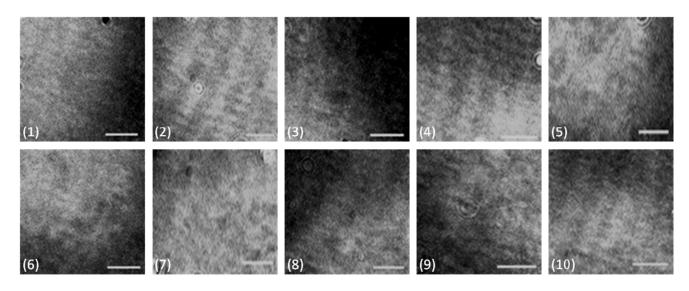
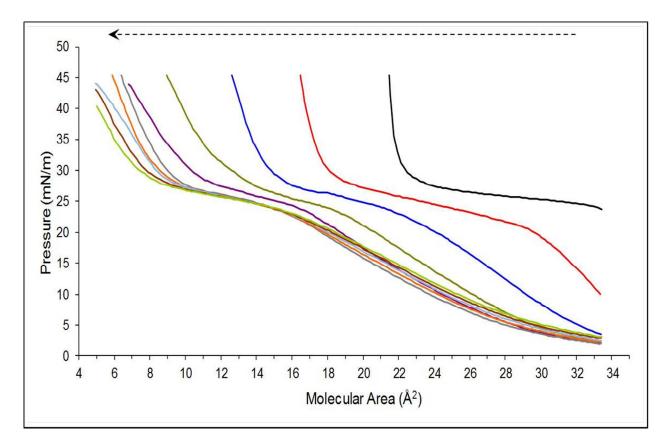
## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Hydrophobic collapse of a stearic acid film by adsorbed L-phenylalanine at the airwater interface

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*Figure S.1*: BAM images of stearic acid deposited on a bare water surface taken at a surface pressure of 21 Å<sup>2</sup>/molecule (scale bar represents 50 $\mu$ m). Numbers (1) – (10) represent the isotherm cycle during which the images were extracted.



*Figure S.2*: Mixed film of stearic acid and L-phenylalanine on a CdSO<sub>4</sub> subphase isotherm cycles. Arrow indicates progression of cycles from 1 to 10.