

Supplementary Information

Amyloid- β Peptides in interaction with raft-mimic model membranes: a neutron reflectivity insight.

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Table S1: Theoretical SLD values of the individual chemical species

Compound	SLD ^a	Compound	SLD ^a	Compound	SLD ^a
H ₂ O	-0.56	DSPC d-chains	7.91	Cholesterol	0.22
D ₂ O	6.35	DSPC d-heads	4.87	A β 1-42	1.50
Si	2.07	GM1 chains	-0.41	A β 1-6	1.75
SiO ₂	3.41	GM1 heads	2.23	4-Match Water	4

^a SLD values (10^{-6}\AA^{-2}) for lipids have been calculated from Refs s1, s2 and s3, and for A β peptides from Ref. s4 and assuming a density of 1.5 g/cm^3

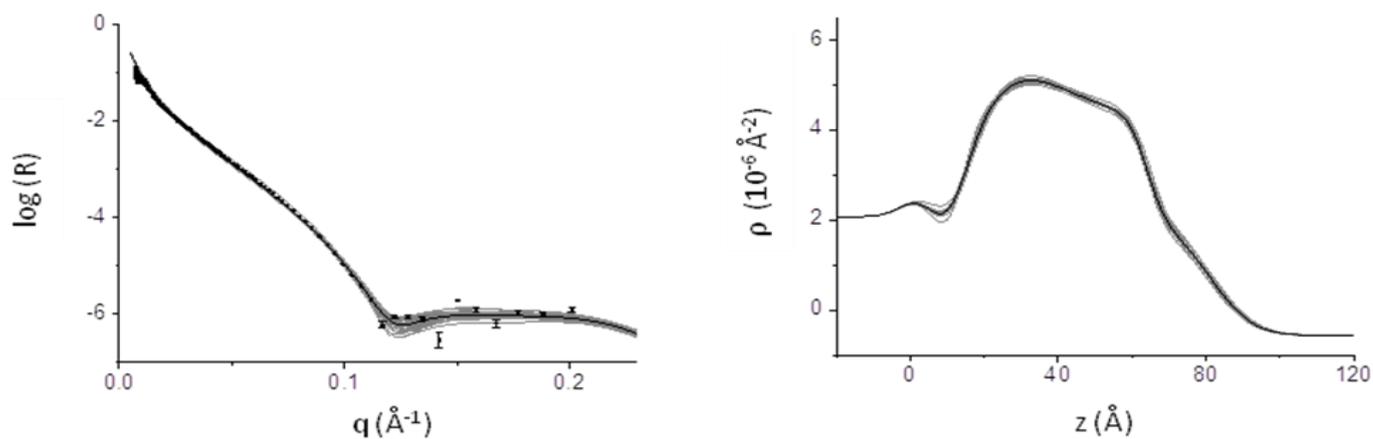


Figure S1. Neutron reflectivity spectrum (left panel) and contrast profile (right panel) of membrane A after the interaction with A β 1-42 structured-oligomers in H₂O at T = 22°C. In the *left panel* dots are the experimental points. In black the best fit, giving the minimum χ^2 , is reported, together with the curves, in grey, obtained by varying the fitting parameters within the errors. Errors on the fitting parameters, reported in the footnotes of Tables 1, 2 and 3 in the manuscript, have been estimated by varying each parameter until the quality of the fit was no more acceptable. On the *right panel* the contrast profile coming by the best fit is reported in black, together with the contrast profiles corresponding to the grey curves of left panel, thus representing a sort of error band to the best contrast profile.

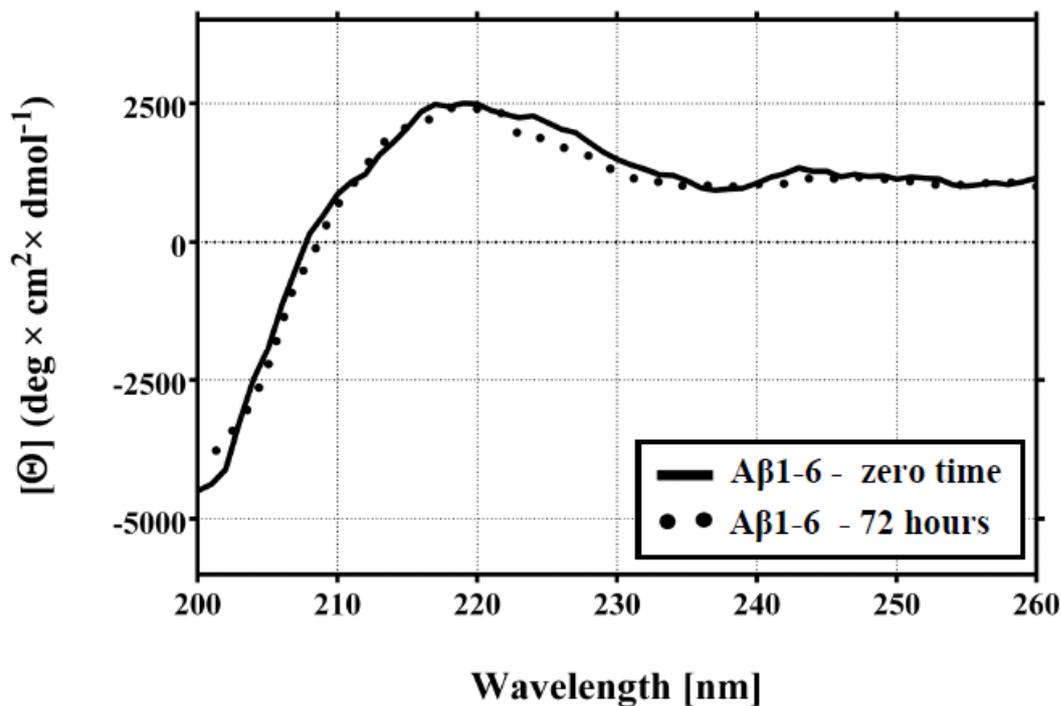


Figure S2. Secondary structure analysis of A β 1-6. 100 μ M A β 1-6 peptide in 50 mM phosphate buffer containing 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.4, were analyzed at zero time and after 72-hours incubation. CD analysis showed that A β 1-6 did not form β -sheet secondary structure, suggesting a no aggregation propensity and a high stability in solution

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