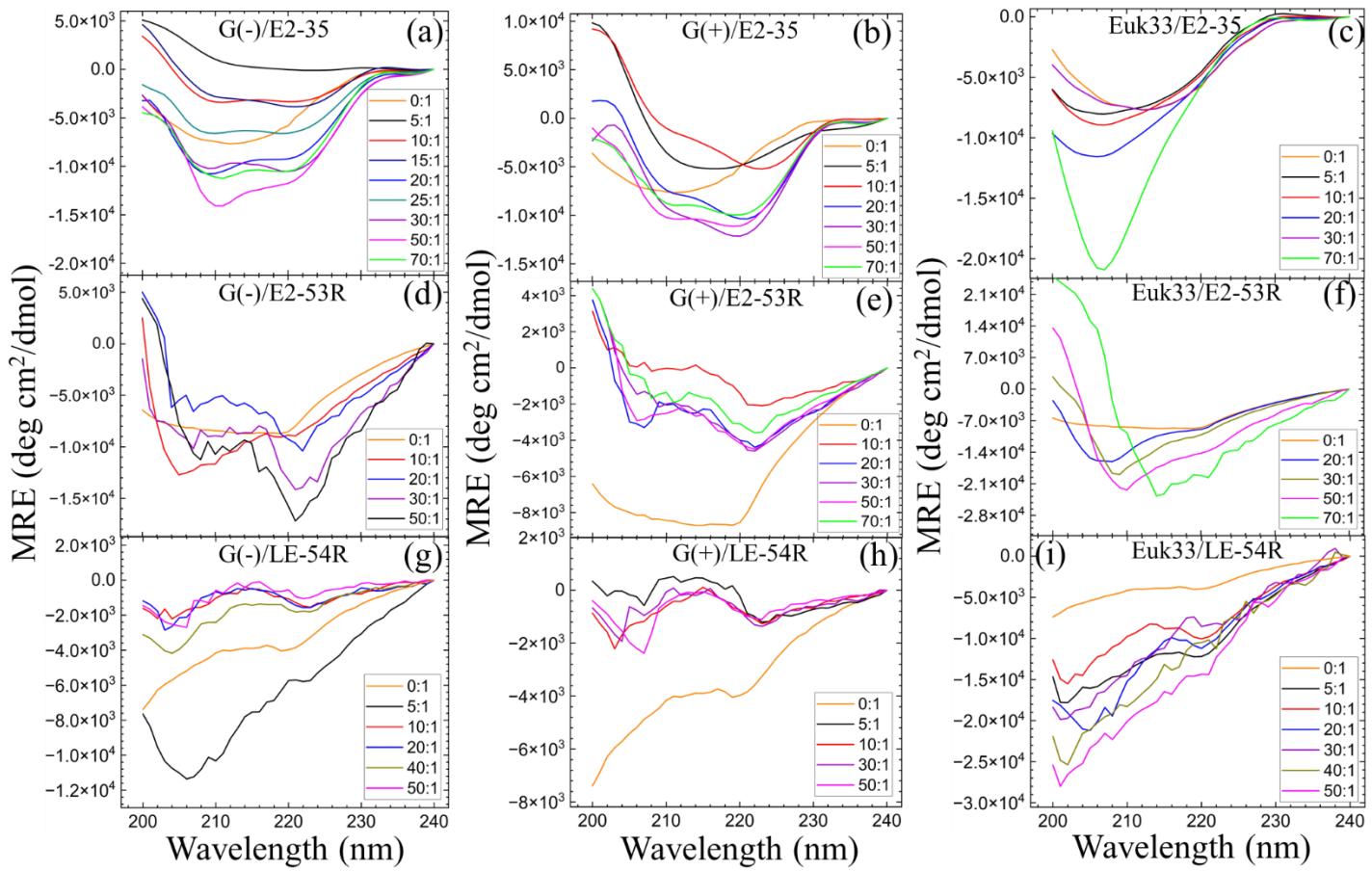


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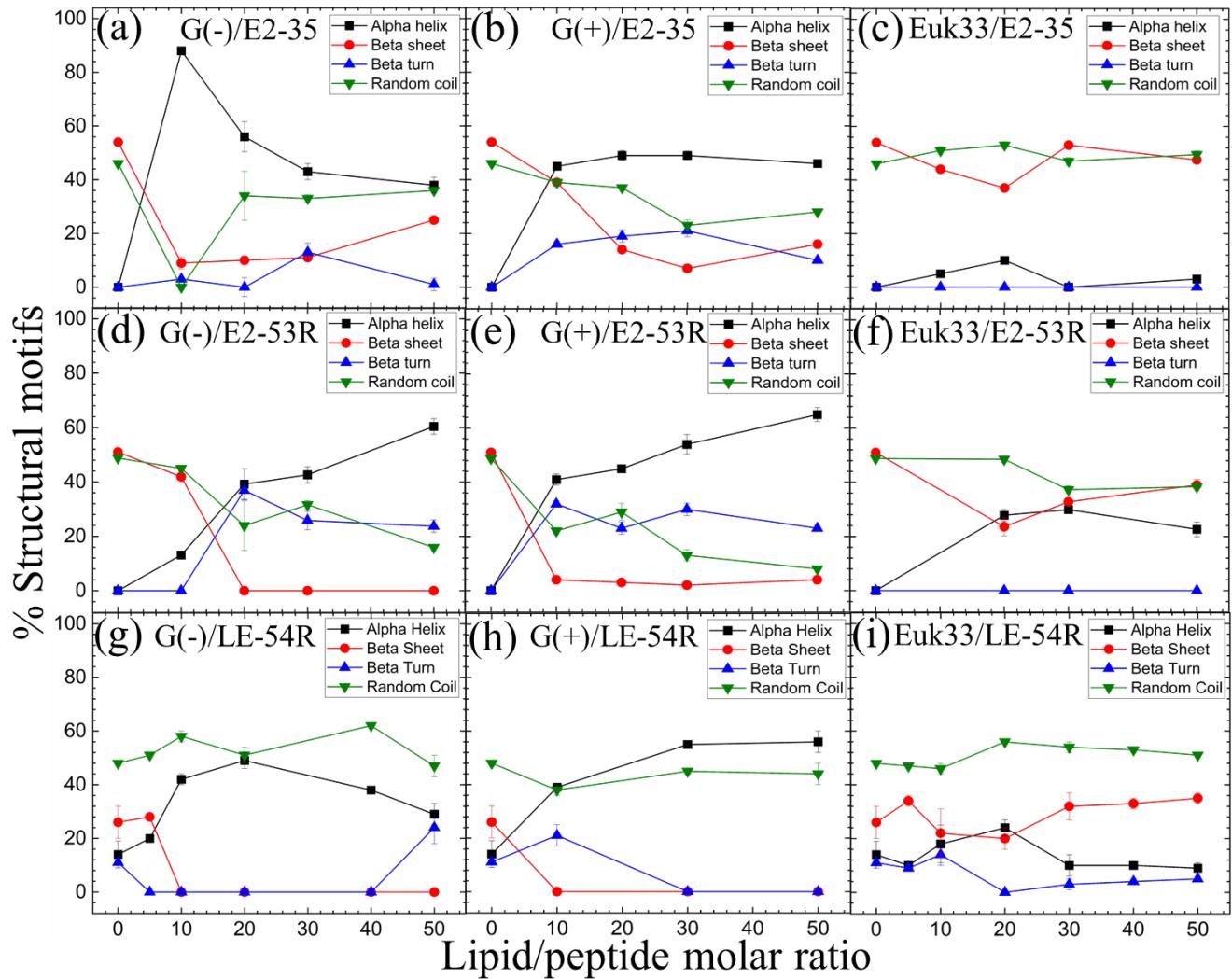
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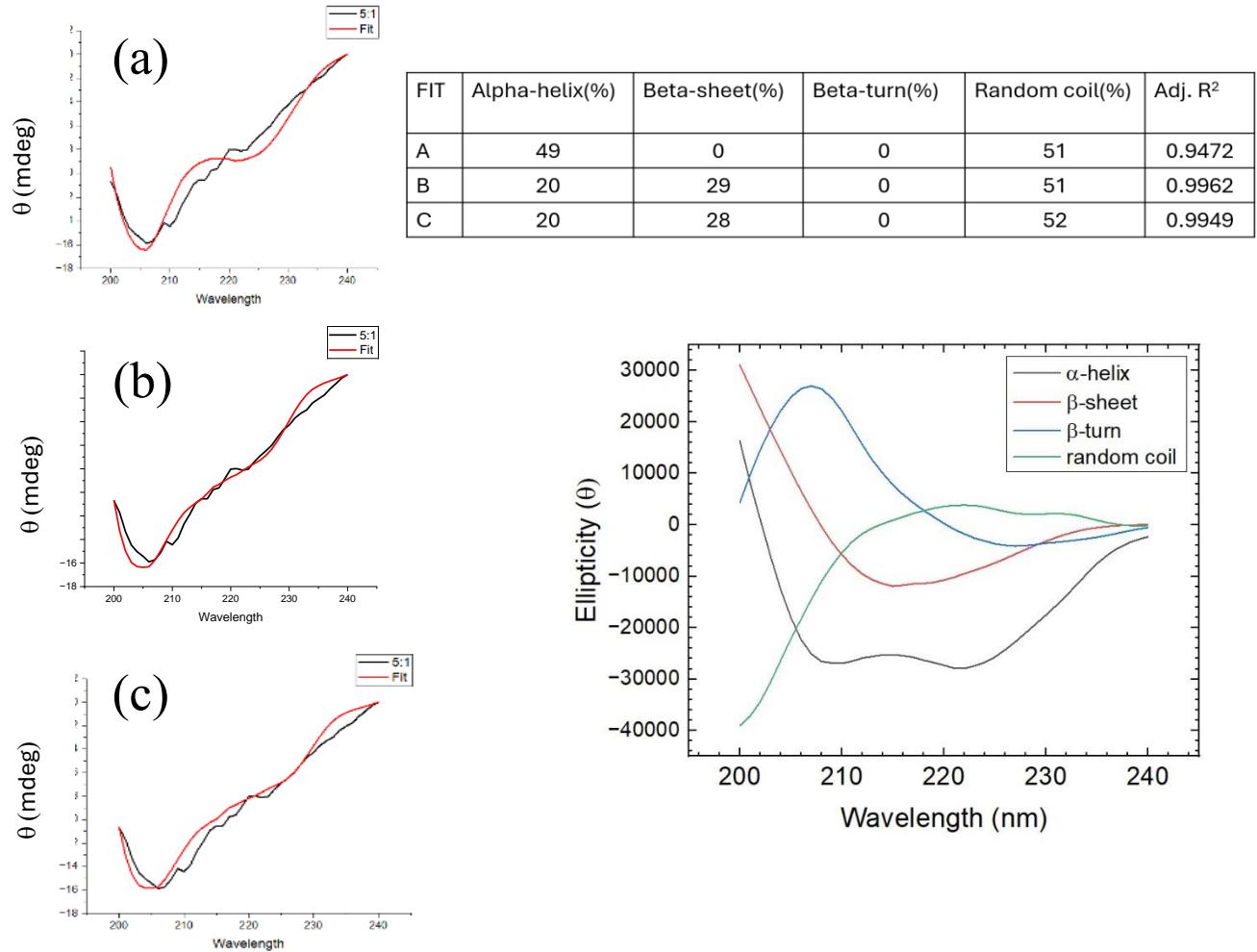
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**Figure S1.** Mean residue ellipticity (MRE) results of E2-35 (a, b and c), E2-53R (d, e and f) and LE-54R (g, h and i) in G(-)IM, G(+) and Euk33 LMM ULVs. E2-35 data were adapted from our previously published paper<sup>45</sup> with permission.



**Figure S2.** % Structural motifs vs. lipid/peptide molar ratio of E2-35 (**a, b and c**), E2-53R (**d, e and f**) and LE-54R (**g, h and i**) in three different LMM ULVs. Standard deviations represent 3-4 fitting results using shape analysis. E2-35 data were adapted from our previously published paper<sup>45</sup> with permission.



**Figure S3.** % Structural motifs (in table) for three different fits of the four secondary structural motifs shown above right from Ref. 67 to G(-)/LE-54R (5:1). **(a)** No weighting. **(b)** Weighted x10 at 200 and 240 nm. **(c)** Weighted x10 at 200, 220 and 240 nm. Levenberg/Marquardt fitting routine in Origin Pro 2024 was used to fit the data to the four literature secondary structural motifs. Averages and standard deviations were calculated from several fitting attempts for the same sample's ellipticity.

**Tables S1 – S6** summarize secondary structural results (%  $\alpha$ -helix,  $\beta$ -sheet,  $\beta$ -turn and random coil) for E2-53R and LE-54R peptides in three LMMs.  $R^2$  indicates the goodness of fit.

**Table S1. E2-53R CD results of secondary structure in G(-) IM LMMs**

| G(-) IM/E2-53R | $\alpha$ -helix (%) | $\beta$ -sheet (%) | $\beta$ -turn (%) | Random         | Adj. $R^2$ |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| 0:1            | 0 $\pm$ 0           | 51.0 $\pm$ 0.4     | 0 $\pm$ 0         | 48.8 $\pm$ 0.3 | 0.98       |
| 10:1           | 13.1 $\pm$ 1.5      | 41.9 $\pm$ 2.2     | 0 $\pm$ 0         | 45.0 $\pm$ 1.2 | 0.99       |
| 20:1           | 39.2 $\pm$ 5.6      | 0 $\pm$ 0          | 36.9 $\pm$ 3.5    | 23.9 $\pm$ 9.1 | 0.97       |
| 30:1           | 42.6 $\pm$ 3.0      | 0 $\pm$ 0          | 25.8 $\pm$ 3.4    | 31.6 $\pm$ 1.5 | 0.93       |
| 50:1           | 60.4 $\pm$ 2.9      | 0 $\pm$ 0          | 23.7 $\pm$ 2.3    | 15.9 $\pm$ 0.7 | 0.97       |

**Table S2. E2-53R CD results of secondary structure in G(+) LMMs**

| G(+) /E2-53R | $\alpha$ -helix (%) | $\beta$ -sheet (%) | $\beta$ -turn (%) | Random         | Adj. $R^2$ |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| 0:1          | 0 $\pm$ 0           | 51.0 $\pm$ 0.4     | 0 $\pm$ 0         | 48.8 $\pm$ 0.3 | 0.98       |
| 10:1         | 41 $\pm$ 2.1        | 4 $\pm$ 0.1        | 32 $\pm$ 1.2      | 22 $\pm$ 1.3   | 0.92       |
| 20:1         | 45 $\pm$ 1.3        | 3 $\pm$ 1.3        | 23 $\pm$ 2.3      | 29 $\pm$ 3.2   | 0.92       |
| 30:1         | 54 $\pm$ 3.6        | 2 $\pm$ 0.8        | 30 $\pm$ 2.3      | 13 $\pm$ 2.1   | 0.87       |
| 50:1         | 65 $\pm$ 2.6        | 4 $\pm$ 1.6        | 23 $\pm$ 1.2      | 8 $\pm$ 1.1    | 0.84       |
| 70:1         | 51.3 $\pm$ 3.8      | 24.8 $\pm$ 2.6     | 24.1 $\pm$ 3.2    | 0 $\pm$ 0      | 0.97       |

**Table S3. E2-53R CD results of secondary structure in Euk33 LMMs.**

| Euk33 /E2-53R | $\alpha$ -helix (%) | $\beta$ -sheet (%) | $\beta$ -turn (%) | Random     | Adj. R <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 0:1           | 0 ± 0               | 51.0 ± 0.4         | 0 ± 0             | 48.8 ± 0.3 | 0.98                |
| 20:1          | 27.8 ± 2.2          | 23.6 ± 3.4         | 0 ± 0             | 48.5 ± 1.3 | 0.93                |
| 30:1          | 29.9 ± 1.4          | 32.8 ± 0.1         | 0 ± 0             | 37.3 ± 1.4 | 0.79                |
| 50:1          | 22.6 ± 2.7          | 39 ± 2.1           | 0 ± 0             | 38.4 ± 0.6 | 0.92                |
| 70:1          | 0                   | 46 ± 0.7           | 19 ± 0.6          | 35 ± 0     | 0.94                |

**Table S4. LE-54R CD results of secondary structure in G(-) IM LMMs.**

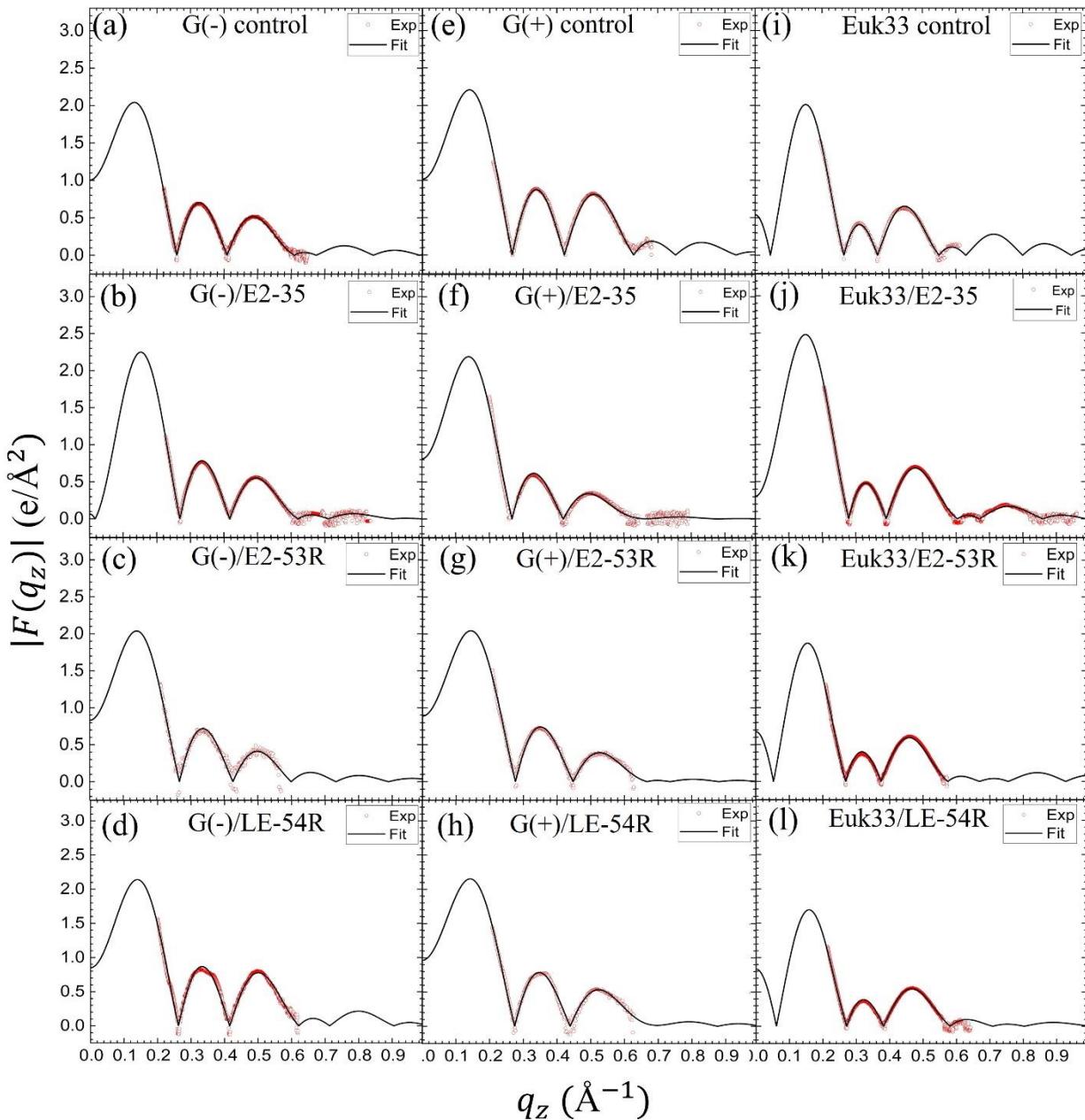
| G(-) IM/LE-54R | $\alpha$ -helix | $\beta$ -sheet (%) | $\beta$ -turn (%) | Random | Adj. R <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1            | 14±5            | 26±6               | 11±1              | 48±1   | 0.97±0.01           |
| 5:1            | 20±1            | 28±1               | 0±0               | 51±1   | 0.99±0.01           |
| 10:1           | 42±2            | 0±0                | 0±0               | 58±2   | 0.93±0.07           |
| 20:1           | 49±3            | 0±0                | 0±0               | 51±3   | 0.90±0.03           |
| 40:1           | 38±1            | 0±0                | 0±0               | 62±1   | 0.98±0.02           |
| 50:1           | 29±4            | 0±0                | 24±6              | 47±4   | 0.90±0.03           |

**Table S5. LE-54R CD results of secondary structure in G(+) LMMs**

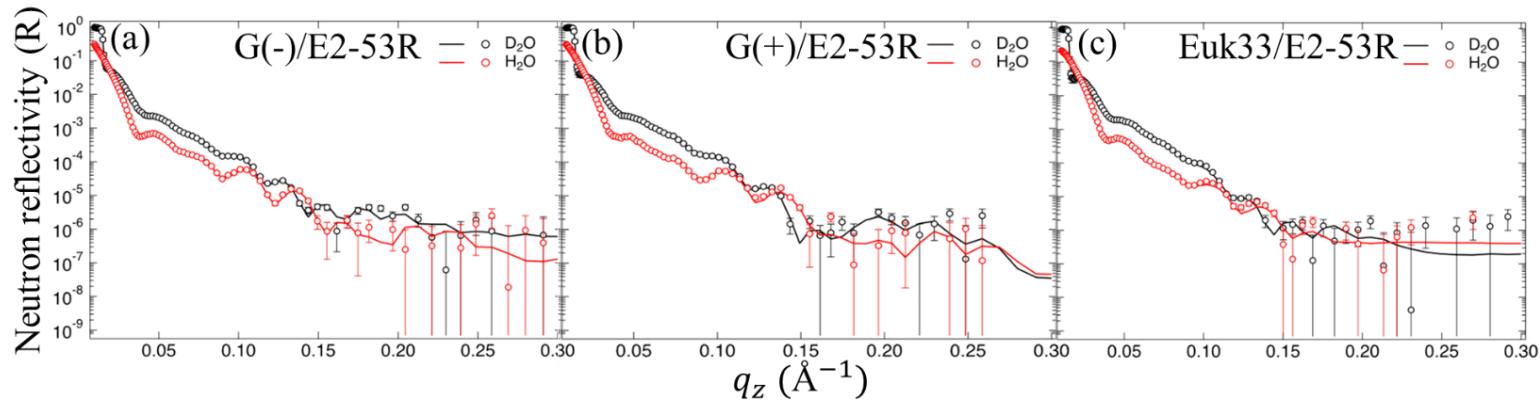
| G(+)/LE-54R | $\alpha$ -helix | $\beta$ -sheet (%) | $\beta$ -turn (%) | Random | Adj. R <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1         | 14±5            | 26±6               | 11±1              | 48±1   | 0.97±0.01           |
| 10:1        | 39±1            | 0±0                | 21±4              | 38±2   | 0.91±0.01           |
| 30:1        | 55±1            | 0±0                | 0±0               | 45±1   | 0.93±0.02           |
| 50:1        | 56±4            | 0±0                | 0±0               | 44±4   | 0.94±0.02           |

**Table S6. LE-54R CD results of secondary structure in Euk33 LMMs**

| Euk33/LE-54R | $\alpha$ -helix | $\beta$ -sheet (%) | $\beta$ -turn (%) | Random | Adj. R <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1          | 14±5            | 26±6               | 11±1              | 48±1   | 0.97±0.01           |
| 5:1          | 10±2            | 34±2               | 9±1               | 47±1   | 0.97±0.01           |
| 10:1         | 18±7            | 22±9               | 14±4              | 46±2   | 0.97±0.02           |
| 20:1         | 23±3            | 20±4               | 0±0               | 56±1   | 0.99±0.01           |
| 30:1         | 10±4            | 32±5               | 3±2               | 54±2   | 0.99±0.01           |
| 40:1         | 10±1            | 33±2               | 4±3               | 53±1   | 0.99±0.02           |
| 50:1         | 9±2             | 35±2               | 5±1               | 51±1   | 0.98±0.01           |



**Figure S4.**  $|F(q_z)|$  for G(-) IM LMMs (a - d), G(+) LMMs (e - h) and Euk33 LMMs (i - l) in the presence of E2-35, E2-53R and LE-54R. The red points are experimental data, and the black line is the SDP model fit to the data. Lipid/peptide molar ratio is 50:1. E2-35 data are at lipid /peptide molar ratio of 75:1 and adapted from our published paper <sup>45</sup> with permission.



**Figure S5.** Neutron reflectivity (R) profiles of **(a)** G(-) IM LMMs, **(b)** G(+) and **(c)** Euk33 LMMs LMMs in the presence of E2-53R. The solid black and red lines are the fits to the  $D_2O$  and  $H_2O$  data respectively.

**Table S7.** NR results of E2-53R in G(-), G(+) and Euk33 LMMs

| Parameter   | G(-)/E2-53R     | G(+)/E2-53R              | Euk33/E2-53R                |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Substrate</b>  |                 |                          |                             |
| SiOx nSLD / $10^{-6} \text{ Å}^{-2}$                            | $3.4 \pm 0.1$   | $3.8 \pm 0.9$            | $3.3 \pm 0.2$               |
| SiOx thickness / Å  | $25.1 \pm 9.6$  | $25.4 \pm 11.4$          | $24.8 \pm 14.7$             |
| Cr nSLD / $10^{-6} \text{ Å}^{-2}$                              | $3.3 \pm 0.3$   | $3.3 \pm 0.5$            | $3.3 \pm 0.45$              |
| Cr thickness / Å  | $23.9 \pm 9.4$  | $26.5 \pm 12.3$          | $24.2 \pm 9.4$              |
| Au nSLD / $10^{-6} \text{ Å}^{-2}$                              | $4.5 \pm 0.1$   | $4.5 \pm 0.1$            | $4.5 \pm 0.13$              |
| Au thickness / Å  | $152.9 \pm 3.3$ | $149.5 \pm 0.9$          | $152 \pm 5.6$               |
| <b>Bilayer</b>  |                 |                          |                             |
| R.M.S. roughness / Å  | $3 \pm 1$       | $5 \pm 1$                | $6 \pm 2$                   |
| Tether thickness / Å  | $10 \pm 1$      | $9 \pm 1$                | $12 \pm 2$                  |
| Hydrocarbon thickness inner lipid leaflet / Å                   | $15 \pm 3$      | $17 \pm 3$               | $17 \pm 3$                  |
| Hydrocarbon thickness outer lipid leaflet / Å                   | $19 \pm 3$      | $15 \pm 3$               | $15 \pm 4$                  |
| Area per lipid, outer leaflet / $\text{Å}^2$                    | $60 \pm 10$     | $70 \pm 10$              | $60 \pm 20$                 |
| Bilayer completeness / %  | $95 \pm 3$      | $98 \pm 2$               | $91 \pm 8$                  |
| <b>Peptide</b>  |                 |                          |                             |
| Amount of membrane-associated protein / $\text{Å}^3/\text{Å}^2$ | $9 \pm 2$       | $2 \pm 1$                | $6 \pm 2$                   |
| Fraction of protein in hydrocarbons                             | $0.24 \pm 0.08$ | $0.41 \pm 0.15$          | $0.67 \pm 0.17$             |
| Fraction of protein in headgroups                               | $0.14 \pm 0.05$ | $0.25 \pm 0.08$          | $0.24 \pm 0.12$             |
| Fraction of protein in bulk solvent                             | $0.61 \pm 0.10$ | $0.27 \pm 0.18$          | $0.02 \pm 0.02$             |
| Peak position from headgroup / solvent interface / Å            | $-10 \pm 10$    | n/a (too little protein) | $-30 \pm 15$ (wide plateau) |
| <b>General</b>  |                 |                          |                             |
| Goodness of fit, chi-squared                                    | 2.3             | 3.1                      | 3.6                         |