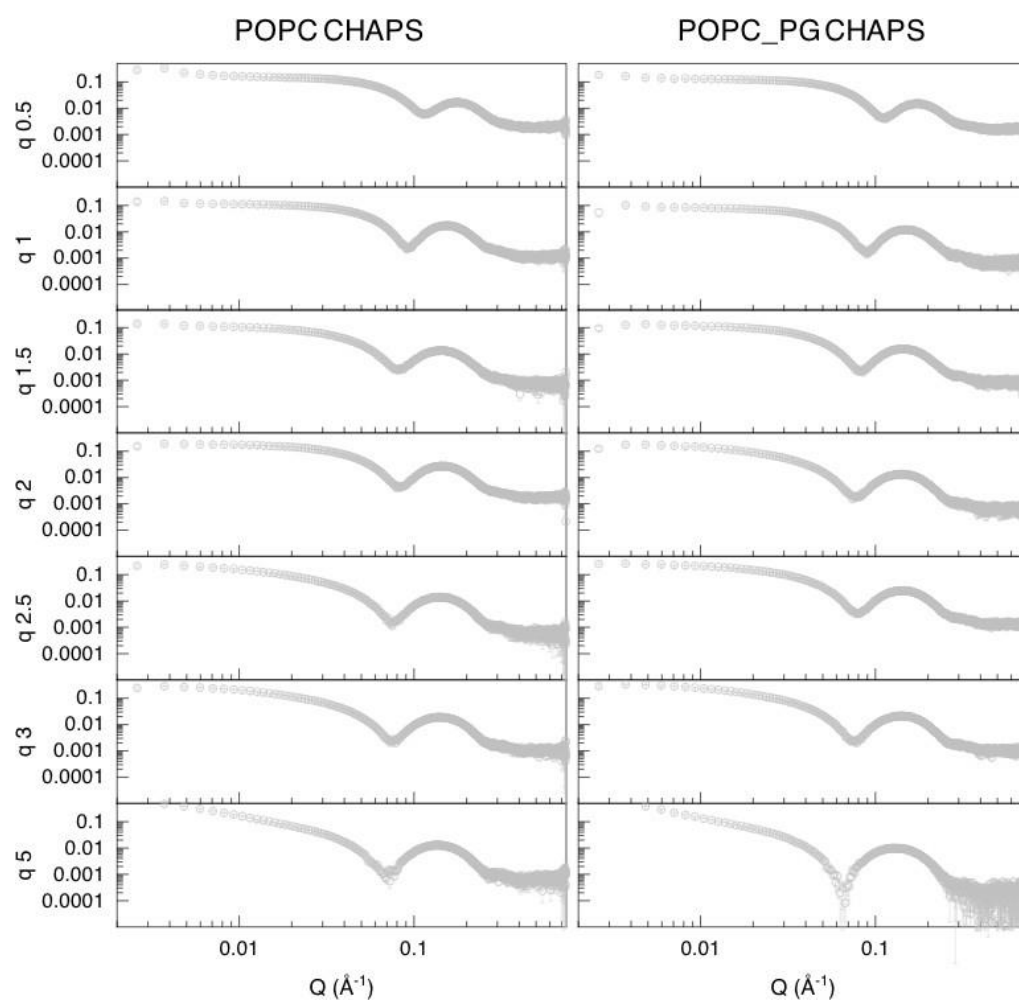
**Figure S3.** Cryo EM images of DMPC mixed with cholante (left) CHAPS (centre) and DHPC (left) at a q ratio of 2.5, scale bar = 50 nm. The schematic cartoons underneath represent the structures obtained from the fitting of the SAXS data drawn to scale using the thickness parameters obtained from the fits.



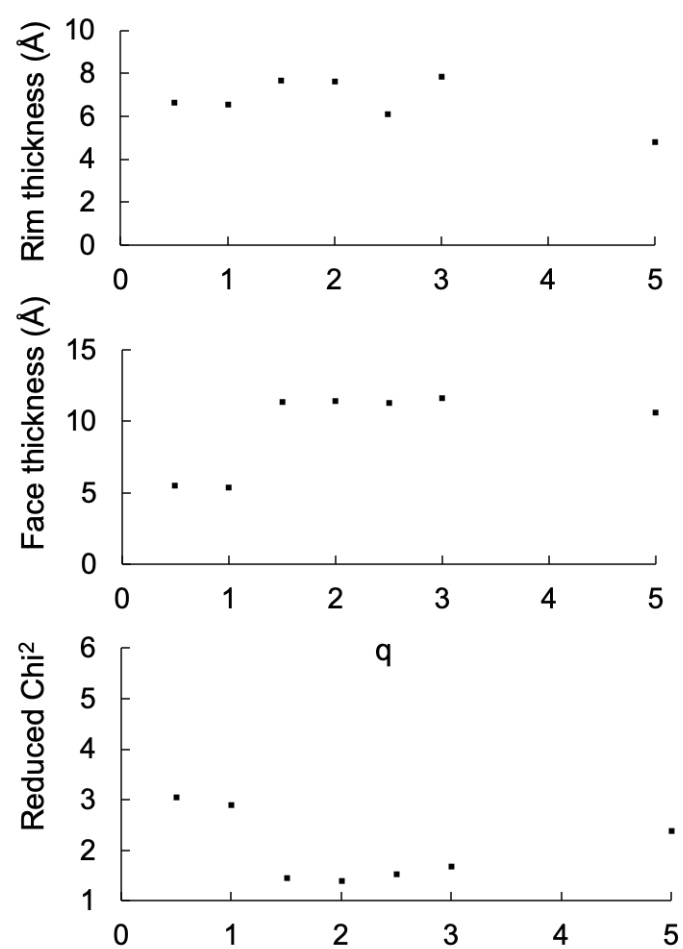
**Figure S4.** SAXS curves for the POPC-POPG (80:20) samples mixed with DHPC.



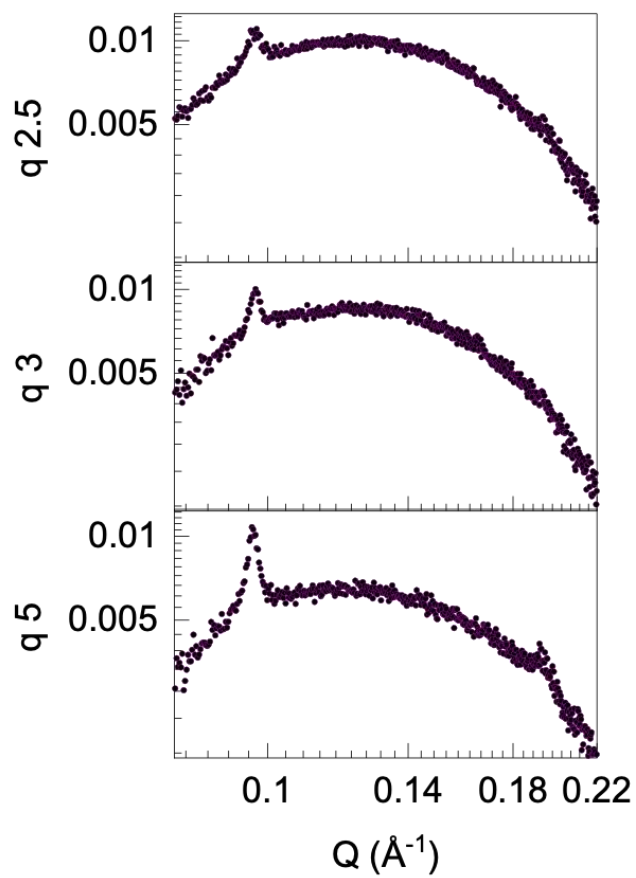
**Figure S5.** SAXS curves for the POPC and POPC-POPG (80:20) samples mixed with sodium cholate.



**Figure S6.** SAXS curves for the POPC and POPC-POPG (80:20) samples mixed with CHAPS.



**Figure S7.** Remaining fit parameters for the POPC-DHPC fits.



**Figure S8.** Evolution of the Bragg peaks in the POPC-DHPC sample at  $q = 2.5$ ,  $q = 3$  and  $q = 5$ .