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I affirm that the research work detailed in this application has not received any other fellowship awards.

This project was solely designed and initiated by me; however, its successful completion required collaborations across multiple disciplines, including microbiology, virology, and physics. I conducted all materials preparation, as well as their structural and physicochemical characterization, at Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), under the supervision of Prof. S. Bhatia and Prof. R. Haag.

Key collaborators and institutions involved in this research include:

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- **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin:** Dr. M. Baumgardt.
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- **Imperial College London:** Dr. S. Angioletti-Uberti.
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Specific contributions from collaborators include:

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- Prof. K. Ludwig, who carried out cryo-TEM imaging.
- Dr. C. Nie, who conducted confocal imaging.
- Dr. V. Khatri, who assisted with NMR and GPC characterization.
- Dr. S. Angioletti-Uberti and Prof. P. Schneider, who conducted theoretical modeling.
- Dr. M. Baumgardt and Dr. K. Hönzke, who performed ex vivo experiments under the supervision of Prof. A.C. Hocke.

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